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00:00:00,000 --> 00:00:14,000

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00:00:14,000 --> 00:00:17,000

As we were finishing
the first tape,

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00:00:17,000 --> 00:00:20,630

you were in the middle
of the dramatic story

4

00:00:20,630 --> 00:00:22,550

of having met your brother.

5

00:00:22,550 --> 00:00:24,380

You were hugging
with each other.

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00:00:24,380 --> 00:00:26,745

And I'll ask you to
continue from there.

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00:00:26,745 --> 00:00:32,450

We were hugging
each other, holding.

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00:00:32,450 --> 00:00:34,560

Disbelief.

9

00:00:34,560 --> 00:00:39,870

I didn't believe
that I have anybody.

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00:00:39,870 --> 00:00:42,650

A brother.

11

00:00:42,650 --> 00:00:48,290

I couldn't believe my eyes
that I have a brother.

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00:00:48,290 --> 00:00:50,670

I was holding him.

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00:00:50,670 --> 00:00:52,450

But we did not talk.

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00:00:52,450 --> 00:00:55,080

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00:00:55,080 --> 00:00:56,840

We didn't convey a word.

16

00:00:56,840 --> 00:01:02,924

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00:01:02,924 --> 00:01:08,545

All we could do is kiss and hug.

18

00:01:08,545 --> 00:01:14,340

19

00:01:14,340 --> 00:01:19,260

How long that
took, I don't know.

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00:01:19,260 --> 00:01:22,620

But it took quite a
while till we separated.

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00:01:22,620 --> 00:01:25,610

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00:01:25,610 --> 00:01:33,190

And I told him my
mother is dead.

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00:01:33,190 --> 00:01:33,970

He told you?

24

00:01:33,970 --> 00:01:34,810

I told him.

25

00:01:34,810 --> 00:01:35,770
Uh-huh.

26
00:01:35,770 --> 00:01:37,150
My mother is dead.

27
00:01:37,150 --> 00:01:38,380
He didn't know?

28
00:01:38,380 --> 00:01:40,430
He was running in
different direction--

29
00:01:40,430 --> 00:01:41,020
That day.

30
00:01:41,020 --> 00:01:43,240
Everybody different direction.

31
00:01:43,240 --> 00:01:45,280
And my mother was holding me.

32
00:01:45,280 --> 00:01:49,030
I said, we were holding
each other by hand, running.

33
00:01:49,030 --> 00:01:50,600
And she died.

34
00:01:50,600 --> 00:01:57,890
I told him what she said,
that her last word was,

35
00:01:57,890 --> 00:02:00,732
where are my children?

36
00:02:00,732 --> 00:02:01,315
What happened?

37
00:02:01,315 --> 00:02:04,450

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00:02:04,450 --> 00:02:07,690

God should be with them.

39

00:02:07,690 --> 00:02:10,030

That's what I heard.

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00:02:10,030 --> 00:02:10,927

I told him.

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00:02:10,927 --> 00:02:15,310

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00:02:15,310 --> 00:02:24,086

While we were sitting, I asked,
are you the only survivor,

43

00:02:24,086 --> 00:02:27,430

or do we have a father?

44

00:02:27,430 --> 00:02:31,146

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00:02:31,146 --> 00:02:36,160

Did sister Fay alive?

46

00:02:36,160 --> 00:02:39,190

47

00:02:39,190 --> 00:02:41,690

And where were you?

48

00:02:41,690 --> 00:02:44,790

I had questions.

49

00:02:44,790 --> 00:02:46,480

All kind of questions.

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00:02:46,480 --> 00:02:50,070

51

00:02:50,070 --> 00:02:58,380
We both couldn't talk, and
kept looking at each other.

52
00:02:58,380 --> 00:03:17,060

53
00:03:17,060 --> 00:03:19,570
He said, Dad is alive.

54
00:03:19,570 --> 00:03:28,490

55
00:03:28,490 --> 00:03:29,535
Excuse me.

56
00:03:29,535 --> 00:03:30,410
It's quite all right.

57
00:03:30,410 --> 00:03:52,730

58
00:03:52,730 --> 00:03:59,420
He said Dad is alive,
and we have sister Fay.

59
00:03:59,420 --> 00:04:05,480

60
00:04:05,480 --> 00:04:08,470
I was the happiest kid alive.

61
00:04:08,470 --> 00:04:12,840

62
00:04:12,840 --> 00:04:18,149
You can't imagine my
happiness that day.

63
00:04:18,149 --> 00:04:21,010

64

00:04:21,010 --> 00:04:26,290

I don't think
anybody could imagine

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00:04:26,290 --> 00:04:27,590

what went through my head.

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00:04:27,590 --> 00:04:31,350

67

00:04:31,350 --> 00:04:34,350

I had questions.

68

00:04:34,350 --> 00:04:37,810

All kind of questions.

69

00:04:37,810 --> 00:04:42,660

But the words did not come out.

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00:04:42,660 --> 00:04:45,990

We just looked.

71

00:04:45,990 --> 00:04:47,635

Just our eyes were talking.

72

00:04:47,635 --> 00:04:52,620

73

00:04:52,620 --> 00:04:58,010

And I didn't want
to let go of him.

74

00:04:58,010 --> 00:04:59,390

It was evening, at this point.

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00:04:59,390 --> 00:05:00,920

Yes, very dark.

76

00:05:00,920 --> 00:05:02,360

Where were you talking?

77

00:05:02,360 --> 00:05:06,530

Outside, in the yard.

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00:05:06,530 --> 00:05:08,440

And the Polish couple,
where were they?

79

00:05:08,440 --> 00:05:09,260

They were standing.

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00:05:09,260 --> 00:05:09,860

Listening?

81

00:05:09,860 --> 00:05:11,630

Just listening and looking.

82

00:05:11,630 --> 00:05:13,520

How long was this going on?

83

00:05:13,520 --> 00:05:16,620

Quite a while.

84

00:05:16,620 --> 00:05:19,040

They just were listening.

