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00:00:31,350 --> 00:00:33,960

My name is Dr. Sidney

Langer, and I'm

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00:00:33,960 --> 00:00:37,110

the director of the Oral

History Project in the Holocaust

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00:00:37,110 --> 00:00:40,240

Studies Resource

Center at Kean College.

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00:00:40,240 --> 00:00:44,950

I'm very pleased that Mrs. Ulka

Sommer is here with me today

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00:00:44,950 --> 00:00:48,700

to share some of her experiences

and insight into the Holocaust

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00:00:48,700 --> 00:00:49,960

period.

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00:00:49,960 --> 00:00:52,300

Mrs. Sommer, thank you

very much for coming today.

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00:00:52,300 --> 00:00:53,900

You're welcome.

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00:00:53,900 --> 00:00:56,150

Can you tell me a little

bit about the town

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00:00:56,150 --> 00:00:59,130

that you were born in,
when you were born,

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00:00:59,130 --> 00:01:01,470
what the town was like?

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00:01:01,470 --> 00:01:07,065
I come from a small town
which has a history of going

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00:01:07,065 --> 00:01:10,050
from one country to the other.

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00:01:10,050 --> 00:01:17,070
I was born in 1923, which
was Poland at the time.

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00:01:17,070 --> 00:01:23,970
My parents lived under
the Austro-Hungarian rule,

18
00:01:23,970 --> 00:01:25,960
and now it's Soviet Russia.

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00:01:25,960 --> 00:01:29,567

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00:01:29,567 --> 00:01:30,650
The name of the town was--

21
00:01:30,650 --> 00:01:31,210
Is Tluste.

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00:01:31,210 --> 00:01:32,440
Tluste.

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00:01:32,440 --> 00:01:34,580
Tluste.

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00:01:34,580 --> 00:01:38,030
As I told you
before, it's famous

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00:01:38,030 --> 00:01:44,165

that the originator of the
Hasidic movement, the Baal Shem

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00:01:44,165 --> 00:01:46,310

Tov, lived in our town.

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00:01:46,310 --> 00:01:50,800

And that's the reason some
people say that we were lucky

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00:01:50,800 --> 00:01:56,600

that in our town we survived,
100 people from our town

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00:01:56,600 --> 00:02:00,680

and 400 people from
all over Europe.

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00:02:00,680 --> 00:02:06,776

We had even people from Hungary
that survived in our town.

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00:02:06,776 --> 00:02:09,945

The only thing is on
the day that we survived

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00:02:09,945 --> 00:02:13,045

that the Russians came back--

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00:02:13,045 --> 00:02:20,300

on March 23, 1944, the
German planes came,

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00:02:20,300 --> 00:02:23,270

and they bombed the
camp that we were in,

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00:02:23,270 --> 00:02:27,090

and 150 people died that day.

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00:02:27,090 --> 00:02:29,510

Approximately what
was the population

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00:02:29,510 --> 00:02:31,220

of the town when you were born?

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00:02:31,220 --> 00:02:35,690

The population of the town
was around 3,000 people.

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00:02:35,690 --> 00:02:39,540

Out of that, there
were 1,800 Jews.

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00:02:39,540 --> 00:02:41,350

So it was a
relatively small town.

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00:02:41,350 --> 00:02:48,380

It was a small town, but
full of vigor, of enthusiasm,

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00:02:48,380 --> 00:02:53,310

from Hasidim to Zionism.

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00:02:53,310 --> 00:02:56,260

It was a beautiful little town.

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00:02:56,260 --> 00:03:00,130

What was the influence
of orthodoxy in the town?

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00:03:00,130 --> 00:03:03,240

Well, it was
changing in my time.

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00:03:03,240 --> 00:03:07,280

As I told you, Zionism
was booming in town.

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00:03:07,280 --> 00:03:08,540

What year now?

48
00:03:08,540 --> 00:03:09,040
Excuse me?

49
00:03:09,040 --> 00:03:11,450
What year are we talking about?

50
00:03:11,450 --> 00:03:14,380
What I can remember, I
can remember the '30s.

51
00:03:14,380 --> 00:03:14,880
OK.

52
00:03:14,880 --> 00:03:18,080
Of course, the
'20s, I was a child.

53
00:03:18,080 --> 00:03:25,020
And of course, the older people
were still strictly Orthodox.

54
00:03:25,020 --> 00:03:31,650
I mean, everybody was religious
in terms of American standards.

55
00:03:31,650 --> 00:03:39,930
But the drive to be
modern, to be Zionist,

56
00:03:39,930 --> 00:03:41,830
was of course the youth.

57
00:03:41,830 --> 00:03:47,290
That was the future of the
Jewish young population.

58
00:03:47,290 --> 00:03:51,200
They belonged to the
Betar and to the Gordonia.

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00:03:51,200 --> 00:03:52,870

My father was in
the [NON-ENGLISH],,

60
00:03:52,870 --> 00:03:55,910
and I did not participate
in any of those.

61
00:03:55,910 --> 00:04:01,910
But my Hebrew teacher instilled
in me a great love for Israel,

62
00:04:01,910 --> 00:04:08,080
and I sang Jerusalem
[NON-ENGLISH] without ever

63
00:04:08,080 --> 00:04:11,552
imagining that I'll be there
and I'll see with my own eyes.

64
00:04:11,552 --> 00:04:12,260
That's wonderful.

65
00:04:12,260 --> 00:04:14,787
Did you yourself belong to Betar
or any youth organizations?

66
00:04:14,787 --> 00:04:15,620
No, I'm telling you.

67
00:04:15,620 --> 00:04:17,149
My father was in the Aguda.

68
00:04:17,149 --> 00:04:18,066
He was [Both talking].

69
00:04:18,066 --> 00:04:18,870
I understand.

70
00:04:18,870 --> 00:04:20,730
No.

71
00:04:20,730 --> 00:04:23,900

First of all, I
never had the feeling

72
00:04:23,900 --> 00:04:27,020
that I have to belong
to a organization.

73
00:04:27,020 --> 00:04:32,270
Some children of parents like
my father were rebelling.

74
00:04:32,270 --> 00:04:34,100
I wasn't a rebellious type.

75
00:04:34,100 --> 00:04:42,890
But when it came [NON-ENGLISH].

76
00:04:42,890 --> 00:04:45,470
I went to the
synagogue with the--

77
00:04:45,470 --> 00:04:47,450
dressed in a blue
skirt and a white shirt

78
00:04:47,450 --> 00:04:48,950
and all this from
the Hebrew school.

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00:04:48,950 --> 00:04:53,030
Everything was around
the Hebrew school,

80
00:04:53,030 --> 00:04:57,680
where I participated in anything
that had to do with Zionism.

81
00:04:57,680 --> 00:05:00,110
I did not belong
to an organization

82
00:05:00,110 --> 00:05:01,550
because there were

girls and boys,

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00:05:01,550 --> 00:05:05,880
and my father would not
have approved of that.

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00:05:05,880 --> 00:05:07,380
So you went to public school?

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00:05:07,380 --> 00:05:14,510
I went to public school
from the Polish government,

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00:05:14,510 --> 00:05:17,360
and in the afternoon I
went to Hebrew school

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00:05:17,360 --> 00:05:19,040
an hour and a half.

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00:05:19,040 --> 00:05:23,400
We had a wonderful
teacher in a small town.

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00:05:23,400 --> 00:05:27,500
Most of the young population,
especially girls, we all

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00:05:27,500 --> 00:05:31,040
spoke Hebrew as well
as we spoke Polish.

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00:05:31,040 --> 00:05:36,260
And this is a credit to
one man, and his name

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00:05:36,260 --> 00:05:38,732
was Mordecai Spector.

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00:05:38,732 --> 00:05:42,204
[INAUDIBLE]

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00:05:42,204 --> 00:05:46,200
What was the economic situation
of the Jewish community

95
00:05:46,200 --> 00:05:46,700
[INAUDIBLE]?

96
00:05:46,700 --> 00:05:49,350
The economic situation?

97
00:05:49,350 --> 00:05:52,260
I was a young girl.

98
00:05:52,260 --> 00:05:54,300
I'm sure that everyone
will tell you that he

99
00:05:54,300 --> 00:05:56,540
comes from a well-to-do home.

100
00:05:56,540 --> 00:05:57,740
I am.

101
00:05:57,740 --> 00:06:01,080
I'm sorry to say,
it's the truth.

102
00:06:01,080 --> 00:06:02,080
What did your father do?

103
00:06:02,080 --> 00:06:05,460
My father had a lumberyard,
and the only one

104
00:06:05,460 --> 00:06:07,200
that was in the
building business

105
00:06:07,200 --> 00:06:10,240
before anybody of our partners.

106
00:06:10,240 --> 00:06:13,630

But so we were well-to-do.

107

00:06:13,630 --> 00:06:15,720

Our house is still
standing there.

108

00:06:15,720 --> 00:06:18,950

The maid sent me a
picture of it yet.

109

00:06:18,950 --> 00:06:24,180

And so I personally had
no material worries.

110

00:06:24,180 --> 00:06:28,770

But I do remember my
mother every Friday would

111

00:06:28,770 --> 00:06:35,100

make packages and sent around
packages for needy families

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00:06:35,100 --> 00:06:36,060

with a maid.

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00:06:36,060 --> 00:06:39,720

But there were two families
that I was sent personally.

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00:06:39,720 --> 00:06:41,460

The maid should not
know about, nobody

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00:06:41,460 --> 00:06:46,960

should know about it, because
not to hurt their feelings.

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00:06:46,960 --> 00:06:49,410

And people worked hard.

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00:06:49,410 --> 00:06:51,880

I remember one man.

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00:06:51,880 --> 00:06:57,370

He was-- The Jewish
population mostly

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00:06:57,370 --> 00:07:01,710

were merchants and artisans.

