

Edith Preston (nee Schimer) – Born in 1929 in Budapest, Hungary.

Mother's Maiden name – Hausman – born near Budapest (phonetically – Fusionsjarma); Had 9 siblings

Father- born in Vienna; a plumber; went to Israel in 1933; sent money back to family but never returned.

Sister – born in 1921/1922;

Before the War – Described her life as good; went to Jewish schools till 1943. Antisemitism got worse at that time. During Russian bombing, not allowed in bunker because Jewish.

During the War - Letter from father helped get certificates preventing them (Edith, her sister, and her mother) from being sent to Auschwitz. Said they were British? (This was hard to understand, but would explain why they were not deported in May-June, 1944.) In Budapest till October or November, 1944. 320 people collected, forced to walk to border town and put in jail. Then had to take train to Ravensbruck at end of 1944. There for five or six months. In Block 29. Mother was killed there. Edith and her sister survived. Went to Sweden for 15 months, then Norway for 3. From there, went to Israel. Came to Australia in 1969 because her sister was there.

Her Message – You must know about the Holocaust. Children have to learn about it. You should also belong to Jewish organizations.