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My father deleted purposely a lot of his history

My name is Shosh. It's Rejezele in yiddish. It's my grandmother's name, I'm called after her. I'm fifty four years old. I was born here, in Israel, two years after my parents came to Israel.

[My parents told me] very little [about their history in Lublin], about their childhood. My father didn't talk about his family a lot, mostly, whatever he told it was the relationship in the family, between themselves, because his father left home when he was an infant, about two years [old], and he didn't see his father since then, didn't know him, and, until now, no one knows who his father was. He left his family for Paris, for France. When his father left home, he left after him three children: my father, his sister and another one, older. And the mother was working very, very hard, of course, and they were very, very poor.

My mother went through the Keltz Pogrom. Only before seven years ago she was ready to tell me what had happened there. That means, that forty-something years I didn't know what she had really gone through and what was going on, what was the development that brought her to be in these pogrom. So, there's something that they were telling us like pieces of information, not really: "OK, let's see it all, I will ask the question and they will answer me". No. Whenever they feel like they remember something, they can tell me a little piece. Even the family name is not a usual one: the Wasąg. I've asked a lot of times: "What's it, what's the meaning of the word?"... They don't know. Two years ago I've found the meaning through the Internet and when I came home and I came to my father I said: "You know, I know what it is: Wasąg". So, he said: "Really?" And when I started to tell what it means, he said: "Yes, I know". "So why didn't you tell me until now? I'm looking for fifty years! I'm looking for the meaning!" "I don't know. I don't think it's important for you to know".

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