

1

00:00:00,000 --> 00:00:10,280

2

00:00:10,280 --> 00:00:13,250

OK, so you were  
describing how one day you

3

00:00:13,250 --> 00:00:16,750

were told to clean up this  
tremendous amount of blood that

4

00:00:16,750 --> 00:00:20,330

was flowing like a  
river, you said--

5

00:00:20,330 --> 00:00:20,930

Right.

6

00:00:20,930 --> 00:00:24,740

--from the people who were  
killed in the field by the--

7

00:00:24,740 --> 00:00:25,540

From the valley.

8

00:00:25,540 --> 00:00:27,770

So the valley were filled up.

9

00:00:27,770 --> 00:00:29,930

And one side of  
the valley is high

10

00:00:29,930 --> 00:00:31,870

and the other side is lower.

11

00:00:31,870 --> 00:00:35,045

Then they happened--  
the blood went through--

12

00:00:35,045 --> 00:00:39,240

past the valley a mile away.

13

00:00:39,240 --> 00:00:42,950

Was going on railroad train.

14

00:00:42,950 --> 00:00:45,320

The blood starts shooting  
through the railroads

15

00:00:45,320 --> 00:00:47,310

so they don't want to do that.

16

00:00:47,310 --> 00:00:51,740

So they try to catch as  
many people they could get,

17

00:00:51,740 --> 00:00:54,500

whatever they find in the camps.

18

00:00:54,500 --> 00:00:57,890

People not then to  
work, whatever they was.

19

00:00:57,890 --> 00:01:00,110

They took them to--

20

00:01:00,110 --> 00:01:02,520

and I was included in them.

21

00:01:02,520 --> 00:01:06,890

They took them to that place and  
they came down to that place--

22

00:01:06,890 --> 00:01:09,470

what I saw--

23

00:01:09,470 --> 00:01:11,380

here they were shooting.

24

00:01:11,380 --> 00:01:14,190

And they took us the  
other place to over there,

25

00:01:14,190 --> 00:01:16,395

the mile away to  
the blood was were.

26

00:01:16,395 --> 00:01:18,020

Here they were shooting  
and a mile away

27

00:01:18,020 --> 00:01:21,400

was blood streaming  
from the people,

28

00:01:21,400 --> 00:01:22,970

from those killed people.

29

00:01:22,970 --> 00:01:27,950

And so dig ground and make  
it stop for that blood.

30

00:01:27,950 --> 00:01:32,570

And we were working there until  
late at night, until the dark.

31

00:01:32,570 --> 00:01:38,092

And that was summertime,  
must have been in July.

32

00:01:38,092 --> 00:01:40,490

Whatever.

33

00:01:40,490 --> 00:01:41,600

So when they--

34

00:01:41,600 --> 00:01:44,100

It must have been very  
difficult for you to do this.

35

00:01:44,100 --> 00:01:49,550

Difficult. What we saw  
there, you'll not believable.

36

00:01:49,550 --> 00:01:57,100

One guy went-- he went down to  
that leader he said, listen,

37  
00:01:57,100 --> 00:01:59,330  
I am a German officer.

38  
00:01:59,330 --> 00:02:01,670  
I was in the army in the--

39  
00:02:01,670 --> 00:02:02,640  
Germany.

40  
00:02:02,640 --> 00:02:05,330  
Went to army-- by the---

41  
00:02:05,330 --> 00:02:07,442  
by Kaiser Franz Josef.

42  
00:02:07,442 --> 00:02:09,380  
I said, "I was in his army.

43  
00:02:09,380 --> 00:02:15,920  
And mine honor is I ask you  
to do me a favor and kill me.

44  
00:02:15,920 --> 00:02:17,170  
I don't want to stay and wait.

45  
00:02:17,170 --> 00:02:18,730  
I'm going to get killed anyhow.

46  
00:02:18,730 --> 00:02:20,540  
Kill me now," he says.

47  
00:02:20,540 --> 00:02:23,440  
So this guy didn't  
want to kill him.

48  
00:02:23,440 --> 00:02:25,760  
So he went out to  
ask the other--

49

00:02:25,760 --> 00:02:29,080

the higher man  
and said, "Listen.

50

00:02:29,080 --> 00:02:31,760

That crazy Jew want  
me to kill him."

51

00:02:31,760 --> 00:02:33,693

He said, "Why not.

52

00:02:33,693 --> 00:02:35,610

Tell him-- let him dig  
out a grave for himself

53

00:02:35,610 --> 00:02:37,780

and you kill him."

54

00:02:37,780 --> 00:02:38,610

He did.

55

00:02:38,610 --> 00:02:42,740

He dig out a grave,  
and bullet, fell down.

56

00:02:42,740 --> 00:02:46,940

That was at the [? present. ?]  
Then I saw something like that.

57

00:02:46,940 --> 00:02:48,860

And he says, I'm  
an honorable man.

58

00:02:48,860 --> 00:02:54,530

He say, he's a German, because  
he was in the Wehrmacht.

59

00:02:54,530 --> 00:02:57,122

I mean, in the first war--

60

00:02:57,122 --> 00:02:58,080

that was the first war.

61  
00:02:58,080 --> 00:02:59,062  
It was the 1914 war.

62  
00:02:59,062 --> 00:03:00,020  
Was that the first war?

63  
00:03:00,020 --> 00:03:03,800  
The first war, yeah.

64  
00:03:03,800 --> 00:03:05,060  
He says I was a rank.

65  
00:03:05,060 --> 00:03:06,020  
I was a Captain.

66  
00:03:06,020 --> 00:03:10,940  
And my honor is to be killed  
with honor not the was

67  
00:03:10,940 --> 00:03:13,760  
like slaughter like an animal.

68  
00:03:13,760 --> 00:03:14,540  
And he did it.

69  
00:03:14,540 --> 00:03:15,040  
He did it.

70  
00:03:15,040 --> 00:03:16,010  
He killed him.

71  
00:03:16,010 --> 00:03:21,221  
And then I was working that  
time until dark, late at night.

72  
00:03:21,221 --> 00:03:24,590  
And then they took  
us down to overnight

73  
00:03:24,590 --> 00:03:27,440

because they need us for  
tomorrow again, the group.

74  
00:03:27,440 --> 00:03:33,410  
So they took us down to the  
room to a insulated room,

75  
00:03:33,410 --> 00:03:40,670  
separated under the control  
from watchmen and whatever.

76  
00:03:40,670 --> 00:03:42,500  
And they brought us  
supper and give us

77  
00:03:42,500 --> 00:03:44,150  
to eat because after  
whole day, they

78  
00:03:44,150 --> 00:03:47,660  
want us to be ready  
for next day to work.

79  
00:03:47,660 --> 00:03:51,920  
And next morning, they  
brought in breakfast.

80  
00:03:51,920 --> 00:03:55,210  
They gave us bread,  
and coffee, and milk.

81  
00:03:55,210 --> 00:03:58,840  
They give good food that day.

82  
00:03:58,840 --> 00:04:01,250  
Then people should  
go back to work.

83  
00:04:01,250 --> 00:04:06,860  
And all those people when they  
went back after this the job

84  
00:04:06,860 --> 00:04:10,550

was finished, they don't  
let them-- didn't let

85  
00:04:10,550 --> 00:04:11,750  
those people go out no more.

86  
00:04:11,750 --> 00:04:13,710  
They killed them right there.

87  
00:04:13,710 --> 00:04:16,220  
What happened--  
I was a guy where

88  
00:04:16,220 --> 00:04:20,060  
he brought the food  
to eat at breakfast

89  
00:04:20,060 --> 00:04:22,370  
with a friend of ours, mine.

