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za [00:00:00] first who came to Montreal after World War 2 and I'm looking at what the settlement experiences were like, coming to Canada?

Olga [00:00:16] After the war, First I went to Israel. Yeah.

[00:00:19] So what I'd like to hear first about your life before the war. When were you born? Talk to me about your family in Hungary.

Olga [00:00:33] I lived in Hungrai in the town of Sárospatak.

Olga [00:00:36] That's right. Their very name is..... There was an English school? Not school. That's. It's a very, very get phrase from schools. OK.

Olga [00:00:54] I born there

Olga [00:00:58] We went to Lodz.

za [00:01:03] What did your parents do?

Olga [00:01:06] We had textile business?

za [00:01:09] Did your mother work?

Olga [00:01:11] My my was the businesswomen more like my father.

za [00:01:17] So she ran the business?

Olga [00:01:18] It was a big textile business

za [00:01:25] So this was a small town?

Olga [00:01:28] It was a small town Sárospatak.

za [00:01:32] How far was it from, let's say Debreczen or Budapest

Olga [00:01:39] Not to frar from all of them. Not too far from Debreczen. But it was near Czechoslovakia.

za [00:01:56] Where were you born when.

Olga [00:02:00] 1919 Second of March. A young woman, 95. I don't know if I'm coming to 96.

za [00:02:14] Now you're looking pretty good.

za [00:02:18] Were you the only child ? Were there other children?

Olga [00:02:24] eight.

za [00:02:26] Well, you oldest, youngest?

Olga [00:02:28] I was the fourth

za [00:02:36] Was your family religious?

Olga [00:02:43] Half way. more like religious than not.

Olga [00:02:47] I spoke Hungarian at home,.

za [00:02:50] And your parents, they spoke Hungarian?

Olga [00:02:53] They spoke Hungarian.

za [00:02:55] And you went to high school?

Olga [00:03:03] Yes. in Szapastok

za [00:03:07] OK. And that was it wasn't a Jewish school? It was just they werre regular....

Olga [00:03:12] We have elementary school that is Jewish, but a Catholic for the school. High school. That's what they got.

za [00:03:28] It was a Catholic school.

Olga [00:03:29] Yes.

za [00:03:31] Were you interested in studying something?

Olga [00:03:35] What do you mean?

za [00:03:35] Like when you went to high school? What were your thoughts after high school? What were your dreams and what would you have liked to have done?

Olga [00:03:45] I was always a bright girl. I'm very honest. I don't like suffering. Hungarian soldiers walk in and when they always saw a Jewish guy with beard. They grabbed them and tried to put on the floor. So we young girls always went t... and it is possible a Jewish guy who gets beard. And one day I heard big screaming. I run out. And I saw about 100 soldiers.

za [00:04:47] What year was this?

Olga [00:04:47] Before they took us to Germany? And I run out screaming.

Olga [00:05:21] Hero. Hundred going against one. Ah, they said, why do they have beards?

Olga [00:05:33] I said for instant, you also have beard. That's right. You have to go (unclear)

za [00:05:50] Did you work in the store? In your father's store?

Olga [00:05:54] No. We all have to help out.

Olga [00:05:59] But I have my mother. You have to help make baking so I always went there. I I always want to do something. But I (Unclear) I was in the textile business after, you know, take over.

za [00:06:39] You took over?

Olga [00:06:42] We took over. My brother was in Budapest, not for the soldier. I've been up in Budapest for shopping for the textile business. And he helped me.

za [00:07:04] Did you so did you know how to sew?

Olga [00:07:08] Oh, I sew. Of course I do. I was very close there when the Germans to come in and (not clear) They killed five of my ... my sister and brother. A 13 year old boy just was bar-mitzvahed. And a beautiful 18-year old sister was so best and Mengele divided us. He ran to my mother They put you in the gas. All of them.
Five was killed. I was there.

[00:08:10] (Unclear)

za[00:08:22] So after the war?

