

Carl Ofisher Phoenix, Az

Born- January 5, 1926 in Louch (ph), Poland, 200,000 Jews in town Carl had two sisters and one brother 1939- September, war started, Carl was 13 years old. German invade Poland , gave out Jewish stars for Jews to wear 1940- May, established ghetto, surrounded town with barbed wire- 180,000 Jews lived with in fenced in area. They lived crowded in apartments and factories were made for Jews to work in. Starvation was everywhere. Selections were constantly being made, synagogue was burned to the ground. All babies and very small children were killed, including earl's niece.

1942- father died in Carl's arms from starvation. 1~44- stayed in Ghetto until Germans came and eliminated ghetto. traveled in cattle cars to Birkenau where they were divided left and right by Dr. Mengele. Mother went to the left to be killed in the gas chambers. Carl was sent to Au~chewit~ and was trained to be a brick layer, to build crematorium. Ende up carrying bags of cement around instead. There were constant beatings, torture and starvation. 1944- rode in cattle cars to camp Saxonhausen ~PH) in Germany

Tape 2 At Saxonhausen, special barraks for blacks, gypsies and Jews 1945- March of Death- six nights, seven days marched in *he winter to new camp. Liberosen(ph), stayed a short while there and then to Austria to Camp Mathaus (ph). Worked at both these camps and then went to another camp in Austria, Gunsgir (ph) in May 1945 . On May 4, 1945 Carl came into Barrack to sllep and couldn't find a place, he climbed up on a high beam to sleep. He woke up later in the hospital, here he learned that he had fallenand was placed in the pile of dead. He was found on May 5, 1945 b~ the liberating American Soldiers. Carl stayed in the hospital for 6 weeks and then went to find his family and found no one. 1949- got married to a Russian girl Carl had become an Alcoholic. He found out his wife was pregnant and quit. He had lived in a displaced person's camp for 6 years after the war. His son was born in 1950 and in~L951 her went to the U. S. They lived in Chicago and worked for a chemical company. They had a daughter in 1954. In 1 984, they moved to Phoenix mainly f or health reasons .