

1  
00:00:00,000 --> 00:00:02,365

2  
00:00:02,365 --> 00:00:03,960  
It's going to be like this.

3  
00:00:03,960 --> 00:00:16,737

4  
00:00:16,737 --> 00:00:20,630  
Before, you were  
talking about the fact

5  
00:00:20,630 --> 00:00:22,520  
that you had  
essentially experienced

6  
00:00:22,520 --> 00:00:24,875  
five different killings.

7  
00:00:24,875 --> 00:00:25,805  
Yeah.

8  
00:00:25,805 --> 00:00:30,880  
And the last one  
involved your mother.

9  
00:00:30,880 --> 00:00:31,880  
Yes.

10  
00:00:31,880 --> 00:00:34,040  
And this was the--

11  
00:00:34,040 --> 00:00:38,150  
maybe they killed about  
2,000 people that time.

12  
00:00:38,150 --> 00:00:40,820  
They just surrounded us.

13

00:00:40,820 --> 00:00:43,460  
And they said they're  
going to give them bread.

14  
00:00:43,460 --> 00:00:45,710  
We should stay in line.

15  
00:00:45,710 --> 00:00:51,470  
And again, to the left, and  
to the right, the same thing

16  
00:00:51,470 --> 00:00:53,420  
from the first one.

17  
00:00:53,420 --> 00:00:56,360  
And they took away my  
mother, and mine aunt.

18  
00:00:56,360 --> 00:00:59,000  
Mine uncle was alive.

19  
00:00:59,000 --> 00:01:05,540  
And mine uncle start  
to scream and cry.

20  
00:01:05,540 --> 00:01:09,110  
So they took him out, outside.

21  
00:01:09,110 --> 00:01:20,040  
And he told a Jew to  
hit him with a stick.

22  
00:01:20,040 --> 00:01:22,500  
And mine uncle  
lost the two kids.

23  
00:01:22,500 --> 00:01:25,570  
They took away already,  
then with the dogs,

24  
00:01:25,570 --> 00:01:27,960  
when they hide the small kids.

25

00:01:27,960 --> 00:01:29,440

His wife, they took away.

26

00:01:29,440 --> 00:01:31,200

He couldn't take it anymore.

27

00:01:31,200 --> 00:01:36,180

He became-- my father's  
brother, he went crazy.

28

00:01:36,180 --> 00:01:37,860

So they took him out.

29

00:01:37,860 --> 00:01:40,590

And they told two  
Jews to take a stick.

30

00:01:40,590 --> 00:01:46,517

And one should hit him, and the  
other one, if one should rest.

31

00:01:46,517 --> 00:01:48,600

And they were not the  
Jewish policemen, were they?

32

00:01:48,600 --> 00:01:48,858

No.

33

00:01:48,858 --> 00:01:49,195

They were just two--

34

00:01:49,195 --> 00:01:49,695

No.

35

00:01:49,695 --> 00:01:52,230

The two Jews, they found.

36

00:01:52,230 --> 00:01:55,380

And the two Germans were  
standing from both side.

37

00:01:55,380 --> 00:01:57,600  
And they hitted him.

38  
00:01:57,600 --> 00:02:03,210  
For God forbid, if they wanted  
hit him, you need to be strong.

39  
00:02:03,210 --> 00:02:05,490  
A Jew should hit a Jew.

40  
00:02:05,490 --> 00:02:07,650  
But this was every day almost.

41  
00:02:07,650 --> 00:02:10,620  
If somebody was punished,  
they took out all the way

42  
00:02:10,620 --> 00:02:12,180  
in the courtyard.

43  
00:02:12,180 --> 00:02:15,120  
And everybody was  
standing there looking.

44  
00:02:15,120 --> 00:02:17,190  
And you should witness that.

45  
00:02:17,190 --> 00:02:21,240  
If you didn't behave, you  
get it, the same thing.

46  
00:02:21,240 --> 00:02:24,480  
That's why they put on a  
lot of punishment for us.

47  
00:02:24,480 --> 00:02:28,050  
The same if somebody tried  
to go out from the ghetto.

48  
00:02:28,050 --> 00:02:30,210  
My sister in law, she  
lives now in Australia,

49

00:02:30,210 --> 00:02:32,430  
my husband's sister.

50

00:02:32,430 --> 00:02:35,860  
She went to the gate  
to go out in the woods.

51

00:02:35,860 --> 00:02:37,920  
She went with her husband.

52

00:02:37,920 --> 00:02:40,980  
In the middle of the  
night, they got dressed.

53

00:02:40,980 --> 00:02:42,840  
And came a Polish guy.

54

00:02:42,840 --> 00:02:45,870  
And he said, it's  
time to go out.

55

00:02:45,870 --> 00:02:47,370  
My sister in law went out.

56

00:02:47,370 --> 00:02:50,080

57

00:02:50,080 --> 00:02:53,935  
But they caught  
the brother-in-law.

58

00:02:53,935 --> 00:02:55,305  
Did they have children?

59

00:02:55,305 --> 00:02:57,270  
They have now two  
children in Australia.

60

00:02:57,270 --> 00:03:01,650  
One, their son, is a  
dentist, very successful.

61

00:03:01,650 --> 00:03:03,280

He has two offices.

62

00:03:03,280 --> 00:03:05,520

They have four grandchildren--  
five grandchildren.

63

00:03:05,520 --> 00:03:07,228

At the time, their  
children weren't born.

64

00:03:07,228 --> 00:03:07,730

Oh, no.

65

00:03:07,730 --> 00:03:10,015

There were just a  
young couple that time.

66

00:03:10,015 --> 00:03:11,655

Yeah.

67

00:03:11,655 --> 00:03:14,400

You see, with the  
panic, it was like this.

68

00:03:14,400 --> 00:03:20,130

If they caught somebody,  
they were so punishable

69

00:03:20,130 --> 00:03:24,030

that a human being  
couldn't understand.

70

00:03:24,030 --> 00:03:29,190

How can people do  
this to people?

71

00:03:29,190 --> 00:03:33,510

Or they shoot them in the  
front of all the people.

72

00:03:33,510 --> 00:03:38,550

Or they hang them on a tree  
in front of all the people.

73  
00:03:38,550 --> 00:03:42,240  
And mostly, when  
someone went out--

74  
00:03:42,240 --> 00:03:47,470  
I know a lot of friends of our  
try to went out in the daytime

75  
00:03:47,470 --> 00:03:50,040  
when they worked and  
the gentile came in.

76  
00:03:50,040 --> 00:03:51,960  
They went out.

77  
00:03:51,960 --> 00:03:54,780  
And so they caught them.

78  
00:03:54,780 --> 00:03:56,880  
They came and took  
all the family.

79  
00:03:56,880 --> 00:03:58,770  
And they cleaned out the family.

80  
00:03:58,770 --> 00:04:03,270  
You were punished for you  
daughter when she went out.

81  
00:04:03,270 --> 00:04:06,710  
So the panic, to go  
out, it was not easy.

82  
00:04:06,710 --> 00:04:09,700

83  
00:04:09,700 --> 00:04:11,607  
And they scared us.

84

00:04:11,607 --> 00:04:12,440  
Your responsibility.

85  
00:04:12,440 --> 00:04:15,100  
The responsibility  
for the other Jews.

86  
00:04:15,100 --> 00:04:17,920  
Well, if they got you,  
they can come tomorrow

87  
00:04:17,920 --> 00:04:20,860  
and kill everybody.

88  
00:04:20,860 --> 00:04:22,720  
So we were locked in.

89  
00:04:22,720 --> 00:04:30,400  
But we were left, maybe about  
350 people, 70 young boys.

90  
00:04:30,400 --> 00:04:31,990  
So you were with your father.

91  
00:04:31,990 --> 00:04:32,845  
You were with--

92  
00:04:32,845 --> 00:04:33,645  
My sister--

93  
00:04:33,645 --> 00:04:34,300  
--your sister.

94  
00:04:34,300 --> 00:04:35,201  
--and my brother.

95  
00:04:35,201 --> 00:04:36,065  
--and your brother.

96  
00:04:36,065 --> 00:04:38,620  
And around the whole--



97

00:04:38,620 --> 00:04:43,900  
from the 30,000 Jews,  
1,000 Jews maybe

98

00:04:43,900 --> 00:04:51,670  
ran away between all the years  
in the woods, from our time,

99

00:04:51,670 --> 00:04:55,270  
or they were hide  
by a Polish guy.

100

00:04:55,270 --> 00:04:58,570  
I know one guy  
maybe hide 10 Jews

101

00:04:58,570 --> 00:05:00,790  
for money, who had the money.

102

00:05:00,790 --> 00:05:01,500  
So he came.

103

00:05:01,500 --> 00:05:03,910  
He took out sometimes  
from the ghetto.

104

00:05:03,910 --> 00:05:05,800  
But he didn't want  
to take any anymore.

105

00:05:05,800 --> 00:05:07,180  
They just send Jews.

106

00:05:07,180 --> 00:05:11,050  
In our neighborhood,  
not too many Polacks

107

00:05:11,050 --> 00:05:15,880  
took in, had some of us.

108

00:05:15,880 --> 00:05:23,740  
But if they knew you, and

you could get to them--

109

00:05:23,740 --> 00:05:27,310

maybe, from [? PD, ?]

a woman used to do

110

00:05:27,310 --> 00:05:31,750

you a favor to keep you

for a day or a night.

111

00:05:31,750 --> 00:05:33,790

I'll come to this story.

112

00:05:33,790 --> 00:05:38,080

Then we were left

350 Jews from 30,000.

113

00:05:38,080 --> 00:05:40,030

And 1,000 run away in the woods.

114

00:05:40,030 --> 00:05:44,080

And we heard that, in the

woods, they don't starve.

115

00:05:44,080 --> 00:05:45,430

They live.

116

00:05:45,430 --> 00:05:48,010

And they're getting along.

117

00:05:48,010 --> 00:05:48,940

We couldn't imagine.

118

00:05:48,940 --> 00:05:53,220

How can you live, winter,

and snow, and cold,

119

00:05:53,220 --> 00:05:55,030

and in wet weather?

120

00:05:55,030 --> 00:05:56,710

But everything was

better life to stay

121  
00:05:56,710 --> 00:05:59,050  
and to wait for the bullet.

122  
00:05:59,050 --> 00:06:01,600

123  
00:06:01,600 --> 00:06:03,030  
So we tried.

124  
00:06:03,030 --> 00:06:07,830  
We organized the 350 Jews.

125  
00:06:07,830 --> 00:06:15,270  
And we start to think  
to do something,

126  
00:06:15,270 --> 00:06:17,190  
to go out from this ghetto.

127  
00:06:17,190 --> 00:06:19,700

128  
00:06:19,700 --> 00:06:25,630  
And we tried to build a tunnel  
a mile and a half underground.

129  
00:06:25,630 --> 00:06:28,280

130  
00:06:28,280 --> 00:06:32,360  
And the tunnel was just--

131  
00:06:32,360 --> 00:06:34,640  
you stand on your knees.

132  
00:06:34,640 --> 00:06:38,480  
And just you bend down the head.

133  
00:06:38,480 --> 00:06:42,320

And then, like this,  
you're crawling out.

134  
00:06:42,320 --> 00:06:45,200  
We had 70 young boys.

135  
00:06:45,200 --> 00:06:49,010  
And the rest were  
young girls, like I.

136  
00:06:49,010 --> 00:06:53,210  
And we had a couple elderly,  
maybe three or four elderly.

137  
00:06:53,210 --> 00:06:57,560  
My father, at that time,  
was already a elderly.

138  
00:06:57,560 --> 00:06:58,855  
At that time--

139  
00:06:58,855 --> 00:07:00,165  
And he was only about--

140  
00:07:00,165 --> 00:07:03,780  
He was maybe about 50 or 55.

141  
00:07:03,780 --> 00:07:08,090  
He just died last year,  
two years going to be.

142  
00:07:08,090 --> 00:07:12,435  
And 70 boys start  
to dig the tunnel.

143  
00:07:12,435 --> 00:07:15,870

144  
00:07:15,870 --> 00:07:19,950  
And we couldn't put  
away the dirt no place.

145

00:07:19,950 --> 00:07:24,360

We couldn't get a move with  
one shovel of dirt outside.

146

00:07:24,360 --> 00:07:26,490

So what we did?

147

00:07:26,490 --> 00:07:32,580

We piled up between  
walls and under the beds.

148

00:07:32,580 --> 00:07:34,950

And we dig this tunnel  
for three months.

149

00:07:34,950 --> 00:07:38,060

150

00:07:38,060 --> 00:07:44,330

And we decided one evening  
that we must go out from here.

151

00:07:44,330 --> 00:07:46,220

All the digging was  
done during the night?

152

00:07:46,220 --> 00:07:46,980

During the night.

153

00:07:46,980 --> 00:07:49,220

In the daytime, we used to work.

154

00:07:49,220 --> 00:07:53,285

The Polish-- the Germans  
used to bring to sew the fur,

155

00:07:53,285 --> 00:07:56,820

to make shoes, to make clothing.

156

00:07:56,820 --> 00:07:59,205

It was factories around.

157

00:07:59,205 --> 00:08:01,930  
So they brought us in.

158  
00:08:01,930 --> 00:08:04,040  
And we used to work.

