

Michael Lin

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September 14, 1936 - Born Mordechai Abba Lin in Riga, Latvia

First memory - Russian tanks in 1940

June 28, 1941 - family fled by train, Michael injured by German aircraft bombing
stayed in Palkino for a month

Early August 1941 - train to central Asia to Andizhan, Uzbekistan to labor camp
lived in barrack, little food, malaria and pneumonia

1943 - Father drafted into Russian Army - never returned

December 1944 - Train with mother to Saragulka, Siberia, 500 km from Sverdlosk
Better conditions

May 1945 - Went back to Riga with mother
Not happy with mother's remarriage, ran away from home
Joined gang, went to high school, became a lathe operator

September 1955 - drafted into Russian Army, was not sent to Hungary
sent to Tarominsk, then to Nikolaiev, then to a collective farm

After Army, went to technical school, worked in power and diesel plant

1959 - Married, lived in Riga, took shipbuilding course

Fall 1969 - went with wife and son went to Israel

1971 - To US, worked in New Jersey
Went back to Israel, served in army for 6-7 weeks, returned to US

1973 - Wife and children got papers, came to US