00:00:25,810 --> 00:00:26,590
Good morning.

00:00:26,590 --> 00:00:30,340
I'm Joseph Preil, Director of the Holocaust Resource Center

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00:00:30,340 --> 00:00:32,920
here at King College
of New Jersey.
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00:00:32,920 --> 00:00:38,290
This morning, Thursday,
October 21, 1993,
6
00:00:38,290 --> 00:00:44,950
we are privileged to have with
us as our guest Miriam Shapiro
7
00:00:44,950 --> 00:00:49,200
Spiegel, currently a
resident of Staten Island,
8
00:00:49,200 --> 00:00:52,420
New York, a neighbor
of ours, a neighbor
9
00:00:52,420 --> 00:00:56,160
of King College
and this community.
10
00:00:56,160 --> 00:01:01,120
Mrs. Spiegel, before we
begin, or as we begin,
11
00:01:01,120 --> 00:01:03,400
we have two pictures
over here, and I'd

00:01:07,840 --> 00:01:10,480
First, the picture of the
little girl on the right.
14
00:01:10,480 --> 00:01:13,600
That's me, nine months after the war.

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00:01:13,600 --> 00:01:14,750
That's in 1945.

## 16

00:01:14,750 --> 00:01:15,670
Yes.

17
00:01:15,670 --> 00:01:20,270
That's actually 1946, probably.
18
00:01:20,270 --> 00:01:22,900
1945, end of 1945.
19
00:01:22,900 --> 00:01:23,400
Yes.

20
00:01:23,400 --> 00:01:25,690 Do you want to say something about this picture,

21
00:01:25,690 --> 00:01:27,910
about how you look at the time?
22
00:01:27,910 --> 00:01:32,830
At that time now, after the
war, I did not look like that.
23
00:01:32,830 --> 00:01:41,720
I looked more frail,
fragile, skinny, very hungry.

00:01:44,440 --> 00:01:46,270 That's nine months later.

## 26

00:01:46,270 --> 00:01:47,920 I look much, much better.

27
00:01:47,920 --> 00:01:50,330
Where were you
nine months later?
28
00:01:50,330 --> 00:01:55,630
I was in Krasnik
nine months later.
29
00:01:55,630 --> 00:01:56,330
In Poland?
30
00:01:56,330 --> 00:01:59,080
In Poland, in Krasnik.
31
00:01:59,080 --> 00:02:05,450
After that, I went to a
children's home in Lublin.
32
00:02:05,450 --> 00:02:07,047
Wait, this is after the war.
33
00:02:07,047 --> 00:02:07,880
Right after the war.
34
00:02:07,880 --> 00:02:09,500
OK, you'll tell us
about that later.
35
00:02:09,500 --> 00:02:10,792
The second picture, who's that?
36

00:02:10,792 --> 00:02:11,625
The second picture--
37
00:02:11,625 --> 00:02:12,670
That looks like a family.
38
00:02:12,670 --> 00:02:15,530
Yes, this is the
family that kept me
39
00:02:15,530 --> 00:02:18,460
during the occupation
of the Germans.

40
00:02:18,460 --> 00:02:21,640
There was no children, only one little kid.

41
00:02:21,640 --> 00:02:23,900
The boy was over here.
42
00:02:23,900 --> 00:02:28,210
This is the father, little boy, and the mother right here that

43
00:02:28,210 --> 00:02:34,140 holds me, in the barn, hidden.

44
00:02:34,140 --> 00:02:37,100 When was this picture taken?

## 45

00:02:37,100 --> 00:02:53,670
This picture was taken, I don't
know, maybe in 1956, maybe.

## 46

00:02:53,670 --> 00:02:56,730
Oh, so it was quite a
while after the war.
47
00:02:56,730 --> 00:02:57,662
Right.

[^0]In other words, the children were not born yet.

49
00:02:59,620 --> 00:03:00,370
No, they were not.

## 50

00:03:00,370 --> 00:03:04,960
Only one child they had at that time when they took me in.

51
00:03:04,960 --> 00:03:08,500
So this Polish family, this
Polish couple with one child,
52
00:03:08,500 --> 00:03:09,380 took you in.

53
00:03:09,380 --> 00:03:09,880
Right.

## 54

00:03:09,880 --> 00:03:11,710
And in essence saved your life.

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\begin{aligned}
& 55 \\
& 00: 03: 11,710 \text {--> 00:03:13,480 }
\end{aligned}
$$

Saved my life, right.

56
00:03:13,480 --> 00:03:14,590
Thank you.
57
00:03:14,590 --> 00:03:18,670
We'll put this aside now, and
let's start with the story
58
00:03:18,670 --> 00:03:20,530 from the beginning.

59
00:03:20,530 --> 00:03:24,070
In 1939 when the
war broke out, what
60
00:03:24,070 --> 00:03:26,260
did your immediate
family consist of?
61
00:03:26,260 --> 00:03:30,852
That means your parents, your brothers and sisters.

62
00:03:30,852 --> 00:03:35,950 I had two sisters and a brother and me.

## 63

00:03:35,950 --> 00:03:36,750
I'm the youngest.
64
00:03:36,750 --> 00:03:37,940
You're the youngest.
65
00:03:37,940 --> 00:03:39,980
When were you born?
66
00:03:39,980 --> 00:03:42,140
I'm born 1931.
67
00:03:42,140 --> 00:03:43,460 1931.

68
00:03:43,460 --> 00:03:47,120
So you were eight years
old when the war started.
69
00:03:47,120 --> 00:03:48,380
Yes.
70
00:03:48,380 --> 00:03:53,690
Then you had what, how many brothers, how many sisters?

## 71

00:03:53,690 --> 00:03:55,740
I had one brother
and two sisters.
72
00:03:55,740 --> 00:03:56,990

## All right.

00:03:56,990 --> 00:03:58,880
Since we started with
you as the youngest,
74
00:03:58,880 --> 00:03:59,960
let's work our way up.

## 75

00:03:59,960 --> 00:04:01,400
Who's the next youngest?

## 76

00:04:01,400 --> 00:04:03,380
The next youngest, my brother.
77
00:04:03,380 --> 00:04:05,210
Your brother, what's his name?

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7 8
00:04:05,210 --> 00:04:06,640 Sam Shapiro.
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## 79

00:04:06,640 --> 00:04:12,400
All right, and then
he was born when?

## 80

00:04:12,400 --> 00:04:15,770
He's how much older than you?

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81
00:04:15,770 --> 00:04:17,720
Yes, about two years.
82
00:04:17,720 --> 00:04:19,550
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About two years older than you.
83
00:04:19,550 --> 00:04:20,060
Two years.
84
00:04:20,060 --> 00:04:20,669
The the next--

85
00:04:20,669 --> 00:04:22,610

## 86

00:04:22,610 --> 00:04:26,570
And she's how much
older than you?

## 87

00:04:26,570 --> 00:04:27,620
Well, four years.

## 88

00:04:27,620 --> 00:04:28,560
Four years older.
89
00:04:28,560 --> 00:04:28,680
Yes.

## 90

00:04:28,680 --> 00:04:30,388
And then you're two
years older than Sam.
91
00:04:30,388 --> 00:04:31,080
Well, about.
92
00:04:31,080 --> 00:04:32,260
Yeah.

## 93

00:04:32,260 --> 00:04:37,190
And then sister
[? Feige, ?] two years.
94
00:04:37,190 --> 00:04:40,177
Oh , so in other words, you were all born two years apart.

95
00:04:40,177 --> 00:04:41,010
Yeah, approximately.
96
00:04:41,010 --> 00:04:44,900
Sounds like 1931, '29, '27, '25.
97
00:04:44,900 --> 00:04:45,620
Yeah.

99
00:04:50,647 --> 00:04:51,230 Four children.

## 100

00:04:51,230 --> 00:04:52,220
OK.
101
00:04:52,220 --> 00:04:57,890
Of this family in 1939 , how many survived the war?

102
00:04:57,890 --> 00:05:01,030
Survived three and our father, four.

103
00:05:01,030 --> 00:05:01,530
Four.

104
00:05:01,530 --> 00:05:02,030
Yes.
105
00:05:02,030 --> 00:05:04,120
In other words, three
children and the father.

106
00:05:04,120 --> 00:05:05,150
Right.
107
00:05:05,150 --> 00:05:08,960
Now, go beyond that to the extended family.

108
00:05:08,960 --> 00:05:15,440
That means uncles, aunts, first cousins, and grandparents.

109
00:05:15,440 --> 00:05:16,790
You had grandparents?

00:05:19,342 --> 00:05:20,050
Two grandparents.

00:05:20,050 --> 00:05:21,230 Two grandparents.

114
00:05:21,230 --> 00:05:24,720
And how many would you say the whole family consisted of?

115
00:05:24,720 --> 00:05:26,930
About 31.

## 116

00:05:26,930 --> 00:05:27,770 Something like that?

117
00:05:27,770 --> 00:05:28,040
Yes.
118
00:05:28,040 --> 00:05:28,820
You counted that.
119
00:05:28,820 --> 00:05:29,730 All right.

120
00:05:29,730 --> 00:05:33,665
Of your immediate family of six, four survived.

121
00:05:33,665 --> 00:05:34,460
Right.
122
00:05:34,460 --> 00:05:37,040
Of the 31 , how many survived?
00:05:41,390 --> 00:05:44,090

And today we're going to hear the story

127
00:05:44,090 --> 00:05:47,340
about what happened, basically, with your immediate family.

## 128

00:05:47,340 --> 00:05:48,216
Yes.
129
00:05:48,216 --> 00:05:50,680
All right.
130
00:05:50,680 --> 00:05:52,720
Where were you born?

## 131

00:05:52,720 --> 00:05:54,740
Jan $\tilde{A}^{3} \mathrm{w}$ Lubelski, Poland.
132
00:05:54,740 --> 00:05:56,760
What part of Poland is that?
133
00:05:56,760 --> 00:05:58,330
That's near Lublin.