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00:07:01,710 --> 00:07:05,100

The artisans fared better
than some of those merchants,

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00:07:05,100 --> 00:07:10,570

because the merchant, he
bought a sack or two of wheat

122

00:07:10,570 --> 00:07:14,630

from a peasant, and he
sold it for a slight amount

123

00:07:14,630 --> 00:07:16,040

to somebody else.

124

00:07:16,040 --> 00:07:19,340

And I remember there was
one of these big merchants.

125

00:07:19,340 --> 00:07:24,480

He would come every Wednesday
and borrow a few zloty

126

00:07:24,480 --> 00:07:27,950

from my father, and on Friday
would come back and give it

127

00:07:27,950 --> 00:07:28,450

back.

128

00:07:28,450 --> 00:07:30,410

Well, my father said,
keep it for next week.

129

00:07:30,410 --> 00:07:30,960

No, he says.

130

00:07:30,960 --> 00:07:33,810

Over Shabbat, I want to
feel that I don't owe money.

131

00:07:33,810 --> 00:07:36,390

And that's the
way he made this--

132

00:07:36,390 --> 00:07:38,730

I'm sure that he had
a very tough time.

133

00:07:38,730 --> 00:07:41,590

And what I hear from other
people, from older people,

134

00:07:41,590 --> 00:07:45,630

is that there was no industry.

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00:07:45,630 --> 00:07:50,490

So the only thing that
people made a living from

136

00:07:50,490 --> 00:07:57,560

is having a small store,
small grocery store.

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00:07:57,560 --> 00:08:03,170

So the bigger merchants
were like my father

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00:08:03,170 --> 00:08:06,610

with the lumberyard.

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00:08:06,610 --> 00:08:13,060

Some people had woods that they
would rent out from landowners.

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00:08:13,060 --> 00:08:16,870

I was too young to
concern myself with that.

141
00:08:16,870 --> 00:08:18,420
The book has--

142
00:08:18,420 --> 00:08:20,976
Now if I want to know
something I open the book.

143
00:08:20,976 --> 00:08:21,810
I was going to say--

144
00:08:21,810 --> 00:08:22,602
I read in the book.

145
00:08:22,602 --> 00:08:27,360
--I noticed that the book was
written in, I think, 1965.

146
00:08:27,360 --> 00:08:33,289
In 1965, he decided to
put down in the book

147
00:08:33,289 --> 00:08:38,450
what happened
during the Holocaust

148
00:08:38,450 --> 00:08:40,799
and what happened before.

149
00:08:40,799 --> 00:08:45,730
And we have I think the one
this Dr. [PERSONAL NAME]..

150
00:08:45,730 --> 00:08:50,410
He was in the second Knesset,
and he was from our town.

151
00:08:50,410 --> 00:08:54,920
And he writes about his
childhood memories about things

152
00:08:54,920 --> 00:09:02,090

that I've never heard of and
about all kind of businesses

153
00:09:02,090 --> 00:09:06,650
that people had that in my
time they were obsolete,

154
00:09:06,650 --> 00:09:07,410
you understand.

155
00:09:07,410 --> 00:09:10,280
So no matter.

156
00:09:10,280 --> 00:09:12,800
I'm 60 years old now,
but I was a child then.

157
00:09:12,800 --> 00:09:17,120
And being 16 before the
war, it's not like today.

158
00:09:17,120 --> 00:09:19,040
I was still considered a child.

159
00:09:19,040 --> 00:09:21,980
I wasn't told everything,
and I was too busy

160
00:09:21,980 --> 00:09:29,010
being young to ask things about
my grandparents and things

161
00:09:29,010 --> 00:09:29,510
like that.

162
00:09:29,510 --> 00:09:30,410
I'm sorry now.

163
00:09:30,410 --> 00:09:33,020
That's the reason
I'm here now to tell.

164

00:09:33,020 --> 00:09:35,870

Whenever my grandchildren
want to know something

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00:09:35,870 --> 00:09:44,678

about my life, they should be
able to know if I'm not around.

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00:09:44,678 --> 00:09:48,325

So the Jewish community
then was a very vibrant

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00:09:48,325 --> 00:09:49,033

Jewish community.

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00:09:49,033 --> 00:09:50,825

A vibrant Jewish community.

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00:09:50,825 --> 00:09:52,950

There were Hasid and there
were [NON-ENGLISH] Hasid

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00:09:52,950 --> 00:09:56,990

and [NON-ENGLISH] Hasid, and
then you have the Gordonia

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00:09:56,990 --> 00:10:05,280

and the [Zjednoczenie. ?]
And they obviously were having

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00:10:05,280 --> 00:10:06,893

fight among them.

173

00:10:06,893 --> 00:10:08,310

I was going to ask
you about that.

174

00:10:08,310 --> 00:10:08,970

Yes.

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00:10:08,970 --> 00:10:10,348

I remember voting.

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00:10:10,348 --> 00:10:10,890

I don't know.

177

00:10:10,890 --> 00:10:16,140

I was voting for the
Senate in Poland.

178

00:10:16,140 --> 00:10:21,450

We had, I think, two or three
Jewish senators before the war,

179

00:10:21,450 --> 00:10:25,200

and each one wanted to
influence the Jewish vote

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00:10:25,200 --> 00:10:28,410

and the Jewish parties somehow.

181

00:10:28,410 --> 00:10:30,330

I can't tell you,
because I was--

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00:10:30,330 --> 00:10:33,240

I just remember
the numbers 4 and 3

183

00:10:33,240 --> 00:10:35,190

painted all over the town.

184

00:10:35,190 --> 00:10:39,570

So those are my
recollections in town.

185

00:10:39,570 --> 00:10:45,075

But I don't know if there
was one person in our town

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00:10:45,075 --> 00:10:46,325

that could not read and write.

187

00:10:46,325 --> 00:10:49,010

188
00:10:49,010 --> 00:10:56,560
And the Jewish population
was really all for education.

189
00:10:56,560 --> 00:10:59,420
The boys went to
cheder and to yeshiva.

190
00:10:59,420 --> 00:11:01,560
The girls, we all
went to Hebrew school.

191
00:11:01,560 --> 00:11:07,120
I was honored for
[INAUDIBLE] a few months ago,

192
00:11:07,120 --> 00:11:10,010
and I told him the
story in our town.

193
00:11:10,010 --> 00:11:13,890
As I told you, all the
girls went to Hebrew school.

194
00:11:13,890 --> 00:11:16,140
And I think-- I don't know,
it was five zloty a month,

195
00:11:16,140 --> 00:11:17,340
or 10 zloty.

196
00:11:17,340 --> 00:11:18,250
I don't remember.

197
00:11:18,250 --> 00:11:23,200
I mean, I wasn't
concerned with that.

198
00:11:23,200 --> 00:11:25,420
There was a beggar in town.

199

00:11:25,420 --> 00:11:26,710
He was a beggar.

200
00:11:26,710 --> 00:11:28,266
He was a cripple.

201
00:11:28,266 --> 00:11:30,920
His cheek-- I don't know.

202
00:11:30,920 --> 00:11:33,610
He was burned as a child.

203
00:11:33,610 --> 00:11:35,770
They used to call
him [NON-ENGLISH],,

204
00:11:35,770 --> 00:11:38,970
because he had the burned cheek.

205
00:11:38,970 --> 00:11:43,750
And he was married to
some poor orphan girl.

206
00:11:43,750 --> 00:11:47,890
Beautiful girl, but
she had no dowry.

207
00:11:47,890 --> 00:11:50,430
And they had a
beautiful little girl.

208
00:11:50,430 --> 00:11:53,600
And when she was four
or five years old,

209
00:11:53,600 --> 00:11:55,450
she had to go to Hebrew school.

210
00:11:55,450 --> 00:11:57,970
Of course he was going--

211
00:11:57,970 --> 00:12:00,410

He was a beggar, going
from house to house,

212
00:12:00,410 --> 00:12:05,120
and he didn't have enough
to pay for the tuition.

213
00:12:05,120 --> 00:12:09,910
So he came to our Hebrew teacher
and told him, Mr. Spector, I

214
00:12:09,910 --> 00:12:11,620
want you to take my Hannalah.

215
00:12:11,620 --> 00:12:13,000
That was her name.

216
00:12:13,000 --> 00:12:17,623
She has to get her
Hebrew education.

217
00:12:17,623 --> 00:12:18,290
And don't worry.

218
00:12:18,290 --> 00:12:21,777
I'll go to kahal
and he'll pay you.

219
00:12:21,777 --> 00:12:22,860
And then he went to kahal.

220
00:12:22,860 --> 00:12:29,090
He said, look, I cannot give
her fancy clothes, a fancy home.

221
00:12:29,090 --> 00:12:32,330
Maybe that building-- if she
grows up, she can have that.

222
00:12:32,330 --> 00:12:34,760
But her Hebrew education
has to start now.

223

00:12:34,760 --> 00:12:38,210

And that little girl
went with all of us,

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00:12:38,210 --> 00:12:40,330

and she knew Hebrew just
as well, maybe better

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00:12:40,330 --> 00:12:42,530

than some of the rich kids.

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00:12:42,530 --> 00:12:49,040

So that was the spirit of the
town, whatever the politics--

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00:12:49,040 --> 00:12:50,750

politicking was going on.

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00:12:50,750 --> 00:12:52,750

In the synagogues,
I used to come home.

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00:12:52,750 --> 00:12:57,810

It was when Spain
had their civil war.

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00:12:57,810 --> 00:13:01,790

You knew in Tlusto exactly
what was going on in Spain.

231

00:13:01,790 --> 00:13:04,880

And some of them they
mispronounced, like most of us

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00:13:04,880 --> 00:13:10,010

here mispronounce English
because this is not

233

00:13:10,010 --> 00:13:12,200

my native tongue.

234

00:13:12,200 --> 00:13:21,150

But while the civil war is going on, it wasn't backwards at all.

