

On Tuesday 29th February, myself and a group of other students visited Northwood Synagogue, to hear the story of a Holocaust survivor who at the time of the holocaust had lived in Amsterdam in the Netherlands and was being moved all over Europe . It was a very interesting and eye-opening experience to listen to someone who lived through the second world war and Steven Frank's story also consisted of some old pictures, some of which were fascinating as they were showing some of the conditions and life in general during the time of the war but also quite shocking due to some of the devastation shown in the background and the suffering that was encountered whilst Jews were being kept in the Ghettos. Some of the items that Mr. Frank had with him showed how the Jews were humiliated by being made to wear tags that had Dutch written on them but in Hebrew style writing. However, he also brought to our attention that it was not just Jews who were being persecuted whilst Hitler came into power, but people who were disabled and homosexuals. Why were they made to suffer and destroyed? Because they were different. Hitler wanted a perfect race, and in his eyes Jews, Homosexuals and the disabled polluted this race. Overall the holocaust memorial day was a very good, eye opening and moving experience.

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