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GRANATSHTEIN, ISRAEL

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- 1.00 He was born 4/3/30 in Piotrkow. Describes his family. He grew up in Lodz and went to school there.
- 1.08 Sept. 1, 1939, beginning of war, his grandfather took him and his mother to Lublin. Describes bombardments.
- 1.12 When German troops arrived they went back to Lodz and then Piotrkow. Describes life in the ghetto in Piotrkow [1st ghetto in Poland].
- 1.23 Oct. 1941 transports started. Describes 'magic' they used to predict the future. Abuses by SS man Wilhelm.
- 1.28 People were taken to work in three factories. Describes his work.
- 1.40 Describes life in ghetto.
- 1.44 Oct. 1942 he remained in work camp near factory. Describes conditions.
- 1.50 Transports to Treblinka started. His parents hid out but were betrayed by Jonah Levin who was a Nazi collaborator. Mother was taken on a transport. Describes scenes on the trains passing by the factory.
- 1.59 He was 12 years old when with his father they found themselves at a factory in the work camp, Budy (?). It was a wood factory. He describes it.
- 2.09 Summer 1943, Piotrkow was free of Jews. Nov. 1944 the Russian front was approaching and they were taken by train to Czestochowa where adults worked in a weapons factory but the children did not do much. Describes work and conditions. They heard the Russians and thought the war was over, but for them it was not.
- 2.21 Jan. 1945 he is taken by train to Buchenwald where he was separated from his father. Describes arrival, conditions in camp and population.
- 2.27 He is taken to block 66, the children's block. Describes life in the block. Describes Jewish block Alteste, Gustav who took revenge on kapos and collaborators.
- 2.42 April 1945 they were taken to Theresienstadt (Terezin). Describes first the

march and then the train ride. Terezin is liberated in May by the Russians. Describes treatment by Russians. He had a cousin there. When the children got better, they were sent as a group to England, but he did not go.

- 3.03 He found out that he had family in Lodz, went there and stayed with an uncle, Yehiel Granatshtein, a writer who had been in the underground. Their meeting was very exciting. He did not find anyone from his family in Piotrkov.
- 3.06 Found out that father was in the DP camp in Feldafing and was reunited with him there. A journalist came from the DP camp with a list of names of survivors among whom was his father who was in a hospital there. He later went to Israel but his father remained in Germany.
- 3.09 Reviews critical times of survival during the war.