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00:00:00,000 --> 00:00:04,900

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00:00:04,900 --> 00:00:06,700

--college in New Jersey.

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00:00:06,700 --> 00:00:12,130

I'm very pleased Mrs. Clara

Kramer is here with me today

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00:00:12,130 --> 00:00:15,070

to discuss some of her

recollections and insights

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00:00:15,070 --> 00:00:16,920

into the period

of the Holocaust.

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00:00:16,920 --> 00:00:20,290

Mrs. Kramer, thank you very much

for coming to talk to us today.

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00:00:20,290 --> 00:00:21,800

I'm glad to be here.

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00:00:21,800 --> 00:00:23,020

Thank you.

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00:00:23,020 --> 00:00:25,480

Can you tell me a

little bit about when

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00:00:25,480 --> 00:00:28,910

you were born,

where you were born,

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00:00:28,910 --> 00:00:31,600

what family life was

like in your town?

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00:00:31,600 --> 00:00:33,010

I will try.

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00:00:33,010 --> 00:00:37,870

I was born April,
1927, in Zolkiew.

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00:00:37,870 --> 00:00:40,090

But you can call it shtetl.

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00:00:40,090 --> 00:00:42,915

It's near Lemberg, Galicia.

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00:00:42,915 --> 00:00:45,010

I went to Polish school.

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00:00:45,010 --> 00:00:46,690

How big was this town?

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00:00:46,690 --> 00:00:48,850

It was 12,000 population.

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00:00:48,850 --> 00:00:51,460

Roughly almost half were Jews--

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00:00:51,460 --> 00:00:54,460

less than half.

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00:00:54,460 --> 00:00:56,040

We had a beautiful Jewish life.

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00:00:56,040 --> 00:00:57,620

First of all, we
had a synagogue that

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00:00:57,620 --> 00:01:01,940

is still standing because
the Germans came and put fire

24

00:01:01,940 --> 00:01:02,440

into it.

25

00:01:02,440 --> 00:01:05,200
But it is like a fortress.

26
00:01:05,200 --> 00:01:09,220
As a matter of fact, in
our book about Zolkiew

27
00:01:09,220 --> 00:01:14,260
that is the original permit
from Jan III, the one that

28
00:01:14,260 --> 00:01:16,420
saved Europe from the Turk--

29
00:01:16,420 --> 00:01:19,560
he gave the permit to build it.

30
00:01:19,560 --> 00:01:25,020
And also it's very interesting,
that page because it is also

31
00:01:25,020 --> 00:01:31,060
permit for shkhite
and all these things.

32
00:01:31,060 --> 00:01:34,390
Do you have any idea what
year that permit was made?

33
00:01:34,390 --> 00:01:36,400
I'm ashamed-- I went
to Polish school.

34
00:01:36,400 --> 00:01:38,710
But it must have
been in the 1600s.

35
00:01:38,710 --> 00:01:43,150
That's when he lived.

36
00:01:43,150 --> 00:01:45,730
I have the book at home,
so it can be verified.

37
00:01:45,730 --> 00:01:48,880

38
00:01:48,880 --> 00:01:51,430
We weren't orthodox.

39
00:01:51,430 --> 00:01:53,590
If you compare it
with here, we were.

40
00:01:53,590 --> 00:01:55,880
But orthodox were
the ones with payess

41
00:01:55,880 --> 00:01:58,210
But my father was a Zionist.

42
00:01:58,210 --> 00:02:01,050
And I know he belonged to
the Zionistic organizations.

43
00:02:01,050 --> 00:02:05,140
And sending me, a
girl, to Tarbut,

44
00:02:05,140 --> 00:02:10,539
which was the Hebrew school, as
opposed to Beit Ya'kov that was

45
00:02:10,539 --> 00:02:12,550
because he was a Zionist.

46
00:02:12,550 --> 00:02:15,820
I had the uncle, a Zionist,
who wanted to go to Palestine,

47
00:02:15,820 --> 00:02:17,560
but they didn't let
him in the family.

48
00:02:17,560 --> 00:02:19,990

And that, I remember.

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00:02:19,990 --> 00:02:22,690

I remember the fights
home because when

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00:02:22,690 --> 00:02:27,110

my grandfather wanted
to enlarge the factory,

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00:02:27,110 --> 00:02:31,360

and he wanted to take this
money, go to Palestine,

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00:02:31,360 --> 00:02:32,800

they yelled at him.

53

00:02:32,800 --> 00:02:36,220

So he used to be mad at
them and come to our house.

54

00:02:36,220 --> 00:02:40,820

But he's now in Israel, after
being in Russia and everything.

55

00:02:40,820 --> 00:02:43,630

And typically for him,
he went [INAUDIBLE]..

56

00:02:43,630 --> 00:02:44,180

Really?

57

00:02:44,180 --> 00:02:44,680

Yeah.

58

00:02:44,680 --> 00:02:45,230

That's --

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00:02:45,230 --> 00:02:47,920

What kind of
factory did he have?

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00:02:47,920 --> 00:02:50,800

We pressed oil from--

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00:02:50,800 --> 00:02:52,570

vegetable oil.

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00:02:52,570 --> 00:02:57,770

And then in the '30s, we
brought engineers from Germany

63

00:02:57,770 --> 00:03:03,320

and built a refinery
because that oil was dark--

64

00:03:03,320 --> 00:03:07,180

a refinery to make it in
the color that you see now.

65

00:03:07,180 --> 00:03:12,490

And he said, take this money,
because I remember the fights.

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00:03:12,490 --> 00:03:14,740

And I was always a listener.

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00:03:14,740 --> 00:03:15,520

I read books.

68

00:03:15,520 --> 00:03:17,980

I didn't play with dolls.

69

00:03:17,980 --> 00:03:20,830

It was at that time, Abyssinia.

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00:03:20,830 --> 00:03:23,280

And I remember him
yelling, the whole world

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00:03:23,280 --> 00:03:26,400

is going to be on fire.

72

00:03:26,400 --> 00:03:28,070

And why don't we do something?

73

00:03:28,070 --> 00:03:30,090

Well he was proven
right later after my--

74

00:03:30,090 --> 00:03:31,220

When?

75

00:03:31,220 --> 00:03:32,630

--half of the family is dead.

76

00:03:32,630 --> 00:03:36,580

And my grandfather
perished in Russian graves

77

00:03:36,580 --> 00:03:38,200

because we were rich.

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00:03:38,200 --> 00:03:41,470

When do you recall him
yelling that or saying that?

79

00:03:41,470 --> 00:03:43,840

Oh, that was--

80

00:03:43,840 --> 00:03:45,340

I must have been a big girl.

81

00:03:45,340 --> 00:03:46,570

It was in the late '30s.

82

00:03:46,570 --> 00:03:47,550

In the late '30s?

83

00:03:47,550 --> 00:03:50,552

It was in the late '30s.

84

00:03:50,552 --> 00:03:52,510

How large is your family,
brothers and sisters?

85

00:03:52,510 --> 00:03:54,170

I had only one sister.

86

00:03:54,170 --> 00:03:57,010

She was killed by the Germans.

87

00:03:57,010 --> 00:03:59,170

Younger than you were?

88

00:03:59,170 --> 00:04:00,700

A year and a half.

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00:04:00,700 --> 00:04:06,190

And she was already with us in
the bunker from November till

90

00:04:06,190 --> 00:04:06,880

April.

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00:04:06,880 --> 00:04:08,950

And that's a big story.

92

00:04:08,950 --> 00:04:10,195

We had a fire.

93

00:04:10,195 --> 00:04:11,070

Let me take you back.

94

00:04:11,070 --> 00:04:14,223

And I don't know
if you want it now.

95

00:04:14,223 --> 00:04:15,390

That is right in the bunker.

