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Summary

Larry Heimlich b. 1922 in a small village (during war-Czechoslovakia); Germans invade & steal family farm; Larry taken to forced labor camp (building roads), parents killed at Auschwitz, brother killed in another forced labor camp, sister survives; Orthodox upbringing; building roads under Hungarian guards; liberated by Russian Army on Russian/Hungarian border; return to village, able to retrieve family belongings; meeting future wife (Auschwitz survivor), marriage 1946; couple spent 4 yrs. Traunstein DP Camp, became policeman in camp; immigration to US, settles in Skokie, becomes electrician; Larry shares earliest memories of Illinois Holocaust Museum & Education Center - becomes member of Bd. of Directors; serves as on electrical work contractor for new museum bldg; discussion on other board members; Larry's son Michael Heimlich joins board; Larry shares documents, photographs from his time of service to museum.