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00:00:00,000 --> 00:00:07,650

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00:00:07,650 --> 00:00:11,340

Yes, I asked you, did it happen
to you during this four years

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00:00:11,340 --> 00:00:15,820

to be privileged?

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00:00:15,820 --> 00:00:18,790

Well, in a way, yes.

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00:00:18,790 --> 00:00:23,280

See, other than their own money
in the ghetto, and government,

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00:00:23,280 --> 00:00:28,440

and all that, Rumkowski
established his school,

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00:00:28,440 --> 00:00:30,310

a high school.

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00:00:30,310 --> 00:00:34,240

Two last classes, the
junior and senior class,

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00:00:34,240 --> 00:00:37,330

and some others too.

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00:00:37,330 --> 00:00:43,480

And I was then the senior class.

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00:00:43,480 --> 00:00:46,510

And it was a mixture
of people, remnants

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00:00:46,510 --> 00:00:49,820

of all schools
available in the city.

13
00:00:49,820 --> 00:00:53,680
And we studied, of sorts.

14
00:00:53,680 --> 00:00:54,430
When was it?

15
00:00:54,430 --> 00:00:55,990
When?

16
00:00:55,990 --> 00:00:57,970
'41.

17
00:00:57,970 --> 00:01:01,480
I graduated in '41.

18
00:01:01,480 --> 00:01:08,230
So, Rumkowski also-- he paid
a lot of attention to it.

19
00:01:08,230 --> 00:01:10,670
As I told you, he took
the job seriously.

20
00:01:10,670 --> 00:01:15,970
And then there was an idea--

21
00:01:15,970 --> 00:01:17,830
I don't know from
whom it came from,

22
00:01:17,830 --> 00:01:23,270
him or others, that he
also wanted to prepare

23
00:01:23,270 --> 00:01:26,710
the youth for Palestine.

24
00:01:26,710 --> 00:01:29,470
He was a great Zionist.

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00:01:29,470 --> 00:01:35,710

And a number of hachsharahs were
established where young people

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00:01:35,710 --> 00:01:37,630

would live on the land.

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00:01:37,630 --> 00:01:39,460

There was some land
on the outskirts.

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00:01:39,460 --> 00:01:42,550

Hachsharah is a kind
of a farm settlement.

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00:01:42,550 --> 00:01:47,170

A farm settlement to
teach Jewish youth

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00:01:47,170 --> 00:01:50,320

to work, and not youth
too, to work on the land

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00:01:50,320 --> 00:01:53,530

with the idea of settling
in Israel and Palestine

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00:01:53,530 --> 00:01:58,590

and doing agriculture.

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00:01:58,590 --> 00:02:07,180

So, a group of us in the class
got together and established

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00:02:07,180 --> 00:02:10,270

such a farm with his help.

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00:02:10,270 --> 00:02:11,980

He totally agreed to that.

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00:02:11,980 --> 00:02:13,390

Inside the ghetto?

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00:02:13,390 --> 00:02:15,250

Inside the ghetto.

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00:02:15,250 --> 00:02:17,020

There was some land--

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00:02:17,020 --> 00:02:19,120

Not in the town?

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00:02:19,120 --> 00:02:22,900

On the outskirts, not in the
center, on the outskirts.

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00:02:22,900 --> 00:02:27,820

And there was an abandoned
school or orphanage.

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00:02:27,820 --> 00:02:29,320

The Poles vacated it.

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00:02:29,320 --> 00:02:35,620

And there was farmland, and
some cattle, and et cetera.

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00:02:35,620 --> 00:02:40,510

And we moved in
there, boys and girls.

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00:02:40,510 --> 00:02:45,850

And we had a gardener, a
farmer, a German refugee,

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00:02:45,850 --> 00:02:47,890

who was farming it, really.

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00:02:47,890 --> 00:02:49,750

And we were helping.

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00:02:49,750 --> 00:02:51,100

He was teaching us.

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00:02:51,100 --> 00:02:51,760
A Jew.

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00:02:51,760 --> 00:02:53,860
A Jew, yeah.

51
00:02:53,860 --> 00:02:59,180
And so we lived there and
we were going to school.

52
00:02:59,180 --> 00:03:04,880
And that was a rather wonderful
year considering where we were.

53
00:03:04,880 --> 00:03:05,750
And it was also--

54
00:03:05,750 --> 00:03:08,020
It was which year, in 1941?

55
00:03:08,020 --> 00:03:08,770
'41.

56
00:03:08,770 --> 00:03:09,270
'41.

57
00:03:09,270 --> 00:03:10,053
Yes.

58
00:03:10,053 --> 00:03:10,720
The school year.

59
00:03:10,720 --> 00:03:12,910
And we stayed on
a little longer.

60
00:03:12,910 --> 00:03:17,020
So, we would work on
the land and raise

61
00:03:17,020 --> 00:03:21,130
crops, tomatoes, and vegetables,

and flowers, and all that.

62

00:03:21,130 --> 00:03:22,600

And also, there were goats.

63

00:03:22,600 --> 00:03:26,500

We would milk goats and bringing
to the stores in the ghetto,

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00:03:26,500 --> 00:03:30,280

to the cooperative that
was sold then to people.

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00:03:30,280 --> 00:03:32,445

And I went to school and
also had a good time.

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00:03:32,445 --> 00:03:34,090

It was a nice group.

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00:03:34,090 --> 00:03:36,940

And it was good living.

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00:03:36,940 --> 00:03:38,200

We did enough food--

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00:03:38,200 --> 00:03:40,810

had enough food for
ourselves, plenty.

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00:03:40,810 --> 00:03:42,940

Really, it was almost a shame.

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00:03:42,940 --> 00:03:46,930

But we were not allowed
to bring it home.

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00:03:46,930 --> 00:03:48,310

That was the ethical point.

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00:03:48,310 --> 00:03:53,207

We could do that there

because we were raising food,

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00:03:53,207 --> 00:03:55,040

but we could not share
it with our families.

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00:03:55,040 --> 00:03:59,230

It was very painful because
there was hunger back home.

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00:03:59,230 --> 00:04:02,090

So one felt guilty about it.

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00:04:02,090 --> 00:04:05,650

And at the same time,
your parents were hungry?

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00:04:05,650 --> 00:04:09,130

At the same time, of course.

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00:04:09,130 --> 00:04:13,360

And the same time, my parents
were very much for it.

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00:04:13,360 --> 00:04:15,640

They enjoyed-- they
went along with it

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00:04:15,640 --> 00:04:20,050

that it's a good experience for
me, and being away from home,

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00:04:20,050 --> 00:04:23,740

and having fun, and all
that, and going to school.

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00:04:23,740 --> 00:04:25,790

But, the pain was
the conditions.

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00:04:25,790 --> 00:04:29,590

Here they are struggling
and I have it so good.

