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00:00:00,000 --> 00:00:56,520

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00:00:56,520 --> 00:00:57,610  
Good afternoon.

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00:00:57,610 --> 00:01:01,290  
My name is Irene Katz, I'm a  
member of the Kean College Oral

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00:01:01,290 --> 00:01:04,860  
Testimonies Project of the  
Holocaust Resource Center.

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00:01:04,860 --> 00:01:07,350  
We are affiliated with  
the Archival Testimonies

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00:01:07,350 --> 00:01:11,010  
Project of the Sterling  
library of Yale University.

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00:01:11,010 --> 00:01:14,040  
Sharing the interview with  
me is Dr. Bernard Weinstein,

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00:01:14,040 --> 00:01:16,770  
director of the project.

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00:01:16,770 --> 00:01:18,330  
And Dr. Weinstein  
and I would like

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00:01:18,330 --> 00:01:22,140  
to welcome Eva Kempinski, a  
Holocaust survivor now living

11  
00:01:22,140 --> 00:01:24,780  
in Union, New Jersey,  
who is here to tell us

12  
00:01:24,780 --> 00:01:26,910  
some of her experiences.

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00:01:26,910 --> 00:01:28,080

Eva, we welcome you.

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00:01:28,080 --> 00:01:29,028

Thank you.

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00:01:29,028 --> 00:01:30,450

Welcome.

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00:01:30,450 --> 00:01:32,580

You told me, on the  
phone yesterday,

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00:01:32,580 --> 00:01:36,190

that you were from a shtetl,  
as you said, in Poland.

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00:01:36,190 --> 00:01:38,820

Could you tell me anything about  
what it was like growing up

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00:01:38,820 --> 00:01:40,740

in that town in Poland?

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00:01:40,740 --> 00:01:42,510

This was a little shtetl.

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00:01:42,510 --> 00:01:47,870

The population was 22,000,  
and Jews was 8,000.

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00:01:47,870 --> 00:01:49,840

This little shtetl  
have everything.

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00:01:49,840 --> 00:01:56,960

Have Hasidic Jews, Zionist  
Jews, all organization, cheders,

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00:01:56,960 --> 00:02:01,560

yeshiva, shul, everything.

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00:02:01,560 --> 00:02:06,150

My childhood was very good.

26  
00:02:06,150 --> 00:02:09,389  
I have all my family around.

27  
00:02:09,389 --> 00:02:13,860  
My father, my mother,  
were lovely people.

28  
00:02:13,860 --> 00:02:15,900  
I grew up between  
eight children,

29  
00:02:15,900 --> 00:02:17,700  
and we love each other.

30  
00:02:17,700 --> 00:02:24,210  
I went to school and have a nice  
Shabbos, a nice Yontif Till I

31  
00:02:24,210 --> 00:02:28,930  
begin to understand,  
it was almost too late.

32  
00:02:28,930 --> 00:02:31,140  
It was everything  
that you wanted.

33  
00:02:31,140 --> 00:02:32,250  
Yes.

34  
00:02:32,250 --> 00:02:34,237  
Could you tell us something  
about your family,

35  
00:02:34,237 --> 00:02:35,820  
about what your  
father and mother did,

36  
00:02:35,820 --> 00:02:37,430  
and how many brothers  
and sisters you have?

37  
00:02:37,430 --> 00:02:37,930  
Yes.

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00:02:37,930 --> 00:02:42,600

I have very lovely parents.

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00:02:42,600 --> 00:02:49,380

My father was a big scholar

Respected him all the city,

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00:02:49,380 --> 00:02:50,640

not only the Jews.

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00:02:50,640 --> 00:02:51,600

Everyone respected him.

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00:02:51,600 --> 00:02:58,680

He was very smart person and

very understanding person.

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00:02:58,680 --> 00:03:01,790

My mother was a lovely

person, not was working,

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00:03:01,790 --> 00:03:04,290

was at home raising

the children,

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00:03:04,290 --> 00:03:07,380

and helping poor

people, and caring

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00:03:07,380 --> 00:03:11,080

for everyone that was in need.

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00:03:11,080 --> 00:03:13,440

And I have six sisters

and one brother.

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00:03:13,440 --> 00:03:15,900

we were seven daughters

and one brother,

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00:03:15,900 --> 00:03:18,083

and I'm the one would survive.

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00:03:18,083 --> 00:03:19,500

You're the only  
one that survived.

51  
00:03:19,500 --> 00:03:21,580  
Yes, I was the sixth in--

52  
00:03:21,580 --> 00:03:22,850  
The sixth of the eight.

53  
00:03:22,850 --> 00:03:24,550  
Yeah, of the eight.

54  
00:03:24,550 --> 00:03:28,860  
I have two small  
sisters after me.

55  
00:03:28,860 --> 00:03:30,320  
I was in Wieluń.

56  
00:03:30,320 --> 00:03:34,020  
Wieluń was the city  
where the war begin.

57  
00:03:34,020 --> 00:03:39,930  
September 1, 1939, at 5  
o'clock in the morning,

58  
00:03:39,930 --> 00:03:42,980  
the Germany bombed Wieluń.

59  
00:03:42,980 --> 00:03:45,275  
We lost our house, everything.

60  
00:03:45,275 --> 00:03:48,630

61  
00:03:48,630 --> 00:03:50,270  
I broke an-- how do you call it?

62  
00:03:50,270 --> 00:03:52,260  
Your arm.

63  
00:03:52,260 --> 00:03:54,270  
My father was injured.

64  
00:03:54,270 --> 00:03:58,200  
He left Wieluń and never  
me go back to Wieluń.

65  
00:03:58,200 --> 00:04:00,030  
Were there any signs  
before that bombing?

66  
00:04:00,030 --> 00:04:01,870  
Did you have any  
idea what was coming?

67  
00:04:01,870 --> 00:04:02,430  
No.

68  
00:04:02,430 --> 00:04:05,100  
They was telling on the  
radio, maybe be a war,

69  
00:04:05,100 --> 00:04:07,620  
maybe yes, maybe--  
you know how everyone

70  
00:04:07,620 --> 00:04:09,240  
wanted to hope the best.

71  
00:04:09,240 --> 00:04:16,170  
And even be, nobody can  
imagine-- in their imagination,

72  
00:04:16,170 --> 00:04:18,369  
think this becoming  
killing people.

73  
00:04:18,369 --> 00:04:20,180  
So you really didn't  
want to believe it.

74  
00:04:20,180 --> 00:04:22,260  
For my parents, it  
not was the first war.

75  
00:04:22,260 --> 00:04:28,570  
It wasn't world war first

two, was better, but you know,

76

00:04:28,570 --> 00:04:30,660  
they wasn't at home.

77

00:04:30,660 --> 00:04:34,440  
Was things that you  
lived over, but nobody

78

00:04:34,440 --> 00:04:38,390  
have some picture of the war.

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00:04:38,390 --> 00:04:41,550  
And I will tell you, maybe  
they supposed to do more,

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00:04:41,550 --> 00:04:46,240  
but then you have big families,  
and you not have where to go.

81

00:04:46,240 --> 00:04:46,980  
Where do you go?

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00:04:46,980 --> 00:04:50,490

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00:04:50,490 --> 00:04:55,980  
Before this all happened, did  
you encounter antisemitism,

84

00:04:55,980 --> 00:04:57,255  
did you encounter persecution?

85

00:04:57,255 --> 00:04:58,510  
Yes.

86

00:04:58,510 --> 00:05:03,690  
And it was a part in the  
Poles, what was writing, can't

87

00:05:03,690 --> 00:05:07,830  
disturb, don't buy by  
Jews, or you can go

88

00:05:07,830 --> 00:05:10,370  
in the street and rock about--

89  
00:05:10,370 --> 00:05:13,470  
threw up at you.

90  
00:05:13,470 --> 00:05:16,070  
Left from the payess  
met the boy [INAUDIBLE]..

91  
00:05:16,070 --> 00:05:19,520

92  
00:05:19,520 --> 00:05:25,260  
A lot was this happened  
as you ran away, was one.

93  
00:05:25,260 --> 00:05:30,820  
In the native, every  
human being is--

94  
00:05:30,820 --> 00:05:32,430  
It's to say, I'm not ashamed.

95  
00:05:32,430 --> 00:05:36,138  
You know, you're not believe  
this can happen to you.

96  
00:05:36,138 --> 00:05:38,430  
Did you think it was happening  
anywhere else in Europe,

97  
00:05:38,430 --> 00:05:40,763  
or did you think this was  
only happening where you were?

98  
00:05:40,763 --> 00:05:41,520  
No, I was knowing.

99  
00:05:41,520 --> 00:05:46,050  
You know, I have family in other  
cities, bigger cities, Łódź,

100  
00:05:46,050 --> 00:05:51,410  
Warsaw, parents, family,



maybe not was feeling

101

00:05:51,410 --> 00:05:56,730  
so [NON-ENGLISH] for the big  
cities more exposed, you know?

102

00:05:56,730 --> 00:06:00,570  
In Wieluń, this time, when you  
in school, and you have family,

103

00:06:00,570 --> 00:06:04,650  
then [INAUDIBLE] this  
is your whole life.

104

00:06:04,650 --> 00:06:06,355  
You don't think  
about those things.

105

00:06:06,355 --> 00:06:09,090  
I'm not was in politics and  
not belong to organizations.

106

00:06:09,090 --> 00:06:13,140  
I know I went to school, I  
come home, I have my family.

107

00:06:13,140 --> 00:06:14,820  
How old were you when  
the war broke out?

108

00:06:14,820 --> 00:06:17,240  
Just 14 years.

109

00:06:17,240 --> 00:06:22,370  
I am born end of August, and  
September 1st war broke out.

110

00:06:22,370 --> 00:06:24,990  
Did you go to a Jewish  
school or did you--

111

00:06:24,990 --> 00:06:28,340  
I went to this Jewish  
school till grade four.

112

00:06:28,340 --> 00:06:31,140  
After that was I went  
to the public school.

113  
00:06:31,140 --> 00:06:35,470  
I was still learning afternoon,  
a little Talmud Torah.

114  
00:06:35,470 --> 00:06:38,800  
Was your life in the  
public school different?

115  
00:06:38,800 --> 00:06:39,300  
no

116  
00:06:39,300 --> 00:06:42,510  
No, the public school  
was only for Jews.

117  
00:06:42,510 --> 00:06:44,820  
So the public schools were  
in a sense segregated.

118  
00:06:44,820 --> 00:06:48,420  
The public school of  
only Jewish students.

119  
00:06:48,420 --> 00:06:50,850  
Not the teachers was all  
Jewish, all the students

120  
00:06:50,850 --> 00:06:51,930  
was all Jewish.

121  
00:06:51,930 --> 00:06:53,280  
I see.

122  
00:06:53,280 --> 00:06:56,880  
You said your father was a  
scholar, and a very, very

123  
00:06:56,880 --> 00:06:58,260  
religious man--

124  
00:06:58,260 --> 00:06:59,310

Yes.

125

00:06:59,310 --> 00:07:02,320  
And was that kind of education  
important in your home?

126

00:07:02,320 --> 00:07:03,450  
Oh yes, oh yes.

127

00:07:03,450 --> 00:07:07,010  
I have sisters who went to  
Gymnasium and study more.

128

00:07:07,010 --> 00:07:09,160  
My father was very--

129

00:07:09,160 --> 00:07:10,900  
open minded man.

130

00:07:10,900 --> 00:07:14,640  
Was it unusual for girls to  
have that extensive a Jewish

131

00:07:14,640 --> 00:07:17,130  
education in those days?

132

00:07:17,130 --> 00:07:18,310  
Sure.

133

00:07:18,310 --> 00:07:18,960  
Oh yes.

134

00:07:18,960 --> 00:07:19,540  
I think so.

135

00:07:19,540 --> 00:07:21,520  
I grew up in the home.

136

00:07:21,520 --> 00:07:24,190  
Oh yes.

137

00:07:24,190 --> 00:07:28,315  
OK, maybe my brother  
go to yeshiva to study,

138  
00:07:28,315 --> 00:07:30,210  
but the girls was--

139  
00:07:30,210 --> 00:07:34,050  
one can be-- what  
you want, you know.

140  
00:07:34,050 --> 00:07:37,460  
And not was easy,  
important to study.

141  
00:07:37,460 --> 00:07:43,050  
But still they have at  
least a 12-year school.

142  
00:07:43,050 --> 00:07:44,710  
This was not so hard.

143  
00:07:44,710 --> 00:07:47,190  
And then university  
was not easy for Jews.

144  
00:07:47,190 --> 00:07:47,900  
It was harder.

145  
00:07:47,900 --> 00:07:50,550  
It was harder to get in, or  
it was harder to stay in?

146  
00:07:50,550 --> 00:07:54,630  
To stay, to get in, and they  
was beating up Jewish students.

147  
00:07:54,630 --> 00:07:57,145  
Was very difficult.  
Very difficult.

