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00:00:00,000 --> 00:00:05,790

2
00:00:05,790 --> 00:00:06,290
--Langer.

3
00:00:06,290 --> 00:00:09,860
And I'm the director of
the Oral History Project

4
00:00:09,860 --> 00:00:12,010
at the Holocaust
Studies Resource Center

5
00:00:12,010 --> 00:00:14,290
at Kean College of New Jersey.

6
00:00:14,290 --> 00:00:18,220
I'm very pleased that this is
Sally Levenstein of Hillside,

7
00:00:18,220 --> 00:00:20,950
New Jersey that's come
to the college today

8
00:00:20,950 --> 00:00:24,160
to talk with me about
some of her experiences

9
00:00:24,160 --> 00:00:26,540
during the years
of the Holocaust.

10
00:00:26,540 --> 00:00:28,540
Mrs. Levenstein, thank
you very much for coming.

11
00:00:28,540 --> 00:00:28,870
You're welcome.

12
00:00:28,870 --> 00:00:30,090
Nice to meet you, doctor.

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00:00:30,090 --> 00:00:31,960
Nice to meet you.

14
00:00:31,960 --> 00:00:36,010
Can you tell me a
little bit about when

15
00:00:36,010 --> 00:00:40,700
you were born, where you were
born, the town, the country?

16
00:00:40,700 --> 00:00:43,690
I was in Poland not
far from-- usually,

17
00:00:43,690 --> 00:00:44,880
we was living in Kraków.

18
00:00:44,880 --> 00:00:49,666
But my parents had, too, all
kind of land, properties.

19
00:00:49,666 --> 00:00:52,390
It was Kazimierza Wielka.

20
00:00:52,390 --> 00:00:54,485
This is from Kraków,
a suburb of Kraków.

21
00:00:54,485 --> 00:00:55,860
That's the town
you were born in.

22
00:00:55,860 --> 00:00:57,280
Born in, that's right.

23
00:00:57,280 --> 00:00:59,845
All my life and school,
we went in Kraków.

24
00:00:59,845 --> 00:01:02,890
It was not far.

25
00:01:02,890 --> 00:01:04,053
What year were you born in?

26
00:01:04,053 --> 00:01:04,720
Beg your pardon?

27
00:01:04,720 --> 00:01:05,960
What year were you born in?

28
00:01:05,960 --> 00:01:08,493
I was born in 1909.

29
00:01:08,493 --> 00:01:10,150
I'm a old lady now.

30
00:01:10,150 --> 00:01:11,145
No, you're not.

31
00:01:11,145 --> 00:01:13,180
You're a young lady.

32
00:01:13,180 --> 00:01:15,150
So you were born in
a suburb of Kraków.

33
00:01:15,150 --> 00:01:17,508
Of Kraków, Kazimierza Wielka.

34
00:01:17,508 --> 00:01:18,300
Can you spell that?

35
00:01:18,300 --> 00:01:19,150
Beg your pardon?

36
00:01:19,150 --> 00:01:30,260
Kazimierza Wielka--
K-A-Z-I-M-I-E-R-Z-A,

37
00:01:30,260 --> 00:01:31,130
Kazimierza.

38
00:01:31,130 --> 00:01:38,800
Wielka is W-I-E-L-K-I-E.

39
00:01:38,800 --> 00:01:40,900

How large was this town?

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00:01:40,900 --> 00:01:42,580

This was a town of--

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00:01:42,580 --> 00:01:44,930

Jewish people was
living, maybe 200, 300.

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00:01:44,930 --> 00:01:46,570

It was a small suburb.

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00:01:46,570 --> 00:01:51,270

But all kinds, it could
be about maybe 150,000.

44

00:01:51,270 --> 00:01:52,240

It was a big place.

45

00:01:52,240 --> 00:01:53,315

It was over there.

46

00:01:53,315 --> 00:01:55,030

And a lot of very--

47

00:01:55,030 --> 00:01:58,780

there was a factory from
sugar, a factory for sugar.

48

00:01:58,780 --> 00:02:02,640

It was a very nice place,
a comfortable place.

49

00:02:02,640 --> 00:02:04,410

And what did your family do?

50

00:02:04,410 --> 00:02:07,999

My parents-- my father,
when he was alive,

51

00:02:07,999 --> 00:02:11,310

he bought acres of land.

52

00:02:11,310 --> 00:02:15,360

He was a buyer and a seller.

53

00:02:15,360 --> 00:02:17,670

I cannot express how
it is in English.

54

00:02:17,670 --> 00:02:21,980

But in Jewish or in Polish,
it's like a Yiddish [INAUDIBLE],,

55

00:02:21,980 --> 00:02:23,100

port.

56

00:02:23,100 --> 00:02:23,780

You follow me?

57

00:02:23,780 --> 00:02:24,280

Yeah.

58

00:02:24,280 --> 00:02:25,950

It was hundred of acre land.

59

00:02:25,950 --> 00:02:30,120

In 1918, he passed away.

60

00:02:30,120 --> 00:02:33,900

And I have-- my family
was eight children.

61

00:02:33,900 --> 00:02:37,710

I'm from five sisters and
three brothers, I have.

62

00:02:37,710 --> 00:02:40,860

And when my father passed
away, the brother took over.

63

00:02:40,860 --> 00:02:43,845

And he was take care
on the business.

64

00:02:43,845 --> 00:02:46,400

A little later, he get married.

65

00:02:46,400 --> 00:02:47,760
All the children get married.

66
00:02:47,760 --> 00:02:50,080
And my mother couldn't
care everything.

67
00:02:50,080 --> 00:02:53,220
It's a style in Poland--

68
00:02:53,220 --> 00:02:57,270
some people take 5
acres of land, 10 acres.

69
00:02:57,270 --> 00:03:01,230
There was a factory from sugar
that took 50 acres of land.

70
00:03:01,230 --> 00:03:03,930
And they preserve sugar--

71
00:03:03,930 --> 00:03:06,920

72
00:03:06,920 --> 00:03:10,220
not potato, they're
sugar carrots.

73
00:03:10,220 --> 00:03:10,720
Right.

74
00:03:10,720 --> 00:03:12,640
Sugar-- carrots to make sugar.

75
00:03:12,640 --> 00:03:16,470
So this time was a time only
for vegetables to make sugar.

76
00:03:16,470 --> 00:03:18,180
And this was-- and
they was carrying.

77
00:03:18,180 --> 00:03:21,330
They paid every month so
much money to my parent,

78
00:03:21,330 --> 00:03:24,892
and paid even to the government.

79
00:03:24,892 --> 00:03:26,010
What are they paying?

80
00:03:26,010 --> 00:03:26,660
The tax.

81
00:03:26,660 --> 00:03:27,390
Right.

82
00:03:27,390 --> 00:03:27,990
Yeah.

83
00:03:27,990 --> 00:03:29,640
Your father passed away in 1918.

84
00:03:29,640 --> 00:03:30,480
1918.

85
00:03:30,480 --> 00:03:31,980
He died of natural--

86
00:03:31,980 --> 00:03:32,650
He died.

87
00:03:32,650 --> 00:03:34,260
He have diphtheria.

88
00:03:34,260 --> 00:03:37,050
He became-- just winter,
he came back for now.

89
00:03:37,050 --> 00:03:39,420
In the spot where he
bought, again, land.

90
00:03:39,420 --> 00:03:42,135
And he catched diphtheria.

91
00:03:42,135 --> 00:03:43,260

You know how diphtheria is.

92

00:03:43,260 --> 00:03:43,760
Sure.

93

00:03:43,760 --> 00:03:45,780
In Polish, it's the
same in English.

94

00:03:45,780 --> 00:03:49,660
A little later, he had-- in
the morning, he passed away.

95

00:03:49,660 --> 00:03:51,180
So you were nine years old--

96

00:03:51,180 --> 00:03:52,440
I was eight-- nine years old.

97

00:03:52,440 --> 00:03:52,982
That's right.

98

00:03:52,982 --> 00:03:54,630
--when he passed away.

99

00:03:54,630 --> 00:03:56,850
You have very vivid memories?

100

00:03:56,850 --> 00:03:58,500
Oh, yeah, I have
memory of him, but not

101

00:03:58,500 --> 00:04:00,380
so much, because I
was a young kid--

102

00:04:00,380 --> 00:04:02,700
not a young kid, but
still, I remember

103

00:04:02,700 --> 00:04:04,440
his face, how he looked.

104

00:04:04,440 --> 00:04:06,260

You said you had five sisters?

105

00:04:06,260 --> 00:04:07,010
I'm the youngster.

106

00:04:07,010 --> 00:04:07,927
I'm from five sisters.

107

00:04:07,927 --> 00:04:09,593
You're the youngest
in the whole family.

108

00:04:09,593 --> 00:04:10,950
Youngest in the whole family.

109

00:04:10,950 --> 00:04:14,420
And nobody-- only two
sisters survived the war.

110

00:04:14,420 --> 00:04:18,089
And [INAUDIBLE]
survived the war.

111

00:04:18,089 --> 00:04:22,830
We came to the States, and a
normal death, all the brothers

112

00:04:22,830 --> 00:04:23,900
and other sisters.

113

00:04:23,900 --> 00:04:28,890
And all my nephews and nieces,
they was killed by Hitler.

114

00:04:28,890 --> 00:04:30,425
And now I'm alone.

115

00:04:30,425 --> 00:04:32,700
And my sister took us away.

116

00:04:32,700 --> 00:04:34,560
And I have two nephews.

117

00:04:34,560 --> 00:04:35,820

One is a doctor.

118

00:04:35,820 --> 00:04:38,010
He lives in Houston, Texas.

119

00:04:38,010 --> 00:04:41,610
And one is a builder,
because his father was always

120

00:04:41,610 --> 00:04:42,900
the builder.

121

00:04:42,900 --> 00:04:45,600
From generation to generation,
there was a builder.

122

00:04:45,600 --> 00:04:51,300
And after he came to the States,
he said, I show you plans,

123

00:04:51,300 --> 00:04:53,190
and I will teach
you, and everything.

124

00:04:53,190 --> 00:04:54,720
He became a builder.

125

00:04:54,720 --> 00:04:57,000
He started building
the same building.

126

00:04:57,000 --> 00:05:01,550
We took two, one nephew from my
husband's side, Maury Ponteera.

127

00:05:01,550 --> 00:05:03,060
And one man was Zuckerman.

128

00:05:03,060 --> 00:05:04,170
[INAUDIBLE]

129

00:05:04,170 --> 00:05:05,280
It was a comfortable life.

130

00:05:05,280 --> 00:05:06,570
He made a business.

131
00:05:06,570 --> 00:05:09,510
I'd like to ask you a little
bit about that later on.

132
00:05:09,510 --> 00:05:13,980
I've interviewed Sam Halpern
and Abe Zuckerman before.

133
00:05:13,980 --> 00:05:15,230
Yeah, you know these people.

134
00:05:15,230 --> 00:05:16,260
Yes.

135
00:05:16,260 --> 00:05:17,620
Very, very nice people.

136
00:05:17,620 --> 00:05:18,703
They're nice people, yeah.

137
00:05:18,703 --> 00:05:21,580
But our partners is
Zuckerman and Maury Ponteera.

138
00:05:21,580 --> 00:05:22,955
And he's a nephew to my husband.

139
00:05:22,955 --> 00:05:23,700
Maury's-- yes.

140
00:05:23,700 --> 00:05:24,550
Yeah.

141
00:05:24,550 --> 00:05:25,050
OK.

142
00:05:25,050 --> 00:05:26,842
If we could, go back
just for a few minutes

143
00:05:26,842 --> 00:05:29,670

to the time when you grew up,
when you were a little girl.

144

00:05:29,670 --> 00:05:30,180
Yeah.

145

00:05:30,180 --> 00:05:31,890
What kind of school
did you go to?

146

00:05:31,890 --> 00:05:34,408
I finished high
school, gymnasium.

147

00:05:34,408 --> 00:05:36,200
You finished all the
way through gymnasium.

148

00:05:36,200 --> 00:05:37,300
All through gymnasium.

149

00:05:37,300 --> 00:05:38,750
We had a gymnasium at home.

150

00:05:38,750 --> 00:05:40,590
And a little later, I
went away to Kraków,

151

00:05:40,590 --> 00:05:43,440
which is switched to
Kraków for higher.

152

00:05:43,440 --> 00:05:46,430
You went to secular public
school the whole time?

153

00:05:46,430 --> 00:05:48,980
I went public school
till seventh grade.

154

00:05:48,980 --> 00:05:53,100
In seventh grade, we
went to second gymnasium.

155

00:05:53,100 --> 00:05:53,600

Right.

156
00:05:53,600 --> 00:05:55,778
And I finished all
gymnasium like lycee.

157
00:05:55,778 --> 00:05:56,820
You know what I'm saying?

158
00:05:56,820 --> 00:05:59,190
First was matura in Polish.

159
00:05:59,190 --> 00:06:00,930
A little later, they make lycee.

160
00:06:00,930 --> 00:06:03,570
And I finished in Kraków.

161
00:06:03,570 --> 00:06:05,790
OK.

162
00:06:05,790 --> 00:06:07,360
Did you have any
Jewish education?

163
00:06:07,360 --> 00:06:07,860
Oh, yeah.

164
00:06:07,860 --> 00:06:09,330
We had a private teacher.

165
00:06:09,330 --> 00:06:13,920
We were to learn, to
pray, to everything.

166
00:06:13,920 --> 00:06:17,160
We had private teachers,
because it was not a--

167
00:06:17,160 --> 00:06:18,180
it was a cheder.

168
00:06:18,180 --> 00:06:19,902
If we didn't go to

the cheders, we had--

169

00:06:19,902 --> 00:06:21,860

My father, a little later,
when he passed away,

170

00:06:21,860 --> 00:06:26,100

my mother took a teacher in the
house, three or four families.

171

00:06:26,100 --> 00:06:27,150

And they teach Hebrew.

172

00:06:27,150 --> 00:06:28,450

They teach the davening.

173

00:06:28,450 --> 00:06:30,425

But you're not using all that.

174

00:06:30,425 --> 00:06:33,200

If you come to use it, you'll
remember this a little bit.

175

00:06:33,200 --> 00:06:34,920

How was the town from Kraków?

176

00:06:34,920 --> 00:06:38,520

Not far, just by
train about two hours.

177

00:06:38,520 --> 00:06:39,760

About two hours by train.

178

00:06:39,760 --> 00:06:39,960

By train.

179

00:06:39,960 --> 00:06:41,920

It was really a very small
Jewish community in the town.

180

00:06:41,920 --> 00:06:43,200

Yeah, it was a small Jewish.

181

00:06:43,200 --> 00:06:46,290

We was over there living,
because we had over there the--

182
00:06:46,290 --> 00:06:47,030
The land.

183
00:06:47,030 --> 00:06:48,140
--the land.

184
00:06:48,140 --> 00:06:52,845
And with a lawyer, we did
everything with a office.

185
00:06:52,845 --> 00:06:54,420
It was everything, this place.

186
00:06:54,420 --> 00:06:57,200
But what you needed,
we take the train.

187
00:06:57,200 --> 00:06:58,180
It went only to Kraków.

188
00:06:58,180 --> 00:07:00,400
A little later, I
married my husband.

189
00:07:00,400 --> 00:07:01,570
He's from Kraków.

190
00:07:01,570 --> 00:07:04,760
He said he was living in Kraków.

191
00:07:04,760 --> 00:07:07,940
Going back again in the
town, did your brothers

192
00:07:07,940 --> 00:07:09,173
go to cheder in the town?

193
00:07:09,173 --> 00:07:10,590
Did you have a
cheder in the town?

194

00:07:10,590 --> 00:07:11,382
There was a cheder.

195
00:07:11,382 --> 00:07:15,590
But my father didn't--
he had private teachers.

196
00:07:15,590 --> 00:07:18,680
So the boys, it's the
same to the girls.

197
00:07:18,680 --> 00:07:20,300
Yeah, a private teacher.

198
00:07:20,300 --> 00:07:23,090
Matter of fact, one
brother was a rabbi.

199
00:07:23,090 --> 00:07:24,360
He never was a--

200
00:07:24,360 --> 00:07:25,200
a [INAUDIBLE].

201
00:07:25,200 --> 00:07:25,910
[INAUDIBLE]

202
00:07:25,910 --> 00:07:27,710
And he was a business man.

203
00:07:27,710 --> 00:07:30,760
And the other brother
was also a business man,

204
00:07:30,760 --> 00:07:33,340
and the other brother, too.

205
00:07:33,340 --> 00:07:36,590
But everybody knows perfect
Hebrew and everything.

206
00:07:36,590 --> 00:07:41,316
Oh, yeah, we had teachers
to learn a lot of times.

207

00:07:41,316 --> 00:07:43,450

When my father was
alive, the children

208

00:07:43,450 --> 00:07:46,805

was not involved in
nothing, only the studies.

209

00:07:46,805 --> 00:07:52,040

A little later, he passed
away, and we have the business.

210

00:07:52,040 --> 00:07:53,900

One brother the--
when he was a rabbi,

211

00:07:53,900 --> 00:07:56,420

he was living in a different
place not far from Kazimierza.

212

00:07:56,420 --> 00:07:57,950

He was living in a place.

213

00:07:57,950 --> 00:07:59,780

It was Wislica, called this.

214

00:07:59,780 --> 00:08:02,180

And the two brothers
was home with my mother,

215

00:08:02,180 --> 00:08:05,630

because only two children were--
three children was married.