96

00:04:15,390 --> 00:04:17,810

We were already in the bunker.

97

00:04:17,810 --> 00:04:19,677

Let me take you
back a little bit.

98
00:04:19,677 --> 00:04:20,510
Back before the war?

99
00:04:20,510 --> 00:04:21,610
Right.

100
00:04:21,610 --> 00:04:23,440
A very vibrant Jewish community.

101
00:04:23,440 --> 00:04:25,270
Very vibrant Jewish community.

102
00:04:25,270 --> 00:04:27,160
You went to Polish schools.

103
00:04:27,160 --> 00:04:28,580
I went to Polish schools.

104
00:04:28,580 --> 00:04:29,740
I did very well.

105
00:04:29,740 --> 00:04:32,980
Poland was a very
feudal society.

106
00:04:32,980 --> 00:04:35,950
When I look at it back now,
because of we were rich,

107
00:04:35,950 --> 00:04:38,650
I was treated well.

108
00:04:38,650 --> 00:04:41,680
I was [Yiddish phrase]
And that was it.

109
00:04:41,680 --> 00:04:44,580

110
00:04:44,580 --> 00:04:46,440

You went to Hebrew
school in the afternoon?

111
00:04:46,440 --> 00:04:48,330
In the afternoon for two hours.

112
00:04:48,330 --> 00:04:49,890
One hour was the language.

113
00:04:49,890 --> 00:04:53,610
And one more hour was
the Tanakh, the Torah.

114
00:04:53,610 --> 00:04:55,740
Taught to us like a history.

115
00:04:55,740 --> 00:04:57,240
This is boys and girls together?

116
00:04:57,240 --> 00:05:00,220
Boys and girls together, yes.

117
00:05:00,220 --> 00:05:04,140
What was the relationship
like between the Jewish

118
00:05:04,140 --> 00:05:06,090
and the non-Jewish
population in your town

119
00:05:06,090 --> 00:05:07,132
when you were young girl?

120
00:05:07,132 --> 00:05:11,010
You see, I happened to have
a lot of Polish friends

121
00:05:11,010 --> 00:05:14,610
because your friends
were the ones that

122
00:05:14,610 --> 00:05:16,620

went with you to school
and walked with you back

123
00:05:16,620 --> 00:05:17,850
from school.

124
00:05:17,850 --> 00:05:21,120
The Jews mostly
lived in downtown,

125
00:05:21,120 --> 00:05:24,270
what you would call
the Ring platz It's

126
00:05:24,270 --> 00:05:26,610
like you see all these
old towns in Europe,

127
00:05:26,610 --> 00:05:29,250
they have a square in
the middle of town,

128
00:05:29,250 --> 00:05:31,890
because that's were
most of the stores were.

129
00:05:31,890 --> 00:05:38,160
Because of our business, we
lived toward the outskirts.

130
00:05:38,160 --> 00:05:40,140
And that's where
the Pollaks lived.

131
00:05:40,140 --> 00:05:42,720
So I had mostly Polish friends.

132
00:05:42,720 --> 00:05:45,990
But my best friend, like you
have one in your lifetime,

133
00:05:45,990 --> 00:05:49,560
she was Jewish because

she lived not far from me.

134
00:05:49,560 --> 00:05:51,870
So most of the Jewish
population was concentrated

135
00:05:51,870 --> 00:05:53,343
toward the center of the town.

136
00:05:53,343 --> 00:05:55,010
You live near the
outskirts of the town.

137
00:05:55,010 --> 00:05:56,070
And even if you--

138
00:05:56,070 --> 00:05:57,012
I had Jewish friends.

139
00:05:57,012 --> 00:05:57,720
Of course, I had.

140
00:05:57,720 --> 00:06:02,430
But you just didn't walk
by yourself downtown.

141
00:06:02,430 --> 00:06:03,610
You just didn't.

142
00:06:03,610 --> 00:06:04,710
And there was no time.

143
00:06:04,710 --> 00:06:06,090
I went to two schools.

144
00:06:06,090 --> 00:06:08,400
And vacations,
everybody went away.

145
00:06:08,400 --> 00:06:10,970
You didn't walk them
by yourself because--

146
00:06:10,970 --> 00:06:11,890
You just didn't.

147
00:06:11,890 --> 00:06:14,520
You didn't say, Ma,
I'm going downtown.

148
00:06:14,520 --> 00:06:15,180
You didn't.

149
00:06:15,180 --> 00:06:17,472
What was the distance from
where you lived to downtown?

150
00:06:17,472 --> 00:06:19,470
It must've been
1 mile, not more.

151
00:06:19,470 --> 00:06:20,850
But you just didn't--

152
00:06:20,850 --> 00:06:23,070
I went there to
the Hebrew school.

153
00:06:23,070 --> 00:06:26,220
But you went straight home.

154
00:06:26,220 --> 00:06:28,910
So the Polish school was
also downtown, and then you--

155
00:06:28,910 --> 00:06:30,440
Polish school was closer to me.

156
00:06:30,440 --> 00:06:30,830
It was closer to you?

157
00:06:30,830 --> 00:06:31,330
On the way.

158

00:06:31,330 --> 00:06:35,370

Yeah, Hebrew school was on
the other end of the town.

159

00:06:35,370 --> 00:06:38,430

How many children or students
were in the Hebrew school?

160

00:06:38,430 --> 00:06:41,760

161

00:06:41,760 --> 00:06:43,720

Our class must
have been a dozen.

162

00:06:43,720 --> 00:06:45,660

And there were three
or four classes,

163

00:06:45,660 --> 00:06:49,320

if I remember
correctly-- not more.

164

00:06:49,320 --> 00:06:52,110

So you say that your
father was a Zionist.

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00:06:52,110 --> 00:06:52,800

He was.

166

00:06:52,800 --> 00:06:55,060

He was active in
Zionist organizations?

167

00:06:55,060 --> 00:06:56,130

Yeah, he was.

168

00:06:56,130 --> 00:07:01,230

He belonged to the
Tzionim whatever--

169

00:07:01,230 --> 00:07:02,280

I know what it means.

170
00:07:02,280 --> 00:07:06,600
But that was one of
the parties, center.

171
00:07:06,600 --> 00:07:10,403
That I also know
from talking later,

172
00:07:10,403 --> 00:07:12,528
not that I remember that
or Daddy went, daddy went,

173
00:07:12,528 --> 00:07:14,560
you didn't ask.

174
00:07:14,560 --> 00:07:17,730
But it was a place, they
called it [PLACE NAME],,

175
00:07:17,730 --> 00:07:21,150
and that's where all
the meetings were.

176
00:07:21,150 --> 00:07:24,570
But how much active you were.

177
00:07:24,570 --> 00:07:27,060
You had to [NON-ENGLISH],,
and we had in Hebrew school,

178
00:07:27,060 --> 00:07:29,790
you used to paste in stamps,
and then you filled it out.

179
00:07:29,790 --> 00:07:31,310
You planted the tree.

180
00:07:31,310 --> 00:07:32,660
We were encouraged anything.

181

00:07:32,660 --> 00:07:33,900

Of course, my father--

182

00:07:33,900 --> 00:07:37,980

for my father, this was a lot

because he was the only brother

183

00:07:37,980 --> 00:07:39,900

with all the beard and payess.

184

00:07:39,900 --> 00:07:44,160

He grew up as a [NON-ENGLISH]

And he ran away from

185

00:07:44,160 --> 00:07:44,720

the yeshiva.

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00:07:44,720 --> 00:07:47,100

And he taught himself--

187

00:07:47,100 --> 00:07:47,605

He came--

188

00:07:47,605 --> 00:07:48,150

--everything.

189

00:07:48,150 --> 00:07:49,710

He came from a large family?

190

00:07:49,710 --> 00:07:50,400

My father?