Olga [00:08:23] I was sick. I had para-typhus. Mika's free to Russia. We got three girls and we have a nurse. And then the Russian came in and he says, "Olga, You pray because you start believing." But I am no more. But when the Russian soldiers come in, you say "banaia." they shouldn't come near.

za [00:09:17] What's banaia?

Olga [00:09:23] "I am sick."

Olga [00:09:32] So what happened? The (unclear) They hate Jews. A Polish Jewish Girl 21 years old. Just make me free. I want to eat and be free to see my (unclear). They would run, people come in and shoot him.

[00:10:05] Then we was free. .

za [00:10:11] So did you go back to Hungary? I

Olga [00:10:16] We get free. They took us, took me too because it was paratyphus, to the hospital there. But I run out. I get one of my friends who was always very big so I take her home in Budapest. I went to Hungary. We can't go. I don't know nothing about my family. Just one of my brother, he survived.

Olga [00:11:24] This one (referring to her younger son) was five-month-old when his father died. he came back from Auschwitz. a sickness . He died when he was 5 month old. And my older son not living here.

Olga [00:12:03] And I want to go away from Hungary

Olga [00:12:09] It would be so much hate. They rob everything. So my brother when I came back from Auschwitz.

Olga [00:12:27] So every time for the station, people who was already home was waiting for us who came home. And I came home it one o'clock in the night and they were waiting. One was my

brother. Joe. Joe was his name Oh, he's home. One of my cousins, he had survived. And they were staying at my uncle's house.

za [00:13:02] And that was '45.

Olga [00:13:04] Yah, '45 when I was free already.

za [00:13:19] You know what month do you remember the month of May. Me.

[00:13:24] May.

[00:13:37] The girls came home before me. My brother asked did you saw Olga? Did you saw what happened? . Because I never was afraid for anything. We know that Germans and one day have to stand up and they say you are not making the people work every t ten people will be shot. I say to girls, "don't you ever show them you are a friend." The Head asked, "are you afraid?" Not afraid, nothing for me. (Unclear)

Olga [00:14:41] Went to Budapest with the train. First we get to Czechoslovakia. They were very nice to us. They give us food, they give us drink.

za [00:15:10] Who is this?

Olga [00:15:16] The Czechs. They were very nice.

za [00:15:25] So. So you get back to Hungary and have two kids. Did you work at all or?

Olga [00:15:37] I came home. Then I felt fine, for I find one of the guy who came from the same town. Then I say, "you saw my brother?". Oh, he's home. Oh so I am running home. They don't let me out for it. Staying in Budapest. So I stayed three days outside that train. When I get home my brother wasn't home. Just my sister-in-law. And we'd talk and talk. And I fell asleep and open my eyes and my brother look at me and cry. That's what was. Right away (Unclear) One of the professors who was teaching in Sárospatak, but in the school gymnasium, and they was the biggest anti-Semite.

Olga [00:17:17] So my brother wanted to go (unclear)

[00:17:25] (unclear)

Olga [00:17:35] Then came home I get married. Okay.

za [00:17:42] And what did your husband do?

za [00:17:45] . The wine business.

Olga [00:17:47] Yes, that's right. In Canada I get married a second time

Olga [00:18:06] So you were there in Hungary. You had two kids. You were a widow.

Olga [00:18:12] And I was in Vienna.

Olga [00:18:22] From my husband before he died and I don't know what religious you...

za [00:18:26] I am Jewish. .

Olga [00:18:28] Yeah?

za [00:18:29] Yeah. My parents. My mother was from Poland and my father from Lithuania. They were both survivors.

Olga [00:18:37] Just like I told you, because my husband got from Auschwitz that sickness. Before he died, he was completely out of his mind . And he told me. "Promise me you'll bring up my children for Jewish." This one I failed (pointing to her younger son in the room) because this one does not believe. This one. The other one all right. But both of them wonderful. There is nothing to do. This is like a million dollar. They are there. Both of them. I do that.

za [00:19:43] So you had two small children.

Olga [00:19:46] Yeah. I carried them. I went to Vienna.

za [00:19:57] Why Vienna?

