

THREADS OF DORA'S LIFE

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Hey Dora, if you're Jewish, why are you studying in a Romanian school?
 My parents told me that there are no foreign schools in our town
 I'm sorry to hear that. But would you like to go there if there was one?
 No, I like it here with you



When I was 10 or 11 years old, my dad thought I was big enough to drink wine at the seder. So I decide that's not such a bad idea



când deja... ..iar rugăciune...
 ... pescărușului nu merge...
 ...și... și... și...
 ... împotriva plăii...
 Did you learn or not?
 Ai învățat sau nu?

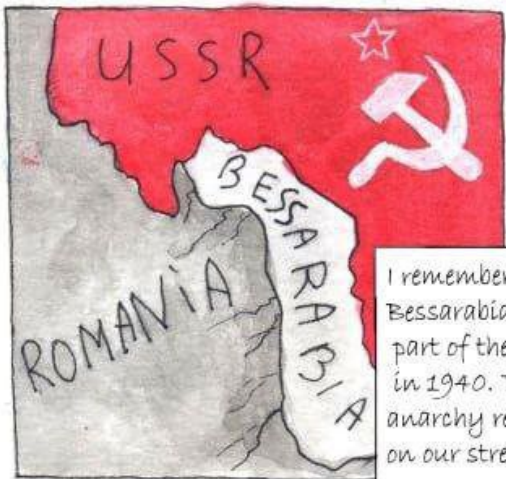
In the morning, when it was necessary to tell the poem I couldn't remember it and burst into tears



I hope my parents won't notice me.
 Let this beanpole eat all she wants, just to gain a little weight



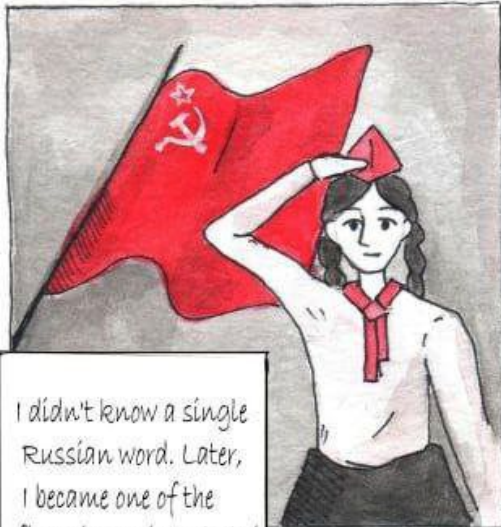
When I came home, my father played records with Jewish music. And when guests came to us, we sang, danced and told each other different stories.



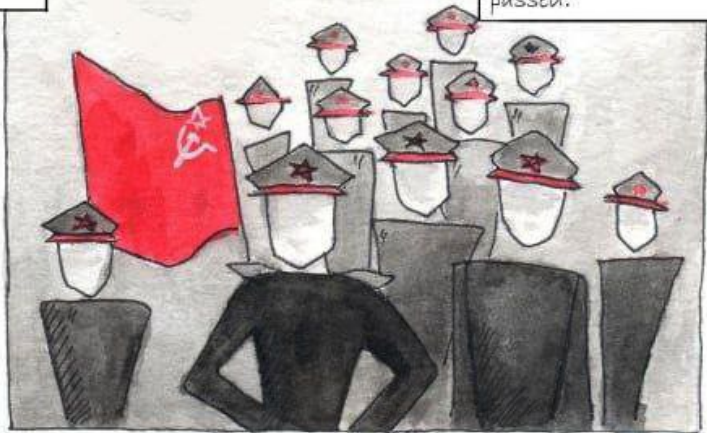
I remember how Bessarabia became part of the USSR in 1940. Then anarchy reigned on our streets.



Everyone went outside and escorted the Romanian soldiers. The euphoria of liberation quickly passed.



I didn't know a single Russian word. Later, I became one of the first pioneer in Faleshti.



Where should we study now if Romanian schools are closed?

I think we will be transferred to the Russian school

But we don't know Russian language



A Russian school was opened in the town.



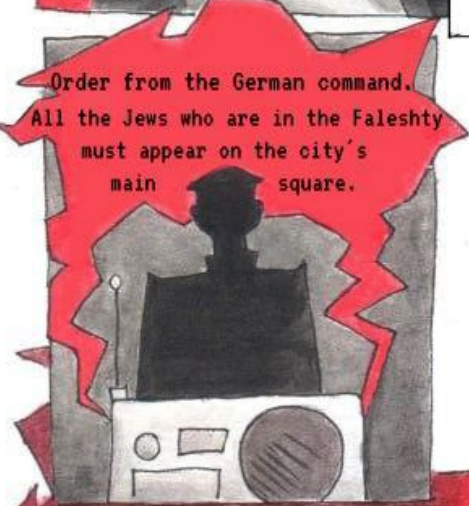
There was not enough food in the shops.

