

MIRU ALCANA

Interview

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Miru Alcana discusses growing up as a Greek Jew in Rhodes; her 1944 deportation to Auschwitz, where her entire family except for two uncles perished; her liberation from Theresienstadt by Russian forces; her post liberation work with La Wizo, an organization similar to Hadassah, in Bologna, Italy; her facility with multiple languages, including Spanish, Ladino, Italian, French, Greek, Hebrew, and Turkish; her experience with anti-Semitism in the United States when applying for jobs after her arrival in 1950; and becoming an American citizen.