



ECHOES:
A collection of poems and drawings by students at Rockwood Academy

FOREWORD

This book is dedicated to Mady Gerrard, and we present it to her on the occasion of opening our new school building: the Mady Gerrard building.

This book is, in a way, the second in a series, albeit we had no plans to make a series of books when its predecessor was first published. Last year, our students presented Mady with a book of their poems, entitled Echoes. The poems explored aspects of the Holocaust and Mady's experiences of it.

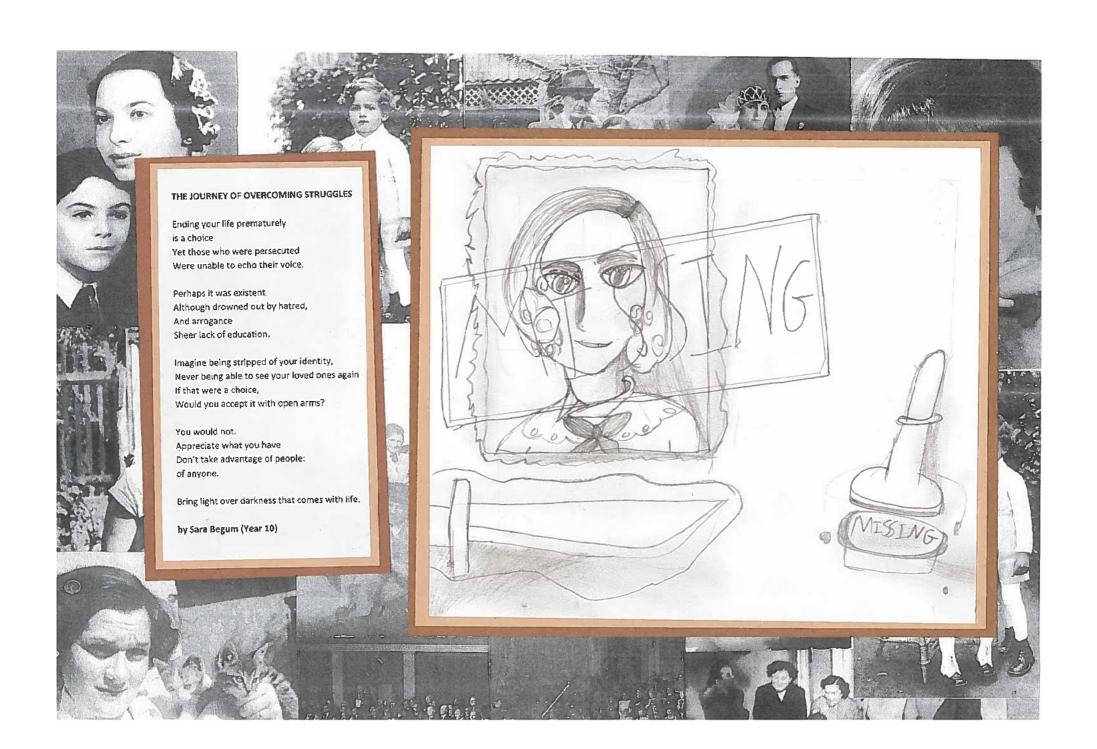
This year, another group of students – not those whose work featured in Echoes – selected one poem each from Echoes which really spoke to them. They then produced a piece of art based on the imagery in the poem. The work which they produced was so good, and so thoughtful, we felt that it too deserved to be published.

By happy coincidence, we had also just organised for Mady to visit us, to open the building named in her honour. A book of artwork would be the perfect gift for Mady's visit!

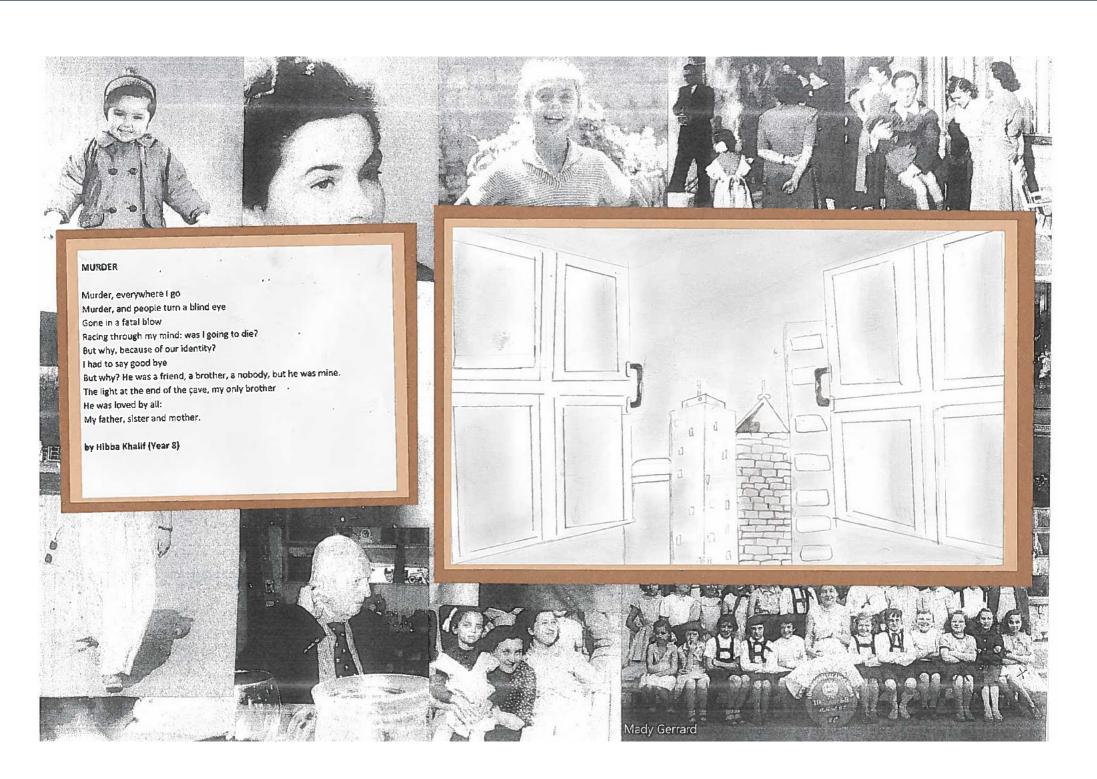
The impact which Mady has had on our school and our students has been profound. Her values, as she set them out when telling her life experiences to the Echo Eternal project, are in many ways the values of Rockwood.

Mady, we hope you enjoy this book as much as we know you enjoyed Echoes last year!