148  
00:07:57,145 --> 00:07:58,770  
This is the reason  
many Jewish students

149  
00:07:58,770 --> 00:08:02,560  
went to Paris, to Belgium,  
to other countries to study.

150  
00:08:02,560 --> 00:08:05,460  
Switzerland, you know.

151  
00:08:05,460 --> 00:08:09,420  
I had three married  
sisters, before the war.

152  
00:08:09,420 --> 00:08:11,190  
Three married sisters  
before, you said.

153  
00:08:11,190 --> 00:08:12,405  
Yes.

154  
00:08:12,405 --> 00:08:15,480  
Did have any special duties,  
or any special obligations

155  
00:08:15,480 --> 00:08:18,330  
as being one of the younger  
children in the family?

156  
00:08:18,330 --> 00:08:18,830  
No.

157  
00:08:18,830 --> 00:08:22,160  
I grew up in a  
middle class family.

158  
00:08:22,160 --> 00:08:25,090  
There was still a help at home.

159  
00:08:25,090 --> 00:08:27,940  
This not was a luxury  
in these times.

160  
00:08:27,940 --> 00:08:30,540  
Was a help.

161  
00:08:30,540 --> 00:08:33,360  
What kind of business did  
most of the people in the town

162

00:08:33,360 --> 00:08:34,789  
involve themselves with?

163  
00:08:34,789 --> 00:08:41,840  
In stores, and businessmen,  
and doctors, and dentist.

164  
00:08:41,840 --> 00:08:44,228  
Everything what you  
want, in every direction.

165  
00:08:44,228 --> 00:08:45,145  
And where the Jewish--

166  
00:08:45,145 --> 00:08:45,410  
[INTERPOSING VOICES]

167  
00:08:45,410 --> 00:08:46,753  
And shoemakers and everything.

168  
00:08:46,753 --> 00:08:48,420  
Were the Jewish  
families involved in all

169  
00:08:48,420 --> 00:08:49,890  
of these professions also?

170  
00:08:49,890 --> 00:08:51,360  
Yes, in our shtetl this was--

171  
00:08:51,360 --> 00:08:54,120  
I'm telling you--  
was everything.

172  
00:08:54,120 --> 00:08:57,100  
Was poorer, richer, middle  
class, and professional

173  
00:08:57,100 --> 00:09:02,010  
and [INAUDIBLE] in everything.

174  
00:09:02,010 --> 00:09:04,220  
Sounds like a very nice  
place to have grown up.

175

00:09:04,220 --> 00:09:05,840

Yes.

176

00:09:05,840 --> 00:09:08,670

Were there any special  
memories that you have,

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00:09:08,670 --> 00:09:13,380

that you retained from the  
early years from before the war?

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00:09:13,380 --> 00:09:15,660

My home.

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00:09:15,660 --> 00:09:19,290

I grew up in very warm home.

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00:09:19,290 --> 00:09:23,180

You know I know so much  
stories about my family.

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00:09:23,180 --> 00:09:26,100

When I come to Palestine  
after the war, when

182

00:09:26,100 --> 00:09:29,610

I met the cousins from  
my father, my mother.

183

00:09:29,610 --> 00:09:30,420

I know.

184

00:09:30,420 --> 00:09:32,940

How you know?

185

00:09:32,940 --> 00:09:36,810

I know for my father  
was talking to us very--

186

00:09:36,810 --> 00:09:40,890

Friday when you are sitting  
by Shabbos [? day ?] my father

187

00:09:40,890 --> 00:09:44,280

was telling stories,  
and I like stories.

188  
00:09:44,280 --> 00:09:45,440  
I'm Hasidic daughter.

189  
00:09:45,440 --> 00:09:47,370  
I like stories.

190  
00:09:47,370 --> 00:09:50,460  
And I was sitting  
with my mouth open,

191  
00:09:50,460 --> 00:09:53,265  
and I remember 'til  
now, the stories.

192  
00:09:53,265 --> 00:09:55,140  
You said your grandmother  
also lived with you

193  
00:09:55,140 --> 00:09:56,140  
most of the time.

194  
00:09:56,140 --> 00:09:58,200  
Yes, this was my  
mother's mother.

195  
00:09:58,200 --> 00:10:00,870  
Did she also tell you  
stories about her generation?

196  
00:10:00,870 --> 00:10:01,560  
Yes.

197  
00:10:01,560 --> 00:10:05,890  
Most I remember the  
stories from my father.

198  
00:10:05,890 --> 00:10:09,890  
Is there anything in particular  
that you remember the most?

199  
00:10:09,890 --> 00:10:11,280  
From my father you know--



200  
00:10:11,280 --> 00:10:13,980

201  
00:10:13,980 --> 00:10:15,240  
my father come from--

202  
00:10:15,240 --> 00:10:17,520  
not from Wieluń my father  
come from another city.

203  
00:10:17,520 --> 00:10:20,550  
My father married to  
Wieluń from Piotrków,

204  
00:10:20,550 --> 00:10:22,650  
is a much bigger city.

205  
00:10:22,650 --> 00:10:27,060  
And this was very big and  
famous family, the Horowitz.

206  
00:10:27,060 --> 00:10:29,580  
And my father was  
telling stories

207  
00:10:29,580 --> 00:10:32,430  
about Hasidim about  
[? Rabbium ?]..

208  
00:10:32,430 --> 00:10:35,440  
My father was a [? chosed, ?]  
and a rabbi, you know.

209  
00:10:35,440 --> 00:10:39,350  
The ghetto rabbi was his rabbi,  
and I like this story still

210  
00:10:39,350 --> 00:10:39,850  
today.

211  
00:10:39,850 --> 00:10:42,030  
I like the stories.

212

00:10:42,030 --> 00:10:43,870

Do you tell them to  
your children, too?

213

00:10:43,870 --> 00:10:44,370

Yes.

214

00:10:44,370 --> 00:10:49,780

My son is now studying Geneva,  
and work in the library.

215

00:10:49,780 --> 00:10:52,950

In find encyclopedia  
make me Xerox from family

216

00:10:52,950 --> 00:10:56,610

Horowitz 400 years back,  
and brought me home.

217

00:10:56,610 --> 00:10:57,690

That's wonderful.

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00:10:57,690 --> 00:11:01,140

You know, shouldn't my  
children know how much I can--

219

00:11:01,140 --> 00:11:05,720

So you had a tradition and  
you had family history.

220

00:11:05,720 --> 00:11:07,260

Oh yes, I have roots.

221

00:11:07,260 --> 00:11:08,760

Roots, a genealogy.

222

00:11:08,760 --> 00:11:12,900

I [INAUDIBLE] born from a stone,  
but I'm not born from a stone.

223

00:11:12,900 --> 00:11:14,280

I had my mother and a father.

224

00:11:14,280 --> 00:11:15,988

That must have been

very important to you

225

00:11:15,988 --> 00:11:17,160  
in the worst times.

226

00:11:17,160 --> 00:11:17,670  
Yes.

227

00:11:17,670 --> 00:11:19,745  
You see, this is the faith.

228

00:11:19,745 --> 00:11:22,530

229

00:11:22,530 --> 00:11:26,200  
I still believe it, after  
this all, still I believe it.

230

00:11:26,200 --> 00:11:29,090  
Yes.

231

00:11:29,090 --> 00:11:35,770  
When did you begin to realize  
that things were getting bad,

232

00:11:35,770 --> 00:11:36,770  
that things were going--

233

00:11:36,770 --> 00:11:40,130  
Very, very fast.

234

00:11:40,130 --> 00:11:44,780  
I come to Warsaw,  
I told you, in 1939

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00:11:44,780 --> 00:11:47,780  
in December, end of December.

236

00:11:47,780 --> 00:11:51,920  
And I left Łódź, not  
me, was in the way.

237

00:11:51,920 --> 00:11:54,470  
Meaning, you're

supposed to wear the--

238

00:11:54,470 --> 00:11:54,970

The armband.

239

00:11:54,970 --> 00:11:57,990

--The armband with the star.

240

00:11:57,990 --> 00:12:00,380

And was-- things

happen on this street.

241

00:12:00,380 --> 00:12:02,540

They cut the beards, the Jews.

242

00:12:02,540 --> 00:12:08,510

And was [INAUDIBLE]

[NON-ENGLISH] about immediately

243

00:12:08,510 --> 00:12:10,070

But you --

244

00:12:10,070 --> 00:12:11,240

What does happen after?

245

00:12:11,240 --> 00:12:15,430

You can imagine these they

put people in crematorium,

246

00:12:15,430 --> 00:12:18,050

that you burn children alive?

247

00:12:18,050 --> 00:12:20,640

That they threw

children in the windows?

248

00:12:20,640 --> 00:12:23,220

I saw, they throw--

249

00:12:23,220 --> 00:12:26,060

was thrown a child

from the third floor.

250

00:12:26,060 --> 00:12:27,730

And you couldn't  
imagine that then.

251  
00:12:27,730 --> 00:12:29,960  
It sticks with you.

252  
00:12:29,960 --> 00:12:33,660  
It's not artists what can  
bring this on the paper.

253  
00:12:33,660 --> 00:12:36,100  
A poet, what can write  
about this before?

254  
00:12:36,100 --> 00:12:38,288  
These things were  
just not human.

255  
00:12:38,288 --> 00:12:39,330  
Did most of your family--

256  
00:12:39,330 --> 00:12:41,300  
Even now, excuse me,  
when I'm talking,

257  
00:12:41,300 --> 00:12:44,720  
I don't think you can  
believe everything.

258  
00:12:44,720 --> 00:12:47,350  
It's hard for you  
to adjust everything

259  
00:12:47,350 --> 00:12:48,660  
what I am talking to you.

260  
00:12:48,660 --> 00:12:50,618  
It's hard to comprehend  
that that could happen.

261  
00:12:50,618 --> 00:12:53,120  
Yes, you know, I'm meshuggeneh  
you know, what's she talking?

262  
00:12:53,120 --> 00:12:56,510

Were you in Łódź first,  
and then in Warsaw?

263  
00:12:56,510 --> 00:12:58,580  
Were you in the  
ghetto in both places?

264  
00:12:58,580 --> 00:13:03,250  
No, when I was in  
Łódź, not was a ghetto.

265  
00:13:03,250 --> 00:13:05,130  
Before they make the ghetto.

266  
00:13:05,130 --> 00:13:08,090  
It was just two months  
of war, three months.

267  
00:13:08,090 --> 00:13:11,090  
And then I come to Warsaw,  
not was a ghetto either.

268  
00:13:11,090 --> 00:13:13,220  
they make the  
ghetto in 1940 and I

269  
00:13:13,220 --> 00:13:16,490  
come September, in Yom  
Kippur, they close.

270  
00:13:16,490 --> 00:13:22,540  
And I come Christmas, Hanukkah,  
'39 it was months not ghetto.

271  
00:13:22,540 --> 00:13:25,510  
After they make they ghetto  
bigger, smaller, they push--

272  
00:13:25,510 --> 00:13:29,280  
So you had a chance to see  
it before it became a ghetto.

273  
00:13:29,280 --> 00:13:29,780  
Yes.

274

00:13:29,780 --> 00:13:31,447

And you could appreciate  
the difference.

275

00:13:31,447 --> 00:13:35,150

You feel you are Jew,  
even it was a ghetto.

276

00:13:35,150 --> 00:13:37,610

There was still pressure  
against you without the ghetto.

277

00:13:37,610 --> 00:13:38,120

Oh, yes.

278

00:13:38,120 --> 00:13:41,210

How you feel?

279

00:13:41,210 --> 00:13:45,170

Were you together with the other  
members of your family then?

280

00:13:45,170 --> 00:13:49,250

You see, the night when the  
war begin, I was injured,

281

00:13:49,250 --> 00:13:52,790

and they took me in  
a hospital, in a city

282

00:13:52,790 --> 00:13:56,300

before my shtetl watch.

283

00:13:56,300 --> 00:13:58,460

I heard that my older  
sister was living there

284

00:13:58,460 --> 00:14:00,980

with the husband  
with two children.

285

00:14:00,980 --> 00:14:03,150

And she don't know either  
I'm in this hospital,

286

00:14:03,150 --> 00:14:05,090  
and they was looking for me.

287  
00:14:05,090 --> 00:14:08,250  
And my father went to Łódź,  
and when my brother ran away,

288  
00:14:08,250 --> 00:14:09,590  
somebody took me to Warsaw.

289  
00:14:09,590 --> 00:14:12,810  
This was when they bombed ,  
you know, the family is apart.

290  
00:14:12,810 --> 00:14:15,420  
I have one married  
sister was in Warsaw,

291  
00:14:15,420 --> 00:14:19,670  
one married sister  
was in Belgium living.

292  
00:14:19,670 --> 00:14:23,300  
And my brother was in  
yeshiva, and my sister

293  
00:14:23,300 --> 00:14:26,730  
was a teacher in other city.

