

1
00:00:00,000 --> 00:00:17,900

2
00:00:17,900 --> 00:00:22,278
When we were finishing the
first side the first tape

3
00:00:22,278 --> 00:00:23,070
you said something.

4
00:00:23,070 --> 00:00:25,520
You had a story to
tell about Bobruisk,

5
00:00:25,520 --> 00:00:31,700
and a story to tell of your
experience in Hirschberg.

6
00:00:31,700 --> 00:00:33,290
Hirschberg, yeah.

7
00:00:33,290 --> 00:00:36,890
In general, you were
in quite a few camps.

8
00:00:36,890 --> 00:00:37,550
Yeah.

9
00:00:37,550 --> 00:00:40,800
Was your work in the
camps similar or different

10
00:00:40,800 --> 00:00:42,060
in the camps.

11
00:00:42,060 --> 00:00:50,350
You see, I took a system, that
not to be too long in a camp,

12
00:00:50,350 --> 00:00:51,680
if I could.

13

00:00:51,680 --> 00:00:59,380

Because I know when we stay long
in a camp, you get no better.

14

00:00:59,380 --> 00:01:01,030

And that's why--

15

00:01:01,030 --> 00:01:01,980

You get no better?

16

00:01:01,980 --> 00:01:06,940

No better, and that's no
good that they know you.

17

00:01:06,940 --> 00:01:12,490

So when they announce they
need electricians, I run first.

18

00:01:12,490 --> 00:01:14,050

I am electrician.

19

00:01:14,050 --> 00:01:15,520

They need mechanics, I run.

20

00:01:15,520 --> 00:01:16,610

I'm a mechanic.

21

00:01:16,610 --> 00:01:19,340

In every camp, I
was something else.

22

00:01:19,340 --> 00:01:24,380

They need whatever, repairs.

23

00:01:24,380 --> 00:01:25,500

How long you do it?

24

00:01:25,500 --> 00:01:28,737

My grandpa did my watch repair.

25

00:01:28,737 --> 00:01:30,070

My grandmother, my grandfather--

26

00:01:30,070 --> 00:01:30,750

How long?

27

00:01:30,750 --> 00:01:35,330

Oh, we have generations.

28

00:01:35,330 --> 00:01:36,010

So--

29

00:01:36,010 --> 00:01:38,440

How did you understand all this?

30

00:01:38,440 --> 00:01:40,390

Because I saw what's going on.

31

00:01:40,390 --> 00:01:41,050

Let's go now.

32

00:01:41,050 --> 00:01:42,390

You have to get away.

33

00:01:42,390 --> 00:01:44,160

Maybe the other place is better.

34

00:01:44,160 --> 00:01:47,630

But if you're in a
camp with only Jews,

35

00:01:47,630 --> 00:01:50,820

you eventually get killed.

36

00:01:50,820 --> 00:01:51,740

Sooner or later.

37

00:01:51,740 --> 00:01:54,990

Did the others, the other
Jews also understand this?

38

00:01:54,990 --> 00:01:57,920

39

00:01:57,920 --> 00:01:58,570

We never asked.

40

00:01:58,570 --> 00:02:00,830

We never discuss politic.

41

00:02:00,830 --> 00:02:03,120

I didn't know what's
going on outside.

42

00:02:03,120 --> 00:02:05,770

No, I mean, but
the Jews who were

43

00:02:05,770 --> 00:02:08,740

in the camp with you and
you, you talk to each other.

44

00:02:08,740 --> 00:02:10,590

Yeah, we talk.

45

00:02:10,590 --> 00:02:14,460

Oh, now is the time probably
Yom Kippur, Rosh Hashanah.

46

00:02:14,460 --> 00:02:16,030

We're guessing.

47

00:02:16,030 --> 00:02:20,570

We have no calendar or whatever.

48

00:02:20,570 --> 00:02:21,550

We didn't count.

49

00:02:21,550 --> 00:02:23,050

We didn't know what time.

50

00:02:23,050 --> 00:02:25,240

We didn't know a thing.

51
00:02:25,240 --> 00:02:29,680
And in Bobruisk
was about a month.

52
00:02:29,680 --> 00:02:35,430
I go back to Bobruisk, two
kids run out in the camp.

53
00:02:35,430 --> 00:02:40,260
They run because there was
a forest, big forest thing.

54
00:02:40,260 --> 00:02:43,710
They went with
trucks, with dogs.

55
00:02:43,710 --> 00:02:44,970
They bring one back.

