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TITLE: Oral history interview with Friedrich Hillman

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SUMMARY: Born in 1919 in Vienna (Wien). After the Anschluss in 1938 he left Vienna and reached his sister in France, through Luxembourg, and later brought his parents over as well. When France was taken by the Germans tried to escape to Spain and was returned. In 1942 tried to escape by volunteering to the Foreign Legion, but the French found out that he was a Jew and handed him over to the Germans, who transported him to Drancy. From there transported to Auschwitz, also under the supervision of the S.S. with a number on his arm. His testimony is a very detailed report on Blechhammer Labour Camp, that was in itself a huge complex of camps with Russian and British prisoners of war. In 1945 participated in the Death March to Gross-Rosen, from there to Flossenburg and when the Allied forces approached he was put on a train to Mauthausen and survived a deadly journey of 10 days. Liberated at Mauthausen.