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Summary of Oral History —Monsieur Miller, Madame Jospa—English

Monsieur Miller discusses the Jewish laws in effect in 1940; the armistice; Léon Blum; war time activities; Dunkirk; Antwerp Jews; recalling his arrest by the Gestapo; the AJB—Jewish Association in Belgium; hidden children; being in Malines; Polish heritage; Chaïm Perelman; Mr. Stroëk; Mr. Léon Kubowitski; the AJB—Mr. Blum, Mr. Lazare, Mr. Benedictus; Mr. Benançon; Mr. Denavert; Ms. Nèvejean; the mayors; the Jewish defence committee (CDJ); Alfred Goldschmidt; recalling the letters concerning Jewish property; Mr. Blum; Mr. Kubowitski; the AJB—Jewish Association of Belgium; the head of AJB—Mr. Perelman; saving Jews during the occupation; Charleroi; Mr. Wolff; hidden Jews in Brussels, Antwerp, Charleroi, and Liège; Fela Perelman—Professor Perelman's wife; the Dossin barracks in Malines; CDJ—the civil resistance; professor Perelman; the AJB safe houses; J. Blum; Mr. Goldschmidt

Madame Jospa discusses ONE, the National Child Welfare; the children and their parents; CDJ—Jewish Defense Committee; working to save the children; a normal life for the children; finding homes for the children without giving away the address to the parents; the parents not understanding the grave danger; in the summer months, the children went to the vacation camps; staying in the day care; speaking of ONE and the directors; Charleroi; Mrs. Spaak—the Saint-Gilles school—taking a big risk; changing the crèches from day school to boarding school; Mrs. Beckess; Mrs. Buxom; Mrs. Carmont; recalling the small children; speaking of the camp in Huy; a daily routine for the children; the directress Ms. Herinckx; JOC—Christian youth workers; Winter home; giving false names, baptism certificates, rationing cards to each child; sending the hidden children to school; speaking of the false papers office in Charleroi; a convent in Héverlé—Louvain; Sister Marie Aurélie of the Little Sisters convent in Anderlecht; recalling a night in September at the Sacred Heart convent; AJB had a colony; expressing her thoughts in reference to AJB; complicity by AJB—handing over lists to the Germans; Mr. Perelman; the resistance; solidarity; Zionist aide; the leftist movement; Mrs. Heiber and her record keeping; Mrs. Perelman; letter writing; children and sadness; keeping the spirits up of Jewish children.