90  
00:04:22,370 --> 00:04:24,880  
And he lived in our house.

91  
00:04:24,880 --> 00:04:28,740  
And he was a police in the  
concentration camp police.

92  
00:04:28,740 --> 00:04:30,180  
They also have police.

93  
00:04:30,180 --> 00:04:34,070  
And he just name my name,  
just get the tools out.

94  
00:04:34,070 --> 00:04:36,900  
He told me was that he's  
supposed to take it out.

95  
00:04:36,900 --> 00:04:37,660  
So he's free.

96  
00:04:37,660 --> 00:04:40,052



So he told me to  
take this out, tools.

97  
00:04:40,052 --> 00:04:41,510  
And I took out the  
tools and that's

98  
00:04:41,510 --> 00:04:43,610  
why I survived from that group.

99  
00:04:43,610 --> 00:04:45,410  
Otherwise, I would have been--

100  
00:04:45,410 --> 00:04:45,920  
Killed.

101  
00:04:45,920 --> 00:04:46,878  
Just like anybody else.

102  
00:04:46,878 --> 00:04:49,880  
Over there I have no  
protection and no more pass.

103  
00:04:49,880 --> 00:04:53,180  
And I was no more privileged.

104  
00:04:53,180 --> 00:04:55,970  
And that was the thing.

105  
00:04:55,970 --> 00:04:59,210  
How long were you in  
the Janowska labor camp?

106  
00:04:59,210 --> 00:05:04,550  
I was-- when they brought  
us in and the army

107  
00:05:04,550 --> 00:05:07,400  
delivered us and they  
took a receipt for us.

108  
00:05:07,400 --> 00:05:09,660

They delivered so  
many people, you know?

109  
00:05:09,660 --> 00:05:12,210  
That's the way that Germans are.

110  
00:05:12,210 --> 00:05:18,750  
And we came there like  
in beginning in June.

111  
00:05:18,750 --> 00:05:23,730  
I was there June and July and  
in the beginning in August.

112  
00:05:23,730 --> 00:05:26,400

113  
00:05:26,400 --> 00:05:36,450  
I was there with a very close  
friend and his name was Renner.

114  
00:05:36,450 --> 00:05:42,680  
And he was working by the  
building construction.

115  
00:05:42,680 --> 00:05:44,075  
Where they were needed.

116  
00:05:44,075 --> 00:05:45,510  
So always did something.

117  
00:05:45,510 --> 00:05:47,310  
They build the stand.

118  
00:05:47,310 --> 00:05:48,720  
They did all kind of work.

119  
00:05:48,720 --> 00:05:53,280

120  
00:05:53,280 --> 00:05:57,510  
And he found out they need for

the building paths to build,

121

00:05:57,510 --> 00:06:01,170

and the locks and doors.

122

00:06:01,170 --> 00:06:02,520

Something to build.

123

00:06:02,520 --> 00:06:04,910

Go to the city to pick up.

124

00:06:04,910 --> 00:06:07,500

And he got acquainted  
with the guy when

125

00:06:07,500 --> 00:06:14,940

he was going to the city for  
getting the parts, material,

126

00:06:14,940 --> 00:06:18,330

steel, whatever, cement,  
whatever they needed.

127

00:06:18,330 --> 00:06:20,040

They went with a truck.

128

00:06:20,040 --> 00:06:22,470

And he got acquainted  
with this guy

129

00:06:22,470 --> 00:06:28,760

and that he's going with a  
group and he made him a deal.

130

00:06:28,760 --> 00:06:35,950

They should take me and  
him to the city because--

131

00:06:35,950 --> 00:06:41,440

on the protection that we  
have something to get over.

132

00:06:41,440 --> 00:06:46,070

Get some money from  
private people.

133

00:06:46,070 --> 00:06:48,520

That's what he was telling them.

134

00:06:48,520 --> 00:06:50,720

So anyway.

135

00:06:50,720 --> 00:06:53,460

He did took us with them.

136

00:06:53,460 --> 00:06:56,070

The arrangement was like this.

137

00:06:56,070 --> 00:07:01,700

He let us off in the place  
where we used to work,

138

00:07:01,700 --> 00:07:04,660

on that [INAUDIBLE]  
commander tour.

139

00:07:04,660 --> 00:07:08,040

And we told him like this.

140

00:07:08,040 --> 00:07:11,510

Our plan was to escape.

141

00:07:11,510 --> 00:07:16,630

But he didn't know if he  
going to be able to find the--

142

00:07:16,630 --> 00:07:19,350

later escape.

143

00:07:19,350 --> 00:07:23,880

So we told him, by 4:00,  
they going to return.

144

00:07:23,880 --> 00:07:26,100

They meet us in the morning.

145

00:07:26,100 --> 00:07:27,630

They went to the city.

146

00:07:27,630 --> 00:07:33,880

By 3 o'clock they supposed  
to go back to the camp.

147

00:07:33,880 --> 00:07:36,090

So he told them--

148

00:07:36,090 --> 00:07:46,470

149

00:07:46,470 --> 00:07:47,530

OK.

150

00:07:47,530 --> 00:07:48,900

3 o'clock.

151

00:07:48,900 --> 00:07:50,050

He supposed to go.

152

00:07:50,050 --> 00:07:53,090

They have to return to  
the concentration camp.

153

00:07:53,090 --> 00:07:55,620

They have both to stop  
for us, pick us up.

154

00:07:55,620 --> 00:07:58,360

But for the time  
being, we got arranged.

155

00:07:58,360 --> 00:08:01,090

We decided not to go more back.

156

00:08:01,090 --> 00:08:04,240

So when they passed by and they  
don't see us standing there

157  
00:08:04,240 --> 00:08:05,870  
where we made the appoint.

158  
00:08:05,870 --> 00:08:08,920  
So they went without us.

159  
00:08:08,920 --> 00:08:11,890  
You know, you got  
two Jewish left.

160  
00:08:11,890 --> 00:08:18,770  
And then we made arrangements  
with that Christian.

161  
00:08:18,770 --> 00:08:26,390  
Then he told us wait  
for 4:30 or whatever.

162  
00:08:26,390 --> 00:08:37,010  
And one of the officers on  
that military police escort us.

163  
00:08:37,010 --> 00:08:38,740  
And we made  
arrangements with him.

164  
00:08:38,740 --> 00:08:42,400  
Then he see us make a left.

165  
00:08:42,400 --> 00:08:44,470  
When we going to  
see the guy where

166  
00:08:44,470 --> 00:08:46,480  
he is supposed to wait for us.

167  
00:08:46,480 --> 00:08:47,510  
They saw him.

168  
00:08:47,510 --> 00:08:50,470  
So he mentioned, if he

going to make a left.

169  
00:08:50,470 --> 00:08:52,090  
You keep on going straight.

170  
00:08:52,090 --> 00:08:55,420  
They shouldn't  
make any suspicion.

171  
00:08:55,420 --> 00:08:58,030  
And then they went.

172  
00:08:58,030 --> 00:09:02,710  
After the police, we went  
after that guy, the Polish guy.

173  
00:09:02,710 --> 00:09:05,470  
We went to his house.

174  
00:09:05,470 --> 00:09:10,170  
And over there we was by him--

175  
00:09:10,170 --> 00:09:15,190  
over there was already a  
nephew of the other guys.

176  
00:09:15,190 --> 00:09:16,790  
He was with me.

177  
00:09:16,790 --> 00:09:18,520  
He came with me.

178  
00:09:18,520 --> 00:09:22,100  
The nephew was already  
with this guy from before,

179  
00:09:22,100 --> 00:09:24,960  
as a child to survive there.

180  
00:09:24,960 --> 00:09:27,720  
I mean he saved him.

