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**Summary of Oral History — Esther Solange Chamak — ENGLISH**

Esther Solange Gilberte Chamak (née Guénidad) was born on January 11, 1920 in El Attaf in Algiers; speaking of her father Abraham Guénidad (born in Mostaganem)—his first wife was Mésaouda Ben Saïd; speaking of her mother Rebecca Bensoussan (born in Mostaganem, living in the same building as Esther's father)—her father's second wife—11 children; the Miliana Collège; staying with her sister Renée and her brother-in-law Georges; speaking of her brother Charlot; her marriage on September 27, 1940—her husband Henri Chamak (born in Bonne in 1913); her husband working in agriculture; speaking of her sister Lorette; her husband being in the marine force in 1940; her brothers being mobilized also—Simon, Choazido, Charlot, Itzhak; her husband seeing Roosevelt in 1944; Srigina Island; her husband returning in 1945; speaking of her childhood; Jewish and Muslim playmates; living in Tlemcen; speaking of Professor Aboulker; Colette Aboulker; her daughter's medical issues; her brother Raoul; her children; Notre Dame d'Afrique Road; living on rue Diderot, then on rue Meissonier in Algiers; leaving Algiers on May 19, 1962 for Paris; speaking of the Algerian railways; speaking of her administrative work, and that of her husband; the mayor of Algiers—Jacques Chevallier; speaking of her brothers Raoul and Charles (called Charlot); living in an apartment in Saint-Denis; speaking of Tunisians and Moroccans; speaking of the mayor of Saint-Denis; her difficulties in Paris; recalling the schoolyard court; speaking of her brothers Léon and Charlot being in Miliana; her brothers Léon and Raoul in Médéa; speaking of communism; the Popular Front; speaking of her father's death; July 1; her brother Charlot moving to Ivry; anti-Semitism; the syndicate activities—CGT