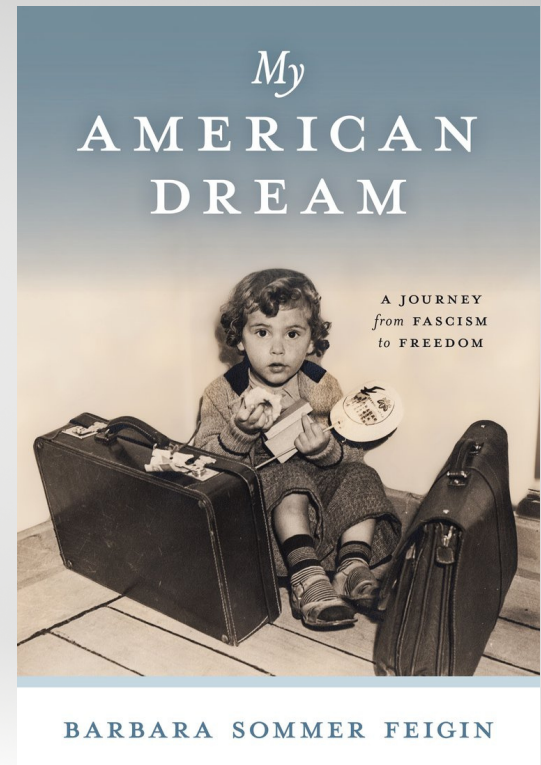


# MY AMERICAN DREAM: *A Journey from Fascism to Freedom*

On August 4, 1940, *The Seattle Times* featured a photo of a toddler sitting on a dock, surrounded by suitcases and looking dazed. After a harrowing journey with her parents, she'd just stepped off a boat and into her new life in America. Barbara Sommer Feigin was that little girl.



## SAMPLE INTERVIEW QUESTIONS

- What was your reaction when you learned about and later read your father's journal chronicling your family's escape from Nazi Germany? What were your thoughts. . .your feelings?
- What was settling in Chehalis like for your parents and for you?
- How did your mother's diagnosis of terminal cancer affect you and your family?
- Have you ever experienced antisemitism? Tell me about that.
- What was your experience like when you went to Boston for graduate school at the Harvard-Radcliffe Program in Business Administration (H-RPBA)? What were the positives and the negatives?
- What was it like to build a successful career in the male-dominated advertising industry in the 'Mad Men' era, a time when career-building opportunities for women were virtually non-existent?
- How did you feel about, more often than not, being the only woman in the room in meetings with senior executives and corporate directors? How did you handle that?
- How did your family handle your husband's very serious strokes when he was quite young? How were all of you affected?
- What was it like for you to become your husband's caregiver-in-chief and to take over sole management of the family's affairs after his strokes, while at the same time taking on even more responsibilities in your career? How did you manage that?
- How did you tackle re-inventing yourself after your husband's death?
- What do you believe is your greatest accomplishment?
- What do you hope to accomplish with your book?

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