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00:00:30,930 --> 00:00:32,110

Good afternoon.

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00:00:32,110 --> 00:00:33,870

My name is Nancy Kislin.

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I'm a member of the Kean
College Oral Testimonies Project

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of the Holocaust
Resource Center.

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Sharing the interview with
me is Marcia Weisberg.

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We are privileged to welcome
Lisa Reibel, a survivor

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presently living in Elizabeth,
who has generously volunteered

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00:00:57,150 --> 00:00:59,700

to give testimony
about her experiences

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00:00:59,700 --> 00:01:03,000
before, during, and
after the Holocaust.

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00:01:03,000 --> 00:01:04,540
Welcome, Lisa.

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00:01:04,540 --> 00:01:05,650
Welcome.

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00:01:05,650 --> 00:01:08,310
I would like to start
this with telling us

17
00:01:08,310 --> 00:01:12,480
a little bit about your life
before the Holocaust came.

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00:01:12,480 --> 00:01:15,850
Where you were and
your family life.

19
00:01:15,850 --> 00:01:17,160
We lived in Novogradok.

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00:01:17,160 --> 00:01:20,490
And it was Poland until 1939.

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00:01:20,490 --> 00:01:23,020
And then Poland was the
Jews had it very good.

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00:01:23,020 --> 00:01:27,530
They got along nicely, and
had schools, private schools,

23
00:01:27,530 --> 00:01:32,130
and different kinds of schools.

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00:01:32,130 --> 00:01:36,210
And then you were free and
everything was all right.

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00:01:36,210 --> 00:01:39,600
But then 1939, came
in the Russians.

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00:01:39,600 --> 00:01:42,990
And then they had to change
from a Hebrew school in Polish.

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00:01:42,990 --> 00:01:47,100
We had to change from
a Jewish in Russian.

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00:01:47,100 --> 00:01:51,240
But in 1941, the
Germans came in.

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00:01:51,240 --> 00:01:55,150
An that is when all
the trouble started.

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00:01:55,150 --> 00:01:59,030
Did you have
brothers and sisters?

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00:01:59,030 --> 00:02:00,880
We came from a family of six.

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00:02:00,880 --> 00:02:04,860
We were four children
and our parents.

33
00:02:04,860 --> 00:02:07,980
My older sister got
killed later on.

34
00:02:07,980 --> 00:02:11,250
I'll tell you later
the way it happened.

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00:02:11,250 --> 00:02:12,290
We reared the children.

36
00:02:12,290 --> 00:02:13,500
And we had it very well.

37
00:02:13,500 --> 00:02:18,480
My husband and my father had
two beautiful businesses for us.

38
00:02:18,480 --> 00:02:20,790
And we used to make fur coats.

39
00:02:20,790 --> 00:02:23,430
And my mother was
just helping him out.

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00:02:23,430 --> 00:02:24,620
We had a maid.

41
00:02:24,620 --> 00:02:28,300
All four children went
to private schools

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00:02:28,300 --> 00:02:30,810
and in summertime to camps.

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00:02:30,810 --> 00:02:34,380
Everything was just beautiful.

44
00:02:34,380 --> 00:02:36,120
And my mother had
a family, you know.

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00:02:36,120 --> 00:02:38,970
She had three sisters
and a brother.

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00:02:38,970 --> 00:02:40,470
And we were a whole family.

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00:02:40,470 --> 00:02:42,090

And from the whole
family remained

48
00:02:42,090 --> 00:02:50,380
just my father, rest in peace.
he died in '72, five years ago,

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00:02:50,380 --> 00:02:55,800
and my sister Rae Kushner and I.

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00:02:55,800 --> 00:02:57,780
Your life in your town.

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00:02:57,780 --> 00:02:59,120
What was the name of your town?

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00:02:59,120 --> 00:03:00,900
Novogradok.

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00:03:00,900 --> 00:03:01,710
In Poland?

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00:03:01,710 --> 00:03:02,870
In Poland.

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00:03:02,870 --> 00:03:06,050
And then they had the
shows, beautiful synagogues.

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00:03:06,050 --> 00:03:10,440
It was a big synagogue
and small synagogues.

57
00:03:10,440 --> 00:03:15,720
And life was just wonderful,
Jewish shows and everything

58
00:03:15,720 --> 00:03:19,240
that you wanted to have we had
when we were alive [INAUDIBLE]..

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00:03:19,240 --> 00:03:23,010

How is your relationship
with the Gentile community?

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00:03:23,010 --> 00:03:25,350
Well it wasn't such
a good relationship

61
00:03:25,350 --> 00:03:28,920
because they were always
jealous of the Jews.

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00:03:28,920 --> 00:03:33,320
Even it seem like now, they
are jealous of the Jews.

63
00:03:33,320 --> 00:03:38,540
And I came as super came
in this week, you know,

64
00:03:38,540 --> 00:03:40,410
to my husband to talk something.

65
00:03:40,410 --> 00:03:43,840
So he says, Joe, what's going
to happen if all the Jews are

66
00:03:43,840 --> 00:03:45,520
going to go to Israel.

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00:03:45,520 --> 00:03:50,050
There won't being no banks,
no schools, no apartments.

68
00:03:50,050 --> 00:03:50,820
You see.

69
00:03:50,820 --> 00:03:52,670
This is the experience.

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00:03:52,670 --> 00:03:54,690
And he happens to be a nice man.

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00:03:54,690 --> 00:03:57,400

So you can imagine what
other people think about.

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00:03:57,400 --> 00:04:00,780

And I just wonder what
kind of city was it?

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00:04:00,780 --> 00:04:01,440

Where was it?

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00:04:01,440 --> 00:04:03,960

Was it near Warsaw?

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00:04:03,960 --> 00:04:06,100

This was near White Russia.

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00:04:06,100 --> 00:04:07,770

Near White Russia.

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00:04:07,770 --> 00:04:10,020

Before it was Poland, but
then it became White Russia.

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00:04:10,020 --> 00:04:11,200

It went back and forth.

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00:04:11,200 --> 00:04:13,710

And then in 1941,
the Germans came in.

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00:04:13,710 --> 00:04:15,480

So you spoke Polish and Yiddish?

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00:04:15,480 --> 00:04:16,709

Polish and Yiddish

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00:04:16,709 --> 00:04:17,850

Russian?

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00:04:17,850 --> 00:04:22,019

Russian, yeah I remember a

little bit but not too much.

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00:04:22,019 --> 00:04:24,450

How often did you go
to a religious school?

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00:04:24,450 --> 00:04:31,010

Well I used to go to a school
that had Hebrew and had Polish.

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00:04:31,010 --> 00:04:33,040

And then later I had to have--

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00:04:33,040 --> 00:04:39,140

we had Jewish and had Russian.

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00:04:39,140 --> 00:04:42,360

You mentioned that this
man mentioned Israel?

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00:04:42,360 --> 00:04:45,570

Was that something that you
and your family spoke about?

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00:04:45,570 --> 00:04:47,160

Israel.

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00:04:47,160 --> 00:04:47,660

No.

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00:04:47,660 --> 00:04:49,710

But we meant it he
asked me if we wanted

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00:04:49,710 --> 00:04:52,150

to go to Israel after the war.

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00:04:52,150 --> 00:04:53,793

But this was the
only place that they

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00:04:53,793 --> 00:04:55,960

we wanted to go because we
didn't have anywhere else

96
00:04:55,960 --> 00:04:57,210
to go.

97
00:04:57,210 --> 00:05:00,840
Because, in Israel,
they didn't let you go.

98
00:05:00,840 --> 00:05:02,380
So then you went--

99
00:05:02,380 --> 00:05:08,322
they took us in camps
and tried to get us

100
00:05:08,322 --> 00:05:12,570
as much as possible
close to the borders.

101
00:05:12,570 --> 00:05:15,060
Like you know In Italy and
I like the border in Italy

102
00:05:15,060 --> 00:05:17,160
to get in Holland
and say we wanted

103
00:05:17,160 --> 00:05:19,410
to give us a home for the Jews.

104
00:05:19,410 --> 00:05:20,860
That was after the war though.

105
00:05:20,860 --> 00:05:21,360
Yeah.

106
00:05:21,360 --> 00:05:23,760
This was after the war.

107
00:05:23,760 --> 00:05:25,560

Let's go back.

108
00:05:25,560 --> 00:05:30,100
What would you say is your
fondest memory of your life

109
00:05:30,100 --> 00:05:30,820
in your town?

110
00:05:30,820 --> 00:05:36,620
My school and we had
a certain things.

111
00:05:36,620 --> 00:05:41,260
I was only about between
13 and 13.5 years old.

112
00:05:41,260 --> 00:05:46,300
And they came and we used
to go away for the summer.

113
00:05:46,300 --> 00:05:47,640
Sometimes with our parents.

114
00:05:47,640 --> 00:05:50,350
And you had cousins
you had family.

115
00:05:50,350 --> 00:05:52,600
Now, we have almost nobody.

116
00:05:52,600 --> 00:05:54,650
You had grandparents?

117
00:05:54,650 --> 00:05:59,280
I had a grandfather
and a grandmother.

118
00:05:59,280 --> 00:06:03,590
My grandmother died
when she was about 87.

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00:06:03,590 --> 00:06:05,570
Where was your father from?

120
00:06:05,570 --> 00:06:07,550
My father comes
from the same city.

121
00:06:07,550 --> 00:06:08,840
And your mother?

122
00:06:08,840 --> 00:06:10,730
My mother?

123
00:06:10,730 --> 00:06:14,120
I don't think so I'm not sure.

124
00:06:14,120 --> 00:06:15,420
But she wasn't.

125
00:06:15,420 --> 00:06:16,550
But then they moved in.

126
00:06:16,550 --> 00:06:17,740
She had a sister.

127
00:06:17,740 --> 00:06:18,890
So she came to her sister.

128
00:06:18,890 --> 00:06:21,710
Then she met my husband--

129
00:06:21,710 --> 00:06:23,690
my father.

130
00:06:23,690 --> 00:06:26,550
And then she got involved.

131
00:06:26,550 --> 00:06:29,000
She went to marry my father.

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00:06:29,000 --> 00:06:31,340

My father was poor.

133
00:06:31,340 --> 00:06:34,130
And my mother side
was very rich people.

134
00:06:34,130 --> 00:06:39,323
He said, I'll give you more
money and find another fellow.

135
00:06:39,323 --> 00:06:40,740
So she was
[? living. ?] She says,

136
00:06:40,740 --> 00:06:42,573
why do you have to give
it to somebody else?

137
00:06:42,573 --> 00:06:43,490
Give me the money--

138
00:06:43,490 --> 00:06:46,710
give him the money and
it will be all right.

139
00:06:46,710 --> 00:06:48,657
And then he made a
good living as a--

140
00:06:48,657 --> 00:06:49,490
[INTERPOSING VOICES]

141
00:06:49,490 --> 00:06:51,020
She took the money.

142
00:06:51,020 --> 00:06:53,412
My mother helped her out.

143
00:06:53,412 --> 00:06:54,620
Who bought all the fur coats?

144
00:06:54,620 --> 00:06:56,270

Jewish ladies or--

145
00:06:56,270 --> 00:06:57,080
Mostly.

146
00:06:57,080 --> 00:06:58,180
Mostly Jewish ladies.

147
00:06:58,180 --> 00:06:59,710
They didn't find
much in the city.

148
00:06:59,710 --> 00:07:03,948
So you had to get
and but then for one.

149
00:07:03,948 --> 00:07:05,740
And then they use to
take them to a tailor.

150
00:07:05,740 --> 00:07:06,880
And they used to make them.

151
00:07:06,880 --> 00:07:07,920
It was made to order.

152
00:07:07,920 --> 00:07:12,130

153
00:07:12,130 --> 00:07:14,350
What did you do on
Jewish holidays?

154
00:07:14,350 --> 00:07:15,930
Did you all get together?

155
00:07:15,930 --> 00:07:17,560
Well yeah you get together.

156
00:07:17,560 --> 00:07:20,530
Then we used to go
to the synagogue.

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00:07:20,530 --> 00:07:26,365

The children used to play around
the synagogue and in school

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00:07:26,365 --> 00:07:27,950

You were kosher?

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00:07:27,950 --> 00:07:28,500

Yeah.

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00:07:28,500 --> 00:07:30,280

You were kosher.

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00:07:30,280 --> 00:07:34,880

You had many Jewish
girlfriends where you lived?

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00:07:34,880 --> 00:07:37,150

You're raised.

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00:07:37,150 --> 00:07:38,005

You're born.

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00:07:38,005 --> 00:07:39,880

And then you're raised
with the same children

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00:07:39,880 --> 00:07:41,200

that you were born with.

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00:07:41,200 --> 00:07:44,000

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00:07:44,000 --> 00:07:48,220

My daughter has an
eight-year-old son.

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00:07:48,220 --> 00:07:49,900

169

00:07:49,900 --> 00:07:52,880
So he said, grandpa died.

170
00:07:52,880 --> 00:07:57,730
My father passed away five
years ago, here in Elizabeth.

171
00:07:57,730 --> 00:08:00,030
So he was missing it so much.

172
00:08:00,030 --> 00:08:03,295
Every time, bring grandpa, bring
grandpa, because he has nobody.

173
00:08:03,295 --> 00:08:06,260

174
00:08:06,260 --> 00:08:09,190
My great grandpa.

175
00:08:09,190 --> 00:08:14,560
So my daughter probably told
him that grandpa's in heaven.

176
00:08:14,560 --> 00:08:16,410
So now my aunt died.

177
00:08:16,410 --> 00:08:18,120
You know, my sister-in-law died.

178
00:08:18,120 --> 00:08:20,290
Maybe [INAUDIBLE].

179
00:08:20,290 --> 00:08:22,270
She died, so the
little one says,

180
00:08:22,270 --> 00:08:25,510
mommy, maybe she can talk
a little bit with grandpa

181
00:08:25,510 --> 00:08:27,490

about coming back.

