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My self-motivation
Lies far beyond what many might think.
My motivation has become what it is today
Because of inspiration.
My will to go on in every aspect of life
Is attributed to her.

As I listen from across the table, I question whether
I should close my ears to the atrocities
She wishes to share with me.
I must admit I still can't handle the whole truth.

Genocide sounds harsh enough
But when the word eleven is utilized
To describe the losses within her own family
It seems impossible to turn away.
Was Darwin's theory correct? Survival of the
fittest?
I begin to question the numbers:
SIX MILLION PEOPLE
SIX MILLION OF HER PEOPLE
SIX MILLION OF MY PEOPLE
And yet she survived
And did what she had promised.

She shares
Makes me share
Loves
Makes me realize the importance of love
The one thing she never has to teach me –
The one thing that we both agree upon – unspoken:
I always have to work to my potential

She did everything she could to survive and have a family
Something impossible for six million others.
So I attribute my work and success in and beyond school to her.

Because she never had
Any of the opportunities I am being given
And because my success
Allows her a moment to remember that **she survived.**

This moment of exhilaration gives her hope and me triumph.
Seeing a smile on her face when she hears one of my successes makes me feel that WE WON!

Her message: I must never forget
And the drive to succeed and survive will stay with me always
Because I am aware that without her survival I would not be here today.
My drive continues as I seek perfection
And success to share
And once again seek the smile
That brings us both such joy!