

Sol Lurie discusses the change in relationships between Jews and Christians in Kovno, Lithuania once the war started; Poland when it was invaded by both the Germans and the Russians; living in the Kovno ghetto; the ghetto killing grounds; his time in Birkenau; being liberated from Buchenwald by the Americans; the death of his brother; traveling to France; finding his relatives in the United States; immigrating to the United States on the S.S. Marine Flasher; his goal to outlive Hitler; daily life in New York; returning to Germany as a American soldier; becoming an American citizen; meeting his first wife and getting married; raising a family; reuniting with other children who survived Buchenwald; his views on religion and fate; meeting his liberator in New York; reasons why survivors should talk about the Holocaust; U.S. politics; being a member of the Knights of Pythias; his views on successful Jews; Israel; his post-war family; Iraq; the death of his first wife; and marrying his second wife and starting a new family.