159  
00:08:04,040 --> 00:08:06,770  
And they used to  
come and pick up.

160  
00:08:06,770 --> 00:08:13,660  
And the Germans were standing  
around us, even around the 350.

161  
00:08:13,660 --> 00:08:18,570  
To go out from this tunnel,  
we decided the elderly,

162  
00:08:18,570 --> 00:08:21,430  
a couple elderly  
should go in the back.

163  
00:08:21,430 --> 00:08:27,770  
If they're going to get a heart  
attack inside, in the tunnel,

164  
00:08:27,770 --> 00:08:31,190  
everybody's going to get stuck.

165  
00:08:31,190 --> 00:08:36,860  
I, as a young girl, my  
brother, maybe 70 guys,

166  
00:08:36,860 --> 00:08:39,860  
they build the tunnel,  
and we organized.

167  
00:08:39,860 --> 00:08:44,900  
We find out that that Jewish  
boy from my husband's town--

168  
00:08:44,900 --> 00:08:47,870  
my husband comes from 20 miles--

169  
00:08:47,870 --> 00:08:50,240  
that he didn't like the  
idea from running away.

170  
00:08:50,240 --> 00:08:53,190

171  
00:08:53,190 --> 00:08:55,350  
And he start to dig in.

172  
00:08:55,350 --> 00:08:56,820  
Why are we doing this?

173  
00:08:56,820 --> 00:08:58,602  
And it's going to be worse.

174  
00:08:58,602 --> 00:09:00,060  
If we're going to  
run away, they're

175  
00:09:00,060 --> 00:09:01,365  
going to kill us anyway.

176  
00:09:01,365 --> 00:09:02,400  
How old was this boy?

177  
00:09:02,400 --> 00:09:05,490  
The boy was a young boy  
from my husband's town.

178  
00:09:05,490 --> 00:09:10,110  
So these Jewish boys  
got him and choked him.

179  
00:09:10,110 --> 00:09:15,000  
But we were afraid that  
the German promised him,

180  
00:09:15,000 --> 00:09:17,070  
that he is going to tell  
what's going on inside.

181  
00:09:17,070 --> 00:09:19,810

182  
00:09:19,810 --> 00:09:20,960  
He's going to be alive.

183  
00:09:20,960 --> 00:09:24,470  
They would kill him anyway.

184  
00:09:24,470 --> 00:09:27,520  
That was the mentality  
from the people.

185  
00:09:27,520 --> 00:09:30,400  
Just to live, they're  
going to do everything.

186  
00:09:30,400 --> 00:09:32,830  
And they took him  
down to the tunnel.

187  
00:09:32,830 --> 00:09:35,700  
And they choked him.

188  
00:09:35,700 --> 00:09:37,060  
How old did you say he was?

189  
00:09:37,060 --> 00:09:42,070  
He was a young boy,  
maybe 18, 19, maybe 17.

190  
00:09:42,070 --> 00:09:44,940

191  
00:09:44,940 --> 00:09:47,910  
They talked in  
some Jewish people

192  
00:09:47,910 --> 00:09:51,300  
to find out everything  
what's going on.



193  
00:09:51,300 --> 00:09:54,760  
We couldn't risk whatever it is.

194  
00:09:54,760 --> 00:09:57,060  
They were suspicious.

195  
00:09:57,060 --> 00:10:00,570  
that here is  
something digging in.

196  
00:10:00,570 --> 00:10:04,100

197  
00:10:04,100 --> 00:10:07,340  
To go out from such a tunnel,  
you need to be very careful,

198  
00:10:07,340 --> 00:10:11,630  
while every move, they hear.

199  
00:10:11,630 --> 00:10:17,900  
So we were waiting for a evening  
with thundering, raining.

200  
00:10:17,900 --> 00:10:21,230  
And one boy went on the roof.

201  
00:10:21,230 --> 00:10:27,750  
And he tore off a little bit the  
roof, it shouldn't make noise.

202  
00:10:27,750 --> 00:10:31,670  
And one evening, we decided--

203  
00:10:31,670 --> 00:10:34,160  
they asked me and my  
sister, we were young--

204  
00:10:34,160 --> 00:10:38,060  
that we should go out  
with first the 70 boys,

205

00:10:38,060 --> 00:10:40,850

later then go out  
the young girls,

206

00:10:40,850 --> 00:10:44,570

and the elderly  
should be in the back.

207

00:10:44,570 --> 00:10:46,880

But I and my sister  
decided that we're not

208

00:10:46,880 --> 00:10:49,860

going to leave our  
father in the back.

209

00:10:49,860 --> 00:10:52,560

We're going to go with him.

210

00:10:52,560 --> 00:10:55,480

And what's going to happen to  
him is going to happen to us.

211

00:10:55,480 --> 00:10:57,480

It is very risky.

212

00:10:57,480 --> 00:11:01,980

If they would find out the  
first one, they're out,

213

00:11:01,980 --> 00:11:04,530

and we in the back  
would be killed.

214

00:11:04,530 --> 00:11:07,950

But we were prepared for this.

215

00:11:07,950 --> 00:11:09,060

It came one evening.

216

00:11:09,060 --> 00:11:10,510

It was thundering.

217

00:11:10,510 --> 00:11:12,630

It was pouring.

218

00:11:12,630 --> 00:11:18,120

You couldn't see in  
front of you of nothing.

219

00:11:18,120 --> 00:11:21,150

And we lined up all.

220

00:11:21,150 --> 00:11:26,590

And we organized that they're  
going to have a long rope.

221

00:11:26,590 --> 00:11:27,345

A long rope?

222

00:11:27,345 --> 00:11:28,950

A rope.

223

00:11:28,950 --> 00:11:32,400

And this rope, to  
hold all together.

224

00:11:32,400 --> 00:11:36,150

And in front of us  
will be a man what

225

00:11:36,150 --> 00:11:42,870

he knew where to run, like  
the farms, like the forest.

226

00:11:42,870 --> 00:11:46,825

And we were quietly all  
right thinking that we're

227

00:11:46,825 --> 00:11:47,950

going to keep all together.

228

00:11:47,950 --> 00:11:50,850

229

00:11:50,850 --> 00:11:54,680

But the willpower  
to leave is so high.

230

00:11:54,680 --> 00:11:58,830

Was there one particular person  
who was the leader of this--

231

00:11:58,830 --> 00:12:00,050

We were all organized.

232

00:12:00,050 --> 00:12:01,640

The girls helped.

233

00:12:01,640 --> 00:12:02,780

The boys helped.

234

00:12:02,780 --> 00:12:10,100

70 guys, we had, handsome  
guys, very talented guys.

235

00:12:10,100 --> 00:12:13,020

And we're supposed to go out.

236

00:12:13,020 --> 00:12:15,530

And we went all out.

237

00:12:15,530 --> 00:12:18,800

But what would happen to us?

238

00:12:18,800 --> 00:12:21,200

It was so dark.

239

00:12:21,200 --> 00:12:23,360

And it was so thundering.

240

00:12:23,360 --> 00:12:28,250

It was so pouring  
that, in front of you,

241

00:12:28,250 --> 00:12:32,450

you couldn't see  
another person, nobody.

242

00:12:32,450 --> 00:12:37,430

And the guys that went  
out in the front--

243

00:12:37,430 --> 00:12:40,680

everybody ran in  
different directions.

244

00:12:40,680 --> 00:12:43,190

And we lost track.

245

00:12:43,190 --> 00:12:44,390

Nobody knew where they are.

246

00:12:44,390 --> 00:12:47,000

247

00:12:47,000 --> 00:12:51,050

I, and my father,  
and my sister--

248

00:12:51,050 --> 00:12:53,792

in front of us went out a boy.

249

00:12:53,792 --> 00:12:55,250

The original plan  
was for everybody

250

00:12:55,250 --> 00:12:56,105

to hold on to the rope.

251

00:12:56,105 --> 00:12:56,555

To the rope.

252

00:12:56,555 --> 00:12:57,597

And when you [INAUDIBLE].

253

00:12:57,597 --> 00:12:59,370

But till you went  
outside, everybody

254

00:12:59,370 --> 00:13:01,400

lost control from the rope.

255

00:13:01,400 --> 00:13:03,560

Nobody was thinking  
what's going to be next.

256

00:13:03,560 --> 00:13:07,490

Everybody wanted to run.

257

00:13:07,490 --> 00:13:10,010

And a cousin of mine-- he is 54.

258

00:13:10,010 --> 00:13:12,380

He just had a heart  
attack and died last year.

259

00:13:12,380 --> 00:13:17,420

He went out with my  
brother and the 70 guys.

260

00:13:17,420 --> 00:13:20,180

And on tomorrow, they came.

261

00:13:20,180 --> 00:13:21,920

They heard that the ghetto--

262

00:13:21,920 --> 00:13:23,675

nobody came to work.

263

00:13:23,675 --> 00:13:24,635

No--

264

00:13:24,635 --> 00:13:26,210

Nobody came to work.

265

00:13:26,210 --> 00:13:28,340

It was empty.

266  
00:13:28,340 --> 00:13:32,120  
To it came an army,  
to the ghetto.

267  
00:13:32,120 --> 00:13:35,360  
And they were afraid  
to go into the tunnel.

268  
00:13:35,360 --> 00:13:39,920  
But they did throw two  
bombs in the tunnel.

269  
00:13:39,920 --> 00:13:46,280  
And they broke everything  
up, the whole building.

270  
00:13:46,280 --> 00:13:48,305  
Do you remember the month?

271  
00:13:48,305 --> 00:13:49,600  
This-- I'll tell you when.

272  
00:13:49,600 --> 00:13:53,550  
In 1945, I was in the  
woods just a year.

273  
00:13:53,550 --> 00:13:55,775  
So it was in 1944.

274  
00:13:55,775 --> 00:13:56,697  
1944.

275  
00:13:56,697 --> 00:13:58,884  
In 1945, we were liberated.

276  
00:13:58,884 --> 00:14:00,880  
It was the end of '44.

277  
00:14:00,880 --> 00:14:06,530  
This was in the fall, the fall  
when we came to the woods.

278  
00:14:06,530 --> 00:14:07,900  
And--

279  
00:14:07,900 --> 00:14:09,650  
How did you know what  
happened in the town

280  
00:14:09,650 --> 00:14:12,650  
when the Germans  
came to the town?

281  
00:14:12,650 --> 00:14:14,150  
The Poles told us.

282  
00:14:14,150 --> 00:14:15,215  
Later on.

283  
00:14:15,215 --> 00:14:17,990  
The Poles are-- this is nothing.

284  
00:14:17,990 --> 00:14:21,380  
But what happened  
from the 350 people?

285  
00:14:21,380 --> 00:14:25,370  
The 70 boys were wandering  
around the town, and wandering.

286  
00:14:25,370 --> 00:14:27,800  
And they didn't  
know where to go.

287  
00:14:27,800 --> 00:14:33,230  
And tomorrow, they  
caught them all.

288  
00:14:33,230 --> 00:14:38,758  
And they killed them on  
the square of the town.

289  
00:14:38,758 --> 00:14:41,385



They never were rescued.

290

00:14:41,385 --> 00:14:44,250

So the only people who  
actually got out of the tunnel

291

00:14:44,250 --> 00:14:45,642

were the 70 boys?

292

00:14:45,642 --> 00:14:46,142

No.

293

00:14:46,142 --> 00:14:46,590

We went out--

294

00:14:46,590 --> 00:14:47,215

Everybody got--

295

00:14:47,215 --> 00:14:47,917

--350.

296

00:14:47,917 --> 00:14:49,250

Everybody got out of the tunnel.

297

00:14:49,250 --> 00:14:51,940

Everybody got out.

298

00:14:51,940 --> 00:14:56,280

And the main important guys  
what made the tunnel, maybe two

299

00:14:56,280 --> 00:14:57,930

or three were alive.

300

00:14:57,930 --> 00:14:59,410

The rest, they killed.

301

00:14:59,410 --> 00:15:03,780

But on tomorrow was such  
a panic from the Germany.

302

00:15:03,780 --> 00:15:08,970

They couldn't take it that the  
Jewish people outsmart them.

303

00:15:08,970 --> 00:15:11,220

So they were very mad.

304

00:15:11,220 --> 00:15:13,560

They mobilized all the Germans.

305

00:15:13,560 --> 00:15:17,571

Came a army to this--

306

00:15:17,571 --> 00:15:18,530

The woods?

307

00:15:18,530 --> 00:15:19,030

No.

308

00:15:19,030 --> 00:15:22,380

Came a army to the ghetto,  
where we was there,

309

00:15:22,380 --> 00:15:23,550

where we went out.

310

00:15:23,550 --> 00:15:26,282

And they were  
afraid to go inside.

311

00:15:26,282 --> 00:15:27,240

They bombed everything.

312

00:15:27,240 --> 00:15:28,860

But they mobilized.

313

00:15:28,860 --> 00:15:32,320

And tomorrow, the  
Jews that ran away--

314

00:15:32,320 --> 00:15:36,000

a whole army to catch the Jews.

315  
00:15:36,000 --> 00:15:38,550  
I, with my father and sister--

316  
00:15:38,550 --> 00:15:40,620  
I would not be alive.

317  
00:15:40,620 --> 00:15:43,022  
One boy was a farmer's son.