Attention.
Moscow speaks. We are sending you an important government message. Citizens and Citizens of the Soviet Union. This morning at 4 a.m., without any declaration of war, German troops...

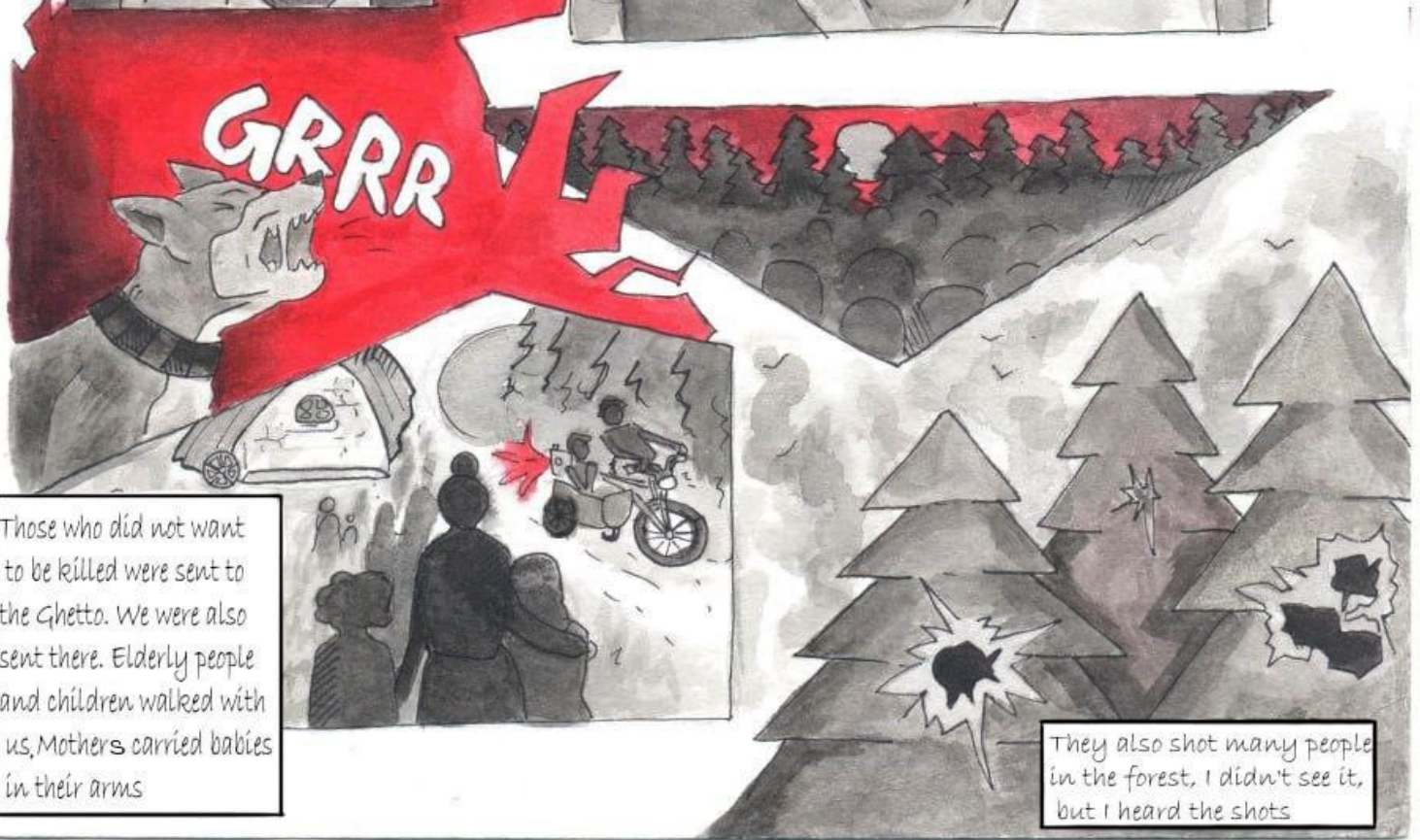


That day my grandfather Shloime, aunt Sheind and her one-year-old daughter Ester, my mother's pregnant sister Nekamd and her husband Shopse along with his mother were shot, the Germans also shot my father's sister Feige, her husband and their daughters. About 200 people were killed that day.

They captured us



Order from the German command.
All the Jews who are in the Faleshty must appear on the city's main square.



