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00:00:00,000 --> 00:00:21,310

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00:00:21,310 --> 00:00:22,876
It's not too hot for you, is it?

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00:00:22,876 --> 00:00:25,570

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00:00:25,570 --> 00:00:28,220
My name is Dr.
Sidney Langer, and I

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00:00:28,220 --> 00:00:30,250
am the director of
the Oral History

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00:00:30,250 --> 00:00:32,950
Project of the Holocaust
Studies Resource Center

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00:00:32,950 --> 00:00:35,380
at King College of New Jersey.

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00:00:35,380 --> 00:00:38,800
I'm very pleased that
Mr. Isak Levenstein has

9
00:00:38,800 --> 00:00:40,570
come to the college
today to talk

10
00:00:40,570 --> 00:00:42,730
to me about some
of his experiences

11
00:00:42,730 --> 00:00:44,200
during the Holocaust.

12
00:00:44,200 --> 00:00:46,560
Mr. Levenstein, thank
you very much for coming.

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00:00:46,560 --> 00:00:49,220
Should I spell my name, too?

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00:00:49,220 --> 00:00:51,030
Should I spell my name, too?

15
00:00:51,030 --> 00:00:51,850
Sure, if you like.

16
00:00:51,850 --> 00:00:54,880
My name is Isak Levenstein.

17
00:00:54,880 --> 00:01:00,256
I reside 890 Westminster
Avenue in Hillside, New Jersey,

18
00:01:00,256 --> 00:01:03,330
for the last 30 years.

19
00:01:03,330 --> 00:01:05,519
OK.

20
00:01:05,519 --> 00:01:07,460
Can you tell me a
little bit about when

21
00:01:07,460 --> 00:01:10,910
you were born, the
country you were born in,

22
00:01:10,910 --> 00:01:12,720
a little bit about your family?

23
00:01:12,720 --> 00:01:19,750
I was born February
the 11th, 1906,

24
00:01:19,750 --> 00:01:27,840
in a little town in the
neighborhood from Lublin.

25
00:01:27,840 --> 00:01:31,180
But unfortunately,
I lost my mother

26

00:01:31,180 --> 00:01:34,870

when I was four years
old, and I lost my father

27

00:01:34,870 --> 00:01:37,700

when I was 11 years old.

28

00:01:37,700 --> 00:01:41,370

And later, I moved
in with a family.

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00:01:41,370 --> 00:01:47,130

I moved into city
of Kraków in 1918.

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00:01:47,130 --> 00:01:49,230

Your mother and father
died of natural causes?

31

00:01:49,230 --> 00:01:50,250

Natural causes.

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00:01:50,250 --> 00:01:54,250

She was a young woman,
was only 29 years old.

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00:01:54,250 --> 00:01:58,140

My father was 43 in
the First World War.

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00:01:58,140 --> 00:02:01,770

Then we were four orphans--

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00:02:01,770 --> 00:02:07,140

two brothers, two sisters,
and personally myself.

36

00:02:07,140 --> 00:02:10,330

I moved to a family--

37

00:02:10,330 --> 00:02:16,130

to the city of Kraków in 1918.

38

00:02:16,130 --> 00:02:18,340

Yeah, '18, yes.

39
00:02:18,340 --> 00:02:19,930
Since that time, I was--

40
00:02:19,930 --> 00:02:22,050
How did you come to
this particular family?

41
00:02:22,050 --> 00:02:24,445
It was an uncle of mine.

42
00:02:24,445 --> 00:02:32,650
And I was living there all
the time, till I got married.

43
00:02:32,650 --> 00:02:38,410
December 29, 1931.

44
00:02:38,410 --> 00:02:40,800
Did you go to the family with
your other three brothers

45
00:02:40,800 --> 00:02:41,300
and sisters?

46
00:02:41,300 --> 00:02:42,460
No.

47
00:02:42,460 --> 00:02:44,580
My sister came, but
the other three,

48
00:02:44,580 --> 00:02:48,820
they remained in
the little town.

49
00:02:48,820 --> 00:02:50,330
And they were taken care of by--

50
00:02:50,330 --> 00:02:51,790
They were taken
care of, because I

51

00:02:51,790 --> 00:02:54,640
was the youngest in the family.

52
00:02:54,640 --> 00:02:59,583
My oldest sister, which
was Murray's mother--

53
00:02:59,583 --> 00:03:00,250
Murray Pantirer?

54
00:03:00,250 --> 00:03:01,090
Yeah.

55
00:03:01,090 --> 00:03:02,260
Murray Pantirer's mother.

56
00:03:02,260 --> 00:03:03,735
She remained there.

57
00:03:03,735 --> 00:03:07,165
She got married in the
20s, and she had a husband,

58
00:03:07,165 --> 00:03:09,263
and she has quite
a few children.

59
00:03:09,263 --> 00:03:16,756
But in 1930, '32, I
brought her over to Kraków.

60
00:03:16,756 --> 00:03:22,748
And she lived there too,
till the War broke out.

61
00:03:22,748 --> 00:03:26,780
They had seven children,
and that's the way it is.

62
00:03:26,780 --> 00:03:31,830
Then the War broke out it
was [INAUDIBLE] in the--

63
00:03:31,830 --> 00:03:35,570
1940.

64

00:03:35,570 --> 00:03:37,290

That's right, '40.

65

00:03:37,290 --> 00:03:42,183

They had to leave
Kraków and go on the--

66

00:03:42,183 --> 00:03:46,450

in the place they were
called [PLACE NAME]

67

00:03:46,450 --> 00:03:48,350

which was a border.

68

00:03:48,350 --> 00:03:52,620

But they couldn't stay there
anyway, and they came back.

69

00:03:52,620 --> 00:03:54,440

And they couldn't
get-- in the meantime,

70

00:03:54,440 --> 00:04:00,010

the ghetto was built in Kraków,
and they couldn't be together.

71

00:04:00,010 --> 00:04:03,260

They were living a little
suburban from Kraków.

72

00:04:03,260 --> 00:04:07,310

Let me take you back just
a little bit before 1940.

73

00:04:07,310 --> 00:04:10,280

When you went to Kraków,
you were how old again?

74

00:04:10,280 --> 00:04:11,300

11.

75

00:04:11,300 --> 00:04:13,260

11 years old.

76

00:04:13,260 --> 00:04:14,910

And that was 19--

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00:04:14,910 --> 00:04:15,540

--18.

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00:04:15,540 --> 00:04:16,890

1918.

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00:04:16,890 --> 00:04:19,410

Can you describe
the life in Kraków?

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00:04:19,410 --> 00:04:20,829

The Jewish community in Kraków?

81

00:04:20,829 --> 00:04:25,460

Life in Kraków was
excellent, just excellent.

82

00:04:25,460 --> 00:04:29,040

Naturally, there were rich
people, middle class people,

83

00:04:29,040 --> 00:04:30,900

and there were poor people.

84

00:04:30,900 --> 00:04:34,290

But the life, my personal
life, was excellent.

85

00:04:34,290 --> 00:04:35,100

Excellent life.

86

00:04:35,100 --> 00:04:37,980

Because I was a
[INAUDIBLE] at a textile

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00:04:37,980 --> 00:04:41,040

store, and I was employed there.

88

00:04:41,040 --> 00:04:41,810

I was there.

89

00:04:41,810 --> 00:04:44,970

And I can't own it,
because the other family,

90

00:04:44,970 --> 00:04:46,930

they were childless.

91

00:04:46,930 --> 00:04:48,305

They no children.

92

00:04:48,305 --> 00:04:50,830

And I was their child.

93

00:04:50,830 --> 00:04:51,893

That's it.

94

00:04:51,893 --> 00:04:54,060

Now, you didn't start working
in the textile factory

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00:04:54,060 --> 00:04:55,480

until you were probably--

96

00:04:55,480 --> 00:04:55,980

[INAUDIBLE]

97

00:04:55,980 --> 00:04:57,740

I started doing
it when I was 17.

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00:04:57,740 --> 00:04:58,340

17.

99

00:04:58,340 --> 00:05:00,840

So between the
ages of 11 and 17--

100

00:05:00,840 --> 00:05:01,740

I went to cheder.

101

00:05:01,740 --> 00:05:04,440

You went to cheder.

102

00:05:04,440 --> 00:05:06,320
We had a tutor.

103
00:05:06,320 --> 00:05:12,790
I was teached-- I
mean, I was teached

104
00:05:12,790 --> 00:05:18,640
mostly Hebrew, and
Polish, and German,

105
00:05:18,640 --> 00:05:25,730
because there was no private
school to force in those years.

106
00:05:25,730 --> 00:05:28,090
A that's what I was teached.

107
00:05:28,090 --> 00:05:30,330
Then later went to cheder.

108
00:05:30,330 --> 00:05:32,570
Same thing was happening
here in those years.

109
00:05:32,570 --> 00:05:34,420
Right.

110
00:05:34,420 --> 00:05:38,110
How many Jews lived
in Kraków at the time?

111
00:05:38,110 --> 00:05:40,060
70,000.

112
00:05:40,060 --> 00:05:40,770
70,000.

113
00:05:40,770 --> 00:05:42,110
Yeah.

114
00:05:42,110 --> 00:05:44,050
And the Jewish
community, as you said,

115

00:05:44,050 --> 00:05:46,347

in terms of their economic
situation, there were some--

116

00:05:46,347 --> 00:05:47,680

There were actually there was --

117

00:05:47,680 --> 00:05:50,225

I'm going to tell you, like
all over, all over the world,

118

00:05:50,225 --> 00:05:53,390

there were high class
people, middle class,

119

00:05:53,390 --> 00:05:55,020

and there were
people that make--

120

00:05:55,020 --> 00:05:56,260

but everybody make a living.

121

00:05:56,260 --> 00:05:59,380

122

00:05:59,380 --> 00:06:02,190

Did you yourself belong to
any Jewish organizations

123

00:06:02,190 --> 00:06:03,325

when you were young?

124

00:06:03,325 --> 00:06:05,232

Yeah, I belonged
to the Mizrachi.

125

00:06:05,232 --> 00:06:11,960

And I belonged also to the
Hechalutz, like youngsters.

126

00:06:11,960 --> 00:06:15,670

And mostly I belonged to
the Mizrachi movement.

127

00:06:15,670 --> 00:06:17,590
You know what I mean,
the Mizrachi movement.

128
00:06:17,590 --> 00:06:18,970
Sure.

129
00:06:18,970 --> 00:06:21,226
Till I got married.

130
00:06:21,226 --> 00:06:24,360
And God help me, that's my--

131
00:06:24,360 --> 00:06:28,076
first wife survived
with me together.

132
00:06:28,076 --> 00:06:30,570
And we're still together.

133
00:06:30,570 --> 00:06:36,730
We are married over 52 years.

134
00:06:36,730 --> 00:06:39,760
Did you know anything about
what was going on when Hitler

135
00:06:39,760 --> 00:06:41,860
rose to power in Germany?

136
00:06:41,860 --> 00:06:43,530
Any information coming
to you in Kraków?

137
00:06:43,530 --> 00:06:48,540
We start to, We started
to find out in the '30s.

138
00:06:48,540 --> 00:06:53,100
When Hitler came to power,
in January, we find out.

139
00:06:53,100 --> 00:06:59,500
But not like-- in
all the country,

140
00:06:59,500 --> 00:07:01,240
it didn't look so
serious, because we

141
00:07:01,240 --> 00:07:02,725
don't live in that country.

142
00:07:02,725 --> 00:07:04,930
We were free.

143
00:07:04,930 --> 00:07:09,230
But later, in '35,
and '36, antisemitism

144
00:07:09,230 --> 00:07:12,780
start to come in to Poland.

145
00:07:12,780 --> 00:07:16,450
There was a [INAUDIBLE].

146
00:07:16,450 --> 00:07:20,810
She was a-- like
here, a councilman.

147
00:07:20,810 --> 00:07:24,230
Mrs. Prystorowa was her name.

148
00:07:24,230 --> 00:07:30,800
And she submit-- here, they
call it the same here today.

149
00:07:30,800 --> 00:07:33,400

150
00:07:33,400 --> 00:07:40,870
Like the same, Washington,
Like the commerce

151
00:07:40,870 --> 00:07:45,140
to forbid to slaughter kosher.

152
00:07:45,140 --> 00:07:46,450
This was in 1935?

153

00:07:46,450 --> 00:07:48,350

In '35 and '36.

154

00:07:48,350 --> 00:07:50,660

And at that time,
you were how old?

155

00:07:50,660 --> 00:07:52,340

'35, '36?

156

00:07:52,340 --> 00:07:53,660

I was almost 30 years old.

157

00:07:53,660 --> 00:07:54,800

You were 29.

158

00:07:54,800 --> 00:07:55,300

Yeah.

159

00:07:55,300 --> 00:07:57,900

29 years old.

160

00:07:57,900 --> 00:08:05,840

So between the ages of 11 to
29, the relationship between

161

00:08:05,840 --> 00:08:08,420

the Jewish community and
the non-Jewish community

162

00:08:08,420 --> 00:08:09,130

in Kraków--

163

00:08:09,130 --> 00:08:09,890

Was excellent.

