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00:00:00,000 --> 00:00:22,120
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00:00:22,120 --> 00:00:24,272
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00:00:24,272 --> 00:00:26,030
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4 00:00:26,030 --> 00:00:32,860 So going from over there, from the place

5 00:00:32,860 --> 00:00:37,820 by the name of [Place name] we had two men

6 00:00:37,820 --> 00:00:41,710 and we pay them to take us to Warsaw.

7 00:00:41,710 --> 00:00:43,800 And Warsaw, we couldn't get any ticket

8 00:00:43,800 --> 00:00:47,760 that goes direct to Czestochwa because you

9 00:00:47,760 --> 00:00:51,360 had to have a permission from the government.

10 00:00:51,360 --> 00:00:53,380 If the government gives you a permission,

11 00:00:53,380 --> 00:00:55,360 you could go that far.

12 00:00:55,360 --> 00:00:58,750 Otherwise, you were allowed to go only 25 kilometers.

13 00:00:58,750 --> 00:01:01,310

14 00:01:01,310 --> 00:01:04,890 He paid the man over there--

15 00:01:04,890 --> 00:01:05,785 The clerk?

16 00:01:05,785 --> 00:01:07,260 --some money.

17 00:01:07,260 --> 00:01:08,850 And we got the permission.

18 00:01:08,850 --> 00:01:13,420 And we got a ticket into Czestochwa.

19 00:01:13,420 --> 00:01:15,490 The money you had was what?

20 00:01:15,490 --> 00:01:16,020 Zlotys --

21 00:01:16,020 --> 00:01:17,010 It was zlotys.

22 00:01:17,010 --> 00:01:17,860 There was dollar.

23 00:01:17,860 --> 00:01:21,010 That was a lot of thing that we had.

24 00:01:21,010 --> 00:01:22,250 You had much? 00:01:22,250 --> 00:01:24,780 We didn't had much, but we had enough.

26 00:01:24,780 --> 00:01:26,120 We had enough to go through.

27 00:01:26,120 --> 00:01:28,640

28 00:01:28,640 --> 00:01:36,400 And in Warsaw, on the main station, were only three of us.

29 00:01:36,400 --> 00:01:41,320 And the train was leaving at 11:30 at night.

30 00:01:41,320 --> 00:01:44,950 Polish people-- not only Jews, but Polish people-- were not

31 00:01:44,950 --> 00:01:47,080 allowed to go after 8 o'clock.

32 00:01:47,080 --> 00:01:50,650 We three were walking around at the station and all about oh.

33 00:01:50,650 --> 00:01:51,200 German.

34 00:01:51,200 --> 00:01:52,720 No, SS, in German.

35 00:01:52,720 --> 00:01:55,040 Nobody bothered us.

36 00:01:55,040 --> 00:01:57,210 At 11:30, we took the train.

37 00:01:57,210 --> 00:02:03,900 We got at Czestochwa on a Sunday morning.

38 00:02:03,900 --> 00:02:08,660 We come but over there we were afraid to walk out

39 00:02:08,660 --> 00:02:13,330 from the station, to walk through the city

40 00:02:13,330 --> 00:02:16,080 and to the ghetto.

41 00:02:16,080 --> 00:02:18,790 So we hired a horse and wagon.

42 00:02:18,790 --> 00:02:24,950 He took us to a place outside the city of Czestochowa

43 00:02:24,950 --> 00:02:30,390 We stayed there for a while until it got dark.

44 00:02:30,390 --> 00:02:34,380 In winter time, around 4:00 was already dark.

45 00:02:34,380 --> 00:02:41,520 And from that place, we smuggled into the ghetto,

46 00:02:41,520 --> 00:02:45,570 which a lot of people that tried to smuggle out

47 00:02:45,570 --> 00:02:47,430 from the ghetto themself.

48 00:02:47,430 --> 00:02:52,180 But we paid the Polish police a lot of money 49 00:02:52,180 --> 00:02:54,820 to allow us to go into the ghetto.

50 00:02:54,820 --> 00:02:57,490 We went into ghetto.

51 00:02:57,490 --> 00:03:02,320 The first people that saw us, they couldn't believe it.

52 00:03:02,320 --> 00:03:04,390 I, myself, I was known.

53 00:03:04,390 --> 00:03:06,760 I had a barber shop in Czestochowa

54 00:03:06,760 --> 00:03:09,280 I was in certain organizations.

55 00:03:09,280 --> 00:03:10,290 And they knew me.

56 00:03:10,290 --> 00:03:11,380 And they came off--

57 00:03:11,380 --> 00:03:13,070 from where are you?

58 00:03:13,070 --> 00:03:15,370 We know that you were sent away.

59 00:03:15,370 --> 00:03:17,620 I said, from Treblinka.

60 00:03:17,620 --> 00:03:18,280 Treblinka?

61 00:03:18,280 --> 00:03:20,050 Said, we heard about Treblinka.

62 00:03:20,050 --> 00:03:23,260 Some people that went through and they told about Treblinka.

63 00:03:23,260 --> 00:03:27,190 But how-- I said, yes, we are from Treblinka.

64 00:03:27,190 --> 00:03:29,590 What happened over there with my wife?

65 00:03:29,590 --> 00:03:32,080 What happened over there with my father?

66 00:03:32,080 --> 00:03:34,990 I said to them, what do you mean what had happened?

67 00:03:34,990 --> 00:03:36,970 Nobody is alive.

68 00:03:36,970 --> 00:03:38,620 Oh, what happened to you?

69 00:03:38,620 --> 00:03:40,260 What do you-- what is your mind?

70 00:03:40,260 --> 00:03:43,270 Are you crazy or something like that?

71 00:03:43,270 --> 00:03:44,400 That is not possible.

72 00:03:44,400 --> 00:03:45,580 What you're trying to do?

73 00:03:45,580 --> 00:03:47,340 You're trying to make jokes or you're

74 00:03:47,340 --> 00:03:50,910 trying to make it panicky here in the ghetto?

75 00:03:50,910 --> 00:03:52,680 I said, look, you want to believe it

76 00:03:52,680 --> 00:03:54,120 or you don't want believe it?

77 00:03:54,120 --> 00:03:55,500 I went with my wife.

