

RUTH PEARL

BIOGRAPHICAL PROFILE



Ruth Pearl was born in Baghdad, Iraq, on November 10, 1935. In June 1941, she witnessed the Farhud — an attack on Jewish homes and businesses in Iraq in which hundreds were killed or wounded. In the aftermath of the Farhud, Ruth’s family fled to British Mandatory Palestine, later Israel, where they stayed in a refugee camp. She would later join the Israeli Navy, and study at the Technion – Israel Institute of Technology. In 2002, Ruth’s son, Daniel — then the Wall Street Journal’s South Asia Bureau Chief — was kidnapped and murdered by terrorists in Pakistan. She and her family established the Daniel Pearl Foundation in his memory. Ruth was interviewed in Encino, California on February 2, 2014.