

Susan Warsinger

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May 27, 1929 - born Susi Hilsenrath in Bad Kreuznach, Germany

November 1938 - witnessed Kristallnacht, bricks thrown into her house

hid in attic for 3 days, fed by non-Jewish family

August 1939 - she and younger brother sent to France

a French woman was paid to say they were her children

went by train to cousin in Paris

Went to children's home in suburbs, housing 15-20 children run by Mme. Zalitzki

May 1940 - saw Germans bomb Paris

Nuns took them to Versailles - lived in the Hall of Mirrors

translated for the German officers

Nuns then sent them to a children's home in Vichy - Chateau des Morelles in Broutvernet

kosher food, religious services, no work on Shabbat

100-150 children, ages 4-16

could not mingle with children from the town

Parents and youngest brother now in New York located her through HIAS

Father sent tickets - took train from Vichy to Marseilles to Lisbon

September 1941 - Sailed on the Portuguese boat "Serpa Pinto" with 70 other children

stayed on Ellis Island until brother's rash went away

Joined father and mother who was suffering from depression

Settled in Washington, DC

Went to University of Maryland

Married, has 3 children

Volunteers at the US Holocaust Memorial Museum

Found out later that all the children and counselors at the Chateau des Morelles were taken

to concentration camps