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DANTE, ESTER

- 1.00 Ester Dante, born Ester Amar, in Zakintos 01/10/35. Talks about the town and the wonderful people who were always good to the family. She was one of 6 children. Mother and oldest sister lived in the ghetto, she and father lived in a nearby village, Litakia. Father was a tinsmith. Describes family life.
- 1.16 Describes a Saturday in the ghetto. The poor lived in community owned housing. Functions of the Jewish community.
- 1.33 Describes the beginning of the war, bombardments by the Italians. Good treatment by Italian occupiers.
- 1.51 How her parents met.
- 1.54 Life under Italian fascists.
- 2.11 Describes life in the village.
- 2.13 Describes the change in life when the Germans came. Jews had to identify their houses with yellow stars. Men were taken to work camps.
- 2.22 She and her brothers escaped to the village. They had contact with the partisans. They carried messages and informed on German movements.
- 2.38 Describes hiding out and being saved by Greek neighbor.
- 2.43 Village was destroyed by Germans as punishment for shooting a German soldier.
- 2.48 Father punished by Germans.
- 2.50 Talks about their contact with the partisans who warned them not to

obey German orders to assemble.

- 2.56 After the war, they were taken to Athens and prepared to go to Israel. After 6 months, they went by boat Henrietta Szold to Israel. They were caught by the British and taken to Cyprus. After 6 months they were sent to Israel.
- 3.11 Her whole family was in Israel. Describes her adjustment. Shows family photos.
- 3.31 Her adjustment to life in general and to her marriage in particular. Her husband had severe post traumatic reactions to his Holocaust experiences.