294  
00:14:26,730 --> 00:14:29,350  
So 'til we come together--

295  
00:14:29,350 --> 00:14:33,418  
well, after when I  
was feeling better,

296  
00:14:33,418 --> 00:14:34,835  
and they find me  
in this hospital,

297  
00:14:34,835 --> 00:14:40,640  
and my sister brought me to  
Łódź, to my father, my mother.

298  
00:14:40,640 --> 00:14:43,900



My father was injured the neck  
and was three weeks not going

299  
00:14:43,900 --> 00:14:48,560  
down to daven You can imagine  
what this was, when I walk in,

300  
00:14:48,560 --> 00:14:50,405  
my father stepped down.

301  
00:14:50,405 --> 00:14:52,280  
Was a miracle, for  
everyone was telling this,

302  
00:14:52,280 --> 00:14:53,840  
I am not alive anymore.

303  
00:14:53,840 --> 00:14:55,550  
I'm killed.

304  
00:14:55,550 --> 00:14:58,848  
So saw me, walk down from bed.

305  
00:14:58,848 --> 00:14:59,640  
For the first time?

306  
00:14:59,640 --> 00:15:02,580  
For the first time.

307  
00:15:02,580 --> 00:15:04,200  
The excitement.

308  
00:15:04,200 --> 00:15:06,230  
And after my brother  
come, my sister

309  
00:15:06,230 --> 00:15:09,290  
what was teaching,  
and ironically

310  
00:15:09,290 --> 00:15:11,360  
my sister from  
Belgium wasn't home

311

00:15:11,360 --> 00:15:13,160  
this time when the war begin.

312  
00:15:13,160 --> 00:15:16,430  
This was summertime,  
and she come home.

313  
00:15:16,430 --> 00:15:19,890  
You know this was  
[NON-ENGLISH] you know,

314  
00:15:19,890 --> 00:15:22,140  
her husband was a  
Hasidic Jew, too,

315  
00:15:22,140 --> 00:15:24,210  
and supposed to come  
back to [Place Name].

316  
00:15:24,210 --> 00:15:26,620  
Bur she come a  
little earlier home.

317  
00:15:26,620 --> 00:15:29,300  
And after she went  
back to her husband

318  
00:15:29,300 --> 00:15:31,910  
to Belgium, where  
she was killed.

319  
00:15:31,910 --> 00:15:34,170  
Anyway, you know.

320  
00:15:34,170 --> 00:15:36,290  
One sister was living in Warsaw.

321  
00:15:36,290 --> 00:15:39,200  
One sister with the children  
was Warsaw and the time

322  
00:15:39,200 --> 00:15:41,390  
after she went back  
to her husband.

323

00:15:41,390 --> 00:15:45,940

It was-- everyone  
was at the place.

324

00:15:45,940 --> 00:15:47,570

We was together a little time.

325

00:15:47,570 --> 00:15:50,150

326

00:15:50,150 --> 00:15:51,650

You don't know where is better.

327

00:15:51,650 --> 00:15:54,192

You know you want to save  
the child You send this here,

328

00:15:54,192 --> 00:15:56,830

You send this here.

329

00:15:56,830 --> 00:15:59,600

And ironically, I'm  
the one what alive,

330

00:15:59,600 --> 00:16:02,540

and I was anytime  
so afraid, I never

331

00:16:02,540 --> 00:16:05,300

want to go away  
to know no place,

332

00:16:05,300 --> 00:16:08,570

only to stay with my  
mother and father.

333

00:16:08,570 --> 00:16:09,857

And I am alive.

334

00:16:09,857 --> 00:16:11,690

And did you stay with  
your mother and father

335

00:16:11,690 --> 00:16:12,500

that whole time?

336  
00:16:12,500 --> 00:16:13,333  
Not that whole time.

337  
00:16:13,333 --> 00:16:13,910  
Three weeks.

338  
00:16:13,910 --> 00:16:15,650  
My father they took before.

339  
00:16:15,650 --> 00:16:18,740  
My mother they took from  
my hand at Majdanek.

340  
00:16:18,740 --> 00:16:19,730  
And your father?

341  
00:16:19,730 --> 00:16:22,610  
Went at 42 to Treblinka.

342  
00:16:22,610 --> 00:16:23,810  
From the Warsaw ghetto?

343  
00:16:23,810 --> 00:16:29,920  
With my youngest sister,  
with my baby sister.

344  
00:16:29,920 --> 00:16:31,660  
They took the two  
of them together?

345  
00:16:31,660 --> 00:16:34,460  
Yeah, they was hidden,  
and they come to find him,

346  
00:16:34,460 --> 00:16:36,380  
and they took them.

347  
00:16:36,380 --> 00:16:40,510  
And was on the table a little  
bread and my father tell

348  
00:16:40,510 --> 00:16:47,280  
my sister, [NON-ENGLISH]

father, me don't need anymore.

349

00:16:47,280 --> 00:16:48,280  
But she not was telling.

350

00:16:48,280 --> 00:16:50,560  
My mother was hidden  
another place.

351

00:16:50,560 --> 00:16:53,800  
She was smart enough not  
to tell this, but she said.

352

00:16:53,800 --> 00:16:56,980  
We don't need anymore.

353

00:16:56,980 --> 00:17:01,008  
My father took the  
[INAUDIBLE] with him..

354

00:17:01,008 --> 00:17:03,550  
Did you know that they had taken  
your father and sister away?

355

00:17:03,550 --> 00:17:09,950  
I was known 3 days later,  
I was another place.

356

00:17:09,950 --> 00:17:11,200  
How did you hear about things?

357

00:17:11,200 --> 00:17:14,829  
How did news travel  
in the ghetto?

358

00:17:14,829 --> 00:17:19,859  
You see this was a time  
when was a big selection.

359

00:17:19,859 --> 00:17:23,190  
And everyone was in this in  
dispatch from the ghetto.

360

00:17:23,190 --> 00:17:25,002  
The young people took to work.

361  
00:17:25,002 --> 00:17:27,210  
You mean a selection to take  
to the concentrate camp?

362  
00:17:27,210 --> 00:17:28,650  
Yes, this was a selection.

363  
00:17:28,650 --> 00:17:32,690  
What they tell, all Jews must  
be in this and this place,

364  
00:17:32,690 --> 00:17:35,960  
and who not be, be killed.

365  
00:17:35,960 --> 00:17:40,440  
After, it was a week  
then is a section

366  
00:17:40,440 --> 00:17:44,770  
in Warsaw with  
Umschlagplatz, not far.

367  
00:17:44,770 --> 00:17:48,210  
They took the young people  
back to the work, my brother,

368  
00:17:48,210 --> 00:17:50,100  
my sister and I went back.

369  
00:17:50,100 --> 00:17:53,520  
I mean there was place for  
my little sister, my father

370  
00:17:53,520 --> 00:17:54,960  
mother, we hid them.

371  
00:17:54,960 --> 00:17:58,370  
And they find my father,  
my little sister,

372  
00:17:58,370 --> 00:17:59,770  
but my mother did not find.

373

00:17:59,770 --> 00:18:02,610  
But she want to go but she  
was with the other women,

374  
00:18:02,610 --> 00:18:07,740  
and did not give her  
the [? they stop her ?]..

375  
00:18:07,740 --> 00:18:10,530  
Where were they hiding?

376  
00:18:10,530 --> 00:18:16,380  
In a room on the fourth floor.

377  
00:18:16,380 --> 00:18:21,630  
In Europe was a dining tables,  
big time, they had to--

378  
00:18:21,630 --> 00:18:25,650  
the bottom was a  
little place to put

379  
00:18:25,650 --> 00:18:28,095  
in some things, a little closet.

380  
00:18:28,095 --> 00:18:28,870  
For storage.

381  
00:18:28,870 --> 00:18:30,290  
[INTERPOSING VOICES]

382  
00:18:30,290 --> 00:18:31,920  
And in this little  
storage, my father

383  
00:18:31,920 --> 00:18:33,990  
was with my little  
sister, but my father

384  
00:18:33,990 --> 00:18:37,670  
not be going in with  
womans in one small place.

385  
00:18:37,670 --> 00:18:39,210  
So Hasidic Jew.

386

00:18:39,210 --> 00:18:40,150

It was with my sister.

387

00:18:40,150 --> 00:18:43,710

My mother was with other three  
womans in the attic closet.

388

00:18:43,710 --> 00:18:48,210

What was so-- did not see,  
they put something covered.

389

00:18:48,210 --> 00:18:48,880

With you?

390

00:18:48,880 --> 00:18:49,380

Not with me.

391

00:18:49,380 --> 00:18:54,900

With three strange woman what  
was in the same apartment.

392

00:18:54,900 --> 00:18:57,610

I tell you, I walk  
back with my sister--

393

00:18:57,610 --> 00:18:59,730

And how long were  
they hiding this way?

394

00:18:59,730 --> 00:19:03,150

You see, in day time  
they was hiding all day.

395

00:19:03,150 --> 00:19:07,830

In the night, when was a  
little quiet that they go out.

396

00:19:07,830 --> 00:19:11,310

You need a little air.

397

00:19:11,310 --> 00:19:15,340

And this was Thursday  
night, they took my father



398

00:19:15,340 --> 00:19:20,920  
with my sister, and Friday  
was Erev Rosh Hashanah.

399

00:19:20,920 --> 00:19:23,840  
'42.

400

00:19:23,840 --> 00:19:25,730  
And three days  
later you found out.

401

00:19:25,730 --> 00:19:26,320  
Yes.

402

00:19:26,320 --> 00:19:27,153  
[INTERPOSING VOICES]

403

00:19:27,153 --> 00:19:28,250  
--took the mother back.

404

00:19:28,250 --> 00:19:30,255  
Did you ever see them  
again after that?

405

00:19:30,255 --> 00:19:30,755  
My father?

406

00:19:30,755 --> 00:19:33,810

407

00:19:33,810 --> 00:19:36,760  
Did you ever hear anything?

408

00:19:36,760 --> 00:19:39,630  
They took him to Treblinka.

409

00:19:39,630 --> 00:19:42,840  
And then when did they  
take you and your mother?

410

00:19:42,840 --> 00:19:45,800  
In the uprising, when the  
ghetto uprising was --

411  
00:19:45,800 --> 00:19:46,910  
In '43.

412  
00:19:46,910 --> 00:19:52,720  
'43, in the end of April,  
we was in Lublin, my mother,

413  
00:19:52,720 --> 00:19:55,330  
my brother, and  
sister and I before.

414  
00:19:55,330 --> 00:20:00,270  
And after that then they  
took my mother to Majdanek

415  
00:20:00,270 --> 00:20:03,490  
and we was know,  
Majdanek is a death camp.

416  
00:20:03,490 --> 00:20:05,743  
And we were still  
in Lublin working.

417  
00:20:05,743 --> 00:20:07,160  
We all want to go  
with the mother,

418  
00:20:07,160 --> 00:20:09,750  
and my mother tell,  
no, you are young.

419  
00:20:09,750 --> 00:20:12,230  
I went with her, and she  
was crying all the way,

420  
00:20:12,230 --> 00:20:14,130  
that I'd be killed.

421  
00:20:14,130 --> 00:20:17,130  
And they was killed  
and I'm alive.

422  
00:20:17,130 --> 00:20:21,000  
Did you know what Treblinka  
meant, and what Majdanek meant?

423

00:20:21,000 --> 00:20:25,130

Yes, I know.

424

00:20:25,130 --> 00:20:26,400

And this time, I know.

425

00:20:26,400 --> 00:20:28,650

You knew from rumors that  
you had heard in the ghetto?

426

00:20:28,650 --> 00:20:31,570

In Warsaw ghetto  
was underground.

427

00:20:31,570 --> 00:20:37,660

And when they begin the  
selections on Tisha B'Av '42,

428

00:20:37,660 --> 00:20:40,910

the Warsaw ghetto was knowing  
where the people going.

429

00:20:40,910 --> 00:20:46,980

In the right,  
don't go, don't go.

430

00:20:46,980 --> 00:20:50,130

In other words, the underground  
was encouraging resistance?

431

00:20:50,130 --> 00:20:52,800

Oh yes, was resistance you know.

432

00:20:52,800 --> 00:20:55,220

They were saying fight back?

433

00:20:55,220 --> 00:20:57,900

Fight back. you  
know, go in a bunker.

434

00:20:57,900 --> 00:21:00,030

Everyone was in the bunkers.

435

00:21:00,030 --> 00:21:01,830  
I was in a bunker too.

436  
00:21:01,830 --> 00:21:05,890  
A big bunker, it was a couple  
hundred people in this bunker.

437  
00:21:05,890 --> 00:21:09,330  
After when the Germans  
put in gas and water,

438  
00:21:09,330 --> 00:21:10,610  
had not other choice.

439  
00:21:10,610 --> 00:21:14,160  
Did the people believe  
what they were being told?

440  
00:21:14,160 --> 00:21:15,210  
Yes.

441  
00:21:15,210 --> 00:21:17,440  
I not can tell if nobody ever--

442  
00:21:17,440 --> 00:21:19,610  
I believed.

443  
00:21:19,610 --> 00:21:22,010  
I believed, and nobody come  
back from the old people

444  
00:21:22,010 --> 00:21:24,410  
what they take months before.

