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Jacob Kalkstein b. 10/11/1913 Wuppertal, Germany; middle-class family; father (died 53 yrs.) owned men's clothing store; discussion re: Germany's "no separation of Church & state...classmates permitted to shout at Jacob & two Jewish classmates "You killed my Jesus Christ."; born German, but being Jewish, not considered "German citizen"; father (described as "Zionist" acc to Jacob) paid tax for family seats in synagogue; Jacob, member of Social Democratic Party; after Hitler came to power, first members of extended family killed; Jacob, selling tailor supplies-having to be "paid under table"; (21 yrs.) with papers to US, told "would have to leave Mother" so stayed; sister fled to Holland (survived); another sister "shipped to Auschwitz - did not survive"; common belief of "Never can happen in German" but around 1933, "People started disappearing, found them in rivers - all over the place."; discussion re: political leaders' lack of action; witnessing anti-Semitic attack on friend; in round-up of Jews, "told can take one suitcase"; taken by trucks to railroad station..."shipped us out (to Poland)...placed in open fields (Nov temps)-people went crazy there"; Jacob now 25 yrs., taken in by kind Polish family; Jacob wanting to go into town but they told, "Poland, nice place, but not for you."; Jacob doesn't listen, leaves to find family; taken in by uncle but warned "Don't say hello (to Polish)-talking to Jews for them is bad luck."; scolded by Nazi soldier for not lifting hat to him; Jacob's time in Zamosc; forced labor cleaning swamps, malaria/typhoid outbreaks; Jacob, able to speak German, negotiating/bribing Judenrat (able to obtain potatoes/horse meat/bread); becoming part of underground; Jacob having to dig own grave but SS changed his mind last minute & ordered 35 lashes on Jacob; taken to "Moci" camp (as spelled by Jacob) (Mokre camp near Zamosc?); Jacob's passport under grandmother's maiden name "Tepich"; attorney Mieczyslaw Garfinkel; Zamosc ghetto liquidated, march out of "People dying like flies."; (Summer 1943); able to get mother/grandmother placed on farm, paid rent, visited, but "Last time I saw them."; Jacob "shipped out to Majdanek"; Kapo requests 6 belts from prisoners, next morning saw "6 men hanging"; "Life in your hands if you tried to get drink of water...People that died overnight went on wagon to crematorium."; developing "elephant leg" - a dr. offered to cut it off but another (practicing natural medicine) told Jacob to wash leaves and tie them on with clothing, "When it starts to burn, put on another," if leg's swelling had been seen by SS, Jacob would have been killed; prisoners ordered to showers, "We were in there, ready to die." (later in interview cites "We were surprised when water came out of the shower."); "We were the only transport shipped out of Majdanek" (early Spring 1944); More on Majdanek: "No hope there"; catching typhus "Told to keep drinking water, only way I survived."; "No conversations at night because you had to keep quiet"; forced labor 7 days/wk (7-6pm), portion daily bread, can of soup "almost water with few potatoes"; prisoners jealous of the dead, admiring a deceased, "He got it made."; transport to ammunition factory 1:18:30 (Scar-ji-ska)? ammunition factory, forced labor 7am-7pm shifts, alternating night shifts, "People losing fingers - they didn't get any sleep"; force feeding someone who was giving up; liberation; hitching ride on Russian tanker to Zamosc (found cousin alive but "corpses all over the place"); "No water in Berlin."; reuniting with Wuppertal survivors; marriage; experiences changed Jacob "I'm very nervous."; discusses friend who lost two legs in Holocaust; "Everyone should make it possible to believe what happened - it's hard to believe. I would never believe what people could do to each other."