191

00:07:50,400 --> 00:07:52,820

Yes.

192

00:07:52,820 --> 00:07:54,460

And your mother?

193

00:07:54,460 --> 00:07:55,290

My mother also.

194

00:07:55,290 --> 00:07:56,060

There were six.

195

00:07:56,060 --> 00:07:57,180

They were six?

196

00:07:57,180 --> 00:07:59,610

They were six.

197

00:07:59,610 --> 00:08:01,980

Was there any 10--

198

00:08:01,980 --> 00:08:04,140

your father's
brothers and sisters,

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00:08:04,140 --> 00:08:05,700

did they live in the same town?

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00:08:05,700 --> 00:08:08,140

One of them lived
in the same town.

201

00:08:08,140 --> 00:08:12,120

But I knew he's my
uncle, but we didn't

202

00:08:12,120 --> 00:08:14,320

go too much to each
other's places because

203

00:08:14,320 --> 00:08:15,237

of the [both talking].

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00:08:15,237 --> 00:08:16,830

Because he's [both talking].

205

00:08:16,830 --> 00:08:17,680

Yes.

206

00:08:17,680 --> 00:08:19,680

And then my father was--

207

00:08:19,680 --> 00:08:20,990
at that time, it was a crime.

208

00:08:20,990 --> 00:08:23,040
He went every Shabbos to shul.

209

00:08:23,040 --> 00:08:25,470
And we had a strictly
kosher house.

210

00:08:25,470 --> 00:08:28,410
But it wasn't the
way he was raised.

211

00:08:28,410 --> 00:08:30,669
He ran away from the issue.

212

00:08:30,669 --> 00:08:33,169
So there was a little tension
then within the family itself?

213

00:08:33,169 --> 00:08:34,590
There wasn't tension.

214

00:08:34,590 --> 00:08:36,960
But I wasn't as
close with them as I

215

00:08:36,960 --> 00:08:39,950
was with my mother's family.

216

00:08:39,950 --> 00:08:43,610
But generally, the
Hasidic Jews pretty much--

217

00:08:43,610 --> 00:08:44,947
Yeah.

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00:08:44,947 --> 00:08:45,780
--were [INAUDIBLE]--

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00:08:45,780 --> 00:08:48,120

And my father since went
to the Hasidic shul,

220

00:08:48,120 --> 00:08:49,260

not to the big shul.

221

00:08:49,260 --> 00:08:49,810

Oh, he did?

222

00:08:49,810 --> 00:08:51,300

Of course.

223

00:08:51,300 --> 00:08:53,430

Old habits die hard.

224

00:08:53,430 --> 00:08:54,960

That's where his brother went.

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00:08:54,960 --> 00:08:56,670

And that's what he went.

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00:08:56,670 --> 00:08:59,670

And then I never
remembered my grandparents.

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00:08:59,670 --> 00:09:02,970

And this is because my
grandmother died when

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00:09:02,970 --> 00:09:04,800

my father was only 9 years old.

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00:09:04,800 --> 00:09:08,050

And my grandfather died
before my father married.

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00:09:08,050 --> 00:09:11,070

So I also never knew-- and
here, I lived in the house

231

00:09:11,070 --> 00:09:12,580
where my grandparents lived.

232
00:09:12,580 --> 00:09:13,830
This is on your father's side?

233
00:09:13,830 --> 00:09:14,713
On my mother's side.

234
00:09:14,713 --> 00:09:15,630
On your mother's side?

235
00:09:15,630 --> 00:09:18,900
Yeah, I lived in the same
house as my grandparents.

236
00:09:18,900 --> 00:09:20,880
And on your father's side?

237
00:09:20,880 --> 00:09:24,130
As I said, my father lost his
mother when he was 9 and his

238
00:09:24,130 --> 00:09:24,630
father --

239
00:09:24,630 --> 00:09:25,480
Right, OK.

240
00:09:25,480 --> 00:09:28,710
So I only knew this one uncle.

241
00:09:28,710 --> 00:09:30,930
Then I knew an aunt
that used to come.

242
00:09:30,930 --> 00:09:33,040
They lived in a different city.

243
00:09:33,040 --> 00:09:35,235
And we didn't travel that much.

244

00:09:35,235 --> 00:09:36,360

I think I missed something.

245

00:09:36,360 --> 00:09:40,030

Your grandparents on
your mother's side--

246

00:09:40,030 --> 00:09:40,632

Lived with us.

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00:09:40,632 --> 00:09:41,132

Lived with--

248

00:09:41,132 --> 00:09:42,180

Not with us this.

249

00:09:42,180 --> 00:09:43,510

Was a two-family home.

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00:09:43,510 --> 00:09:44,552

It was a two-family home?

251

00:09:44,552 --> 00:09:46,410

I grew up with them.

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00:09:46,410 --> 00:09:50,400

And on my father's side, I knew
only one uncle and one aunt

253

00:09:50,400 --> 00:09:54,340

who used to come, his sister--

254

00:09:54,340 --> 00:09:55,830

two aunts that used to come.

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00:09:55,830 --> 00:09:59,440

The other one I never met.

256

00:09:59,440 --> 00:10:02,910

How was the general
economic situation

257
00:10:02,910 --> 00:10:05,220
of the Jews in the town?

258
00:10:05,220 --> 00:10:08,640
They weren't very poor, no.

259
00:10:08,640 --> 00:10:09,900
I don't know what you--

260
00:10:09,900 --> 00:10:12,300
there was a big fur industry--

261
00:10:12,300 --> 00:10:15,390
enormous-- to the
extent that if you

262
00:10:15,390 --> 00:10:19,620
find any people from Zolkiew
in America or South America

263
00:10:19,620 --> 00:10:23,400
or someplace else, it's
because they started exporting.

264
00:10:23,400 --> 00:10:27,670
And they had that link
with the outside world.

265
00:10:27,670 --> 00:10:34,040
Otherwise, like here in
America, my husband's society,

266
00:10:34,040 --> 00:10:38,340
there are a lot of people who
he knows and his parents know.

267
00:10:38,340 --> 00:10:40,920
From my hometown,
there are people

268
00:10:40,920 --> 00:10:43,380

who know my great grandfather.

269

00:10:43,380 --> 00:10:44,500

They're not alive anymore.

270

00:10:44,500 --> 00:10:47,670

When I came to the society,
hoping to find somebody,

271

00:10:47,670 --> 00:10:51,780

no, because in
between the two wars,

272

00:10:51,780 --> 00:10:53,310

apparently they
weren't that poor.

273

00:10:53,310 --> 00:10:56,930

They didn't go to America.

274

00:10:56,930 --> 00:11:01,980

See, that was a sign of
people who found employment.

275

00:11:01,980 --> 00:11:04,920

And one pulls another one.

276

00:11:04,920 --> 00:11:08,010

So it seems that you're
describing a very vibrant

277

00:11:08,010 --> 00:11:09,972

Jewish community some Hasidim.

278

00:11:09,972 --> 00:11:14,400

Right, because when I hear
my husband talking about his

279

00:11:14,400 --> 00:11:17,280

hometown, and others
when we sit down,

280

00:11:17,280 --> 00:11:21,600

I know that we were more
advanced-- what you say--

281

00:11:21,600 --> 00:11:24,660

maybe because we were 30
kilometers from Lemberg.

282

00:11:24,660 --> 00:11:26,670

And there was every hour a bus.

283

00:11:26,670 --> 00:11:31,620

Now find many shtetls that had
every hour, a bus to Lemberg.

284

00:11:31,620 --> 00:11:33,210

So you traveled?

285

00:11:33,210 --> 00:11:36,930

Oh, even I was in Lemberg
with my mother many times--

286

00:11:36,930 --> 00:11:37,850

several times a year.

