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**Summary**

Andre Dubrovin, born on December 14, 1939 in Brussels, Belgium, discusses his parents' ancestry; his family's first attempted escape; his family's second attempted escape and their capture; his parents bribing the soldier to take him to the Red Cross; his parents' deportation to Auschwitz; spending time in a convent; hiding with his parents' gentile friends; hiding on a farm; his Uncle and Aunt retrieving him at the end of the war and raising him as their own child along with their biological daughter; speaking only Flemish and learning new languages; growing up confused about what happened to his biological parents; his Aunt and Uncle losing most of their family to the Holocaust; moving with his Aunt, Uncle, and adopted sister to Melbourne, Australia; not speaking English when he started third grade at Caulfield North Primary school; legally changing his last name from Chebon, his paternal last name, to Dubrovin, his mother's maiden name and Uncle's last name; having a poor relationship with his guardian Uncle; living in a non-religious household but having a Bar Mitzvah; having to prove he was Jewish to various clubs; joining a Habonim; attending Melbourne High School; marrying in his early twenties; having five children and losing one to SIDS; working as a finance broker; running his Uncle's business for a short while after his Uncle passed away in the 1970s; divorcing and marrying again; joining a child survivors of the Holocaust group; visiting Belgium in 1994; visiting a monument to Brussels' victims of the Holocaust; working in industrial real estate; receiving compensation for his parents assets in Belgium; and he shows family photos, records, and documents.