

RG-50.120 #113 2 Tapes
OFEK, LILI

TAPE I

- 1.05 Lili Ofek [nee Ticho] was born in Vienna in 1923. Describes her large close family who was assimilated but kept Jewish traditions. Family lived in Florisdorf across the Danube. She describes anti-Semitism in school.
- 1.10 March 1938, when Hitler entered Austria, she was thrown out of school and went to school for Jewish children directed by a Nazi. Describes what happened to Jews.
- 1.23 Family tried in vain to leave Vienna. In Dec. 1938 she went to Holland with a group of children. Describes trip and arrival in children's home.
- 1.30 Her parents escaped to Czechoslovakia and when the Germans entered they went illegally to Palestine.
- 1.36 She describes her adjustment and life, with 40 other children, in Lostrech. She was supposed to leave for Palestine in 1940 when war broke out in Holland.
- 1.42 Describes Holland under German rule. Special rules for Jews. She went to Amsterdam to learn baby care.
- 1.48 She is saved from going to a labor camp in Germany, and is taken care of by Jewish underground.
- 1.59 Talks about Jop, who saved children and was head of the underground.
- 2.02 Describes life and conditions in the Lustrech children's house.
- 2.31 Describes the work of Erika Bluht and other counselors.
- 2.38 She and all the children are taken to Westerbork. Describes her work in a factory.
- 2.45 Describes how she got out of Westerbork to the underground in Amsterdam, from there to Rotterdam and from there to a safe house in Sevenum[?].
- 3.02 Describes underground which helped Jews as well as escaped soldiers and shot down pilots. Describes her life with a peasant family and the support of the village and church.
- 3.14 The fate of her boyfriend.
- 3.18 Her meeting with Jop, head of the underground.

- 3.20 Life with the peasant family who hid her when Germans came.
- 3.30 Talks about the German company stationed in the village.
- 3.46 Describes again Westerbork, and how the group spirit helped to survive.
- 3.53 Last month of the war and arrival of Americans.
- 3.57 She and a friend go through the villages to find the hidden children.

TAPE II

- 4.05 Additions to the 1st tape, anti-Semitism in Vienna, humiliation of Jews.
- 4.08 Kristalnacht and what happened to her family.
- 4.14 How her parents got to Palestine.
- 4.19 Describes Jop Westerwil, his work, family and death.
- 4.31 After the war. Her work in finding hidden children. Organizing a Children's House in Arnheim.
- 4.45 The Jewish Brigade helps her to make Aliya. She travels through Belgium, Paris, Marseille, boards a boat with 900 legal and 300 illegal passengers. She arrives in Haifa, then by train to Atlit and is smuggled from there to kibbutz Maayan Zvi.
- 5.05 Describes her reception in kibbutz and the reunification with her parents in Tel Aviv.
- 5.15 Her adaptation to life in Palestine.
- 5.28 Her thoughts about the rise of neo Nazism.