

"One day, there was a rumor that there were Jews on the property and the Nazis came and wanted to inspect the area. We were in the basement, and my mother said that I chose that moment to be hungry and was ready to open my mouth and scream. She had to put a pillow over my mouth." Jean took baby Barbara to Germany. "My mother had blonde hair and blue eyes and spoke perfect German... [her] looks and her ability to speak German helped save our lives." For a time, Barbara had to live with a non-Jewish woman while her mother worked. That woman later tried to take Barbara from her mother, but Jean fought to stay with her daughter. "My mother was very brave and saved my life."

Once reunited, Barbara and her mother went to a Displaced Persons camp in Stuttgart, where they found her father. The family immigrated to the United States in 1946."

Nominated as one of our Eight over 80 honorees this year, Barbara lives in a beautiful light filled home surrounded by colorful art. She is an active member of Congregation Beth Ahm and enjoys attending services. As a member of Hidden Children and member of the board of CHAIM, she attends international conventions for survivors and their descendants. She volunteers regularly for Jewish Hospice and Chaplaincy, Program for Holocaust Survivors and Families during Café Europa meetings, and serves as a friendly visitor for survivors. She also volunteers at Meer Apartments and teaches chair exercise on the campus of JSL. She is a leader in our community, and a brilliant spokesperson on behalf of the Holocaust. Frankel Jewish Academy honored Barbara with a trip to Israel and Poland, which she considers one of her favorite memories. Additionally, Barbara stays active walking, plays tennis and loves traveling and attending social and cultural events. JSL is delighted to honor Barbara and all the honorees, May 21, 2023, at the 30th anniversary Gala Luncheon to be held at Shaarey Zedek. [Jslmi.org/8over80](https://jslmi.org/8over80)