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Holocaust Survivor Stories

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Read each person's story and answer the questions.



Eugene Black

1. In which country was Eugene born?
2. How did life change for Eugene when the Nazis occupied his country in 1944?
3. To what camp was Eugene first taken?
4. What did Eugene do at Buchenwald?
5. What was the last camp Eugene lived at and how did he describe it?
6. What did Eugene discover about his family after liberation?
7. Describe Eugene's life after the war.



Val Ginsburg

8. What profession did Val hope to have as an adult?
9. Why did Val's family decide to stay instead of fleeing to Russia?
10. How did life change for Val during Nazi occupation?
11. What did Val have to do while living in Dachau?
12. How was Val described when his camp was liberated?
13. Describe Val's life after the war.

Ibi Ginsburg

14. Where was Ibi born?
15. How did life change there when the Germans took over?
16. Describe Ibi's life in Auschwitz.
17. Which of Ibi's family members survived the Holocaust?
18. How long were Ibi and Val married?



Margaret Kagan

19. How did Margaret describe the years she spent in the ghetto?
20. How did life change for Margaret when she met Joseph?
21. How long did Margaret and Joseph remain in hiding?
22. What did Margaret discover about her family after the war?



Edith Goldberg

23. How was Edith's life impacted by Kristallnacht?
24. Who was put in charge of Edith and her sister?
25. What happened to Edith's parents?



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2. How did life change for Eugene when the Nazis occupied his country in 1944? Had to wear the Star of David; lived in ghetto area- had more people live with them
3. To what camp was Eugene first taken? Auschwitz Birkenau
4. What did Eugene do at Buchenwald? loaded small trucks with rocks dug out from the tunnels for 12 to 14 hours at a time, without rest and on starvation rations 4l
5. What was the last camp Eugene lived at and how did he describe it? Bergen Belsen, described as "a hellhole. People were lying all over the place".
6. What did Eugene discover about his family after liberation? he had lost his entire family, except for one older brother
7. Describe Eugene's life after the war. Married a girl named Annie, had 4 children, moved to England and became a warehouse manager; spoke about his experiences often

Val Ginsburg



8. What profession did Val hope to have as an adult? Pilot
9. Why did Val's family decide to stay instead of fleeing to Russia? They felt the Germans would be better than Russian Communists
10. How did life change for Val during Nazi occupation? They confiscated their property; put them into a ghetto, took away young, elderly, sick, disabled
11. What did Val have to do while living in Dachau? Back-breaking war on starvation rations
12. How was Val described when his camp was liberated? Walking Skeleton
13. Describe Val's life after the war. 6 months in hospital, met wife, married, moved to England, had two children, worked in textile industry