

1

00:00:00,000 --> 00:00:06,030

2

00:00:06,030 --> 00:00:07,990

Your mother you say  
is living in a--

3

00:00:07,990 --> 00:00:09,535

My mother is completely senile.

4

00:00:09,535 --> 00:00:12,660

She doesn't know  
what's going on.

5

00:00:12,660 --> 00:00:15,990

But my mother was the one  
that made me write the diary.

6

00:00:15,990 --> 00:00:19,740

And I have some pictures,  
like I told you, that I saved.

7

00:00:19,740 --> 00:00:23,620

And the other day  
I looked at them.

8

00:00:23,620 --> 00:00:28,360

And it was a 15-year-old  
girl writing.

9

00:00:28,360 --> 00:00:36,160

And on the back of every picture  
I have who it is and the date--

10

00:00:36,160 --> 00:00:36,910

in case--

11

00:00:36,910 --> 00:00:40,360

I mean, we never thought  
we would survive.

12

00:00:40,360 --> 00:00:43,060

All this was if they  
find it one day.

13

00:00:43,060 --> 00:00:44,680

Sure.

14

00:00:44,680 --> 00:00:48,830

We never dreamt to survive.

15

00:00:48,830 --> 00:00:52,700

Have you spoken to your  
children about your experiences?

16

00:00:52,700 --> 00:00:53,730

Not much.

17

00:00:53,730 --> 00:00:55,670

I don't know why.

18

00:00:55,670 --> 00:00:59,030

I was certainly  
the kind of mother

19

00:00:59,030 --> 00:01:01,220

that went with them,  
like my mother,

20

00:01:01,220 --> 00:01:05,360

to libraries, and to parades,  
and all these experiences

21

00:01:05,360 --> 00:01:07,220

with kids.

22

00:01:07,220 --> 00:01:08,210

We had a luncheonette.

23

00:01:08,210 --> 00:01:09,320

And I worked very hard.

24

00:01:09,320 --> 00:01:12,530

But Saturday, I took  
them-- here I'm on Broadway

25  
00:01:12,530 --> 00:01:14,660  
and they want Ripley's  
Believe It or Not.

26  
00:01:14,660 --> 00:01:17,900  
And my stomach is turning, and  
I take them to Ripley's Believe

27  
00:01:17,900 --> 00:01:19,340  
It or Not.

28  
00:01:19,340 --> 00:01:21,650  
And some how or other, I--

29  
00:01:21,650 --> 00:01:24,620  
my younger boy used  
to ask questions.

30  
00:01:24,620 --> 00:01:29,570  
But I, really-- they're very  
active in their community

31  
00:01:29,570 --> 00:01:33,860  
and everything, but they are  
not active in second generation.

32  
00:01:33,860 --> 00:01:38,540  
My younger son and his wife  
registered for that thing

33  
00:01:38,540 --> 00:01:39,290  
in Washington.

34  
00:01:39,290 --> 00:01:40,910  
That, I have to admit.

35  
00:01:40,910 --> 00:01:43,460  
And in the last minute,  
their maid left them.

36

00:01:43,460 --> 00:01:45,470

And mommy wasn't  
babysitting because I

37

00:01:45,470 --> 00:01:47,030

was going to go to Washington.

38

00:01:47,030 --> 00:01:51,020

But they registered for that.

39

00:01:51,020 --> 00:01:54,650

But probably, if somebody  
approaches them, they will.

40

00:01:54,650 --> 00:01:57,450

But you see, that they  
moved into a community,

41

00:01:57,450 --> 00:02:00,565

which is building.

42

00:02:00,565 --> 00:02:02,900

Which sounds that I'm  
bragging, but they

43

00:02:02,900 --> 00:02:07,010

did build eight rooms  
for their synagogue,

44

00:02:07,010 --> 00:02:08,960

for a school for their children.

45

00:02:08,960 --> 00:02:11,960

And my youngest is only 30.

46

00:02:11,960 --> 00:02:15,080

And he's president of the  
Solomon Schechter School

47

00:02:15,080 --> 00:02:17,840

and President of the  
Young Leadership in UGA.

48  
00:02:17,840 --> 00:02:21,920  
And my older boy's  
in the National Bund

49  
00:02:21,920 --> 00:02:23,390  
for Young Leadership.

50  
00:02:23,390 --> 00:02:28,550  
And he finished his presidency  
in the shul last year.

51  
00:02:28,550 --> 00:02:30,260  
And he's not through.

52  
00:02:30,260 --> 00:02:32,180  
So they are building  
a community.

