

Kindertransport and My Family: Safta Hannah's Journey

“Mama said that she and Papa would get to England in about six weeks, God willing”-

Olga Levy Drucker, *Kindertransport*

The Holocaust caused the Kindertransport. The Kindertransport happened extremely close to my family, because my Great Grandmother (Safta Hannah) rode the Kindertransport. It took place in the book I read, *Kindertransport* by Olga Levy Drucker. When reading this book, I learned about my family's past. By riding the Kindertransport Safta Hannah saved me and all of my family and we just barely dodged a bullet that killed six million Jews. Safta Hannah persevered even after she left Germany, her home country.

Something that surprised me was that the Nazis could live with the knowledge that they split up multiple families. Once Safta Hannah left Nazi Germany she never saw her mother nor her father ever again, unlike Olga. However she may have been expecting her parents to join her in England or the United States of America, despite very slim chances.

Safta Hannah is a very inspirational person. She resumed her life after the Holocaust, yet she knew that her parents were murdered. After the war Safta Hannah never held a grudge, and she realized that there was no reason to hate the Germans. After all they were Germans, not Nazi Germans: a different citizenship, a different country.

She had to survive the London Blitz. Even after she survived the Blitz, my Great Grandmother still had to wait for the Third Reich to fall. Afterwards she moved to Israel and continued to live life to the fullest. In fact, she is still alive today. There is a lot that we can learn from Safta Hannah's outlook on life.

*“If we bear all this suffering and if there are still Jews left, when it is over, then Jews, instead of being doomed, will be held up as an example.” — Anne Frank*

Just as the Jewish people, Safta Hannah is a huge part of my life. She is a large inspiration to me, because of all she the horrors she was put through, and how she was able to pull through, and survive.