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## Interview with June Factor, folklorist and writer [sound recording] / interviewer, Gwenda Davey

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### Details

14 digital audio tapes (ca. 15 hr. 4 min.)??Factor speaks of her Jewish family arriving in Australia from Poland at the age of 2 fleeing Nazi Germany; how her mother arrived on Black Friday, 1939 amidst devastating bushfires; her family background; Max Factor, the cosmetics manufacturer; settling Carlton, Vic. ; Australian culture of the 1930s; her first memories of Australia; Jewish social life in Victoria including the Peretz School, which taught Yiddish; the difficulties of learning Hebrew; her foster sister, Jacqueline; her attendance at a selective university high school from 1951-1954; how she began writing at school; receiving a government scholarship; her increasing political activism and joining the Kadimah Youth Group from which she learnt many folk songs; her studies in English and History.

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