

**Ivan Becker**  
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June 14, 1929 - born Ivan Endre Becker in Budapest, Hungary

1938 - German restrictive laws passed. Uncle in US sent emigration papers, but Ivan's father thought they would be safe

1940 - Father taken into labor brigade

Curfews - Ivan couldn't go to gymnasium

Didn't like wearing yellow star

March 1944 - Germans marched in, not allowed to go to school, got job printing German-Army magazines - slept at factory, mother brought food

May 2, 1944 - apartment bombed, lived with another family, stayed in cellar

October 1944 - took star off, hair was light blond, was not stopped on the street

December 13, 1944 - Hungarian gendarmes rounded people up, walked to Budapest brick yard. Marched towards Austrian border. Strafed by Russian aircraft. Some people were shot, others committed suicide. Germans took newsreels of them.

At Hegyeshalom railroad station children were separated from adults. Man in black hat (Wallenberg) told him not to go back to Budapest. Got on train manned by Swedish adults.

December 24, 1944 - taken to Swedish house in Budapest.

Went to home of Kadar family, daughter took him to the Red Cross shelter, but he then went back to the Swedish house.

Marched into the Ghetto - took dead babies to the morgue

January 18, 1945 - Russians liberated the Ghetto. Went home, looked for parents

Joined the Young Communist League to get food. Involved with Aliyah Bet to get to Palestine.

December 1945 - went to DP Camp Bad Gastein, Austria

September 16, 1946 - came as a war orphan to US

1952 - drafted into US Army

1962 - married, has 2 sons