85
00:04:29,590 --> 00:04:31,960
That was difficult.

86
00:04:31,960 --> 00:04:36,140
However, after that-- oh,
well, then we graduated from--

87
00:04:36,140 --> 00:04:39,340
we felt very privileged,
that's the point.

88
00:04:39,340 --> 00:04:43,000
Rumkowski was giving
into us, was treating us

89
00:04:43,000 --> 00:04:45,820
as his children, his future.

90
00:04:45,820 --> 00:04:48,740
It was a funny feeling
because on one hand,

91
00:04:48,740 --> 00:04:51,410
we couldn't take seriously
the whole ghetto experience.

92
00:04:51,410 --> 00:04:54,880
On the other hand, we
were enjoying it, too.

93
00:04:54,880 --> 00:04:59,920
Rumkowski had a taste, an
inclination for the youth?

94
00:04:59,920 --> 00:05:01,390
He liked the youth?

95
00:05:01,390 --> 00:05:02,920
Absolutely.

96
00:05:02,920 --> 00:05:03,820

He said so.

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00:05:03,820 --> 00:05:07,900

And I think he was a director
of the orphanage before.

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00:05:07,900 --> 00:05:08,690

Yes.

99

00:05:08,690 --> 00:05:12,640

And he really did care for
children and like children.

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00:05:12,640 --> 00:05:14,300

What did he say?

101

00:05:14,300 --> 00:05:15,820

How did he see the youth?

102

00:05:15,820 --> 00:05:20,050

I mean, in the framework
of this ghetto life,

103

00:05:20,050 --> 00:05:22,120

what was the youth for him?

104

00:05:22,120 --> 00:05:25,510

He said that we are the future.

105

00:05:25,510 --> 00:05:28,180

And we will be the
one he will educate.

106

00:05:28,180 --> 00:05:31,390

It was a little grandiose
idea under the circumstances.

107

00:05:31,390 --> 00:05:33,580

But nevertheless,
how can you fight it?

108

00:05:33,580 --> 00:05:35,590

It makes sense.

109
00:05:35,590 --> 00:05:38,860
We are the future and the
leaders, future leaders,

110
00:05:38,860 --> 00:05:40,900
and he will help
us, and educate us,

111
00:05:40,900 --> 00:05:43,810
so then we can be in Palestine.

112
00:05:43,810 --> 00:05:50,380
How were you chosen
to go to school?

113
00:05:50,380 --> 00:05:51,010
This group?

114
00:05:51,010 --> 00:05:51,510
Yes.

115
00:05:51,510 --> 00:05:52,570
That was voluntary.

116
00:05:52,570 --> 00:05:53,770
Not everybody wanted.

117
00:05:53,770 --> 00:05:55,870
That was a voluntary thing.

118
00:05:55,870 --> 00:05:59,860
Whoever wanted, could
join from the class.

119
00:05:59,860 --> 00:06:01,480
But there were not many takers.

120
00:06:01,480 --> 00:06:03,160
Because it was rough, too.

121
00:06:03,160 --> 00:06:04,710
It was hard work.

122
00:06:04,710 --> 00:06:05,210
Yes.

123
00:06:05,210 --> 00:06:07,960
And away from the home.

124
00:06:07,960 --> 00:06:12,880
But a group of us did that.

125
00:06:12,880 --> 00:06:15,860
It was a small island
inside the ghetto?

126
00:06:15,860 --> 00:06:17,680
Right.

127
00:06:17,680 --> 00:06:20,290
And he was very proud of us.

128
00:06:20,290 --> 00:06:23,740
He was graduating us
then from high school

129
00:06:23,740 --> 00:06:27,460
and gave a wonderful
speech, how much we mean,

130
00:06:27,460 --> 00:06:30,820
and that how much he will help
us, and do everything for us.

131
00:06:30,820 --> 00:06:33,860

132
00:06:33,860 --> 00:06:37,100
How long did it
last, this school?

133

00:06:37,100 --> 00:06:39,920
Well, about a year.

134
00:06:39,920 --> 00:06:42,910
About a year.

135
00:06:42,910 --> 00:06:45,980
And the school went on doing
the whole time of the ghetto?

136
00:06:45,980 --> 00:06:46,840
No, no, no.

137
00:06:46,840 --> 00:06:47,740
We graduated.

138
00:06:47,740 --> 00:06:49,480
I think another class graduated.

139
00:06:49,480 --> 00:06:50,680
And then school closed.

140
00:06:50,680 --> 00:06:53,200
It was '42 by then.

141
00:06:53,200 --> 00:06:59,290
And there was not much
energy for schooling anymore.

142
00:06:59,290 --> 00:07:00,610
Things were falling apart.

143
00:07:00,610 --> 00:07:02,290
People were sent out.

144
00:07:02,290 --> 00:07:04,570
It became more and
more life and death.

145
00:07:04,570 --> 00:07:08,300
There was no energy
for school anymore.

146
00:07:08,300 --> 00:07:10,300
It became unimportant.

147
00:07:10,300 --> 00:07:11,000
Unimportant?

148
00:07:11,000 --> 00:07:13,620
Yes.

149
00:07:13,620 --> 00:07:16,560
And what happened
after you graduated?

150
00:07:16,560 --> 00:07:22,530
After we graduated, he
sort of gave us jobs.

151
00:07:22,530 --> 00:07:26,330
We became, then, employable
and gave us jobs.

152
00:07:26,330 --> 00:07:29,430
I know a group of
us, I and the group,

153
00:07:29,430 --> 00:07:33,300
got a job in a factory
that was making

154
00:07:33,300 --> 00:07:34,560
uniforms for the Germans.

155
00:07:34,560 --> 00:07:37,250

156
00:07:37,250 --> 00:07:41,630
And this was a
horrible experience.

157
00:07:41,630 --> 00:07:46,430
Because the way it was that

we will be educated and do

158

00:07:46,430 --> 00:07:49,970

something important was we
were put into the machinery

159

00:07:49,970 --> 00:07:53,000

to work for the Germans.

160

00:07:53,000 --> 00:07:54,890

You made the uniforms for them?

161

00:07:54,890 --> 00:07:55,700

Yes.

162

00:07:55,700 --> 00:07:56,900

For the Wehrmacht?

163

00:07:56,900 --> 00:08:02,850

For the-- coats, raincoats with
kaucuk We would use the kaucuk.

164

00:08:02,850 --> 00:08:03,770

The famous raincoat.

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00:08:03,770 --> 00:08:06,185

The famous raincoat
of the Germans.

166

00:08:06,185 --> 00:08:10,440

It was a horrible experience.

167

00:08:10,440 --> 00:08:13,380

Night shifts and day
shifts, very hard work,

168

00:08:13,380 --> 00:08:17,460

and horrible supervision
by the Jewish tailors that

169

00:08:17,460 --> 00:08:22,890

just had a day

with the girls that

170

00:08:22,890 --> 00:08:25,770

just came out of high
school and had it so good.

