

JUDAH SAMET

BIOGRAPHICAL PROFILE



Judah Samet was born on February 5, 1938, in Debrecen, Hungary. He was raised in an Orthodox Jewish family as one of four children. His parents owned local knitting factories. In March 1944, the Nazis entered Debrecen and the situation began to deteriorate for the Jews of Debrecen, including Judah and his family. Although the family had visas to escape to the United States, they were unable to use them in time and were deported to Bergen-Belsen. They arrived there in the summer of 1944 after being held at a lumber yard in Austria. They remained there for approximately six months when they were put on a transport to an unknown location. This transport was liberated by the American Army. When the war began, Judah was just over one-year-old.