181

00:09:27,720 --> 00:09:28,420

Your nephew?

182

00:09:28,420 --> 00:09:28,930

His nephew.

183

00:09:28,930 --> 00:09:29,505

His nephew.

184

00:09:29,505 --> 00:09:31,210

His nephew.

185

00:09:31,210 --> 00:09:36,310

And then we came down  
to this guy's house

186

00:09:36,310 --> 00:09:40,350

and we get together  
with his nephew.

187

00:09:40,350 --> 00:09:43,370

We were only three in his house.

188

00:09:43,370 --> 00:09:44,340

Now--

189

00:09:44,340 --> 00:09:48,760

But now when we were  
there, he got connections.

190

00:09:48,760 --> 00:09:55,750

He arranged us to make us  
papers like with pictures

191

00:09:55,750 --> 00:09:57,560

as non-Jewish.

192

00:09:57,560 --> 00:09:59,520

How was he able to do that?

193

00:09:59,520 --> 00:10:00,390



There was people.

194

00:10:00,390 --> 00:10:06,450

There was people, smugglers,  
for money, you know?

195

00:10:06,450 --> 00:10:10,798

The people were even working  
in the government did.

196

00:10:10,798 --> 00:10:13,450

If you have connections--

197

00:10:13,450 --> 00:10:19,100

he was also a Pollack, and the  
Pollack worked then for money.

198

00:10:19,100 --> 00:10:21,070

He just gave him the  
pictures and the other guy

199

00:10:21,070 --> 00:10:24,730

made the documents.

200

00:10:24,730 --> 00:10:26,680

They give you a  
name, for example.

201

00:10:26,680 --> 00:10:40,770

My name was-- my name was  
Sawaryn, a Polish name.

202

00:10:40,770 --> 00:10:42,120

You never you know.

203

00:10:42,120 --> 00:10:43,420

Whenever they made it.

204

00:10:43,420 --> 00:10:45,430

They have to have some--

205

00:10:45,430 --> 00:10:47,510

and that's why.

206

00:10:47,510 --> 00:10:52,050

Then the other guy, later  
when he had the papers,

207

00:10:52,050 --> 00:10:58,300

he moved to the  
facility of Krakow.

208

00:10:58,300 --> 00:11:00,140

He got some friends there.

209

00:11:00,140 --> 00:11:01,650

So you got the papers in--

210

00:11:01,650 --> 00:11:03,500

We got the papers--

211

00:11:03,500 --> 00:11:04,660

October?

212

00:11:04,660 --> 00:11:08,280

We got the papers right in--

213

00:11:08,280 --> 00:11:10,300

that was in August.

214

00:11:10,300 --> 00:11:12,085

By the end in August,  
we had the papers.

215

00:11:12,085 --> 00:11:13,460

By the the end of  
August already.

216

00:11:13,460 --> 00:11:18,430

And I was with this  
guy most of the time.

217

00:11:18,430 --> 00:11:23,140

I went with him sometime

to work in the field.

218

00:11:23,140 --> 00:11:24,910

With his-- he got  
a brother and--

219

00:11:24,910 --> 00:11:26,670

How was your physical  
condition then?

220

00:11:26,670 --> 00:11:27,620

Very, good.

221

00:11:27,620 --> 00:11:28,130

Very good.

222

00:11:28,130 --> 00:11:28,630

It was good.

223

00:11:28,630 --> 00:11:29,496

Very good.

224

00:11:29,496 --> 00:11:32,170

225

00:11:32,170 --> 00:11:35,645

There was no deficiency.

226

00:11:35,645 --> 00:11:41,010

I had no deficiency because  
I was always in good shape.

227

00:11:41,010 --> 00:11:43,360

Then I was in the  
army with them.

228

00:11:43,360 --> 00:11:45,540

I ate food with the general.

229

00:11:45,540 --> 00:11:48,910

And even when  
you're in Janowska?

230  
00:11:48,910 --> 00:11:53,150  
In the-- I was in Janowska, we  
was also in the maintenance.

231  
00:11:53,150 --> 00:11:53,950  
Yeah.

232  
00:11:53,950 --> 00:11:58,570  
So the maintenance has  
a better chance to--

233  
00:11:58,570 --> 00:12:02,500  
than the people where they  
used to go out to work.

234  
00:12:02,500 --> 00:12:06,730  
They used to bring in all  
kinds of food from the city.

235  
00:12:06,730 --> 00:12:10,480  
The group was a group of  
100 people used to go out.

236  
00:12:10,480 --> 00:12:15,370  
They used to bring in all--  
everything from the city.

237  
00:12:15,370 --> 00:12:18,240  
The main thing was the money.

238  
00:12:18,240 --> 00:12:20,600  
And I happened--

239  
00:12:20,600 --> 00:12:26,260  
I had a way to get  
money from a guy

240  
00:12:26,260 --> 00:12:32,500  
when he was working  
by the clean up--

241

00:12:32,500 --> 00:12:35,110  
the clothes.

242  
00:12:35,110 --> 00:12:37,560  
He was working in  
the brigade when

243  
00:12:37,560 --> 00:12:43,190  
they was emptying all the  
clothes from those people.

244  
00:12:43,190 --> 00:12:48,530  
So they had the chance to get  
some gold, whatever it is.

245  
00:12:48,530 --> 00:12:52,760  
And those people they go  
to work-- it was business.

246  
00:12:52,760 --> 00:12:56,490  
They used to bring in  
everything to food.

247  
00:12:56,490 --> 00:13:01,170  
And this guy when he was  
working by the clothes.

248  
00:13:01,170 --> 00:13:03,480  
That one was the group.

249  
00:13:03,480 --> 00:13:10,590  
They had very good because  
they had enough valuable things

250  
00:13:10,590 --> 00:13:13,840  
to give those people, when  
they went out to work,

251  
00:13:13,840 --> 00:13:15,930  
to bring in extra food.

252  
00:13:15,930 --> 00:13:17,690  
And they used to bring in--

253  
00:13:17,690 --> 00:13:18,930  
and you wouldn't believe it.

254  
00:13:18,930 --> 00:13:23,130  
They'd bring in even whiskey,  
they used to bring in.

255  
00:13:23,130 --> 00:13:26,290  
So we did have not bad.

256  
00:13:26,290 --> 00:13:27,890  
At the time we was there.

257  
00:13:27,890 --> 00:13:32,020  
And then we escaped, we don't  
know after that what happened.

258  
00:13:32,020 --> 00:13:38,580  
We know that-- yeah, was out  
and we know what to expect.

259  
00:13:38,580 --> 00:13:41,670  
So the reason why  
we tried to get out.

260  
00:13:41,670 --> 00:13:44,878  
What happened then after  
you left this man who

261  
00:13:44,878 --> 00:13:46,170  
had given you the false papers?

262  
00:13:46,170 --> 00:13:46,690  
Where did you go?

263  
00:13:46,690 --> 00:13:47,460  
No, no, we were--

264  
00:13:47,460 --> 00:13:50,040  
I was with this man  
almost to the end.

265  
00:13:50,040 --> 00:13:51,090  
Almost to the end.

266  
00:13:51,090 --> 00:13:52,680  
I was this man almost--

267  
00:13:52,680 --> 00:13:54,780  
I just worked out with him.

268  
00:13:54,780 --> 00:13:57,730  
And he got a brother--

269  
00:13:57,730 --> 00:13:58,470  
How far was he?

270  
00:13:58,470 --> 00:13:59,053  
In the suburb.

271  
00:13:59,053 --> 00:14:02,595  
He was in Lemberg,  
out the city about--

272  
00:14:02,595 --> 00:14:03,810  
in the suburb.

