

Dear Inquiry,

My name is Leonie Horin

After being told many years ago by the Australian Jewish Welfare (now Jewish Care) that my files were burned in a fire, I have now found out, many years later, that my Australian Jewish Welfare files have been sent to the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington and were not burned at all. And that I am now categorised by the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum as a Holocaust Survivor, along with my late brother [REDACTED] Horin. All which is not true.

[REDACTED] who was pressured to go to Israel as an 18 year old in 1967 to "help" the Israeli Army. (6 day war.) And who returned from Israel extremely traumatised.

But to now categorise myself and my said brother as Holocaust Survivors, is extremely upsetting in that Australian Jewish Care doesn't seem to care who we are and just seem to have thrown us & our records in anywhere. How can any of this be legal?

Especially in light of the AJW having heartlessly deceived me of my son when I was a teenager. Deceiving me of my son when I was in the most vulnerable & powerless position possible- in hospital labour bed. And full well knowing I was already in grief looking for my firstborn son. And affected by the grief of my firstborn son. Therefore I was extremely vulnerable when they somehow got involved in my affairs, inferring to me they were authorities.

The AJW was involved in my whole family from as long as I remember. Including the abducting of my baby sister from my mother, which I witnessed. And taking me to camps, and often separating me from my brothers and other siblings with no notice or explanation.

This is extremely traumatising and hard to articulate.

Being told that my files have been burned and there are no records at the Australian Jewish Welfare, has been like my whole family never existed. Despite their terrible exploitative effect on my whole family.

Most importantly, I am not a Holocaust survivor because I wasn't born until after the War.

Attached below is:

1) a submission which I wrote in 2012 , in which I wrote how the AJW had told me alternately that there were no files and that my files were burned. (This is in “Part C” of the submission.)

2)[The database which shows that my files exist and have been sent to the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum. I only found this in 2019.](#)

p.s. In previous inquiries, other people have said they were told by different institutions that their files were burned (or flooded). I have attached a list of a few examples we could find.

p.p.s. The Vanish submission to this inquiry also mentions that other people have been told their files have been burned.

I have been left in unresolved grief all my life by all these separations and file-hiding.

Despite all these inquiries, I have never got any support for all this grief and trauma.

None of the recommendations, I understand, were implemented.

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