78 00:03:55,500 --> 00:03:58,560 I went with my mother and I went with all my family.

79 00:03:58,560 --> 00:04:01,290 What do you think, I would leave them over there if they would

80 00:04:01,290 --> 00:04:04,040 be alive and I would come back?

81 00:04:04,040 --> 00:04:06,640 But I want you to know that they are dead.

82 00:04:06,640 --> 00:04:09,980 Your family is dead.

83 00:04:09,980 --> 00:04:14,440 For a while, some of the people, they couldn't talk.

84 00:04:14,440 --> 00:04:15,460 They couldn't believe. 00:04:15,460 --> 00:04:16,390 They didn't believe.

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00:04:16,390 --> 00:04:19,709 They went into their houses and we went--

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00:04:19,709 --> 00:04:23,140 we went also to some places where

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00:04:23,140 --> 00:04:25,150 I had some friends of mine.

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00:04:25,150 --> 00:04:27,970 And I had the men I worked with him together

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00:04:27,970 --> 00:04:30,190 in the barbershop come in.

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00:04:30,190 --> 00:04:31,150 What's doing?

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00:04:31,150 --> 00:04:32,350 What are you doing here?

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00:04:32,350 --> 00:04:36,090 What happened to my wife, the same question.

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00:04:36,090 --> 00:04:37,860 No, there is something-- something

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00:04:37,860 --> 00:04:40,450 is wrong with all of you.

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00:04:40,450 --> 00:04:43,080 All you are out to get something here

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00:04:43,080 --> 00:04:45,230 or you want to do something.

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00:04:45,230 --> 00:04:46,840 We don't believe you.

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00:04:46,840 --> 00:04:48,270 You must be crazy.

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00:04:48,270 --> 00:04:49,980 The way you look, the way you behave,

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00:04:49,980 --> 00:04:54,360 you must be crazy, because that is impossible.

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00:04:54,360 --> 00:04:57,120 We told them, look, you believe or you don't believe.

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00:04:57,120 --> 00:04:58,770 But that's the way it is.

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00:04:58,770 --> 00:05:01,560 You will never see your people again

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00:05:01,560 --> 00:05:03,570 because your people are dead.

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00:05:03,570 --> 00:05:06,990 And they are dead forever.

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00:05:06,990 --> 00:05:07,800 How many Jews--

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00:05:07,800 --> 00:05:09,190 [INTERPOSING VOICES]

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00:05:09,190 --> 00:05:11,330

There was at that time-- yes.

00:05:11,330 --> 00:05:13,935 There was about 5,000 of them.

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00:05:13,935 --> 00:05:15,120 Left?

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00:05:15,120 --> 00:05:15,690

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00:05:15,690 --> 00:05:18,750 When they ran the small ghetto started,

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00:05:18,750 --> 00:05:20,820 there was around 50,000.

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00:05:20,820 --> 00:05:25,010 They took out around 45,000 to Treblinka

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00:05:25,010 --> 00:05:26,550 where they killed them.

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00:05:26,550 --> 00:05:30,420 And the 5,000 were there Czestochwa the small ghetto,

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00:05:30,420 --> 00:05:33,600 they were working in the factories.

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00:05:33,600 --> 00:05:34,810 For Germans?

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00:05:34,810 --> 00:05:35,940 For the Germans.

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00:05:35,940 --> 00:05:41,370 In Czestochowa there was four factories.

00:05:41,370 --> 00:05:49,460 They made ammunition-- all kind of ammunition for the German--

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00:05:49,460 --> 00:05:53,580 for the Germans, for the Army, for the other thing.

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00:05:53,580 --> 00:05:55,810 And they were working over there.

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00:05:55,810 --> 00:05:59,110 That's because the Germans never emptied a ghetto at once.

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00:05:59,110 --> 00:05:59,610 Yes.

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00:05:59,610 --> 00:06:00,280 Not at once.

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00:06:00,280 --> 00:06:00,780 No.

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00:06:00,780 --> 00:06:02,900 At once, they never emptied.

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00:06:02,900 --> 00:06:07,050 But the following day, all of a sudden

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00:06:07,050 --> 00:06:11,090 we had the police, the Jewish police, that came in.

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00:06:11,090 --> 00:06:13,540 Look, what are you doing here?

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00:06:13,540 --> 00:06:16,680 I said, what do you mean, what are we doing here?

134 00:06:16,680 --> 00:06:18,050 You are the police.

135 00:06:18,050 --> 00:06:20,910 But if you would think that you're going to touch

136 00:06:20,910 --> 00:06:23,940 us or you're going to do something to us,

137 00:06:23,940 --> 00:06:26,010 be prepared, because we will kill you.

138 00:06:26,010 --> 00:06:28,050 We are not afraid anymore for the dead

139 00:06:28,050 --> 00:06:30,640 because we know what the dead means

140 00:06:30,640 --> 00:06:33,250 and we know what is going to happen to us.

141 00:06:33,250 --> 00:06:35,783 We know what is going to happen to you,

142 00:06:35,783 --> 00:06:37,700 even though you are a policeman in the ghetto.

143 00:06:37,700 --> 00:06:40,350 Don't you think that you're going to stay alive

144 00:06:40,350 --> 00:06:42,810 because we saw many policemen. 145 00:06:42,810 --> 00:06:46,390 We so many big men coming into the Treblinka

146 00:06:46,390 --> 00:06:49,300 also with their hats on with all those thing.

147 00:06:49,300 --> 00:06:51,180 And they had stars.

148 00:06:51,180 --> 00:06:53,880 And they had two and three and four stars of them.

149 00:06:53,880 --> 00:06:56,550 And they went them straight to the gas chamber.

150 00:06:56,550 --> 00:06:59,940 And don't you think with you is going to be different.

151 00:06:59,940 --> 00:07:03,470 If you're going to try to do something with us,

152 00:07:03,470 --> 00:07:04,600 we're going to finish you.

153 00:07:04,600 --> 00:07:06,620 We are going to kill you.

154 00:07:06,620 --> 00:07:10,710 And the fact is, they never touched you.

155 00:07:10,710 --> 00:07:17,030 Then we had to do something in the ghetto.

156 00:07:17,030 --> 00:07:18,020 I was a barber.