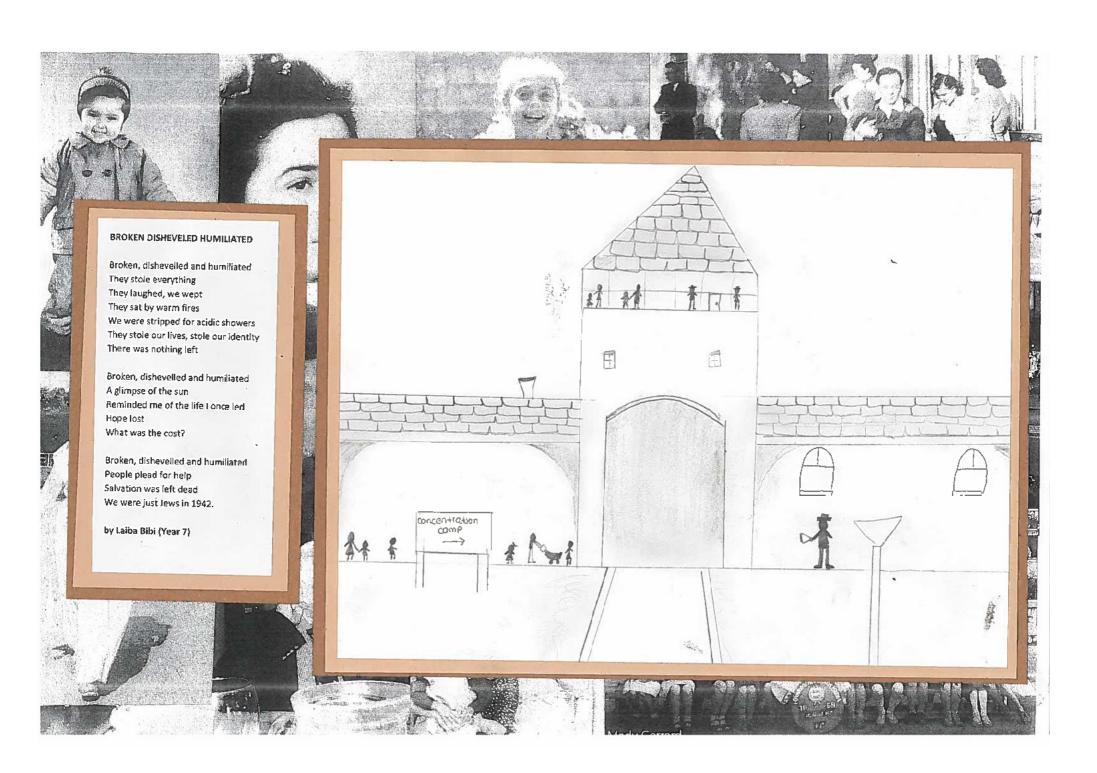
THE JOURNEY OF OVERCOMING STRUGGLES



MURDER



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HOLOCAUST POEM



Innocent people in captivity
Their rights taken away
Now they are just a number
Every single day.

All cramped in While gas fills their lungs But it doesn't matter as they are just a number.

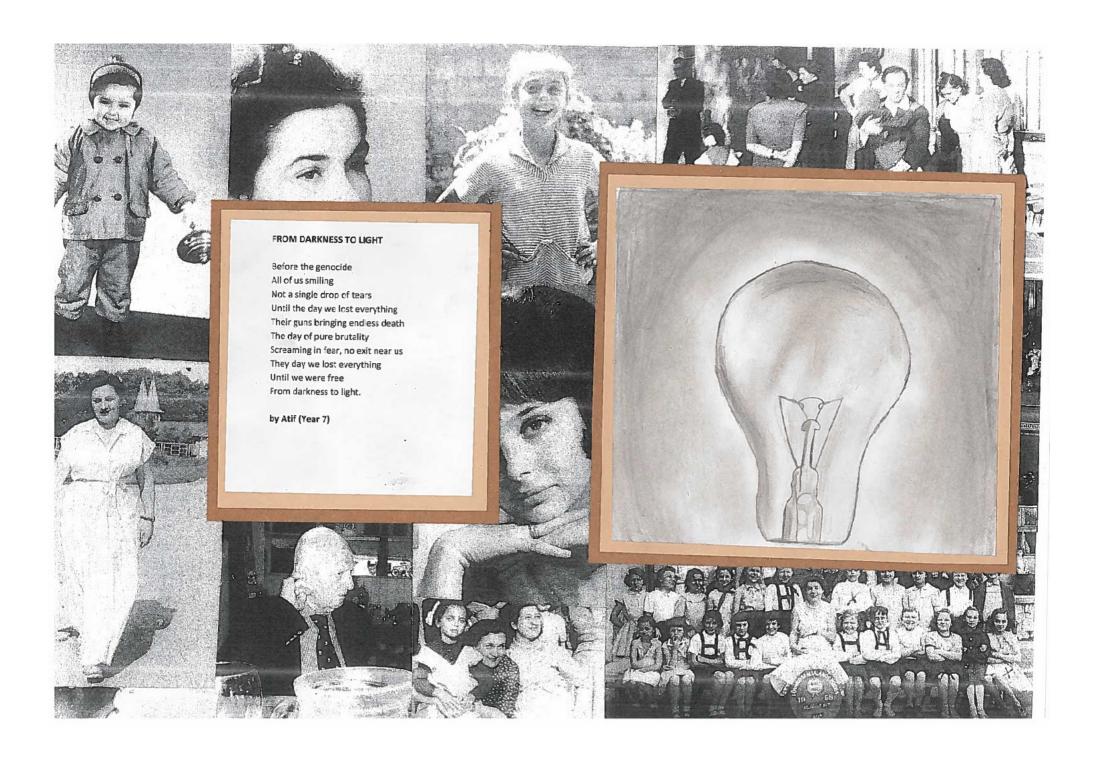
Imagine your family taken away from you, and there's nothing you can do.

Women and kids are killed, and men forced to build.

