

Interviewee:	<u>SHUALY</u> , Moshe	Date:	January 10, 1986
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## SUMMARY

Moshe Dov Shualy, born January 23, 1948 in Prague Czechoslovakia, is the child of survivors. His father, Mordchai Shualy, was born in Sighet, Hungary in November 1923. (Elie Wiesel who attended the same yeshiva and synagogue was his friend.) His mother, Frieda Sinreich, was born on Yom Kippur 1925 in Czernowitz, Romania. Both parents came from Hasidic communities; both experienced antisemitism in their youth with little interaction with the non-Jewish community. They married in their teens pre-war.

He describes the difficulty his parents had in talking about the war years, breaking down after a few minutes when they spoke. The families were put on a forced march in approximately 1940 to Ukraine. His mother described people coming up to her father to take his coat and boots. When he refused he was beaten and died three days later. Both parents were in labor camps. Mr. Shualy states, "I have repressed some details."

Mr. Shualy was born post-war in Prague, named after family members who perished in Auschwitz. His father had joined the Czech army, later absorbed by the Soviets. The family fled to Germany, Austria, Switzerland and eventually left Genoa, Italy on a cattle boat to Haifa in 1953. He describes hard economic times in Israel. His father became an editor for a Yiddish paper and eventually brought family to the United States in 1961.

Mr. Shualy describes closeness to his father but a "stormy relationship"; he cites his father saying "No one who survived the war experience was normal." Of himself, he says, "Like Jacob in the Bible, I see myself limping away as a survivor."