

Interview of Alex Heimler  
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Alex Heimler was born on May 16, 1924 in Vered, Hungary, a small town with some 30 Jewish families.

Alex's father had a wholesale grain business, a grocery and a fuel depot. After finishing high school Alex apprenticed an automobile mechanic and obtained his certification in 1943.

After the Germans entered Hungary, Alex had to go to a labor camp and was put to work in a manganese mine. He escaped from the camp after Hungary pulled out of the war on October 16, 1944. Alex made his way to Budapest and survived the war under the protection of the Red Cross and the Swedish Legation.

After the liberation Alex worked for three months for the Russians rounding up Nazi collaborators.

Alex returned to Vered in March 1945. He escaped in 1956 to Austria and immigrated to Australia the same year.