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Summary

Miriam Greenfeld was born on February 1, 1935 in Budapest, Hungary. Before Germany occupied Hungary, her father and uncle were taken to a labor camp in Hungary. She lived near the main street, Anolzoisy Street, where the Germans entered Budapest.

Her mother heard about the Swedish documents that could help them and waited for days by the Swedish Consulate in Buda to get them. She got them for everyone in the family who lived in their house. Their home was marked as a Jewish building and more family moved in with them. The children stayed at home all of the time. After the Arrow Cross were in control, they took the young women, her mother and aunt, from their home to the brick factory. She stayed at home with her grandmother. Wallenberg went to the factory and told people to show their Swedish documents if they had them. Her mother said he was a young man who spoke very well in German. The people he didn't save were taken to Auschwitz. He took the people with the papers to a house near the Danube. Once her mother was there, she brought her and her grandmother. After her father escaped from the labor camp, he joined them. Their home had been in District 6 and the house where Wallenberg brought them was in District 5. One set of grandparents had Swiss papers and lived in a Swiss house; they were later taken by the Hungarians to the ghetto.

During the winter of 1944-1945, the people in her building were ordered to come out and to bring with them food for one day. She thinks that they were being taken to the Danube to be shot. Once they were outside, Wallenberg came and spoke to those in charge. After that, they were told to go back inside. They were still in that building when the Russians entered Budapest. Three soldiers came into their apartment, one of them raped her aunt. They went back to their apartment soon after and dealt with those hardships. In 1949 they escaped to Slovakia, where the Jewish community in Bratislava helped them. From there they went to Israel. She was at Kibbutz Menara for a year.