164

00:08:09,890 --> 00:08:10,670

--was excellent.

165

00:08:10,670 --> 00:08:11,660

Excellent.

166

00:08:11,660 --> 00:08:14,875
And there was no sense or
feeling of antisemitism?

167
00:08:14,875 --> 00:08:15,470
No.

168
00:08:15,470 --> 00:08:18,780
Especially in Kraków,
was excellent.

169
00:08:18,780 --> 00:08:23,660
And I got married
in the end of '31.

170
00:08:23,660 --> 00:08:25,210
How did you meet your wife?

171
00:08:25,210 --> 00:08:27,030
I met by coincidence.

172
00:08:27,030 --> 00:08:28,520
I went to a restaurant.

173
00:08:28,520 --> 00:08:31,270
I saw a young lady
from a little town.

174
00:08:31,270 --> 00:08:34,532
And I introduced myself,
and that's the way it was.

175
00:08:34,532 --> 00:08:36,240
It was a coincidence,
and we got married.

176
00:08:36,240 --> 00:08:36,740
That's all.

177
00:08:36,740 --> 00:08:38,390
It was very quick.

178
00:08:38,390 --> 00:08:40,782
No, we weren't that quick,
It took us two years.

179
00:08:40,782 --> 00:08:43,880
Oh, it's not so quick.

180
00:08:43,880 --> 00:08:45,665
She was from Kraków?

181
00:08:45,665 --> 00:08:47,740
No, she was from a
suburban from Kraków.

182
00:08:47,740 --> 00:08:50,585
It was only 40 kilometers
away from the city.

183
00:08:50,585 --> 00:08:53,680
It was not-- here,
today, it's nothing.

184
00:08:53,680 --> 00:08:54,680
From here, you go into--

185
00:08:54,680 --> 00:08:57,480

186
00:08:57,480 --> 00:09:01,970
anyplace, and go to the islands,
it's not such a big deal.

187
00:09:01,970 --> 00:09:06,160
She came from a very
excellent family.

188
00:09:06,160 --> 00:09:08,550
There were also eight children.

189
00:09:08,550 --> 00:09:15,450
Well, five girls and three boys.

190
00:09:15,450 --> 00:09:18,860
Nobody is here.

191
00:09:18,860 --> 00:09:19,950
There were two survivors.

192

00:09:19,950 --> 00:09:21,420

Two sisters.

193

00:09:21,420 --> 00:09:26,660

They were here-- one sister
was living in Kent, Ohio.

194

00:09:26,660 --> 00:09:29,910

But she passed away,
a natural death.

195

00:09:29,910 --> 00:09:33,580

And the other sister passed
away just seven years ago.

196

00:09:33,580 --> 00:09:35,920

The other sister
was living with us.

197

00:09:35,920 --> 00:09:36,870

She was the oldest.

198

00:09:36,870 --> 00:09:39,960

My wife was the
youngest in the family.

199

00:09:39,960 --> 00:09:42,360

And from the boys,
nobody survived.

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00:09:42,360 --> 00:09:46,302

The whole family got wiped out.

201

00:09:46,302 --> 00:09:47,620

That is the history.

202

00:09:47,620 --> 00:09:50,250

203

00:09:50,250 --> 00:09:51,945

What did you do when
you got married?

204

00:09:51,945 --> 00:09:53,340
I got married.

205
00:09:53,340 --> 00:10:00,800
I had a factory from
sponges to scrub dishes--

206
00:10:00,800 --> 00:10:05,120
pots and pans, at a
factory with a partner.

207
00:10:05,120 --> 00:10:07,910
In the other side from Kraków--

208
00:10:07,910 --> 00:10:09,900
the name was Podgorze.

209
00:10:09,900 --> 00:10:13,510
Now, it's like, here, going from
the George Washington bridge

210
00:10:13,510 --> 00:10:17,140
to Fort Lee, over the bridge.

211
00:10:17,140 --> 00:10:18,950
Now, they had a
partner-- matter of fact,

212
00:10:18,950 --> 00:10:23,100
my partner survived till
he's older than I am.

213
00:10:23,100 --> 00:10:28,633
He survived and he
lives in Brooklyn.

214
00:10:28,633 --> 00:10:30,050
Are you still in
contact with him?

215
00:10:30,050 --> 00:10:30,550
Oh, yeah.

216
00:10:30,550 --> 00:10:35,420
I see him very often because

I know that man all my life.

217

00:10:35,420 --> 00:10:37,010

He survived his wife.

218

00:10:37,010 --> 00:10:40,540

They were lucky they
survived with a daughter.

219

00:10:40,540 --> 00:10:43,790

The daughter was older
than my children.

220

00:10:43,790 --> 00:10:48,890

And they lived a quiet life.

221

00:10:48,890 --> 00:10:51,200

You said that in
1935, 1936, this

222

00:10:51,200 --> 00:10:54,230

was the time when you began to
feel some of the antisemitism.

223

00:10:54,230 --> 00:10:56,380

But we didn't realize so much.

224

00:10:56,380 --> 00:11:00,490

The first law, you said, was
against shechita, against--

225

00:11:00,490 --> 00:11:01,040

That's right.

226

00:11:01,040 --> 00:11:01,832

--ritual slaughter.

227

00:11:01,832 --> 00:11:03,303

-- against shechita.

228

00:11:03,303 --> 00:11:05,720

What was the response of the
community when that happened?

229

00:11:05,720 --> 00:11:08,940
The response-- they gave us--

230
00:11:08,940 --> 00:11:12,370
you can not eat the upper
part, the bottom part.

231
00:11:12,370 --> 00:11:15,870
But people helped themselves.

232
00:11:15,870 --> 00:11:18,020
Then we had chicken.

233
00:11:18,020 --> 00:11:18,600
That's all.

234
00:11:18,600 --> 00:11:19,830
Like advertising.

235
00:11:19,830 --> 00:11:20,380
Eat chicken.

236
00:11:20,380 --> 00:11:23,380

237
00:11:23,380 --> 00:11:25,830
Did the community-- were they
aware of the fact that this

238
00:11:25,830 --> 00:11:27,930
could be the first
step in a number of--

239
00:11:27,930 --> 00:11:28,430
Exactly.

240
00:11:28,430 --> 00:11:30,155
They started it.

241
00:11:30,155 --> 00:11:36,760
They started it, but actually,
Poland was not so bad.

242
00:11:36,760 --> 00:11:41,310

But later, when the war
broke out, started to be bad.

243

00:11:41,310 --> 00:11:47,300
Because mostly Polish
people-- you could say 99%,

244

00:11:47,300 --> 00:11:49,850
they were working with
the Nazis together

245

00:11:49,850 --> 00:11:52,620
to get rid of the Jewish people.

246

00:11:52,620 --> 00:11:55,680
Because they could help.

247

00:11:55,680 --> 00:12:00,915
They had, in Poland, places
which no Germans stepped in.

248

00:12:00,915 --> 00:12:04,160
Because they were
afraid for themselves.

249

00:12:04,160 --> 00:12:07,590
There were villages
that were forced out.

250

00:12:07,590 --> 00:12:09,200
But only one thing--

251

00:12:09,200 --> 00:12:15,670
the Polish people, maybe they
were from the 35 million,

252

00:12:15,670 --> 00:12:21,820
maybe there were a few of
them, which they got good pay

253

00:12:21,820 --> 00:12:24,360
and they saved them.

254

00:12:24,360 --> 00:12:28,050
Matter of fact, my family

and my wife's family,

255

00:12:28,050 --> 00:12:30,050
was the older sister--

256

00:12:30,050 --> 00:12:32,390
my wife's-- had
grown up children.

257

00:12:32,390 --> 00:12:35,523
We-- growing up, we're
talking about in the '20s.

258

00:12:35,523 --> 00:12:37,440
And they went in a
hideout, and they gave away

259

00:12:37,440 --> 00:12:39,150
all their wealth.

260

00:12:39,150 --> 00:12:41,250
They were very wealthy.

261

00:12:41,250 --> 00:12:45,370
And a few days later, they had
everything in their possession.

262

00:12:45,370 --> 00:12:52,170
They called in the SS
and they killed them.

263

00:12:52,170 --> 00:12:53,490
Otherwise, they would live.

264

00:12:53,490 --> 00:12:56,730
I wish they were here to day but
they would but they would live.

265

00:12:56,730 --> 00:12:58,500
What year was that?

266

00:12:58,500 --> 00:13:03,190
This was in '43.

267

00:13:03,190 --> 00:13:06,600
'42, I'm sorry.

268
00:13:06,600 --> 00:13:10,350
So let's just go back
again, to '35, '36.

269
00:13:10,350 --> 00:13:14,090
So what happened
between 1936, '37?

270
00:13:14,090 --> 00:13:17,300
Were there other laws enacted
against the Jewish community?

271
00:13:17,300 --> 00:13:21,060
We were on the
[INAUDIBLE],, and nobody--

272
00:13:21,060 --> 00:13:22,560
everybody can say
whatever they want

273
00:13:22,560 --> 00:13:26,880
to say, nobody realize they're
helping the German people,

274
00:13:26,880 --> 00:13:34,200
the most advanced in education
in Europe, in those years--

275
00:13:34,200 --> 00:13:36,280
today, we don't talk about it.

276
00:13:36,280 --> 00:13:42,990
Nobody realized that
the German people can do

277
00:13:42,990 --> 00:13:46,080
make a Holocaust like they did.

278
00:13:46,080 --> 00:13:46,980
I'm not a youngster.

279
00:13:46,980 --> 00:13:48,570

I know there were--

280
00:13:48,570 --> 00:13:49,950
in Russia, there were a pogroms.

281
00:13:49,950 --> 00:13:54,645
They came in, they looted,
they killed maybe a few people,

282
00:13:54,645 --> 00:13:57,360
but not to wipe up the whole--

283
00:13:57,360 --> 00:14:00,030

284
00:14:00,030 --> 00:14:02,070
mostly, think what
they wiped out.

285
00:14:02,070 --> 00:14:03,150
Children.

286
00:14:03,150 --> 00:14:06,140
Over 1,200,000 children.

287
00:14:06,140 --> 00:14:08,370
Which they didn't know
from any [INAUDIBLE],,

288
00:14:08,370 --> 00:14:11,700
only they were born to Jewish
people, to Jewish parents.

289
00:14:11,700 --> 00:14:13,100
That's all.

290
00:14:13,100 --> 00:14:17,400
Nobody realized that it could
happen to a German nation.

291
00:14:17,400 --> 00:14:20,480

292
00:14:20,480 --> 00:14:22,270

We were fooled by that thing.

293

00:14:22,270 --> 00:14:23,480
We were fooled.

294

00:14:23,480 --> 00:14:27,900
I had the opportunity
to go to Russia.

295

00:14:27,900 --> 00:14:33,072
Matter of fact, in Russia,
250,000 people survived.

296

00:14:33,072 --> 00:14:34,530
They were living
like the Russians.

297

00:14:34,530 --> 00:14:38,630
They didn't have, every
day, steaks or ice cream,

298

00:14:38,630 --> 00:14:40,940
but they didn't they
didn't get killed.

299

00:14:40,940 --> 00:14:42,200
They came back.

300

00:14:42,200 --> 00:14:45,960
Some of them, they died natural
death, but nobody got killed.

301

00:14:45,960 --> 00:14:48,890
But nobody realized
that thing could

302

00:14:48,890 --> 00:14:56,230
happen to our country, the most
advanced, educated country.

303

00:14:56,230 --> 00:15:00,610
And I'm telling you,
professor, and we should not

304

00:15:00,610 --> 00:15:02,980

fool ourselves.

305

00:15:02,980 --> 00:15:07,990

Nobody knows what can

happen in the 21st--

306

00:15:07,990 --> 00:15:09,950

I mean, the next-- who knows?

307

00:15:09,950 --> 00:15:12,010

Nobody knows.

308

00:15:12,010 --> 00:15:14,380

People live in

Germany like kings.

309

00:15:14,380 --> 00:15:19,540

I remember after the First

World War, 1920, '21, '22,

310

00:15:19,540 --> 00:15:23,410

people lived very, very well.

311

00:15:23,410 --> 00:15:25,180

And who realized?

312

00:15:25,180 --> 00:15:29,970

Even few today wouldn't say,

that thing could never happen.

313

00:15:29,970 --> 00:15:32,370

What about when Kristallnacht

happened, for example?

314

00:15:32,370 --> 00:15:37,316

Kristallnacht happened

November 8, in 1938.

315

00:15:37,316 --> 00:15:39,300

They were all the

right, they came

316

00:15:39,300 --> 00:15:43,480

in-- there were a bunch of

hooligans, young people.

317
00:15:43,480 --> 00:15:49,160
And they went out and
they burned, they looted.

318
00:15:49,160 --> 00:15:50,410
It was like crystal night.

319
00:15:50,410 --> 00:15:54,780
And I have to tell you a
story about the Kristal night.

320
00:15:54,780 --> 00:15:56,600
This is what happened.

321
00:15:56,600 --> 00:16:05,895
In 1978, they opened up,
in Jerusalem, a hospital--

322
00:16:05,895 --> 00:16:08,300
the Shaare Zedek hospital.