Those who did not want to be killed were sent to the Ghetto. We were also sent there. Elderly people and children walked with us. Mothers carried babies in their arms

They also shot many people in the forest, I didn't see it, but I heard the shots



Hei, tu ce faci aici. De unde ai venit și cum ai ajuns în Yampol?

Hey, what are you doing here? Where did you come from and how did you end up in Yampol?

Give these kids smth.!!! to eat
Dă-le acestor copii ceva de mâncare !!!



We were sent to the ghetto, it was guarded by Romanian gendarmes. We were accommodated in former cowsheds. It was very cold there and everyone wanted to eat.

I believe!

We'll stay alive!



There were nothing to eat. That's why my mother and I decided to start knitting clothes.

Here are your knitted clothes



Come in!

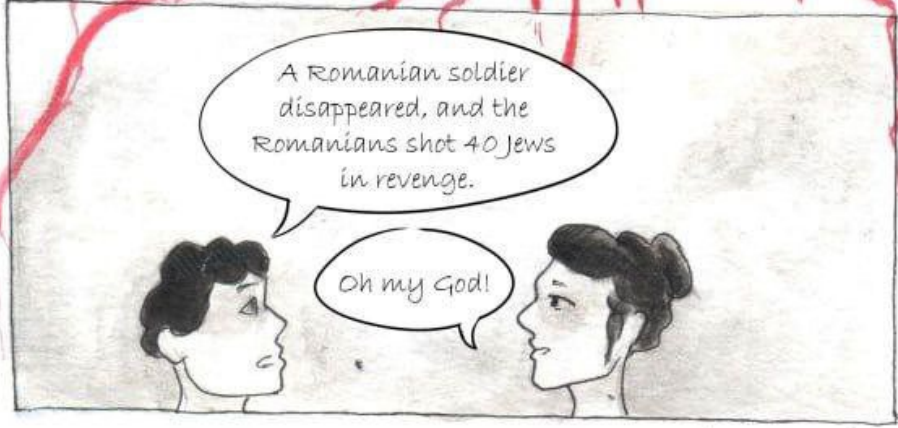
I saw a group of Jews accompanied by gendarmes. It must be dangerous

Thank you

GHETTO

A Romanian soldier disappeared, and the Romanians shot 40 Jews in revenge.

Oh my God!



March
1942

In 1942, my sister
and my cousin were born.

That's it,
you did it well

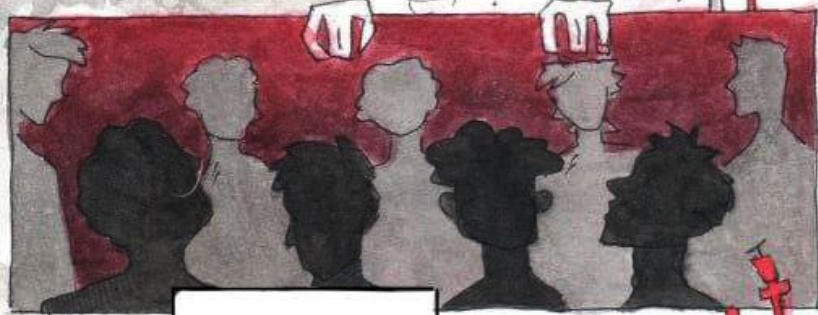
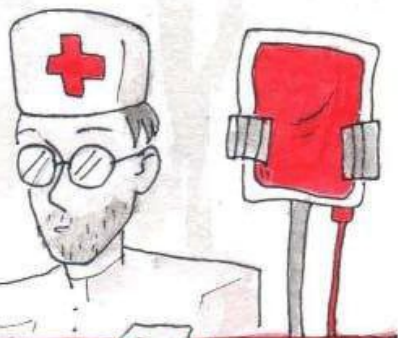
A women who
lived near us
taught me
how to swaddle

I hope, she's
comfortable

March
1942

In may 1943 another
tragedy occurred.
Wounded German
soldiers were treated.
They ran out of blood

We don't have enough blood.
I need some guys for a
transfusion.
I have to take all blood



Romanians
ordered all the men
to step forward. They were
hanged on gallows.

MYKOLAIV

Later my father and
other men were sent to build a
bridge in Mykolaiiv

How far do you
think we have to go?