85

00:05:19,040 --> 00:05:21,950

They did not talk.

86

00:05:21,950 --> 00:05:27,620

They did not question my brother
or anything at that moment.

87

00:05:27,620 --> 00:05:32,245

All they were seeing that
we were crying together.

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00:05:32,245 --> 00:05:36,370

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00:05:36,370 --> 00:05:38,500

I think she was

crying, too, the woman.

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00:05:38,500 --> 00:05:42,180

91

00:05:42,180 --> 00:05:45,180

Looking on us.

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00:05:45,180 --> 00:05:50,230

All you needed is to look
on us, and you would cry.

93

00:05:50,230 --> 00:05:52,760

Just to hear it?

94

00:05:52,760 --> 00:05:55,020

Just to see that moment.

95

00:05:55,020 --> 00:05:58,140

96

00:05:58,140 --> 00:06:05,860

How we cling to each other.

97

00:06:05,860 --> 00:06:07,195

He looked like a skeleton.

98

00:06:07,195 --> 00:06:09,850

99

00:06:09,850 --> 00:06:15,950

I didn't look any better, even
though I was already washed

100

00:06:15,950 --> 00:06:19,330

and uh, the friend's dress on.

101

00:06:19,330 --> 00:06:21,535

But I was nevertheless
a skeleton.

102

00:06:21,535 --> 00:06:24,260

103

00:06:24,260 --> 00:06:28,430

I couldn't walk straight,
because I was always

104

00:06:28,430 --> 00:06:33,390

in the barn, sitting
in that position.

105

00:06:33,390 --> 00:06:33,890

So--

106

00:06:33,890 --> 00:06:35,170

Even after liberation?

107

00:06:35,170 --> 00:06:38,460

No, after the liberation,
she let me walk around.

108

00:06:38,460 --> 00:06:42,650

But when you get used
to sit like this,

109

00:06:42,650 --> 00:06:44,450

you go back to that position.

110

00:06:44,450 --> 00:06:44,970

Uh-huh.

111

00:06:44,970 --> 00:06:46,850

Even if you walk around.

112

00:06:46,850 --> 00:06:52,200

I walked around a little,
but still, when I sat down,

113

00:06:52,200 --> 00:06:54,890

I sat like this.

114

00:06:54,890 --> 00:07:00,500

To this day, when I sleep, many
times, I sleep with my feet--

115
00:07:00,500 --> 00:07:06,800
cling to-- I dream every night.

116
00:07:06,800 --> 00:07:11,300
There was not going by a
night that I should not

117
00:07:11,300 --> 00:07:16,890
dream and scream in my sleep.

118
00:07:16,890 --> 00:07:17,390
When?

119
00:07:17,390 --> 00:07:18,030
Now?

120
00:07:18,030 --> 00:07:20,790
Now.

121
00:07:20,790 --> 00:07:28,390
I don't know why, but
I can't let it go.

122
00:07:28,390 --> 00:07:30,530
I can't forget it.

123
00:07:30,530 --> 00:07:33,110
I don't think I'll
ever forget it.

124
00:07:33,110 --> 00:07:43,590
I don't think, to my dying
days, I'll forget or forgive

125
00:07:43,590 --> 00:07:46,170
those Germans.

126
00:07:46,170 --> 00:07:47,620
They ruined my life.

127
00:07:47,620 --> 00:07:51,200

128
00:07:51,200 --> 00:08:00,670
And the Poles that killed
hundreds of Jews for no reason.

129
00:08:00,670 --> 00:08:02,500
They haven't done nothing.

130
00:08:02,500 --> 00:08:04,480
I haven't done nothing.

131
00:08:04,480 --> 00:08:05,735
I didn't commit no crime.

132
00:08:05,735 --> 00:08:09,590

133
00:08:09,590 --> 00:08:17,580
All I wanted is to live
with my family in peace.

134
00:08:17,580 --> 00:08:18,700
That was my crime.

135
00:08:18,700 --> 00:08:22,820

136
00:08:22,820 --> 00:08:25,500
It's now after the war?

137
00:08:25,500 --> 00:08:28,450
That was after the war.

138
00:08:28,450 --> 00:08:30,742
And your family knows
where the members are.

139
00:08:30,742 --> 00:08:31,700

So what happened, then?

140

00:08:31,700 --> 00:08:34,159

Did your brother take you
to your father right away?

141

00:08:34,159 --> 00:08:37,700

My brother took me right away.

142

00:08:37,700 --> 00:08:38,659

That same night?

143

00:08:38,659 --> 00:08:40,510

That same night.

144

00:08:40,510 --> 00:08:48,260

He says it's not
healthy, it's not safe

145

00:08:48,260 --> 00:08:54,215

for you and me to remain here,
because now you're exposed.

146

00:08:54,215 --> 00:08:58,160

147

00:08:58,160 --> 00:09:02,070

Because I came to pick you up.

148

00:09:02,070 --> 00:09:05,540

He brought me--

149

00:09:05,540 --> 00:09:10,640

This was 1945, probably.

150

00:09:10,640 --> 00:09:16,710

Your brother was 16, and
you were 14 at the time.

151

00:09:16,710 --> 00:09:17,740

Is so.

152

00:09:17,740 --> 00:09:18,240

OK.

153

00:09:18,240 --> 00:09:21,220

I just wanted to get the picture
of what we were talking about.

154

00:09:21,220 --> 00:09:22,075

I was so small.

155

00:09:22,075 --> 00:09:23,200

I looked like 10 years old.

156

00:09:23,200 --> 00:09:26,550

So the 16-year-old
brother came on one day.

157

00:09:26,550 --> 00:09:28,500

We don't know exactly
when that day was,

158

00:09:28,500 --> 00:09:30,180

but we figure it was in 1940.

159

00:09:30,180 --> 00:09:31,230

No, I don't.

160

00:09:31,230 --> 00:09:35,160

And that very day, that very
evening, he took you away.

161

00:09:35,160 --> 00:09:38,130

How did you leave
the Polish family?