171

00:08:25,770 --> 00:08:28,530

Here you are, now sweat.

172

00:08:28,530 --> 00:08:29,550

Now sweat?

173

00:08:29,550 --> 00:08:30,780

Now you sweat.

174

00:08:30,780 --> 00:08:34,429

Now we show you what life is.

175

00:08:34,429 --> 00:08:36,650

So, it came from
both sides, working

176

00:08:36,650 --> 00:08:42,679

those raincoats, the army
raincoats, and the supervisors.

177

00:08:42,679 --> 00:08:47,150

It was pretty
horrible experience.

178

00:08:47,150 --> 00:08:51,390

But they were hating
you, the Jewish tailors?

179

00:08:51,390 --> 00:08:54,080

180

00:08:54,080 --> 00:08:56,390

Did they hate you?

181

00:08:56,390 --> 00:08:58,130

I don't know that they hate us.

182
00:08:58,130 --> 00:09:00,080
They were angry, themselves.

183
00:09:00,080 --> 00:09:04,190
They were, themselves,
captives of the machinery.

184
00:09:04,190 --> 00:09:08,930
I don't think they enjoyed
making raincoats for Germans

185
00:09:08,930 --> 00:09:10,850
and doing that job.

186
00:09:10,850 --> 00:09:14,270
So, there was an
angry, tense situation,

187
00:09:14,270 --> 00:09:16,620
"what are we doing here?"

188
00:09:16,620 --> 00:09:18,580
Oh, yes, I see.

189
00:09:18,580 --> 00:09:22,960
And who went in this factory?

190
00:09:22,960 --> 00:09:27,140
Everybody, girls, boys?

191
00:09:27,140 --> 00:09:29,250
No, that was for
the girls, the job

192
00:09:29,250 --> 00:09:31,430
was for the girls,
a number of us.

193
00:09:31,430 --> 00:09:33,050
Anything for boys?

194

00:09:33,050 --> 00:09:35,420

Well, the boys had other jobs.

195

00:09:35,420 --> 00:09:36,940

What kind of jobs?

196

00:09:36,940 --> 00:09:39,500

All kinds of, similar to that.

197

00:09:39,500 --> 00:09:42,620

198

00:09:42,620 --> 00:09:45,620

You don't want to say.

199

00:09:45,620 --> 00:09:47,060

I wasn't there.

200

00:09:47,060 --> 00:09:51,154

I worked in that sweatshop.

201

00:09:51,154 --> 00:09:52,757

That is, you could say it.

202

00:09:52,757 --> 00:10:00,880

203

00:10:00,880 --> 00:10:01,630

Do it, please.

204

00:10:01,630 --> 00:10:02,470

Hmm?

205

00:10:02,470 --> 00:10:03,400

Do it!

206

00:10:03,400 --> 00:10:07,960

No, that's for
other people to say.

207

00:10:07,960 --> 00:10:08,990
May I say it?

208
00:10:08,990 --> 00:10:09,490
No.

209
00:10:09,490 --> 00:10:12,680

210
00:10:12,680 --> 00:10:13,250
No?

211
00:10:13,250 --> 00:10:15,980
No.

212
00:10:15,980 --> 00:10:16,480
OK.

213
00:10:16,480 --> 00:10:22,260

214
00:10:22,260 --> 00:10:24,870
And after this factory,
what did you do?

215
00:10:24,870 --> 00:10:28,800
After that factory,
what did I do?

216
00:10:28,800 --> 00:10:32,560
Oh, there was another
noble job that Rumkowski

217
00:10:32,560 --> 00:10:36,300
had for some of us.

218
00:10:36,300 --> 00:10:39,420
He organized a
women's police force.

219
00:10:39,420 --> 00:10:40,890
That's what he

did with the boys.

220

00:10:40,890 --> 00:10:44,400

We can say this,
after graduation.

221

00:10:44,400 --> 00:10:49,770

And I was recruited
to be a policewoman.

222

00:10:49,770 --> 00:10:52,700

223

00:10:52,700 --> 00:10:54,010

Very funny.

224

00:10:54,010 --> 00:10:57,520

It was funny, really.

225

00:10:57,520 --> 00:10:59,980

The job was to be--

226

00:10:59,980 --> 00:11:03,220

to keep order on the
streets, traffic.

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00:11:03,220 --> 00:11:06,328

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00:11:06,328 --> 00:11:07,450

[NON-ENGLISH SPEECH]

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00:11:07,450 --> 00:11:09,430

[NON-ENGLISH SPEECH]

230

00:11:09,430 --> 00:11:12,490

(film slating)

231

00:11:12,490 --> 00:11:17,800

But what was the need for
a woman's police force?

232

00:11:17,800 --> 00:11:23,590

The need was to keep
the streets in order.

233

00:11:23,590 --> 00:11:26,315

Order was a very big problem.

234

00:11:26,315 --> 00:11:27,190

[NON-ENGLISH SPEECH].

235

00:11:27,190 --> 00:11:29,200

[NON-ENGLISH SPEECH], yes.

236

00:11:29,200 --> 00:11:30,640

Now what was the disorder?

237

00:11:30,640 --> 00:11:35,140

The disorder was some black
marketing on the streets.

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00:11:35,140 --> 00:11:39,820

People would sell-- peddlers
would be there and sell

239

00:11:39,820 --> 00:11:44,710

cigarettes or candies.

240

00:11:44,710 --> 00:11:45,520

There was hunger.

241

00:11:45,520 --> 00:11:50,920

The candies were I don't know
what, but something sweet.

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00:11:50,920 --> 00:11:53,920

The quality was awful,
but something sweet.

243

00:11:53,920 --> 00:11:56,290

And that was verboten.

244

00:11:56,290 --> 00:11:56,920
By who?

245
00:11:56,920 --> 00:11:58,580
By Rumkowski.

246
00:11:58,580 --> 00:12:00,880
Why?

247
00:12:00,880 --> 00:12:02,680
Well, don't ask me.

248
00:12:02,680 --> 00:12:05,950
It was black market.

249
00:12:05,950 --> 00:12:08,480
Because the people to make
candies would have to get--

250
00:12:08,480 --> 00:12:08,980
No, no.

251
00:12:08,980 --> 00:12:12,070
When you talk about order,
you mean moral order.

252
00:12:12,070 --> 00:12:14,620
Moral order and
clean on the street.

253
00:12:14,620 --> 00:12:18,190
Yes, I think it would
amount to moral order.

254
00:12:18,190 --> 00:12:20,230
Because it hit
the little people.

255
00:12:20,230 --> 00:12:22,660
Because the people would
have to get sugar somehow

256

00:12:22,660 --> 00:12:24,160
to make the candies.