56
00:02:44,970 --> 00:02:48,460
The other one, who run
or they kill him there.

57
00:02:48,460 --> 00:02:50,250
They bring him back.

58
00:02:50,250 --> 00:02:53,560
They build a thing to
hang him out in the camp.

59
00:02:53,560 --> 00:02:56,750
We were standing like I show.

60
00:02:56,750 --> 00:02:58,670
And they hang him, the kid.

61
00:02:58,670 --> 00:03:02,310
So we know where we are,
with who we are dealing,

62
00:03:02,310 --> 00:03:03,960

what's going on.

63

00:03:03,960 --> 00:03:09,560

And one day, when I was
there in 1943, of course,

64

00:03:09,560 --> 00:03:12,400

they took me about
a few months--

65

00:03:12,400 --> 00:03:14,190

not three months,
about six months

66

00:03:14,190 --> 00:03:18,890

or eight months before the
uprising ghetto of Warsaw.

67

00:03:18,890 --> 00:03:22,890

So the chef come to me
and say, how you working?

68

00:03:22,890 --> 00:03:23,390

Good?

69

00:03:23,390 --> 00:03:24,040

Yeah.

70

00:03:24,040 --> 00:03:26,892

You hear what's
going on in Warsaw?

71

00:03:26,892 --> 00:03:27,814

What?

72

00:03:27,814 --> 00:03:29,000

I don't know.

73

00:03:29,000 --> 00:03:31,240

The Jewish make a--

74

00:03:31,240 --> 00:03:31,740

A revolt.

75

00:03:31,740 --> 00:03:34,470

A revolt. So I said to
him, they're stupid.

76

00:03:34,470 --> 00:03:36,858

Oh, they're-- for what?

77

00:03:36,858 --> 00:03:38,400

They don't want to--
they want to win

78

00:03:38,400 --> 00:03:41,800

by such a big, strong
army, the German army?

79

00:03:41,800 --> 00:03:43,370

They'll kill everybody.

80

00:03:43,370 --> 00:03:44,100

They'll stop it.

81

00:03:44,100 --> 00:03:46,890

They have no brains to do that.

82

00:03:46,890 --> 00:03:48,350

My health was, you know.

83

00:03:48,350 --> 00:03:50,500

He wanted to bring out
something-- whatever.

84

00:03:50,500 --> 00:03:53,856

And I give him the right
answer, what he like it.

85

00:03:53,856 --> 00:03:55,690

And I get away with it.

86

00:03:55,690 --> 00:03:57,370

Mm-hmm.

87
00:03:57,370 --> 00:03:59,610
I was not 100% the Jew.

88
00:03:59,610 --> 00:04:00,870
Yeah.

89
00:04:00,870 --> 00:04:01,650
That was the--

90
00:04:01,650 --> 00:04:05,220
But, I mean, you see,
part of your surviving

91
00:04:05,220 --> 00:04:08,880
is that you understood
not to stay in a camp

92
00:04:08,880 --> 00:04:12,460
too long if you could avoid it,
and to volunteer for any job.

93
00:04:12,460 --> 00:04:12,960
Any job.

94
00:04:12,960 --> 00:04:13,793
You were a mechanic.

95
00:04:13,793 --> 00:04:15,120
You were a jewelry repair man.

96
00:04:15,120 --> 00:04:16,557
Jewelry-- any-- you name it.

97
00:04:16,557 --> 00:04:17,390
You can do anything.

98
00:04:17,390 --> 00:04:18,182
Anything, anything.

99
00:04:18,182 --> 00:04:18,940

Yeah.

100
00:04:18,940 --> 00:04:20,370
Not with those same people.

101
00:04:20,370 --> 00:04:24,870
Did you ever talk this over with
any other people in the camp?

102
00:04:24,870 --> 00:04:25,535
Nobody.

103
00:04:25,535 --> 00:04:27,660
I didn't know they were
going to need electricians.

104
00:04:27,660 --> 00:04:29,270
All of a sudden, out.

105
00:04:29,270 --> 00:04:31,280
They need electricians.

106
00:04:31,280 --> 00:04:32,070
So I went out.

107
00:04:32,070 --> 00:04:33,690
I go out from the thing.

108
00:04:33,690 --> 00:04:35,910
We didn't know what's coming up.

109
00:04:35,910 --> 00:04:36,410
And--

110
00:04:36,410 --> 00:04:38,107
Did others do like you?

111
00:04:38,107 --> 00:04:40,190
They just ran because they
asked for electricians.