273  
00:14:03,810 --> 00:14:05,070  
In the suburb of Lemberg.

274  
00:14:05,070 --> 00:14:06,112  
In the suburb of Lemberg.

275  
00:14:06,112 --> 00:14:08,620  
And you weren't afraid that  
somebody would recognize you

276  
00:14:08,620 --> 00:14:09,120  
or--

277  
00:14:09,120 --> 00:14:09,620  
No, no, no.

278  
00:14:09,620 --> 00:14:11,650  
We didn't go  
officially like this.

279  
00:14:11,650 --> 00:14:15,360  
We went down or with  
a horse and wagon.

280  
00:14:15,360 --> 00:14:17,460  
We was going down  
to like some work.

281  
00:14:17,460 --> 00:14:25,830  
And then later we also  
made a bunker underground

282  
00:14:25,830 --> 00:14:28,070  
in his house.

283  
00:14:28,070 --> 00:14:35,670  
We dig out like under  
the floor, saving space,

284  
00:14:35,670 --> 00:14:40,800  
in case somebody  
comes in to the house.

285  
00:14:40,800 --> 00:14:45,540  
Then we should be  
able to go down

286  
00:14:45,540 --> 00:14:51,040  
and with him not  
to be in dangerous.

287  
00:14:51,040 --> 00:14:52,480  
It was-- that we made.

288  
00:14:52,480 --> 00:14:56,110

289



00:14:56,110 --> 00:14:59,830  
Did anybody ever come  
searching at his house?

290  
00:14:59,830 --> 00:15:01,080  
No, not exactly.

291  
00:15:01,080 --> 00:15:02,620  
Not in the house.

292  
00:15:02,620 --> 00:15:05,500  
In the neighborhood  
but not in the house.

293  
00:15:05,500 --> 00:15:07,800  
So you were with him  
then from August--

294  
00:15:07,800 --> 00:15:13,390  
We were in August  
until the next year.

295  
00:15:13,390 --> 00:15:14,560  
That was in '43.

296  
00:15:14,560 --> 00:15:17,290

297  
00:15:17,290 --> 00:15:19,020  
And they come and--

298  
00:15:19,020 --> 00:15:24,100  
they got in spring if '44--

299  
00:15:24,100 --> 00:15:30,720  
the Russian come into the city.

300  
00:15:30,720 --> 00:15:33,015  
So I was there almost--

301  
00:15:33,015 --> 00:15:36,282

302  
00:15:36,282 --> 00:15:37,650  
that was until August.

303  
00:15:37,650 --> 00:15:40,490

304  
00:15:40,490 --> 00:15:43,110  
That was September,  
October, November.

305  
00:15:43,110 --> 00:15:45,490  
We was there about  
close to a year.

306  
00:15:45,490 --> 00:15:49,440  
In April, they started  
the rally bomb Lemberg.

307  
00:15:49,440 --> 00:15:51,970  
The Russian bombed Lemberg.

308  
00:15:51,970 --> 00:15:52,500  
It was 1944.

309  
00:15:52,500 --> 00:15:53,520  
It was already--

310  
00:15:53,520 --> 00:15:56,300  
1944.

311  
00:15:56,300 --> 00:15:56,800  
All right.

312  
00:15:56,800 --> 00:15:59,730  
And in the beginning is  
spring, March and April.

313  
00:15:59,730 --> 00:16:01,650  
When they start bombing,  
there was already

314

00:16:01,650 --> 00:16:08,000

a relief and all those things  
that was going on that--

315

00:16:08,000 --> 00:16:09,750

For the entire period  
that you were there,

316

00:16:09,750 --> 00:16:11,190

like close to a year or so.

317

00:16:11,190 --> 00:16:13,990

Pretty much you were in  
hiding the entire time.

318

00:16:13,990 --> 00:16:15,740

You didn't go out too  
much in the outside?

319

00:16:15,740 --> 00:16:16,380

No, no, no, no.

320

00:16:16,380 --> 00:16:17,150

Not too much.

321

00:16:17,150 --> 00:16:20,110

Except his brother had a farm.

322

00:16:20,110 --> 00:16:20,610

Yeah.

323

00:16:20,610 --> 00:16:22,750

And he need some help.

324

00:16:22,750 --> 00:16:24,360

So we did the arrangement.

325

00:16:24,360 --> 00:16:25,380

We went with a--

326

00:16:25,380 --> 00:16:27,855

we came down to visit them  
with a horse and wagon

327  
00:16:27,855 --> 00:16:30,260  
and we went down to  
work in the field.

328  
00:16:30,260 --> 00:16:32,010  
Did you know where the  
rest of your family

329  
00:16:32,010 --> 00:16:33,810  
was at the time,  
your other brothers?

330  
00:16:33,810 --> 00:16:36,920  
At the time when I was there--

331  
00:16:36,920 --> 00:16:38,770  
You truly had no contact  
with your brother?

332  
00:16:38,770 --> 00:16:39,270  
No, no.

333  
00:16:39,270 --> 00:16:41,510  
I have no contact with nobody.

334  
00:16:41,510 --> 00:16:46,530  
You have no contact  
with nobody, nowhere.

335  
00:16:46,530 --> 00:16:54,426  
And where was it?

336  
00:16:54,426 --> 00:16:59,770  
When we was there, was it?

337  
00:16:59,770 --> 00:17:06,609  
And my brothers-- I had  
no brothers available.

338

00:17:06,609 --> 00:17:09,040  
I was only one in Lemburg.

339  
00:17:09,040 --> 00:17:12,040  
The other two brothers  
was in Russia.

340  
00:17:12,040 --> 00:17:14,950  
One survived and  
came after the war.

341  
00:17:14,950 --> 00:17:18,250  
And one was killed  
there in a bombing.

342  
00:17:18,250 --> 00:17:21,190  
He was working in  
a shop in Russia.

343  
00:17:21,190 --> 00:17:23,244  
They were bombing the--

344  
00:17:23,244 --> 00:17:27,880  
the Germans was bombing  
Russia and he got killed.

345  
00:17:27,880 --> 00:17:30,750  
And then one brother  
was in America.

346  
00:17:30,750 --> 00:17:33,220  
And one brother was in Israel.

347  
00:17:33,220 --> 00:17:36,370  
And the oldest brother  
was in the Russian army

348  
00:17:36,370 --> 00:17:40,960  
and took him into American  
prisons, so was no more.

349  
00:17:40,960 --> 00:17:44,390  
I had no more

brothers available.

350

00:17:44,390 --> 00:17:47,755

So April 1944, the  
Russians were bombing--

351

00:17:47,755 --> 00:17:50,375

352

00:17:50,375 --> 00:17:50,875

Lemburg.

353

00:17:50,875 --> 00:17:53,880

354

00:17:53,880 --> 00:17:56,100

And they were coming closer.

355

00:17:56,100 --> 00:17:58,800

They didn't come so fast  
but once they were bombing,

356

00:17:58,800 --> 00:18:04,100

there was already the  
relief a little bit.

357

00:18:04,100 --> 00:18:07,790

The hope was already coming.

358

00:18:07,790 --> 00:18:10,020

And there was already--

359

00:18:10,020 --> 00:18:14,040

What happened between April  
'44 and the end of the war?

360

00:18:14,040 --> 00:18:15,750

April '44.

361

00:18:15,750 --> 00:18:19,140

Then the Russian did  
arrive to Lemburg.

362  
00:18:19,140 --> 00:18:23,010  
It was a few days.

363  
00:18:23,010 --> 00:18:27,360  
Was organized a committee,  
a Jewish committee,

364  
00:18:27,360 --> 00:18:37,820  
and was a few hundred  
people reported to the--

365  
00:18:37,820 --> 00:18:43,410  
or was an organization,  
made a Jewish organization.

