

Nathan Kalman

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October 15, 1909 - born Natan Kalmanowitz in Lodz, Poland

1925 - worked for father in textile business

1930 - joined Zionist organization

1934 - went to Cracow on kibbutz hachshara to prepare to go to Israel, kibbutz closed after 1 year

January 1, 1939 - married

September 9, 1939 - forced to leave their home, synagogues burned, 5 PM curfew

mother smuggled food to family, sold furniture to the Germans for coal

February 1940 - mother died

Ghetto established - had 2 days to move, 15 people with him

no bread, no heat, worked as a carpenter demolishing buildings, beaten

son Itzik born

Spring 1942 - Father died of gangrene, buried him in cemetery, 2 year old son died

Spring 1943 - deported by train to Auschwitz

had family picture in his shoe, appels, beaten with whips, swollen legs

Rosh Hashanah 1944- walked, then train to Gurlitz

worked in ammunition factory, beaten, # 54753 on his clothes

May 9, 1945 - liberated, weighed 80 pounds, difficult to walk, train to Lodz

Met Chana, married, went to Bricha organization and then to Bad Reichenhaub

Son born in Bergen-Belsen

1950 - came to US, settled in Scranton, Pennsylvania, had daughter

1955- went to Tucson because of emphysema

1969 - went to Israel

1989 - returned to the US