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TITLE: Oral history interview with Elimelekh Shklar

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SUMMARY: Born in 1919 at Zuromin, Poland, studied Mechanics at Graudenz (Grudziadz), and returned home on the eve of the war. At first stayed in the ghetto that was established there, and smuggled food into the ghetto. Escaped to another ghetto of Mlawa where the conditions were better, was captured and sent to Auschwitz-Birkenau, during which he worked in the camp doing several jobs, and there he met his future wife, with whom he still lives. Took part in smuggling, black market dealings and other activities, such as liaison to the Sonderkommando, where he had relatives. He even succeeded in getting a gun, which he kept hidden. During the evacuation from Auschwitz and the Death March, he jumped off the train and escaped.