366  
00:18:43,410 --> 00:18:47,780  
And the Russians helped to  
give food to those people.

367  
00:18:47,780 --> 00:18:49,630  
The organization got some food.

368  
00:18:49,630 --> 00:18:53,640  
And people came down there who  
know other people from hiding.

369  
00:18:53,640 --> 00:18:58,280  
A lot of people was registered,  
quite a amount of people.

370  
00:18:58,280 --> 00:19:00,900  
And from all those  
people from Lemburg,

371  
00:19:00,900 --> 00:19:08,280  
was only a few hundred.

372  
00:19:08,280 --> 00:19:13,520  
And there was--  
another happened--

373

00:19:13,520 --> 00:19:17,750  
and when this--  
later gradually we

374  
00:19:17,750 --> 00:19:21,630  
start living with the Russian.

375  
00:19:21,630 --> 00:19:26,100  
Coming almost to-- and  
then the war was going on.

376  
00:19:26,100 --> 00:19:28,830  
A lot of people, from the  
people that they survived,

377  
00:19:28,830 --> 00:19:31,950  
was taken to the  
Russian army to fight.

378  
00:19:31,950 --> 00:19:37,260  
The Russians immediately--  
when they took over Lemburg--

379  
00:19:37,260 --> 00:19:43,560  
anybody was in the age and  
they able to go to war.

380  
00:19:43,560 --> 00:19:44,700  
They was immediately.

381  
00:19:44,700 --> 00:19:46,760  
They still were hundreds of--

382  
00:19:46,760 --> 00:19:49,410  
they took them into the  
army and there's still

383  
00:19:49,410 --> 00:19:52,260  
a lot of them  
killed in the army--

384  
00:19:52,260 --> 00:19:56,610  
in the Russian army,



fighting against Germany.

385

00:19:56,610 --> 00:20:01,180

They did mobilized immediately.

386

00:20:01,180 --> 00:20:05,070

They had-- they did a lot--

387

00:20:05,070 --> 00:20:08,580

And I was also in the  
stage to go into the army

388

00:20:08,580 --> 00:20:15,030

but I was working for the  
always with the Russian people

389

00:20:15,030 --> 00:20:20,040

and they did protect me  
from going to the army.

390

00:20:20,040 --> 00:20:24,500

They also have an economy trade.

391

00:20:24,500 --> 00:20:27,470

392

00:20:27,470 --> 00:20:31,380

And somehow-- that's the way--

393

00:20:31,380 --> 00:20:35,670

I would have been probably  
taken to the army.

394

00:20:35,670 --> 00:20:38,340

A lot of people went to the  
army and they still survived,

395

00:20:38,340 --> 00:20:40,950

but a lot of them got killed.

396

00:20:40,950 --> 00:20:42,660

So what happened then

after the Russians?

397

00:20:42,660 --> 00:20:45,730

I mean, the war is not  
over yet for another--

398

00:20:45,730 --> 00:20:48,510

The war is not  
over but here start

399

00:20:48,510 --> 00:20:55,950

to be already normal living, was  
already a normal living in most

400

00:20:55,950 --> 00:20:59,180

of what the war was faded down.

401

00:20:59,180 --> 00:21:05,370

And here was already  
like almost normal.

402

00:21:05,370 --> 00:21:06,630

A lot of--

403

00:21:06,630 --> 00:21:10,770

This is another year  
now until the end.

404

00:21:10,770 --> 00:21:14,235

When the war was, I think,  
it was in '44 was finished.

405

00:21:14,235 --> 00:21:15,270

'45.

406

00:21:15,270 --> 00:21:17,300

'45 was complete finish.

407

00:21:17,300 --> 00:21:17,810

Complete.

408

00:21:17,810 --> 00:21:21,330

Yeah, but also was in '44.

409

00:21:21,330 --> 00:21:25,890

We was already  
practically relieved.

410

00:21:25,890 --> 00:21:27,900

We haven't got the--

411

00:21:27,900 --> 00:21:30,090

except the one thing  
was the dangerous

412

00:21:30,090 --> 00:21:32,280

was to go into the army.

413

00:21:32,280 --> 00:21:34,600

In fact, I got a friend of mine.

414

00:21:34,600 --> 00:21:36,000

We came back from Russia.

415

00:21:36,000 --> 00:21:40,470

They survived in Russia and  
they came back to Lemberg.

416

00:21:40,470 --> 00:21:46,250

And they was-- the army want  
to take them to the army.

417

00:21:46,250 --> 00:21:48,930

And I'm working for those--

418

00:21:48,930 --> 00:21:54,390

I was working for the  
Russian institution.

419

00:21:54,390 --> 00:21:58,230

They was like--  
and they asked me.

420

00:21:58,230 --> 00:22:03,620

And I was able even  
to protect them.

421  
00:22:03,620 --> 00:22:06,690  
To tell those people that  
they know a lot of secrets

422  
00:22:06,690 --> 00:22:08,130  
from those people.

423  
00:22:08,130 --> 00:22:11,370  
They were looking  
for all kind of--

424  
00:22:11,370 --> 00:22:16,800  
they want some information  
from the people.

425  
00:22:16,800 --> 00:22:18,250  
Who was against them?

426  
00:22:18,250 --> 00:22:21,660  
Who was-- there was  
always under the go.

427  
00:22:21,660 --> 00:22:24,410  
They were investigating.

428  
00:22:24,410 --> 00:22:29,520  
So I was protecting some people.

429  
00:22:29,520 --> 00:22:32,580  
But they came back  
from Russia when they

430  
00:22:32,580 --> 00:22:34,890  
supposed to go to the army.

431  
00:22:34,890 --> 00:22:42,840  
And because I know  
them and I told them

432

00:22:42,840 --> 00:22:50,660  
that they was needed  
to find out what--

433  
00:22:50,660 --> 00:22:54,390  
they were looking for  
enemies always, the Russian.

434  
00:22:54,390 --> 00:22:56,920  
And there really was involved.

435  
00:22:56,920 --> 00:22:58,980  
And they were not  
from Lemburg directly.

436  
00:22:58,980 --> 00:23:04,040  
They were about 10 miles,  
20 miles away from Lemburg.

437  
00:23:04,040 --> 00:23:08,850  
And they know the villages  
there and the city.

438  
00:23:08,850 --> 00:23:12,440  
So I definitely  
helped one of them

439  
00:23:12,440 --> 00:23:14,840  
and now they're  
still living here.

440  
00:23:14,840 --> 00:23:19,594  
What I did protect them from  
going to the Russian army

441  
00:23:19,594 --> 00:23:22,300  
to fight against the German.

442  
00:23:22,300 --> 00:23:24,900  
But it was too dangerous.

443  
00:23:24,900 --> 00:23:27,750  
Very easy possibility

to get killed.

444

00:23:27,750 --> 00:23:30,020

How long did you  
remain in Lemburg?

445

00:23:30,020 --> 00:23:38,360

I remained in Lemburg  
until March '40--

446

00:23:38,360 --> 00:23:42,210

the beginning in '46.

447

00:23:42,210 --> 00:23:43,760

'46.

448

00:23:43,760 --> 00:23:50,770

They was organizing--  
they give permission.

449

00:23:50,770 --> 00:23:55,650

Whoever was Polish origin.

450

00:23:55,650 --> 00:23:59,600

And if you want to go  
voluntarily to Poland,

451

00:23:59,600 --> 00:24:02,290

they let out.

452

00:24:02,290 --> 00:24:05,770

They made a resettling.