53  
00:02:32,180 --> 00:02:34,580  
And that keeps them really busy.

54  
00:02:34,580 --> 00:02:37,190  
Eli says if I knew what  
it means to be a president

55  
00:02:37,190 --> 00:02:40,190  
of the Solomon Schechter, I  
wouldn't-- because the parents

56  
00:02:40,190 --> 00:02:42,890  
called him, you know, the  
teachers and everybody.

57  
00:02:42,890 --> 00:02:46,400  
But they're not active  
in the second generation.

58  
00:02:46,400 --> 00:02:49,640  
Maybe they will be approached.

59  
00:02:49,640 --> 00:02:53,240

I asked once, Phil, because  
I hear the diary is theirs.

60  
00:02:53,240 --> 00:02:54,680  
And it's falling apart.

61  
00:02:54,680 --> 00:02:58,620  
It is written in a  
pencil, cheap paper.

62  
00:02:58,620 --> 00:03:02,300  
And he says, no, wait, maybe  
I will translate it one day.

63  
00:03:02,300 --> 00:03:05,360  
It is translated into Hebrew.

64  
00:03:05,360 --> 00:03:07,770  
That it is.

65  
00:03:07,770 --> 00:03:12,420  
And the whole diary  
they put in that book.

66  
00:03:12,420 --> 00:03:15,540  
Because look, if  
she came and she

67  
00:03:15,540 --> 00:03:19,960  
said they caught this one and  
this one, I knew who it is.

68  
00:03:19,960 --> 00:03:21,840  
And I wrote it in the diary.

69  
00:03:21,840 --> 00:03:23,980  
So it does belong to the city.

70  
00:03:23,980 --> 00:03:26,812  
If they translated it, because  
there are a lot of things that

71

00:03:26,812 --> 00:03:27,990

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72

00:03:27,990 --> 00:03:31,250

Maybe two weeks  
before we were free--

73

00:03:31,250 --> 00:03:37,290

I don't know how much you know  
about the old buildings from

74

00:03:37,290 --> 00:03:41,970

the 1400-1500s, the cities  
that they built with the--

75

00:03:41,970 --> 00:03:48,330

So our city had pieces of  
the big moat and everything.

76

00:03:48,330 --> 00:03:54,250

And there were three  
gates which were downtown,

77

00:03:54,250 --> 00:03:58,510

but once they were the  
entrance to the city.

78

00:03:58,510 --> 00:04:05,100

So that is a big-- it's the  
moat and a big piece of city--

79

00:04:05,100 --> 00:04:07,345

not the fence, from  
stones, how they--

80

00:04:07,345 --> 00:04:08,220

Yeah.

81

00:04:08,220 --> 00:04:14,520

But the gate, it's like from  
here to the end of the room.

82

00:04:14,520 --> 00:04:16,260

I grew up in the city.

83

00:04:16,260 --> 00:04:18,480

I passed through Hebrew  
school through that gate

84

00:04:18,480 --> 00:04:20,579

every single blessed day.

85

00:04:20,579 --> 00:04:23,940

I never knew there is a room  
up there, which was probably

86

00:04:23,940 --> 00:04:29,490

for the soldiers or what,  
till they caught Jews there.

87

00:04:29,490 --> 00:04:31,643

It seems that the Pollack was--

88

00:04:31,643 --> 00:04:34,605

in a pail-- he used to--

89

00:04:34,605 --> 00:04:37,800

there was a string they used  
to pull up water and food.

90

00:04:37,800 --> 00:04:40,770

And at night, somebody saw it.

91

00:04:40,770 --> 00:04:41,820

Maybe two weeks.

92

00:04:41,820 --> 00:04:46,080

I never knew there was  
a hole there to hide.

93

00:04:46,080 --> 00:04:49,230

So things like this, she  
came and she told us.

94

00:04:49,230 --> 00:04:51,090



They called this  
one or that one.

95  
00:04:51,090 --> 00:04:54,180  
So of course, I mentioned  
it in the diary.

96  
00:04:54,180 --> 00:04:55,560  
Or I mentioned that--

97  
00:04:55,560 --> 00:05:00,990  
you read my diary, you have the  
whole Russian front, or D-Day,

98  
00:05:00,990 --> 00:05:03,060  
or the Italy.

99  
00:05:03,060 --> 00:05:04,980  
Whatever, this was vital to us.

100  
00:05:04,980 --> 00:05:06,330  
Even the little--

101  
00:05:06,330 --> 00:05:07,620  
Sasha was her name.

