



**Peter Gyenes**  
Holocaust Survivor

I was born in Hungary in 1941. My father was taken to a forced labour camp in Russia and killed in 1943. After the Germans occupied Hungary in 1944 my mother and I moved to my grandfather's place into a so-called Yellow Star House. His housekeeper fed the whole family, as Jews had a curfew and couldn't even buy the basic necessities.

We escaped to the home of the housekeeper's family on the outskirts of Budapest where we stayed hidden in their washroom until the Russian army liberated Budapest in 1945.

With my wife and young son I managed to emigrate to New Zealand in 1972 and in 1978 to Australia. We received much selfless help from people unknown to us all along the way. Without the help of many courageous people we would not have survived.