235
00:13:21,150 --> 00:13:26,220
So if not for Hitler, it would be still a vibrant town.

236
00:13:26,220 --> 00:13:28,770

237
00:13:28,770 --> 00:13:35,020
It's reproduced quite a few famous people

238
00:13:35,020 --> 00:13:37,720
for that small little town.

239
00:13:37,720 --> 00:13:40,160
There's Dr. Bernard
[PERSONAL NAME]

240
00:13:40,160 --> 00:13:41,260
Did you ever hear of him?

241
00:13:41,260 --> 00:13:42,860
No.

242
00:13:42,860 --> 00:13:45,610
Look up in the Encyclopedia Judaica.

243
00:13:45,610 --> 00:13:49,580
He was a famous genealogist that went back

244
00:13:49,580 --> 00:13:57,040
to find out about Jewish roots.

245
00:13:57,040 --> 00:13:58,570
He lived in Vienna later on.

246
00:13:58,570 --> 00:14:01,760

247
00:14:01,760 --> 00:14:06,360
Education was the
most important,

248
00:14:06,360 --> 00:14:12,043
so I did not feel deprived of--

249
00:14:12,043 --> 00:14:12,710
I used to come--

250
00:14:12,710 --> 00:14:15,290
My mother comes
from Stanislaw³w.

251
00:14:15,290 --> 00:14:17,040
This is a big city.

252
00:14:17,040 --> 00:14:19,320
And my cousins were there,
and they used to make fun.

253
00:14:19,320 --> 00:14:21,750
You come from a hick town.

254
00:14:21,750 --> 00:14:25,293
So their parents said, she
comes from a hick town.

255
00:14:25,293 --> 00:14:27,710
I spoke here with [NON-ENGLISH]
[? and David. ?] They went

256
00:14:27,710 --> 00:14:30,566
to a gymnasium there.

257
00:14:30,566 --> 00:14:34,860
And I lived a better life than
they lived in the big city.

258
00:14:34,860 --> 00:14:36,560

So I did not feel
deprived of that.

259
00:14:36,560 --> 00:14:37,980
Of course there
were poor people,

260
00:14:37,980 --> 00:14:42,180
but Shabbat everybody
was dressed neatly,

261
00:14:42,180 --> 00:14:46,710
and the parents did their
utmost to get for the holidays

262
00:14:46,710 --> 00:14:48,160
a new pair of shoes.

263
00:14:48,160 --> 00:14:52,650
And some came easy, but
everybody that I know--

264
00:14:52,650 --> 00:14:56,570
And I don't think that there
were really people starving,

265
00:14:56,570 --> 00:14:58,970
and that must be--

266
00:14:58,970 --> 00:15:02,180
the reason must be that
the part that we come from

267
00:15:02,180 --> 00:15:04,550
is the breadbasket of Europe.

268
00:15:04,550 --> 00:15:06,590
Hitler wanted it.

269
00:15:06,590 --> 00:15:10,300
So there was bread and
potatoes and things like that.

270

00:15:10,300 --> 00:15:15,150

So you did not feel the
hunger maybe as in a big city,

271

00:15:15,150 --> 00:15:17,450

a poor big city.

272

00:15:17,450 --> 00:15:19,100

It's my opinion.

273

00:15:19,100 --> 00:15:21,650

And worse, if you
didn't have food--

274

00:15:21,650 --> 00:15:23,000

you didn't have food here.

275

00:15:23,000 --> 00:15:26,630

If you had a little
plot and you planted

276

00:15:26,630 --> 00:15:31,800

a few cucumbers and a tomato,
something, you had some food.

277

00:15:31,800 --> 00:15:35,490

What was the relationship
between the Jewish community

278

00:15:35,490 --> 00:15:38,430

and the non-Jewish community
before the war broke out?

279

00:15:38,430 --> 00:15:40,640

Very good.

280

00:15:40,640 --> 00:15:42,550

That's what hurt most.

281

00:15:42,550 --> 00:15:43,330

I'm sorry?

282

00:15:43,330 --> 00:15:52,420

That hurt the most, that when
the war started the girlfriends

283

00:15:52,420 --> 00:15:53,620

that I grew up--

284

00:15:53,620 --> 00:15:58,340

did my homework together
with them, all of a sudden

285

00:15:58,340 --> 00:16:01,090

didn't know me anymore.

286

00:16:01,090 --> 00:16:03,510

And how old were
you at the time?

287

00:16:03,510 --> 00:16:04,530

When the war started?

288

00:16:04,530 --> 00:16:05,340

16.

289

00:16:05,340 --> 00:16:07,200

You were 16.

290

00:16:07,200 --> 00:16:10,200

So there was a total
separation then at the time

291

00:16:10,200 --> 00:16:12,990

between you and your friends?

292

00:16:12,990 --> 00:16:15,660

My Christian friends?

293

00:16:15,660 --> 00:16:16,950

Yes and no.

294

00:16:16,950 --> 00:16:19,185

It's very hard to--

295

00:16:19,185 --> 00:16:21,933

I know there was a very
peaceful coexistence

296

00:16:21,933 --> 00:16:23,100

before the war in your town.

297

00:16:23,100 --> 00:16:25,930

There was a very
peaceful coexistence.

298

00:16:25,930 --> 00:16:31,130

There was antisemitism, but
in a town that predominately

299

00:16:31,130 --> 00:16:34,530

the population was Jewish.

300

00:16:34,530 --> 00:16:39,010

The Christian population
was around the town,

301

00:16:39,010 --> 00:16:42,910

but in center of town
there were all Jews.

302

00:16:42,910 --> 00:16:48,475

So actually in the
schools we had a few.

303

00:16:48,475 --> 00:16:53,820

304

00:16:53,820 --> 00:16:56,860

You can say that 60% of
the children in school

305

00:16:56,860 --> 00:17:00,350

were Jewish in town.

306

00:17:00,350 --> 00:17:03,310

In the villages was
a difference there.

307

00:17:03,310 --> 00:17:07,040

And there was
another factor there.

308

00:17:07,040 --> 00:17:09,420

The part that we
come from was Poland,

309

00:17:09,420 --> 00:17:13,550

but the majority of the
population was Ukrainian.

310

00:17:13,550 --> 00:17:16,960

And the Poles hated
the Ukrainians,

311

00:17:16,960 --> 00:17:19,480

and the Ukrainians
hated the Poles.

312

00:17:19,480 --> 00:17:22,500

And we were in between,
and everybody hated us.

313

00:17:22,500 --> 00:17:24,790

This is the difference there.

314

00:17:24,790 --> 00:17:27,300

But not publicly.

315

00:17:27,300 --> 00:17:35,340

In school I was a
Pole, but my religion

316

00:17:35,340 --> 00:17:39,390

was the "religion of Moses."

317

00:17:39,390 --> 00:17:42,450

This is strictly translated.

318
00:17:42,450 --> 00:17:44,340
It's just translated.

319
00:17:44,340 --> 00:17:45,690
[NON-ENGLISH].

320
00:17:45,690 --> 00:17:52,080
That means that I was a
Pole with the Jewish faith,

321
00:17:52,080 --> 00:17:54,210
of the Jewish faith.

322
00:17:54,210 --> 00:17:57,630
And I remember before
the war already there

323
00:17:57,630 --> 00:18:02,145
was like the Boy Scouts, Girl
Scouts, which Jewish children

324
00:18:02,145 --> 00:18:03,630
were not--

325
00:18:03,630 --> 00:18:08,760
for the same, the Ukrainian
children were not taken into.

326
00:18:08,760 --> 00:18:10,140
And we had a teacher.

327
00:18:10,140 --> 00:18:13,550
She must have been
some anti-Semite.

328
00:18:13,550 --> 00:18:16,950
The Jewish children
were good students.

329
00:18:16,950 --> 00:18:17,730
What can you do?

330
00:18:17,730 --> 00:18:19,290
We're good students.

331
00:18:19,290 --> 00:18:22,650
And some of the
Poles were very weak.

332
00:18:22,650 --> 00:18:25,905
So she would teach
them privately,

333
00:18:25,905 --> 00:18:29,310
give them private
lessons that we did not.

334
00:18:29,310 --> 00:18:32,800
One of the girls was my good
girlfriend, best girlfriend

335
00:18:32,800 --> 00:18:33,810
and neighbor.

336
00:18:33,810 --> 00:18:35,940
So all that what taught--

337
00:18:35,940 --> 00:18:37,950
she would give them,
then she would give me.

338
00:18:37,950 --> 00:18:42,445
So I would read
it, and then I was

339
00:18:42,445 --> 00:18:44,700
even better than I was before.

340
00:18:44,700 --> 00:18:45,760
She yelled at her.

341
00:18:45,760 --> 00:18:48,420
So it's not enough

that this and --

342

00:18:48,420 --> 00:18:52,730

you still give the Jew to
read what I help you out.

343

00:18:52,730 --> 00:18:58,740

[INAUDIBLE] But
you lived with it.

344

00:18:58,740 --> 00:19:00,720

Now another thing.

345

00:19:00,720 --> 00:19:02,700

There was no high
school in our town.

346

00:19:02,700 --> 00:19:03,820

It was small.

347

00:19:03,820 --> 00:19:05,890

So you had to go to [INAUDIBLE].

348

00:19:05,890 --> 00:19:09,170

349

00:19:09,170 --> 00:19:11,890

A Jew had to be
the best student,

350

00:19:11,890 --> 00:19:13,960

so you had to be A
student, and the father

351

00:19:13,960 --> 00:19:17,320

had a lot of money
to pay [INAUDIBLE]..

352

00:19:17,320 --> 00:19:21,040

If you want to go to high
school, they would tutor him

353

00:19:21,040 --> 00:19:24,930
and You have to pay
and things like this.