## 134

00:05:58,330 --> 00:06:00,260
Near Lublin.
135
00:06:00,260 --> 00:06:03,120
And your father did what for a living?

00:06:04,160 --> 00:06:05,470 And your mother?

## 138

00:06:05,470 --> 00:06:07,330
My mother was home with the--

## 139

00:06:07,330 --> 00:06:09,080
Taking care of the house and the children.

## 140

00:06:09,080 --> 00:06:10,400
Right.

## 141

00:06:10,400 --> 00:06:15,560
Now, you were only eight years old when the war broke out.

142
00:06:15,560 --> 00:06:18,860
How do you remember what happened at that time?

143
00:06:18,860 --> 00:06:30,750
Well, when the bombs started falling on that small town,

## 144

00:06:30,750 --> 00:06:33,910 my father fainted.

145
00:06:33,910 --> 00:06:35,705
And we start running
out of the house.
146
00:06:35,705 --> 00:06:39,960

147
00:06:39,960 --> 00:06:42,910
And that was a whole day going on.

## 148

00:06:42,910 --> 00:06:45,920
In the evening, we went back.

## 149

00:06:45,920 --> 00:06:48,360
But there was no house no more.
150
00:06:48,360 --> 00:06:51,260
It was bombed.
151
00:06:51,260 --> 00:06:54,700
And we went in our neighbor's house.

152
00:06:54,700 --> 00:06:57,360

## 153

00:06:57,360 --> 00:06:58,590
And my father said--
154
00:06:58,590 --> 00:07:01,620

155
00:07:01,620 --> 00:07:07,770
after a couple weeks,
I think, my uncle
156
00:07:07,770 --> 00:07:10,400
was walking in the street.
157
00:07:10,400 --> 00:07:17,940
And he was grabbed by the Germans and shot for no reason,

## 158

00:07:17,940 --> 00:07:20,880
just because he was a Jew.
159
00:07:20,880 --> 00:07:24,940
My father came in in
the house and said--

00:07:42,260 --> 00:07:46,790
And he collected
my uncle with all
165
00:07:46,790 --> 00:07:48,850
his children, seven children.
166
00:07:48,850 --> 00:07:50,720
A different uncle?
167
00:07:50,720 --> 00:07:54,350
Yeah, different uncle, with seven children.

168
00:07:54,350 --> 00:08:00,700
And the end that survived were three children.

## 169

00:08:00,700 --> 00:08:03,350
And we went to a village.
170
00:08:03,350 --> 00:08:06,555
With the grandparents, went to a village.

171
00:08:06,555 --> 00:08:13,130
We were there short time, because I walked out

00:08:13,130 --> 00:08:16,420
of the house, not
thinking of nothing--
173
00:08:16,420 --> 00:08:23,590

## 174

00:08:23,590 --> 00:08:26,080
Germans walked by.
175
00:08:26,080 --> 00:08:30,220
And I heard a little
boy screaming, Jude!
176
00:08:30,220 --> 00:08:31,540
Jude!
177
00:08:31,540 --> 00:08:32,200
About you?
178
00:08:32,200 --> 00:08:34,600
Yes.

179
00:08:34,600 --> 00:08:38,039
And a German came over.

## 180

00:08:38,039 --> 00:08:41,850
He had a big ring on his finger.
181
00:08:41,850 --> 00:08:44,390
And he punched me
right in my mouth
182
00:08:44,390 --> 00:08:50,430
and knocked out two
teeth right away.
183
00:08:50,430 --> 00:08:51,150
Beat me up.
184
00:08:51,150 --> 00:08:57,010

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185
00:08:57,010 --> 00:09:03,880
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And I went home.
186
00:09:03,880 --> 00:09:10,150
And again, my father said,
we've got to go away from here.
187
00:09:10,150 --> 00:09:12,740
188
00:09:12,740 --> 00:09:17,910
He collected again
the family, the uncle
189
00:09:17,910 --> 00:09:22,650
and with the children,
uncle's children.
190
00:09:22,650 --> 00:09:26,820
He said, we should
go to the forest.
191
00:09:26,820 --> 00:09:30,210
I heard there is a lot
of Jews in the forest.
192
00:09:30,210 --> 00:09:33,540
193
00:09:33,540 --> 00:09:37,440
We went to the forest.
194
00:09:37,440 --> 00:09:47,350
There was a lot of Jews
hiding, like little huts
195
00:09:47,350 --> 00:09:52,240
under the hill.
196
00:09:52,240 --> 00:09:59,330
And we digged, and
on top, put trees,
197
00:09:59,330 --> 00:10:04,760 so it won't be recognized that there is anybody there.

## 198

00:10:04,760 --> 00:10:08,100
That was still the first year.
199
00:10:08,100 --> 00:10:13,870

200
00:10:13,870 --> 00:10:15,110
And we were there.
201
00:10:15,110 --> 00:10:16,350
But we were very hungry.
202
00:10:16,350 --> 00:10:17,390 We had no food.

203
00:10:17,390 --> 00:10:21,040

204
00:10:21,040 --> 00:10:21,930
We were starving.
205
00:10:21,930 --> 00:10:24,750

00:10:24,750 --> 00:10:31,110
My father took my mother and two of my uncle's sons--

207
00:10:31,110 --> 00:10:42,800
they were twins-- went to the village that he knew.

208
00:10:42,800 --> 00:10:48,590
He gave them his possessions before we left to the forest.

00:10:48,590 --> 00:10:54,200
He said, they'll give
us maybe some food.
210
00:10:54,200 --> 00:10:55,725
So he went there.

## 211

00:10:55,725 --> 00:10:57,740
What possessions
did he give them?
212
00:10:57,740 --> 00:11:01,970
Clothes, money,
whatever he had--
213
00:11:01,970 --> 00:11:05,020

214
00:11:05,020 --> 00:11:08,620 everything, whatever he owned.

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215
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00:11:08,620 --> 00:11:11,040
What did he do
with his business?
216
00:11:11,040 --> 00:11:12,510 He left it.

217
00:11:12,510 --> 00:11:13,080
Standing?
218
00:11:13,080 --> 00:11:13,930
The store?
219
00:11:13,930 --> 00:11:14,550 That's it.

220
00:11:14,550 --> 00:11:18,850
He just abandoned it, because a Jew could not own anything.

00:11:21,380 --> 00:11:22,965 A Jew couldn't go to school.

## 223

00:11:22,965 --> 00:11:25,920

00:11:25,920 --> 00:11:28,980 I could not go to school.

225
00:11:28,980 --> 00:11:31,140
I wanted so much.

## 226

00:11:31,140 --> 00:11:34,840 I craved for knowledge.

227
00:11:34,840 --> 00:11:37,890 And I could not go.

## 228

00:11:37,890 --> 00:11:41,040
They told me, Jews are not allowed to enter the school.

00:11:41,040 --> 00:11:43,720

230
00:11:43,720 --> 00:11:44,580
Who's they?
231
00:11:44,580 --> 00:11:45,780
The Poles or the Germans?
232
00:11:45,780 --> 00:11:52,180
The Germans told the Poles, the principal from the school.

233
00:11:52,180 --> 00:11:55,815
So I could not go to school.

00:11:55,815 --> 00:11:59,800
Of course, I was very saddened.
235
00:11:59,800 --> 00:12:06,070
I saw children playing, going to school, being happy.

## 236

00:12:06,070 --> 00:12:08,575
And for me, it was a luxury.
237
00:12:08,575 --> 00:12:12,690

238
00:12:12,690 --> 00:12:21,520
So going back to my father going with my two cousins

239
00:12:21,520 --> 00:12:28,600
to that village for
food, as he entered
240
00:12:28,600 --> 00:12:32,540
to the barn from that
family where he gave
241
00:12:32,540 --> 00:12:37,660 the possessions, [INAUDIBLE] came in.

242
00:12:37,660 --> 00:12:41,470

00:12:41,470 --> 00:12:46,330
And he said, [? Josko, ?]
you better run.

## 244

00:12:46,330 --> 00:12:47,390
You mean the person--
245
00:12:47,390 --> 00:12:48,190
That came into the barn.

00:12:48,190 --> 00:12:50,315
The one your father entrusted with his possessions.

247
00:12:50,315 --> 00:12:51,150
Right, yes.

## 248

00:12:51,150 --> 00:12:53,530
He said, [? Josko, ?]
you better run.

## 249

00:12:53,530 --> 00:12:55,330
Don't come no more here.
250
00:12:55,330 --> 00:12:57,670 I can't give you nothing.

251
00:12:57,670 --> 00:12:59,410
If they catch you, they'll kill you.

252
00:12:59,410 --> 00:13:03,042

253
00:13:03,042 --> 00:13:07,570
He gave him just
a loaf of bread.
254
00:13:07,570 --> 00:13:18,590
And my father and mother, with their head down, went out.

255
00:13:18,590 --> 00:13:27,400
As he went out, he heard dogs screaming, barking very heavy, 256
00:13:27,400 --> 00:13:31,050 and people yelling.

257
00:13:31,050 --> 00:13:38,470
And then he heard little boys screaming, help.

00:14:06,770 --> 00:14:10,990
And he had to tell my uncle that his two your father and the two cousins

Went to different family.

00:14:35,560 --> 00:14:36,390 For food.

00:14:36,390 --> 00:14:38,935
For food, different family.
275
00:14:38,935 --> 00:14:42,160
And the ones that
my cousins went--
276
00:14:42,160 --> 00:14:43,900
They're the ones
who gave them away?
277
00:14:43,900 --> 00:14:46,240
Gave them-- took them.
278
00:14:46,240 --> 00:14:52,360
Like animals, dragged them to town to the Germans.

279
00:14:52,360 --> 00:14:55,120
And they went to that family because your father

00:14:55,120 --> 00:14:56,710 knew them and trusted them?

They thought they'll give them some food.

