

Fraternal Order of Bendin-Sosnowicer (FOBS)

Our organization is a 'landsmanschaften' including survivors of the Holocaust and their descendants from the Zaglembe region of Poland.

After World War II, with the influx of Holocaust Survivors from our towns, FOBS played a key role in helping to heal the Survivors. After the Holocaust, the Survivors came to New York and needed much more help than those who had previously journeyed to America. Many came to America in deep distress – physically, emotionally, and financially. After surviving the nightmare of the Holocaust, they came to America with hope, a suitcase and sometimes, small children who were born in Europe soon after Liberation.

For our parents, FOBS was THE lifeline – FOBS members took the place of the families and friends who were murdered in the Holocaust. The FOBS meetings enabled our parents to build that special and strong link to life before the War. Our parents shared wonderful memories of life before 1939 and of course, they shared the unique link to the horrors of the Holocaust. And of course, they talked about us – their children and grandchildren. They met EVERY MONTH, over a hundred strong...every month they laughed, they talked, they ate... just like one large family; being with “other Greene” was beyond wonderful.

Today, unfortunately, there are few Survivors left and FOBS is now managed by an all-volunteer team of Second, Third, and Forth Generation devoted to the sacred commitment to Holocaust Remembrance.

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