

Synopsis of interview of Edward Schreiber  
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Edward Schreiber was born in 1934, in the town of Kumene(ph) in the eastern part of what is today Slovakia. His family was Orthodox and included his two parents and their five children. His father was a textile importer and wholesaler.

In 1943, Edward's parents had him and his younger sister taken to their grandmother in Hungary. When deportations in Hungary started the children were returned to their family and their father arranged hiding places in the vicinity of Bratislava, Slovakia for all seven members of the family. However, in December of 1944 the entire family was betrayed and handed over to the Nazi authorities. Edward was sent to Auschwitz, concentration camp in Poland, along with his mother and siblings, while his father was taken to a labor camp in Germany.

From Auschwitz, Edward, his mother and his siblings were transported to Theresienstadt concentration camp in the Czech Republic, where they survived the war. Edward's father also survived and was reunited with the family in Bratislava. Tragically, he died in 1946 from the aftereffects of his labor camp experiences. The family moved to Australia in 1952.

Edward's great regret is that he never got a proper education.