318  
00:15:43,022 --> 00:15:44,730  
The only thing that  
I'm missing somewhere

319  
00:15:44,730 --> 00:15:47,790  
is that everybody ran out of  
the tunnel, all 350 people.

320  
00:15:47,790 --> 00:15:48,985  
All 350.

321  
00:15:48,985 --> 00:15:49,860  
But nobody could see.

322  
00:15:49,860 --> 00:15:50,370  
It was dark.

323  
00:15:50,370 --> 00:15:51,995  
Nobody could see  
where they were going.

324  
00:15:51,995 --> 00:15:54,450  
Nobody could see,  
nobody, in front of you.

325  
00:15:54,450 --> 00:15:58,090  
We picked such a night  
that they couldn't see.

326  
00:15:58,090 --> 00:16:00,780  
It was pouring and thundering.

327

00:16:00,780 --> 00:16:02,820

And you couldn't  
see in front of you.

328

00:16:02,820 --> 00:16:08,715

It was like buckets  
of water on you.

329

00:16:08,715 --> 00:16:13,710

And that night, you spent  
outside in the woods?

330

00:16:13,710 --> 00:16:15,810

And that night, we run out.

331

00:16:15,810 --> 00:16:18,505

And everybody ran in  
different directions.

332

00:16:18,505 --> 00:16:19,155

Right.

333

00:16:19,155 --> 00:16:28,080

They get out all over the  
town, around the town.

334

00:16:28,080 --> 00:16:33,450

Not, they run not to the town,  
but two miles out of town.

335

00:16:33,450 --> 00:16:34,950

This one ran in this direction.

336

00:16:34,950 --> 00:16:36,150

This one--

337

00:16:36,150 --> 00:16:39,750

Everybody thought that we're  
going to be one direction.

338

00:16:39,750 --> 00:16:42,210

One knows the way how

to go to the woods.

339

00:16:42,210 --> 00:16:44,340

And we're going to go after him.

340

00:16:44,340 --> 00:16:48,930

But after you're going out on  
freedom, you are so panicky,

341

00:16:48,930 --> 00:16:53,160

you cannot wait till  
the 350 will go out.

342

00:16:53,160 --> 00:16:56,970

So everyone who came out ran.

343

00:16:56,970 --> 00:17:00,090

And so tomorrow, they  
brought a whole army.

344

00:17:00,090 --> 00:17:02,520

They surrounded the whole town.

345

00:17:02,520 --> 00:17:05,040

And they caught most  
of the young guys.

346

00:17:05,040 --> 00:17:06,900

They didn't know where to run.

347

00:17:06,900 --> 00:17:08,579

We were lucky just.

348

00:17:08,579 --> 00:17:11,220

If you ran away five  
miles away, and you

349

00:17:11,220 --> 00:17:16,050

hide by woman over the night,  
they killed the woman, too.

350

00:17:16,050 --> 00:17:20,220

What happened-- I, and my  
father, and my sister--

351  
00:17:20,220 --> 00:17:24,510  
in front of me went a  
guy, a farmer's son.

352  
00:17:24,510 --> 00:17:28,410  
He knew the way how to go.

353  
00:17:28,410 --> 00:17:31,710  
And he said-- and I  
kept him for the pants.

354  
00:17:31,710 --> 00:17:34,020  
And I said, you're  
not going no place.

355  
00:17:34,020 --> 00:17:36,795  
Or we're going to  
die all together.

356  
00:17:36,795 --> 00:17:38,295  
Or we're going to  
live all together.

357  
00:17:38,295 --> 00:17:40,860  
He says-- he start  
to cry for me.

358  
00:17:40,860 --> 00:17:42,120  
What do you want for me?

359  
00:17:42,120 --> 00:17:43,680  
I have a gentile.

360  
00:17:43,680 --> 00:17:46,140  
She wants to take  
me in, in the house.

361  
00:17:46,140 --> 00:17:48,150  
And she'll see us all four.

362

00:17:48,150 --> 00:17:51,540

She's going to-- she'll  
call the Germans.

363

00:17:51,540 --> 00:17:53,280

I said, she'll call the Germans.

364

00:17:53,280 --> 00:17:55,260

We'll die altogether.

365

00:17:55,260 --> 00:17:58,148

And on account of this  
guy, I am today here.

366

00:17:58,148 --> 00:17:59,190

I don't know where he is.

367

00:17:59,190 --> 00:18:02,790

I would help him,  
anything today.

368

00:18:02,790 --> 00:18:04,560

He was scared by himself.

369

00:18:04,560 --> 00:18:06,540

But he knew a gentile.

370

00:18:06,540 --> 00:18:08,370

His father was a farmer.

371

00:18:08,370 --> 00:18:10,740

He was not an intelligent boy.

372

00:18:10,740 --> 00:18:12,945

He knew just every  
corner where he goes.

373

00:18:12,945 --> 00:18:15,990

374

00:18:15,990 --> 00:18:18,810

And I was hanging on him.

375

00:18:18,810 --> 00:18:22,740

And meanwhile, my father  
says, I cannot go.

376

00:18:22,740 --> 00:18:24,090

I cannot breathe.

377

00:18:24,090 --> 00:18:25,790

I need some water.

378

00:18:25,790 --> 00:18:27,750

So I took some water  
from the puddle,

379

00:18:27,750 --> 00:18:29,380

and I give him to drink.

380

00:18:29,380 --> 00:18:31,980

And I was holding the  
guy in front of me.

381

00:18:31,980 --> 00:18:34,170

And I was holding my  
father under the arm,

382

00:18:34,170 --> 00:18:35,790

my sister under the other arm.

383

00:18:35,790 --> 00:18:38,490

And like this, we schlepped.

384

00:18:38,490 --> 00:18:41,850

And we came into  
a gentile's house.

385

00:18:41,850 --> 00:18:42,780

And she was very--

386

00:18:42,780 --> 00:18:44,430

she recognized us.



387  
00:18:44,430 --> 00:18:50,670  
And she said, oh, Kushner, you  
had the stores, the fur stores.

388  
00:18:50,670 --> 00:18:52,590  
I'll give you bread.

389  
00:18:52,590 --> 00:18:54,000  
I'll give you water.

390  
00:18:54,000 --> 00:18:55,620  
I'll give you onions.

391  
00:18:55,620 --> 00:18:57,660  
But you cannot stay here.

392  
00:18:57,660 --> 00:18:58,530  
Please go.

393  
00:18:58,530 --> 00:19:00,193  
She was scared.

394  
00:19:00,193 --> 00:19:01,485  
How far was this from the camp?

395  
00:19:01,485 --> 00:19:04,020  
And this was maybe five  
miles from the town.

396  
00:19:04,020 --> 00:19:06,990  
In that night, we  
made five miles.

397  
00:19:06,990 --> 00:19:11,280  
And we were running, dragging  
my father while he was fainting.

398  
00:19:11,280 --> 00:19:12,930  
But I kept just to the boy.

399

00:19:12,930 --> 00:19:17,370  
And I said, listen, we're  
going to be all alive,

400  
00:19:17,370 --> 00:19:20,280  
or we're going to  
die all together.

401  
00:19:20,280 --> 00:19:21,960  
And we took some water.

402  
00:19:21,960 --> 00:19:23,220  
And we took some--

403  
00:19:23,220 --> 00:19:24,540  
she give us an onion.

404  
00:19:24,540 --> 00:19:26,190  
And we moved.

405  
00:19:26,190 --> 00:19:30,660  
And then this  
woman, this family--

406  
00:19:30,660 --> 00:19:37,230  
on tomorrow, they find a  
couple Jews by this woman.

407  
00:19:37,230 --> 00:19:38,310  
And they killed her.

408  
00:19:38,310 --> 00:19:40,290  
And they killed her husband.

409  
00:19:40,290 --> 00:19:41,850  
And they killed the Jews.

410  
00:19:41,850 --> 00:19:44,430  
She kept seven Jews hide.

411  
00:19:44,430 --> 00:19:46,438  
Maybe she had more

[? priority ?]

412  
00:19:46,438 --> 00:19:47,355  
what she was thinking.

413  
00:19:47,355 --> 00:19:50,040

414  
00:19:50,040 --> 00:19:53,940  
And then we start  
to walk slowly.

415  
00:19:53,940 --> 00:19:56,460  
And we were sitting  
in the bushes

416  
00:19:56,460 --> 00:20:01,410  
for 10 days from New  
Year's, from Rosh Hashanah,

417  
00:20:01,410 --> 00:20:02,790  
to Yom Kippur.

418  
00:20:02,790 --> 00:20:06,090  
This is a holiday,  
the high holidays.

419  
00:20:06,090 --> 00:20:09,540  
10 days, we were  
sitting under bushes.

420  
00:20:09,540 --> 00:20:13,415  
And the rain was pouring  
like God was crying for us.

421  
00:20:13,415 --> 00:20:15,170  
We were soaked.

422  
00:20:15,170 --> 00:20:17,460  
We were wet.

423  
00:20:17,460 --> 00:20:19,080

Eat, we couldn't.

424

00:20:19,080 --> 00:20:21,510

We didn't have any food.

425

00:20:21,510 --> 00:20:29,130

And we saw all the little boys  
going around with the cows

426

00:20:29,130 --> 00:20:30,750

to feed them.

427

00:20:30,750 --> 00:20:34,940

We saw people working when we  
were sitting in big bushes,

428

00:20:34,940 --> 00:20:37,100

like this.

429

00:20:37,100 --> 00:20:41,643

My younger sister was then  
a girl, maybe 15 years old.

430

00:20:41,643 --> 00:20:43,310

And she said, what  
kind of life is this?

431

00:20:43,310 --> 00:20:45,650

Let them kill us already.

432

00:20:45,650 --> 00:20:48,520

How long can we sit like this?

433

00:20:48,520 --> 00:20:52,200

There, I see a light in a house.

434

00:20:52,200 --> 00:20:52,860

Let's go.

435

00:20:52,860 --> 00:20:56,820

We're going to go, both I and  
my sister, and with this guy.

436  
00:20:56,820 --> 00:20:58,680  
And my father should  
sit under the bushes.

437  
00:20:58,680 --> 00:21:01,110  
And we're going to go  
ask for a piece of bread

438  
00:21:01,110 --> 00:21:04,945  
or let us, Give us something.

439  
00:21:04,945 --> 00:21:08,450  
The guy, we came in  
and knocked on the door

440  
00:21:08,450 --> 00:21:10,520  
in the middle of the night.

441  
00:21:10,520 --> 00:21:19,640  
He came out with a big stick  
and let out two dogs on us.

442  
00:21:19,640 --> 00:21:21,130  
And he was hitting mine--

443  
00:21:21,130 --> 00:21:23,180  
I ran away.

444  
00:21:23,180 --> 00:21:24,740  
And the boy ran away.

445  
00:21:24,740 --> 00:21:27,380  
But my sister was a young girl.

446  
00:21:27,380 --> 00:21:29,510  
He knocked her over the head.

447  
00:21:29,510 --> 00:21:31,610  
He knocked her  
over the shoulders.

448

00:21:31,610 --> 00:21:33,380

And we ran away, back  
to under the bushes.

449

00:21:33,380 --> 00:21:36,370

450

00:21:36,370 --> 00:21:39,070

But we cannot live  
like this for 10 days.

451

00:21:39,070 --> 00:21:41,230

We had a bad experience  
with this guy.

452

00:21:41,230 --> 00:21:43,300

What shall we do for it?

453

00:21:43,300 --> 00:21:48,400

To go back to our little farm.

454

00:21:48,400 --> 00:21:51,650

And there, we went in the house.

455

00:21:51,650 --> 00:21:55,150

He knew her, the boy.

456

00:21:55,150 --> 00:21:58,090

And she said, listen,  
I'm afraid to keep you.

457

00:21:58,090 --> 00:22:00,730

458

00:22:00,730 --> 00:22:02,490

But I'll try to give you to eat.

459

00:22:02,490 --> 00:22:05,520

460

00:22:05,520 --> 00:22:12,450

And I'll try to keep you  
one night where the cows are

461  
00:22:12,450 --> 00:22:15,740  
staying in the barn.

462  
00:22:15,740 --> 00:22:18,410  
So she brought us potatoes.

463  
00:22:18,410 --> 00:22:21,740  
And she brought us a buttermilk.

464  
00:22:21,740 --> 00:22:24,200  
And we went to the barn.

465  
00:22:24,200 --> 00:22:28,700  
And we were sitting  
there for two nights.

466  
00:22:28,700 --> 00:22:33,650  
But the people in the  
woods, the Bielski--

467  
00:22:33,650 --> 00:22:35,795  
you heard about Tuvia Bielski?

468  
00:22:35,795 --> 00:22:36,380  
Sure.

469  
00:22:36,380 --> 00:22:39,950  
He had a gathering from the  
Jewish people in the woods.

470  
00:22:39,950 --> 00:22:43,850  
They heard that we ran  
away from the ghetto.

471  
00:22:43,850 --> 00:22:50,860  
So they sent out some guys,  
the most qualified guys

472  
00:22:50,860 --> 00:22:53,650

where they had the  
guns, where they had

473  
00:22:53,650 --> 00:22:55,930  
the ammunition with the wagons.