182
00:08:27,490 --> 00:08:31,000
You know, he was the
only one, you know.

183
00:08:31,000 --> 00:08:34,230

184
00:08:34,230 --> 00:08:36,630
You mentioned that
your family would

185
00:08:36,630 --> 00:08:38,580
go on vacations in the summer.

186
00:08:38,580 --> 00:08:39,770
Where would you go?

187
00:08:39,770 --> 00:08:44,830
It used to be like 30
kilometer, not too far.

188
00:08:44,830 --> 00:08:48,210
And there used to be
a forest, because you

189
00:08:48,210 --> 00:08:51,060
used to play in the forest.

190
00:08:51,060 --> 00:08:56,850
And you know, the Shabbos was
beautiful with the children,

191
00:08:56,850 --> 00:09:00,270
with grandchildren
and with everybody.

192
00:09:00,270 --> 00:09:02,300
But when you have it and
then you don't have it,

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00:09:02,300 --> 00:09:03,960
you never forget it.

194
00:09:03,960 --> 00:09:11,323
Like I -- even my children
know, they know lot about it.

195
00:09:11,323 --> 00:09:12,990
I asked, my older
daughter, she said you

196
00:09:12,990 --> 00:09:16,980
going to make a tape in heaven.

197
00:09:16,980 --> 00:09:19,470
She says, mommy,
there's the best thing

198
00:09:19,470 --> 00:09:22,890
I would love to get something.

199
00:09:22,890 --> 00:09:25,916
You mentioned the
Jewish theater.

200
00:09:25,916 --> 00:09:26,690
Yes.

201
00:09:26,690 --> 00:09:29,330
Did you used to go
to see the plays?

202
00:09:29,330 --> 00:09:31,368
Well, at that time
I didn't go much--

203
00:09:31,368 --> 00:09:32,160
You were too young?

204
00:09:32,160 --> 00:09:34,610
Unless there was something
for the children.

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00:09:34,610 --> 00:09:36,650

But everything was
on Friday nights.

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00:09:36,650 --> 00:09:40,580

You saw in the city
it's Shabbos, you know.

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00:09:40,580 --> 00:09:43,240

People used to get dressed
beautifully for Shabbos

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00:09:43,240 --> 00:09:44,995

and go to shul [INAUDIBLE].

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00:09:44,995 --> 00:09:47,950

They had cantors you know.

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00:09:47,950 --> 00:09:49,660

One shul was the biggest shul.

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00:09:49,660 --> 00:09:53,280

It was called [PLACE NAME]
And there were small shuls.

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00:09:53,280 --> 00:09:56,280

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00:09:56,280 --> 00:09:58,130

And where did you go to school?

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00:09:58,130 --> 00:09:59,830

You say you went
to private school?

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00:09:59,830 --> 00:10:02,018

It's called a [INAUDIBLE].

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00:10:02,018 --> 00:10:02,935

What do you remember--

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00:10:02,935 --> 00:10:06,860

The principal from my
school saved his life.

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00:10:06,860 --> 00:10:08,490

He lost his wife
and the children,

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00:10:08,490 --> 00:10:09,670

but he saved his life.

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00:10:09,670 --> 00:10:13,550

And he lives in Israel.

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00:10:13,550 --> 00:10:14,720

And somebody told me this.

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00:10:14,720 --> 00:10:18,220

Only, he was a very
handsome man, the principal.

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00:10:18,220 --> 00:10:21,620

So somebody told me they
saw him not long ago.

224

00:10:21,620 --> 00:10:24,510

And I thought that if
I got to Israel again,

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00:10:24,510 --> 00:10:27,150

it's what I would
like to see is him.

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00:10:27,150 --> 00:10:27,650

Mm.

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00:10:27,650 --> 00:10:30,370

That would be nice.

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00:10:30,370 --> 00:10:34,720

What is the first time that you
remember something antisemitic

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00:10:34,720 --> 00:10:36,340
happening to you or your family?

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00:10:36,340 --> 00:10:39,180

231

00:10:39,180 --> 00:10:42,500
This was in 1941.

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00:10:42,500 --> 00:10:50,620
They used to say, kill the
Jews, the Jews have everything.

233

00:10:50,620 --> 00:10:52,150
Is that while you
were growing up?

234

00:10:52,150 --> 00:10:52,650
Yeah.

235

00:10:52,650 --> 00:10:55,230

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00:10:55,230 --> 00:10:58,840
You see, they had
6,000 Jews, but there

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00:10:58,840 --> 00:11:01,510
were very little
Christians Not too many.

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00:11:01,510 --> 00:11:06,390
And this was like a
little Jewish town.

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00:11:06,390 --> 00:11:08,340
Did you feel safe?

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00:11:08,340 --> 00:11:10,460
Did you feel secure?

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00:11:10,460 --> 00:11:15,360
Mm, when you are kids,
you don't realize so much.

242
00:11:15,360 --> 00:11:17,430
But the parents
also didn't realize.

243
00:11:17,430 --> 00:11:21,660
Nobody realized that people
could do something like this.

244
00:11:21,660 --> 00:11:23,810
It's not understandable.

245
00:11:23,810 --> 00:11:26,640
You were very little,
but do you remember

246
00:11:26,640 --> 00:11:31,200
the first time you ever heard
about Hitler and Germany?

247
00:11:31,200 --> 00:11:33,430
What did you hear?

248
00:11:33,430 --> 00:11:36,040
Do you remember anything?

249
00:11:36,040 --> 00:11:39,390
Well, I know in Germany
there was a Hitler.

250
00:11:39,390 --> 00:11:42,810
You see, they didn't take us
into any concentration camps

251
00:11:42,810 --> 00:11:45,460
like they had Dachau
and Auschwitz.

252
00:11:45,460 --> 00:11:49,200
They did everything in the

city, the city where we live.

253

00:11:49,200 --> 00:11:52,470

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00:11:52,470 --> 00:11:55,800

Maybe you should tell us a
little bit about when things

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00:11:55,800 --> 00:11:58,330

started to change in your town.

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00:11:58,330 --> 00:12:01,590

The change started changing
when the Germans came in

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00:12:01,590 --> 00:12:04,790

about after two months.

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00:12:04,790 --> 00:12:09,670

It was quiet, but you saw a
different spirit against Jews.

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00:12:09,670 --> 00:12:12,200

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00:12:12,200 --> 00:12:14,240

But there was somebody
did something.

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00:12:14,240 --> 00:12:15,300

They said the Jew.

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00:12:15,300 --> 00:12:18,570

Everything they said on the Jew.

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00:12:18,570 --> 00:12:20,690

The worst part came when--

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00:12:20,690 --> 00:12:23,520

I told you, should I
repeat what I said?

265
00:12:23,520 --> 00:12:32,400
I told you that in
July 1941, the Germans

266
00:12:32,400 --> 00:12:35,620
decided to kill some Jews.

267
00:12:35,620 --> 00:12:47,050
And they had a lot
of soldiers already,

268
00:12:47,050 --> 00:12:49,105
and you could see
in their spirits,

269
00:12:49,105 --> 00:12:51,936
they were happy to do it.

270
00:12:51,936 --> 00:12:54,870
Not because the Germans
told them to do it.

271
00:12:54,870 --> 00:12:56,360
People were happy to do it.

272
00:12:56,360 --> 00:12:56,960
You say they?

273
00:12:56,960 --> 00:12:58,530
You mean the Polish police?

274
00:12:58,530 --> 00:12:59,570
Yes.

275
00:12:59,570 --> 00:13:00,870
They didn't have much Poles.

276
00:13:00,870 --> 00:13:03,680
It was Germans.

277

00:13:03,680 --> 00:13:09,830
And then in 1942, the
first thing they did

278
00:13:09,830 --> 00:13:13,340
is they said it to the
police and more Germans, too.

279
00:13:13,340 --> 00:13:16,220
You have to go
from house to house

280
00:13:16,220 --> 00:13:19,620
and see if you can find
any professional people.

281
00:13:19,620 --> 00:13:22,040
I want 50 professional people--

282
00:13:22,040 --> 00:13:24,230
doctors, lawyers.

283
00:13:24,230 --> 00:13:27,980
There was a lot of better
educated people in our city.

284
00:13:27,980 --> 00:13:29,720
They used to go to
another city maybe

285
00:13:29,720 --> 00:13:31,240
to finish college
or law school--

286
00:13:31,240 --> 00:13:32,380
To go to university?

287
00:13:32,380 --> 00:13:35,130
But they were a lot
of educated people.

288
00:13:35,130 --> 00:13:38,120
So they wanted to pull out the

Jewish professional people?

289

00:13:38,120 --> 00:13:41,470

The Jewish, all professionals.

290

00:13:41,470 --> 00:13:44,870

The accountants,
whatever you can get.

291

00:13:44,870 --> 00:13:47,630

But nobody expected
them to kill them.

292

00:13:47,630 --> 00:13:48,213

Some went.

293

00:13:48,213 --> 00:13:48,880

Do they want me?

294

00:13:48,880 --> 00:13:50,800

I'll go.

295

00:13:50,800 --> 00:13:53,300

They didn't realize,
this was the first thing

296

00:13:53,300 --> 00:13:55,730

that happened in our city.

297

00:13:55,730 --> 00:14:00,260

And then they picked
out the 50 people,

298

00:14:00,260 --> 00:14:02,680

and they put them on the market.

299

00:14:02,680 --> 00:14:06,740

They put them face to face so
I can't see the way he is shot,

300

00:14:06,740 --> 00:14:11,390

and he can see the

way he is shot.

301

00:14:11,390 --> 00:14:15,800

And they killed them--
all the 50 people.

302

00:14:15,800 --> 00:14:19,010

And they weren't dead--

303

00:14:19,010 --> 00:14:21,170

one of them moved a little
bit, so they thought,

304

00:14:21,170 --> 00:14:25,090

maybe he's still alive,
so they killed him again.

305

00:14:25,090 --> 00:14:31,530

And the blood was falling, and
there's nothing you could do.

306

00:14:31,530 --> 00:14:33,320

You were helpless.

307

00:14:33,320 --> 00:14:36,260

And so many people, like
the wives or the children

308

00:14:36,260 --> 00:14:37,820

were standing in
the window looking

309

00:14:37,820 --> 00:14:43,430

for their father or their
grandfather, for their sons.

310

00:14:43,430 --> 00:14:46,720

And they were laying
all dead in the market.

311

00:14:46,720 --> 00:14:48,410

And they let them stay--

312

00:14:48,410 --> 00:14:51,140
lay there for a couple hours.

313

00:14:51,140 --> 00:14:55,340
Til-- they let them
stay for a couple hours.

314

00:14:55,340 --> 00:14:58,030
And a lot of Russian
and Polish people

315

00:14:58,030 --> 00:14:59,510
walked around the market.

316

00:14:59,510 --> 00:15:03,152
like to see a show.

317

00:15:03,152 --> 00:15:04,820
Then after about
three hours they

318

00:15:04,820 --> 00:15:08,600
ordered the Jewish people
should bring in the vagrants.

319

00:15:08,600 --> 00:15:10,460
And they brought
in three vagrants,

320

00:15:10,460 --> 00:15:12,340
and they put in each vagrants.

321

00:15:12,340 --> 00:15:16,470
You know, it was just like
pieces of wood from the sides.

322

00:15:16,470 --> 00:15:18,890
And they put in the vagrants.

323

00:15:18,890 --> 00:15:22,340
The heads were
hanging and the blood

324
00:15:22,340 --> 00:15:25,460
was pouring the whole road.

325
00:15:25,460 --> 00:15:28,370
And they took it
to the Main Street,

326
00:15:28,370 --> 00:15:30,590
where the main synagogue was.

327
00:15:30,590 --> 00:15:35,420
And passed them, and then
they reached the field.

328
00:15:35,420 --> 00:15:39,700
They said to them,
you dig the graves.

329
00:15:39,700 --> 00:15:42,710
And to put them on the graves.

330
00:15:42,710 --> 00:15:46,010
So when we saw the experience
and what they are doing,

331
00:15:46,010 --> 00:15:49,160
we couldn't realize what
they are going to do next.

332
00:15:49,160 --> 00:15:50,640
What did happen next?

333
00:15:50,640 --> 00:15:55,570

334
00:15:55,570 --> 00:16:05,560
In December the 5th, they
put signs on each pole.

335
00:16:05,560 --> 00:16:10,360
The Jews have to gather

in the courthouse,

336

00:16:10,360 --> 00:16:13,690

because the courthouse was
a little bigger building

337

00:16:13,690 --> 00:16:15,850

than a regular building.

338

00:16:15,850 --> 00:16:19,300

And they had a lot of
rooms, a lot of exits.

339

00:16:19,300 --> 00:16:23,880

And they said in every house you
have to go, take what you can,

340

00:16:23,880 --> 00:16:24,650

the Jew.

341

00:16:24,650 --> 00:16:27,220

But what can you take, or a
dress or a [? poor suit, ?]

342

00:16:27,220 --> 00:16:28,218

What can you take?

343

00:16:28,218 --> 00:16:29,380

Anything.

344

00:16:29,380 --> 00:16:33,750

And everybody should
come to the courthouse.

345

00:16:33,750 --> 00:16:39,220

Next day they told all the
people from the courthouse

346

00:16:39,220 --> 00:16:43,190

to come out in the yard.

347

00:16:43,190 --> 00:16:47,110

All the people was
standing, like in a line.

348
00:16:47,110 --> 00:16:50,360
Because you couldn't send-- they
put us everybody in the line.

349
00:16:50,360 --> 00:16:55,500
And the trucks were coming and
they used to load these people

350
00:16:55,500 --> 00:17:00,550
and take it to the grave
that they prepared for them.

