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**Phil Chernofsky : And Every Single One Was Someone** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised And Every Single One Was Someone:

7 of 7 people found the following review helpful. Poignant statementBy Deadagain33It's been noted that this only focuses on the Jewish suffering of the holocaust, thus denying the subjugation of Roma, Gypsies, Gays, Quakers, Communists and the like via omittance. While this is worthy criticism, as all lives lost were terrible and suffering immense, the Jewish aspect is part of the modern identity of Jews and concentrating on this group - who were of course the majority of holocaust victims - helps look at it this dark tragedy from the eyes of a particular set of oppressed people. Aesthetically, containing one word throughout gives the impression of bland uniformity on a mass basis. It looks like a pattern until your close and realize it is a word. The repetition of "Jew" helps understand how rampant Hitlers antisemitism actually was. As the opening states, there's a family there, a shoemaker, a banker, etc. Every single one was someone. But to the Nazis they could only see them from a one dimensional aspect. They were not individual human beings with differing hopes, expectations, values, stations, preferences and moral conduct but Jews - a rotten filthy collective who are all parasites and should (due to Germany's progressive animal laws) be treated SIGNIFICANTLY WORSE THAN ANIMALS. A philanthropist or prostitute, it needn't matter a Jew is a Jew. Dangerous way of thinking. This book is provocative. Its thought provoking. I brought it to a university seminar and it was passed around. It made the topic of Hitler come to live. To mean something. Statistics alone never represent scale. One girl started crying. Some would say this is a gimmick and that it devalues its subject. Jews in it do not have names for example, but this isn't a weakness- its a strength. It shows the deluded mindset needed for this type of action. An effective piece. NEVER AGAIN.0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. I purchased this book that finally quantifies what 6 million jews murdered in the holocaust look like. The entire book containsBy David MildenbergIt is difficult to really understand that 6 million jews were killed in the holocaust. Six million is only 10 letters, and very hard to grasp as a real number. It is perhaps easier to understand the value of 6 million when expressed in certain currencies, but as quantity, we have rarely seen 6 million units of anything.I purchased this book that finally quantifies what 6 million jews murdered in the holocaust look like. The entire book contains only one word: jew. It appears in 40 columns on 120 lines on every one of 625 sheets (1250 pages). Each page has 4800 jews on it. It is the most powerful book about the Nazi holocaust of Jews. I have read several books on the matter, and none are able to capture the horror and the inhumanity, none have been able to show what 6 million really means. Each time jew is written, it represents

one soul, on person's dreams; a man, woman or a child. One line can be an entire family exterminated. I recommend, especially to my Jewish friends, to buy this book and keep it as a reminder of the Holocaust and to honor every single life taken. It is probably impossible to read every single word in it, but the book speaks for itself by only scanning its contents. The quality of the book is also great. 9 of 10 people found the following review helpful. Everyone was a life!

By Morris L. Greb I just received my copy. Opening the book is like being struck by a sledge hammer. It brings meaning to me of the slogan, "Never forget, never again." It is an extremely important and timely book published as the world is forgetting or disbelieving what happened. Without narrative nor explanation it should teach us what hatred can do. Sadly the event memorialized continues even now on a daily basis throughout the world.

As a math and Jewish studies teacher in a Jewish day school, Chernofsky wanted a different and meaningful way for his students to relate to the Holocaust. From there evolved this book that has just one word, six million times JEW. What would a book of six million Jews look like? This is a volume meant for library and institution presentations on the Holocaust, a daring attempt to give some small sense of the overwhelming number - six million.

Whatever your opinion of *And Every Single One Was Someone*, one thing is certain: With all the books out about the Holocaust, there's never been a book like this. Out of the thousands of books written about the Shoah, yours is the first to mention my oma and opa, because they are two of the Jews mentioned in your book. I think of them often. Thank you for also remembering them. (Chernofsky quoted from a letter written to him in reaction to the NYTimes article about the book) Many people don't have someone specific to focus on. So here you pick a page and just highlight one Jew and let that be the one. --Libi Astaire, *Mishpacha Magazine*, March 19, 2014

The book *And Every Single One Was Someone* is the most graphic way to communicate the enormity of the loss: It is understated, it is not gruesome, but it helps to convey the magnitude of the tragedy. --Abe Foxman, ADL (Anti-Defamation League)

I keep in my office in Jerusalem a copy of Phil Chernofsky's book *And Every Single One was Someone*. On the pages of this book there is only one word, printed six million times: Jew. I keep this book not only as a memorial but also as a reminder of my job to prevent it from happening again. Then we couldn't fight back, today we can and will. --Benjamin Netanyahu, Facebook

About the Author Phil Chernofsky is the educational director of the Orthodox Union's OU Israel Center in Jerusalem and editor of the *Torah Tidbits* parsha pamphlet. Since 1998, he has hosted *Torah Tidbits Audio*, a shiur on the weekly parsha with witty insights. It airs every Thursday from 8:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Israel time and is downloadable as a podcast on Israel National Radio. Phil made Aliya 31 years ago and is the father of three girls and grandfather of eight.