287

00:11:37,850 --> 00:11:41,660

288

00:11:41,660 --> 00:11:45,950

Do you remember discussions
taking place in your home

289

00:11:45,950 --> 00:11:47,630

when Hitler came
to power in Europe?

290

00:11:47,630 --> 00:11:50,520

I know you're a very
young girl at the time.

291

00:11:50,520 --> 00:11:51,830

No.

292

00:11:51,830 --> 00:11:55,010

let's see, in 1933, you were--

293

00:11:55,010 --> 00:11:59,990

I personally, I was always
with my nose in the books.

294

00:11:59,990 --> 00:12:03,170

My sister, she rest in
peace, she knew everything.

295

00:12:03,170 --> 00:12:05,745

She was younger.

296

00:12:05,745 --> 00:12:07,780

I always minded my own business.

297

00:12:07,780 --> 00:12:09,400

That's how I was.

298

00:12:09,400 --> 00:12:16,790

I cannot tell you that I
heard on the newspaper side--

299

00:12:16,790 --> 00:12:19,880

I had my children's newspaper.

300

00:12:19,880 --> 00:12:20,820

When is your first--

301

00:12:20,820 --> 00:12:24,880

And then I do, I'd
listen to music and only

302

00:12:24,880 --> 00:12:26,170

what they permit--

303

00:12:26,170 --> 00:12:31,520

there were certain
programs for children.

304

00:12:31,520 --> 00:12:33,460

Do you remember,
were there any laws

305

00:12:33,460 --> 00:12:37,480

enacted in your town,
which against shkhite.

306

00:12:37,480 --> 00:12:39,710

In the '30s, there
was a lot going on

307

00:12:39,710 --> 00:12:41,640

with the anti-Semitism.

308

00:12:41,640 --> 00:12:43,390

That you couldn't help
but hear but the --

309

00:12:43,390 --> 00:12:45,435

Is that something
that you felt as well?

310

00:12:45,435 --> 00:12:47,290

Oh, I heard.

311

00:12:47,290 --> 00:12:48,780

It was a small city.

312

00:12:48,780 --> 00:12:52,960

And they were horrified
that they were--

313

00:12:52,960 --> 00:12:56,320

in Lemberg, in the university,
they were beating up Jews.

314

00:12:56,320 --> 00:12:57,810

And you knew about it.

315

00:12:57,810 --> 00:12:59,670

That, I remember.

316

00:12:59,670 --> 00:13:02,370
1935, '34, '36?

317

00:13:02,370 --> 00:13:04,000
I remember before the war.

318

00:13:04,000 --> 00:13:05,750
I couldn't pin it down.

319

00:13:05,750 --> 00:13:11,310
But I do remember when it
started with the anti-Semitism.

320

00:13:11,310 --> 00:13:13,060
And hearing that, you
could hear that they

321

00:13:13,060 --> 00:13:15,890
called you a dirty Jew.

322

00:13:15,890 --> 00:13:16,570
And you --

323

00:13:16,570 --> 00:13:19,330
That was a way of life.

324

00:13:19,330 --> 00:13:23,700
What were your feelings
as a young child of--

325

00:13:23,700 --> 00:13:26,130
I felt like I'm a
privileged child.

326

00:13:26,130 --> 00:13:29,180

327

00:13:29,180 --> 00:13:32,650
I just had it good-- simple.

328

00:13:32,650 --> 00:13:35,200

Did your--

329

00:13:35,200 --> 00:13:38,620

The only thing I
remember when it

330

00:13:38,620 --> 00:13:42,760

came after six grades, or seven,
if you were good in school,

331

00:13:42,760 --> 00:13:45,910

after sixth grade, you
had special examinations.

332

00:13:45,910 --> 00:13:49,780

And you went to gymnasium,
which is junior high here.

333

00:13:49,780 --> 00:13:53,180

But that was the system,
four years gymnasium,

334

00:13:53,180 --> 00:13:58,270

then four years lyceum and
then you had the matriculation.

335

00:13:58,270 --> 00:14:03,250

And in 1939, I was
in the sixth grade.

336

00:14:03,250 --> 00:14:06,580

And there was the talk that
maybe because there's already

337

00:14:06,580 --> 00:14:11,260

anti-Semitism in our
town, in the gymnasium,

338

00:14:11,260 --> 00:14:14,980

that I should go to Lemberg
for the Hebrew gymnasium.

339

00:14:14,980 --> 00:14:16,700

But then it was
decided against it

340
00:14:16,700 --> 00:14:20,190
because I was carsick when
I went to Lemberg each time.

341
00:14:20,190 --> 00:14:23,530
So my mother said, how can you
live in Lemberg and commute

342
00:14:23,530 --> 00:14:25,580
at least once a week?

343
00:14:25,580 --> 00:14:28,220
So then my mother says,
if you will be good--

344
00:14:28,220 --> 00:14:32,170
I'm remember this-- if will
be good, you will be good.

345
00:14:32,170 --> 00:14:35,390
And the truth of the matter
is, I went for examination,

346
00:14:35,390 --> 00:14:40,810
I was so good, that I didn't
even have to do the oral thing.

347
00:14:40,810 --> 00:14:41,903
I was accepted.

348
00:14:41,903 --> 00:14:43,570
There was a dormitory
school in Lemberg,

349
00:14:43,570 --> 00:14:46,070
and you would have gone there
and stayed there for the week?

350
00:14:46,070 --> 00:14:46,750
Yeah.

351
00:14:46,750 --> 00:14:48,180
And that's why I didn't.

352
00:14:48,180 --> 00:14:50,920
But they considered it maybe
because of the anti --.

353
00:14:50,920 --> 00:14:53,050
Then again, I was rewarded.

354
00:14:53,050 --> 00:14:55,030
Then I said to
myself, I was good.

355
00:14:55,030 --> 00:14:57,080
So it doesn't
matter that I'm Jew.

356
00:14:57,080 --> 00:14:59,820

357
00:14:59,820 --> 00:15:01,050
But you did feel--

358
00:15:01,050 --> 00:15:02,170
and you did hear about--

359
00:15:02,170 --> 00:15:05,160
Later there was a lot of
talk about anti-Semitism.

360
00:15:05,160 --> 00:15:06,270
There was.

361
00:15:06,270 --> 00:15:10,080
And then there was something
with the shkhite also.

362
00:15:10,080 --> 00:15:13,380
Presterova, I remember
the name even,

363

00:15:13,380 --> 00:15:18,883

that there was a whole I
mean they were talking about.

364

00:15:18,883 --> 00:15:21,300

Did your father talk about it
or your mother talk about it

365

00:15:21,300 --> 00:15:21,800

or did--

366

00:15:21,800 --> 00:15:23,460

They talked between themselves.

367

00:15:23,460 --> 00:15:24,480

You heard it.

368

00:15:24,480 --> 00:15:27,210

369

00:15:27,210 --> 00:15:28,770

They didn't talk to me about it.

370

00:15:28,770 --> 00:15:30,965

But I know about it.

371

00:15:30,965 --> 00:15:32,340

Did you yourself--
let's say when

372

00:15:32,340 --> 00:15:35,040

you were 11 years
old, 12 years old--

373

00:15:35,040 --> 00:15:40,080

so we're already in 1938, '39,
did you feel a certain distance

374

00:15:40,080 --> 00:15:42,480

from some of your friends?

375

00:15:42,480 --> 00:15:43,120

Never.

376

00:15:43,120 --> 00:15:43,620

No?

377

00:15:43,620 --> 00:15:44,160

Never.

378

00:15:44,160 --> 00:15:47,233

They wanted to go with me.

379

00:15:47,233 --> 00:15:48,400

They wanted to work with me.

380

00:15:48,400 --> 00:15:49,275

You're a nice person.

381

00:15:49,275 --> 00:15:56,390

That's why and a Germans came,
that's why you felt terrible.