283
00:15:02,090 --> 00:15:05,210
And he go to another family that he know and give them food.

00:15:05,210 --> 00:15:11,800
Will bring some food in for the rest of people to eat.

## 285

00:15:11,800 --> 00:15:13,630
A piece of bread was a luxury.
286
00:15:13,630 --> 00:15:17,010
It was more than cake.
287
00:15:17,010 --> 00:15:19,850
You could not
imagine what it was.
288
00:15:19,850 --> 00:15:22,670

289
00:15:22,670 --> 00:15:25,550
So they were dragged there.
290
00:15:25,550 --> 00:15:31,130
And my father came back to the forest, told my uncle

291
00:15:31,130 --> 00:15:36,860
that his two sons were dragged to the Germans, beaten up.

292
00:15:36,860 --> 00:15:39,530
He heard them screaming.
293
00:15:39,530 --> 00:15:43,610
And probably, he told the uncle, they're dead.

00:15:47,714 --> 00:16:10,280
You could imagine-- how they felt, how we all felt.

296
00:16:10,280 --> 00:16:13,850
And there is no fault.
297
00:16:13,850 --> 00:16:16,640
If I may, I just want to go back to the beginning.

298
00:16:16,640 --> 00:16:21,270
When you were in your
original town, which is--
299
00:16:21,270 --> 00:16:22,090 Jan $\tilde{A}^{3}$ W Lubelski.

300
00:16:22,090 --> 00:16:26,000
--Jan $\tilde{A}^{3}$ w Lubelski, near Lublin.
301
00:16:26,000 --> 00:16:29,000
The bombs came, and then the Germans came in.

302
00:16:29,000 --> 00:16:29,940
Yes.

303
00:16:29,940 --> 00:16:34,280
And the bombs came.
304
00:16:34,280 --> 00:16:35,750
That was for the whole town.
305
00:16:35,750 --> 00:16:37,880
For the whole town, of course.

Then when did the action start taking place, the German action

307
00:16:42,050 --> 00:16:45,800
start taking place, separating the Jews from the Poles?

308
00:16:45,800 --> 00:16:51,170
Well, right away they took out Jews and start killing them.

309
00:16:51,170 --> 00:16:55,370
That was their first thing
to intimidate the people.
310
00:16:55,370 --> 00:16:57,100
But was that organized?
311
00:16:57,100 --> 00:17:00,840

312
00:17:00,840 --> 00:17:02,820
I mean, they didn't
take everybody.
313
00:17:02,820 --> 00:17:03,980
They took a few.
314
00:17:03,980 --> 00:17:10,030
They took whomever they caught in the house.

315
00:17:10,030 --> 00:17:12,599
And they told them, raus.

## 316

00:17:12,599 --> 00:17:16,753
And they put them against
the wall and killing them.
317
00:17:16,753 --> 00:17:18,420
And as soon as that started, your father

00:17:19,587 --> 00:17:20,275
Right.

## 320

00:17:20,275 --> 00:17:21,089
We went.
321
00:17:21,089 --> 00:17:23,849
That was relatively
disorganized,
322
00:17:23,849 --> 00:17:26,099
in terms of what's
going to come later.
323
00:17:26,099 --> 00:17:27,400
Yes.
324
00:17:27,400 --> 00:17:31,020
He thought that maybe it will take three months

325
00:17:31,020 --> 00:17:31,950 to six months.

326
00:17:31,950 --> 00:17:33,810
Everything will settle down.
327
00:17:33,810 --> 00:17:35,193
And we'll able to go back.
328
00:17:35,193 --> 00:17:36,610
But your father
took quick action.
329
00:17:36,610 --> 00:17:39,270
He did not imagine
what's going to happen.

00:17:39,270 --> 00:17:40,890 Actually, he took quick action.

## 331

00:17:40,890 --> 00:17:43,380 Yes.

332
00:17:43,380 --> 00:17:45,030 He was a very smart man.

333
00:17:45,030 --> 00:17:49,040

## 334

00:17:49,040 --> 00:17:51,530
He was like the head
of the whole family.

## 335

00:17:51,530 --> 00:17:54,960

336
00:17:54,960 --> 00:17:58,850
And then how did he select the village that you went to?

337
00:17:58,850 --> 00:18:05,050
Was no selection, just we went with no knowledge of anything.

## 338

00:18:05,050 --> 00:18:07,590
And where did you
live in the village?

## 339

00:18:07,590 --> 00:18:09,150
You were there for
a short period.
340
00:18:09,150 --> 00:18:10,140
Yes.
341
00:18:10,140 --> 00:18:14,190
We were in a small house.

00:18:14,190 --> 00:18:15,720

Nobody lived there.
343
00:18:15,720 --> 00:18:19,200
Was abandoned, that house.
344
00:18:19,200 --> 00:18:21,840
So we went in and just--
345
00:18:21,840 --> 00:18:23,370
Was not a luxurious apartment.

## 346

00:18:23,370 --> 00:18:25,260
No, it was nothing there.
347
00:18:25,260 --> 00:18:27,330
We were sleeping on the floor.
348
00:18:27,330 --> 00:18:32,970
And from there, from those very poor headquarters, 349
00:18:32,970 --> 00:18:35,220 you went to a hut in the forest. 350
00:18:35,220 --> 00:18:36,280 In the forest, yes.

351
00:18:36,280 --> 00:18:38,180
And you had what
kind of facilities?
352
00:18:38,180 --> 00:18:39,940
None, no facilities.
353
00:18:39,940 --> 00:18:41,380
We couldn't wash.
354
00:18:41,380 --> 00:18:43,738
And excuse me, we couldn't even go to the bathroom.

There was no bathroom.

## 356

00:18:44,655 --> 00:18:48,340

357
00:18:48,340 --> 00:18:51,550
Was unsanitary conditions.
358
00:18:51,550 --> 00:18:52,630
How long were you there?
359
00:18:52,630 --> 00:18:55,432

360
00:18:55,432 --> 00:18:58,865
I don't know, maybe six months.
361
00:18:58,865 --> 00:19:00,070
Everything happened--
362
00:19:00,070 --> 00:19:03,160
And the activity was
trying to get food.
363
00:19:03,160 --> 00:19:03,670
Yes.
364
00:19:03,670 --> 00:19:07,270
And how did the family
really get the food?
365
00:19:07,270 --> 00:19:07,810
Well--
366
00:19:07,810 --> 00:19:11,590
Considering that even somebody
whom your father trusted

00:19:11,590 --> 00:19:12,660
told him to stay away.

00:19:14,170 --> 00:19:20,300
We were stealing food from the farmers there.

## 370

00:19:20,300 --> 00:19:30,180
We were going in to the farmers'.

## 371

00:19:30,180 --> 00:19:34,355
And whatever they were
farming outside, the--
372
00:19:34,355 --> 00:19:38,970

373
00:19:38,970 --> 00:19:41,380 we were stealing the food--

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374
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00:19:41,380 --> 00:19:41,880 potatoes.

375
00:19:41,880 --> 00:19:44,970

376
00:19:44,970 --> 00:19:51,490
Whatever we could get a hand on, we took at night,

377
00:19:51,490 --> 00:19:52,680 where nobody saw.

## 378

00:19:52,680 --> 00:19:55,180
What did you drink?
379
00:19:55,180 --> 00:19:59,540
Well, we were
drinking either water
380

00:19:59,540 --> 00:20:05,970
that was dirty from the streams or ice water.

381
00:20:05,970 --> 00:20:09,300
We put ice and melting it.

## 382

00:20:09,300 --> 00:20:13,120

383
00:20:13,120 --> 00:20:15,850
Melt the water, make a little fire.

384
00:20:15,850 --> 00:20:16,930
This was wintertime.
385
00:20:16,930 --> 00:20:17,640
Yes.
386
00:20:17,640 --> 00:20:19,390 It was already winter.

387
00:20:19,390 --> 00:20:21,220
The heat wasn't
working in your hut.
388
00:20:21,220 --> 00:20:22,640
No, there was no heat.

## 389

00:20:22,640 --> 00:20:23,860
There was no nothing.
390
00:20:23,860 --> 00:20:29,300
We couldn't-- we only had clothes what we were wearing.

00:20:29,300 --> 00:20:29,800
And that--
392
00:20:29,800 --> 00:20:31,060
24 hours a day.

00:20:34,780 --> 00:20:37,435
you couldn't imagine the smell.
396
00:20:37,435 --> 00:20:40,200

397
00:20:40,200 --> 00:20:42,825
We had boils, lice.
398
00:20:42,825 --> 00:20:45,920

399
00:20:45,920 --> 00:20:50,055
You couldn't imagine
how we looked--
400
00:20:50,055 --> 00:20:53,170

## 401

00:20:53,170 --> 00:21:00,370 torn-up clothes, hungry, boils over the face, the whole body,

## 402

00:21:00,370 --> 00:21:03,880
lice, that if you went
in with your hand,
403
00:21:03,880 --> 00:21:05,220
you could have take them.
404
00:21:05,220 --> 00:21:08,730

You couldn't wash.
406
00:21:11,590 --> 00:21:14,190
It was very unsanitary.
407
00:21:14,190 --> 00:21:17,190
People were dying, because we were not

408
00:21:17,190 --> 00:21:19,290 the only ones in the forest.

409
00:21:19,290 --> 00:21:21,930
People were dying for hunger.

## 410

00:21:21,930 --> 00:21:26,070
I had an aunt with
three children.
411
00:21:26,070 --> 00:21:29,450

412
00:21:29,450 --> 00:21:33,320
One of the children
had a belly like that.
413
00:21:33,320 --> 00:21:40,450
She was maybe six years
old, undernourished.
414
00:21:40,450 --> 00:21:49,176
Her feet was so skinny, only
bones you saw and hands.
415
00:21:49,176 --> 00:21:52,648

416
00:21:52,648 --> 00:21:58,950
And then one day, I don't know what happened.