453

00:24:05,770 --> 00:24:08,120

And they took Germany.

454

00:24:08,120 --> 00:24:11,240

They took away people,  
the Polish people,

455

00:24:11,240 --> 00:24:17,590

where they had in Lemburg and

in the facilities, suburban,

456  
00:24:17,590 --> 00:24:19,420  
or whatever.

457  
00:24:19,420 --> 00:24:22,320  
All the Polish people,  
they went down.

458  
00:24:22,320 --> 00:24:24,470  
They settled them all.

459  
00:24:24,470 --> 00:24:27,290  
They made them  
settling to Germany.

460  
00:24:27,290 --> 00:24:32,690  
And anybody, any Polish,  
if you're Jewish it's OK.

461  
00:24:32,690 --> 00:24:36,260  
Once is Polish born  
and if you want to go,

462  
00:24:36,260 --> 00:24:39,550  
they let them go to--

463  
00:24:39,550 --> 00:24:42,800  
then they let them go  
to, without objection,

464  
00:24:42,800 --> 00:24:45,380  
they let them move to Poland.

465  
00:24:45,380 --> 00:24:52,100  
And they also then they make  
transport shipping to Poland

466  
00:24:52,100 --> 00:24:53,110  
through the border.

467  
00:24:53,110 --> 00:24:55,280

The border was in Lublin.

468  
00:24:55,280 --> 00:24:58,010  
And we went to Poland.

469  
00:24:58,010 --> 00:25:01,500  
And Poland was Krakow.

470  
00:25:01,500 --> 00:25:04,190  
But Krakow, Warsaw,  
everythin was Poland.

471  
00:25:04,190 --> 00:25:06,070  
Here was the Ukraine.

472  
00:25:06,070 --> 00:25:09,890  
When we was Lemburg, that  
was included in Ukraine.

473  
00:25:09,890 --> 00:25:16,800  
And then over there from  
Poland, there also was--

474  
00:25:16,800 --> 00:25:22,700  
later they made all the  
arrangements, like the Bricha.

475  
00:25:22,700 --> 00:25:27,890  
And from Poland, they  
smuggle through the Jewish

476  
00:25:27,890 --> 00:25:33,620  
that will be in Poland,  
whoever want to go to Germany.

477  
00:25:33,620 --> 00:25:38,990  
They brought us into Germany,  
not actually legal and not

478  
00:25:38,990 --> 00:25:39,900  
legal.

479



00:25:39,900 --> 00:25:43,190  
Through Czechoslovakia  
from Poland.

480  
00:25:43,190 --> 00:25:44,780  
They brought us into Germany.

481  
00:25:44,780 --> 00:25:48,390  
And in Germany was  
those DP camps.

482  
00:25:48,390 --> 00:25:53,210  
And it was DP camp until the  
immigration start to America.

483  
00:25:53,210 --> 00:25:56,790  
So you were in DP  
camp from 1946?

484  
00:25:56,790 --> 00:26:00,380  
Then in 1946 we went  
to Poland and then

485  
00:26:00,380 --> 00:26:03,730  
immediately we went to Germany.

486  
00:26:03,730 --> 00:26:08,990  
We was in the DP camp from  
the beginning actually.

487  
00:26:08,990 --> 00:26:12,260  
1946 until--

488  
00:26:12,260 --> 00:26:13,990  
You said which group?

489  
00:26:13,990 --> 00:26:14,950  
You said the Bricha?

490  
00:26:14,950 --> 00:26:16,335  
The Bricha.

491

00:26:16,335 --> 00:26:20,390

The Bricha had connections  
with the borders

492

00:26:20,390 --> 00:26:25,040

like Austria, Czechoslovakia,  
that go from Poland

493

00:26:25,040 --> 00:26:27,650

to smuggle into Czechoslovakia.

494

00:26:27,650 --> 00:26:31,190

And from Czechoslovakia  
they smuggle in to Vienna.

495

00:26:31,190 --> 00:26:32,450

Who is the Bricha?

496

00:26:32,450 --> 00:26:35,350

Bricha is a Jewish organization.

497

00:26:35,350 --> 00:26:41,887

Jewish-- like  
Zionist organization.

498

00:26:41,887 --> 00:26:42,470

They call it--

499

00:26:42,470 --> 00:26:44,150

Did any people go  
to Palestine from--

500

00:26:44,150 --> 00:26:46,300

Yeah, a lot of people  
went to Palestine.

501

00:26:46,300 --> 00:26:50,900

We came then to America, because  
our mother was in America.

502

00:26:50,900 --> 00:26:55,060

You know that my mother  
was in 1939, America--

503  
00:26:55,060 --> 00:26:56,140  
'38.

504  
00:26:56,140 --> 00:26:57,220  
And we had family.

505  
00:26:57,220 --> 00:27:03,080  
So that's why a lot of people  
went to Israel in those days.

506  
00:27:03,080 --> 00:27:07,280  
How long were you in  
DP camp in Germany?

507  
00:27:07,280 --> 00:27:19,130  
It was 19-- oh, it was about  
maybe, close two years.

508  
00:27:19,130 --> 00:27:23,560  
Close two year because we  
came to the country in 1949.

509  
00:27:23,560 --> 00:27:26,060  
In the beginning 1949.

510  
00:27:26,060 --> 00:27:29,245  
So we was '48, '47.

511  
00:27:29,245 --> 00:27:32,150

512  
00:27:32,150 --> 00:27:34,610  
So you came to the  
United States in 194--

513  
00:27:34,610 --> 00:27:38,960  
1949 on March 12th, 1949.

514  
00:27:38,960 --> 00:27:40,790  
March 12th, and 1949.

515

00:27:40,790 --> 00:27:50,000

Now, how did you feel in  
the DP camp all those years?

516

00:27:50,000 --> 00:27:52,510

You where in camp before  
and now the war is over.

517

00:27:52,510 --> 00:27:53,100

No, no, no.

518

00:27:53,100 --> 00:27:55,220

The DP camp was not a camp.

519

00:27:55,220 --> 00:27:57,020

That was just a  
living they give.

520

00:27:57,020 --> 00:27:58,520

You were not in a camp.

521

00:27:58,520 --> 00:28:00,480

But you didn't have  
the displaced persons?

522

00:28:00,480 --> 00:28:02,990

The displaced persons  
they give you food.

523

00:28:02,990 --> 00:28:08,000

They give you food,  
whatever the limit of it.

524

00:28:08,000 --> 00:28:09,950

And there's lot of things.

525

00:28:09,950 --> 00:28:12,830

And then they had schools.

526

00:28:12,830 --> 00:28:14,780

There's schools for trade.

527

00:28:14,780 --> 00:28:18,680

They learned trades in the camp.

528

00:28:18,680 --> 00:28:21,350

Did any other organizations  
help you in DP camp?

529

00:28:21,350 --> 00:28:27,080

Red Cross or any other Jewish  
organizations, UNRRA, anybody?

530

00:28:27,080 --> 00:28:31,250

The United Jewish Appeal.

531

00:28:31,250 --> 00:28:33,560

We went through-- we  
registered in the United

532

00:28:33,560 --> 00:28:40,670

Jewish Appeal and the HIAS  
to get the immigration.

533

00:28:40,670 --> 00:28:45,165

And the immigration was free  
because for the displaced

534

00:28:45,165 --> 00:28:45,665

persons.

535

00:28:45,665 --> 00:28:48,470

536

00:28:48,470 --> 00:28:51,560

My mother tried  
to send us papers.

537

00:28:51,560 --> 00:28:57,570

That's why our years was  
disorganized with the date.

538

00:28:57,570 --> 00:29:00,660

Because they tried to

send us papers and--

539

00:29:00,660 --> 00:29:03,890

Who did you come to  
the United States with?

