

Echoing Voices: Matt & Anneliese Yosafat

Key Highlights of Matt & Anneliese's Stories

Anneliese

- Provides the perspective of a young German girl who goes into hiding with her family.
- The family has multiple hiding places throughout the war.
- Not all hiding places were safe from discovery.
- Anneliese and her family exhibit two forms of hiding:
 - Hiding in a concealed location.
 - *Passing* or posing as non-Jewish, often using falsified identification papers.
- Once the family revealed that they were Jewish after the war's end, they faced antisemitism yet again and decided to immigrate to the United States.
- Process of immigrating to the United States.
- Anneliese met and married fellow Holocaust survivor, Matt, who had also been in hiding during the war.

Matt

- Provides the perspective of a young Greek boy who goes into hiding with his family.
- The family has multiple hiding places throughout the war.
- Not all hiding places were safe from discovery and not all hosts were welcoming. One host was antisemitic.
- Matt lied about his identity when questioned by a Gestapo at one of the family's hiding places.
- Matt's family received help from local villagers after their liberation.
- His family experienced the Greek Civil War (1946-1949), which prompted them to immigrate to the United States.
- Matt met and married fellow Holocaust survivor, Anneliese, who had also been in hiding during the war.

Suitcase Contents

- Photograph; pre-war, Anneliese and her dog, Mauslein, who was a great friend that helped Anneliese get things she wasn't supposed to have.
- Photograph; pre-war, Anneliese skiing during a family vacation.
- Photograph; pre-war, Anneliese with her father, Walter, and mother, Hilda.
- German Star Badge; beginning in September 1941, a decree was established that required that German Jews wear a star badge on the outermost layer of clothing to identify them as Jewish.
- Celluloid Doll; one of Anneliese's few possessions she took into hiding. When one of their hiding places was bombed, Anneliese was so afraid that she bit the fingers off the hand of her doll.
- Photograph of spoon; one of Anneliese's few possessions she took into hiding was her mother's baby spoon. It symbolizes a level of civility and humanity that many Jews had taken away from them during the Holocaust.
- Passport; Anneliese's passport.
- Falsified Passport; belonged to Anneliese's father, whose false name was "Kurt Frieheil." The family changed their names so that they could "pass" as Christian and hide in plain sight.
- Greek Star Badge; beginning in 1943, the Jews of Katerini were required to wear a star badge on the outermost layer of clothing to identify one as Jewish.
- Photograph; Matt with his father and mother, David and Lena, sister Beatrice, and brother, Jacob.
- Passport; Matt's entire family is included in this Greek passport.