157 00:07:18,020 --> 00:07:21,020 They took me into the barber shop to work there.

158 00:07:21,020 --> 00:07:24,800 They took me in because I was known.

159 00:07:24,800 --> 00:07:27,080 And another thing, I had money with me

160 00:07:27,080 --> 00:07:29,090 and they were starving over there.

161 00:07:29,090 --> 00:07:32,750 And I tried to get all kinds of food for them.

162 00:07:32,750 --> 00:07:36,910 And I feed them because, like I said, I had money.

163 00:07:36,910 --> 00:07:39,640 But we had a lot of trouble over there.

164 00:07:39,640 --> 00:07:43,000 A lot of trouble we had from all the people,

165 00:07:43,000 --> 00:07:45,950 and for especially the woman.

166 00:07:45,950 --> 00:07:49,040 They couldn't ever believe that their husband is dead.

167 00:07:49,040 --> 00:07:52,310 They could never believe that their parents is dead.

168 00:07:52,310 --> 00:07:58,380 And it went up to a time when they had the men--

169 00:07:58,380 --> 00:08:01,030 the men they make the older selection

170 00:08:01,030 --> 00:08:04,250 by the name of Degenhardt.

171 00:08:04,250 --> 00:08:04,910 A German?

172 00:08:04,910 --> 00:08:05,835 A German?

173 00:08:05,835 --> 00:08:07,610 They had men from the German.

174 00:08:07,610 --> 00:08:09,440 The commandant of the chest.

175 00:08:09,440 --> 00:08:12,950 He was the one-- he sent out the 45,000 people.

176 00:08:12,950 --> 00:08:15,840 And they went to him and they told him, look,

177 00:08:15,840 --> 00:08:20,750 we know there are people from Treblinka that came over here.

178 00:08:20,750 --> 00:08:23,360 And they make here a panic and they tell everyone

179 00:08:23,360 --> 00:08:26,000 that everybody is dead.

180 00:08:26,000 --> 00:08:27,980 Jews went to Degenhardt?

181 00:08:27,980 --> 00:08:31,690 Yeah, Jews went and they told him.

182 00:08:31,690 --> 00:08:34,360 And you know what he said?

183 00:08:34,360 --> 00:08:37,510 If they run away from Treblinka, let

184 00:08:37,510 --> 00:08:41,200 them stay as long as they can.

185 00:08:41,200 --> 00:08:44,950 We were not sleeping two nights at the same place

186 00:08:44,950 --> 00:08:46,960 because we were afraid.

187 00:08:46,960 --> 00:08:48,890 One night we slept here and there,

188 00:08:48,890 --> 00:08:51,470 and most of the time out of the ghetto,

189 00:08:51,470 --> 00:08:54,250 because we were afraid they will come in

190 00:08:54,250 --> 00:08:57,130 and they will denounce-even Jewish people, 00:08:57,130 --> 00:08:57,930 they will denounce.

192 00:08:57,930 --> 00:09:00,370 They will say, oh, he is from Treblinka.

193 00:09:00,370 --> 00:09:05,080 We tried to stay outside, outside in some places where

194 00:09:05,080 --> 00:09:06,790 nobody knew us.

195 00:09:06,790 --> 00:09:11,350 We went to where some kind of Christian people, which one

196 00:09:11,350 --> 00:09:12,680 of them was a friend of mine.

197 00:09:12,680 --> 00:09:14,350 We stayed over there a couple of nights.

198 00:09:14,350 --> 00:09:17,560 And then we came back until it quiet down.

199 00:09:17,560 --> 00:09:19,990 They didn't mention any more.

200 00:09:19,990 --> 00:09:25,450 But one thing it was, they never touched us, how bad

201 00:09:25,450 --> 00:09:27,400 or how good the police.

202 00:09:27,400 --> 00:09:30,570 And all the committee, the Jews committee, they

00:09:30,570 --> 00:09:32,590 worked together with the German.

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00:09:32,590 --> 00:09:35,800 They tried to hide for them a lot of thing.

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00:09:35,800 --> 00:09:37,900 They tried to save their families.

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00:09:37,900 --> 00:09:39,900 They tried to save their children.

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00:09:39,900 --> 00:09:43,360 In your opinion, did the president of the Judenrat

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00:09:43,360 --> 00:09:44,900 knew the truth about Treblinka?

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00:09:44,900 --> 00:09:46,567 Yes, he knew everything.

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00:09:46,567 --> 00:09:47,650 He knew, because I spoke--

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00:09:47,650 --> 00:09:48,692 He didn't ask to see you?

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00:09:48,692 --> 00:09:50,280 I spoke to him.

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00:09:50,280 --> 00:09:52,000 He came into the barber shop.

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00:09:52,000 --> 00:09:53,380 I cut his hair.

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00:09:53,380 --> 00:09:57,700

Not only him, but the secretary and all those people

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00:09:57,700 --> 00:09:59,530 from the Altestenrat.

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00:09:59,530 --> 00:10:02,440 They came into the barber shop, and they knew everything

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00:10:02,440 --> 00:10:03,220 about it.

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00:10:03,220 --> 00:10:06,100 And they knew actually what is going on.

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00:10:06,100 --> 00:10:07,030 They knew it.

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00:10:07,030 --> 00:10:10,480 But everyone wanted to have a chance

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00:10:10,480 --> 00:10:15,250 to save his family on account of somebody,

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00:10:15,250 --> 00:10:19,860 to send away somebody's family so his family can stay there.

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00:10:19,860 --> 00:10:22,000 But this thing, it didn't happen.

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00:10:22,000 --> 00:10:27,670 And we know and we told them, look, as long as you are Jews,

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 $00:10:27,670 \longrightarrow 00:10:30,430$ 

you're going to share the same thing

00:10:30,430 --> 00:10:35,240 with the other Jewish people, even you are in command today.

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00:10:35,240 --> 00:10:36,700 You are a big man today.

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00:10:36,700 --> 00:10:39,550 Tomorrow or in an hour or two days,

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00:10:39,550 --> 00:10:43,435 you're going to be nothing, just like anybody else.

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00:10:43,435 --> 00:10:45,970 And you're going to get killed like anybody else.

