

Michel Margosis

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Born Michel Margosis in Brussels, Belgium on September 2, 1928

Post-Holocaust / Museum Volunteer

June 22, 1943 - landed in Philadelphia

taken in by father's cousin in Brooklyn, then to foster home

would hide near a curb when a plane flew overhead

1946 - parents came to US

1947- graduated from high school

1949 -became a citizen

1951 - graduated with honors from Brooklyn College

Enlisted in Army - sent to Germany as an interpreter but requested to be transferred

Became a medic near Verdun

Felt very American, but did not speak about childhood o other soldiers

Has no desire to see Germany today

Works at the Museum doing translations, Speakers Bureau

has a hard time viewing 3rd floor exhibits

translated the Museum guide into French

Survivors are of great value because they were a part of history

Feels he has to talk about the past

Was featured in the book "The Triumphant Spirit" by Nicholas del Calzo