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TITLE: Oral history interview with Ariel Levy

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SUMMARY: Born in 1923 in the village of Skaudville in Lithuania. Moved with his family to Kovno and was about to finish high school studies when the Germans entered the city in 1941. Was an active member of a Zionist youth movement that became in part, an underground resistance organization during that ghetto period. His family returned at the beginning of the war to Skaudville, and he never was any of them again. Stayed at the ghetto and survived all the Selections, participated in an attempt by members of the underground to join the partisans, and went out of the ghetto to the forest. After they walked nearly two weeks it turned out that they were misled by the Armia Krajowa. Nobody was waiting for them, and they were captured by the Gestapo. He was tortured and then brought back to Kovno ghetto and stayed there until the final beginning of 1944, when the Red Army approached. He was transported by train to Landsberg camp, Kaufering, in central Germany, where he stayed as a forced labourer and worked for the German army. Towards the end of the war evacuated again by train heading south. Jumped off the train and ran away. A short while after he was liberated by the Americans.