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00:10:45,970 --> 00:10:49,030 And the fact is this thing happened

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00:10:49,030 --> 00:10:53,420 to the all of the Czestochowa Judenrat

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00:10:53,420 --> 00:10:57,560 or the Altestenrat, how they called them, with the president

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00:10:57,560 --> 00:11:00,900 and with the secretary and with the Jewish police.

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00:11:00,900 --> 00:11:03,250 They finished them-they finished them

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00:11:03,250 --> 00:11:06,520 off time by time, especially them

00:11:06,520 --> 00:11:09,020 because they knew too much.

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00:11:09,020 --> 00:11:11,680 They were killed in Treblinka?

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00:11:11,680 --> 00:11:13,730 Some of them, they were sent to Treblinka.

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00:11:13,730 --> 00:11:17,490 And some of them they took out at the cemetery,

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00:11:17,490 --> 00:11:19,420 at the Jewish cemetery.

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00:11:19,420 --> 00:11:21,150 And they killed them.

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00:11:21,150 --> 00:11:26,480 They shot them over there at the cemetery and finished them up.

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00:11:26,480 --> 00:11:29,620 Even they thought they're going to stay as long as they can.

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00:11:29,620 --> 00:11:31,110 [NON-ENGLISH]

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00:11:31,110 --> 00:11:32,372 (film slating)

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00:11:32,372 --> 00:11:36,620

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00:11:36,620 --> 00:11:41,700 But how do you explain this blindness of the Jews

00:11:41,700 --> 00:11:45,390 who didn't want to listen at you?

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00:11:45,390 --> 00:11:48,300 Because it's very, very important question.

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00:11:48,300 --> 00:11:50,060 Yes, I know.

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00:11:50,060 --> 00:11:52,710 But this is not blindness.

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00:11:52,710 --> 00:11:55,340 We cannot call it blindness.

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00:11:55,340 --> 00:11:58,800 That is something which nobody in the whole world

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00:11:58,800 --> 00:12:02,370 could believe something like that is going to happen.

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00:12:02,370 --> 00:12:03,870 That is not blindness.

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00:12:03,870 --> 00:12:06,970 I would not say that.

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00:12:06,970 --> 00:12:12,650 The Jewish people, I want you to know, that is a strong nation.

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00:12:12,650 --> 00:12:16,560

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00:12:16,560 --> 00:12:28,040 No nationality would survived if that would happen to them.

00:12:28,040 --> 00:12:31,310 Take the Polish people or the French people

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00:12:31,310 --> 00:12:33,830 and the other people.

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00:12:33,830 --> 00:12:35,600 They would not.

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00:12:35,600 --> 00:12:41,020 They would break down like flies.

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00:12:41,020 --> 00:12:44,460 But the Jewish people, they have a will.

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00:12:44,460 --> 00:12:48,300 They have a will to live.

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00:12:48,300 --> 00:12:53,560 And what I mean to live, even in suffering, they were living.

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00:12:53,560 --> 00:12:56,250

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00:12:56,250 --> 00:12:59,060 And blindness to call is that people,

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00:12:59,060 --> 00:13:01,810 they don't believe in anything.

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00:13:01,810 --> 00:13:05,770 The Jewish people, they believed that they're

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00:13:05,770 --> 00:13:08,950 going to live through.

00:13:08,950 --> 00:13:13,080 Not all of them, not even 90% of them.

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00:13:13,080 --> 00:13:17,040 I mean, not-- excuse me, not even 10% of them.

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00:13:17,040 --> 00:13:20,370 But some of them, they believed in it.

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00:13:20,370 --> 00:13:25,580 You have a fact that people like myself,

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00:13:25,580 --> 00:13:29,810 more people working in the gas chamber

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00:13:29,810 --> 00:13:32,420 and doing all kind of work which they never

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00:13:32,420 --> 00:13:34,560 believed they're going to be free people

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00:13:34,560 --> 00:13:40,470 and they're going to be outside of those extermination camp

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00:13:40,470 --> 00:13:43,460 or outside of Poland or Germany.

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00:13:43,460 --> 00:13:45,230 They're going to live that through.

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00:13:45,230 --> 00:13:51,170 And the only thing is what they have is hope and belief.

00:13:51,170 --> 00:13:54,800 Now, why didn't they believe in me or they

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00:13:54,800 --> 00:13:58,700 didn't believe in some other people coming back

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00:13:58,700 --> 00:14:05,180 from Treblinka or coming back from other concentration camp

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00:14:05,180 --> 00:14:07,640 or extermination camp?

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00:14:07,640 --> 00:14:13,070 Because at the 20th century, nobody

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00:14:13,070 --> 00:14:17,040 could believe something like that is going to happen,

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00:14:17,040 --> 00:14:18,960 because we are human being.

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00:14:18,960 --> 00:14:21,880 Jewish people, Catholic people, other people,

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00:14:21,880 --> 00:14:24,120 other kind of people, we're human being.

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00:14:24,120 --> 00:14:28,470 But to eat each other, nobody could

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00:14:28,470 --> 00:14:31,600 believe that this thing is going to happen.

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00:14:31,600 --> 00:14:33,380 But it happened.

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00:14:33,380 --> 00:14:35,810 Jewish people in the ghetto, they

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00:14:35,810 --> 00:14:40,580 couldn't believe that their parents, their wife,

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00:14:40,580 --> 00:14:43,550 and their children are dead.

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00:14:43,550 --> 00:14:51,840 They still had hope in believing that it's not true

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00:14:51,840 --> 00:14:57,080 until they find out on themself that it is true.

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00:14:57,080 --> 00:14:59,980 But what could they do?

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00:14:59,980 --> 00:15:03,710 What they could do is to go on.

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00:15:03,710 --> 00:15:11,220 Even we in the ghettos, all in the ghetto where

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00:15:11,220 --> 00:15:19,910 every day people got killed, we had a school for children.

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00:15:19,910 --> 00:15:22,420 We had a theater.

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00:15:22,420 --> 00:15:25,750 And we had all kind of thing that people

00:15:25,750 --> 00:15:28,230 for the moment which are alive--

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00:15:28,230 --> 00:15:31,680 they stay alive--they should remember

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00:15:31,680 --> 00:15:35,400 they are not cannibals.

