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16:00 - 17:00 CET

ONLINE EVENT ON ZOOM

PROGRAMME

Opening remarks by **Margaritis SCHINAS**, Vice-President of the European Commission

Address by **Moshe KANTOR**, President of the European Jewish Congress

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Excerpts from **'Close to evil'** documentary

Conversation between **Tomi REICHENTAL**, Holocaust survivor, and

Margaritis SCHINAS, Vice-President, European Commission

moderated by

Ariella WOITCHIK, Director of European Affairs, European Jewish Congress

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Minute of silence

Tomi Reichental was born in in 1935 in Piestany, Slovakia. In 1944 he was captured and deported to Bergen-Belsen concentration camp together with his mother, grandmother, brother, aunt and cousin. When he was liberated in April 1945, he discovered that 35 members of his extended family were killed in the Holocaust.

Tomi has lived in Dublin since 1959, and he is one of the very few Holocaust survivors currently residing in Ireland. Tomi's story inspired several documentaries including *'I Was a Boy in Belsen', 'Close to Evil', 'Till the Tenth Generation', 'Condemned to Remember'.*