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Dear Jane Yolen,

I find your writing very inspirational. One of my favorite books of yours is Devil's Arithmetic. The character Hannah/Chaya was my favorite. I loved the way Hannah did not like to remember about her heritage. Also how her Grandfather kept ranting about the Nazis. It made me remember to appreciate my religion as Hannah learned to appreciate hers.

I never thought of the Holocaust in that way before. The Nazis were doing such terrible things, and it was completely legal. They practically starved them at the camps. It was just plain wrong! I never thought the camps were that bad. Well I knew it was bad, but seriously, they treated the Jewish people like dogs! I can't believe I never knew this earlier.

I found it very interesting that she sacrificed her life for her friend. Who was actually her aunt. I found it mind boggling that she was her friend in the camp and her aunt in the present. It is pretty weird but after reading your story I think about maybe it could actually be happening to me!

Thank you Jane Yolen for getting me interested in the Holocaust. I had some interesting talks about World War II with my grandpa after I read this book. Thank you for bringing me closer to my grandpa and helping me appreciate my religion.

Sincerely,

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