351
00:17:00,550 --> 00:17:01,970
And they made a grave.

352
00:17:01,970 --> 00:17:06,010
A grave, and in the middle
is like some box, room.

353
00:17:06,010 --> 00:17:07,210
So you can walk.

354
00:17:07,210 --> 00:17:07,980
And they walk.

355
00:17:07,980 --> 00:17:10,060
And then when they kill--
when they shot you,

356
00:17:10,060 --> 00:17:12,730
all you fall to the right
or you fall to the left.

357
00:17:12,730 --> 00:17:13,240
Very neat.

358
00:17:13,240 --> 00:17:15,182
Neat.

359

00:17:15,182 --> 00:17:15,890
So what happened?

360
00:17:15,890 --> 00:17:17,060
You are alive.

361
00:17:17,060 --> 00:17:21,310
It doesn't pay to talk
so much about this,

362
00:17:21,310 --> 00:17:25,268
because there's so many
people who don't believe it.

363
00:17:25,268 --> 00:17:26,560
They think this never happened.

364
00:17:26,560 --> 00:17:29,630
We believe it and we'd
like to hear about it.

365
00:17:29,630 --> 00:17:33,500
So, after we got in line,
and they were taking trucks.

366
00:17:33,500 --> 00:17:37,760
And we were standing, my
sisters, my brother, my father,

367
00:17:37,760 --> 00:17:39,110
were standing in line.

368
00:17:39,110 --> 00:17:41,860
And then she says, my
mother, to both girls.

369
00:17:41,860 --> 00:17:43,080
To Rae and other sister.

370
00:17:43,080 --> 00:17:47,000
She says run, one to the right,
one to the left so at least one

371
00:17:47,000 --> 00:17:48,480
will remain alive.

372
00:17:48,480 --> 00:17:51,220
She said at least there's
going to be somebody

373
00:17:51,220 --> 00:17:54,100
who will get out alive.

374
00:17:54,100 --> 00:17:56,540
In the meanwhile,
a fellow that went

375
00:17:56,540 --> 00:18:00,580
to Catholic school, a
Catholic, he became a policeman

376
00:18:00,580 --> 00:18:02,220
for the Germans.

377
00:18:02,220 --> 00:18:04,300
He saw running Irene.

378
00:18:04,300 --> 00:18:06,128
He went inside.

379
00:18:06,128 --> 00:18:07,170
He took off her fur coat.

380
00:18:07,170 --> 00:18:12,940
She wore a beautiful fur coat,
and took her out to get killed.

381
00:18:12,940 --> 00:18:15,940
In the meanwhile-- and
see how life turns?

382
00:18:15,940 --> 00:18:18,553
She was saved, so
she was killed.

383

00:18:18,553 --> 00:18:20,720

In the meanwhile, came the
police [? in the water ?]

384

00:18:20,720 --> 00:18:22,610

and the Germans came.

385

00:18:22,610 --> 00:18:25,760

And the [? Holland, ?]
where's my furriers?

386

00:18:25,760 --> 00:18:29,840

So they said, the
furriers are dead.

387

00:18:29,840 --> 00:18:32,830

So my mother was standing
there, so she said,

388

00:18:32,830 --> 00:18:35,020

my husband is a furrier.

389

00:18:35,020 --> 00:18:36,760

He says, where your family?

390

00:18:36,760 --> 00:18:37,930

Get together.

391

00:18:37,930 --> 00:18:41,850

So then my brother, I, my
sister, and my father's brother

392

00:18:41,850 --> 00:18:43,710

was standing with his wife, too.

393

00:18:43,710 --> 00:18:46,020

Them, she said, also
furrier, and she took us

394

00:18:46,020 --> 00:18:48,030

in into the courthouse.

395

00:18:48,030 --> 00:18:51,280

In the meanwhile, they took
us in through this door.

396

00:18:51,280 --> 00:18:56,160

And they pulled out my sister to
kill her from that other door.

397

00:18:56,160 --> 00:18:58,160

Older sister.

398

00:18:58,160 --> 00:19:01,317

The one that this Catholic had
pulled out and taken her fur

399

00:19:01,317 --> 00:19:03,820

coat.

400

00:19:03,820 --> 00:19:06,550

So why did they
want the furriers?

401

00:19:06,550 --> 00:19:08,890

To make for them fur
coats, to fix it.

402

00:19:08,890 --> 00:19:10,610

They had-- later, they had to--

403

00:19:10,610 --> 00:19:13,550

I'll tell you about this.

404

00:19:13,550 --> 00:19:21,850

So in 1942-- in 1941, was
killed about 5,000 people.

405

00:19:21,850 --> 00:19:22,770

Out of 6,000.

406

00:19:22,770 --> 00:19:24,370

6,000.

407

00:19:24,370 --> 00:19:26,160

This all happened in 1941?

408

00:19:26,160 --> 00:19:26,780

1941.

409

00:19:26,780 --> 00:19:27,280

OK.

410

00:19:27,280 --> 00:19:38,700

411

00:19:38,700 --> 00:19:43,260

Then they took us to a small
place where there was Jews.

412

00:19:43,260 --> 00:19:44,700

And we lived there.

413

00:19:44,700 --> 00:19:46,890

And we used to go to work.

414

00:19:46,890 --> 00:19:49,700

Some people, they used
to take like a 100 people

415

00:19:49,700 --> 00:19:53,110

to-- but the prison
was in the back of it.

416

00:19:53,110 --> 00:19:55,140

And us, for instance
we were working

417

00:19:55,140 --> 00:19:58,660

in [INAUDIBLE] we used to
go to the court to work.

418

00:19:58,660 --> 00:20:00,210

And there was a man.

419

00:20:00,210 --> 00:20:02,300

Suddenly, we get up
one morning and we

420

00:20:02,300 --> 00:20:05,940

see there's a strange
man in ghetto.

421

00:20:05,940 --> 00:20:07,830

And the German told me--

422

00:20:07,830 --> 00:20:09,960

I don't know why he talk
to me, but he told me

423

00:20:09,960 --> 00:20:12,190

you take care on him.

424

00:20:12,190 --> 00:20:14,010

So he lived in the
office, you know.

425

00:20:14,010 --> 00:20:16,600

They brought him
food, everything good,

426

00:20:16,600 --> 00:20:19,700

and I had to clean him
and take care on him.

427

00:20:19,700 --> 00:20:22,110

Was he an older man?

428

00:20:22,110 --> 00:20:23,080

Yeah, not too old.

429

00:20:23,080 --> 00:20:25,710

Maybe in his late 50s.

430

00:20:25,710 --> 00:20:29,340

You lived your whole
family in one room?

431

00:20:29,340 --> 00:20:31,110

This time we went--

432

00:20:31,110 --> 00:20:32,360

she took us to another ghetto.

433

00:20:32,360 --> 00:20:34,390

There was like in a room.

434

00:20:34,390 --> 00:20:36,210

Because it was

houses, little houses,

435

00:20:36,210 --> 00:20:38,610

and as many people

could get in the house,

436

00:20:38,610 --> 00:20:40,200

so many people live there.

437

00:20:40,200 --> 00:20:43,170

So how many people

were in your house?

438

00:20:43,170 --> 00:20:43,946

Maybe a lot.

439

00:20:43,946 --> 00:20:44,720

I can't remember.

440

00:20:44,720 --> 00:20:49,410

Did the Germans appoint

some of the Jews

441

00:20:49,410 --> 00:20:51,190

to be in charge of the ghetto?

442

00:20:51,190 --> 00:20:53,070

Yeah.

443

00:20:53,070 --> 00:20:57,670

They appointed some Jews, and
they became like policemen

444
00:20:57,670 --> 00:20:59,010
in the ghetto.

445
00:20:59,010 --> 00:21:02,190
If like every morning he
wanted to count the Jews.

446
00:21:02,190 --> 00:21:05,490
They used to just tell them
and they used to do it.

447
00:21:05,490 --> 00:21:08,250
And when we lived
there in that place,

448
00:21:08,250 --> 00:21:11,840
then they brought in
from the small cities--

449
00:21:11,840 --> 00:21:13,380
I have the names if you want--

450
00:21:13,380 --> 00:21:15,390
from the small cities.

451
00:21:15,390 --> 00:21:20,190
And everything they brought in
to the big city, to Novogradok.

452
00:21:20,190 --> 00:21:23,940
And then one day the German--
this was in December and it was

453
00:21:23,940 --> 00:21:26,030
very cold--

454
00:21:26,030 --> 00:21:37,150
and the German man.

455

00:21:37,150 --> 00:21:41,820
And he took all the care
and the whole way things

456
00:21:41,820 --> 00:21:44,150
with the Jewish police.

457
00:21:44,150 --> 00:21:48,150
And he called up the
Mr-- what's his name?

458
00:21:48,150 --> 00:21:50,230
Mr. Reiter.

459
00:21:50,230 --> 00:21:51,620
Reiter was his name.

460
00:21:51,620 --> 00:21:53,750
And he called up Mr.
Reiter to the ghetto

461
00:21:53,750 --> 00:21:55,850
and he said send
me in three people

462
00:21:55,850 --> 00:21:57,410
because I have to dig out--

463
00:21:57,410 --> 00:22:01,010
they have to dig out the pipe
because the water is too cold.

464
00:22:01,010 --> 00:22:03,700
It doesn't go through
because it's iron.

465
00:22:03,700 --> 00:22:05,060
So they went three boys.

466
00:22:05,060 --> 00:22:05,620
My brother.

467

00:22:05,620 --> 00:22:08,270

They picked my brother
and two other boys.

468

00:22:08,270 --> 00:22:10,400

And they took him there
to work and they was

469

00:22:10,400 --> 00:22:13,140

putting firewood on the pipes.

470

00:22:13,140 --> 00:22:17,290

They digged out the pipes first,
and they put the wood there.

471

00:22:17,290 --> 00:22:20,530

Then about 11 o'clock, so
it's like New Years Eve,

472

00:22:20,530 --> 00:22:23,030

he started to drink a lot
so he came out and wanted

473

00:22:23,030 --> 00:22:24,800

to have a good time.

474

00:22:24,800 --> 00:22:26,660

So he pulled out the three Jews.

475

00:22:26,660 --> 00:22:28,470

And he said stand up.

476

00:22:28,470 --> 00:22:32,320

Heil, Heil, Heil Hitler.

477

00:22:32,320 --> 00:22:33,570

Then he says OK.

478

00:22:33,570 --> 00:22:35,510

He took out the gun, shoot one.

479

00:22:35,510 --> 00:22:36,570

He fell.

480
00:22:36,570 --> 00:22:39,050
Then he shoot the
second one and he fell.

481
00:22:39,050 --> 00:22:40,310
And then was my brother.

482
00:22:40,310 --> 00:22:42,580
So he fell by himself.

483
00:22:42,580 --> 00:22:44,150
So then they shoot him.

484
00:22:44,150 --> 00:22:45,820
And it was just in here.

485
00:22:45,820 --> 00:22:48,260
A shot in the top of the leg.

486
00:22:48,260 --> 00:22:54,350
And then he realize
that he's alive.

487
00:22:54,350 --> 00:22:57,430
And they were
laying on the fire.

488
00:22:57,430 --> 00:23:00,440
And my brother, too,
was laying on the fire.

489
00:23:00,440 --> 00:23:04,010
And then he came again to
check how everything is.

490
00:23:04,010 --> 00:23:05,540
And he saw them laying there.

491
00:23:05,540 --> 00:23:07,690
And he went away.

492
00:23:07,690 --> 00:23:10,880
Then my brother
got up from there.

493
00:23:10,880 --> 00:23:12,480
He saw it became very quiet.

494
00:23:12,480 --> 00:23:14,270
He hear nothing no more.

495
00:23:14,270 --> 00:23:16,895
So he got out and
he started to crawl.

496
00:23:16,895 --> 00:23:19,440
So the police saw
something burning.

497
00:23:19,440 --> 00:23:22,250
So they thought
this was my brother.

498
00:23:22,250 --> 00:23:23,650
So they started shooting.

499
00:23:23,650 --> 00:23:26,365
And the pieces, this was
the pieces from his clothes.

500
00:23:26,365 --> 00:23:26,990
It was burning.

501
00:23:26,990 --> 00:23:29,050
He tore it off.

502
00:23:29,050 --> 00:23:32,590
And he went another place,
and in the other place

503
00:23:32,590 --> 00:23:35,210
there was Jewish boys working.

504

00:23:35,210 --> 00:23:42,890

Because he was afraid
to say that he's alive.

505

00:23:42,890 --> 00:23:46,500

And the two boys crawled up,
and they brought the wagon.

506

00:23:46,500 --> 00:23:50,300

And they put him in the wagon
and they put straw on top

507

00:23:50,300 --> 00:23:53,660

and they brought them in to
the ghetto like this to us.

508

00:23:53,660 --> 00:23:55,700

And they said he's all burned.

509

00:23:55,700 --> 00:23:57,350

The whole side was burnt.

510

00:23:57,350 --> 00:23:59,333

Were there any
doctors in the ghetto?

511

00:23:59,333 --> 00:24:00,200

Yeah.

512

00:24:00,200 --> 00:24:02,430

So he said then--

513

00:24:02,430 --> 00:24:04,400

so we didn't know
what to do, so they

514

00:24:04,400 --> 00:24:07,130

said the best thing put
him in the hospital.

515

00:24:07,130 --> 00:24:08,520

So we put him in the hospital.

516

00:24:08,520 --> 00:24:13,130

And you can't realize how
stupid they are, the Germans.

517

00:24:13,130 --> 00:24:17,290

Here he killed him, here he came
in to the hospital and he said,

518

00:24:17,290 --> 00:24:20,510

is there a boy whose name
is [PERSONAL NAME] Kushner?

519

00:24:20,510 --> 00:24:21,350

They said, yes.

520

00:24:21,350 --> 00:24:22,380

You want?

