

September 12, 1991

Slate # 1349-015

Interviewee: Hugo Schiller

Interviewer: Daphne Lurie

Notetaker: Rose Shames

0:00 - Hugo Schiller born in Germany 1931. A small town in which family had lived since 1540.

3:00 - Father arrested after Kristallnacht. Hugo sent to cousin for 1.5 years. Attended a Jewish school.

4:00 - Father in Dachau for 6 weeks. Came home and lost business. Family begins effort to escape.

5:00 - Then family deported by truck and then on train for 2 days. Taken to France (Gurz) October 1940.

6:15 - They were first people to be deported out of Germany. Arrival in Camp.

7:30 - Description of camp: sea of mud; crude barracks, barbed wire. Hugo now 9 years old. Stayed with mother in camp; very little food. People developed dysentery. Hugo remembers singing for food.

8:44 - Daily life in camp. Breakfast was coffee and bread. Supper was soup and bread.

10:00 - Quakers from Scandanavia offered help for children. 48 children removed from camp and hidden. Memories of Quaker school.

12:00 - Jewish organization involved in bringing children out of France.

16:30 - All of Hugo's family died in Auschwitz.

17:29 - Memory of Passover in 1935 or 36. Attack on home to get uncle who was Social Democrat. Torches!

21:10 - Leaving France- 4 weeks in Casablanca. Portuguese ship with lots of food. Children taken to village and hidden in Marseille.

23:10 - Arrival in New York, June. ... Hugo is 11 years old.

29:30 - Description of photographs. 1942 in camp in Gurz. Parents and children in hiding.