112

00:04:40,190 --> 00:04:41,447
Possible, possible.

113
00:04:41,447 --> 00:04:42,780
Oh, you're not-- you don't know.

114
00:04:42,780 --> 00:04:44,180
No, I didn't make attention.

115
00:04:44,180 --> 00:04:48,000
There was maybe
real electrician.

116
00:04:48,000 --> 00:04:50,160
I was a funny electrician.

117
00:04:50,160 --> 00:04:54,370
So what do you think, Doctor,
they need me electrician?

118
00:04:54,370 --> 00:04:55,440
You wouldn't believe.

119
00:04:55,440 --> 00:04:56,430
That took us--

120
00:04:56,430 --> 00:04:57,540
To change the bulbs.

121
00:04:57,540 --> 00:04:59,340
No, no.

122
00:04:59,340 --> 00:05:02,990
To push airplanes
into the hangar

123
00:05:02,990 --> 00:05:06,800
to fix the airplanes, and when
it's ready, to push them out.

124
00:05:06,800 --> 00:05:09,300
That was my

electrician business.

125

00:05:09,300 --> 00:05:12,755
[INAUDIBLE], whatever, I am.

126

00:05:12,755 --> 00:05:15,400
All right, you had a story
to tell about Bobruisk

127

00:05:15,400 --> 00:05:16,180
that we had--

128

00:05:16,180 --> 00:05:18,700
that seems that were a
very important story.

129

00:05:18,700 --> 00:05:20,690
No Bobruisk, Hirschberg.

130

00:05:20,690 --> 00:05:23,410
All right, I thought there
was one on Bobruisk, also.

131

00:05:23,410 --> 00:05:24,100
No, I told--

132

00:05:24,100 --> 00:05:25,680
Bobruisk, they hang the kid.

133

00:05:25,680 --> 00:05:26,400
That's the one.

134

00:05:26,400 --> 00:05:27,150
Yeah, that's the one.

135

00:05:27,150 --> 00:05:27,540
Yeah, all right.

136

00:05:27,540 --> 00:05:28,440
Yeah, they hang the kid there.

137

00:05:28,440 --> 00:05:29,150
That's an important story.

138
00:05:29,150 --> 00:05:31,290
All right, now what
happened in Hirschberg?

139
00:05:31,290 --> 00:05:33,320
I go back even and recalling it.

140
00:05:33,320 --> 00:05:36,660
Bobruisk, one day, we--

141
00:05:36,660 --> 00:05:42,410
already 300 people,
two German come in.

142
00:05:42,410 --> 00:05:43,990
And we're sleeping already.

143
00:05:43,990 --> 00:05:46,550
It was 8:00, 9 o'clock at night.

144
00:05:46,550 --> 00:05:49,500
We in-- on the bed.

145
00:05:49,500 --> 00:05:53,080
He say to one, what's
your profession?

146
00:05:53,080 --> 00:05:54,570
He say, whatever.

147
00:05:54,570 --> 00:05:55,600
What's your profession?

148
00:05:55,600 --> 00:05:57,060
Whatever, he say.

149
00:05:57,060 --> 00:06:00,300
[INAUDIBLE] you find somebody.

150

00:06:00,300 --> 00:06:05,290

He was in the architect
business, something.

151

00:06:05,290 --> 00:06:07,526

He say, yeah?

152

00:06:07,526 --> 00:06:09,415

I am architect, he say.

153

00:06:09,415 --> 00:06:14,380

So he start question him,
this and that, and that.

154

00:06:14,380 --> 00:06:15,970

So he say something different.

155

00:06:15,970 --> 00:06:17,960

He say different thing.

156

00:06:17,960 --> 00:06:21,120

You Varfuchte Jude,.

157

00:06:21,120 --> 00:06:22,885

You know what he mean by that?

158

00:06:22,885 --> 00:06:24,840

You dirty Jew.

159

00:06:24,840 --> 00:06:26,690

You're going to argue with me?

160

00:06:26,690 --> 00:06:27,730

You?

161

00:06:27,730 --> 00:06:28,502

Come here.

162

00:06:28,502 --> 00:06:30,040

He took him out.

163

00:06:30,040 --> 00:06:31,780

He took a chair.

164

00:06:31,780 --> 00:06:33,330

He took--

165

00:06:33,330 --> 00:06:33,830

Belt.

166

00:06:33,830 --> 00:06:34,670

Belts.

167

00:06:34,670 --> 00:06:37,240

He took a kid.

168

00:06:37,240 --> 00:06:37,740

Come here.