162

00:09:38,130 --> 00:09:48,250

He came with a wagon.

163

00:09:48,250 --> 00:09:50,740

A horse and a small wagon.

164

00:09:50,740 --> 00:09:55,060

165

00:09:55,060 --> 00:10:01,000

That Polish family gave me
a piece of bread on the way.

166

00:10:01,000 --> 00:10:05,340

167

00:10:05,340 --> 00:10:09,410

And she hugged me.

168

00:10:09,410 --> 00:10:11,030

And she was sorry.

169

00:10:11,030 --> 00:10:17,290

170

00:10:17,290 --> 00:10:18,780

And we said goodbye.

171

00:10:18,780 --> 00:10:22,508

172

00:10:22,508 --> 00:10:29,730

And as I left with
my brother, scared

173

00:10:29,730 --> 00:10:35,400

that somebody might recognize
us and kill us again,

174

00:10:35,400 --> 00:10:39,530

because that's what they were
doing right after the war.

175

00:10:39,530 --> 00:10:44,260

If they saw a Jew,
they would kill them.

176

00:10:44,260 --> 00:10:49,770

Especially when I was a witness, and I knew those people

177

00:10:49,770 --> 00:10:52,800
who killed my mother.

178

00:10:52,800 --> 00:10:57,170
I knew where they are,
where they're located.

179

00:10:57,170 --> 00:10:59,380
We were scared, both of us.

180

00:10:59,380 --> 00:11:02,840
But the Polish woman was a
very fine woman, it seems.

181

00:11:02,840 --> 00:11:05,010
She was a very nice woman.

182

00:11:05,010 --> 00:11:12,270
But I think that she was maybe
one of a million that did that.

183

00:11:12,270 --> 00:11:14,730
They were not nice, the Poles.

184

00:11:14,730 --> 00:11:16,230
And the Polish man?

185

00:11:16,230 --> 00:11:17,730
He was a nice guy, too.

186

00:11:17,730 --> 00:11:18,720
Very nice.

187

00:11:18,720 --> 00:11:20,370
But he made that statement.

188

00:11:20,370 --> 00:11:20,950
Yes.

189

00:11:20,950 --> 00:11:28,770
Yet he made that statement, that
he said, a dirty Jew you were,

190

00:11:28,770 --> 00:11:31,240
and a dirty Jew you'll remain.

191

00:11:31,240 --> 00:11:32,942
He wanted you to be with him?

192

00:11:32,942 --> 00:11:34,150
He wanted me to remain with--

193

00:11:34,150 --> 00:11:35,290
To be his daughter.

194

00:11:35,290 --> 00:11:36,130
Yes.

195

00:11:36,130 --> 00:11:37,630
As a Polish Catholic.

196

00:11:37,630 --> 00:11:38,230
Right.

197

00:11:38,230 --> 00:11:43,520
He wanted to make me a Catholic,
and I should stay with him.

198

00:11:43,520 --> 00:11:45,610
He was very nice with me.

199

00:11:45,610 --> 00:11:48,580
But they knew that you
were leaving that evening.

200

00:11:48,580 --> 00:11:50,030
Yes.

201

00:11:50,030 --> 00:11:52,370
So all in all, they were

really very, very nice.

202

00:11:52,370 --> 00:11:52,870

Very nice.

203

00:11:52,870 --> 00:11:54,070

Very nice.

204

00:11:54,070 --> 00:12:08,770

In fact, when we left, we
came to Krasnik, another city.

205

00:12:08,770 --> 00:12:09,620

Town.

206

00:12:09,620 --> 00:12:11,390

How large was it?

207

00:12:11,390 --> 00:12:12,230

A small town.

208

00:12:12,230 --> 00:12:15,310

It was bigger than the
town that I was born.

209

00:12:15,310 --> 00:12:18,990

210

00:12:18,990 --> 00:12:21,350

Krasnik.

211

00:12:21,350 --> 00:12:30,140

I wasn't yet a month in Krasnik,
and he came to visit me.

212

00:12:30,140 --> 00:12:31,015

The husband?

213

00:12:31,015 --> 00:12:34,060

The husband of
the Polish family.

214

00:12:34,060 --> 00:12:35,640

So he knew where you were.

215

00:12:35,640 --> 00:12:36,530

No.

216

00:12:36,530 --> 00:12:38,780

He kept asking.

217

00:12:38,780 --> 00:12:39,890

And then he located you.

218

00:12:39,890 --> 00:12:40,590

He located me.

219

00:12:40,590 --> 00:12:42,590

He came in.

220

00:12:42,590 --> 00:12:44,060

I was scared of him.

221

00:12:44,060 --> 00:12:45,590

Was your father there?

222

00:12:45,590 --> 00:12:48,510

My father was outside.

223

00:12:48,510 --> 00:12:50,630

What was your family
doing at the time?

224

00:12:50,630 --> 00:12:52,370

Were they doing any work?

225

00:12:52,370 --> 00:12:54,320

No.

226

00:12:54,320 --> 00:12:56,360

That was right after the war.

227

00:12:56,360 --> 00:12:57,373
Nobody was working.

228
00:12:57,373 --> 00:12:58,290
What did they live on?

229
00:12:58,290 --> 00:13:01,230

230
00:13:01,230 --> 00:13:07,150
The Polish gave us some
food from the city.

231
00:13:07,150 --> 00:13:12,280
Everybody was giving,
donating food.

232
00:13:12,280 --> 00:13:15,040

233
00:13:15,040 --> 00:13:17,490
The camp was dissolved.

234
00:13:17,490 --> 00:13:19,078
There was, in
Krasnik, a little--

235
00:13:19,078 --> 00:13:19,870
Concentration camp?

236
00:13:19,870 --> 00:13:21,640
Concentration camp.

237
00:13:21,640 --> 00:13:23,170
They were working there.

238
00:13:23,170 --> 00:13:25,020
And your father worked there?

239
00:13:25,020 --> 00:13:27,000
He was in Bedzin.

240

00:13:27,000 --> 00:13:27,850

He was in Bedzin.

