

Holocaust Survivor Biography: Sid Moszer



Sid Moszer was born in Cologne, Germany in September 1925. He had four brothers and two sisters. He went to school and experienced the Nazi legislations and persecutions. He was Bar-Mitzvahed in October and then, on November 9-10, 1938, during Kristallnacht, he saw his synagogue burning. His father was deported but then returned to the family. In December, Sid and his family migrated in small groups on temporary transit Visas, to England with help from relatives already living there. He was 13 years old. In the fall of 1940 his family's quota number came up and they immigrated to the United States, arriving on October 3, 1940. He was 15 years old.

After graduating from Standard Evening High School in Philadelphia, Sid was drafted into the American Army in January 1944 and then became a naturalized citizen on March 24, 1944. After training, he served in Europe during World War II and the subsequent occupation with the 14th Infantry Regiment of the 71st Infantry Division beginning in January 1945. During the occupation he served as an interpreter for the Counter Intelligence Corps who interrogated Nazi individuals and then he served with the Military Government. He was honorably discharged in June 25, 1946.

He returned to the United States and married Eva, a Kindertransport survivor, in 1954. They now have 3 children, 4 grandchildren, and 5 great-grandchildren. He is a retired engineer and now tutors B'nai Mitzvah students part time.

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