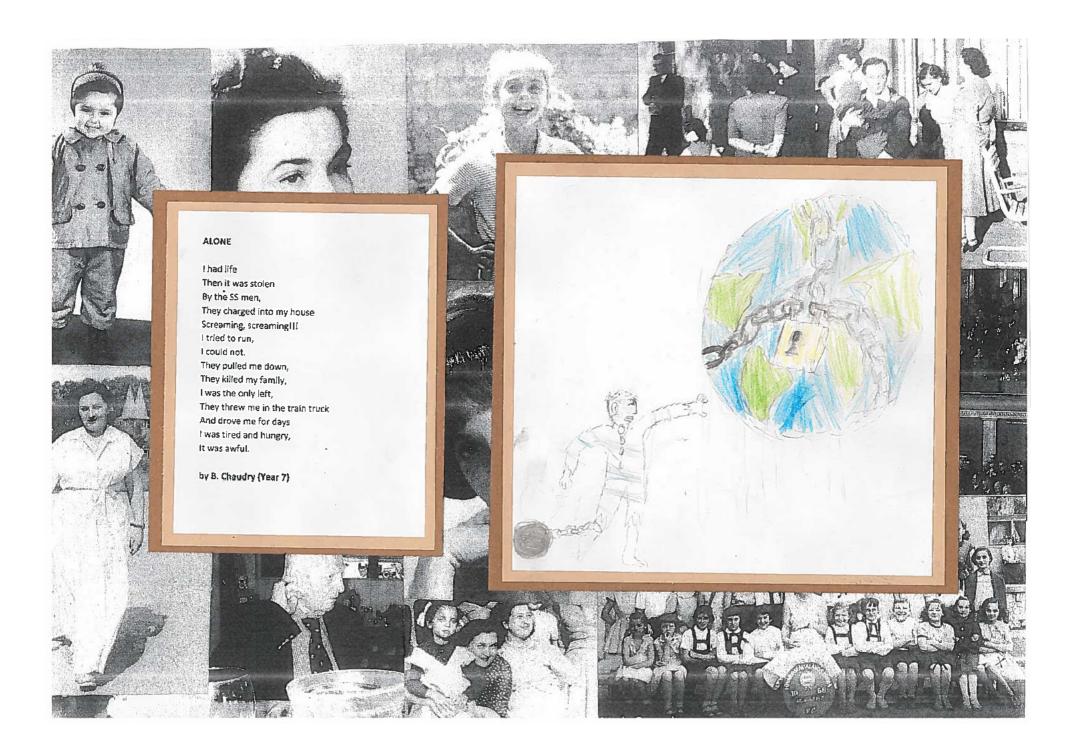
by Nylah Butt (Year 9)



