

Jerry Slivka discusses being evacuated to the Hinterland, Germany during World War I; growing up away from his siblings; his early political affiliations; getting married and starting a family; the murder of his wife and son in Povorsk, Poland; living in a labor camp in the Soviet Union; his views on Communism; staying in a displaced persons camp in Italy; immigrating to the United States on the ship Marine Perch; establishing a life in Boston; becoming an American citizen; attending Bentley College; meeting his second wife and starting a family; moving to Portland, ME; how Povorsk came under communist rule and did not allow monuments to the Jews who were killed during the Holocaust; contacting the House of Waleen, an Israeli organization, to help establish a monument; going back to Poland; finally erecting a monument to honor those who were killed in Povorsk; working as a interpreter for newly arriving immigrants; volunteering with the Jewish community; helping establish the Holocaust Human Rights Center of Maine; speaking to schoolchildren about the Holocaust; his family and his religious beliefs; and his thoughts on violence in the world.