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00:00:00,000 --> 00:00:18,680

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00:00:18,680 --> 00:00:22,910

We were talking previously  
about the food packages

3

00:00:22,910 --> 00:00:28,310

that your family were able  
to send to you in the camp.

4

00:00:28,310 --> 00:00:31,259

You said that it was through  
the ability of the Judenrat

5

00:00:31,259 --> 00:00:32,509

that they were able to locate.

6

00:00:32,509 --> 00:00:35,310

They were able to  
send once in a week.

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00:00:35,310 --> 00:00:38,330

Sometimes, once in two weeks.

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00:00:38,330 --> 00:00:40,520

Sometimes, once in  
three weeks, but they

9

00:00:40,520 --> 00:00:43,070

used to be able to get packages.

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00:00:43,070 --> 00:00:44,770

They lived not too far.

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00:00:44,770 --> 00:00:48,990

Like, I was about 40 to 50  
kilometers away from the camp.

12

00:00:48,990 --> 00:00:52,280

But there were many people

there were 100 kilometers away,

13

00:00:52,280 --> 00:00:53,900

and they didn't get.

14

00:00:53,900 --> 00:00:55,730

But when they did

get it, they used

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00:00:55,730 --> 00:00:58,530

to split with the one

that didn't get it.

16

00:00:58,530 --> 00:01:00,540

And so we tried

to help ourselves

17

00:01:00,540 --> 00:01:02,720

out whenever as possible.

18

00:01:02,720 --> 00:01:06,890

But unfortunately, this was

not going on for a long time

19

00:01:06,890 --> 00:01:11,792

because it took about--

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00:01:11,792 --> 00:01:16,570

it was about six months in camp.

21

00:01:16,570 --> 00:01:20,110

And they came, and they

destroy it, our town.

22

00:01:20,110 --> 00:01:21,630

They liquidate our town.

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00:01:21,630 --> 00:01:26,980

Our town, Khorostkiv, had

history for over 500 years

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00:01:26,980 --> 00:01:29,800

where Jewish used to  
live in Khorostkiv.

25  
00:01:29,800 --> 00:01:32,440  
They liquidated it in one day.

26  
00:01:32,440 --> 00:01:39,040  
They came around, and this  
was [NON-ENGLISH] in 1942.

27  
00:01:39,040 --> 00:01:42,520  
This was in October '42.

28  
00:01:42,520 --> 00:01:47,410  
And they, as I said before,  
the town had over 2,000 Jews.

29  
00:01:47,410 --> 00:01:52,690  
They took away over 1,000 Jews.

30  
00:01:52,690 --> 00:01:59,890  
They took away to Belzec, and  
100, they killed on the spot.

31  
00:01:59,890 --> 00:02:01,270  
Whoever didn't  
want to go, didn't

32  
00:02:01,270 --> 00:02:05,660  
want to listen to the orders  
was killed on the spot.

33  
00:02:05,660 --> 00:02:08,900  
And in that state,  
he made judenfrei,

34  
00:02:08,900 --> 00:02:12,620  
Khorostkiv came  
judenfrei, free from Jews.

35  
00:02:12,620 --> 00:02:18,020  
So the people there still  
came out from their hidings.

36  
00:02:18,020 --> 00:02:20,270  
Had one day to leave.

37  
00:02:20,270 --> 00:02:23,670  
They went to other ghettos.

38  
00:02:23,670 --> 00:02:28,410  
This is the day when my  
father and among other--

39  
00:02:28,410 --> 00:02:31,880  
as I said before, about  
1,000 Jews went to Belzec.

40  
00:02:31,880 --> 00:02:37,050  
I was at a camp,  
which in Poland where

41  
00:02:37,050 --> 00:02:41,550  
over 600,000 Jews were killed.

42  
00:02:41,550 --> 00:02:43,250  
There, they didn't wait.

43  
00:02:43,250 --> 00:02:46,230  
This was a camp, only  
a death camp strictly.

44  
00:02:46,230 --> 00:02:49,110  
People would come in  
every day, and people

45  
00:02:49,110 --> 00:02:51,060  
were killed immediately.

46  
00:02:51,060 --> 00:02:54,000  
Nobody came out alive from this.

47  
00:02:54,000 --> 00:02:57,980  
If I'm not mistaken,  
there was the one somehow

48

00:02:57,980 --> 00:03:02,440

who came out a Jew because  
he worked there as a janitor.

49

00:03:02,440 --> 00:03:05,500

And he had papers as a  
janitor, but he was a Jew.

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00:03:05,500 --> 00:03:07,060

And he told exactly the story.

51

00:03:07,060 --> 00:03:09,350

Some other janitors  
told the story.

52

00:03:09,350 --> 00:03:13,120

However, no Jew-- they  
didn't make him work there.

53

00:03:13,120 --> 00:03:17,490

When they came in  
immediately, they were killed.

54

00:03:17,490 --> 00:03:20,920

How did you find out about  
the liquidation of your town

55

00:03:20,920 --> 00:03:22,870

while you were in the  
concentration camp?

56

00:03:22,870 --> 00:03:29,290

My brother, Harry [INAUDIBLE],  
he still lives in Union.

57

00:03:29,290 --> 00:03:32,020

He has a wife and children.

58

00:03:32,020 --> 00:03:36,670

And he told me the story  
and many other people,

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00:03:36,670 --> 00:03:37,570  
the were left.

60

00:03:37,570 --> 00:03:40,660  
They killed-- they took  
away to Belzec over 1,000

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00:03:40,660 --> 00:03:42,370  
people, and 100, they killed.

62

00:03:42,370 --> 00:03:51,200  
But still over 1,000 people  
were alive at that time.

63

00:03:51,200 --> 00:03:55,070  
And I met several one of  
them, several of them.

64

00:03:55,070 --> 00:03:57,980  
After the war, was  
only a few alive.

65

00:03:57,980 --> 00:04:00,690  
And they told me  
exactly the story,

66

00:04:00,690 --> 00:04:04,550  
which I would like to tell a  
little bit how it was there.

67

00:04:04,550 --> 00:04:05,240  
They came in.

68

00:04:05,240 --> 00:04:06,600  
They surrounded the town.

69

00:04:06,600 --> 00:04:09,800  
The people, most of them  
are hidden in such a bunker.

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00:04:09,800 --> 00:04:15,550  
They called them such

an underground cellars.

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00:04:15,550 --> 00:04:20,554

And they came out with the  
Ukrainian police and the SS.

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00:04:20,554 --> 00:04:25,090

And they took out the  
people they were able,

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00:04:25,090 --> 00:04:26,890

and they took them to  
the railroad station.

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00:04:26,890 --> 00:04:28,600

And they took over 1,000.

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00:04:28,600 --> 00:04:31,330

First of all, they took  
them to the marketplace,

76

00:04:31,330 --> 00:04:33,010

and they assembled them.

77

00:04:33,010 --> 00:04:37,240

And if anybody didn't want to  
go, immediately was killed.

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00:04:37,240 --> 00:04:39,310

And they took them to  
the railroad station,

79

00:04:39,310 --> 00:04:41,520

and they locked them up.

80

00:04:41,520 --> 00:04:49,380

And the station, on the floors  
of the rails in the wagons,

81

00:04:49,380 --> 00:04:50,550

they had lime.

82

00:04:50,550 --> 00:04:53,655

Such a lime, they  
used for special--

83

00:04:53,655 --> 00:04:55,000

they used this for construction.

84

00:04:55,000 --> 00:04:57,030

They used this for painting.

85

00:04:57,030 --> 00:05:00,060

They had about three  
or four inches of lime.

86

00:05:00,060 --> 00:05:03,870

But the time the people came  
ready to build it, most of them

87

00:05:03,870 --> 00:05:08,130

were already anyhow  
killed, and they kept them

88

00:05:08,130 --> 00:05:09,330

another day or so.

89

00:05:09,330 --> 00:05:11,590

So when they came  
to build it, they

90

00:05:11,590 --> 00:05:13,100

didn't even have to kill them.

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00:05:13,100 --> 00:05:16,000

They were already dead.

92

00:05:16,000 --> 00:05:20,360

I visited Belzec already  
twice after the war,

93

00:05:20,360 --> 00:05:25,080

and there is still,  
today, a sign in Belzec,



94

00:05:25,080 --> 00:05:28,725

which is important, which  
says in Polish [POLISH]..

95

00:05:28,725 --> 00:05:39,000

96

00:05:39,000 --> 00:05:45,030

It's here Hitler killed  
from 1942 and 1943

97

00:05:45,030 --> 00:05:52,620

600,000 Jews and 1,500 Poles  
that tried to help Jews.

98

00:05:52,620 --> 00:05:53,940

The sign still says so.

99

00:05:53,940 --> 00:05:57,250

I visit twice, and that  
is there in Belzec.

100

00:05:57,250 --> 00:06:00,520

101

00:06:00,520 --> 00:06:08,520

12 such signs, six round  
one, six square one.

102

00:06:08,520 --> 00:06:14,840

But two signs tells  
who was killed here

103

00:06:14,840 --> 00:06:16,360

and how they were killed.

104

00:06:16,360 --> 00:06:19,070

Well, first of all, they were--

105

00:06:19,070 --> 00:06:23,660

whoever wasn't shot was  
burned, and they buried them.

106

00:06:23,660 --> 00:06:28,880

And as I mentioned,  
Belzec's a very big camp

107

00:06:28,880 --> 00:06:33,050

because we lost  
six million Jews,

108

00:06:33,050 --> 00:06:35,780

and in Belzec  
alone was over 10%.

109

00:06:35,780 --> 00:06:38,990

600,000 Jews were  
killed in Belzec alone.

110

00:06:38,990 --> 00:06:40,340

People don't talk about it.