540

00:29:03,890 --> 00:29:06,130

I was in a boat, a ship.

541

00:29:06,130 --> 00:29:09,196

The Marine Jumper was  
the ship, and they came.

542

00:29:09,196 --> 00:29:13,460

Marine Jumper was the ship  
which I was shipped through.

543

00:29:13,460 --> 00:29:14,562

Any brothers with you?

544

00:29:14,562 --> 00:29:16,270

You were the only  
person from the family.

545

00:29:16,270 --> 00:29:18,290

I was only one.

546

00:29:18,290 --> 00:29:25,850

And one more brother was  
came also from Russia.

547

00:29:25,850 --> 00:29:27,740

One brother survived.

548

00:29:27,740 --> 00:29:34,490

And he came two months  
later to the United States.

549

00:29:34,490 --> 00:29:37,145

And your mother, you said,  
tried to send you papers.

550

00:29:37,145 --> 00:29:40,070

551

00:29:40,070 --> 00:29:41,590

You came to New York.

552

00:29:41,590 --> 00:29:44,000

We came to New York.

553

00:29:44,000 --> 00:29:45,290

I arrived in Bos--

554

00:29:45,290 --> 00:29:46,400

In Boston.

555

00:29:46,400 --> 00:29:50,510

My mother lives in New  
Jersey in Elizabeth.

556

00:29:50,510 --> 00:29:53,390

She was living in  
Elizabeth, New Jersey.

557

00:29:53,390 --> 00:29:55,310

And since I came I've  
been living in Elizabeth

558

00:29:55,310 --> 00:29:59,690

and I never moved out,  
except for business.

559

00:29:59,690 --> 00:30:03,020

What did your-- what was  
it like seeing your mother?

560

00:30:03,020 --> 00:30:05,880

I mean, it must have been very  
difficult. All those years

561

00:30:05,880 --> 00:30:07,810

she was in America and  
her whole family was--

562

00:30:07,810 --> 00:30:13,515

Was a very big  
coincidence when I came.

563

00:30:13,515 --> 00:30:15,800

When we arrived, my  
mother's supposed

564

00:30:15,800 --> 00:30:20,920

to get a telegram when  
we supposed to arrive.

565

00:30:20,920 --> 00:30:22,160

She knew.

566

00:30:22,160 --> 00:30:28,460

She expect me to arrive but  
she didn't know the date.

567

00:30:28,460 --> 00:30:30,390

But she does come and--

568

00:30:30,390 --> 00:30:32,160

when's she supposed  
to get known.

569

00:30:32,160 --> 00:30:35,160

When is she supposed  
to come down and--

570

00:30:35,160 --> 00:30:38,150

when I was to pick up  
in the boat, whatever?

571

00:30:38,150 --> 00:30:42,650

But I arrived instead to New  
York, we arrived in Boston.

572

00:30:42,650 --> 00:30:45,170

Our boat stopped in Boston.

573

00:30:45,170 --> 00:30:48,970



And we was coming by  
train to New York.

574  
00:30:48,970 --> 00:30:52,220  
Who was in charge of that?

575  
00:30:52,220 --> 00:30:58,100  
The United Jewish  
Appeal, I think.

576  
00:30:58,100 --> 00:31:00,540  
And they brought us to New York.

577  
00:31:00,540 --> 00:31:05,950  
And in New York everybody has  
to wait for their next to get--

578  
00:31:05,950 --> 00:31:08,510  
whatever they got connections.

579  
00:31:08,510 --> 00:31:12,890  
Everybody had an address  
to go into the family

580  
00:31:12,890 --> 00:31:15,800  
or whoever don't have  
it, they took him to down

581  
00:31:15,800 --> 00:31:16,940  
under their protection.

582  
00:31:16,940 --> 00:31:20,570  
And they gave him  
a place to stay.

583  
00:31:20,570 --> 00:31:22,580  
They gave him a hotel.

584  
00:31:22,580 --> 00:31:28,360  
They gave him facilities  
to live for the time

585

00:31:28,360 --> 00:31:31,120  
until they get organized.

586  
00:31:31,120 --> 00:31:33,260  
When I came to New  
York, nobody was

587  
00:31:33,260 --> 00:31:36,070  
waiting for-- a lot of  
people, family was waiting.

588  
00:31:36,070 --> 00:31:39,840  
But my mother didn't  
have in time the notice.

589  
00:31:39,840 --> 00:31:42,320  
So from New York  
I took the train

590  
00:31:42,320 --> 00:31:45,680  
and I came to  
Elizabeth of myself.

591  
00:31:45,680 --> 00:31:49,000  
I bought a ticket,  
that time was \$0.35.

592  
00:31:49,000 --> 00:31:51,460  
A ticket to come from  
New York to Elizabeth.

593  
00:31:51,460 --> 00:31:52,970  
And I came to Elizabeth.

594  
00:31:52,970 --> 00:31:53,870  
I know the address.

595  
00:31:53,870 --> 00:31:57,050  
I took a taxi from the train.

596  
00:31:57,050 --> 00:32:00,860  
Came to my mother address.

597

00:32:00,860 --> 00:32:04,890

And then I came to my mother's  
house and the house was closed.

598

00:32:04,890 --> 00:32:06,295

I mean, the home was--

599

00:32:06,295 --> 00:32:10,350

it was night and my  
mother was close.

600

00:32:10,350 --> 00:32:13,340

The neighbor knew  
that she expected--

601

00:32:13,340 --> 00:32:16,040

my mother expect  
somebody to come.

602

00:32:16,040 --> 00:32:18,270

And my mother first  
didn't expect me,

603

00:32:18,270 --> 00:32:21,550

she expect a telegram.

604

00:32:21,550 --> 00:32:24,130

And I was knocking on the door.

605

00:32:24,130 --> 00:32:25,810

And what happened?

606

00:32:25,810 --> 00:32:28,930

The neighbor came out.

607

00:32:28,930 --> 00:32:32,490

My mother had a house  
here, a family house.

608

00:32:32,490 --> 00:32:36,440

And the neighbor know that they  
expect somebody-- something,

609  
00:32:36,440 --> 00:32:37,940  
a telegram, whatever.

610  
00:32:37,940 --> 00:32:41,210  
And they ask me--

611  
00:32:41,210 --> 00:32:42,710  
she happened-- English.

612  
00:32:42,710 --> 00:32:43,490  
I was very--

613  
00:32:43,490 --> 00:32:46,580

614  
00:32:46,580 --> 00:32:48,990  
I know very little English.

615  
00:32:48,990 --> 00:32:51,120  
Practically nothing.

616  
00:32:51,120 --> 00:32:55,050  
But that woman was Polish  
so we talked Polish.

617  
00:32:55,050 --> 00:32:59,550  
And happened my mother  
was in the synagogue

618  
00:32:59,550 --> 00:33:00,960  
where they had a party.

619  
00:33:00,960 --> 00:33:02,040  
It was a Purim party.

620  
00:33:02,040 --> 00:33:05,530  
I came, next day was Purim.

621  
00:33:05,530 --> 00:33:08,310  
And it was a Purim

party in the synagogue.

622

00:33:08,310 --> 00:33:10,320

And my mother let  
know the neighbor,

623

00:33:10,320 --> 00:33:12,300

if anything going to  
come, she should let them

624

00:33:12,300 --> 00:33:13,380

know in the synagogue.

625

00:33:13,380 --> 00:33:16,410

She was just a block away.

626

00:33:16,410 --> 00:33:23,320

And that woman took me  
down to the synagogue.

627

00:33:23,320 --> 00:33:24,960

Went to my mother.

