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Interviewee **Miss Frida de Raay**
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Miss De Raay is a Jewish woman. We interviewed her close friend Mrs. Kool. Mrs. Kool was engaged to Bob de Raay, Frida's brother. Mrs. Kool told about the hiding experience and the betrayal of the family De Raay. The family was deported and only Frida survived. Since liberation Frida de Raay and Anna Kool live together. We asked Frida de Raay if she would elaborate on some of the episodes that Anna Kool did not witness herself, but Frida did witness.

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0 I was born in Haalem on 29 May 1922

Mrs Kool and I have been living together since the war.
I have been in 9 camps; I was part of the Philips transport.

First I was in hiding with Mr. and Mrs. Wantjers. Later I joined my father and brother.

5 Miss De Raay describes the arrest of the family. There was one policeman that my father knew. The policeman said: "I cannot help you"

10 Miss De Raay talks about Fam. Nelissen: 'Very good people'

It was hard to say goodbye in Westerbork. I had to stay in Westerbork while the others went on transport. She talks about what happened to her father and brother. She saw her mother ones in Auschwitz in the barrack for the sick people.

15 I was in Vught for two months. Than I was put on transport to Auschwitz and than on to another camp, I forgot the name. And than on to other camps. I think that I was in about 9 camps. I was liberated in Hamburg. I was in the marches. All the time I wanted to stay on the side of the road. After liberation I was sent to Sweden.

20 I remember that after the war I saw Mr. Stam in a beautiful car. (Mr. Stam is the man were she and here family were in hiding and who betrayed them)

They were so mean.

Break

25 They bullied Bob and father all the time. They did not even look at my mother and me. They would say ugly things like: "You filthy Jew"
Another Jewish family, Fam. Wallage, they stayed there as well. But only for a very short time, they did not trust the place.

- My father and brother had to work in the business of Mr. Stam.
- 30 I went to Sweden to get stronger and to become more human. It was great in Sweden. After two months I returned to The Netherlands. I still had an uncle in Heemstede, he had been a business associate of my father. He did not even open the door at first. In the end the driver of my uncle made sure that I was let in. My uncle wanted to keep everything that was left of the company of my father. Very nasty. Fam. Veerman was their name. The children of the Veerman family did not return and they could not look at me, because I had survived. They called me names.
- 35 I was never assisted in any way by the Dutch government.
- One person gave me 4000 guilders that my father had left with him. I did not even know that the money was there. Van Halst came to visit me to bring the money.
- My father had also given gold in the care of Fam Bakker. But they had returned it during the war because they thought it was too risky.
- Later some money came back through LiRo. I was not able to work anymore, I was mentally not healthy.
- 40 Shows portrait of brother Bob