445  
00:21:24,410 --> 00:21:27,240  
You heard nothing from them.

446  
00:21:27,240 --> 00:21:30,000  
I think I was not--

447  
00:21:30,000 --> 00:21:35,340  
I was knowing, you know, you--  
anytime you have a hope, maybe,

448

00:21:35,340 --> 00:21:36,278  
maybe--

449  
00:21:36,278 --> 00:21:37,320  
this is the Jewish faith.

450  
00:21:37,320 --> 00:21:41,790

451  
00:21:41,790 --> 00:21:44,740  
And you were very young then,  
and young people have hope.

452  
00:21:44,740 --> 00:21:48,100  
Hope and stronger,  
and you want to live.

453  
00:21:48,100 --> 00:21:50,030  
Everyone wanted to live.

454  
00:21:50,030 --> 00:21:52,100  
It's a normal thing.

455  
00:21:52,100 --> 00:21:55,860  
Everyone fight for the  
life and wanted it.

456  
00:21:55,860 --> 00:21:58,458  
So how old were you when you  
were taken from the ghetto?

457  
00:21:58,458 --> 00:21:59,000  
To Auschwitz?

458  
00:21:59,000 --> 00:22:00,040  
Into Majdanek?

459  
00:22:00,040 --> 00:22:00,790  
To Majdanek.

460  
00:22:00,790 --> 00:22:01,810  
Seventeen and a half.

461  
00:22:01,810 --> 00:22:06,090

462

00:22:06,090 --> 00:22:08,430

How old was your  
mother at that time?

463

00:22:08,430 --> 00:22:09,580

My mother was killed.

464

00:22:09,580 --> 00:22:11,555

She was 43.

465

00:22:11,555 --> 00:22:13,180

You can imagine, she  
had grandchildren.

466

00:22:13,180 --> 00:22:14,110

Very young.

467

00:22:14,110 --> 00:22:14,610

Yes.

468

00:22:14,610 --> 00:22:17,160

469

00:22:17,160 --> 00:22:21,600

How long were you able  
to stay with your mother?

470

00:22:21,600 --> 00:22:25,020

Saturday they took us  
from Lublin to Majdanek.

471

00:22:25,020 --> 00:22:28,100

This is very close,  
this is a kilometer.

472

00:22:28,100 --> 00:22:30,990

It's less than a mile.

473

00:22:30,990 --> 00:22:34,640

We was running, running--

474

00:22:34,640 --> 00:22:35,730

Germans.

475

00:22:35,730 --> 00:22:37,560

Terrible.

476

00:22:37,560 --> 00:22:40,560

And this was the night  
from Saturday to Sunday,

477

00:22:40,560 --> 00:22:43,530

and Sunday was May 1st.

478

00:22:43,530 --> 00:22:47,770

Was it a little raining, but  
it was warm, it was outside.

479

00:22:47,770 --> 00:22:51,842

And all the night  
I was listening

480

00:22:51,842 --> 00:22:53,884

my mother was saying, why  
are you coming with me?

481

00:22:53,884 --> 00:22:55,884

You are so young, you  
don't know what it's like.

482

00:22:55,884 --> 00:22:56,710

You need to live.

483

00:22:56,710 --> 00:23:05,290

484

00:23:05,290 --> 00:23:07,320

How long had you been  
in the work camps

485

00:23:07,320 --> 00:23:10,090

or in the work details?

486

00:23:10,090 --> 00:23:18,050

From '43 first of May,  
'til May 8th, '45.

487

00:23:18,050 --> 00:23:20,560

Two years.

488

00:23:20,560 --> 00:23:22,910

This was after the ghetto.

489

00:23:22,910 --> 00:23:23,410

Yeah, sure.

490

00:23:23,410 --> 00:23:25,090

Two years.

491

00:23:25,090 --> 00:23:27,430

Were there other people with  
you from your home town,

492

00:23:27,430 --> 00:23:28,900

or any other people  
that you knew?

493

00:23:28,900 --> 00:23:30,940

No.

494

00:23:30,940 --> 00:23:34,570

And you know, some day in the  
morning, they was telling us--

495

00:23:34,570 --> 00:23:36,290

now I tell you  
this little story.

496

00:23:36,290 --> 00:23:38,750

This [INAUDIBLE] know.

497

00:23:38,750 --> 00:23:40,190

No, this was Auschwitz.

498

00:23:40,190 --> 00:23:40,690

Auschwitz.

499

00:23:40,690 --> 00:23:41,793

No, I'm not confused.

500



00:23:41,793 --> 00:23:43,210  
She wasn't at  
Majdanek [INAUDIBLE]

501  
00:23:43,210 --> 00:23:45,770  
don't know her in Majdanek.

502  
00:23:45,770 --> 00:23:50,800  
Sunday they was telling  
us we go make a shower.

503  
00:23:50,800 --> 00:23:51,863  
This is in Majdanek?

504  
00:23:51,863 --> 00:23:53,530  
Majdanek, and I will  
tell you something.

505  
00:23:53,530 --> 00:23:55,620  
At the time the night  
come to Majdanek

506  
00:23:55,620 --> 00:23:57,850  
there are not crematoriums.

507  
00:23:57,850 --> 00:24:00,930  
You only have gas what  
comes from the showers,

508  
00:24:00,930 --> 00:24:05,960  
but the bodies  
they burn outside.

509  
00:24:05,960 --> 00:24:07,660  
The two months that  
I was in Majdanek,

510  
00:24:07,660 --> 00:24:11,680  
we was carrying stones  
to build the crematorium.

511  
00:24:11,680 --> 00:24:13,060  
Did you know you  
were doing that?

512

00:24:13,060 --> 00:24:13,662  
No.

513  
00:24:13,662 --> 00:24:15,370  
What did they tell  
you you were building?

514  
00:24:15,370 --> 00:24:16,190  
No, I tell you.

515  
00:24:16,190 --> 00:24:19,590  
Sunday they was telling  
us we go make a shower,

516  
00:24:19,590 --> 00:24:23,080  
and I with my mother very close.

517  
00:24:23,080 --> 00:24:26,650  
And how we come to the  
door, to go into the shower,

518  
00:24:26,650 --> 00:24:28,232  
SS men from both sides.

519  
00:24:28,232 --> 00:24:33,120  
They took my mother, and I  
scream, this is my mother.

520  
00:24:33,120 --> 00:24:34,730  
And the answer  
was, You so stupid,

521  
00:24:34,730 --> 00:24:37,140  
your mother go work  
in the kitchen.

522  
00:24:37,140 --> 00:24:42,400  
And I still keep the mother,  
standing take me and push me

523  
00:24:42,400 --> 00:24:43,280  
in the shower.

524  
00:24:43,280 --> 00:24:46,760  
My mother not so [INAUDIBLE].

525  
00:24:46,760 --> 00:24:48,530  
That's how you were  
separated from her?

526  
00:24:48,530 --> 00:24:50,280  
Yes.

527  
00:24:50,280 --> 00:24:53,360  
And in the evening,  
I was crying,

528  
00:24:53,360 --> 00:24:55,740  
you can imagine, I was upset.

529  
00:24:55,740 --> 00:24:58,430  
I saw a big fire, is not--

530  
00:24:58,430 --> 00:25:00,560  
fire and smoke.

531  
00:25:00,560 --> 00:25:04,960  
It was Poles there  
too, not Jews, Poles.

532  
00:25:04,960 --> 00:25:06,740  
And one asked me,  
what are you crying?

533  
00:25:06,740 --> 00:25:09,200  
And I know-- they  
took my mother.

534  
00:25:09,200 --> 00:25:12,360  
She said, you see  
this is your mother.

535  
00:25:12,360 --> 00:25:13,940  
The smoke is your mother.

536  
00:25:13,940 --> 00:25:15,210  
She told you that?

537  
00:25:15,210 --> 00:25:15,710

Yes.

538

00:25:15,710 --> 00:25:17,570

Who was it who told you this?

539

00:25:17,570 --> 00:25:18,820

Gentiles from Poland.

540

00:25:18,820 --> 00:25:20,650

[INTERPOSING VOICES]

541

00:25:20,650 --> 00:25:27,290

In Warsaw was a big jail,

Pawiak, and it took--

542

00:25:27,290 --> 00:25:28,500

The political prisoners.

543

00:25:28,500 --> 00:25:29,000

Yes.

544

00:25:29,000 --> 00:25:35,180

And it was-- give

me the message.

545

00:25:35,180 --> 00:25:37,200

She told you that

about your mother?

546

00:25:37,200 --> 00:25:38,398

Yes.

547

00:25:38,398 --> 00:25:40,190

Was there someone else

with you in the camp

548

00:25:40,190 --> 00:25:42,400

that you could get close

to, that you could talk to?

549

00:25:42,400 --> 00:25:44,750

You see, the night come

and after they tell us,

550

00:25:44,750 --> 00:25:47,120  
everyone go in the barrack.

551  
00:25:47,120 --> 00:25:49,910  
And you know in Majdanek  
the barracks was--

552  
00:25:49,910 --> 00:25:52,160  
I think for [INAUDIBLE]  
two beds, in the bottom

553  
00:25:52,160 --> 00:25:56,708  
to the top on the wood bridges.

554  
00:25:56,708 --> 00:25:59,000  
Everyone take a bridge and  
if there was too many people

555  
00:25:59,000 --> 00:26:00,940  
they tell two.

556  
00:26:00,940 --> 00:26:01,880  
[INTERPOSING VOICES]

557  
00:26:01,880 --> 00:26:02,970  
--a nice day.

558  
00:26:02,970 --> 00:26:06,170  
And I don't and -- nothing no I  
don't know what he was telling.

559  
00:26:06,170 --> 00:26:08,010  
I was with my pain.

560  
00:26:08,010 --> 00:26:12,770  
And a lady from upstairs  
called me, she don't know me.

561  
00:26:12,770 --> 00:26:16,760  
[NON-ENGLISH] you know, small.

562  
00:26:16,760 --> 00:26:18,110  
You know, I was small.

563

00:26:18,110 --> 00:26:20,460  
Small girl, come up, come up.

564  
00:26:20,460 --> 00:26:22,490  
I did not have to--

565  
00:26:22,490 --> 00:26:24,740  
[INTERPOSING VOICES]

566  
00:26:24,740 --> 00:26:25,980  
She hoisted you up.

567  
00:26:25,980 --> 00:26:26,480  
Yes.

568  
00:26:26,480 --> 00:26:29,172  
And she was talking nice to me.

569  
00:26:29,172 --> 00:26:31,670  
I never saw her before.

570  
00:26:31,670 --> 00:26:33,140  
And she was good to me.

571  
00:26:33,140 --> 00:26:36,120  
This is the lady what I tell  
you did [INAUDIBLE] after I lost

572  
00:26:36,120 --> 00:26:39,030  
her [? after find ?] Auschwitz.

573  
00:26:39,030 --> 00:26:42,355  
What the best what you  
can, she want to please me.

574  
00:26:42,355 --> 00:26:44,780  
And I was close with her.

575  
00:26:44,780 --> 00:26:48,510  
You know, from Majdanek was four  
transport going to Auschwitz.

576  
00:26:48,510 --> 00:26:49,960  
It's all, the rest was all--

577

00:26:49,960 --> 00:26:52,880

578

00:26:52,880 --> 00:26:54,570

crematory, you know?

579

00:26:54,570 --> 00:26:57,860

And she wasn't the first and I  
wasn't the last, so I lost her.

580

00:26:57,860 --> 00:27:00,000

But I find her, after  
I tell you the story

581

00:27:00,000 --> 00:27:02,240

of how I find her in Auschwitz.

582

00:27:02,240 --> 00:27:05,200

Not, i was alone, you know.

583

00:27:05,200 --> 00:27:06,920

How much longer were  
you there before you

584

00:27:06,920 --> 00:27:08,720

were moved to Auschwitz?

585

00:27:08,720 --> 00:27:09,510

Two months.

586

00:27:09,510 --> 00:27:10,870

Two months?

587

00:27:10,870 --> 00:27:17,170

Two months in Majdanek  
is to live 120 years now.

588

00:27:17,170 --> 00:27:20,948

Not many people that have  
encountered 20 years.

589

00:27:20,948 --> 00:27:22,740

And did they tell you

where you were going?

590

00:27:22,740 --> 00:27:24,380  
No, nothing.

591

00:27:24,380 --> 00:27:26,900  
And you know when they  
took us, the transport, you

592

00:27:26,900 --> 00:27:27,910  
don't know what.

593

00:27:27,910 --> 00:27:31,142  
You see something you  
need to believe Everyone

594

00:27:31,142 --> 00:27:33,170  
has to believe something.

595

00:27:33,170 --> 00:27:34,120  
Why, I don't know.

596

00:27:34,120 --> 00:27:35,760  
I think I was the worst.

597

00:27:35,760 --> 00:27:37,220  
I not keep myself.

598

00:27:37,220 --> 00:27:38,000  
This I live.

