

Interviewee:	<u>FRIEDMAN</u> , Lynn	Date:	May 30, 1977
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SUMMARY

Lynn Friedman is the child of survivors Ella Neuman Friedman and Victor Friedman. She details experiences of her parents before and during the Holocaust and also shares her personal experiences as the daughter of survivors.

Her mother Ella Newman Friedman was born in Czechoslovakia and sent to live with a Christian family in Hungary. She survived Auschwitz. Her father Victor lived in Poland and was his family's only survivor. He survived Dachau and Lynn thinks Auschwitz. He was also part of the Polish underground. Her parents met in the camps and were liberated by the Americans; post-war they were in a Displaced Person's camp in Germany. Her mother worked for HIAS. She emigrated to the United States when she was 17 under a child act and was adopted by an American Jewish family¹. Her father came three years later and they married in 1950. She gives a detailed description of their survival in the United States and their feelings as survivors.

Lynn also discusses her mother's outlook on life and how that affected Lynn and her siblings. She discusses feelings of depression in the family and not complaining as a child in order to protect her parents. She shares the values that were modeled: always work, never stop to enjoy, always strive and want something better. She also highlights growing up in a very family-centered environment and the importance this continues to have for her. She describes her family's traditions as compared to American Jewish families she knew.

¹See also the interview of Lynn's grandmother, Yetta Arost, Int. #GC10590.