111

00:06:40,340 --> 00:06:43,370

People talk about  
Majdanek and Auschwitz,

112

00:06:43,370 --> 00:06:45,830

but Belzec is one of  
the very big camp.

113

00:06:45,830 --> 00:06:47,210

It is true it didn't--

114

00:06:47,210 --> 00:06:50,000

in Auschwitz, they killed  
three million Jews.

115

00:06:50,000 --> 00:06:52,550

However, they killed  
a lot of Belzec,

116

00:06:52,550 --> 00:06:54,200

which very few  
people know about it,

117

00:06:54,200 --> 00:06:57,840

and this is the reason

I try to emphasize.

118

00:06:57,840 --> 00:06:59,670

I'm going to go back to my town.

119

00:06:59,670 --> 00:07:07,950

My town was-- that time, my

father was in the one cellar.

120

00:07:07,950 --> 00:07:11,520

My mother was in another place,

and my older brother, Harry,

121

00:07:11,520 --> 00:07:14,330

was in the third place.

122

00:07:14,330 --> 00:07:16,760

Well, my mother and

my brother was--

123

00:07:16,760 --> 00:07:19,460

they didn't uncovered

those places.

124

00:07:19,460 --> 00:07:22,940

And where my father went was

supposed to be the best place,

125

00:07:22,940 --> 00:07:26,960

and there, they uncovered

him and additional--

126

00:07:26,960 --> 00:07:32,060

it was, I think,

about 32 to 33 people

127

00:07:32,060 --> 00:07:34,460

where they were

taken away together

128

00:07:34,460 --> 00:07:38,120  
with 1,000 other people  
to the railroads and--

129  
00:07:38,120 --> 00:07:39,538  
This place where  
they were hiding,

130  
00:07:39,538 --> 00:07:41,330  
was that in somebody's  
house, or was that--

131  
00:07:41,330 --> 00:07:46,280  
Yes, this was in a  
friend's house under--

132  
00:07:46,280 --> 00:07:49,647  
from a cellar, they had  
another very big hole,

133  
00:07:49,647 --> 00:07:51,230  
and this is the hole  
they were hiding.

134  
00:07:51,230 --> 00:07:55,730  
They were sitting there, but  
the SS and the Ukranian police

135  
00:07:55,730 --> 00:07:56,690  
came in.

136  
00:07:56,690 --> 00:07:59,840  
And anybody, if they didn't want  
to go out to one of the places,

137  
00:07:59,840 --> 00:08:02,780  
they didn't want to go out,  
they put up hand grenades.

138  
00:08:02,780 --> 00:08:05,040  
They put up fires.

139  
00:08:05,040 --> 00:08:08,000

They [INAUDIBLE] point  
out, and people still

140  
00:08:08,000 --> 00:08:10,227  
believe maybe if they're  
going to sit there,

141  
00:08:10,227 --> 00:08:11,810  
they're definitely  
going to be killed.

142  
00:08:11,810 --> 00:08:12,977  
Maybe they'll take them out.

143  
00:08:12,977 --> 00:08:15,020  
Maybe they'll take them to work.

144  
00:08:15,020 --> 00:08:20,370  
But people always believed  
maybe they're going to be saved.

145  
00:08:20,370 --> 00:08:26,380  
This is the way my father  
and other 600,000 Jews

146  
00:08:26,380 --> 00:08:31,140  
were appoint to death in Belzec.

147  
00:08:31,140 --> 00:08:33,360  
I'm going to go back  
now to the camp.

148  
00:08:33,360 --> 00:08:34,840  
I'd like to tell you.

149  
00:08:34,840 --> 00:08:36,510  
Of course, I may as well--

150  
00:08:36,510 --> 00:08:37,530  
I want to continue.

151  
00:08:37,530 --> 00:08:40,139

My brother left from Khorostkiv.

152

00:08:40,139 --> 00:08:45,390

They left to Terebovlya  
with my mother.

153

00:08:45,390 --> 00:08:50,790

And he stayed in the ghetto  
under very tough conditions

154

00:08:50,790 --> 00:08:57,420

without any food, the ghetto  
Terebovlya, till [NON-ENGLISH],,

155

00:08:57,420 --> 00:09:02,730

and this was in March  
'43, about another six--

156

00:09:02,730 --> 00:09:05,050

five to six months.

157

00:09:05,050 --> 00:09:09,300

And this is the time  
actually came to Terebovlya.

158

00:09:09,300 --> 00:09:11,040

They surrounded entire city.

159

00:09:11,040 --> 00:09:13,760

And my father then got  
[INAUDIBLE] the last minute

160

00:09:13,760 --> 00:09:19,290

to run away from this place  
where my mother was them,

161

00:09:19,290 --> 00:09:21,930

but in the last minute, he  
didn't trust this place.

162

00:09:21,930 --> 00:09:23,070

He ran away.

163

00:09:23,070 --> 00:09:26,010

And my mother and  
that time about 1,100,

164

00:09:26,010 --> 00:09:30,360

1,200 Jews in Terebovlya, which  
is 15 kilometer from my town,

165

00:09:30,360 --> 00:09:32,960

from Khorostkiv, they were--

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00:09:32,960 --> 00:09:35,606

167

00:09:35,606 --> 00:09:38,770

at that time, they didn't even  
take them already to Belzec.

168

00:09:38,770 --> 00:09:43,710

They took them out,  
and outside the town,

169

00:09:43,710 --> 00:09:46,950

there was a little  
village called Plebanivka,

170

00:09:46,950 --> 00:09:50,633

where they made everybody--

171

00:09:50,633 --> 00:09:52,050

they took them to  
the marketplace,

172

00:09:52,050 --> 00:09:55,260

they assembled them, they  
told the men, and women,

173

00:09:55,260 --> 00:09:58,200

and children to undress  
naked, and they marched them

174

00:09:58,200 --> 00:10:02,760

through the town to  
this little village

175  
00:10:02,760 --> 00:10:04,770  
outside the town, Plebanivka.

176  
00:10:04,770 --> 00:10:09,630  
Their ditches was already  
dug, and everybody

177  
00:10:09,630 --> 00:10:11,550  
had to go through in  
a certain [INAUDIBLE]..

178  
00:10:11,550 --> 00:10:14,220  
And everybody got one bullet.

179  
00:10:14,220 --> 00:10:17,220  
And whether it was a  
life or there was death,

180  
00:10:17,220 --> 00:10:21,810  
it didn't matter, and they  
fall into this big ditch.

181  
00:10:21,810 --> 00:10:26,990  
And after this,  
everybody was buried.

182  
00:10:26,990 --> 00:10:35,410  
This was in March 1943,  
six months after my father.

183  
00:10:35,410 --> 00:10:39,360

184  
00:10:39,360 --> 00:10:42,320  
Hopefully, I'll be able  
to tell you later on.

185  
00:10:42,320 --> 00:10:44,010  
I even visited.



186

00:10:44,010 --> 00:10:46,560

The last three months  
ago, I visited this place.

187

00:10:46,560 --> 00:10:49,440

But now we're going to  
continue talking about--

188

00:10:49,440 --> 00:10:52,770

my brother ran away  
from this [? act ?]

189

00:10:52,770 --> 00:10:57,760

here and voluntarily came  
to the concentration camp

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00:10:57,760 --> 00:11:01,560

where I was, which this was  
about 50 kilometers away

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00:11:01,560 --> 00:11:06,750

from our town.

192

00:11:06,750 --> 00:11:10,650

He came voluntarily because  
my father was no more alive,

193

00:11:10,650 --> 00:11:15,420

my mother was no more  
alive, and my older brother,

194

00:11:15,420 --> 00:11:20,670

[PERSONAL NAME],, was that time  
in a camp which we didn't even

195

00:11:20,670 --> 00:11:21,750

know where he is.

196

00:11:21,750 --> 00:11:27,750

So he wanted to be together  
with me, so he came to me.

197

00:11:27,750 --> 00:11:33,960

And we were together till  
my camp was liquidated.

198

00:11:33,960 --> 00:11:37,230

I want to mentioned  
something about my older

199

00:11:37,230 --> 00:11:38,910

brother [PERSONAL NAME].

200

00:11:38,910 --> 00:11:44,810

He was killed in a  
town called Helm.

201

00:11:44,810 --> 00:11:49,955

While there, the-- in 1941,  
it was mobilized to the army.

202

00:11:49,955 --> 00:11:52,520

203

00:11:52,520 --> 00:11:58,500

And the Germans caught  
him, and they caught him

204

00:11:58,500 --> 00:12:01,200

with many thousands  
of other people.

205

00:12:01,200 --> 00:12:06,412

And this was in [INAUDIBLE].

206

00:12:06,412 --> 00:12:07,370

10 days in [INAUDIBLE].

207

00:12:07,370 --> 00:12:14,340

This is about in 1943.

208

00:12:14,340 --> 00:12:15,920

And they killed them all.

209

00:12:15,920 --> 00:12:22,220  
[INAUDIBLE] must be some  
time in December in 1943.

210  
00:12:22,220 --> 00:12:25,470  
They killed thousands and  
thousands of Jewish boys

211  
00:12:25,470 --> 00:12:29,450  
there, and among them, was my  
older brother, [PERSONAL NAME]..

212  
00:12:29,450 --> 00:12:35,780  
My brother, Harry, came to me  
to camp and must be in the end

213  
00:12:35,780 --> 00:12:38,660  
March '43.

214  
00:12:38,660 --> 00:12:48,167  
And we were together in camp  
till July the 10th 1943.

215  
00:12:48,167 --> 00:12:50,250  
What were your feelings  
when you saw your brother?

216  
00:12:50,250 --> 00:12:53,110  
How long had it been since  
you had seen him when he came?

217  
00:12:53,110 --> 00:12:57,520  
Well, I didn't see my brother  
at that time for 12 months.

218  
00:12:57,520 --> 00:12:59,050  
12 months.

