

**Summary of Oral History:** George Hindels

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George Hindels, interviewed by his daughter, describes his early life, born in Vienna on February 13, 1914; his mother, Adele Weiss, born 1885 in Nitra, Czechoslovakia (now Slovakia) before moving to Langenzersdorf near Vienna; his father, Henry, born in 1877 in Schtupperval (?); describes his parents siblings; his early schooling and religious activities; his father's work as a salesman in various fields; his mother worked as a dressmaker, who opened a business in 1924; describes his impressions of Vienna and his family's activities there; his growing involvement in the Laweiss (?) Zionist organization and Haganah; his experiences of local anti-Semitism; his decision to become a dentist starting in 1933; his view of the changes arising after the Anschluss; his description of his activities as a young man including attending the Zionist Congress in 1931; his application for a visa in 1932 when Hitler came to power, which allowed him to eventually be included in the quota in 1939; his imprisonment in Buchenwald and Dachau starting in May 1938 with descriptions of life during that time, including memories of Theo Klein, tortures that he witnessed, and deterioration of humanity among the prisoners; his release in 1939 when his U.S. visa came through; his description of his parents' forced relocation to another apartment; his departure for the U.S. on April 30, 1939 via Paris for the *Aquitania* arriving in New York on May 16; his arrangement a U.S. visa for his parents and the departure of his parents in April 1940 just before a scheduled deportation to Poland; his parents departure to the U.S. from Kobe Japan via the Trans-Siberian Railway to Japan, arriving in April 1941.