382

00:15:56,390 --> 00:15:58,857

All of a sudden, your
friends didn't know you.

383

00:15:58,857 --> 00:16:00,440

Do you remember when
the Germans came?

384

00:16:00,440 --> 00:16:02,440

Of course.

385

00:16:02,440 --> 00:16:02,940

Can you--

386

00:16:02,940 --> 00:16:05,300

At that time, I was
already 14 because first we

387

00:16:05,300 --> 00:16:07,200

had 2 years, the Russians.

388

00:16:07,200 --> 00:16:10,832

In 1939, we had the Germans
just for a week or so.

389

00:16:10,832 --> 00:16:11,540

And they didn't--

390

00:16:11,540 --> 00:16:12,320

In '39?

391

00:16:12,320 --> 00:16:13,040

Yeah.

392

00:16:13,040 --> 00:16:15,500

And they didn't
really harm nobody.

393

00:16:15,500 --> 00:16:16,550

They were the soldiers.

394

00:16:16,550 --> 00:16:20,990

And on the contrary, my
father spoke perfect German.

395

00:16:20,990 --> 00:16:23,100

And they came around the house.

396

00:16:23,100 --> 00:16:24,290

And they asked questions.

397

00:16:24,290 --> 00:16:25,880

And then they left.

398

00:16:25,880 --> 00:16:28,190

And then the Russians came.

399

00:16:28,190 --> 00:16:31,070

And we didn't have it
good with the Russians

400

00:16:31,070 --> 00:16:32,870
because we were rich.

401

00:16:32,870 --> 00:16:34,910
And my grandparents were taken.

402

00:16:34,910 --> 00:16:37,280
My grandfather was arrested.

403

00:16:37,280 --> 00:16:40,580
My grandmother, my
uncle, and then my aunt

404

00:16:40,580 --> 00:16:44,930
with her family, who ran
away from deep Poland

405

00:16:44,930 --> 00:16:47,010
because the Germans were there--

406

00:16:47,010 --> 00:16:49,160
so she came here to Galicia.

407

00:16:49,160 --> 00:16:52,760
And they took her too.

408

00:16:52,760 --> 00:17:00,230
And we all had knapsacks
with warm underwear

409

00:17:00,230 --> 00:17:01,380
in case they take us too.

410

00:17:01,380 --> 00:17:10,040
So the Russians, were nothing
to be sorry when they left.

411

00:17:10,040 --> 00:17:11,420
Of course, we didn't know.

412

00:17:11,420 --> 00:17:12,878

Did you know where
they were taking

413
00:17:12,878 --> 00:17:14,510
the members of your family?

414
00:17:14,510 --> 00:17:17,280
We did not till they wrote.

415
00:17:17,280 --> 00:17:20,060
I was at that time, that
night when they took him--

416
00:17:20,060 --> 00:17:21,310
You remember the actual night?

417
00:17:21,310 --> 00:17:23,180
I wasn't home.

418
00:17:23,180 --> 00:17:24,740
I had the operation--

419
00:17:24,740 --> 00:17:26,060
I had appendicitis.

420
00:17:26,060 --> 00:17:28,180
I was in the hospital.

421
00:17:28,180 --> 00:17:29,990
You remember the date?

422
00:17:29,990 --> 00:17:30,810
It was April.

423
00:17:30,810 --> 00:17:32,060
But I don't remember the date.

424
00:17:32,060 --> 00:17:33,020
1930--

425
00:17:33,020 --> 00:17:36,080

It was in April, 1940.

426

00:17:36,080 --> 00:17:37,110

They were taken.

427

00:17:37,110 --> 00:17:39,698

I was asking-- I mean,
why aren't they coming?

428

00:17:39,698 --> 00:17:41,490

And you couldn't help
being in the hospital

429

00:17:41,490 --> 00:17:44,000

and not hearing that
they took our people.

430

00:17:44,000 --> 00:17:45,800

So they told us that--

431

00:17:45,800 --> 00:17:50,120

Mama told me that they ran away
to Lemberg, their whole family,

432

00:17:50,120 --> 00:17:53,310

because I was asking why
aren't they visiting?

433

00:17:53,310 --> 00:17:55,940

My grandfather perished
in the Russian year.

434

00:17:55,940 --> 00:17:57,975

And my grandmother survived.

435

00:17:57,975 --> 00:18:00,740

436

00:18:00,740 --> 00:18:03,530

In '45 she came back
from Russia when

437

00:18:03,530 --> 00:18:06,440
they repatriated everybody.

438
00:18:06,440 --> 00:18:11,420
But this is one thing
I always remember.

439
00:18:11,420 --> 00:18:13,260
My mother was once--

440
00:18:13,260 --> 00:18:15,740
when I came back home,
and Mama was crying,

441
00:18:15,740 --> 00:18:19,400
she was sending
packages to Russia.

442
00:18:19,400 --> 00:18:23,540
She was going and sitting all
night long by the jail in case

443
00:18:23,540 --> 00:18:25,370
she would find
one policeman that

444
00:18:25,370 --> 00:18:28,220
would take a piece of
bread to my grandfather.

445
00:18:28,220 --> 00:18:29,060
So she was crying.

446
00:18:29,060 --> 00:18:30,410
And that, I will never forget.

447
00:18:30,410 --> 00:18:34,550
My father said to my
mother, Sarka, don't cry.

448
00:18:34,550 --> 00:18:37,190
The war only started.

449

00:18:37,190 --> 00:18:40,360

And there might come times
that you will envy them.

450

00:18:40,360 --> 00:18:43,420

451

00:18:43,420 --> 00:18:44,982

The times came when
we envied them.

452

00:18:44,982 --> 00:18:48,840

453

00:18:48,840 --> 00:18:54,800

So in that time then, in 1940--

454

00:18:54,800 --> 00:18:57,470

I went and keep up the
school because they

455

00:18:57,470 --> 00:19:00,502

announced that the parents are
responsible-- the Russians.

456

00:19:00,502 --> 00:19:02,150

If the children
don't go to school?

457

00:19:02,150 --> 00:19:05,110

458

00:19:05,110 --> 00:19:06,110

What were your feelings?

459

00:19:06,110 --> 00:19:07,165

What did you have then?

460

00:19:07,165 --> 00:19:10,870

Terrible, because I was
even more religious.

461

00:19:10,870 --> 00:19:11,980

Everybody was religious.

462

00:19:11,980 --> 00:19:15,110

But I had a very
religious friend.

463

00:19:15,110 --> 00:19:19,360

And my mother told me
Shema, the short shema.

464

00:19:19,360 --> 00:19:21,820

And once I slept over
in her house, she says,

465

00:19:21,820 --> 00:19:23,070

you're finished?

466

00:19:23,070 --> 00:19:25,076

And she got me.

467

00:19:25,076 --> 00:19:27,660

We were 12.

468

00:19:27,660 --> 00:19:33,160

And so the way I believed,
the Germans came,

469

00:19:33,160 --> 00:19:34,450

and they took the cemetery.

470

00:19:34,450 --> 00:19:37,610

They made roads from it.

471

00:19:37,610 --> 00:19:40,090

So the way I believe
that time, God

472

00:19:40,090 --> 00:19:43,460

should just strikes his hand--

473

00:19:43,460 --> 00:19:45,925
strike him dead-- the
way it's in the Bible.

474
00:19:45,925 --> 00:19:49,210

475
00:19:49,210 --> 00:19:51,760
And then you got busy surviving.

476
00:19:51,760 --> 00:19:55,640
All you looked is for
a hole to crawl in.

477
00:19:55,640 --> 00:19:58,120
Like my husband
says now, I couldn't

478
00:19:58,120 --> 00:20:00,100
survive two years in the hole.