219  
00:12:59,050 --> 00:13:03,050  
For 12 months because I left in  
'42, and he came for 12 months

220  
00:13:03,050 --> 00:13:04,950

I didn't see him.

221

00:13:04,950 --> 00:13:09,930

And of course, we are  
very happy to be united.

222

00:13:09,930 --> 00:13:13,230

When I left, my father still  
was alive, my mother was alive,

223

00:13:13,230 --> 00:13:14,370

and my older brother.

224

00:13:14,370 --> 00:13:17,946

And now we already it's  
only the two of us.

225

00:13:17,946 --> 00:13:20,760

We were together working  
very hard in camp

226

00:13:20,760 --> 00:13:25,960

and trying the best to survive.

227

00:13:25,960 --> 00:13:30,290

And we always planned  
how can we run away?

228

00:13:30,290 --> 00:13:33,400

We had a plan to run away.

229

00:13:33,400 --> 00:13:36,810

But one day when we planned  
about the next few days

230

00:13:36,810 --> 00:13:43,200

already to go away, and one  
day, a friend of mine ran away.

231

00:13:43,200 --> 00:13:47,610

And the next day the  
SS [GERMAN] came in,

232

00:13:47,610 --> 00:13:50,730  
and he took out four young boys.

233

00:13:50,730 --> 00:13:52,890  
And he shot them on the spot.

234

00:13:52,890 --> 00:13:55,260  
In front of everybody.

235

00:13:55,260 --> 00:13:56,760  
In front of everybody  
should see it.

236

00:13:56,760 --> 00:13:57,480  
Right.

237

00:13:57,480 --> 00:14:03,180  
So when we saw this, we  
decided we will not run away

238

00:14:03,180 --> 00:14:05,200  
because there's a  
question whether we're

239

00:14:05,200 --> 00:14:08,340  
going to be alive is a maybe,  
but in meantime, other people

240

00:14:08,340 --> 00:14:11,070  
are going to be  
killed for definitely.

241

00:14:11,070 --> 00:14:15,080  
So we decided we will not run  
away only if we really feel

242

00:14:15,080 --> 00:14:16,680  
like they want to shoot us.

243

00:14:16,680 --> 00:14:20,100  
Was there discussion among  
individuals who were there

244  
00:14:20,100 --> 00:14:21,443  
about the consequences?

245  
00:14:21,443 --> 00:14:23,610  
For example, as you were  
just saying if, in fact, we

246  
00:14:23,610 --> 00:14:25,277  
do run away, we  
know that somebody

247  
00:14:25,277 --> 00:14:26,235  
is going to get killed.

248  
00:14:26,235 --> 00:14:29,560  
Most responsible people stopped  
to run away at that time,

249  
00:14:29,560 --> 00:14:31,320  
but we saw.

250  
00:14:31,320 --> 00:14:38,670  
And we worked till March  
the 9th on a Friday.

251  
00:14:38,670 --> 00:14:39,400  
No, not March.

252  
00:14:39,400 --> 00:14:43,480  
This was till July  
the 9th, 1943.

253  
00:14:43,480 --> 00:14:47,280  
We saw the big  
concentration of SS

254  
00:14:47,280 --> 00:14:55,490  
and a big concentration  
of Ukrainian police

255  
00:14:55,490 --> 00:14:56,960

concentrating  
themselves, and they

256  
00:14:56,960 --> 00:15:01,520  
start to bring into our camp  
Jewish people from other camps.

257  
00:15:01,520 --> 00:15:06,340  
So we decided and we had  
some older people, doctor,

258  
00:15:06,340 --> 00:15:11,510  
engineers, our friends  
of ours, and they told us

259  
00:15:11,510 --> 00:15:13,940  
that they most probably  
is going to come.

260  
00:15:13,940 --> 00:15:16,130  
They're going to  
kill us right here.

261  
00:15:16,130 --> 00:15:20,130

262  
00:15:20,130 --> 00:15:22,430  
But there was no place to  
run because there was never

263  
00:15:22,430 --> 00:15:23,700  
a place.

264  
00:15:23,700 --> 00:15:25,820  
We're already judenfrei.

265  
00:15:25,820 --> 00:15:27,830  
There were no Jews in no place.

266  
00:15:27,830 --> 00:15:30,710  
At least we didn't  
think about it.

267

00:15:30,710 --> 00:15:32,900

We did know about it.

268

00:15:32,900 --> 00:15:37,940

Later on, after the war, we find out about certain small places.

269

00:15:37,940 --> 00:15:44,360

We tried to go to the partisans, but there were no place to go.

270

00:15:44,360 --> 00:15:47,780

There were no forest, and there are no partisan groups.

271

00:15:47,780 --> 00:15:50,240

There wouldn't want to talk to us.

272

00:15:50,240 --> 00:15:53,900

But in order to assure them self-- ourself,

273

00:15:53,900 --> 00:15:58,880

so we decided we're going to go on the field

274

00:15:58,880 --> 00:16:01,760

this Friday night, the 9th of July.

275

00:16:01,760 --> 00:16:09,160

We're going to-- we cut off the wires from the fence,

276

00:16:09,160 --> 00:16:10,460

a big group of us.

277

00:16:10,460 --> 00:16:11,530

How many?

278

00:16:11,530 --> 00:16:15,320



Maybe several hundred  
people at night time and--

279  
00:16:15,320 --> 00:16:18,140  
Somebody planned and  
coordinated this whole effort?

280  
00:16:18,140 --> 00:16:25,020  
No, some people-- the Ukrainian  
police was on one side.

281  
00:16:25,020 --> 00:16:26,390  
We cut off from the back.

282  
00:16:26,390 --> 00:16:27,350  
There were no lights.

283  
00:16:27,350 --> 00:16:29,930  
Luckily, we were able  
to cut off the wires.

284  
00:16:29,930 --> 00:16:34,800  
But all of those individuals  
who were turning the wires

285  
00:16:34,800 --> 00:16:36,130  
had discussed this before?

286  
00:16:36,130 --> 00:16:36,680  
Oh, sure.

287  
00:16:36,680 --> 00:16:38,690  
We had discussions  
to cut up the wires,

288  
00:16:38,690 --> 00:16:43,370  
and we ran out on  
the field in July.

289  
00:16:43,370 --> 00:16:46,910  
Especially in Poland, you've  
got very high big corns,

290  
00:16:46,910 --> 00:16:50,480  
big wheat, grain.

291  
00:16:50,480 --> 00:16:52,760  
And I fell in a--

292  
00:16:52,760 --> 00:16:58,520  
not too far from the camp  
in a spot that was corn.

293  
00:16:58,520 --> 00:17:00,820  
My brother ran a little further.

294  
00:17:00,820 --> 00:17:04,099  
He run in the spot  
where was wheat,

295  
00:17:04,099 --> 00:17:07,859  
and we didn't go too far  
because we thought maybe

296  
00:17:07,859 --> 00:17:09,349  
it was just a rumor.

297  
00:17:09,349 --> 00:17:11,000  
In the case, it was  
a rumor, we want

298  
00:17:11,000 --> 00:17:14,722  
to come back in the  
morning to find out

299  
00:17:14,722 --> 00:17:16,430  
we should have a place  
where to come back

300  
00:17:16,430 --> 00:17:17,569  
because where should we go?

301  
00:17:17,569 --> 00:17:21,380  
Wherever you go,  
they're killing Jews.

302

00:17:21,380 --> 00:17:27,349

And I fell asleep, so did  
my brother, so many other.

303

00:17:27,349 --> 00:17:29,900

I fell asleep at night time.

304

00:17:29,900 --> 00:17:32,540

About 4 o'clock  
Saturday morning, I

305

00:17:32,540 --> 00:17:35,150

was woke up with  
already shooting.

306

00:17:35,150 --> 00:17:39,260

They were shooting at  
us right on the field

307

00:17:39,260 --> 00:17:42,140

several hundred foot  
away from the camp

308

00:17:42,140 --> 00:17:44,930

because they knew that  
some people ran away.

309

00:17:44,930 --> 00:17:49,920

And I already heard people  
would holler, oh, help.

310

00:17:49,920 --> 00:17:53,090

And I said to myself,  
I'm going to go.

311

00:17:53,090 --> 00:17:54,860

They shooting in every place.

312

00:17:54,860 --> 00:17:57,350

So may as well,  
I'm going to stay.

313

00:17:57,350 --> 00:18:01,370

I just dug myself under a  
little bit deeper, and I said.

314

00:18:01,370 --> 00:18:03,300

[NON-ENGLISH].

315

00:18:03,300 --> 00:18:05,930

And I said whatever  
would be the best places

316

00:18:05,930 --> 00:18:08,840

to sit because if I would  
lift my head, immediately

317

00:18:08,840 --> 00:18:10,760

I would be killed.

318

00:18:10,760 --> 00:18:13,100

And I prayed all day long.

319

00:18:13,100 --> 00:18:16,880

This day was 1,000 years long.

320

00:18:16,880 --> 00:18:21,080

While they were cold, they took  
them out from the barracks,

321

00:18:21,080 --> 00:18:23,030

and the assembled them.

322

00:18:23,030 --> 00:18:25,280

And they took them out on the--

323

00:18:25,280 --> 00:18:27,800

behind the barracks,  
and they were shot.

324

00:18:27,800 --> 00:18:30,800

And I heard people  
crying, people begging,

325

00:18:30,800 --> 00:18:34,130  
people doing all kinds things.

326

00:18:34,130 --> 00:18:38,450  
They didn't listen to nobody,  
and everybody was shot.

327

00:18:38,450 --> 00:18:41,745  
Everybody, after they were  
shot, they made a fire,

328

00:18:41,745 --> 00:18:42,620  
and they burned them.

