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Summary

Sol Urbach was born in 1926 in Kalwaria Zebrzydowska, a town outside of Krakow, Poland. In 1928 Sol's family moved to Romania but in 1933 the family moved back to Poland in a town outside Krakow called Borageskvia (unsure about spelling). By 1934, Sol spoke fluent Polish and is one six children in a family of eight. In 1939 Sol's family planned to flee but did not get very and ended up returning home and by September the Germans had invaded. By the year 1941, Sol's family was forced to move to Krakow ghetto, and he was the last in his family to join them due to leaving alone in a furniture shop he worked at. Eventually Sol ended up working for Schindler and his factory and in March of 1943 Krakow Ghetto was liquidated (Sol believes that his family was killed during the liquidation of the ghetto) but Sol was taken in by Schindler. Into 1944, Sol was working for Schindler and living in his camp. In September 1944, Sol was shipped to Kraków Plaszow and then to Gross Rosen but Schindler managed to pull some strings and get Sol and other Jews sent to his camp in Brunnlitz, Czechoslovakia. During Sol's time there he worked in Schindler's textile factory and stole food and items for people. On May 7, 1945 Schindler notified the inmates that the Germans were likely to surrender, and he provided weapons for them to defend themselves with. On May 9, 1945 the Russian army approached the camp and freed everyone and so at the age of 19 Sol was no longer a prisoner. Afterwards Sol joined a group of 17 people and returned to Krakow, Poland to find what was left of his home and what he knew. After finding nothing left at home and due to increasing anti-Semitism, Sol and a friend traveled to Czechoslovakia and then moved to Bamberg, Germany. Between 1945-1949 Sol worked as a radio mechanic and studied for school in Germany. In 1949, Sol moved to the United States and lived with his Aunt and Uncle. A year later in 1950 Sol married Ada Birnbaum and they had three children who were born between 1952 and 1960. Sol and Ada lived in New York for a while and then eventually in 1951 they moved to Fleming, New Jersey where Sol started a successful building business with a friend.