Awards

Best acting participants of the first Model International Criminal Court (MICC) will be awarded on Sunday morning. The awards will go to Andrea Silbermann (best speaker/defense), Philipp Schütze (best speaker/prosecution), Agata Zurek, Pia Lannert, Tomislav Petrova Recheva and Kinga Uszko (best judgement including the registrar) and Paul Bannenberg, Klimentina Mihaylova Ruseva and Aleksandra Stanczewska (best team). Director’s Award will go to Marina Dinkova Koleva. Michał Małkus will receive the Audience Award.

"It was a mere coincidence that I survived"

Contemporary witness Ludwig Hoffman held a lecture at the MICC

By Julie Jeck

After his visit at the MICC Ludwig Hoffman asked the questions of the MICC Times.

The interview was done in German and translated afterwards.

Mr Hoffman, how did your life go on after the end of the war - have you yet been able to reflect what happened or did you first repress what you went through?

At the first moment, when leaving the camp, I just felt sad - I didn’t know anything about my sister - was she dead or still alive? I did not know anybody. I stayed in an unknown country and I also got no information about my family’s fate. This was the first day. But then I received the message that my sister was alive. Step by step I settled in the big family I was living in. My sister married and I worked with them in a shop. So you can say I enjoyed a little of life. I actually did not have anything, but I was free. My sister emigrated to Australia and I met a christian girl, got married with her and stayed here.

You know, there are many books about the holocaust like "Ich habe überlebt" ("I have survived") of André Groenewoud. I did not write a book, because I am not patient enough to write one. But I recorded something for an interview a journalist from Warschan made. He wanted to know about my life before the war. Perhaps I will ask someone to make a brochure out of it.

We’ll, I would say, I did not fight for saving my life, these were coincidences, which saved it. Takes a pause But my father was a really good man, who helped many people. Perhaps this is a reason for the fact, that I could survive - because the man who took me out of the row in front of the synagogue, would not have done this, if he would not have esteemed my father.

Thank you for the interview, Mr Hoffman.

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