

Joseph Koplewicz

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Born December 7, 1915 in Kielce, Poland

1932 - studied law in Warsaw, beaten by the students

September 2, 1939 building bombed, went back to Kielce to visit parents, jailed by SS for 2 days. Went back to Warsaw - helped Jews to sell apartments to non-Jews

Warsaw Ghetto - not active in resistance, was given a gun with no bullets during uprising

Germans captured him, taken to Lipowa, sub-camp of Majdanek

4/ 30/ 43-2/ 14/ 44 - went with 60 men to Budzyn, had malaria, marched to work at

Heinkel aircraft factory, dreamt of socks, underwear, potatoes

2/ 16-7/ 24/ 44 - sent to Mielec, taught to be a draftsman, got beaten. Labor camp

became a concentration camp, given a uniform, had KL on his arm

7/ 25 - 8 / 1/ 44 - in Wieliczka

8/10 - 1 0/ 44 - in Leitmaritz

10/ 23 to 10/ 29/ 44 - in Dachau, saw Horthy working as a gardener

10/ 29 - 12/ 1/ 44 - in Augsburg, sub-camp of Dachau, dug ditches for future airport

Leonburg - 12/ 1- 2/ 45

Kaufering - until 4/ 4 / 45 in Lager 1 and Lager 2

Landau 4/ 10 / 45

Ganager 4/ 19 - 4/ 29/ 45

On march to Landshut - he and 9 others hid by day, 2 SS captured then, but they ran away

and hid on a farm. Saw American jeep, met American Jewish officers

May 1, 1945 - freed in Eggenfelden

Train back to Poland - found his wife in Lodz heard that his mother and sister were deported to Treblinka

Went to Breslau, Berlin and Eggenfelden where he trained to be an auto mechanic

May 18, 1949 arrived in the US

Has 2 children

Has a metal box engraved with camp names and dates, by Bolek Gruenstein, a friend who traveled with him