474  
00:22:55,930 --> 00:23:02,060  
And they start to collect the  
people of all over the farms

475  
00:23:02,060 --> 00:23:05,270  
where the Jews came in there.

476  
00:23:05,270 --> 00:23:07,695  
You had mentioned before that  
the Germans had caught most

477  
00:23:07,695 --> 00:23:08,945  
of the boys who had gone out--

478  
00:23:08,945 --> 00:23:09,186  
Yes.

479  
00:23:09,186 --> 00:23:09,750  
--through the tunnel.

480  
00:23:09,750 --> 00:23:10,560  
They were caught.

481  
00:23:10,560 --> 00:23:13,310  
Did you get that information  
then, at the time?

482  
00:23:13,310 --> 00:23:14,895  
Or you found this out later on?

483  
00:23:14,895 --> 00:23:15,395  
No.

484  
00:23:15,395 --> 00:23:17,090  
We were looking for them.



485

00:23:17,090 --> 00:23:18,890

And we are looking for them.

486

00:23:18,890 --> 00:23:20,600

We couldn't find them.

487

00:23:20,600 --> 00:23:22,760

Everybody was running in this.

488

00:23:22,760 --> 00:23:26,000

Later we find out

that the Polish guys--

489

00:23:26,000 --> 00:23:28,670

the Polish told us

that they caught

490

00:23:28,670 --> 00:23:31,340

all, surrounded from all over.

491

00:23:31,340 --> 00:23:37,990

The guys-- in the 70 guys, three  
were left, two are in Israel.

492

00:23:37,990 --> 00:23:45,860

One was killed in the

war in Israel in 1956.

493

00:23:45,860 --> 00:23:50,955

One died-- my cousin died

last year from a heart attack,

494

00:23:50,955 --> 00:23:52,730

54 years old.

495

00:23:52,730 --> 00:23:55,010

And he was with the 70 boys.

496

00:23:55,010 --> 00:23:57,710

And he lost my brother.

497

00:23:57,710 --> 00:23:59,660  
They should go up together.

498  
00:23:59,660 --> 00:24:01,980  
But you couldn't get together.

499  
00:24:01,980 --> 00:24:03,890  
You didn't know what's going on.

500  
00:24:03,890 --> 00:24:06,860  
That night was just  
a stormy night.

501  
00:24:06,860 --> 00:24:09,100  
We needed a night like this.

502  
00:24:09,100 --> 00:24:11,900  
And we were by this  
woman for two days.

503  
00:24:11,900 --> 00:24:15,830  
And we went further in  
a different little town,

504  
00:24:15,830 --> 00:24:16,580  
a little--

505  
00:24:16,580 --> 00:24:17,540  
not a town.

506  
00:24:17,540 --> 00:24:21,460  
This was farmers.

507  
00:24:21,460 --> 00:24:24,530  
One house from the other  
was two, three miles.

508  
00:24:24,530 --> 00:24:26,060  
And we went there to a gentile.

509  
00:24:26,060 --> 00:24:28,040  
And he recognized us.

510  
00:24:28,040 --> 00:24:30,350  
He says, listen,  
I'll do everything,

511  
00:24:30,350 --> 00:24:34,100  
but you cannot stay with me.

512  
00:24:34,100 --> 00:24:43,280  
And later, Bielski sent wagons,  
sent his top qualified boys.

513  
00:24:43,280 --> 00:24:48,206  
He picked us up on the  
wagons, all the couple Jews,

514  
00:24:48,206 --> 00:24:50,450  
where we were staying.

515  
00:24:50,450 --> 00:24:53,540  
And they took us to the woods.

516  
00:24:53,540 --> 00:24:58,160  
And in the woods, we  
came to the woods.

517  
00:24:58,160 --> 00:25:05,720  
We were living 20  
people in the one grave.

518  
00:25:05,720 --> 00:25:08,260  
We made graves.

519  
00:25:08,260 --> 00:25:11,230  
We cooked outside.

520  
00:25:11,230 --> 00:25:17,320  
And some young boys,  
they send out every night

521  
00:25:17,320 --> 00:25:19,650  
to bring a little food.

522  
00:25:19,650 --> 00:25:22,330  
They went with ammunition.

523  
00:25:22,330 --> 00:25:26,500  
They went with a gun  
when nobody want to give.

524  
00:25:26,500 --> 00:25:29,510  
But if you went into  
a gentile farmer

525  
00:25:29,510 --> 00:25:33,370  
with five boys, six boys,  
and you showed him the guns,

526  
00:25:33,370 --> 00:25:34,000  
he was scared.

527  
00:25:34,000 --> 00:25:37,600  
He gave everything to  
the boys-- some meat.

528  
00:25:37,600 --> 00:25:39,460  
They brought some bread.

529  
00:25:39,460 --> 00:25:41,980

530  
00:25:41,980 --> 00:25:45,685  
We had food enough to live.

531  
00:25:45,685 --> 00:25:48,040  
How many people were living  
together in the woods?

532  
00:25:48,040 --> 00:25:53,005  
He brought out from the  
woods about 1,100 people.

533  
00:25:53,005 --> 00:25:54,300  
Were there-- were you--

534  
00:25:54,300 --> 00:25:54,880  
OK.

535  
00:25:54,880 --> 00:25:57,550  
And we settled down.

536  
00:25:57,550 --> 00:26:00,810  
And some were working.

537  
00:26:00,810 --> 00:26:01,690  
They made a hat.

538  
00:26:01,690 --> 00:26:02,980  
It was cold.

539  
00:26:02,980 --> 00:26:06,100  
Some-- mostly,  
they were watching

540  
00:26:06,100 --> 00:26:11,380  
the grounds, the young boys  
who could go on a horse.

541  
00:26:11,380 --> 00:26:13,480  
And they were sitting and  
watching with the guns.

542  
00:26:13,480 --> 00:26:16,410  
Nobody should come and kill us.

543  
00:26:16,410 --> 00:26:18,757  
But we settled down.

544  
00:26:18,757 --> 00:26:19,840  
We lived there for a year.

545  
00:26:19,840 --> 00:26:20,870  
I was there for a year.

546  
00:26:20,870 --> 00:26:23,640

Some people were for four years.

547

00:26:23,640 --> 00:26:24,955

Your sister was with you.

548

00:26:24,955 --> 00:26:27,640

My sister, my father.

549

00:26:27,640 --> 00:26:30,400

My brother was lost  
from the tunnel.

550

00:26:30,400 --> 00:26:31,960

They couldn't find him.

551

00:26:31,960 --> 00:26:34,180

They never find us.

552

00:26:34,180 --> 00:26:37,750

After the war, everybody  
ran to their home town

553

00:26:37,750 --> 00:26:42,980

to find out who is alive.

554

00:26:42,980 --> 00:26:45,860

555

00:26:45,860 --> 00:26:48,110

But nobody could find him.

556

00:26:48,110 --> 00:26:49,940

In 1945--

557

00:26:49,940 --> 00:26:50,540

This year.

558

00:26:50,540 --> 00:26:56,817

Do you remember the dates of the  
year that you were in the woods

559

00:26:56,817 --> 00:26:58,150  
together with these [INAUDIBLE]?

560  
00:26:58,150 --> 00:27:02,990  
We went in in 1944.

561  
00:27:02,990 --> 00:27:06,590  
This was in April or in May.

562  
00:27:06,590 --> 00:27:11,030  
And we came home in May.

563  
00:27:11,030 --> 00:27:13,670  
But the woods was--

564  
00:27:13,670 --> 00:27:15,830  
you lived with fear.

565  
00:27:15,830 --> 00:27:20,930  
They find out, the Germans, that  
Jewish people are in the woods.

566  
00:27:20,930 --> 00:27:23,960  
So they sent airplanes  
over the woods.

567  
00:27:23,960 --> 00:27:25,120  
And they used to--

568  
00:27:25,120 --> 00:27:33,170  
before I came, they had a couple  
airplanes running, over them

569  
00:27:33,170 --> 00:27:35,960  
and throwing the bombs.

570  
00:27:35,960 --> 00:27:37,970  
But they moved around.

571  
00:27:37,970 --> 00:27:41,780  
The woods were not  
just a couple trees.

572  
00:27:41,780 --> 00:27:47,570  
It was miles, and miles,  
and miles of trees.

573  
00:27:47,570 --> 00:27:50,030  
And in the middle of  
the night, the boys

574  
00:27:50,030 --> 00:27:53,720  
used to risk their life  
to go to ask for food.

575  
00:27:53,720 --> 00:27:55,130  
Nobody wanted.

576  
00:27:55,130 --> 00:27:56,900  
We need to give our order.

577  
00:27:56,900 --> 00:27:59,450  
Until we give our order,  
you must go today.

578  
00:27:59,450 --> 00:28:01,340  
But who want to go?

579  
00:28:01,340 --> 00:28:05,810  
Why I should risk my life to  
bring bread for everybody?

580  
00:28:05,810 --> 00:28:12,380  
So it was tough, and tough to  
be organized later at that time.

581  
00:28:12,380 --> 00:28:17,130  
Everybody wants to  
outsmart somebody.

582  
00:28:17,130 --> 00:28:18,810  
But they were afraid.

583  
00:28:18,810 --> 00:28:20,160



And they went.

584

00:28:20,160 --> 00:28:22,080

And they brought.

585

00:28:22,080 --> 00:28:28,380

In 1945, in May, he brought  
us out from the woods.

586

00:28:28,380 --> 00:28:30,120

The war was over.

587

00:28:30,120 --> 00:28:32,473

And we heard that  
Russia took over.

588

00:28:32,473 --> 00:28:34,515

When you say, he brought  
you out from the woods--

589

00:28:34,515 --> 00:28:35,015

Tuvia.

590

00:28:35,015 --> 00:28:40,750

Tuvia brought out  
1,100 Jews, young.

591

00:28:40,750 --> 00:28:43,290

Some were old already,  
lived about four or five

592

00:28:43,290 --> 00:28:45,150

years in the woods.

593

00:28:45,150 --> 00:28:46,710

Old, how old could they be?

594

00:28:46,710 --> 00:28:48,840

50 was already old.

595

00:28:48,840 --> 00:28:52,260

45 was already old.

596

00:28:52,260 --> 00:28:55,810

We had a very risky time in  
the woods when the Germans were

597

00:28:55,810 --> 00:28:58,150

losing the war.

598

00:28:58,150 --> 00:29:01,470

As they start to back,  
the Russian came.

599

00:29:01,470 --> 00:29:04,200

As they start to  
back on the-- they

600

00:29:04,200 --> 00:29:06,690

ride, too, in the  
woods, from the army.

601

00:29:06,690 --> 00:29:10,410

602

00:29:10,410 --> 00:29:16,340

The last minute in the  
woods, they killed 11 Jews

603

00:29:16,340 --> 00:29:18,900

by surrounding And  
these were already

604

00:29:18,900 --> 00:29:30,000

soldiers what they ran away from  
the borders, no others, no SS.

605

00:29:30,000 --> 00:29:34,230

But even the soldier  
was [INAUDIBLE]..

606

00:29:34,230 --> 00:29:40,230

He killed 11 Jews the last  
moment they were liberated.

607

00:29:40,230 --> 00:29:42,930

But what.

608

00:29:42,930 --> 00:29:45,760

The boys caught three Germans.

609

00:29:45,760 --> 00:29:47,670

They killed them, too.

610

00:29:47,670 --> 00:29:49,410

They beat them to death.

611

00:29:49,410 --> 00:29:52,290

You know, they  
needed to let out.

612

00:29:52,290 --> 00:29:53,910

I couldn't look at it.

613

00:29:53,910 --> 00:29:58,230

But they surrounded, all 1,100.

614

00:29:58,230 --> 00:30:03,570

They needed something to unload  
their anger and their madness.

615

00:30:03,570 --> 00:30:08,250

Well, and later, when we find  
out that the Russia come back

616

00:30:08,250 --> 00:30:16,360

to us, they occupied  
us, they put

617

00:30:16,360 --> 00:30:20,470

all the elderly and  
the sick one on wagons.

618

00:30:20,470 --> 00:30:22,030

They had wagons.

619

00:30:22,030 --> 00:30:26,950

And we came like this in the  
city, in our little town,

620

00:30:26,950 --> 00:30:29,290

in our town where we lived.

621

00:30:29,290 --> 00:30:32,270

622

00:30:32,270 --> 00:30:34,216

And what happened to us?

623

00:30:34,216 --> 00:30:38,030

When we met a Polack,  
Polish guy or a gentile,

624

00:30:38,030 --> 00:30:40,640

he said, are you still alive?

625

00:30:40,640 --> 00:30:43,810

They were surprised.

626

00:30:43,810 --> 00:30:45,690

So they stretched  
out to us their hand.

627

00:30:45,690 --> 00:30:49,066

They said, thank  
god you are alive.

628

00:30:49,066 --> 00:30:52,980

They were surprised  
we are alive.

629

00:30:52,980 --> 00:30:56,880

They said, oh, Mrs.  
Kushner, you're still alive.

630

00:30:56,880 --> 00:30:58,500

Is your mother alive?

631

00:30:58,500 --> 00:31:00,120  
Is your father alive?

632  
00:31:00,120 --> 00:31:01,660  
They were surprised.

633  
00:31:01,660 --> 00:31:03,100  
They think we were washed off.

