Holocaust Survivor Biography: Larry Buchsbaum

Larry Buchsbaum was born in Yugoslavia, the youngest of three boys in a middle class Jewish family. In 1941 Nazi Germany and its allies invaded Yugoslavia, and his hometown of Novi Sad came under Hungarian occupation. His family was fortunate to have survived a pogrom by the Hungarian occupiers in 1942, when 800 Jewish people were murdered. After this event his family moved to Budapest hoping to have there a better chance for survival.

In 1944 during the final stages of the destruction of Hungarian Jewry, with the help of his oldest brother, Larry escaped from the designated so called “Jewish House”, and with nothing but a piece of paper, assumed a new identity to impersonate a 15 year old homeless, abandoned, gentile, street child. With skills and courage assisted in saving his entire immediate family.

After World War II was over, Larry and his family immigrated to Israel in 1948. They then moved to America. Larry has a bachelors in Electrical Engineering and a masters degree in Systems Engineering.

Larry and his wife Rosalyn have three married daughters and twelve grandchildren.

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**Witness to History Project:**

The Witness To History Project is designed to further the message and lessons of the Holocaust by direct interaction between students or interested adults and Holocaust survivors. Participants "adopt" a survivor by learning his or her unique account of via listening to the survivor tell his/her story, asking questions, writing a biography, reviewing a videotape, and memorizing and re-telling the story to others. Ultimately, the participant will have the lifelong job of educating others about the Holocaust by sharing this personal narrative. Contact the Holocaust Awareness Museum to participate.

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