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Michaeli, Jacob

- 1.28 Born in Warsaw, in Dec. 1929. Describes family, 3 boys and 3 girls, parents and grandparents. He lived in a mixed Polish and Jewish neighborhood.
- 1.31 Describes the beginning of war. Bombardments, food shortages. German army enters Warsaw. Father and brother taken to work camp.
- 1.37 He went to live with aunt in Praga where he worked.
- 1.46 Describes having to go back to ghetto in Warsaw. He and other youngsters sold things outside the ghetto and smuggled food in. Describes incidents of being caught and escaping.
- 2.25 Typhus epidemic. He gets sick, his father dies.
- 2.28 Describes smuggling activity of his brother, himself as well as other children.
- 2.47 His function as head of family as main provider.
- 3.03 Transport of Jews into the ghetto. The shrinking of the ghetto.
- 3.06 His thoughts and feelings during that time.
- 3.17 Germans staged picture sessions for propaganda.
- 3.21 Describes killing of Jewish police who collaborated with the Germans.
- 3.23 The suicide of Tcherikov, head of the Judenrat, who refused to deliver young boys for work camps.
- 3.39 Tells about brother who escaped to Bialystok and returned because he thought that the Russians were worse than the Germans.
- 3.36[46?] Describes the Germans catching youngsters on the streets for work camps who were never seen again.
- 3.49 Describes his group of 5 children who lived and worked, smuggling and stealing.
- 4.16 Medical care in the ghetto.
- 4.25 The fate of different family members.

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- 4.31 Thoughts about his experience.
- 4.40 Describes the hermetic locking of the ghetto. He could not get back in and with the help of a Polish woman escaped to a village and worked for a peasant.
- 4.50 Describes his work as a shepherd. He passes as a Christian.
- 5.00 He finds out what happened in the ghetto during the first action in 1942.
- 5.04 Describes how he got a false birth certificate from a Polish friend in Praga and returns to work in the village.
- 5.27 In March he returned to Warsaw and stayed with a Polish woman and works trading good.
- 5.40 Describes the ghetto uprising in April.
- 5.52 Stayed with elderly Polish woman. Describes his life with 2 other boys, selling souvenirs to German soldiers, getting caught and escaping. Trading and selling in Praga between April '43-May'44.
- 6.26 Talks about the Polish underground and executions.
- 6.31 Describes the destruction of the ghetto and burning of synagogue outside the ghetto.
- 6.47 Germans kill Polish hostages as punishment for underground sabotage.
- 6.52 Ukrainian SS were brought to destroy the ghetto.
- 6.54 The trial of Strupp.
- 6.58 Aug. '44 the Germans retreated and the Russians got to Praga. He joins the Polish underground. Describes his life and activities.
- 7.13 Te German destruction of the Polish underground who were abandoned by the Russians.
- 7.23 During the cease fire the Polish underground gave in and became POWs. Warsaw was destroyed and he went by train to a POW camp in Opel.

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- 7.33 Adds details about his life on the streets, trading.

- 7.48 Describes people he met in the underground.
- 8.00 Describes misery of Polish population after the destruction of Warsaw.
- 8.05 Different actions of the underground.
- 8.17 Describes POW camp in Opel.
- 8.28 He was transferred to camp Milberg where he worked in an airplane factory near Dresden.
- 8.43 Describes abuse of Jewish boys by Polish boys in the camp.
- 8.53 Bombing of Dresden in April. He was freed on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of May. Describes his search for food. He was wounded in the explosion of German truck.
- 9.02 Describes the plundering of villages by the Russian army. He gets on a train back to Poland.
- 9.07 Describes his train ride back to Warsaw and Praga. He stays with a Polish family of a friend. Describes his confusion and search for other Jews.
- 9.13 Oct. '45 he gets to Krakow and is sent by the Joint to a Hachshara group in preparation for Palestine. He describes his life in the group.
- 9.36 Crossing borders en route to Palestine.
- 9.47 Describes the UNRA camp in Italy and his work for the illegal immigration organization.
- 9.57 The boat ride on the 'Arlozorof' ship. The arrest by the British and the camp in Cyprus he was taken to.
- 10.10 In Jan '48 he gets a certificate and arrives in Israel. Describes his adjustment. In May he enlists in the army.
- 10.18 Describes his life in the army.
- 10.29 In 1951 he is released from the army and gets married.
- 10.31 Received a medal from the Polish government for his fight in the underground.

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