

Bay Area Holocaust Oral History Project

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Name of interviewee: Anspach, Leo

Date of interview: 2/9/1995

Summary: Born in Kaltspa, Czechoslovakia on April 26, 19??

Mother, Elsa Klauber born 27th of February 1890. Deported to ghetto.

Father, Ludwig born 2nd February 1876. Deported to ghetto.

Sister, Trude was born 20th March 1922, also deported.

Parents were gassed and sister died in Theresienstadt.

In Theresienstadt (Terezin), had 54 aunts, uncles and cousins killed in the Holocaust

Lived in a small town near Romania.

Felt political struggles in schools amongst peers, beginning 1933.

Even though Leo had his bar mitzvah Yiddish and Hebrew was not used at home. Anti-Semitism started to be felt more in 1933. Graduated from school in 1936. In 1938 the Germans came into town and his family escaped to Prague. In '39 the Nazis came into Prague. In March of 1940 he left for Shanghai. His aunt, because he was the first born, got him out of harms way. He was a salesman. In 1947 he came to the USA.