241

00:13:27,850 --> 00:13:28,975

He was in Bedzin?

242

00:13:28,975 --> 00:13:29,725

Yeah, he was not--

243

00:13:29,725 --> 00:13:31,060

And your brother?

244

00:13:31,060 --> 00:13:31,840

The same thing.

245

00:13:31,840 --> 00:13:32,820

They were all caught
and shipped away--

246

00:13:32,820 --> 00:13:34,080

And your sister Fay?

247

00:13:34,080 --> 00:13:37,390

They all went to
Bedzin, to the camp.

248

00:13:37,390 --> 00:13:40,015

And your mother died that day?

249

00:13:40,015 --> 00:13:42,010

And what happened to
your sister, [? Rivka? ?]

250

00:13:42,010 --> 00:13:42,700

She died.

251

00:13:42,700 --> 00:13:44,825

Oh, she had the business
with the [? handicapped ?]

252

00:13:44,825 --> 00:13:45,325

[? boy. ?]

253

00:13:45,325 --> 00:13:45,860

She died.

254

00:13:45,860 --> 00:13:46,380

Yeah.

255

00:13:46,380 --> 00:13:47,410

OK.

256

00:13:47,410 --> 00:13:50,830

And he came in.

257

00:13:50,830 --> 00:13:56,080

He wanted to see whether
it's really true that he's

258

00:13:56,080 --> 00:13:59,800

my brother, that I have a
father, because he didn't

259

00:13:59,800 --> 00:14:00,580

believe.

260

00:14:00,580 --> 00:14:05,500

He had the mind to take
me back, because we

261

00:14:05,500 --> 00:14:07,970

were talking slightly.

262

00:14:07,970 --> 00:14:13,510

And he says I'm glad
that you have a family.

263

00:14:13,510 --> 00:14:16,240

I'm really happy for you.

264

00:14:16,240 --> 00:14:18,730

How they're treating you?

265

00:14:18,730 --> 00:14:22,850

He couldn't believe
that this is my father.

266

00:14:22,850 --> 00:14:26,710

He thought, just strangers.

267

00:14:26,710 --> 00:14:28,630

So he said, how
they treated you?

268

00:14:28,630 --> 00:14:31,110

I said, this is my father.

269

00:14:31,110 --> 00:14:32,110

Did he meet your father?

270

00:14:32,110 --> 00:14:35,210

271

00:14:35,210 --> 00:14:37,120

I don't remember.

272

00:14:37,120 --> 00:14:38,692

Maybe he did.

273

00:14:38,692 --> 00:14:43,490

Your father didn't want to
see the family that saved you?

274

00:14:43,490 --> 00:14:45,740

He was afraid to go back.

275

00:14:45,740 --> 00:14:46,430

Your father was.

276

00:14:46,430 --> 00:14:48,470

Yes, to thank them.

277

00:14:48,470 --> 00:14:53,030

Because he heard

a lot of Jews went

278

00:14:53,030 --> 00:15:01,100
to Janow, or any place that
had houses that they owned

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00:15:01,100 --> 00:15:04,988
and they want to sell,
they were killed.

280

00:15:04,988 --> 00:15:08,540
If anybody owned a house
then went back to their town

281

00:15:08,540 --> 00:15:13,130
and wanted to sell, that they
should have money to live on,

282

00:15:13,130 --> 00:15:13,940
they killed them.

283

00:15:13,940 --> 00:15:14,830
The Poles.

284

00:15:14,830 --> 00:15:16,910
So now, the war is over.

285

00:15:16,910 --> 00:15:17,840
War is over.

286

00:15:17,840 --> 00:15:21,050
Your family-- the four
of you are together.

287

00:15:21,050 --> 00:15:21,560
Yes.

288

00:15:21,560 --> 00:15:24,050
And you're in
Poland, in Krasnik.

289

00:15:24,050 --> 00:15:25,160

Yes.

290

00:15:25,160 --> 00:15:27,750

Then I assume-- what
happened after that?

291

00:15:27,750 --> 00:15:28,820

You must have left.

292

00:15:28,820 --> 00:15:30,530

After that--

293

00:15:30,530 --> 00:15:33,470

Where did you go?

294

00:15:33,470 --> 00:15:37,340

I heard there is a children's
home, because my father

295

00:15:37,340 --> 00:15:39,140

couldn't take care of me.

296

00:15:39,140 --> 00:15:42,190

297

00:15:42,190 --> 00:15:43,780

And I went to a home.

298

00:15:43,780 --> 00:15:44,380

In Poland?

299

00:15:44,380 --> 00:15:44,960

In Poland.

300

00:15:44,960 --> 00:15:45,460

Where?

301

00:15:45,460 --> 00:15:45,980

In Krasnik?

302

00:15:45,980 --> 00:15:46,510

In Lublin.

303

00:15:46,510 --> 00:15:47,320

In Lublin.

304

00:15:47,320 --> 00:15:48,280

Yes.

305

00:15:48,280 --> 00:15:50,620

I went to a home.

306

00:15:50,620 --> 00:15:54,100

I was a short time there.

307

00:15:54,100 --> 00:15:55,420

That was after the war.

308

00:15:55,420 --> 00:15:59,790

My sister met her
husband there--

309

00:15:59,790 --> 00:16:01,090

Her husband-to-be.

310

00:16:01,090 --> 00:16:02,950

Her husband-to-be, right.

311

00:16:02,950 --> 00:16:06,940

Got married and went
to Bergen-Belsen.

312

00:16:06,940 --> 00:16:09,070

Not to the camp,
but to the city?

313

00:16:09,070 --> 00:16:10,400

To Bergen-Belsen, Germany.

314

00:16:10,400 --> 00:16:10,900

Yeah.

315

00:16:10,900 --> 00:16:13,570

316

00:16:13,570 --> 00:16:15,070

I was there a short time.

317

00:16:15,070 --> 00:16:21,520

My father came back and
took me out from that home,

318

00:16:21,520 --> 00:16:24,720

and took me to
Germany, Bergen-Belsen.