354
00:19:24,930 --> 00:19:30,370
We knew that this parent and
the Polish people had priority.

355
00:19:30,370 --> 00:19:34,360
So discrimination was accepted.

356
00:19:34,360 --> 00:19:37,160
This kind of discrimination
we learned how to live.

357
00:19:37,160 --> 00:19:40,940
So we took private lessons.

358
00:19:40,940 --> 00:19:45,620
You had Hebrew high
schools in bigger cities

359
00:19:45,620 --> 00:19:47,840
if you could afford,
and the mother

360
00:19:47,840 --> 00:19:49,770
wasn't afraid to let you go.

361
00:19:49,770 --> 00:19:53,930
It wasn't only to be able to
afford, but to send the child

362
00:19:53,930 --> 00:19:56,460
to a big city by himself.

363
00:19:56,460 --> 00:19:58,220
So we went around that.

364
00:19:58,220 --> 00:20:02,480
We had our Jewish doctors,
Jewish lawyers in town.

365

00:20:02,480 --> 00:20:05,522

We had Jewish pharmacists.

366

00:20:05,522 --> 00:20:06,980

They had to go to
Germany to study.

367

00:20:06,980 --> 00:20:09,530

368

00:20:09,530 --> 00:20:10,430

Isn't that--

369

00:20:10,430 --> 00:20:13,390

Interesting.

370

00:20:13,390 --> 00:20:19,070

All the doctors and
the academicians

371

00:20:19,070 --> 00:20:21,750

had to go out of town
to get their degrees,

372

00:20:21,750 --> 00:20:28,790

and then they would come back
and practice in our town.

373

00:20:28,790 --> 00:20:31,590

Again, I was too young to
know where exactly everybody

374

00:20:31,590 --> 00:20:36,470

studied, but I heard they
went to Vienna and Berlin

375

00:20:36,470 --> 00:20:39,245

and then they came back.

376

00:20:39,245 --> 00:20:42,730

Can you describe some of the
other changes that took place

377
00:20:42,730 --> 00:20:44,177
when Hitler came to power?

378
00:20:44,177 --> 00:20:46,760
We talked about the relationship
between you and your friends,

379
00:20:46,760 --> 00:20:47,260
for example.

380
00:20:47,260 --> 00:20:49,255
I told you the
relationship was--

381
00:20:49,255 --> 00:20:56,830

382
00:20:56,830 --> 00:21:01,956
They did not do--

383
00:21:01,956 --> 00:21:08,970
They did not live up to
the democratic way of life

384
00:21:08,970 --> 00:21:12,020
that they try to picture
themselves in the world,

385
00:21:12,020 --> 00:21:15,750
that Poland was a
republic, a democracy.

386
00:21:15,750 --> 00:21:18,000
They were not.

387
00:21:18,000 --> 00:21:23,070
But I have to give credit
where credit is due.

388
00:21:23,070 --> 00:21:24,780
In the book, you read about it.

389
00:21:24,780 --> 00:21:27,790
I remembered it, but I
did not put down in book.

390
00:21:27,790 --> 00:21:32,330
1965, I was still very bitter,
and especially my husband

391
00:21:32,330 --> 00:21:37,350
was even more than I.
And raising children

392
00:21:37,350 --> 00:21:41,210
and making a living took
up most of our time.

393
00:21:41,210 --> 00:21:44,260
But those people that wrote
the book, most of them

394
00:21:44,260 --> 00:21:46,270
were my parents' age.

395
00:21:46,270 --> 00:21:51,310
And there's a Mr. Blick, and
he recorded what I remember.

396
00:21:51,310 --> 00:21:56,390
The war started June 22.

397
00:21:56,390 --> 00:22:02,330
For 10 days, in our town
you did not see a German.

398
00:22:02,330 --> 00:22:08,270
But the Christian
population in the villages

399
00:22:08,270 --> 00:22:12,980
around killed all the
Jews in their villages,

400

00:22:12,980 --> 00:22:16,890

and they were going to
our town to do the job

401

00:22:16,890 --> 00:22:18,803

on the Jewish population.

402

00:22:18,803 --> 00:22:21,470

How many Jews were killed in the
surrounding towns [INAUDIBLE]??

403

00:22:21,470 --> 00:22:23,540

A few hundred people.

404

00:22:23,540 --> 00:22:25,040

How many?

405

00:22:25,040 --> 00:22:27,020

Two, three families
in a village,

406

00:22:27,020 --> 00:22:29,870

and there were 32
villages around our town.

407

00:22:29,870 --> 00:22:34,911

It was a very
centrally located town.

408

00:22:34,911 --> 00:22:39,720

And so the Ukrainian priests--

409

00:22:39,720 --> 00:22:45,380

I just want to tell you how
important a small leader.

410

00:22:45,380 --> 00:22:52,640

If the Jewish people have
a grudge against Pope Pius,

411

00:22:52,640 --> 00:22:54,950

here you have an example.

412
00:22:54,950 --> 00:22:59,090
He called his people
together, and he told them

413
00:22:59,090 --> 00:23:00,890
that he wants a Ukraine.

414
00:23:00,890 --> 00:23:03,920
I mean, they want an
independent Ukraine.

415
00:23:03,920 --> 00:23:08,360
But not on Jewish blood, not
on blood of our God's children.

416
00:23:08,360 --> 00:23:09,850
We're all God's children.

417
00:23:09,850 --> 00:23:14,290
And he sent out
young Ukrainian boys

418
00:23:14,290 --> 00:23:17,570
that he had influence
over around the town

419
00:23:17,570 --> 00:23:21,350
and they would not let in the
murderers from the villages.

420
00:23:21,350 --> 00:23:25,253
I knew of a fellow,
[? Bruno, ?] a Ukrainian boy,

421
00:23:25,253 --> 00:23:29,680
that the other guys cut his--

422
00:23:29,680 --> 00:23:33,420
shot off his finger that night.

423
00:23:33,420 --> 00:23:35,130

And the same-- and
the Polish priest

424
00:23:35,130 --> 00:23:43,990
also kept the people
from committing murder.

425
00:23:43,990 --> 00:23:47,040
Because if not for
those two priests--

426
00:23:47,040 --> 00:23:51,670
especially the Ukrainian,
because he was more energetic--

427
00:23:51,670 --> 00:23:53,770
I don't think that I
would be here today,

428
00:23:53,770 --> 00:24:01,720
because that before you saw
German soldier yet in our town.

429
00:24:01,720 --> 00:24:08,940
And just as a epilogue, you say,
Sam Halpern just came back now

430
00:24:08,940 --> 00:24:12,180
from Russia, and
he went to our town

431
00:24:12,180 --> 00:24:16,740
because he went with people
which were a friend of ours,

432
00:24:16,740 --> 00:24:19,560
but she lost her
parents in our town.

433
00:24:19,560 --> 00:24:21,480
And they went to
the cemetery, and he

434

00:24:21,480 --> 00:24:24,930
said that in the whole area--

435
00:24:24,930 --> 00:24:27,930
he went to his hometown
and other hometowns--

436
00:24:27,930 --> 00:24:31,910
the Jewish cemeteries are
destroyed but in Tluste.

437
00:24:31,910 --> 00:24:35,730
And I give credit to
that Ukrainian priest.

438
00:24:35,730 --> 00:24:41,390
I'm sure that he told them
don't touch that holy ground.

439
00:24:41,390 --> 00:24:46,840
So when one person
can have an influence

440
00:24:46,840 --> 00:24:52,780
I'm sure if he would tell
them look, go out, kill,

441
00:24:52,780 --> 00:24:55,150
they would have gone and killed.

442
00:24:55,150 --> 00:24:57,232
He told them not to.

443
00:24:57,232 --> 00:25:00,430
Our maid used to tell
us all the sermons.

444
00:25:00,430 --> 00:25:02,650
Every Sunday used
to keep sermons

445
00:25:02,650 --> 00:25:08,320
and telling them that we are

all children of the same God.

446

00:25:08,320 --> 00:25:10,480

If we don't take
care of each other,

447

00:25:10,480 --> 00:25:13,840

if they kill--
today they kill one,

448

00:25:13,840 --> 00:25:16,180

tomorrow they will
come and kill us.

449

00:25:16,180 --> 00:25:17,740

Don't do it.

450

00:25:17,740 --> 00:25:21,530

And they listened
to him as a whole.

451

00:25:21,530 --> 00:25:23,940

But there were greedy people.

452

00:25:23,940 --> 00:25:27,420

453

00:25:27,420 --> 00:25:29,010

If he thought if--

454

00:25:29,010 --> 00:25:32,800

he'll kill-- I'll be killed,
and he'll take the furniture out

455

00:25:32,800 --> 00:25:35,546

of the house.

456

00:25:35,546 --> 00:25:37,370

He did it.

457

00:25:37,370 --> 00:25:40,255

He did not protect me.

458
00:25:40,255 --> 00:25:42,880
I don't know how I look to you,
if I look to you Jewish or not,

459
00:25:42,880 --> 00:25:46,730
but in my town with the
Ukrainian population I

460
00:25:46,730 --> 00:25:50,830
could go easily as a
Ukrainian with their--

461
00:25:50,830 --> 00:25:56,110
put on their costume.

462
00:25:56,110 --> 00:25:59,410
And nobody, and especially
a girl, a woman,

463
00:25:59,410 --> 00:26:01,830
there was no way to tell.

464
00:26:01,830 --> 00:26:02,670
But I was afraid.

465
00:26:02,670 --> 00:26:07,610

466
00:26:07,610 --> 00:26:10,570
Did you discuss this with
your family at the time?

467
00:26:10,570 --> 00:26:12,200
Did your father,
did your mother talk

468
00:26:12,200 --> 00:26:14,910
about what was going on
in the villages nearby?

469
00:26:14,910 --> 00:26:15,835

Of course.

470

00:26:15,835 --> 00:26:20,550

We knew right away, because
some people survived.