216

00:08:05,630 --> 00:08:06,740

And my father passed away.

217

00:08:06,740 --> 00:08:09,140

How old was your oldest--

218

00:08:09,140 --> 00:08:10,200

My older sister--

219

00:08:10,200 --> 00:08:12,650

When your father passed
away, your oldest

220
00:08:12,650 --> 00:08:13,490
was a boy or a girl?

221
00:08:13,490 --> 00:08:14,240
The oldest was a--

222
00:08:14,240 --> 00:08:15,110
It was a girl.

223
00:08:15,110 --> 00:08:16,320
And she was how old?

224
00:08:16,320 --> 00:08:17,300
She was married.

225
00:08:17,300 --> 00:08:20,140
She had two children.

226
00:08:20,140 --> 00:08:21,950
A little later comes a brother.

227
00:08:21,950 --> 00:08:23,315
It was the rabbi.

228
00:08:23,315 --> 00:08:25,460
And a little later
comes another sister.

229
00:08:25,460 --> 00:08:27,260
So they were in their 20s.

230
00:08:27,260 --> 00:08:28,530
Oh, yes.

231
00:08:28,530 --> 00:08:29,857
That was in the--

232
00:08:29,857 --> 00:08:30,940
three sisters was married.

233

00:08:30,940 --> 00:08:33,270
It was more than good friends.

234
00:08:33,270 --> 00:08:35,020
One brother was--

235
00:08:35,020 --> 00:08:36,320
I remember the last time.

236
00:08:36,320 --> 00:08:38,179
He was in 1901.

237
00:08:38,179 --> 00:08:42,039
He was the man what
arranged everything to do it

238
00:08:42,039 --> 00:08:43,690
with all what we had it.

239
00:08:43,690 --> 00:08:46,650
And the other
brother was at 1904.

240
00:08:46,650 --> 00:08:56,700
And I was the youngest
in 1909, [INAUDIBLE]..

241
00:08:56,700 --> 00:08:59,893
So you went to the school.

242
00:08:59,893 --> 00:09:01,560
And then you said you
went to gymnasium.

243
00:09:01,560 --> 00:09:02,520
To gymnasium, yeah.

244
00:09:02,520 --> 00:09:04,950
We had a gymnasium at
Kazimierza Wielka, too.

245
00:09:04,950 --> 00:09:05,910
Also.

246

00:09:05,910 --> 00:09:07,410
You went in Kraków.

247
00:09:07,410 --> 00:09:11,400
I was-- I went to Kraków
later, the last two years,

248
00:09:11,400 --> 00:09:13,320
before I finished matura.

249
00:09:13,320 --> 00:09:14,170
OK.

250
00:09:14,170 --> 00:09:16,608
What was the Jewish
community like?

251
00:09:16,608 --> 00:09:17,775
It was a very small Jewish--

252
00:09:17,775 --> 00:09:18,608
For what, in Kraków?

253
00:09:18,608 --> 00:09:19,510
No, no, in your town.

254
00:09:19,510 --> 00:09:19,650
Not too much.

255
00:09:19,650 --> 00:09:20,490
It was very small.

256
00:09:20,490 --> 00:09:20,740
Small.

257
00:09:20,740 --> 00:09:21,240
Small.

258
00:09:21,240 --> 00:09:22,540
You said 200 people.

259
00:09:22,540 --> 00:09:24,293
200 families.

260

00:09:24,293 --> 00:09:25,460

I don't know even how many--

261

00:09:25,460 --> 00:09:25,730

200 families.

262

00:09:25,730 --> 00:09:26,380

--families.

263

00:09:26,380 --> 00:09:26,670

Yeah.

264

00:09:26,670 --> 00:09:27,990

There was a cheder,
but you had--

265

00:09:27,990 --> 00:09:28,660

There was a cheder.

266

00:09:28,660 --> 00:09:29,702

But we went only private.

267

00:09:29,702 --> 00:09:30,440

You had private--

268

00:09:30,440 --> 00:09:30,900

Yeah.

269

00:09:30,900 --> 00:09:32,400

And the other children
went to the cheder?

270

00:09:32,400 --> 00:09:32,940

No.

271

00:09:32,940 --> 00:09:33,650

My brother?

272

00:09:33,650 --> 00:09:35,610

No, no, the other children,
the other Jewish families.

273

00:09:35,610 --> 00:09:36,193

It was cheder.

274

00:09:36,193 --> 00:09:37,188

Yes, it was cheder.

275

00:09:37,188 --> 00:09:37,980

We had a synagogue.

276

00:09:37,980 --> 00:09:39,180

It was cheder.

277

00:09:39,180 --> 00:09:40,410

A little anti-Semitic.

278

00:09:40,410 --> 00:09:41,680

It was in a small place.

279

00:09:41,680 --> 00:09:45,470

But in Kraków, we didn't
feel nothing, like Israel.

280

00:09:45,470 --> 00:09:46,040

Right.

281

00:09:46,040 --> 00:09:46,560

Yeah.

282

00:09:46,560 --> 00:09:49,470

I was going to ask you, in your
town, what the relationship was

283

00:09:49,470 --> 00:09:51,480

like between the Jewish--

284

00:09:51,480 --> 00:09:53,272

With the gentile, very good.

285

00:09:53,272 --> 00:09:53,980

It was very good.

286

00:09:53,980 --> 00:09:55,100

Very good.

287

00:09:55,100 --> 00:09:57,600

Of course, when some
president in Poland

288

00:09:57,600 --> 00:10:00,390

passed away and come
a new president,

289

00:10:00,390 --> 00:10:03,600

they went to the stores
and took away materials,

290

00:10:03,600 --> 00:10:05,050

but not killing.

291

00:10:05,050 --> 00:10:07,610

And two days was,
everything, quiet.

292

00:10:07,610 --> 00:10:08,330

Yeah.

293

00:10:08,330 --> 00:10:11,523

It was anti-Semitic, but we
didn't feel the anti-Semitic.

294

00:10:11,523 --> 00:10:13,440

Maybe some people, yes,
but we didn't feel it,

295

00:10:13,440 --> 00:10:17,770

because a lot of people
make a living from us.

296

00:10:17,770 --> 00:10:18,750

Yeah.

297

00:10:18,750 --> 00:10:19,680

Who were your friends?

298

00:10:19,680 --> 00:10:20,800

Were your friends Jewish?

299

00:10:20,800 --> 00:10:21,460

Were they not Jewish--

300
00:10:21,460 --> 00:10:22,377
We had Jewish friends.

301
00:10:22,377 --> 00:10:23,000
--from school?

302
00:10:23,000 --> 00:10:25,077
In school, all the time, mixing.

303
00:10:25,077 --> 00:10:26,910
When I wasn't at home,
at the public school,

304
00:10:26,910 --> 00:10:29,070
it was Gentile and Jewish.

305
00:10:29,070 --> 00:10:33,030
And it incorporated very good.

306
00:10:33,030 --> 00:10:35,526
In gymnasium, the same.

307
00:10:35,526 --> 00:10:37,040
It was a co-ed.

308
00:10:37,040 --> 00:10:38,830
Some days was, together,
boys and girls.

309
00:10:38,830 --> 00:10:40,413
A little later, when
I went to Kraków,

310
00:10:40,413 --> 00:10:45,175
it was complete separate, girls
separate and boys separate.

311
00:10:45,175 --> 00:10:46,425
There was a shul in your town?

312
00:10:46,425 --> 00:10:47,970
There was a shul in our town.

313

00:10:47,970 --> 00:10:49,170

Of course, there was a shul.

314

00:10:49,170 --> 00:10:52,080

It was orthodox people,
religious people.

315

00:10:52,080 --> 00:10:56,160

One was not a full, was not
conservative-- orthodox,

316

00:10:56,160 --> 00:10:56,860

one way.

317

00:10:56,860 --> 00:10:57,360

Right.

318

00:10:57,360 --> 00:10:58,490

There was only one--

319

00:10:58,490 --> 00:10:59,280

One shul.

320

00:10:59,280 --> 00:11:00,370

One shul for the town.

321

00:11:00,370 --> 00:11:02,010

One shul in the town.

322

00:11:02,010 --> 00:11:04,840

Some people, very Orthodox,
made a private meeting

323

00:11:04,840 --> 00:11:09,090

at home, but only in
the high holidays.

324

00:11:09,090 --> 00:11:10,520

Yeah.

325

00:11:10,520 --> 00:11:11,030

Hasidim?

326

00:11:11,030 --> 00:11:14,150
Hasidim, more-- you
know about Hasidim?

327
00:11:14,150 --> 00:11:17,575
They make a meal from 10,000
people in a place by themselves.

328
00:11:17,575 --> 00:11:21,020

329
00:11:21,020 --> 00:11:22,330
All kind-- you know, all kind.

330
00:11:22,330 --> 00:11:26,370
Hasidim sometime
has different ideas.

331
00:11:26,370 --> 00:11:28,350
Everybody's a Hasid in
their own different way.

332
00:11:28,350 --> 00:11:31,010
All different way, yes.

333
00:11:31,010 --> 00:11:33,100
I was living there
with the neighbors.

334
00:11:33,100 --> 00:11:34,440
We have gentile neighbors.

335
00:11:34,440 --> 00:11:36,650
We went to school
with the gentiles.

336
00:11:36,650 --> 00:11:39,260
Matter of fact, when I
was living in Kraków,

337
00:11:39,260 --> 00:11:40,370
I have a friend.

338
00:11:40,370 --> 00:11:42,380
We went together in gymnasium.

339

00:11:42,380 --> 00:11:45,080

And he went-- a little
later, he went in Kraków.

340

00:11:45,080 --> 00:11:47,960

He was-- at the university,
he had the [INAUDIBLE]..

341

00:11:47,960 --> 00:11:48,980

He had [INAUDIBLE].

342

00:11:48,980 --> 00:11:51,170

And he came to us visiting.

343

00:11:51,170 --> 00:11:53,600

One day, he came to me
and said, oh, Salcia--

344

00:11:53,600 --> 00:11:57,000

Sally, Polish-- I had
such a good day today.

345

00:11:57,000 --> 00:11:59,600

Oh, why was it a
good day to you?

346

00:11:59,600 --> 00:12:02,690

I hit so many
Jewish people today.

347

00:12:02,690 --> 00:12:05,900

I said, you hit Jewish people
today, and you're coming to me,

348

00:12:05,900 --> 00:12:07,040

and you're telling?

349

00:12:07,040 --> 00:12:09,187

Please-- I opened the
door-- go on from here.

350

00:12:09,187 --> 00:12:10,520

I don't want to see you anymore.

351

00:12:10,520 --> 00:12:11,720

What kind of friend you are?

352

00:12:11,720 --> 00:12:13,370

I'm a Jewish girl, I told him.

353

00:12:13,370 --> 00:12:14,990

After this, he didn't
never showed up.

354

00:12:14,990 --> 00:12:16,850

But he knew, of course,
that you were Jewish before.

355

00:12:16,850 --> 00:12:17,510

Beg your pardon?

356

00:12:17,510 --> 00:12:18,680

He knew that you
were Jewish before.

357

00:12:18,680 --> 00:12:19,430

Of course.

358

00:12:19,430 --> 00:12:22,620

We was living in
the same sub town.

359

00:12:22,620 --> 00:12:24,120

How old were you
when this happened,

360

00:12:24,120 --> 00:12:25,940

when he came over and
told you this story?

361

00:12:25,940 --> 00:12:28,730

Oh, he was, at
this time, 20, 21.

362

00:12:28,730 --> 00:12:30,140

He was at university.

363

00:12:30,140 --> 00:12:31,520

And you were how old?

364

00:12:31,520 --> 00:12:33,740

I was married at this time, 22.

365

00:12:33,740 --> 00:12:36,150

I married at 22 years old.

366

00:12:36,150 --> 00:12:37,980

And he can visit me
in the house, brought

367

00:12:37,980 --> 00:12:42,770

a very nice box of candy, and
start to talk what he did it.

368

00:12:42,770 --> 00:12:45,020

I say, if you did it,
and you're coming to me--

369

00:12:45,020 --> 00:12:45,770

I opened the door.

370

00:12:45,770 --> 00:12:47,300

My husband was sitting.

371

00:12:47,300 --> 00:12:48,350

Out from my house.

372

00:12:48,350 --> 00:12:50,680

No more coming again.

373

00:12:50,680 --> 00:12:51,840

It was a good friend of me.

374

00:12:51,840 --> 00:12:52,585

You see this?

375

00:12:52,585 --> 00:12:54,070

It's anti-Semitic.

376

00:12:54,070 --> 00:12:57,680

This shows a gentile.

377

00:12:57,680 --> 00:13:00,400

What year did you
go to gymnasium?

378

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

Do you remember?

379

00:13:01,400 --> 00:13:02,170

Yeah.

380

00:13:02,170 --> 00:13:03,410

When I went--

381

00:13:03,410 --> 00:13:04,040

Seventh grade.

382

00:13:04,040 --> 00:13:07,595

--seventh grade, I was 12
years old, 13 years maybe.

383

00:13:07,595 --> 00:13:09,800

A little later, we went to
first class of gymnasium

384

00:13:09,800 --> 00:13:11,180

in Kazimierza.

385

00:13:11,180 --> 00:13:11,910

So you--

386

00:13:11,910 --> 00:13:15,020

And I finished six classes a
little later, then to Kraków.

387

00:13:15,020 --> 00:13:16,600

So about in 1922.

388

00:13:16,600 --> 00:13:20,540

1922.

389

00:13:20,540 --> 00:13:22,520

I married in 1931.

390

00:13:22,520 --> 00:13:23,570
This was before.

391
00:13:23,570 --> 00:13:25,780
Two years, I finished school.

392
00:13:25,780 --> 00:13:26,280
OK.

393
00:13:26,280 --> 00:13:30,620
But approximately, if you
were in the seventh grade,

394
00:13:30,620 --> 00:13:31,450
you went to Kraków.

395
00:13:31,450 --> 00:13:31,950
No.

396
00:13:31,950 --> 00:13:32,200
No.

397
00:13:32,200 --> 00:13:34,450
Seventh grade, I went-- we
had, for us, a gymnasium.

398
00:13:34,450 --> 00:13:35,140
Right.

399
00:13:35,140 --> 00:13:38,760
But a little later,
my mother changes.

400
00:13:38,760 --> 00:13:42,140
Maybe over there is
better company, different.

401
00:13:42,140 --> 00:13:43,140
And we change to Kraków.

402
00:13:43,140 --> 00:13:44,160
And I was in Kraków.

403
00:13:44,160 --> 00:13:45,846

Two years I went.

404

00:13:45,846 --> 00:13:48,080

Oh, so your last two
years of school--

405

00:13:48,080 --> 00:13:49,220

Last two years of school.

406

00:13:49,220 --> 00:13:50,095

--you were in Kraków.

407

00:13:50,095 --> 00:13:51,470

Kraków, yeah.

408

00:13:51,470 --> 00:13:52,363

OK.

409

00:13:52,363 --> 00:13:54,530

When you went to Kraków to
school for those last two

410

00:13:54,530 --> 00:13:58,280

years, you lived there in
the school in a dormitory?

411

00:13:58,280 --> 00:13:58,950

No.

412

00:13:58,950 --> 00:14:00,283

The whole family went to Kraków?

413

00:14:00,283 --> 00:14:01,930

No, no, no, not
the whole family--

414

00:14:01,930 --> 00:14:04,780

but friends, but friends.

415

00:14:04,780 --> 00:14:06,770

I have girlfriends
from my house.

416

00:14:06,770 --> 00:14:07,790

Every Shabbos, we went--

417

00:14:07,790 --> 00:14:10,880

I went home just a few days.

418

00:14:10,880 --> 00:14:11,690

So you went there.

419

00:14:11,690 --> 00:14:13,520

And then every
weekend, you came home.

420

00:14:13,520 --> 00:14:14,280

We came home, yes.

421

00:14:14,280 --> 00:14:16,120

You took the train.

422

00:14:16,120 --> 00:14:19,710

OK, so you finished
gymnasium in what year?

423

00:14:19,710 --> 00:14:23,120

That's all, no more.

424

00:14:23,120 --> 00:14:25,550

You finished school in--

425

00:14:25,550 --> 00:14:30,720

1930, 1929 maybe-- so long,
I really don't remember.

426

00:14:30,720 --> 00:14:34,610

I have no documents, because
everything took away from us.

427

00:14:34,610 --> 00:14:40,360

If I am not American,
nothing where I was born.

428

00:14:40,360 --> 00:14:43,490

And your experiences in the
gymnasium were very nice.

429

00:14:43,490 --> 00:14:44,240
Very nice.

430
00:14:44,240 --> 00:14:47,690
Social life was very nice.

431
00:14:47,690 --> 00:14:52,350
A little later, I had
a friends, my cousin.

432
00:14:52,350 --> 00:14:54,860
She had a boyfriend, how
we come to my husband.

433
00:14:54,860 --> 00:14:56,930
She had a boyfriend from Kraków.

434
00:14:56,930 --> 00:14:58,032
And I went with her.

435
00:14:58,032 --> 00:14:59,240
And he introduced my husband.

436
00:14:59,240 --> 00:15:02,788
He comes to me
every week at home.

437
00:15:02,788 --> 00:15:03,580
And he is-- oh, OK.

438
00:15:03,580 --> 00:15:06,030
And we get married in 1931.