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00:15:35,400 --> 00:15:38,580 They are people, and they are Jewish people.

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00:15:38,580 --> 00:15:41,550

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00:15:41,550 --> 00:15:46,850 It was very bad thing what had happened, especially

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00:15:46,850 --> 00:15:51,500 in the ghetto, fighting every hour, every moment

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00:15:51,500 --> 00:15:56,600 of their life to stay alive, fighting for a piece of food

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00:15:56,600 --> 00:16:02,470 to get to eat, fighting over the place where to stay overnight

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00:16:02,470 --> 00:16:09,100 and not to get in and the Germans send to be killed.

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00:16:09,100 --> 00:16:15,370 That was part of the Jewish life, of the Jewish fighers,

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00:16:15,370 --> 00:16:18,500

I would say, to survive.

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00:16:18,500 --> 00:16:20,750

No other people.

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00:16:20,750 --> 00:16:23,360 It doesn't matter how they were.

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00:16:23,360 --> 00:16:28,640 They started a revolution against the German

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00:16:28,640 --> 00:16:31,380 or the uprising against the German.

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00:16:31,380 --> 00:16:33,370 For the Jewish people, it happened

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00:16:33,370 --> 00:16:35,390 in the ghetto of Bialystok.

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00:16:35,390 --> 00:16:37,670 It happened in the ghetto of Czestochowa.

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00:16:37,670 --> 00:16:40,160 And finally, it happened of the ghetto

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00:16:40,160 --> 00:16:44,630 in Warsaw, where the first uprising against the German,

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00:16:44,630 --> 00:16:50,570 it started only from the Jewish people and not from other one.

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00:16:50,570 --> 00:16:52,480 All the people were free.

00:16:52,480 --> 00:16:54,790 The people of France, they were free.

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00:16:54,790 --> 00:16:57,650 The people Yugoslavia, the people in Czechoslovakia,

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00:16:57,650 --> 00:16:58,280 the people--

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00:16:58,280 --> 00:16:59,902 other one, they were free.

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00:16:59,902 --> 00:17:00,860 They could walk around.

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00:17:00,860 --> 00:17:03,340 They could go from places to places.

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00:17:03,340 --> 00:17:07,079 They were not afraid because they

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00:17:07,079 --> 00:17:08,609 had freedom to walk around.

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00:17:08,609 --> 00:17:10,500 They had freedom to talk.

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00:17:10,500 --> 00:17:12,240 They had freedom to eat.

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00:17:12,240 --> 00:17:14,740 They had freedom to stay with their family.

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00:17:14,740 --> 00:17:17,950 And they didn't do anything to have an uprising.

00:17:17,950 --> 00:17:22,650 But we the Jewish people in all the small ghettos, we

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00:17:22,650 --> 00:17:27,510 know that every day is going to be less and less of us.

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00:17:27,510 --> 00:17:31,980 But we had something from our history.

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00:17:31,980 --> 00:17:37,410 Just like the Maccabees they had in the time of their uprising,

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00:17:37,410 --> 00:17:39,030 we had ours.

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00:17:39,030 --> 00:17:43,380 And we have to do it not from us because we never

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00:17:43,380 --> 00:17:46,680 thought that we're got to stay alive until today,

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00:17:46,680 --> 00:17:48,990 that we're going to end up in a free--

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00:17:48,990 --> 00:17:51,630 in Israel or we're going to end up

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00:17:51,630 --> 00:17:56,430 at the people free from the Germans,

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00:17:56,430 --> 00:17:59,770 free from slavery or from other thing.

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00:17:59,770 --> 00:18:03,870 But that was our believing, the believing of Jewish people.

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00:18:03,870 --> 00:18:06,480 It doesn't matter how we are.

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00:18:06,480 --> 00:18:08,520 It doesn't matter how we slave.

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00:18:08,520 --> 00:18:11,670 And it doesn't matter how many of us get killed.

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00:18:11,670 --> 00:18:14,590 That we Jewish people will survive.

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00:18:14,590 --> 00:18:20,850 And we Jewish people will stay alive because on our believing

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00:18:20,850 --> 00:18:23,790 that Jewish people will never die.

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00:18:23,790 --> 00:18:27,880 Jewish people will always be alive in all circumstances,

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00:18:27,880 --> 00:18:29,160 in all condition.

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00:18:29,160 --> 00:18:31,410 And it doesn't matter what is going to happen to them.

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00:18:31,410 --> 00:18:32,220 They will.

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00:18:32,220 --> 00:18:35,910 And that was the surviving of the people in the ghetto.

366 00:18:35,910 --> 00:18:38,520 And that was the surviving why we

367 00:18:38,520 --> 00:18:43,080 stayed in the ghetto,

why we have organization,

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00:18:43,080 --> 00:18:50,290 why we have fighters, why we had fighters under the ghetto

369 00:18:50,290 --> 00:18:53,580 and why we have fighters in the woods, in all of it.

370 00:18:53,580 --> 00:18:57,210 We from our ghettos, we send out people to fight them.

371 00:18:57,210 --> 00:19:00,120 Some of them, they got not only some of them.

372 00:19:00,120 --> 00:19:03,060 But 99% of the people, they got killed.

373 00:19:03,060 --> 00:19:07,560 Some of our people, especially our people from Treblinka,

374 00:19:07,560 --> 00:19:12,800 we had on January 1940--

375 00:19:12,800 --> 00:19:18,160 January 1943, our man by the name of Fiszelowicz

376 00:19:18,160 --> 00:19:21,070 and a few more of them, which they came back from Treblinka.

00:19:21,070 --> 00:19:22,950 They saw what had happened.

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00:19:22,950 --> 00:19:26,650 And when they started to liquidate the ghettos,

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00:19:26,650 --> 00:19:28,450 then when they started to take out

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00:19:28,450 --> 00:19:30,700 the people from the Czestochowa ghetto,

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00:19:30,700 --> 00:19:34,360 Fiszelowicz was the one and a few more of them

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00:19:34,360 --> 00:19:38,440 with guns that try to uprise at that time.

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00:19:38,440 --> 00:19:40,850 They tried to kill the Germans.