471

00:26:20,550 --> 00:26:24,370

A couple of people survived
and came running to town

472

00:26:24,370 --> 00:26:25,915

and said what happened.

473

00:26:25,915 --> 00:26:27,470

Of course.

474

00:26:27,470 --> 00:26:29,910

We knew it right away.

475

00:26:29,910 --> 00:26:32,160

And what was the response
in terms of your own future,

476

00:26:32,160 --> 00:26:33,660

in terms of your
family's future?

477

00:26:33,660 --> 00:26:35,370

What could --

478

00:26:35,370 --> 00:26:41,310

But now whenever we listen
to the news, the bad news--

479

00:26:41,310 --> 00:26:42,150

I don't know.

480

00:26:42,150 --> 00:26:44,140

Maybe there was a will to live.

481

00:26:44,140 --> 00:26:46,590

You always heard good news.

482
00:26:46,590 --> 00:26:48,433
Hitler got in [NON-ENGLISH].

483
00:26:48,433 --> 00:26:49,725
You know what [NON-ENGLISH] is?

484
00:26:49,725 --> 00:26:50,225
Sure.

485
00:26:50,225 --> 00:26:52,790

486
00:26:52,790 --> 00:26:54,310
Things like that won't happen.

487
00:26:54,310 --> 00:26:57,720
And if somebody came in and
said that in this and this town

488
00:26:57,720 --> 00:26:59,166
there was an Aktion--

489
00:26:59,166 --> 00:27:02,180
oh, because somebody
killed a German.

490
00:27:02,180 --> 00:27:05,480

491
00:27:05,480 --> 00:27:06,980
In other words,
there was an excuse.

492
00:27:06,980 --> 00:27:08,420
They could not believe.

493
00:27:08,420 --> 00:27:09,920
They could not believe.

494
00:27:09,920 --> 00:27:14,250

You could not believe that
things like that do happen.

495
00:27:14,250 --> 00:27:15,890
We are a civilized people.

496
00:27:15,890 --> 00:27:16,980
The German people--

497
00:27:16,980 --> 00:27:21,450
I mean, this is the
cradle of civilization.

498
00:27:21,450 --> 00:27:23,270
They don't do a thing like that.

499
00:27:23,270 --> 00:27:25,250
Kill innocent children?

500
00:27:25,250 --> 00:27:28,580

501
00:27:28,580 --> 00:27:34,610
And a lot of people
ran away in the woods.

502
00:27:34,610 --> 00:27:38,010
Our part, as I told you, was
the breadbasket of Europe.

503
00:27:38,010 --> 00:27:41,690
But the woods were
like a park here,

504
00:27:41,690 --> 00:27:46,820
so you could not survive
there because they found you.

505
00:27:46,820 --> 00:27:51,290
Some people would go and
pay some peasants money

506

00:27:51,290 --> 00:27:54,545
to save you to keep--

507
00:27:54,545 --> 00:27:58,070
or someplace in the field to
make a bunker or something.

508
00:27:58,070 --> 00:28:02,420
Some of them did and the people
survived, and some of them

509
00:28:02,420 --> 00:28:08,500
as soon as they got your money
went and killed them themself.

510
00:28:08,500 --> 00:28:10,410
They didn't wait
for the Germans.

511
00:28:10,410 --> 00:28:14,030
Or they would go and tell
the Germans where you are.

512
00:28:14,030 --> 00:28:16,430
So as I told you, we
were not in Auschwitz,

513
00:28:16,430 --> 00:28:20,053
but the end result was the same.

514
00:28:20,053 --> 00:28:21,970
How long did you live
in this particular town?

515
00:28:21,970 --> 00:28:23,050
Until what year?

516
00:28:23,050 --> 00:28:25,873
I was there all the time.

517
00:28:25,873 --> 00:28:26,540
The entire time.

518

00:28:26,540 --> 00:28:30,450

No, I was in a village
next to Tluste.

519

00:28:30,450 --> 00:28:33,150

It was [PLACE NAME].

520

00:28:33,150 --> 00:28:36,330

I mean, I was
interviewed in Washington

521

00:28:36,330 --> 00:28:41,050

by a correspondent
for the UPI, I think.

522

00:28:41,050 --> 00:28:44,580

I told him I was three
years with the Nazis,

523

00:28:44,580 --> 00:28:46,340

and if I had to tell
you how I survived,

524

00:28:46,340 --> 00:28:48,040

I'd need three
years to tell you,

525

00:28:48,040 --> 00:28:53,440

because every minute I
was exposed to danger.

526

00:28:53,440 --> 00:28:58,420

Just to give you an example,
the town, as I told you,

527

00:28:58,420 --> 00:29:03,430

was mostly occupied by Jews.

528

00:29:03,430 --> 00:29:05,195

So when they made an Aktion--

529

00:29:05,195 --> 00:29:06,320

You know what an Aktion is.

530

00:29:06,320 --> 00:29:08,830

I don't have to explain to you.

531

00:29:08,830 --> 00:29:11,600

So they made a ghetto.

532

00:29:11,600 --> 00:29:13,590

In this small town,
they made a ghetto.

533

00:29:13,590 --> 00:29:14,310

In your town.

534

00:29:14,310 --> 00:29:15,530

In my town, yes.

535

00:29:15,530 --> 00:29:17,940

So they said that
from now on Jews

536

00:29:17,940 --> 00:29:21,720

are allowed to live just on
this side of the main street.

537

00:29:21,720 --> 00:29:22,890

I mean, it's a small town.

538

00:29:22,890 --> 00:29:26,740

539

00:29:26,740 --> 00:29:28,450

Is this in 1939?

540

00:29:28,450 --> 00:29:29,150

No.

541

00:29:29,150 --> 00:29:31,400

No.

542

00:29:31,400 --> 00:29:32,630
As I told you, That's Russia.

543
00:29:32,630 --> 00:29:33,630
I'm sorry to tell you.

544
00:29:33,630 --> 00:29:38,570
It was 1941, because
when the war started

545
00:29:38,570 --> 00:29:42,530
Hitler made a pact
with Stalin, and we

546
00:29:42,530 --> 00:29:47,830
came under the Russian
rule from 1939 till '41.

547
00:29:47,830 --> 00:29:49,280
Through 1941.

548
00:29:49,280 --> 00:29:53,690
As I said, June 22
the war started,

549
00:29:53,690 --> 00:29:55,490
and 10 days later,
the Germans came.

550
00:29:55,490 --> 00:30:02,660
But before the Germans came
we had already killings.

551
00:30:02,660 --> 00:30:06,400
Total annihilation of
village, Jewish people

552
00:30:06,400 --> 00:30:09,620
that lived in the villages.

553
00:30:09,620 --> 00:30:14,020
So we were on one
side of the town,

554
00:30:14,020 --> 00:30:18,670
and the drinking water was on
the other side of the town.

555
00:30:18,670 --> 00:30:24,310
We were not allowed to
go on the main street,

556
00:30:24,310 --> 00:30:28,610
and there was no other way
to go it's to get water,

557
00:30:28,610 --> 00:30:30,890
I mean, there was
no canalization.

558
00:30:30,890 --> 00:30:34,650
We didn't have faucets or water.

559
00:30:34,650 --> 00:30:37,690
So in order to go and
bring a parent water,

560
00:30:37,690 --> 00:30:38,810
you endangered your life.

561
00:30:38,810 --> 00:30:42,130

562
00:30:42,130 --> 00:30:47,120
If they caught you walking,
crossing the Main Street

563
00:30:47,120 --> 00:30:54,770
that was a violation, and they
had the right to kill you.

564
00:30:54,770 --> 00:31:00,100
A lot of people got killed
just going to fetch water.

565

00:31:00,100 --> 00:31:01,920
How did the people survive?

566
00:31:01,920 --> 00:31:03,265
How do you survive?

567
00:31:03,265 --> 00:31:06,170

568
00:31:06,170 --> 00:31:14,270
There's-- everybody has a book
to tell you how we survived.

569
00:31:14,270 --> 00:31:15,800
I went to--

570
00:31:15,800 --> 00:31:18,350
I was lucky, I went to get
water and they didn't see me

571
00:31:18,350 --> 00:31:19,970
and they didn't kill me.

572
00:31:19,970 --> 00:31:21,850
But you were living
together with your family

573
00:31:21,850 --> 00:31:22,558
this entire time?

574
00:31:22,558 --> 00:31:28,190
I was together with
my mother, my sister--

575
00:31:28,190 --> 00:31:30,410
my sister was [PERSONAL NAME]
I had a sister,

576
00:31:30,410 --> 00:31:36,950
she was 14 years older than I.
So she had already a son that

577

00:31:36,950 --> 00:31:41,060
was nine years younger than I.
I was an aunt at the age of 9.

578
00:31:41,060 --> 00:31:43,850
And we were together because
we're from the same town,

579
00:31:43,850 --> 00:31:48,830
you know, because they were
making Judenrein the whole area

580
00:31:48,830 --> 00:31:51,610
and sending the
people to our town.

581
00:31:51,610 --> 00:31:55,300
And as long as I was
in my town in my house,

582
00:31:55,300 --> 00:32:00,786
although it was not in the
house that we lived til the war,

583
00:32:00,786 --> 00:32:03,200
you're still home.

584
00:32:03,200 --> 00:32:08,520
If you are home, you're
still not misplaced.

585
00:32:08,520 --> 00:32:11,640
You are not displaced
in this place.

586
00:32:11,640 --> 00:32:17,210
If the peasant did
not want to hide me,

587
00:32:17,210 --> 00:32:20,440
but he would give
me a loaf of bread.

588

00:32:20,440 --> 00:32:22,926
I'd say something like that.

589
00:32:22,926 --> 00:32:27,810
Or because my father was an
honest man and the men that

590
00:32:27,810 --> 00:32:33,430
remembered him, they would
look away if not see me,

591
00:32:33,430 --> 00:32:35,860
if I came in.

