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Photos show Suly Chenkin as a young girl with the three people most important to her early survival. Top left is Miriam Shulman, her second mother and rescuer; top right is Riva Baicovitz, her mother; and her father, Solomon Baicovitz, is shown in the bottom photo.

Teen documents a human horror

Holocaust from 4M

ing Sigal's sentiment.

Sigal said she hopes her film and these stories diminish indifference and people's blind eye to tragedy.

"If people can run away from it, then it doesn't exist," she said.

"The Holocaust wasn't just Jewish tragedy; it's a world tragedy. And it's not that 11 million people died. It's that 11 million were allowed to die."

Chenkin said the East Meck grad is working toward a solution, and she's sure Sigal will make more films.

"I should've been doing this at 18," Chenkin said. "But no one wanted to hear these stories. And I didn't want to talk about it."

Sigal has given copies of her DVD to East Meck, the Independence Branch Library and the Spiesman Library at the Jewish Community Center. She plans to

Find Out More

To learn more about the Holocaust, go to www.ushmm.org. That's the Web site for the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington. The museum tells the story of the persecution and murder of approximately six million Jews by the Nazis, who came to power in Germany in January 1933. They shared the belief Jews were inferior. The Nazis also targeted the disabled, homosexuals and others.

— SOURCE: U.S. HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL MUSEUM

give more copies to area schools.

"Hatred is always going to be here - anti-Semitism, racism, prejudice will always be here. The only way people are going to get through that is by learning," she said.

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