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Herbert Lewin
Country: Germany

In the mid-1990s, when Herbert Lewin turned 75, he slowly began to lose his eyesight. Today, at age 90, he is legally blind, but just as in his teenage years, listening to music is still one of his greatest pleasures.

While sharing with us family photos he can barely see, Mr. Lewin tells us of his childhood in the East Prussian town of Osterode (Which today belongs to Poland). He speaks of his best friend who, despite being forced to join the Hitler Youth, never let him down. Herbert Lewin then takes us on his adventurous journey of an illegal immigration to Palestine, where he fell in love in Tel Aviv, then after the war, returned to Europe, ...

Task:

After you have watched the film, answer the following questions. You can find helpful information in the centropastudent.org study guide web links (click on the study guide icon next to the Lewin film).

1. Herbert Lewin was born in 1917 in Osterode in East Prussia. Which country does this region belong to nowadays? !

- Lithuania
- Poland
- Russia
- Belarus



2. How was Herbert Lewin brought up? Use the information from the film and briefly summarize what his childhood was like, what he tells us about religious attitudes in his family and anti-Semitic resentments in Germany back then! (3-5 sentences)

3 Which organization had Herbert Lewin's best friend, Hans Schaller, been forced to join? Choose the right answer!

- the SA
- the RAD – the Reich Labor Service
- the Hitler-Youth
- Deutsches Jungvolk – German Young People



4. Which route did he use to flee from the German Reich?

- he fled to Palestine via Yugoslavia
- he fled to Palestine via Austria
- he fled to Turkey via Yugoslavia
- he fled to Turkey via Austria



5. Herbert Lewin tells us about one of his best friends who used to be a fervent Zionist. Use the weblinks in the centropastudent study guide as well as other sources to write a short history about Zionism! (5 sentences max)

6. In Yugoslavia, Mr Lewin worked on a farm with other *hechalutz*. Use the study guide to give a definition of the term *hechalutz* !

7. Upon his arrival in Palestine, Herbert Lewin spent some time working in a kibbutz. Use the Internet and the links in the "Study Guide" and write a definition of what the term means! (2-3 sentences)



8. Why did Herbert Lewin choose to go to Vienna after the war had been over and what was his life like when he arrived there? Use the film and the biography (you can find the biography icon next to the film on centropastudent.org) and write a short summary! (5 sentences max)



9. What has been his Herbert Lewin's passion throughout his life?

- theater
- literature
- music
- model cars