Olga [00:19:58] Everybody went there, just go away from Hungary

za [00:20:02] OK. So were you in a DP camp there?

Olga [00:20:10] We were in the Rothschild DP camp. Everybody you know (unclear) And I want to go with my husband to Israel. I left my brother and his wife stay in Vienna. They want to come to Canada. So I say I want to go to Israel. I worked in an asbestos factory (in Israel). At night, I left home the little two boys. I never forgive myself. How could I do that.

za [00:20:59] you had to feed them.

Olga [00:21:06] And came home. I have a Greek girl, my neighbors. They can hear them. And I leave them. And I had there a brother and a sister-in-law. And I Don't want to even talk about what I went through with them.

Olga [00:21:35] But when I went back to Haifa.

za [00:21:43] What year was that ?

Olga [00:21:48] Forty nine . Then I went to Israel. I was a short time in Vienna with them. I went with two kidsl this son was sick. We have a big camp in Haifa. I want to find my brother and I know where he lives. We get 50 dollars, nothing else. And I went and I asked a taxi to take me to Petah Tikvah. They live in a Pardes (an orchard) . I want to see my brother wasn't home just my sister-in-law. Don't ask what I went through because I don't want to talk about it.

Olga [00:23:02] And went back and my little boy was there and my older one. I lived for somebody. I have to leave him in the hospital there. But later on I went to pick him up and take them to the *Pardes*. Two family house. Two bedroom, one for them, one for us. (Unclear) beds, it's okay. I manage.

za [00:23:50] What did you do?

Olga [00:23:52] I call. I work in asbestos factory. I am working there, night time.

Olga [00:24:13] I leave them home

Olga [00:24:23] I went home and told my older son (unclear) there is near a grocery store, take the empty bottles, take the money and buy bread. I will never forget this boy come back (Unclear). For glass they don't give bread. Aid he started dating Dante, but could they give being that much money? Never forget this boy.

Olga [00:25:02] There was a factory, they wanted to offer me for my (nclear) nature there.

Olga [00:25:21] They said they don't give me one cent more. I just to get as much as any get. Not one cent more.

Olga [00:25:40] I was very poor. One day they told me you can work night time. In daytime you have to put kids kindergarten, daycare. (unclear) What happened? Eventually I went to take the kids.... I have a bicycle which my brother from Vienna send it to me and one of the guys make be a seat in the front and the back for the two little kids. The bigger one sitting in the back and the little one in the front. I was taking them to home. From there I went to work. I did that.

Olga [00:26:57] I cried.

za [00:27:01] How was life there? How was it in Israel. It was hard. You were poor.

Olga [00:27:08] I love Israel. It was friendly. (unclear) Even the work I do and everything, I love. But I wanted to be with my family. My brother, this one, who came Canada.

za [00:27:26] What's his name?

Olga [00:27:29] Joe. He was working real estate.

za [00:27:38] From the beginning?

Olga [00:27:42] At the beginning he was cleaning Steinbeck's store at night

Olga [00:27:50] But after (unclear) was working for textile business . Wholesaler. (unclear) In Vienna his wife was learning for hairdresser.

Olga [00:28:38] (unclear) So when they take to me, I came to Canada, with my two boys.

za [00:28:45] What year was. What year was that for you?

Olga [00:28:52] Fifty two. Fifty two. One, two years after I've been to Israel.

za [00:28:58] Was it hard to get to Canada? Did it take a long time to get the papers done?

Olga [00:29:04] They was wonderful, Canada. I was there in Israel,. I have to go there, in the Consul. I have to go to Roma. To meet the Canadian Consul

za [00:29:28] So how did you get to Rome, by boat?

Olga [00:29:38] With a boat we went. And then in the consul we have to take an injection, I don't take in Israel, easy. So they told me

za [00:30:06] You know what type of injection before you come into Canada?

[00:30:11] You have to take some injection or you can't go.