319

00:16:24,720 --> 00:16:25,700

And your brother?

320

00:16:25,700 --> 00:16:26,680

And my brother.

321

00:16:26,680 --> 00:16:27,890

We all left.

322

00:16:27,890 --> 00:16:30,515

So now, the whole family
with your new brother-in-law

323

00:16:30,515 --> 00:16:31,390

are in Bergen-Belsen?

324

00:16:31,390 --> 00:16:32,690

In Bergen-Belsen.

325

00:16:32,690 --> 00:16:34,220

And this is after the war.

326

00:16:34,220 --> 00:16:34,720

Yeah.

327

00:16:34,720 --> 00:16:35,910

There was a camp there.

328

00:16:35,910 --> 00:16:37,210

And how long were you there?

329

00:16:37,210 --> 00:16:40,230

330

00:16:40,230 --> 00:16:41,520

Also a very short time.

331

00:16:41,520 --> 00:16:49,780

I went to a home near Hamburg,
Germany called Blankenese.

332

00:16:49,780 --> 00:16:52,800

333

00:16:52,800 --> 00:17:02,550

Over there, they had a
school and Jewish brigade

334

00:17:02,550 --> 00:17:06,900

from Palestine, at that time.

335

00:17:06,900 --> 00:17:10,050

And they collected
all the children.

336

00:17:10,050 --> 00:17:13,380

How long was the
family in Palestine?

337

00:17:13,380 --> 00:17:14,480

Or did you--

338

00:17:14,480 --> 00:17:15,150

No.

339

00:17:15,150 --> 00:17:16,020

In Germany.

340

00:17:16,020 --> 00:17:18,579

Did you leave Germany
together or separately?

341
00:17:18,579 --> 00:17:19,079
Separate.

342
00:17:19,079 --> 00:17:20,002
We separated again.

343
00:17:20,002 --> 00:17:21,210
We kept separating ourselves.

344
00:17:21,210 --> 00:17:22,650
Who left Germany first?

345
00:17:22,650 --> 00:17:23,710
I did.

346
00:17:23,710 --> 00:17:27,540
You left shortly after the
war, after coming to Germany.

347
00:17:27,540 --> 00:17:30,510
And that was when the
Jewish brigade came.

348
00:17:30,510 --> 00:17:31,290
Right.

349
00:17:31,290 --> 00:17:32,460
And they took you to--

350
00:17:32,460 --> 00:17:33,090
To Palestine.

351
00:17:33,090 --> 00:17:33,632
To Palestine.

352
00:17:33,632 --> 00:17:34,360
At that time.

353

00:17:34,360 --> 00:17:36,810

So here you are, a
young girl of 14, 15.

354

00:17:36,810 --> 00:17:38,560

You're the first one
out into Palestine.

355

00:17:38,560 --> 00:17:39,060

Yes.

356

00:17:39,060 --> 00:17:41,010

What happened to the
rest of the family?

357

00:17:41,010 --> 00:17:42,810

They remained in Bergen-Belsen.

358

00:17:42,810 --> 00:17:47,910

They were saying that they're
going to come to Palestine.

359

00:17:47,910 --> 00:17:49,160

Now Israel.

360

00:17:49,160 --> 00:17:52,170

They let you go to
Palestine, telling you

361

00:17:52,170 --> 00:17:54,360

that they're trying to
come to Palestine, also,

362

00:17:54,360 --> 00:17:55,610

to get the family together.

363

00:17:55,610 --> 00:17:56,110

Right.

364

00:17:56,110 --> 00:17:57,838

And what actually happened?

365

00:17:57,838 --> 00:17:58,630
Did they get there?

366
00:17:58,630 --> 00:18:00,150
We separated.

367
00:18:00,150 --> 00:18:03,870
I came to Palestine.

368
00:18:03,870 --> 00:18:09,570
And they took me,
put me in a school

369
00:18:09,570 --> 00:18:13,050
so I could learn
something, because--

370
00:18:13,050 --> 00:18:17,100
What I want to know now is how
did the family leave Germany?

371
00:18:17,100 --> 00:18:23,850
My father heard-- he
remembered, rather,

372
00:18:23,850 --> 00:18:27,990
that he had a
stepsister in Canada.

373
00:18:27,990 --> 00:18:31,860
So he left with my
brother to Canada.

374
00:18:31,860 --> 00:18:32,490
All right.

375
00:18:32,490 --> 00:18:36,070
So now, three people
are out of Europe.

376
00:18:36,070 --> 00:18:38,370
Your sister and my
brother-in-law are still there.

377
00:18:38,370 --> 00:18:41,310
My sister and brother-in-law
had a sister--

378
00:18:41,310 --> 00:18:45,910
a step-sister,
also-- in New York.

379
00:18:45,910 --> 00:18:49,650
And he left to New York.

380
00:18:49,650 --> 00:18:50,950
Now, I'm alone in Israel.

381
00:18:50,950 --> 00:18:53,790
When he left for New York,
did he leave with your sister?

382
00:18:53,790 --> 00:18:54,640
With my sister.

383
00:18:54,640 --> 00:18:55,140
OK.

384
00:18:55,140 --> 00:18:58,800
So everybody's in America,
and you're in Palestine.

385
00:18:58,800 --> 00:18:59,490
In Israel.

386
00:18:59,490 --> 00:19:00,000
Yes.

387
00:19:00,000 --> 00:19:02,640
And you're a young girl.

388
00:19:02,640 --> 00:19:05,937
At what point-- did they come
to Palestine, eventually?

389

00:19:05,937 --> 00:19:06,520

What happened?

390

00:19:06,520 --> 00:19:07,020

No.

391

00:19:07,020 --> 00:19:07,740

They never came.

392

00:19:07,740 --> 00:19:08,820

I stayed.

393

00:19:08,820 --> 00:19:11,350

--which became Israel,
and they stayed here.

394

00:19:11,350 --> 00:19:16,980

And my father went to
Canada, stayed in Canada.