439
00:15:06,030 --> 00:15:07,370
You get married in 1931.

440
00:15:07,370 --> 00:15:09,470
1931, 1939?

441
00:15:09,470 --> 00:15:12,560
Yeah, 53 years,
I've been married.

442
00:15:12,560 --> 00:15:13,060

OK.

443

00:15:13,060 --> 00:15:14,111
That's wonderful.

444

00:15:14,111 --> 00:15:16,937

445

00:15:16,937 --> 00:15:18,560
53 years.

446

00:15:18,560 --> 00:15:23,390
So how long did you know your
husband before you got married?

447

00:15:23,390 --> 00:15:27,370
Oh, about a year and a
half maybe, no longer.

448

00:15:27,370 --> 00:15:27,950
A long time.

449

00:15:27,950 --> 00:15:29,180
Yeah.

450

00:15:29,180 --> 00:15:30,740
This is long this time.

451

00:15:30,740 --> 00:15:31,440
I was young.

452

00:15:31,440 --> 00:15:32,950
He was young at this time.

453

00:15:32,950 --> 00:15:34,833
We had time.

454

00:15:34,833 --> 00:15:36,500
So actually, you got
married a few years

455

00:15:36,500 --> 00:15:38,040
after you finished gymnasium.

456

00:15:38,040 --> 00:15:39,830

Yeah, for another few years.

457

00:15:39,830 --> 00:15:45,091

I married in 1930, and I
finished gymnasium in 1928.

458

00:15:45,091 --> 00:15:45,591

OK.

459

00:15:45,591 --> 00:15:46,133

That's right.

460

00:15:46,133 --> 00:15:47,370

Doctor, maybe--

461

00:15:47,370 --> 00:15:48,215

No, no, this is--

462

00:15:48,215 --> 00:15:50,630

Maybe at that time, I'm a
year older, or a year younger.

463

00:15:50,630 --> 00:15:51,380

I don't remember--

464

00:15:51,380 --> 00:15:51,880

sure.

465

00:15:51,880 --> 00:15:53,670

--exactly what this is.

466

00:15:53,670 --> 00:15:54,810

No, of course.

467

00:15:54,810 --> 00:15:55,727

We had five paper.

468

00:15:55,727 --> 00:15:57,560

Now we have nothing to
show, nothing papers.

469

00:15:57,560 --> 00:15:59,187

We're not finding nothing yet.

470

00:15:59,187 --> 00:16:01,020
Did you stay-- after
you finished gymnasium,

471

00:16:01,020 --> 00:16:02,060
did you stay in Kraków?

472

00:16:02,060 --> 00:16:03,140
Or did you go back to--

473

00:16:03,140 --> 00:16:03,938
No, I'm back home.

474

00:16:03,938 --> 00:16:04,730
You went back home.

475

00:16:04,730 --> 00:16:07,370
I stayed in Kraków
since I married.

476

00:16:07,370 --> 00:16:08,360
Yes.

477

00:16:08,360 --> 00:16:09,210
OK.

478

00:16:09,210 --> 00:16:10,517
We went home.

479

00:16:10,517 --> 00:16:11,600
Where did you get married?

480

00:16:11,600 --> 00:16:12,980
Did you get married in Kraków?

481

00:16:12,980 --> 00:16:15,200
I get married in 1930.

482

00:16:15,200 --> 00:16:16,110
Where?

483

00:16:16,110 --> 00:16:17,536
In home.

484
00:16:17,536 --> 00:16:18,410
In the town.

485
00:16:18,410 --> 00:16:20,350
In the town where I live.

486
00:16:20,350 --> 00:16:21,560
Yeah.

487
00:16:21,560 --> 00:16:22,920
Do you remember your wedding?

488
00:16:22,920 --> 00:16:23,420
Oh, yes.

489
00:16:23,420 --> 00:16:24,503
It as a very nice wedding.

490
00:16:24,503 --> 00:16:26,630
We had a lot of
people, our family.

491
00:16:26,630 --> 00:16:31,080
My family was maybe about 30
people, own family-- sisters,

492
00:16:31,080 --> 00:16:33,560
brothers, uncle,
nieces, nephews.

493
00:16:33,560 --> 00:16:36,290
And now, I'm alone,
only two nephews.

494
00:16:36,290 --> 00:16:38,980

495
00:16:38,980 --> 00:16:40,180
And what you can do?

496
00:16:40,180 --> 00:16:43,130

You have to be happy that,
thank God, my husband is alive.

497
00:16:43,130 --> 00:16:46,242
And that's all.

498
00:16:46,242 --> 00:16:50,680
And matter of fact, I
never dream about this.

499
00:16:50,680 --> 00:16:53,880
Two years ago, we had
our 50th anniversary.

500
00:16:53,880 --> 00:16:55,780
50th.

501
00:16:55,780 --> 00:16:56,395
Yeah.

502
00:16:56,395 --> 00:17:00,060
And doctor, this is
unusually after such a war.

503
00:17:00,060 --> 00:17:03,770
We cannot find the first couples
before they war get married.

504
00:17:03,770 --> 00:17:04,270
True.

505
00:17:04,270 --> 00:17:05,569
Yeah.

506
00:17:05,569 --> 00:17:08,609
Just out of interest, did
you get married in the shul?

507
00:17:08,609 --> 00:17:09,109
No.

508
00:17:09,109 --> 00:17:10,099
We get in a hall.

509

00:17:10,099 --> 00:17:11,530
We had a hall.

510
00:17:11,530 --> 00:17:14,790
We had a hall of tremendous--
like here in a hotel.

511
00:17:14,790 --> 00:17:16,040
They cater it, and everything.

512
00:17:16,040 --> 00:17:18,410
It was a very rich wedding.

513
00:17:18,410 --> 00:17:20,990

514
00:17:20,990 --> 00:17:22,630
After you got married,
you moved to--

515
00:17:22,630 --> 00:17:23,980
We went right away to Kraków.

516
00:17:23,980 --> 00:17:24,690
--Kraków.

517
00:17:24,690 --> 00:17:25,349
Yeah.

518
00:17:25,349 --> 00:17:27,260
And what business did
your husband go into?

519
00:17:27,260 --> 00:17:30,860
My husband, before, he was
in manufacturing business,

520
00:17:30,860 --> 00:17:32,290
wholesale.

521
00:17:32,290 --> 00:17:38,300
A little later, he met with one
woman, Mrs. , Mr. Huckerman.

522

00:17:38,300 --> 00:17:41,150
Matter of fact, this couple
also survived the war.

523
00:17:41,150 --> 00:17:45,470
And he made a factory for
metal, a metal factory.

524
00:17:45,470 --> 00:17:47,570
And we had a very nice living.

525
00:17:47,570 --> 00:17:49,550
Matter of fact,
in Poland, there's

526
00:17:49,550 --> 00:17:51,760
only two factories
was for metal.

527
00:17:51,760 --> 00:17:53,050
One factory was in Warsaw.

528
00:17:53,050 --> 00:17:54,235
You know about Warsaw.

529
00:17:54,235 --> 00:17:59,630
And ours was
[NON-ENGLISH] metal.

530
00:17:59,630 --> 00:18:03,120
And these people also survived.

531
00:18:03,120 --> 00:18:05,630
And I had two children.

532
00:18:05,630 --> 00:18:07,280
Could you tell me a little bit--

533
00:18:07,280 --> 00:18:07,960
About what?

534
00:18:07,960 --> 00:18:10,580
--a little bit about life in
Kraków after you got married?

535

00:18:10,580 --> 00:18:13,270

After I got married, we
had a very nice life.

536

00:18:13,270 --> 00:18:16,130

We lived in a nice
apartment over there.

537

00:18:16,130 --> 00:18:19,520

And my husband did good
business, thank God.

538

00:18:19,520 --> 00:18:21,860

I had a maid that stayed there.

539

00:18:21,860 --> 00:18:22,830

And it as very nice.

540

00:18:22,830 --> 00:18:24,600

I had friends, a lot of friends.

541

00:18:24,600 --> 00:18:25,910

We went out.

542

00:18:25,910 --> 00:18:27,240

We had a good time.

543

00:18:27,240 --> 00:18:31,830

We enjoyed-- summertime, we went
on vacation to the nice hotels.

544

00:18:31,830 --> 00:18:33,190

Some went to the bungalow.

545

00:18:33,190 --> 00:18:35,010

You took a maid with you.

546

00:18:35,010 --> 00:18:37,930

You know, we was ladies.

547

00:18:37,930 --> 00:18:40,710

And what was the Jewish
community like in Kraków?

548

00:18:40,710 --> 00:18:44,132

In Kraków, it was 70,000,
80,000 Jewish people.

549

00:18:44,132 --> 00:18:45,410

There was a lot of--

550

00:18:45,410 --> 00:18:47,165

very elegant, very nice.

551

00:18:47,165 --> 00:18:50,300

It was also-- it was
orthodox, and one temple.

552

00:18:50,300 --> 00:18:52,720

It was only-- not reformed.

553

00:18:52,720 --> 00:18:56,350

They're conservative,
nothing else.

554

00:18:56,350 --> 00:18:59,090

And the people--
only special people

555

00:18:59,090 --> 00:19:01,070

want to believe in
conservative [INAUDIBLE]..

556

00:19:01,070 --> 00:19:04,370

But mostly, Krakóws are
only orthodox people.

557

00:19:04,370 --> 00:19:05,870

Shabbos was terrible.

558

00:19:05,870 --> 00:19:08,410

People were dressed up
with the [INAUDIBLE]..

559

00:19:08,410 --> 00:19:11,720

You know, a [INAUDIBLE],,
silk packages,

560

00:19:11,720 --> 00:19:13,890
and walking, and
going for a walk.

561
00:19:13,890 --> 00:19:15,350
It was complete different.

562
00:19:15,350 --> 00:19:18,720
It was a very social life.

563
00:19:18,720 --> 00:19:20,050
We miss this.

564
00:19:20,050 --> 00:19:21,300
Only, we don't miss this.

565
00:19:21,300 --> 00:19:21,800
Sure.

566
00:19:21,800 --> 00:19:26,950
And I miss very much
my home, my family.

567
00:19:26,950 --> 00:19:31,340
But you have to live. you
have to get used to this.

568
00:19:31,340 --> 00:19:35,090
Were you involved in any
Jewish organizations in Kraków?

569
00:19:35,090 --> 00:19:35,630
At home?

570
00:19:35,630 --> 00:19:36,790
Yes.

571
00:19:36,790 --> 00:19:39,715
For us, we're Jewish
National Fund.

572
00:19:39,715 --> 00:19:41,220
I was involved.

573

00:19:41,220 --> 00:19:44,560
We maked parties, raised money.

574
00:19:44,560 --> 00:19:46,882
And [INAUDIBLE],, if it
was something in a day,

575
00:19:46,882 --> 00:19:49,300
we make such a small
blue and white.

576
00:19:49,300 --> 00:19:50,450
And we say in the streets.

577
00:19:50,450 --> 00:19:52,850
We had the police give us--

578
00:19:52,850 --> 00:19:53,660
we can do this.

579
00:19:53,660 --> 00:19:56,286
We raised money with boxes.

580
00:19:56,286 --> 00:19:57,040
And was this--

581
00:19:57,040 --> 00:20:01,970
We belonged to organizations,
Zionistic organizations.

582
00:20:01,970 --> 00:20:03,700
We have leaders.

583
00:20:03,700 --> 00:20:04,840
We sent money.

584
00:20:04,840 --> 00:20:08,330
People went to Israel
by donates of land.

585
00:20:08,330 --> 00:20:11,690
Oh, yeah, we was very
involved, not like here.

586

00:20:11,690 --> 00:20:12,710
We didn't have UJA.

587
00:20:12,710 --> 00:20:14,090
We didn't have Israel bond.

588
00:20:14,090 --> 00:20:15,110
But we had--

589
00:20:15,110 --> 00:20:19,070
Jewish National Fund, we had
and Zionist organization.

590
00:20:19,070 --> 00:20:21,800
Every house had a box at home.

591
00:20:21,800 --> 00:20:25,700
Every month, we went to pick
up the money from the boxes,

592
00:20:25,700 --> 00:20:26,610
like here now.

593
00:20:26,610 --> 00:20:29,090
But they have a different way.

594
00:20:29,090 --> 00:20:34,100
Was there any conflict,
tension, between the--

595
00:20:34,100 --> 00:20:35,260
Parents and the children?

596
00:20:35,260 --> 00:20:40,025
No, no, between the ones who
were involved in Zionism,

597
00:20:40,025 --> 00:20:41,150
Jewish National Fund, and--

598
00:20:41,150 --> 00:20:41,280
Yeah.

599
00:20:41,280 --> 00:20:43,068

One time, there was
a-- not a fight.

600
00:20:43,068 --> 00:20:43,610
One say this.

601
00:20:43,610 --> 00:20:44,610
And you had [INAUDIBLE].

602
00:20:44,610 --> 00:20:47,940
Some-- yeah, Agudah was
separate, not with us.

603
00:20:47,940 --> 00:20:51,080
Agudah didn't believe
in Zionistic too much.

604
00:20:51,080 --> 00:20:53,150
And sometimes, we
had discussions.

605
00:20:53,150 --> 00:20:56,510
Sometimes somebody have
this, we didn't like this.

606
00:20:56,510 --> 00:20:59,190
But we had an organization.

607
00:20:59,190 --> 00:21:00,200
We had nice leaders.

608
00:21:00,200 --> 00:21:02,130
They know Hebrew perfect.

609
00:21:02,130 --> 00:21:05,645
And have all the songs about
the singing, and dancing,

610
00:21:05,645 --> 00:21:06,770
and everything, the whole--

611
00:21:06,770 --> 00:21:07,430
not here, now.

612

00:21:07,430 --> 00:21:09,980

613

00:21:09,980 --> 00:21:13,430

I can tell you, States is a
gorgeous country, beautiful.

614

00:21:13,430 --> 00:21:16,510

But we had at home
a very nice life.

615

00:21:16,510 --> 00:21:17,840

I can never forget this life.

616

00:21:17,840 --> 00:21:18,756

That's wonderful.

617

00:21:18,756 --> 00:21:20,130

Yeah.

618

00:21:20,130 --> 00:21:22,450

You mentioned before that
you had two children.

619

00:21:22,450 --> 00:21:24,760

Before I married, I
would-- after I married,

620

00:21:24,760 --> 00:21:26,840

I moved to Kraków.

621

00:21:26,840 --> 00:21:33,050

And I was born a girl in
1932, and a boy in 1937.

622

00:21:33,050 --> 00:21:35,720

Yes.

623

00:21:35,720 --> 00:21:39,650

Matter of fact, in 1949
when the war started--

624

00:21:39,650 --> 00:21:42,260

June, July, and August--

625

00:21:42,260 --> 00:21:45,770
we rented a bungalow.

626

00:21:45,770 --> 00:21:49,940
We went outside in a nice
place in the mountains.

627

00:21:49,940 --> 00:21:50,870
And we was over there.

628

00:21:50,870 --> 00:21:55,010
My husband came home two
days before the war started.

629

00:21:55,010 --> 00:21:59,195
The war started in
September the 2nd, 1939.

630

00:21:59,195 --> 00:22:01,820
And we had trouble to get
home, but he went home.

631

00:22:01,820 --> 00:22:03,910
Let me take you back
just a few more years.

632

00:22:03,910 --> 00:22:05,120
Yeah.

633

00:22:05,120 --> 00:22:06,620
Your daughter was born in 1932.

634

00:22:06,620 --> 00:22:07,970
And then you had a boy in--

635

00:22:07,970 --> 00:22:09,080
And my son born 1937.

636

00:22:09,080 --> 00:22:11,050
--1937.

637

00:22:11,050 --> 00:22:12,030
OK.

638

00:22:12,030 --> 00:22:13,610

Did they go to--

639

00:22:13,610 --> 00:22:15,530

My daughter went to school.

640

00:22:15,530 --> 00:22:16,790

Your daughter went to school.

641

00:22:16,790 --> 00:22:19,400

To school, but she was a
young child, eight years.

642

00:22:19,400 --> 00:22:21,260

She went for seven years
at a public school.

643

00:22:21,260 --> 00:22:25,400

My son didn't go to school,
because he was young.

644

00:22:25,400 --> 00:22:27,080

This is the way.

645

00:22:27,080 --> 00:22:28,880

You say, when the war
broke out in 1939,

646

00:22:28,880 --> 00:22:31,950

you were at a bungalow--

647

00:22:31,950 --> 00:22:33,740

When the war--

648

00:22:33,740 --> 00:22:36,310

June, July, and August,
we rented a bungalow.

649

00:22:36,310 --> 00:22:37,760

We went with the family.

650

00:22:37,760 --> 00:22:38,420

Every summer?

651

00:22:38,420 --> 00:22:39,290

Every summer.

652

00:22:39,290 --> 00:22:40,730

And we went even,
matter of fact,

653

00:22:40,730 --> 00:22:43,310

with our partners, Mr.
and Mrs. Huckerman.

654

00:22:43,310 --> 00:22:44,720

We went together.

655

00:22:44,720 --> 00:22:46,220

All of a sudden,
my husband says--

656

00:22:46,220 --> 00:22:48,137

he went home, so he have
to take a look what's

657

00:22:48,137 --> 00:22:49,190

going on in the factory.

658

00:22:49,190 --> 00:22:51,350

He went home a few days before.

659

00:22:51,350 --> 00:22:55,450

A little later, all
over a war, start a war.

