

Voices of Survivors

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I got myself oriented then and I knew where I was. So I started walking and I see a lady taking a cow to pasture. And I said 'is this Julia Symchuck' because I didn't want to give away names to endanger these people. And she said 'Da' and I started running up on a hill, running towards her with a huge camera in those days and she thought I was KGB. She was very frightened because I was yelling 'Julia! Julia!' And I mentioned my name, doesn't ring a bell. Then I mentioned my mother's name and she almost fainted. Mary Symchuck, her mother, was dead. But her father was senile; he didn't know who I was. He was over 90-some years old then at that time.

And immediately I started working to bring Julia to the United States.

If you ever go to Israel, you will see on the Righteous Avenue their name, the Symchucks' name. If you go to Washington DC at the Memorial Museum under Ukraine who helped the Jews, the Symchucks' name is also there for helping our family.