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The sound is of very poor quality, especially for most of the first half of the recording.

Avivva Bar-on was born in 1932 in Transylvania. She was in Terezin for more than three years. While there, she sang and was the only child to sing in an adult choir led by Karel Berman. They sang songs by Dvorak. She also sang in the children's choir. She performed in Brundibár. She sings a number of songs in the recording.

Her grandparents died in Terezin. She remembers the hunger in Terezin and the hard conditions in the camp.

Everyone could take 20 kilos in one suitcase to Terezin. Just about every child brought a book, so they were able to establish a library in the concentration camp.

Her father and his brothers were artisans, so they showed that Jews are not just academics. They worked in building in the camp. This is why they were able to stay in Terezin and survive. After the war, they went to Switzerland and returned to their town in July 1945, but her parents didn't want to stay there. They were in a displaced person's camp for three years. She and her brother moved to Israel and her parents stayed in Czechoslovakia, but were not able to follow them to Israel because the border was closed at that point.

Her husband was in Mauthausen.