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Sylvia "Susie" Klingner

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Leslie McCartney, interviewer

Susie Klingner talked about going to Israel. She remembered that Dr. Krauss said she needed to improve how she could express herself in whatever language she was learning. She belonged to a group of people who studied Hebrew together. She met two people who started special ed in Israel on the plane. She did different things while in Israel. She worked in a Kibbutz and detailed how they could move from agriculture to industrial. She helped to develop business in Israel and teaching while she was there. After 1967 many of the regular teachers were in service. She taught special education and eighth graders literature. She also taught music appreciation and art. She received a master's degree in religious studies later in her life. It was the first time a university in Missouri offered religious studies. The head of the department asked her to study there.

She went to Israel several times including from 1967-69. She always returned to her family farm which has been in her family for several generations.

Leslie asked about changes she has seen in the university. Klingner said they have had fabulous changes at the university. She discussed some of the changes that she has noticed including the library. The old library didn't have the books that she wanted. She talked about the library access she had in Missouri. She said she still knows Neil Brown and Bill Stringer. She talked about one of her distant relatives that lived here in Fairbanks while she was attending school.