395

00:19:16,980 --> 00:19:21,690

My sister came to New
York state in Brooklyn.

396

00:19:21,690 --> 00:19:23,870

Now, you stayed in--

397

00:19:23,870 --> 00:19:25,020

And I'm in Israel alone.

398

00:19:25,020 --> 00:19:29,250

You stayed in Palestine,
which became Israel in '48.

399

00:19:29,250 --> 00:19:29,790

Yes.

400

00:19:29,790 --> 00:19:34,380

And at that time, you're getting
to be a young lady of 17,

401

00:19:34,380 --> 00:19:35,070
and so on.

402
00:19:35,070 --> 00:19:36,570
And you're raising yourself.

403
00:19:36,570 --> 00:19:38,100
And I'm raising myself.

404
00:19:38,100 --> 00:19:39,910
And what happened to you?

405
00:19:39,910 --> 00:19:41,730
I was in a kibbutz.

406
00:19:41,730 --> 00:19:43,530
Yes.

407
00:19:43,530 --> 00:19:48,770
It's called, rather-- first,
I was, like, in a nice school.

408
00:19:48,770 --> 00:19:50,925
Half a day, I went to school.

409
00:19:50,925 --> 00:19:55,500
And half a day, I went
to work on the farm.

410
00:19:55,500 --> 00:19:59,880
And they were
teaching me Hebrew.

411
00:19:59,880 --> 00:20:00,990
Teaching me.

412
00:20:00,990 --> 00:20:03,300
I needed to be
taught from A to Z.

413
00:20:03,300 --> 00:20:04,410
But you learned it.

414
00:20:04,410 --> 00:20:07,020
I learned it.

415
00:20:07,020 --> 00:20:13,410
And then, in Israel, in
'48, the war with the Arabs.

416
00:20:13,410 --> 00:20:14,130
Right.

417
00:20:14,130 --> 00:20:15,690
And I'm alone, a girl.

418
00:20:15,690 --> 00:20:19,980
Have no one to talk
to besides friends.

419
00:20:19,980 --> 00:20:22,105
Right.

420
00:20:22,105 --> 00:20:23,730
They're in the same
position, probably.

421
00:20:23,730 --> 00:20:24,563
They're in the same.

422
00:20:24,563 --> 00:20:29,820
Children my age-- the
same position as me.

423
00:20:29,820 --> 00:20:32,950
How many years
were you in Israel?

424
00:20:32,950 --> 00:20:36,690
I think I was about
12 or 13 years.

425
00:20:36,690 --> 00:20:38,510
So you came there,

let's say, in '46,

426

00:20:38,510 --> 00:20:40,050

and you remained till about '58?

427

00:20:40,050 --> 00:20:41,124

No, no, no, no.

428

00:20:41,124 --> 00:20:45,640

429

00:20:45,640 --> 00:20:47,440

Less than that.

430

00:20:47,440 --> 00:20:51,610

I came beginning of '47.

431

00:20:51,610 --> 00:20:52,880

OK. '47.

432

00:20:52,880 --> 00:20:56,630

And left in '59.

433

00:20:56,630 --> 00:20:57,130

'59.

434

00:20:57,130 --> 00:20:58,250

So that's about 12 years.

435

00:20:58,250 --> 00:20:58,750

Yeah.

436

00:20:58,750 --> 00:20:59,922

Something like that.

437

00:20:59,922 --> 00:21:01,930

Did you marry in Israel?

438

00:21:01,930 --> 00:21:02,590

Yes.

439

00:21:02,590 --> 00:21:04,630

I met my husband in Israel.

440

00:21:04,630 --> 00:21:06,880

He was in the army.

441

00:21:06,880 --> 00:21:10,370

And after, I met him
through a family.

442

00:21:10,370 --> 00:21:11,060

All right.

443

00:21:11,060 --> 00:21:14,400

And what year did you marry him?

444

00:21:14,400 --> 00:21:15,710

1950.

445

00:21:15,710 --> 00:21:17,460

1950.

446

00:21:17,460 --> 00:21:19,780

Still a young girl.

447

00:21:19,780 --> 00:21:22,960

And I assume you had
children in Israel?

448

00:21:22,960 --> 00:21:27,280

My two older born in Israel--

449

00:21:27,280 --> 00:21:29,560

my son and my older daughter.

450

00:21:29,560 --> 00:21:31,215

And then in '58 or so--

451

00:21:31,215 --> 00:21:32,620

In '50.

452

00:21:32,620 --> 00:21:35,930

The family came to America.

453

00:21:35,930 --> 00:21:42,880

My sister sent me papers
to come to America.

454

00:21:42,880 --> 00:21:49,410

But at that time, during
Eisenhower's time,

455

00:21:49,410 --> 00:21:53,600

would not allow a
whole family to come.

456

00:21:53,600 --> 00:22:00,380

So I got separated from my
children and my husband again.

457

00:22:00,380 --> 00:22:02,650

It was tormenting.

458

00:22:02,650 --> 00:22:05,580

I was nervous, upset.

459

00:22:05,580 --> 00:22:08,210

You mean, you came and
left them in Israel?

460

00:22:08,210 --> 00:22:09,110

In Israel.

461

00:22:09,110 --> 00:22:10,970

For how long?

462

00:22:10,970 --> 00:22:12,388

About two years.

463

00:22:12,388 --> 00:22:14,180

And then you managed
to get them over here.

464

00:22:14,180 --> 00:22:18,050

I worked and brought them here.

465

00:22:18,050 --> 00:22:19,595

And the family has
been here since?

466

00:22:19,595 --> 00:22:20,750

Thank God, ever since.

467

00:22:20,750 --> 00:22:23,400

We have another daughter.

468

00:22:23,400 --> 00:22:26,150

A little one named Gracie.

469

00:22:26,150 --> 00:22:28,340

I named after my mother.

470

00:22:28,340 --> 00:22:32,600

Her name was [? Gracja ?]
[? Mendek. ?] So in Jewish,

471

00:22:32,600 --> 00:22:34,665

I named her after my mother.