329

00:18:42,620 --> 00:18:45,150

330

00:18:45,150 --> 00:18:49,710  
Late at night, it must have  
been around 11:00, 12 o'clock at

331

00:18:49,710 --> 00:18:52,440  
night, it was quiet.

332

00:18:52,440 --> 00:18:54,800  
I got up.

333

00:18:54,800 --> 00:19:00,140  
I just pinched myself if I'm  
still alive, and I felt--

334

00:19:00,140 --> 00:19:01,280  
I saw what happened.

335

00:19:01,280 --> 00:19:05,480  
There's no place where  
to go, but if you have--

336

00:19:05,480 --> 00:19:10,890  
I decided I'll go back to  
the town where I was born.

337

00:19:10,890 --> 00:19:12,530

At this time your brother--

338

00:19:12,530 --> 00:19:16,550

I didn't know about  
my brother at all,

339

00:19:16,550 --> 00:19:19,370

whether he's alive,  
whether he's not alive.

340

00:19:19,370 --> 00:19:22,850

I did hope that he's alive.

341

00:19:22,850 --> 00:19:24,830

And this was-- I was already--

342

00:19:24,830 --> 00:19:27,930

16 months I was in camp.

343

00:19:27,930 --> 00:19:31,130

I was in ghetto  
about six months.

344

00:19:31,130 --> 00:19:41,830

I didn't see the Polish families  
for probably more than two

345

00:19:41,830 --> 00:19:47,730

years, but I know  
many Polish families

346

00:19:47,730 --> 00:19:51,360

because we were doing business  
with the Polish and Ukrainian

347

00:19:51,360 --> 00:19:53,750

people.

348

00:19:53,750 --> 00:19:56,610

There was one family, Gornac.

349

00:19:56,610 --> 00:19:59,240

How were you able to  
get back to your town?

350

00:19:59,240 --> 00:20:00,410

Just walking.

351

00:20:00,410 --> 00:20:01,860

Walking by night time.

352

00:20:01,860 --> 00:20:02,360

By yourself.

353

00:20:02,360 --> 00:20:03,410

By myself.

354

00:20:03,410 --> 00:20:08,780

At day time, mostly,  
I sat in the wheat

355

00:20:08,780 --> 00:20:12,850

laying because I was afraid  
people would recognize me.

356

00:20:12,850 --> 00:20:18,650

I walked in down the route  
to several times to people

357

00:20:18,650 --> 00:20:21,830

and asked they  
should sell me bread.

358

00:20:21,830 --> 00:20:23,967

Some of them took money.

359

00:20:23,967 --> 00:20:25,550

Some of them gave  
me a piece of bread.

360

00:20:25,550 --> 00:20:28,490

They didn't even want money.

361

00:20:28,490 --> 00:20:34,460

And until I came, this was  
a village eight kilometers

362

00:20:34,460 --> 00:20:36,590

near my town.

363

00:20:36,590 --> 00:20:39,690

The village's called Ivanivka.

364

00:20:39,690 --> 00:20:47,230

I came in, and I had a Polish  
farmer, very fine family.

365

00:20:47,230 --> 00:20:55,730

When I walked in Tuesday night,  
and this was the 13th of July,

366

00:20:55,730 --> 00:20:58,321

1943.

367

00:20:58,321 --> 00:21:02,870

Must be about 10:00,  
11 o'clock at night.

368

00:21:02,870 --> 00:21:10,490

I walked in, and the man, Ian  
Gornac, should rest in peace--

369

00:21:10,490 --> 00:21:11,750

he was killed later on--

370

00:21:11,750 --> 00:21:14,800

371

00:21:14,800 --> 00:21:16,330

just didn't talk to me.

372

00:21:16,330 --> 00:21:20,470

Was afraid anybody should hear  
because the dogs start to bark.



373

00:21:20,470 --> 00:21:22,300

And he just pointed  
out with his finger,

374

00:21:22,300 --> 00:21:25,810

I should go to the barn,  
and I should go upstairs

375

00:21:25,810 --> 00:21:28,150

to the attic of the barn.

376

00:21:28,150 --> 00:21:33,780

Of course, I went up,  
and I hope maybe he'll

377

00:21:33,780 --> 00:21:37,800

keep me for a day or two,  
or possibly, maybe he

378

00:21:37,800 --> 00:21:38,740

wants to kill me.

379

00:21:38,740 --> 00:21:39,970

Maybe he thinks I have money.

380

00:21:39,970 --> 00:21:42,960

He wants to kill me because  
you heard stories like this.

381

00:21:42,960 --> 00:21:44,940

The Jewish people came  
up to certain people,

382

00:21:44,940 --> 00:21:46,840

and they took away if  
they had some money,

383

00:21:46,840 --> 00:21:48,090

and they killed them.

384

00:21:48,090 --> 00:21:50,400

But I didn't have

anything more to lose.

385

00:21:50,400 --> 00:21:53,400

My life was, that  
time, very cheap.

386

00:21:53,400 --> 00:21:57,990

It didn't matter, so I did  
have some confidence to him.

387

00:21:57,990 --> 00:22:00,440

And when he told me  
to go up, I went up.

388

00:22:00,440 --> 00:22:04,710

I went up, and there was  
fresh straw and fresh hay.

389

00:22:04,710 --> 00:22:08,940

And I was so tired, and  
hungry, and wet after raining

390

00:22:08,940 --> 00:22:10,890

and slept outside.

391

00:22:10,890 --> 00:22:13,860

When I laid down, I  
felt so comfortable.

392

00:22:13,860 --> 00:22:15,540

All of a sudden,  
I heard somebody

393

00:22:15,540 --> 00:22:19,260

is on top on the  
barn on the attic,

394

00:22:19,260 --> 00:22:21,970

and somebody is asking  
me, who is this?

395

00:22:21,970 --> 00:22:23,740

And I start to ask, who is this?

396  
00:22:23,740 --> 00:22:27,480  
And they recognize, and  
this was my brother.

397  
00:22:27,480 --> 00:22:33,180  
We did not discuss we should  
run away, where to we should go,

398  
00:22:33,180 --> 00:22:34,230  
how we should go.

399  
00:22:34,230 --> 00:22:35,610  
He came early in the morning.

400  
00:22:35,610 --> 00:22:37,480  
I came Tuesday late at night.

401  
00:22:37,480 --> 00:22:41,040  
He came Tuesday early in  
the morning, about 4 o'clock

402  
00:22:41,040 --> 00:22:42,910  
in the morning.

403  
00:22:42,910 --> 00:22:45,060  
And that time, we  
asked our self--

404  
00:22:45,060 --> 00:22:47,580  
just we said to each  
other if we lived

405  
00:22:47,580 --> 00:22:52,780  
through such a terrible acts,  
we met 50 kilometers away.

406  
00:22:52,780 --> 00:22:56,220  
And although we have many  
Polish and Ukrainian people,

407  
00:22:56,220 --> 00:22:59,490

friends, and we came to  
them, so we did-- we do

408  
00:22:59,490 --> 00:23:02,140  
hope we're going to  
live through the war.

409  
00:23:02,140 --> 00:23:06,360  
And of course, about 15  
minutes later, Mrs. Gornac,

410  
00:23:06,360 --> 00:23:08,760  
Tatiana Gornac, should rest  
in peace-- she was an angel,

411  
00:23:08,760 --> 00:23:10,200  
not a human being--

412  
00:23:10,200 --> 00:23:15,900  
she came up with yam  
potatoes, and sour cream,

413  
00:23:15,900 --> 00:23:20,310  
and some borscht, a  
wonderful, fine, good meal

414  
00:23:20,310 --> 00:23:23,100  
that the Polish farmers  
had, which I didn't

415  
00:23:23,100 --> 00:23:25,350  
have this camp for a long time.

416  
00:23:25,350 --> 00:23:27,232  
And I felt what's going on?

417  
00:23:27,232 --> 00:23:29,190  
There are still some  
human being in this world.

418  
00:23:29,190 --> 00:23:33,120  
I thought that everybody  
wants to kill Jews,

419  
00:23:33,120 --> 00:23:37,620  
yet there is still some  
fine people here available.

420  
00:23:37,620 --> 00:23:39,780  
[INAUDIBLE]

421  
00:23:39,780 --> 00:23:40,485  
Go ahead.

422  
00:23:40,485 --> 00:23:41,160  
No, go ahead.

423  
00:23:41,160 --> 00:23:41,770  
I'm sorry.

424  
00:23:41,770 --> 00:23:46,680  
And I-- she even  
told me something,

425  
00:23:46,680 --> 00:23:48,670  
which you maybe going  
to be surprised,

426  
00:23:48,670 --> 00:23:51,000  
but I want-- you  
should know this.

427  
00:23:51,000 --> 00:23:55,110  
She told me she's glad we came.

428  
00:23:55,110 --> 00:23:57,960  
So I tell her, why  
are you glad we came?

429  
00:23:57,960 --> 00:24:03,000  
She told me she did hope  
she'll come because my mother--

430  
00:24:03,000 --> 00:24:05,100  
she had a dream a night before.

431

00:24:05,100 --> 00:24:09,190

My mother and Mrs. Gornac  
were going to school together.

432

00:24:09,190 --> 00:24:12,630

So she dreamed as  
my mother asked

433

00:24:12,630 --> 00:24:15,150

if the two sons would  
come there and she

434

00:24:15,150 --> 00:24:17,340

should help them to survive.

435

00:24:17,340 --> 00:24:20,500

And of course, we start  
to cry, and she cried.

436

00:24:20,500 --> 00:24:22,720

And we hugged,  
and we kissed her.

437

00:24:22,720 --> 00:24:26,800

And this lady kept us for  
eight and a half months

438

00:24:26,800 --> 00:24:39,730

till March the 22nd, 1944  
when the Russian army came up

439

00:24:39,730 --> 00:24:43,410

to our town and  
they liberate us.

440

00:24:43,410 --> 00:24:47,143

At the time, they endangered  
their life tremendous.

