

## **Summary of Oral History: Oral history interview with Albert Alhadeff**

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Albert Alhadeff, born in 1937 in Brussels, Belgium, describes Germany invading Belgium in 1940; his older sister, Allegra, and older brother, Eli, who are both still alive; he and his Jewish siblings leaving Brussels for Paris without their parents; the three siblings catching up with their father's sister, who had three children; fleeing Paris and returning to Brussels; learning his parents had gone to Italy; going to Northern Italy with the help of the Red Cross and reuniting with their parents at a train station; living in an apartment in Rome between approximately 1940 and 1943-1944; his sister going to Hebrew school in Rome; German troops occupying Rome, prompting the Jewish family to hide sometimes in a Catholic convent and never being placed in a ghetto; a bomb shattering the convent's windows; cheering Americans as they arrived in to liberate Rome; moving back to Brussels in a new home; his father dying of cancer; a brother of his father coming to Brussels from New York and bringing the children to New York in 1947, with their mother joining them approximately a year later; living in the Hotel St. Moritz on 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 59<sup>th</sup> Street, facing Central Park.