The ‘Ethnic Cleansings’ and genocides of the 20th and 21st centuries have resulted in the destruction of people and of entire communities and of their history and culture. In this presentation, we will briefly explore attempts by exiled survivors to recover and preserve the memory of their loved ones and of the landmarks and histories of their lost hometowns and villages. We will look at a number of examples of such efforts, ranging from communal memorial books (boashamadyan) produced by survivors of the 1915-1918 Armenian genocide, to the memorial books (yizker-bikher) published by hometown associations of Jewish Holocaust survivors, to the memorial blogs and websites created by refugees from the Bosnian genocide in the early days of the Internet, to the Facebook pages that seek to preserve the personal and communal memories of people fleeing the current carnage in Syria. All of these raise questions about the nature of history and memory and of the permanence of the historical record.