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I am Abby Crisses, a member of the Board of Trustees of The Jewish Foundation for the Righteous and chair of the JFR's Education Committee.

The JFR is committed to providing outstanding Holocaust education programs. We are proud that our programs have become a national standard. As we move further away from the end of World War II, and with the increase in antisemitism that we are seeing in our country today and around the world, it is imperative that we educate the next generation and future generations in the history of the Holocaust. This is in order to provide them with an understanding of both historical and contemporary antisemitism.

I am pleased to welcome you to The Jewish Foundation for the Righteous' program, *How Was it Possible? A Holocaust Curriculum For and By Teachers*. We at the JFR sincerely hope that you will find this program a key resource in learning about the Holocaust.

This online course, created with the input of teachers who are master Holocaust educators, provides 16 lessons that are divided into 9 thematic units. The program starts with a lesson on "Anti-Judaism and Antisemitism," it then takes the learner through the rise of Nazi Germany and the Holocaust, and ends with a unit entitled, "Liberation and Afterwards." You will find timelines and glossaries to clarify the sequence of events and deepen your understanding of this critically important period in history.

Understanding the Holocaust and the history of antisemitism has never been more crucial. We look forward to hearing from you as you explore and learn from each of the lessons presented.

We at the JFR thank you for both your time and your participation.