441

00:24:47,143 --> 00:24:48,810

During that eight  
months, did you ever--

442  
00:24:48,810 --> 00:24:49,590  
Eight and a half months.

443  
00:24:49,590 --> 00:24:51,720  
Eight and a half, did you  
ever get into the town,

444  
00:24:51,720 --> 00:24:53,380  
or did you remain in the farm?

445  
00:24:53,380 --> 00:24:56,190  
I remained on the farm  
only at night time.

446  
00:24:56,190 --> 00:25:00,060  
I didn't even go  
out from the attic.

447  
00:25:00,060 --> 00:25:02,070  
I stood there the whole day.

448  
00:25:02,070 --> 00:25:04,020  
At nighttime, I  
used to go down just

449  
00:25:04,020 --> 00:25:06,690  
to make some physical movement.

450  
00:25:06,690 --> 00:25:08,520  
They had some special--

451  
00:25:08,520 --> 00:25:10,770  
they horses and  
cows, and that was

452  
00:25:10,770 --> 00:25:13,740  
a special hard work  
on the farm to prepare

453  
00:25:13,740 --> 00:25:15,540  
the food for the cows.

454

00:25:15,540 --> 00:25:18,690

So we wanted to do certain  
physical work, my brother

455

00:25:18,690 --> 00:25:22,230

and I, in order to survive  
because we were sitting kind

456

00:25:22,230 --> 00:25:25,110

of in a tight spot with straw.

457

00:25:25,110 --> 00:25:28,330

So this, at the  
time, [INAUDIBLE]

458

00:25:28,330 --> 00:25:31,620

they give us food, the  
same food what they ate

459

00:25:31,620 --> 00:25:33,660

and maybe even better food.

460

00:25:33,660 --> 00:25:37,712

And clothing, we didn't need it  
because we didn't go no place.

461

00:25:37,712 --> 00:25:41,735

And we stood on the farm for  
eight and a half months there.

462

00:25:41,735 --> 00:25:47,790

The farmers, they save us life.

463

00:25:47,790 --> 00:25:49,060

There weren't too many.

464

00:25:49,060 --> 00:25:49,600

I'm sorry.

465

00:25:49,600 --> 00:25:50,770

There weren't too many.



466  
00:25:50,770 --> 00:25:53,680  
I wish would be  
more, but here, there

467  
00:25:53,680 --> 00:25:58,320  
were a few people that  
wanted to help Jews.

468  
00:25:58,320 --> 00:26:00,990  
Not too many, but were a few.

469  
00:26:00,990 --> 00:26:04,480  
One of them were  
the Gornac family.

470  
00:26:04,480 --> 00:26:08,310  
I'm pleased to tell you I was--

471  
00:26:08,310 --> 00:26:11,070  
I visit several  
times already there.

472  
00:26:11,070 --> 00:26:15,885  
I had Mr. Gornac in my house  
already five years ago.

473  
00:26:15,885 --> 00:26:19,910  
Now the son of law  
of John Gornac,

474  
00:26:19,910 --> 00:26:22,790  
which he was the older  
brother is no more alive,

475  
00:26:22,790 --> 00:26:27,440  
comes this next week, which is  
going to be October the 5th.

476  
00:26:27,440 --> 00:26:29,060  
He is coming to visit us.

477

00:26:29,060 --> 00:26:32,750

He's going to stay with  
us for three months,

478

00:26:32,750 --> 00:26:36,870

and we feel like they  
are a part of our family.

479

00:26:36,870 --> 00:26:40,130

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00:26:40,130 --> 00:26:41,910

Just going back for  
one second, what

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00:26:41,910 --> 00:26:46,630

happened when the  
Russians liberated?

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00:26:46,630 --> 00:26:54,150

The Russians liberated-- they  
wanted to demobilize everybody,

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00:26:54,150 --> 00:26:59,040

but my brother and I started  
to work in the same places

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00:26:59,040 --> 00:27:01,680

where we worked before for the  
first time under Russian power

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00:27:01,680 --> 00:27:04,050

from '39 to '41.

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00:27:04,050 --> 00:27:08,670

So I had-- the manager  
from the factory

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00:27:08,670 --> 00:27:14,280

was killed by the Germans,  
so I became a manager

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00:27:14,280 --> 00:27:15,000

from the factory.

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00:27:15,000 --> 00:27:17,430

And my brother  
became an accountant

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00:27:17,430 --> 00:27:19,410

from the fact that [INAUDIBLE].

491

00:27:19,410 --> 00:27:24,060

And we stood there  
till the war end, '45.

492

00:27:24,060 --> 00:27:26,590

When the war end,  
a law came out.

493

00:27:26,590 --> 00:27:29,400

Those people that  
were born in Poland

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00:27:29,400 --> 00:27:32,490

have a right to leave  
Russia, so at the moment,

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00:27:32,490 --> 00:27:36,120

we got this new law.

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00:27:36,120 --> 00:27:37,800

We immediately left Russia.

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00:27:37,800 --> 00:27:39,240

We went to Poland.

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00:27:39,240 --> 00:27:41,025

At that point, we  
went to Germany,

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00:27:41,025 --> 00:27:44,890

and from Germany, we came  
to America the moment

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00:27:44,890 --> 00:27:46,480  
we had the permission.

501  
00:27:46,480 --> 00:27:51,050  
It took several years  
because the war end in '45.

502  
00:27:51,050 --> 00:27:52,645  
End of '45, we came to Germany.

503  
00:27:52,645 --> 00:27:55,990  
We stood in Germany  
till '49 because it was

504  
00:27:55,990 --> 00:27:57,280  
very tough to get permission.

505  
00:27:57,280 --> 00:28:00,540  
At the moment, we got  
the permission in '49.

506  
00:28:00,540 --> 00:28:04,570  
In meantime, of course, I  
married my lovely wife, Gladys,

507  
00:28:04,570 --> 00:28:11,120  
and God blessed us and got  
four children, four sons.

508  
00:28:11,120 --> 00:28:15,560  
Two are now married and with  
me in business, and two still

509  
00:28:15,560 --> 00:28:17,500  
in school.

510  
00:28:17,500 --> 00:28:21,070  
What happened during the  
years 1945 through '49

511  
00:28:21,070 --> 00:28:23,780  
when you were in Germany?

512

00:28:23,780 --> 00:28:25,430

I am a businessman.

513

00:28:25,430 --> 00:28:28,360

Some of the people who were  
sitting in a camp waiting,

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00:28:28,360 --> 00:28:31,420

they should get from  
the owner certain help.

515

00:28:31,420 --> 00:28:33,040

I didn't like this.

516

00:28:33,040 --> 00:28:35,908

I opened up a business.

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00:28:35,908 --> 00:28:39,606

And right even in  
Poland in 1945,

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00:28:39,606 --> 00:28:46,720

I opened up a business  
of grocery, wheat, flour.

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00:28:46,720 --> 00:28:49,230

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00:28:49,230 --> 00:28:53,760

And when I came to  
Germany in 1946,

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00:28:53,760 --> 00:28:58,320

I opened up a textile business,  
and I have my textile business

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00:28:58,320 --> 00:29:00,930

till 1949.

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00:29:00,930 --> 00:29:06,180

We had a private house  
and a business, car,

524  
00:29:06,180 --> 00:29:09,960  
and we lived quite comfortable  
after the war in Germany.

525  
00:29:09,960 --> 00:29:11,910  
But I didn't like their comfort.

526  
00:29:11,910 --> 00:29:15,150  
I didn't want their  
business because I

527  
00:29:15,150 --> 00:29:18,900  
felt they did so much  
to me, to my family.

528  
00:29:18,900 --> 00:29:20,160  
I want to get out of there.

529  
00:29:20,160 --> 00:29:21,835  
I want to live in  
a free country.

530  
00:29:21,835 --> 00:29:23,620  
Then I came to America.

531  
00:29:23,620 --> 00:29:25,630  
And I start to work  
very hard, but yet I

532  
00:29:25,630 --> 00:29:28,390  
was very pleased I'm in America.

533  
00:29:28,390 --> 00:29:30,840  
And after a year and a  
half being in this country,

534  
00:29:30,840 --> 00:29:32,840  
my brother and I  
opened up a business.

535  
00:29:32,840 --> 00:29:34,940

We started a business together.

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00:29:34,940 --> 00:29:37,600

You met your wife in what year?

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00:29:37,600 --> 00:29:38,750

1945 in Poland.

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00:29:38,750 --> 00:29:43,520

Right after the war, I met my wife, and I said [NON-ENGLISH]..

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00:29:43,520 --> 00:29:52,120

And we got married in 1946, June 30, 1946.

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00:29:52,120 --> 00:29:57,590

We married in Germany in a city called [PLACE NAME]..

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00:29:57,590 --> 00:30:01,440

And then my other son, Freddy, was born in Germany.

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00:30:01,440 --> 00:30:06,590

1949, we came to the United States,

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00:30:06,590 --> 00:30:10,710

and my son, David, was born.

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00:30:10,710 --> 00:30:14,554

End of '49, David was born.

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00:30:14,554 --> 00:30:20,110

And David and Freddy then got [INAUDIBLE] two daughters.

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00:30:20,110 --> 00:30:20,980

David is married.

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00:30:20,980 --> 00:30:23,420

He has a son and a daughter.

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00:30:23,420 --> 00:30:26,470

And now I have one son, Jackie.

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00:30:26,470 --> 00:30:34,144

He is going now to NY State,  
a city in Western New York.

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00:30:34,144 --> 00:30:37,720

And Maurice still goes  
to Yeshiva, right here,

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00:30:37,720 --> 00:30:39,790

Jewish Educational Center.

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00:30:39,790 --> 00:30:43,310

They all-- my boys  
went to Yeshiva,

553

00:30:43,310 --> 00:30:46,830

and hopefully next year is  
going to go to college.