FROM DARKNESS TO LIGHT



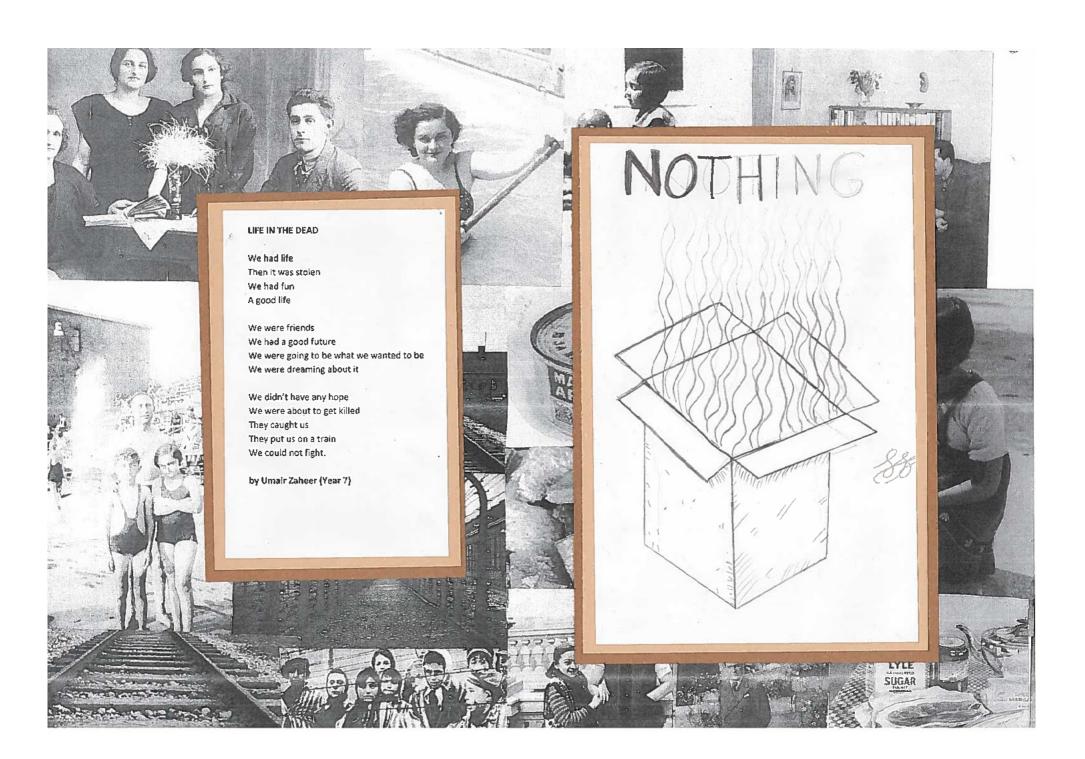
ALONE



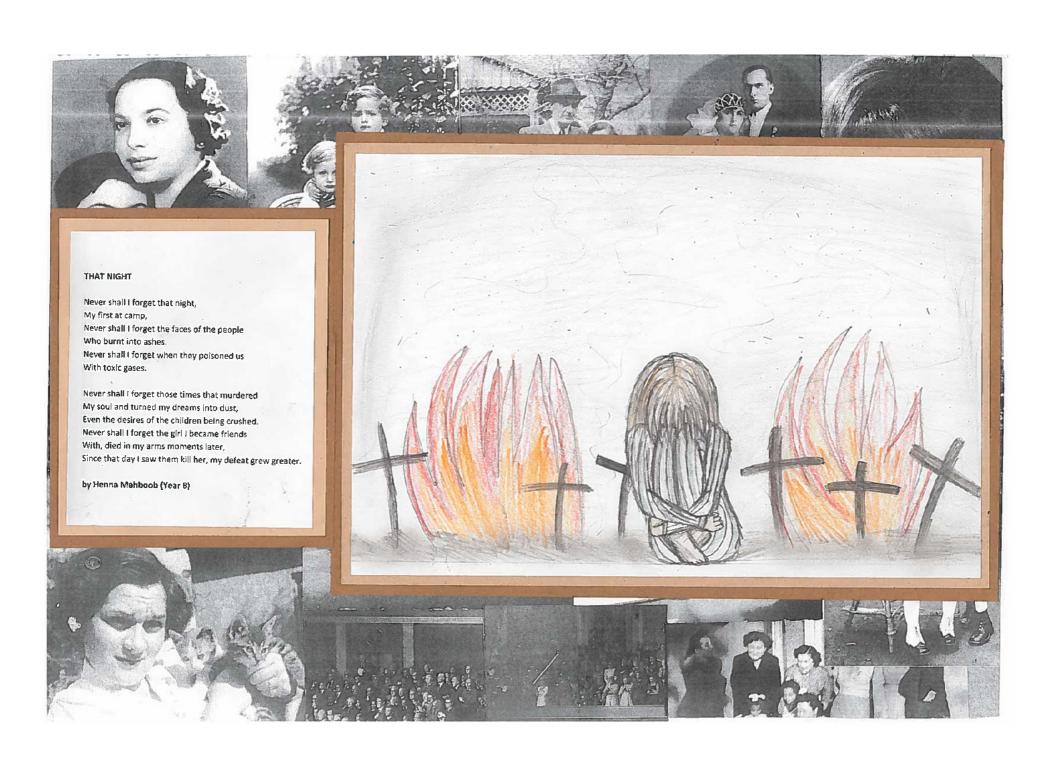
I ONCE HAD A LIFE



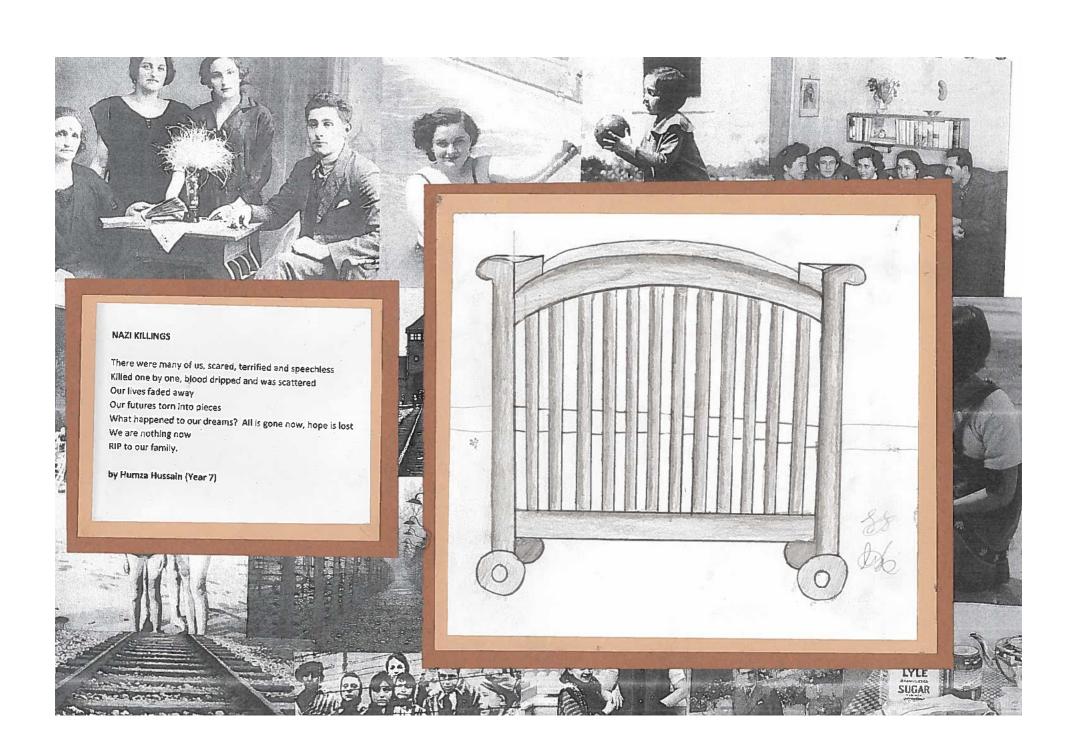
LIFE IN THE DEAD



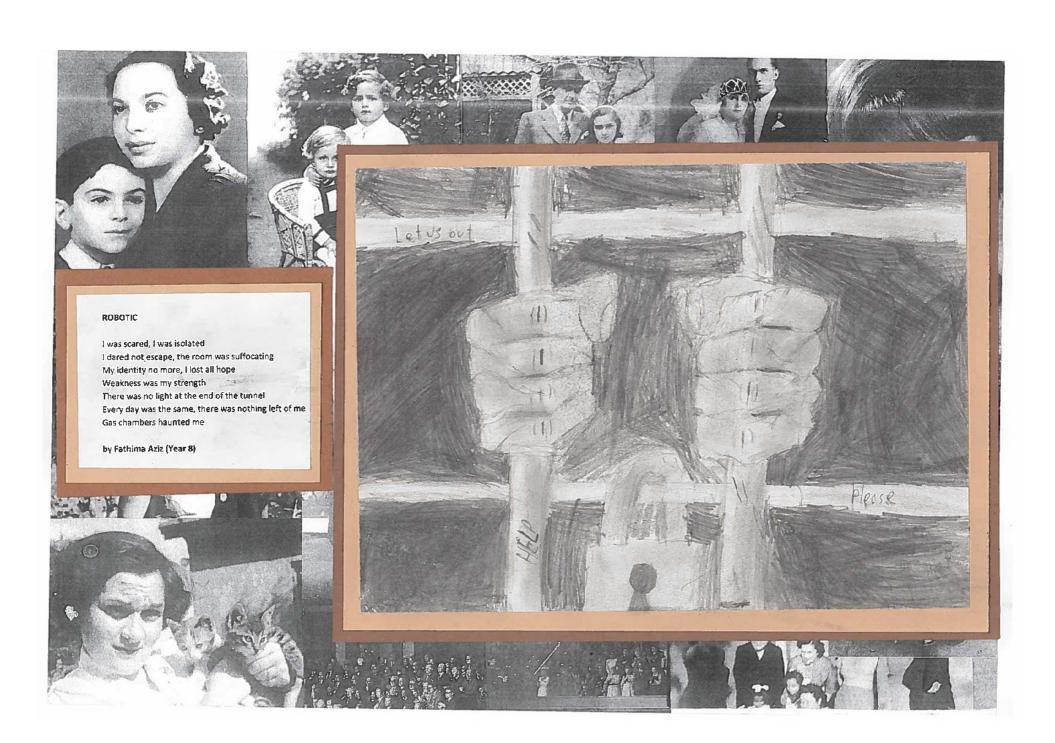
THAT NIGHT