323
00:16:08,300 --> 00:16:09,630
In 1978.

324
00:16:09,630 --> 00:16:12,580
I am one of their founders.

325
00:16:12,580 --> 00:16:16,600
And we had to over there quite--

326
00:16:16,600 --> 00:16:19,230
it was dedicated
November the 7th.

327
00:16:19,230 --> 00:16:23,160
This date I will never
forget-- in 1978.

328
00:16:23,160 --> 00:16:25,010
And then in November
the 8th, they

329
00:16:25,010 --> 00:16:29,120

make a big party in a big hall--

330

00:16:29,120 --> 00:16:30,610
they call it the--

331

00:16:30,610 --> 00:16:33,300

332

00:16:33,300 --> 00:16:34,600
[INAUDIBLE]

333

00:16:34,600 --> 00:16:39,600
[HEBREW PLACE NAME] Yeah,
they make a public hall.

334

00:16:39,600 --> 00:16:42,730
And so they had to make concert.

335

00:16:42,730 --> 00:16:45,130
And the men from the-- the
headman from the concert

336

00:16:45,130 --> 00:16:49,610
was staying in the
kippah the conductor.

337

00:16:49,610 --> 00:16:54,030
And there were over 2000 people.

338

00:16:54,030 --> 00:16:58,140
And myself and my
wife we were crying.

339

00:16:58,140 --> 00:17:01,600
What happened 40
years ago, in 1938.

340

00:17:01,600 --> 00:17:05,585
Now we're staying in a Jewish
state in the city of Jerusalem,

341

00:17:05,585 --> 00:17:10,230
and a young man, a
conductor, conducts.

342

00:17:10,230 --> 00:17:16,880

And this was real-- the
experience, in 1978.

343

00:17:16,880 --> 00:17:21,079

But who ever could realize
that it could happen?

344

00:17:21,079 --> 00:17:23,520

Nobody.

345

00:17:23,520 --> 00:17:28,030

Otherwise, you see, the German
Jewish people got saved.

346

00:17:28,030 --> 00:17:32,620

Because he gave him the
opportunity in the '30s, '35,

347

00:17:32,620 --> 00:17:34,930

'36, to leave.

348

00:17:34,930 --> 00:17:37,380

They take even the
furniture with them.

349

00:17:37,380 --> 00:17:41,423

They left for-- mostly, they
came to the United States.

350

00:17:41,423 --> 00:17:42,840

Another of them
came to Palestine.

351

00:17:42,840 --> 00:17:45,140

They're still there.

352

00:17:45,140 --> 00:17:49,070

And they survived, but
whoever got hurt the most

353

00:17:49,070 --> 00:17:50,240

is the Polish people.

354

00:17:50,240 --> 00:17:53,950
Because the Polish nation
worked with the Nazis to get

355
00:17:53,950 --> 00:17:56,100
rid of the Jews.

356
00:17:56,100 --> 00:17:58,150
I know everybody is--

357
00:17:58,150 --> 00:18:00,620
can tell you, but
I know Sam Halpern,

358
00:18:00,620 --> 00:18:04,690
he got saved by
some Polish people.

359
00:18:04,690 --> 00:18:10,420
But for some 35 million,
there were maybe five or six

360
00:18:10,420 --> 00:18:12,370
or seven of them.

361
00:18:12,370 --> 00:18:13,280
That's the way it is.

362
00:18:13,280 --> 00:18:14,737
Even [? Eve ?]
Zuckerman survived.

363
00:18:14,737 --> 00:18:15,320
She was saved.

364
00:18:15,320 --> 00:18:17,980

365
00:18:17,980 --> 00:18:19,570
This is-- but--

366
00:18:19,570 --> 00:18:20,870
I had-- it's just interesting.

367

00:18:20,870 --> 00:18:25,930

I had the occasion to interview
the daughter of the woman

368

00:18:25,930 --> 00:18:28,465

with whom Mrs.
Zuckerman stayed with--

369

00:18:28,465 --> 00:18:29,130

Yeah, Helen.

370

00:18:29,130 --> 00:18:29,970

--in Poland.

371

00:18:29,970 --> 00:18:31,460

And she was here
a few weeks ago.

372

00:18:31,460 --> 00:18:33,680

How you spoken to her?

373

00:18:33,680 --> 00:18:36,700

Abe was the interpreter.

374

00:18:36,700 --> 00:18:37,920

She has a daughter.

375

00:18:37,920 --> 00:18:38,960

She has a daughter.

376

00:18:38,960 --> 00:18:41,310

She was the same
age as Abe's wife.

377

00:18:41,310 --> 00:18:42,070

As Abe's wife.

378

00:18:42,070 --> 00:18:43,570

That's true.

379

00:18:43,570 --> 00:18:46,740

I'm telling you, the same
thing is Clara Kramer.

380

00:18:46,740 --> 00:18:51,690
Clara Kramer, Sol Kramer's
wife, was also in a safe place.

381
00:18:51,690 --> 00:18:55,350
Matter of fact, today,
Yad Vashem today,

382
00:18:55,350 --> 00:18:58,050
they consider them
and they honor them.

383
00:18:58,050 --> 00:19:02,170

384
00:19:02,170 --> 00:19:04,680
Who was lucky?

385
00:19:04,680 --> 00:19:14,100
I did many-- going back
when the World War starts,

386
00:19:14,100 --> 00:19:18,780
September 1, 1939,
my wife's family

387
00:19:18,780 --> 00:19:22,870
was, as I mentioned to
you, 40 kilometers away.

388
00:19:22,870 --> 00:19:26,880
And we took a truck, took
the children and the baby

389
00:19:26,880 --> 00:19:29,240
from two years old--

390
00:19:29,240 --> 00:19:31,060
the other child was
seven years old.

391
00:19:31,060 --> 00:19:33,400
And she went-- she
say, let's be together

392

00:19:33,400 --> 00:19:34,640
with the rest of the family.

393
00:19:34,640 --> 00:19:37,280

394
00:19:37,280 --> 00:19:40,230
But if didn't work.

395
00:19:40,230 --> 00:19:45,604
September the 7th, Kraków
was occupied by the Nazis.

396
00:19:45,604 --> 00:19:47,340
And I told my wife--

397
00:19:47,340 --> 00:19:48,860
her name is Sally--

398
00:19:48,860 --> 00:19:50,530
we cannot stay here.

399
00:19:50,530 --> 00:19:52,300
Let's go back.

400
00:19:52,300 --> 00:19:54,397
We can't expect so bad.

401
00:19:54,397 --> 00:19:56,730
Did you have any warning that
the Germans would actually

402
00:19:56,730 --> 00:19:58,680
invade, come into Poland?

403
00:19:58,680 --> 00:19:59,200
Sure.

404
00:19:59,200 --> 00:20:01,920
Listen, I was--

405
00:20:01,920 --> 00:20:05,100
I saw them invade, and
they came with the--

406

00:20:05,100 --> 00:20:08,420
the places [INAUDIBLE]
the September fires.

407

00:20:08,420 --> 00:20:09,205
I know it.

408

00:20:09,205 --> 00:20:10,080
Were there any plans?

409

00:20:10,080 --> 00:20:12,310
Did you think about
escaping, running away?

410

00:20:12,310 --> 00:20:14,970
We run away, but
how far you can run?

411

00:20:14,970 --> 00:20:17,760
You went on foot and they were--

412

00:20:17,760 --> 00:20:19,850
with motorcycle--
they were running

413

00:20:19,850 --> 00:20:22,370
faster than I was running.

414

00:20:22,370 --> 00:20:29,550
But it's just-- we should run,
take the families and run away.

415

00:20:29,550 --> 00:20:32,920
The best place was
to run to Spain.

416

00:20:32,920 --> 00:20:35,540
Spain saved people.

417

00:20:35,540 --> 00:20:38,790
Everybody can see
what's happening in 1495

418

00:20:38,790 --> 00:20:39,750
was a different story.

419
00:20:39,750 --> 00:20:42,080
But now people from France--

420
00:20:42,080 --> 00:20:42,870
I was in Spain.

421
00:20:42,870 --> 00:20:44,190
I met a lot of people.

422
00:20:44,190 --> 00:20:46,740
If they went to border,
and General Franco say,

423
00:20:46,740 --> 00:20:48,180
you can not touch those people.

424
00:20:48,180 --> 00:20:51,738

425
00:20:51,738 --> 00:20:53,530
Did you know many people
who went to Spain?

426
00:20:53,530 --> 00:20:54,640
Oh, yes.

427
00:20:54,640 --> 00:20:55,965
Quite a few thousand.

428
00:20:55,965 --> 00:20:59,920
From only on the border
from France to Spain, maybe,

429
00:20:59,920 --> 00:21:01,630
and they were saved.

430
00:21:01,630 --> 00:21:03,890
Not many people
which went to Italy.

431
00:21:03,890 --> 00:21:06,326

Italian people saved people.

432

00:21:06,326 --> 00:21:09,900

But not Polish.

433

00:21:09,900 --> 00:21:12,300

And nobody expect nothing.

434

00:21:12,300 --> 00:21:13,640

Nobody expected.

435

00:21:13,640 --> 00:21:15,660

We had a family
from my wife's side.

436

00:21:15,660 --> 00:21:19,370

It was a big family all
the night in a bunker.

437

00:21:19,370 --> 00:21:24,420

Thirty people--
uncles and nephews--

438

00:21:24,420 --> 00:21:28,410

and if they find out,
they find out, listen.

439

00:21:28,410 --> 00:21:31,290

You have to go out and
you have to ask for food.

440

00:21:31,290 --> 00:21:32,980

You cannot stay in the hole.

441

00:21:32,980 --> 00:21:35,295

You have to -- it turns out
that they caught somebody,

442

00:21:35,295 --> 00:21:38,840

and then they just
took him out and they--

443

00:21:38,840 --> 00:21:41,263

and they shot everyone.

444

00:21:41,263 --> 00:21:43,180

And they couldn't-- they
didn't have to do it.

445

00:21:43,180 --> 00:21:44,970

If their [INAUDIBLE]
were decent,

446

00:21:44,970 --> 00:21:46,020

they don't have to do it.

447

00:21:46,020 --> 00:21:47,210

Let me stay there.

448

00:21:47,210 --> 00:21:51,550

No German would go
up there whatsoever.

449

00:21:51,550 --> 00:21:52,825

Where was this bunker?

450

00:21:52,825 --> 00:21:55,410

The outside from a little
town, as I mentioned.

451

00:21:55,410 --> 00:21:57,440

Outside a little
town from Kraków.

452

00:21:57,440 --> 00:21:59,440

It was a bunker.

453

00:21:59,440 --> 00:22:03,470

Matter of fact, one
cousin, she survived.

454

00:22:03,470 --> 00:22:05,000

She was in the camp.

455

00:22:05,000 --> 00:22:06,810

She lives in Israel.

456

00:22:06,810 --> 00:22:09,740

It's history.

457
00:22:09,740 --> 00:22:10,850
There's a history.

458
00:22:10,850 --> 00:22:12,020
Now, I'm going back.

459
00:22:12,020 --> 00:22:16,050
You want to know
further from 1940s.

460
00:22:16,050 --> 00:22:16,550
Yeah.

461
00:22:16,550 --> 00:22:18,080
I'd like to know,
if you don't mind,

462
00:22:18,080 --> 00:22:22,400
when, the day the Germans
entered, exactly what happened?

463
00:22:22,400 --> 00:22:23,450
It was not bad.

464
00:22:23,450 --> 00:22:26,918
You had two children
at the time, in 1939.

465
00:22:26,918 --> 00:22:27,960
You had a seven-year-old.

466
00:22:27,960 --> 00:22:31,070
I went back to my apartment.

467
00:22:31,070 --> 00:22:33,680
Because I left it,
I went back almost--

468
00:22:33,680 --> 00:22:36,100
I came back September the 10th.

469
00:22:36,100 --> 00:22:37,360
It was not attacked.

470
00:22:37,360 --> 00:22:38,480
I went in.

471
00:22:38,480 --> 00:22:44,190
And we were all living, I would
say, till quite a few months

472
00:22:44,190 --> 00:22:45,010
there.

473
00:22:45,010 --> 00:22:51,640
Till they built a the ghetto
on the other side of the city.

474
00:22:51,640 --> 00:22:54,420
They were building--
we went to the ghetto

475
00:22:54,420 --> 00:23:01,220
exactly in March of '41.

476
00:23:01,220 --> 00:23:04,710

477
00:23:04,710 --> 00:23:08,500
Till March of '41, we were
still living in the city.

478
00:23:08,500 --> 00:23:10,520
So from '39 to '41--

479
00:23:10,520 --> 00:23:11,700
Exactly.

480
00:23:11,700 --> 00:23:13,540
We went out.

481
00:23:13,540 --> 00:23:16,880
I could make a book.

482
00:23:16,880 --> 00:23:20,300
And I was working by the Germans
at in a garage and they--

483

00:23:20,300 --> 00:23:23,090

484

00:23:23,090 --> 00:23:26,420

just had just every day,
we working from a day,

485

00:23:26,420 --> 00:23:28,520

a day, a day, a day.