169

00:06:37,740 --> 00:06:38,870

Put-- they're going to hang him.

170

00:06:38,870 --> 00:06:39,880

He said, it's my friend.

171

00:06:39,880 --> 00:06:41,770

They're going to hang him.

172

00:06:41,770 --> 00:06:42,840

What?

173

00:06:42,840 --> 00:06:43,680

He took all the two.

174

00:06:43,680 --> 00:06:46,640

Hang both.

175

00:06:46,640 --> 00:06:48,760

There refuse to hang him.

176

00:06:48,760 --> 00:06:51,260

And the guy-- but they're
going to hang him.

177
00:06:51,260 --> 00:06:54,710
And they hanged him, because
the other two have a fight

178
00:06:54,710 --> 00:06:56,340
already to see what's going on.

179
00:06:56,340 --> 00:06:57,410
They hanged him.

180
00:06:57,410 --> 00:06:59,410
OK.

181
00:06:59,410 --> 00:07:00,270
We couldn't sleep.

182
00:07:00,270 --> 00:07:01,930
We couldn't talk.

183
00:07:01,930 --> 00:07:05,880
Forever, that was such a
thing what they was doing.

184
00:07:05,880 --> 00:07:07,960
This is in where?

185
00:07:07,960 --> 00:07:09,550
That is in Bobruisk.

186
00:07:09,550 --> 00:07:11,310
Bobruisk, we're going back.

187
00:07:11,310 --> 00:07:15,900
They took me before I
was washing clothes.

188
00:07:15,900 --> 00:07:22,530
Took me to work in a forest
to find something for the cows

189
00:07:22,530 --> 00:07:23,475
to eat.

190
00:07:23,475 --> 00:07:26,900
So I was looking on the
floor, bending down.

191
00:07:26,900 --> 00:07:30,260
And after that,
I stretch myself.

192
00:07:30,260 --> 00:07:38,620
And I feel-- the SS
man say, he shot on me.

193
00:07:38,620 --> 00:07:39,430
Come here.

194
00:07:39,430 --> 00:07:40,390
So I [INAUDIBLE].

195
00:07:40,390 --> 00:07:41,560
Jawohl.

196
00:07:41,560 --> 00:07:42,972
What you was doing?

197
00:07:42,972 --> 00:07:44,063
I was working.

198
00:07:44,063 --> 00:07:44,730
Well, what else?

199
00:07:44,730 --> 00:07:48,050
I was stretching,
stretching my hands up.

200
00:07:48,050 --> 00:07:50,690
When you next time stretch
your arms, you're dead.

201
00:07:50,690 --> 00:07:53,224
Jawohl Go back.

202
00:07:53,224 --> 00:08:01,962
But he missed me with a inch.

203
00:08:01,962 --> 00:08:02,795
[INAUDIBLE]

204
00:08:02,795 --> 00:08:03,295
But--

205
00:08:03,295 --> 00:08:04,760
And this was every day?

206
00:08:04,760 --> 00:08:05,540
Every day.

207
00:08:05,540 --> 00:08:07,640
Every day was going transport.

208
00:08:07,640 --> 00:08:12,680
Going to-- [NON-ENGLISH],,
taking all people to death.

209
00:08:12,680 --> 00:08:15,750
They didn't want to have
sick people or people that

210
00:08:15,750 --> 00:08:17,220
was complaining.

211
00:08:17,220 --> 00:08:18,700
They come home beaten up.

212
00:08:18,700 --> 00:08:20,360
They couldn't move.

213
00:08:20,360 --> 00:08:22,640
That was the system there.

214

00:08:22,640 --> 00:08:24,740

You never found
out why that German

215

00:08:24,740 --> 00:08:27,440

came in and went around asking
everybody for their profession.

216

00:08:27,440 --> 00:08:29,250

Was he looking for somebody?

217

00:08:29,250 --> 00:08:30,130

No, no.

218

00:08:30,130 --> 00:08:31,540

They didn't really.

219

00:08:31,540 --> 00:08:35,870

They-- when they
need a transport

220

00:08:35,870 --> 00:08:39,770

50 people in another
place, they come

221

00:08:39,770 --> 00:08:43,530

and ask, who is electrician?

222

00:08:43,530 --> 00:08:44,697

That not happen in Bobruisk.

223

00:08:44,697 --> 00:08:46,197

He didn't ask, who's
an electrician.

224

00:08:46,197 --> 00:08:47,700

He asked, what's
your profession?

225

00:08:47,700 --> 00:08:49,330

Never asked.