660

00:22:55,450 --> 00:22:56,530

And you want to go home.

661

00:22:56,530 --> 00:22:58,570

The trains didn't took you.

662

00:22:58,570 --> 00:22:59,660

You follow me?

663

00:22:59,660 --> 00:23:04,120

We rented wagons with
horses, and we went home.

664
00:23:04,120 --> 00:23:04,830
Let me ask you--

665
00:23:04,830 --> 00:23:05,330
Yeah.

666
00:23:05,330 --> 00:23:08,080
Not to interrupt
you, but between,

667
00:23:08,080 --> 00:23:11,060
let's say, 1933 and 1939--

668
00:23:11,060 --> 00:23:12,230
Oh, yes.

669
00:23:12,230 --> 00:23:13,380
It was quiet.

670
00:23:13,380 --> 00:23:15,680
It was a nice, quiet life.

671
00:23:15,680 --> 00:23:20,100
Well, were there any different
laws passed in the town against

672
00:23:20,100 --> 00:23:22,100
[INAUDIBLE], against--

673
00:23:22,100 --> 00:23:24,230
There was some time in--

674
00:23:24,230 --> 00:23:25,340
Did you feel--

675
00:23:25,340 --> 00:23:26,800
I didn't feel any--

676
00:23:26,800 --> 00:23:28,802
--any anti-Semitism
between 1933--

677

00:23:28,802 --> 00:23:29,510
I didn't feel it.

678
00:23:29,510 --> 00:23:30,010
--and 1939?

679
00:23:30,010 --> 00:23:32,900
We was living in a
very beautiful section

680
00:23:32,900 --> 00:23:33,950
with Jewish people.

681
00:23:33,950 --> 00:23:36,380
You did everybody
what wants to do it.

682
00:23:36,380 --> 00:23:38,920
I didn't feel the anti-Semitic
so much in Kraków.

683
00:23:38,920 --> 00:23:41,970
Even in Kazimierza, when I was
younger, I didn't feel either.

684
00:23:41,970 --> 00:23:43,130
But--

685
00:23:43,130 --> 00:23:44,090
But you knew that--

686
00:23:44,090 --> 00:23:48,540
But I will tell you later,
when the war started,

687
00:23:48,540 --> 00:23:49,370
I had a sister.

688
00:23:49,370 --> 00:23:53,210
She was also living in
Kazimierza, very good off.

689
00:23:53,210 --> 00:23:56,410
And the Gentiles came
in to buy her material,

690
00:23:56,410 --> 00:23:58,510
because the factory
was intelligent people,

691
00:23:58,510 --> 00:24:00,207
was director, was [POLISH word]

692
00:24:00,207 --> 00:24:01,790
You know what I mean,
a [POLISH word]?

693
00:24:01,790 --> 00:24:04,400
A sir, or a [INAUDIBLE] there.

694
00:24:04,400 --> 00:24:06,290
And everybody bought by her.

695
00:24:06,290 --> 00:24:09,210
She had the best
quality for material.

696
00:24:09,210 --> 00:24:13,850
When the war started,
came to her two people.

697
00:24:13,850 --> 00:24:15,700
She was Mrs. Doula.

698
00:24:15,700 --> 00:24:20,780
If you want to live, I say,
Hitler is not good for you.

699
00:24:20,780 --> 00:24:23,630
Come on, take the
material to us.

700
00:24:23,630 --> 00:24:25,760
Take everything, what you want.

701
00:24:25,760 --> 00:24:29,110
And we hide you till
the war is finished.

702

00:24:29,110 --> 00:24:31,190
And my sister believe
it, because they

703
00:24:31,190 --> 00:24:33,110
was good friends that buy it.

704
00:24:33,110 --> 00:24:35,310
And it was eight
days, took us to carry

705
00:24:35,310 --> 00:24:37,790
the materials to this lady.

706
00:24:37,790 --> 00:24:40,970
A little later, it was
terrible in this Kazimierza.

707
00:24:40,970 --> 00:24:42,815
They take away
the Jewish people.

708
00:24:42,815 --> 00:24:43,690
They're sending here.

709
00:24:43,690 --> 00:24:46,670
They're sending here.

710
00:24:46,670 --> 00:24:49,650
The Polish people came and
picked up all my sisters

711
00:24:49,650 --> 00:24:52,440
with her husband
and three children.

712
00:24:52,440 --> 00:24:53,960
One boy was killed in the army.

713
00:24:53,960 --> 00:24:55,530
He was in the Polish army.

714
00:24:55,530 --> 00:24:58,190
And he said, Mrs.
Doula, we will hide you,

715
00:24:58,190 --> 00:25:00,920
and you will survive the war.

716
00:25:00,920 --> 00:25:03,740
She survived three days.

717
00:25:03,740 --> 00:25:05,690
After they had all
the material, they

718
00:25:05,690 --> 00:25:09,230
had all the silver, the gold,
what she has with her dresses,

719
00:25:09,230 --> 00:25:12,200
with everything, she called SS.

720
00:25:12,200 --> 00:25:14,360
Come on, I have
your Jewish people.

721
00:25:14,360 --> 00:25:18,260
And everybody was
shot like nothing.

722
00:25:18,260 --> 00:25:19,520
This is anti-Semitic.

723
00:25:19,520 --> 00:25:21,310
You follow me?

724
00:25:21,310 --> 00:25:23,180
For [INAUDIBLE],,
they did everything.

725
00:25:23,180 --> 00:25:24,690
Then there was the poor.

726
00:25:24,690 --> 00:25:26,800
They will not kill,
because they have the rich.

727
00:25:26,800 --> 00:25:29,010

They want to take
away everything.

728
00:25:29,010 --> 00:25:30,440
A neighbor came to me.

729
00:25:30,440 --> 00:25:31,130
He survived.

730
00:25:31,130 --> 00:25:32,900
He was in the forest.

731
00:25:32,900 --> 00:25:36,510
He passed this
street in this place.

732
00:25:36,510 --> 00:25:37,760
He knew my sister.

733
00:25:37,760 --> 00:25:40,310
And he tell me-- after
the war, I met him.

734
00:25:40,310 --> 00:25:45,780
He said, your sister was
killed like the dogs.

735
00:25:45,780 --> 00:25:47,010
This is anti-Semitic.

736
00:25:47,010 --> 00:25:49,790

737
00:25:49,790 --> 00:25:53,090
When they lived, not
anti-Semitism, what's going on.

738
00:25:53,090 --> 00:25:55,450
It was-- more people survived.

739
00:25:55,450 --> 00:25:57,980
We had Jewish people
who were also kapo mans.

740

00:25:57,980 --> 00:25:59,720

And they picked up
the Jewish people.

741

00:25:59,720 --> 00:26:03,930

And they went of
the SS man and told,

742

00:26:03,930 --> 00:26:07,650

because this man believed, if he
would do everything what the SS

743

00:26:07,650 --> 00:26:10,210

man told him, he will survive.

744

00:26:10,210 --> 00:26:11,700

But it was a very big mistake.

745

00:26:11,700 --> 00:26:12,480

He didn't survive.

746

00:26:12,480 --> 00:26:15,426

He was shot a little
later like everybody.

747

00:26:15,426 --> 00:26:18,830

748

00:26:18,830 --> 00:26:22,680

This was the very bad
living by Hitler, very.

749

00:26:22,680 --> 00:26:25,365

A little later, my children--

750

00:26:25,365 --> 00:26:30,870

Did you know, between
these years, 1933 and '39--

751

00:26:30,870 --> 00:26:33,300

did you know what was happening
in Germany, for example?

752

00:26:33,300 --> 00:26:33,930

Yes.

753
00:26:33,930 --> 00:26:36,270
We didn't believe it.

754
00:26:36,270 --> 00:26:37,800
I had a nice
apartment in Kraków.

755
00:26:37,800 --> 00:26:40,680
I explained it-- two
bedroom, dining room, living,

756
00:26:40,680 --> 00:26:42,450
everything.

757
00:26:42,450 --> 00:26:46,220
And they came [INAUDIBLE],,
the Jewish people--

758
00:26:46,220 --> 00:26:47,810
from Germany, people.

759
00:26:47,810 --> 00:26:50,740
Hitler, when he start
to be the leader,

760
00:26:50,740 --> 00:26:54,010
these Jewish people
was born in Germany.

761
00:26:54,010 --> 00:26:57,510
There, they shoot--
they was living German.

762
00:26:57,510 --> 00:27:01,680
But a lot of people were born in
Poland and settled in Germany.

763
00:27:01,680 --> 00:27:02,890
He throwed them out.

764
00:27:02,890 --> 00:27:07,290
Like we came from Poland,
we live now in America,

765

00:27:07,290 --> 00:27:08,148
he threwed them out.

766

00:27:08,148 --> 00:27:10,440
When they came to Kraków,
they didn't know where to go.

767

00:27:10,440 --> 00:27:13,440
There was a big
Jewish community.

768

00:27:13,440 --> 00:27:19,170
And the Jewish community gave
a couple to these people,

769

00:27:19,170 --> 00:27:19,920
to these people.

770

00:27:19,920 --> 00:27:21,180
He called up.

771

00:27:21,180 --> 00:27:23,040
You have a nice
apartment, I know.

772

00:27:23,040 --> 00:27:24,900
You have to take these
and these people.

773

00:27:24,900 --> 00:27:26,300
You have to take these people.

774

00:27:26,300 --> 00:27:26,880
We took in.

775

00:27:26,880 --> 00:27:28,260
I had a couple.

776

00:27:28,260 --> 00:27:31,380
I had one couple with a
child and with a sister,

777

00:27:31,380 --> 00:27:32,820
with one sister.

778

00:27:32,820 --> 00:27:33,840

And they came to us.

779

00:27:33,840 --> 00:27:36,460

I gave them where to sleep,
and everything toe at.

780

00:27:36,460 --> 00:27:39,740

And she said, Mrs. Levenstein,
when you are smarter,

781

00:27:39,740 --> 00:27:42,960

run away all over where
you want to run around,

782

00:27:42,960 --> 00:27:46,980

because you don't have idea what
the SS man, what German people,

783

00:27:46,980 --> 00:27:47,560

do.

784

00:27:47,560 --> 00:27:50,640

They cut the breasts
from the people.

785

00:27:50,640 --> 00:27:52,470

They're taking away
all the fortune.

786

00:27:52,470 --> 00:27:54,270

They take all the
money, take the--

787

00:27:54,270 --> 00:27:56,230

we didn't believe it.

788

00:27:56,230 --> 00:27:58,030

I said, this is true?

789

00:27:58,030 --> 00:27:58,865

Is this true?

790

00:27:58,865 --> 00:27:59,740
We didn't believe it.

791
00:27:59,740 --> 00:28:02,530
We were sitting,
again, in this Kraków.

792
00:28:02,530 --> 00:28:05,310
My husband was working
in the factory.

793
00:28:05,310 --> 00:28:07,240
Even the German came in.

794
00:28:07,240 --> 00:28:08,270
We didn't believe it.

795
00:28:08,270 --> 00:28:11,840
But a few years later,
he showed up what he can.

796
00:28:11,840 --> 00:28:14,760
He throw out the people
from the factory.

797
00:28:14,760 --> 00:28:17,550
He took away everything,
what you had--

798
00:28:17,550 --> 00:28:22,530
your clothes, watches, jewelry.

799
00:28:22,530 --> 00:28:25,760
And one time, he came
in, in the house.

800
00:28:25,760 --> 00:28:27,130
It was not ghetto.

801
00:28:27,130 --> 00:28:29,040
And we say, nobody goes out.

802
00:28:29,040 --> 00:28:31,680
I took my children by hand,
and holding their hand.

803

00:28:31,680 --> 00:28:34,980

And took away everything,
what was in the house.

804

00:28:34,980 --> 00:28:37,440

You stay in a robe,
you live in a robe.

805

00:28:37,440 --> 00:28:40,030

You stay in a dressed up,
you live in a dressed up.

806

00:28:40,030 --> 00:28:45,750

This was do in 1941.

807

00:28:45,750 --> 00:28:47,630

We started in 1940.

808

00:28:47,630 --> 00:28:49,730

Till '41, we didn't--

809

00:28:49,730 --> 00:28:52,380

they do everything,
business, and factory.

810

00:28:52,380 --> 00:28:55,970

Nobody believes that it
can be something happen.

811

00:28:55,970 --> 00:28:56,760

A little later--

812

00:28:56,760 --> 00:28:59,110

This incident that you
described with your sister

813

00:28:59,110 --> 00:29:02,817

where they were supposed
to be saved by that family,

814

00:29:02,817 --> 00:29:04,650

and then they were
killed after three days--

815

00:29:04,650 --> 00:29:08,072

My sisters came later to us
when I was in the ghetto.

816

00:29:08,072 --> 00:29:09,280

They still was in Kazimierza.

817

00:29:09,280 --> 00:29:11,370

No, no, no, the
incident when you

818

00:29:11,370 --> 00:29:13,640

were telling me that your
sister and her husband--

819

00:29:13,640 --> 00:29:15,930

My sister was-- well,
I never saw her.

820

00:29:15,930 --> 00:29:17,582

Now, the ones-- your sister--

821

00:29:17,582 --> 00:29:20,040

Never saw her, because I was
living in Kraków at this time.

822

00:29:20,040 --> 00:29:21,550

She was in Kazimierza.

823

00:29:21,550 --> 00:29:24,180

When the war started,
she was in Kazimierza.

824

00:29:24,180 --> 00:29:25,690

I was not this time.

825

00:29:25,690 --> 00:29:26,190

Right.

826

00:29:26,190 --> 00:29:28,482

But when they were killed,
you said, after three days--

827

00:29:28,482 --> 00:29:29,370

They was killed.

828
00:29:29,370 --> 00:29:30,240
I didn't see them.

829
00:29:30,240 --> 00:29:31,060
No, I understand.

830
00:29:31,060 --> 00:29:32,315
A friend tell us this.

831
00:29:32,315 --> 00:29:33,440
Yeah, I was just wondering.

832
00:29:33,440 --> 00:29:34,890
That was in 1941?

833
00:29:34,890 --> 00:29:36,720
No, this was after the war.

834
00:29:36,720 --> 00:29:42,570
After, completely, when I met
this man in 1945, after the war

835
00:29:42,570 --> 00:29:43,112
was finished.

836
00:29:43,112 --> 00:29:44,570
That's when you
found out about it.

837
00:29:44,570 --> 00:29:45,410
Find out about this.

838
00:29:45,410 --> 00:29:45,516
I know.

839
00:29:45,516 --> 00:29:46,016
And--

840
00:29:46,016 --> 00:29:48,320
Before, I didn't know
nothing, what's going on.

841
00:29:48,320 --> 00:29:48,960
Yeah.

842
00:29:48,960 --> 00:29:51,600
Do you know what year
they were killed?

843
00:29:51,600 --> 00:29:52,890
They was killed in--

844
00:29:52,890 --> 00:29:55,320
they went in 1940.

845
00:29:55,320 --> 00:29:57,810
And they was killed in three
days later how they settle.

846
00:29:57,810 --> 00:29:58,800
This man tell me that.

847
00:29:58,800 --> 00:30:00,350
And this man is still alive.

848
00:30:00,350 --> 00:30:08,055
He lives in someplace
north, Lakewood.

849
00:30:08,055 --> 00:30:11,590
And this man told me
this story about this.

850
00:30:11,590 --> 00:30:12,390
Can we go back?

851
00:30:12,390 --> 00:30:15,900
You said that, for the
summers, you used to go--

852
00:30:15,900 --> 00:30:16,670
On vacations.

853
00:30:16,670 --> 00:30:18,060
--on vacations, June,
July, and August.

854
00:30:18,060 --> 00:30:19,120
And you said that your husband--

855
00:30:19,120 --> 00:30:19,870
My husband--

856
00:30:19,870 --> 00:30:20,787
--went back to Kraków.

857
00:30:20,787 --> 00:30:24,060
--just went back to Kraków a
few days before the war started.

858
00:30:24,060 --> 00:30:26,370
[INAUDIBLE],, we have
to change the men.

859
00:30:26,370 --> 00:30:29,770
Huckerman was spending this
weekend, and he went home.

860
00:30:29,770 --> 00:30:32,280
And the war was-- when
it started, he came back,

861
00:30:32,280 --> 00:30:34,710
and Huckerman goes home
to take, because we

862
00:30:34,710 --> 00:30:36,840
left only strange people.

863
00:30:36,840 --> 00:30:37,420
And so what--

864
00:30:37,420 --> 00:30:39,270
He came only for the weekend.

865
00:30:39,270 --> 00:30:41,130
What happened when he--

866
00:30:41,130 --> 00:30:42,130
No, he wasn't happy.

867

00:30:42,130 --> 00:30:43,920

He was waiting
till we come back.

868

00:30:43,920 --> 00:30:47,400

And after, the men
start to run away.

869

00:30:47,400 --> 00:30:48,490

You follow me?

870

00:30:48,490 --> 00:30:49,990

Because what the
people are saying--

871

00:30:49,990 --> 00:30:52,440

they're taking the men,
et cetera, et cetera.

872

00:30:52,440 --> 00:30:54,690

But a little later, [INAUDIBLE].

873

00:30:54,690 --> 00:30:57,420

They came back to Kraków.

874

00:30:57,420 --> 00:30:58,950

Maybe my husband mentioned it.

