

Rochelle Slivka discusses her family and early life in Poland; how her friends and neighbors turned on the Jewish population when the war started; daily life in the Vilna ghetto; her father's position as a Jewish Judenrat; the resistance movement within Vilna; the liquidation of Vilna; being separated from her family; how her father died in Klooga, Estonia; being sent to the Kaiserwald concentration camp in Latvia and then Stutthof, Poland; her liberation by Russian troops; finding family members in the United States through a Jewish newspaper; her feelings of guilt; traveling to West Germany from Poland; becoming a nurse in Landsberg, Germany; immigrating to the United States; helping her sister immigrate to Israel; living in Boston; her first public talk about the Holocaust; going back to Poland; her feelings about discrimination in the United States; her religious beliefs; traveling to Israel; volunteering in her local Jewish community; her family life in the United States; and her feelings about Germany.