102  
00:05:07,620 --> 00:05:09,720  
Today she calls herself Naomi.

103  
00:05:09,720 --> 00:05:12,510  
She used to sit up and  
not lie down to sleep.

104  
00:05:12,510 --> 00:05:15,210  
You knew when it's day,  
night, you lie down to sleep.

105  
00:05:15,210 --> 00:05:16,680  
She says, what are you sitting?

106  
00:05:16,680 --> 00:05:17,460  
Why?

107  
00:05:17,460 --> 00:05:19,860  
I'm waiting for the communicat.

108  
00:05:19,860 --> 00:05:21,420  
Communicat was the news.

109  
00:05:21,420 --> 00:05:25,980  
Because from our faces, she  
knew if it is good or bad.

110  
00:05:25,980 --> 00:05:27,861  
Our lives depend on it.

111  
00:05:27,861 --> 00:05:30,630

112  
00:05:30,630 --> 00:05:34,110  
Once we were supposed to run.

113  
00:05:34,110 --> 00:05:39,750  
And my coat, I had tied  
to the-- it was the floor.

114  
00:05:39,750 --> 00:05:42,670  
But we-- took it  
down in the paper.

115  
00:05:42,670 --> 00:05:44,010  
The paper fall apart.

116  
00:05:44,010 --> 00:05:46,200  
The coat fall apart.

117  
00:05:46,200 --> 00:05:47,550  
And that's how we lived.

118  
00:05:47,550 --> 00:05:51,750  
But we didn't fall  
apart, maybe inside.

119

00:05:51,750 --> 00:05:55,572

Our human species  
is very strong.

120

00:05:55,572 --> 00:05:59,190

The human species  
is. very strong.

121

00:05:59,190 --> 00:06:01,460

And the first thing I  
did when I went out,

122

00:06:01,460 --> 00:06:05,780

I went to the well and  
drank water, water.

123

00:06:05,780 --> 00:06:09,290

And I love water since.

124

00:06:09,290 --> 00:06:11,690

Did you ever-- there's  
a very good book,

125

00:06:11,690 --> 00:06:15,680

Viktor Frankl, Man's  
Search for Meaning.

126

00:06:15,680 --> 00:06:18,600

It describes some of  
his own experiences--

127

00:06:18,600 --> 00:06:19,230

No, I didn't.

128

00:06:19,230 --> 00:06:21,590

--and the will to survive.

129

00:06:21,590 --> 00:06:23,070

And it's very nicely done.

130

00:06:23,070 --> 00:06:25,650

I have to take a list  
of books and read.

131  
00:06:25,650 --> 00:06:31,740  
I will to tell you  
I got some books

132  
00:06:31,740 --> 00:06:34,830  
that somebody says, oh,  
take this book and read it.

133  
00:06:34,830 --> 00:06:37,860  
And some of them I  
think are sacrilege.

134  
00:06:37,860 --> 00:06:43,045  
I'm very leery of people using  
the Holocaust for whatever

135  
00:06:43,045 --> 00:06:43,545  
they--

136  
00:06:43,545 --> 00:06:46,662

137  
00:06:46,662 --> 00:06:51,040  
I mean, when I came  
out of the bunker

138  
00:06:51,040 --> 00:06:53,470  
and everybody knew  
I have a diary,

139  
00:06:53,470 --> 00:06:55,210  
I didn't give it to nobody.

140  
00:06:55,210 --> 00:06:57,610  
The only time I gave  
it out of my hands

141  
00:06:57,610 --> 00:07:02,530  
was this, my teacher  
that taught me [POLISH],,

142

00:07:02,530 --> 00:07:05,140  
under the occupation.

143  
00:07:05,140 --> 00:07:08,660  
He was-- because even  
in Poland, antisemitism

144  
00:07:08,660 --> 00:07:12,200  
or not antisemitism, they  
were God-fearing people.

145  
00:07:12,200 --> 00:07:15,010  
We had a teacher who taught  
us religion in school.

146  
00:07:15,010 --> 00:07:15,640  
In Polish.

147  
00:07:15,640 --> 00:07:17,820  
[POLISH] in Polish is history.

148  
00:07:17,820 --> 00:07:19,060  
We used to part.

149  
00:07:19,060 --> 00:07:21,550  
The Polish girls went  
with their priest.

150  
00:07:21,550 --> 00:07:24,340  
The Ukrainian University  
uniate priest.

151  
00:07:24,340 --> 00:07:25,840  
We went with our teacher.