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00:19:40,850 --> 00:19:44,650 They tried to kill some of them of the SS men

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00:19:44,650 --> 00:19:47,770 at the Czestochowa ghetto because we

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00:19:47,770 --> 00:19:50,300 know we had to do something.

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00:19:50,300 --> 00:19:52,940 We had an obligation for our people.

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00:19:52,940 --> 00:19:56,170 We have an obligation to tell the history

389 00:19:56,170 --> 00:19:58,900 that the Jewish people will survive,

390 00:19:58,900 --> 00:20:02,090 that the Jewish people will stay alive,

391 00:20:02,090 --> 00:20:04,270 and they will stay alive.

392 00:20:04,270 --> 00:20:07,840 Doesn't matter when and what condition

393 00:20:07,840 --> 00:20:10,690 and how, but they would stay forever alive.

394 00:20:10,690 --> 00:20:17,280 And that was the start of the uprising all over,

395 00:20:17,280 --> 00:20:20,960 the same thing we had in the Czestochowa ghetto.

396 00:20:20,960 --> 00:20:26,720 We had men, good men, men which you can never

397 00:20:26,720 --> 00:20:30,860 get some like that, men which they were fighting,

398 00:20:30,860 --> 00:20:37,400 men which they give their life to show 00:20:37,400 --> 00:20:41,300 the world the face of the Jewish people,

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00:20:41,300 --> 00:20:44,690 that the Jewish people, like some of the people now today,

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00:20:44,690 --> 00:20:48,080 they went to the slaughterhouses like sheeps.

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00:20:48,080 --> 00:20:49,610 That's not true.

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00:20:49,610 --> 00:20:52,370 The Jewish people, they didn't go like sheep

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00:20:52,370 --> 00:20:55,400 to the slaughterhouses.

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00:20:55,400 --> 00:21:02,050 I would say if that would happen to any other nationalities,

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00:21:02,050 --> 00:21:04,340 there would be more frightened.

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00:21:04,340 --> 00:21:06,170 There would be more afraid.

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00:21:06,170 --> 00:21:10,690 There would be more behind the German to kiss them and to do

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00:21:10,690 --> 00:21:12,940 something for their survival.

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00:21:12,940 --> 00:21:17,770

Yes, we had bad people in our life.

411 00:21:17,770 --> 00:21:20,740 We had people in our ghettos, bad people.

412 00:21:20,740 --> 00:21:23,380 We had some people, I have to mention,

413 00:21:23,380 --> 00:21:25,630 they worked together with the German people.

414 00:21:25,630 --> 00:21:28,060 We have in the Czestochowa ghetto too.

415 00:21:28,060 --> 00:21:33,250 We have organizations over there, and they denounced it.

416 00:21:33,250 --> 00:21:36,280 They told the Germans, in Czestochowa ghetto,

417 00:21:36,280 --> 00:21:39,760 you know you have an underground here,

418 00:21:39,760 --> 00:21:43,070 and they're going to do an uprising.

419 00:21:43,070 --> 00:21:47,050 But we did something for them.

420 00:21:47,050 --> 00:21:49,780 We took them away.

421 00:21:49,780 --> 00:21:52,630 We had a court.

422 00:21:52,630 --> 00:21:54,010 We had judges.

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00:21:54,010 --> 00:21:55,900 We had lawyers.

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00:21:55,900 --> 00:21:59,560 And we decided that those people that worked together

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00:21:59,560 --> 00:22:01,930 with the Germans and they denounced

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00:22:01,930 --> 00:22:05,980 us, people who were fighting against the German,

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00:22:05,980 --> 00:22:08,770 they are not Jewish people.

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00:22:08,770 --> 00:22:13,980 They are just like not even human beings.

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00:22:13,980 --> 00:22:23,120 And the end of them was that the judges decided they are guilty.

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00:22:23,120 --> 00:22:24,860 They were find guilty.

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00:22:24,860 --> 00:22:27,160 And they were killed.

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00:22:27,160 --> 00:22:30,400 They actually were killed, choked to death

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00:22:30,400 --> 00:22:35,850 by our Jewish underground that the world should

00:22:35,850 --> 00:22:40,540 know that we had good people.

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00:22:40,540 --> 00:22:42,070 We had bad people.

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00:22:42,070 --> 00:22:45,220 But the majority of us, the majority

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00:22:45,220 --> 00:22:48,040 of the Jewish people all over, there

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00:22:48,040 --> 00:22:52,330 was a good people, honest people, fighting people,

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00:22:52,330 --> 00:22:53,530 all right?

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00:22:53,530 --> 00:22:57,760 In every nation, in every country,

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00:22:57,760 --> 00:22:59,860 there are good ones and bad ones.

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00:23:03,157 --> 00:23:04,099 (film slating)

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00:23:04,099 --> 00:23:06,454

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00:23:06,454 --> 00:23:12,280 And how would behave the religious Jews? 00:23:12,280 --> 00:23:16,770 Because you talked about the will for surviving,

447 00:23:16,770 --> 00:23:21,970 and it is deeply connected with Judaism.

448 00:23:21,970 --> 00:23:25,990 The religious Jew, I would say they

449 00:23:25,990 --> 00:23:31,920 have a big part of surviving because they

450 00:23:31,920 --> 00:23:36,200 believe that Messiah will come some time.

451 00:23:36,200 --> 00:23:40,300 In all kind circumstances, they believe in that.

452 00:23:40,300 --> 00:23:43,800

453 00:23:43,800 --> 00:23:52,340 It happened that a religious Jew, they suffered mostly

454 00:23:52,340 --> 00:23:55,450 of the Jewish people.

455 00:23:55,450 --> 00:23:58,920 Because where Jewish people, they

456 00:23:58,920 --> 00:24:04,360 could go by, like shaving or other thing.

457 00:24:04,360 --> 00:24:07,800 Religious people, they couldn't do that.

458 00:24:07,800 --> 00:24:12,660 But it happen they suffered a lot from the Germans.

459 00:24:12,660 --> 00:24:16,300 I have seen on my own eyes.

460 00:24:16,300 --> 00:24:20,170 They were after those people, the religious Jewish people

461 00:24:20,170 --> 00:24:25,350 with their beards and their earlocks they called payots.

462 00:24:25,350 --> 00:24:27,180 They cut them off.