486

00:23:28,520 --> 00:23:34,005

And then later, from March
of '41, the ghetto was built.

487

00:23:34,005 --> 00:23:35,630

I'm telling, the
other side, like here,

488

00:23:35,630 --> 00:23:38,040

from the George Washington
Bridge to Fort Lee.

489

00:23:38,040 --> 00:23:40,460

Like if Fort Lee was
built up to here.

490

00:23:40,460 --> 00:23:43,690

And we went in, 20,000
people, to that ghetto.

491

00:23:43,690 --> 00:23:45,660

All of them very squeezed.

492

00:23:45,660 --> 00:23:51,470

You had a two-bedroom
apartment for three families.

493

00:23:51,470 --> 00:23:52,980

We didn't mind.

494

00:23:52,980 --> 00:23:57,000

We're sharing one
with the other.

495

00:23:57,000 --> 00:24:01,660

But later, the soldiers,
the German soldiers take--

496

00:24:01,660 --> 00:24:07,430

if still alive-- then they
said to the Judenrat --

497

00:24:07,430 --> 00:24:13,070

which is there was
a Jewish government,

498

00:24:13,070 --> 00:24:18,120

you have to give me 3,000
people to send away.

499

00:24:18,120 --> 00:24:20,110

And they went.

500

00:24:20,110 --> 00:24:23,020

And they went to other places,
all the way to Treblinka,

501

00:24:23,020 --> 00:24:25,950

or they went to Auschwitz.

502

00:24:25,950 --> 00:24:27,020

Yeah.

503

00:24:27,020 --> 00:24:29,510

What was the attitude
of the Jewish community

504

00:24:29,510 --> 00:24:31,000

toward the Judenrat?

505

00:24:31,000 --> 00:24:32,040

You had the Judenrat.

506

00:24:32,040 --> 00:24:34,042

They worked with them together.

507

00:24:34,042 --> 00:24:36,590

And they had to listen to

the Germans and the orders.

508

00:24:36,590 --> 00:24:39,717

509

00:24:39,717 --> 00:24:40,550

Was there hostility?

510

00:24:40,550 --> 00:24:41,550

Was there understanding?

511

00:24:41,550 --> 00:24:42,150

Did their--

512

00:24:42,150 --> 00:24:45,190

They knew it-- matter
of fact, there was one--

513

00:24:45,190 --> 00:24:46,580

one man.

514

00:24:46,580 --> 00:24:49,760

He came from a very Hasidic
house, but he became--

515

00:24:49,760 --> 00:24:52,280

a bastard.

516

00:24:52,280 --> 00:24:54,600

Excuse my expression.

517

00:24:54,600 --> 00:24:57,560

And later, the Germans
took care of her.

518

00:24:57,560 --> 00:25:00,560

Killed him and whole family.

519

00:25:00,560 --> 00:25:06,020

They said -- but we were living
there till [INAUDIBLE] they

520

00:25:06,020 --> 00:25:07,980

built a concentration camp.

521
00:25:07,980 --> 00:25:12,010
Could you describe a little bit
more about life in the ghetto?

522
00:25:12,010 --> 00:25:16,190
Life in the ghetto, we
were living in the ghetto.

523
00:25:16,190 --> 00:25:19,570
I had permission to
get out of the ghetto.

524
00:25:19,570 --> 00:25:24,620
Because I worked in a
garage by the Nazis.

525
00:25:24,620 --> 00:25:27,140
Anyways, I couldn't go
with the trolley car.

526
00:25:27,140 --> 00:25:30,440
I had to walk.

527
00:25:30,440 --> 00:25:33,400
I had to get up in the
morning, 6:00 in the morning.

528
00:25:33,400 --> 00:25:36,060
The walk took me half
an hour to go there.

529
00:25:36,060 --> 00:25:38,120
And I was walking from--

530
00:25:38,120 --> 00:25:39,583
and I bought my food.

531
00:25:39,583 --> 00:25:41,000
Matter of fact,
some of them, they

532
00:25:41,000 --> 00:25:43,250
gave me food to take it home.

533

00:25:43,250 --> 00:25:45,076

And we ate.

534

00:25:45,076 --> 00:25:47,630

And we were counting
from day to day.

535

00:25:47,630 --> 00:25:49,820

Were you paid for your work?

536

00:25:49,820 --> 00:25:51,450

I didn't get paid.

537

00:25:51,450 --> 00:25:52,640

They didn't pay you.

538

00:25:52,640 --> 00:25:54,620

They didn't kill you,
they didn't pay you.

539

00:25:54,620 --> 00:25:55,850

That's all.

540

00:25:55,850 --> 00:25:57,650

But I was very--

541

00:25:57,650 --> 00:25:58,920

I was walking very--

542

00:25:58,920 --> 00:25:59,765

I mean, I got--

543

00:25:59,765 --> 00:26:02,360

was assisting everything what
they told me to do, and I did.

544

00:26:02,360 --> 00:26:05,050

545

00:26:05,050 --> 00:26:05,770

I was--

546

00:26:05,770 --> 00:26:07,360

Do you remember-- somebody
was standing guard

547

00:26:07,360 --> 00:26:09,735
at the ghetto when you walked
in and when you walked out?

548

00:26:09,735 --> 00:26:11,000
They were Polish guards.

549

00:26:11,000 --> 00:26:14,800
Polish guards, a few dollars,
you can buy them off,

550

00:26:14,800 --> 00:26:16,950
to hold-- you can
buy the police.

551

00:26:16,950 --> 00:26:19,320
We [INAUDIBLE] with everybody.

552

00:26:19,320 --> 00:26:23,280
I went in and out well free.

553

00:26:23,280 --> 00:26:26,840
What was the religious
life in the ghetto?

554

00:26:26,840 --> 00:26:29,550
Was there davening,
was there Shabbos?

555

00:26:29,550 --> 00:26:31,560
Whoever wants to
daven was daven.

556

00:26:31,560 --> 00:26:34,830
Whoever-- whoever wants to
daven, they would daven.

557

00:26:34,830 --> 00:26:37,590
They assembled in
only private owns.

558

00:26:37,590 --> 00:26:41,500

559
00:26:41,500 --> 00:26:43,290
The same thing was in the camp.

560
00:26:43,290 --> 00:26:45,770
Whoever wants to do
the service, they did.

561
00:26:45,770 --> 00:26:48,810
Whoever doesn't want to
do it, they didn't do it.

562
00:26:48,810 --> 00:26:49,790
Same thing here.

563
00:26:49,790 --> 00:26:52,390
Whoever wants to go shul, goes.

564
00:26:52,390 --> 00:26:58,160
We were all living
together exactly two years.

565
00:26:58,160 --> 00:27:04,180
They were-- but there were
times, every six months,

566
00:27:04,180 --> 00:27:06,332
they say, we need
so many people.

567
00:27:06,332 --> 00:27:09,690
They reduced it, automatically.

568
00:27:09,690 --> 00:27:11,575
The ghetto was
reduced to a minimum.

569
00:27:11,575 --> 00:27:14,160

570
00:27:14,160 --> 00:27:18,935
One day-- and I'm
very good in dates.

571

00:27:18,935 --> 00:27:20,830

Now, the selection
process was made

572

00:27:20,830 --> 00:27:22,080

by the Judenrat, the Germans--

573

00:27:22,080 --> 00:27:25,500

Selection process, but they
were staying on the square.

574

00:27:25,500 --> 00:27:28,850

They took them away
to the railroad.

575

00:27:28,850 --> 00:27:31,170

And the same way, you never
saw those people anymore.

576

00:27:31,170 --> 00:27:33,450

Did you know where
they were going?

577

00:27:33,450 --> 00:27:35,010

We know-- nobody knew it.

578

00:27:35,010 --> 00:27:38,100

Everyone was looking
for themselves.

579

00:27:38,100 --> 00:27:40,200

When they make the
selections, I always

580

00:27:40,200 --> 00:27:43,660

had the habit to hide
myself with the family.

581

00:27:43,660 --> 00:27:44,890

That's the way--

582

00:27:44,890 --> 00:27:50,825

I came, they came
in to my apartment,

583

00:27:50,825 --> 00:27:52,545
but they couldn't find nobody.

584

00:27:52,545 --> 00:27:56,510
Because I make myself a
bunker in the basement,

585

00:27:56,510 --> 00:27:59,290
and they could
sit on their head.

586

00:27:59,290 --> 00:28:01,420
They wouldn't find me.

587

00:28:01,420 --> 00:28:04,960
So this was already from a
day or two, this was over,

588

00:28:04,960 --> 00:28:06,620
and we went out from the bunker.

589

00:28:06,620 --> 00:28:09,170
We went back to the apartment.

590

00:28:09,170 --> 00:28:12,550
And that was the same like
anybody else which remained.

591

00:28:12,550 --> 00:28:15,030
So you had a little bit of
warning before they would come?

592

00:28:15,030 --> 00:28:19,020
I didn't have warning,
I was running myself.

593

00:28:19,020 --> 00:28:21,880
I want to always be the last.

594

00:28:21,880 --> 00:28:24,820
Not the first or
not in the middle.

595

00:28:24,820 --> 00:28:26,700

I was alert.

596

00:28:26,700 --> 00:28:28,850

Were the Jewish police
involved in coming to homes?

597

00:28:28,850 --> 00:28:29,350

Oh, yeah.

598

00:28:29,350 --> 00:28:31,380

They were -- well they
came in to take you out.

599

00:28:31,380 --> 00:28:33,835

I got an order to
take out this family.

600

00:28:33,835 --> 00:28:36,850

So you had to go.

601

00:28:36,850 --> 00:28:37,450

You had to go.

602

00:28:37,450 --> 00:28:38,992

You had to take a
bond with yourself,

603

00:28:38,992 --> 00:28:43,630

but didn't have anybody,
and that's the way--

604

00:28:43,630 --> 00:28:46,760

they did it systematically.

605

00:28:46,760 --> 00:28:49,720

To liquidate, this was their--

606

00:28:49,720 --> 00:28:54,200

this was to get their
solution, to get

607

00:28:54,200 --> 00:28:56,325

[INAUDIBLE] systematically.

608

00:28:56,325 --> 00:28:57,200
That's what they did.

609
00:28:57,200 --> 00:28:59,930
Not only Kraków, matter
of fact, it was all over.

610
00:28:59,930 --> 00:29:01,750
In Warsaw, in other--

611
00:29:01,750 --> 00:29:03,700
in big cities,
Lodz, and all over.

612
00:29:03,700 --> 00:29:10,060
The little towns, they took
them and they liquidated them.

613
00:29:10,060 --> 00:29:11,727
It's nothing new.

614
00:29:11,727 --> 00:29:12,310
You know this.

615
00:29:12,310 --> 00:29:14,995
You know the history.

616
00:29:14,995 --> 00:29:16,710
The final solution.

617
00:29:16,710 --> 00:29:21,040
But indeed, I'm going
back to Plaszow.

618
00:29:21,040 --> 00:29:24,590
Everybody had to leave in '40--

619
00:29:24,590 --> 00:29:27,470
March '43.

620
00:29:27,470 --> 00:29:31,760
Friday, all the
women had to leave.

621

00:29:31,760 --> 00:29:37,250
My wife came to the gate and
she saw it was happening.

622
00:29:37,250 --> 00:29:40,010
No child has been allowed
to take with them.

623
00:29:40,010 --> 00:29:41,360
Then she ran away.

624
00:29:41,360 --> 00:29:44,300
She came-- I don't know
how she did, but she did.

625
00:29:44,300 --> 00:29:50,510
And she came back and told
me, Isak, it's no good.

626
00:29:50,510 --> 00:29:54,740
And then I took them
down to the bunker.

627
00:29:54,740 --> 00:29:57,240
And I told her, I have to go.

628
00:29:57,240 --> 00:30:00,010
I went the next day, Saturday.

629
00:30:00,010 --> 00:30:03,520
If everyone had been in the
bunker, we all got lost.

630
00:30:03,520 --> 00:30:06,340
Because we had, we wouldn't
have no communication

631
00:30:06,340 --> 00:30:07,510
between each other.

632
00:30:07,510 --> 00:30:10,150
Let me interrupt you, I'm
sorry, for one second.

633
00:30:10,150 --> 00:30:14,020

In 1943 everybody was called?

634

00:30:14,020 --> 00:30:14,760
Everybody.

635

00:30:14,760 --> 00:30:17,330
They get they had
to be for free.

636

00:30:17,330 --> 00:30:20,820
Judenrein.

637

00:30:20,820 --> 00:30:23,040
Now your wife went
with your two children?

638

00:30:23,040 --> 00:30:25,810
She-- wife went, but she
couldn't-- they didn't let

639

00:30:25,810 --> 00:30:27,910
anybody talk with children.

640

00:30:27,910 --> 00:30:30,570
Children had to
remain in the ghetto.

641

00:30:30,570 --> 00:30:32,830
Then she ran away--

642

00:30:32,830 --> 00:30:35,185
Did she know, did your wife
know, what was happening?

643

00:30:35,185 --> 00:30:35,810
Did they know--

644

00:30:35,810 --> 00:30:39,460
Yeah, everybody knows, but
we didn't know other choice.