521

00:24:22,380 --> 00:24:25,760

You know what, give
him the best food.

522

00:24:25,760 --> 00:24:26,960

And everything the best.

523

00:24:26,960 --> 00:24:29,310

I want to see him cured.

524

00:24:29,310 --> 00:24:32,150

You couldn't realize
yesterday he killed him,

525

00:24:32,150 --> 00:24:34,070

and today he wants to--

526

00:24:34,070 --> 00:24:38,090

so they said probably
he wants him to get well

527

00:24:38,090 --> 00:24:40,160

and then he'll kill him.

528

00:24:40,160 --> 00:24:43,020

He'll kill him when
he's going to be well.

529

00:24:43,020 --> 00:24:45,662

That's what you realized.

530

00:24:45,662 --> 00:24:46,370

So how long did--

531

00:24:46,370 --> 00:24:48,790

Then we stayed in
the ghetto, and they

532

00:24:48,790 --> 00:24:50,550

brought so many people.

533

00:24:50,550 --> 00:24:52,640

And it was--

534

00:24:52,640 --> 00:24:55,570

How long was your brother
in the hospital for?

535

00:24:55,570 --> 00:24:56,910

I don't know, exactly.

536

00:24:56,910 --> 00:25:00,650

While you were in the ghetto,
did any of the Gentile people

537

00:25:00,650 --> 00:25:03,440

you had known try to help?

538

00:25:03,440 --> 00:25:06,410

We had a woman
that she lived in--

539

00:25:06,410 --> 00:25:09,950

she worked for my mother in

the house for about 16 years.

540
00:25:09,950 --> 00:25:10,630
The maid?

541
00:25:10,630 --> 00:25:18,100
So when we were at the
first ghetto, she came over

542
00:25:18,100 --> 00:25:20,480
and she brought a loaf
of bread to my mother.

543
00:25:20,480 --> 00:25:21,700
She gave her.

544
00:25:21,700 --> 00:25:23,640
And she said I'm afraid.

545
00:25:23,640 --> 00:25:24,900
She is afraid.

546
00:25:24,900 --> 00:25:26,870
And she never came back.

547
00:25:26,870 --> 00:25:30,080
But there was some Polish
people that helped a lot.

548
00:25:30,080 --> 00:25:30,890
Like my husband.

549
00:25:30,890 --> 00:25:32,500
He was never in a
concentration camp.

550
00:25:32,500 --> 00:25:34,800
He was never in a
ghetto, and there

551
00:25:34,800 --> 00:25:36,980
are five of them that survived.

552
00:25:36,980 --> 00:25:38,260
With the help of Gentiles?

553
00:25:38,260 --> 00:25:38,760
Yeah.

554
00:25:38,760 --> 00:25:39,552
That's interesting.

555
00:25:39,552 --> 00:25:41,780
We write to them, we
send them packages.

556
00:25:41,780 --> 00:25:46,620
We brought up one woman
that saved the two sisters,

557
00:25:46,620 --> 00:25:47,770
my husband's two sisters.

558
00:25:47,770 --> 00:25:49,880
So he and his brother went down.

559
00:25:49,880 --> 00:25:51,740
She stayed with us a whole year.

560
00:25:51,740 --> 00:25:54,710
[? They ?] said in New
York Times article,

561
00:25:54,710 --> 00:25:57,950
because it was the first
time that the Jews brought up

562
00:25:57,950 --> 00:25:59,523
for people to help.

563
00:25:59,523 --> 00:26:00,440
How did your brother--

564

00:26:00,440 --> 00:26:03,640

I mean, how did your
husband survive?

565

00:26:03,640 --> 00:26:04,800

All by people.

566

00:26:04,800 --> 00:26:06,410

By Gentile people.

567

00:26:06,410 --> 00:26:07,520

Being hidden?

568

00:26:07,520 --> 00:26:10,120

Not only, helping the most.

569

00:26:10,120 --> 00:26:13,190

He went to hide in
the forest, you know.

570

00:26:13,190 --> 00:26:16,033

But mostly is in food.

571

00:26:16,033 --> 00:26:17,450

This was the most
important thing.

572

00:26:17,450 --> 00:26:19,010

Right, to eat.

573

00:26:19,010 --> 00:26:22,560

Can you remember anything
about Kristallnacht?

574

00:26:22,560 --> 00:26:24,530

Yeah, I know about
Kristallnacht.

575

00:26:24,530 --> 00:26:28,670

Did you hear about that
while you were in the ghetto?

576

00:26:28,670 --> 00:26:31,523

You heard a lot of things
while you were in the ghetto.

577

00:26:31,523 --> 00:26:32,690

I was going to ask you that.

578

00:26:32,690 --> 00:26:34,886

What did you hear and how
did you hear these things?

579

00:26:34,886 --> 00:26:36,680

They had probably a radio.

580

00:26:36,680 --> 00:26:37,440

One or two.

581

00:26:37,440 --> 00:26:38,400

Somebody had a radio?

582

00:26:38,400 --> 00:26:39,300

One or two.

583

00:26:39,300 --> 00:26:41,250

And we used to know.

584

00:26:41,250 --> 00:26:45,650

And what did you think
about the outside world?

585

00:26:45,650 --> 00:26:48,090

Did you think everybody
knew what was going on?

586

00:26:48,090 --> 00:26:49,110

What was happening?

587

00:26:49,110 --> 00:26:52,400

Well, a lot of
people that saw it.

588

00:26:52,400 --> 00:26:53,750

They saw it.

589

00:26:53,750 --> 00:26:56,290

Like they saw killed 5,000 Jews.

590

00:26:56,290 --> 00:26:58,400

The suffering of young Jews.

591

00:26:58,400 --> 00:27:00,010

Killing the young Jews.

592

00:27:00,010 --> 00:27:03,420

593

00:27:03,420 --> 00:27:05,500

This was the first time
that they killed her,

594

00:27:05,500 --> 00:27:07,590

killed the 5,000 Jews.

595

00:27:07,590 --> 00:27:10,680

And later on, when they
gathered all of the people

596

00:27:10,680 --> 00:27:15,040

from the small towns, but
they had the hospital.

597

00:27:15,040 --> 00:27:16,740

Then later, they killed them.

598

00:27:16,740 --> 00:27:20,580

599

00:27:20,580 --> 00:27:23,100

They killed them and
they make a big parade,

600

00:27:23,100 --> 00:27:25,320

you know, for all the people.

601

00:27:25,320 --> 00:27:29,700

And then the small children that
are still on top of the grave.

602

00:27:29,700 --> 00:27:32,880

You see, can a human being
do something like this?

603

00:27:32,880 --> 00:27:36,216

I'm nervous just
saying about it.

604

00:27:36,216 --> 00:27:37,480

Well, what happened?

605

00:27:37,480 --> 00:27:39,720

How did you get
out of the ghetto?

606

00:27:39,720 --> 00:27:41,345

So we were in the
ghetto, and they had,

607

00:27:41,345 --> 00:27:44,020

at that time, a
second [? slaughter ?]

608

00:27:44,020 --> 00:27:46,725

and was killed all
the young people.

609

00:27:46,725 --> 00:27:49,750

About 6,000 people.

610

00:27:49,750 --> 00:27:52,700

And then we went to--
we stayed in the ghetto,

611

00:27:52,700 --> 00:27:53,850

and was left only--

612

00:27:53,850 --> 00:27:55,950

my mother was still alive.

613

00:27:55,950 --> 00:27:57,110

And my brother was alive.

614

00:27:57,110 --> 00:27:59,910

And my sister and me.

615

00:27:59,910 --> 00:28:03,050

And we stayed in the--

616

00:28:03,050 --> 00:28:04,300

I beg your pardon.

617

00:28:04,300 --> 00:28:06,790

What's the question?

618

00:28:06,790 --> 00:28:08,080

When did you leave the ghetto.

619

00:28:08,080 --> 00:28:08,580

The ghetto.

620

00:28:08,580 --> 00:28:09,420

Oh.

621

00:28:09,420 --> 00:28:13,510

So then there was

only 500 people left.

622

00:28:13,510 --> 00:28:14,600

500 people left.

623

00:28:14,600 --> 00:28:18,496

So they came and they made

a [? slaughter, ?] you know.

624

00:28:18,496 --> 00:28:22,910

And they took out and they

left about 300 people.

625

00:28:22,910 --> 00:28:25,770
And I was saved by the German.

626
00:28:25,770 --> 00:28:28,190
I said, look, I'm so
small, I'm so skinny.

627
00:28:28,190 --> 00:28:29,710
I cook for you I clean for you.

628
00:28:29,710 --> 00:28:30,460
Please.

629
00:28:30,460 --> 00:28:31,377
Like, this everything.

630
00:28:31,377 --> 00:28:33,690
And he gave me a number.

631
00:28:33,690 --> 00:28:35,380
This was for life.

632
00:28:35,380 --> 00:28:41,400
And I ran over and I gave it to
my sister, to Rae, the number.

633
00:28:41,400 --> 00:28:44,910
And I went again
between the dead people.

634
00:28:44,910 --> 00:28:47,370
And walked over again to him.

635
00:28:47,370 --> 00:28:48,660
People were screaming.

636
00:28:48,660 --> 00:28:49,980
People was crying.

637
00:28:49,980 --> 00:28:53,530
People were begging, you know.

638

00:28:53,530 --> 00:28:56,000

It was terrible.

639

00:28:56,000 --> 00:28:58,900

So when he saw, I
ask him, you know

640

00:28:58,900 --> 00:29:02,490

I said again, I'm working
good and I'm cleaning

641

00:29:02,490 --> 00:29:05,170

and he like looked at me
and realized that he gave me

642

00:29:05,170 --> 00:29:06,470

a number, you know.

643

00:29:06,470 --> 00:29:09,850

He says, I want you to know,
this is the last number.

644

00:29:09,850 --> 00:29:10,860

And he gave me a number.

645

00:29:10,860 --> 00:29:11,985

He gave you another number.

646

00:29:11,985 --> 00:29:15,240

And that's the way
we saved ourselves.

647

00:29:15,240 --> 00:29:20,300

And then, a lot of
people believe in them.

648

00:29:20,300 --> 00:29:22,560

They said, you know,
maybe God helped us.

649

00:29:22,560 --> 00:29:24,055

God want us to do it.

650
00:29:24,055 --> 00:29:27,120
And a lot of religion
people saw it like this.

651
00:29:27,120 --> 00:29:29,250
Maybe God wants us to do it.

652
00:29:29,250 --> 00:29:30,720
Maybe this, maybe that.

653
00:29:30,720 --> 00:29:32,230
Everything.

654
00:29:32,230 --> 00:29:35,605
But when they saw that every--
some believed in the Germans.

655
00:29:35,605 --> 00:29:37,230
They said, look they
killed them maybe.

656
00:29:37,230 --> 00:29:39,240
But they're not
going to kill us.

657
00:29:39,240 --> 00:29:42,480
But they killed
everybody over time.

658
00:29:42,480 --> 00:29:44,100
So when there was
300 people left.

659
00:29:44,100 --> 00:29:45,610
Yeah, left.

660
00:29:45,610 --> 00:29:49,230
So they were thinking
about to get some--

661
00:29:49,230 --> 00:29:53,300

662
00:29:53,300 --> 00:29:57,320
get some guns and something
and make a [NON-ENGLISH]..

663
00:29:57,320 --> 00:29:59,010
You know what a
[NON-ENGLISH] is--

664
00:29:59,010 --> 00:30:00,650
to run away.

665
00:30:00,650 --> 00:30:01,930
To--

666
00:30:01,930 --> 00:30:02,430
Escape?

667
00:30:02,430 --> 00:30:04,520
To escape, yeah.

668
00:30:04,520 --> 00:30:07,530
And they put wires
around and everything.

669
00:30:07,530 --> 00:30:09,510
And there was
about 50 young boys

670
00:30:09,510 --> 00:30:11,510
in the ghetto that was left.

671
00:30:11,510 --> 00:30:13,290
And your brother
was one of them?

672
00:30:13,290 --> 00:30:15,220
Yeah, and I was
there with my sister.

673
00:30:15,220 --> 00:30:18,215

But we didn't know they
were building the tunnel.

674
00:30:18,215 --> 00:30:20,940
On boy, they were
so intelligent, so

675
00:30:20,940 --> 00:30:22,520
brave, I can't tell you.

676
00:30:22,520 --> 00:30:25,240
He made out where
the tunnel will start

677
00:30:25,240 --> 00:30:27,930
and where the
tunnel will go out.

678
00:30:27,930 --> 00:30:31,260
Because you can dig here and
get out in the ghetto back.

679
00:30:31,260 --> 00:30:33,990
You can dig here, you
can get to the police.

680
00:30:33,990 --> 00:30:34,890
You can get all over.

681
00:30:34,890 --> 00:30:38,320
But they made a beautiful job.

682
00:30:38,320 --> 00:30:40,320
So then we heard they are
going to make Tuesday,

683
00:30:40,320 --> 00:30:42,967
they are going to
make a Judenrein.

684
00:30:42,967 --> 00:30:43,800
You what that means?

685

00:30:43,800 --> 00:30:45,360

Clean from Jews.

686

00:30:45,360 --> 00:30:47,550

No more Jews.

687

00:30:47,550 --> 00:30:52,360

So Sunday night,
together all the boys

688

00:30:52,360 --> 00:30:54,540

got together in the barracks.

689

00:30:54,540 --> 00:30:56,080

We slept no more
in the courthouse,

690

00:30:56,080 --> 00:30:59,150

we had barracks,
just wood and stone.

691

00:30:59,150 --> 00:31:02,540

And behind one barrack
they digged out the hole

692

00:31:02,540 --> 00:31:04,960

and they made the tunnel.

693

00:31:04,960 --> 00:31:09,140

It was about 250 feet.