479
00:20:00,100 --> 00:20:02,950
I said, you would be
so quiet, that you

480
00:20:02,950 --> 00:20:06,460
would hear a mouse because
that is one thing-- we were

481
00:20:06,460 --> 00:20:09,810
18 people in the crawl space.

482
00:20:09,810 --> 00:20:10,310
Let me go--

483
00:20:10,310 --> 00:20:10,590
[both talking]

484
00:20:10,590 --> 00:20:12,590
Let me go back a little
bit because I'm not sure

485

00:20:12,590 --> 00:20:15,960
exactly what year you went into
the space and exactly where--

486
00:20:15,960 --> 00:20:16,755
The Germans--

487
00:20:16,755 --> 00:20:17,380
Let's go back--

488
00:20:17,380 --> 00:20:17,920
--came--

489
00:20:17,920 --> 00:20:21,590
Let's go back just to
1940 for one second.

490
00:20:21,590 --> 00:20:24,180
So a number of your
relatives were taken away

491
00:20:24,180 --> 00:20:24,950
to Russian jails.

492
00:20:24,950 --> 00:20:26,430
Yeah.

493
00:20:26,430 --> 00:20:31,510
The only reason we weren't taken
away, because at that time,

494
00:20:31,510 --> 00:20:33,010
my father-- that night--

495
00:20:33,010 --> 00:20:37,330
was now a factory they
were working 24 hours.

496
00:20:37,330 --> 00:20:41,260
And his name--

497
00:20:41,260 --> 00:20:44,380

I grew up Clara Schwartz.

498
00:20:44,380 --> 00:20:45,760
That's my name.

499
00:20:45,760 --> 00:20:49,180
Then in 1939, when I had
to go to the gymnasium,

500
00:20:49,180 --> 00:20:51,610
I had to have my
birth certificate.

501
00:20:51,610 --> 00:20:53,820
And all of a sudden
my name is Gottlieb

502
00:20:53,820 --> 00:20:57,790
because my grandparents-- my
father's parents-- never got

503
00:20:57,790 --> 00:21:02,170
married except by the rabbi.

504
00:21:02,170 --> 00:21:04,010
There were I mean they
were too orthodox.

505
00:21:04,010 --> 00:21:07,250
And my father should
have been a bastard.

506
00:21:07,250 --> 00:21:11,050
But under Franz Joseph nobody
bothered taking papers,

507
00:21:11,050 --> 00:21:14,280
there was freedom.

508
00:21:14,280 --> 00:21:15,500
And I didn't know about it.

509

00:21:15,500 --> 00:21:17,000
Now I need my birth certificate.

510
00:21:17,000 --> 00:21:17,780
And I'm Gottlieb.

511
00:21:17,780 --> 00:21:20,870
And I had to explain
to all my friends why--

512
00:21:20,870 --> 00:21:22,940
now when they came, the
Russians, on the list,

513
00:21:22,940 --> 00:21:25,700
whoever denounced
us-- because somebody,

514
00:21:25,700 --> 00:21:28,350
some communist gave the list--

515
00:21:28,350 --> 00:21:31,330
they were looking for Schwarz.

516
00:21:31,330 --> 00:21:34,030
Everybody had a passport because
everybody had to take out

517
00:21:34,030 --> 00:21:36,160
by the Russians, the passport.

518
00:21:36,160 --> 00:21:37,690
And the passport said Gottlieb.

519
00:21:37,690 --> 00:21:40,150
Now they had already
one Gottlieb family,

520
00:21:40,150 --> 00:21:44,410
who had a factory of
[? blocks ?] that they took.

521

00:21:44,410 --> 00:21:47,610
So that's why it was just
by a fluke we stayed.

522
00:21:47,610 --> 00:21:50,188
By a fluke, sure.

523
00:21:50,188 --> 00:21:53,330
So then you remained
with your mother,

524
00:21:53,330 --> 00:21:54,760
your father, your sister?

525
00:21:54,760 --> 00:21:56,170
Till the Germans came.

526
00:21:56,170 --> 00:21:59,100
Until the Germans came.

527
00:21:59,100 --> 00:22:01,640
Do you remember the day that
the Germans came into the town?

528
00:22:01,640 --> 00:22:03,290
Of course, I remember.

529
00:22:03,290 --> 00:22:05,810
It's one thing I remember.

530
00:22:05,810 --> 00:22:10,220
I don't know-- my
sister was so scared.

531
00:22:10,220 --> 00:22:12,620
You had heard already stories.

532
00:22:12,620 --> 00:22:18,680
My aunt, who came from the
other side, she came in '39.

533
00:22:18,680 --> 00:22:21,560

she already said how they
came, and they burned the shul,

534
00:22:21,560 --> 00:22:25,130
and they hit
people, and stories.

535
00:22:25,130 --> 00:22:28,670
And my sister, she was-- we
lived on the Main Street,

536
00:22:28,670 --> 00:22:29,600
main thoroughfare.

537
00:22:29,600 --> 00:22:34,060
If you wanted to go to Lemberg,
that was the Lemberg strasse.

538
00:22:34,060 --> 00:22:37,810
And my mother's youngest
sister lived on a side street.

539
00:22:37,810 --> 00:22:39,680
So she went to her
to sleep because she

540
00:22:39,680 --> 00:22:41,660
was afraid of the Germans.

541
00:22:41,660 --> 00:22:43,400
But they came, the soldiers.

542
00:22:43,400 --> 00:22:45,560
And they asked for water.

543
00:22:45,560 --> 00:22:47,840
Or they're asking
for something else.

544
00:22:47,840 --> 00:22:51,110
And then the Gestapo came.

545

00:22:51,110 --> 00:22:52,970

First thing when they
came, and you probably

546

00:22:52,970 --> 00:23:00,150

heard that thing many times,
they locked up the whole khilh

547

00:23:00,150 --> 00:23:06,210

And they said that
they want so much--

548

00:23:06,210 --> 00:23:08,940

I don't remember how much, but
there wasn't an enormous amount

549

00:23:08,940 --> 00:23:12,860

of gold, silver, and money.

550

00:23:12,860 --> 00:23:14,510

If not, they will kill them.

551

00:23:14,510 --> 00:23:17,540

They locked up the men?

552

00:23:17,540 --> 00:23:18,890

Only men.

553

00:23:18,890 --> 00:23:23,850

The whole khilh and
very respectable people.

554

00:23:23,850 --> 00:23:27,840

Rounded them up in the city.

555

00:23:27,840 --> 00:23:30,690

And the money was found.

556

00:23:30,690 --> 00:23:31,735

And the gold was found.

557

00:23:31,735 --> 00:23:34,500

558

00:23:34,500 --> 00:23:36,750

And then they released them.

559

00:23:36,750 --> 00:23:41,190

Then that khilh which was the
khilh from before the war,

560

00:23:41,190 --> 00:23:42,270

they were managing.

561

00:23:42,270 --> 00:23:43,740

So what were they managing?

562

00:23:43,740 --> 00:23:45,090

They had the list of the Jews.

563

00:23:45,090 --> 00:23:49,490

And if the German came and
wanted the list, you gave them.

564

00:23:49,490 --> 00:23:51,840

You can only be could be killed.

565

00:23:51,840 --> 00:23:57,000

From my hometown, I don't
remember any mean policemen.

566

00:23:57,000 --> 00:23:59,310

Everybody had to work.

567

00:23:59,310 --> 00:24:01,860

So some people went
and they're policemen.

568

00:24:01,860 --> 00:24:04,320

My father worked the same
thing that he worked before,

569

00:24:04,320 --> 00:24:08,310

because these were

sophisticated machines.

570

00:24:08,310 --> 00:24:12,750

And your workers were peasants.

571

00:24:12,750 --> 00:24:15,300

So they couldn't operate.

572

00:24:15,300 --> 00:24:17,400

So they told the Germans
that they don't know how.