152  
00:07:25,840 --> 00:07:27,850  
Now, he was a professor--

153  
00:07:27,850 --> 00:07:29,530  
they call already  
professor because he

154

00:07:29,530 --> 00:07:32,860  
was in the high school, in  
gymnasium, also teaching math.

155  
00:07:32,860 --> 00:07:34,360  
He taught me Hebrew too.

156  
00:07:34,360 --> 00:07:37,030  
He survived in the forests.

157  
00:07:37,030 --> 00:07:39,430  
He came several days  
after we were free.

158  
00:07:39,430 --> 00:07:43,090  
His toes were frozen off.

159  
00:07:43,090 --> 00:07:47,080  
And being he was a  
teacher before the war,

160  
00:07:47,080 --> 00:07:51,460  
the first Jewish  
Holocaust Commission,

161  
00:07:51,460 --> 00:07:54,130  
or whatever you would  
call it, was in Lodz.

162  
00:07:54,130 --> 00:07:57,000  
Because the most  
Jews, after the--

163  
00:07:57,000 --> 00:07:58,750  
you know, you're a teacher.

164  
00:07:58,750 --> 00:08:00,490  
So they had the  
Historical Society there.

165  
00:08:00,490 --> 00:08:03,010  
The first Historical  
Society was in Lodz.

166  
00:08:03,010 --> 00:08:05,230  
And, of course, he  
was active there.

167  
00:08:05,230 --> 00:08:07,420  
Then he went to  
Argentina, was a director

168  
00:08:07,420 --> 00:08:09,190  
of a Hebrew school in Argentina.

169  
00:08:09,190 --> 00:08:10,960  
Because he had a  
brother in Argentina.

170  
00:08:10,960 --> 00:08:12,850  
But he came one day to me.

171  
00:08:12,850 --> 00:08:15,970  
Says, Clara, you have a  
diary and I am writing--

172  
00:08:15,970 --> 00:08:17,800  
it is like a brochure,  
I have the book--

173  
00:08:17,800 --> 00:08:19,540  
a history of our city--

174  
00:08:19,540 --> 00:08:23,410  
that was still in Poland,  
edited and this in Lodz--

175  
00:08:23,410 --> 00:08:25,120  
and I need your diary.

176  
00:08:25,120 --> 00:08:29,620  
So he took that first paragraph,  
what I described till I start,

177  
00:08:29,620 --> 00:08:33,940

and a few of this and  
he gave it back to me.

178  
00:08:33,940 --> 00:08:38,640  
Then I came here and somebody--  
to America-- and somebody said,

179  
00:08:38,640 --> 00:08:39,580  
told--

180  
00:08:39,580 --> 00:08:42,770  
I don't know, from the Forward  
they called me one day.

181  
00:08:42,770 --> 00:08:46,210  
And he came, a reporter, and  
he's going, make me rich.

182  
00:08:46,210 --> 00:08:48,580  
And said, I'm sorry.

183  
00:08:48,580 --> 00:08:51,820  
You want, I will tell  
you about everything.

184  
00:08:51,820 --> 00:08:53,590  
You know how to read Polish.

185  
00:08:53,590 --> 00:08:55,390  
But you have to sign a paper.

186  
00:08:55,390 --> 00:08:57,250  
I said, I'm not rich.

187  
00:08:57,250 --> 00:09:00,460  
I'm a greener, but I  
know that I can sue you

188  
00:09:00,460 --> 00:09:01,960  
and your paper today.

189  
00:09:01,960 --> 00:09:04,300



You want to write a  
story, write a story.

190  
00:09:04,300 --> 00:09:09,280  
I gave him the story, like in  
three or four installments,

191  
00:09:09,280 --> 00:09:13,570  
about one shtetl, and  
one bunker, and this.

192  
00:09:13,570 --> 00:09:15,280  
I never read them.

193  
00:09:15,280 --> 00:09:17,125  
They came from that book.

194  
00:09:17,125 --> 00:09:19,570  
And that was responsible  
people, the ones

195  
00:09:19,570 --> 00:09:21,740  
that wrote the encyclopedia.

196  
00:09:21,740 --> 00:09:22,240  
To do.

197  
00:09:22,240 --> 00:09:28,000  
Ev'reet And I gave it to Mrs.  
Friedman from the Historical

198  
00:09:28,000 --> 00:09:28,690  
Society.

199  
00:09:28,690 --> 00:09:34,000  
She translated from  
the Polish to Hebrew.

200  
00:09:34,000 --> 00:09:35,710  
And that's all I gave.

