Together

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"No matter what, we must stay together," Renee Firestone and her sister reassured one another, promising to stay together after being torn away from their family. These words empowered Renee as she endured the nightmare of the Holocaust. Knowing that she wasn't alone gave her the strength to carry on even after her sister was brutally murdered by the Nazis. Renee shares her story with us as a reminder that if we stick together, sharing our strength, we can persevere through anything. COVID -19 will not shatter our world, it will not destroy our lives, it will only make us stronger.