875

00:30:58,950 --> 00:31:01,425

Maybe he forgot about
this, to mention it.

876

00:31:01,425 --> 00:31:07,640

A little later, we
went to the ghettos.

877

00:31:07,640 --> 00:31:09,120

You could take your furniture.

878

00:31:09,120 --> 00:31:10,350

You could take nothing else.

879

00:31:10,350 --> 00:31:10,470

Which ghetto?

880

00:31:10,470 --> 00:31:11,130

You went to the ghetto in--

881

00:31:11,130 --> 00:31:11,460

The ghetto Kraków.

882

00:31:11,460 --> 00:31:12,240

--Kraków?

883

00:31:12,240 --> 00:31:13,740

Yeah, this was possible.

884

00:31:13,740 --> 00:31:15,570

And I had the children at home.

885

00:31:15,570 --> 00:31:18,070

And I went to work.

886

00:31:18,070 --> 00:31:20,220

I went up in the morning,
come home in the evening.

887

00:31:20,220 --> 00:31:23,870

And my husband didn't
work in his own factory,

888

00:31:23,870 --> 00:31:25,950

because the factory took over--

889

00:31:25,950 --> 00:31:28,170

the government, the
German, took over.

890

00:31:28,170 --> 00:31:30,820

And they have different
people to work.

891

00:31:30,820 --> 00:31:32,900

And he was working
someplace else.

892

00:31:32,900 --> 00:31:37,820

And I was working in a
place where making stockings

893
00:31:37,820 --> 00:31:40,640
for the soldiers.

894
00:31:40,640 --> 00:31:42,970
Can you describe what life
was like in the ghetto?

895
00:31:42,970 --> 00:31:44,120
There was no good life--

896
00:31:44,120 --> 00:31:45,170
10,000.

897
00:31:45,170 --> 00:31:46,050
We had to eat.

898
00:31:46,050 --> 00:31:48,780
We had it, because I had a--

899
00:31:48,780 --> 00:31:51,350
we had a superintendent where
she takes open the factory,

900
00:31:51,350 --> 00:31:52,550
close the factory.

901
00:31:52,550 --> 00:31:55,820
She brought me in
food, because we had--

902
00:31:55,820 --> 00:31:57,202
money was not object.

903
00:31:57,202 --> 00:31:58,160
We had plenty of money.

904
00:31:58,160 --> 00:31:59,000
You follow me.

905
00:31:59,000 --> 00:32:00,500
But you could not--

906
00:32:00,500 --> 00:32:04,880
people was bringing from
other places, was stolen so --

907
00:32:04,880 --> 00:32:06,710
In the ghetto, it
was not so bad.

908
00:32:06,710 --> 00:32:09,660
But a little later, they
started, the ghetto,

909
00:32:09,660 --> 00:32:11,080
to make it smaller.

910
00:32:11,080 --> 00:32:13,550
They arranged all over
and the SS man is coming,

911
00:32:13,550 --> 00:32:16,040
and taking away so
many people, send away.

912
00:32:16,040 --> 00:32:18,650
And these people,
they never came back.

913
00:32:18,650 --> 00:32:21,430
And all the time,
they make selected.

914
00:32:21,430 --> 00:32:22,610
You know what selected.

915
00:32:22,610 --> 00:32:25,310
Always, they're taking
people from the--

916
00:32:25,310 --> 00:32:26,960
who lived in the ghettos.

917
00:32:26,960 --> 00:32:29,750
Everybody has to go
together outside,

918
00:32:29,750 --> 00:32:33,590
and taking away 500, 600, 700.

919
00:32:33,590 --> 00:32:36,290
Usually, every month,
something else.

920
00:32:36,290 --> 00:32:37,370
The selection was made.

921
00:32:37,370 --> 00:32:40,700
You had a Judenrat Jewish
council in the ghetto?

922
00:32:40,700 --> 00:32:43,050
Yes, we had.

923
00:32:43,050 --> 00:32:45,190
But it could nothing do it.

924
00:32:45,190 --> 00:32:46,910
But a little later,
a lot of Jewish

925
00:32:46,910 --> 00:32:50,770
became the police
for the German.

926
00:32:50,770 --> 00:32:51,770
They came by the police.

927
00:32:51,770 --> 00:32:53,240
And this was kapos.

928
00:32:53,240 --> 00:32:55,050
And that was no good, either.

929
00:32:55,050 --> 00:32:56,570
We have to hide in the--

930
00:32:56,570 --> 00:32:59,610
we have to watch
these people, too.

931
00:32:59,610 --> 00:33:04,180

932
00:33:04,180 --> 00:33:06,030
What kind of feelings
did you have--

933
00:33:06,030 --> 00:33:07,730
Very bad feel.

934
00:33:07,730 --> 00:33:10,633
--feelings toward the
Jewish policemen, the--

935
00:33:10,633 --> 00:33:11,550
The Jewish policemen--

936
00:33:11,550 --> 00:33:12,350
--the Judenrat?

937
00:33:12,350 --> 00:33:14,450
--they wanted-- the
Judenrat was good.

938
00:33:14,450 --> 00:33:15,720
The other wants to help it.

939
00:33:15,720 --> 00:33:19,130
But the police, the
Jewish, was terrible.

940
00:33:19,130 --> 00:33:21,170
They want to show
up to the gentleman

941
00:33:21,170 --> 00:33:24,750
that they're bringing a lot
of people who were hiding,

942
00:33:24,750 --> 00:33:27,040
they're bringing a
lot of people who

943

00:33:27,040 --> 00:33:29,320
had a business doing something.

944
00:33:29,320 --> 00:33:31,070
There, it was very--
some people was good,

945
00:33:31,070 --> 00:33:34,430
some people was
bad, now, usually.

946
00:33:34,430 --> 00:33:36,930
But everybody knows
that they do nothing.

947
00:33:36,930 --> 00:33:38,490
We didn't have [INAUDIBLE].

948
00:33:38,490 --> 00:33:40,170
We didn't have--
my husband didn't

949
00:33:40,170 --> 00:33:42,620
own business, nothing,
just went to work.

950
00:33:42,620 --> 00:33:45,166
I went to work.

951
00:33:45,166 --> 00:33:48,080
Now, during these years when
you were living in the ghetto,

952
00:33:48,080 --> 00:33:50,090
how many families
were you living with?

953
00:33:50,090 --> 00:33:53,450
I was living with my
partner, Mrs. Huckerman.

954
00:33:53,450 --> 00:33:55,425
A little later,
we came and took--

955

00:33:55,425 --> 00:33:55,925
I went way.

956
00:33:55,925 --> 00:33:56,480
In the same Apartment?

957
00:33:56,480 --> 00:33:57,680
In the same apartment.

958
00:33:57,680 --> 00:34:01,100
She had a room, and I had a
room in the kitchen together.

959
00:34:01,100 --> 00:34:02,555
A little later, they came.

960
00:34:02,555 --> 00:34:03,870
It get smaller, smaller.

961
00:34:03,870 --> 00:34:05,120
They took away another.

962
00:34:05,120 --> 00:34:07,770
And they put a doctor
to my apartment.

963
00:34:07,770 --> 00:34:10,355
And I went to the kitchen.

964
00:34:10,355 --> 00:34:11,355
You follow me?

965
00:34:11,355 --> 00:34:12,980
The whole family went
into the kitchen.

966
00:34:12,980 --> 00:34:14,920
All people went to the kitchen.

967
00:34:14,920 --> 00:34:16,900
A little later, my people--

968
00:34:16,900 --> 00:34:20,230
my friends, my brother,

my sister-in-law--

969

00:34:20,230 --> 00:34:22,790
came from Kazimierza Wielka,
come to us, to Kraków.

970

00:34:22,790 --> 00:34:26,750
And we was sleeping together
on the floor after that.

971

00:34:26,750 --> 00:34:27,760
We squeezed it.

972

00:34:27,760 --> 00:34:31,840
A little later, they was
calling to go and make

973

00:34:31,840 --> 00:34:34,340
concentration camps.

974

00:34:34,340 --> 00:34:35,850
And I was working.

975

00:34:35,850 --> 00:34:37,600
You know concentration camps.

976

00:34:37,600 --> 00:34:40,000
And everybody has to
go out from the ghetto.

977

00:34:40,000 --> 00:34:41,770
This was Plaszów.

978

00:34:41,770 --> 00:34:43,150
What year was that?

979

00:34:43,150 --> 00:34:45,550
This was in year 1943--

980

00:34:45,550 --> 00:34:48,100
no, 1942, maybe '43.

981

00:34:48,100 --> 00:34:51,550
Maybe, exactly, I cannot

exactly say exactly the year.

982

00:34:51,550 --> 00:34:52,960

And I was working--

983

00:34:52,960 --> 00:34:55,210

I just wanted to ask you one
other question about when

984

00:34:55,210 --> 00:34:56,460

you were living in the ghetto.

985

00:34:56,460 --> 00:34:57,280

Yeah.

986

00:34:57,280 --> 00:34:59,020

What kind of work
were you doing?

987

00:34:59,020 --> 00:34:59,770

You were working--

988

00:34:59,770 --> 00:35:04,300

When I was living in the ghetto,
I was working in a factory.

989

00:35:04,300 --> 00:35:06,730

I was making stockings
for the soldiers.

990

00:35:06,730 --> 00:35:08,560

The factory was
outside of the ghetto.

991

00:35:08,560 --> 00:35:10,803

Outside the ghetto, but not far.

992

00:35:10,803 --> 00:35:13,220

Somebody was standing guard
at the entrance to the ghetto?

993

00:35:13,220 --> 00:35:14,330

The guard, the SS man is.

994

00:35:14,330 --> 00:35:15,310
We work every day.

995
00:35:15,310 --> 00:35:19,270
In the morning, we
have to go to work.

996
00:35:19,270 --> 00:35:22,060
If not going to
rock, is no good.

997
00:35:22,060 --> 00:35:24,340
And every day, we came home.

998
00:35:24,340 --> 00:35:29,210
But the last time,
I remember like now.

999
00:35:29,210 --> 00:35:31,630
A doctor was living by
us, with us together.

1000
00:35:31,630 --> 00:35:35,620
He said, Mrs. Levenstein,
I heard tomorrow

1001
00:35:35,620 --> 00:35:37,390
you will have nothing.

1002
00:35:37,390 --> 00:35:40,460
All non-Jews supposed
to be in the ghetto.

1003
00:35:40,460 --> 00:35:42,970
If we find a Jew in the
ghetto, we will kill.

1004
00:35:42,970 --> 00:35:45,840
It has to be complete Judenrein.

1005
00:35:45,840 --> 00:35:48,550
And I said, what do I have
to do with my children?

1006
00:35:48,550 --> 00:35:50,170

Finally, he said idea.

1007
00:35:50,170 --> 00:35:52,640
My husband, with the other
partner, had an idea.

1008
00:35:52,640 --> 00:35:58,020
We make to hiding five floors
down, gone five floors then.

1009
00:35:58,020 --> 00:35:59,890
He prepared this.

1010
00:35:59,890 --> 00:36:03,310
And Friday morning, I
remember that now, I

1011
00:36:03,310 --> 00:36:06,020
went to the factory.

1012
00:36:06,020 --> 00:36:10,445
And a little later, five
people went in there.

1013
00:36:10,445 --> 00:36:12,790
We went-- here, SS
man, here, SS man.

1014
00:36:12,790 --> 00:36:14,710
Something, but
not for everybody.

1015
00:36:14,710 --> 00:36:17,035
Every three or five SS man.

1016
00:36:17,035 --> 00:36:21,090
And I see that we're not
going to the ghettos.

1017
00:36:21,090 --> 00:36:25,120
And I saw, oh, something
is cooking here.

1018
00:36:25,120 --> 00:36:26,160
And I was very sure--

1019
00:36:26,160 --> 00:36:27,660
I don't know about
sure or not sure.

1020
00:36:27,660 --> 00:36:28,370
I was lucky.

1021
00:36:28,370 --> 00:36:32,140
But I go in between the
five people together.

1022
00:36:32,140 --> 00:36:33,910
I looked down.

1023
00:36:33,910 --> 00:36:36,730
And I said, let me down,
let me down, let me down.

1024
00:36:36,730 --> 00:36:38,950
And I came to the end.

1025
00:36:38,950 --> 00:36:42,190
And I have the courage to
do it, because I was young.

1026
00:36:42,190 --> 00:36:47,710
I runned away from the SS man
so much I don't know how I have

1027
00:36:47,710 --> 00:36:48,280
[INAUDIBLE].

1028
00:36:48,280 --> 00:36:50,290
And I saw somebody
runs after me.

1029
00:36:50,290 --> 00:36:53,020
But I went to the ghetto,
because it was not far,

1030
00:36:53,020 --> 00:36:53,770
the ghetto.

1031

00:36:53,770 --> 00:36:57,740
And I went in the house
where three streets entrance.

1032
00:36:57,740 --> 00:36:59,350
You understand what this is?

1033
00:36:59,350 --> 00:37:02,880
And I was hiding
behind some place.

1034
00:37:02,880 --> 00:37:05,530
And he didn't find me.

1035
00:37:05,530 --> 00:37:07,600
I was sitting half an hour.

1036
00:37:07,600 --> 00:37:10,500
After a half an hour,
I was afraid to go out

1037
00:37:10,500 --> 00:37:12,010
from this building.

1038
00:37:12,010 --> 00:37:14,200
Meantime, I just go--

1039
00:37:14,200 --> 00:37:17,010
one was to go to the ghetto.

1040
00:37:17,010 --> 00:37:19,450
And two entrance was
to go to outside,

1041
00:37:19,450 --> 00:37:20,930
where not the ghetto was.

1042
00:37:20,930 --> 00:37:23,390
And I went for outside.

1043
00:37:23,390 --> 00:37:25,180
And I went up to a gentile.

1044
00:37:25,180 --> 00:37:26,500

And I said--

1045
00:37:26,500 --> 00:37:27,610
Polish, he spoke perfect.

1046
00:37:27,610 --> 00:37:29,880
He didn't spoke
Yiddish, only Polish.

1047
00:37:29,880 --> 00:37:32,690
And I said, I maked a mistake.

1048
00:37:32,690 --> 00:37:36,050
I want to go here and here,
and I meant I came to you.

1049
00:37:36,050 --> 00:37:39,460
And she said, oh, yes,
come on, you can sit here.

1050
00:37:39,460 --> 00:37:43,030
I said, come on, show me where
this is, because I don't know.

1051
00:37:43,030 --> 00:37:43,840
I get mixed up.

1052
00:37:43,840 --> 00:37:45,430
I don't know where to get here.

1053
00:37:45,430 --> 00:37:46,960
She went with me.

1054
00:37:46,960 --> 00:37:48,070
She went with me.

1055
00:37:48,070 --> 00:37:49,410
I should pass the ghetto.

1056
00:37:49,410 --> 00:37:50,380
I ran home.

1057
00:37:50,380 --> 00:37:52,590
And I was pain.

1058
00:37:52,590 --> 00:37:53,560
My heart was beating.

1059
00:37:53,560 --> 00:37:55,390
I said, Isak, it's no good.

1060
00:37:55,390 --> 00:37:56,750
Tomorrow is Judenrein.

1061
00:37:56,750 --> 00:37:59,447
I saw they're
taking the children.

1062
00:37:59,447 --> 00:38:01,030
What are they doing
with the children?

1063
00:38:01,030 --> 00:38:02,530
But some people had children.

1064
00:38:02,530 --> 00:38:04,050
They take away the children.

1065
00:38:04,050 --> 00:38:05,800
And what are they doing
with the children?

1066
00:38:05,800 --> 00:38:07,420
He said, don't worry.

1067
00:38:07,420 --> 00:38:10,412
I had a bunker prepared
by Dr. Schlenger.

1068
00:38:10,412 --> 00:38:11,120
He was Schlenger.

1069
00:38:11,120 --> 00:38:12,370
I remember that now.

1070
00:38:12,370 --> 00:38:14,620
He told me this to
do, and I did it.

1071
00:38:14,620 --> 00:38:15,930
You can imagine.

1072
00:38:15,930 --> 00:38:18,370
In the morning, 6
o'clock, Saturday

1073
00:38:18,370 --> 00:38:22,010
the morning, Judenrein
was all written.

1074
00:38:22,010 --> 00:38:25,193
If you find one
Jew, we kill them.

1075
00:38:25,193 --> 00:38:26,110
You know why I did it?

1076
00:38:26,110 --> 00:38:27,193
Let me ask you a question.

1077
00:38:27,193 --> 00:38:28,930
How many Jews were
left in the ghetto

1078
00:38:28,930 --> 00:38:31,615
that Friday, in other words
that day before the ghetto was--

1079
00:38:31,615 --> 00:38:32,823
It was a couple hundred Jews.

1080
00:38:32,823 --> 00:38:35,233
It was-- I cannot say exactly
how many population was.

1081
00:38:35,233 --> 00:38:36,400
No, I understand, of course.

1082
00:38:36,400 --> 00:38:37,720
But it was a lot of streets.

1083
00:38:37,720 --> 00:38:40,640

The ghetto could be about
2,000 people, maybe more.

1084
00:38:40,640 --> 00:38:42,165
So when the ghetto
was first opened,

1085
00:38:42,165 --> 00:38:44,290
there must have been how
many people in the ghetto?

1086
00:38:44,290 --> 00:38:45,460
When they open the ghetto?

1087
00:38:45,460 --> 00:38:46,180
First opened.