463 00:24:27,180 --> 00:24:33,850 They try to rip off the hair from their beards.

464 00:24:33,850 --> 00:24:36,710 They suffered a lot.

465 00:24:36,710 --> 00:24:45,940 Even coming into Treblinka, also over there they suffered a lot.

466 00:24:45,940 --> 00:24:49,330 Because most of the time, they took

467 00:24:49,330 --> 00:24:53,095 all of those Jewish religious people

468 00:24:53,095 --> 00:24:56,500 and they make like kind of circus 469 00:24:56,500 --> 00:25:02,320 with them, to sing for them or to dance for them

470 00:25:02,320 --> 00:25:06,400 and to make them all kind of pains that should

471 00:25:06,400 --> 00:25:08,720 go especially true of them.

472 00:25:08,720 --> 00:25:12,200

473 00:25:12,200 --> 00:25:17,110 I remember a time where they brought people in.

474 00:25:17,110 --> 00:25:20,095 It was a transport from Warsaw from Jewish people.

475 00:25:20,095 --> 00:25:22,646

476 00:25:22,646 --> 00:25:27,680 And that was include religious people.

477 00:25:27,680 --> 00:25:33,310 I don't know who they were, maybe rabbis, maybe other kind.

478 00:25:33,310 --> 00:25:37,790 And before going into the gas chamber,

479 00:25:37,790 --> 00:25:41,180 they suffered a lot, all kind of inquisition

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00:25:41,180 --> 00:25:44,790 they're going through.

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00:25:44,790 --> 00:25:50,660 And they always believed in another life.

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00:25:50,660 --> 00:25:53,280 They believe in Messiah.

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00:25:53,280 --> 00:25:57,800 Because going into the gas chamber,

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00:25:57,800 --> 00:26:05,050 they never once stopped it to say the Shema Yisrael.

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00:26:05,050 --> 00:26:10,970 Even in the gas chamber, you could hear loud the call--

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00:26:10,970 --> 00:26:12,310 what they call Shema Yisrael.

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00:26:12,310 --> 00:26:14,904

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00:26:14,904 --> 00:26:18,200 And there was a time they brought in some people

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00:26:18,200 --> 00:26:24,220 from a little place, a little village by the name of Kosiv.

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00:26:24,220 --> 00:26:28,200 And it was a lot of religious people.

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00:26:28,200 --> 00:26:31,490 It was on a Sunday afternoon.

492 00:26:31,490 --> 00:26:33,860 They brought them in not by train.

493 00:26:33,860 --> 00:26:42,750 They brought them in by foot, walking and pushing them.

494 00:26:42,750 --> 00:26:45,680

495 00:26:45,680 --> 00:26:47,900 At that time, there was some kind

496 00:26:47,900 --> 00:26:51,430 of fight over the arrangement through the Lolka.

497 00:26:51,430 --> 00:26:57,205 He had arrange on the main place--

498 00:26:57,205 --> 00:27:00,350 Lolka was the SS man Kurt Franz.

499 00:27:00,350 --> 00:27:02,150 An SS man, Kurt Franz.

500 00:27:02,150 --> 00:27:02,900 That was his name.

501 00:27:02,900 --> 00:27:06,000 We didn't know at that time that this name was Kurt Franz.

502 00:27:06,000 --> 00:27:09,300 All we know that was his name was Lolka.

503 00:27:09,300 --> 00:27:10,460 The doll. 504 00:27:10,460 --> 00:27:12,590 A doll, which means-in Polish would

505 00:27:12,590 --> 00:27:15,170 mean a doll, a [? boob, ?] or whatever

506 00:27:15,170 --> 00:27:17,240 you call in any other name.

507 00:27:17,240 --> 00:27:19,990

508 00:27:19,990 --> 00:27:23,560 And he organized that thing.

509 00:27:23,560 --> 00:27:31,040 And one side, there was a big spectacle of a sports arena.

510 00:27:31,040 --> 00:27:35,750 And the other side, you had people from that little village

511 00:27:35,750 --> 00:27:41,120 from Kosiv walking into the gas chamber covering--

512 00:27:41,120 --> 00:27:43,420 without any clothes, without anything,

513 00:27:43,420 --> 00:27:47,280 but just covering their head because they had nothing

514 00:27:47,280 --> 00:27:49,850 on on their head, not the yamulke, nothing, 00:27:49,850 --> 00:27:52,340 and covering their head with their own hands

516 00:27:52,340 --> 00:27:55,730 calling Shema Yisrael, because they know.

517 00:27:55,730 --> 00:28:01,220 They was from a place near by Treblinka, a few kilometer only

518 00:28:01,220 --> 00:28:02,780 away from Treblinka.

519 00:28:02,780 --> 00:28:04,700 And they knew already what had happened.

520 00:28:04,700 --> 00:28:08,390 And they went in with that call of Shema Yisrael

521 00:28:08,390 --> 00:28:12,280 because they knew that is the end of them.

522 00:28:12,280 --> 00:28:15,930 But as religious people, they knew also

523 00:28:15,930 --> 00:28:21,480 their life does not end in the gas chamber.

524 00:28:21,480 --> 00:28:25,580 Their life is taking away from their corpses.

525 00:28:25,580 --> 00:28:27,920 They're taking away from the body. 00:28:27,920 --> 00:28:32,390 But religious people, they believe in another life, a life

527 00:28:32,390 --> 00:28:33,620 after the dead.

528 00:28:33,620 --> 00:28:35,630 And maybe that was the one.

529 00:28:35,630 --> 00:28:42,160 They went in not hollering and not with a big cry

530 00:28:42,160 --> 00:28:45,190 like some of the women that went,

531 00:28:45,190 --> 00:28:47,980 but believing in that other world,

532 00:28:47,980 --> 00:28:53,620 believing in the part which the body, human body parts, what

533 00:28:53,620 --> 00:29:00,540 they so-called neshama in which they are alive after they

534 00:29:00,540 --> 00:29:04,660 are dead, which then make them strong.

535 00:29:04,660 --> 00:29:07,120 And it happened like that.

536 00:29:07,120 --> 00:29:17,560 But after there were gassed, the spectacle already started.

