

Leo Hanin discusses his prewar life with his family in Vilnius, Lithuania; moving to China; changing his name; meeting his wife; getting married and starting a family; working with textiles across Asia and Europe; his pre and postwar experiences in Shanghai, China and Japan; the Shanghai ghetto; Communism in China after the war; helping organize a Jewish community in Japan; helping European Jews to escape the Holocaust and enter Japan; being liberated by the American forces in Japanese occupied China; going to Israel on the S.S. Wooster Victor; starting his own storage facility; the black market; his religious practices; moving to Tokyo, Japan; immigrating to the United States on the Ship President Cleveland; Japan's relationship with Germany during the war; his feelings about the importance of a Jewish State; the Cold War and the Civil Rights movement; and his involvement in a documentary about Jews in Japan.