694

00:31:09,140 --> 00:31:10,650

[INAUDIBLE] metals.

695

00:31:10,650 --> 00:31:13,870

It's like three feet metal.

696

00:31:13,870 --> 00:31:16,990

And they told us, listen.

697

00:31:16,990 --> 00:31:18,640

Tuesday they want to kill us.

698

00:31:18,640 --> 00:31:21,330

We are leaving tonight
through the tunnel.

699

00:31:21,330 --> 00:31:23,070

So the people says
like, tunnel, tunnel?

700

00:31:23,070 --> 00:31:24,535

They didn't hear
nothing, you know?

701

00:31:24,535 --> 00:31:26,160

So they explained
everything, we're not

702

00:31:26,160 --> 00:31:29,340

going to die no more like this.

703

00:31:29,340 --> 00:31:30,600

We're going to run.

704

00:31:30,600 --> 00:31:32,700

We're going to save ourselves.

705

00:31:32,700 --> 00:31:34,021

And to point the line.

706

00:31:34,021 --> 00:31:35,646

Who should go first,
who should go last

707

00:31:35,646 --> 00:31:36,990

because it's very dangerous.

708

00:31:36,990 --> 00:31:38,340

It's a very small tunnel.

709

00:31:38,340 --> 00:31:38,970

Right.

710
00:31:38,970 --> 00:31:40,137
And it might collapse?

711
00:31:40,137 --> 00:31:41,220
Might collapse is nothing.

712
00:31:41,220 --> 00:31:43,920
But if somebody feels
bad and stops there

713
00:31:43,920 --> 00:31:46,580
then nobody can go out further.

714
00:31:46,580 --> 00:31:50,100
So they came to me and my sister
Rae, and they said, listen.

715
00:31:50,100 --> 00:31:52,260
Your brother is going
through the first ones

716
00:31:52,260 --> 00:31:54,470
because they digged the tunnel.

717
00:31:54,470 --> 00:31:57,540
But you and your sister, you
can go after the first ones

718
00:31:57,540 --> 00:31:59,430
because we are young.

719
00:31:59,430 --> 00:32:01,550
But your father cannot go.

720
00:32:01,550 --> 00:32:05,360
So all you remain to stay with
your father from the last ones,

721
00:32:05,360 --> 00:32:06,480
or you go alone.

722

00:32:06,480 --> 00:32:11,010

So we said no, we going
to go with our father.

723

00:32:11,010 --> 00:32:14,630

So we were almost
the last, at the end.

724

00:32:14,630 --> 00:32:16,580

And they made one
more mistake is

725

00:32:16,580 --> 00:32:18,990

they made light in the tunnel.

726

00:32:18,990 --> 00:32:21,520

So when we came out in
the field you didn't see.

727

00:32:21,520 --> 00:32:22,700

You know, it was very hard.

728

00:32:22,700 --> 00:32:25,680

How old was your father?

729

00:32:25,680 --> 00:32:27,240

About.

730

00:32:27,240 --> 00:32:28,890

Well he died five years ago.

731

00:32:28,890 --> 00:32:31,440

He was 93.

732

00:32:31,440 --> 00:32:33,195

He never re-married.

733

00:32:33,195 --> 00:32:34,010

Never.

734

00:32:34,010 --> 00:32:36,326

He lived with us always.

735

00:32:36,326 --> 00:32:38,010

How old does that come out?

736

00:32:38,010 --> 00:32:40,610

So, five years ago was 1982.

737

00:32:40,610 --> 00:32:41,780

Oh my goodness.

738

00:32:41,780 --> 00:32:43,200

So he was about--

739

00:32:43,200 --> 00:32:44,900

So 1982--

740

00:32:44,900 --> 00:32:46,230

He was about 50.

741

00:32:46,230 --> 00:32:46,760

50.

742

00:32:46,760 --> 00:32:48,108

In his 50s.

743

00:32:48,108 --> 00:32:49,650

And my mother was
and little younger.

744

00:32:49,650 --> 00:32:51,205

How long was the tunnel?

745

00:32:51,205 --> 00:32:52,080

Do you remember that?

746

00:32:52,080 --> 00:32:54,153

Yeah, it was 250 meters.

747

00:32:54,153 --> 00:32:55,320

What were you feeling when--

748
00:32:55,320 --> 00:32:58,920
16 inches by 60 and
they dugged out.

749
00:32:58,920 --> 00:33:00,270
And then it started pouring.

750
00:33:00,270 --> 00:33:02,350
They were afraid it
shouldn't collapse.

751
00:33:02,350 --> 00:33:06,240
How long did it take
you to crawl out?

752
00:33:06,240 --> 00:33:07,230
Not so long.

753
00:33:07,230 --> 00:33:10,610
Because everybody was
crawling, crawling fast.

754
00:33:10,610 --> 00:33:12,360
Was your mother still
alive at this point?

755
00:33:12,360 --> 00:33:15,790
No, my mother was killed
within the 550 people.

756
00:33:15,790 --> 00:33:17,165
And they just took
her one night?

757
00:33:17,165 --> 00:33:19,410
Yeah.

758
00:33:19,410 --> 00:33:22,550
Now when you got out of
the tunnel, who helped you?

759

00:33:22,550 --> 00:33:25,680

We decided we're
going to hold on.

760

00:33:25,680 --> 00:33:28,980

Whatever it is going to
happen, we're going to hold on.

761

00:33:28,980 --> 00:33:29,550

Together.

762

00:33:29,550 --> 00:33:32,160

My father, me, and my sister.

763

00:33:32,160 --> 00:33:35,300

And there was my man who
used to live in a village,

764

00:33:35,300 --> 00:33:37,500

and he knew all the
roads and everything.

765

00:33:37,500 --> 00:33:39,900

So we begged him, we're
going to walk with you.

766

00:33:39,900 --> 00:33:40,600

He says, no.

767

00:33:40,600 --> 00:33:41,227

No.

768

00:33:41,227 --> 00:33:42,810

And we come up in
the tunnel and we'll

769

00:33:42,810 --> 00:33:45,060

go with you because you know
the roads and everything.

770

00:33:45,060 --> 00:33:47,420

And he wouldn't take us.

771

00:33:47,420 --> 00:33:50,310

So when we were crawling,
me, my sister, my father,

772

00:33:50,310 --> 00:33:52,120

we feel somebody is crawling.

773

00:33:52,120 --> 00:33:54,770

So we said, who this is,
and this was that fellow.

774

00:33:54,770 --> 00:33:57,300

So my sister said, now we're
not going to let you go.

775

00:33:57,300 --> 00:33:58,660

We're going to crawl together.

776

00:33:58,660 --> 00:34:00,780

But nobody knew where
they were going.

777

00:34:00,780 --> 00:34:04,610

There's about 42, maybe
43 boys, the first one

778

00:34:04,610 --> 00:34:06,150

that built the tunnel.

779

00:34:06,150 --> 00:34:09,600

They instead of going
from the city to run,

780

00:34:09,600 --> 00:34:11,130

they caught them and they--

781

00:34:11,130 --> 00:34:13,460

I think they burned them.

782

00:34:13,460 --> 00:34:15,406

Now was your
brother one of them?

783
00:34:15,406 --> 00:34:16,100
Yeah.

784
00:34:16,100 --> 00:34:18,540
And your brother was about
how old at that time?

785
00:34:18,540 --> 00:34:21,710

786
00:34:21,710 --> 00:34:22,920
20?

787
00:34:22,920 --> 00:34:23,929
Or younger.

788
00:34:23,929 --> 00:34:25,570
Younger than 20.

789
00:34:25,570 --> 00:34:27,840
Now, how many Jews
do you remember

790
00:34:27,840 --> 00:34:28,920
went through the tunnel?

791
00:34:28,920 --> 00:34:29,920
How many people escaped?

792
00:34:29,920 --> 00:34:31,788
It was about 289.

793
00:34:31,788 --> 00:34:33,282
289.

794
00:34:33,282 --> 00:34:34,949
I think so.

795
00:34:34,949 --> 00:34:36,400
Did anyone remain?

796
00:34:36,400 --> 00:34:37,880
Did all the Jews go?

797
00:34:37,880 --> 00:34:40,280
A lot of people remained.

798
00:34:40,280 --> 00:34:41,743
It was about 280.

799
00:34:41,743 --> 00:34:43,350
270-280.

800
00:34:43,350 --> 00:34:47,830
So the boys got killed.

801
00:34:47,830 --> 00:34:50,340
And the rest one remained alive.

802
00:34:50,340 --> 00:34:52,739
But did anyone
say in the ghetto?

803
00:34:52,739 --> 00:34:53,239
No.

804
00:34:53,239 --> 00:34:55,790
Just the Mr Mendelssohn we left.

805
00:34:55,790 --> 00:34:57,240
I worked for him.

806
00:34:57,240 --> 00:34:59,740
He was a spy for
the Jews, you know.

807
00:34:59,740 --> 00:35:04,478
So I came in the office, and he
said, why I don't clean today.

808
00:35:04,478 --> 00:35:06,770

I got up in the morning I
say oh my goodness, today I'm

809
00:35:06,770 --> 00:35:07,980
going to get killed.

810
00:35:07,980 --> 00:35:09,170
I have to work yet.

811
00:35:09,170 --> 00:35:09,670
You know?

812
00:35:09,670 --> 00:35:10,420
No.

813
00:35:10,420 --> 00:35:13,740
So he came, he came he said
that I didn't do today.

814
00:35:13,740 --> 00:35:17,857
So I came in, I cleaned his bed,
changed his bed, [INAUDIBLE]

815
00:35:17,857 --> 00:35:19,190
and talking to him a little bit.

816
00:35:19,190 --> 00:35:22,470
And I knew I'm going
to leave in an hour.

817
00:35:22,470 --> 00:35:24,855
So I said because every
time when I used to be there

818
00:35:24,855 --> 00:35:28,780
and the German used to come
in, he used to say, what's new?

819
00:35:28,780 --> 00:35:30,900
So he used to see
right away down there,

820

00:35:30,900 --> 00:35:35,300
and I used to sit down on
the floor and burn the oven.

821
00:35:35,300 --> 00:35:38,690
You know, was standing
little oven with the things.

822
00:35:38,690 --> 00:35:39,680
So I knew.

823
00:35:39,680 --> 00:35:41,347
And we knew he
doesn't belong here.

824
00:35:41,347 --> 00:35:42,680
How did he get here, everything.

825
00:35:42,680 --> 00:35:45,920
So we realized
that he was a spy.

826
00:35:45,920 --> 00:35:47,870
So we left him alone.

827
00:35:47,870 --> 00:35:49,790
And they say I don't
know exactly they

828
00:35:49,790 --> 00:35:52,520
say that the next
morning, you know,

829
00:35:52,520 --> 00:35:53,870
the police came to the ghetto.

830
00:35:53,870 --> 00:35:59,030
They said they shoot a lot
when the people were around.

831
00:35:59,030 --> 00:36:00,620
But then became quiet.

832

00:36:00,620 --> 00:36:04,050

They saw that the
partisans came to get us.

833

00:36:04,050 --> 00:36:06,500

And that's when they
killed a little bit.

834

00:36:06,500 --> 00:36:08,810

And then became quiet.

835

00:36:08,810 --> 00:36:10,490

So they stopped shooting.

836

00:36:10,490 --> 00:36:13,110

And the next morning,
they come into the ghetto,

837

00:36:13,110 --> 00:36:14,525

there was nobody there.

838

00:36:14,525 --> 00:36:16,100

Who were the partisans?

839

00:36:16,100 --> 00:36:18,230

Were they Jews and Gentiles?

840

00:36:18,230 --> 00:36:20,000

There were several partisans.

841

00:36:20,000 --> 00:36:20,693

The groups.

842

00:36:20,693 --> 00:36:22,610

There were Gentile groups
and there were Jews.

843

00:36:22,610 --> 00:36:24,235

Some were Gentile
and some were Jewish.

844

00:36:24,235 --> 00:36:25,670

Now, when you went
into the forest

845

00:36:25,670 --> 00:36:27,753

when you got out of the
tunnel, did they help you?

846

00:36:27,753 --> 00:36:29,850

When we got out of the
tunnel, we-- oh sure.

847

00:36:29,850 --> 00:36:30,770

They took us away.

848

00:36:30,770 --> 00:36:31,270

Good.

849

00:36:31,270 --> 00:36:34,370

The leader died last year.

850

00:36:34,370 --> 00:36:35,450

He was really leader.

851

00:36:35,450 --> 00:36:36,710

He brought back.

852

00:36:36,710 --> 00:36:40,440

They found out that the ghetto,
we went out from the ghetto.

853

00:36:40,440 --> 00:36:44,130

So then right away he sent
out soldiers all over.

854

00:36:44,130 --> 00:36:47,450

And they asked the Christian,
and they had somebody probably

855

00:36:47,450 --> 00:36:49,000

that they depended on him.

856

00:36:49,000 --> 00:36:51,950
So he said, if you see Jew,
tell them to come here.

857
00:36:51,950 --> 00:36:52,990
Come here.

858
00:36:52,990 --> 00:36:53,660
And the station.

859
00:36:53,660 --> 00:36:57,508
Then came the partisans and
they took us to the forest.

860
00:36:57,508 --> 00:36:58,300
And we lived there.

861
00:36:58,300 --> 00:37:00,810
All right, not such a
comfortable life or something.

862
00:37:00,810 --> 00:37:04,540
But after concentration
camp, this was all right.

863
00:37:04,540 --> 00:37:08,780
And he brought back to the
city 1,200 Jewish people

864
00:37:08,780 --> 00:37:10,410
that he saved.

865
00:37:10,410 --> 00:37:11,740
Last year he died.

866
00:37:11,740 --> 00:37:15,200
So you have a tape from it.

867
00:37:15,200 --> 00:37:18,410
How long were you in the forest?

