

## Felix Nicinski (born Fievish Nicinski)

Felix Nicinski was born on December 7, 1925 in Łochów, Poland. Felix's parents were Zionists, and the family was very religious, speaking only Yiddish in the house. In the beginning of 1940, Felix and his family were put into a ghetto. Felix remained in the ghetto for almost a year before he was taken to Lienzingen. Not long after arriving at Lienzingen, the group Felix was with was told they were going to be sent to Germany. Hearing this, Felix decided to escape. With no place to go, Felix traveled to a college town and tried to sneak into the Kalisz ghetto. He was caught by the Jewish police, and told to assume he must go by another name: Bahardian Elias (The name belonged to a 27 year old inhabitant of the ghetto who had escaped and whose escape was unreported). Not long after he settled here, the inhabitants of the ghetto were moved to the Lienzingen ghetto. From the Lienzingen ghetto, Felix was sent to a camp near Skarzysko-Kamienna. After about six months Felix was sent to Wartawerk, where he worked on making ammunition. At the end of 1943, Felix was sent to Germany and placed in Dora . After a few months in Dora, Felix was transferred to Buchenwald. Felix spent six months in Buchenwald before he was transferred to Bergen-Belsen. He was liberated from Bergen-Belsen by the British.

After his liberation, Felix stayed in Bamberg until 1948, when he immigrated to Australia. He lived in Adelaide, Australia for 10 years working as a barber. He immigrated to the United States in 1958 and settled in Washington, D.C. He met his wife and married in 1959.