## A fire caught that hut.

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418
00:22:02,884 --> 00:22:05,770
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419
00:22:05,770 --> 00:22:08,420
And we start to run.
420
00:22:08,420 --> 00:22:11,720
We were a lot of
people in that hut,
421
00:22:11,720 --> 00:22:17,240
concentrated, maybe 10 or more.
422
00:22:17,240 --> 00:22:18,620
And we start running out.
423
00:22:18,620 --> 00:22:23,380

## 424

00:22:23,380 --> 00:22:27,490
We grabbed my father, my older sister.

425
00:22:27,490 --> 00:22:36,250
They grabbed the
two children out.
426
00:22:36,250 --> 00:22:41,360
And my aunt, with her mother, did not want to come out.

427
00:22:41,360 --> 00:22:46,830
She said, I'd rather stay here and get burned,

428
00:22:46,830 --> 00:22:48,760 and would not come out.

00:22:48,760 --> 00:22:52,330
We had to run away,

00:22:52,330 --> 00:22:58,530
that the fire, the smoke
the Germans might see.

## 431

00:22:58,530 --> 00:23:01,230
They might come and kill us.
432
00:23:01,230 --> 00:23:02,010
So we run.
433
00:23:02,010 --> 00:23:06,130

434
00:23:06,130 --> 00:23:09,250
We run deeper into the forest.
435
00:23:09,250 --> 00:23:14,370

436
00:23:14,370 --> 00:23:17,340
My aunt died with her mother.
437
00:23:17,340 --> 00:23:18,050 In the fire?

438
00:23:18,050 --> 00:23:19,063
In the fire.
439
00:23:19,063 --> 00:23:19,980
She wouldn't come out.
440
00:23:19,980 --> 00:23:21,360
She would not come out.

441
00:23:21,360 --> 00:23:28,260
She said, I'd rather die than see my children hungry,
looking like that.

## 443

00:23:29,720 --> 00:23:32,910

444
00:23:32,910 --> 00:23:34,530
Do you think she set the fire?
445
00:23:34,530 --> 00:23:35,787
No.

## 446

00:23:35,787 --> 00:23:36,870
It was an accidental fire.
447
00:23:36,870 --> 00:23:39,690
Accidental, because
it was very dry.
448
00:23:39,690 --> 00:23:43,980
The trees were very dried up, because at night, we

449
00:23:43,980 --> 00:23:48,550
were making a fire
to warm up a little
450
00:23:48,550 --> 00:23:55,860 or to make food, what we stole from the farmers, potatoes.

## 451

00:23:55,860 --> 00:24:00,310
So we ate.
452
00:24:00,310 --> 00:24:07,430
Each one had a potato or half, if we were lucky.

453
00:24:07,430 --> 00:24:10,040

00:24:10,040 --> 00:24:18,540
So when we came back,
those two were dead.

00:24:18,540 --> 00:24:21,510
And we just collected
all the people.
456
00:24:21,510 --> 00:24:26,820
We went to a different
forest, which I couldn't
457
00:24:26,820 --> 00:24:30,210
remember the name of it.

458
00:24:30,210 --> 00:24:31,350
And we were there.
459
00:24:31,350 --> 00:24:32,940
A lot of Jews were there.
460
00:24:32,940 --> 00:24:37,800
What was the name of the forest you were in to begin with?

461
00:24:37,800 --> 00:24:46,150
That was near WÃ $\tilde{}^{3} \mathrm{ka}$
Ratajska, called the village.
462
00:24:46,150 --> 00:24:47,490
The village was WÃ ${ }^{3} 1 \mathrm{ka}$ Ratajska?
463
00:24:47,490 --> 00:24:50,960
Yes, but I couldn't
remember the forest.
464
00:24:50,960 --> 00:24:51,765
Can you--
465
00:24:51,765 --> 00:24:52,362
I can't spell.
466
00:24:52,362 --> 00:24:54,570
I don't expect you to spell
it, but let's work on it.

00:24:54,570 --> 00:24:59,480 B-U-L-K-A, Bulka.

468
00:24:59,480 --> 00:25:02,396 A and a $N, I$ think.

469
00:25:02,396 --> 00:25:04,000
And "Rateiska?"

470
00:25:04,000 --> 00:25:04,900
Ratajska.

471
00:25:04,900 --> 00:25:12,640
Ratajska might be
R-A-T-E-I-S-K-A.

472
00:25:12,640 --> 00:25:14,380 So that was the village?
$00: 25: 14,380-->00: 25: 15,110$
Yes.

474
$00: 25: 15,110-->00: 25: 16,730$
And that was the village you lived in

475
00:25:16,730 --> 00:25:17,980 before you went to the forest.

476
00:25:17,980 --> 00:25:18,820
Before I went to the forest.

477
00:25:18,820 --> 00:25:20,970
And then you went to forest outside W $\tilde{A}^{3} 1 \mathrm{ka}$ Ratajska.

478
00:25:20,970 --> 00:25:30,790
Yes, to another forest, which was not far from $\mathrm{Zdzi} \AA$, owice.

00:25:30,790 --> 00:25:31,960
That's the other town.
480
00:25:31,960 --> 00:25:35,230
The other village, a bigger village.

481
00:25:35,230 --> 00:25:40,160
Let's take a guess at
how to spell ZdziÅ,owice.
482
00:25:40,160 --> 00:25:41,705
I don't know.
483
00:25:41,705 --> 00:25:43,320
I'm sorry.
484
00:25:43,320 --> 00:25:45,758
Whatever-- how
you write it down.
485
00:25:45,758 --> 00:25:48,250
Can I help?
486
00:25:48,250 --> 00:25:49,690
All right.
487
00:25:49,690 --> 00:25:50,590
Your husband is here.
488
00:25:50,590 --> 00:25:51,938
He says he'll help.
489
00:25:51,938 --> 00:25:52,774
Yes.
490
00:25:52,774 --> 00:25:53,930
What word do you need?
491
00:25:53,930 --> 00:25:55,140
ZdziÅ,owice.

00:26:08,460 --> 00:26:11,430 So we went to that forest.

00:26:11,430 --> 00:26:19,220
And in that forest was a lot of Jews, a lot of young people.

00:26:19,880 --> 00:26:23,260
This is a few months after
you were in the first forest.
500
00:26:23,260 --> 00:26:23,870
Right.

## 501

00:26:23,870 --> 00:26:26,990
And you moved from the first forest because it was just--

502
00:26:26,990 --> 00:26:27,910 no food.

503
00:26:27,910 --> 00:26:31,940
No food, and we were afraid to stay there,

00:26:36,170 --> 00:26:38,420 come in and kill us.

## 506

00:26:38,420 --> 00:26:42,995
So we moved to that forest, and were a lot of young people.

507
00:26:42,995 --> 00:26:46,010

508
00:26:46,010 --> 00:26:48,830
And they were saying that there is--

00:26:48,830 --> 00:26:51,700

## 510

00:26:51,700 --> 00:26:57,325
they call themselves partisans, a group of partisans.

511
00:26:57,325 --> 00:26:58,075 In the new forest.

512
00:26:58,075 --> 00:26:59,190
In the new forest.

## 513

00:26:59,190 --> 00:27:02,920
They will say, is a
group of partisans.
514
00:27:02,920 --> 00:27:04,070
Polish partisans?
515
00:27:04,070 --> 00:27:04,790 Polish.

Not Jewish.

517
00:27:05,290 --> 00:27:05,860
Not Jewish.

518
00:27:05,860 --> 00:27:08,380

519
00:27:08,380 --> 00:27:11,440
And they were saying
that they want

## 520

00:27:11,440 --> 00:27:15,610 to collect all the young people, and they want

## 521

00:27:15,610 --> 00:27:24,710 to go liberate the camp Budzyn.

522
00:27:24,710 --> 00:27:25,610 Budzyn.

523
00:27:25,610 --> 00:27:26,660
Yes.
524
00:27:26,660 --> 00:27:27,690
Camp Budzyn.
525
00:27:27,690 --> 00:27:30,390
Budzyn, by Lublin there.

## 526

00:27:30,390 --> 00:27:31,690
Now, let's try this.
527
00:27:31,690 --> 00:27:34,427
B-U-D-Z-I-N?

528
00:27:34,427 --> 00:27:42,540
B-U-D-Z-I-N.

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530
00:27:45,000 --> 00:27:47,110
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Yes.
531
00:27:47,110 --> 00:27:47,610
All right.
532
00:27:47,610 --> 00:27:50,680
533
00:27:50,680 --> 00:28:01,580
So those partisans collected
all the young people.
534
00:28:01,580 --> 00:28:04,750
There were maybe 200.
535
00:28:04,750 --> 00:28:05,860
200 young people.
536
00:28:05,860 --> 00:28:06,730
Young people.
537
00:28:06,730 --> 00:28:07,450
Jewish people.
538
00:28:07,450 --> 00:28:08,617
Jewish people, 18-year-olds.
539
00:28:08,617 --> 00:28:12,880
How many partisans were
there, would you say?
540
00:28:12,880 --> 00:28:14,440
There was a group.
541
00:28:14,440 --> 00:28:19,000
There were not too many,
a group maybe of 20 .

Small group.
543
00:28:19,960 --> 00:28:20,980
A small group.
544
00:28:20,980 --> 00:28:23,060
They were not big.
545
00:28:23,060 --> 00:28:28,990
And they collected all those young Jewish men.

546
00:28:28,990 --> 00:28:36,490
And they said, we're going to go to liberate the camp.

547
00:28:36,490 --> 00:28:36,990
Budzyn.
548
00:28:36,990 --> 00:28:38,860
Budzyn.
549
00:28:38,860 --> 00:28:42,550
As we found out, they
were not partisans.
550
00:28:42,550 --> 00:28:46,240
They were [NON-ENGLISH],, they called.

## 551

00:28:46,240 --> 00:28:49,930
They were against the Poles--
552
00:28:49,930 --> 00:28:51,130
I mean, the Germans--
553
00:28:51,130 --> 00:28:55,090 and against the Jews, natural.

