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Survivors Parents' Holocaust story told in *Schindler's List*

IN a love story immortalised in Steven Spielberg's Oscar-winning film *Schindler's List*, Joseph and Rebecca Bau risked death to marry in secret in the middle of Plashow concentration camp at the height of the Nazi regime's power.

And on Monday, the couple's daughters, Hadasa, 65, and Clila, 56, brought their parents' story to Camden School for Girls. They revealed their father's recipe for survival was laughter and

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happiness in the face of anything.

Hadasa, who moved to Israel with her parents after World War II, told students: "My father studied stencilling at university before the war. He used to forge documents to help people escape.

"But he also saved hundreds of people another way: he told jokes. Many told me afterwards: 'He showed

us we were not slaves. We were still people.' My parents always told us: to be alive – this is laughter."

Sixth-former Benji Mitchell, 18, who lost family in Plashow, said: "Hearing about their story face to face felt like

a really important life lesson."

The event was organised by the Anne Frank Trust UK, based in Camden. For more information about the Bau's story visit www.josephbau.com/

Clila and Hadasa with Camden School for Girls students. Above left, the Bau family