

Lena Jurand

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Born Lena Salzberg in Przemyśl, Poland on September 13, 1917

An only child, educated in a Catholic school, then at a music conservatory

Met husband, Julian Jurand in 1931 - he went to Italy, studied medicine and returned in 1938

Married in May 1940

Lived in Russian part of town, father gave up tailor business

When Germans took over, father was chosen to be in the Judenrat

Jews had to give up jewelry, wear a star

Ghetto formed in July 1942 - Lena moved with parents and in-laws from Lvov

Worked in factory disinfecting uniforms

Father taken away - she went to Gestapo HQ and saved him from train to Auschwitz

In factory, met a Polish woman who offered to hide her and Julian

Hidden for 22 months in room off of kitchen in woman's apartment

Liberation by Russians in August 1944

Lived in apartment with husband and cousins

Lived in Munich with UNRRA staff of Neufreimanlager DP Camp

Taught music to child survivors in camp for one year

Moved to Genoa, Italy - Julian practiced medicine

Visited uncle for 6 months in New York - returned to Italy

Came to the US in 1951

Lived in New Jersey, had son

Julian worked in State Hospital as a psychiatrist

He became Clinical Director at St. Elizabeth's in Washington, D.C. and was there for 14 years