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The Voyage

We left from Genoa, Italy, on March the 10th, 1948 on the Nea Hellas, a Greek Ocean Liner. We were in the ocean for 2 1/2 weeks. Everyone was sea sick. When we got on the boat they gave us each \$5.00 American money. I bought cigarettes, which were 15 cents a package, and chocolate bars. I had never had such things. I really pigged out. In the concentration camp and in the D.P. (displaced persons) camp, we were smoking Maachorka- chopped wood wrapped in newspapers. There were about 115 Jewish kids on the boat. Ernest Shillinger was on the same ship, and so was Leslie Spiro. The ship landed in Halifax. A group of Jewish people from the community met us and gave us a beautiful reception.