201  
00:09:35,710 --> 00:09:38,380

Now, I don't know, either  
I would give it to archive,

202  
00:09:38,380 --> 00:09:39,040  
or I--

203  
00:09:39,040 --> 00:09:40,480  
I have to ask my children.

204  
00:09:40,480 --> 00:09:42,610  
But I think they  
would agree with me

205  
00:09:42,610 --> 00:09:45,070  
that that's where it should go.

206  
00:09:45,070 --> 00:09:51,787  
But I read that Eisner's book.

207  
00:09:51,787 --> 00:09:52,495  
The guy is lying.

208  
00:09:52,495 --> 00:09:55,200

209  
00:09:55,200 --> 00:09:59,040  
You can't grow up in Warsaw  
where they were chasing Jews.

210  
00:09:59,040 --> 00:10:02,230  
Like I say, I don't  
blame them for not--

211  
00:10:02,230 --> 00:10:04,560  
not everybody was back.

212  
00:10:04,560 --> 00:10:08,970  
But most of the people who got  
these false papers, stupidly

213  
00:10:08,970 --> 00:10:10,590  
went to Warsaw.

214  
00:10:10,590 --> 00:10:13,818  
Warsaw, when they saw a  
new face, all they did,

215  
00:10:13,818 --> 00:10:14,610  
went to the police.

216  
00:10:14,610 --> 00:10:17,810  
They did the rest.

217  
00:10:17,810 --> 00:10:21,410  
And he doesn't even mention it.

218  
00:10:21,410 --> 00:10:23,930  
There is only one slang word--

219  
00:10:23,930 --> 00:10:27,290  
[NON-ENGLISH SPEECH],, which  
was the ones that sold Jews

220  
00:10:27,290 --> 00:10:30,480  
for money, but  
people who are not--

221  
00:10:30,480 --> 00:10:32,333  
didn't grow up Pole,  
don't even know

222  
00:10:32,333 --> 00:10:34,250  
what-- even a Pollack  
doesn't know what it is,

223  
00:10:34,250 --> 00:10:35,750  
because it's slang.

224  
00:10:35,750 --> 00:10:40,100  
Smalec is lard, lardist.

225  
00:10:40,100 --> 00:10:42,140  
Would you know if  
they called somebody?

226  
00:10:42,140 --> 00:10:44,000  
So I think it's a sacrilege.

227  
00:10:44,000 --> 00:10:47,870  
It is, to his family  
and everybody.

228  
00:10:47,870 --> 00:10:49,460  
Don't write.

229  
00:10:49,460 --> 00:10:52,850  
Then he puts up a Broadway show.

230  
00:10:52,850 --> 00:11:00,870  
So I'm very leery of  
these books, some of them.

231  
00:11:00,870 --> 00:11:04,550  
Let me just ask  
you one question.

232  
00:11:04,550 --> 00:11:07,980  
I guess, when you really,  
really, really felt free,

233  
00:11:07,980 --> 00:11:10,220  
I assume was when you  
finally came to Israel.

234  
00:11:10,220 --> 00:11:11,810  
Here, you came  
out of the bunker.

235  
00:11:11,810 --> 00:11:12,620  
And then--

236  
00:11:12,620 --> 00:11:15,500  
Oh, you see where I was  
angry, you say angry.

237  
00:11:15,500 --> 00:11:18,110

Angry I was in the  
displaced persons camp.

238  
00:11:18,110 --> 00:11:18,680  
Right.

239  
00:11:18,680 --> 00:11:20,210  
I hate the English.

240  
00:11:20,210 --> 00:11:24,320  
You know, when I was in London  
and saw all these Indians,

241  
00:11:24,320 --> 00:11:27,630  
and Pakistanis, and God  
knows, I thought to myself,

242  
00:11:27,630 --> 00:11:29,300  
the chickens came home to roost.

243  
00:11:29,300 --> 00:11:33,140  
You enslaved half of the  
world and now you have it.

244  
00:11:33,140 --> 00:11:34,800  
I just couldn't understand.

245  
00:11:34,800 --> 00:11:36,590  
I was mad.

246  
00:11:36,590 --> 00:11:40,370  
How-- and again, my  
father was a sage.

247  
00:11:40,370 --> 00:11:42,140  
He really was.

248  
00:11:42,140 --> 00:11:44,450  
He ran away from the yeshiva.

249  
00:11:44,450 --> 00:11:47,510  
He spoke-- well,

you knew my father--

250  
00:11:47,510 --> 00:11:50,810  
before the war,  
spoke perfect German.

