

# Worksheet: The Holocaust and Wales: Liberation

## TASK 1

- a) Read a short biography of William Richard Williams.
  
- b) Listen to an [audio clip where he describes entering Bergen-Belsen Concentration Camp for the first time](#).
  
- c) Working in pairs or individually, answer the following questions:
  1. What was William Richard Williams’ initial reaction to arriving at Bergen-Belsen?
  2. What details does he remember most?
  3. How might this have affected him?

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## TASK 2

- a) Read a short biography of Leslie Hardman.

b) Listen to [an audio clip where he describes entering Bergen-Belsen Concentration Camp](#).

c) Working in pairs or individually, answer the following questions:

- 1. What was the reaction of the women to their liberation?
- 2. What did they want from Leslie Hardman when he arrived?
- 3. Was it important to the women that Hardman was Jewish? Why?

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**TASK 3**

a) Read a short biography of Manfred Gans.

b) Read the following extract from Manfred Gans’ war diary: <sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, *Gans family papers 1900-2004 [bulk 1938-1950]*, Accession Number: 2012.478.3 (2004)  
<https://collections.ushmm.org/search/catalog/irn594969#?rsc=26636&cv=0&c=0&m=0&s=0&xywh=-1731%2C-473%2C5011%2C4722> [accessed 17 August 2022].

c) Working in pairs or individually, answer the following questions:

- 1. How does Manfred Gans describe the ghetto in Theresienstadt?
- 2. How did conditions in Theresienstadt Ghetto differ from those at Bergen-Belsen Camp? Why do you think the conditions were different?
- 3. What was the response of other survivors to the reunion between Manfred and his parents? Why might this have been the case?

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