

SIGMUND MANDELBAUM

Dear Children of the Future:

My name is Sigmund Mandelbaum and I am a survivor of the Holocaust. I came to live in Kansas City in 1946.

Upon arrival in New York I was interviewed by the Joint Distribution Committee. The interviewer decided to send me to Detroit. I asked the person in charge to send me to Kansas City so I could be with my nephew and only living relative, Jack Mandelbaum.

My proudest accomplishment since coming to the United States has been a successful marriage that lasted 52 years until my wife passed away. Also, becoming an American citizen was a day I will never forget.

The Midwest Center for Holocaust Education has been important for Kansas City because it teaches and explains the Holocaust's history in order to prevent future generations from losing freedom and from suffering similar consequences.

From studying the Holocaust, you should learn to appreciate the freedom you have and guard it with all your strength and value your family.

My message for you, our future generation, is to be good citizens and to help in every way to fight racism, prejudice, and discrimination in order to preserve our way of life.

Very truly,

Sigmund Mandelbaum
Dzialoszyce, Poland
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