599

00:27:38,000 --> 00:27:39,440  
I was the best.

600

00:27:39,440 --> 00:27:40,910  
I was the worst.

601

00:27:40,910 --> 00:27:43,078  
This the reason I living.

602

00:27:43,078 --> 00:27:44,120  
What do you mean by that?

603



00:27:44,120 --> 00:27:48,940

You see, when you  
tell, oy, she's alive.

604

00:27:48,940 --> 00:27:51,500

I need be, I get  
the [INAUDIBLE]..

605

00:27:51,500 --> 00:27:54,380

No, my parents were better for  
me, my sisters were better.

606

00:27:54,380 --> 00:27:58,280

And they was killed.

607

00:27:58,280 --> 00:27:59,190

Why am I alive?

608

00:27:59,190 --> 00:28:00,330

I don't know.

609

00:28:00,330 --> 00:28:02,180

Maybe this is a punishment.

610

00:28:02,180 --> 00:28:05,150

I don't know.

611

00:28:05,150 --> 00:28:07,000

Maybe it was meant  
to be that way.

612

00:28:07,000 --> 00:28:07,600

Maybe.

613

00:28:07,600 --> 00:28:10,950

Maybe you need talk to me.

614

00:28:10,950 --> 00:28:14,100

And you know, when they took  
us, the transport to go,

615

00:28:14,100 --> 00:28:15,080

we don't know.

616

00:28:15,080 --> 00:28:19,480

It was one night outside,  
after the same shower.

617

00:28:19,480 --> 00:28:23,980

You go in the shower  
and all of a sudden,

618

00:28:23,980 --> 00:28:26,410

you was ready for the shower.

619

00:28:26,410 --> 00:28:32,720

I saw someone coming in and  
tell, stop, it's a mistake.

620

00:28:32,720 --> 00:28:35,490

They're going other  
place, not the shower.

621

00:28:35,490 --> 00:28:37,620

Then this SS man  
not open the door.

622

00:28:37,620 --> 00:28:40,130

This was the gas.

623

00:28:40,130 --> 00:28:42,620

Was a transport  
for all the people.

624

00:28:42,620 --> 00:28:44,630

In that transport for  
young people to work,

625

00:28:44,630 --> 00:28:46,140

what they wanted  
send to Auschwitz,

626

00:28:46,140 --> 00:28:47,990

and they make a mistake.

627

00:28:47,990 --> 00:28:50,390

They mixed up the transport.

628

00:28:50,390 --> 00:28:52,700

And they took us out.

629

00:28:52,700 --> 00:28:54,590

In the morning, they  
took us to really shower

630

00:28:54,590 --> 00:28:57,337

before we went on the  
train to Auschwitz.

631

00:28:57,337 --> 00:28:58,170

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632

00:28:58,170 --> 00:28:59,503

So it was meant for you to live.

633

00:28:59,503 --> 00:29:01,505

You see I never forget it.

634

00:29:01,505 --> 00:29:02,195

A second.

635

00:29:02,195 --> 00:29:05,930

636

00:29:05,930 --> 00:29:08,940

So that you felt  
yourself that you had

637

00:29:08,940 --> 00:29:10,190

been marked for extermination?

638

00:29:10,190 --> 00:29:14,880

No, I was still believing I  
find somebody from my sisters,

639

00:29:14,880 --> 00:29:16,520

I had young sisters.

640

00:29:16,520 --> 00:29:20,110

And you know I was  
so broken that I --

641

00:29:20,110 --> 00:29:20,865

You believe this.

642  
00:29:20,865 --> 00:29:25,810  
I never do nothing  
to be in line,

643  
00:29:25,810 --> 00:29:31,810  
to go away from a selection,  
to exchange some bread--

644  
00:29:31,810 --> 00:29:35,050  
I was going so straight.

645  
00:29:35,050 --> 00:29:37,420  
And I not ever desire to live.

646  
00:29:37,420 --> 00:29:40,370

647  
00:29:40,370 --> 00:29:42,580  
I don't know why I stayed alive.

648  
00:29:42,580 --> 00:29:46,110  
I have here a friend, well she  
was in Majdanek and Auschwitz,

649  
00:29:46,110 --> 00:29:46,810  
too.

650  
00:29:46,810 --> 00:29:48,280  
She was in there.

651  
00:29:48,280 --> 00:29:50,680  
She tell me, a couple of  
times she was telling me,

652  
00:29:50,680 --> 00:29:54,400  
I not can believe that  
you not was doing this

653  
00:29:54,400 --> 00:29:56,680  
and this and this and you live.

654  
00:29:56,680 --> 00:29:59,620

I would never have more  
bread than they give me.

655  
00:29:59,620 --> 00:30:02,050  
You know in Auschwitz  
too, you have--

656  
00:30:02,050 --> 00:30:04,480  
you went to work, you  
bring home a potato,

657  
00:30:04,480 --> 00:30:06,145  
you give the potato  
away, they give you

658  
00:30:06,145 --> 00:30:11,170  
a little bread, a handkerchief--  
but I never do this.

659  
00:30:11,170 --> 00:30:12,290  
You never tried anything--

660  
00:30:12,290 --> 00:30:12,915  
Never tried it.

661  
00:30:12,915 --> 00:30:15,550

662  
00:30:15,550 --> 00:30:17,620  
I was once in a  
selection in Auschwitz.

663  
00:30:17,620 --> 00:30:21,440  
I met a girl from our house,  
what I was living in Warsaw,

664  
00:30:21,440 --> 00:30:26,380  
in the ghetto, my  
age, a beautiful girl.

665  
00:30:26,380 --> 00:30:28,290  
Twice I told you, my age.

666  
00:30:28,290 --> 00:30:30,400  
I was small, skinny.

667

00:30:30,400 --> 00:30:32,170

And she was close to me.

668

00:30:32,170 --> 00:30:37,210

She begged me to go behind  
the bridge, you know.

669

00:30:37,210 --> 00:30:40,193

She was afraid that I would be  
taken to the crematorium cause

670

00:30:40,193 --> 00:30:43,150

I'm so small was  
looking be 12 years.

671

00:30:43,150 --> 00:30:47,050

And I tell her no,  
I was too weak.

672

00:30:47,050 --> 00:30:50,230

You believe she went  
left, and I went right?

673

00:30:50,230 --> 00:30:52,270

Left was death and--

674

00:30:52,270 --> 00:30:55,570

you can answer this  
question as why?

675

00:30:55,570 --> 00:30:56,990

She was beautiful.

676

00:30:56,990 --> 00:30:58,460

It doesn't seem  
logical, does it?

677

00:30:58,460 --> 00:30:59,570

No.

678

00:30:59,570 --> 00:31:05,800

When somebody tell me this,  
this was standing next to me.

679

00:31:05,800 --> 00:31:08,720

There was nothing  
logical about any of it.

680

00:31:08,720 --> 00:31:09,220

No.

681

00:31:09,220 --> 00:31:11,630

I was afraid for the  
people for children.

682

00:31:11,630 --> 00:31:14,080

She was and  
good-looking and tall.

683

00:31:14,080 --> 00:31:17,380

Some people say that what  
enabled them to survive

684

00:31:17,380 --> 00:31:19,570

was that they had  
a will to live.

685

00:31:19,570 --> 00:31:21,700

What you're saying  
is that you weren't

686

00:31:21,700 --> 00:31:24,820

trying any harder than anybody  
else, and yet you lived anyway.

687

00:31:24,820 --> 00:31:25,320

Yes.

688

00:31:25,320 --> 00:31:25,660

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689

00:31:25,660 --> 00:31:27,993

And you even you even said  
that you didn't want to live.

690

00:31:27,993 --> 00:31:32,250

No, sometime I was thinking  
to myself, when I [INAUDIBLE]

691

00:31:32,250 --> 00:31:36,130

met nobody, I'd  
better be killed.

692

00:31:36,130 --> 00:31:38,140

And you know when  
I was liberated,

693

00:31:38,140 --> 00:31:42,340

this was May 8, '45,  
in Czechoslovakia

694

00:31:42,340 --> 00:31:44,170

where I told you.

695

00:31:44,170 --> 00:31:47,440

Was evening almost, the  
Russian liberated us.

696

00:31:47,440 --> 00:31:51,590

I was two days on my bed.

697

00:31:51,590 --> 00:31:53,530

I not was hungry.

698

00:31:53,530 --> 00:31:55,120

I not want dresses.

699

00:31:55,120 --> 00:31:57,210

I was a sick two days.

700

00:31:57,210 --> 00:32:02,920

At this moment, I realized I  
am alive and I have nobody.

701

00:32:02,920 --> 00:32:06,430

And I am living all the  
time in concentration camp,

702

00:32:06,430 --> 00:32:09,280

you are thinking tomorrow's  
not mine, tomorrow.

703

00:32:09,280 --> 00:32:10,840



You must know we  
will all be killed.

704  
00:32:10,840 --> 00:32:12,530  
You're not was believing.

705  
00:32:12,530 --> 00:32:15,470  
But when I was liberated,  
and I saw I am alive,

706  
00:32:15,470 --> 00:32:20,693  
this makes so appealing to  
me that I was sick two days,

707  
00:32:20,693 --> 00:32:21,610  
you know, you believe.

708  
00:32:21,610 --> 00:32:25,230  
I come to Palestine in '46.

709  
00:32:25,230 --> 00:32:28,230  
Nothing having-- better --

710  
00:32:28,230 --> 00:32:33,670  
sure I have a skirt on, I have  
nothing, not luggage, nothing.

711  
00:32:33,670 --> 00:32:35,410  
Just what you had on you.

712  
00:32:35,410 --> 00:32:40,320  
A toothbrush, and a  
pyjama, blue and green.

713  
00:32:40,320 --> 00:32:42,040  
You know I have no  
desire for nothing.

714  
00:32:42,040 --> 00:32:45,110

715  
00:32:45,110 --> 00:32:47,380  
And yet you got  
through everything.

716

00:32:47,380 --> 00:32:51,490

You told us in Majdanek there  
was a woman who helped you

717

00:32:51,490 --> 00:32:53,230

after you were separated  
from your mother

718

00:32:53,230 --> 00:32:56,222

and that you were reunited  
with her again in Auschwitz

719

00:32:56,222 --> 00:32:58,180

and that there was  
something important that you

720

00:32:58,180 --> 00:32:59,470

wanted to tell us about her.

721

00:32:59,470 --> 00:33:02,560

I come to Auschwitz and  
now she was quarantine.

722

00:33:02,560 --> 00:33:03,870

You know what is a quarantine.

723

00:33:03,870 --> 00:33:04,850

They keep you--

724

00:33:04,850 --> 00:33:05,350

Quarantined.

725

00:33:05,350 --> 00:33:07,840

Oh, quarantined.

726

00:33:07,840 --> 00:33:10,330

Often you went to  
a block to work,

727

00:33:10,330 --> 00:33:12,640

but still don't know  
where to send us.

728

00:33:12,640 --> 00:33:14,800

It was daytime,  
in the morning was

729  
00:33:14,800 --> 00:33:17,950  
Appell, who not was working  
go back in the block,

730  
00:33:17,950 --> 00:33:19,030  
and go to work.

731  
00:33:19,030 --> 00:33:20,950  
You know, to work places to go.

732  
00:33:20,950 --> 00:33:23,410  
All of a sudden I  
see [? Deraka. ?]

733  
00:33:23,410 --> 00:33:25,570  
The woman from Majdanek.

734  
00:33:25,570 --> 00:33:28,330  
She tell me, you know, she  
called me Evunya In Polish,

735  
00:33:28,330 --> 00:33:30,610  
Eva, small.

736  
00:33:30,610 --> 00:33:32,650  
It's Evanya

737  
00:33:32,650 --> 00:33:35,842  
She tell me, good I see you,  
I need something from you.

738  
00:33:35,842 --> 00:33:37,050  
I said, what you want Rachel?

739  
00:33:37,050 --> 00:33:45,460  
I We have so little not plates,  
a dfiferent plate for the soup,

740  
00:33:45,460 --> 00:33:46,630  
everyone had soup.

741

00:33:46,630 --> 00:33:47,350  
Like bowls--

742  
00:33:47,350 --> 00:33:50,380  
It's a bowl, a big bowl.

743  
00:33:50,380 --> 00:33:55,250  
And she tell me, listen, I  
have bread here, so much bread.

744  
00:33:55,250 --> 00:33:57,150  
I not can take this to work.

745  
00:33:57,150 --> 00:34:00,070  
You go in the block,  
keep this bread.

746  
00:34:00,070 --> 00:34:03,157  
When they call you in  
daytime and tell Appell,

747  
00:34:03,157 --> 00:34:05,240  
put this someplace, then  
go out, for they kill you

748  
00:34:05,240 --> 00:34:07,010  
when they see.

749  
00:34:07,010 --> 00:34:10,370  
I don't know and I  
said, yes, Rachel I do.

750  
00:34:10,370 --> 00:34:14,699  
I was sitting all  
day on the bed.

