“As a survivor, I have made a choice. I have chosen against silence. I have chosen against oppression. I have chosen life.”

Dr. Alex Hershaft was just 5 years old when the Nazis invaded his homeland of Poland. He and his family were forced into the Warsaw Ghetto. He survived one of the most brutal episodes in human history.

After escaping Nazi persecution and immigrating to the USA, Hershaft went on to achieve a PhD in Chemistry and worked as an environmental consultant. In 1972, Dr. Hershaft’s life was changed during a routine inventory of a Midwest slaughterhouse. The horrific circumstances he witnessed would change the course of his life.

Dr. Hershaft is the President and founder of Farm Animals Right Movement (FARM), an international nonprofit working to end the use of animals for food. He often recalls the words that further inspired him to dedicate his life to the fight against oppression, especially against animals.

“In relation to [animals], all people are Nazis; for the animals it is an eternal Treblinka.”

~Isaac Bashevis Singer, Nobel Prize Winner

Dr. Hershaft is available for media interviews and public speaking engagements. Among his favorite topics:

- "A Survivor’s Tale" - Inspiring account of a journey from the Warsaw Ghetto to leadership of the animal rights movement
- "All Men Are Nazis" - What allows otherwise decent, caring people to commit or subsidize unspeakable mass atrocities
- "Why We Oppress?" - Root causes of oppression, likely perpetrators, enablers, and victims; preventive measures
- "Can They Suffer?" - History and philosophical underpinnings of the animal rights and vegan movements
- "And Some We Eat" - Our complex, bizarre, and ever-evolving relationship with animals at home and in the wild
- "The Illusion of Choice" - Most decisions governing our lives are made by others, social norms, or random circumstances

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“Oppressing animals is the gateway drug to oppressing humans.”