257
00:12:24,160 --> 00:12:26,650
They would have to get
it on the black market

258
00:12:26,650 --> 00:12:29,870
because there was not
enough from the ration.

259
00:12:29,870 --> 00:12:31,300
So, it was black marketing.

260
00:12:31,300 --> 00:12:34,440
And he wanted to stop it.

261
00:12:34,440 --> 00:12:37,980
So, the women police
force would be

262
00:12:37,980 --> 00:12:41,157
given this task to
keep order and get

263
00:12:41,157 --> 00:12:42,240
the people off the street.

264
00:12:42,240 --> 00:12:44,010
Yes, but I ask why women?

265
00:12:44,010 --> 00:12:48,580
There were not enough
men in the police?

266
00:12:48,580 --> 00:12:51,930
Well, that Rumkowski had ideas.

267
00:12:51,930 --> 00:12:54,620
Don't ask me.

268
00:12:54,620 --> 00:12:59,460

He thought it was neat to
put women in police uniforms

269
00:12:59,460 --> 00:13:02,590
and have them on the
street of the ghetto.

270
00:13:02,590 --> 00:13:04,920
He was a pioneer [INAUDIBLE].

271
00:13:04,920 --> 00:13:08,520
All right, maybe.

272
00:13:08,520 --> 00:13:13,890
So, the chief of the police
become an old gentleman,

273
00:13:13,890 --> 00:13:15,090
a Czech, lovely.

274
00:13:15,090 --> 00:13:15,840
What was his name?

275
00:13:15,840 --> 00:13:16,453
I forget.

276
00:13:16,453 --> 00:13:17,370
I don't know his name.

277
00:13:17,370 --> 00:13:19,890
But I remember-- I think
he was a professor of one

278
00:13:19,890 --> 00:13:21,150
sort or the other.

279
00:13:21,150 --> 00:13:25,320
Had nothing to do with police,
or enforcing the law, or such,

280
00:13:25,320 --> 00:13:28,110
and his life in Prague.

281
00:13:28,110 --> 00:13:32,640
So, he and his secretary--
also a woman from Prague--

282
00:13:32,640 --> 00:13:34,500
were the chiefs.

283
00:13:34,500 --> 00:13:37,500
And I was an officer.

284
00:13:37,500 --> 00:13:40,485
And there were the police girls.

285
00:13:40,485 --> 00:13:42,050
So, did you wear a uniform?

286
00:13:42,050 --> 00:13:42,660
Oh, yes.

287
00:13:42,660 --> 00:13:43,170
Yes?

288
00:13:43,170 --> 00:13:43,670
Yes.

289
00:13:43,670 --> 00:13:45,810
What kind of uniform?

290
00:13:45,810 --> 00:13:51,130
Was a jacket, and a
hat, some police hat.

291
00:13:51,130 --> 00:13:52,100
You had boots?

292
00:13:52,100 --> 00:13:53,390
Well, who had boots?

293
00:13:53,390 --> 00:13:53,890
No.

294
00:13:53,890 --> 00:13:55,330
Or shoes, I don't know.

295
00:13:55,330 --> 00:13:58,630
That would be too
much, I suppose.

296
00:13:58,630 --> 00:14:00,440
But, it was very funny.

297
00:14:00,440 --> 00:14:05,170
The men, the Jewish police--

298
00:14:05,170 --> 00:14:07,690
the male force, they wore boots.

299
00:14:07,690 --> 00:14:08,260
Boots.

300
00:14:08,260 --> 00:14:10,960
I don't remember if we-- well,
I don't remember that we had

301
00:14:10,960 --> 00:14:13,330
police boots, any tall boots.

302
00:14:13,330 --> 00:14:15,370
I don't remember that.

303
00:14:15,370 --> 00:14:18,850
But it was, to me,
it was comical.

304
00:14:18,850 --> 00:14:22,330
And why to hell I
participate, I don't know.

305
00:14:22,330 --> 00:14:26,120
But one needed to work,
otherwise one was sent out.

306

00:14:26,120 --> 00:14:29,960

And that was the offer
for his graduates.

307

00:14:29,960 --> 00:14:31,060

So I was there.

308

00:14:31,060 --> 00:14:33,650

309

00:14:33,650 --> 00:14:35,800

So, that was it.

310

00:14:35,800 --> 00:14:37,610

No, no explain.

311

00:14:37,610 --> 00:14:39,110

What was the--

312

00:14:39,110 --> 00:14:42,530

OK, you said what was
the work, but what

313

00:14:42,530 --> 00:14:47,600

was the means you had
to enforce this work?

314

00:14:47,600 --> 00:14:49,640

You could arrest people?

315

00:14:49,640 --> 00:14:52,590

No, not really.

316

00:14:52,590 --> 00:14:58,190

In a sense, the presumption
was that if they

317

00:14:58,190 --> 00:15:02,540

are the police girls walking
and asking people go out,

318

00:15:02,540 --> 00:15:03,920
they would.

319
00:15:03,920 --> 00:15:06,350
The next step was
if they would--

320
00:15:06,350 --> 00:15:09,680
the person still would
not, that's right,

321
00:15:09,680 --> 00:15:13,970
there was to arrest
the guy or whatnot

322
00:15:13,970 --> 00:15:16,400
and bring them to
the nearest police

323
00:15:16,400 --> 00:15:20,128
station, where there were many.

324
00:15:20,128 --> 00:15:21,420
Many police stations, you mean?

325
00:15:21,420 --> 00:15:22,830
Yes.

326
00:15:22,830 --> 00:15:26,350
But the job would be done
then by the police men.

327
00:15:26,350 --> 00:15:32,100
But the women had to bring
them, the culprit to the police

328
00:15:32,100 --> 00:15:33,030
station.

329
00:15:33,030 --> 00:15:34,350
Did you do it?

330

00:15:34,350 --> 00:15:36,790
I was working in the office.

331
00:15:36,790 --> 00:15:38,100
And you were not in the street?

332
00:15:38,100 --> 00:15:39,690
I was not on the street.

333
00:15:39,690 --> 00:15:41,190
I was in the office.

334
00:15:41,190 --> 00:15:45,480
And my time was spent
administratively.

335
00:15:45,480 --> 00:15:48,000
And then talking with
this old gentleman

336
00:15:48,000 --> 00:15:50,250
about Prague and the world.

337
00:15:50,250 --> 00:15:56,000
He just came not long ago,
so I would listen to stories.

338
00:15:56,000 --> 00:16:01,720
Sort of thinking if there's
a world beyond where we were.

339
00:16:01,720 --> 00:16:06,010
But I did experience
something there very,

340
00:16:06,010 --> 00:16:10,710
very, very unnerving.

341
00:16:10,710 --> 00:16:16,320
And that was that the girls,
some of them, were complaining,

342

00:16:16,320 --> 00:16:18,690
were rebelling.