628

00:33:24,960 --> 00:33:29,100

I left the valise in her house,  
and I walked over to the just

629

00:33:29,100 --> 00:33:30,390

-- and they came down.

630

00:33:30,390 --> 00:33:36,090

And she let know my mother  
that somebody is waiting.

631

00:33:36,090 --> 00:33:39,000

And I didn't go into the shul.

632

00:33:39,000 --> 00:33:43,530

She walked out and that was a  
coincidence that she met me.

633

00:33:43,530 --> 00:33:48,090

And we came in to shul,  
Rabbi Teitz had the speech.

634  
00:33:48,090 --> 00:33:53,280  
I mean, he was learning the  
[INAUDIBLE],, the [INAUDIBLE]..

635  
00:33:53,280 --> 00:33:56,321  
When I came in, that  
whole thing stopped

636  
00:33:56,321 --> 00:34:00,890  
and he had a little  
speech from me, my mother.

637  
00:34:00,890 --> 00:34:04,290  
And that was the reunion.

638  
00:34:04,290 --> 00:34:07,860  
Since then, we was  
together with my mother.

639  
00:34:07,860 --> 00:34:10,679

640  
00:34:10,679 --> 00:34:19,372  
My mother passed away in 1968.

641  
00:34:19,372 --> 00:34:23,560  
That's what's going on the life.

642  
00:34:23,560 --> 00:34:27,100  
I got married in 1954.

643  
00:34:27,100 --> 00:34:31,330  
1954.

644  
00:34:31,330 --> 00:34:33,510  
What occupation  
have you been in?

645  
00:34:33,510 --> 00:34:37,560

I went to construction work.

646

00:34:37,560 --> 00:34:38,179

They gave me.

647

00:34:38,179 --> 00:34:42,330

I got to work as a worker.

648

00:34:42,330 --> 00:34:44,370

Was Diamond factory.

649

00:34:44,370 --> 00:34:45,650

Steel construction.

650

00:34:45,650 --> 00:34:47,409

Name was Diamond.

651

00:34:47,409 --> 00:34:52,940

And I got a job there and  
that was my first job.

652

00:34:52,940 --> 00:34:56,940

Until I made the change  
around for something else

653

00:34:56,940 --> 00:35:02,310

because there was job can  
make more money in the job,

654

00:35:02,310 --> 00:35:04,620

make a living.

655

00:35:04,620 --> 00:35:08,580

Then I have a lot  
of different things.

656

00:35:08,580 --> 00:35:09,960

I got a farm.

657

00:35:09,960 --> 00:35:12,350

And I got a--

658

00:35:12,350 --> 00:35:14,690  
and then make a living.

659

00:35:14,690 --> 00:35:15,810  
Field.

660

00:35:15,810 --> 00:35:21,000  
No, I got a farm in  
Upstate New York.

661

00:35:21,000 --> 00:35:22,050  
Livingston, New York.

662

00:35:22,050 --> 00:35:23,520  
I lived there by myself.

663

00:35:23,520 --> 00:35:24,600  
I had a farm I run.

664

00:35:24,600 --> 00:35:28,540  
There wasn't-- I was single  
there, when I had a farm.

665

00:35:28,540 --> 00:35:31,800  
And then later, the Korean War.

666

00:35:31,800 --> 00:35:36,488  
And then there was  
a farm and larger.

667

00:35:36,488 --> 00:35:42,760  
I think a guy had a  
son killed in Korea

668

00:35:42,760 --> 00:35:46,830  
and the other son is  
supposed to go to the army.

669

00:35:46,830 --> 00:35:52,110  
And they advised him if he could  
buy a farm of a certain size.



670

00:35:52,110 --> 00:35:54,460

And my size should  
suited his purpose,

671

00:35:54,460 --> 00:35:58,240

that he could protect his  
son away from the army.

672

00:35:58,240 --> 00:36:00,300

So he came and he  
bought my farm.

673

00:36:00,300 --> 00:36:04,500

And then I went back to work.

674

00:36:04,500 --> 00:36:10,430

And then I got married  
and I got two children.

675

00:36:10,430 --> 00:36:11,957

And they live their lives.

676

00:36:11,957 --> 00:36:12,540

It's going up.

677

00:36:12,540 --> 00:36:21,550

678

00:36:21,550 --> 00:36:24,540

And the other business  
and other business.

679

00:36:24,540 --> 00:36:29,770

So now I'm already retired.

680

00:36:29,770 --> 00:36:32,180

I'm just taking it easy.

681

00:36:32,180 --> 00:36:32,680

Slow.

682

00:36:32,680 --> 00:36:35,210

683

00:36:35,210 --> 00:36:35,930

Anything else?

684

00:36:35,930 --> 00:36:43,230

685

00:36:43,230 --> 00:36:46,410

Any thoughts you have?

686

00:36:46,410 --> 00:36:49,160

Any thoughts or any  
lessons to learn

687

00:36:49,160 --> 00:36:50,370

from the whole experience?

688

00:36:50,370 --> 00:36:54,540

689

00:36:54,540 --> 00:36:56,160

I had a lot of experience.

690

00:36:56,160 --> 00:36:59,770

But what could you--

691

00:36:59,770 --> 00:37:01,860

you can't change things.

692

00:37:01,860 --> 00:37:03,160

Thing happened.

693

00:37:03,160 --> 00:37:06,720

You lost a family and so  
many hundreds of people.

694

00:37:06,720 --> 00:37:09,510

695

00:37:09,510 --> 00:37:12,120  
Practically nobody left.

696  
00:37:12,120 --> 00:37:17,262  
I got two cousins but they  
was shipped the day to--

697  
00:37:17,262 --> 00:37:21,265  
in the train, they jumped  
out from the train.

698  
00:37:21,265 --> 00:37:22,900  
And they survived.

699  
00:37:22,900 --> 00:37:24,570  
They're living  
here in Cleveland.

700  
00:37:24,570 --> 00:37:27,080

701  
00:37:27,080 --> 00:37:29,460  
But they jumped  
out from the train

702  
00:37:29,460 --> 00:37:32,460  
and they were shot  
by the guards.

703  
00:37:32,460 --> 00:37:36,080  
Every train had a guard.

704  
00:37:36,080 --> 00:37:39,690  
By jumping out, where they  
could get killed anyhow in case.

705  
00:37:39,690 --> 00:37:43,140  
So they got shot on top of it.

706  
00:37:43,140 --> 00:37:44,135  
And what they survived.

707

00:37:44,135 --> 00:37:47,230

708

00:37:47,230 --> 00:37:51,510

The whole thing could  
happen is unbelievable.

709

00:37:51,510 --> 00:37:54,510

How come a guy like  
me survived and people

710

00:37:54,510 --> 00:38:00,660

like with so many knowledge,  
like the people, doctors

711

00:38:00,660 --> 00:38:04,950

and lawyers, big heads.

712

00:38:04,950 --> 00:38:06,760

And they didn't survive.

713

00:38:06,760 --> 00:38:13,106

So that means something has  
to be like this, whatever.

714

00:38:13,106 --> 00:38:15,160

You don't know what  
a privilege but--

715

00:38:15,160 --> 00:38:17,772

716

00:38:17,772 --> 00:38:22,260

and there are things you have  
to be thankful, whatever it is.

717

00:38:22,260 --> 00:38:25,503

And to go on with life.

718

00:38:25,503 --> 00:38:26,860

OK.

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00:38:26,860 --> 00:38:28,236

I want to thank you.

720

00:38:28,236 --> 00:38:29,550

You're welcome.

721

00:38:29,550 --> 00:38:31,550

Very much for coming.

722

00:38:31,550 --> 00:38:47,000