

CASE HISTORY #20,000

MUSIC: UP 10 SECONDS AND UNDER THROUGH

ANNOUNCER: We give you CASE HISTORY #20,000 - the story of one child - the story of thousands. We ask you to come with us to a small country 6,000 miles away - an old country, yet a new one - to PALESTINE.

MUSIC: UP BIG 10 SECONDS AND OUT

VOICES UP AND UNDER THROUGH

ANNOUNCER: A ship has just docked in the harbor of Haifa. Newly arrived immigrants are streaming down the gangplanks. At one end, a group of child refugees, dressed in rags and clinging to their pitiful possessions are being ushered into the office of the Youth Aliyah representative. Youth Aliyah which has been maintaining and educating child refugees in Palestine since 1933, is about to reach out and care for its 20,000th child - a young girl. On her left arm can be seen a concentration camp number branded into her skin in bright blue numerals. She has a pale face...deep, staring eyes. A woman beckons to her. She moves forward slowly, fear and distrust in every movement.....

SOUND: DOOR CLOSSES

VOICES OUT

REPRESENTATIVE: Shelon. Tell me, my dear, what is your name?

CHILD: (PAUSE) - Hannah.

REPRESENTATIVE: Shelon, Hannah. Where do you come from?

CHILD: Poland.

REPRESENTATIVE: How old are you Hannah?

CHILD: Twelve.

REPRESENTATIVE: What are the names of your father and mother?

CHILD: They were Benjamin and Esther.

REPRESENTATIVE: Do you know where they are now?

CHILD: They are dead.

REPRESENTATIVE: (PAUSE) - How do you know, Hannah? Perhaps they are lost. Perhaps we can find them for you.

CHILD: They are dead. I saw it with my own eyes. (PAUSE) I was nine when the Germans came - with guns and tanks. They hit us. They made us go into a ghetto with electric fences. I and my daddy and my mummy and my sister and my three brothers lived in a dark cellar where it was always wet. One day a bus came and they made us go on it and they took us outside the town. Everybody screamed when we saw the big open grave. I jumped out of the bus. They caught me and whipped me and put me back. They said, take off your clothes. And if we were slow, they ripped them off. Then they pushed us.

REPRESENTATIVE: Yes?

CHILD: Well, I was the only one who escaped.

REPRESENTATIVE: How did you escape, Hannah?

CHILD: I went up the sides and ran away.

REPRESENTATIVE: Where did you go?

CHILD: I went from village to village but nobody wanted to take me in. Then a farmer thought I was Polish so he took me in. But later some people came and they made me stand in the light and said I was a Jew and they called the police. The police took me to a forest. But they did something funny. They kept looking for their bullets and then they said: "Stay here, we need more bullets." Maybe they wanted me to run away. I ran and came to the Czech frontier. Some Czechs took me in and I worked for them cleaning and washing and cooking. And one day we heard that

CHILD: (CONTINUING) children were going to Palestine. I found them.
But don't ask me how...I won't tell you.

REPRESENTATIVE: We're glad you found them, Hannah. We're glad because they
brought you home. In Palestine you will find many friends who
will help you. And you will go to school. Don't cry.

CHILD: (STIFLING SOBS) I can't believe I'm in Palestine yet. I haven't
been to school for four years and I have forgotten how to read
and write. Could I learn again?

REPRESENTATIVE: Yes, you will learn many new things, child.

CHILD: It hurts me so about my daddy and my mother and my brothers and
my little sister. But do you think...

REPRESENTATIVE: Yes?

CHILD: Well - that the children who came with me, with Youth Aliyah, are
like having brothers and sisters...in a way?

MUSIC: UP 5 SECONDS AND UNDER THROUGH

REPRESENTATIVE: Yes, Hannah. Youth Aliyah will be brother and sister and father
and mother to you. Youth Aliyah will see that you grow up to be
a strong, healthy woman, that you learn again and play again and
are happy again in Palestine.

MUSIC: UP 15 SECONDS AND OUT

ANNOUNCER: This story is based on a report received by Hadassah, the Women's
Zionist Organization of America, the official representative of
Youth Aliyah in the United States. Hadassah is now engaged in a
nationwide campaign to raise \$1,400,000 for Youth Aliyah which will
help to maintain and educate 20,000 Hannah's in Palestine, plus
the additional thousands who will be entering soon. For further
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