1088
00:38:46,180 --> 00:38:48,175
First opened from
us, from Kraków,

1089
00:38:48,175 --> 00:38:52,930
it was maybe 1,500 people,
maybe 2,000, maybe more.

1090
00:38:52,930 --> 00:38:54,010
I don't know exactly.

1091
00:38:54,010 --> 00:38:58,290
They took all the-- and
this was from Kraków out.

1092
00:38:58,290 --> 00:38:59,170
It was [INAUDIBLE].

1093
00:38:59,170 --> 00:39:02,950
You know, Kraków and
[INAUDIBLE],, you can say--

1094
00:39:02,950 --> 00:39:07,130
you have this-- they threw
a bridge to go through.

1095
00:39:07,130 --> 00:39:09,065
they divided, the water divided.

1096
00:39:09,065 --> 00:39:09,940
This was [INAUDIBLE].

1097
00:39:09,940 --> 00:39:12,025
This made the ghetto over there.

1098
00:39:12,025 --> 00:39:12,900
I don't know exactly.

1099
00:39:12,900 --> 00:39:15,660
But it was maybe about
2,000 or 3,000 people.

1100
00:39:15,660 --> 00:39:19,350
But it was not so
less, [INAUDIBLE]..

1101
00:39:19,350 --> 00:39:23,070
But all the time,
they send out people,

1102
00:39:23,070 --> 00:39:25,110
because they took only
three or four streets.

1103
00:39:25,110 --> 00:39:27,150
And you knew, of course,
every time somebody was

1104
00:39:27,150 --> 00:39:28,358
being sent out of the ghetto.

1105
00:39:28,358 --> 00:39:32,190
Oh, yeah, we knew it, because
we had blue [INAUDIBLE] cards.

1106
00:39:32,190 --> 00:39:35,040
We supposed to stay,
because we have business.

1107
00:39:35,040 --> 00:39:36,210
Other people supposed to--

1108

00:39:36,210 --> 00:39:36,730
I'm sorry.

1109
00:39:36,730 --> 00:39:38,400
You had what kind of card?

1110
00:39:38,400 --> 00:39:40,530
They gave you a card.

1111
00:39:40,530 --> 00:39:42,360
You're allowed to
stay in the ghetto,

1112
00:39:42,360 --> 00:39:44,555
because we have
occupied their business.

1113
00:39:44,555 --> 00:39:45,930
Other people didn't
have nothing.

1114
00:39:45,930 --> 00:39:47,150
They sent out.

1115
00:39:47,150 --> 00:39:49,630
It was a little later,
after the [INAUDIBLE] cards,

1116
00:39:49,630 --> 00:39:52,210
it was a yellow card,
they give blue cards,

1117
00:39:52,210 --> 00:39:54,490
smaller, the less card.

1118
00:39:54,490 --> 00:39:56,070
We can't stay in the ghetto.

1119
00:39:56,070 --> 00:39:59,880
But come a time,
when 1942, nobody

1120
00:39:59,880 --> 00:40:00,990
could stay in the ghetto.

1121
00:40:00,990 --> 00:40:02,680
Everybody goes to a
concentration camp.

1122
00:40:02,680 --> 00:40:04,480
It was Plaszów.

1123
00:40:04,480 --> 00:40:07,740
The Judenrat handed out
these cards, didn't they?

1124
00:40:07,740 --> 00:40:08,880
No, not the Judenrat.

1125
00:40:08,880 --> 00:40:11,020
Maybe they give to the
Judenrat to do with this.

1126
00:40:11,020 --> 00:40:11,520
Right.

1127
00:40:11,520 --> 00:40:12,020
Yeah.

1128
00:40:12,020 --> 00:40:16,670
But we were sitting
outside, complete outside,

1129
00:40:16,670 --> 00:40:20,480
like in Auschwitz, outside
in a big city, Kraków.

1130
00:40:20,480 --> 00:40:25,580
The ghetto was-- in the middle
was, all around, houses.

1131
00:40:25,580 --> 00:40:27,210
And this was an empty place.

1132
00:40:27,210 --> 00:40:29,380
Could stay, maybe,
3,000, 4,000 people.

1133
00:40:29,380 --> 00:40:31,080

And he calls somebody's name.

1134

00:40:31,080 --> 00:40:32,040
You can stay.

1135

00:40:32,040 --> 00:40:33,270
Another goes away.

1136

00:40:33,270 --> 00:40:35,170
Did people pay money--

1137

00:40:35,170 --> 00:40:36,000
Nobody knew it.

1138

00:40:36,000 --> 00:40:36,500
No.

1139

00:40:36,500 --> 00:40:39,740
Did people pay money
to the Judenrat to--

1140

00:40:39,740 --> 00:40:40,890
Somebody, maybe they paid.

1141

00:40:40,890 --> 00:40:42,730
We didn't pay money.

1142

00:40:42,730 --> 00:40:44,310
I cannot say what people did it.

1143

00:40:44,310 --> 00:40:46,920
We didn't pay money, because
we was [NON-ENGLISH],,

1144

00:40:46,920 --> 00:40:49,770
because they need
our [INAUDIBLE]..

1145

00:40:49,770 --> 00:40:52,740
But only this, when we went
to a concentration camp,

1146

00:40:52,740 --> 00:40:55,550
my husband was

throw out from this.

1147
00:40:55,550 --> 00:40:58,930
And different working
people was working.

1148
00:40:58,930 --> 00:41:01,630
I don't know if my
husband mentioned this.

1149
00:41:01,630 --> 00:41:04,890
It's not such a good talk.

1150
00:41:04,890 --> 00:41:06,500
Your husband's a wonderful man.

1151
00:41:06,500 --> 00:41:08,120
Thank you.

1152
00:41:08,120 --> 00:41:08,620
Yeah.

1153
00:41:08,620 --> 00:41:09,740
I don't have to tell you.

1154
00:41:09,740 --> 00:41:10,240
Yeah.

1155
00:41:10,240 --> 00:41:12,310
I lived 53 years with him.

1156
00:41:12,310 --> 00:41:14,020
I [INAUDIBLE].

1157
00:41:14,020 --> 00:41:15,830
A little later--

1158
00:41:15,830 --> 00:41:20,347
Let me just ask you one
other thing, if I could.

1159
00:41:20,347 --> 00:41:20,930
You came back.

1160

00:41:20,930 --> 00:41:22,370

And you said, Isak--

1161

00:41:22,370 --> 00:41:23,230

Isak, it's no good.

1162

00:41:23,230 --> 00:41:23,810

--tomorrow--

1163

00:41:23,810 --> 00:41:25,033

Tomorrow will be Judenrein.

1164

00:41:25,033 --> 00:41:25,700

--was Judenrein.

1165

00:41:25,700 --> 00:41:26,700

Everybody have to go.

1166

00:41:26,700 --> 00:41:28,200

What are we doing
with the children?

1167

00:41:28,200 --> 00:41:29,090

So what did you do?

1168

00:41:29,090 --> 00:41:32,060

[INAUDIBLE],, I put
[? electric ?] down,

1169

00:41:32,060 --> 00:41:35,290

five, six floor down
lower, to the bunker.

1170

00:41:35,290 --> 00:41:37,880

And I took down quilts, covers.

1171

00:41:37,880 --> 00:41:40,670

And I took down, what I
have, food in my house.

1172

00:41:40,670 --> 00:41:42,300

Was this beneath the building?

1173

00:41:42,300 --> 00:41:42,800
Building.

1174
00:41:42,800 --> 00:41:43,300
No, no.

1175
00:41:43,300 --> 00:41:46,550
I was living on the first floor.

1176
00:41:46,550 --> 00:41:48,200
And this was three floors down.

1177
00:41:48,200 --> 00:41:50,480
And nobody could see
it, because it was only

1178
00:41:50,480 --> 00:41:52,760
from the toilet you
have to go down.

1179
00:41:52,760 --> 00:41:54,610
How long did it take
your husband then--

1180
00:41:54,610 --> 00:41:55,160
To make it?

1181
00:41:55,160 --> 00:41:55,702
--to make it?

1182
00:41:55,702 --> 00:41:56,600
Three days.

1183
00:41:56,600 --> 00:41:58,880
He prepared before I said.

1184
00:41:58,880 --> 00:42:00,700
He prepared before,
because we know

1185
00:42:00,700 --> 00:42:02,790
that something will happen.

1186
00:42:02,790 --> 00:42:03,320

Let this be.

1187

00:42:03,320 --> 00:42:04,910

You follow me?

1188

00:42:04,910 --> 00:42:09,770

And Saturday morning, I

went down with my children.

1189

00:42:09,770 --> 00:42:12,810

And I took-- matter of

fact, Maury Ponteera

1190

00:42:12,810 --> 00:42:15,882

has two brothers

with one sister.

1191

00:42:15,882 --> 00:42:17,090

She had no place where to go.

1192

00:42:17,090 --> 00:42:19,030

She stays with me, mostly.

1193

00:42:19,030 --> 00:42:23,180

And when I went down to the

bunker, I took these children.

1194

00:42:23,180 --> 00:42:26,350

And I took my children, too.

1195

00:42:26,350 --> 00:42:29,690

And my sister, she said she

don't want to go without me.

1196

00:42:29,690 --> 00:42:31,820

What will be with

me will be with her.

1197

00:42:31,820 --> 00:42:33,590

She went down with me, too.

1198

00:42:33,590 --> 00:42:34,280

Let me ask you.

1199

00:42:34,280 --> 00:42:35,740
The rest of your family--

1200
00:42:35,740 --> 00:42:39,430
Went to concentration
camps, to Plaszów.

1201
00:42:39,430 --> 00:42:42,705
The rest of the family, who
was over, they went to Plaszów.

1202
00:42:42,705 --> 00:42:44,380
Went to Plaszów,
my husband, and--

1203
00:42:44,380 --> 00:42:48,050
No, before, before this time--

1204
00:42:48,050 --> 00:42:49,700
your sisters, and your brothers.

1205
00:42:49,700 --> 00:42:53,075
My sisters and brothers,
they came to the ghettos.

1206
00:42:53,075 --> 00:42:54,950
They were not in the
same ghetto as you were.

1207
00:42:54,950 --> 00:42:58,190
No, they was in Kraków ghetto,
because Kraków to Kazimierza

1208
00:42:58,190 --> 00:43:00,470
was very close, like it was one.

1209
00:43:00,470 --> 00:43:04,143
They came to ghettos, too, and
they was living in the ghettos.

1210
00:43:04,143 --> 00:43:05,810
Did you have any
communication between--

1211
00:43:05,810 --> 00:43:08,120

Yes, we can go around
to the other place.

1212
00:43:08,120 --> 00:43:10,380
In Plaszów, in the
ghetto, you can walk.

1213
00:43:10,380 --> 00:43:11,790
You can go all over around.

1214
00:43:11,790 --> 00:43:12,820
You can walk.

1215
00:43:12,820 --> 00:43:15,440
Everything, you
can do like normal.

1216
00:43:15,440 --> 00:43:19,470
But we could not go out,
because the SS man was outside.

1217
00:43:19,470 --> 00:43:20,762
Nobody is to go out.

1218
00:43:20,762 --> 00:43:22,970
But you had brothers and
sisters in the other ghetto.

1219
00:43:22,970 --> 00:43:25,340
I have, in the ghetto,
only one brother.

1220
00:43:25,340 --> 00:43:25,890
In your area.

1221
00:43:25,890 --> 00:43:26,390
Yeah.

1222
00:43:26,390 --> 00:43:33,240
One brother was in the ghetto,
and two sisters, nobody else.

1223
00:43:33,240 --> 00:43:37,790
Everybody was sent away to
separate, different places.

1224
00:43:37,790 --> 00:43:40,640
Before the ghetto came, they
sent away from Kazimierza.

1225
00:43:40,640 --> 00:43:42,410
They made it complete Judenrein.

1226
00:43:42,410 --> 00:43:43,460
Somebody was killed.

1227
00:43:43,460 --> 00:43:44,750
Somebody was different.

1228
00:43:44,750 --> 00:43:49,700
Somebody was working in other
places where the Germans sent--

1229
00:43:49,700 --> 00:43:51,590
only two sisters, and
one brother-in-law,

1230
00:43:51,590 --> 00:43:53,730
and one brother.

1231
00:43:53,730 --> 00:43:56,636
And everybody went
away to Plaszów,

1232
00:43:56,636 --> 00:43:58,190
the concentration camp.

1233
00:43:58,190 --> 00:44:00,680
Before Plaszów, you
went down into the--

1234
00:44:00,680 --> 00:44:02,600
I went down to the bunker.

1235
00:44:02,600 --> 00:44:04,260
You said, with
your two children.

1236
00:44:04,260 --> 00:44:05,510

I and my two children and my--

1237

00:44:05,510 --> 00:44:06,100
Isak?

1238

00:44:06,100 --> 00:44:09,390
No, Isak went to the ghetto,
to the concentration camp.

1239

00:44:09,390 --> 00:44:11,410
And Isak was over the--

1240

00:44:11,410 --> 00:44:12,650
was not here.

1241

00:44:12,650 --> 00:44:14,590
Isak went to
concentration camps.

1242

00:44:14,590 --> 00:44:15,340
Saturday morning--

1243

00:44:15,340 --> 00:44:16,048
Saturday morning.

1244

00:44:16,048 --> 00:44:18,080
--we went out from the house.

1245

00:44:18,080 --> 00:44:20,325
But on Saturday morning,
about 6 o'clock--

1246

00:44:20,325 --> 00:44:21,200
I remember that now--

1247

00:44:21,200 --> 00:44:23,060
I took my two children down.

1248

00:44:23,060 --> 00:44:28,640
My sister went down and took
them, my nephews, two brothers

1249

00:44:28,640 --> 00:44:30,380
and one sister.

1250
00:44:30,380 --> 00:44:31,600
We went down to the bunker.

1251
00:44:31,600 --> 00:44:33,770
We closed it covered.

1252
00:44:33,770 --> 00:44:35,390
And my husband went away.

1253
00:44:35,390 --> 00:44:37,400
You can imagine what
kind of feeling.

1254
00:44:37,400 --> 00:44:40,310
He went away, and I left here.

1255
00:44:40,310 --> 00:44:42,920
And I heard that, in the
morning, they came to my house

1256
00:44:42,920 --> 00:44:45,060
with the feet like
this, the SS man.

1257
00:44:45,060 --> 00:44:47,480
[NON-ENGLISH].

1258
00:44:47,480 --> 00:44:48,620
They went to this room.

1259
00:44:48,620 --> 00:44:49,453
They went this room.

1260
00:44:49,453 --> 00:44:50,510
We weren't here.

1261
00:44:50,510 --> 00:44:54,170
And outside, I was
hearing, [NON-ENGLISH]..

1262
00:44:54,170 --> 00:44:56,190
He is screaming.

1263

00:44:56,190 --> 00:44:59,180

And believe me, I was sitting in
the corner holding my children,

1264

00:44:59,180 --> 00:45:02,150

because I was afraid, maybe
they are coming to us.

1265

00:45:02,150 --> 00:45:05,720

We were sitting so
almost maybe 10 days.

1266

00:45:05,720 --> 00:45:10,130

My husband said, you make to
make a name in case my husband

1267

00:45:10,130 --> 00:45:11,750

come into the bunker.

1268

00:45:11,750 --> 00:45:14,540

Say, example, [NON-ENGLISH].

1269

00:45:14,540 --> 00:45:16,100

I say, I'm alive.

1270

00:45:16,100 --> 00:45:19,460

If I am not alive, I
don't answer nothing.

1271

00:45:19,460 --> 00:45:23,090

One time, my food is
finished completely.

1272

00:45:23,090 --> 00:45:24,730

Mommy, I'm hungry.

1273

00:45:24,730 --> 00:45:25,980

Mommy, they start to fainting.

1274

00:45:25,980 --> 00:45:27,860

I say, well, I have to do it.

1275

00:45:27,860 --> 00:45:29,570

I'm alone, no place where to go.

1276
00:45:29,570 --> 00:45:31,090
You know, I did it.

1277
00:45:31,090 --> 00:45:34,140
3 o'clock, maybe 2
o'clock in the morning.

1278
00:45:34,140 --> 00:45:36,530
I said to my sister,
you stay here.

1279
00:45:36,530 --> 00:45:38,460
I open the bunker.

1280
00:45:38,460 --> 00:45:41,480
I was living in a
six-floor apartment.

1281
00:45:41,480 --> 00:45:44,480
And I took a small
candle, and I went.

1282
00:45:44,480 --> 00:45:46,070
I said, if they kill
me, they kill me.

1283
00:45:46,070 --> 00:45:46,612
I don't care.

1284
00:45:46,612 --> 00:45:48,180
Anyway, they're dead.

1285
00:45:48,180 --> 00:45:49,800
Will be, by us.

1286
00:45:49,800 --> 00:45:51,710
We cannot finish them like this.

1287
00:45:51,710 --> 00:45:55,830
And I went room to room,
2:30 in the night--

1288
00:45:55,830 --> 00:45:57,370

I can never forget this--

1289
00:45:57,370 --> 00:45:58,750
with a candle.

1290
00:45:58,750 --> 00:46:02,350
And I picked up a apron and
what somebody left in the house.

1291
00:46:02,350 --> 00:46:04,680
I took everything in my apron--

1292
00:46:04,680 --> 00:46:07,660
a little carrots, a
little bread, hard bread,

1293
00:46:07,660 --> 00:46:09,050
but something bread.

