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Timecode Notes

0:25	Childhood and world situation at that time?
1:08	Born during the Holocaust, after mission in Poland. No clear memories because she still a toddler.
2:34	Grew up in difficult situation.
3:14	Hidden and saved by a Catholic nun in a basement, with very little human contact, light exposure to light.
5:00	Deprivation =- not mother to cling to, no stimulation.
6:00	Liberation from Russian Army, handled up like Moses and taken to Lithuanian orphanage. Recalls being there.
7:09	Remembers being afraid of telephone, sound of train toy because had been deprived of sound.
7:51	On father looking for here. He walked into orphanage where she was. She no longer responded to birth name. Was recognized by her birthmark.
9:40	On regaining sense of normalcy.
10:35	Remembers being on train going to Poland prosper and special rehabilitation for children.
11:33	You are the most loving and giving person. How did you not become bitter? Hating Nazis would be giving them the victory.
12:52	Tell us about friends from around the world, even non-Jews.
13:17	On young man she met through reconciliation program that brought young Germans to Pgh.
15:22	On embracing people, overcoming prejudice.
16:37	Woman her age, whose father was in Hitler's army.
17:22	Teaching in schools about Holocaust? Usually speaks to 5 th , 6 th , and 7 th grades. No noise while she talks and kids ask good questions. Question in African American school: How does she feel about faith? Picture of S boxing Hitler in victory.
20:04	Usually starts with question: what is the meaning of the Holocaust? Death by fire.
21:26	Talks about young woman who was inspired by meeting her.
22:00	Teddy Bear project? Collection of teddy bears for shelters, nursing homes.
25:23	Not possible to reach everyone but reach some.
25:43	On losing survivors.
26:13	Proud to be American. How did you come here? Why are you so patriotic? Poland repressive.
27:10	Did not speak English when she first came.
28:27	Fantastic freedom. Can walk with Star of David. Friends of different faith who respect her Jewish faith.

29:41	Education you got here? Went to Israel for five years before coming to US. Went to University of Pittsburgh. Her degrees.
30:54	Proudest of? Greatest achievement is receiving education.
32:10	Reconnecting with Jewish roots. Learned what it means to be Jewish in Israel.
32:53	Life very different that you had imagined as a child? Yes.
33:55	Decision to go back to Germany? Active for Reconciliation org. invited her – on best way to pay tribute to Holocaust victims.
35:46	Interviewed 70 Holocaust survivors for Spielberg Shoa Project. Having children helped survivors feel like human beings again.
37:45	Children are her mentors.