868
00:37:18,410 --> 00:37:20,873

We were liberated in 1945.

869

00:37:20,873 --> 00:37:22,040

So you lived in the forest--

870

00:37:22,040 --> 00:37:23,895

About a year and a half.

871

00:37:23,895 --> 00:37:24,950

A year and a half.

872

00:37:24,950 --> 00:37:27,140

And you lived outside
most of the time?

873

00:37:27,140 --> 00:37:30,060

No, but they had
bunkers in the ground.

874

00:37:30,060 --> 00:37:33,180

Build it with straw.

875

00:37:33,180 --> 00:37:34,750

Where did they get the food?

876

00:37:34,750 --> 00:37:38,780

Well, the ones that was
strong, they had a lot of--

877

00:37:38,780 --> 00:37:39,470

[NON-ENGLISH].

878

00:37:39,470 --> 00:37:41,790

I don't know how you
say this in English.

879

00:37:41,790 --> 00:37:47,720

They had a lot of
[? bullets ?] and guns.

880

00:37:47,720 --> 00:37:48,730

There was a lot--

881
00:37:48,730 --> 00:37:49,690
Ammunition.

882
00:37:49,690 --> 00:37:51,950
Had a lot of ammunition.

883
00:37:51,950 --> 00:37:53,780
And they used to take
the stronger soldiers

884
00:37:53,780 --> 00:37:56,120
and give them a
little ammunition.

885
00:37:56,120 --> 00:37:57,880
He used to go to the farm.

886
00:37:57,880 --> 00:37:59,590
It took a long time.

887
00:37:59,590 --> 00:38:03,120
And we went to the
place that we stayed.

888
00:38:03,120 --> 00:38:07,460
It was about four days maybe
and five nights because it

889
00:38:07,460 --> 00:38:08,120
was very far.

890
00:38:08,120 --> 00:38:09,440
That's why it was secure there.

891
00:38:09,440 --> 00:38:12,300
The Germans never came there.

892
00:38:12,300 --> 00:38:14,698
So they used to
go and get butter

893

00:38:14,698 --> 00:38:15,740
and bread and everything.

894

00:38:15,740 --> 00:38:17,460
You know, and they
used to bring it.

895

00:38:17,460 --> 00:38:20,610
All right, they maybe
got a better portion,

896

00:38:20,610 --> 00:38:22,350
but we had enough to live on.

897

00:38:22,350 --> 00:38:24,000
And what did you
do during the day?

898

00:38:24,000 --> 00:38:28,120
I used to make hats
for the partisans.

899

00:38:28,120 --> 00:38:32,000

900

00:38:32,000 --> 00:38:34,250
My sister got sick there and
she stayed in the typhus,

901

00:38:34,250 --> 00:38:36,810
and my father got sick.

902

00:38:36,810 --> 00:38:37,700
So I came to visit.

903

00:38:37,700 --> 00:38:38,800
I say what do you want.

904

00:38:38,800 --> 00:38:40,340
She said, oh you
know what I want?

905

00:38:40,340 --> 00:38:42,630

If I could have potato latkes.

906

00:38:42,630 --> 00:38:47,440

In the typhus, you know
she was like dreaming.

907

00:38:47,440 --> 00:38:49,280

So I went and I
knew in one barrack

908

00:38:49,280 --> 00:38:51,800

they still had the
peels from the potatoes.

909

00:38:51,800 --> 00:38:53,890

So I picked it
up, I mashed it up

910

00:38:53,890 --> 00:38:56,403

and everything and I
made her potato latkes.

911

00:38:56,403 --> 00:39:00,350

912

00:39:00,350 --> 00:39:01,490

This is your life.

913

00:39:01,490 --> 00:39:03,650

Tell us about your liberation.

914

00:39:03,650 --> 00:39:04,400

Who liberated you?

915

00:39:04,400 --> 00:39:07,550

We were liberated
by the Russians.

916

00:39:07,550 --> 00:39:09,680

1945.

917

00:39:09,680 --> 00:39:13,560

They came, the commandeers
and the horses.

918

00:39:13,560 --> 00:39:15,500

Big shots, you know.

919

00:39:15,500 --> 00:39:17,260

And they said, listen,
we are getting--

920

00:39:17,260 --> 00:39:23,270

we got liberated, and we should
all stand like two in each row.

921

00:39:23,270 --> 00:39:25,810

And I'll bring you
back to the city.

922

00:39:25,810 --> 00:39:27,680

And he was a big hero.

923

00:39:27,680 --> 00:39:30,995

How old were you at that time?

924

00:39:30,995 --> 00:39:32,190

Maybe 16.

925

00:39:32,190 --> 00:39:33,710

16.

926

00:39:33,710 --> 00:39:36,830

So then where did you go when
you got out of the forest

927

00:39:36,830 --> 00:39:38,940

when you were liberated
where did you go first?

928

00:39:38,940 --> 00:39:44,897

We were liberated, and then
we went back to the city.

929
00:39:44,897 --> 00:39:45,980
The house was broken down.

930
00:39:45,980 --> 00:39:46,980
What did you find there?

931
00:39:46,980 --> 00:39:50,180
Everything was gone.

932
00:39:50,180 --> 00:39:50,690
Everything.

933
00:39:50,690 --> 00:39:53,240
The clothes and everything
and everything the houses,

934
00:39:53,240 --> 00:39:55,200
the Polish had.

935
00:39:55,200 --> 00:39:57,140
And that's all
that they ask you.

936
00:39:57,140 --> 00:39:59,090
Are you still alive?

937
00:39:59,090 --> 00:39:59,840
When they saw you.

938
00:39:59,840 --> 00:40:02,960
When they saw you making
the street, you know.

939
00:40:02,960 --> 00:40:04,750
And we came back.

940
00:40:04,750 --> 00:40:06,200
So that's all what they said.

941
00:40:06,200 --> 00:40:07,620

Ghosts.

942
00:40:07,620 --> 00:40:08,570
You were a ghost.

943
00:40:08,570 --> 00:40:10,290
Oh, you still alive?

944
00:40:10,290 --> 00:40:12,065
Was somebody living
in your house?

945
00:40:12,065 --> 00:40:13,763
No, it was broken down.

946
00:40:13,763 --> 00:40:14,670
It was burned down.

947
00:40:14,670 --> 00:40:16,305
So then where did you go.

948
00:40:16,305 --> 00:40:18,000
Then we rented an apartment.

949
00:40:18,000 --> 00:40:20,110
We stayed there for a while.

950
00:40:20,110 --> 00:40:22,580
And then we went--

951
00:40:22,580 --> 00:40:25,330
then we decided to go to Israel.

952
00:40:25,330 --> 00:40:28,190

953
00:40:28,190 --> 00:40:29,810
Why did you decide
to go to Israel?

954
00:40:29,810 --> 00:40:30,620

Were there people?

955

00:40:30,620 --> 00:40:32,460

Because our home was no home.

956

00:40:32,460 --> 00:40:34,790

And because, look what
they did to the Jews.

957

00:40:34,790 --> 00:40:38,240

At least Israel, you know,
it's a home going to be.

958

00:40:38,240 --> 00:40:41,540

Were people in your town,
other Jews, talking about

959

00:40:41,540 --> 00:40:42,640

going to Israel?

960

00:40:42,640 --> 00:40:44,790

Yeah, people were
talking about Israel.

961

00:40:44,790 --> 00:40:49,410

Before the war, were there
Zionists in your town?

962

00:40:49,410 --> 00:40:49,910

Oh yes.

963

00:40:49,910 --> 00:40:50,410

Zionists.

964

00:40:50,410 --> 00:40:51,560

What about your family?

965

00:40:51,560 --> 00:40:53,220

Were you Zionists?

966

00:40:53,220 --> 00:40:55,837

You believed in going to Israel.

967
00:40:55,837 --> 00:40:57,920
But that time we didn't
have no place where to go.

968
00:40:57,920 --> 00:41:00,560

969
00:41:00,560 --> 00:41:03,200
So you talked about going to
Israel, and then what happened?

970
00:41:03,200 --> 00:41:04,580
We hoped.

971
00:41:04,580 --> 00:41:07,110
Later, they brought us to
Italy, and we stayed in Italy

972
00:41:07,110 --> 00:41:10,160
in a displaced persons camp.

973
00:41:10,160 --> 00:41:13,620
And we had to stay in the line,
too, and soup a little bit.

974
00:41:13,620 --> 00:41:15,290
And a piece of bread.

975
00:41:15,290 --> 00:41:16,730
It wasn't so hard.

976
00:41:16,730 --> 00:41:19,600
We stayed for four years,
and then we went to Rome.

977
00:41:19,600 --> 00:41:21,126
Four years you stayed?

978
00:41:21,126 --> 00:41:22,260
No, three years, maybe.

979

00:41:22,260 --> 00:41:24,740

Three years in the DP camp.

980

00:41:24,740 --> 00:41:26,240

What did you do in the DP camp?

981

00:41:26,240 --> 00:41:27,330

I was a dental.

982

00:41:27,330 --> 00:41:29,527

They were teaching you trades.

983

00:41:29,527 --> 00:41:30,860

Yes, so what did they teach you?

984

00:41:30,860 --> 00:41:33,630

I was a dental mechanic.

985

00:41:33,630 --> 00:41:35,420

Did you ever use that again?

986

00:41:35,420 --> 00:41:36,190

No.

987

00:41:36,190 --> 00:41:38,320

When I come here
and I went to work

988

00:41:38,320 --> 00:41:41,210

and I had to support
myself and help my father

989

00:41:41,210 --> 00:41:45,950

and pay for food and for a room,
I leave the trade together.

990

00:41:45,950 --> 00:41:47,440

I wasn't married
at that time yet.

991

00:41:47,440 --> 00:41:50,150

992
00:41:50,150 --> 00:41:51,690
So you went to Rome.

993
00:41:51,690 --> 00:41:53,028
Yes, tell us about Rome.

994
00:41:53,028 --> 00:41:54,820
I went to Rome and I
stayed in the kibbutz.

995
00:41:54,820 --> 00:41:56,390
And the kibbutz was much better.

996
00:41:56,390 --> 00:41:57,565
They had a kibbutz in Rome.

997
00:41:57,565 --> 00:41:58,065
Yeah.

998
00:41:58,065 --> 00:42:00,140
And the kibbutz was nice.

999
00:42:00,140 --> 00:42:02,810
You know, somebody used
to cook once a week.

1000
00:42:02,810 --> 00:42:06,470
And you could go out
in Rome, dress human.

1001
00:42:06,470 --> 00:42:08,180
You know, very nice.

1002
00:42:08,180 --> 00:42:12,380
How did you feel the
people of Rome treated you?

1003
00:42:12,380 --> 00:42:13,660
The Italians?

1004

00:42:13,660 --> 00:42:15,000

Oh, they were very nice to us.

1005

00:42:15,000 --> 00:42:18,000

Very nice.

1006

00:42:18,000 --> 00:42:20,660

Then we got some papers
from the United States.

1007

00:42:20,660 --> 00:42:24,820

My father should rest in
peace, he had a sister.

1008

00:42:24,820 --> 00:42:28,280

And he had some kind of
uncle, so they sent us papers,

1009

00:42:28,280 --> 00:42:29,910

and we came to United States.

1010

00:42:29,910 --> 00:42:34,550

We came together, Me, Rae,
my father, and her husband.

1011

00:42:34,550 --> 00:42:36,650

Where did you come-- sorry--

1012

00:42:36,650 --> 00:42:39,040

where did you come when
you came to America?

1013

00:42:39,040 --> 00:42:41,850

When we come to Brooklyn.

1014

00:42:41,850 --> 00:42:44,000

Did the Joint Distribution
Committee help you?

1015

00:42:44,000 --> 00:42:44,960

Or HIAS?

1016
00:42:44,960 --> 00:42:45,830
I think the HIAS.

1017
00:42:45,830 --> 00:42:47,810

1018
00:42:47,810 --> 00:42:49,810
How long did you
live in Brooklyn?

1019
00:42:49,810 --> 00:42:51,670
Till we moved to Elizabeth.

1020
00:42:51,670 --> 00:42:53,185
And your father, what did he do?

1021
00:42:53,185 --> 00:42:54,560

1022
00:42:54,560 --> 00:42:56,760
In the beginning, he
was working for hats.

1023
00:42:56,760 --> 00:42:58,490
He used to make hats.

1024
00:42:58,490 --> 00:43:00,320
And then, he retired.

1025
00:43:00,320 --> 00:43:02,502
He retired pretty early.

1026
00:43:02,502 --> 00:43:06,680
Thank god we could afford
to help him and everything.

1027
00:43:06,680 --> 00:43:09,170
You met your husband here?

1028
00:43:09,170 --> 00:43:10,630
In United States.

1029
00:43:10,630 --> 00:43:12,310
In Brooklyn.

1030
00:43:12,310 --> 00:43:14,060
From a blind date.

1031
00:43:14,060 --> 00:43:15,290
A blind date?

1032
00:43:15,290 --> 00:43:16,498
Very nice.

1033
00:43:16,498 --> 00:43:18,790
Thank God I have two daughters
and three grandchildren.

1034
00:43:18,790 --> 00:43:21,350
So did you talk
to your daughters

1035
00:43:21,350 --> 00:43:22,310
about your experiences?

1036
00:43:22,310 --> 00:43:23,810
My daughters know
almost everything.

1037
00:43:23,810 --> 00:43:27,150
And then I told her that
you're going to tape it.

1038
00:43:27,150 --> 00:43:28,980
She said, oh I want to give--

1039
00:43:28,980 --> 00:43:32,808
you want the date from
when my mother was killed.

1040
00:43:32,808 --> 00:43:33,600
And when my sister.