226

00:08:49,330 --> 00:08:50,820

That's what you told.

227

00:08:50,820 --> 00:08:52,890

And then one fellow
said he's an architect.

228

00:08:52,890 --> 00:08:54,155

And they got into--

229

00:08:54,155 --> 00:08:57,550

That was when he came
in to the barrack.

230

00:08:57,550 --> 00:08:58,050

Yeah.

231

00:08:58,050 --> 00:09:00,910

He asked, who is that--

232

00:09:00,910 --> 00:09:03,537

he looked for his profession.

233

00:09:03,537 --> 00:09:04,870

He wanted to start a discussion.

234

00:09:04,870 --> 00:09:06,690

Discussion, yeah, exactly.

235

00:09:06,690 --> 00:09:08,020

So that--

236

00:09:08,020 --> 00:09:09,440

Did he want a discussion?

237

00:09:09,440 --> 00:09:11,170

Or did he want to
argue with somebody

238

00:09:11,170 --> 00:09:12,420

and tell them, you're nothing?

239
00:09:12,420 --> 00:09:14,310
He wanted discussed.

240
00:09:14,310 --> 00:09:16,440
He wanted discussed.

241
00:09:16,440 --> 00:09:22,262
Maybe he would be smart and say
what you say, you're right--

242
00:09:22,262 --> 00:09:23,640
little commonsense.

243
00:09:23,640 --> 00:09:24,620
The joke.

244
00:09:24,620 --> 00:09:26,660
He was not having common sense.

245
00:09:26,660 --> 00:09:30,920
He want to bring up
that he's a good thing,

246
00:09:30,920 --> 00:09:32,450
whatever, architect.

247
00:09:32,450 --> 00:09:33,425
And he didn't like it.

248
00:09:33,425 --> 00:09:34,550
Hey, you're better than me?

249
00:09:34,550 --> 00:09:35,880
You know better than me?

250
00:09:35,880 --> 00:09:38,586
You, varfuchte Jude you know?

251
00:09:38,586 --> 00:09:40,460
He was not smart.

252

00:09:40,460 --> 00:09:43,430

And he would be really smart
and have a little common sense.

253

00:09:43,430 --> 00:09:45,620

He wouldn't argue with him.

254

00:09:45,620 --> 00:09:46,340

You're right.

255

00:09:46,340 --> 00:09:47,400

You're right.

256

00:09:47,400 --> 00:09:48,830

Always, yes man.

257

00:09:48,830 --> 00:09:49,730

Yes, always.

258

00:09:49,730 --> 00:09:51,640

If you don't do that,
you're in trouble.

259

00:09:51,640 --> 00:09:53,880

You're in trouble.

260

00:09:53,880 --> 00:09:58,610

So that was happened
day in and day out.

261

00:09:58,610 --> 00:10:00,000

Night, they didn't let us sleep.

262

00:10:00,000 --> 00:10:03,415

263

00:10:03,415 --> 00:10:07,630

At night, they stayed outside
with two machine guys.

264

00:10:07,630 --> 00:10:11,345

Opened the door,
because a kid went out

265

00:10:11,345 --> 00:10:13,030

and-- excuse me
for my expression--

266

00:10:13,030 --> 00:10:14,590

to piss in the side.

267

00:10:14,590 --> 00:10:16,821

Who went out here?

268

00:10:16,821 --> 00:10:18,430

So nobody answered.

269

00:10:18,430 --> 00:10:21,950

They started shooting
in the barrack.

270

00:10:21,950 --> 00:10:23,470

I count to 10.

271

00:10:23,470 --> 00:10:26,720

It he don't come out here,
we shoot them, everybody.

272

00:10:26,720 --> 00:10:28,700

So we was screaming,
who was outside?

273

00:10:28,700 --> 00:10:30,030

Go out, go out.

274

00:10:30,030 --> 00:10:31,600

So one went out.

275

00:10:31,600 --> 00:10:33,240

They shoot him on the on the --

276

00:10:33,240 --> 00:10:34,490

And for that, they killed him.

277

00:10:34,490 --> 00:10:36,800

They killed him
right away for the--

278

00:10:36,800 --> 00:10:39,640

because he went out there
at night pissing on the--

279

00:10:39,640 --> 00:10:43,070

280

00:10:43,070 --> 00:10:43,570

Now--

281

00:10:43,570 --> 00:10:45,190

That was Bobruisk.

282

00:10:45,190 --> 00:10:46,720

That was Bobruisk.

