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**MARION BLUMENTHAL LAZAN, HOLOCAUST SURVIVOR AND AUTHOR, SPEAKS TO SPRING-FORD SIXTH AND SEVENTH GRADERS DURING OCT. 17 PRESENTATION**

*Students will learn about Lazan's experience during a one-hour event that begins at 1:30 p.m.*

UPPER PROVIDENCE — Holocaust survivor and author Marion Blumenthal will recount her experience as a concentration camp prisoner and share a message of acceptance with Spring-Ford sixth- and seventh-grade students during a powerful Oct. 17 presentation. The event begins at 1:30 p.m. in the Spring-Ford Intermediate School gym, located at 833 S. Lewis Road, Building 2 in Royersford.

Blumenthal is author of the book "Four Perfect Pebbles," which is a memoir of her experience during the six-and-a-half years she spent in the Westerbork and Bergen-Belsen concentration camps. During her time in the camp, Blumenthal would spend her days searching for four perfectly identical pebbles. She thought if she could find one, it would be a sign that her family of four would be able to safely escape their terrible conditions. When Bergen-Belsen was liberated, they did just that. Her story is courageous and heart wrenching, and will most certainly impact everyone who hears it.

During her captivating speech, Blumenthal will discuss her experiences in the camps and why tolerance and acceptance is so important in this generation with the approximately 1,200 Spring-Ford sixth and seventh graders.

Blumenthal's presentation culminates students' lessons on the Holocaust and their reading of "Four Perfect Pebbles."

"This is an invaluable experience for students to learn about history first-hand," Spring-Ford Intermediate School Principal Heather Nuneviller said. "The survivors of the Holocaust will not be around for future generations to hear their stories and this is the perfect opportunity for Spring-Ford students to hear their compelling accounts."

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