Olga [00:30:17] So I get it. I have there a couple, (unclear) who was famous. And that's whas very good for me. They have a car, and they take me. I was there one week, but I have only \$50 and I stay with the kids. I go to the hotel. I went to those people' s house and cook for them food and everything. And that's the way when I've been to Rome. So they told me. I have to have thing injection (unclear)

Olga [00:31:27] And. I get the injection and after I go to the consul get up there. I go to.

Olga [00:31:41] the consul. First, I go to Israel, to get the passport, the visa. I could go get there but they don't get to send me yet the invitation, but I was already Haifa. So I ask the consul, unfortunately you speak Hungarian? But some how, I don't know anyhow I made out. I asked the consul, I don't have the invitation yet. But please, I left it the two children. I'm sure when I am going home, I will get that. OK. Give a telegram.. Do whatever you want, but they like to give right now. I came and left the kids and came here and I need ta visa. So here is the passport, They met with us and another couple from the same town and that they went out and I told the consul, please, please give that to me.

za [00:33:14] Did you have a passport or was...

Olga [00:33:19] I have a passport.

za [00:33:22] Was it from Israel? Just curious.

Olga [00:33:24] Passport. In fact, (unclear) First in Israel I have an identity paper. I Get that passport. Because I definitely know because the Consul told me. Okay. I hope you make it for you. SO don't tell anyone. So I already get. I say you know the woman never talks, she was joking. And everybody have to come back the second day because they were working just until 12 o'clock. That's it, finished up but for me they give it right away.

za [00:34:18] So you got the visa?

Olga [00:34:20] Right away I got the visa. My passport. Everything. I get at home and was home the invitation already as I told him.

za [00:34:27] So when did you leave Israel? When did you leave? What month was that?

Olga [00:34:46] I came to Canada it was June, nineteen fifty one. Fifty one. I came to Canada.

za [00:34:54] And did you come by ship. By plane.

Olga [00:34:57] Plane, plane, I came. We went first to Halifax, I think so. And then. My brother. I had a cousin who said I should come here.

za [00:35:24] So your cousin sponsored you, not your brother?

Olga [00:35:27] My brother already was her. Yeah. Okay. My cousins sponsored me I know that,. My brother was here two years before. So because I was short wto years in Israel. Okay. And then come here because I wanted to be with my family.

za [00:35:53] So who paid for the ticket? Did you pay? Did your brother?

Olga [00:36:02] I left everything. I have wine business (in Hungary). And before I came I left my brother (Joe) everything he should take care. If I had more money. Joe send me and told everybody what happened have to go to the lawyer in Tel Aviv. So I have to go there. You have to pay extra money because this couple who was also from the same town, they give me the number of his. And he paid. He came also with two children and he paid something like \$1000.00 and I don't have. I went to the lawyer and I talked to the lawyer and I say to the lawyer (unclear). I want to go. That's very hard. But you could pay in pounds. When I was in Haifa, I met this people who recommended the lawyer, and they said he can do nothing for you because I don't pay. (unclear) Oh, I went home. I go to the lawyer and he saw me open (unclear). I am so sorry. I say I don't want you to do anything for me, I do it myself. And give back my money. I heard you will give back. because I never let myself anybody step on me. Never.

za [00:38:29] Do you remember how much the ticket was?

Olga [00:38:33] That's also I was lucky, 200 something (unclear)

Olga [00:39:31] (unclear).

[00:39:33] (unclear

Olga [00:39:46] So that's how I get the money. That's right.

Olga [00:39:48] Then your guess, because they send me this, not money, and I keep it for (unclear) for a grocery story where I used to go. (unclear). The rest of them was 90 not 10 pounds, but 90, a big company, export import, they get it. (unclear). See, that's what I want to ship now.

Olga [00:40:45] We're sorry, Mrs. Danziger, I was named my husband, (unclear) because I have ten kilos separately and very beautiful. And you not going to steal away from me. So they're wrong, right away. (unclear) Yes. And I got the check and that's why I buy my airplane ticket.

