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Oral history interview with Jehudith Admieli

She was born in Bratislava, Slovakia to a religious family where she had thirteen siblings. She was married in 1941. In the beginning of 1942, her husband was taken when he was on the street and was sent to Dachau where he died. Her apartment in Bratislava was taken by the police. One day in early 1942 when she was on the streetcar, she saw that the Germans were stopping and taking young women who were on the street or the streetcar, so she got off the streetcar that she was on. She knocked on a door of a home where there was a light and the person (a doctor) let her in. He had a daughter her age, so he gave to her his daughter's papers.

On March 13, 1942, she took a train to Budapest to be with her family members who had already gone there. She worked as a nanny for a Jewish family; they did not know that she was Jewish. People did not know that she was Jewish because she was pale blonde. On December 17, 1944, she started using a different name that the Jewish Agency there helped her to get. She became a courier for the underground. The person she worked for worked at the Swedish Embassy; she was later to find out that this was Raoul Wallenberg. She worked as a nanny for a family that lived in a town near Budapest, Bersaneklosh (sp). She was captured and tortured by the Gestapo for three days. She commented that when you're captured, you should say the truth since that won't be believed. She and others were taken to the Danube, opposite the Parliament, where they were made to swim to the opposite shore. In this way she got away. When she worked for the Underground, she said that the man with whom she worked, Wallenberg, only gave her notes and told her where to bring them. The last time she met with him was at the end of 1944. He was trying to get more people out of the hands of the Gestapo before they were sent away on a train.

After the war, she worked with the Joint taking care of children before they went to Palestine. She made aliyah in 1947 when she was 34. In 1949, the rest of her family came.