

Holocaust Survivor, Author To Speak To Washington County Republican Women

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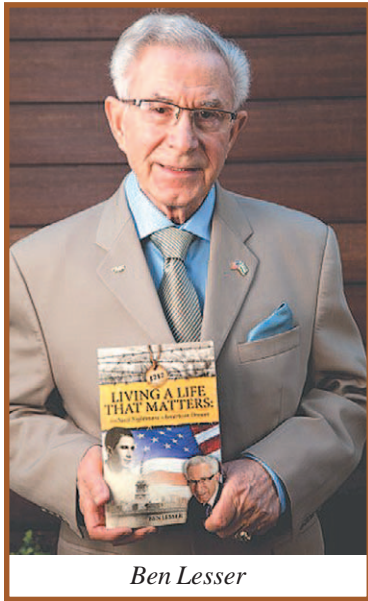
Holocaust survivor and author Ben Lesser will speak September 7th to the Washington County Republican Women to share his story of survival and encourage the St. George community to join him in his effort to fight intolerance and bullying in today's world.

Ben has made it his life's mission to ensure the world never forgets the lessons of the Holocaust, launching The ZACHOR (meaning "remember") Holocaust Remembrance Foundation. He founded I-SHOUT-OUT, an interactive, grassroots campaign to put an end to intolerance by promoting supporters to speak UP and OUT for those who cannot.

The event will be held from 5 to 8 p.m. at the Best Western Abbey Inn in St. George. In addition to Ben's speech, the event will also feature a presentation of *The Liberators – Why We Fought*, the award-winning documentary chronicling the stories of American soldiers who liberated survivors, including Ben,

at the Dachau Concentration Camp on April 29, 1945. Tickets to the event, which includes dinner, are \$25 per person and can be purchased online at Washington County Republican Women.com or 435-656-4361.

For each ticket sold, a \$5 donation will be made to The ZACHOR Holocaust Remembrance Foundation.



Ben Lesser

"With recent events in our world, it is more important than ever that we stand together against hate and intolerance," Ben said. "Hitler was

allowed to kill my family, along with 6 million other souls, because of those who stood by and did nothing. I am honored to return to St. George and share my story so the world is reminded of the tragedy that occurs when we allow a message of hate to spread untested."

Born in Krakow Poland in 1928 to a family of seven, Ben and his older sister Lola were the only survivors of Hitler's Nazi regime. During five years of living hell on earth, Ben was fortunate to survive several Ghettos, four concentration camps, including the notorious Auschwitz, Buchenwald and Dachau, two death marches and two death trains. He is the only living survivor of the notorious Dachau death train.

Ben's story of courage, determination and achievement is detailed in his memoir "*Living A Life That Matters: from Nazi Nightmare to American Dream*" and is used in classrooms across the country to educate school children on the lessons of the Holocaust. To learn more about Ben's story, visit zachorfoundation.org and I-SHOUT-OUT.org.

Gary's Travel Quiz

1. Name the city in Canada that is a major departure port for Alaska cruises.
2. Niagara Falls is found between Ontario Province and which U.S. State?
3. Which country gave the Statue of Liberty to the U.S.?
4. Disneyworld is located near which major Florida city?
5. St. Thomas, St. Croix and St. John are in which island group?
6. The Great Barrier Reef is off the coast of which country?
7. Which three countries are located on Great Britain island?
8. Name the Italian city famous for its canals?

1. Vancouver, British Columbia; 2. New York; 3. France; 4. Orlando; 5. U.S. Virgin Islands; 6. Australia; 7. England, Scotland, Wales; 8. Venice

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