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Summary

Charlotte Hirsch, born in 1921(?) in Maroshvaskysch, later Tirgu-Mures, Romania. Father was disabled WW I vet named William Sidran. She was 3rd of 4 children. Hungarians took over area in 1940 and brothers put in the army. Seder 1944, Hungarians came to the house and started taking things away. May, 1944 family taken to ghetto set up in a brick factory in town. 1500 of towns 8400 Jews in there. Germans came in May, 1944 and on 5/2944 Jews taken to Auschwitz. Before leaving, "rich People" beaten and jewelry taken by Hungarians, Germans. Taken by train, 80-85 in a car. Beaten as they left train. Hirsch says she saw Mengele and may have spoken to him. Women stripped and taken to the showers and then to the barracks. At some point, Mengele came looking for her sister. Dug trenches for a while and was beaten—fractured ribs and lung damage. Taken to gas chamber 3 times during captivity, but survived. January 1945, to avoid advancing British army, marched to Bromberg. Worked as a tailor for the SS. Germans left one day and Hirsch and two others decided to make their way home. Walked to Lublin and then Warsaw. Finally returned home and met up with sister. Very sick at the time. Found out that mother and father killed at Auschwitz. Reconnected with Alex Hirsch whom she knew for 6 years and married. Came to US to Minnesota Has 2 children and belongs to Beth El synagogue.