

# Holocaust Survivor Rene Lichtman: “Israel is committing war crimes in Gaza. We’ve got to fight back.”

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*Rene Lichtman, born 1937, is a “hidden child” Holocaust survivor who opposes the ongoing Israeli genocide in Gaza. The son of two Polish Jews who fled to France during the 1930s, Rene was hidden at the age of two with a Catholic family outside of Paris after his father was killed during the 1940 Nazi invasion and his mother was forced into hiding.*

*After the war, Rene moved with his mother to Brooklyn, New York. He was politically radicalized in the 1960s and became an active opponent of the Vietnam War. Rene was a founding member of the World Federation of Jewish Child Survivors of the Holocaust. On December 22, 2023, Rene took part in a demonstration outside of the Zekelman Holocaust Center in Farmington Hills, Michigan, against the US-backed Israeli massacres in Gaza.*

*He spoke to the World Socialist Web Site earlier this month.*



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