343
00:16:18,690 --> 00:16:20,070
They didn't want to do that.

344
00:16:20,070 --> 00:16:22,810

345
00:16:22,810 --> 00:16:26,560
Because it was not so innocuous.

346
00:16:26,560 --> 00:16:30,910
You see, the time
started as we were there

347
00:16:30,910 --> 00:16:35,980
that the order was
then peddlers arrested

348
00:16:35,980 --> 00:16:40,150
on the street will be deported.

349
00:16:40,150 --> 00:16:41,260
OK?

350
00:16:41,260 --> 00:16:43,510
For a while it was not so.

351
00:16:43,510 --> 00:16:46,810
So, it was sort
of very innocent.

352
00:16:46,810 --> 00:16:51,880
But then the order was that
peddlers will be deported.

353
00:16:51,880 --> 00:16:55,950
And also to the policewomen,
you arrest them.

354
00:16:55,950 --> 00:16:59,560

A sort of a edict
thing, you arrest them

355
00:16:59,560 --> 00:17:02,860
and deliver the peddlers.

356
00:17:02,860 --> 00:17:06,089
So, one day there was a girl--

357
00:17:06,089 --> 00:17:08,050
we were all friends, of course--

358
00:17:08,050 --> 00:17:11,050
and she talked to me.

359
00:17:11,050 --> 00:17:13,130
And she said, I
cannot do it anymore,

360
00:17:13,130 --> 00:17:17,680
I don't want to, and so on.

361
00:17:17,680 --> 00:17:18,460
I listened.

362
00:17:18,460 --> 00:17:20,470
And she says, well,
you have to go with me.

363
00:17:20,470 --> 00:17:24,700
You are sitting in the
office and you don't know.

364
00:17:24,700 --> 00:17:27,810
You have to go with me or else.

365
00:17:27,810 --> 00:17:31,540
I mean, it was a
very moving appeal.

366
00:17:31,540 --> 00:17:34,780
And I said, all right.

367
00:17:34,780 --> 00:17:39,280
So, one evening I went with her.

368
00:17:39,280 --> 00:17:44,370
And here was this
middle-aged guy

369
00:17:44,370 --> 00:17:50,880
who had a little tableau hanging
over his neck on a string.

370
00:17:50,880 --> 00:17:52,530
And he had few candies.

371
00:17:52,530 --> 00:17:55,530
And he was trying to sell.

372
00:17:55,530 --> 00:17:58,080
And this friend of
mine said to him--

373
00:17:58,080 --> 00:18:00,720
she said, you do nothing to me.

374
00:18:00,720 --> 00:18:02,850
You just watch me.

375
00:18:02,850 --> 00:18:03,660
You do nothing.

376
00:18:03,660 --> 00:18:06,330
I just want you to see.

377
00:18:06,330 --> 00:18:09,390
And she asked him to leave the
street, to get off the street.

378
00:18:09,390 --> 00:18:11,130
And he said no.

379

00:18:11,130 --> 00:18:12,480
And she asked him again.

380
00:18:12,480 --> 00:18:14,220
And he said, no.

381
00:18:14,220 --> 00:18:16,792
So she said, I
have to arrest you

382
00:18:16,792 --> 00:18:18,375
or I have to bring
you to the station.

383
00:18:18,375 --> 00:18:21,880

384
00:18:21,880 --> 00:18:23,800
And she was forceful.

385
00:18:23,800 --> 00:18:28,620
I mean-- and she took
him to the station.

386
00:18:28,620 --> 00:18:30,120
And I was there.

387
00:18:30,120 --> 00:18:32,150
Yes.

388
00:18:32,150 --> 00:18:35,400
And then we left the station.

389
00:18:35,400 --> 00:18:37,130
And she said, now
what do you say?

390
00:18:37,130 --> 00:18:40,480

391
00:18:40,480 --> 00:18:43,360
I couldn't say nothing.

392
00:18:43,360 --> 00:18:48,770
We walked the whole night
on the street of the ghetto.

393
00:18:48,770 --> 00:18:53,720

394
00:18:53,720 --> 00:18:56,005
She said, you know that
he may be deported.

395
00:18:56,005 --> 00:19:01,840

396
00:19:01,840 --> 00:19:05,280
So after that night I
resolved, I'm getting out.

397
00:19:05,280 --> 00:19:07,110
I can't take that.

398
00:19:07,110 --> 00:19:10,250
I had to get out.

399
00:19:10,250 --> 00:19:15,930
The other agony is that if
I get out, I have no job.

400
00:19:15,930 --> 00:19:16,800
I will be deported.

401
00:19:16,800 --> 00:19:24,270

402
00:19:24,270 --> 00:19:27,740
So, as it happened, I was not--

403
00:19:27,740 --> 00:19:31,580
I didn't need to agonize over
that because within a week

404

00:19:31,580 --> 00:19:34,430
or so the police was dissolved.

405

00:19:34,430 --> 00:19:40,100
But I don't know what I would
have done, stay on or not.

406

00:19:40,100 --> 00:19:41,300
Yes.

407

00:19:41,300 --> 00:19:48,620
On the-- do you know something
about the feelings of the men

408

00:19:48,620 --> 00:19:51,830
of the Jewish police or not?

409

00:19:51,830 --> 00:19:56,390
Did they feel guilty
in one way or another?

410

00:19:56,390 --> 00:19:58,790
I don't know.

411

00:19:58,790 --> 00:20:09,450
I-- if we would talk
with people that

412

00:20:09,450 --> 00:20:12,480
were police, friends
or acquaintances, that

413

00:20:12,480 --> 00:20:14,280
was never mentioned.

414

00:20:14,280 --> 00:20:16,100
Feelings were not talked about.

415

00:20:16,100 --> 00:20:21,150

416

00:20:21,150 --> 00:20:23,130
And today?

417
00:20:23,130 --> 00:20:25,440
These people who were in
the police, are they--

418
00:20:25,440 --> 00:20:29,520
Well, look, I couldn't tell you
that, talk to you about that

419
00:20:29,520 --> 00:20:30,870
till a few years ago.

420
00:20:30,870 --> 00:20:32,760
I would not talk.

421
00:20:32,760 --> 00:20:36,180
Yes, can you explain
what happened?

422
00:20:36,180 --> 00:20:43,880
I would be-- feel too guilty,
too ashamed to tell you that.

423
00:20:43,880 --> 00:20:46,300
That I was there and that--

424
00:20:46,300 --> 00:20:50,550

425
00:20:50,550 --> 00:20:55,320
how I felt then, the whole
struggle and the impossibility.

426
00:20:55,320 --> 00:21:00,900
And nobody to talk to,
nobody to really discuss

427
00:21:00,900 --> 00:21:05,640
moral issues with, other than
with this girl that I did,

428

00:21:05,640 --> 00:21:08,080
the agony through the night.