472

00:22:34,665 --> 00:22:35,875

This is the little one.

473

00:22:35,875 --> 00:22:36,500

The little one.

474

00:22:36,500 --> 00:22:37,970

She was very dear to me.

475

00:22:37,970 --> 00:22:40,880

476

00:22:40,880 --> 00:22:42,610

I miss my mother.

477

00:22:42,610 --> 00:22:47,230

Even that I'm older and
have children of my own,

478

00:22:47,230 --> 00:22:49,930

but I miss my mother very much.

479

00:22:49,930 --> 00:22:51,040

What do your children do?

480

00:22:51,040 --> 00:22:53,600

481

00:22:53,600 --> 00:23:00,480

My oldest son is a salesman.

482

00:23:00,480 --> 00:23:01,530

Of what?

483

00:23:01,530 --> 00:23:04,950

He sells furnitures.

484

00:23:04,950 --> 00:23:06,130

He works in a store?

485

00:23:06,130 --> 00:23:06,630

No.

486

00:23:06,630 --> 00:23:08,550

He goes around
selling to stores.

487

00:23:08,550 --> 00:23:09,480

Yes.

488

00:23:09,480 --> 00:23:09,980

And--

489

00:23:09,980 --> 00:23:13,440

And my daughter, the
older one, is a teacher.

490
00:23:13,440 --> 00:23:15,230
Where?

491
00:23:15,230 --> 00:23:16,110
A school teacher.

492
00:23:16,110 --> 00:23:17,020
In New York?

493
00:23:17,020 --> 00:23:17,730
In Brooklyn.

494
00:23:17,730 --> 00:23:18,350
In Brooklyn.

495
00:23:18,350 --> 00:23:19,170
So public school.

496
00:23:19,170 --> 00:23:19,980
Public school.

497
00:23:19,980 --> 00:23:20,550
Yes.

498
00:23:20,550 --> 00:23:23,290
And the little girl who's
named after your mother?

499
00:23:23,290 --> 00:23:24,540
Yes.

500
00:23:24,540 --> 00:23:25,500
She's a big girl now.

501
00:23:25,500 --> 00:23:26,702
She's beautiful.

502
00:23:26,702 --> 00:23:27,410
What does she do?

503

00:23:27,410 --> 00:23:28,590

So beautiful.

504

00:23:28,590 --> 00:23:31,050

She works in New York.

505

00:23:31,050 --> 00:23:32,240

A legal secretary.

506

00:23:32,240 --> 00:23:33,960

Fine.

507

00:23:33,960 --> 00:23:37,830

Now, I'd like to ask you a
few general questions, if you

508

00:23:37,830 --> 00:23:40,920

don't mind, before we
conclude the interview.

509

00:23:40,920 --> 00:23:45,420

When did you start talking about
the Holocaust and with whom?

510

00:23:45,420 --> 00:23:55,250

I start talking-- they
maybe were 3 or 4.

511

00:23:55,250 --> 00:23:56,780

Telling them stories.

512

00:23:56,780 --> 00:23:57,860

3 or 4.

513

00:23:57,860 --> 00:23:58,550

To the children?

514

00:23:58,550 --> 00:23:59,340

My children.

515

00:23:59,340 --> 00:24:00,230

Yeah.

516
00:24:00,230 --> 00:24:06,160
3 or 5, telling them
because a 4-year-old

517
00:24:06,160 --> 00:24:11,170
knows, already, that they
should have a grandma.

518
00:24:11,170 --> 00:24:12,820
Other people have grandparents.

519
00:24:12,820 --> 00:24:14,960
They don't have no grandparents.

520
00:24:14,960 --> 00:24:18,578
But in Israel, there are quite
a few Holocaust survivors,

521
00:24:18,578 --> 00:24:19,120
aren't there?

522
00:24:19,120 --> 00:24:21,100
Yes.

523
00:24:21,100 --> 00:24:27,550
But I was living in a place
where they had grandparents.

524
00:24:27,550 --> 00:24:30,310
Not exclusively survivors.

525
00:24:30,310 --> 00:24:31,240
Yeah.

526
00:24:31,240 --> 00:24:31,750
OK.

527
00:24:31,750 --> 00:24:32,400
I understand.

528

00:24:32,400 --> 00:24:33,640

I was telling them stories.

529

00:24:33,640 --> 00:24:35,470

So you started gradually
with the children.

530

00:24:35,470 --> 00:24:38,905

Telling them the stories.

531

00:24:38,905 --> 00:24:39,405

Crying.

532

00:24:39,405 --> 00:24:42,430

533

00:24:42,430 --> 00:24:45,010

I was very nervous, always.

534

00:24:45,010 --> 00:24:45,910

They didn't know.

535

00:24:45,910 --> 00:24:52,420

They couldn't understand
why I'm screaming at them?

536

00:24:52,420 --> 00:24:54,550

Why am I screaming many time?

537

00:24:54,550 --> 00:24:55,870

So you explained it to them?

538

00:24:55,870 --> 00:24:59,860

My son says, Ma, why
can't you talk to me?

539

00:24:59,860 --> 00:25:01,552

Don't scream.

540

00:25:01,552 --> 00:25:07,120

And I says, honey, I

don't mean to do it.

541

00:25:07,120 --> 00:25:09,790

I don't mean to scream.

542

00:25:09,790 --> 00:25:15,710

It just comes out of anger
that is bundled up in me.

543

00:25:15,710 --> 00:25:16,210

Yeah.

544

00:25:16,210 --> 00:25:18,070

Well, maybe, in a
way, you're beginning

545

00:25:18,070 --> 00:25:20,950

to answer part of
my second question.

546

00:25:20,950 --> 00:25:24,640

How has the Holocaust
affected your outlook

547

00:25:24,640 --> 00:25:28,510

on life and your
understanding of human nature?

548

00:25:28,510 --> 00:25:34,670

549

00:25:34,670 --> 00:25:39,920

Of course, I can't
forget what happened.