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00:30:46,830 --> 00:30:49,290

Were there any  
organizations that

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00:30:49,290 --> 00:30:53,380

helped you at all during this  
period while you're in Germany?

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00:30:53,380 --> 00:30:54,240

No, when I--

557

00:30:54,240 --> 00:30:56,040

You didn't want to  
go to the UNRRA.

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00:30:56,040 --> 00:30:58,870

No, when I was free,  
only God helped us.



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00:30:58,870 --> 00:31:00,005

We didn't need no help.

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00:31:00,005 --> 00:31:00,672

Now we're free.

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00:31:00,672 --> 00:31:01,630

We are business people.

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00:31:01,630 --> 00:31:02,672

We're on top of business.

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00:31:02,672 --> 00:31:03,650

We started a business.

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00:31:03,650 --> 00:31:05,850

We started to make  
enough of living

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00:31:05,850 --> 00:31:08,543

where we were able to not  
only to make for ourselves.

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00:31:08,543 --> 00:31:09,960

We were able to  
help other people.

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00:31:09,960 --> 00:31:13,500

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00:31:13,500 --> 00:31:15,570

You came directly to New York.

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00:31:15,570 --> 00:31:18,060

Yes, I came to New York.

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00:31:18,060 --> 00:31:20,850

How did you come to New Jersey?

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00:31:20,850 --> 00:31:23,970

We were-- my brother and

I, we opened up a New York

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00:31:23,970 --> 00:31:29,280  
a supermarket business, 1951, a  
year and a half after we came,

573

00:31:29,280 --> 00:31:33,910  
and by the way, when  
I came to New York,

574

00:31:33,910 --> 00:31:39,180  
I took a job in a supermarket  
just to learn a little bit

575

00:31:39,180 --> 00:31:43,150  
English and to learn a  
little bit about business.

576

00:31:43,150 --> 00:31:47,010  
And after a year and a half,  
we bought our first supermarket

577

00:31:47,010 --> 00:31:48,600  
on Broadway.

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00:31:48,600 --> 00:31:50,580  
And after four years, we  
had four supermarkets.

579

00:31:50,580 --> 00:31:53,910  
We were hardworking people,  
and God was good to us.

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00:31:53,910 --> 00:31:56,846  
And we were all right well.

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00:31:56,846 --> 00:32:02,700  
And in 1957, when we made some  
money already, the supermarket,

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00:32:02,700 --> 00:32:07,970  
we decided we want to  
go in building business.

583  
00:32:07,970 --> 00:32:16,110  
And we went in '57 or '58,  
we moved to New Jersey.

584  
00:32:16,110 --> 00:32:18,790  
And since, then we are--  
we live here in New Jersey.

585  
00:32:18,790 --> 00:32:21,746  
We were builders, developers.

586  
00:32:21,746 --> 00:32:22,540  
And thank God.

587  
00:32:22,540 --> 00:32:26,920  
We were pleased to live here in  
a fine free country like United

588  
00:32:26,920 --> 00:32:29,050  
States and--

589  
00:32:29,050 --> 00:32:31,648  
Was Israel a  
consideration at the time

590  
00:32:31,648 --> 00:32:33,190  
when you were going  
to leave Germany?

591  
00:32:33,190 --> 00:32:37,510  
Yes, Israel was very much a  
consideration, but original,

592  
00:32:37,510 --> 00:32:38,380  
we couldn't write.

593  
00:32:38,380 --> 00:32:41,330  
In '45, '46, you couldn't go.

594  
00:32:41,330 --> 00:32:47,680  
And in 1948 when the state of

Israel was already created,

595

00:32:47,680 --> 00:32:53,885

we were asked from my  
family here in America,

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00:32:53,885 --> 00:32:55,820

we should come here.

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00:32:55,820 --> 00:33:00,970

And my uncle, God bless  
him, Paul [PERSONAL NAME],,

598

00:33:00,970 --> 00:33:02,110

wrote me a letter.

599

00:33:02,110 --> 00:33:05,320

You can always go from  
America to Israel.

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00:33:05,320 --> 00:33:07,260

But Israel to America  
is sometimes tough.

601

00:33:07,260 --> 00:33:11,320

Why don't you come and look  
up how you like America,

602

00:33:11,320 --> 00:33:12,840

and we came to America.

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00:33:12,840 --> 00:33:14,430

We established  
ourselves in business,

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00:33:14,430 --> 00:33:17,310

and we go to Israel very often.

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00:33:17,310 --> 00:33:21,107

We work for Israel, and  
tried to help Israel

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00:33:21,107 --> 00:33:21,940  
as much as possible.

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00:33:21,940 --> 00:33:25,430

608  
00:33:25,430 --> 00:33:26,960  
Right now we live  
in this country.

609  
00:33:26,960 --> 00:33:28,990  
We are very pleased.

610  
00:33:28,990 --> 00:33:31,100  
Thank God.

611  
00:33:31,100 --> 00:33:34,355  
You were telling me before  
during a private conversation

612  
00:33:34,355 --> 00:33:35,230  
that we were having--

613  
00:33:35,230 --> 00:33:39,180

614  
00:33:39,180 --> 00:33:41,190  
did you feel-- you  
were never sure

615  
00:33:41,190 --> 00:33:44,230  
that people were  
walking to their death,

616  
00:33:44,230 --> 00:33:48,360  
and they said to you  
something about retelling

617  
00:33:48,360 --> 00:33:51,280  
the story of what happened  
during the holocaust.

618

00:33:51,280 --> 00:33:56,100

Yes, I am very  
happy that I lived

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00:33:56,100 --> 00:34:01,080

to see this day which  
we had today in 1983

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00:34:01,080 --> 00:34:02,550

as I can tell the story.

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00:34:02,550 --> 00:34:04,020

Hopefully, some  
other people will

622

00:34:04,020 --> 00:34:07,950

be able to listen to this story  
and watch the story on tape

623

00:34:07,950 --> 00:34:11,130

because I remember the  
days in camp and in ghetto

624

00:34:11,130 --> 00:34:13,969

when people were  
going to the death.

625

00:34:13,969 --> 00:34:19,820

They told us if you are  
alive, please tell the story,

626

00:34:19,820 --> 00:34:25,909

and I personally had many times  
when it was very dark when

627

00:34:25,909 --> 00:34:29,120

everybody was being killed.

628

00:34:29,120 --> 00:34:31,820

I thought who knows  
if somebody would

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00:34:31,820 --> 00:34:35,030

be alive to tell  
the story, and I'm

630  
00:34:35,030 --> 00:34:39,389  
happy as I am among the one  
return to tell the story.

631  
00:34:39,389 --> 00:34:41,469  
I wish there would be more.

632  
00:34:41,469 --> 00:34:43,690  
And I think anybody  
is alive should

633  
00:34:43,690 --> 00:34:46,840  
tell the story because we  
owe it to them, the ones who

634  
00:34:46,840 --> 00:34:51,469  
didn't have this [INAUDIBLE]  
to be here to tell this story.

635  
00:34:51,469 --> 00:34:54,832

636  
00:34:54,832 --> 00:34:56,290  
When you came to  
the United States,

637  
00:34:56,290 --> 00:35:00,740  
did you have any feelings about  
the American Jewish community,

638  
00:35:00,740 --> 00:35:03,640  
the silence of the  
American Jewish community

639  
00:35:03,640 --> 00:35:04,360  
during the war?

640  
00:35:04,360 --> 00:35:06,460  
Did you--

641

00:35:06,460 --> 00:35:17,640

I think I'm a little bitter  
because I feel as maybe

642

00:35:17,640 --> 00:35:21,230

something more could be done.

643

00:35:21,230 --> 00:35:24,050

I am sure that the  
state of Israel

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00:35:24,050 --> 00:35:25,820

would be created  
10 years before.

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00:35:25,820 --> 00:35:30,220

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00:35:30,220 --> 00:35:32,230

Hitler would've  
kill Jews, but he

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00:35:32,230 --> 00:35:34,690

wouldn't kill six  
million because we

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00:35:34,690 --> 00:35:36,670

saw what happened in Entebbe.

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00:35:36,670 --> 00:35:39,610

Probably millions of  
people could be saved.

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00:35:39,610 --> 00:35:43,240

I feel Mr. Roosevelt,  
and Mr. Churchill,

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00:35:43,240 --> 00:35:48,070

and Stalin, if they wanted,  
they could have saved more Jews.

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00:35:48,070 --> 00:35:51,690



653  
00:35:51,690 --> 00:35:52,320  
Why?

654  
00:35:52,320 --> 00:35:54,900  
I realized they  
had to fight a war,

655  
00:35:54,900 --> 00:36:01,460  
but there were no time  
during the war where

656  
00:36:01,460 --> 00:36:04,930  
we wanted so much help.

657  
00:36:04,930 --> 00:36:07,680  
We should get help.

658  
00:36:07,680 --> 00:36:11,880  
People in Auschwitz  
were begging them,

659  
00:36:11,880 --> 00:36:18,450  
please, they should bomb the  
rails at least, bomb Auschwitz.

660  
00:36:18,450 --> 00:36:22,380  
People shouldn't be  
able to be killed,

661  
00:36:22,380 --> 00:36:25,260  
and the mass production  
just to slow down

662  
00:36:25,260 --> 00:36:28,080  
because the way they  
were doing lately,

663  
00:36:28,080 --> 00:36:30,220  
they were killing in  
Auschwitz thousands

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00:36:30,220 --> 00:36:33,690  
and thousands of people daily  
because of the gas chambers.

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00:36:33,690 --> 00:36:37,710  
If they would bomb  
Auschwitz, they

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00:36:37,710 --> 00:36:40,470  
would kill but maybe  
with a slower pace

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00:36:40,470 --> 00:36:43,200  
in retail, not in wholesale.