251  
00:11:50,810 --> 00:11:56,000  
Knew about chemistry,  
physics anything, astronomy,

252  
00:11:56,000 --> 00:12:00,080  
every opera, all self-taught.

253  
00:12:00,080 --> 00:12:04,910  
Now I remember when it was said.

254  
00:12:04,910 --> 00:12:08,570  
I also was reminded  
of it all the time.

255  
00:12:08,570 --> 00:12:14,670  
When we were sitting in Austria  
in displaced persons camp, Mr.

256  
00:12:14,670 --> 00:12:17,400  
Melman, who is the one that  
went later to Australia,

257  
00:12:17,400 --> 00:12:20,070  
he always used to  
say, [INAUDIBLE],,

258  
00:12:20,070 --> 00:12:24,130  
because his name was Meyer  
Berish you were a [INAUDIBLE]..

259  
00:12:24,130 --> 00:12:27,540  
We were sitting in bunker  
and daydreaming, whispering.

260  
00:12:27,540 --> 00:12:29,580  
You never talked loud.

261

00:12:29,580 --> 00:12:32,790

And Mr. Melman said,  
oh, if we survive,

262

00:12:32,790 --> 00:12:34,830

they will come with ships--

263

00:12:34,830 --> 00:12:37,170

I mean, ships-- there  
were no airplanes--

264

00:12:37,170 --> 00:12:39,900

and they will take  
us to Eretz Israel.

265

00:12:39,900 --> 00:12:48,510

And my father said, Eretz Israel  
is in the hands of the English.

266

00:12:48,510 --> 00:12:50,520

And there are Arabs there too.

267

00:12:50,520 --> 00:12:52,200

And it is politics.

268

00:12:52,200 --> 00:12:58,950

And all you are is a soldier,  
a pawn on a chessboard.

269

00:12:58,950 --> 00:13:01,500

And when we sat in  
displaced persons camp,

270

00:13:01,500 --> 00:13:05,571

he kept always reminding,  
how did you know?

271

00:13:05,571 --> 00:13:10,200

And me, at 17 and 18,  
I was just hating the--

272

00:13:10,200 --> 00:13:13,050

next to the Germans, I  
was hating the English.

273  
00:13:13,050 --> 00:13:18,310  
How dare they not to let me in.

274  
00:13:18,310 --> 00:13:21,630  
How dare they, after  
what was done to us.

275  
00:13:21,630 --> 00:13:24,600

276  
00:13:24,600 --> 00:13:28,610  
So my husband, who is  
seven years older than me,

277  
00:13:28,610 --> 00:13:32,850  
in the camp, you  
had Israel, parties.

278  
00:13:32,850 --> 00:13:36,190  
And at that time, I was already  
grown up to go to a party.

279  
00:13:36,190 --> 00:13:38,910  
There was nothing else to do.

280  
00:13:38,910 --> 00:13:43,200  
He was Mapa, what  
you would call Mapai.

281  
00:13:43,200 --> 00:13:46,560  
I was Herut, [INAUDIBLE].

282  
00:13:46,560 --> 00:13:48,270  
So what if they  
killed a Englishman.

283  
00:13:48,270 --> 00:13:50,280  
They just killed  
six million of ours.



284

00:13:50,280 --> 00:13:53,640

Nobody said anything.

285

00:13:53,640 --> 00:13:54,570

And I'm sitting.

286

00:13:54,570 --> 00:13:56,010

And I have to listen to German.

287

00:13:56,010 --> 00:14:01,090

And I have to be-- and they  
didn't like me, for sure.

288

00:14:01,090 --> 00:14:02,780

People, they were starving.

289

00:14:02,780 --> 00:14:06,880

So people, in the camps, for  
a pack of cigarettes or this,

290

00:14:06,880 --> 00:14:09,190

you had German women cleaning.

291

00:14:09,190 --> 00:14:11,380

I did everything with my mother.

292

00:14:11,380 --> 00:14:12,100

You know why?

293

00:14:12,100 --> 00:14:14,708

Because whenever  
we took somebody,

294

00:14:14,708 --> 00:14:16,000

you didn't ask them a question.

295

00:14:16,000 --> 00:14:19,090

They told you right away they  
didn't know and they this.

296

00:14:19,090 --> 00:14:20,170

Nobody knew.

297

00:14:20,170 --> 00:14:22,450

They robbed all of  
Europe, brought it there.

298

00:14:22,450 --> 00:14:24,601

They didn't know.

