

Teacher worksheet: Choices
Topic 2: Ghettos and deportation – Question: 2

This chart highlights choices made by survivors in Topic 2

- Listen to the testimonies of survivors in column A
- Write down the choices made in column B
- Explore possible outcomes of choices made and fill in column C
- Consider the enormous moral dilemmas and then fill in column D

Name of survivor	Choice they describe	Possible consequences	Would you have made a different choice? Jot down thoughts/notes
A	B	C	D
Ruth Foster	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The policeman, Brunt, had to deport Ruth's Jewish family. He cried all the way. • Her mother riding on a train for the first time on Shabbat. • Nurses aiding doctors in aborting Jewish babies even though this could result in her own death if caught. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Policeman's life saved. • Ruth's life destroyed. • Breaking principles of Jewish faith. • Death if did not obey the Nazis, possible death in camps. • Guilty of being compliant in aiding abortion. • Resisting against Nazis in order to save life of pregnant women. Possible death to Ruth if caught as Nazis ordered pregnant women to be murdered and those aiding them could be punished by death. 	

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Edith Birkin	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • She chooses not to believe in God after her mother dies despite her prayers. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Her loss of faith in God – loss of hope, trust and spirituality. 	
Barbara Stimler	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leaving her mother and not knowing what would happen to her. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Never seeing her mother again and living with the guilt of what happened to her. 	
Fela Bernstein	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A Jewish policeman chooses to hide his own and Fela's family. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Death – hiding Jews was punishable by death according to Nazi decree. 	