1041

00:43:33,600 --> 00:43:37,690

1042

00:43:37,690 --> 00:43:39,410

My sister said,
get over with it,

1043

00:43:39,410 --> 00:43:42,260

because she was expecting that
I would be very nervous when

1044

00:43:42,260 --> 00:43:44,210

I talk about this.

1045

00:43:44,210 --> 00:43:45,178

You're doing fine.

1046

00:43:45,178 --> 00:43:45,970

How was my lecture?

1047

00:43:45,970 --> 00:43:46,470

Good?

1048

00:43:46,470 --> 00:43:51,300

1049

00:43:51,300 --> 00:43:57,180

My mother died the
7th of May, 1943.

1050

00:43:57,180 --> 00:44:01,810

And my sister, the
8th of December, 1941.

1051

00:44:01,810 --> 00:44:06,570

And then my brother, the
22nd September, 1943.

1052

00:44:06,570 --> 00:44:10,110

When we went out
from the tunnel.

1053

00:44:10,110 --> 00:44:13,960

What would you consider
your worst experience

1054

00:44:13,960 --> 00:44:15,230

the whole thing?

1055

00:44:15,230 --> 00:44:17,640

Everything was worst.

1056

00:44:17,640 --> 00:44:20,490

The worse thing was
when I lost my mother,

1057

00:44:20,490 --> 00:44:23,980

and my sister, my brother.

1058

00:44:23,980 --> 00:44:26,160

My brother, I'm afraid,
that's what I think.

1059

00:44:26,160 --> 00:44:27,570

That he wore glasses.

1060

00:44:27,570 --> 00:44:30,380

And I think he lost the
glasses and he couldn't see,

1061

00:44:30,380 --> 00:44:31,440

so that's what I think.

1062

00:44:31,440 --> 00:44:34,220

1063

00:44:34,220 --> 00:44:35,890

We went back.

1064

00:44:35,890 --> 00:44:37,500

They don't kill them right now.

1065

00:44:37,500 --> 00:44:38,900

They make them suffer.

1066
00:44:38,900 --> 00:44:41,160
Have you ever gone back?

1067
00:44:41,160 --> 00:44:43,490
Did you ever go
back to your city?

1068
00:44:43,490 --> 00:44:46,530
Yeah, we went back
after the war.

1069
00:44:46,530 --> 00:44:47,070
No, no, no.

1070
00:44:47,070 --> 00:44:47,830
I mean--

1071
00:44:47,830 --> 00:44:48,330
Now?

1072
00:44:48,330 --> 00:44:48,830
Now.

1073
00:44:48,830 --> 00:44:49,330

1074
00:44:49,330 --> 00:44:50,170
Plenty of us went.

1075
00:44:50,170 --> 00:44:50,670
Yes?

1076
00:44:50,670 --> 00:44:51,320
Yeah.

1077
00:44:51,320 --> 00:44:53,340
We made pictures-- Oh I
wanted to bring it here

1078

00:44:53,340 --> 00:44:56,474
but I forgot-- we made
pictures from the graves.

1079
00:44:56,474 --> 00:44:58,410
There were, I think the Russian.

1080
00:44:58,410 --> 00:44:59,420
The Jewish cemetery?

1081
00:44:59,420 --> 00:45:00,420
Jewish cemetery.

1082
00:45:00,420 --> 00:45:02,240
That wasn't-- it
was still there?

1083
00:45:02,240 --> 00:45:03,030
They were ruined.

1084
00:45:03,030 --> 00:45:03,530
Yeah.

1085
00:45:03,530 --> 00:45:04,260
But ruined.

1086
00:45:04,260 --> 00:45:06,750
But she went and a
few went already.

1087
00:45:06,750 --> 00:45:09,445
Before, we were afraid
to go, but now they go.

1088
00:45:09,445 --> 00:45:11,570
I think they have to get
permission from Washington

1089
00:45:11,570 --> 00:45:13,530
if you want to go there.

1090
00:45:13,530 --> 00:45:17,170

Because they didn't let you
come I think in this city.

1091
00:45:17,170 --> 00:45:19,180
They let you come near.

1092
00:45:19,180 --> 00:45:23,336
So when was near,
she took a taxi.

1093
00:45:23,336 --> 00:45:26,160
And she, don't worry,
I'll pay you enough.

1094
00:45:26,160 --> 00:45:26,760
Just take me.

1095
00:45:26,760 --> 00:45:29,010
I want to see the cemetery.

1096
00:45:29,010 --> 00:45:32,730
Why would they not let
you go to the city?

1097
00:45:32,730 --> 00:45:35,916
Are there any Jews
left in that city?

1098
00:45:35,916 --> 00:45:37,710
I don't know, I think maybe two.

1099
00:45:37,710 --> 00:45:39,120
Two or three.

1100
00:45:39,120 --> 00:45:43,350
When you lost your mother and
your sister and your brother,

1101
00:45:43,350 --> 00:45:46,080
did you think that
it would ever end?

1102

00:45:46,080 --> 00:45:47,774
What was your feeling?

1103
00:45:47,774 --> 00:45:51,490
The feeling was already, you
know, that it will never end.

1104
00:45:51,490 --> 00:45:56,460
It will end because they don't
have no more to kill already.

1105
00:45:56,460 --> 00:46:02,716
But we were planning so much
not to let them kill us alive.

1106
00:46:02,716 --> 00:46:07,080
And then at least, the
trucks used to come by.

1107
00:46:07,080 --> 00:46:08,790
They used to holler.

1108
00:46:08,790 --> 00:46:09,780
Remember.

1109
00:46:09,780 --> 00:46:11,050
Remember us.

1110
00:46:11,050 --> 00:46:12,500
Tell the second generation.

1111
00:46:12,500 --> 00:46:15,450
The second generation,
make it third generation.

1112
00:46:15,450 --> 00:46:16,650
You should believe us.

1113
00:46:16,650 --> 00:46:18,410

1114
00:46:18,410 --> 00:46:24,750

If we ask you to give a message,
the most important thing you

1115
00:46:24,750 --> 00:46:28,140
would like to tell the people
who will look at this tape,

1116
00:46:28,140 --> 00:46:30,630
what would you say?

1117
00:46:30,630 --> 00:46:33,060
The best message
that I can give is

1118
00:46:33,060 --> 00:46:35,790
people have to live like human.

1119
00:46:35,790 --> 00:46:37,670
Not like animals.

1120
00:46:37,670 --> 00:46:41,310
You don't think, all right, you
kill big people, I understand.

1121
00:46:41,310 --> 00:46:42,440
But little children.

1122
00:46:42,440 --> 00:46:45,590
10 months old, 12 months old,
they take them by the leg

1123
00:46:45,590 --> 00:46:48,050
and they throw it on the
grave with dead people.

1124
00:46:48,050 --> 00:46:50,710

1125
00:46:50,710 --> 00:46:52,810
It's not normal.

1126
00:46:52,810 --> 00:46:54,030

But they did.

1127
00:46:54,030 --> 00:46:56,730
Looking back, was
there anything that you

1128
00:46:56,730 --> 00:47:01,445
think now you might have
done to perhaps prevent it.

1129
00:47:01,445 --> 00:47:03,070
We thought maybe we
should have done it

1130
00:47:03,070 --> 00:47:05,160
earlier what we did later.

1131
00:47:05,160 --> 00:47:05,870
To escape?

1132
00:47:05,870 --> 00:47:06,470
To leave.

1133
00:47:06,470 --> 00:47:07,900
Yeah, from the ghetto.

1134
00:47:07,900 --> 00:47:10,790
Yeah.

1135
00:47:10,790 --> 00:47:12,600
But, you know when
you are imprisonment

1136
00:47:12,600 --> 00:47:14,320
and you see so many
soldiers and they

1137
00:47:14,320 --> 00:47:17,470
make electric fires
and to protect yourself

1138
00:47:17,470 --> 00:47:19,170

from them with everything.

1139

00:47:19,170 --> 00:47:22,560

You can imagine how much
work was to make the tunnel.

1140

00:47:22,560 --> 00:47:23,640

To dig the tunnel.

1141

00:47:23,640 --> 00:47:26,010

Some people didn't want to
get out from the ghetto.

1142

00:47:26,010 --> 00:47:27,680

They wanted to stay.

1143

00:47:27,680 --> 00:47:28,842

Because it was safe.

1144

00:47:28,842 --> 00:47:32,490

They said we will be safe.

1145

00:47:32,490 --> 00:47:33,980

Was there rumor
that you were going

1146

00:47:33,980 --> 00:47:36,280

to be transported from
the ghetto somewhere else?

1147

00:47:36,280 --> 00:47:38,240

Yeah, we knew.

1148

00:47:38,240 --> 00:47:38,900

The camps.

1149

00:47:38,900 --> 00:47:41,170

The Tuesday, they
going to kill us.

1150

00:47:41,170 --> 00:47:42,410

It's going to be Judenrein.

1151
00:47:42,410 --> 00:47:42,910
This?

1152
00:47:42,910 --> 00:47:43,870
Is the last Jews.

1153
00:47:43,870 --> 00:47:47,080
That's going to clean here
and this will be finished.

1154
00:47:47,080 --> 00:47:48,950
Judenfrei.

1155
00:47:48,950 --> 00:47:50,550
Free of Jews.

1156
00:47:50,550 --> 00:47:53,180
And that's why we decided
to run away Sunday.

1157
00:47:53,180 --> 00:47:54,970
To get out.

1158
00:47:54,970 --> 00:47:57,300
Did you ever get to say
goodbye to your mother?

1159
00:47:57,300 --> 00:47:58,840
Did you know that her time?

1160
00:47:58,840 --> 00:47:59,340
No.

1161
00:47:59,340 --> 00:48:00,990
When you were in
the ghetto, did you

1162
00:48:00,990 --> 00:48:03,520
hear about Dachau and Auschwitz?

1163

00:48:03,520 --> 00:48:05,522
Not about so much.

1164
00:48:05,522 --> 00:48:08,100
Not so much, because-- but
yes, they did different things

1165
00:48:08,100 --> 00:48:11,310
in different way.

1166
00:48:11,310 --> 00:48:13,910
But they knew that--

1167
00:48:13,910 --> 00:48:17,490
and when it was our
almost liberation

1168
00:48:17,490 --> 00:48:19,680
when we went out
from the ghetto,

1169
00:48:19,680 --> 00:48:22,570
so we heard that
there is ghettos.

1170
00:48:22,570 --> 00:48:27,300
And they kill them, they do
with them terrible things.

1171
00:48:27,300 --> 00:48:28,200
We heard this.

1172
00:48:28,200 --> 00:48:28,860
And this.

1173
00:48:28,860 --> 00:48:33,750
But we heard that the
war is close to finish.

1174
00:48:33,750 --> 00:48:37,070
That the war is close to an end.

1175

00:48:37,070 --> 00:48:39,157

But, you know, when
you are busy, you work.

1176

00:48:39,157 --> 00:48:40,990

They tell you to work,
and if you don't work

1177

00:48:40,990 --> 00:48:42,562

they hit you and everything.

1178

00:48:42,562 --> 00:48:45,180

1179

00:48:45,180 --> 00:48:48,780

All the time, you think, oh
you see them they will do it.

1180

00:48:48,780 --> 00:48:49,850

But not us.

1181

00:48:49,850 --> 00:48:51,510

Them, but not us.

1182

00:48:51,510 --> 00:48:54,450

But you see, the young
people said no more.

1183

00:48:54,450 --> 00:48:59,400

They wanted to cut the
fence in four pieces.

1184

00:48:59,400 --> 00:49:03,740

And they had guns and everything
prepared and everything.

1185

00:49:03,740 --> 00:49:05,230

And they wanted to do it.

1186

00:49:05,230 --> 00:49:08,730

So they will die, but at
least they'll die heroic.

1187
00:49:08,730 --> 00:49:09,590
So they wanted--

1188
00:49:09,590 --> 00:49:11,080
So they weren't like sheep.

1189
00:49:11,080 --> 00:49:11,610
No.

1190
00:49:11,610 --> 00:49:13,530
So that's why then they saw it.

1191
00:49:13,530 --> 00:49:15,835
Because if you make it
in four corners and we

1192
00:49:15,835 --> 00:49:17,250
are so little people here.

1193
00:49:17,250 --> 00:49:18,792
They are going to
put a lot of police

1194
00:49:18,792 --> 00:49:22,630
with everything to protect us.

1195
00:49:22,630 --> 00:49:23,540
So the only thing--

1196
00:49:23,540 --> 00:49:26,340
so that time they decided, the
best thing the boys decided,

1197
00:49:26,340 --> 00:49:28,560
the best thing is a tunnel.

1198
00:49:28,560 --> 00:49:31,410
It wasn't such a good thing--
you know, it was good--

1199
00:49:31,410 --> 00:49:33,460

You know to carry the scent.

1200
00:49:33,460 --> 00:49:35,345
Just to get in the pocket.

1201
00:49:35,345 --> 00:49:38,720
And then they add it
from where we slept.

1202
00:49:38,720 --> 00:49:41,790
They used to pour it out.

1203
00:49:41,790 --> 00:49:46,170
And the architect
that made the plan,

1204
00:49:46,170 --> 00:49:49,110
he died last year-- two
years ago in Israel.

1205
00:49:49,110 --> 00:49:50,520
He was a relation to us.

1206
00:49:50,520 --> 00:49:51,822
What did he do after?

1207
00:49:51,822 --> 00:49:52,530
He made the plan.

1208
00:49:52,530 --> 00:49:53,363
Was he an architect?

1209
00:49:53,363 --> 00:49:54,210
No.

1210
00:49:54,210 --> 00:49:57,000
But they planned it and
they put it up in our city.

1211
00:49:57,000 --> 00:49:58,180
They made a copy of it.

1212
00:49:58,180 --> 00:49:58,680
No.

1213
00:49:58,680 --> 00:49:59,560
I mean, what did he do?

1214
00:49:59,560 --> 00:50:01,435
What was his business
when he went to Israel?