Olga [00:41:19] OK. And that's how I buy my food. And that's why I have the ticket. I never want to go after my brother. He's working, too. If he's possible. I tried to do it the right way.

za [00:41:39] Did you speak Hebrew? Did you speak Hebrew with them?

Olga [00:41:43] Nah. I'm short two years. I working night, I came home cleaning. Give the food to kids every morning. And I have to go five o'clock in the morning up the kids and cook for them because I want them to look good. They have to eat soup and everything. And food. And before I take them e every morning. Five O'clock. I put on the bicycle the two boys.

za [00:42:22] So you get to Montreal.

Olga [00:42:28] OK. Because I come here. I work. I never let anybody, even my brother keep me and my two children. We rent a house

za [00:42:41] So the first thing you do, your brother picks you up, Joe picks you up at the airport.

Olga [00:42:47] of course.

za [00:42:47] Where do you go? Take me through this.

Olga [00:42:50] They had founded a house.

za [00:42:53] Do you know where?

Olga [00:42:59] St. Joseph, yeah.

Olga [00:43:07] They rented, one from the same town, a couple, my brother and one other couple. A big house.

za [00:43:25] St. Joesphe near where, do you remember.

Olga [00:43:25] Park Avenue. And Villeneuve and Esplanade. After I live on Esplanade.

za [00:43:38] So they had a big house and then you have...

Olga [00:43:42] Each of us have a room.

za [00:43:43] So you had the rooms, twith the wo boys?

Olga [00:43:48] My sister-in-law working as hairdresser and the night we work with customer private. I bake and cook until late night. We working after my sister-in-law. But Saturday i went to wash hair

za [00:44:12] Okay. You've cleaned and baked for the family?

Olga [00:44:19] Yes. Cleaning in the house. And working. Right. I went to a caterer where I bake for them in daytime. Not every day. And in the weekends have the wedding and the bar mitzvah, I was there early in the morning until one o'clock in the night making the chicken, cleaning everything. And I get (unclear). Early morning until night. One o'clock in the night. Once I took my friend, I never forget it. He came home. He can't do half that much as I did.

za [00:45:23] So you worked as a caterer. Saturday. You went to the hairdresser to help shampoo?

Olga [00:45:30] Yeah. And after we have a beauty parlour.

za [00:45:34] You and your sister?

Olga [00:45:36] Yeah. My sister-in-law?

za [00:45:36] Yeah. She taught you how to cut, hair color. Hair?

Olga [00:45:39] No. I teach her. I have to even make for the hairdresser a paper. Yeah. You know, so I make the hair, them what I have to do so I make the paper.

za [00:45:59] So she taught you how to do it. Or, you went somewhere?

Olga [00:46:04] Yeah, she taught me everything. It happened one Saturday, I make 40 heads. I was very fast. Okay.

za [00:46:17] Did you have the big hair dryers that they sat under?

Olga [00:46:24] I have customers. I work. I take care of my kids. I have picture. You could see these two boys were so sweet. Two boys sitting in front of the beauty parlour (unclear) and one of the famous who make these pictures - photo saw them. He came in and said I can (unclear), I have never seen two red- hairs, beautiful, sitting there in front and he make pictures for them.

za [00:47:35] Where was this? Where did you have your shop?

Olga [00:47:44] Front of the beauty,...oh, Laurier, coroner Park

za [00:47:53] And did you run the business. Were you in charge of the business? Were you like your mother, did you have a good business sense ? Did you take care of the. Business, too, like the bookkeeping. The money, the everything.

Olga [00:48:08] We did it together. We have Saturday, weekend. We have a friend of us, they are workers. We have three workers. My sister-in-law and me.

za [00:48:12] So there was five of you.

Olga [00:48:31] And one of my friend wasthe cashier. We paid them and everybody. You have to keep piece of how much they did?

za [00:48:45] That's how you kept the books.

Olga [00:48:49] And my husband. I married my husband (unclear). He came from Caracas South America. Okay. And accepted the two kids, two little kids. And I was working, I never except for anything from anybody.

za [00:49:27] So who took care of the kids when you were working?