645

00:30:39,460 --> 00:30:40,840
Because you had to leave.

646

00:30:40,840 --> 00:30:43,990
Otherwise, we had to
leave-- let's get to it.

647
00:30:43,990 --> 00:30:45,510
And later, she came back.

648
00:30:45,510 --> 00:30:49,630
I tell her, Sally, you
stay here, was the bunker,

649
00:30:49,630 --> 00:30:56,130
I prepared water, prepared
food, I prepared something

650
00:30:56,130 --> 00:30:59,020
to sleep on it, to have--

651
00:30:59,020 --> 00:31:00,000
and she was tired.

652
00:31:00,000 --> 00:31:04,100
She went down with
Morris, brother, a sister,

653
00:31:04,100 --> 00:31:05,596
all the Pantirers.

654
00:31:05,596 --> 00:31:10,020
Went down with another
family, with her sister.

655
00:31:10,020 --> 00:31:13,530
And I said goodbye
to her next day.

656
00:31:13,530 --> 00:31:17,046
And I went to the camp.

657
00:31:17,046 --> 00:31:20,940
Because if I will be not in the
camp, then everybody will get

658
00:31:20,940 --> 00:31:22,298
lost.

659
00:31:22,298 --> 00:31:23,090
Then this was the--

660
00:31:23,090 --> 00:31:55,740

661
00:31:55,740 --> 00:31:58,870
And Poland was occupied
by the Germans.

662
00:31:58,870 --> 00:32:06,640
They surrounded a
place where mostly 80%

663
00:32:06,640 --> 00:32:10,430
of Jewish people used to
live there, called Kazimierz.

664
00:32:10,430 --> 00:32:13,280
It was like a section.

665
00:32:13,280 --> 00:32:18,450
And they came in the morning,
at 2, 3 o'clock in the morning.

666
00:32:18,450 --> 00:32:20,350
And knocked the doors.

667
00:32:20,350 --> 00:32:21,670
Everyone had to get up.

668
00:32:21,670 --> 00:32:24,850
And they took away whatever--

669
00:32:24,850 --> 00:32:26,780
[INAUDIBLE] possessions mostly.

670
00:32:26,780 --> 00:32:29,485
In every Jewish home,
that had a candelabra.

671
00:32:29,485 --> 00:32:31,400
A candlelighter.

672

00:32:31,400 --> 00:32:36,320

They took off all the
foils that everybody had--

673

00:32:36,320 --> 00:32:42,260

the silver, and also the
brass from the doors,

674

00:32:42,260 --> 00:32:45,586

and they looked in the thing
if they find any money.

675

00:32:45,586 --> 00:32:51,890

And then later, a young
shnook maybe was 20 years old,

676

00:32:51,890 --> 00:32:57,580

he asked the woman in the
house to get up on the table,

677

00:32:57,580 --> 00:32:59,900

and took a flashlight,
and he looked

678

00:32:59,900 --> 00:33:03,560

at-- in the place
that was the biggest

679

00:33:03,560 --> 00:33:06,170

embarrassment for a woman.

680

00:33:06,170 --> 00:33:08,510

Can't be any bigger.

681

00:33:08,510 --> 00:33:15,660

This-- that's the way they were
taught in Germany to do it.

682

00:33:15,660 --> 00:33:19,400

And I can witness it.

683

00:33:19,400 --> 00:33:22,190

That tradition from 1939.

684

00:33:22,190 --> 00:33:22,690

OK.

685

00:33:22,690 --> 00:33:25,480

We were also talking
about the day

686

00:33:25,480 --> 00:33:29,050

when your wife went to
the gate of the ghetto.

687

00:33:29,050 --> 00:33:31,060

And she saw that--

688

00:33:31,060 --> 00:33:31,840

Saw what happened.

689

00:33:31,840 --> 00:33:33,585

She [INAUDIBLE]
maybe some people

690

00:33:33,585 --> 00:33:34,960

that took the
children with them,

691

00:33:34,960 --> 00:33:38,340

and they didn't let her
talk, and she went back,

692

00:33:38,340 --> 00:33:43,360

and I told her, Sally, you're
going down to the bunker

693

00:33:43,360 --> 00:33:44,110

with the children.

694

00:33:44,110 --> 00:33:48,970

And she took Morris's brother
and sister, and my wife's

695

00:33:48,970 --> 00:33:51,670

sister, and somebody else.

696

00:33:51,670 --> 00:33:54,190

And they went to the bunker.

697

00:33:54,190 --> 00:33:59,710
I went-- next point, I went
up to the concentration camp

698

00:33:59,710 --> 00:34:04,570
which was built. And
by Saturday, Sunday

699

00:34:04,570 --> 00:34:06,497
was a slaughterhouse,
a slaughter.

700

00:34:06,497 --> 00:34:08,830
Can you just describe a little
bit of the transportation

701

00:34:08,830 --> 00:34:10,580
to the camp.

702

00:34:10,580 --> 00:34:12,070
We walked.

703

00:34:12,070 --> 00:34:12,760
How far?

704

00:34:12,760 --> 00:34:15,639
About 7 kilometers.

705

00:34:15,639 --> 00:34:18,653
7 kilometers, I would
say, is almost five miles.

706

00:34:18,653 --> 00:34:20,070
Did you know where
you were going?

707

00:34:20,070 --> 00:34:21,659
Sure, we knew what
they were building.

708

00:34:21,659 --> 00:34:22,469
We knew it was--

709

00:34:22,469 --> 00:34:24,989
the ghetto had to be Judenrein.

710

00:34:24,989 --> 00:34:29,489
Only remained were the
Jewish kapos, the police,

711

00:34:29,489 --> 00:34:33,969
and the Judenrat remained
there, to liquidate it.

712

00:34:33,969 --> 00:34:38,489
Next day, it was a
Sunday, was a slaughter.

713

00:34:38,489 --> 00:34:41,679
Who they ever found,
they just didn't ask,

714

00:34:41,679 --> 00:34:43,880
no, they just wiped them.

715

00:34:43,880 --> 00:34:45,909
They got killed.

716

00:34:45,909 --> 00:34:47,679
Whoever was left in the--

717

00:34:47,679 --> 00:34:48,350
In the ghetto.

718

00:34:48,350 --> 00:34:48,933
In the ghetto.

719

00:34:48,933 --> 00:34:49,440
[INAUDIBLE]

720

00:34:49,440 --> 00:34:53,860
Then Sunday, Monday, Tuesday,
Wednesday, I'll say I

721

00:34:53,860 --> 00:34:55,370
didn't have no patience.

722

00:34:55,370 --> 00:34:57,040

Because I know it.

723

00:34:57,040 --> 00:35:00,340

But I have it in the bunker.

724

00:35:00,340 --> 00:35:05,800

I went to the high
command, to the SS.

725

00:35:05,800 --> 00:35:07,495

I haven't got nothing to lose.

726

00:35:07,495 --> 00:35:10,780

And I told them, I have--

727

00:35:10,780 --> 00:35:13,650

I didn't tell them I have a
wife and children in the ghetto.

728

00:35:13,650 --> 00:35:15,360

I tell them I have
a factory which

729

00:35:15,360 --> 00:35:19,670

I made pots and pans,
which is very useful.

730

00:35:19,670 --> 00:35:23,650

And I want to bring it up.

731

00:35:23,650 --> 00:35:28,250

It's a wholesale value. bring it
up to the factory, this metal.

732

00:35:28,250 --> 00:35:30,760

Sometimes they
will listen to me.

733

00:35:30,760 --> 00:35:35,230

And they gave me a
guard, a [INAUDIBLE]..

734

00:35:35,230 --> 00:35:38,510

And we walked down the street, it was for five miles.

735
00:35:38,510 --> 00:35:46,300
When we came to the gate I gave the men a bottle of vodka.

736
00:35:46,300 --> 00:35:49,370
I gave them 500 zloty at that time.

737
00:35:49,370 --> 00:35:50,740
You stay here.

738
00:35:50,740 --> 00:35:54,580
I'm not going away, no place because everything is closed.

739
00:35:54,580 --> 00:35:57,520
You stay here and I I'm going inside.

740
00:35:57,520 --> 00:36:00,245
Where did you get the bottle of vodka from?

741
00:36:00,245 --> 00:36:03,370

742
00:36:03,370 --> 00:36:04,460
I had it in a pocket.

743
00:36:04,460 --> 00:36:08,050
A bottle of vodka, you could get in the camp.

744
00:36:08,050 --> 00:36:12,070
Because we had some people smuggle in.

745
00:36:12,070 --> 00:36:15,960
I gave it to him, and he was standing at the gate.

746
00:36:15,960 --> 00:36:18,160

And I went back to the bunker.

747

00:36:18,160 --> 00:36:20,125
We had a code.

748

00:36:20,125 --> 00:36:23,100

749

00:36:23,100 --> 00:36:26,860
And I told him, you stay
there, I will take you out.

750

00:36:26,860 --> 00:36:28,805
I took the horse and wagon--

751

00:36:28,805 --> 00:36:38,200
a Jewish fellow, and we packed
in packed in children to boxes.

752

00:36:38,200 --> 00:36:46,150
The girl in '43, she
was almost 12 years old.

753

00:36:46,150 --> 00:36:48,890
And the boy was seven years old.

754

00:36:48,890 --> 00:36:51,565
Look, but don't talk.

755

00:36:51,565 --> 00:36:55,770
We're going in, and the horse
and wagon, and the men--

756

00:36:55,770 --> 00:37:01,080
like he was carrying
merchandise to the camp.

757

00:37:01,080 --> 00:37:02,130
He went up in the camp.

758

00:37:02,130 --> 00:37:06,490
And later, I took my
wife on the [INAUDIBLE]..

759

00:37:06,490 --> 00:37:09,450
I went through the gate,
because [INAUDIBLE]..

760
00:37:09,450 --> 00:37:11,500
There was a place
where they were

761
00:37:11,500 --> 00:37:19,410
working only women, like
dresses, all type clothing.

762
00:37:19,410 --> 00:37:21,350
I took her up there.

763
00:37:21,350 --> 00:37:22,820
And I took the girl.

764
00:37:22,820 --> 00:37:25,027
I said, now we can go back.

765
00:37:25,027 --> 00:37:26,485
And I said, where
are the machines?

766
00:37:26,485 --> 00:37:28,460
Machines, I send it out to work.

767
00:37:28,460 --> 00:37:31,360
And this was the children.

768
00:37:31,360 --> 00:37:36,620
Went up, and I was holding them.

769
00:37:36,620 --> 00:37:40,670
I was hiding them in
the camp 14 months.

770
00:37:40,670 --> 00:37:41,720
14 months?

771
00:37:41,720 --> 00:37:44,630
14 months.

772

00:37:44,630 --> 00:37:46,930
One night-- it mostly was--

773
00:37:46,930 --> 00:37:49,450
they were my wife's, because
we were separated in the camp.

774
00:37:49,450 --> 00:37:51,708
There was a women's
camp and a men's--

775
00:37:51,708 --> 00:37:53,000
How were you able to hide them?

776
00:37:53,000 --> 00:37:55,040
We were hiding-- we
had the woman, which

777
00:37:55,040 --> 00:37:57,190
was running in the camp.

778
00:37:57,190 --> 00:37:58,710
A very fine women.

779
00:37:58,710 --> 00:38:00,920
Matter of fact, she
lives in Queens.

780
00:38:00,920 --> 00:38:02,390
Very fine lady.

781
00:38:02,390 --> 00:38:03,483
Jewish woman.

782
00:38:03,483 --> 00:38:05,760
And we were hiding--

783
00:38:05,760 --> 00:38:08,302
nobody came into the
camp and look at-- they

784
00:38:08,302 --> 00:38:09,260
were hiding in the top.

785

00:38:09,260 --> 00:38:11,060
There were like three bunks.

786
00:38:11,060 --> 00:38:11,890
One, two, three.

787
00:38:11,890 --> 00:38:14,585
They were always in the third
bunk, we were hiding them.

788
00:38:14,585 --> 00:38:18,120
And food, I brought it
in, because I went out

789
00:38:18,120 --> 00:38:19,110
to work in the outside.

790
00:38:19,110 --> 00:38:21,450
And we were hiding
them for 14 months.

791
00:38:21,450 --> 00:38:26,527
But the last May, we
couldn't do anything.

792
00:38:26,527 --> 00:38:27,610
Let me ask you a question.

793
00:38:27,610 --> 00:38:31,060
Were any other children
being hidden in the camp?

794
00:38:31,060 --> 00:38:32,310
Were there any other children?

795
00:38:32,310 --> 00:38:32,810
Oh, sure.

796
00:38:32,810 --> 00:38:34,030
There were more.

797
00:38:34,030 --> 00:38:37,670
I'm telling you, there
were 369 children.

798

00:38:37,670 --> 00:38:40,110

And they took out all
us-- there were three--

799

00:38:40,110 --> 00:38:44,960

I was sure I'm the smartest,
there were more people like me.

800

00:38:44,960 --> 00:38:48,840

Even children which, they
belonged to the Jewish police,

801

00:38:48,840 --> 00:38:50,015

they had to go, too.

