

Lesson 4 THE GHETTOS

Reflect and Respond

Either in class or as homework, have students reflect and respond to one or more of the topics below or have them develop a topic that has meaning for them based on the material covered in the lesson.

- The establishment of ghettos marked the end of freedom of movement for Jews. Write about what freedom means to you in your life and what you think it would mean to lose it.
- In very challenging times, the importance of remaining hopeful and the persistent belief that one's situation will improve is crucial. However, this outlook and attitude is difficult to maintain over a long period of time. Do you believe there is a certain point when people begin to lose hope? If so, what do you think that point is? Do you think it is the same for everyone? Has the loss of hope ever happened to you? Have you witnessed it in others? How does a person restore hope?
- In his testimony, Ellis Lewin talks about what he sees as the only things that have the power to hurt children—losing the comfort of family, being beaten, and being hungry. Do you agree with Ellis's assessment? Are there other things that you would add to this list? Do you think that the things that have the power to hurt children are different from those that can hurt adults?