Olga [00:49:39] I took care of them and daycare.

za [00:49:40] Here in Canada?

Olga [00:49:45] Here in Canada.

za [00:49:46] Where was the day care, do you remember?

Olga [00:49:50] It was somewhere around, I don't remember really. I send them there and then after they go to school. My older son doesn't like it, the second grade. Lunchtime always came to the beauty parlour. That was Fairmount, the school. The fifth grade he fall in love with the teacher. He got number one student. And this one (referring to younger son) is excellent. He went to *Herziliah*. Everywhere, everywhere he have number one. And even McGill. Both of them went to McGill.

za [00:51:17] So you sent tne child to the public school here and then Tom, to ..

Olga [00:51:24] The old one too but he don't want. I also wanted that he also learned Jewish and something. So I hired a guy who go there and he say, "but this guy is always sleeping and doesn't do

nothing. I don't want to go. You don't want. This one speak Hebrew, this one not. This one know everything. He has a Chinese professor at McGill. This professor told him, he never told me I found out on a piece of paper. This professor said, he recommend him, I don't know the name of the school but they never take more like five people in. And I see it all. (unclear) He was accepted to Oxford. He was accepted at Cambridge. He went to Oxford. He stayed in London then. He's so special, The other one also wonderful but not so special for everything.

za [00:52:52] So when you came here, you spoke Hungarian?

Olga [00:52:57] I spoke to Hungarian, not English. I never went to school because I was tired. Because I was working hard. Not just working, but I have to work. I work at home too. Everything. I hate dirt. I love clean and was working and do everything.

za [00:53:27] And you did all the cooking and you cooked for the whole house.

Olga [00:53:28] Cooking, cleaning, everything. Washing every day. They have to change when they went to school and they have to come home and change.

za [00:53:52] So how did you learn English?

Olga [00:53:55] Just like that. Such a smart. And I read all the time. I love to read.

za [00:54:05] OK. So you didn't go to school? You were just too tired. Your clientele in the beauty shop were they mostly immigrant. So they were people off the street? People who came to get their hair done.

Olga [00:54:23] We bought that beauty salon from an older lady (unclear) I never forget. It is many years already Don't forget.

za [00:54:37] What was it called?

Olga [00:54:40] Heddy and Olga.

za [00:54:44] Heddy and Olga.

Olga [00:54:44] Heddy and Olga, the two sisters,.

za [00:54:46] So who? Who came? So there was just people like were they Hungarians?

Olga [00:54:51] Yah. we have lots. You know, when you starting already they find out. They love to come to our place. On Saturday you can't walk (unclear something like very busy)

za [00:55:11] So how long did it take you to learn English?

Olga [00:55:18] I can't livee without speaking. Okay. I mean, people came. I am so smart.

za [00:55:30] So did you speak Yiddish?

Olga [00:55:34] I don't.

za [00:55:36] You don't?

Olga [00:55:37] I don't. I don't speak any other. Hungarian and English as it is. I understand (Yiddish), I was in Germany a lot. And after the war, I went back and I went to Vienna and one of my close friends we was together and we were together in Auschwitz. (Unclear) We kept like sisters, close friend. I used to go and meet my husband. My husband was a butcher. Fairmount Charcuterie on St. Laurent.

za [00:56:59] So, When did you get married again. What year was that?

Olga [00:57:05] What, the year I Get married. Not long time after I was here

za [00:57:23] Ok. It doesn't matter. So how long were you on St. Joseph? Why did you move? When did you move? So you were in this big house on St. Joseph. When did you move?

Olga [00:57:33] To here?

za [00:57:35] No, to the next place.

Olga [00:57:40] When I get married, I rent a house on Esplanade.

za [00:57:48] And did you have to pay money for the house. Rent or a down payment?

Olga [00:57:57] What happened, my husband came here with money. OK. That's the way we bought the first house. He put down the money on the house.

za [00:58:12] Oh, you bought the house?

