

Ben Lesser Virtual Book

Benjamin Lesser was born in 1928 in Krakow, Poland.



As a child he spent summers in Munkacs, in what is now Hungary,



with his mother's family. His father had successful chocolate factory, and a wine and fruit syrup factory.

When the Nazis invaded Poland life changed drastically for the Jews. While most Jews were put into the Krakow ghetto,



Ben's family decided to leave the city. This was the first of several escapes that saved his life. He got to temporary safety in Hungary in 1943.

In 1944 the Nazis invaded Hungary and Ben was sent to Auschwitz-Birkenau



and other camps.

He survived a Death March. This forced march got its name because if a prisoner could not keep up he was shot on the spot.





He ended up in Buchenwald



and later Dachau

where he was liberated by the Americans in April, 1945.