634  
00:31:03,100 --> 00:31:05,750

635  
00:31:05,750 --> 00:31:10,220  
When we came back to our  
town, we were very broken.

636  
00:31:10,220 --> 00:31:13,130  
Every store was crying.

637  
00:31:13,130 --> 00:31:15,740  
Every house was crying.

638  
00:31:15,740 --> 00:31:19,820  
And first of all,  
how many were left?

639  
00:31:19,820 --> 00:31:24,870  
From 30,000, from all the  
cities and all the towns,

640  
00:31:24,870 --> 00:31:31,440  
maybe we came 1,000  
people, 1,100 people.

641  
00:31:31,440 --> 00:31:38,193  
And we start to  
organize ourself.

642  
00:31:38,193 --> 00:31:40,462  
Did you actually feel  
that you were liberated,

643

00:31:40,462 --> 00:31:41,587  
and that the war was over--

644  
00:31:41,587 --> 00:31:42,087  
Yes.

645  
00:31:42,087 --> 00:31:42,828  
There war was--

646  
00:31:42,828 --> 00:31:43,235  
--that you would now be secure?

647  
00:31:43,235 --> 00:31:44,400  
The war went on.

648  
00:31:44,400 --> 00:31:45,620  
The war went on.

649  
00:31:45,620 --> 00:31:46,120  
But Russia--

650  
00:31:46,120 --> 00:31:49,110  
Russia took away our town.

651  
00:31:49,110 --> 00:31:53,310  
Then tomorrow, she mobilized all  
the rest of the Jewish people

652  
00:31:53,310 --> 00:31:54,810  
and sent them to the army.

653  
00:31:54,810 --> 00:31:56,670  
Nobody came back.

654  
00:31:56,670 --> 00:31:59,490  
Went through the  
concentration camp,

655  
00:31:59,490 --> 00:32:03,840  
went through the Holocaust,  
went through everything,

656

00:32:03,840 --> 00:32:08,520

came already our freedom,  
Russia gave right away

657

00:32:08,520 --> 00:32:14,910

papers to mobilize  
all the newcomers.

658

00:32:14,910 --> 00:32:17,000

And what happened?

659

00:32:17,000 --> 00:32:20,280

Some went to become a rabbi  
so they don't hurt you,

660

00:32:20,280 --> 00:32:22,560

so they don't touched you.

661

00:32:22,560 --> 00:32:26,640

Some became firemen.

662

00:32:26,640 --> 00:32:28,020

And some worked in the jails.

663

00:32:28,020 --> 00:32:30,750

664

00:32:30,750 --> 00:32:33,210

So these were protected.

665

00:32:33,210 --> 00:32:35,550

But some boys didn't  
want to be protected.

666

00:32:35,550 --> 00:32:40,590

They said, no, I would  
want to go to the war.

667

00:32:40,590 --> 00:32:44,880

I want to pay for my mother's  
and for my father's price.

668

00:32:44,880 --> 00:32:48,540

I'm going to go out  
against Germany.

669

00:32:48,540 --> 00:32:52,980

And like this, maybe  
about 200 boys, 250--

670

00:32:52,980 --> 00:32:56,680

Tuvia's brother went like this.

671

00:32:56,680 --> 00:32:57,415

But he went.

672

00:32:57,415 --> 00:33:02,410

He was one from the  
organizers in the woods.

673

00:33:02,410 --> 00:33:10,120

And he went to the borders,  
to the front from the army.

674

00:33:10,120 --> 00:33:11,920

And they were all killed.

675

00:33:11,920 --> 00:33:15,690

They were not prepared with  
the ammunition to work.

676

00:33:15,690 --> 00:33:17,710

Nobody came back.

677

00:33:17,710 --> 00:33:21,670

So we were left about  
750 people in our town.

678

00:33:21,670 --> 00:33:23,980

We start to organize  
the women, the men,

679

00:33:23,980 --> 00:33:31,630

to see the graves, to go on and



pay attention to the graves.

680

00:33:31,630 --> 00:33:34,390

You cannot imagine.

681

00:33:34,390 --> 00:33:38,440

I fainted twice just to  
go over to the grave where

682

00:33:38,440 --> 00:33:43,360

my mother was lying, and the  
other grave where the kids were

683

00:33:43,360 --> 00:33:46,300

lying, and the other  
grave where he put away

684

00:33:46,300 --> 00:33:51,100

6,000 people to sleep with  
kids, with women, with men.

685

00:33:51,100 --> 00:33:55,090

It's not a person's--

686

00:33:55,090 --> 00:33:57,040

could hold on.

687

00:33:57,040 --> 00:34:00,340

So we all wanted to  
run away from our town.

688

00:34:00,340 --> 00:34:02,920

We wanted to run anyplace.

689

00:34:02,920 --> 00:34:05,500

But Russia took us in.

690

00:34:05,500 --> 00:34:06,550

We were afraid to move.

691

00:34:06,550 --> 00:34:07,630

We couldn't.

692  
00:34:07,630 --> 00:34:09,435  
You needed a passport.

693  
00:34:09,435 --> 00:34:11,719  
And you need already papers.

694  
00:34:11,719 --> 00:34:15,270  
It's not so easy.

695  
00:34:15,270 --> 00:34:17,070  
Anyway, we organized.

696  
00:34:17,070 --> 00:34:18,750  
We made passports.

697  
00:34:18,750 --> 00:34:20,860  
And we run away.

698  
00:34:20,860 --> 00:34:23,449  
Where shall we run?

699  
00:34:23,449 --> 00:34:26,250  
Nobody wants to take us in.

700  
00:34:26,250 --> 00:34:30,870  
The Jews were organized  
then, I think from Palestine.

701  
00:34:30,870 --> 00:34:34,739  
The leftovers, they  
want to put together.

702  
00:34:34,739 --> 00:34:37,020  
So they sent a organizer.

703  
00:34:37,020 --> 00:34:41,070  
And they sent us  
to Czechoslovakia.

704  
00:34:41,070 --> 00:34:44,699

How we went on the trains from  
our town to Czechoslovakia.

705  
00:34:44,699 --> 00:34:46,530  
this is a full story.

706  
00:34:46,530 --> 00:34:50,699  
We told the Russian  
soldiers, we told the--

707  
00:34:50,699 --> 00:34:54,570  
you know, they went to fight.

708  
00:34:54,570 --> 00:34:58,260  
And we run on their trains.

709  
00:34:58,260 --> 00:35:01,680  
And everyone heard you  
ran away from the town.

710  
00:35:01,680 --> 00:35:03,990  
Today, there may be  
two Jewish people.

711  
00:35:03,990 --> 00:35:07,470  
We just sent a couple packages.

712  
00:35:07,470 --> 00:35:09,720  
One lawyer and a  
wife, she is left.

713  
00:35:09,720 --> 00:35:11,715  
The other-- about  
20 people were left.

714  
00:35:11,715 --> 00:35:13,530  
They all died out.

715  
00:35:13,530 --> 00:35:17,415  
These two people who  
came were from an agency,

716

00:35:17,415 --> 00:35:19,100  
you said, from--

717  
00:35:19,100 --> 00:35:21,960  
From a organization.

718  
00:35:21,960 --> 00:35:23,280  
Do you know which one?

719  
00:35:23,280 --> 00:35:26,070  
I think that was from  
Israel, or from--

720  
00:35:26,070 --> 00:35:28,680

721  
00:35:28,680 --> 00:35:33,840  
I think it was organized  
from the Jewish top leaders.

722  
00:35:33,840 --> 00:35:36,690  
I don't know if it's  
from a organization.

723  
00:35:36,690 --> 00:35:38,580  
But it was organized.

724  
00:35:38,580 --> 00:35:41,910  
And they said to you,  
if you're going to go,

725  
00:35:41,910 --> 00:35:43,616  
don't say you are Jewish.

726  
00:35:43,616 --> 00:35:44,508  
You are Greeks.

727  
00:35:44,508 --> 00:35:47,190

728  
00:35:47,190 --> 00:35:49,800  
Or you're Italian.

729  
00:35:49,800 --> 00:35:53,682  
And they took us  
to Czechoslovakia.

730  
00:35:53,682 --> 00:35:56,745  
So you were in the town  
for approximately a year?

731  
00:35:56,745 --> 00:35:57,310  
In the town.

732  
00:35:57,310 --> 00:35:58,232  
This took a year.

733  
00:35:58,232 --> 00:35:59,085  
This took a year.

734  
00:35:59,085 --> 00:35:59,160  
Yeah.

735  
00:35:59,160 --> 00:35:59,680  
Yeah.

736  
00:35:59,680 --> 00:36:00,180  
Yeah.

737  
00:36:00,180 --> 00:36:01,320  
Yeah.

738  
00:36:01,320 --> 00:36:03,142  
We had different troubles.

739  
00:36:03,142 --> 00:36:04,800  
A Jew wants to--

740  
00:36:04,800 --> 00:36:07,260  
you couldn't live  
with what you had.

741  
00:36:07,260 --> 00:36:11,520

They start to buy and sell.

742

00:36:11,520 --> 00:36:13,410

And the Russian  
arrested them yet.

743

00:36:13,410 --> 00:36:16,070

744

00:36:16,070 --> 00:36:18,470

And they put them in jail.

745

00:36:18,470 --> 00:36:19,670

They give them seven years.

746

00:36:19,670 --> 00:36:23,720

Later, they arrested them,  
the couple Jews what was left.

747

00:36:23,720 --> 00:36:30,710

You're not allowed to buy sugar  
and buy salt. A Jew wants to--

748

00:36:30,710 --> 00:36:35,360

cannot live with what you got  
from the little [? life. ?] And

749

00:36:35,360 --> 00:36:38,090

they were very  
broken, broken down,

750

00:36:38,090 --> 00:36:40,430

until we settled in Italy.

751

00:36:40,430 --> 00:36:42,860

And that was our settling place.

752

00:36:42,860 --> 00:36:43,360

And How.

753

00:36:43,360 --> 00:36:45,050

Did you come to Italy?

754  
00:36:45,050 --> 00:36:46,340  
We came just to Italy.

755  
00:36:46,340 --> 00:36:47,720  
It was a DP camp.

756  
00:36:47,720 --> 00:36:49,610  
They organized there.

757  
00:36:49,610 --> 00:36:52,910  
And we were sitting there,  
waiting three and a half years.

758  
00:36:52,910 --> 00:36:54,910  
You were still with your  
sister and your father.

759  
00:36:54,910 --> 00:36:57,110  
With my sister, my father.

760  
00:36:57,110 --> 00:36:59,630  
I got married on the way.

761  
00:36:59,630 --> 00:37:03,840  
Moving through the  
borders, I find my husband.

762  
00:37:03,840 --> 00:37:05,510  
My husband was  
from a little town.

763  
00:37:05,510 --> 00:37:06,139  
I knew him.

764  
00:37:06,139 --> 00:37:06,972  
You knew him before.

765  
00:37:06,972 --> 00:37:07,472  
Yeah.

766

00:37:07,472 --> 00:37:09,320  
And he knew me.

767  
00:37:09,320 --> 00:37:14,000  
And we got married in  
Hungary, in Budapest.

768  
00:37:14,000 --> 00:37:17,150  
The rabbi gave 20 weddings.

769  
00:37:17,150 --> 00:37:20,420  
What's left of us-- single  
boys, single girls--

770  
00:37:20,420 --> 00:37:22,290  
got married.

771  
00:37:22,290 --> 00:37:23,370  
We were lost.

772  
00:37:23,370 --> 00:37:26,780  
We didn't know where we're  
going, what we're doing.

773  
00:37:26,780 --> 00:37:31,670  
At least it-- and the boy  
was lost, too, what was left.

774  
00:37:31,670 --> 00:37:34,190  
It's just single people left.

775  
00:37:34,190 --> 00:37:37,920  
It was not like-- one family  
was left from our town.

776  
00:37:37,920 --> 00:37:40,960  
But they killed one daughter  
when they went out-- a mother,

777  
00:37:40,960 --> 00:37:44,390  
and father, and three children.

778



00:37:44,390 --> 00:37:46,100  
That's one family from our town.

779  
00:37:46,100 --> 00:37:48,920

780  
00:37:48,920 --> 00:37:51,950  
And we got married in Hungary.

781  
00:37:51,950 --> 00:37:56,360  
And on tomorrow, we went on  
honeymoon over the border,

782  
00:37:56,360 --> 00:37:59,840  
walking over the border,  
hill up, hill down,

783  
00:37:59,840 --> 00:38:02,300  
in the middle of the night.

784  
00:38:02,300 --> 00:38:07,010  
Somebody came and took  
us till we came to Italy.

785  
00:38:07,010 --> 00:38:09,440  
And there was the DP camps.

786  
00:38:09,440 --> 00:38:12,500  
We went in again,  
like in a ghetto.

787  
00:38:12,500 --> 00:38:14,630  
All the Jewish  
people were in Italy.

788  
00:38:14,630 --> 00:38:16,950  
A lot of them were  
left in Germany.

789  
00:38:16,950 --> 00:38:20,650  
A lot of them were  
left from France.

790

00:38:20,650 --> 00:38:21,445

They made DP camps.

791

00:38:21,445 --> 00:38:24,180

792

00:38:24,180 --> 00:38:29,750

And I had there my daughter,  
my oldest daughter.

