

Nesse Godin

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Born Nesse Galperin on March 28, 1928 in Siaulai, Lithuania

Post-War

March 10, 1945 - liberated by the Russians in Chinow

Had typhoid and dysentery, weighed 65 pounds

Joined mother and brother in Feldafing DP camp

Went to ORT and UNRRA sponsored classes

Married Jack Godin who had escaped from the Vilna Ghetto and whose family was killed in Ponary

Gave birth in Munich hospital - thought doctor would choke the baby

1950 - came to the United States, settled in Washington, DC

1955 - became a citizen, worked as a dressmaker for 26 years

Gave her children the best secular and religious education

Shares her memories with schools, organizations, churches and synagogues

received an honorary high school degree after speaking for 15 years at one school

Works thorough UJA, Jewish Community Council and the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith

US Holocaust Memorial Council - spoke to staff about Holocaust education, worked with

Addie Yates on the "Remember the Children" exhibit, involved with the ID project

Still involved with the Education and Development Departments of the Museum

Feels that volunteers and staff are like a big family. identifies with every part of the Museum exhibits

Helped to found The Jewish Holocaust Survivors and Friends group

Remembers the Holocaust everyday and her promise to the women prisoners who saved her life, to not be forgotten, to tell the world what happened

Does not blame younger Germans

Standing in line today for food is a torture

Feels that she is two people - one on the inside who remembers and one on the outside who speaks and works and tries to live a normal life