

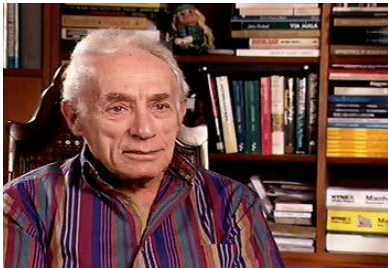
# IVAN DEUTSCH

## BIOGRAPHICAL PROFILE



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Ivan Deutsch, son of Armin and Szidonia, was born on November 13, 1921, in Budapest, Hungary. He had two sisters,

Rozsika and Katalin. The family attended synagogue and Ivan supported Zionism, the political and cultural movement advocating an independent Jewish state. However, most of the Jewish and Hungarian establishment did not support this movement. Before the war, Ivan worked as a furrier's apprentice.

World War II began on September 1, 1939, when German troops occupied Poland. That same year, Jewish men in Hungary were conscripted into forced labor battalions. Hungary officially joined the Axis alliance (Germany, Italy, and Japan) in November 1940. Ivan was sent to Ercsi, a work camp in Hungary, in November 1942. He worked as a forced laborer until 1944. German forces occupied Hungary on March 19, 1944.

In November 1944, Ivan was deported to Balf, a work camp in Hungary. While at Balf, Ivan was forced to dig tank trap ditches. From Balf, Ivan was deported to Mauthausen, a concentration camp in Austria. Ivan was sent on a death march from Mauthausen to Gunskirchen, a subcamp of Mauthausen, and was liberated by American troops on May 4, 1945. Ivan's parents and his sister, Katalin, survived the war. His sister Rozsiska perished at Bergen-Belsen, a concentration camp in Germany.

After liberation, Ivan was sent to a displaced persons' camp, where he was treated for typhoid. Ivan returned to Budapest in August 1945, where he married Julia Grosz. Ivan and Julia had one daughter, Anne-Marie. The family immigrated to the United States in 1953, where Ivan worked as a furrier. At the time of his interview, Ivan had two grandchildren.

This interview took place on September 25, 1997 in New York, New York.