751  
00:34:14,699 --> 00:34:19,040  
I will tell you, I was much  
over my life, after my sickness.

752  
00:34:19,040 --> 00:34:24,050  
Never you have so pain when you  
hungry, and you smell bread.

753  
00:34:24,050 --> 00:34:24,780

This a pain--

754  
00:34:24,780 --> 00:34:25,280  
It hurts.

755  
00:34:25,280 --> 00:34:27,330  
It hurts.

756  
00:34:27,330 --> 00:34:28,120  
Hurts.

757  
00:34:28,120 --> 00:34:29,989  
Smell bread, and it's not mine.

758  
00:34:29,989 --> 00:34:31,219  
And you can't eat it.

759  
00:34:31,219 --> 00:34:35,210  
You can when you want  
but I not touch this.

760  
00:34:35,210 --> 00:34:38,190  
After me go on Appell, she  
come home, and I [INAUDIBLE]

761  
00:34:38,190 --> 00:34:39,460  
I handle this, I knew it.

762  
00:34:39,460 --> 00:34:42,072  
She said, you not  
took bread from me?

763  
00:34:42,072 --> 00:34:44,030  
Until you not give me.

764  
00:34:44,030 --> 00:34:48,139  
She took one make it  
half and she give me.

765  
00:34:48,139 --> 00:34:50,520  
But I was not  
touching this bread.

766  
00:34:50,520 --> 00:34:54,380

And today I prove  
myself, this is

767  
00:34:54,380 --> 00:34:57,150  
the biggest satisfaction  
what I can prove this,

768  
00:34:57,150 --> 00:34:59,000  
I'm still strong.

769  
00:34:59,000 --> 00:35:02,290  
You know you today when you  
put here diamonds, not count,

770  
00:35:02,290 --> 00:35:05,060  
and I take a diamond,  
it's not so important.

771  
00:35:05,060 --> 00:35:06,580  
Not as that piece of bread.

772  
00:35:06,580 --> 00:35:08,840  
Ah, when you're hungry,  
you not eat today

773  
00:35:08,840 --> 00:35:10,800  
and you smell the  
bread and you keep

774  
00:35:10,800 --> 00:35:14,550  
its promise 5:00 in the morning  
to 6:00 in the evening--

775  
00:35:14,550 --> 00:35:15,920  
And don't eat it.

776  
00:35:15,920 --> 00:35:16,920  
This is a [NON-ENGLISH].

777  
00:35:16,920 --> 00:35:18,337  
You know what is  
a [NON-ENGLISH]??

778  
00:35:18,337 --> 00:35:18,950  
No.

779

00:35:18,950 --> 00:35:26,930

This is you need be  
very, very strong.

780

00:35:26,930 --> 00:35:31,750

And after, she went her way  
and I went her way other work.

781

00:35:31,750 --> 00:35:33,980

I saw her sometimes.

782

00:35:33,980 --> 00:35:39,290

All of a sudden she disappeared,  
and I heard she's sick,

783

00:35:39,290 --> 00:35:43,260

she had typhus, and they took  
her another place in hospital,

784

00:35:43,260 --> 00:35:44,800

in Auschwitz.

785

00:35:44,800 --> 00:35:47,010

And I no hear from her and  
nothing could not see her

786

00:35:47,010 --> 00:35:47,510

anymore..

787

00:35:47,510 --> 00:35:50,975

I work in Tel Aviv,  
with my cousin.

788

00:35:50,975 --> 00:35:54,710

789

00:35:54,710 --> 00:35:59,040

Manuel's wife is  
standing by a window.

790

00:35:59,040 --> 00:36:02,530

And I look in a window  
in a store and gifts,

791  
00:36:02,530 --> 00:36:06,260  
and some time in somebody you  
look at you, you feel the--

792  
00:36:06,260 --> 00:36:07,060  
Vibration.

793  
00:36:07,060 --> 00:36:07,920  
Staring at you.

794  
00:36:07,920 --> 00:36:10,790  
Yes, you know, and I  
look at a tall lady

795  
00:36:10,790 --> 00:36:13,290  
and remind me the  
lady from Auschwitz.

796  
00:36:13,290 --> 00:36:16,450  
She was cleaning, a Jewish lady.

797  
00:36:16,450 --> 00:36:18,170  
And with her was her husband.

798  
00:36:18,170 --> 00:36:19,740  
I don't know, a tall man.

799  
00:36:19,740 --> 00:36:21,500  
And she did this is --

800  
00:36:21,500 --> 00:36:23,888  
pointing at me and  
telling, this she is.

801  
00:36:23,888 --> 00:36:24,680  
She recognized you.

802  
00:36:24,680 --> 00:36:25,740  
Yes.

803  
00:36:25,740 --> 00:36:29,480  
And my cousin was thinking, God  
forbid, what I do, what crime,



804

00:36:29,480 --> 00:36:31,010  
is she looking for me?

805

00:36:31,010 --> 00:36:34,430  
And she tell me, you're the  
[NON-ENGLISH] [INAUDIBLE]??

806

00:36:34,430 --> 00:36:35,690  
I said, yes.

807

00:36:35,690 --> 00:36:36,650  
So I looking for you.

808

00:36:36,650 --> 00:36:38,010  
Have a message for you.

809

00:36:38,010 --> 00:36:40,010  
So she recognized you  
before you recognized her.

810

00:36:40,010 --> 00:36:43,305  
And recognize her too after  
when I look down, but not

811

00:36:43,305 --> 00:36:44,180  
seeing her, you know.

812

00:36:44,180 --> 00:36:46,010  
She recognize me, but  
she was standing so

813

00:36:46,010 --> 00:36:47,360  
looking in the window too.

814

00:36:47,360 --> 00:36:50,200  
And after she went  
back and looked at me.

815

00:36:50,200 --> 00:36:53,420  
And I said, yes, and now  
on block was three of us.

816

00:36:53,420 --> 00:36:55,820  
One was a tall, skinny.

817  
00:36:55,820 --> 00:36:57,860  
One was a blonde  
and a little chubby,

818  
00:36:57,860 --> 00:37:00,430  
and I was the little one.

819  
00:37:00,430 --> 00:37:01,130  
I said, yes.

820  
00:37:01,130 --> 00:37:04,160  
She said, I have a message for  
you, and are looking for you.

821  
00:37:04,160 --> 00:37:06,130  
I said what is the message?

822  
00:37:06,130 --> 00:37:08,060  
Rachel. she was  
working in hospital.

823  
00:37:08,060 --> 00:37:13,530  
This poor lady died, and she  
called me before she died,

824  
00:37:13,530 --> 00:37:16,010  
and she said this I  
go block 13 and then

825  
00:37:16,010 --> 00:37:19,100  
look for that little  
Eva, and tell her

826  
00:37:19,100 --> 00:37:23,880  
that her last prayer  
was that I'd be alive.

827  
00:37:23,880 --> 00:37:26,140  
And then she tell  
me she loved me

828  
00:37:26,140 --> 00:37:27,800  
Cause she wanted a sister once.

829

00:37:27,800 --> 00:37:33,310

830

00:37:33,310 --> 00:37:34,830

And you never forgot her either.

831

00:37:34,830 --> 00:37:40,430

No

832

00:37:40,430 --> 00:37:42,870

When was the last  
time you saw her?

833

00:37:42,870 --> 00:37:50,877

In '43, maybe July maybe August,  
summertime, I don't know.

834

00:37:50,877 --> 00:37:51,460

End of summer.

835

00:37:51,460 --> 00:37:52,335

I think she was sick.

836

00:37:52,335 --> 00:37:54,830

837

00:37:54,830 --> 00:37:56,720

I know only Rachel is her name.

838

00:37:56,720 --> 00:37:58,550

She is from Warsaw,  
and I understood it

839

00:37:58,550 --> 00:38:02,080

when you are supposed  
to tell you--

840

00:38:02,080 --> 00:38:04,580

the Kaddish show you a name.

841

00:38:04,580 --> 00:38:07,220

I tell Rachel [NON-ENGLISH].

842

00:38:07,220 --> 00:38:08,780  
You say Kaddish for her?

843  
00:38:08,780 --> 00:38:13,180  
You know, when I go for Yizkor.

844  
00:38:13,180 --> 00:38:15,310  
And you still do that, you said.

845  
00:38:15,310 --> 00:38:16,310  
I never forget her--

846  
00:38:16,310 --> 00:38:19,798  
This is the woman who  
died, and said before she

847  
00:38:19,798 --> 00:38:20,840  
died, that she loved you?

848  
00:38:20,840 --> 00:38:21,673  
[INTERPOSING VOICES]

849  
00:38:21,673 --> 00:38:24,440  
She prayed that I'd be in  
life and she tell me, yes --

850  
00:38:24,440 --> 00:38:25,940  
And this lady was working.

851  
00:38:25,940 --> 00:38:28,277  
She give her a message  
and she never find me.

852  
00:38:28,277 --> 00:38:29,610  
But she find me in the Tel Aviv.

853  
00:38:29,610 --> 00:38:31,040  
She gave me the message.

854  
00:38:31,040 --> 00:38:32,350  
Is this lady still alive?

855  
00:38:32,350 --> 00:38:32,940  
I think so.

856  
00:38:32,940 --> 00:38:33,950  
More I not see her.

857  
00:38:33,950 --> 00:38:36,350  
Sure, she was married, she  
told me this is her husband.

858  
00:38:36,350 --> 00:38:39,740  
Much older lady  
for me, you know.

859  
00:38:39,740 --> 00:38:44,290  
I never saw her after.

860  
00:38:44,290 --> 00:38:47,660  
She bring me the  
message to Tel Aviv.

861  
00:38:47,660 --> 00:38:48,717  
It's amazing.

862  
00:38:48,717 --> 00:38:49,550  
Is this not amazing?

863  
00:38:49,550 --> 00:38:51,320  
Yes.

864  
00:38:51,320 --> 00:38:57,140  
Maybe that says that there is a  
reason why people live through.

865  
00:38:57,140 --> 00:38:59,000  
Maybe that was her  
reason, to tell you.

866  
00:38:59,000 --> 00:38:59,990  
Yes.

867  
00:38:59,990 --> 00:39:04,160  
You know, after the  
years, now in this stage,

868  
00:39:04,160 --> 00:39:09,900

I think first Am  
Israel Hai, not murder.

869  
00:39:09,900 --> 00:39:15,520  
We never go never be finish  
me enough to kill 6 million

870  
00:39:15,520 --> 00:39:19,320  
so you know, Hitler  
wanted to finish everyone.

871  
00:39:19,320 --> 00:39:24,650  
And second, maybe, must be a  
witness to talk about this.

872  
00:39:24,650 --> 00:39:25,760  
Yes.

873  
00:39:25,760 --> 00:39:26,290  
I know.

874  
00:39:26,290 --> 00:39:29,720  
And this normally  
be in people be

875  
00:39:29,720 --> 00:39:33,090  
writing books so to be talking.

876  
00:39:33,090 --> 00:39:36,800  
History not to be  
Jewish survivors here

877  
00:39:36,800 --> 00:39:39,710  
and history go in other stories.

878  
00:39:39,710 --> 00:39:42,350  
History you can only  
hear from survivors.

879  
00:39:42,350 --> 00:39:44,620  
And I will tell you something.

880  
00:39:44,620 --> 00:39:47,110  
Even when interview  
hundred survivors,

881  
00:39:47,110 --> 00:39:48,590  
you not be knowing the truth.

882  
00:39:48,590 --> 00:39:49,980  
You know why?

883  
00:39:49,980 --> 00:39:53,620  
The six million Jews  
not talking anymore.

884  
00:39:53,620 --> 00:39:59,300  
They suffered the worst, but  
they are not witnesses anymore.

885  
00:39:59,300 --> 00:40:01,810  
The ones who died can't  
tell their stories.

886  
00:40:01,810 --> 00:40:04,370  
And this may never know did--

887  
00:40:04,370 --> 00:40:05,470  
how they suffered.

888  
00:40:05,470 --> 00:40:05,980  
Believe me.

889  
00:40:05,980 --> 00:40:09,010

890  
00:40:09,010 --> 00:40:10,810  
You were not liberated  
from Auschwitz.

891  
00:40:10,810 --> 00:40:12,893  
You were in another  
concentration camp after that.

892  
00:40:12,893 --> 00:40:17,200  
Weisswasser, I was working  
there from December 'til May.

893  
00:40:17,200 --> 00:40:19,213

Ammunition.

894

00:40:19,213 --> 00:40:21,380

What kind of work did you  
do there in the munitions?

895

00:40:21,380 --> 00:40:23,500

Very hard, you know  
what is galvanization?

896

00:40:23,500 --> 00:40:25,030

Mhm.

897

00:40:25,030 --> 00:40:28,720

Very dangerous work.

898

00:40:28,720 --> 00:40:31,340

And how long were you there?

899

00:40:31,340 --> 00:40:35,218

End of December to my  
liberation, May 8th.