429

00:21:08,080 --> 00:21:11,270
But that was the only time that
we had the chance to do it.

430

00:21:11,270 --> 00:21:13,810

431

00:21:13,810 --> 00:21:15,450
So it was just -- didn't talk?

432

00:21:15,450 --> 00:21:18,870
So, there was no talk, no.

433

00:21:18,870 --> 00:21:20,730
It was too horrible to talk.

434

00:21:20,730 --> 00:21:21,600
Well, how could you?

435

00:21:21,600 --> 00:21:22,980
What was the choice?

436

00:21:22,980 --> 00:21:23,970
Shoot yourself?

437

00:21:23,970 --> 00:21:25,060
There was no guns, either.

438

00:21:25,060 --> 00:21:26,850
You couldn't shoot yourself.

439

00:21:26,850 --> 00:21:32,280
But what was the choice?

440

00:21:32,280 --> 00:21:33,825
No, but I ask you the question.

441

00:21:33,825 --> 00:21:34,680
And I can't--

442
00:21:34,680 --> 00:21:36,120
No, we could not talk.

443
00:21:36,120 --> 00:21:42,510
I can't say it publicly
because I tried to meet

444
00:21:42,510 --> 00:21:47,310
and to interview for this film
several people, several men,

445
00:21:47,310 --> 00:21:51,600
who were in the
police force of Å Ã³dÅ°.

446
00:21:51,600 --> 00:21:54,630
All of them refused
categorically to talk.

447
00:21:54,630 --> 00:21:57,960
I succeeded to have some
others of other ghetto talking,

448
00:21:57,960 --> 00:21:59,610
but not of Å Ã³dÅ°.

449
00:21:59,610 --> 00:22:04,020
As you said, it would be
a big secret, [INAUDIBLE]..

450
00:22:04,020 --> 00:22:06,840
How do you explain
that they won't talk?

451
00:22:06,840 --> 00:22:07,440
I don't know.

452
00:22:07,440 --> 00:22:08,865
I still have a hard time--

453

00:22:08,865 --> 00:22:09,990

Just a general description.

454

00:22:09,990 --> 00:22:12,720

Yes, I have a hard
time to tell you

455

00:22:12,720 --> 00:22:16,590

why I would not talk about it.

456

00:22:16,590 --> 00:22:17,630

[INAUDIBLE]

457

00:22:17,630 --> 00:22:18,390

[INAUDIBLE]

458

00:22:18,390 --> 00:22:19,300

459

00:22:19,300 --> 00:22:22,160

(film slating)

460

00:22:22,160 --> 00:22:27,030

What I wanted to say is that I
have found some people of other

461

00:22:27,030 --> 00:22:31,020

ghettos than Å Å³dÅ° of people
who were in the police force,

462

00:22:31,020 --> 00:22:33,780

in the Jewish police force.

463

00:22:33,780 --> 00:22:38,940

And some of them
agreed to talk to me.

464

00:22:38,940 --> 00:22:40,770

And they did it rather openly.

465

00:22:40,770 --> 00:22:43,500

466

00:22:43,500 --> 00:22:48,090

I have found two people of Å Å³dÅ°,
the Jewish policemen of Å Å³dÅ°,

467

00:22:48,090 --> 00:22:55,420

who occupy now rather
important positions in life.

468

00:22:55,420 --> 00:23:01,020

And all of them escaped
completely my questions.

469

00:23:01,020 --> 00:23:05,460

I mean, I didn't get even the
occasion to talk about this.

470

00:23:05,460 --> 00:23:08,020

Because they knew
that I wanted to talk.

471

00:23:08,020 --> 00:23:10,830

And they just escaped, or
they shut their mouths.

472

00:23:10,830 --> 00:23:13,660

They shut their doors.

473

00:23:13,660 --> 00:23:17,670

And I was very struck
because it is like it

474

00:23:17,670 --> 00:23:20,100

was a big secret behind this.

475

00:23:20,100 --> 00:23:23,910

And there are things
that I don't understand.

476

00:23:23,910 --> 00:23:26,970

Do they feel so
extremely guilty?

477
00:23:26,970 --> 00:23:29,220
And I didn't want to
accuse them at all.

478
00:23:29,220 --> 00:23:30,840
It was the other way around.

479
00:23:30,840 --> 00:23:33,420
I wanted to help the
people to understand

480
00:23:33,420 --> 00:23:41,910
why Jews had been enlisted
in the police force,

481
00:23:41,910 --> 00:23:43,650
sometimes against their will.

482
00:23:43,650 --> 00:23:47,520
But I had no chance.

483
00:23:47,520 --> 00:23:51,500
Maybe you can help me
to understand this.

484
00:23:51,500 --> 00:23:52,980
I don't know if I can, really.

485
00:23:52,980 --> 00:23:53,480
Why?

486
00:23:53,480 --> 00:23:56,420
But I can tell you only--

487
00:23:56,420 --> 00:23:59,480
and I don't know even
how I can explain

488
00:23:59,480 --> 00:24:07,050
why I would not talk about
it till very few years ago.

489

00:24:07,050 --> 00:24:09,210

But I wouldn't.

490

00:24:09,210 --> 00:24:16,410

And if I am to search why,

I think the guilt about--

491

00:24:16,410 --> 00:24:19,800

the guilt that I did wrong.

492

00:24:19,800 --> 00:24:22,050

That I didn't do enough.

493

00:24:22,050 --> 00:24:24,450

That I'm alive,

my family is not.

494

00:24:24,450 --> 00:24:27,990

That I tried so hard

to save them, to help

495

00:24:27,990 --> 00:24:33,180

them survive, and myself,

and I didn't succeed.

496

00:24:33,180 --> 00:24:35,730

That I sort of felt

I delivered them,

497

00:24:35,730 --> 00:24:39,210

by going to Auschwitz with

my family and surviving,

498

00:24:39,210 --> 00:24:43,950

I delivered them to the

Germans and I'm alive.

499

00:24:43,950 --> 00:24:46,500

And that was an

untouchable issue.

500

00:24:46,500 --> 00:24:50,770
I just could not get over that.

501
00:24:50,770 --> 00:24:56,220
And the same, like
working in the ghetto

502
00:24:56,220 --> 00:25:02,220
for the German machinery, war
machinery, for all those years.

503
00:25:02,220 --> 00:25:08,490
Being in the police and
having those feelings.

504
00:25:08,490 --> 00:25:12,630
I felt, or at least
later, not then--

505
00:25:12,630 --> 00:25:15,810
then I was clear
I had no choice.

506
00:25:15,810 --> 00:25:19,370
I was doing, searching,
and soul searching

507
00:25:19,370 --> 00:25:21,800
as we were going along.

508
00:25:21,800 --> 00:25:24,690
But later I thought
that I had a choice.