573

00:24:17,400 --> 00:24:21,950

So my father was lucky
because that was food.

574

00:24:21,950 --> 00:24:31,680

He also made buckwheat, grits,
barley on the first floor.

575

00:24:31,680 --> 00:24:32,870

That was small.

576

00:24:32,870 --> 00:24:34,785

The peasants used
to come with a sack.

577

00:24:34,785 --> 00:24:35,660

And they used to pay.

578

00:24:35,660 --> 00:24:37,320

And you did it for them.

579

00:24:37,320 --> 00:24:39,600

When the Germans
came, we fed half

580

00:24:39,600 --> 00:24:43,170

of the Jews of
the city with that

581

00:24:43,170 --> 00:24:46,050

because they were
black marketeers.

582
00:24:46,050 --> 00:24:46,800
They came.

583
00:24:46,800 --> 00:24:48,260
And they paid in flour.

584
00:24:48,260 --> 00:24:49,780
And my mother used to cook--

585
00:24:49,780 --> 00:24:55,758
my mother took such a big
pot, that you boiled laundry,

586
00:24:55,758 --> 00:24:57,050
that's what she cooked soup in.

587
00:24:57,050 --> 00:24:58,800
It wasn't enough.

588
00:24:58,800 --> 00:25:02,520
You say people assumed
other occupations became

589
00:25:02,520 --> 00:25:03,420
police, et cetera?

590
00:25:03,420 --> 00:25:05,302
You had to--

591
00:25:05,302 --> 00:25:07,110
I worked in the garden.

592
00:25:07,110 --> 00:25:08,950
There was a Jewish
council in your town?

593
00:25:08,950 --> 00:25:09,930
Yes.

594

00:25:09,930 --> 00:25:16,450

So they had a vegetable garden
to cook in the kitchen soup.

595

00:25:16,450 --> 00:25:19,650

So as a young girl,
it was 13, 14,

596

00:25:19,650 --> 00:25:22,110

I went work there in the garden.

597

00:25:22,110 --> 00:25:24,520

Whatever they told me, I did.

598

00:25:24,520 --> 00:25:27,300

Everybody had to work.

599

00:25:27,300 --> 00:25:33,090

So furriers had
an enormous amount

600

00:25:33,090 --> 00:25:39,450

of merchandise prepared,
still from the Russians.

601

00:25:39,450 --> 00:25:41,160

They had to work.

602

00:25:41,160 --> 00:25:42,770

The Germans took it.

603

00:25:42,770 --> 00:25:45,190

And you worked for nothing.

604

00:25:45,190 --> 00:25:48,070

So school stopped
completely, obviously?

605

00:25:48,070 --> 00:25:49,370

Not for me.

606

00:25:49,370 --> 00:25:50,920
It didn't?

607
00:25:50,920 --> 00:25:55,030
My mother was your
typical Jewish mother.

608
00:25:55,030 --> 00:25:57,550
My mother-- you
know Gladys Halpern?

609
00:25:57,550 --> 00:25:58,210
Mm-hmm.

610
00:25:58,210 --> 00:26:01,090
She's my second cousin.

611
00:26:01,090 --> 00:26:06,100
They were some refugee
teachers in our city.

612
00:26:06,100 --> 00:26:08,710
Professor, he was from Warsaw.

613
00:26:08,710 --> 00:26:10,250
And you wouldn't believe it.

614
00:26:10,250 --> 00:26:12,460
You will believe it
because I tell you.

615
00:26:12,460 --> 00:26:13,870
I learned Latin.

616
00:26:13,870 --> 00:26:15,610
It's unbelievable.

617
00:26:15,610 --> 00:26:17,650
I learned Latin.

618
00:26:17,650 --> 00:26:19,480
I learned Shakespeare.

619
00:26:19,480 --> 00:26:22,690
I learned math, physics--

620
00:26:22,690 --> 00:26:23,920
privately.

621
00:26:23,920 --> 00:26:28,270
We were three, four girls,
and my mother paid with flour

622
00:26:28,270 --> 00:26:33,220
or with barley because they
-- or oil -- or whatever.

623
00:26:33,220 --> 00:26:35,650
Whoever could give what--

624
00:26:35,650 --> 00:26:39,740
and we had a Hebrew
teacher [INAUDIBLE]

625
00:26:39,740 --> 00:26:43,240
because I don't know
how they finagled it.

626
00:26:43,240 --> 00:26:45,240
As I said, I was too young
to know these things.

627
00:26:45,240 --> 00:26:49,190
But there was some Gestapo
who used to come once

628
00:26:49,190 --> 00:26:51,220
a month from Lemberg.

629
00:26:51,220 --> 00:26:53,390
And before he came,
they prepared for him

630
00:26:53,390 --> 00:26:57,470

in furs, and money,
and God knows what,

631
00:26:57,470 --> 00:27:02,780
and he kept our city
out of debt Judenfrei.

632
00:27:02,780 --> 00:27:08,210
Our city was Judenfrei
relatively late

633
00:27:08,210 --> 00:27:13,060
in comparison with the
rest of the Galicia.

634
00:27:13,060 --> 00:27:15,200
And our ghetto came very late.

635
00:27:15,200 --> 00:27:20,570
Our ghetto came
in November, 1942.

636
00:27:20,570 --> 00:27:22,535
That's when we went
to [INAUDIBLE]..

637
00:27:22,535 --> 00:27:24,798
We never went to the ghetto.

638
00:27:24,798 --> 00:27:25,340
In November--

639
00:27:25,340 --> 00:27:26,130
So is it--

640
00:27:26,130 --> 00:27:28,670
--1942 was the big--

641
00:27:28,670 --> 00:27:30,530
first there was one--

642
00:27:30,530 --> 00:27:32,340

how do you call these
[INAUDIBLE] Aktion.

643
00:27:32,340 --> 00:27:32,840
Aktion.

644
00:27:32,840 --> 00:27:34,040
That's how they talked.

645
00:27:34,040 --> 00:27:35,975
The first Aktion was in March.

646
00:27:35,975 --> 00:27:37,350
Let me just ask
you one question.

647
00:27:37,350 --> 00:27:38,380
Sorry to interrupt.

648
00:27:38,380 --> 00:27:42,080
There's is one Gestapo officer
then who came from Lemberg?

649
00:27:42,080 --> 00:27:42,980
I never saw him.

650
00:27:42,980 --> 00:27:44,900
I knew that the
Gestapo was coming.

651
00:27:44,900 --> 00:27:47,160
Everybody went off the streets.

652
00:27:47,160 --> 00:27:50,070
We had the star of David
from the first minute.

653
00:27:50,070 --> 00:27:50,900
From the first--

654
00:27:50,900 --> 00:27:51,635
That you know.

655
00:27:51,635 --> 00:27:55,170
Every shtetl had the
same, the star of David.

656
00:27:55,170 --> 00:27:57,260
We had to relinquish
all the radios.

657
00:27:57,260 --> 00:28:01,610
Every piece of fur that is
bigger than 10 centimeter,

658
00:28:01,610 --> 00:28:04,460
that we have to had to --

659
00:28:04,460 --> 00:28:09,900
But then we were left to
ourselves, die, starve, work--

660
00:28:09,900 --> 00:28:10,730
everybody worked.

661
00:28:10,730 --> 00:28:13,610
Let me ask you, during the
time, was there any interaction

662
00:28:13,610 --> 00:28:18,030
between the Jewish community
and the non-Jewish community--

663
00:28:18,030 --> 00:28:18,530
No.

664
00:28:18,530 --> 00:28:20,155
--when the Germans
were occupying-- no?

665
00:28:20,155 --> 00:28:22,280
I lived on that street
where I lived all my life.

666

00:28:22,280 --> 00:28:26,400

So the Polish girls who
went with me to school,

667

00:28:26,400 --> 00:28:28,870

and they saw me, they
crossed the street.