299

00:14:24,601 --> 00:14:26,050

So I didn't want to see them.

300

00:14:26,050 --> 00:14:27,880

I didn't want they  
should clean for me.

301

00:14:27,880 --> 00:14:32,010

And I did everything  
with my mother by myself.

302

00:14:32,010 --> 00:14:34,290

That's when I was better.

303

00:14:34,290 --> 00:14:36,220

I don't know, maybe  
under the occupation

304

00:14:36,220 --> 00:14:37,260

all I want to survive.

305

00:14:37,260 --> 00:14:39,420

So she didn't say hello,  
she didn't say hello.

306

00:14:39,420 --> 00:14:41,640

I'm a Jewish, she  
can't say hello.

307

00:14:41,640 --> 00:14:43,407

I didn't justify her.

308

00:14:43,407 --> 00:14:43,990

But that's it.

309

00:14:43,990 --> 00:14:50,430

310

00:14:50,430 --> 00:14:55,020

What do you think the lesson  
is of your experience?

311

00:14:55,020 --> 00:14:57,580

Just yell if you  
don't like something,

312

00:14:57,580 --> 00:14:59,120

especially in America  
you can do it.

313

00:14:59,120 --> 00:15:02,690

314

00:15:02,690 --> 00:15:03,500

Yell loud.

315

00:15:03,500 --> 00:15:04,310

Yell loud.

316

00:15:04,310 --> 00:15:07,670

317

00:15:07,670 --> 00:15:09,170

Yell loud.

318

00:15:09,170 --> 00:15:10,760

And be heard.

319

00:15:10,760 --> 00:15:12,830

They can't do it to us again.

320

00:15:12,830 --> 00:15:17,240

I will tell you  
something, now is

321

00:15:17,240 --> 00:15:20,690  
that whole question about  
American Jewry, what they did

322

00:15:20,690 --> 00:15:22,970  
or didn't do.

323

00:15:22,970 --> 00:15:27,070  
But today's American  
Jewry it's not the same.

324

00:15:27,070 --> 00:15:28,490  
That was first generation.

325

00:15:28,490 --> 00:15:29,930  
They were [INAUDIBLE].

326

00:15:29,930 --> 00:15:33,230  
You see, I know the difference  
between a [INAUDIBLE]..

327

00:15:33,230 --> 00:15:35,000  
They felt they have this--

328

00:15:35,000 --> 00:15:38,420  
what was his name,  
Felix Frankfurter.

329

00:15:38,420 --> 00:15:46,587  
And they have the advisor,  
Churchill's advisor, Baruch.

330

00:15:46,587 --> 00:15:47,420  
And then there was--

331

00:15:47,420 --> 00:15:50,600  
I forgot the--  
and they felt he's

332

00:15:50,600 --> 00:15:54,950  
doing it for them, that he's  
talking to the [INAUDIBLE]..

333  
00:15:54,950 --> 00:15:58,160  
I mean, they  
worshiped Roosevelt.

334  
00:15:58,160 --> 00:16:01,550  
They didn't think that  
you can demonstrate.

335  
00:16:01,550 --> 00:16:04,220  
You weren't supposed  
to rock the boat.

336  
00:16:04,220 --> 00:16:07,810  
That was the first  
shtetl generation.

337  
00:16:07,810 --> 00:16:10,010  
You know when there  
are sometimes instances

338  
00:16:10,010 --> 00:16:12,560  
in your life, like eye openers?

339  
00:16:12,560 --> 00:16:14,690  
When I lived in  
Brooklyn, I belong

340  
00:16:14,690 --> 00:16:19,790  
to a Sephardic  
congregation because they

341  
00:16:19,790 --> 00:16:24,080  
taught the Hebrew the  
way they speak in Israel.

342  
00:16:24,080 --> 00:16:27,430  
Every other, this was like that.

343  
00:16:27,430 --> 00:16:30,920  
And they made me  
feel so welcome.

344

00:16:30,920 --> 00:16:33,710

I joined the sisterhood  
and was active.

345

00:16:33,710 --> 00:16:38,390

All that activity  
now I learned there.

346

00:16:38,390 --> 00:16:41,870

But they were-- the  
Latinos are here longer.

347

00:16:41,870 --> 00:16:43,670

So they were Americans.

348

00:16:43,670 --> 00:16:48,110

And one Yom Kippur,  
all of a sudden

349

00:16:48,110 --> 00:16:49,670

crashed through the wall--

350

00:16:49,670 --> 00:16:54,500

through the window, a stone.