793

00:38:29,750 --> 00:38:32,480

She's now 36.

794

00:38:32,480 --> 00:38:33,510

And she's married.

795

00:38:33,510 --> 00:38:35,120

She has four children.

796

00:38:35,120 --> 00:38:38,240

And we were in Italy for  
three and a half years.

797

00:38:38,240 --> 00:38:40,330

We wanted to go all over--

798

00:38:40,330 --> 00:38:44,510

to Africa, to  
Australia, to Israel.

799

00:38:44,510 --> 00:38:47,510

Nobody opened the door for us.

800

00:38:47,510 --> 00:38:50,630

Nobody wanted to take us in.

801

00:38:50,630 --> 00:38:54,410

Three and a half years, we  
were waiting to get a visa.

802

00:38:54,410 --> 00:38:57,770

We had family in  
the United States.

803  
00:38:57,770 --> 00:38:59,810  
My husband had a sister.

804  
00:38:59,810 --> 00:39:01,850  
He had cousins,  
very fine people.

805  
00:39:01,850 --> 00:39:04,410

806  
00:39:04,410 --> 00:39:06,015  
And later--

807  
00:39:06,015 --> 00:39:08,280  
How many people were  
in this DP camp?

808  
00:39:08,280 --> 00:39:12,570  
In the DP camp, it was spread  
out in a couple cities.

809  
00:39:12,570 --> 00:39:16,050  
We were all about 600  
people in one DP camp.

810  
00:39:16,050 --> 00:39:18,480  
And in this other  
city in Italy--

811  
00:39:18,480 --> 00:39:22,020  
we were in [Place  
name] In Ladispoli, it

812  
00:39:22,020 --> 00:39:24,300  
was a different DP camp.

813  
00:39:24,300 --> 00:39:27,060  
But we had a  
kitchen, one kitchen.

814

00:39:27,060 --> 00:39:31,140

Four people lived in a room,  
three families in a room.

815

00:39:31,140 --> 00:39:35,175

And we lived like this for  
three and a half years.

816

00:39:35,175 --> 00:39:37,590

Once you got married, were  
you separated from your father

817

00:39:37,590 --> 00:39:38,537

and from your sister?

818

00:39:38,537 --> 00:39:39,037

No.

819

00:39:39,037 --> 00:39:42,810

We went all together,  
never separated.

820

00:39:42,810 --> 00:39:45,450

But we never find  
our brother, never.

821

00:39:45,450 --> 00:39:48,600

I was looking already  
in the papers.

822

00:39:48,600 --> 00:39:51,740

And maybe he got caught  
from the Russian.

823

00:39:51,740 --> 00:39:57,240

And later, they told us not one  
guy from this tunnel, just two

824

00:39:57,240 --> 00:39:59,640

or three, were left.

825

00:39:59,640 --> 00:40:02,160

And the rest were  
killed on tomorrow.

826  
00:40:02,160 --> 00:40:06,540  
They were marching around,  
walking around in the darkness.

827  
00:40:06,540 --> 00:40:09,120  
See, they were thinking  
that they are two miles,

828  
00:40:09,120 --> 00:40:10,770  
they are three miles away.

829  
00:40:10,770 --> 00:40:13,560  
And they were a  
mile from the city.

830  
00:40:13,560 --> 00:40:15,720  
And these were the smart ones.

831  
00:40:15,720 --> 00:40:20,220  
And the stupid one, the  
last one, were alive.

832  
00:40:20,220 --> 00:40:23,130  
And on tomorrow, they  
killed the lot of these.

833  
00:40:23,130 --> 00:40:29,010  
And we came to  
the United States.

834  
00:40:29,010 --> 00:40:31,003  
How did your family come  
to the United States?

835  
00:40:31,003 --> 00:40:32,670  
You were in the DP  
camp until what year?

836  
00:40:32,670 --> 00:40:34,420  
You were there for

three and a half years.

837

00:40:34,420 --> 00:40:37,710

In 1949, we came to  
the United States.

838

00:40:37,710 --> 00:40:41,670

And we came-- cousins  
send us paper.

839

00:40:41,670 --> 00:40:46,263

And the HIAS helped us  
a lot in the DP camps.

840

00:40:46,263 --> 00:40:47,805

How did they help  
you in the DP camp?

841

00:40:47,805 --> 00:40:50,310

In the camps, they  
brought in food.

842

00:40:50,310 --> 00:40:51,810

And they fed us.

843

00:40:51,810 --> 00:40:53,970

We couldn't work there.

844

00:40:53,970 --> 00:40:57,750

We were not already citizens.

845

00:40:57,750 --> 00:41:00,300

You could sell something  
or buy something.

846

00:41:00,300 --> 00:41:05,220

But we were not  
allowed to do nothing.

847

00:41:05,220 --> 00:41:10,830

And in 1949, we got papers.

848

00:41:10,830 --> 00:41:15,570  
The visa came, the [? photo, ?]  
to go to the United States.

849  
00:41:15,570 --> 00:41:19,120  
And the HIAS  
organization asked us

850  
00:41:19,120 --> 00:41:23,890  
if we want to go through the  
HIAS of we want to go private.

851  
00:41:23,890 --> 00:41:25,850  
We didn't need any  
help from them.

852  
00:41:25,850 --> 00:41:27,750  
We had cousins.

853  
00:41:27,750 --> 00:41:30,330  
And we didn't have help  
from cousins, either.

854  
00:41:30,330 --> 00:41:31,950  
We were young.

855  
00:41:31,950 --> 00:41:34,650  
My husband was 26.

856  
00:41:34,650 --> 00:41:35,610  
And I was 24.

857  
00:41:35,610 --> 00:41:38,790

858  
00:41:38,790 --> 00:41:40,440  
My father was 55.

859  
00:41:40,440 --> 00:41:42,720  
My sister was a young girl yet.

860  
00:41:42,720 --> 00:41:44,720

She married in  
the United States.

861  
00:41:44,720 --> 00:41:47,560  
Well, we went all to work.

862  
00:41:47,560 --> 00:41:48,060  
In 19--

863  
00:41:48,060 --> 00:41:49,350  
You came to New York?

864  
00:41:49,350 --> 00:41:50,150  
New York.

865  
00:41:50,150 --> 00:41:51,545  
And you settled in New York?

866  
00:41:51,545 --> 00:41:55,800  
I had a furnished  
room, a furnished room.

867  
00:41:55,800 --> 00:41:57,150  
We all lived there.

868  
00:41:57,150 --> 00:41:58,020  
I cooked.

869  
00:41:58,020 --> 00:42:01,170  
I watched the child.

870  
00:42:01,170 --> 00:42:05,640  
Later on, we got an  
apartment in New York,

871  
00:42:05,640 --> 00:42:08,880  
in Brooklyn, Eastern parkway.

872  
00:42:08,880 --> 00:42:11,460  
The cousins, mine, helped us.

873



00:42:11,460 --> 00:42:13,350

And we got a --

874

00:42:13,350 --> 00:42:17,047

We didn't took too much  
help from the family, too.

875

00:42:17,047 --> 00:42:17,880

Well, we were young.

876

00:42:17,880 --> 00:42:19,370

Who needed help?

877

00:42:19,370 --> 00:42:20,370

My husband went to work.

878

00:42:20,370 --> 00:42:21,328

My sister went to work.

879

00:42:21,328 --> 00:42:23,610

My father went to work.

880

00:42:23,610 --> 00:42:28,740

How much-- it was a [INAUDIBLE]  
and you [INAUDIBLE]..

881

00:42:28,740 --> 00:42:30,030

And we took a apartment.

882

00:42:30,030 --> 00:42:30,900

I cooked.

883

00:42:30,900 --> 00:42:33,510

And I ran the whole family home.

884

00:42:33,510 --> 00:42:39,360

And they all were working  
till my second son was born.

885

00:42:39,360 --> 00:42:43,680

I had-- we have four  
children, all educated,

886  
00:42:43,680 --> 00:42:48,360  
finished college,  
finished law school.

887  
00:42:48,360 --> 00:42:52,320  
And my husband started  
a business 30 years ago,

888  
00:42:52,320 --> 00:42:55,920  
and thank god we  
are very successful.

889  
00:42:55,920 --> 00:42:58,740  
And we love America.

890  
00:42:58,740 --> 00:43:01,440  
We love the freedom  
from the United States.

891  
00:43:01,440 --> 00:43:05,250  
Maybe it's already  
too much freedom.

892  
00:43:05,250 --> 00:43:08,040  
To some Europeans,  
it's too much freedom.

893  
00:43:08,040 --> 00:43:10,270  
You know, they said--

894  
00:43:10,270 --> 00:43:11,685  
I spoke last week to somebody.

895  
00:43:11,685 --> 00:43:14,280  
He says, I'm afraid for  
the too much freedom.

896  
00:43:14,280 --> 00:43:19,020

897  
00:43:19,020 --> 00:43:21,475

How did you happen to  
come to New Jersey?

898  
00:43:21,475 --> 00:43:23,980  
Well, my husband worked  
in New Jersey first.

899  
00:43:23,980 --> 00:43:27,390  
His job, he used to travel  
from New York to New Jersey.

900  
00:43:27,390 --> 00:43:30,180  
His boss had a job here.

901  
00:43:30,180 --> 00:43:34,080  
And later, we settled  
in New Jersey.

902  
00:43:34,080 --> 00:43:35,790  
And we brought up our kids.

903  
00:43:35,790 --> 00:43:38,220  
We give our soul and  
life to our kids,

904  
00:43:38,220 --> 00:43:40,590  
like the European parents.

905  
00:43:40,590 --> 00:43:42,300  
We shared all the  
sorrow with them.

906  
00:43:42,300 --> 00:43:45,630  
We shared all the  
happiness with them.

907  
00:43:45,630 --> 00:43:48,750  
Maybe we are raising them--  
we raised them not too normal,

908  
00:43:48,750 --> 00:43:51,997  
too overprotective.

909

00:43:51,997 --> 00:43:54,330

Did you talk to your children  
while they were growing up

910

00:43:54,330 --> 00:43:56,910

about what had happened to  
you, and to your family,

911

00:43:56,910 --> 00:43:57,892

and your home town?

912

00:43:57,892 --> 00:43:58,035

Yes.

913

00:43:58,035 --> 00:43:58,535

Yes.

914

00:43:58,535 --> 00:43:59,940

They know everything.

915

00:43:59,940 --> 00:44:02,970

And they tell their kids, too.

916

00:44:02,970 --> 00:44:03,720

They know.

917

00:44:03,720 --> 00:44:08,430

And all the books  
what's given out, they--

918

00:44:08,430 --> 00:44:11,590

I have a granddaughter  
in college in NYU.

919

00:44:11,590 --> 00:44:14,640

And she reads all the books.

920

00:44:14,640 --> 00:44:20,880

And our kids are very supportive  
in all the organizations.

921

00:44:20,880 --> 00:44:26,580  
And I just want to say maybe,  
if we would have Israel

922  
00:44:26,580 --> 00:44:31,890  
at that time as a  
country, like we have now,

923  
00:44:31,890 --> 00:44:34,860  
maybe so many people  
wouldn't have been killed.

924  
00:44:34,860 --> 00:44:38,010  
Maybe they would  
rescue the 3 million.

925  
00:44:38,010 --> 00:44:41,040  
Maybe they would  
rescued a million.

926  
00:44:41,040 --> 00:44:43,005  
Maybe they would rescued kids.

927  
00:44:43,005 --> 00:44:45,550

928  
00:44:45,550 --> 00:44:48,610  
But we grew up to be like  
a human being, like people.

929  
00:44:48,610 --> 00:44:51,310

930  
00:44:51,310 --> 00:44:55,840  
The whole madness from us was  
that, for everybody, there

931  
00:44:55,840 --> 00:44:57,130  
was a place.

932  
00:44:57,130 --> 00:44:59,720  
For the Ukrainian was a place.

933

00:44:59,720 --> 00:45:01,780

For the Polack was a place.

934

00:45:01,780 --> 00:45:05,350

How many Polacks what  
killed the Jews are now

935

00:45:05,350 --> 00:45:07,420

in the all these countries--

936

00:45:07,420 --> 00:45:16,840

in Brazil, in the United  
States, in Australia, in Africa?

937

00:45:16,840 --> 00:45:19,930

But for the Jews, the  
doors were closed.

938

00:45:19,930 --> 00:45:22,450

We never can understand this.

939

00:45:22,450 --> 00:45:25,150

Even our good  
president, Roosevelt--

940

00:45:25,150 --> 00:45:27,010

how come he kept  
the door so closed

941

00:45:27,010 --> 00:45:30,430

for us for such a long time?

942

00:45:30,430 --> 00:45:33,860

How come a boat went for  
exodus on the border,

943

00:45:33,860 --> 00:45:37,090

and returned back to be killed?

944

00:45:37,090 --> 00:45:40,720

This question, I'll never know.

945

00:45:40,720 --> 00:45:43,070

Nobody will give me the answer.

946

00:45:43,070 --> 00:45:47,530

And in this mind, we  
live a very hard life.

947

00:45:47,530 --> 00:45:50,530

What's happening now to  
us in the normal life--

948

00:45:50,530 --> 00:45:53,200

thank God we build families.