550

00:25:39,920 --> 00:25:43,820

And I'll remember
till my dying days.

551

00:25:43,820 --> 00:25:46,220

But life goes on.

552

00:25:46,220 --> 00:25:48,650
We have to live.

553
00:25:48,650 --> 00:25:51,770
I have to live for my children.

554
00:25:51,770 --> 00:25:59,240
And I hope that a
catastrophe like that

555
00:25:59,240 --> 00:26:01,500
will never happen again.

556
00:26:01,500 --> 00:26:02,000
Yeah.

557
00:26:02,000 --> 00:26:07,250
I asked, also, how do you
understand human nature?

558
00:26:07,250 --> 00:26:10,730
You spoke more about the Poles
than the Germans in your story.

559
00:26:10,730 --> 00:26:13,380
Yes.

560
00:26:13,380 --> 00:26:21,405
Because on one side, the Germans
killed some of my family's.

561
00:26:21,405 --> 00:26:24,870

562
00:26:24,870 --> 00:26:29,250
And on the other side, the
Poles killed the rest of mine.

563
00:26:29,250 --> 00:26:33,630
And they were helping to kill.

564
00:26:33,630 --> 00:26:36,240

A Jew was worse than a dog.

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00:26:36,240 --> 00:26:38,910

What does this say to
you about human nature?

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00:26:38,910 --> 00:26:42,718

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00:26:42,718 --> 00:26:50,960

Well, I have to be
more understanding.

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00:26:50,960 --> 00:26:54,390

I understand--

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00:26:54,390 --> 00:26:55,640

You're talking about yourself.

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00:26:55,640 --> 00:26:58,610

I'm talking about the people
who brought about the Holocaust.

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00:26:58,610 --> 00:27:03,210

I hope that will
never happen again,

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00:27:03,210 --> 00:27:06,200

a Holocaust like
that, to anybody.

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00:27:06,200 --> 00:27:06,710

Right.

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00:27:06,710 --> 00:27:11,210

To any human race
should not happen

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00:27:11,210 --> 00:27:16,510

what happened to the
Jews, to our brothers.

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00:27:16,510 --> 00:27:20,900
That should never-- my
eyes should never, never

577
00:27:20,900 --> 00:27:22,808
see another Holocaust.

578
00:27:22,808 --> 00:27:23,600
Towards any people.

579
00:27:23,600 --> 00:27:24,590
To anybody.

580
00:27:24,590 --> 00:27:25,340
Yeah.

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00:27:25,340 --> 00:27:26,750
Now, my last question.

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00:27:26,750 --> 00:27:30,650
Has the Holocaust affected your
faith and religious observance?

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00:27:30,650 --> 00:27:35,470

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00:27:35,470 --> 00:27:37,510
Somewhat, yes.

585
00:27:37,510 --> 00:27:40,130
Because I come from a
very religious family.

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00:27:40,130 --> 00:27:44,560

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00:27:44,560 --> 00:27:50,170
But I keep kosher home.

588
00:27:50,170 --> 00:27:51,850
Not just for me.

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00:27:51,850 --> 00:27:54,510

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00:27:54,510 --> 00:27:59,985

I dedicate it to my mother, that
she was such a religious woman.

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00:27:59,985 --> 00:28:02,610

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00:28:02,610 --> 00:28:05,610

And I do that for her.

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00:28:05,610 --> 00:28:08,650

Not just for me.

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00:28:08,650 --> 00:28:10,240

I keep kosher.

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00:28:10,240 --> 00:28:13,940

I go to the synagogue.

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00:28:13,940 --> 00:28:19,070

I fast, which I didn't
know what Judaism is.

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00:28:19,070 --> 00:28:20,000

You fast.

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00:28:20,000 --> 00:28:21,200

Yes.

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00:28:21,200 --> 00:28:25,010

I didn't know what Judaism
is when I came out.

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00:28:25,010 --> 00:28:29,870

And I was in various
places that didn't teach me

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00:28:29,870 --> 00:28:30,875

much of Judaism.

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00:28:30,875 --> 00:28:33,950

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00:28:33,950 --> 00:28:39,060

So I didn't know how
to make kosher, even.

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00:28:39,060 --> 00:28:42,380

If I wanted to make kosher
the meat, how to do it.

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00:28:42,380 --> 00:28:44,960

I didn't know even
how to boil water.

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00:28:44,960 --> 00:28:46,326

But you learned.

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00:28:46,326 --> 00:28:51,180

I had a woman, an older
woman, when I got married.

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00:28:51,180 --> 00:28:53,600

She was a neighbor.

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00:28:53,600 --> 00:28:57,050

Since I didn't have a mother,
I used to go in to her

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00:28:57,050 --> 00:29:00,100

and ask her how to
do certain things.

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00:29:00,100 --> 00:29:02,000

She should teach me.

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00:29:02,000 --> 00:29:02,720

And she did.

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00:29:02,720 --> 00:29:03,350

And she did.

614
00:29:03,350 --> 00:29:04,400
And you took it on.

615
00:29:04,400 --> 00:29:05,280
Yes.

616
00:29:05,280 --> 00:29:05,780
All right.

617
00:29:05,780 --> 00:29:06,950
Thank you very much.

618
00:29:06,950 --> 00:29:11,600
Your story is really
a very unique story--

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00:29:11,600 --> 00:29:14,600
the story of a
young girl who went

620
00:29:14,600 --> 00:29:17,460
through what you went through.

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00:29:17,460 --> 00:29:20,630
Even though we do many
interviews, I find this unique.

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00:29:20,630 --> 00:29:22,910
It was an important
story to be told,

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00:29:22,910 --> 00:29:25,370
not only for your children
and grandchildren,

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00:29:25,370 --> 00:29:26,760
but for all of us.

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00:29:26,760 --> 00:29:29,420
And I want to thank you

for coming down and sharing

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00:29:29,420 --> 00:29:30,640

this with us.

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00:29:30,640 --> 00:29:33,430

I thank you very much, too.

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00:29:33,430 --> 00:29:44,000