

Lesson 04 · LESSON PLAN

“Shmor” and the Last Witnesses

Ages 12 and up · 45 minutes · What happens when the witnesses are gone

THE STORY BEHIND IT

Cecelia's song “Shmor” was performed by Gad and Benny Elbaz together with Saul Dreier, a survivor of Auschwitz who took up the drums in his nineties and formed a band. A survivor is not only someone who was there. He is someone still making music in front of you.

THE HISTORY TO TEACH ALONGSIDE IT

The generation of survivors is leaving us. Within a few years there will be no one left who can say “I was there.” This is the exact question the site is named after: who is the last survivor, and what happens the day after.

QUESTIONS FOR THE CLASS

- What is the difference between hearing a survivor and reading about one?
- When the last witness is gone, who becomes responsible for the story?
- What would you ask a survivor if you had one hour, and how would you record the answer?

CLASSROOM NOTES
