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Summary of Oral History — Suzanne Soussan— ENGLISH

Suzanne Soussan, née Habibou (Dina); born on December 6, 1932 in Algiers, Algeria; her parents living in Algiers, born in Tlemcen—Eli Habibou and Camille Fredj; her maternal grandmother Karsenty; her paternal grandmother Perez; discusses the Habibou family (in Egypt); her father working in the Cercle des Négociants in Algiers; her uncle Fredj; her mother's death in 1938; four brothers; her schooling in Algiers; Jewish friends at school; attending the Lycée Menachnum; discusses her brothers; recalling observing Jewish traditions at home; a bourgeoisie family; recalling the declaration of war; her brothers—Maurice (born on November 25, 1915), Marcel (born on February 1, 1917), Georges (born in 1920), Roger (born in 1928); discusses the armistice in 1940; the Patisserie Belcourt; the Municipal Swimming Pool in Algiers; discusses November 8, 1942; staying with her uncle Mardochee Fredj—one of the heads of the Grand Cercle des Négociants; her father's death in 1937; discusses Shabbat; visitors to her uncle's home—Dr. Adida; an Arab family; her uncle's apartment at 30 Rue Richelieu on the third floor; hearing shots fired; discusses the Jilo (sp) boutique; the Aboulker family; recalling the Americans spending Shabbat and Pesach at the house; her brothers serving in Tunisia, Italy; Georges' death in 1943; Marcel's military service in Normandy; Maurice served in the spy sector in Paris—Rue Lauriston; Marcel's marriage in Paris; Maurice's work; her mother's death in 1948; discusses her brother Roger; Maurice's marriage in Algeria; her uncle Fredj was the family patriarch; moving to France in 1950; her family buying a small grocery store; her life in Israel; discusses her husband and her family...