802

00:38:50,015 --> 00:38:52,420

There was no exception.

803

00:38:52,420 --> 00:38:55,510

It has to be liquidated.

804

00:38:55,510 --> 00:39:01,920

And they went out to us, and
a big mike, on this big field,

805

00:39:01,920 --> 00:39:04,140

was playing, in German--

806

00:39:04,140 --> 00:39:06,690

I don't know if you
understand German.

807

00:39:06,690 --> 00:39:07,530

[GERMAN]

808

00:39:07,530 --> 00:39:11,630

It means mother, mother,
your children goes to heaven.

809

00:39:11,630 --> 00:39:14,190

And this, you said,
was on Mother's Day.

810

00:39:14,190 --> 00:39:15,720

This was on Mother's Day.

811

00:39:15,720 --> 00:39:20,560

If you're looking back,
it's May the 14th, in 1944.

812

00:39:20,560 --> 00:39:23,460

Sunday was Mother's Day.

813

00:39:23,460 --> 00:39:25,500

This year was May the 13th.

814

00:39:25,500 --> 00:39:27,270

And that was pretty
much every year,

815

00:39:27,270 --> 00:39:29,910

is a different date
on Mother's Day.

816

00:39:29,910 --> 00:39:32,580

But this was May the 14th, 1944.

817

00:39:32,580 --> 00:39:35,190

This day, I will never forget.

818

00:39:35,190 --> 00:39:37,650

But this was the
day when we lost--

819

00:39:37,650 --> 00:39:43,300

they took them on trucks,
and this was the final.

820

00:39:43,300 --> 00:39:45,280

Was 369 children.

821

00:39:45,280 --> 00:39:51,103

And I'm coming back to
you, and I'm saying,

822

00:39:51,103 --> 00:39:52,770

the Germans couldn't
do it by themselves

823

00:39:52,770 --> 00:39:55,620

if they were never any
help from the outside.

824

00:39:55,620 --> 00:40:00,710

I'm talking from the
local authorities.

825

00:40:00,710 --> 00:40:03,810

But nobody cared.

826

00:40:03,810 --> 00:40:08,550

It's true that 5 million Poles
got killed, but no children.

827

00:40:08,550 --> 00:40:10,430

Only men.

828

00:40:10,430 --> 00:40:12,076

They revolted.

829

00:40:12,076 --> 00:40:17,400

But Jews did not revolt.
Children, a year or two,

830

00:40:17,400 --> 00:40:19,810

or even six months,
they didn't know about.

831

00:40:19,810 --> 00:40:25,170

Because that's-- I
mean, this is the story.

832

00:40:25,170 --> 00:40:28,810

833

00:40:28,810 --> 00:40:38,960

Then in October, for the fall,
Schindler built a factory

834

00:40:38,960 --> 00:40:42,810

in Czechoslovakia, in Brnenec.

835

00:40:42,810 --> 00:40:48,950

And he selected
people with a trait.

836
00:40:48,950 --> 00:40:49,970
I was called.

837
00:40:49,970 --> 00:40:52,330
I had the identification card.

838
00:40:52,330 --> 00:40:56,250
I had the identification card--

839
00:40:56,250 --> 00:40:59,000
[GERMAN], metalworker.

840
00:40:59,000 --> 00:41:02,750
The same card Murray had.

841
00:41:02,750 --> 00:41:03,990
And that's the way--

842
00:41:03,990 --> 00:41:08,450
this identification saved me.

843
00:41:08,450 --> 00:41:10,420
I went to Czechoslovakia.

844
00:41:10,420 --> 00:41:13,870
I went to [PLACE NAME]
for three days.

845
00:41:13,870 --> 00:41:19,360
[PLACE NAME] this was hell.

846
00:41:19,360 --> 00:41:20,090
Not heaven.

847
00:41:20,090 --> 00:41:21,060
This was hell.

848
00:41:21,060 --> 00:41:22,940
Three days.

849

00:41:22,940 --> 00:41:26,240
We will sleep on the floor.

850
00:41:26,240 --> 00:41:29,970
In a big room, with 700 people.

851
00:41:29,970 --> 00:41:31,960
700 men.

852
00:41:31,960 --> 00:41:35,320
One pushed to the other.

853
00:41:35,320 --> 00:41:37,720
That's the way-- on
the floor, sitting.

854
00:41:37,720 --> 00:41:40,080
One went to the other.

855
00:41:40,080 --> 00:41:41,830
That's the way.

856
00:41:41,830 --> 00:41:43,630
That's how we spent three days.

857
00:41:43,630 --> 00:41:47,105
And everybody-- when
we came the first day,

858
00:41:47,105 --> 00:41:48,850
you have to take a shower.

859
00:41:48,850 --> 00:41:51,720
And after the shower,
well the one in October

860
00:41:51,720 --> 00:41:55,080
was called the
showers [INAUDIBLE]..

861
00:41:55,080 --> 00:41:57,070
And then they went
to get clothing.

862

00:41:57,070 --> 00:41:59,290
I had the right shoe.

863
00:41:59,290 --> 00:42:02,410
Two right shoes, and the
other guy had two left shoes.

864
00:42:02,410 --> 00:42:03,950
That's the way they were--

865
00:42:03,950 --> 00:42:07,182
you had to change it,
one with the other.

866
00:42:07,182 --> 00:42:08,932
And then you went to
bring it, [INAUDIBLE]

867
00:42:08,932 --> 00:42:12,150
til we got liberated
by the Russians.

868
00:42:12,150 --> 00:42:18,340
But Schindler was a Nazi,
but he was a human being.

869
00:42:18,340 --> 00:42:21,880
He knew it, I think,
will not be forever.

870
00:42:21,880 --> 00:42:23,980
I'm not going to details.

871
00:42:23,980 --> 00:42:27,482
What happened was he
had a factory in Kraków.

872
00:42:27,482 --> 00:42:29,810
There were thousands.

873
00:42:29,810 --> 00:42:32,730
1,000 people working for him.

874
00:42:32,730 --> 00:42:36,220
Was not so easy, but I

did not work for him.

875

00:42:36,220 --> 00:42:39,420

I worked in Plaszow, then

I worked on the outside.

876

00:42:39,420 --> 00:42:45,400

But since my card was

identification, I'm [GERMAN]..

877

00:42:45,400 --> 00:42:46,660

I was chosen.

878

00:42:46,660 --> 00:42:50,645

If you want to know, I

have the original list

879

00:42:50,645 --> 00:42:55,510

in my house, which I gave

to Robert [PERSONAL NAME].

880

00:42:55,510 --> 00:43:02,420

Which we went from

Plaszow to Brnenec.

881

00:43:02,420 --> 00:43:10,830

The original list, which

was made by one man, and--

882

00:43:10,830 --> 00:43:11,620

that's right.

883

00:43:11,620 --> 00:43:19,410

I had another thing

which I had in my life.

884

00:43:19,410 --> 00:43:24,040

May 1, in '44 we were

standing in Płaszów.

885

00:43:24,040 --> 00:43:28,100

886

00:43:28,100 --> 00:43:29,650

500 people had to go.

887
00:43:29,650 --> 00:43:32,230

888
00:43:32,230 --> 00:43:33,880
Only men.

889
00:43:33,880 --> 00:43:37,898
I was the first five,
and [INAUDIBLE] long.

890
00:43:37,898 --> 00:43:39,940
I was the first five, and
I went out with the men

891
00:43:39,940 --> 00:43:41,140
to make the list.

892
00:43:41,140 --> 00:43:42,070
I knew it from home.

893
00:43:42,070 --> 00:43:47,220
It say, [? Tomanec-- ?] his name
was [PERSONAL NAME] in Polish.

894
00:43:47,220 --> 00:43:50,655
And he'd get a neutral
language expression.

895
00:43:50,655 --> 00:43:51,900
And I cannot help.

896
00:43:51,900 --> 00:43:52,400
OK.

897
00:43:52,400 --> 00:43:55,790
And that was the first five.

898
00:43:55,790 --> 00:43:58,990
I don't know where the man came
from, a man with a machine gun.

899
00:43:58,990 --> 00:44:03,340
And he said, just, in

German, [SPEAKING GERMAN]..

900

00:44:03,340 --> 00:44:05,950

It means, turn around.

901

00:44:05,950 --> 00:44:09,520

Automatically, I
was the last five.

902

00:44:09,520 --> 00:44:10,950

Just turn around.

903

00:44:10,950 --> 00:44:13,000

And I was the last five.

904

00:44:13,000 --> 00:44:14,060

What I did--

905

00:44:14,060 --> 00:44:17,020

I saw what's going on.

906

00:44:17,020 --> 00:44:20,850

My mind was
[? floating ?] very fast.

907

00:44:20,850 --> 00:44:24,460

In a split second, I ran away.

908

00:44:24,460 --> 00:44:27,050

In the camp.

909

00:44:27,050 --> 00:44:30,300

And I came up to my
wife and said, this is--

910

00:44:30,300 --> 00:44:31,040

I just run away.

911

00:44:31,040 --> 00:44:32,820

I say, don't stay here.

912

00:44:32,820 --> 00:44:34,900

Well, then, everybody
knows my name.

913
00:44:34,900 --> 00:44:38,160
Then I went out
[? translate, ?] like Dr. Lange.

914
00:44:38,160 --> 00:44:43,730
I say I want to stay with you
in the barrack for a day or two,

915
00:44:43,730 --> 00:44:45,068
and I will be safe.

916
00:44:45,068 --> 00:44:46,360
And that's the way I was saved.

917
00:44:46,360 --> 00:44:48,940

918
00:44:48,940 --> 00:44:53,530
This is split seconds
I had to go out.

919
00:44:53,530 --> 00:44:57,115
But I did everything
which was possible to do.

920
00:44:57,115 --> 00:44:58,220
But I couldn't do it.

921
00:44:58,220 --> 00:44:59,860
I couldn't save the children.

922
00:44:59,860 --> 00:45:01,420
My wife came home--

923
00:45:01,420 --> 00:45:02,920
Can you tell me
tell me a little bit

924
00:45:02,920 --> 00:45:06,820
about how it was
like with Schindler?

925
00:45:06,820 --> 00:45:12,530

Schindler started
off with a man--

926
00:45:12,530 --> 00:45:13,280
what was his name?

927
00:45:13,280 --> 00:45:15,930

928
00:45:15,930 --> 00:45:17,490
I forgot his name.

929
00:45:17,490 --> 00:45:21,820
He started off-- you know, there
were very intelligent people

930
00:45:21,820 --> 00:45:23,820
within the Jewish people.

931
00:45:23,820 --> 00:45:28,420
And he started
off, Schindler, I--

932
00:45:28,420 --> 00:45:29,520
Stern.

933
00:45:29,520 --> 00:45:33,180
His name was Isak Stern.

934
00:45:33,180 --> 00:45:36,570
And it was [INAUDIBLE].

935
00:45:36,570 --> 00:45:39,890
Because he is a man
he cannot be a Nazi.

936
00:45:39,890 --> 00:45:45,430
But he remain his humanity.

937
00:45:45,430 --> 00:45:52,600
And then he took over the pots
and pans factory in a place.

938
00:45:52,600 --> 00:45:54,110

And that gave me the idea--

939

00:45:54,110 --> 00:45:55,640
why don't you take in--

940

00:45:55,640 --> 00:46:01,890
make yourself a little tiny camp
and have people stay with you?

941

00:46:01,890 --> 00:46:03,640
And that's the way it was.

942

00:46:03,640 --> 00:46:06,590
He started with 200,
then he came with 200,

943

00:46:06,590 --> 00:46:10,590
then he came with 500,
then he came with 1,000.

944

00:46:10,590 --> 00:46:13,610
And he was a wheeler and dealer.

945

00:46:13,610 --> 00:46:15,610
He make them black market.

946

00:46:15,610 --> 00:46:18,920
And he was arrested twice.

947

00:46:18,920 --> 00:46:22,780
But he got out of
trouble from everybody.

948

00:46:22,780 --> 00:46:28,020
And that's the way he did it.

949

00:46:28,020 --> 00:46:31,270
Because he wasn't in
Kraków more than two years.

950

00:46:31,270 --> 00:46:33,210
Later, when they had order to--

951

00:46:33,210 --> 00:46:35,550

the Russians came close.

952

00:46:35,550 --> 00:46:37,450

Kraków had to be liquidated.

953

00:46:37,450 --> 00:46:41,080

Then he built himself a
factory in Czechoslovakia.

954

00:46:41,080 --> 00:46:44,140

The book will tell
you everything.

955

00:46:44,140 --> 00:46:44,860

Every item.

956

00:46:44,860 --> 00:46:46,570

But he was very short.

957

00:46:46,570 --> 00:46:48,570

You know where Schindler
has been buried?

958

00:46:48,570 --> 00:46:51,040

You know where?

959

00:46:51,040 --> 00:46:51,610

Yes.

960

00:46:51,610 --> 00:46:52,120

Where?

961

00:46:52,120 --> 00:46:54,260

In Israel.

962

00:46:54,260 --> 00:46:58,180

Schindler was buried in
Jerusalem on Mount Zion.