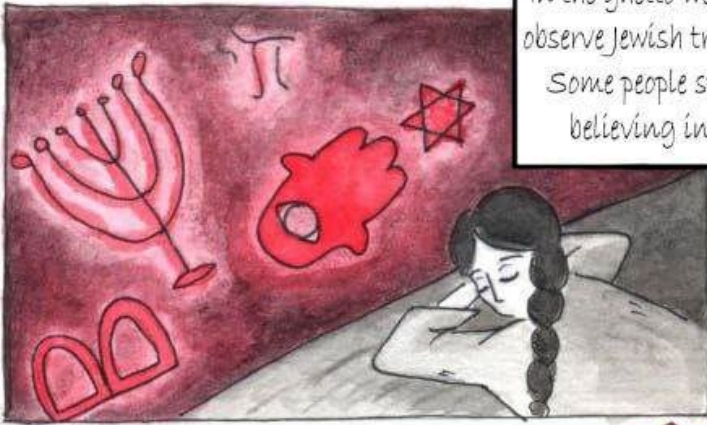
Approximately
300 km

I'm already tired

Work faster!

Here you are





In the ghetto we did not observe Jewish traditions
Some people stopped believing in God



We haven't celebrated our holidays in such a long time!

Yes, I feel sad about it too.



Ordinul Fuhrerului.
Eliberati prizonierii.
Vor muri oricum.

The Fuhrer's order.
Release the prisoners.
They will die anyway

Da!

Yes!



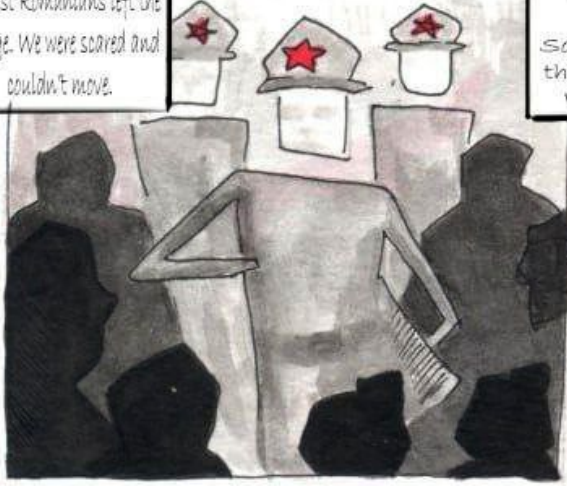
They successfully returned to the ghetto



My father was released He dragged uncle or carried him on his back all the way

24.03.1944

At first Romanians left the village. We were scared and couldn't move.



On March 24, 1944 When Soviet troops entered the village of Ustya. We were liberated.



I remember that we walked along the front line. Despite of all the danger, we returned home

I finished Russian school with silver medal.



Finally, school is over! Now I can study in a university.

There were a lot of Jews in the city. We went to a synagogue.



We moved to Chernivtsi



I studied well in the university. I became the Komsomol leader of the students of my year. But later was almost expelled from the university



STALIN DIED!

I got married in 1952. My husband name is Boris



We were sad. Then Khrushchev told us the truth about the tyranny of Stalin

My parents wanted us to have a traditional Jewish wedding. But my husband was a communist. Therefore, it was unacceptable



After graduating from the university I was offered a job in a Ukrainian school

I was working there until I retired. I loved my job

But before it I had some problems

on may 22, 1959
my daughter
was born. Her name
is Polina

Polina, my dear
Polina



Peśia-Perl

Former residents of the
ghetto have problems with
pregnancy due to difficult living
conditions in childhood.
I am sorry



Fortunately
everything is
fine now.

we celebrated Soviet
holidays at home.
we loved them
very much



Also we celebrated
Jewish holidays
after the war



My father died in
1968. Fifteen years
later, my mother died too.
We buried them in
Jewish cemetery.

My siblings graduated
from the technical
school of light
industry in
Chernivtsi



Polina graduated from high
school and music school.
But she entered the music
pedagogy college
in Ivano-Frankivsk

Mom, how are
my aunt and
uncle doing?

Your uncle is
working as silent-
engineer. He has a
wife and two children,
Now he lives in Israel
Your aunt is working
as a craftswomen
in a shop



After it she moved to
Chernivtsi and
became a music teacher.



In the late 1980s my husband and I made a club for elderly people



I'm really glad to see you in our club!

Thank you for doing these essential things!

Thanks, dear!

Here is information you needed. Ipsum



In 1995 my husband founded the radio program called 'Dos Yiddish Worth'.



I help him collect material for the program. Every three months we release a program about Jewish stories.

My husband and I take an active part in the work of Hased. In 1980 I began collecting data about Holocaust victims. I consider it my duty to do everything to contribute to the memory of innocent people who lived during terrible and tragic events.



IT'S NECESSARY TO TALK ABOUT IT IF WE DON'T WANT IT TO HAPPEN AGAIN