900

00:40:35,218 --> 00:40:37,010

Describe the dangerous  
work you were doing,

901

00:40:37,010 --> 00:40:38,200

but why was it dangerous?

902

00:40:38,200 --> 00:40:50,290

This was ammunition fabricate  
when you make the [INAUDIBLE]..

903

00:40:50,290 --> 00:40:51,010

The guns?

904

00:40:51,010 --> 00:40:51,510

The guns.

905

00:40:51,510 --> 00:40:53,460

The put in the guns.

906

00:40:53,460 --> 00:40:54,560



The bullets.

907

00:40:54,560 --> 00:40:55,820

The bullets.

908

00:40:55,820 --> 00:41:00,590

You active when they  
ready, you polished them.

909

00:41:00,590 --> 00:41:03,170

You put this in the chemicals.

910

00:41:03,170 --> 00:41:06,628

The chemicals when a German  
was working it, was working.

911

00:41:06,628 --> 00:41:08,420

He was wearing here a  
mask and here a mask.

912

00:41:08,420 --> 00:41:10,590

I had not nothing me.

913

00:41:10,590 --> 00:41:11,810

You were exposed.

914

00:41:11,810 --> 00:41:14,090

You had no protection at all.

915

00:41:14,090 --> 00:41:17,000

After the nighttime you was  
working shifts night and day.

916

00:41:17,000 --> 00:41:20,000

You go to a machine, you  
polish, and when you tie it,

917

00:41:20,000 --> 00:41:23,590

and you make one mistake,  
you go in the machines then.

918

00:41:23,590 --> 00:41:25,940

One was a girl from Hungary.

919

00:41:25,940 --> 00:41:28,970

I was many-- this camp  
was more Hungarian Jews

920

00:41:28,970 --> 00:41:31,710  
than Polish Jews.

921

00:41:31,710 --> 00:41:34,490  
A second maybe, for a slip,  
she went with the machine

922

00:41:34,490 --> 00:41:36,190  
as pieces.

923

00:41:36,190 --> 00:41:37,940  
You know the  
[INAUDIBLE] machines,

924

00:41:37,940 --> 00:41:41,590  
you had her hair  
catch or something.

925

00:41:41,590 --> 00:41:44,330  
Very dangerous work.

926

00:41:44,330 --> 00:41:48,170  
Was it mostly women  
working in that factory?

927

00:41:48,170 --> 00:41:50,390  
Was working mens,  
too, but not together.

928

00:41:50,390 --> 00:41:54,470  
And the men was not Jews,  
was from other, Yugoslavian,

929

00:41:54,470 --> 00:41:56,240  
French.

930

00:41:56,240 --> 00:41:58,110  
Jewish it was only  
the woman, that

931

00:41:58,110 --> 00:42:00,110

in this, when I was working.

932

00:42:00,110 --> 00:42:01,900

A big fabric.

933

00:42:01,900 --> 00:42:03,500

And this was in which camp?

934

00:42:03,500 --> 00:42:05,990

Weisswasser the last  
five months what I was.

935

00:42:05,990 --> 00:42:07,790

This is in Czechoslovakia.

936

00:42:07,790 --> 00:42:08,930

So you were in three camps.

937

00:42:08,930 --> 00:42:10,350

You were in  
Majdanek, Auschwitz--

938

00:42:10,350 --> 00:42:14,290

And after when Auschwitz  
was almost liberated,

939

00:42:14,290 --> 00:42:17,750

they try the people  
to take to other work.

940

00:42:17,750 --> 00:42:20,060

How would you compare  
the three camps

941

00:42:20,060 --> 00:42:23,190

to each other, which  
was the worst, which--

942

00:42:23,190 --> 00:42:28,940

I can tell, the worst was  
Majdanek and Auschwitz.

943

00:42:28,940 --> 00:42:36,890

Auschwitz I was  
living I don't maybe

944

00:42:36,890 --> 00:42:38,940

five minutes from  
the crematorium.

945

00:42:38,940 --> 00:42:42,960

You so smell all  
day and you know

946

00:42:42,960 --> 00:42:46,400

it was snowing so when  
we going home and come in

947

00:42:46,400 --> 00:42:49,670

and they put putting  
kind of it's not easy.

948

00:42:49,670 --> 00:42:53,640

And you was waiting  
every day for you to go.

949

00:42:53,640 --> 00:42:56,000

Was that time in  
Auschwitz when you go,

950

00:42:56,000 --> 00:42:57,970

Mengele make so many said exits.

951

00:42:57,970 --> 00:43:04,470

And after in '44 when come  
from Hungary the Jews for Łódź.

952

00:43:04,470 --> 00:43:08,710

And there was so many people  
the crematoriums was too small.

953

00:43:08,710 --> 00:43:11,200

Was not time to make this all.

954

00:43:11,200 --> 00:43:16,240

You make a selection for  
an happenings you know,

955

00:43:16,240 --> 00:43:20,612

and they put your number

and you wait for the death.

956

00:43:20,612 --> 00:43:22,445

You know, what is, God

forbid, that somebody

957

00:43:22,445 --> 00:43:26,850

had cancer and the doctor tell

you you'll be living a month?

958

00:43:26,850 --> 00:43:28,770

And this you was,

it was not known

959

00:43:28,770 --> 00:43:33,190

if you come tomorrow to call

you, on a week, or a month.

960

00:43:33,190 --> 00:43:38,250

It once was a selection I was

in the beds was a big mix.

961

00:43:38,250 --> 00:43:42,140

Eight, ten girls, was

a girl, foreign too

962

00:43:42,140 --> 00:43:44,430

but it was a different method.

963

00:43:44,430 --> 00:43:45,580

And she had a good coat.

964

00:43:45,580 --> 00:43:49,750

[INAUDIBLE] she had

begged me to take my coat.

965

00:43:49,750 --> 00:43:51,350

I not need anymore.

966

00:43:51,350 --> 00:43:52,990

Give me you my food.

967

00:43:52,990 --> 00:43:55,910

And I no can do this,

and I tell her no.

968  
00:43:55,910 --> 00:43:58,790  
You believe they put  
them, the numbers

969  
00:43:58,790 --> 00:44:03,080  
did not come to work anymore.

970  
00:44:03,080 --> 00:44:05,660  
I come home from work,  
she not was more dead

971  
00:44:05,660 --> 00:44:09,860  
and her coat was there.

972  
00:44:09,860 --> 00:44:12,470  
She not take her  
coat, she left for me.

973  
00:44:12,470 --> 00:44:16,460

974  
00:44:16,460 --> 00:44:17,240  
What did you do?

975  
00:44:17,240 --> 00:44:20,570

976  
00:44:20,570 --> 00:44:21,140  
She is gone.

977  
00:44:21,140 --> 00:44:25,290

978  
00:44:25,290 --> 00:44:30,210  
[INAUDIBLE] You know  
I have to tell you,

979  
00:44:30,210 --> 00:44:36,740  
sometime myself not can believe  
a person can be so strong,

980  
00:44:36,740 --> 00:44:39,180  
and can lift over

so many things.

981

00:44:39,180 --> 00:44:39,980

As you did.

982

00:44:39,980 --> 00:44:41,730

You know I think I'm normal.

983

00:44:41,730 --> 00:44:44,060

Instead be normal.

984

00:44:44,060 --> 00:44:49,170

I still have children, raise  
family, and talk and work.

985

00:44:49,170 --> 00:44:51,820

Something [NON-ENGLISH].

986

00:44:51,820 --> 00:44:56,350

Something is wrong here, the  
chemistry, something wrong.

987

00:44:56,350 --> 00:44:58,770

But you must be very  
strong, and you must have

988

00:44:58,770 --> 00:45:02,370

had a will to have survived it.

989

00:45:02,370 --> 00:45:05,810

And you're here to talk about it  
and to tell future generations.

990

00:45:05,810 --> 00:45:07,440

Oh I'm strong.

991

00:45:07,440 --> 00:45:10,410

When I tell you I never  
was doing nothing.

992

00:45:10,410 --> 00:45:11,520

Really to live--

993

00:45:11,520 --> 00:45:12,360

To help yourself.

994  
00:45:12,360 --> 00:45:14,820  
My fate pushed me you know.

995  
00:45:14,820 --> 00:45:16,590  
I know that myself

996  
00:45:16,590 --> 00:45:19,152  
You think it was something  
out of your own control

997  
00:45:19,152 --> 00:45:20,110  
that was impelling you.

998  
00:45:20,110 --> 00:45:23,520  
You see, in Auschwitz  
was all kind of works.

999  
00:45:23,520 --> 00:45:26,380  
Was one work what  
was calling Kanada.

1000  
00:45:26,380 --> 00:45:27,630  
I don't know what you call it.

1001  
00:45:27,630 --> 00:45:29,610  
I just heard about  
that last week.

1002  
00:45:29,610 --> 00:45:31,950  
This was very good kommando.

1003  
00:45:31,950 --> 00:45:35,220  
Why-- ironic why what's good,  
but the old things, when

1004  
00:45:35,220 --> 00:45:38,550  
did people come to Auschwitz,  
what you took away the clothes,

1005  
00:45:38,550 --> 00:45:41,940  
and the luggage, was coming  
from Greece, from Belgium,



1006

00:45:41,940 --> 00:45:44,120  
from Holland, and all over.

1007

00:45:44,120 --> 00:45:49,290  
This girls was selecting  
shoes, dresses for the Germans

1008

00:45:49,290 --> 00:45:51,276  
everything need to be perfect.

1009

00:45:51,276 --> 00:45:54,047  
And between the dress them a  
good dress or they find bread

1010

00:45:54,047 --> 00:45:54,547  
or they --

1011

00:45:54,547 --> 00:46:00,750  
It must be that young people.

1012

00:46:00,750 --> 00:46:02,520  
And I was in  
Auschwitz with a girl

1013

00:46:02,520 --> 00:46:04,230  
what I was very close with her.

1014

00:46:04,230 --> 00:46:05,567  
She left to other.

1015

00:46:05,567 --> 00:46:07,720  
I lost her, she is in Poland.

1016

00:46:07,720 --> 00:46:09,330  
I'm not going find her anymore.

1017

00:46:09,330 --> 00:46:12,190  
She was very close.

1018

00:46:12,190 --> 00:46:17,590  
And we both decide  
to go to Kanada.

1019

00:46:17,590 --> 00:46:20,220  
And it was the one with  
[INAUDIBLE] sure when you want,

1020  
00:46:20,220 --> 00:46:21,230  
you can go to Kanada.

1021  
00:46:21,230 --> 00:46:26,310  
And this evening after  
Appell you wrote your number

1022  
00:46:26,310 --> 00:46:29,030  
in the morning you go there.

1023  
00:46:29,030 --> 00:46:31,860  
After Appell she wrote my  
number in this scarce number

1024  
00:46:31,860 --> 00:46:33,780  
my friend she was small.

1025  
00:46:33,780 --> 00:46:36,220  
In my name in the morning.

1026  
00:46:36,220 --> 00:46:37,910  
Ida was her name.

1027  
00:46:37,910 --> 00:46:39,660  
[Personal Name] I  
don't know [INAUDIBLE]..

1028  
00:46:39,660 --> 00:46:41,220  
Are you crazy?

1029  
00:46:41,220 --> 00:46:44,460  
Ida I'm not going.

1030  
00:46:44,460 --> 00:46:46,830  
[INAUDIBLE]

1031  
00:46:46,830 --> 00:46:49,160  
I don't know.

1032  
00:46:49,160 --> 00:46:54,100

My father come, I never  
had a dreams, not much.

1033  
00:46:54,100 --> 00:46:55,290  
I wish I had.

1034  
00:46:55,290 --> 00:46:57,900  
My father come and tell,  
stay where you stay.

1035  
00:46:57,900 --> 00:47:00,180  
You'll be in life anyway.

1036  
00:47:00,180 --> 00:47:01,365  
Don't go there.

1037  
00:47:01,365 --> 00:47:03,240  
Your father said that  
to you when your dream.

1038  
00:47:03,240 --> 00:47:05,050  
And I not went.

1039  
00:47:05,050 --> 00:47:07,530  
And everyone can tell  
you when today you

1040  
00:47:07,530 --> 00:47:12,010  
can have a position that  
25,000 and you can work out

1041  
00:47:12,010 --> 00:47:13,920  
5,000, what's your take?

1042  
00:47:13,920 --> 00:47:18,330  
It is not good it's not  
that he [INAUDIBLE] this was

1043  
00:47:18,330 --> 00:47:22,290  
life or death, and I'm not one.

1044  
00:47:22,290 --> 00:47:24,915  
Because of what your father  
told you in the dream?

1045

00:47:24,915 --> 00:47:25,415

Yes.

1046

00:47:25,415 --> 00:47:27,810

And once I have a dream  
with my mother too.

1047

00:47:27,810 --> 00:47:31,770

I was very sick in Auschwitz,  
and you know in Auschwitz you

1048

00:47:31,770 --> 00:47:33,270

was knowing when  
you go in hospital,

1049

00:47:33,270 --> 00:47:35,190

you must not come back.

