

MY
FIRST **79** YEARS

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Not a practicing Jew
Every visit to Vienna -
Send them back to Gas
soccer chamber
never returned to Austria

"I have perfect pitch"

Pablo Casals -
Franco-anti-fascist
Prades, France 1950 festival

Aug 17, 1951 - married
Vera Lindenblit - 17
day after we met - in
Israel

I loved to gamble

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Stradivarius

(2) Violins - Guarneri
del Gesù
only 160 are
known

6 July 21, 1920

Kremineyev

Tue, Dec 14, 12:30

Board / Russian border

Sister - Eva - 1/2n younger

Father - Solomon

Mother - Clara died Dec 79

No high school

No college

Friend Nathan Koblich

Lutie Goldstein - benefactor

"University of Real Life"

1926-1939 - elementary school
high school, college

1939-1943 - Graduate school

54 people in Hall at Edinburgh

Recife, Brazil - 1949 - man taking pictures - "Ovi"

Alexander Zakin - pianist

Close personal relationship
"longest collaboration in history"
33 years.

Paul Star

Betty Alexander - travel with

Sol Hurok - claimed he discovered me - but I was first on line

Jan 8, 1943 debut - Carnegie Hall

4 F flat foot - cyst

volunteered for USO

FDR dies - glad he's dead p42
punched guy in elevator?

Walden First wagner - p69

Chicago symphony - we said we would boycott

Anglo photo - weakman

no anti semite

First recording 1945 - p55

Beethoven

Handel

Nora Kaye - p76

married Nov 19 1949

lasted 6 months - I solved at her ballet - she called me son of a bitch

Mar 22, 1946 Carnegie Hall (p51)
violin - Guarnieri - \$65,000

Israel - free concert
I loved it - people there loved music

visited Ben-Gurion

My sons - musicians
Can't make love (music) to Germans

Japan trip 53'

we were always called "semi official"
ambassadors

State Dept. cultural exchange program -
what do think of it.

Met Khmelov - all Russian artists had to
be fingerprinted (foreign) p. 29

I'm beginning to wonder how long I should
should go on. 297

60's Bday - Golf cart suggested by Abe Fortas
driven by Rosalyn Carter

82' - Broke my bow

1965 - First National Council for the Arts
LBS.

80's - informal dinner with Reagan
Kessinger - "no right to talk to
the President like that" p. 269

1976 85th anniv. of Carnegie Hall

1982 Concert of the Century

1996 - Isaac Stern Auditorium Dedication 15 min. | Hilary
Rood
Clinton

Solo performance in doubt - Arthritis
carpal tunnel syndrome - operation by now
was it successful?

March 74' Sol Hurok dies on N.Y. street

GE tries to buy Hurok and Co. - It doesn't
it became ICM.

Corsica -

Let's Henry Kravitz - wanted to go to clinic -
we became "close" friends

Again didn't go to Germany/Austria / visited Auschwitz in 60's
Speak - English / Russian / French. / Kurt Maier -

What's the film Isaac Stern: a life - ^{U.N.} Chinese Amb wife's
comment about father means p243

Politics and speaking out - no illusion p 238

1977 - Zakim ill - Alzheimer's

June 1979 - Arrive for visit in clinic with family

From Mao to Mozart - won Oscar in 80' 84 minutes
from 60 hours

Ten greatest violinists 296

Heifetz - the premier violinist
of 20th Century
one of 4 or 5 giants in 350 years

Every young performer in Mao to Mozart has left
China to study

Fiddles on the Roof - Tradition

1968 heart attack
mid 80' by pass (3)

1968
no more
regional orchestras
"a heavy burden of
massive disinterest on
my part"

I have lived with fatalistic sense of travel
David Oistrakh - Russian - knew him 20 years.

Story of sprained wrist - from tennis

I played at funerals for Sol Hurok

1990 $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} Shura Zakin \\ Benny Bernstein - (1947) \end{array} \right.$

Sons Michael conductor (Howard) Vera - divorce
David (a conductor) opera Fuchs Pergolesi-Krumpholtz, later
Shura (Rabbinat)

Loyalty - to Israel - Persian Gulf - gas masks. - played
to friends Scud attacks

Medal of Freedom 1992
testifying before state legislature about funds for arts
lobbying

Rabin/Anfat/Perez - at the W.A.

Jan 1998 - gala at Carnegie

"some kind of political animal"

73 in '93' Close friend Israeli Berlin / Oxford honorary
loved him
Amantest man I've ever
known

Traveled to Germany in April 1999

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