Olga [00:58:14] We bought the house, a duplex.

za [00:58:16] On Esplanade?

Olga [00:58:18] No.

Olga [00:58:18] That was later. Later We move to de Vimy. You know de Vimy?

za [00:58:20] Yeah,.

Olga [00:58:27] OK. And there, Lennox. You know, where is Lennox? Okay. We buy there a duplex with the money my husband brought.

za [00:58:45] Would you know what year that.

Olga [00:58:46] (Speaking to her son) Tomika, help me out. What year was it when we bought the house. - 1956.

Olga [00:59:00] Nineteen fifty six. So, that he knows.

za [00:59:06] And you still worked.

Olga [00:59:09] I always worked.

za [00:59:13] And you always had the shop on Laurier?

Olga [00:59:18] No. We was on Van Horne.

za [00:59:24] When was that? Do you remember when you moved?

Olga [00:59:29] When was that Tomika - Early '60s. After my Bar Mitzvah, '62 or '63.

Olga [00:59:44] Yeah. Near Victoria. There we have a beautiful, beauty parlour.

za [01:00:02] So you were about 10 years on, Laurier?

Olga [01:00:09] Approximately. . But after we have a beauty parlour there. We have a big beautiful room with make-up. everything. You make a big party. I have even a film when we have the opening, you know.

za [01:00:31] Yeah. So what did you do after work? What about your social life?

Olga [01:00:37] My social life is my children.

za [01:00:40] So Sundays. What did you do on Sunday's without children?

Olga [01:00:45] Cleaning?

za [01:00:46] Did you take the boys out? Did you go to the park?

Olga [01:00:51] The boys have friends. Yeah. And they went, they have all have friends. I know when Joe, my older son, was ten years old come over to me and he say, mother I always told you I hate girls, but I change my mind. I love that. Please give me money I want to take a girl to the movie. Ten year olds. So I give him five dollars or something, I don't remember. He takes the girl. I say, how you came home?" "Mother, I take a taxi. I take her home." so far, very good.

za [01:01:49] So Sunday you worked at home, you cleaned. Sunday, you cleaned?

Olga [01:01:54] Then before we don't have beauty parlour, nothing, we work lot, late night in the hair. Yeah.

za [01:02:10] What about friends? Did you have friends here?

Olga [01:02:12] I have friends. I have friends the same level. I am the older. They are not young either. And we play cards.

za [01:02:30] And these are friends you had from the beginning, from the time you came to Canada. You met them here,.

Olga [01:02:35] The friendship?

za [01:02:37] Yeah. These women.

Olga [01:02:38] Not all. There's one whose closes comes from the same town. Her husband and her wedding was in our place. So this is the closest friend. But the rest of them I met here. The Hungarians all go together They have a place when they go to play cards, They have a club. . And after we have a country house. My brother, not me. We all go there. And all the Hungarians have a house there. I don't know how many families.

za [01:03:29] All immigrants?

Olga [01:03:34] Yeah. And we are going the weekend all of us. Yes, social life. We are going to that country. It was beautiful. The weekend is coming we went to the country summer, even wintertime when the snow was like that, it was beautiful because was winter ice, there was.

za [01:04:01] So you said your husband came from South America, but was he Hungarian?

Olga [01:04:10] Hungarian. And after the war, he went to Venezuela, Caracas. And then he came Canada. I met him and already my brother was there and met him. And make him should marry me with the kids. It was also a job. Believe me.

za [01:04:45] Did you have anything to do with Canadians who, you know, they were Jewish but not immigrants.

Olga [01:04:52] Like who?

za [01:04:54] The Canadian Jews. Did they come into your beauty shop?

Olga [01:04:59] Oh, sure. I have Canadian Jewish girlfriend. Very good. Very close friend. Yeah. I have.

za [01:05:13] And that was from back in the 50s.

Olga [01:05:23] Yeah. I have very good friends. These girls. And I am a big cooker. I enjoy cooking. One of the family, I know my friend who wasn't so well so bad, so I went over there and cooked for him a lot and freeze down their whole food and they should have it. I do lots of things like that.

za [01:05:57] Were you kosher?