1050

00:47:35,190 --> 00:47:38,370

I've [INAUDIBLE] you sometime  
is sick you're not can help.

1051

00:47:38,370 --> 00:47:42,210

When I was a really sick, fever.

1052

00:47:42,210 --> 00:47:44,050

And I tell them I'm  
not be better tomorrow.

1053

00:47:44,050 --> 00:47:45,128

I not go work anymore.

1054

00:47:45,128 --> 00:47:46,170

And I can't work anymore.

1055

00:47:46,170 --> 00:47:47,100

I go to hospital.

1056

00:47:47,100 --> 00:47:50,340

You give up.

1057

00:47:50,340 --> 00:47:52,980

This night, my mother  
come to me and give me

1058  
00:47:52,980 --> 00:47:55,350  
a glass ice cold water.

1059  
00:47:55,350 --> 00:47:56,850  
And I tell her, mommy, she--

1060  
00:47:56,850 --> 00:47:59,670  
I'm so cold, and you  
give me a cold water?

1061  
00:47:59,670 --> 00:48:01,710  
Just drink, drink.

1062  
00:48:01,710 --> 00:48:03,780  
I was speaking Jewish  
at home with my parents.

1063  
00:48:03,780 --> 00:48:09,210  
It's just the reason I  
like the language so much.

1064  
00:48:09,210 --> 00:48:11,510  
In the morning I  
tell, I go to work.

1065  
00:48:11,510 --> 00:48:15,430  
Just as I was feeling better.

1066  
00:48:15,430 --> 00:48:17,430  
As if you had really  
drunk the water.

1067  
00:48:17,430 --> 00:48:18,630  
I was thinking I drink.

1068  
00:48:18,630 --> 00:48:20,710  
This was a dream.

1069  
00:48:20,710 --> 00:48:23,250  
And when you woke up in the  
morning, you felt strong

1070  
00:48:23,250 --> 00:48:24,180

and you felt good.

1071  
00:48:24,180 --> 00:48:25,013  
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1072  
00:48:25,013 --> 00:48:26,430  
Enough to go to work.

1073  
00:48:26,430 --> 00:48:29,700  
And my friend was--

1074  
00:48:29,700 --> 00:48:30,500  
they are that good.

1075  
00:48:30,500 --> 00:48:32,370  
I feel much better  
I will be all right.

1076  
00:48:32,370 --> 00:48:36,750  
I went to work and not  
went to the hospital.

1077  
00:48:36,750 --> 00:48:38,670  
It's as if your mother  
saved your life.

1078  
00:48:38,670 --> 00:48:42,060  
And this is the reason I  
say something back to this

1079  
00:48:42,060 --> 00:48:44,190  
my parents come and dream.

1080  
00:48:44,190 --> 00:48:47,800  
Be doing something maybe for me.

1081  
00:48:47,800 --> 00:48:50,430  
But they came to you at  
very important times.

1082  
00:48:50,430 --> 00:48:51,875  
Yes, but not now.

1083  
00:48:51,875 --> 00:48:55,200

1084  
00:48:55,200 --> 00:48:57,820  
That's extraordinary.

1085  
00:48:57,820 --> 00:49:00,610  
They came to you  
when you needed them.

1086  
00:49:00,610 --> 00:49:02,780  
I need them now too.

1087  
00:49:02,780 --> 00:49:03,837  
Forgive me.

1088  
00:49:03,837 --> 00:49:06,460

1089  
00:49:06,460 --> 00:49:09,940  
How long was it before you  
were actually liberated?

1090  
00:49:09,940 --> 00:49:10,700  
How old I was?

1091  
00:49:10,700 --> 00:49:15,580  
No, how long was it from the  
time you came into Auschwitz?

1092  
00:49:15,580 --> 00:49:17,050  
To-- it was Weiss--

1093  
00:49:17,050 --> 00:49:18,050  
what was the name of it?

1094  
00:49:18,050 --> 00:49:18,842  
Five months almost.

1095  
00:49:18,842 --> 00:49:22,350

1096  
00:49:22,350 --> 00:49:25,930  
[Mumbles]

1097

00:49:25,930 --> 00:49:28,810

Was there a point  
at which you really

1098

00:49:28,810 --> 00:49:31,715

knew that you were  
going to survive?

1099

00:49:31,715 --> 00:49:37,970

After, when it was  
April, end of March,

1100

00:49:37,970 --> 00:49:42,340

sometime you heard  
Germany was telling--

1101

00:49:42,340 --> 00:49:44,470

you know that Germany is losing.

1102

00:49:44,470 --> 00:49:50,870

But you know a day  
before, they kill you.

1103

00:49:50,870 --> 00:49:53,490

you know when we was in--

1104

00:49:53,490 --> 00:49:55,610

Auschwitz was bombed, too.

1105

00:49:55,610 --> 00:49:59,360

And everyone was, when they  
bomb our barrack, may be dead.

1106

00:49:59,360 --> 00:50:02,930

Not in crematorium,  
but a normal dead.

1107

00:50:02,930 --> 00:50:04,840

But they bombed the crematorium?

1108

00:50:04,840 --> 00:50:07,260

Didn't ever bomb  
the crematorium.

1109



00:50:07,260 --> 00:50:09,990  
What do you think, they don't  
know the American charges where

1110  
00:50:09,990 --> 00:50:11,170  
the crematorium is?

1111  
00:50:11,170 --> 00:50:13,150  
Nobody cared about us Jews.

1112  
00:50:13,150 --> 00:50:14,200  
They bombed all around.

1113  
00:50:14,200 --> 00:50:15,090  
All around.

1114  
00:50:15,090 --> 00:50:22,340  
And the smoke He  
wanted to be finished.

1115  
00:50:22,340 --> 00:50:24,100  
They help Hitler.

1116  
00:50:24,100 --> 00:50:27,080  
Did you wonder why  
they didn't do that?

1117  
00:50:27,080 --> 00:50:30,533  
Or did that come  
to you later on,

1118  
00:50:30,533 --> 00:50:32,450  
that they could have  
done it and didn't do it?

1119  
00:50:32,450 --> 00:50:34,600  
I asked why they not do.

1120  
00:50:34,600 --> 00:50:35,300  
I was angry.

1121  
00:50:35,300 --> 00:50:36,490  
I don't know who this is.

1122

00:50:36,490 --> 00:50:39,400  
This is from England  
soldiers, or America when --

1123  
00:50:39,400 --> 00:50:42,740  
I don't know, but I was angry.

1124  
00:50:42,740 --> 00:50:43,240  
I was angry.

1125  
00:50:43,240 --> 00:50:44,410  
How could they not--

1126  
00:50:44,410 --> 00:50:49,820  
how many life you can save when  
they bomb the crematoriums?

1127  
00:50:49,820 --> 00:50:53,110  
They never bomb  
the crematoriums.

1128  
00:50:53,110 --> 00:50:54,970  
Now, I look different  
on this story,

1129  
00:50:54,970 --> 00:50:56,840  
as I was not in newspapers.

1130  
00:50:56,840 --> 00:50:57,340  
Nothing.

1131  
00:50:57,340 --> 00:50:58,000  
I was close.

1132  
00:50:58,000 --> 00:50:58,860  
I was hungry.

1133  
00:50:58,860 --> 00:51:00,580  
I was angry only.

1134  
00:51:00,580 --> 00:51:06,310  
Now I was talking and student  
was asking me, I'm angry?

1135

00:51:06,310 --> 00:51:07,960  
Sure, I'm angry.

1136  
00:51:07,960 --> 00:51:10,560  
I'm angry at the  
Jews in America, too.

1137  
00:51:10,560 --> 00:51:13,210  
You not do enough.

1138  
00:51:13,210 --> 00:51:14,230  
You felt betrayed.

1139  
00:51:14,230 --> 00:51:15,760  
Yes.

1140  
00:51:15,760 --> 00:51:16,448  
You need scream.

1141  
00:51:16,448 --> 00:51:17,740  
You need to make demonstration.

1142  
00:51:17,740 --> 00:51:19,780  
You need do something.

1143  
00:51:19,780 --> 00:51:20,980  
Nobody was believing.

1144  
00:51:20,980 --> 00:51:22,240  
Maybe you're not was knowing.

1145  
00:51:22,240 --> 00:51:23,620  
Maybe you're not was believing.

1146  
00:51:23,620 --> 00:51:28,390  
I know that people was knowing.

1147  
00:51:28,390 --> 00:51:29,050  
I don't know.

1148  
00:51:29,050 --> 00:51:32,990  
That's the reason now when do  
something for Russian Jews.

1149

00:51:32,990 --> 00:51:35,780

Forever a Jew what  
is under pressure

1150

00:51:35,780 --> 00:51:37,330

we will do everything to help.

1151

00:51:37,330 --> 00:51:38,830

And when you scream,  
somebody heard.

1152

00:51:38,830 --> 00:51:41,490

1153

00:51:41,490 --> 00:51:44,480

You're not [INAUDIBLE]  
what I can do, you can do.

1154

00:51:44,480 --> 00:51:48,750

1155

00:51:48,750 --> 00:51:50,270

But at the time at  
the time this was

1156

00:51:50,270 --> 00:51:54,530

happening it was just the sense  
that nobody seemed to care.

1157

00:51:54,530 --> 00:51:56,820

It wasn't just the  
Jews or the Americans.

1158

00:51:56,820 --> 00:51:59,000

Nobody, nobody.

1159

00:51:59,000 --> 00:52:00,110

Jews was escaped.

1160

00:52:00,110 --> 00:52:03,650

My sister escaped from Belgium.

1161

00:52:03,650 --> 00:52:06,260

She won't escape to Switzerland,

did not give her in.

1162

00:52:06,260 --> 00:52:09,260  
She went to French, and  
French she went to Spain.

1163

00:52:09,260 --> 00:52:13,190  
Franco sent her back  
to Lyon In France,

1164

00:52:13,190 --> 00:52:16,110  
In France, the Germans  
sent her to Auschwitz.

1165

00:52:16,110 --> 00:52:19,970  
Nobody wanted to help the Jew.

1166

00:52:19,970 --> 00:52:23,060  
You felt that you were  
really there on your own,

1167

00:52:23,060 --> 00:52:25,640  
and that your survival was  
dependent on yourselves.

1168

00:52:25,640 --> 00:52:26,473  
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1169

00:52:26,473 --> 00:52:30,800  
Today on our own  
to, need be strong.

1170

00:52:30,800 --> 00:52:34,040  
And he said I need be strong.

1171

00:52:34,040 --> 00:52:36,880  
I only believe one thing, but  
this time be Israel and not

1172

00:52:36,880 --> 00:52:37,850  
be happen this.

1173

00:52:37,850 --> 00:52:40,937

1174

00:52:40,937 --> 00:52:43,270

If Israel had existed then,  
this wouldn't have happened.

1175

00:52:43,270 --> 00:52:46,190

When you have a mother,  
you are more protected.

1176

00:52:46,190 --> 00:52:49,680

An orphan is not good.

1177

00:52:49,680 --> 00:52:51,630

When did you learn  
about this sister

1178

00:52:51,630 --> 00:52:53,310

and what had happened to her?

1179

00:52:53,310 --> 00:52:54,550

Was that afterwards?

1180

00:52:54,550 --> 00:52:59,550

Afterwards, my dear sister  
what was living in Belgium

1181

00:52:59,550 --> 00:53:01,860

was met at that cousin.

1182

00:53:01,860 --> 00:53:06,290

And two cousins sisters  
had husbands away.

1183

00:53:06,290 --> 00:53:08,040

And one was with her  
together she only

1184

00:53:08,040 --> 00:53:10,500

woke up in the hotel  
for one couple hours,

1185

00:53:10,500 --> 00:53:14,020

and she not was anymore.

1186

00:53:14,020 --> 00:53:15,780

I know.

1187  
00:53:15,780 --> 00:53:19,500  
I had lost my  
father, my sister, I

1188  
00:53:19,500 --> 00:53:22,040  
had Treblinka, Majdanek,  
Chelmno, and Auschwitz.

1189  
00:53:22,040 --> 00:53:24,840

1190  
00:53:24,840 --> 00:53:27,120  
Where the members of  
your family had been?

1191  
00:53:27,120 --> 00:53:27,980  
Yes.

1192  
00:53:27,980 --> 00:53:31,270  
In Chelmno, I have two married  
sisters with three children

1193  
00:53:31,270 --> 00:53:34,840  
and a younger sister from me.

1194  
00:53:34,840 --> 00:53:37,560  
Eva, we're going to  
take a short break

1195  
00:53:37,560 --> 00:53:39,330  
and we'll continue  
the discussion

1196  
00:53:39,330 --> 00:53:40,990  
with Eva Chava-Kempinski.

1197  
00:53:40,990 --> 00:53:42,540  
In just a few more minutes.

1198  
00:53:42,540 --> 00:53:43,120  
Thank you.

1199

00:53:43,120 --> 00:53:44,780

Thank you.

1200

00:53:44,780 --> 00:53:51,000