949

00:45:53,200 --> 00:45:55,460

And thank God I  
know all our friends

950

00:45:55,460 --> 00:45:58,480

have done very successful.

951

00:45:58,480 --> 00:46:01,740

And they have very--

952

00:46:01,740 --> 00:46:08,950

but this thinking how  
will never go away.

953

00:46:08,950 --> 00:46:15,390

We get people in a party of  
1,000 people, all American.

954

00:46:15,390 --> 00:46:19,780

The couple European,  
they stay in one side.

955

00:46:19,780 --> 00:46:21,640

And what are they going to talk?

956

00:46:21,640 --> 00:46:27,070

Where were you, where you  
lived, how you got out,

957  
00:46:27,070 --> 00:46:29,245  
how many parties we don't have?

958  
00:46:29,245 --> 00:46:32,050  
We play cards once in a week.

959  
00:46:32,050 --> 00:46:35,210  
And then we come to  
the concentration camp.

960  
00:46:35,210 --> 00:46:36,220  
We come to the ghetto.

961  
00:46:36,220 --> 00:46:38,760

962  
00:46:38,760 --> 00:46:43,260  
And I don't know really if our  
kids are with the same mind.

963  
00:46:43,260 --> 00:46:46,920  
They are most serious  
kids, our kids.

964  
00:46:46,920 --> 00:46:50,760  
From the European parents  
are more serious kids.

965  
00:46:50,760 --> 00:46:55,680  
They are more--  
that's how I feel.

966  
00:46:55,680 --> 00:47:01,680  
They live a little bit with  
our lives, with our past,

967  
00:47:01,680 --> 00:47:04,295  
and how much we don't hide.

968  
00:47:04,295 --> 00:47:09,810



969  
00:47:09,810 --> 00:47:15,610  
It's very difficult  
to live a normal life.

970  
00:47:15,610 --> 00:47:19,110  
I don't know where we  
got the strength, where

971  
00:47:19,110 --> 00:47:21,300  
we got the power--

972  
00:47:21,300 --> 00:47:27,060  
to go out from such fires,  
from such nightmares,

973  
00:47:27,060 --> 00:47:29,950  
from such a risky--

974  
00:47:29,950 --> 00:47:31,600  
nobody believed.

975  
00:47:31,600 --> 00:47:37,000  
Nobody were thinking that  
I'll get married someday,

976  
00:47:37,000 --> 00:47:39,310  
I'm going to have  
a child someday.

977  
00:47:39,310 --> 00:47:45,280  
That's why when the European  
making a party, a wedding,

978  
00:47:45,280 --> 00:47:48,130  
they try to put in  
their everything,

979  
00:47:48,130 --> 00:47:50,230  
to give much more, like we had.

980  
00:47:50,230 --> 00:47:51,370

You know why?

981  
00:47:51,370 --> 00:47:53,800  
I never had this.

982  
00:47:53,800 --> 00:47:55,960  
Our youth went away.

983  
00:47:55,960 --> 00:47:58,600  
Our junior years went away.

984  
00:47:58,600 --> 00:48:02,260  
And the middle years went away.

985  
00:48:02,260 --> 00:48:06,100  
To build a new life in a new  
country without a language,

986  
00:48:06,100 --> 00:48:12,160  
without nothing, and start from  
the beginning, that's not easy.

987  
00:48:12,160 --> 00:48:13,780  
And we came broken people.

988  
00:48:13,780 --> 00:48:15,085  
We came not normal people.

989  
00:48:15,085 --> 00:48:17,670

990  
00:48:17,670 --> 00:48:24,000  
So our whole life was  
just strength in us.

991  
00:48:24,000 --> 00:48:26,540  
What were your feelings when  
you came to the United States?

992  
00:48:26,540 --> 00:48:30,410  
All of a sudden, you're  
in the United States.

993  
00:48:30,410 --> 00:48:32,555  
How long was the trip  
to the United States?

994  
00:48:32,555 --> 00:48:34,700  
Oh, we went on a boat.

995  
00:48:34,700 --> 00:48:39,350  
Polish boats, they put us  
in for three or four weeks.

996  
00:48:39,350 --> 00:48:41,360  
And my husband was dead almost.

997  
00:48:41,360 --> 00:48:42,320  
He couldn't take it.

998  
00:48:42,320 --> 00:48:43,297  
He was [INAUDIBLE].

999  
00:48:43,297 --> 00:48:44,630  
Did you feel secure at the time?

1000  
00:48:44,630 --> 00:48:47,297  
Did you feel that, in fact, your  
life was not in danger anymore?

1001  
00:48:47,297 --> 00:48:47,797  
No.

1002  
00:48:47,797 --> 00:48:49,790  
When we came, when we  
were on the boat already

1003  
00:48:49,790 --> 00:48:54,440  
to go to the United States,  
we felt a relief on us

1004  
00:48:54,440 --> 00:48:57,050  
that we are not closed  
already for years.

1005  
00:48:57,050 --> 00:49:02,962  
We got depressed in  
the DP camps, too--

1006  
00:49:02,962 --> 00:49:08,150  
a year, six months, seven,  
for three and a half years,

1007  
00:49:08,150 --> 00:49:12,470  
came from such  
things, came to a camp

1008  
00:49:12,470 --> 00:49:17,300  
where we saw just crying stones  
and blood, and coming back,

1009  
00:49:17,300 --> 00:49:21,580  
until we got to Italy, six  
weeks over the borders.

1010  
00:49:21,580 --> 00:49:25,270

1011  
00:49:25,270 --> 00:49:31,420  
And with all our lives,  
and with all our souls,

1012  
00:49:31,420 --> 00:49:35,740  
what we can do for Israel,  
we are trying to do.

1013  
00:49:35,740 --> 00:49:39,030  
We're involved in a  
lot of organizations.

1014  
00:49:39,030 --> 00:49:44,300  
We're supporting all the  
organizations, anything.

1015  
00:49:44,300 --> 00:49:46,830  
Well, we must have a country.

1016

00:49:46,830 --> 00:49:48,820

Well, you must be protected.

1017

00:49:48,820 --> 00:49:51,070

At least our fear is.

1018

00:49:51,070 --> 00:49:57,510

If something will happen,  
we will have where to run.

1019

00:49:57,510 --> 00:50:01,800

We know that if the United  
States will not exist for us,

1020

00:50:01,800 --> 00:50:04,230

Israel will not exist.

1021

00:50:04,230 --> 00:50:07,170

But you never know.

1022

00:50:07,170 --> 00:50:08,475

At least we have a homeland.

1023

00:50:08,475 --> 00:50:11,600

1024

00:50:11,600 --> 00:50:14,000

And you know what?

1025

00:50:14,000 --> 00:50:22,700

These boys from in  
1948, in '56, in '63,

1026

00:50:22,700 --> 00:50:29,600

in '67, these are children  
from the refugees.

1027

00:50:29,600 --> 00:50:38,820

They can put their heads  
on the pillow to relax.

1028

00:50:38,820 --> 00:50:40,035  
They gave away their lives.

1029  
00:50:40,035 --> 00:50:42,630

1030  
00:50:42,630 --> 00:50:43,560  
We give money.

1031  
00:50:43,560 --> 00:50:44,880  
We support them.

1032  
00:50:44,880 --> 00:50:48,250  
But they gave their lives.

1033  
00:50:48,250 --> 00:50:50,200  
I know a couple,  
what they had a son.

1034  
00:50:50,200 --> 00:50:55,540  
And they took their life when  
they lost their son, both,

1035  
00:50:55,540 --> 00:50:57,970  
poisoned themselves.

1036  
00:50:57,970 --> 00:51:01,960  
And I feel sorry for them  
when I come to Israel,

1037  
00:51:01,960 --> 00:51:05,800  
and I see my friends,  
and when the kids

1038  
00:51:05,800 --> 00:51:07,840  
are called to war every time.

1039  
00:51:07,840 --> 00:51:09,730  
It's not a easy life.

1040  
00:51:09,730 --> 00:51:12,325  
Have you ever gone

back to Poland?

1041

00:51:12,325 --> 00:51:13,660

I would never go there.

1042

00:51:13,660 --> 00:51:18,550

A friend of mine went, a  
friend from [Place name] She

1043

00:51:18,550 --> 00:51:20,200

went to the town.

1044

00:51:20,200 --> 00:51:22,990

And she brought pictures  
from the graves.

1045

00:51:22,990 --> 00:51:24,780

They brung there the cemetery.

1046

00:51:24,780 --> 00:51:26,980

They're making now

1047

00:51:26,980 --> 00:51:30,790

In Israel, they made a  
museum from our town.

1048

00:51:30,790 --> 00:51:36,610

They made graves from our town,  
and all the surrounding towns.

1049

00:51:36,610 --> 00:51:40,060

Now we put in a big  
project in Yad Vashem.

1050

00:51:40,060 --> 00:51:41,980

We [INAUDIBLE] the ground.

1051

00:51:41,980 --> 00:51:44,230

But we're making a big  
[? valley. ?] You heard?

1052

00:51:44,230 --> 00:51:47,830

It's going to cost \$6  
million, a big [? valley ?]

1053  
00:51:47,830 --> 00:51:48,970  
for every town.

1054  
00:51:48,970 --> 00:51:51,700  
Every little town  
should have a stand--

1055  
00:51:51,700 --> 00:51:53,200  
a stone.

1056  
00:51:53,200 --> 00:51:58,840  
We just, this Sunday, decided  
that we brung down the arch

1057  
00:51:58,840 --> 00:52:01,870  
to the cemetery, what  
used to be in our town.

1058  
00:52:01,870 --> 00:52:04,120  
So they're building  
the same arch,

1059  
00:52:04,120 --> 00:52:09,940  
with the same thing in Israel,  
near our grave from our town.

1060  
00:52:09,940 --> 00:52:11,710  
I don't have the desire to go.

1061  
00:52:11,710 --> 00:52:12,820  
I would never go there.

1062  
00:52:12,820 --> 00:52:15,310  
I don't think I would hold out.

1063  
00:52:15,310 --> 00:52:16,060  
She went.

1064  
00:52:16,060 --> 00:52:20,200



First of all, when she  
went now, there is Russia.

1065  
00:52:20,200 --> 00:52:24,220  
So they gave her a couple  
guys to go with her.

1066  
00:52:24,220 --> 00:52:25,690  
She was very scared.

1067  
00:52:25,690 --> 00:52:29,960  
They took away her passport.

1068  
00:52:29,960 --> 00:52:34,010  
And for three weeks, she  
couldn't get the passport back.

1069  
00:52:34,010 --> 00:52:37,530  
And she says the town is crying.

1070  
00:52:37,530 --> 00:52:38,780  
Why are you going to go there?

1071  
00:52:38,780 --> 00:52:42,260

1072  
00:52:42,260 --> 00:52:43,025  
You have two Jews.

1073  
00:52:43,025 --> 00:52:46,347

1074  
00:52:46,347 --> 00:52:47,430  
Let me ask you a question.

1075  
00:52:47,430 --> 00:52:51,990

1076  
00:52:51,990 --> 00:52:55,050  
Now-- and we were talking about  
this a little bit before--

1077

00:52:55,050 --> 00:52:58,380

many of the survivors are  
beginning to tell the stories,

1078

00:52:58,380 --> 00:53:00,990

to recount their experiences.

1079

00:53:00,990 --> 00:53:03,930

15 years ago, 10  
years ago, people

1080

00:53:03,930 --> 00:53:07,050

were not talking  
about the experiences.

1081

00:53:07,050 --> 00:53:12,540

Can you explain why  
there's more of a desire

1082

00:53:12,540 --> 00:53:18,370

now to relate the experiences  
that the people went through

1083

00:53:18,370 --> 00:53:21,375

during the Holocaust?

1084

00:53:21,375 --> 00:53:25,110

First of all, we couldn't talk.

1085

00:53:25,110 --> 00:53:27,540

We were shocked.

1086

00:53:27,540 --> 00:53:31,330

Our head was-- we  
couldn't think about this.

1087

00:53:31,330 --> 00:53:33,390

We tried not to  
think about this.

1088

00:53:33,390 --> 00:53:35,580

We came to a new country.

1089  
00:53:35,580 --> 00:53:38,030  
We start to have small kids.

1090  
00:53:38,030 --> 00:53:40,400  
The husband start  
to make a living.

1091  
00:53:40,400 --> 00:53:41,240  
The women were busy.

1092  
00:53:41,240 --> 00:53:43,070  
We didn't had the babysitters.

1093  
00:53:43,070 --> 00:53:44,515  
We didn't have the money.

1094  
00:53:44,515 --> 00:53:46,265  
We didn't have, just  
[? had the ?] diapers

1095  
00:53:46,265 --> 00:53:47,930  
at that time.

1096  
00:53:47,930 --> 00:53:49,880  
We couldn't afford it.

1097  
00:53:49,880 --> 00:53:53,912  
Everything had a--  
the woman baked alone.

1098  
00:53:53,912 --> 00:53:54,620  
She cooked alone.

1099  
00:53:54,620 --> 00:53:56,600  
She was busy with her kids.

1100  
00:53:56,600 --> 00:53:59,900  
And she was overprotective  
with her kids.

1101

00:53:59,900 --> 00:54:02,000  
And the women helped  
to make a living, too.

