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I was born in Israel in 1946 and immigrated to Melbourne, Australia in 1963 when I was 16 years old. My mother survived Auschwitz, and after Auschwitz was liberated was able to go to Israel.

My mother rarely spoke about her experiences in Auschwitz and a general code of silence prevailed in our Melbourne household. My strong abhorrence of racism was formulated by what my mother and many others had suffered.

I have one son, who lives in Israel with his wife and two daughters. After a career as a drug, alcohol and gambling counsellor, I currently work with elderly dementia residents at the Montefiore Home.

I feel privileged in my role as workshop leader to encourage school students to practise the philosophy of Courage to Care to build tolerance, understanding that each student in his or her own way can make a difference.