592
00:32:35,860 --> 00:32:41,640
It's very difficult to
describe how you survive.

593
00:32:41,640 --> 00:32:44,580
I don't believe
it myself anymore,

594
00:32:44,580 --> 00:32:47,910
how I could survive that, how
I could live like that from day

595
00:32:47,910 --> 00:32:50,830
to day.

596
00:32:50,830 --> 00:32:55,300
That was-- the first
Aktion was Sukkot, now.

597
00:32:55,300 --> 00:33:01,280
That was in 1943, and before
that they took away people

598
00:33:01,280 --> 00:33:02,420
to Belzec.

599
00:33:02,420 --> 00:33:04,040
That was another thing.

600

00:33:04,040 --> 00:33:06,170

They caught people, and
they sent them away.

601

00:33:06,170 --> 00:33:11,082

602

00:33:11,082 --> 00:33:13,290

You knew where the people
were being sent, of course.

603

00:33:13,290 --> 00:33:13,770

No.

604

00:33:13,770 --> 00:33:14,290

You did not.

605

00:33:14,290 --> 00:33:17,630

They were being sent abroad.

606

00:33:17,630 --> 00:33:20,740

Then, you know, the pessimists
said they'd been killed,

607

00:33:20,740 --> 00:33:22,870

and the optimists said,
what do you mean, killed?

608

00:33:22,870 --> 00:33:23,953

Why should they kill them?

609

00:33:23,953 --> 00:33:28,530

They need-- The German
army is under Frank,

610

00:33:28,530 --> 00:33:32,400

and they need workers
so they took people.

611

00:33:32,400 --> 00:33:34,910

We never heard of them anymore.

612

00:33:34,910 --> 00:33:36,060

Nobody survived.

613

00:33:36,060 --> 00:33:42,840

Those people that were
sent away, nobody survived.

614

00:33:42,840 --> 00:33:45,340

Nobody came back.

615

00:33:45,340 --> 00:33:50,670

Some people from other
transports would jump the train

616

00:33:50,670 --> 00:33:52,980

and come back, but
from the first one

617

00:33:52,980 --> 00:33:58,350

nobody jumped because
nobody knew what's going on.

618

00:33:58,350 --> 00:34:01,170

Did you yourself observe
some of the actions that

619

00:34:01,170 --> 00:34:04,500

were taking place in your town?

620

00:34:04,500 --> 00:34:14,610

I'll tell you, I told you before
that May 27, 1943, 3,000 people

621

00:34:14,610 --> 00:34:16,860

were killed in our
town as I told you.

622

00:34:16,860 --> 00:34:19,560

Before the war there
were just 1800 Jews.

623

00:34:19,560 --> 00:34:25,350

The cemetery has 5,000 Jews
killed during the Holocaust.

624
00:34:25,350 --> 00:34:31,270
That was 5:00 in the morning,
5, 6 in the morning, the Germans

625
00:34:31,270 --> 00:34:35,400
and Ukrainian police
surrounded the town,

626
00:34:35,400 --> 00:34:41,370
and then they went from house
to house taking out the people.

627
00:34:41,370 --> 00:34:44,530
People-- everybody
tried to make bunkers.

628
00:34:44,530 --> 00:34:45,870
You know what a bunker is?

629
00:34:45,870 --> 00:34:48,300
To hide ourselves.

630
00:34:48,300 --> 00:34:53,190
In our house there was--

631
00:34:53,190 --> 00:34:56,489
going back, the day
that the Russians left,

632
00:34:56,489 --> 00:35:01,440
they exploded some ammunition
that they couldn't take

633
00:35:01,440 --> 00:35:04,770
with them in the train station.

634
00:35:04,770 --> 00:35:09,240
And the worst of the houses
had plaster that fell off.

635

00:35:09,240 --> 00:35:12,090

So that was like a camouflage.

636

00:35:12,090 --> 00:35:21,430

We made our bunker in the attic,
and the door to the bunker

637

00:35:21,430 --> 00:35:22,360

was--

638

00:35:22,360 --> 00:35:24,640

I mean, the whole ceiling,
all over the ceilings

639

00:35:24,640 --> 00:35:28,000

were the plaster fell
off so like you could not

640

00:35:28,000 --> 00:35:29,540

see that it's a door.

641

00:35:29,540 --> 00:35:31,900

It was a camouflage.

642

00:35:31,900 --> 00:35:35,110

But the attic was
made out of wood,

643

00:35:35,110 --> 00:35:39,030

and I could see through the--

644

00:35:39,030 --> 00:35:42,370

what was going on.

645

00:35:42,370 --> 00:35:49,450

We were maybe 30 people in
that bunker in the attic.

646

00:35:49,450 --> 00:35:52,780

Your whole family was
still with you in the room?

647

00:35:52,780 --> 00:35:53,800

Yes.

648

00:35:53,800 --> 00:35:57,820

My father wasn't alive anymore,
but my mother, my sister,

649

00:35:57,820 --> 00:36:02,940

my nephew, and my
husband's family.

650

00:36:02,940 --> 00:36:05,825

He was in a camp already.

651

00:36:05,825 --> 00:36:10,150

We weren't married, but I
mean, his family, their house

652

00:36:10,150 --> 00:36:15,130

burned down in the explosion,
so they lived in our house.

653

00:36:15,130 --> 00:36:22,110

His aunt and uncle and his
cousin and his brother--

654

00:36:22,110 --> 00:36:23,050

there were 30 people.

655

00:36:23,050 --> 00:36:26,430

And among those 30 people
there was a young woman

656

00:36:26,430 --> 00:36:30,650

with a baby that came from
a different town, Horodenka.

657

00:36:30,650 --> 00:36:32,940

The town became Judenrein.

658

00:36:32,940 --> 00:36:41,660

And they-- she came Wednesday

afternoon with other people.

659

00:36:41,660 --> 00:36:44,200

And she was put in our
house to be with us.

660

00:36:44,200 --> 00:36:48,420

And she was with a
tiny baby infant.

661

00:36:48,420 --> 00:36:56,865

And when we heard the shooting,
we all ran up to that attic,

662

00:36:56,865 --> 00:36:57,990

and we had to take her too.

663

00:36:57,990 --> 00:37:01,050

We wouldn't leave her
alone with the infant.

664

00:37:01,050 --> 00:37:07,380

And my husband's father
did not trust that bunker

665

00:37:07,380 --> 00:37:10,770

because it was very flimsy.

666

00:37:10,770 --> 00:37:16,558

And next there were
Hungarian soldiers.

667

00:37:16,558 --> 00:37:18,100

And they were very
friendly with him.

668

00:37:18,100 --> 00:37:20,250

He spoke a little Hungarian.

669

00:37:20,250 --> 00:37:25,200

So he was going to hide
with the Hungarian soldiers.

670

00:37:25,200 --> 00:37:29,080

And it was maybe two meters
from house to that house.

671

00:37:29,080 --> 00:37:30,840

And they caught him.

672

00:37:30,840 --> 00:37:35,430

He never reached-- again,
the Hungarian soldiers

673

00:37:35,430 --> 00:37:39,030

were very friendly toward us.

674

00:37:39,030 --> 00:37:46,380

So over 30 people, I think,
32 people in one bunker.

675

00:37:46,380 --> 00:37:52,230

And I saw people, how
they were taking out

676

00:37:52,230 --> 00:37:56,120

people from different houses
in the center of town.

677

00:37:56,120 --> 00:38:01,730

They collect them, then they
took them to the cemetery.

678

00:38:01,730 --> 00:38:06,260

The baby starts crying
and this is like a shack,

679

00:38:06,260 --> 00:38:10,030

you know, an attic that
has just those [INAUDIBLE]..

680

00:38:10,030 --> 00:38:13,430

And the baby was crying
and sat down to the mother.

681

00:38:13,430 --> 00:38:15,250
Do something.

682
00:38:15,250 --> 00:38:19,550
And she had no
milk to nurse her.

683
00:38:19,550 --> 00:38:21,840
And so she started
taking the baby

684
00:38:21,840 --> 00:38:25,910
and pushing to my brother--

685
00:38:25,910 --> 00:38:27,462
to all the men.

686
00:38:27,462 --> 00:38:28,920
Do whatever you
want with the baby.

687
00:38:28,920 --> 00:38:32,345
I cannot kill my own baby.

688
00:38:32,345 --> 00:38:33,520
And the baby was crying.

689
00:38:33,520 --> 00:38:36,130

690
00:38:36,130 --> 00:38:38,600
And as soon as they know--

691
00:38:38,600 --> 00:38:42,260
they hear a baby cry,
they know where we are.

692
00:38:42,260 --> 00:38:46,420
I was saddened to hear
the Hungarian soldiers

693
00:38:46,420 --> 00:38:50,275

whistling, and singing, and
running up and down the stairs.

694
00:38:50,275 --> 00:38:57,540
Was like, my god,
they're killing us.

695
00:38:57,540 --> 00:39:01,190
How can people be so cruel?

696
00:39:01,190 --> 00:39:07,480
Well, anyway, next morning, the
Germans were very efficient.

697
00:39:07,480 --> 00:39:09,580
They started at a
certain time, and they

698
00:39:09,580 --> 00:39:11,420
finished at a certain time.

699
00:39:11,420 --> 00:39:15,880
4 o'clock, the whistle
blew, no more killing.

700
00:39:15,880 --> 00:39:18,900
If they saw a Jew coming
down from a bunker,

701
00:39:18,900 --> 00:39:22,490
they wouldn't kill him anymore,
until the next time, of course.

702
00:39:22,490 --> 00:39:25,470
But for that day, it was--

703
00:39:25,470 --> 00:39:27,020
we did not come down.

704
00:39:27,020 --> 00:39:29,080
We came down the next morning.