NAZI KILLINGS



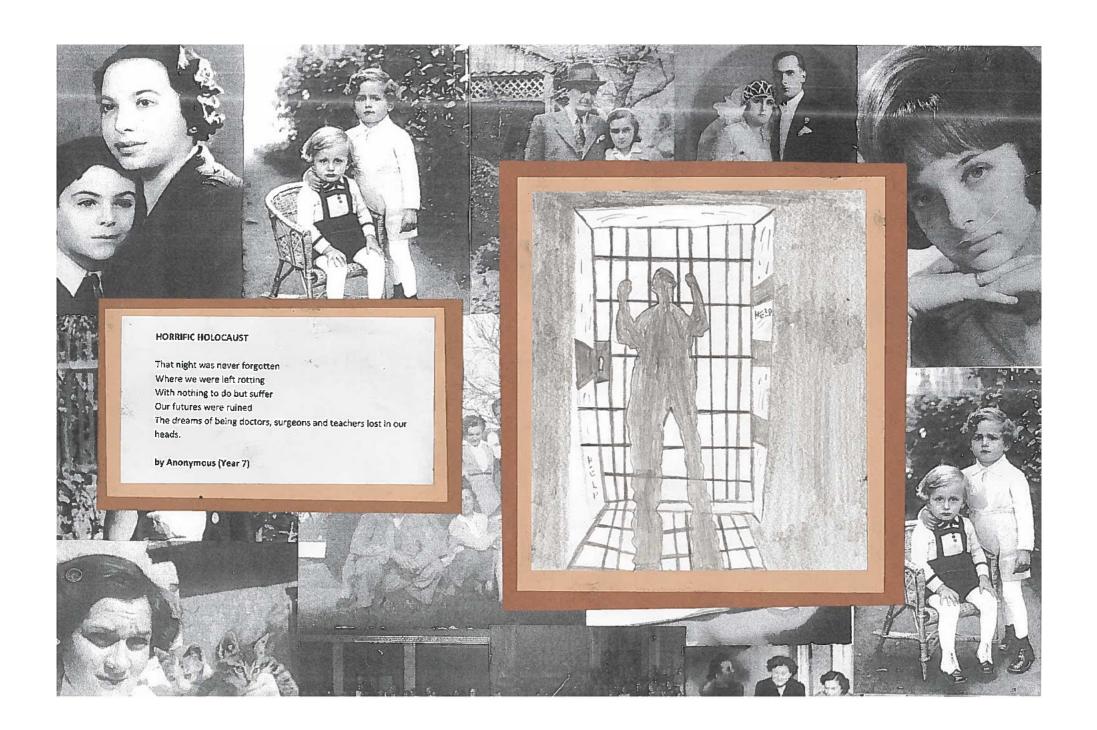
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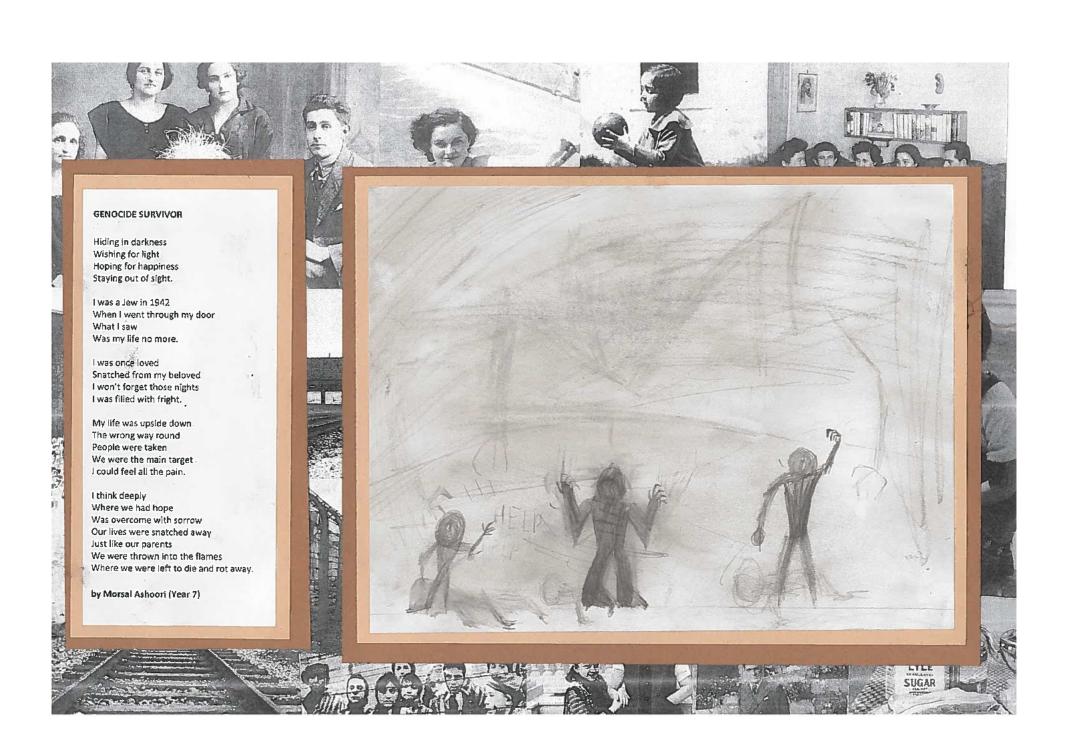
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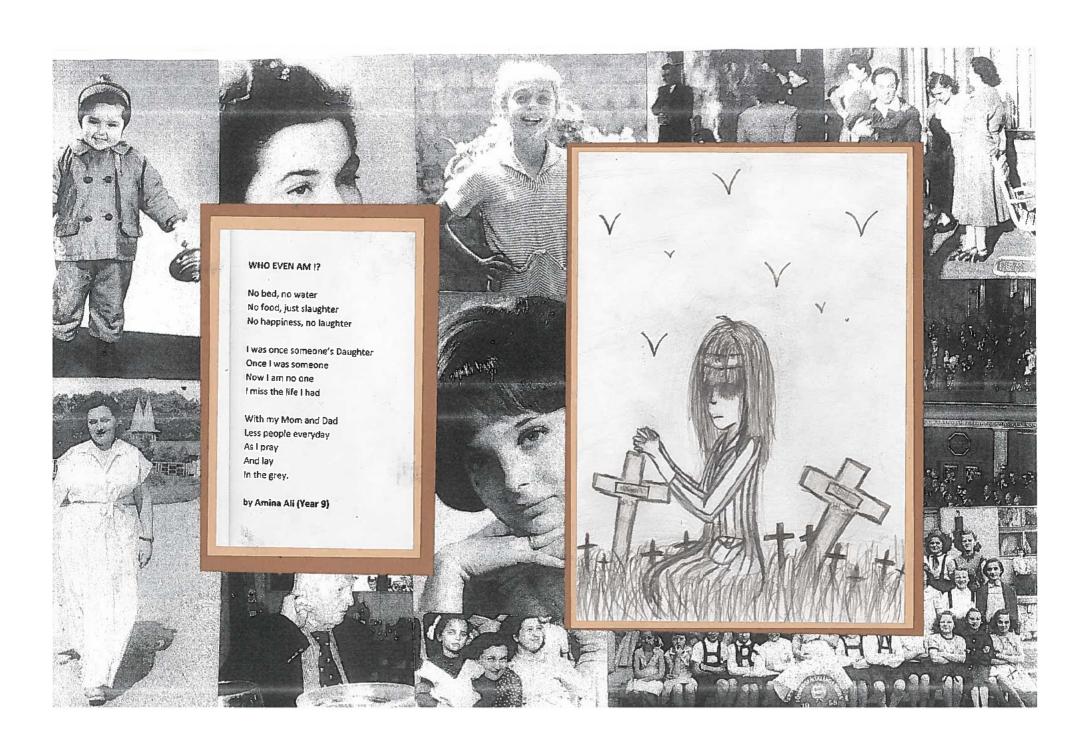
HORRIFIC HOLOCAUST