## 554

00:28:55,090 --> 00:28:57,220
They just were killing Jews.

00:29:03,860 --> 00:29:08,730 took away their arms, tied their feet and hand, 557
00:29:08,730 --> 00:29:09,940 and shot them all up.

## 558

00:29:09,940 --> 00:29:13,890

559
00:29:13,890 --> 00:29:17,310
Right after that--
560
00:29:17,310 --> 00:29:22,110
This didn't affect
any of your family?

## 561

00:29:22,110 --> 00:29:25,390
Well, because we were
all young at that time.
562
00:29:25,390 --> 00:29:27,960
Wait, you had an older brother.
563
00:29:27,960 --> 00:29:30,660
Yeah, but he still was younger.
564
00:29:30,660 --> 00:29:31,980
I don't know.
565
00:29:31,980 --> 00:29:32,870
They didn't take him.
566
00:29:32,870 --> 00:29:35,672

I don't know what the reason.
568
00:29:38,390 --> 00:29:43,460
I guess it had something to do with God, maybe.

## 569

00:29:43,460 --> 00:29:46,832
Oh yeah, '29, he
was a young boy.
570
00:29:46,832 --> 00:29:48,540
The war started when
he was 10 years old.
571
00:29:48,540 --> 00:29:50,610
He might've been only 12
years old at this time.
572
00:29:50,610 --> 00:29:51,210
He was young.
573
00:29:51,210 --> 00:29:52,180
Yeah.
574
00:29:52,180 --> 00:29:55,500
And it didn't take long.
575
00:29:55,500 --> 00:29:58,480

## 576

00:29:58,480 --> 00:30:02,310
One day, they came in, maybe a week later.

## 577

00:30:02,310 --> 00:30:06,940

578
00:30:06,940 --> 00:30:08,680
I don't know.
579
00:30:08,680 --> 00:30:17,060

My father previous told a Polish man

## 580

00:30:17,060 --> 00:30:21,660
that he would like to buy food.
581
00:30:21,660 --> 00:30:24,350
He'll give him a ring.
582
00:30:24,350 --> 00:30:28,940 He has two rings, he had.

## 583

00:30:28,940 --> 00:30:31,215
And he wants to give
him if he give him food.
584
00:30:31,215 --> 00:30:34,060

585
00:30:34,060 --> 00:30:40,890
Right after that, those two guys came in with arms.

586
00:30:40,890 --> 00:30:43,290
They knew where exactly to go.
587
00:30:43,290 --> 00:30:45,870
Came to my father.
588
00:30:45,870 --> 00:30:49,470
Hold the gun against his head.
589
00:30:49,470 --> 00:30:53,920
He said, if you don't
give me those two rings,
590
00:30:53,920 --> 00:30:56,990
I'll shoot the whole
family right away.

00:30:56,990 --> 00:30:59,920 he said, spare my family's life.

00:31:06,880 --> 00:31:08,670 Here's the rings.

00:31:08,670 --> 00:31:10,840
And he gave them.
595
00:31:10,840 --> 00:31:13,880
Of course, prior to
that, he beat them up.
596
00:31:13,880 --> 00:31:15,200
He beat whom up?
597
00:31:15,200 --> 00:31:17,420
My father, my mother--
598
00:31:17,420 --> 00:31:20,450 beat them up.

599
00:31:20,450 --> 00:31:22,320
How did they beat them up?
600
00:31:22,320 --> 00:31:23,700
They had guns.
601
00:31:23,700 --> 00:31:27,505
Well, they had guns,
but my father didn't.
602
00:31:27,505 --> 00:31:28,630
Then he endangered himself.
603
00:31:28,630 --> 00:31:32,430
They came in like friends.

Came in, and then start beating them up.

00:31:34,850 --> 00:31:36,190
Oh, they beat up your father.

606
$00: 31: 36,190-->00: 31: 36,690$
Yes.

607
00:31:36,690 --> 00:31:38,850
Before they told him
they want the rings.
608
00:31:38,850 --> 00:31:40,680
Right.
609
00:31:40,680 --> 00:31:41,592
And--
610
00:31:41,592 --> 00:31:42,800
They beat up your mother too?
611
00:31:42,800 --> 00:31:44,075
My mother too.
612
00:31:44,075 --> 00:31:49,260
And we was standing, looking, scared.

613
00:31:49,260 --> 00:31:53,640
After that, my father
gave him the two rings.
614
00:31:53,640 --> 00:31:57,400
He left with those two rings.
615
00:31:57,400 --> 00:32:00,250
Was one person came?
616
00:32:00,250 --> 00:32:01,030
Two of them.

00:32:01,030 --> 00:32:02,500 So they left.

618
00:32:02,500 --> 00:32:05,740
They left, left us alone.

619
00:32:05,740 --> 00:32:08,416
And we was scared.

620
00:32:08,416 --> 00:32:10,270
And we had no food again.
621
00:32:10,270 --> 00:32:14,680

622
00:32:14,680 --> 00:32:17,370
But where should
we go from there?
623
00:32:17,370 --> 00:32:19,480
Nowhere to go.
624
00:32:19,480 --> 00:32:20,680
So we were staying on.
625
00:32:20,680 --> 00:32:25,030

626
00:32:25,030 --> 00:32:32,500
Meantime, my sister [? Rifke ?]
died by the infection.
627
00:32:32,500 --> 00:32:33,540
In the forest?

628
00:32:33,540 --> 00:32:36,190
Yeah, a infection in her leg.
629
00:32:36,190 --> 00:32:38,940
He couldn't go to a doctor.

00:32:50,600 --> 00:32:57,880
She fall on a nail going for bread.

00:32:57,880 --> 00:33:03,400
When she came back,
her feet were swollen.

## 636

00:33:03,400 --> 00:33:10,280
And it took only five
days, and she died.
637
00:33:10,280 --> 00:33:16,540
So I lost already
a sister, which
638
00:33:16,540 --> 00:33:21,890
was very, very dear to me.
639
00:33:21,890 --> 00:33:24,480

640
00:33:24,480 --> 00:33:31,940
She was gorgeous, gorgeous girl, very good-looking.

641
00:33:31,940 --> 00:33:35,970
When she died-- she
always watched me,

00:33:41,670 --> 00:33:47,130 Part of me died with her.

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655
00:34:22,030 --> 00:34:23,909
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And we looked on each other.
656
00:34:23,909 --> 00:34:27,530
657
00:34:27,530 --> 00:34:31,052
I sat near my mother.
658
00:34:31,052 --> 00:34:43,625
All of a sudden, I hear bullets
firing, like a war, so heavy
659
00:34:43,625 --> 00:34:44,125
the bullets.
660
00:34:44,125 --> 00:34:47,239
661
00:34:47,239 --> 00:34:49,725
You can't imagine.
662
00:34:49,725 --> 00:34:53,629
It's still ringing in my head.
663
00:34:53,629 --> 00:34:58,110
664
00:34:58,110 --> 00:35:01,860
Every night I go to
sleep, I hear ringing
665
00:35:01,860 --> 00:35:04,540
in my head, the bullets.
666
00:35:04,540 --> 00:35:11,250
I can't sleep at night,
thinking, what happened?
667
00:35:11,250 --> 00:35:14,270

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668
00:35:14,270 --> 00:35:17,060
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It was so quiet.
669
00:35:17,060 --> 00:35:23,890
And what happened to
that quiet forest?
670
00:35:23,890 --> 00:35:25,225
All the bullets.
671
00:35:25,225 --> 00:35:27,250
And I run.
672
00:35:27,250 --> 00:35:31,420
Everybody run
different directions,
673
00:35:31,420 --> 00:35:34,510
not knowing where they're going.
674
00:35:34,510 --> 00:35:36,032
I ran with my mother.
675
00:35:36,032 --> 00:35:42,170
676
00:35:42,170 --> 00:35:50,010
That was the hardest
thing in my entire life.
677
00:35:50,010 --> 00:36:00,250
I saw my life go under my eyes.
678
00:36:00,250 --> 00:36:14,530
I hear a scream, not knowing
that my mother was hit.
679
00:36:14,530 --> 00:36:18,190
She screamed, where my children?

00:36:20,330 --> 00:36:21,760 Yes.

00:36:29,510 --> 00:36:42,630

00:36:42,630 --> 00:36:46,770
Everybody run
different directions.
689
00:36:46,770 --> 00:36:50,170
And I run as fast as I could.
690
00:36:50,170 --> 00:36:51,285
I turned around.

691
00:36:51,285 --> 00:36:52,480
I had no mother.
692
00:36:52,480 --> 00:36:53,330
I had nobody.

00:36:56,540 --> 00:36:57,670
All bloodied up.
695
00:36:57,670 --> 00:37:03,980

696
00:37:03,980 --> 00:37:05,240
You are bloodied up.
697
00:37:05,240 --> 00:37:05,810
Yes.
698
00:37:05,810 --> 00:37:07,060
What are you bloodied up from?
699
00:37:07,060 --> 00:37:09,560

700
00:37:09,560 --> 00:37:14,070
I think I was wounded.
701
00:37:14,070 --> 00:37:14,570
By?
702
00:37:14,570 --> 00:37:18,582

703
00:37:18,582 --> 00:37:19,165
From a bullet.
704
00:37:19,165 --> 00:37:23,160

705
00:37:23,160 --> 00:37:24,420
I was disoriented.

706
00:37:24,420 --> 00:37:36,276

I did not know where I am.
718
00:38:22,080 --> 00:38:28,140
At that time, I didn't know that the name of that village called

00:38:33,125 --> 00:38:34,310
Never.
723
00:38:34,310 --> 00:38:35,560
I never knew it exists.