705

00:39:29,080 --> 00:39:33,200

Found out that my husband's
father is not alive.

706

00:39:33,200 --> 00:39:35,170

My aunts and uncles--

707

00:39:35,170 --> 00:39:39,220

I mean, 3,000 people.

708

00:39:39,220 --> 00:39:41,680

And then those
Hungarian soldiers

709

00:39:41,680 --> 00:39:47,140

came over and said, how dare you
take a child with you-- a baby.

710

00:39:47,140 --> 00:39:48,690

We heard a baby cry.

711

00:39:48,690 --> 00:39:51,730

And whenever we saw Germans
and Ukrainians going by,

712

00:39:51,730 --> 00:40:00,560

we started whistling and singing
not to hear the babies cry.

713

00:40:00,560 --> 00:40:02,850

That's the way we survived.

714

00:40:02,850 --> 00:40:05,300

So you asked me how I survived.

715

00:40:05,300 --> 00:40:12,590

If not for their thinking, 32
people, out of those people

716

00:40:12,590 --> 00:40:18,890

that survived that day,
we are still three alive.

717

00:40:18,890 --> 00:40:23,430

My husband's brother
survived the Germans.

718

00:40:23,430 --> 00:40:25,933

Then he went to the Russian
army and was killed in the army.

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00:40:25,933 --> 00:40:30,670

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00:40:30,670 --> 00:40:32,780

I don't let you ask
me any questions,

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00:40:32,780 --> 00:40:33,940

I just tell you stories.

722

00:40:33,940 --> 00:40:38,350

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00:40:38,350 --> 00:40:40,530

What happened after that?

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00:40:40,530 --> 00:40:44,790

After that, they made
the ghetto even smaller,

725

00:40:44,790 --> 00:40:49,020

yet, after they killed
the 3,000 people.

726

00:40:49,020 --> 00:40:50,910

As I've told you, my husband--

727

00:40:50,910 --> 00:40:52,320

was my husband then--

728

00:40:52,320 --> 00:41:02,100

was already in the camp,
in a forced labor camp.

729

00:41:02,100 --> 00:41:07,200

This is a village, 7
kilometers out of our camp.

730

00:41:07,200 --> 00:41:10,680

The Germans needed
rubber badly, so they

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00:41:10,680 --> 00:41:17,046

want to grow artificial rubber.

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00:41:17,046 --> 00:41:20,010

They called it [INAUDIBLE].

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00:41:20,010 --> 00:41:25,380

So some of the Jews were working
in those fields trying to raise

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00:41:25,380 --> 00:41:28,540

artificial rubber plants--

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00:41:28,540 --> 00:41:29,960

rubber plants, [INAUDIBLE].

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00:41:29,960 --> 00:41:32,310

So he was there.

737

00:41:32,310 --> 00:41:39,900

And the able-bodied people could
go and work, so he was there.

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00:41:39,900 --> 00:41:45,890

And in the other villages,
there were also people.

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00:41:45,890 --> 00:41:51,500

I mean, you could also work
in the fields producing food

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00:41:51,500 --> 00:41:53,600

for the German army.

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00:41:53,600 --> 00:42:00,258

So I went to another
village [PLACE NAME]..

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00:42:00,258 --> 00:42:02,300

We had the people that
worked in our lumber yard.

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00:42:02,300 --> 00:42:05,640

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00:42:05,640 --> 00:42:07,050

They have two.

745

00:42:07,050 --> 00:42:09,210

They were two brothers in law.

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00:42:09,210 --> 00:42:11,674

One, the last piece
of bread that he had,

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00:42:11,674 --> 00:42:13,530

he would share with us.

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00:42:13,530 --> 00:42:18,070

And the other one knew where my
sister and brother were hiding.

749

00:42:18,070 --> 00:42:22,030

He went in, and did him up, and
took away whatever they had.

750

00:42:22,030 --> 00:42:24,720

So you cannot generalize.

751

00:42:24,720 --> 00:42:27,430

This one, I still send--
he is not alive anymore--

752

00:42:27,430 --> 00:42:30,120

I sent packages to this family.

753

00:42:30,120 --> 00:42:34,930

And the other one, [INAUDIBLE].

754

00:42:34,930 --> 00:42:41,330

So I went there, and

I worked in the--

755

00:42:41,330 --> 00:42:47,300

756

00:42:47,300 --> 00:42:53,851

the landowners were gone,

but then there was a big--

757

00:42:53,851 --> 00:42:57,460

what do you call this plant--

758

00:42:57,460 --> 00:43:02,240

It's not a plantation, but the

equivalent of a plantation.

759

00:43:02,240 --> 00:43:06,980

And then, the local population

would take, sometimes,

760

00:43:06,980 --> 00:43:13,970

a Jewish girl to help out in

the house and to knit sweaters.

761

00:43:13,970 --> 00:43:15,380

I knitted sweaters.

762

00:43:15,380 --> 00:43:17,960

I was an expert knitter.

763

00:43:17,960 --> 00:43:22,320

So they would take me

from house to house.

764

00:43:22,320 --> 00:43:25,688

And they would feed me,

let me sleep in the stable.

765
00:43:25,688 --> 00:43:32,540
It was something-- they
were afraid to do it,

766
00:43:32,540 --> 00:43:37,580
but just because
I was, I told you,

767
00:43:37,580 --> 00:43:41,470
Herr Spitzer's daughter,
so they treated me nicely.

768
00:43:41,470 --> 00:43:44,375
And I used to make sweaters.

769
00:43:44,375 --> 00:43:47,140
And I'd sleep in camps.

770
00:43:47,140 --> 00:43:50,810
If they came, and they
made an Aktion in the camp,

771
00:43:50,810 --> 00:43:53,220
I would survive that.

772
00:43:53,220 --> 00:43:57,110
So that was going on all winter.

773
00:43:57,110 --> 00:43:59,870
Another little
story, I'll tell you.

774
00:43:59,870 --> 00:44:04,580
How much my life and the life of
other Jewish people was worth,

775
00:44:04,580 --> 00:44:06,710
then.

776
00:44:06,710 --> 00:44:11,180
I was knitting for

people that still

777

00:44:11,180 --> 00:44:19,470

have some sense of being a human
being because they were older,

778

00:44:19,470 --> 00:44:20,700

and they remembered.

779

00:44:20,700 --> 00:44:25,230

The young people-- which
maybe it wasn't their fault--

780

00:44:25,230 --> 00:44:31,200

they saw what is done to the
Jewish people, nobody objects

781

00:44:31,200 --> 00:44:34,050

to, so they thought it's
what was coming to us.

782

00:44:34,050 --> 00:44:40,050

I was once working for one
woman, knitting a sweater.

783

00:44:40,050 --> 00:44:42,780

And when you run
away when Aktion.

784

00:44:42,780 --> 00:44:45,660

If you suspect there
is an an Aktion,

785

00:44:45,660 --> 00:44:47,550

you put on your best
clothes that you

786

00:44:47,550 --> 00:44:54,020

have yet, and the best pair of
shoes so it will last longer.

787

00:44:54,020 --> 00:44:58,520

And I was knitting the sweater

and wearing my best dress

788

00:44:58,520 --> 00:44:59,550
that I have.

789

00:44:59,550 --> 00:45:02,300
My only dress and my best dress.

790

00:45:02,300 --> 00:45:08,520
This girl wanted that dress,
so in order to get this dress,

791

00:45:08,520 --> 00:45:12,510
she didn't come out and
say, give me the dress.

792

00:45:12,510 --> 00:45:16,470
But she brought her
girlfriend to read

793

00:45:16,470 --> 00:45:20,590
cards to tell my future.

794

00:45:20,590 --> 00:45:23,740
She says, she told my future.

795

00:45:23,740 --> 00:45:24,985
Would you like me to--

796

00:45:24,985 --> 00:45:27,456
I said, I'm not interested.

797

00:45:27,456 --> 00:45:28,488
And she said, no.

798

00:45:28,488 --> 00:45:29,530
Let her tell your future.

799

00:45:29,530 --> 00:45:33,540
Of course, my objections
didn't mean anything.

800

00:45:33,540 --> 00:45:35,430

She foretold my future.

801

00:45:35,430 --> 00:45:41,240

In two weeks, you
will be killed.

802

00:45:41,240 --> 00:45:44,620

You didn't have to be a
genius to tell a Jewish girl

803

00:45:44,620 --> 00:45:45,560

that she'll be killed.

804

00:45:45,560 --> 00:45:49,300

805

00:45:49,300 --> 00:45:53,950

If that's God's
will, I'll be killed.

806

00:45:53,950 --> 00:45:57,110

She comes in with
[INAUDIBLE],, schmatta and she

807

00:45:57,110 --> 00:45:59,710

tells me, let's trade.

808

00:45:59,710 --> 00:46:01,760

I said, why?

809

00:46:01,760 --> 00:46:04,510

She says, you'll
be killed anyway.

810

00:46:04,510 --> 00:46:07,240

811

00:46:07,240 --> 00:46:10,280

So I said, I would
like to have the dress.

812
00:46:10,280 --> 00:46:12,190
I said, wait two weeks.

813
00:46:12,190 --> 00:46:13,245
You have it.

814
00:46:13,245 --> 00:46:17,680
She said, well but it
will be full of blood.

815
00:46:17,680 --> 00:46:18,230
It's a pity.

816
00:46:18,230 --> 00:46:19,450
Such a pretty dress.

817
00:46:19,450 --> 00:46:27,882

818
00:46:27,882 --> 00:46:31,924
You mentioned that your
father passed away.

819
00:46:31,924 --> 00:46:35,580
Did he die of natural causes?

820
00:46:35,580 --> 00:46:37,350
My father of natural causes.

821
00:46:37,350 --> 00:46:40,610
That was another thing
that worked hand-in-hand

822
00:46:40,610 --> 00:46:43,580
with Hitler.

