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## HOLOCAUST SURVIVOR INTERVIEW WILLIAM BASEM

## SIDE I

3 brothers/2 sisters(1 brother, 1 sister perished)-Father, a Talmudic scholar and businessman-Mother as businesswomen-Traditional practice of religion and holidays-Sephardic practices-30 Jewish families in Carpathia-Schooling-Ukranians-Anti-Semitism-Labr camps-Flight to Budapest-Separation from family-Loss of freedom in Budapest-Raoul Wallenberg-Underground work-Well organized system of false passports-"Sewer" routes-escapees from Warwaw Ghetto led into Budapest through underground-Fate of captured Jews-Underground capture instructions-Capture by Hungarians-Escape into group of Jews being deported to Buchen-wald-Attempted escape from cattlecar-Arrival at Buchenwald in 1944-Comparison of Hungarians and Germans as oppressors

## SIDE 2

Survival-Barracks life-System of bread sharing-Transportation to Dachau after selection-Railroad repair brigade-Death by Allied bombers-March to Dachau-Brigade members' help during injury-Banding together with 3 former Wallenbert comrades in a death pact-Bond broken-Haunting memory-Love for humanity and tradition is what we must have for survival, not hate