1102  
00:54:02,000 --> 00:54:05,960  
Some women helped the  
man to make a living.

1103  
00:54:05,960 --> 00:54:10,340  
The men were busy to  
make money, to make

1104  
00:54:10,340 --> 00:54:14,150  
a living, to establish  
yourself, to have a home,

1105  
00:54:14,150 --> 00:54:17,550  
to educate your kids.

1106  
00:54:17,550 --> 00:54:19,810  
They couldn't talk.

1107  
00:54:19,810 --> 00:54:24,630  
I could talk 10 years ago  
more better, like today.

1108  
00:54:24,630 --> 00:54:30,420  
I became so emotional, the last  
couple years, that I'm choking.

1109  
00:54:30,420 --> 00:54:34,170  
I used to come to Kean College  
three years ago, five years

1110  
00:54:34,170 --> 00:54:36,000  
ago, to tell the story.

1111  
00:54:36,000 --> 00:54:36,810  
They called me.

1112  
00:54:36,810 --> 00:54:39,720  
I [INAUDIBLE] talk to them.

1113

00:54:39,720 --> 00:54:43,750

I'm coming out. later,  
I'm sick for a week.

1114

00:54:43,750 --> 00:54:48,360

But when we woke up, now that  
we established something--

1115

00:54:48,360 --> 00:54:51,210

we have our kids growing up.

1116

00:54:51,210 --> 00:54:53,770

We want to transfer them.

1117

00:54:53,770 --> 00:54:56,070

But we're going to be too long.

1118

00:54:56,070 --> 00:54:59,400

When I come once a  
year to this society,

1119

00:54:59,400 --> 00:55:03,690

and I see every year is  
less and less people, less--

1120

00:55:03,690 --> 00:55:05,670

a friend of mine died.

1121

00:55:05,670 --> 00:55:08,010

Three years ago, this one died.

1122

00:55:08,010 --> 00:55:10,650

The leftovers are dying out.

1123

00:55:10,650 --> 00:55:13,680

And we don't have any  
more time to wait.

1124

00:55:13,680 --> 00:55:18,000

And we said, god, mine god, we  
were left over for a purpose,

1125

00:55:18,000 --> 00:55:19,320  
for something.

1126

00:55:19,320 --> 00:55:21,990  
We were lucky.

1127

00:55:21,990 --> 00:55:25,650  
We were left over to tell  
somebody what happened.

1128

00:55:25,650 --> 00:55:29,220  
He still should tell in  
10, and 20, and in 50

1129

00:55:29,220 --> 00:55:32,670  
maybe in 100 years ago,  
like our Bible tells us

1130

00:55:32,670 --> 00:55:36,150  
about the Passover,  
like our Bible tells us

1131

00:55:36,150 --> 00:55:40,125  
about different holidays  
before, broader holidays.

1132

00:55:40,125 --> 00:55:42,660

1133

00:55:42,660 --> 00:55:45,150  
People should know  
what happened to us.

1134

00:55:45,150 --> 00:55:48,450  
If we're not going to  
tell now, in 20 years,

1135

00:55:48,450 --> 00:55:51,000  
I don't know who is  
going to be to tell.

1136

00:55:51,000 --> 00:55:53,430

And now we have  
still the strength,

1137  
00:55:53,430 --> 00:55:57,720  
and we have the  
power to do this,

1138  
00:55:57,720 --> 00:56:05,010  
and to warn the rest of  
the world to be careful.

1139  
00:56:05,010 --> 00:56:09,600  
Who is coming up on  
top of your government?

1140  
00:56:09,600 --> 00:56:17,860  
Should it come up, a crazy guy  
like, like Hitler, a racist,

1141  
00:56:17,860 --> 00:56:19,970  
to kill just people for nothing?

1142  
00:56:19,970 --> 00:56:23,500  
Were you born a partisan,  
or you're born on a Polack,

1143  
00:56:23,500 --> 00:56:27,250  
or you're born on a Jew,  
or you're born [INAUDIBLE]??

1144  
00:56:27,250 --> 00:56:30,340  
Just to take a  
nation for nothing--

1145  
00:56:30,340 --> 00:56:33,640  
this was mentally something.

1146  
00:56:33,640 --> 00:56:40,050  
I wish a guy would kill  
one him and risk his life.

1147  
00:56:40,050 --> 00:56:43,760  
And believe me, if Jewish people

would know, they would do this.

1148  
00:56:43,760 --> 00:56:45,770  
But who knew it?

1149  
00:56:45,770 --> 00:56:48,320  
We need to be very careful.

1150  
00:56:48,320 --> 00:56:52,280  
I want just to ask-- and I'm  
telling all this to my kids.

1151  
00:56:52,280 --> 00:56:55,770  
Let's hope it's not  
going to happen again.

1152  
00:56:55,770 --> 00:57:02,670  
But it can happen if you  
don't watch who comes up.

1153  
00:57:02,670 --> 00:57:05,160  
Why is it-- it's too Democratic.

1154  
00:57:05,160 --> 00:57:10,032  
But certain things should  
not be like in this country,

1155  
00:57:10,032 --> 00:57:15,170  
like the Ku Klux Klan, what  
kind of killings we have.

1156  
00:57:15,170 --> 00:57:17,600  
When I came to  
Washington, the Nazis

1157  
00:57:17,600 --> 00:57:22,850  
are going with the swastikas  
in front of the White House.

1158  
00:57:22,850 --> 00:57:25,670  
And they're going around free.

1159



00:57:25,670 --> 00:57:28,660

1160

00:57:28,660 --> 00:57:30,700

And this scares us.

1161

00:57:30,700 --> 00:57:31,870

This is very painful.

1162

00:57:31,870 --> 00:57:34,660

1163

00:57:34,660 --> 00:57:38,470

He spoke very nice  
yesterday, the speaker.

1164

00:57:38,470 --> 00:57:45,490

He said this should be  
looked up after them.

1165

00:57:45,490 --> 00:57:49,630

I should be not such  
a freedom should

1166

00:57:49,630 --> 00:57:53,560

exist such organizations.

1167

00:57:53,560 --> 00:58:03,250

Listen, it's difficult to  
live with such a person,

1168

00:58:03,250 --> 00:58:10,460

very difficult. And it's  
difficult to understand,

1169

00:58:10,460 --> 00:58:11,570

where was the whole world?

1170

00:58:11,570 --> 00:58:14,867

1171

00:58:14,867 --> 00:58:15,950

Where was the whole world?

1172  
00:58:15,950 --> 00:58:19,042

1173  
00:58:19,042 --> 00:58:22,037  
Do you every think about  
where the Jewish community was

1174  
00:58:22,037 --> 00:58:24,370  
in the United States, whether  
the Jewish community could

1175  
00:58:24,370 --> 00:58:26,760  
have done more?

1176  
00:58:26,760 --> 00:58:33,370  
We feel that they did, but  
they didn't did enough.

1177  
00:58:33,370 --> 00:58:35,990

1178  
00:58:35,990 --> 00:58:38,040  
Maybe they couldn't do it.

1179  
00:58:38,040 --> 00:58:42,530  
I know it was [? running ?]  
delegations to our president.

1180  
00:58:42,530 --> 00:58:44,600  
I know they were gathering.

1181  
00:58:44,600 --> 00:58:45,785  
And they wanted to rescue.

1182  
00:58:45,785 --> 00:58:48,870

1183  
00:58:48,870 --> 00:58:52,500  
But the America could just  
bomb the gas chambers.

1184  
00:58:52,500 --> 00:58:53,910  
It would be better.

1185  
00:58:53,910 --> 00:58:55,260  
You know why?

1186  
00:58:55,260 --> 00:59:01,470  
Maybe from the bombs  
5,000 would be killed,

1187  
00:59:01,470 --> 00:59:04,710  
but 2,000 maybe were rescued.

1188  
00:59:04,710 --> 00:59:07,948  
You know how the  
people went out,

1189  
00:59:07,948 --> 00:59:09,240  
when we saw them in the forest.

1190  
00:59:09,240 --> 00:59:12,150

1191  
00:59:12,150 --> 00:59:17,250  
Not a long time, we went to  
a Jewish show in New York.

1192  
00:59:17,250 --> 00:59:20,210  
And my husband, the back  
of my husband, somebody's

1193  
00:59:20,210 --> 00:59:21,910  
stopping him.

1194  
00:59:21,910 --> 00:59:24,605  
He says, are you a Jew?

1195  
00:59:24,605 --> 00:59:26,870  
He says, yes.

1196

00:59:26,870 --> 00:59:28,780  
Do you remember me?

1197  
00:59:28,780 --> 00:59:31,100  
He said, no, I  
cannot recognize you.

1198  
00:59:31,100 --> 00:59:34,640

1199  
00:59:34,640 --> 00:59:38,220  
Remember when I went out  
from the concentration camp,

1200  
00:59:38,220 --> 00:59:42,830  
and I was weighing 60  
pounds, and I was shivering?

1201  
00:59:42,830 --> 00:59:44,950  
And you had the first  
zloty in Poland.

1202  
00:59:44,950 --> 00:59:48,050

1203  
00:59:48,050 --> 00:59:49,010  
And you saw me.

1204  
00:59:49,010 --> 00:59:52,050  
You had felt so pitied at me.

1205  
00:59:52,050 --> 00:59:56,450  
He said, here is a  
zloty, my husband.

1206  
00:59:56,450 --> 01:00:00,890  
Go take a shave and  
buy a piece of bread.

1207  
01:00:00,890 --> 01:00:04,106  
This man lives today  
in Long Island.

1208

01:00:04,106 --> 01:00:07,490

They didn't knew  
that he's alive.

1209

01:00:07,490 --> 01:00:10,490

Has a son, he's a  
lawyer, married.

1210

01:00:10,490 --> 01:00:13,070

Has two grandchildren.

1211

01:00:13,070 --> 01:00:18,410

And he's in business, in  
hotel business, in New York.

1212

01:00:18,410 --> 01:00:20,450

But my husband  
didn't recognize him.

1213

01:00:20,450 --> 01:00:22,730

He says, you remember  
you gave me--

1214

01:00:22,730 --> 01:00:26,180

I'll never forget  
you for this zloty.

1215

01:00:26,180 --> 01:00:27,320

How much was a zloty?

1216

01:00:27,320 --> 01:00:31,550

Maybe to buy a piece of  
bread and a shave, that was.

1217

01:00:31,550 --> 01:00:35,610

But my husband and I--

1218

01:00:35,610 --> 01:00:37,800

I was then single when  
I saw these people,

1219

01:00:37,800 --> 01:00:38,780

how they came out.

1220  
01:00:38,780 --> 01:00:42,180

1221  
01:00:42,180 --> 01:00:43,680  
It's a miracle.

1222  
01:00:43,680 --> 01:00:51,480  
And it's something unusual to  
be in the woods without doctors,

1223  
01:00:51,480 --> 01:00:56,190  
without nurses, to lie  
in February and January,

1224  
01:00:56,190 --> 01:01:00,600  
when the big snow by us  
is more snow like here.

1225  
01:01:00,600 --> 01:01:03,210  
Nobody got pneumonia.

1226  
01:01:03,210 --> 01:01:07,470  
Nobody got a heart attack--  
maybe while they were young.

1227  
01:01:07,470 --> 01:01:13,620  
But the typhus-- we got typhus  
from the lice, from the--

1228  
01:01:13,620 --> 01:01:14,475  
you couldn't shower.

1229  
01:01:14,475 --> 01:01:17,490

1230  
01:01:17,490 --> 01:01:20,970  
The lice used to attack us.

1231  
01:01:20,970 --> 01:01:23,395  
I'm surprised today the

kids have lice in schools.

1232  
01:01:23,395 --> 01:01:24,508  
Yes.

1233  
01:01:24,508 --> 01:01:27,990  
And the people got  
sick on typhus.

1234  
01:01:27,990 --> 01:01:32,190  
So my father got sick  
on typhus, no doctor.

1235  
01:01:32,190 --> 01:01:34,920  
And I was sitting  
in a special place

1236  
01:01:34,920 --> 01:01:38,140  
where young guys  
had temperature 105.

1237  
01:01:38,140 --> 01:01:43,830  
Typhus runs with a  
lot of temperature.

1238  
01:01:43,830 --> 01:01:46,423  
And they were talking  
and running around.

1239  
01:01:46,423 --> 01:01:48,090  
They didn't knew what  
they were talking.

1240  
01:01:48,090 --> 01:01:50,700

1241  
01:01:50,700 --> 01:01:54,810  
After my father got well,  
I got sick on typhus.

1242  
01:01:54,810 --> 01:01:56,550  
They cut off the whole hair.

1243

01:01:56,550 --> 01:01:58,443

The first thing, they  
cut off your hair.

1244

01:01:58,443 --> 01:02:01,930

1245

01:02:01,930 --> 01:02:05,710

Just miracles that we are alive.

1246

01:02:05,710 --> 01:02:08,012

And we're normal people.

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01:02:08,012 --> 01:02:11,620

And we brought up normal kids.

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01:02:11,620 --> 01:02:13,465

And we're going on  
with our normal life.

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01:02:13,465 --> 01:02:16,870

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01:02:16,870 --> 01:02:20,791

But when it comes to read  
a book from the Holocaust--

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01:02:20,791 --> 01:02:21,291