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Gary Kirschner was born in Berlin, Germany in 1929. The Kirschners fled Germany at the onset of increasing anti-Semitism, first going to Brazil, then other parts of South America, then Shanghai. The family lived in the Hongkew Ghetto and soon after the war immigrated to San Francisco, where Kirschner and his wife were living at the time of the interview.

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Relates his parents' lives in Germany and their eventual decision to leave Germany after Hitler's rise to power. Narrates the family's experience living in Brazil, as well as the differences among the family members' responses. Talks of their move to Shanghai, and the Kirschners' subsequent livelihood in Hongkew Ghetto. Narration includes Kirschner's work experience, social aid from Jewish communities, the Kadoorie School, treatment from the Japanese soldiers and the American liberators.

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