

# It wasn't a traditional family

**“I have not been to the synagogue in my life. We didn't celebrate holidays at all” – says the Survivor Marian Kalwary (born 1930) in the eighth episode of ‘ The Message’ series, entitled ‘It wasn't a traditional family’. Jewish Warsaw of the twentieth century interwar period was characterized by great cultural, political and religious diversity, resulting in a rich, mosaic image. In this film, the following individuals talk about their families and pre-war life:**

- **Barbara Marlow (born 1931) – a Survivor who as a scout participated in the Warsaw Uprising;**
- **Larissa Cain nee Sztorchan (b. 1931) – a Survivor;**
- **Wacław Izaak Kornblum (born 1926) – a Survivor, author of the book ‘Memories. My version’;**
- **Katarzyna Meloch (born 1932) – a Survivor.**

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From the interviews recorded at that time, we chose parts concerning the uprising and functioning of the Warsaw Ghetto – from the moment of its creation to its tragic end, as well as statements about pre-war, Jewish-Polish Warsaw.

The message is the main thought contained in someone's statement – each of us can find it in a different part of the presented memories.

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