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**Hochman, Peretz**

**Tape 1 of 3**

He wrote the book, "Hochman, Daring to Live"

- 1.00 He was born in Warsaw in 1927. Describes family with 6 brothers. Father worked in leather factory. He was the only Jewish kid in school. Describes anti-Semitism.
- 1.09 Jewish culture in the city. He also learned in Cheder. Describes Jewish youth organizations.
- 1.13 1939, the beginning of war. Describes bombardments. Describes entry of German army after 3 weeks.
- 1.20 German treatment of Jews with the help of Poles. Anti-Jewish rules and the effect on his family.
- 1.27 Describes ghetto. Hunger. Smuggling of food. His father died of hunger.
- 1.48 A day in the ghetto, thoughts and plans.
- 2.00 S.S. Klosteneier who murdered Jews as a pastime and other German atrocities.
- 2.09 Describes mistreatment by Jewish police and the functions of the House Council.
- 2.15 Typhoid epidemic in ghetto. Rumors and suicides.
- 2.20 Polish anti-Semitism.
- 2.33 Describes leaving the ghetto.
- 2.48 How he and brother survived on the outside by singing in courtyards.
- 3.10 Meeting with other Jewish children living on the street. Incidents of escape from Germans and survival.
- 3.24 Poles who treated them well.
- 3.26 Violent incidents with Polish children.
- 3.36 His song repertoire.
- 3.40 The first "Action" in 1942.
- 3.44 He and brother started to sell clothes.

3.55 They knew that the end of the ghetto was approaching and that there would be a battle.

3.59 What they heard about the first “Action.”

**Tape 2 of 2**

4.01 Observations and thoughts about life in the ghetto.

4.08 Criminal elements in the ghetto and the Jewish police.

4.21 Songs about Treblinka and Sobibor.

4.27 Describes transports and his escape plans.

4.30 The underworld in the ghetto.

4.51 What they knew about the resistance.

4.53 The German quarter in Warsaw.

4.58 Homeless shelter in the polish sector.

5.06 German news and movies.

5.10 May 1943, the uprising and burning of the ghetto.

5.22 Describes escape through the sewers.

5.23 Sleeping in Padarewski Park.

5.28 His job as a guard of a tool shed. He discovered Alexander Zelniker who had been a ghetto fighter and helps him.

5.39 Sings the songs he sang in courtyards.

6.05 Current nightmares and telling groups about his experiences.

6.10 Winter 1943, he and brother join the group of children selling cigarettes on 3 Cross Place. Describes their work.

6.18 Contact with Partisans, who help them and provided them with ID's.

6.37 Life on 3 Cross Place; mutual help of the children. Incidents that happened.

6.52 The Polish underground and their activities and the advance of the Russian army.

**Tape 3 of 3**

**7.03 Corrections to Tape II**

- 7.10 Songs and jokes of the time.
- 7.17 July 1942, the fate of his mother.
- 7.22 The Polish uprising. He and brother joined the rebels.
- 7.32 Describes Polish uprising and his activities.
- 7.54 Conflict between Polish rebel army and Russian army. Hardships and casualties.
- 8.15 The surrender of the Polish rebel army after 63 days. They became POW's.
- 8.23 They are taken to camp Landsdorf and then Millberg. They worked in an airplane factory. Mistreatment by Polish POW's.
- 8.38 Describes bombardment of Dresden. When the Russian army approached, they were marched closer to Allied lines.
- 8.44 Liberation by Russian army. Thoughts and feelings after liberation.
- 8.50 He joins the Russian army. "Actions" he was in.
- 8.59 He goes by train to Warsaw. Describes the destroyed city. Visits Poles who had helped him in the past, reunites with brother.
- 9.08 Joins Zenek in Krakov. He joins the kibbutz there and describes their activities.
- 9.11 Pogroms in Krakov. Russian Jewish soldiers protect the kibbutzim.
- 9.14 Gets organized to go to Palestine through Germany and France.
- 9.31 He boards a Turkish boat in Marseille. The British caught the boat and he is transferred to Atlit and then to kibbutz Shaar Hagolan in 1946.
- 9.38 He joined the Palmach. Describes the outbreak of the War of Independence and the battles he fought.
- 9.52 His family life in Israel.
- 9.55 The wonderful reception at Shaar Hagolan when he first arrived in Israel.