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## SUMMARY

Margarete Ney, née Schwarzmänn, was born in Nuremberg, Germany April 30, 1909. Her father had an export/import business and was in the army in World War I. Margarete describes her comfortable life and her education in Germany, Switzerland and London briefly. She married the owner of a metal factory in 1930. Her life and her relationships with non-Jews changed after 1933, especially after the Nuremberg Laws were passed in 1935. Her husband's business was confiscated. The Nazis invaded their home during *Kristallnacht*. She explains why it took them so long to realize they must leave Germany and why it was so difficult to get a visa to the United States. After her parents fled Germany pretending to be on a business trip, Margarete and her husband were threatened and interviewed by the police, and their passports were confiscated.

Her son, Peter went to England on a *Kindertransport*, Margarete and her husband followed four months later in 1940. She mentions her life in England and explains how she managed to get a visa to go to the United States despite her husband's limp. The family moved to Philadelphia in 1941, helped by American relatives. Margarete briefly talks about her early years as a refugee.

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## SUBJECT HEADINGS

Holocaust, Jewish (1939-1945)

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World War, 1939-1945 – German Jews

*Kristallnacht*

*Kindertransport* – parent

*Kindertransport* – reuniting with son after