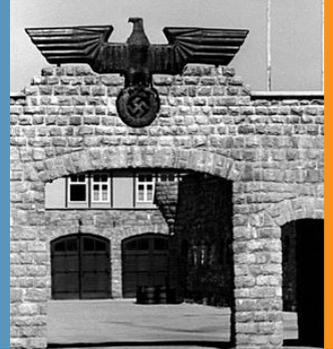# Herman Gluck

Born March 11, 1926
Ujora, Romania

Herman grew up in a Jewish community in Transylvania, Romania with his parents and six siblings. His father was a whiskey maker and taster for the local Barons. Herman was the fourth child of the seven. Of his family only he, one older sister, Rifkah, and an older brother, Wilhelm, survived the Holocaust.

His mother perished with his younger brother and sisters in Auschwitz where they were gassed to death. His older brother was shot during a death march towards the end of the war. His father died of starvation in Germany. Rifkah survived Auschwitz, a factory labor camp, and Bergen Belsen. Herman and Wilhelm survived Mauthausen.

Entrance to Mauthausen Concentration Camp, Austria

The Arrow Cross Party

(Hungarian: *Nyilaskeresztes Párt – Hungarista Mozgalom,* literally "Arrow Cross Party-Hungarist Movement")

In 1942, at 16 years old he moved to a Jewish community in Budapest, Hungary to work as a machinist. His father told him, regarding anti-Semitism, "to be worried more from the Hungarians, than the Germans." Herman took a job in a garage led by the Gestapo.

In 1944, Germany invaded Hungary and Herman was sent to Mauthausen concentration camp in Austria to work in a stone mine. The Allies liberated them in 1945.

"Shoe Memorial in Budapest, Hungary" produced by James Ayala

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Herman reflected on the time the Nyilas (the Arrow Cross), a Hungarian Armed Hitler force, came to the garage where he was working for the Gestapo.

"The Nyilas demanded that the SS (Gestapo), hand over all the Jews. The SS officer asked, "Why do you want the Jews?" and the Nyilas said, "I want to kill them." The SS officer said, "You take one more step and I will kill you. These Jews are working for us, do not touch them." Herman said, "I owe my life to the Gestapo that day, otherwise I wouldn't be talking with you now."

After the war, Herman and surviving siblings were reunited, and moved from a DP camp in Germany to Israel in 1948. He became a chef in the Israeli army. In 1956 he moved to Brazil, married and had 2 children. He moved to the USA in 1970 where he was a chef at Corky and Lenny's in Cleveland, Ohio.

Today, Herman lives in Delray Beach, FL. He has 2 children, 13 grandchildren, 1 great grandchild, and another on the way!