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**Interview with Luba Zeidel
January 18, 1989
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PREFACE

On January 18, 1989, Luba Zeidel was interviewed on videotape by Bernard Weinstein and Marcia Weissberg on behalf of the Kean College of New Jersey Holocaust Resource Center. The interview took place in Union, New Jersey and is part of the Research Institute Archives of the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum's collection of oral testimonies.

Kean College of New Jersey Holocaust Resource Center created a summary and time-coded notes for the interview. The reader should bear in mind that these finding aids attempt to represent the spoken word in the recorded interview, yet have not necessarily been verified by the interviewee. The finding aids should not be used in place of the interview itself.

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**Summary of the
Interview with Luba Zeidel
January 18, 1989**

Luba Zeidel was born in 1914 in Vishkovo, Poland, near Warsaw. She was one of nine children. Her father was a locksmith and her mother was a shopkeeper. She experienced Antisemitism before the war, both in town and in school. When the war broke out, she remembers bombing and people chaotically running everywhere. The synagogue in Vishkovo was burned. Luba's family fled to Sarny, Ukraine. Her entire family was killed at Sarny by German troops, except for Luba and her sister. They ran away to Zhadova, Ukraine, where her cousin and his family were killed. Her sister introduced Luba to her future husband at Zhadova. Following liberation by the Russians in 1944, she was taken to Landsberg am Lech in Germany. Her son was born in the displaced persons camp. She came to the United States in 1951. Luba has a son and three grandchildren.

**Time-coded notes of the
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Born in 1914 in Vishkovo, Poland, near Warsaw. She was one of nine children. Many Jewish people in her town. Non-Jews and Jews did not get along. Father was a locksmith, mother was a shopkeeper. Family was very religious. Schools were Antisemitic. She learned at home. Has happy memories of holidays, sabbath, etc. She worked in her house.

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Remembers beginning of the war. She was nineteen when the war began. Bombs came all of a sudden. Remembers going to Warsaw before the war, shopping etc. Many people killed. Luba's family went to Sarny, Ukraine. Didn't know where to go. People ran wherever they could. Her whole family was killed by German soldiers in Sarny. Remembers mother sent her to look for other children. Remembers the synagogue in Vishkovo, Poland was burned.

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From Sarny, she went to Zhadova. Met her husband and married. Can't sleep when she thinks about Zhadova. Cousin was killed in Zhadova. Taken to Germany by her sister. Her son was born in Germany.

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Sent by Germans to... (Does not remember any details at this point in the interview.) Married a man whose wife had died of hunger. He went with Luba to Germany. Her sister introduced Luba to her future husband. Her sister fled with her from one place to another.

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Following liberation, she stayed in Landsberg am Lech, a displaced persons camp in Germany, from 1944 to 1948. She was put in a lager, camp. Son born there. Son is named after her father.

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Luba came to the United States in 1951. Taken care of by the Jewish Family Service. Lived in Newark, New Jersey. Had relatives in the United States. Has a good son. Luba's sister who survived is in a home for older persons. Her daughter-in-law is very good to her.

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She has three grandchildren. Son is a teacher. Her son doesn't want her to talk about her experiences. However, she would like to talk. Son reads about the war, but rarely talks with her about it.