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Summary

George Reinisch was born to Bernard and Ida (née Glass) Reinisch in 1938 in Vienna. His father worked in a hardware wholesale firm. His father rescued George's maternal grandparents after the war started moving them to Shanghai. Both his parents were from large families.

The Anschluss prompted his father to arrange his family's departure after the Anschluss. Shanghai was his only choice as no visa was required. They sailed by an Italian ship, the *Julio Chesari* (?). They lived in a part of the city called Hankew. While food was available, it was often poor quality or spoiled. His cousins, Paul and Danny Weinberger, lived nearby. His parents started a company to make powder compacts. George's grandmother died in 1943 from breast cancer. His parents decided to leave for Australia due to the unhealthy conditions in Shanghai on the ship Hua-Lin, arriving January, 1947.

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