351

00:16:54,500 --> 00:17:00,050

Men ran out of that shul ready  
to kill anybody who did it.

352

00:17:00,050 --> 00:17:03,140

Our kids were playing.

353

00:17:03,140 --> 00:17:07,220

And that was during Yizkor And  
I didn't have already my father.

354

00:17:07,220 --> 00:17:08,960

Sol had his parents yet.

355

00:17:08,960 --> 00:17:12,530

So I came home after Yizkor and  
then we went for the minyan.

356  
00:17:12,530 --> 00:17:16,730  
So I told him, you see, Sol,  
it would be in [INAUDIBLE],,

357  
00:17:16,730 --> 00:17:21,680  
for in [PLACE NAME] we would  
all huddle and wait for them

358  
00:17:21,680 --> 00:17:25,430  
to come and have the  
pogram or whatever they do.

359  
00:17:25,430 --> 00:17:30,310  
What does it mean  
to grow up free?

360  
00:17:30,310 --> 00:17:32,170  
He's an American.

361  
00:17:32,170 --> 00:17:34,420  
He's praying in his synagogue.

362  
00:17:34,420 --> 00:17:36,550  
And nobody can touch him.

363  
00:17:36,550 --> 00:17:38,560  
They went out ready to fight.

364  
00:17:38,560 --> 00:17:40,330  
That's the difference.

365  
00:17:40,330 --> 00:17:43,810  
This generation, it  
couldn't happen again.

366  
00:17:43,810 --> 00:17:47,710  
Because this generation,  
wouldn't let it happen.

367  
00:17:47,710 --> 00:17:49,690  
Of course, you have to be leery.

368  
00:17:49,690 --> 00:17:52,870  
You hear after 11  
o'clock, after the news,

369  
00:17:52,870 --> 00:17:53,920  
that demagogue speaking.

370  
00:17:53,920 --> 00:17:56,470

371  
00:17:56,470 --> 00:17:58,010  
Well, it's freedom of speech.

372  
00:17:58,010 --> 00:17:59,260  
It makes you mad.

373  
00:17:59,260 --> 00:18:00,550  
But it's freedom of speech.

374  
00:18:00,550 --> 00:18:02,070  
But you have to be vigilant.

375  
00:18:02,070 --> 00:18:04,950  
Oh, yes, you have.

376  
00:18:04,950 --> 00:18:06,120  
I like interviews.

377  
00:18:06,120 --> 00:18:07,870  
Anything else I don't  
watch on television.

378  
00:18:07,870 --> 00:18:09,730  
They have on now a CNN program.

379  
00:18:09,730 --> 00:18:13,120  
They had Angela Davis.

380  
00:18:13,120 --> 00:18:15,520  
And they let her talk.



381  
00:18:15,520 --> 00:18:17,830  
That's the best thing,  
to let her talk.

382  
00:18:17,830 --> 00:18:21,910  
And she shows what she is.

383  
00:18:21,910 --> 00:18:26,370  
She cannot sit here in front  
of the cameras with millions

384  
00:18:26,370 --> 00:18:29,710  
of people watching and say that  
there is repression in America

385  
00:18:29,710 --> 00:18:32,620  
because she's being left out.

386  
00:18:32,620 --> 00:18:34,810  
They'll laugh at her.

387  
00:18:34,810 --> 00:18:39,080  
So in some instances,  
this is good.

388  
00:18:39,080 --> 00:18:41,000  
Sometimes gets me mad,  
the freedom of speech.

389  
00:18:41,000 --> 00:18:45,620  
But on the other hand,  
the interviewer is smart.

390  
00:18:45,620 --> 00:18:47,930  
He points her with  
his questions.

391  
00:18:47,930 --> 00:18:51,290  
Let her talk and  
see what she is.

392

00:18:51,290 --> 00:18:54,770  
Anybody who visited Russia  
can't say it's repression here.

393  
00:18:54,770 --> 00:19:00,460

394  
00:19:00,460 --> 00:19:01,750  
OK.

395  
00:19:01,750 --> 00:19:04,690  
I want to thank you.

396  
00:19:04,690 --> 00:19:09,050  
I can't even say it's my  
pleasure, but I'm glad.

397  
00:19:09,050 --> 00:19:10,675  
I just want to thank  
you for coming in.

398  
00:19:10,675 --> 00:19:13,930  
Because maybe--  
because very soon

399  
00:19:13,930 --> 00:19:18,150  
will be nobody to  
tell this story.

400  
00:19:18,150 --> 00:19:36,276