



JOURNEYS

HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL DAY 2014

BOB KIRK

Bob lived in Germany with his family. At that time people called Nazis were telling everyone that it was wrong to be different. When Bob was at school he had to sit at the back of the classroom because he was different. Bob was different because he was Jewish.

The Nazis decided that Jewish children should not be allowed to go to school. The Nazis broke all of the shops owned by Jewish people. Bob's parents knew it was dangerous to stay in Germany, they tried to leave but it cost too much money.

Bob was able to go on the Kindertransport, but his parents had to stay in Germany. The Kindertransport took Jewish children by train and by boat to live in England. When Bob arrived in England he sat on his suitcase, with a label around his neck to tell people who he was, and waited to see if someone would want to care for him.

People had to pay to look after the Jewish children. Bob thinks the people who cared for him were very generous. Bob could not speak English, this made it hard for him to talk to the people who looked after him. Bob lived with lots of different people, some in the city and some in the country.

Bob wrote letters to his parents and his parents wrote letters to Bob. But one day the letters stopped: Bob's parents had been killed by the Nazis.

Bob met Ann, Ann had also been on the Kindertransport. They fell in love and got married.



This is a picture of Bob now:



Bob thinks it is really important that we learn what happened in Germany when the Nazis were in charge. He wants people to know that it is very easy for bad things to happen if people dislike others just because they are different.

