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Born in Lystovoky Loetz Mikules, Czechoslovakia - February 25, 1922. Graduated gymnasium in 1940. Always wanted to be a doctor. 1939 - Czechoslovakia divided - independent Slovakia a puppet of Germany and Bohemia a protectorate under the German Government. Jewish male students not allowed to get higher education. Father was an electrical contractor. Business was taken over by Aryan, but father worked for him, and Adam allowed to work for him. After July, 1940, Slovakian laws became stricter. His father and his children were exceptions - not have to wear stars. March, 1942, first transport to work camps. His sister did not come back from Auschwitz - gassed by August, 1942. SS man came to family and offered to get sister out of Aushwitz. Wanted money. He never came back. Kept his exemption, but knew time would come when he be deported or have to get away. Four families plus Adam's paid Communists to build a bunker in the mountains. Completed in 1943 and stocked for supplies for one year. End of 1944, conditions for Germany bad and Slovakia still occupied. President of Slovakia decreed to get them out. (?) Partisan revolution in Slovakia in August 1944. Went to bunker, panzers entered town. Partisans came to bunker and told them had to share bunker with them. Did it because they felt safe. Adam ~~Adam~~ had gun and went to Slovakian peasants to get food. December 15, 1944, bunker burned down. Partisans fought for bunker. Little brother ran out of cave. Family thought that they lost him. Taken in by village family. Brother liberated in January, 1945, rest of family in April, 1945. They moved into a cave and built another bunker. Soldiers came to get them April 7, 1945. Czech soldier asked if they were Jews and took them to liberated area.

Side B

Went back to home town, house destroyed. Population not nice -- not want to give things back. Father buried electrical equipment in backyard. May 1, 1945 - August 1948 attended medical school. February, 1948, Czechoslovakia under Communist. Father had Aunt in Cleveland. Adam got accepted to Cleveland College, but at age 26 he would have to start over as a freshman. Got a job in an assylum, told a Chiropodist his story, and Adam became a Podiatrist. Has two children. Father died at 86. Brother still in Czechoslovakia. Seven to ten thousand people lived in his hometown. Seven hundred Jewish families * reform and conservative. Zionist organizations vocal after the war. Thought he wanted to go to Palestine because of the treatment of the Jews, but got into medical school. Met future wife in Czech medical school. Came to the U.S. in January, 1948. Non-Jews in hometown - Protestant and Catholic. Catholic's joined Hitler's party. Protestants fought Catholics - helped Jews. He had papers saying he converted to Protestant. In 1943, two Jewish boys escaped from Aushwitz - hid in Adam's house - hid in lumber train and got to Switzerland. Told their story, but no one believed them.