

Charles Baron

Wartime Experience: Concentration Camp Survivor

I was born in Paris in the 20th arrondissement on July 18, 1926. My father was Moritz Baron, born in Lodz, Poland in 1894. He came to France in approximately 1920. He was an artisan/tailor. I have no information about his parents.

My mother Anna Tzigler, was born in Paris in 1902 of parents born in Romania - her father in 1871, her mother in 1880. They came to France before the end of the 19th century. Her mother helped her husband with his various jobs: as a filmmaker, a cap maker, a tailor, an ebonist, a pastry salesman at the Foire du Trône in Paris and more; and as an agricultural worker in Seine et Oise. Until. She always helped her husband at his various jobs husband while at the same time raising three children.

My parents were arrested during the Vel d'Hiv roundup on July 17, 1942. My mother was probably gassed upon arrival at Auschwitz. My father died at the hands of an SS specialist in medical experiments on September 3, 1942.

I was arrested by the French police on September 12, 194, in the presence of German soldiers. I was sent to Drancy and was deported from there on September 18. From that date until July 1944, I worked in the forced labor camp of Haute-Silésie affiliated with Auschwitz and Gross Rosen. I spent a month in a disciplinary camp. From the end of July 1944 to the end of October, I spent three months at Birkenau. From October 1944 to April 27, 1945, I was at Commandos of Dachau. On April 27, I escaped from an evacuation train. I was hidden by a Bavarian peasant until the arrival of the US and then the French troops.

I spent five months in French and American military hospitals and returned to France on September 18, 1945, three years to the day of my deportation. At that time, I was in a cast to treat my vertical column for about three years.

I married Micheline Ziboulsky, daughter of a deportee who never returned. We had two daughters, Annie and Odile, and four grandchildren: Mathieu , Johanna , Shawn and Charlotte.

I am active in working to preserve the memory of the Holocaust: chaperoning groups to Auschwitz, giving lectures in France, Switzerland, Portugal, Germany, and the United States. I am active in roundtables, TV and radio broadcasts and a critic of books on the Shoah.

Some days I feel completely alone, and I think that is still the most difficult for me.

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né le 18/07/1926 à PARIS 20ème de Moritz BARON et Anna TZIGLER

Déporté en POLOGNE par le convoi n° 34 du 18/09/1942, rescapé

Fils de déportés

Mes parents ont été arrêtés lors de la grande rafle du 16/07/1942 et conduits à BIRKENAU où ils ont péri rapidement, mère gazée dès son arrivée, père subissant des expériences médicales du Docteur KREMER, décédé le 03/09/1942. Je suis arrêté le 12/09/1942 par la police française, conduit à DRANCY et déporté le 18/09/1942 pour la HTE SILESIE(POLOGNE) camps de travail forcé dépendant d'AUSCHWITZ et de GROSS ROSEN. J'y resterai jusqu'à la fin de Juillet 1944. Puis 3 mois à BIRKENAU, camp dit de quarantaine. Du 27/10/1944 au 27/04/1945 camp de DACHAU. Evadé d'un train d'évacuation de déportés, je suis caché par un paysan bavarois jusqu'à l'arrivée des troupes US puis françaises. Dans les camps, j'ai bétonné, fabriqué du matériel militaire, posé des rails etc... J'ai séjourné pendant 5 mois en hôpitaux US et français puis suis rentré en France le 18/09/1945. Je suis resté plâtré durant 3 ans pour maintenir ma colonne vertébrale. J'ai beaucoup d'activités dans le cadre de la mémoire, accompagnant des groupes à AUSCHWITZ, conférences en France, SUISSE, Allemagne, Portugal et ETATS UNIS. Je participe également à des Tables rondes à la radio et à la télévision.