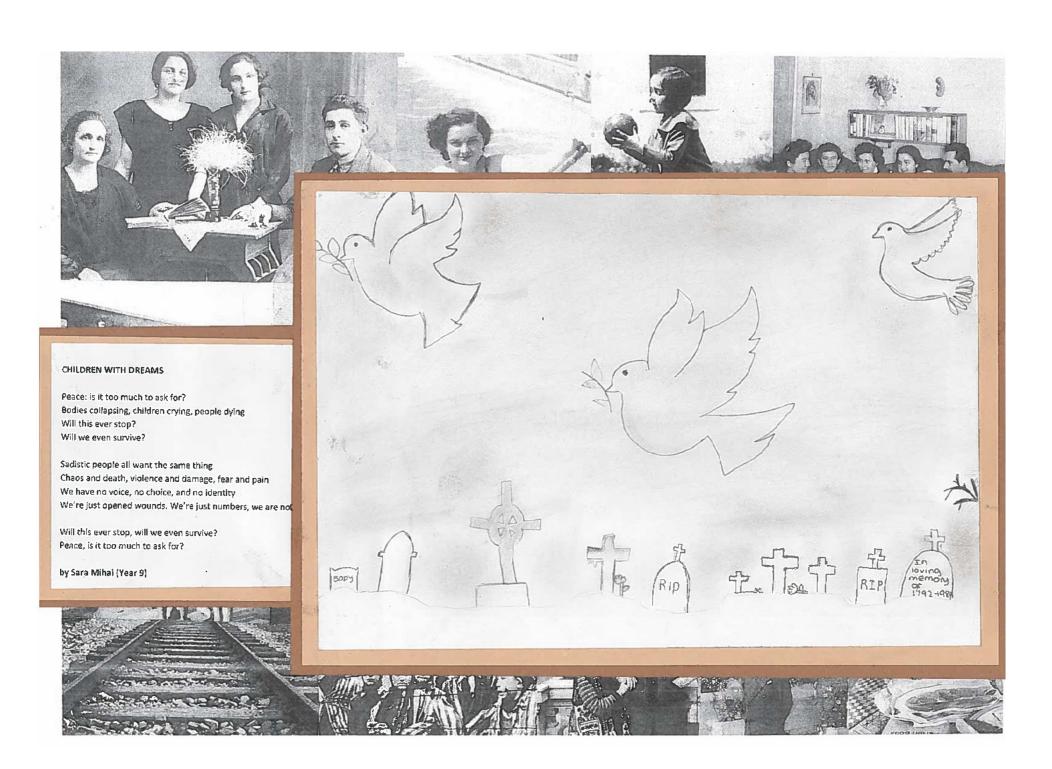
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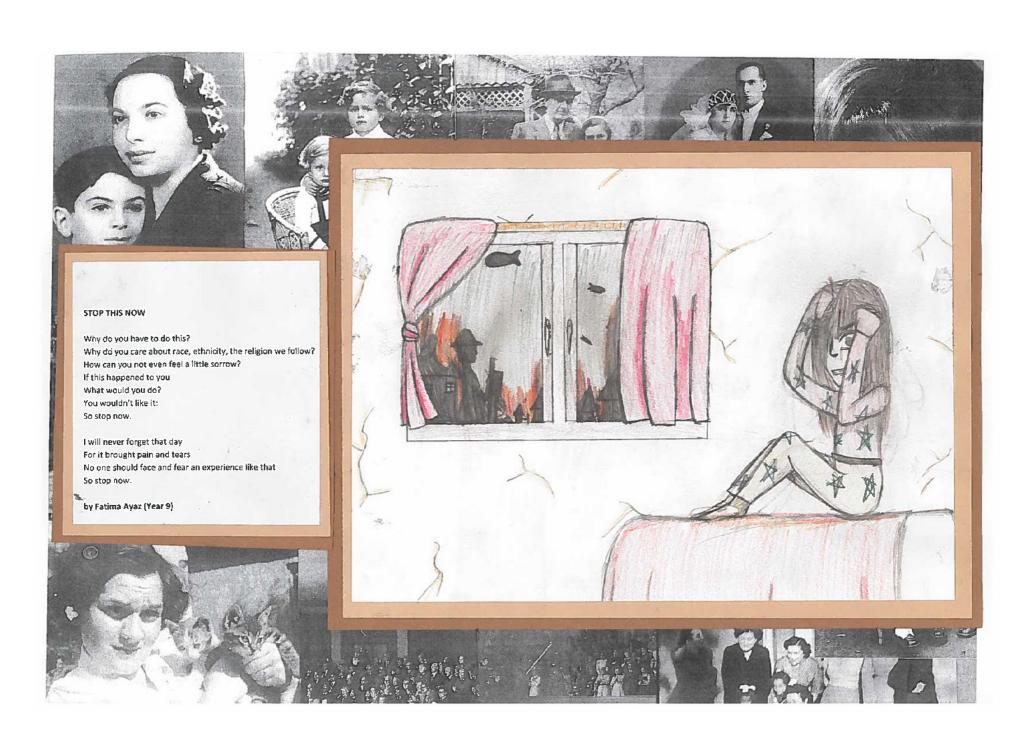
WHO EVEN AM I?