1294
00:46:09,050 --> 00:46:10,330
I found here an apple.

1295
00:46:10,330 --> 00:46:11,860
And I came down.

1296
00:46:11,860 --> 00:46:13,560
I came down to the bunker.

1297
00:46:13,560 --> 00:46:18,700
And I said, children, don't
cry, I have food for you.

1298
00:46:18,700 --> 00:46:22,960
And I start to give them to eat,
to give them a little water.

1299
00:46:22,960 --> 00:46:29,100
And three days later,
my husband comes,

1300
00:46:29,100 --> 00:46:35,350
because he maked up if he can
go to the SS man and tell them.

1301

00:46:35,350 --> 00:46:37,420
But somebody complains
in the factory.

1302
00:46:37,420 --> 00:46:40,030
They came to my
husband, to Plaszów,

1303
00:46:40,030 --> 00:46:43,785
and complained that there's
not enough material making.

1304
00:46:43,785 --> 00:46:48,100
So he said, so if you
give me two SS mans,

1305
00:46:48,100 --> 00:46:53,830
and they give me two Jewish
kapo mans, I have in my house--

1306
00:46:53,830 --> 00:46:57,550
in the ghetto, I have a
tremendous, big machine.

1307
00:46:57,550 --> 00:47:00,040
And this machine, I will
bring to the factory.

1308
00:47:00,040 --> 00:47:03,240
We can make the material
how much you want.

1309
00:47:03,240 --> 00:47:07,390
And to the Jewish other
man, my husband said,

1310
00:47:07,390 --> 00:47:08,890
I don't go for the machine.

1311
00:47:08,890 --> 00:47:13,560
Listen, I'll give you
500 zlotys, like \$500.

1312
00:47:13,560 --> 00:47:15,460
And shut your mouth,
and don't say.

1313
00:47:15,460 --> 00:47:18,730
If you say, I have no machine,
I have something else,

1314
00:47:18,730 --> 00:47:21,610
you have children, you
get shot, and I get shot,

1315
00:47:21,610 --> 00:47:22,770
and children get shot.

1316
00:47:22,770 --> 00:47:25,410
He promised by God he
will not say nothing.

1317
00:47:25,410 --> 00:47:27,075
He came, my husband.

1318
00:47:27,075 --> 00:47:27,680
He knocked.

1319
00:47:27,680 --> 00:47:29,920
And he say, [NON-ENGLISH].

1320
00:47:29,920 --> 00:47:32,360
I say, I'm alive.

1321
00:47:32,360 --> 00:47:34,390
My husband's friend--
the SS man's outside,

1322
00:47:34,390 --> 00:47:37,570
and the Jewish
police was inside.

1323
00:47:37,570 --> 00:47:39,120
And the SS man said--

1324
00:47:39,120 --> 00:47:41,615
he was going back and
forth, smoking cigarettes.

1325
00:47:41,615 --> 00:47:43,266

I don't know what they do.

1326
00:47:43,266 --> 00:47:45,160
And I went up.

1327
00:47:45,160 --> 00:47:48,040
We took all the
quilts, what I have it.

1328
00:47:48,040 --> 00:47:50,950
I put, because
other man's children

1329
00:47:50,950 --> 00:47:53,950
was in the concentration
camp, free.

1330
00:47:53,950 --> 00:47:57,900
And we said, we cannot live like
this, because anyway will die.

1331
00:47:57,900 --> 00:47:58,620
He tried.

1332
00:47:58,620 --> 00:48:00,670
He went to the other
man, to the oldest.

1333
00:48:00,670 --> 00:48:02,320
And I said, I'll
bring my children.

1334
00:48:02,320 --> 00:48:03,280
You will keep them.

1335
00:48:03,280 --> 00:48:05,230
I said, Levenstein--
they know us, everybody.

1336
00:48:05,230 --> 00:48:06,070
Bring the children.

1337
00:48:06,070 --> 00:48:07,480
We will keep them.

1338

00:48:07,480 --> 00:48:08,620

We will not kill them.

1339

00:48:08,620 --> 00:48:10,920

We will not send them back.

1340

00:48:10,920 --> 00:48:11,800

We took quilts.

1341

00:48:11,800 --> 00:48:14,383

We took pillows behind the box.

1342

00:48:14,383 --> 00:48:16,300

I'm sorry, I-- one thing,
I didn't understand.

1343

00:48:16,300 --> 00:48:17,260

I'm sorry.

1344

00:48:17,260 --> 00:48:20,160

Who said this about
your children?

1345

00:48:20,160 --> 00:48:23,980

The oldest man, what was in the
concentration camp in Plaszów,

1346

00:48:23,980 --> 00:48:26,470

in the Jewish police.

1347

00:48:26,470 --> 00:48:27,280

He said?

1348

00:48:27,280 --> 00:48:29,380

He said, bring the children.

1349

00:48:29,380 --> 00:48:30,300

They can stay.

1350

00:48:30,300 --> 00:48:31,660

But nobody else knew that--

1351

00:48:31,660 --> 00:48:33,660

Nobody else knew, only him.

1352

00:48:33,660 --> 00:48:37,110
Nobody knew, because he said,
how you will bring them?

1353

00:48:37,110 --> 00:48:38,500
My husband told the story.

1354

00:48:38,500 --> 00:48:39,550
I have a lie.

1355

00:48:39,550 --> 00:48:40,918
I have a machine, not to--

1356

00:48:40,918 --> 00:48:41,460
I understand.

1357

00:48:41,460 --> 00:48:42,340
--bring the machine.

1358

00:48:42,340 --> 00:48:44,380
So Isak, your husband, was in--

1359

00:48:44,380 --> 00:48:47,680
My husband came after a
week, maybe after 12 day.

1360

00:48:47,680 --> 00:48:50,080
He came, and knocked and
said the [INAUDIBLE] word.

1361

00:48:50,080 --> 00:48:51,340
I said, I'm alive.

1362

00:48:51,340 --> 00:48:53,320
And he said, fast, we
have to do it fast.

1363

00:48:53,320 --> 00:48:58,500
He took a big box, because he
brought a box from Plaszów,

1364

00:48:58,500 --> 00:48:59,965

from the concentration camp.

1365

00:48:59,965 --> 00:49:00,590

We took quilts.

1366

00:49:00,590 --> 00:49:04,240

We took covers, pillows,
and we closed our mouths

1367

00:49:04,240 --> 00:49:05,290

with a kerchief.

1368

00:49:05,290 --> 00:49:08,380

My daughter, she was a
girl for eight, nine years.

1369

00:49:08,380 --> 00:49:12,090

She said, listen, if you need
something to do, do it here.

1370

00:49:12,090 --> 00:49:15,010

Don't call Daddy,
don't call Mommy,

1371

00:49:15,010 --> 00:49:17,140

because everybody gets killed.

1372

00:49:17,140 --> 00:49:18,130

She understood.

1373

00:49:18,130 --> 00:49:20,740

And to the little
boy, we said the same.

1374

00:49:20,740 --> 00:49:25,490

And I had a number to go
out to walk to my place.

1375

00:49:25,490 --> 00:49:28,630

So when my husband went
away with the children,

1376

00:49:28,630 --> 00:49:32,920

took me a Jewish
policeman to the factory.

1377
00:49:32,920 --> 00:49:33,940
And I went free.

1378
00:49:33,940 --> 00:49:34,545
I was free.

1379
00:49:34,545 --> 00:49:35,920
The children were
hidden in boxes

1380
00:49:35,920 --> 00:49:38,770
The children went away with
my husband, with the SS man,

1381
00:49:38,770 --> 00:49:40,400
with the to other mans.

1382
00:49:40,400 --> 00:49:42,920
And one other man,
before he went away,

1383
00:49:42,920 --> 00:49:44,830
the SS man took
me to the factory.

1384
00:49:44,830 --> 00:49:47,590
The factory was three
minutes to go over.

1385
00:49:47,590 --> 00:49:51,010
And I came over
there to the factory.

1386
00:49:51,010 --> 00:49:52,450
And the man said--

1387
00:49:52,450 --> 00:49:53,910
Mr. [PERSONAL NAME]
the oldest one,

1388
00:49:53,910 --> 00:49:58,450
he said my God,
how you come here?

1389

00:49:58,450 --> 00:50:01,090

You was on the list
to go home today.

1390

00:50:01,090 --> 00:50:02,020

You follow me?

1391

00:50:02,020 --> 00:50:05,362

Because went out 500 women
to the concentration camp.

1392

00:50:05,362 --> 00:50:06,070

You have at list.

1393

00:50:06,070 --> 00:50:09,250

500 went out, and
500 has to come back.

1394

00:50:09,250 --> 00:50:13,130

If not, the ones not come
back, he is responsible for.

1395

00:50:13,130 --> 00:50:13,880

Where is the lady?

1396

00:50:13,880 --> 00:50:15,190

You follow me?

1397

00:50:15,190 --> 00:50:17,167

I don't know if you can
understand what I mean.

1398

00:50:17,167 --> 00:50:17,750

It's this way.

1399

00:50:17,750 --> 00:50:18,910

No, I understand.

1400

00:50:18,910 --> 00:50:20,910

I just want to make sure
I understand one point.

1401

00:50:20,910 --> 00:50:21,430

Yeah.

1402
00:50:21,430 --> 00:50:23,410
Your children went
with your husband.

1403
00:50:23,410 --> 00:50:25,347
Your children were hidden.

1404
00:50:25,347 --> 00:50:27,430
The children, with my
husband, concentration camp.

1405
00:50:27,430 --> 00:50:27,880
They went.

1406
00:50:27,880 --> 00:50:29,370
And the name of the
concentration camp they

1407
00:50:29,370 --> 00:50:29,800
went to--

1408
00:50:29,800 --> 00:50:30,883
And I didn't know nothing.

1409
00:50:30,883 --> 00:50:32,090
Did they survive?

1410
00:50:32,090 --> 00:50:32,710
Nothing.

1411
00:50:32,710 --> 00:50:34,480
And I went for my walk.

1412
00:50:34,480 --> 00:50:35,775
I have a number on--

1413
00:50:35,775 --> 00:50:36,400
To the factory.

1414
00:50:36,400 --> 00:50:37,660
--to walk to the factory.

1415

00:50:37,660 --> 00:50:40,095
But now you had not been in
that factory for 10 days.

1416
00:50:40,095 --> 00:50:41,470
I was not in the
factory 10 days.

1417
00:50:41,470 --> 00:50:42,370
That's right.

1418
00:50:42,370 --> 00:50:43,780
But he took me back.

1419
00:50:43,780 --> 00:50:44,970
But he knows me.

1420
00:50:44,970 --> 00:50:45,670
He took me back.

1421
00:50:45,670 --> 00:50:49,540
But I was not on the list to go
back to the concentration camp,

1422
00:50:49,540 --> 00:50:52,120
because he had so
many, so many men.

1423
00:50:52,120 --> 00:50:55,570
He said, Mrs. Levenstein,
I will leave you here

1424
00:50:55,570 --> 00:50:58,850
in this building, but
not with the machinery.

1425
00:50:58,850 --> 00:51:01,697
But I will leave you upstairs,
because none SS man comes

1426
00:51:01,697 --> 00:51:03,280
upstairs, because
if comes the SS man,

1427
00:51:03,280 --> 00:51:04,150

what are you doing here?

1428

00:51:04,150 --> 00:51:04,780

I'm hiding.

1429

00:51:04,780 --> 00:51:05,800

You follow me?

1430

00:51:05,800 --> 00:51:10,210

And he went home with his
people where he had the list.

1431

00:51:10,210 --> 00:51:13,480

And I was standing
over there, one person,

1432

00:51:13,480 --> 00:51:18,550

alone in a tremendous
roof, on the other attic,

1433

00:51:18,550 --> 00:51:22,130

maybe three times
bigger like this room.

1434

00:51:22,130 --> 00:51:25,000

And I saw, 8 o'clock in
the morning, nobody's here.

1435

00:51:25,000 --> 00:51:26,980

I say, I'm finished.

1436

00:51:26,980 --> 00:51:28,453

I'm finished, finished.

1437

00:51:28,453 --> 00:51:29,620

The people didn't come back.

1438

00:51:29,620 --> 00:51:31,750

Who knows what's
happening in the ghetto?

1439

00:51:31,750 --> 00:51:36,320

It happened, because
nobody went out to work.

1440

00:51:36,320 --> 00:51:38,530

It took away from
people where they

1441

00:51:38,530 --> 00:51:42,430

have dresses, what they have
again jewelry, something.

1442

00:51:42,430 --> 00:51:45,070

It was everybody till 5:00.

1443

00:51:45,070 --> 00:51:46,780

Everybody was
sitting in the block.

1444

00:51:46,780 --> 00:51:50,390

And the SS man's with
everybody what they have.

1445

00:51:50,390 --> 00:51:51,160

No?

1446

00:51:51,160 --> 00:51:52,300

I didn't know about it.

1447

00:51:52,300 --> 00:51:56,080

I was sure this is the
end of my life, the end.

1448

00:51:56,080 --> 00:51:57,520

Nobody will come back.

1449

00:51:57,520 --> 00:52:00,082

Next thing, in the
morning, he comes back.

1450

00:52:00,082 --> 00:52:01,970

And he opened
the-- is you alive?

1451

00:52:01,970 --> 00:52:03,710

I say, I'm alive, but almost--

1452

00:52:03,710 --> 00:52:06,820

what do I have to do, to
jump down from the roof?

1453
00:52:06,820 --> 00:52:08,530
He told me this.

1454
00:52:08,530 --> 00:52:10,702
Now I have you on the list.

1455
00:52:10,702 --> 00:52:13,240
I have you on the
list, because I have--

1456
00:52:13,240 --> 00:52:14,450
I'll die, this, this.

1457
00:52:14,450 --> 00:52:16,360
And I have you on the list.

1458
00:52:16,360 --> 00:52:18,890
And I went home to
the concentration camp

1459
00:52:18,890 --> 00:52:20,980
with everybody.

1460
00:52:20,980 --> 00:52:24,700
And everybody came, has
a list where to live.

1461
00:52:24,700 --> 00:52:26,470
Not everybody can
go in one building.

1462
00:52:26,470 --> 00:52:30,470
I had a list to live
in bunk, bunk 11.

1463
00:52:30,470 --> 00:52:31,750
And the name was--

1464
00:52:31,750 --> 00:52:35,530
the leader from the bunk
was Mrs. Mancini Rosner.

1465

00:52:35,530 --> 00:52:37,462

I never knew her.

1466

00:52:37,462 --> 00:52:38,170

I never knew her.

1467

00:52:38,170 --> 00:52:38,870

And I came.

1468

00:52:38,870 --> 00:52:40,480

I introduced myself.

1469

00:52:40,480 --> 00:52:42,130

And I said, oh, Mrs. Levenstein?

1470

00:52:42,130 --> 00:52:43,955

Yes, I know you.

1471

00:52:43,955 --> 00:52:46,980

I just said, maybe you know
me, but I don't know you.

1472

00:52:46,980 --> 00:52:48,640

And I said, Mancini.

1473

00:52:48,640 --> 00:52:51,040

She had a son for 10 years old.

1474

00:52:51,040 --> 00:52:52,590

And her son was free.

1475

00:52:52,590 --> 00:52:58,840

But her husband was working
by the oldest men in Plaszów.

1476

00:52:58,840 --> 00:53:01,180

And he was a violin player.

1477

00:53:01,180 --> 00:53:04,390

And he a player,
they give you son.

1478

00:53:04,390 --> 00:53:05,980

You can have the son by you.

1479

00:53:05,980 --> 00:53:09,190

He said, Mrs. Levenstein,
what do you want to do?

1480

00:53:09,190 --> 00:53:10,570

Your husband was here.

1481

00:53:10,570 --> 00:53:12,470

He told me you
have two children,

1482

00:53:12,470 --> 00:53:13,750

but they're still not here.

1483

00:53:13,750 --> 00:53:16,930

He's hiding in my
husband's block.

1484

00:53:16,930 --> 00:53:18,020

He took a risk.

1485

00:53:18,020 --> 00:53:19,510

The children could be killed.

1486

00:53:19,510 --> 00:53:20,620

And my husband could kill.

1487

00:53:20,620 --> 00:53:22,590

But he said, I have
nothing to lose.

1488

00:53:22,590 --> 00:53:24,860

If I don't have-- the
children get killed,

1489

00:53:24,860 --> 00:53:28,320

I want to be killed, too.

1490

00:53:28,320 --> 00:53:29,220

I came over there.

1491

00:53:29,220 --> 00:53:30,850

It was 6 o'clock.

1492
00:53:30,850 --> 00:53:31,710
And I explained.

1493
00:53:31,710 --> 00:53:32,610
I talked with her.

1494
00:53:32,610 --> 00:53:34,580
She said, oh, I see
you are so nervous.

1495
00:53:34,580 --> 00:53:36,960
I say, of course nervous,
because I don't know what

1496
00:53:36,960 --> 00:53:38,830
is going on with my children.

1497
00:53:38,830 --> 00:53:41,890
She said, I'm going to
bring your children.

1498
00:53:41,890 --> 00:53:43,560
She brought my children.

1499
00:53:43,560 --> 00:53:46,260
And there was
bridges-- one floor,

1500
00:53:46,260 --> 00:53:47,940
second floor, the third floor.

1501
00:53:47,940 --> 00:53:50,640
She said, I give you
on the third floor.

