

## Holocaust Survivor Daniel Goldsmith discussess his ordeal with Army War College students and staff

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*Images of glasses of those murdered at Auschwitz Birkenau Nazi German concentration and death camp (1941-1945). Credit: Paweł Sawicki, Auschwitz Memorial.*



*Daniel Goldsmith, a Holocaust survivor, will virtually address the Army War College students on April 5.*

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The recognized date of Holocaust Days of Remembrance corresponds with the 27th day of Nisan on the Hebrew calendar. It marks the anniversary of the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising. Days of Remembrance runs from April 4 to 11.

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Holocaust survivor Daniel Goldsmith addressed the class of 2021, staff, and faculty as part of the War College's virtual observance on April 5. Between 1933 and 1945, the Nazi Party, led by Adolf Hitler, carried out the systematic persecution and murder of Europe's Jews. This genocide is now known as the Holocaust.

Daniel Goldsmith was born in Antwerp, Belgium, and was eight years old

when the German army invaded in May 1940. After the Nazis raided the streets they lived on in September 1942, Daniel's mother visited a known resistance movement member. Within 48 hours, Daniel and Lillian were placed in a Catholic convent. In December of that same year, Daniel was moved to a boy's orphanage and was given a false identification of "Willy Peters."

The orphanage was raided in May 1944, and Daniel was arrested and sent to multiple prisons. On the way to the third prison, he, along with other boys, escaped from the train, ended up in Perwez, Belgium, where a local priest hid the children in various homes in the village.

Danny was 12 years old when he was liberated in September 1944. In April 1948, Danny arrived in the United States.

The Days of Remembrance honors the victims of the Holocaust and their liberators, so we never forget the atrocities of humankind and to be able to look beyond religious boundaries.