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## Melamed planning to write memoirs

**L**eo Melamed, a former chairman of the Chicago Mercantile Exchange who escaped with his family from Poland just after the German invasion in 1939, plans to write his memoirs.

His story may not quite rival "Schindler's List," but it should be interesting reading nonetheless.

Melamed was 7 years old when he and his parents fled from their native Bialystok. They crossed into the Soviet Union, rode the Trans-Siberian Railroad to the Pacific and wound up in Japan.

The family left Japan for the U.S. in 1941, shortly before the bombing of Pearl Harbor.

Melamed was still in law school when he went to work at the Merc in 1964 as a runner for Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Inc. He formed his own trading firm, Dellsher Investment Co., in 1965. The company merged with Sakura Bank of Japan eight months ago.

As chairman of the Merc, Melamed spearheaded its highly successful entry into the financial futures markets in the 1970s and '80s. Hopefully, he also will give an inside view of the rough-and-tumble politics at the exchange during the same period.

Co-author of the memoirs will be Robert Tamarkin, a former newspaperman who has written two other books involving the Merc. The Melamed epic will be published by John Wiley & Sons in the fall of 1995.

Melamed has produced three other books, including a science-fiction novel called "The Tenth Planet." He's been working on a sequel for several years.