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TITLE: Oral history interview with Zvi Za'ira

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SUMMARY: Born in 1928 in the Czech Carpathian Mountains. Grew up in a little village and remembers latent antisemitism. From 1940 to 1944 his village was under Hungarian rule, and on May 1944 was transported with his family; parents, six brothers, and two sisters to ghetto Sevlosh (Vinogradov). After a while he was transported by train to Birkenau. After a week at Birkenau he was transported to Warsaw, together with his father and one of his brothers, where they cleared away the ghetto debris. When the Russians approached he was evacuated on foot to the city of Kodna in Poland, and from there to Dachau by train. From there he was sent to Kaufering camp and worked in the forests chopping woods and digging. Escaped from the the camp, captured, and was about to be hanged, but was rescued because the Allied forces were approaching. He was liberated at Dachau. While he was kept in prison he was aware of the necessity to preserve strength in order to survive. His testimony describes how he did it.