963

00:46:58,180 --> 00:46:58,870

On the--

964

00:46:58,870 --> 00:47:00,620

[PLACE NAME]

965
00:47:00,620 --> 00:47:02,380
Not [PLACE NAME].

966
00:47:02,380 --> 00:47:03,097
Har Etzion yeah.

967
00:47:03,097 --> 00:47:04,180
Har Etzion is [INAUDIBLE].

968
00:47:04,180 --> 00:47:05,610
[INAUDIBLE], right.

969
00:47:05,610 --> 00:47:11,340
And he was and the Catholic
cemetery, flat stone.

970
00:47:11,340 --> 00:47:15,310
And you're certain the
most righteous person--

971
00:47:15,310 --> 00:47:20,700
in Hebrew, in English,
and in German--

972
00:47:20,700 --> 00:47:25,480
because his wish was to
be buried in Jerusalem.

973
00:47:25,480 --> 00:47:26,880
Can you imagine?

974
00:47:26,880 --> 00:47:30,780
A Nazi, a Catholic, a German.

975
00:47:30,780 --> 00:47:33,450
If it would be only--
between the Nazi party,

976
00:47:33,450 --> 00:47:36,690
it there were only
100 people like him,

977
00:47:36,690 --> 00:47:39,904

they would save a lot of people.

978

00:47:39,904 --> 00:47:42,720
There's only one which-- he
understood that thing could not

979

00:47:42,720 --> 00:47:44,430
be forever.

980

00:47:44,430 --> 00:47:47,820
That thing had to come--

981

00:47:47,820 --> 00:47:53,130
matter of fact, in his birthday,
which was the end of April,

982

00:47:53,130 --> 00:47:55,730
he came in the last day
before the war was over.

983

00:47:55,730 --> 00:48:00,980
He called us-- he called
the people [GERMAN]..

984

00:48:00,980 --> 00:48:02,762
It means, "my children."

985

00:48:02,762 --> 00:48:05,400
Made them a birthday party.

986

00:48:05,400 --> 00:48:07,860
He came down and
said, the war's over.

987

00:48:07,860 --> 00:48:09,540
We lost it.

988

00:48:09,540 --> 00:48:12,060
And he called the people--

989

00:48:12,060 --> 00:48:15,510
we didn't know how to use
a machine gun, a rifle.

990

00:48:15,510 --> 00:48:17,640

And he had prepared
30, I would say--

991

00:48:17,640 --> 00:48:20,110

you don't move out from here.

992

00:48:20,110 --> 00:48:21,967

You will be free in
a matter of days.

993

00:48:21,967 --> 00:48:23,300

And that's the way we were free.

994

00:48:23,300 --> 00:48:28,790

The Russians came in May the
8th and opened up the gates.

995

00:48:28,790 --> 00:48:32,620

And we were free.

996

00:48:32,620 --> 00:48:33,590

That's how I was free.

997

00:48:33,590 --> 00:48:38,770

And my wife, she went to
Auschwitz, and from Auschwitz--

998

00:48:38,770 --> 00:48:41,140

when Auschwitz was liquidated--

999

00:48:41,140 --> 00:48:42,840

she went to Bergen-Belsen.

1000

00:48:42,840 --> 00:48:47,200

And in Bergen-Belsen, she
came in to the kitchen,

1001

00:48:47,200 --> 00:48:51,350

and she find my girlfriend,
from the old time,

1002

00:48:51,350 --> 00:48:54,020

from a Polish city,
and she [INAUDIBLE]

1003
00:48:54,020 --> 00:48:56,147
say, Sally, you work in here.

1004
00:48:56,147 --> 00:48:57,730
If you're in the
kitchen, you're done.

1005
00:48:57,730 --> 00:49:02,970
You're done-- you're feeding
yourself whatever you want.

1006
00:49:02,970 --> 00:49:05,410
In that way, she survived,
and the other woman

1007
00:49:05,410 --> 00:49:06,565
did not survive.

1008
00:49:06,565 --> 00:49:09,250
Can you imagine?

1009
00:49:09,250 --> 00:49:11,030
It's a matter of luck.

1010
00:49:11,030 --> 00:49:15,380
And then, she find
out, after the war,

1011
00:49:15,380 --> 00:49:18,110
she find-- she met somebody,
she find out that I'm alive,

1012
00:49:18,110 --> 00:49:19,730
and she came home.

1013
00:49:19,730 --> 00:49:20,950
And we took off from Kraków.

1014
00:49:20,950 --> 00:49:22,860
We took off right away.

1015
00:49:22,860 --> 00:49:24,790
We went to Austria.

1016
00:49:24,790 --> 00:49:27,480
We spent, in Austria,
three and a half years,

1017
00:49:27,480 --> 00:49:30,400
till we immigrated
to the United States,

1018
00:49:30,400 --> 00:49:32,140
because I had an uncle here.

1019
00:49:32,140 --> 00:49:33,730
My father's father was--

1020
00:49:33,730 --> 00:49:37,150
my father's brother was here.

1021
00:49:37,150 --> 00:49:39,980
So you went from
Schindler back to Kraków?

1022
00:49:39,980 --> 00:49:40,510
Yeah.

1023
00:49:40,510 --> 00:49:43,520
And your wife, she went from
Auschwitz to Bergen-Belsen.

1024
00:49:43,520 --> 00:49:44,020
No.

1025
00:49:44,020 --> 00:49:46,210
Then later, from
Schindler to Kraków,

1026
00:49:46,210 --> 00:49:48,160
then later I took
Murray with me.

1027
00:49:48,160 --> 00:49:52,690
And we went to Germany,
back to look for relatives

1028

00:49:52,690 --> 00:49:54,340
after the war.

1029
00:49:54,340 --> 00:49:56,490
I was in Berlin.

1030
00:49:56,490 --> 00:49:58,205
I was in Magdeburg.

1031
00:49:58,205 --> 00:50:00,185
I was travelling around.

1032
00:50:00,185 --> 00:50:02,710
Matter of fact, in
Berlin, you wouldn't

1033
00:50:02,710 --> 00:50:05,590
believe the young boys.

1034
00:50:05,590 --> 00:50:10,960
On July the 4th, the four zones
were separated-- the Russians,

1035
00:50:10,960 --> 00:50:15,890
French, British, and the US.

1036
00:50:15,890 --> 00:50:18,150
And we were-- and
I went with Murray.

1037
00:50:18,150 --> 00:50:21,170
We went in the
most famous place--

1038
00:50:21,170 --> 00:50:22,250
Unter den Linden.

1039
00:50:22,250 --> 00:50:24,025
Like here, the Fifth Avenue.

1040
00:50:24,025 --> 00:50:28,160
And we spoke very loud Yiddish.

1041
00:50:28,160 --> 00:50:31,360

And came over to me,
a soldier, in a helmet

1042
00:50:31,360 --> 00:50:35,940
and a machine gun and a rifle.

1043
00:50:35,940 --> 00:50:39,155
And he asked me,
[SPEAKING YIDDISH]..

1044
00:50:39,155 --> 00:50:41,340
Yeah, we are Jewish.

1045
00:50:41,340 --> 00:50:42,525
I'm a Yid, too.

1046
00:50:42,525 --> 00:50:47,110
The soldier, American
from the Bronx.

1047
00:50:47,110 --> 00:50:52,520
American soldier, he gave me
a pack of Camel cigarettes

1048
00:50:52,520 --> 00:50:54,420
and a pack of Hershey--

1049
00:50:54,420 --> 00:50:59,300
a bar of Hershey candy bar.

1050
00:50:59,300 --> 00:51:01,320
And Murray said, I have
got nothing to look for,

1051
00:51:01,320 --> 00:51:02,862
because I know my
family's not alive.

1052
00:51:02,862 --> 00:51:05,930
But I was stubborn.

1053
00:51:05,930 --> 00:51:08,760
I went and I was
looking further,

1054

00:51:08,760 --> 00:51:14,160
until I land up in a jail by
the Russians, in the other side.

1055

00:51:14,160 --> 00:51:15,422
The Elbe.

1056

00:51:15,422 --> 00:51:16,410
But I got out.

1057

00:51:16,410 --> 00:51:18,270
I went back.

1058

00:51:18,270 --> 00:51:19,770
And my wife find
out that I'm alive.

1059

00:51:19,770 --> 00:51:20,710
She came home.

1060

00:51:20,710 --> 00:51:23,580
And we went all
the way back to--

1061

00:51:23,580 --> 00:51:24,740
went to Austria.

1062

00:51:24,740 --> 00:51:27,490
Because I couldn't--
[INAUDIBLE] in Kraków,

1063

00:51:27,490 --> 00:51:30,840
I couldn't see it to be there.

1064

00:51:30,840 --> 00:51:33,780
Were you helped by any Jewish
organizations to get from

1065

00:51:33,780 --> 00:51:35,220
Kraków to Austria?

1066

00:51:35,220 --> 00:51:36,670
No.

1067

00:51:36,670 --> 00:51:39,370

We went to the train,
and we we went.

1068

00:51:39,370 --> 00:51:39,880

It was free.

1069

00:51:39,880 --> 00:51:42,270

In those days,
everything was free.

1070

00:51:42,270 --> 00:51:44,340

You didn't need anything.

1071

00:51:44,340 --> 00:51:45,340

What year was this, now?

1072

00:51:45,340 --> 00:51:45,910

Hm?

1073

00:51:45,910 --> 00:51:46,720

What year?

1074

00:51:46,720 --> 00:51:47,320

'45.

1075

00:51:47,320 --> 00:51:48,486

'45.

1076

00:51:48,486 --> 00:51:49,010

It was free.

1077

00:51:49,010 --> 00:51:53,610

I went-- I went in
Germany in July.

1078

00:51:53,610 --> 00:51:57,520

I went all over--
all over Europe.

1079

00:51:57,520 --> 00:51:58,480

I went to the train.

1080

00:51:58,480 --> 00:51:59,980
I say, I've got no money.

1081
00:51:59,980 --> 00:52:03,246
One thing, you have to give
credit to Czech people.

1082
00:52:03,246 --> 00:52:04,650
We came.

1083
00:52:04,650 --> 00:52:06,370
I went to the train.

1084
00:52:06,370 --> 00:52:09,040
From the camp.

1085
00:52:09,040 --> 00:52:10,060
And was sitting--

1086
00:52:10,060 --> 00:52:12,730
I mean, I was standing.

1087
00:52:12,730 --> 00:52:16,870
The Czech people got
up from the benches.

1088
00:52:16,870 --> 00:52:18,460
Say, you sit down.

1089
00:52:18,460 --> 00:52:20,100
You just got out from the camp.

1090
00:52:20,100 --> 00:52:21,270
But not the Polack.

1091
00:52:21,270 --> 00:52:24,180
He wouldn't do that.

1092
00:52:24,180 --> 00:52:27,150
The Czech people, in the time
when we were by Schindler,

1093
00:52:27,150 --> 00:52:29,430
they brought us food.

1094
00:52:29,430 --> 00:52:35,040
Everything was-- brought in the
salamis and bread and butter

1095
00:52:35,040 --> 00:52:37,370
and food and everything.

1096
00:52:37,370 --> 00:52:42,000
Besides this, Schindler fed
us very well, very well.

1097
00:52:42,000 --> 00:52:45,360
When I went out from
the camp, I was healthy.

1098
00:52:45,360 --> 00:52:47,610
And I went the same day.

1099
00:52:47,610 --> 00:52:49,710
And as soon as it
opened up a gate,

1100
00:52:49,710 --> 00:52:54,630
I went to Theresienstadt and
see what's going on up there.

1101
00:52:54,630 --> 00:52:57,270
I went to the Theresienstadt.

1102
00:52:57,270 --> 00:52:59,700
I saw we were in a
convalescent home.

1103
00:52:59,700 --> 00:53:01,740
They were in that camp.

1104
00:53:01,740 --> 00:53:04,480
And this is the story.

1105
00:53:04,480 --> 00:53:07,630
I did-- we could
sit here for hours.

1106

00:53:07,630 --> 00:53:11,120

1107

00:53:11,120 --> 00:53:12,760

Can I have a tape?

1108

00:53:12,760 --> 00:53:15,480

1109

00:53:15,480 --> 00:53:16,690

Sure, we're going to make--

1110

00:53:16,690 --> 00:53:17,510

[INAUDIBLE]

1111

00:53:17,510 --> 00:53:19,410

We're on tape now.

1112

00:53:19,410 --> 00:53:21,780

And you kept remain together.

1113

00:53:21,780 --> 00:53:22,690

This was happen--

1114

00:53:22,690 --> 00:53:24,340

This is a special ID card?

1115

00:53:24,340 --> 00:53:25,490

ID card, yeah.

1116

00:53:25,490 --> 00:53:28,520

It was happen-- everybody
went in that set it up.

1117

00:53:28,520 --> 00:53:29,810

They said I'd like in--

1118

00:53:29,810 --> 00:53:33,120

[INAUDIBLE] in German.

1119

00:53:33,120 --> 00:53:34,515

It was in Jews.

