

SOL LIBER

BIOGRAPHICAL PROFILE



Sol Liber was born on December 3, 1923, in Grojec, Poland, to Sana and Shayndel Liber. He had two brothers: Yitzak and Rafael, and three sisters: Esther, Schayva, and Tishel. His father

leased orchards from farmers and sold the agricultural products to the markets in Warsaw. The family lived an observant Jewish life. Sol went to a public school which he remembered had mostly Jewish students.

In 1939, when the German Army invaded Poland, Sol and his family were forced to move to the Grojec ghetto. A few months later, they were transferred to the Warsaw ghetto. Sol's brother, Rafael, later became ill with typhoid fever and died. Sol sneaked in and out of the ghetto in order to work on farms to get food. He continued to move from farm to farm until he was asked to join an underground resistance group in the ghetto. He later participated in the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising in 1943.

In April 1943, after the uprising was suppressed by the Germans, Sol and his sisters, parents, and brother, Yitzak, were deported to Treblinka. Sol's parents and sisters were selected to be killed in the gas chambers. The brothers were separated when Sol was sent back with a few hundred others to clean up the Warsaw ghetto. Afterward, Sol was deported to Majdanek. After a short time, he was transferred to Skarzysko-Kamienna, a labor camp, where he worked in an ammunitions factory. The Soviet Army was approaching near the end of 1944, and Sol and the other prisoners were transferred to Tschenstochau, a concentration camp in

Poland. He was only there for a short while before being transferred to Buchenwald where he worked in nearby salt mines. With the Soviets advancing, Sol and the other prisoners were forced to march out of the camp to an unknown destination. It was during this forced march that Sol was liberated on May 6, 1945.

After his liberation, Sol was reunited with his brother, Yitzak, and together they went to a displaced persons' camp in Germany. They obtained French work visas and immigrated to Paris. In 1949, the two brothers immigrated to Canada. Sol met his future wife, Bella, in Montreal and the couple was married in 1953.

In 1957, Sol and Bella immigrated to Los Angeles, California, and had three children: Sheldon, Susan, and Rodney. Sol worked as a tailor and eventually bought his own factory and built a large company. In 1980, Sol sold the factory and retired. At the time of Sol's interview in 1994, he and his wife had five grandchildren: Becky, Daniel, Elizabeth, Jacob, and Tamara.



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