

BRING THIS CONVERSATION TO YOUR COMMUNITY

The Destination We Are Choosing

A guided community conversation inspired by Echoes of History: The Patterns We Refuse to See

Many of us are feeling the same pressure. So why are we fighting each other?

This is a conversation many people are ready for but do not know how to begin.

What the program is

A 90-minute author-led community conversation that helps people name shared pressure, recognize how fear and blame divide us, and choose better patterns before division becomes normal.

It is not a lecture, a political debate, a Holocaust comparison program, or a book report. The book provides the lens. The conversation creates the mirror.

Why host this conversation?

- It gives people language for what they are already feeling.
- It creates a nonpartisan room for pressure, blame, division, and responsibility.
- It helps people move from anxiety and exhaustion toward reflection and action.
- It can bring together people who may explain the pressure differently, but still feel it.

Best settings

- Libraries and community centers
- Faith and interfaith groups
- Book clubs and civic groups
- Colleges, schools, and public forums
- Workplaces or leadership groups ready for a deeper conversation

How the session moves

WHAT: People feel free on paper, but trapped in practice.

WHY: Shared pressure can be used and redirected into blame.

HOW: History warns how fear, blame, division, and silence become normal.

ACTION: Participants name what they will stop feeding, take back, strengthen, and carry forward.

What participants leave with

- A participant reflection guide
- A personal action step
- One person to invite into the conversation
- A deeper path through the book and follow-up conversations

The movement message

Many of us are feeling the same pressure. That should be a common bond. But shared pressure is being turned into blame and division. The Destination We Are Choosing is a growing community conversation about recognizing that pattern and rebuilding the ones that bring us back toward "we."

Host setup

- 90 minutes
- 25-40 preferred; larger rooms possible
- Circle or semi-circle seating preferred
- Book/sign-up table near exit

Book connection

The conversation opens the door. The book helps people go deeper into the patterns, warnings, and choices.

To host or discuss

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Sample invitation language for hosts

Many people feel under pressure, exhausted by conflict, and unsure how to talk about what has changed. The Destination We Are Choosing offers a nonpartisan community conversation about shared pressure, organized blame, historical warning, and the choice to rebuild better patterns together.

The event is the beginning. The conversation people carry out of the room is the movement.