668

00:36:43,200 --> 00:36:45,930  
I feel it wasn't done.

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00:36:45,930 --> 00:36:48,810  
You asked me the question  
about the Jewish community.

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00:36:48,810 --> 00:36:54,060  
The Jewish community  
maybe could go

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00:36:54,060 --> 00:36:56,250  
maybe in the hundreds  
of thousands, maybe

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00:36:56,250 --> 00:37:00,270  
a half a million Jews  
should go to the president,

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00:37:00,270 --> 00:37:02,970  
and sit in the front  
of the White House,

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00:37:02,970 --> 00:37:04,770  
and explain the situation.

675

00:37:04,770 --> 00:37:07,650

Maybe the president  
would recognize.

676  
00:37:07,650 --> 00:37:08,460  
This a question.

677  
00:37:08,460 --> 00:37:09,360  
Maybe.

678  
00:37:09,360 --> 00:37:16,050  
But please understand as we  
are older, a little bit bitter

679  
00:37:16,050 --> 00:37:18,420  
why people didn't help us.

680  
00:37:18,420 --> 00:37:21,240  
I don't know if the Jewish  
community could help us,

681  
00:37:21,240 --> 00:37:23,760  
but I think the leaders  
of the great countries

682  
00:37:23,760 --> 00:37:26,766  
could do a little bit  
more than they did.

683  
00:37:26,766 --> 00:37:33,520

684  
00:37:33,520 --> 00:37:36,660  
What do you feel are  
some of the lessons

685  
00:37:36,660 --> 00:37:42,540  
to be learned from the  
experience of the Holocaust?

686  
00:37:42,540 --> 00:37:44,640  
I am glad you asked  
me this question.

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00:37:44,640 --> 00:37:52,540

I feel as Jewish people must  
be alert no matter wherever

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00:37:52,540 --> 00:37:53,170

they are.

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00:37:53,170 --> 00:37:57,415

Even in a good country like  
in America, you must be alert.

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00:37:57,415 --> 00:38:00,370

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00:38:00,370 --> 00:38:04,460

And the only way  
is to fight back.

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00:38:04,460 --> 00:38:07,720

If, God forbid,  
something happened,

693

00:38:07,720 --> 00:38:11,650

right in the beginning  
is to fight back.

694

00:38:11,650 --> 00:38:16,540

I know I was in certain places,  
wherever Jews were fighting

695

00:38:16,540 --> 00:38:19,090

back, they killed Jews.

696

00:38:19,090 --> 00:38:22,360

But they didn't kill them all.

697

00:38:22,360 --> 00:38:28,390

They killed maybe  
20%, 30%, but not 99%.

698

00:38:28,390 --> 00:38:34,000

Like, from my city,

we had over 2,000.

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00:38:34,000 --> 00:38:39,320

26 people were alive  
after we were liberated.

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00:38:39,320 --> 00:38:45,430

My wife comes from a city where  
there were about 5,000 Jews.

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00:38:45,430 --> 00:38:50,770

And when they were liberated,  
I think about 56 Jews,

702

00:38:50,770 --> 00:38:54,310

so you can see a little  
bit more than 1%.

703

00:38:54,310 --> 00:38:57,400

Almost 99% of Jews were killed.

704

00:38:57,400 --> 00:39:00,070

I am sure in certain  
places, which

705

00:39:00,070 --> 00:39:04,780

I know they were fighting  
back, the percentages

706

00:39:04,780 --> 00:39:06,980

came out much better.

707

00:39:06,980 --> 00:39:10,450

They are alive.

708

00:39:10,450 --> 00:39:15,910

And I want-- my advice is  
for future generations always

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00:39:15,910 --> 00:39:17,620

to be alert.

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00:39:17,620 --> 00:39:21,250

In order to be alert, it's  
important Jewish children

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00:39:21,250 --> 00:39:23,080

should get Jewish education.

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00:39:23,080 --> 00:39:24,800

It's very important.

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00:39:24,800 --> 00:39:28,990

You should know about Jew  
because otherwise, they

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00:39:28,990 --> 00:39:30,910

drift away completely.

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00:39:30,910 --> 00:39:32,450

If they drift  
away, they wouldn't

716

00:39:32,450 --> 00:39:35,980

know how to be proud as a Jew.

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00:39:35,980 --> 00:39:38,290

They will be  
ashamed to be a Jew.

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00:39:38,290 --> 00:39:40,350

If they're going to  
have Jewish education,

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00:39:40,350 --> 00:39:42,520

they're going to be  
proud that they're Jews.

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00:39:42,520 --> 00:39:45,430

I think it is very important  
to have a strong Israel

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00:39:45,430 --> 00:39:50,020

because Israel gives  
every Jew in the world,

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00:39:50,020 --> 00:39:53,740

no matter wherever he is, it  
gives them a certain strength,

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00:39:53,740 --> 00:39:57,010

gives them certain power,  
and gives them pride.

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00:39:57,010 --> 00:40:02,470

And we Jews in the  
diaspora must seek

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00:40:02,470 --> 00:40:06,671

to do everything possible  
to help the Jews in Israel.

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00:40:06,671 --> 00:40:10,695

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00:40:10,695 --> 00:40:13,100

I'm sure you were actually  
the one with the candles,

728

00:40:13,100 --> 00:40:16,940

did you not, at the  
gathering of Holocaust

729

00:40:16,940 --> 00:40:19,290

survivors in Washington?

730

00:40:19,290 --> 00:40:22,460

Yes, I am in the  
committee, and I was--

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00:40:22,460 --> 00:40:28,220

I did help to organize the  
first gathering in Israel, which

732

00:40:28,220 --> 00:40:32,870

was two years ago, and the  
second gathering, which

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00:40:32,870 --> 00:40:36,830  
was in April '83 in Washington.

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00:40:36,830 --> 00:40:40,040  
And I was also on the  
committee, another one,

735

00:40:40,040 --> 00:40:44,120  
which we just came back  
several weeks ago from Israel.

736

00:40:44,120 --> 00:40:47,060  
There's another  
one on people there

737

00:40:47,060 --> 00:40:53,640  
about put up some uprisings,  
and I was on this committee too.

738

00:40:53,640 --> 00:40:58,140  
I just came back from Israel,  
and there was another--

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00:40:58,140 --> 00:41:01,690  
we had over 1,000 people  
came to Jerusalem,

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00:41:01,690 --> 00:41:07,530  
and to Tel Aviv, and Yad Vashem  
to organize the gathering.

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00:41:07,530 --> 00:41:10,840  
We're even planning now  
another gathering for 1985.

742

00:41:10,840 --> 00:41:14,640  
It's going to be 40 years  
exactly after the war finished.

743

00:41:14,640 --> 00:41:17,280  
We are planning another  
gathering there together.



744

00:41:17,280 --> 00:41:19,020

That's going to be in Sweden.

745

00:41:19,020 --> 00:41:22,020

We plan to go to Denmark,  
and from Denmark to Israel.

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00:41:22,020 --> 00:41:27,120

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00:41:27,120 --> 00:41:27,830

I try to recall.

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00:41:27,830 --> 00:41:29,330

Somebody mentioned  
to me, I believe,

749

00:41:29,330 --> 00:41:35,690

that when you returned to  
your town, the visit recently,

750

00:41:35,690 --> 00:41:38,060

the cemeteries--

751

00:41:38,060 --> 00:41:43,460

I was-- I'm a member  
of the Jewish Agency,

752

00:41:43,460 --> 00:41:52,430

and in July this year, '83,  
I went to the [NON-ENGLISH]

753

00:41:52,430 --> 00:41:55,990

to the conference of  
the Jewish Agency.

754

00:41:55,990 --> 00:41:57,730

I was there 10 days in Israel.

755

00:41:57,730 --> 00:42:02,940

From there, I went to  
Poland, and from Poland,

756  
00:42:02,940 --> 00:42:06,480  
I went back to the  
towns where I was born,

757  
00:42:06,480 --> 00:42:09,740  
which is now Russia because  
this part of Poland, Russia

758  
00:42:09,740 --> 00:42:11,920  
occupied.

759  
00:42:11,920 --> 00:42:15,310  
I visit quite a few towns.

760  
00:42:15,310 --> 00:42:19,870  
The big city there is  
Lemberg, Tarnopol, Chortkov.

761  
00:42:19,870 --> 00:42:23,090  
My town where I was born,  
Khorostkiv, Terebovlya,

762  
00:42:23,090 --> 00:42:27,370  
where my mother was  
killed [NON-ENGLISH]..

763  
00:42:27,370 --> 00:42:31,480  
And I went to Kamionki where  
I was in concentration camp.

764  
00:42:31,480 --> 00:42:34,000

765  
00:42:34,000 --> 00:42:39,070  
In Poland, the cemeteries,  
they were left after the war.

766  
00:42:39,070 --> 00:42:43,120  
If Hitler did not destroy  
them, they still stay.

767

00:42:43,120 --> 00:42:48,640  
Certain spots, even the Poles  
tried to fix up to have it,

768  
00:42:48,640 --> 00:42:50,710  
and people come.

769  
00:42:50,710 --> 00:42:52,790  
Jewish people from  
all over the world,

770  
00:42:52,790 --> 00:42:56,650  
they come on the graves to  
pray, to put up candles,

771  
00:42:56,650 --> 00:42:59,510  
to say Kaddish.

772  
00:42:59,510 --> 00:43:03,500  
And Russia, most of  
them, they destroyed.

773  
00:43:03,500 --> 00:43:06,010

774  
00:43:06,010 --> 00:43:10,540  
I came to my town  
where I was born.

775  
00:43:10,540 --> 00:43:16,170  
That is now where the  
cemetery used to be.

776  
00:43:16,170 --> 00:43:17,520  
They build houses.

777  
00:43:17,520 --> 00:43:22,010  
You don't even see  
that it was a cemetery.