## 724

00:38:35,560 --> 00:38:38,280

725
00:38:38,280 --> 00:38:41,055
$I$ just wandered in.
726
00:38:41,055 --> 00:38:44,490
And I went under the floor.
727
00:38:44,490 --> 00:38:45,340
Of the barn.
728
00:38:45,340 --> 00:38:45,840
The barn.
729
00:38:45,840 --> 00:38:49,020

730
00:38:49,020 --> 00:38:51,240
But I was hungry.
731
00:38:51,240 --> 00:38:54,300
So I went out.
732
00:38:54,300 --> 00:39:00,270
And I went in--

00:39:12,200 --> 00:39:13,550 I run.

735
00:39:13,550 --> 00:39:17,720
But I did not have
the strength to run.
736
00:39:17,720 --> 00:39:25,700
I was caught by
Poles, young men.

## 737

00:39:25,700 --> 00:39:31,400
And they brought me in and start hitting me.

738
00:39:31,400 --> 00:39:38,350
They hit me so hard, till today I have a stain on my lungs.

739
00:39:38,350 --> 00:39:42,520

## 740

00:39:42,520 --> 00:39:47,390
They hit me so hard
that you cannot imagine.

## 741

00:39:47,390 --> 00:39:53,370
Like a football, I
was tossed and hit.
742
00:39:53,370 --> 00:40:01,090
And they put me in a
cooler by a family.
743
00:40:01,090 --> 00:40:06,550
And that woman said, not by me you're going to keep her.

You want to keep her here and bring her to the Germans, 745
00:40:10,480 --> 00:40:14,170 you take her into your house, not by me.

## 746

00:40:14,170 --> 00:40:15,930
She start screaming.

## 747

00:40:15,930 --> 00:40:20,695
They took me out and put me in a barn.

748
00:40:20,695 --> 00:40:24,150

749
00:40:24,150 --> 00:40:26,090
And he came in with a gun.
750
00:40:26,090 --> 00:40:28,070
He said, I'm going to kill you.
751
00:40:28,070 --> 00:40:33,275
But before that, I'm going
to take you to the Germans.
752
00:40:33,275 --> 00:40:35,800

753
00:40:35,800 --> 00:40:46,230
And I was sitting in a corner, bundled up like this.

## 754

00:40:46,230 --> 00:40:49,894

755
00:40:49,894 --> 00:40:53,670
A voice was telling me--

00:40:59,050 --> 00:41:04,650
my mother says-- till today, I don't think--

## 758

00:41:04,650 --> 00:41:07,720 whom I'm saying this story, they don't believe me.

759
00:41:07,720 --> 00:41:10,860 But it's true.

760
00:41:10,860 --> 00:41:17,360
But in my mind, my mother told me, save yourself.

761
00:41:17,360 --> 00:41:20,590
Miriam, save yourself.
762
00:41:20,590 --> 00:41:27,000
Get up and save yourself.
763
00:41:27,000 --> 00:41:30,780
I climbed the walls.

00:41:30,780 --> 00:41:31,870
I don't know.
765
00:41:31,870 --> 00:41:34,730
Was impossible to
climb, but I did.
766
00:41:34,730 --> 00:41:38,790
And with my head, I pushed--
767
00:41:38,790 --> 00:41:42,270
was straw for the cows.
768
00:41:42,270 --> 00:41:47,100
I pushed with my head the
straw, and I fall down again.

00:41:47,100 --> 00:41:49,848
I said, Mom--
770
00:41:49,848 --> 00:41:56,610
Mommy, I can't do it.
771
00:41:56,610 --> 00:42:02,160
Whatever happens, I can't do it.

## 772

00:42:02,160 --> 00:42:02,990
They'll kill me.
773
00:42:02,990 --> 00:42:05,612

774
00:42:05,612 --> 00:42:09,770
And she says, get up.
775
00:42:09,770 --> 00:42:10,500
Don't sit.
776
00:42:10,500 --> 00:42:11,000
Get up.
777
00:42:11,000 --> 00:42:13,970

## 778

00:42:13,970 --> 00:42:17,410
I got up again, climbed again.
779
00:42:17,410 --> 00:42:25,700

780
00:42:25,700 --> 00:42:30,080
Took off my shoes,
whatever clothes I had,

## 781

00:42:30,080 --> 00:42:32,750 only with a shirt.

00:42:35,750 --> 00:42:41,960 Snow was maybe 20 feet from the barn, all the snow.

00:42:41,960 --> 00:42:42,980
You can't imagine.

## 785

00:42:42,980 --> 00:42:44,670
If I fall down, couldn't see me.
786
00:42:44,670 --> 00:42:46,610
You were 20 feet from the barn.
787
00:42:46,610 --> 00:42:47,870
No, no, no.
788
00:42:47,870 --> 00:42:49, 010
Snow was--
789
00:42:49,010 --> 00:42:49,930 20 feet high?

790
00:42:49,930 --> 00:42:52,280
Yeah, it was so high.

## 791

00:42:52,280 --> 00:42:53,720
It was unbelievable.
792
00:42:53,720 --> 00:42:58,680
I threw myself on
the tree, because I
793
00:42:58,680 --> 00:43:00,450 couldn't go the other side.

794
00:43:00,450 --> 00:43:08,020
I heard-- there was
people in the other barn.

00:43:08,020 --> 00:43:09,510
So I was scared.
796
00:43:09,510 --> 00:43:11,680
So I went in the back.

797
00:43:11,680 --> 00:43:17,120
And I threw myself on the tree, all scratched up.

798
00:43:17,120 --> 00:43:22,800
But I didn't feel anything, that I was scratched up, bruised--

799
00:43:22,800 --> 00:43:25,160 nothing.

800
00:43:25,160 --> 00:43:26,730
And I threw myself on the snow.
801
00:43:26,730 --> 00:43:29,010
The snow was hard.
802
00:43:29,010 --> 00:43:33,290
It wasn't soft.
803
00:43:33,290 --> 00:43:36,000
It was hard snow.

804
00:43:36,000 --> 00:43:40,920
And I dig myself out, and I run.
805
00:43:40,920 --> 00:43:45,680
I run maybe miles.
806
00:43:45,680 --> 00:43:48,516
I didn't feel cold.

807
00:43:48,516 --> 00:43:50,415

I didn't feel snow.
808
00:43:50,415 --> 00:43:53,140

809
00:43:53,140 --> 00:44:00,270
Again, I went under a barn, under the floor--

## 810

00:44:00,270 --> 00:44:04,540
because in Poland, the
floors are high, the barns--
811
00:44:04,540 --> 00:44:06,030
under a floor.
812
00:44:06,030 --> 00:44:11,010
I must have slept a week, maybe.
813
00:44:11,010 --> 00:44:13,890
Until that point,
was that the same day
814
00:44:13,890 --> 00:44:16,650
that you were with your mother?

## 815

00:44:16,650 --> 00:44:18,000
The whole story you're telling?
816
00:44:18,000 --> 00:44:21,810
It was maybe a day or two later.
817
00:44:21,810 --> 00:44:23,970
What were you eating
this time, during this--
818
00:44:23,970 --> 00:44:26,900
Snow.
819
00:44:26,900 --> 00:44:28,150
I had no food.
00:44:29,350 --> 00:44:34,400

You were about a nine-year-old girl, maybe 10 .

822
00:44:34,400 --> 00:44:35,770
Yes.
823
00:44:35,770 --> 00:44:38,130
By me, the years were--
824
00:44:38,130 --> 00:44:40,450 every year was 10 years.

## 825

00:44:40,450 --> 00:44:42,720
Every day was a year.

## 826

00:44:42,720 --> 00:44:44,790 I didn't count days.

827
00:44:44,790 --> 00:44:46,530
I didn't know what day it is.

## 828

00:44:46,530 --> 00:44:48,418
I didn't know what year it is.

00:44:48,418 --> 00:44:49,335 I didn't know nothing.

830
00:44:49,335 --> 00:44:52,220

## 831

00:44:52,220 --> 00:44:56,040
I was hungry, confused.
832
00:44:56,040 --> 00:45:05,000
And I was laying under that
floor long time, a couple days.

00:45:08,330 --> 00:45:11,340
After that, I got up.
835
00:45:11,340 --> 00:45:14,160
I had nobody with me.
836
00:45:14,160 --> 00:45:17,230
I was only alone.
837
00:45:17,230 --> 00:45:18,795
I had to take care of myself.

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838
00:45:18,795 --> 00:45:22,110
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839
00:45:22,110 --> 00:45:27,200

No sister, no brother, no mother, no knowledge of anybody

840
00:45:27,200 --> 00:45:27,700
is alive.

841
00:45:27,700 --> 00:45:30,890

842
00:45:30,890 --> 00:45:33,180
And I wandered.
843
00:45:33,180 --> 00:45:38,460
Came in to a family, Polish family.

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844
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00:45:38,460 --> 00:45:40,330
And I begged her for a piece of bread.

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846
00:45:44,850 --> 00:45:48,060
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I don't know how I looked.

847
00:45:48,060 --> 00:45:52,280
But she gave one look at me, and she says, don't worry, child.

848
00:45:52,280 --> 00:45:54,830

849
00:45:54,830 --> 00:45:55,850
I'll take care of you.
850
00:45:55,850 --> 00:46:00,210

## 851

00:46:00,210 --> 00:46:02,170
She gave me food.
852
00:46:02,170 --> 00:46:05,540
I was so hungry, cold.
853
00:46:05,540 --> 00:46:10,870
She warned me up, gave
me something to wear.
854
00:46:10,870 --> 00:46:16,280
And she said, I have
to put you in the barn.

## 855

00:46:16,280 --> 00:46:18,860
There is a hole there.
856
00:46:18,860 --> 00:46:20,555
I'll cover you with straw.
857
00:46:20,555 --> 00:46:23,365

## 858

00:46:23,365 --> 00:46:27,680

The cows are there and the pigs.

00:46:27,680 --> 00:46:31,965
I'll keep you warm a little.
860
00:46:31,965 --> 00:46:34,815
Her husband came in in the house.

861
00:46:34,815 --> 00:46:36,210 And he gave one look.