509
00:25:24,690 --> 00:25:25,795
I could kill myself.

510
00:25:25,795 --> 00:25:28,590
Well, why didn't I do that?

511
00:25:28,590 --> 00:25:29,670
Later, you said?

512

00:25:29,670 --> 00:25:30,832

Later, I thought that.

513

00:25:30,832 --> 00:25:33,550

514

00:25:33,550 --> 00:25:36,760

Yes, but this was
the only alternative?

515

00:25:36,760 --> 00:25:39,400

It was either to work
for the German machinery

516

00:25:39,400 --> 00:25:41,390

or to commit suicide?

517

00:25:41,390 --> 00:25:42,460

That's right.

518

00:25:42,460 --> 00:25:47,770

But I couldn't have this
understanding for myself.

519

00:25:47,770 --> 00:25:54,220

Maybe why it happened was
because after the war, when

520

00:25:54,220 --> 00:25:56,050

indeed I, for myself--

521

00:25:56,050 --> 00:25:57,440

and I know others--

522

00:25:57,440 --> 00:25:59,740

wanted to talk
about it to people

523

00:25:59,740 --> 00:26:04,300

that were other places,
in other countries--

524

00:26:04,300 --> 00:26:08,290

Russia, or Israel, or
whatnot, and to non-Jews,

525

00:26:08,290 --> 00:26:14,200

the feeling was that nobody
wanted to listen about it.

526

00:26:14,200 --> 00:26:16,810

Nobody wanted to hear.

527

00:26:16,810 --> 00:26:17,680

So, I shut up.

528

00:26:17,680 --> 00:26:20,710

I decided, then,
inside, you're not

529

00:26:20,710 --> 00:26:25,730

going to talk because nobody
wants to hear about it.

530

00:26:25,730 --> 00:26:26,740

And I clammed up.

531

00:26:26,740 --> 00:26:30,140

532

00:26:30,140 --> 00:26:35,960

I remember distinctly shortly
after coming from Auschwitz

533

00:26:35,960 --> 00:26:41,720

to Å Å³dÅ° back, I and a friend
of mine met with this woman who

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00:26:41,720 --> 00:26:44,660

also was not having
a picnic in the war.

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00:26:44,660 --> 00:26:49,040

She was hiding on Aryan

papers someplace and came back

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00:26:49,040 --> 00:26:50,180
to Å Å³dÅ°.

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00:26:50,180 --> 00:26:52,250
And we talked about
the experience.

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00:26:52,250 --> 00:26:55,130
And we told her,
for instance, how

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00:26:55,130 --> 00:27:00,110
it was in the Auschwitz, that
our hair was shaven, heads,

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00:27:00,110 --> 00:27:01,040
and otherwise.

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00:27:01,040 --> 00:27:05,900
And how we looked and
how animalistic all was.

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00:27:05,900 --> 00:27:11,240
And the women said, "My
goodness, after all that

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00:27:11,240 --> 00:27:12,870
you can do anything.

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00:27:12,870 --> 00:27:15,990
You can be a street performer."

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00:27:15,990 --> 00:27:16,710
A what?

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00:27:16,710 --> 00:27:17,640
A street performer.

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00:27:17,640 --> 00:27:19,080
A street performer.

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00:27:19,080 --> 00:27:22,770
In Europe, it is
street performing.

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00:27:22,770 --> 00:27:26,190
In Poland, was jugglers
and all kinds, fire eaters,

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00:27:26,190 --> 00:27:29,010
and glass walkers.

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00:27:29,010 --> 00:27:30,720
That was her response.

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00:27:30,720 --> 00:27:32,760
And I and my friend we
looking at each other

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00:27:32,760 --> 00:27:37,570
and said, all right,
enough of that.

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00:27:37,570 --> 00:27:40,570
We won't talk.

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00:27:40,570 --> 00:27:44,680
So, with such attitude, when
you come out of the experience,

556
00:27:44,680 --> 00:27:47,620
and you tell people, and
you get this response,

557
00:27:47,620 --> 00:27:48,420
what are you to do?

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00:27:48,420 --> 00:27:51,540

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00:27:51,540 --> 00:27:53,640
Yes, I understand this.

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00:27:53,640 --> 00:27:57,440

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00:27:57,440 --> 00:28:03,080
But are you sure that it
is for the same reasons

562
00:28:03,080 --> 00:28:07,840
that these people I just
mentioned refused to talk?

563
00:28:07,840 --> 00:28:09,280
Because I think
that, personally,

564
00:28:09,280 --> 00:28:13,460
that the tragedy
of these people,

565
00:28:13,460 --> 00:28:16,500
the whole ghetto was working
for the German machinery.

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00:28:16,500 --> 00:28:18,770
There was no other
way, whatsoever.

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00:28:18,770 --> 00:28:19,270
It is--

568
00:28:19,270 --> 00:28:22,780
The people who were
in the workshops

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00:28:22,780 --> 00:28:25,330
making uniforms for
boots for the Germans

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00:28:25,330 --> 00:28:27,910
were working for the
German machinery.

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00:28:27,910 --> 00:28:28,830

[INAUDIBLE] the war.

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00:28:28,830 --> 00:28:29,330

Yes.

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00:28:29,330 --> 00:28:33,070

We know that the people
who were in the police,

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00:28:33,070 --> 00:28:36,100

they had to lead the
people to the trains,

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00:28:36,100 --> 00:28:38,600

to the stations for
the deportations.

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00:28:38,600 --> 00:28:41,260

They were.

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00:28:41,260 --> 00:28:44,340

We know this, but I
don't judge them at all.

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00:28:44,340 --> 00:28:47,330

I would never dare
to do such a thing.

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00:28:47,330 --> 00:28:48,790

It is enough that
I judge myself.

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00:28:48,790 --> 00:28:49,770

Why should you?

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00:28:49,770 --> 00:28:50,920

I have not survived.

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00:28:50,920 --> 00:28:52,550

That is the pain that I--

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00:28:52,550 --> 00:28:53,842
You didn't do this, whatsoever.

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00:28:53,842 --> 00:28:54,940
But there were years I--

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00:28:54,940 --> 00:28:58,420
we met at the point
where a lot of that, I

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00:28:58,420 --> 00:29:01,900
came to the conclusion,
not without help,

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00:29:01,900 --> 00:29:03,790
that it really is ridiculous.

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00:29:03,790 --> 00:29:07,690
That when you are
jailed, and dehumanized,

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00:29:07,690 --> 00:29:12,430
and it's done to
you, you are feeling

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00:29:12,430 --> 00:29:16,160
bad about what the
others did to you.

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00:29:16,160 --> 00:29:21,120
And somehow it occurred to
me that that is nonsense.

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00:29:21,120 --> 00:29:23,250
That should be the way around.

