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**Summary of Oral History — Shlomo Strauss-Marko — ENGLISH**

Shlomo Strauss-Marko, Shlomo Strauss; born in 1912 in Waręż, Poland (Galicia); discussing the cheder, his schooling; being in transit camp, then Stalag II A Neubrandenburg; time in Polish army; German army; discussing his documentation for working in the Ukraine; taking the name of Tomasz Timofiej Marko; the running, beatings, hunger; Ukrainian camp; being a metal worker; claiming to be a former medical student; taking on jobs; transferred to Kafeldorf camp; comrades speaking German; no Yiddish; speaking of Hermann Göring; being sent to Stalag VIII-B Lamsdorf; 50–60,000 Ukrainians, French; passing as racially pure Ukrainian; the *Aktions*; metal work schooling; work in Ober-Grafendorf in Austria; speaking again of Göring; groups from the Ukraine, Poland, Russia; German papers to travel; March 1941 SS- Galizien; Ukrainian papers; returning to ghetto -speaking of his mother, sister in Lvov ghetto; his family gone/murdered; SS divisions; Lwów (Lemberg) Jewish ghetto in Poland; Ukrainian papers; leftist socialist group; discussing his books; discussing the Messerschmitt airplane factory—Wiener-Neustadt; speaking of Sholem Aronofsky; communist activities; Gestapo in Vienna; helping others with false papers; Jewish *Aktions*; Jewish partisans; speaking of SS, Gestapo, Nazis; Yad Vashem; discussing his first book of 30,000 copies—*Der rassische Arier —The racial Aryan*; speaking of his second book in Yiddish—*Geven amol a shtetl —"Juden"* in Galicia; discussing his three books of Jewish partisans; 1941 in Vienna; the large airplane factory in Wiener-Neustadt; discussing family; Hitler politics; Bauer; Jews in Russia, Poland; Yiddish, Polish languages; Yiddish writers such as Czernowitz; speaking German dialects; Jews in Wiener-Neustadt; anti-Semitism; Warsaw ghetto tunnel; Krakow train station—thousands of men in mid-January 1943; Shlomo Strauss-Marko's wife; train from Krakow train station to Auschwitz; surrealist environment arriving in Auschwitz in January; Funktionschäftling and kapos in the camp; abnormal behavior; the cold; the screaming of '*schnell*' and *Juden raus !*; not normal; surrealist; the insanity; always screaming *schnell schnell, raus raus*; 700 women in one block; Birkenau; Jewish block and Christian block; the selections; recounting instances during selections; electric shocks; Auschwitz-Birkenau A; the hunger; Mengele; walking 10 km to and from work in cold/ice/rain; crematoriums; 1943 Jewish transports; recalling the terror...