1120

00:53:34,515 --> 00:53:37,320

1121
00:53:37,320 --> 00:53:43,110
And they say-- they looked
at you, if you are all right,

1122
00:53:43,110 --> 00:53:45,720
you could--

1123
00:53:45,720 --> 00:53:46,770
I mean, there was--

1124
00:53:46,770 --> 00:53:48,090
I worked in a pair of overalls.

1125
00:53:48,090 --> 00:53:52,506
I told them who I am,
that I was young, healthy.

1126
00:53:52,506 --> 00:53:54,000
And they gave me the OK.

1127
00:53:54,000 --> 00:53:55,190
They gave me a Green Card.

1128
00:53:55,190 --> 00:53:58,310
I have a Green Card,
and I walked out.

1129
00:53:58,310 --> 00:54:03,060
If they don't accept it, then
you went back to a backyard--

1130
00:54:03,060 --> 00:54:05,080
at the same time, we
had a family there.

1131
00:54:05,080 --> 00:54:08,520
They brought you your family,
and you-- and those people,

1132
00:54:08,520 --> 00:54:12,780
they never saw alive anymore.

1133
00:54:12,780 --> 00:54:18,770
This was in '42--

1134
00:54:18,770 --> 00:54:22,280

1135
00:54:22,280 --> 00:54:24,080
'42, '43, I don't
remember the date.

1136
00:54:24,080 --> 00:54:26,300
But this was happening.

1137
00:54:26,300 --> 00:54:28,460
You have to be
lucky, and then you

1138
00:54:28,460 --> 00:54:31,700
had-- you could
remain-- in the ghetto.

1139
00:54:31,700 --> 00:54:36,985
We maneuvered back and forth,
and food was not a problem.

1140
00:54:36,985 --> 00:54:39,100
Food was no problem whatsoever.

1141
00:54:39,100 --> 00:54:44,840

1142
00:54:44,840 --> 00:54:48,192
How long were you separated from
your wife, between Schindler--

1143
00:54:48,192 --> 00:54:49,650
you were separated
from your wife--

1144
00:54:49,650 --> 00:54:50,840
By 10 months.

1145
00:54:50,840 --> 00:54:52,030
10 months.

1146
00:54:52,030 --> 00:54:55,252
From October to August.

1147
00:54:55,252 --> 00:54:58,888
Because she find out,
since she it was very hard

1148
00:54:58,888 --> 00:54:59,680
for her to travel--

1149
00:54:59,680 --> 00:55:03,070
couldn't travel from
Bergen-Belsen to Kraków.

1150
00:55:03,070 --> 00:55:05,043
It was very hard to travel.

1151
00:55:05,043 --> 00:55:07,420
But also, no money.

1152
00:55:07,420 --> 00:55:11,320
She came in-- same like I
said-- two left shoes, two

1153
00:55:11,320 --> 00:55:12,600
right shoes.

1154
00:55:12,600 --> 00:55:18,200
And as soon as she came
in, a few days later--

1155
00:55:18,200 --> 00:55:20,200
so I mean, it's not
a place to stay,

1156
00:55:20,200 --> 00:55:26,260
because every walk is
soaking with Jewish blood.

1157
00:55:26,260 --> 00:55:27,760
We cannot stay here.

1158
00:55:27,760 --> 00:55:28,620

Let's get out.

1159
00:55:28,620 --> 00:55:29,720
Anyplace.

1160
00:55:29,720 --> 00:55:30,890
We took a train.

1161
00:55:30,890 --> 00:55:33,790
We went over the rail to
Czechoslovakia, to Prague,

1162
00:55:33,790 --> 00:55:35,290
and from Prague,
we went to Vienna,

1163
00:55:35,290 --> 00:55:37,900
and from Vienna,
we went to Austria.

1164
00:55:37,900 --> 00:55:40,555
Did you ever think
about coming to Israel,

1165
00:55:40,555 --> 00:55:41,930
or going to Israel,
rather than--

1166
00:55:41,930 --> 00:55:47,250
No, because I had an uncle,
my father's brother, was here.

1167
00:55:47,250 --> 00:55:51,040
And when I was [? linked-- ?]
the first Pesach,

1168
00:55:51,040 --> 00:55:53,510
there was an order
from the chaplain.

1169
00:55:53,510 --> 00:55:57,947
[INAUDIBLE] has taken two
soldiers to the Seder.

1170
00:55:57,947 --> 00:56:00,470

And we had to--

1171
00:56:00,470 --> 00:56:01,775
took two soldiers.

1172
00:56:01,775 --> 00:56:05,845
And I told him my name, and
they told my uncle's name

1173
00:56:05,845 --> 00:56:06,720
is Julius Levenstein.

1174
00:56:06,720 --> 00:56:09,500
He's a [INAUDIBLE] in the Bronx.

1175
00:56:09,500 --> 00:56:13,640
But they told me,
Levenstein is a common name.

1176
00:56:13,640 --> 00:56:16,580
But he gave me the
name from the uncle--

1177
00:56:16,580 --> 00:56:19,520
from my grandfather,
which, he was here, too,

1178
00:56:19,520 --> 00:56:23,060
but he passed away a long time.

1179
00:56:23,060 --> 00:56:25,730
And he put it in the newspaper.

1180
00:56:25,730 --> 00:56:28,810
In the Forward,
in on the journal.

1181
00:56:28,810 --> 00:56:33,350
And somebody came
over to say, Julius,

1182
00:56:33,350 --> 00:56:37,040
this must be your nephew.

1183

00:56:37,040 --> 00:56:37,740
Isak, so and so.

1184
00:56:37,740 --> 00:56:39,270
He said, yeah.

1185
00:56:39,270 --> 00:56:42,540
And he sent me a package
from the family here.

1186
00:56:42,540 --> 00:56:46,315
And he sent me
\$1,000 [INAUDIBLE]..

1187
00:56:46,315 --> 00:56:49,535
But sent him back a letter,
then I had the right address.

1188
00:56:49,535 --> 00:56:51,960
She also sent me an affidavit.

1189
00:56:51,960 --> 00:56:54,800
Then Family. then Murray came.

1190
00:56:54,800 --> 00:56:56,135
Then Murray got married.

1191
00:56:56,135 --> 00:56:59,000
Then Murray's mother.

1192
00:56:59,000 --> 00:57:03,720
But later, two months pass,
we don't need any affidavits.

1193
00:57:03,720 --> 00:57:06,140
Every DP can come free
to the United States.

1194
00:57:06,140 --> 00:57:11,620
And we decided-- and the
state of Israel was already--

1195
00:57:11,620 --> 00:57:14,220
from the beginning,
was not so [INAUDIBLE]..

1196
00:57:14,220 --> 00:57:18,740
People had to go to Cyprus
before they could reach the--

1197
00:57:18,740 --> 00:57:25,100
but I was-- already in
Israel about 25 times.

1198
00:57:25,100 --> 00:57:30,020
Let me ask you, did you
ever sit and wonder,

1199
00:57:30,020 --> 00:57:33,128
where was the world
during the whole time?

1200
00:57:33,128 --> 00:57:35,990
Between when Hitler
came to power,

1201
00:57:35,990 --> 00:57:38,150
through the entire
period of the war--

1202
00:57:38,150 --> 00:57:40,520
where was the Jewish community
in the United States?

1203
00:57:40,520 --> 00:57:42,790
Where was the
non-Jewish community?

1204
00:57:42,790 --> 00:57:45,430
The Jewish community
in the United States,

1205
00:57:45,430 --> 00:57:47,540
they didn't do anything.

1206
00:57:47,540 --> 00:57:49,670
I'm going to tell you, even
the American government

1207
00:57:49,670 --> 00:57:50,985

didn't do anything.

1208

00:57:50,985 --> 00:57:54,230

You saw what happened to
the boats, which arrived up

1209

00:57:54,230 --> 00:57:57,160

in Cuba, and had to go
back, and their boat

1210

00:57:57,160 --> 00:57:58,380

was sunk at the same time.

1211

00:57:58,380 --> 00:58:01,640

1212

00:58:01,640 --> 00:58:05,070

I have a friend who was a pilot.

1213

00:58:05,070 --> 00:58:07,140

He lives in Union.

1214

00:58:07,140 --> 00:58:10,240

He lives in [INAUDIBLE].

1215

00:58:10,240 --> 00:58:12,840

And he was begging,
give me a plane,

1216

00:58:12,840 --> 00:58:20,590

and let's bomb the
tracks, the gas chambers.

1217

00:58:20,590 --> 00:58:21,620

They said, no.

1218

00:58:21,620 --> 00:58:22,980

[INAUDIBLE]

1219

00:58:22,980 --> 00:58:24,060

Can't do it.

1220

00:58:24,060 --> 00:58:26,000

We haven't got no

planes for that.

1221
00:58:26,000 --> 00:58:29,310
And he was-- he didn't
care for his life.

1222
00:58:29,310 --> 00:58:32,090
Just drop a bomb on it,
and the gas chamber,

1223
00:58:32,090 --> 00:58:33,240
and the railroad tracks.

1224
00:58:33,240 --> 00:58:34,620
Nothing to it.

1225
00:58:34,620 --> 00:58:36,180
That's the way.

1226
00:58:36,180 --> 00:58:39,390
That's the way-- we said
we didn't have no hope.

1227
00:58:39,390 --> 00:58:40,320
Nobody cared.

1228
00:58:40,320 --> 00:58:43,110

1229
00:58:43,110 --> 00:58:47,790
England didn't care,
because if they would care,

1230
00:58:47,790 --> 00:58:50,572
they would save children.

1231
00:58:50,572 --> 00:58:58,110
Could take them out
from Poland, somewhere.

1232
00:58:58,110 --> 00:59:03,760
Or to-- nothing
happened at [INAUDIBLE]..

1233

00:59:03,760 --> 00:59:05,530
You know who did good?

1234
00:59:05,530 --> 00:59:09,930
I find that Portugal
gave passports to people

1235
00:59:09,930 --> 00:59:12,430
and they could stay there.

1236
00:59:12,430 --> 00:59:14,402
Portugal or Sweden.

1237
00:59:14,402 --> 00:59:18,210
But a lot of countries
didn't care for us.

1238
00:59:18,210 --> 00:59:22,080
Maybe they're much--

1239
00:59:22,080 --> 00:59:26,960
[INAUDIBLE] What happened--
what was happening

1240
00:59:26,960 --> 00:59:30,020
a few years ago in Bangladesh?

1241
00:59:30,020 --> 00:59:32,090
How many millions of
people got killed?

1242
00:59:32,090 --> 00:59:34,090
Somebody cared for it?

1243
00:59:34,090 --> 00:59:34,730
Nobody cared.

1244
00:59:34,730 --> 00:59:37,380

1245
00:59:37,380 --> 00:59:40,380
How did you-- just since
we're here in New Jersey--

1246

00:59:40,380 --> 00:59:42,030
how did you come to New Jersey?

1247
00:59:42,030 --> 00:59:43,970
We came to New Jersey.

1248
00:59:43,970 --> 00:59:46,800
I was lined up in
Washington Heights.

1249
00:59:46,800 --> 00:59:49,420
But Zuckerman lived
in New Jersey,

1250
00:59:49,420 --> 00:59:52,540
and the idea came with
the building line,

1251
00:59:52,540 --> 00:59:56,562
because my brother-in-law in
Canton, Ohio, was a builder.

1252
00:59:56,562 --> 01:00:01,100
And he gave us the idea to
go into building business.

1253
01:00:01,100 --> 01:00:03,870
And since Murray's a good
friend to Abe Zuckerman,

1254
01:00:03,870 --> 01:00:07,440
they both went to cheder.

1255
01:00:07,440 --> 01:00:10,520
And we were lined
up in that business.

1256
01:00:10,520 --> 01:00:14,267
And the first building we
built-- the first house,

1257
01:00:14,267 --> 01:00:15,225
we built on a hillside.

1258
01:00:15,225 --> 01:00:17,820

1259
01:00:17,820 --> 01:00:19,620
The years came and we started.

1260
01:00:19,620 --> 01:00:21,890
And that's the way we lined up.

1261
01:00:21,890 --> 01:00:25,580
I lived inside this
state 30 years.

1262
01:00:25,580 --> 01:00:28,068
I understand many of the
towns where you build,

1263
01:00:28,068 --> 01:00:29,610
you've named streets
after Schindler.

1264
01:00:29,610 --> 01:00:31,460
Oh, after Schindler,
we have all over.

1265
01:00:31,460 --> 01:00:39,660
Go to New Providence, and go
in South Plainfield, and New

1266
01:00:39,660 --> 01:00:42,440
Brunswick, in [? Brick Town. ?]
We have all over.

1267
01:00:42,440 --> 01:00:44,700
Schindler Drive,
Schindler Place.

1268
01:00:44,700 --> 01:00:46,530
He deserved it.

1269
01:00:46,530 --> 01:00:48,820
But he's dead, but
he deserved it.

1270
01:00:48,820 --> 01:00:50,630
But he only-- one thing--

1271

01:00:50,630 --> 01:00:53,394

he liked three things--

1272

01:00:53,394 --> 01:01:01,540

he liked women,
vodka, and money.

1273

01:01:01,540 --> 01:01:04,000