668

00:28:28,870 --> 00:28:31,810

669

00:28:31,810 --> 00:28:37,120

All of a sudden, you didn't
have one friend left.

670

00:28:37,120 --> 00:28:39,070

And then you didn't
look for friends.

671

00:28:39,070 --> 00:28:39,987

Did you understand it?

672

00:28:39,987 --> 00:28:41,680

I went to the--

673

00:28:41,680 --> 00:28:42,640

I was hurt.

674

00:28:42,640 --> 00:28:46,390

But I was just busy--

675

00:28:46,390 --> 00:28:47,650

a German shouldn't see me.

676

00:28:47,650 --> 00:28:50,220

677

00:28:50,220 --> 00:28:55,200

And when I saw it, I came home
and thought to myself, oh,

678

00:28:55,200 --> 00:28:56,000

that's it.

679

00:28:56,000 --> 00:28:57,125

I'm just wondering if you--

680

00:28:57,125 --> 00:28:57,818

I'm Jewish.

681

00:28:57,818 --> 00:29:00,110

--if you ever came home, and
you said to your parents--

682

00:29:00,110 --> 00:29:02,910

Oh, yes, I told them, of
course. [both talking]

683

00:29:02,910 --> 00:29:03,960

I don't understand this.

684

00:29:03,960 --> 00:29:05,120

What is happening?

685

00:29:05,120 --> 00:29:06,620

I understood it.

686

00:29:06,620 --> 00:29:07,340

I was Jewish.

687

00:29:07,340 --> 00:29:09,410

And she was she was privileged.

688

00:29:09,410 --> 00:29:11,700

And that's all.

689

00:29:11,700 --> 00:29:14,240

690

00:29:14,240 --> 00:29:19,150

Do you remember how many German
soldiers were in your town?

691

00:29:19,150 --> 00:29:19,822
I don't know.

692
00:29:19,822 --> 00:29:21,530
They kept out of this,
you know out of --

693
00:29:21,530 --> 00:29:23,080
You kept outside as
much as possible?

694
00:29:23,080 --> 00:29:27,070
First of all, we had--

695
00:29:27,070 --> 00:29:28,590
I don't know what you call--

696
00:29:28,590 --> 00:29:30,340
not barracks, because
they were buildings,

697
00:29:30,340 --> 00:29:33,137
but we had a certain unit--

698
00:29:33,137 --> 00:29:34,720
I don't know how
many before the war--

699
00:29:34,720 --> 00:29:36,550
Polish cavalry.

700
00:29:36,550 --> 00:29:39,880
So there were big caserna
You know what's caserna?

701
00:29:39,880 --> 00:29:40,380
Caserna.

702
00:29:40,380 --> 00:29:41,640
No.

703
00:29:41,640 --> 00:29:43,270

Yeah, Caserna,
they were buildings

704
00:29:43,270 --> 00:29:44,478
for the soldiers in the camp.

705
00:29:44,478 --> 00:29:45,250
Right.

706
00:29:45,250 --> 00:29:46,390
So the Germans were there.

707
00:29:46,390 --> 00:29:50,380
But that was very
far from my street.

708
00:29:50,380 --> 00:29:54,050
And Gestapo, you didn't see.

709
00:29:54,050 --> 00:29:56,980
There was one Gestapo
living on my street.

710
00:29:56,980 --> 00:30:03,030
So when I had to pass by, I went
across the street just in case.

711
00:30:03,030 --> 00:30:03,600
Just in case?

712
00:30:03,600 --> 00:30:07,780
Just in case if he
walks out of there.

713
00:30:07,780 --> 00:30:10,070
But the Gestapo only
came for the killings.

714
00:30:10,070 --> 00:30:13,010
You didn't have stationed
Gestapo in the cities--

715

00:30:13,010 --> 00:30:14,480
not in my city.

716
00:30:14,480 --> 00:30:17,110
That was the Ukrainian militia.

717
00:30:17,110 --> 00:30:19,550
And they were pretty mean.

718
00:30:19,550 --> 00:30:23,210
When the Germans came, you had
what you had in every city.

719
00:30:23,210 --> 00:30:25,370
They set fire to this.

720
00:30:25,370 --> 00:30:28,670
And the Ukrainians
went on a rampage.

721
00:30:28,670 --> 00:30:29,630
In your town also?

722
00:30:29,630 --> 00:30:31,090
Of course.

723
00:30:31,090 --> 00:30:32,240
And then it was over.

724
00:30:32,240 --> 00:30:34,900
And they didn't look at you.

725
00:30:34,900 --> 00:30:35,900
You didn't look at them.

726
00:30:35,900 --> 00:30:37,430
And they didn't look at you.

727
00:30:37,430 --> 00:30:40,670
You went only-- you
didn't go for a walk.

728

00:30:40,670 --> 00:30:43,412

And most of the--

729

00:30:43,412 --> 00:30:49,910

in the backyards, yet we took
out from the fence, a piece,

730

00:30:49,910 --> 00:30:52,760

and we used to go to each
other through the fences.

731

00:30:52,760 --> 00:30:55,810

We tried not to
go in the street.

732

00:30:55,810 --> 00:30:56,840

So actually, you--

733

00:30:56,840 --> 00:30:58,580

At 5 o'clock, it
was the police hour.

734

00:30:58,580 --> 00:31:00,650

You couldn't be seen
after 5 o'clock.

735

00:31:00,650 --> 00:31:02,480

They would kill you.

736

00:31:02,480 --> 00:31:06,160

A friend that went with me to
school forgot her arm band.

737

00:31:06,160 --> 00:31:08,290

And they took her away
and killed right away.

738

00:31:08,290 --> 00:31:11,718

That was in the beginning
before they killed anybody.

739

00:31:11,718 --> 00:31:13,010

They stopped her on the street?

740

00:31:13,010 --> 00:31:14,427

They asked her
where her armband--

741

00:31:14,427 --> 00:31:15,650

That's right, they shot her.

742

00:31:15,650 --> 00:31:16,610

Were you with her?

743

00:31:16,610 --> 00:31:17,890

No.

744

00:31:17,890 --> 00:31:21,430

But I was-- you hear
about it right away.

745

00:31:21,430 --> 00:31:22,340

Right.

746

00:31:22,340 --> 00:31:24,290

Small city.

747

00:31:24,290 --> 00:31:27,570

I just went to, for my
lessons, wherever they are--

748

00:31:27,570 --> 00:31:28,840

they were in private homes.

749

00:31:28,840 --> 00:31:29,720

One's in my house.

750

00:31:29,720 --> 00:31:32,450

One is in Gladys
Halpern's house.

751

00:31:32,450 --> 00:31:34,130

And you came.

752

00:31:34,130 --> 00:31:35,145

And you rushed home.

753

00:31:35,145 --> 00:31:38,640

754

00:31:38,640 --> 00:31:42,940

Were you a little
bit more insulated

755

00:31:42,940 --> 00:31:44,357

from the Germans
because you lived

756

00:31:44,357 --> 00:31:46,773

on the outskirts of the town,
rather than living downtown?

757

00:31:46,773 --> 00:31:47,680

No, but the Germans--

758

00:31:47,680 --> 00:31:52,240

you see, they didn't walk around
too much in the town either.

759

00:31:52,240 --> 00:31:53,650

That wasn't attractive to them.

760

00:31:53,650 --> 00:31:54,610

They had that street.

761

00:31:54,610 --> 00:31:56,660

But they had the caserna.

762

00:31:56,660 --> 00:31:58,360

And I never went there.

763

00:31:58,360 --> 00:32:01,500

I don't think any Jew
went there when he go in.

764

00:32:01,500 --> 00:32:03,050

But--

765

00:32:03,050 --> 00:32:05,057