1215
00:50:01,435 --> 00:50:03,990
He went to the Army.

1216
00:50:03,990 --> 00:50:04,680
He came there.

1217
00:50:04,680 --> 00:50:07,180
He was about 17, 18 years old.

1218
00:50:07,180 --> 00:50:08,300
He didn't have nobody.

1219
00:50:08,300 --> 00:50:09,440
He didn't have nothing.

1220
00:50:09,440 --> 00:50:11,712
You know, his sister
lives here in Elizabeth.

1221
00:50:11,712 --> 00:50:13,170
She's going to be
interviewed, too.

1222
00:50:13,170 --> 00:50:15,450

1223
00:50:15,450 --> 00:50:16,775
So he went to the Army.

1224
00:50:16,775 --> 00:50:17,400
The best thing.

1225
00:50:17,400 --> 00:50:17,990
He was secure.

1226
00:50:17,990 --> 00:50:19,140
He had to sleep, eat.

1227
00:50:19,140 --> 00:50:21,060
But he make a
career out of this.

1228
00:50:21,060 --> 00:50:22,950
He was in the Army til he died.

1229
00:50:22,950 --> 00:50:23,600
Oh really?

1230
00:50:23,600 --> 00:50:24,630
Oh that's interesting.

1231
00:50:24,630 --> 00:50:28,230
And he met a girl and
she didn't know nobody.

1232
00:50:28,230 --> 00:50:30,180
Not even a relative.

1233
00:50:30,180 --> 00:50:31,500
Nobody.

1234
00:50:31,500 --> 00:50:33,780
So she saw him, a
soldier, you know.

1235
00:50:33,780 --> 00:50:37,622
He has nothing, I have nothing,
we'll make together a living.

1236
00:50:37,622 --> 00:50:41,160
And they had three boys and
they are very good positions.

1237

00:50:41,160 --> 00:50:43,890

Did you have any other
friends, girlfriends,

1238

00:50:43,890 --> 00:50:46,530

that you had grown up
with that survived?

1239

00:50:46,530 --> 00:50:49,230

That survived?

1240

00:50:49,230 --> 00:50:52,380

I can't think of it.

1241

00:50:52,380 --> 00:50:54,480

Very often, people
who are interviewed

1242

00:50:54,480 --> 00:50:59,610

here talk about friends,
like Nancy just mentioned.

1243

00:50:59,610 --> 00:51:04,350

And somebody else
seeing these tapes maybe

1244

00:51:04,350 --> 00:51:08,370

hears about somebody she knew.

1245

00:51:08,370 --> 00:51:11,550

And you mentioned the name.

1246

00:51:11,550 --> 00:51:14,370

Sometimes we ask if you
had special friends.

1247

00:51:14,370 --> 00:51:19,440

I had one girlfriend that
from [PLACE NAME] Two of them.

1248

00:51:19,440 --> 00:51:23,690

But one became very

strictly Orthodox.

1249

00:51:23,690 --> 00:51:25,450

She lives in Borough Park.

1250

00:51:25,450 --> 00:51:26,900

Borough Park, Brooklyn.

1251

00:51:26,900 --> 00:51:32,780

And one that I see, often not
often, but we see each other.

1252

00:51:32,780 --> 00:51:36,360

That we were in school together.

1253

00:51:36,360 --> 00:51:38,100

Did it ever end for you?

1254

00:51:38,100 --> 00:51:39,420

This whole?

1255

00:51:39,420 --> 00:51:41,350

Or is it still part of you?

1256

00:51:41,350 --> 00:51:43,190

Well, this will last
I think forever.

1257

00:51:43,190 --> 00:51:46,100

1258

00:51:46,100 --> 00:51:48,590

I can forget about
it and do something

1259

00:51:48,590 --> 00:51:52,060

and go something and everything,
but it still comes to you.

1260

00:51:52,060 --> 00:51:53,690

1261

00:51:53,690 --> 00:51:55,950

That's why I'm telling
you, my sister said,

1262

00:51:55,950 --> 00:51:57,440

I wish you would be over it.

1263

00:51:57,440 --> 00:51:58,500

She's so nervous.

1264

00:51:58,500 --> 00:52:00,230

I was nervous to come.

1265

00:52:00,230 --> 00:52:03,330

I said maybe I won't
be able to so good

1266

00:52:03,330 --> 00:52:07,420

to tell you or something.

1267

00:52:07,420 --> 00:52:09,340

So it's still really
part of your days?

1268

00:52:09,340 --> 00:52:12,070

1269

00:52:12,070 --> 00:52:16,030

This is going to be til the
end of our life is going to be.

1270

00:52:16,030 --> 00:52:18,130

We forget something.

1271

00:52:18,130 --> 00:52:22,570

We are trying to make now,
there is second generation

1272

00:52:22,570 --> 00:52:24,220

we want to make.

1273

00:52:24,220 --> 00:52:27,790
Like my daughters and there
are some other people we know

1274
00:52:27,790 --> 00:52:29,680
and they have children, too.

1275
00:52:29,680 --> 00:52:31,910
And we would love to
make an organization

1276
00:52:31,910 --> 00:52:33,220
of second generation.

1277
00:52:33,220 --> 00:52:34,662
Survivors' children.

1278
00:52:34,662 --> 00:52:35,162
Yeah.

1279
00:52:35,162 --> 00:52:37,540
You already have
third generation?

1280
00:52:37,540 --> 00:52:38,484
Right?

1281
00:52:38,484 --> 00:52:39,900
Yeah.

1282
00:52:39,900 --> 00:52:41,165
My sister has four generation.

1283
00:52:41,165 --> 00:52:42,620
Oh my.

1284
00:52:42,620 --> 00:52:45,000
Her granddaughter got married.

1285
00:52:45,000 --> 00:52:47,680
And she has her four children.

1286

00:52:47,680 --> 00:52:49,450

Everyone has four children.

1287

00:52:49,450 --> 00:52:52,077

What do you think about
living in America?

1288

00:52:52,077 --> 00:52:52,660

In New Jersey?

1289

00:52:52,660 --> 00:52:53,420

I love love it.

1290

00:52:53,420 --> 00:52:53,920

You like it?

1291

00:52:53,920 --> 00:52:54,590

I love it.

1292

00:52:54,590 --> 00:52:59,040

Why should I-- is there
anything I can say no?

1293

00:52:59,040 --> 00:53:01,000

Thank God.

1294

00:53:01,000 --> 00:53:03,280

My father lived with
me the whole life.

1295

00:53:03,280 --> 00:53:04,840

He never re-married.

1296

00:53:04,840 --> 00:53:07,680

Very lucky to have
your father survive.

1297

00:53:07,680 --> 00:53:11,520

And you've been to Israel?

1298

00:53:11,520 --> 00:53:12,430

Once.

1299

00:53:12,430 --> 00:53:14,310

But that's where I want to go.

1300

00:53:14,310 --> 00:53:15,190

Me too.

1301

00:53:15,190 --> 00:53:16,960

What do you think about Germany?

1302

00:53:16,960 --> 00:53:18,660

West Germany today?

1303

00:53:18,660 --> 00:53:20,860

I don't know.

1304

00:53:20,860 --> 00:53:22,450

Do you think they've changed?

1305

00:53:22,450 --> 00:53:24,790

The Germans?

1306

00:53:24,790 --> 00:53:25,767

The young Germans?

1307

00:53:25,767 --> 00:53:26,850

The young Germans changed?

1308

00:53:26,850 --> 00:53:30,760

This is always going to
remain in their blood.

1309

00:53:30,760 --> 00:53:31,450

You think so?

1310

00:53:31,450 --> 00:53:33,700

Am I right?

1311

00:53:33,700 --> 00:53:38,220

I think it's something that,

as you said, we can't forget.

1312

00:53:38,220 --> 00:53:42,300

But how can people write books
and say this never happened?

1313

00:53:42,300 --> 00:53:45,728

There was never Hitler?

1314

00:53:45,728 --> 00:53:48,730

first of all, they were
very jealous all their lives

1315

00:53:48,730 --> 00:53:50,550

of the Jews.

1316

00:53:50,550 --> 00:53:52,470

Like I told you before
about the super.

1317

00:53:52,470 --> 00:53:54,450

He's very religious.

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00:53:54,450 --> 00:53:56,730

And I tell him, said
he's not so right.

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00:53:56,730 --> 00:53:58,620

Some of the time.

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00:53:58,620 --> 00:54:01,860

So I said, listen,
ask your priest.

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00:54:01,860 --> 00:54:05,480

There was-- they
killed Jewish people.

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00:54:05,480 --> 00:54:07,840

And in the end, they
took little children

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00:54:07,840 --> 00:54:09,100
that don't know nothing.

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00:54:09,100 --> 00:54:10,485
They didn't sin yet.

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00:54:10,485 --> 00:54:12,180
They didn't have time.

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00:54:12,180 --> 00:54:14,402
They didn't grow up yet.

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00:54:14,402 --> 00:54:17,040
And you kill me.

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00:54:17,040 --> 00:54:18,446
Why?

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00:54:18,446 --> 00:54:22,910
Who has a nature
and who can do it?

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00:54:22,910 --> 00:54:24,200
He's Catholic?

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00:54:24,200 --> 00:54:26,770
Your super?

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00:54:26,770 --> 00:54:29,620
Religion, I don't
exactly know which one.

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00:54:29,620 --> 00:54:30,680
But there's a religion.

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00:54:30,680 --> 00:54:34,057
Yeah, so that's the whole
story what he said to me.

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00:54:34,057 --> 00:54:35,890
He came back, said I
got the answer for you.

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00:54:35,890 --> 00:54:37,360
And my husband
doesn't like it when

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00:54:37,360 --> 00:54:39,622
I talk to him about the
religion, the religion,

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00:54:39,622 --> 00:54:41,000
he get upset.

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00:54:41,000 --> 00:54:45,970
So, he said, you know Mr Reibel,
to my husband, you know what?

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00:54:45,970 --> 00:54:49,850
If all the Jews will
go away to Israel

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00:54:49,850 --> 00:54:51,890
how are we going to live?

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00:54:51,890 --> 00:54:57,267
No banks, no buildings,
no everything.

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00:54:57,267 --> 00:54:59,350
That's the old idea, that
the Jews own everything.

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00:54:59,350 --> 00:55:00,558
So I told him, you know what?

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00:55:00,558 --> 00:55:01,980
Listen.

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00:55:01,980 --> 00:55:03,980
You know why they killed
my mother and my father

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00:55:03,980 --> 00:55:04,830

and everybody?

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00:55:04,830 --> 00:55:06,710
Because they were jealous.

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00:55:06,710 --> 00:55:09,580
And you are jealous, too.

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00:55:09,580 --> 00:55:10,247
What did he say?

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00:55:10,247 --> 00:55:10,747
I don't.

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00:55:10,747 --> 00:55:11,365
He didn't.

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00:55:11,365 --> 00:55:13,590

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00:55:13,590 --> 00:55:17,950
Have you felt any anti-Semitism
since you've been in America?

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00:55:17,950 --> 00:55:23,491
Well, you hear so much and
you know A dog, you know,

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00:55:23,491 --> 00:55:27,220
you hit him.

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00:55:27,220 --> 00:55:30,840
He still remembers it.

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00:55:30,840 --> 00:55:32,760
And there's some
things, a lot of things,

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00:55:32,760 --> 00:55:37,300
maybe, that we are
afraid is happening.

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00:55:37,300 --> 00:55:40,210

Today?

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00:55:40,210 --> 00:55:43,312

Look now with the
prayers in the school.

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00:55:43,312 --> 00:55:47,280

This is something
that's not good.

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00:55:47,280 --> 00:55:48,657

What about the Soviet Jews?

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00:55:48,657 --> 00:55:50,240

What do you think
will happen to them?

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00:55:50,240 --> 00:55:52,032

The Soviet Jews, they
want to go to Israel.

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00:55:52,032 --> 00:55:52,960

I don't blame them.

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00:55:52,960 --> 00:55:54,168

The want to go to their home.

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00:55:54,168 --> 00:55:56,330

They should be permitted to go.

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00:55:56,330 --> 00:55:59,320

That's what I think.

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00:55:59,320 --> 00:56:02,268

Well, I think our
time is just about up.

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00:56:02,268 --> 00:56:03,060

Is there anything--

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00:56:03,060 --> 00:56:05,200

What time is it?

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00:56:05,200 --> 00:56:06,977

We have about two more minutes.

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00:56:06,977 --> 00:56:09,060

Is there anything you would
like to leave us with?

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00:56:09,060 --> 00:56:14,040

I wish all the children
and the whole youth

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00:56:14,040 --> 00:56:19,420

is going to grow up
not go through anything

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00:56:19,420 --> 00:56:25,440

and not be punished
like we were punished.

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00:56:25,440 --> 00:56:29,670

And we are punished, and
we try to do everything

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00:56:29,670 --> 00:56:35,490

to do that you shouldn't be
punished, this [? people. ?]

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00:56:35,490 --> 00:56:36,350

Thank you very much.

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00:56:36,350 --> 00:56:37,183

Thank you very much.

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00:56:37,183 --> 00:56:38,830

This was a very
wonderful interview.

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00:56:38,830 --> 00:56:39,330

Yeah?

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00:56:39,330 --> 00:56:40,720

Was it good?

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00:56:40,720 --> 00:56:41,887

Really excellent.

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00:56:41,887 --> 00:56:42,720

Thank you very much.

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00:56:42,720 --> 00:56:44,780

How much, is an hour, probably?

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00:56:44,780 --> 00:56:45,390

Yeah.

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00:56:45,390 --> 00:56:46,260

Thank you very much.

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00:56:46,260 --> 00:56:47,640

You are welcome.

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00:56:47,640 --> 00:56:51,890

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00:56:51,890 --> 00:57:11,061