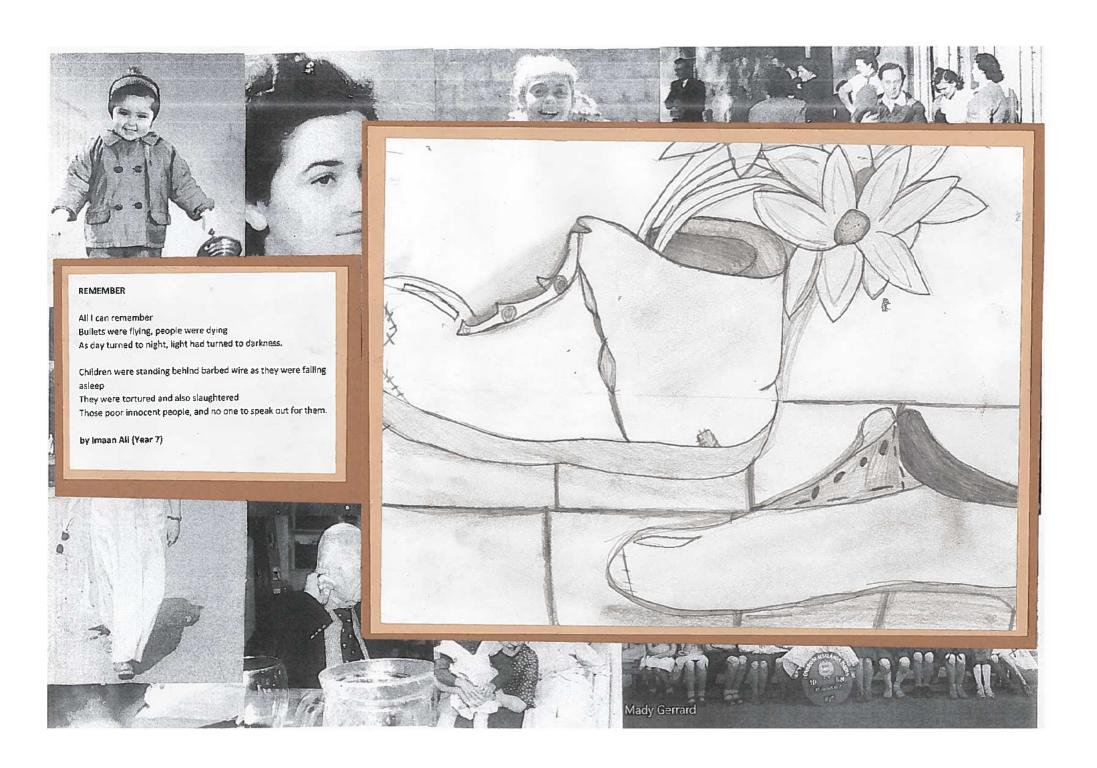
CHILDREN WITH DREAMS



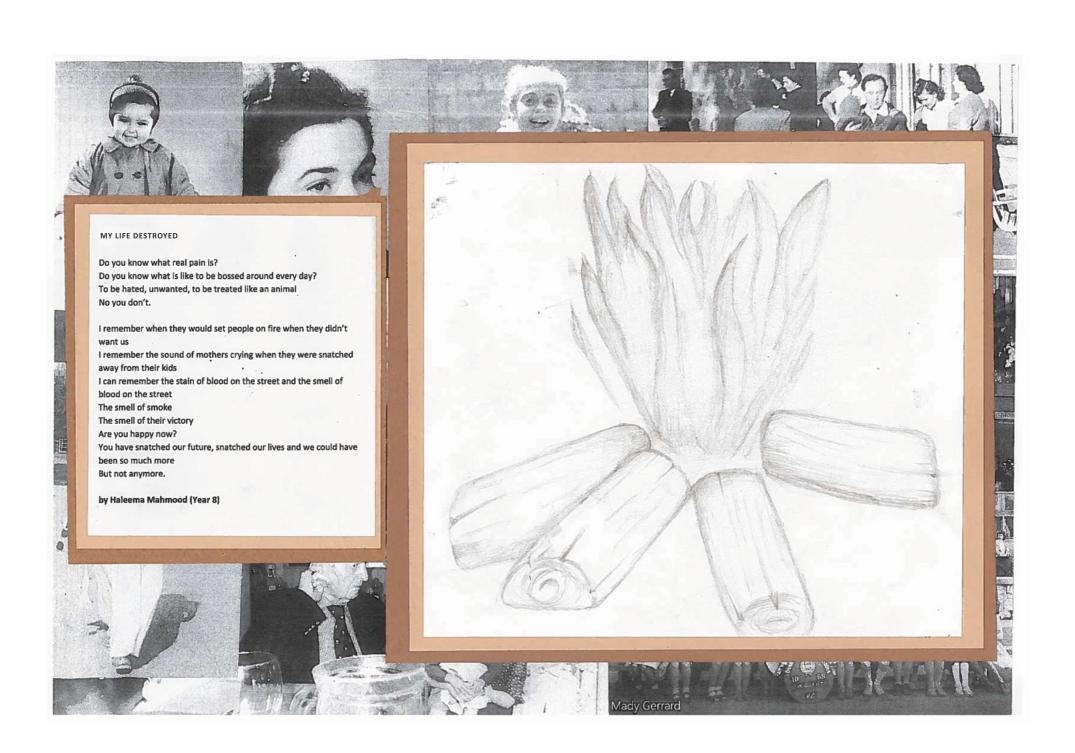
STOP THIS NOW



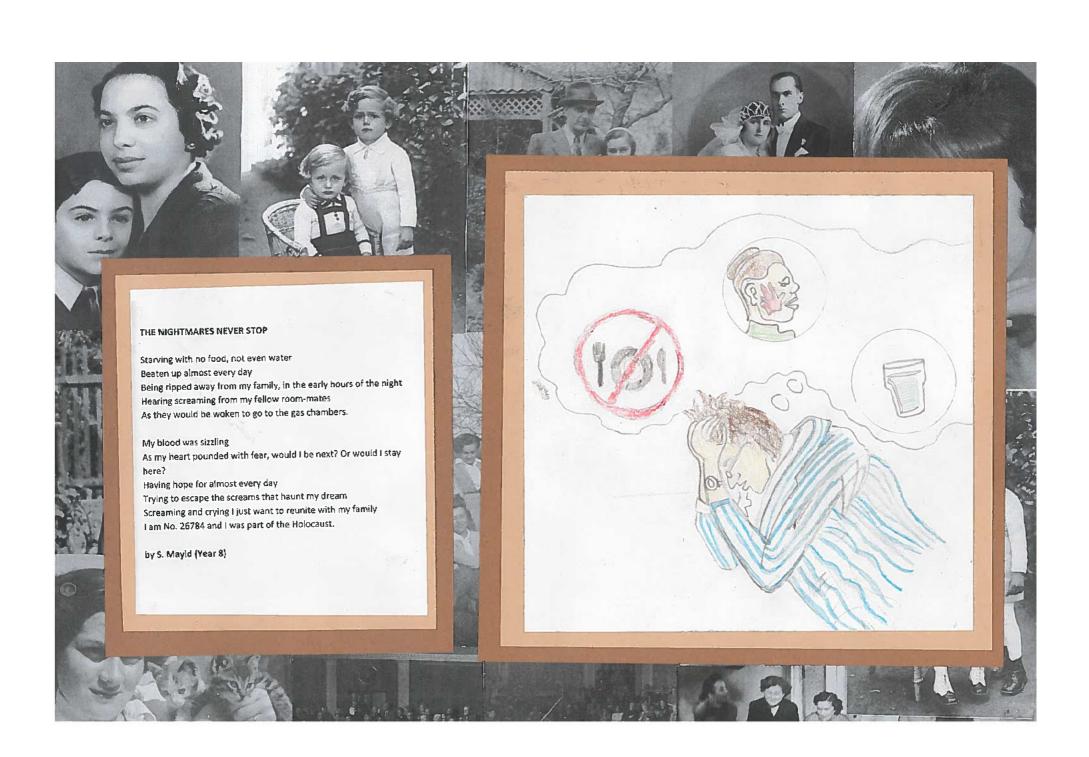
REMEMBER



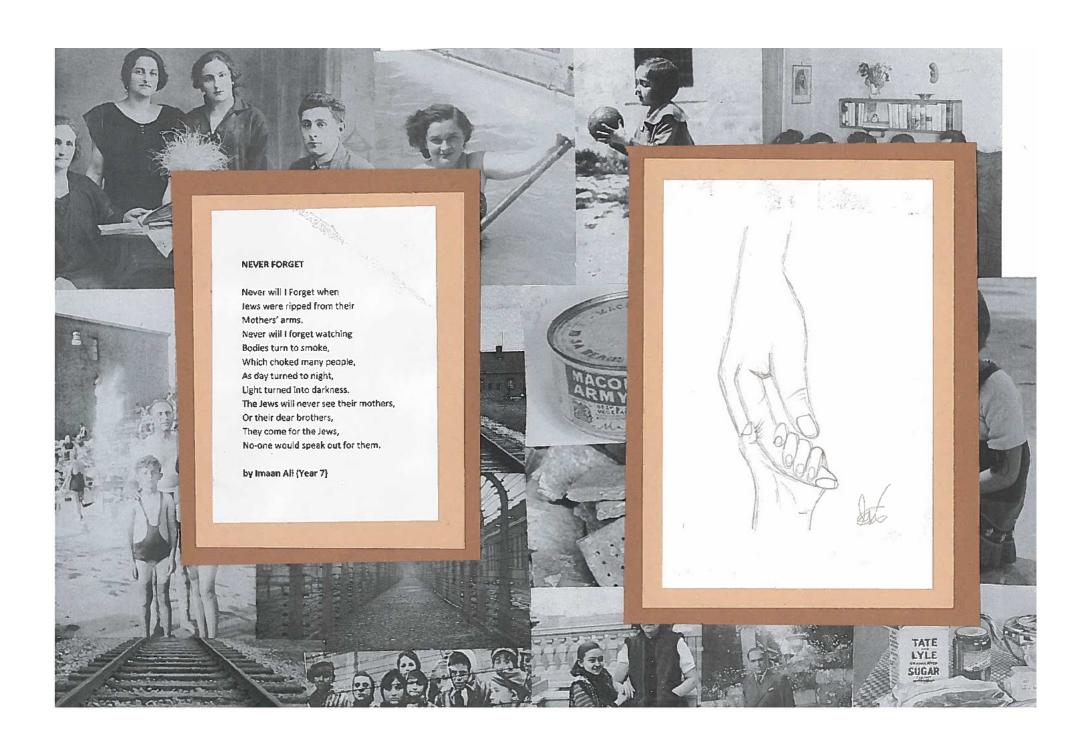
