

Bay Area Holocaust Oral History Project

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Name of interviewee: Boros, Eva

Date of interview: 5/16, 7/11 & 12/11/1991

Summary: (Summary of three interviews)

First Interview: Where she was born & her family, the Solosh ghetto, Auschwitz

Second Interview: Solosh ghetto, Auschwitz, Sitau, freedom; home; Szatmár

Third Interview: Family, home(in Europe), travels to the United States

Eva was born in 1925 in a small town which at the time was in Czechoslovakia, but at other times was under Hungarian rule. While living at home, her father and other Jewish men were taken for days at a time for forced labor. When Eva was 15 years old, her father died. She remembers it as being "the end of the world" for her and the beginning of coping with hurt by shutting down her emotions. Immediately after Passover in April of 1944, she remembers being refused bread by the neighbor before they were taken to a nearby Ghetto. After 4 weeks they were taken to Auschwitz.

She remembers herself as somewhat of a leader within the camp, helping her relatives and friends to get into a relatively "better" work place. She and her sisters were eventually moved to forced labor in an airplane factory in Germany. Because of a beating by guards, her older sister became gravely ill and died during the week after liberation. Eva and her younger sister were the only ones to survive from their family.

Eva met her husband after the war. After many attempts and moves around Eastern Europe, they were finally able to leave for Australia in 1950. Eva was still set on reaching America and she went ahead of her husband in 1952. She was pregnant at the time and two months after she arrived, she had twin daughters. With the help of friends and relatives, she managed with the babies until her husband was able to join her, almost a year later.

In 1986, one of her twin daughters died of cancer, at the age of 34. After all the tragedies she had been through, she doesn't know how she "remained in one piece" after losing her daughter.