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00:29:23,250 --> 00:29:26,250
And I went through a period
where I said, well, hell,

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00:29:26,250 --> 00:29:28,170
it's time that you feel guilty.

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00:29:28,170 --> 00:29:37,170
Everybody that participated, the
Germans, all Europeans, and all

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00:29:37,170 --> 00:29:43,230
over the world, you should feel
guilty for what was done to me.

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00:29:43,230 --> 00:29:46,210
Completely right.

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00:29:46,210 --> 00:29:48,010
It is your responsibility.

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00:29:48,010 --> 00:29:51,010

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00:29:51,010 --> 00:29:53,740
Yes, I agree
absolutely with this.

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00:29:53,740 --> 00:29:55,660
And that was-- that helped me.

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00:29:55,660 --> 00:29:59,200
This kind of a switch
in myself, helped

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00:29:59,200 --> 00:30:03,736
me to deal with it in
a more rational way.

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00:30:03,736 --> 00:30:06,430
No, but listen, I was not
talking about Auschwitz.

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00:30:06,430 --> 00:30:08,890
We will come to our
Auschwitz later on.

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00:30:08,890 --> 00:30:13,600

I was talking about
the ghetto and the--

607
00:30:13,600 --> 00:30:17,110
is it possible to
say that these people

608
00:30:17,110 --> 00:30:22,600
of the administration
of the police

609
00:30:22,600 --> 00:30:25,660
enjoyed the special
privileges or no?

610
00:30:25,660 --> 00:30:27,620
Because they had, for
instance, better food?

611
00:30:27,620 --> 00:30:29,290
I don't think that
mattered, really.

612
00:30:29,290 --> 00:30:30,710
I really don't think so.

613
00:30:30,710 --> 00:30:36,190
I just think what you said,
that the Å Å³dÅ° ghetto you found

614
00:30:36,190 --> 00:30:39,130
different than others.

615
00:30:39,130 --> 00:30:41,400
People from-- survivors
of the Å Å³dÅ° ghetto,

616
00:30:41,400 --> 00:30:45,330
you find a different perspective
or something different about

617
00:30:45,330 --> 00:30:47,340
the people.

618
00:30:47,340 --> 00:30:50,790
Searching for a reason,
I think one reason

619
00:30:50,790 --> 00:30:55,110
might be that, as you said, it
was the longest lasting, best

620
00:30:55,110 --> 00:31:00,930
organized, most cut off from
the world, ghetto, I think.

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00:31:00,930 --> 00:31:01,680
You may agree--

622
00:31:01,680 --> 00:31:02,180
Oh, yes.

623
00:31:02,180 --> 00:31:03,540
--talking to other people.

624
00:31:03,540 --> 00:31:07,680
In the other
ghettos, there was--

625
00:31:07,680 --> 00:31:10,620
and I watched movies,
and read, and so on--

626
00:31:10,620 --> 00:31:13,810
because it was not
so well organized.

627
00:31:13,810 --> 00:31:16,860
There was a possibility
for contact with others.

628
00:31:16,860 --> 00:31:17,850
With the outside world.

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00:31:17,850 --> 00:31:19,920

And after all, there
was antisemitism,

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00:31:19,920 --> 00:31:22,950
but I had Polish friends that
were they available there,

631
00:31:22,950 --> 00:31:25,380
they would help
me, my neighbors.

632
00:31:25,380 --> 00:31:26,880
But they were in
the same situation.

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00:31:26,880 --> 00:31:28,275
They were persecuted.

634
00:31:28,275 --> 00:31:29,400
They were killed and so on.

635
00:31:29,400 --> 00:31:31,410
So, it happened.

636
00:31:31,410 --> 00:31:34,860
But in other places,
there was the possibility

637
00:31:34,860 --> 00:31:40,080
to experience some
helpfulness from the others.

638
00:31:40,080 --> 00:31:46,170
In Å Å³dÅ°, it was, other than
the real circumstances,

639
00:31:46,170 --> 00:31:50,700
impossible for the 99% or
more of the population was

640
00:31:50,700 --> 00:31:52,170
a complete cutoff.

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00:31:52,170 --> 00:31:56,822

We felt completely
jailed, like a Sing Sing,

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00:31:56,822 --> 00:31:57,780

if you want to compare.

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00:31:57,780 --> 00:31:59,460

Sing Sing is worse
than another jail

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00:31:59,460 --> 00:32:01,980

because it's so
isolated and so on.

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00:32:01,980 --> 00:32:05,280

The highest security of those--

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00:32:05,280 --> 00:32:07,450

and we were put, I
think, the Å Å³dÅ° ghetto,

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00:32:07,450 --> 00:32:12,820

was one of the worst high
security jails as far

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00:32:12,820 --> 00:32:14,650

as ghettos go.

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00:32:14,650 --> 00:32:21,170

I think that produced a higher
degree of bitterness in us

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00:32:21,170 --> 00:32:24,050

than maybe others that
you came in contact with.

651

00:32:24,050 --> 00:32:26,470

Yes.

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00:32:26,470 --> 00:32:30,070

When there were holes

in the Warsaw ghetto--

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00:32:30,070 --> 00:32:35,350
sewers-- holes in the barbed
wires, you could escape.

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00:32:35,350 --> 00:32:37,062
You could get killed.

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00:32:37,062 --> 00:32:38,770
So, I would get killed,
but somebody else

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00:32:38,770 --> 00:32:40,285
would go out and get contact.

657

00:32:40,285 --> 00:32:42,820
Yes, and there was an
uprising, too, in [INAUDIBLE]..

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00:32:42,820 --> 00:32:46,200
Yes, but not in the ghetto.

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00:32:46,200 --> 00:32:48,670
Not in Å Å³dÅ°.

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00:32:48,670 --> 00:32:51,310
It was of hermetically sealed.

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00:32:51,310 --> 00:32:53,380
Yes, but it was
high security too

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00:32:53,380 --> 00:32:56,950
because the Jews participated
themselves in this--

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00:32:56,950 --> 00:33:00,380
It was a such strict
government to Jews.

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00:33:00,380 --> 00:33:03,940

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00:33:03,940 --> 00:33:04,850

I don't know.

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00:33:04,850 --> 00:33:06,423

I mean, the machinery of the--

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00:33:06,423 --> 00:33:07,715

The machinery was so developed.

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00:33:07,715 --> 00:33:11,940

The machinery of the ghetto was
a tool for the extermination.

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00:33:11,940 --> 00:33:14,980

Is it possible to say this?

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00:33:14,980 --> 00:33:18,060

Well, there were-- all
Judenrat, you can look, I think,

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00:33:18,060 --> 00:33:18,720

as tools.

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00:33:18,720 --> 00:33:20,850

Or you can say there
was no other choice.

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00:33:20,850 --> 00:33:24,530

If they wouldn't-- maybe
Rumkowski was right.

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00:33:24,530 --> 00:33:26,000