1502
00:53:50,640 --> 00:53:52,710
And you're going out.

1503
00:53:52,710 --> 00:53:55,650
You put the quilt.
You put the pillow.

1504

00:53:55,650 --> 00:53:59,610
Nobody's on the bridge,
on this barrack.

1505
00:53:59,610 --> 00:54:02,760
But every day, in the morning,
we went out 6 o'clock.

1506
00:54:02,760 --> 00:54:05,190
And every day, in the
morning, came the SS man.

1507
00:54:05,190 --> 00:54:07,640
And I salute, heil Hitler.

1508
00:54:07,640 --> 00:54:09,120
Everybody went to work.

1509
00:54:09,120 --> 00:54:10,200
Nobody's sick.

1510
00:54:10,200 --> 00:54:12,997
If sick people, she
has to go and call up.

1511
00:54:12,997 --> 00:54:13,830
She has sick people.

1512
00:54:13,830 --> 00:54:17,320
You have to take
to the hospital.

1513
00:54:17,320 --> 00:54:22,445
And she kept my
children 14, 16 months.

1514
00:54:22,445 --> 00:54:24,570
The children were living
in the same bunk with you?

1515
00:54:24,570 --> 00:54:25,612
In the same bunk with me.

1516
00:54:25,612 --> 00:54:27,600
We were sleeping in

one bunk, three people.

1517
00:54:27,600 --> 00:54:28,650
And Isak was--

1518
00:54:28,650 --> 00:54:30,440
Isak was the men, with the men.

1519
00:54:30,440 --> 00:54:32,400
And not supposed, the
men come to the women,

1520
00:54:32,400 --> 00:54:34,650
the women not supposed
to come to the men.

1521
00:54:34,650 --> 00:54:36,110
Did you see Isak
during that time?

1522
00:54:36,110 --> 00:54:38,040
I saw him sometime, on the far.

1523
00:54:38,040 --> 00:54:39,410
Some day, he took a risk.

1524
00:54:39,410 --> 00:54:40,680
He jumped over.

1525
00:54:40,680 --> 00:54:41,350
You follow me?

1526
00:54:41,350 --> 00:54:42,140
He jumped over.

1527
00:54:42,140 --> 00:54:44,770
He's very-- and he said,
I don't care for my life.

1528
00:54:44,770 --> 00:54:47,010
I care to see the
children, to see you.

1529
00:54:47,010 --> 00:54:48,640

And he came for 10 minutes.

1530

00:54:48,640 --> 00:54:49,690
He went back.

1531

00:54:49,690 --> 00:54:51,720
He was afraid.

1532

00:54:51,720 --> 00:54:55,770
And this lady, Mancie Rosner,
she took care of my children

1533

00:54:55,770 --> 00:54:59,550
14 month, and she didn't
took from me one penny.

1534

00:54:59,550 --> 00:55:02,130
I can say now I can give
her thousands of dollars.

1535

00:55:02,130 --> 00:55:03,540
She didn't took nothing.

1536

00:55:03,540 --> 00:55:05,730
And she survived the war, too.

1537

00:55:05,730 --> 00:55:08,400
And she-- this girl
needs to have--

1538

00:55:08,400 --> 00:55:11,580
I don't know what to give
her, everything from now.

1539

00:55:11,580 --> 00:55:16,350
She lives in [PLACE NAME],, or
something, or someplace else.

1540

00:55:16,350 --> 00:55:18,240
And she-- but a
little later, after--

1541

00:55:18,240 --> 00:55:18,930
Let me ask.

1542

00:55:18,930 --> 00:55:22,360

Were there other children
also being hidden in Plaszów?

1543

00:55:22,360 --> 00:55:23,850

In Plaszów?

1544

00:55:23,850 --> 00:55:25,280

Only the other man's children.

1545

00:55:25,280 --> 00:55:26,430

Only mine children was.

1546

00:55:26,430 --> 00:55:28,230

Only two children was hiding.

1547

00:55:28,230 --> 00:55:29,160

Nobody knew.

1548

00:55:29,160 --> 00:55:30,942

They was on the list.

1549

00:55:30,942 --> 00:55:31,900

They have the children.

1550

00:55:31,900 --> 00:55:32,920

You follow me?

1551

00:55:32,920 --> 00:55:35,040

Lived there, one
time, in the ghetto.

1552

00:55:35,040 --> 00:55:37,290

They was not on the list
like the other man's children

1553

00:55:37,290 --> 00:55:38,170

was on the list.

1554

00:55:38,170 --> 00:55:40,020

They have so many
boys, so many girl.

1555

00:55:40,020 --> 00:55:45,700

My children was no
mention, doesn't exist.

1556

00:55:45,700 --> 00:55:48,550

Did they stay the entire
day upstairs [INAUDIBLE]??

1557

00:55:48,550 --> 00:55:51,720

At night time, they're sleeping
upstairs with me together.

1558

00:55:51,720 --> 00:55:54,590

And when I went out 6
o'clock in the morning,

1559

00:55:54,590 --> 00:55:58,580

6 o'clock in the morning,
I made the quilt. We had--

1560

00:55:58,580 --> 00:56:02,830

not the-- we had
quilts, the warm quilt.

1561

00:56:02,830 --> 00:56:05,560

And I covered the
children and everything.

1562

00:56:05,560 --> 00:56:09,870

Maybe they're opening the
side to get fresh air.

1563

00:56:09,870 --> 00:56:13,510

And after the SS man
came, she salute them.

1564

00:56:13,510 --> 00:56:17,310

Everybody went to
work, no sick people.

1565

00:56:17,310 --> 00:56:20,960

And a little later,
he went away.

1566

00:56:20,960 --> 00:56:23,110

She went, come on,

children, down.

1567
00:56:23,110 --> 00:56:24,370
She washed them.

1568
00:56:24,370 --> 00:56:25,780
And she gave them breakfast.

1569
00:56:25,780 --> 00:56:27,460
She dressed them,
and everything.

1570
00:56:27,460 --> 00:56:31,660
Unusually-- it's one
from the millions.

1571
00:56:31,660 --> 00:56:32,230
You mean it.

1572
00:56:32,230 --> 00:56:35,410
She took from me five
pennies, she didn't do.

1573
00:56:35,410 --> 00:56:36,460
I never forget that.

1574
00:56:36,460 --> 00:56:38,170
I'll always talk about this.

1575
00:56:38,170 --> 00:56:40,180
I'm visiting her sometime.

1576
00:56:40,180 --> 00:56:41,360
She comes sometime to me.

1577
00:56:41,360 --> 00:56:42,510
We're the best friend.

1578
00:56:42,510 --> 00:56:43,480
But she's not lucky.

1579
00:56:43,480 --> 00:56:44,860
She has one son.

1580

00:56:44,860 --> 00:56:47,850

After, the son
married a Jewish girl.

1581

00:56:47,850 --> 00:56:50,695

A little later, he divorced
her and made her [NON-ENGLISH]..

1582

00:56:50,695 --> 00:56:54,410

And she's asking
me, [NON-ENGLISH]??

1583

00:56:54,410 --> 00:56:55,700

You understand?

1584

00:56:55,700 --> 00:56:57,070

Yeah.

1585

00:56:57,070 --> 00:57:00,240

What kind of work did you do
in the concentration camp?

1586

00:57:00,240 --> 00:57:03,507

In the concentration camp, in
Plaszów, I did still the same,

1587

00:57:03,507 --> 00:57:04,340

by the same factory.

1588

00:57:04,340 --> 00:57:06,670

Where I did it, it
was in the ghetto,

1589

00:57:06,670 --> 00:57:08,770

working by socks
for the soldiers.

1590

00:57:08,770 --> 00:57:10,780

You have to give so
much, count again-- so

1591

00:57:10,780 --> 00:57:13,210

much pair of socks I
have to make in a day.

1592
00:57:13,210 --> 00:57:13,870
We did it.

1593
00:57:13,870 --> 00:57:16,600
There was also a
Jewish [INAUDIBLE]..

1594
00:57:16,600 --> 00:57:18,080
But he was not so good.

1595
00:57:18,080 --> 00:57:20,430
But he didn't let
nothing-- but he survived.

1596
00:57:20,430 --> 00:57:24,610
A little later came a time
we have to, the concentration

1597
00:57:24,610 --> 00:57:27,410
camp, Plaszów, get liquidated.

1598
00:57:27,410 --> 00:57:29,980
And from time to time,
they're sending away people

1599
00:57:29,980 --> 00:57:31,150
to Auschwitz.

1600
00:57:31,150 --> 00:57:34,570
I supposed to go in August.

1601
00:57:34,570 --> 00:57:35,800
My children was not there.

1602
00:57:35,800 --> 00:57:38,110
One time-- listen to
this, what they made it.

1603
00:57:38,110 --> 00:57:42,320
In May the 14, it
was Mother's Day.

1604
00:57:42,320 --> 00:57:44,170
We didn't knew it, nothing.

1605
00:57:44,170 --> 00:57:50,080
We was calling up everybody--
rouse, rouse from the barrack.

1606
00:57:50,080 --> 00:57:53,800
And everybody will
stay in a place,

1607
00:57:53,800 --> 00:57:56,660
3,000 people, tremendous place.

1608
00:57:56,660 --> 00:57:59,500
We didn't knew it, what's
going on behind the back.

1609
00:57:59,500 --> 00:58:03,340
Everybody went out, the ladies
separate, the men separate.

1610
00:58:03,340 --> 00:58:08,205
Put out, in all corners,
machine to sing songs--

1611
00:58:08,205 --> 00:58:09,330
microphones, you call this?

1612
00:58:09,330 --> 00:58:10,720
Yes, microphones?

1613
00:58:10,720 --> 00:58:16,060
And this time, they took
away all the children,

1614
00:58:16,060 --> 00:58:19,540
because make a week before,
they make the children go

1615
00:58:19,540 --> 00:58:24,550
to a kindergarten home, and
all the people who cannot work.

1616
00:58:24,550 --> 00:58:28,075
And we were sure that this
will stay till the end.

1617
00:58:28,075 --> 00:58:29,950
We asked him, the other
man, what's going on?

1618
00:58:29,950 --> 00:58:30,940
Your son is the--

1619
00:58:30,940 --> 00:58:32,080
we don't know nothing.

1620
00:58:32,080 --> 00:58:33,040
We don't know nothing.

1621
00:58:33,040 --> 00:58:35,740
But this Sunday,
in Mother's Day--

1622
00:58:35,740 --> 00:58:36,640
1943?

1623
00:58:36,640 --> 00:58:37,990
1943.

1624
00:58:37,990 --> 00:58:40,780
All the children,
all the people--

1625
00:58:40,780 --> 00:58:43,440
men, and women,
everyone went outside.

1626
00:58:43,440 --> 00:58:44,315
He stays in five.

1627
00:58:44,315 --> 00:58:47,050

1628
00:58:47,050 --> 00:58:50,273
The SS man run by you.

1629
00:58:50,273 --> 00:58:51,190
You are a human being.

1630
00:58:51,190 --> 00:58:52,550
You need to make it some day.

1631
00:58:52,550 --> 00:58:54,490
But I have to go
to the lady's room.

1632
00:58:54,490 --> 00:58:56,190
Do it here.

1633
00:58:56,190 --> 00:58:58,750
You cannot-- you're not
supposed to go out for a minute.

1634
00:58:58,750 --> 00:59:00,950
If you go out, we shot you.

1635
00:59:00,950 --> 00:59:05,560
We were standing since 6:00
in the morning till 7 o'clock

1636
00:59:05,560 --> 00:59:10,690
in the evening not
move, 25,000 people.

1637
00:59:10,690 --> 00:59:12,760
Matter of fact, my sister--

1638
00:59:12,760 --> 00:59:15,575
one sister, just went out.

1639
00:59:15,575 --> 00:59:16,450
She couldn't take it.

1640
00:59:16,450 --> 00:59:17,950
She almost fainted.

1641
00:59:17,950 --> 00:59:21,260
Came an SS man and give you 25.

1642
00:59:21,260 --> 00:59:25,330
They have such a-- from
leather, 25 on her tooshie.

1643

00:59:25,330 --> 00:59:30,210

And she was so swollen she
could move for three weeks.

1644

00:59:30,210 --> 00:59:32,790

So he punished her, 'cause she
went out for a few minutes.

1645

00:59:32,790 --> 00:59:35,010

She wants to run
to the lady's room.

1646

00:59:35,010 --> 00:59:36,360

He said, if you make, here.

1647

00:59:36,360 --> 00:59:38,330

She couldn't make it here.

1648

00:59:38,330 --> 00:59:42,450

And we're here, we're
here singing and singing,

1649

00:59:42,450 --> 00:59:45,300

all songs from the English--

1650

00:59:45,300 --> 00:59:48,960

not the English, everything
Germany, Germany, German.

1651

00:59:48,960 --> 00:59:50,640

Nobody know what's going on.

1652

00:59:50,640 --> 00:59:53,940

You're talking to my-- the next
girl says, what's going on?

1653

00:59:53,940 --> 00:59:55,170

Nobody knows.

1654

00:59:55,170 --> 00:59:59,130

6 o'clock, 6:30 to
7 o'clock, everybody

1655

00:59:59,130 --> 01:00:01,590

went out home to the barrack.

1656

01:00:01,590 --> 01:00:03,330

I ran to the kindergarten.

1657

01:00:03,330 --> 01:00:05,430

My children went out--

1658

01:00:05,430 --> 01:00:06,390

not my children.

1659

01:00:06,390 --> 01:00:08,460

All the children went out.

1660

01:00:08,460 --> 01:00:10,770

Only one boy was free.

1661

01:00:10,770 --> 01:00:14,340

I told you, Manci Rosen's
son, he took him back,

1662

01:00:14,340 --> 01:00:15,600

because he went to him.

1663

01:00:15,600 --> 01:00:19,530

He said, see, I play by you
this, this, save my son.

1664

01:00:19,530 --> 01:00:23,190

OK, he called him
up, and he was saved.

1665

01:00:23,190 --> 01:00:27,735

This was the end of
concentration camp in Plaszów.

1666

01:00:27,735 --> 01:00:33,030

A couple months later,
I went to-- my husband

1667

01:00:33,030 --> 01:00:39,295

was lucky, because he was a
metal worker in this document.

1668

01:00:39,295 --> 01:00:43,640
They took him to Brnenec,
to him, to Schindler.

1669
01:00:43,640 --> 01:00:45,538
Maury Ponteera, I
don't know how he went.

1670
01:00:45,538 --> 01:00:46,080
He went, too.

1671
01:00:46,080 --> 01:00:49,770
Because my husband said, when
he went to concentration camp,

1672
01:00:49,770 --> 01:00:51,830
he made in for metal factory.

1673
01:00:51,830 --> 01:00:52,830
He is also in the metal.

1674
01:00:52,830 --> 01:00:56,205
He went also to
Plaszów, to Brnenec.

1675
01:00:56,205 --> 01:01:01,380
I went to Auschwitz,
to Birkenau.

1676
01:01:01,380 --> 01:01:03,720
I was such a fool for me.

1677
01:01:03,720 --> 01:01:04,380
I believe it.

1678
01:01:04,380 --> 01:01:07,430
If I came to Birkenau,
maybe I find my children.

1679
01:01:07,430 --> 01:01:08,910
You follow me?

1680
01:01:08,910 --> 01:01:09,890
I came to Birkenau.

1681
01:01:09,890 --> 01:01:11,310
Where are children?

1682
01:01:11,310 --> 01:01:12,150
No children.

1683
01:01:12,150 --> 01:01:14,350
And then, a little later,
a lady in the block

1684
01:01:14,350 --> 01:01:16,630
said, you want children in here?

1685
01:01:16,630 --> 01:01:17,130
Children?

1686
01:01:17,130 --> 01:01:18,463
It's not the place for children.

1687
01:01:18,463 --> 01:01:20,790
Children-- you see
the gas chamber?

1688
01:01:20,790 --> 01:01:22,950
I see, over there, the children.

1689
01:01:22,950 --> 01:01:25,075
Do you remember the day
when you came to Auschwitz?

1690
01:01:25,075 --> 01:01:29,490
When I came to
Auschwitz, it was maybe

1691
01:01:29,490 --> 01:01:35,040
September the 15th, the
20th, between September,

1692
01:01:35,040 --> 01:01:37,400
the middle to the end.

1693
01:01:37,400 --> 01:01:40,700
We came to Auschwitz, to
Birkenau, first Birkenau.

1694
01:01:40,700 --> 01:01:41,450
First Birkenau.

1695
01:01:41,450 --> 01:01:42,075
First Birkenau.

1696
01:01:42,075 --> 01:01:43,590
Oh, don't ask.

1697
01:01:43,590 --> 01:01:47,360
Over there, I was dressed
in a dress and everything.

1698
01:01:47,360 --> 01:01:49,900
Everything, take away
from you, everything.

1699
01:01:49,900 --> 01:01:50,990
We came in a place.

1700
01:01:50,990 --> 01:01:54,450
They take me-- the shoes,
stocking, everything.

1701
01:01:54,450 --> 01:01:56,850
You stand-- I am
ashamed to say--

1702
01:01:56,850 --> 01:02:01,800
complete nude, complete nude,
like you got out the shower.

1703
01:02:01,800 --> 01:02:03,210
Came Mengele in.

1704
01:02:03,210 --> 01:02:08,280
Mengele is the doctor who he
selected who has to go to the--

1705
01:02:08,280 --> 01:02:17,267