

Tibor Borsos
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March 12, 1927 - born in Budapest, Hungary

Catholic family, highly intellectual

1936 - family moved to Debrecen. Had many Jewish friends. Looked Jewish so sometimes called "dirty Jew"

December, 1941 - Family had an American flag, National Geographics and censored version of Time magazine

March 21, 1944 - family burned flag to be safe. Stored carpets, silver and jewelry for Jewish friends, hiding it in the University library. Mother was denounced, arrested and released.

May 1944 - Russians were near the Carpathian Mountains. Left Debrecen as family was anti-Communist and was known to be friendly towards Jews. Witnessed Jews being rounded up. Went to Budapest. Lived next door to a Swedish protected house.

Fall 1944 - schools closed.

December 1944 - family went to Halle a/d Saale where father taught in medical school

March 1945 - turned 18, drafted into Hungarian Army, rode on train for 2 months to avoid finding unit

May 8, 1945 - found brother in Mitterald. Patton's troops rounded him up, was taken to Ludwigshafen, then to another POW camp, Heilbrun on the Neckar River.

Went to Gottingen in the British Occupation Zone

December 10, 1949 - sailed to the US on USS Harry Taylor

Came to Washington, DC - received Ph. D in Chemistry at Johns Hopkins

Does cancer research at NIH

Wife is a survivor of Bergen-Belsen

Sorry he was not born Jewish, but considers himself emotionally, intellectually and culturally Jewish