

ISAAC NIEDERMAN: DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

NAME _____

Answer the following questions using information and quotes from the documentary:

1. Describe Isaac's life before the war, including an account of his family and its livelihood.

2. Based on Isaac's account, what relationship existed between Jews and non-Jews in Satu-Mare before the war?

3. Under what circumstances did the Hungarian Army occupy Satu-Mare in 1940? For the Jews, what was the result?

4. Describe the steps taken by the Hungarians and the Germans to identify, isolate, rob, and deport the Jewish people of Satu-Mare.

5. What happened to Isaac's brother Bernard?

6. What was the fate of Isaac's brother Karl?

7. What was a 'labor battalion'? How many were in Isaac's labor battalion? How many survived the war?

8. What happened to Isaac's mother? What happened to his father and siblings Moses), Miriam, and Herschel?

9. Who was Adolf Eichmann? What was his role during the Holocaust? What happened to him after the war?

10. Who was Raoul Wallenberg? How did he help Isaac (and other Jews) in Nazi-occupied Budapest? What happened to Wallenberg after the war?

13. In your view, what explains Isaac's survival?

14. Based on Isaac's account, describe the last weeks in Nazi-occupied Budapest, including his 'liberation' by Red Army soldiers in January 1945.

15. Describe Isaac's return to Satu-Mare after the war. What did he find? How long did he stay? Why did he leave?

16. What was British policy after the war regarding Jewish emigration to Palestine? How did this affect Isaac?

17. How did Isaac find the strength *during* the war to keep going? How did he find the strength *after* the war to keep going?

18. Describe Isaac's attitude about God, including an account of his conversation with a rabbi in Italy.

19. What is Isaac's message to young people?