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Summary

Marvin Newman, born on 10 Oct 1929, describes growing up in Jasina, Czechoslovakia (now Yasinia, Ukraine) near the border of Galicia Poland; his father working as a farmer and making pots, pans and gutters; having six brothers and two sisters; being the second oldest child with the oldest child being four years older than he; his education ending when he was 10 years old; being taken by the Germans and spending 2.5 days running back home; his entire family being transported to Hungary via train in October/November 1943; spending 2-3 weeks in February-March 1944 in a cemetery; being transported with his entire family to Auschwitz and arriving in Birkenau; being separated from his family with his mom, four brothers, and two sisters being sent immediately to the gas chambers and his older brother, he and his dad being sent to work but never seeing his older brother and father again; his father dying ten days after the liberation of Dachau; being sent next to Mauthausen via train; staying in Gusen II with 6-8 people per bed and three bunks stacked on top of each other; working at the Crematorium loading bodies and doing so for about 10 months; being assigned the number 67921; being sent on a death march to Austria in April of 1945 with 10000 other Jews until only 2000 remained; remaining there until liberation; guards shooting on the day of liberation and getting shot in his leg at the moment of liberation and being liberated on 8 May 1945; staying for two to three weeks before travelling to Czech; finding his older brother in Budapest and staying in Hungary before returning to a DP camp in Austria; getting a job with the US Army; making an application with the Children's Bureau as an orphan and being shipped to Bremer Harbor and onto Brooklyn, New York; getting the choice of Los Angeles, Chicago, Minneapolis, or Cleveland and choosing Cleveland; going to the Union to become a Bricklayer; meeting his wife at the corner where he lived in 1952 and marrying her in 1953; traveling to Israel in 1978 to visit distant relatives.