JANNUSHKA J.

Jannushka was born in Paris, France, in 1933, into an assimilated Jewish home. At the time of the invasion of France in 1940, she was six years old. Forced to wear the yellow star, Jannushka faced beatings and insults from her classmates and was eventually removed from school by her parents.

In the summer of 1941, a French policeman warned her father that the family faced arrest and deportation. This motivated them to seek hiding places. At that time, Jannushka and her brother were sent to a small village in northern France. They lived in hiding until they were liberated by the American armed forces.

After the war, Jannushka was reunited with her parents. At the age of 19, she left France to travel and worked for the United Nations, before settling in Vancouver.

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