

“That afternoon, in the Garde Chasse Theatre in Lilas, I met a former deportee from the Second World War.

The man called S. Braun, was born in 1927, so he was 16 years old when he was deported. He said to us, “It is not what was done to you, but what you have done with what was done to you.” That was the thing that affected me the most. Samuel Braun told us there were three things in particular that remained with him after his ordeal, and helped him get through it:

- it was just luck that he managed to survive the Long March because only 40 people were liberated out of 240. 200 people died.
- it was hope that sustained him during the whole time he was a prisoner
- his ‘schizophrenia’ helped him overcome the deprivations and to imagine the things he longed for.

So that’s what impressed me the most. But everything he said was really interesting and I am grateful he shared some of his life during the Holocaust with me. THANK YOU!”

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