

Philip Bialowitz

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Born 1929 - Izbica, Poland. Religious background. All but two brothers exterminated. 1939-very young. Germans took two brothers and father to work. Separated and humiliated Jews. Izbica transit place for Jews. Escaped from transports many times. Played dead at cemetery where many shot - family hid him. Continued until 1943. During Warsaw Ghetto uprising - Izbica liquidated. Ghetto taken to Sobibor. He and brother replaced workers - rest of family burned. Sorted clothes and other jobs. Forty people organized uprising - wanted rest of world to know - killed eleven Gestapo. Philip was messenger. He and brother escaped. Hid for one year. Fourteen of fifteen when liberated. Two hundred people in transports. Most from Holland - only Poles knew going to death. Three hundred people transported by truck to camp. Camp conditions - little food, beatings. Always waiting to be exterminated. Sobibor a secret camp-people killed quickly. Liberated by Russians in Poland. Almost killed by Poles because he was a Jewish survivor - Polish police told Russians he was Gestapo. Russians tried to help at first - told to go to big cities it was safer. Went to German D.P. camp - 4 to 5 years - board, food, work, and education. Lives experiences daily. Joint Distribution Committee got him to Columbus, Ohio.