
Gerri Dube

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SUMMARY

Gerri Dube moved from Pittsburgh to attend the University of Washington. After settling on Mercer Island and starting a family, she fostered an especially strong connection with the Stroum Jewish Community Center. She discusses the importance Seattle Jewish Film Festival as an educational tool.

Ruth Kodish-Eskind: Okay. I'm Ruth Coates. We're at the Seattle Jewish Film Festival and it's March 30th, 2025. Can you state your name, please?

Gerri Dube: Hi, my name is Jerry Dubay.

Ruth Kodish-Eskind: May I have your consent to record this interview?

Gerri Dube: Yes. Of course.

Ruth Kodish-Eskind: Um, so what's your relationship to the film festival or to the JCC?

Gerri Dube: Um, well, I've been part of the Jewish community, Jewish community here in Seattle for the last 60 years. I moved here from Pittsburgh, PA, and, uh, to attend school at UW. And, um, one of the first things I wanted to do was connect with the Jewish community. And, uh, after my husband and I moved to Mercer Island in particular, um, and had our children, our two little girls, we definitely wanted to be part of the JCC. SEC.

Ruth Kodish-Eskind: So you raised your kids in the JCC?

Gerri Dube: Yes.

Ruth Kodish-Eskind: Yeah.

Gerri Dube: Yes. Participating.

Ruth Kodish-Eskind: What kinds of things did they do here?

Gerri Dube: Well, they went to camp here, and I went to exercise classes and, um, Purim parties.

Ruth Kodish-Eskind: Great. Um, what about the film festival? Is this your first time coming or.

Gerri Dube: Um, for the film festival? Yes it is. I have been part of the film festival, but kind of chasing the films, uh, closer to where I live, which is currently West Seattle. So I would look for movies and things that were a little bit closer to home. But I do come to the JCC for, uh, speakers and entertainment.

Ruth Kodish-Eskind: Yeah. Um, how do you understand the role of the film festival in Jewish community or in Jewish life?

Geri Dube: It's very important. It's an educator, um, for Jews and non-Jews alike, to really see what's going on in the world as it was and as it is today. Um, I believe that the arts are wonderful way of doing that. Thank you.

Ruth Kodish-Eskind: Um, and you're on your way into Carla, the rescuer. Why did you choose this movie?

Geri Dube: I'm so glad you asked that. Um, I was made aware of this particular, uh, movie by my daughter, Elana Kennedy, who is the CEO, director of the Holocaust Center here in Seattle. And, um, she said, mom, I think there's a movie that you would really enjoy. And the speaker will be Carla herself. So that's what brought us here.

Ruth Kodish-Eskind: Amazing. Thank you so much for participating.

Geri Dube: Thank you so much.