862
00:46:36,210 --> 00:46:37,475
And I looked at him.
863
00:46:37,475 --> 00:46:39,960
And I was scared.

864
00:46:39,960 --> 00:46:42,720
I thought, he's going
to kill me right away.
865
00:46:42,720 --> 00:46:45,560
But he only had a look.

## 866

00:46:45,560 --> 00:46:51,470
He looked like-- but he had a heart as gold.

867
00:46:51,470 --> 00:46:56,780
But I didn't know, because
I didn't trust nobody.
868
00:46:56,780 --> 00:46:58,900
I didn't even trust that lady.
869
00:46:58,900 --> 00:47:01,180
That Polish woman, I didn't trust.

But I had no other way.

00:47:06,510 --> 00:47:08,040
There was no way.
872
00:47:08,040 --> 00:47:14,250
I felt, if they'll kill
me, I'm already half dead.
873
00:47:14,250 --> 00:47:19,160
So I have no alternative.

## 874

00:47:19,160 --> 00:47:23,230
Then put my life in their hands.
875
00:47:23,230 --> 00:47:24,690
So they put me in the barn.
876
00:47:24,690 --> 00:47:29,610

877
00:47:29,610 --> 00:47:36,610
When they put me in
the barn, sometime they
878
00:47:36,610 --> 00:47:37,810 brought me in food.

879
00:47:37,810 --> 00:47:40,700

## 880

00:47:40,700 --> 00:47:42,770
Sometime they couldn't.
881
00:47:42,770 --> 00:47:46,060
They said they were
afraid, because if they
882
00:47:46,060 --> 00:47:51,070 were ever caught, they would be killed, the entire family.

They would be killed from the Germans,

884
00:47:57,120 --> 00:48:00,540
because they constantly used to come,

885
00:48:00,540 --> 00:48:09,730
the Germans, to that village, not only to that, all villages.

## 886

00:48:09,730 --> 00:48:15,330
They used to take their food for their army.

887
00:48:15,330 --> 00:48:20,770
So she was keeping me in that hole, covered with straw.

888
00:48:20,770 --> 00:48:25,140
Occasionally, when it was
very, very cold at night,
889
00:48:25,140 --> 00:48:31,170 very late night, she would take me in in the house

890
00:48:31,170 --> 00:48:34,380 so I get warmed up a little bit.

## 891

00:48:34,380 --> 00:48:37,500
And she would feed me.
892
00:48:37,500 --> 00:48:39,700
When she was feeding
the cows, she
893
00:48:39,700 --> 00:48:44,670 would occasionally bring in some food and knocking, like--

## 899

00:49:04,020 --> 00:49:06,710
from the lice what I had.
900
00:49:06,710 --> 00:49:10,560
And she knew all this about you, that you had lice.

901
00:49:10,560 --> 00:49:12,930
Yes.
902
00:49:12,930 --> 00:49:14,880
But there was no way to wash.
903
00:49:14,880 --> 00:49:24,090
She was afraid to take me
in the house and wash me.
904
00:49:24,090 --> 00:49:32,520
Sometime she would let me wash, bring in water, cold water,

905
00:49:32,520 --> 00:49:33,740
and wash.
906
00:49:33,740 --> 00:49:34,870
Outside.
00:49:36,190 --> 00:49:37,058
I was not allowed--
910
00:49:37,058 --> 00:49:38,600
I mean in the barn,
not in the house.
911
00:49:38,600 --> 00:49:39,620
In the barn.
912
00:49:39,620 --> 00:49:41,680
And I washed myself,
but it didn't--
913
00:49:41,680 --> 00:49:44,280
914
00:49:44,280 --> 00:49:46,020
it was not warm water.
915
00:49:46,020 --> 00:49:47,905
You couldn't comb your hair.
916
00:49:47,905 --> 00:49:50,380
They were all tangled up.
917
00:49:50,380 --> 00:49:55,380

But who looked whether they're tangled or not?

918
00:49:55,380 --> 00:50:01,730
And I was there five years.
919
00:50:01,730 --> 00:50:04,870

From when till
when, do you know?
920
00:50:04,870 --> 00:50:09,350
You got there in 1940, it seems.
921
00:50:09,350 --> 00:50:10,850
You were there
till after the war?
922
00:50:10,850 --> 00:50:14,580
Till after the war,
by her, laying--
923
00:50:14,580 --> 00:50:15,170
So they--
924
00:50:15,170 --> 00:50:17,000 --like this, my feet.

925
00:50:17,000 --> 00:50:19,920
Only my feet and
hand I had space.
926
00:50:19,920 --> 00:50:21,230
There was no space to get--
927
00:50:21,230 --> 00:50:22,505
So she took care of you.

## 928

00:50:22,505 --> 00:50:25,580
Yes, she kept me there
the whole time, fed me.
929
00:50:25,580 --> 00:50:26,700
This was a good person.
930
00:50:26,700 --> 00:50:27,200
Yes.
931
00:50:27,200 --> 00:50:28,820
An excellent person.

932
00:50:28,820 --> 00:50:31,070
She was very good to me.
933
00:50:31,070 --> 00:50:32,080
So was her husband.
934
00:50:32,080 --> 00:50:34,900

935
00:50:34,900 --> 00:50:36,850
Very good to me.
936
00:50:36,850 --> 00:50:39,490
Did they talk to you
during these years?
937
00:50:39,490 --> 00:50:43,990
Once in a while, when they
brought me in, they would say--

## 938

00:50:43,990 --> 00:50:47,980
give me food-- don't worry.
939
00:50:47,980 --> 00:50:51,340
Soon the war will be over.

940
00:50:51,340 --> 00:50:53,740
And we'll adopt you.
941
00:50:53,740 --> 00:50:56,710
You knew nothing about what was going on in the war.

942
00:50:56,710 --> 00:51:00,370
No, I did not know
if anybody's alive.
943
00:51:00,370 --> 00:51:02,350
I didn't know if there is Jews.

I didn't know even if
I lived the next day,
945
00:51:12,218 --> 00:51:16,160 if I lived the next hour.

## 946

00:51:16,160 --> 00:51:18,420
And you were such a young child.

00:51:18,420 --> 00:51:18,920
Yes.
948
00:51:18,920 --> 00:51:22,220
And I couldn't walk, because when you sit

949
00:51:22,220 --> 00:51:26,960
in a position like this, you--
950
00:51:26,960 --> 00:51:30,530 the muscles that--

951
00:51:30,530 --> 00:51:33,200
I couldn't walk.
952
00:51:33,200 --> 00:51:36,710
But evidently, you were
not in danger with them.
953
00:51:36,710 --> 00:51:38,300
Not by them.
954
00:51:38,300 --> 00:51:39,050
But nevertheless--
955
00:51:39,050 --> 00:51:41,510
In other words, nobody suspected them.
allowed to walk around free.

00:51:46,550 --> 00:51:47,720
And you were the only one.
958
00:51:47,720 --> 00:51:49,395
If they'd have 12
people, which some--
959
00:51:49,395 --> 00:51:49,895
Yes.

960
00:51:49,895 --> 00:51:57,590
I was the only child
by them in the barn.

## 961

00:51:57,590 --> 00:52:01,460
Whenever they could, they would bring me in food,

962
00:52:01,460 --> 00:52:04,040
because they were afraid
neighbors shouldn't see
963
00:52:04,040 --> 00:52:07,820
that they carrying any food.
964
00:52:07,820 --> 00:52:10,610

965
00:52:10,610 --> 00:52:16,490
When they were able, they
would bring me sometime
966
00:52:16,490 --> 00:52:18,820
something hot.
967
00:52:18,820 --> 00:52:21,440
But that was once in a while.
968
00:52:21,440 --> 00:52:22,850
Do you remember
when this village
969
00:52:22,850 --> 00:52:26,720 was liberated and by whom?

970
00:52:26,720 --> 00:52:29,270
This village was
liberated by the Russian.
971
00:52:29,270 --> 00:52:31,310
That's ZdziÅ,owice.
972
00:52:31,310 --> 00:52:32,190
ZdziÅ,owice.
973
00:52:32,190 --> 00:52:34,550 ZdziÅ,owice by the Russian.

974
00:52:34,550 --> 00:52:37,820
Do you know when it was?
975
00:52:37,820 --> 00:52:41,886
I think it was in '45, 1945.
976
00:52:41,886 --> 00:52:43,640
At the end of the war?
977
00:52:43,640 --> 00:52:44,990
Your husband is here.

978
00:52:44,990 --> 00:52:46,193
And he thinks it was 1944.
979
00:52:46,193 --> 00:52:47,360
End of the war.
980
00:52:47,360 --> 00:52:48,152
'44.
981
00:52:48,152 --> 00:52:50,330
'44-- maybe he's right.

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982
00:52:50,330 --> 00:52:50,830
'44.
983
00:52:50,830 --> 00:52:52,360
Could be '44.
984
00:52:52,360 --> 00:52:53,720
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It probably was earlier.
985
00:52:53,720 --> 00:52:56,270
It probably was earlier
than the end of the war.
986
00:52:56,270 --> 00:52:59,780
And what was life like
after the Russians came in?
987
00:52:59,780 --> 00:53:05,110
After the Russians came in,
she took me out from the barn.
988
00:53:05,110 --> 00:53:06,590
And I didn't know.
989
00:53:06,590 --> 00:53:15,180
I saw soldiers-- clothes
different, talk different.
990
00:53:15,180 --> 00:53:22,383
And sometime I felt like going
over and say, hey, I'm Jewish.
991
00:53:22,383 --> 00:53:23,050
To the Russians.
992
00:53:23,050 --> 00:53:23,860
Yes.
993
00:53:23,860 --> 00:53:32,350
But I was scared to tell
them that I am Jewish.