Olga [01:06:01] I'm kosher, yeah.

za [01:06:02] Always. Were your parents Kosher?

Olga [01:06:05] Yeah.

za [01:06:08] So you've always been kosher?

Olga [01:06:11] At first when we came here we wasn't kosher. But after I went on I was kosher, right.

za [01:06:23] So how long did you work for the caterer?

Olga [01:06:29] For a long while. When I have the beauty parlour. Then. That was a very hard job?

za [01:06:42] Catering or the beauty parlor? Or both?

Olga [01:06:46] In the beauty parlour I work very hard. And when I was thirty nine, I went to the doctor. I wasn't well. (unclear) I hear everything. (unclear). Eating. You name it I have. When I was thirty nine, I went to the doctor. I have rheumatic fever long time when I was a young girl. He

checked me and he say the most you be live twenty-five more years. I was thirty-nine. Now I am ninety-five over ninety-five.

za [01:07:50] Why did he say that? Why did he say that?

Olga [01:07:55] Because he thinks that what he say. He still thinks so I will die soon.

za [01:08:03] So talk to me about health care when you first came home. You had to pay to go to the doctor then.

Olga [01:08:10] When I came?

za [01:08:11] Yeah.

Olga [01:08:13] In the 50s, right? No. Yeah. I was alright. When I was here, I work.

za [01:08:20] When the kids were sick or...

Olga [01:08:22] It doesn't matter. I still was working and doing cooking, cleaning everything. Yeah. I am still here. How long, I don't know. I think so not long, but I accept everything because I can't help it anyhow. But I love my children, I love my family. Yeah.

za [01:08:58] So was it good being here? Was that a good choice for you or would you have preferred to stay in Israel?

Olga [01:09:06] A very good choice because I don't want ...I am a good Jew and love Israel, honestly, but I am selfish because I don't want to keep away my children and my older son, he went away one and a half year. He stayed in Israel. He came back.

za [01:09:44] So it was good here?

Olga [01:09:47] More like good, They give you everything, health care. OK? You're free. They can come to shot you. You're free. You don't have to worry. Oh, you have to worry always because not so easy the life. And I am a worrier for my family, very bad, very bad. Yes, it's a good choice. You see, I have my home. I have my children. His children (Pointing to her younger son) in Toronto. Just married his son, shortly. This daughter is already married. Beautiful people. Smart. All in the film world, they're working.? My other son has already a grandson which one I could never see. You see that there (pointing to photos)? Here's my other son with the baby

za [01:11:20] Where does your other son live?

Olga [01:11:37] Where? In Los Angeles.

za [01:11:51] Do you have pictures from when you came in the 50s?

Olga [01:11:57] I have pictures. I will bring them.

Olga [01:12:09] This is like cleaning chicken. This is my wedding. Second.

za [01:12:24] So you have blonde hair?

Olga [01:12:26] No, I have dark hair just I make blond. This is my kids.

za [01:12:39] That's a wedding picture, that's you?

Olga [01:12:45] That's me. That's my husband. This is my older son.

[01:13:15] (talking about photos)

za [01:13:15] Did you drive? Did you drive?

Olga [01:13:17] No. I didn't

za [01:13:24] This is my brother-in-law. This is me.

za [01:13:32] I like your hat.

Olga [01:13:34] That's was the wedding hat. What is this? Get up. That's me. That's me.

za [01:14:04] And you smoked cigarettes?

Olga [01:14:07] Yes. That's the boys. Where is it?

Olga [01:14:12] Is this on St. Joseph or Esplanade?

Olga [01:14:16] Yes, I think so.

Olga [01:14:21] And that is the boys....Talking about photos.

za [01:16:39] So you never wanted to drive?

Olga [01:16:42] Never because my husband always say, "Ach, you would wait when it is red and you would wait when green and again red." No, they don't want I drive. They was afraid.

za [01:19:27] That's it.