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Rose Price (née Herskowitz), born on November 3, 1927 in Lipscha, Czechoslovakia, discusses how close she was to her father Hersh, to whom she credits saving her life; being 4th in 7 children, mother (née also Herskowitz), father "Hersh" a butcher, served in WWI (shot in the foot); mother's generosity; discussion on Palestine/Israel; siblings, public & Hebrew schooling-Anti-Semitism stopped public ed; 1939 Hungarians cease control of Lipscha; rise of Anti-Semitism, father's forecast "They are going to kill all Jews," placed his children on train to Budapest suburb, oldest sister insisted on staying to assist parents (parents & sister would be killed); finding work as a maid; receiving letter from mother saying goodbye, knowing she would be killed; March 19, 1944 Germany invades Hungary; ghetto formed, dire conditions; sister's slave labor in sweater factory, hardship separated from sister; Rose & sister's deportation, packed into cattle car; arrival Auschwitz, saw then smelled crematory smoke, seeing corpses thrown into wagon; Rose & sister stripped, stripe uniform, requested water in barracks, guard returns, pours it on Rose's head; 5am sisters ordered outside only in uniform into frigid conditions, "If you fell," according to Rose, "Shot right away"; sister encourages Rose to keep standing; sisters transfer to Bergen-Belsen, sister manages to get them tattooed same time to stay together; Rose's slave labor (kitchen-has some access to food); sister falsely accused of being Amer spy, beaten, gets typhus; Rose sneaks into to see sister by sandwiching between corpses, pretending to be dead; witnessing the sick drinking their own urine from extreme thirst, Rose catches typhus; England liberates Bergen-Belsen, sister also survives; English soldier attracted to Rose, assists her; a brother also survives, had fled to Israel; other three sisters, one brother killed "probably at Auschwitz," according to Rose; in Feldafing DP camp, Rose meets future husband Selig Prescheski, born on March 15, 1931 ("Selig" incorrect spelling according to US immigration presented later in interview-correct spelling "Zelig" later changed his name to "Zig Price"); Zig had spent years in Lodz ghetto, deported to Dachau, then Auschwitz, most of his family killed (only sister survived); marriage 1947, Rose shares cherished memories of her departed husband; couple's immigration to US July 30, 1949 with baby son named after her father but called "Harry" b. Frankfurt; couple moves in with sister now married; husband finds works making shirt collars (his father had been a tailor), Rose works night shift in paper company; daughter Elizabeth ("Liz" or "Betty") born February 4, 1961 named after husband's mother; joining temple, finding friends among other survivors; 3 grandchildren, 4 great-grandchildren "All educated," Rose proudly announces; Rose shares story of receiving bar-mitzvah medallion gifted by Auschwitz prisoner grateful she had given him potato peels to survive; Rose shares her embroidered depiction from memory of her childhood home; photographs: Rose's mother Marriam, Max, Hannah Helen, Samantha Rose, Judith, Mendel "Mindy", Aaron; photo Rose & sister Helen after war; Rose/Zig's marriage photo; photo Zig; at time stamp 01:31:00, Rose's daughter Liz shares stories her father passed on to her, his slave labor cleaning uniforms for German army, various escapes from ghetto fleeing round-ups of Jews, her admiration for her father's singing voice, her own path as a child of a survivor; Rose shows her Auschwitz tattoo; photo of husband's brother Itzhak Price, survivor, extremely beaten then killed (had been mayor of small town); Zig's US immigration card-entered as "Selig Prescheski" (actual spelling Zelig) tattoo 8054 (either from Auschwitz or

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Dachau), his November 4, 1948 ID (Frankfurt); photo Rose, Zig, Harry; Zig's Zeilsheim Assembly Center DP camp papers March 15, 1948; Zig & Rose's Declaration of Intention US immigration; Frankfurt court certificates March 30, 1948; Zig & Rose's Certificates of Naturalization; explanation for their name change to "Price" because son had difficulty spelling Prescheski; photo Zig's sister Paula/her family; photo of Liz (Elizabeth "Betty" Price at 6 yrs. old); photo Rose's surviving siblings, Helen/Max; press release Zig Price becomes President of company "Size Control"; photo Liz & parents at her wedding; photo Zig in his last years; photos of entire family, grandchildren, great-grandchildren.