00:53:32,350 --> 00:53:37,690
And she let me walk
around freely in the--
995
00:53:37,690 --> 00:53:44,930
not in the street, but
in the garden, in the--
996
00:53:44,930 --> 00:53:48,410
But after the liberation by the Russians,

997
00:53:48,410 --> 00:53:50,960
the neighbors knew
that you were there.
998
00:53:50,960 --> 00:53:53,780
But they didn't know
that I'm Jewish.
999
00:53:53,780 --> 00:53:55,550
What did they think you were?
1000
00:53:55,550 --> 00:53:59,800
They thought that
I'm a niece of hers.
1001
00:53:59,800 --> 00:54:01,470
That was the story?
1002
00:54:01,470 --> 00:54:02,795
That what she was saying.
1003
00:54:02,795 --> 00:54:03,920
Suddenly a niece showed up?
1004
00:54:03,920 --> 00:54:04,503
Yes, she was--
1005
00:54:04,503 --> 00:54:05,760
Nobody saw the niece come?

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1006
00:54:05,760 --> 00:54:06,260
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Right.
1007
00:54:06,260 --> 00:54:07,390
From another village.
1008
00:54:07,390 --> 00:54:08,660
But you looked terrible.
1009
00:54:08,660 --> 00:54:09,710
I looked terrible.
1010
00:54:09,710 --> 00:54:13,460
Did you get straightened up as
far as the lice was concerned?
1011
00:54:13,460 --> 00:54:15,230
Not really.
1012
00:54:15,230 --> 00:54:19,183
She washed my hair,
helped me wash my hair.
1013
00:54:19,183 --> 00:54:20,600
How did you look
to the neighbors?
1014
00:54:20,600 --> 00:54:22,460
She cut the hair a little.
1015
00:54:22,460 --> 00:54:24,740
How did you look
to the neighbors?
1016
00:54:24,740 --> 00:54:27,050
They didn't-- I guess--
1017
00:54:27,050 --> 00:54:27,980
I don't know.

They didn't ask me.
1019
00:54:30,330 --> 00:54:32,090
And I did not volunteer.
1020
00:54:32,090 --> 00:54:33,290
She gave you clothing?
1021
00:54:33,290 --> 00:54:36,920
She changed my clothing.
1022
00:54:36,920 --> 00:54:39,410
And she let me wash my hair.
1023
00:54:39,410 --> 00:54:40,800
This was after liberation.
1024
00:54:40,800 --> 00:54:41,900
After the liberation.
1025
00:54:41,900 --> 00:54:44,748
And moving into the house?
1026
00:54:44,748 --> 00:54:46,040
Or you still lived in the barn?
1027
00:54:46,040 --> 00:54:48,140
We could not move into the house,

1028
00:54:48,140 --> 00:54:50,960
because the Russian took the house.

1029
00:54:50,960 --> 00:54:55,580
They said that the big
captain needs the house.
1030
00:54:55,580 --> 00:54:59,450
So we all were living in the barn.

## 1031

00:54:59,450 --> 00:55:01,280
Including the
husband and the wife?
1032
00:55:01,280 --> 00:55:03,200
Yeah, with that little baby.
1033
00:55:03,200 --> 00:55:06,570
But we were walking around already.

1034
00:55:06,570 --> 00:55:08,630
We were walking around freely.
1035
00:55:08,630 --> 00:55:11,150
I was free already, walking around.

1036
00:55:11,150 --> 00:55:12,530 I couldn't understand.

1037
00:55:12,530 --> 00:55:17,600
She was telling me that she wants to take me to the church

## 1038

00:55:17,600 --> 00:55:19,250 and make me Catholic.

1039
00:55:19,250 --> 00:55:22,620

1040
00:55:22,620 --> 00:55:29,130
Since I didn't have nobody, so I agreed to that,

## 1041

00:55:29,130 --> 00:55:33,930 to became Catholic, because I had no one.

1042
00:55:33,930 --> 00:55:35,370
I knew I'm Jewish.

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1043
00:55:35,370 --> 00:55:39,450
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You were about 13,
14 at this time.
1044
00:55:39,450 --> 00:55:41,440
I don't know.
1045
00:55:41,440 --> 00:55:46,525
Because, like I said, I was
mixed up the years while--
1046
00:55:46,525 --> 00:55:49,753
it just was like a number.
1047
00:55:49,753 --> 00:55:51,420
What kind of a family
did you come from?
1048
00:55:51,420 --> 00:55:52,740
Your father was a butcher.
1049
00:55:52,740 --> 00:55:54,000
Was he a kosher butcher?
1050
00:55:54,000 --> 00:55:54,990
Yes.
1051
00:55:54,990 --> 00:55:57,960
So you came from a very
observant, orthodox family.
1052
00:55:57,960 --> 00:56:00,180
Very religious family.
1053
00:56:00,180 --> 00:56:04,370
My mother was wearing at that
time-- today, it's style--
1054
00:56:04,370 --> 00:56:08,015
but at that time,
she was wearing a--

## 1055

00:56:08,015 --> 00:56:08,580
Sheitel?

1056
00:56:08,580 --> 00:56:09,780
A sheitel, that's right.
1057
00:56:09,780 --> 00:56:10,530
The wig.
1058
00:56:10,530 --> 00:56:11,130
A wig.
1059
00:56:11,130 --> 00:56:12,810
She was wearing a wig.
1060
00:56:12,810 --> 00:56:16,650
And my father, he was very religious, with a beard.

1061
00:56:16,650 --> 00:56:19,272

1062
00:56:19,272 --> 00:56:25,710
Very religious family, nice family, as I remember.

1063
00:56:25,710 --> 00:56:29,690
I was happy, very happy.
1064
00:56:29,690 --> 00:56:31,920
She wanted to adopt
you at this point.
1065
00:56:31,920 --> 00:56:33,390
She wanted to adopt me.
1066
00:56:33,390 --> 00:56:35,340
And take you into the
Catholic religion.

Yes.
1068
00:56:36,490 --> 00:56:37,470
And you agreed.
1069
00:56:37,470 --> 00:56:40,320
I agreed, because I had nobody.
1070
00:56:40,320 --> 00:56:42,460
So I was happy.
1071
00:56:42,460 --> 00:56:47,850
And she start giving me
little food, because she
1072
00:56:47,850 --> 00:56:53,010
saw that if I eat
too much, I'll die,
1073
00:56:53,010 --> 00:57:00,090 because I was swollen and boils all over.

1074
00:57:00,090 --> 00:57:08,970
She start to take care of me, because before, she couldn't.

1075
00:57:08,970 --> 00:57:12,460
She was afraid of herself.
1076
00:57:12,460 --> 00:57:18,400
And she hold me there.
1077
00:57:18,400 --> 00:57:21,780
One day-- that was a couple months later.

1078
00:57:21,780 --> 00:57:24,872

One day, she says, go out to the fields.

1080
00:57:32,390 --> 00:57:37,595
I'll take you out to the
fields with the cows.

## 1081

00:57:37,595 --> 00:57:41,260

1082
00:57:41,260 --> 00:57:43,606
I said, OK.
1083
00:57:43,606 --> 00:57:46,250
And she kept me
there a whole day.
1084
00:57:46,250 --> 00:57:49,830

1085
00:57:49,830 --> 00:57:53,340
Not know why she kept
me there a whole day.
1086
00:57:53,340 --> 00:57:56,322

1087
00:57:56,322 --> 00:58:01,727
Was dark, and she
says, now we go home.
1088
00:58:01,727 --> 00:58:03,060
She was with you the whole time?
1089
00:58:03,060 --> 00:58:04,280
Yes.
1090
00:58:04,280 --> 00:58:05,870
Now we go home.
1091
00:58:05,870 --> 00:58:15,220
As I went home, from
far, I saw a boy.
1092
00:58:15,220 --> 00:58:17,040
But I couldn't make it out.
1093
00:58:17,040 --> 00:58:20,340

1094
00:58:20,340 --> 00:58:31,412
As I came closer,
I saw my brother.
1095
00:58:31,412 --> 00:58:32,620
You knew it was your brother?
1096
00:58:32,620 --> 00:58:33,580
Yes.

1097
00:58:33,580 --> 00:58:36,980 I recognized him.

1098
00:58:36,980 --> 00:58:40,908
And I ran to him.
1099
00:58:40,908 --> 00:58:47,190
And that Polish man
says, where you running?
1100
00:58:47,190 --> 00:58:47,940
Don't run.
1101
00:58:47,940 --> 00:58:48,510
Don't go.
1102
00:58:48,510 --> 00:58:51,920

1103
00:58:51,920 --> 00:58:56,620
And then he says,
[SPEAKING POLISH]

## 1105

00:59:00,250 --> 00:59:03,850
That means, a
dirty Jew you were,
1106
00:59:03,850 --> 00:59:06,025
and a dirty Jew you will remain.
1107
00:59:06,025 --> 00:59:08,590

## 1108

00:59:08,590 --> 00:59:14,795
And as I came close to my--

## 1109

00:59:14,795 --> 00:59:15,760
To your brother.
1110
00:59:15,760 --> 00:59:18,460

## 1111

00:59:18,460 --> 00:59:25,420
I didn't know how he
knew, how he found me.
1112
00:59:25,420 --> 00:59:31,780
At this moment, I did
not ask him where he was,

## 1113

00:59:31,780 --> 00:59:35,230
what he was doing,
and how he found me.
1114
00:59:35,230 --> 00:59:51,316
All I was clinging to him, happy that I have somebody beside me,

1115
00:59:51,316 --> 00:59:53,210
that I have a brother.
1116
00:59:53,210 --> 00:59:56,210

The tape is about over.
1117
00:59:56,210 --> 00:59:58,910
I'm sorry to cut
in at this point.

## 1118

00:59:58,910 --> 01:00:01,980
We'll pick it up as soon
as they put on a new tape.
1119
01:00:01,980 --> 01:00:03,740
There are just a
few seconds left.
1120
01:00:03,740 --> 01:00:05,290
OK.

1121
01:00:05,290 --> 01:00:14,078


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