

RG-50.120 #033 3 Tapes  
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#### Tape 1

- 1.01 Born in Vilnius, one brother. Father worked in Zionist organization. Describes childhood, schools and education in Zionist youth group, Hashomer Hatzair.
- 1.28 1939. Heard from German refugees about the fate of Jews. Describes life under the Russians after the Ribbentrop agreement.
- 1.49 June 1941, war between Russia and Germany, the bombardment of Vilnius and his attempt to escape to the Russian zone which came to nil because they were surrounded by Germans.
- 1.55 Describes life in Vilnius under the Germans and the anti-Semitism of the Lithuanians.
- 2.10 His survival in the small ghetto. Describes the action of snatching 2000 Jews and transporting them.
- 2.15 Joined a work group outside the ghetto and was protected by Austrian supervisor. Describes work.
- 2.30 Describes life in the ghetto.
- 2.36 Joined the underground. Describes the organization , its functions and his own work.
- 2.47 Talked about head of Judenrat Glassman who resisted the Gestapo orders.
- 3.10 Describes the fate of Wittenberg.
- 3.26 1<sup>st</sup> of September, he and his group were transported to Tartu in Estonia and from there to coast town and Soski, Gorodenko, Yama work camps to build road to North front. Describes life in camp.
- 3.46 Describes camp underground and their efforts to join partisans. Describes life in camps.

#### Tape 2

- 4.01 Describes camp Soski. Met his mother and brother.
- 4.11 Returns to ghetto Vilnius, builds hiding place. Describes his bunker.  
[interlude]

- 4.24 Is sent to Kurome in Estonia. Describes SS Comander Engst.
- 4.36 Describes anti-Semitism of Estonians.
- 4.38 Camp was marched to Goldfitz. Describes.
- 4.50 Was taken on train to Lagedi, port in Estonia and from there by boat to Stutthof. Describes boat trip.
- 5.04 Describes population of Stutthof, conditions, relationships with Polish POWs. Trading in camp.
- 5.48 Describes the factory they were building, and the bombings of the factory.
- 6.00 They were marched out of the camp, in April 1945 and he and his brother escaped to the woods.
- 6.05 Liberation by the French and life in transition camp.
- 6.20 Gets to Verona on a train of Italian POWs.
- 6.25 Gets by train to Milano and meets people from Shomer Hatzair, then by train to Youth camp in Magento.
- 6.36 He joins the newly organized 'revenge' group and is sent to Innsbruck.
- 6.40 Describes Plan A to poison water sources of 4 large German cities. Plan B was to find and kill SS men. Relationship with Jewish Brigade.
- 6.50 He joins Jewish Brigade and awaits orders.
- 6.57 Describes his trip to Munich, his group there and his mission to go to Nurenberg.

### Tape 3

- 7.04 His thoughts about eh mission of the 'revenge' group. Preparation for Plan A to enter the Nurenberg court house and kill the defendants. Plan was given up.
- 7.19 Plan B was to get into the bakery of a large prison camp for the SS and poison the bread. He describes his work and in the bakery.
- 7.36 Worked in the bread storage building. Got poison in Europe for Plan B. Plan A was abandoned because too many Jews returned to Germany and could have been harmed in the process.
- 7.39 April 13 1946, describes the action of poisoning the breads.

- 8.03 His escape to Prague and the news that 200 SS were poisoned, the rest were saved by American Army.
- 8.13 Plans to get to Palestine.
- 8.16 His thoughts about the 'revenge' action.
- 8.19 Describes travel to Italy.
- 8.26 Describes boat trip to Palestine. Arrived in Haifa and from there to Atlit in June 1946.
- 8.33 Describes his life in Kibbutz Yakum.