

## From the Testimony of Bernard Mayer about the First Aktion from the Ghetto to Belzec, 1942

In the first *aktion*, they took all the people to the railroad station. I wasn't there because I was hiding at that time, but when I came back, everybody was shook up because they took everybody to the station. Then came in one of the Gestapo into the station and he said: "Oh, don't take the people from the Statische Werkstater because we need them." So they took all the people from the Statische Werkstater and they took them back. They put them back to the factory except one man, I remember. One older man. Older, he wasn't really old. He was maybe forty-five. His name was Israel. He just got lost. They shipped him away to the death camp. Later we found out that they sent them to Belzec. We didn't know at that time. At that time, the first "aktion", they took people - my grandfather who was seventy-five years old and all these people to Belzec.

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