823
00:46:43,580 --> 00:46:48,310
If the Aktions stopped,
typhoid took up.

824
00:46:48,310 --> 00:46:51,610

This is another
story for typhoid.

825
00:46:51,610 --> 00:46:55,490
Typhoid was claiming
30, 40 people a day.

826
00:46:55,490 --> 00:46:58,260

827
00:46:58,260 --> 00:47:03,670
And how did typhus
come to Tluste?

828
00:47:03,670 --> 00:47:08,480
One of the Aktions,
they caught maybe 20,

829
00:47:08,480 --> 00:47:11,250
30 people from our town.

830
00:47:11,250 --> 00:47:13,440
And they took them to Czortkow.

831
00:47:13,440 --> 00:47:17,960
Czortkow was 20
kilometers from us.

832
00:47:17,960 --> 00:47:20,210
So everybody thought
that was the end of them,

833
00:47:20,210 --> 00:47:22,460
because when they just
came, the Germans, they

834
00:47:22,460 --> 00:47:26,100
took the whole intelligence,
all the doctors, lawyers, rabbi

835
00:47:26,100 --> 00:47:28,020
and they killed them.

836

00:47:28,020 --> 00:47:32,290

They took him to Czortkow and
they killed them to take away--

837

00:47:32,290 --> 00:47:35,800

in case there's some
brains to resist.

838

00:47:35,800 --> 00:47:40,970

So we thought that
these people are dead.

839

00:47:40,970 --> 00:47:46,080

After two weeks, there
would be no more killings.

840

00:47:46,080 --> 00:47:50,490

They were put in
jail, for some reason,

841

00:47:50,490 --> 00:47:52,040

and they sent everybody home.

842

00:47:52,040 --> 00:47:55,020

Isn't that good?

843

00:47:55,020 --> 00:47:56,810

They infected them
with typhoid lice.

844

00:47:56,810 --> 00:47:59,770

845

00:47:59,770 --> 00:48:01,910

And they all came
down with typhus.

846

00:48:01,910 --> 00:48:11,080

And they spread typhoid
all over the ghetto.

847

00:48:11,080 --> 00:48:15,630

And they put out big posters
to the Christian population

848
00:48:15,630 --> 00:48:19,150
not to have anything to
do with Jews because they

849
00:48:19,150 --> 00:48:20,320
are carriers of typhoid.

850
00:48:20,320 --> 00:48:25,230

851
00:48:25,230 --> 00:48:27,270
Can you describe the
ghetto a little bit?

852
00:48:27,270 --> 00:48:31,020
There was the Jewish community
council in the ghetto.

853
00:48:31,020 --> 00:48:34,420

854
00:48:34,420 --> 00:48:40,259
This is a very touchy subject.

855
00:48:40,259 --> 00:48:43,660

856
00:48:43,660 --> 00:48:49,570
Some, like my husband,
he blames the people

857
00:48:49,570 --> 00:48:53,390
that participated in
the council because when

858
00:48:53,390 --> 00:48:58,280
his father and his
brother were approached

859

00:48:58,280 --> 00:49:00,600
to be under council--

860
00:49:00,600 --> 00:49:04,560
in the beginning, his brother
was concerned obviously,

861
00:49:04,560 --> 00:49:07,550
I mean he had to have
some kind of rule.

862
00:49:07,550 --> 00:49:13,470
So what was the rule,
go call to work.

863
00:49:13,470 --> 00:49:14,710
He was a young boy, too.

864
00:49:14,710 --> 00:49:17,670
He was 20 years old.

865
00:49:17,670 --> 00:49:20,820
So he came into my house.

866
00:49:20,820 --> 00:49:22,750
He said, your husband
has to go work.

867
00:49:22,750 --> 00:49:24,920
So the woman says,
[NON-ENGLISH]..

868
00:49:24,920 --> 00:49:26,920
You understand Yiddish?

869
00:49:26,920 --> 00:49:29,060
So he says, you know
what, you're right.

870
00:49:29,060 --> 00:49:31,573
Next day, he says to
the father, I'm not

871
00:49:31,573 --> 00:49:32,740
going to call somebody else.

872
00:49:32,740 --> 00:49:35,830
So I'll go myself.

873
00:49:35,830 --> 00:49:40,040
But some people did it to
protect their families.

874
00:49:40,040 --> 00:49:42,730
They thought they'll survive.

875
00:49:42,730 --> 00:49:44,670
Of course, they didn't.

876
00:49:44,670 --> 00:49:47,230
They helped only Hitler.

877
00:49:47,230 --> 00:49:50,050
They didn't help themselves.

878
00:49:50,050 --> 00:49:52,720
But why should I blame them.

879
00:49:52,720 --> 00:49:56,340
They were nice, fine,
outstanding citizens,

880
00:49:56,340 --> 00:49:57,830
pious people.

881
00:49:57,830 --> 00:49:58,900
He mixed them up.

882
00:49:58,900 --> 00:50:00,310
They wanted to live.

883
00:50:00,310 --> 00:50:04,792
And the will to live is
so bad that sometimes you

884
00:50:04,792 --> 00:50:06,000
don't know what you're doing.

885
00:50:06,000 --> 00:50:10,380

886
00:50:10,380 --> 00:50:15,170
Maybe they wanted for because
some people didn't participate.

887
00:50:15,170 --> 00:50:17,640
They said, if he wants
to do the dirty work--

888
00:50:17,640 --> 00:50:22,390
first he said, Jews have
to give all the furs away.

889
00:50:22,390 --> 00:50:24,570
You're not allowed
to have a fur.

890
00:50:24,570 --> 00:50:28,410
Of course, it's
not gold, diamonds.

891
00:50:28,410 --> 00:50:30,720
You give that, and
they want furniture.

892
00:50:30,720 --> 00:50:33,450
All the material things, fine.

893
00:50:33,450 --> 00:50:37,930
But it came that you had to
send to [INAUDIBLE],, boys.

894
00:50:37,930 --> 00:50:41,880
And instead of sending my son,
I send somebody else's son.

895

00:50:41,880 --> 00:50:45,310

896

00:50:45,310 --> 00:50:50,550

But being a mother
now, I can understand

897

00:50:50,550 --> 00:50:54,620

it may be better
but still not right.

898

00:50:54,620 --> 00:51:01,790

So the book has all kinds of
things, which is it really--

899

00:51:01,790 --> 00:51:05,880

there's a reason I
want you to have it.

900

00:51:05,880 --> 00:51:08,520

I do have a few
copies, so I can--

901

00:51:08,520 --> 00:51:10,110

before, I had just one copy.

902

00:51:10,110 --> 00:51:14,880

I was in Israel and the people--

903

00:51:14,880 --> 00:51:16,230

the committee gave me some.

904

00:51:16,230 --> 00:51:17,130

I said that I need--

905

00:51:17,130 --> 00:51:19,100

I want to give it [INAUDIBLE].

906

00:51:19,100 --> 00:51:22,728

907

00:51:22,728 --> 00:51:26,097

Were there any religious,
cultural activities

908
00:51:26,097 --> 00:51:26,680
in the ghetto?

909
00:51:26,680 --> 00:51:27,263
In the ghetto?

910
00:51:27,263 --> 00:51:29,960

911
00:51:29,960 --> 00:51:31,140
It's not worth it.

912
00:51:31,140 --> 00:51:32,980
It wasn't worth it.

913
00:51:32,980 --> 00:51:36,670
We weren't-- here, he
describes, Rosh Hashanah.

914
00:51:36,670 --> 00:51:39,820
We fasted on Yom
Kippur, Passover,

915
00:51:39,820 --> 00:51:42,865
we still wouldn't eat bread.

916
00:51:42,865 --> 00:51:47,880
We found out that
we can have beans.

917
00:51:47,880 --> 00:51:48,430
We prayed.

918
00:51:48,430 --> 00:51:51,130

919
00:51:51,130 --> 00:51:57,100
We kept the Sabbath
as much as we could.

920
00:51:57,100 --> 00:52:01,120
I still studied Latin
because the war will be over,

921
00:52:01,120 --> 00:52:04,275
and I have to take exams.

922
00:52:04,275 --> 00:52:07,780

923
00:52:07,780 --> 00:52:10,510
We still live to
the last minute.

924
00:52:10,510 --> 00:52:14,866
Everybody was living
with the hope.

925
00:52:14,866 --> 00:52:18,260
If it wasn't for hope,
nobody would have survived.

926
00:52:18,260 --> 00:52:21,490
That I told you.

927
00:52:21,490 --> 00:52:24,430
Turkey was coming to us.

928
00:52:24,430 --> 00:52:26,920
America is going
to fight with us.

929
00:52:26,920 --> 00:52:28,600
We were looking always--

930
00:52:28,600 --> 00:52:32,230
maybe some planes
will come and--

931
00:52:32,230 --> 00:52:36,040
We were dreaming of Entebbe.

932
00:52:36,040 --> 00:52:38,740
Nobody cared.

933
00:52:38,740 --> 00:52:39,440
Nobody cared.

934
00:52:39,440 --> 00:52:41,950

935
00:52:41,950 --> 00:52:45,490
Because as I told you
about the priest, he cared.

936
00:52:45,490 --> 00:52:49,690

937
00:52:49,690 --> 00:52:53,050
He could not fight
the German government,

938
00:52:53,050 --> 00:52:55,320
but he could keep his people.

939
00:52:55,320 --> 00:52:59,780
And if he wouldn't keep
his people, the few of us

940
00:52:59,780 --> 00:53:01,060
that survived, wouldn't have.

941
00:53:01,060 --> 00:53:09,860

942
00:53:09,860 --> 00:53:10,360
OK.

943
00:53:10,360 --> 00:53:14,310
I think we're going to take
a break for a few minutes.

944

00:53:14,310 --> 00:53:21,032