778  
00:43:22,010 --> 00:43:23,550  
The entire town is destroyed.

779

00:43:23,550 --> 00:43:26,000

They rebuilt a  
completely new town.

780

00:43:26,000 --> 00:43:28,120

They were a very big shul.

781

00:43:28,120 --> 00:43:33,060

The synagogue was destroyed,  
and you can only-- there

782

00:43:33,060 --> 00:43:35,900

a few houses which I recognize.

783

00:43:35,900 --> 00:43:40,345

There's the public place  
called the [NON-ENGLISH],,

784

00:43:40,345 --> 00:43:44,740

the post office,  
and the town hall.

785

00:43:44,740 --> 00:43:46,390

And the school where  
I went to school

786

00:43:46,390 --> 00:43:49,300

still stays, but they  
enlarged the school.

787

00:43:49,300 --> 00:43:53,710

Otherwise, this entire  
town is rebuilt.

788

00:43:53,710 --> 00:43:56,140

I couldn't even recognize.

789

00:43:56,140 --> 00:44:00,130

The town, Terebovlya,  
where my mother is buried,

790

00:44:00,130 --> 00:44:02,170

there they did not--

791

00:44:02,170 --> 00:44:07,370

the cemetery where was for  
years was an old cemetery,

792

00:44:07,370 --> 00:44:11,575

probably 500, 600 years old, is  
destroyed and houses are built

793

00:44:11,575 --> 00:44:16,540

but with a mass grave was where  
my mother and several thousand

794

00:44:16,540 --> 00:44:20,290

other people because they  
had one [NON-ENGLISH] where

795

00:44:20,290 --> 00:44:22,338

my mother was killed  
[NON-ENGLISH],,

796

00:44:22,338 --> 00:44:24,130

yet another [NON-ENGLISH]  
two months later,

797

00:44:24,130 --> 00:44:26,080

my uncles and many cousin.

798

00:44:26,080 --> 00:44:28,360

So it was about  
over 3,000 Jews were

799

00:44:28,360 --> 00:44:30,670

killed in those two graves.

800

00:44:30,670 --> 00:44:32,740

Those two graves are  
there exactly the way

801

00:44:32,740 --> 00:44:34,660

they left them because  
the summer comes up

802  
00:44:34,660 --> 00:44:38,740  
between a ditch  
and the railroad.

803  
00:44:38,740 --> 00:44:43,780  
So they couldn't build there I  
guess, so they left it exactly.

804  
00:44:43,780 --> 00:44:44,650  
I went there.

805  
00:44:44,650 --> 00:44:46,990  
I said prayers.

806  
00:44:46,990 --> 00:44:48,010  
I said Kaddish.

807  
00:44:48,010 --> 00:44:51,940  
I put up lights and just  
the way the left it,

808  
00:44:51,940 --> 00:44:54,170  
and nobody touched it.

809  
00:44:54,170 --> 00:44:59,510  
I came to a town  
[PLACE NAME] where

810  
00:44:59,510 --> 00:45:03,320  
they have still the cemetery.

811  
00:45:03,320 --> 00:45:07,890  
Wherever the graves were  
there, they did not touch it.

812  
00:45:07,890 --> 00:45:12,835  
Around the graves, they  
put up corn and wheats,

813  
00:45:12,835 --> 00:45:15,920  
so they farm there.

814  
00:45:15,920 --> 00:45:20,120  
I went to Kamionka  
where the camp was.

815  
00:45:20,120 --> 00:45:25,220  
Also the camp was completely  
destroyed, but the very two

816  
00:45:25,220 --> 00:45:28,970  
big ditches where thousands  
of thousands of people

817  
00:45:28,970 --> 00:45:32,180  
are there buried, there is--

818  
00:45:32,180 --> 00:45:33,980  
they did not touch it.

819  
00:45:33,980 --> 00:45:36,335  
The only-- they have  
corn around and potatoes

820  
00:45:36,335 --> 00:45:40,700  
around wherever the  
actually the two graves are,

821  
00:45:40,700 --> 00:45:41,840  
they didn't touch this.

822  
00:45:41,840 --> 00:45:46,340  
I also said Kaddish,  
said [NON-ENGLISH],,

823  
00:45:46,340 --> 00:45:49,061  
and I put up candles.

824  
00:45:49,061 --> 00:45:53,070  
And nobody bothered  
me to say yes or no.

825  
00:45:53,070 --> 00:45:55,900

826  
00:45:55,900 --> 00:46:01,720  
In Lemberg, which is a  
big city, they do have--

827  
00:46:01,720 --> 00:46:05,500  
there is still the  
cemetery with a fence,

828  
00:46:05,500 --> 00:46:11,736  
and they even put a  
Lemberg special big sign

829  
00:46:11,736 --> 00:46:18,140  
to mention it was  
from 1941 to 1944,

830  
00:46:18,140 --> 00:46:20,990  
they killed so many so  
many Jews in Lemberg.

831  
00:46:20,990 --> 00:46:22,090  
And they still have--

832  
00:46:22,090 --> 00:46:24,630

833  
00:46:24,630 --> 00:46:30,350  
and there it is in  
Yiddish and in Russian.

834  
00:46:30,350 --> 00:46:32,857

835  
00:46:32,857 --> 00:46:35,190  
Did you have conversations  
with any of the people living

836  
00:46:35,190 --> 00:46:36,430  
in Lemberg?

837



00:46:36,430 --> 00:46:38,970

Yes, I spoke-- in  
Lemberg, there's still--

838

00:46:38,970 --> 00:46:42,120

Lemberg had probably  
over 40,000 Jews.

839

00:46:42,120 --> 00:46:45,380

Today, you have  
about 2,000 Jews.

840

00:46:45,380 --> 00:46:47,350

I spoke to them.

841

00:46:47,350 --> 00:46:50,500

They don't have  
any synagogue even.

842

00:46:50,500 --> 00:46:53,750

Most of them would  
like to leave Russia

843

00:46:53,750 --> 00:46:58,190

and to go out to  
Israel or to America.

844

00:46:58,190 --> 00:47:01,090

The town where I was  
born, no Jews live.

845

00:47:01,090 --> 00:47:02,750

Most of the town,  
the small towns,

846

00:47:02,750 --> 00:47:04,640

there's no Jews completely.

847

00:47:04,640 --> 00:47:07,220

848

00:47:07,220 --> 00:47:08,180

Free of Jews.

849  
00:47:08,180 --> 00:47:12,440  
There is a city by the name of  
Ternopil, which was rebuilt.

850  
00:47:12,440 --> 00:47:15,680  
There, they have today about  
200 Jews, about 210 Jews.

851  
00:47:15,680 --> 00:47:18,460

852  
00:47:18,460 --> 00:47:21,540  
But there's very few  
Jews there in Russia.

853  
00:47:21,540 --> 00:47:24,660  
They're confined to only  
the big cities like Moscow

854  
00:47:24,660 --> 00:47:28,812  
and Leningrad, but the smaller  
cities, there is no Jews.

855  
00:47:28,812 --> 00:47:29,520  
Very few of them.

856  
00:47:29,520 --> 00:47:33,950

857  
00:47:33,950 --> 00:47:40,125  
You had mentioned that  
from your town, 26 people--

858  
00:47:40,125 --> 00:47:44,400  
26 people were alive at  
that time when after we were

859  
00:47:44,400 --> 00:47:45,070  
liberated.

860  
00:47:45,070 --> 00:47:49,230

There are a few are in  
Israel, a few out in America.

861  
00:47:49,230 --> 00:47:51,270  
A few came back from Russia.

862  
00:47:51,270 --> 00:47:54,240  
Maybe today, maybe  
there's 70, 80 people all

863  
00:47:54,240 --> 00:47:55,780  
together from my town.

864  
00:47:55,780 --> 00:48:00,420  
But when we came  
back after we were

865  
00:48:00,420 --> 00:48:03,360  
liberated from the Russian  
army, we were at 26.

866  
00:48:03,360 --> 00:48:07,890  
We all slept in one house I  
remember when we came back.

867  
00:48:07,890 --> 00:48:09,480  
Are you in contact at all?

868  
00:48:09,480 --> 00:48:10,970  
Yeah, I see the people here.

869  
00:48:10,970 --> 00:48:12,870  
I see the people in Israel.

870  
00:48:12,870 --> 00:48:15,180  
Whenever I come,  
I'm very friendly.

871  
00:48:15,180 --> 00:48:17,720

872  
00:48:17,720 --> 00:48:22,470

OK, I want to thank you  
very much for coming.

873  
00:48:22,470 --> 00:48:24,250  
Thank you for inviting me.

874  
00:48:24,250 --> 00:48:27,920  
I'm pleased to be able to  
tell the story because I

875  
00:48:27,920 --> 00:48:30,350  
feel it is important  
that we survive,

876  
00:48:30,350 --> 00:48:31,850  
I should tell the story.

877  
00:48:31,850 --> 00:48:35,660  
I'd like to tell you my hear  
stories from other survivors,

878  
00:48:35,660 --> 00:48:37,910  
but sometimes, they  
even contradict.

879  
00:48:37,910 --> 00:48:41,270  
I can't hear all the  
truth, so I thank you

880  
00:48:41,270 --> 00:48:42,670  
for doing the fine job.

881  
00:48:42,670 --> 00:48:46,040  
I'm very pleased to see  
people like you take the time

882  
00:48:46,040 --> 00:48:48,830  
and tape the survivors.

883  
00:48:48,830 --> 00:48:52,820  
I feel it's very,  
very important job.

884

00:48:52,820 --> 00:48:54,110

I thank you very much.

885

00:48:54,110 --> 00:48:55,310

Thank you.

886

00:48:55,310 --> 00:48:57,160

Thank you.

887

00:48:57,160 --> 00:49:13,000