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**Summary**

Shlomo Avraham Weinglas (Wajnglas) was born on February 15, 1924, the seventh of 10 children; growing up in a village outside of Nowe-Miasto near Radom and moving to Lodz in 1935 at age of 11; family's poverty; before start of war oldest brother Yitchak Dovid (Vein) in U.S., other brother Yisroel in Paris, France, and two sisters Hana Miriam and Chaya married with children; Hana Miriam survives in Soviet Union; Chaya executed because of contacts with partisans; brother Shaya Yaakov also survives in USSR; next oldest brother Shmuel Hersh in living separately in Lodz with wife, younger siblings, Lazer (later Leon), and two sisters; sees first Germans on September 3, 1939; closing ghetto; family already living there but sharing small apartment with others; ten people sleeping in one room; early hardships and food and fuel scarcity; smuggling in early days of ghetto; father dying of starvation in 1942 at age 60; attitudes towards Chaim Rumkowski, Jewish police and Dawid Gertler; work in saddler workshop; brother witnessing Sperre Aktion rounding up children, elderly and infirmed; liquidation of ghetto in August 1944; Germans polite during deportation to deceive people that deportations were benign; going to Auschwitz together with mother, Lazer and younger sisters; Shmuel Hersh deported separately with wife and child; mother and sisters sent immediately to gas chambers; staying in Auschwitz for a short while and then transferring to Kaufering; staying in Lager 4; building underground cement bunker for Holtzman und moll commando; contracting typhoid; transferring to Allach with Lazer shortly before liberation; liberation by Americans and speaking to Jewish soldiers; going to Feldafing DP Camp; returning to Lodz and finding older brother Shmuel Hersh bringing him to Feldafing; reuniting with older brother Yisroel in Paris and later moving to Israel in 1949; marrying in Israel; coming to United States in November 1953; of extended family of 100 only handful survived.