

COLLECTING PINE TAR

(From the picture): "July 1942. My father had been collecting pine tar for a local landowner when the Gestapo ordered my brother Ruven to report to Janiszew labor camp. My mother pleaded with my father to go in my brother's place, crying that he would not survive after his recent recovery from typhoid. My father said that neither one of them would go, and took my brother into the forest with him. They had built a hut for themselves where they slept and worked. For the rest of that summer, my mother would bring food to them, and sometimes I would go with her."

Embroidery and fabric collage, 1996