

Born in 1924 in Rastatt, Germany, Ingelore Honigstein discusses her childhood as a Jewish Deaf person in her hometown of Kuppenheim during the 1930s; her recollections of the beginning of Nazi Party activity and subsequent restrictions placed on Jews; learning to speak with a speech therapist and attending the Heidelberg School for the Deaf; her treatment as the only Jewish student and expulsion from the school; her father's deportation to Dachau and miraculous release; being raped by members of the Nazi Youth and her ensuing pregnancy; hiding her deafness in order to obtain a visa to travel to the United States where her great-uncle lived; traveling to Holland from where she sailed with her family to the United States on the Volendam I; finding employment through HIAS; her abortion in the United States during her second month of pregnancy; meeting her first husband Frank Stiefel whom she had met before in her hometown in Germany; how her husband fled Germany and encouraged other deaf people to do the same; how her husband made uniforms for General Eisenhower, General Patton, and Admiral Nimitz; returning to her childhood home in Germany; and telling her story for the first time in 1992 during a Deaf Jewish convention in Washington, D.C.