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The Identity of a Grandchild of the Holocaust

My name is Henry Rolat. I am a grandchild of Sigmund Rolat, the survivor of Częstochowa Ghetto. My visit in Częstochowa for the 2012 Reunion was already my fifth time at my grandfather birth city. It may seem an insignificant amount of visits but considering my young age - I am only 12 years old - it is a kind of achievement. My parents and me walk, my family runs around and plays in the park just like my grandfather did when he was in my age. I visit the house that he grew up in and try to imagine how it was like for anybody in his family to live in Czeszochowa before the War. I have walked around the house set where my grandfather and his mother lived/were during the War and we always go to the Jewish cemetery where many members of my family are buried including my granduncle and my grandmother. I am always happy to learn more about my family's heritage. I think it is interesting to find out as much as I can about my family's history because that makes me who I am. Thank you.

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During my last visit in Częstochowa I was asked couple of questions with regards to my Jewish heritage. The first question was what do I feel coming back to Czeszochowa where my grandfather was born and where he grew up.

- I am always happy to come back and walk where he walked when he was my age in the park and walk through the Aleja where he lived and just feel what he felt when he was my age and try to imagine what was it like for him during the War.

They also ask me am I proud to be Jewish?

- Yes, I am proud to be Jewish. I am never going to go against Judaism. I am always going to remember the Holocaust, what happened to my grandpa, my uncle and my great-grandparents.

