

## **Summary of Oral History: Moshe Kornreich**

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Moshe Kornreich was born April 7, 1939 (during Passover) in Antwerp, Belgium. His family was Ashkenazi; mother was one of nine children and came from Poland. In 1940 they left and went into hiding in France and then Spain, (Portugal), and then ended up on a boat to Havana, Cuba in 1945. Thousands of Jews went from Belgium to Cuba and he started school there living a "normal" life. Not many memories from Cuba as he was young, but fond memories of being raised in a loving home, playing at the beach with his sister, learning Spanish and English. They were distanced from the war and not so aware of the state of affairs back home. In November 1945 the family went to America -his mom had two brothers living there. In 1946 they left to go back to Europe and found many family members were gone. In 1951 they went back to America and then in 1952 left to go back to Antwerp, Belgium where he lived until present. There was a large Jewish community, most in the diamond industry, which became his profession as well. He has been to Israel many times and his children and grandchildren now live there.