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TATARKO, TZVI

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- 1.01 Was born in Bendzin Poland in 1924. Describes family life. 3 brothers and 3 sisters. Father was in wood business. Went to elementary school in Sosnovitz and high school in Bendzin. Describes Zionist youth groups in Sosnovitz.
- 1.15 Describes outbreak of war. His older brother took him and sister to Radom in center of Poland. His brother was industrialist, owned a leather factory. Describes German rule in Radom and everyday life.
- 1.26 In 1940 they went to the 'big ghetto' in Radom and continued to work in their factory. Two brothers were sent to Russia.
- 1.29 After he stopped working in the factory; he worked in gardening and tutoring in the big ghetto.
- 1.36 Describes incident of Ukrainians killing Jews. 4000-5000 Jews were in the ghetto of Radom.
- 1.41 Work in the Kromolsky factory where he learned to work with leather.
- 1.43 Describes 1942 action in small ghetto. People were transported to Treblinka. He and 19 others were saved from transport.
- 1.50 Head of Jewish police - Mikowski - put 50 people on a list to go to Palestine. They were all shot.
- 1.54 Describes group of 30 who had to burn bodies of victims and were then shot by the Germans.
- 1.59 In 1942-43 the ghetto was destroyed and he was taken to camp Shkolna. Describes camp. He worked in arms factory with 2000-3000 other workers. Later the camp was changed from a work camp to a concentration camp. Describes his work and mistreatment by Polish guards.
- 2.16 Story of 3 people who dug an underground tunnel and lived there until they were discovered.

- 2.23 A typical day in the camp.
- 2.26 Describes the killing of mothers and children in the camp in winter of 1943.
- 2.31 1944. Describes march from Radom to train in Tomachuv and from there to Auschwitz. 80 km[?].
- 2.41 To camp Weingens[?] in Germany. Describes the camp and his work there.
- 3.06 Adds material about his childhood and Zionist youth groups.
- 3.23 Resentment about people in Israel who did not believe in what was happening in Europe.
- 3.25 The Judenrat in the ghetto and the attitude of the Jewish community.
- 3.28 Adds about the Radom ghetto.
- 3.35 Describes his work in the Kromolovski factory.
- 3.45 The work of the Jewish police in Radom.
- 3.56 Daily life in the ghetto.
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- 4.06 News about the Warsaw ghetto uprising.
- 4.16 Life in camp Weingens. Arrival of French army and liberation in April 1945. Typhoid epidemic. French made Germans take care of the sick.
- 4.24 French army took them to Neuberg village to recuperate. Villagers were made to leave.
- 4.33 He leaves Neuberg and searches for sister. They go to a 'kibbutz' near Frankfurt and he leads the group in preparation for Israel.
- 4.39 Revenge actions.
- 4.44 Life in camp and preparations for aliya.

- 4.55 His work as leader of the group. AS visit by Ben Gurion and Nahum Goldman.
- 5.01 He goes with a group to Marseilles and from there by small ship to Israel. Describes voyage. They were caught by British and taken to Cyprus.
- 5.09 Describes life in camp in Cyprus.
- 5.15 In January 1947 he and girl friend get certificates to go to Israel. He gets married, joins the army and fights in 6 Day War.
- 5.19 He and wife did not talk about their experiences. They wanted to start a new, normal life.
- 5.22 What helped him survive the holocaust.
- 5.31 The lessons to be learned: to be strong, to have a strong country and not to let it happen again.