MY LIFE DESTROYED



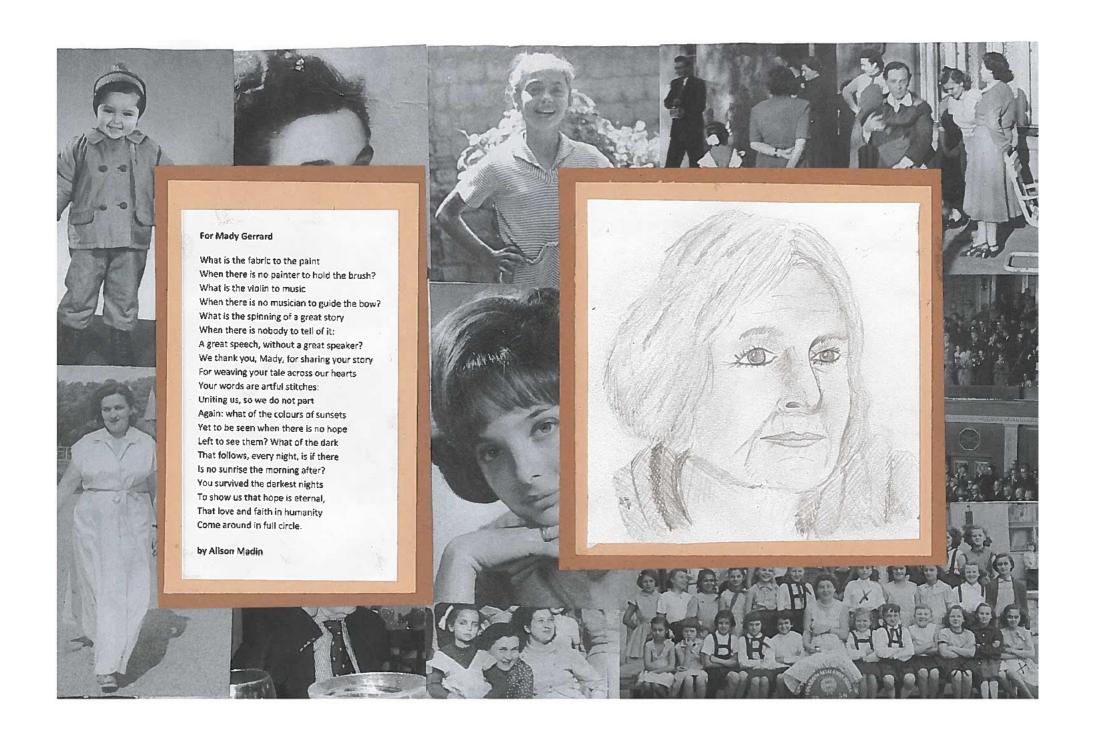
THE NIGHTMARES NEVER STOP



NEVER FORGET



FOR MADY GERRARD



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