537 00:29:17,560 --> 00:29:23,420 And the dead-- they worked the people from the other places,

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00:29:23,420 --> 00:29:27,470 from the gas chamber, taking out already

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00:29:27,470 --> 00:29:32,550 all those people clamped one to another.

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00:29:32,550 --> 00:29:37,010 Because even after they're dead, they clamped to another

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00:29:37,010 --> 00:29:40,860 to have together close one another,

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00:29:40,860 --> 00:29:45,525 not to be apart from each other in lifetime.

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00:29:45,525 --> 00:29:48,630 and also in their dead.

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00:29:48,630 --> 00:29:52,380 And that's the way they took them out from the gas chamber

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00:29:52,380 --> 00:29:59,100 and to the places where they put them.

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00:29:59,100 --> 00:30:05,400 So far for a while, they dig big thing,

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00:30:05,400 --> 00:30:06,990 and they put them over there.

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00:30:06,990 --> 00:30:08,940 But that was not the end.

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00:30:08,940 --> 00:30:12,570 After that, they dig them out, and they

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00:30:12,570 --> 00:30:16,050 put on top each other body by body,

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00:30:16,050 --> 00:30:20,610 and they burned them like an auto-de-fe, the time

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00:30:20,610 --> 00:30:24,900 when it was the Inquisition in Spain.

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00:30:24,900 --> 00:30:30,480 They burnt all those bodies one on top of the other.

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00:30:30,480 --> 00:30:38,640 But going back to the religious people,

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00:30:38,640 --> 00:30:42,940 I would say if somebody is religious--

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00:30:42,940 --> 00:30:45,270 I'm not too much of a religious man.

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00:30:45,270 --> 00:30:48,340 I believe I'm a Jewish man.

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00:30:48,340 --> 00:30:55,140 But all those religious people, they believe in their heart

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00:30:55,140 --> 00:30:59,570 and they believe in all their mind in a world to come,

560 00:30:59,570 --> 00:31:03,470 in a God, and all those other thing.

561 00:31:03,470 --> 00:31:07,010 I would say they're very, very happy people.

562 00:31:07,010 --> 00:31:08,810 I admire them.

563 00:31:08,810 --> 00:31:13,130 They won, which they are really, with their whole heart.

564 00:31:13,130 --> 00:31:16,790 They go through all the suffering,

565 00:31:16,790 --> 00:31:23,840 and they will never mention a word against their own religion

566 00:31:23,840 --> 00:31:28,220 or against God, which God did the good thing

567 00:31:28,220 --> 00:31:31,910 and did the bad thing, which God also

568 00:31:31,910 --> 00:31:36,350 created a Hitler and a Hitler and the Germans and all

569 00:31:36,350 --> 00:31:38,930 the other things that created gas chambers

570 00:31:38,930 --> 00:31:44,510 and that created all those bad thing for the Jewish people. 571

00:31:44,510 --> 00:31:48,180 But they believe that's the way it should be.

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00:31:48,180 --> 00:31:50,800 That's the way it's supposed to be.

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00:31:50,800 --> 00:31:56,440 And they are happy if they can give their soul, if they

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00:31:56,440 --> 00:32:01,200 can give their neshama for so-called, how they say

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00:32:01,200 --> 00:32:04,250 in Hebrew, for Kiddush Hashem.

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00:32:04,250 --> 00:32:10,050 And if a religious man, he dies for Kiddush Hashem,

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00:32:10,050 --> 00:32:18,830 that means he sacrificed himself like Isaac sacrificed himself

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00:32:18,830 --> 00:32:25,340 in the name of for God and in the name of the people.

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00:32:25,340 --> 00:32:28,070 And that's the way they believe.

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00:32:28,070 --> 00:32:31,800 And I really think

that I admire them

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00:32:31,800 --> 00:32:34,290 because they believe

in something.

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00:32:34,290 --> 00:32:38,550 Some of our people, the people which they did not

583 00:32:38,550 --> 00:32:42,140 believe too much, people, they didn't believe at all,

584 00:32:42,140 --> 00:32:47,320 there was all kind, especially in our place.

585 00:32:47,320 --> 00:32:50,530 In Czestochowa, we have all kind organization.

586 00:32:50,530 --> 00:32:51,670 We have socialists.

587 00:32:51,670 --> 00:32:52,570 We have communists.

588 00:32:52,570 --> 00:32:54,730 We had other one.

589 00:32:54,730 --> 00:32:59,080 And they thought they're going to get killed just like kill

590 00:32:59,080 --> 00:33:00,310 an animal, and that's all.

591 00:33:00,310 --> 00:33:02,050 That's all of them is finished.

592 00:33:02,050 --> 00:33:11,500 Their suffering and their dying was by a lot worse

593 00:33:11,500 --> 00:33:15,580 than it was the suffering and the dying 594

00:33:15,580 --> 00:33:17,620 off the religious people.

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00:33:17,620 --> 00:33:22,210 Because they're religious people, they have emunah.

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00:33:22,210 --> 00:33:24,220 They have a belief.

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00:33:24,220 --> 00:33:28,510

They believe that this is God's will.

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00:33:28,510 --> 00:33:31,900 They do something in God's name, and they

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00:33:31,900 --> 00:33:37,240 sacrifice themself in God's name and in God's word

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00:33:37,240 --> 00:33:41,480 and for the people of God.

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00:33:41,480 --> 00:33:46,100 And we can see as of today, there

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00:33:46,100 --> 00:33:53,260 is a lot of people in a lot of places.

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00:33:53,260 --> 00:33:57,270 And it keeps the Jewish people together.

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00:33:57,270 --> 00:34:00,180 I would say it keeps the Jewish people together,

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00:34:00,180 --> 00:34:02,820

only thing they believing--

606 00:34:02,820 --> 00:34:05,430 that they believe in God.

607 00:34:05,430 --> 00:34:10,050 Coming from one country or to the other, from one place

608 00:34:10,050 --> 00:34:13,620 or to the other, if Jewish people would not

609 00:34:13,620 --> 00:34:17,159 believe in their religion, they would

610 00:34:17,159 --> 00:34:20,190 disappear from the face of the earth

611 00:34:20,190 --> 00:34:24,560 just like any other people in any other time.

612 00:34:24,560 --> 00:34:37,000