283

00:10:46,720 --> 00:10:47,880

Yeah.

284

00:10:47,880 --> 00:10:54,700

And let's see.

285

00:10:54,700 --> 00:10:58,000

Then we-- you took--
you said you went--

286

00:10:58,000 --> 00:11:00,423

from Bobruisk, you
really went to Minsk--

287

00:11:00,423 --> 00:11:01,270

For a while.

288

00:11:01,270 --> 00:11:03,720

--for a while, for
just for the-- and then

289
00:11:03,720 --> 00:11:05,110
to Lublin for Majdanek.

290
00:11:05,110 --> 00:11:06,090
Majdanek, yeah.

291
00:11:06,090 --> 00:11:07,540
Then you are in--

292
00:11:07,540 --> 00:11:08,570
Budzyn.

293
00:11:08,570 --> 00:11:09,520
Budzyn.

294
00:11:09,520 --> 00:11:10,960
Yeah.

295
00:11:10,960 --> 00:11:12,760
You have here this
mark, which means

296
00:11:12,760 --> 00:11:14,920
you were in all
these three places

297
00:11:14,920 --> 00:11:16,750
at about the same time, Budzyn.

298
00:11:16,750 --> 00:11:17,510
Same year.

299
00:11:17,510 --> 00:11:18,400
Mielec.

300
00:11:18,400 --> 00:11:19,330
And Wel --

301
00:11:19,330 --> 00:11:20,180
Mielec.

302
00:11:20,180 --> 00:11:20,680
Mielec.

303
00:11:20,680 --> 00:11:21,180
Mielec--

304
00:11:21,180 --> 00:11:22,190
[INTERPOSING VOICES]

305
00:11:22,190 --> 00:11:22,690
Yeah.

306
00:11:22,690 --> 00:11:24,810
I'll never speak
correctly Polish, I see.

307
00:11:24,810 --> 00:11:27,310
Oh, you're-- it's, well, about
time that you learned Polish.

308
00:11:27,310 --> 00:11:28,600
Yeah, yeah.

309
00:11:28,600 --> 00:11:31,660
All right, but these
were, because there

310
00:11:31,660 --> 00:11:35,230
was some disorganization
going on,

311
00:11:35,230 --> 00:11:37,130
they were running away
from the Russians.

312
00:11:37,130 --> 00:11:40,818
Yeah, at those, there was
a little better because--

313
00:11:40,818 --> 00:11:41,860
You had the older people.

314
00:11:41,860 --> 00:11:44,450
We-- all the people,
we went out to work.

315
00:11:44,450 --> 00:11:44,950
Yeah.

316
00:11:44,950 --> 00:11:48,780
To work in the place where
they repair airplanes.

317
00:11:48,780 --> 00:11:49,750
Yeah.

318
00:11:49,750 --> 00:11:51,968
But all this movement
at the same--

319
00:11:51,968 --> 00:11:53,510
about the same time--
you didn't stay

320
00:11:53,510 --> 00:11:55,990
any place for just
a few days-- that

321
00:11:55,990 --> 00:11:57,520
was because they
were disorganized,

322
00:11:57,520 --> 00:11:59,090
running away from the
Russians probably.

323
00:11:59,090 --> 00:11:59,750
Is that what it was?

324
00:11:59,750 --> 00:12:00,250
No.

325
00:12:00,250 --> 00:12:01,270

That time-- no.

326

00:12:01,270 --> 00:12:05,690

They need-- I know

that when I going to--

327

00:12:05,690 --> 00:12:06,250

I know it.

328

00:12:06,250 --> 00:12:08,170

When I going to

get out from Poland

329

00:12:08,170 --> 00:12:12,000

in a camp in Germany,

that's going to be better,

330

00:12:12,000 --> 00:12:13,840

because in Germany, you have--

331

00:12:13,840 --> 00:12:18,430

we have Russian,

Yugoslav, French people.

332

00:12:18,430 --> 00:12:20,660

You have all mixed up.

333

00:12:20,660 --> 00:12:22,140

In Poland, they were all Jewish.

334

00:12:22,140 --> 00:12:23,020

All Jewish.

335

00:12:23,020 --> 00:12:23,845

All the prisoners.

336

00:12:23,845 --> 00:12:24,490

Yeah.

337

00:12:24,490 --> 00:12:27,635

All right, so then you did

get out of Poland finally.

338
00:12:27,635 --> 00:12:30,190
[PLACE NAME] is Czechoslovakia.

339
00:12:30,190 --> 00:12:32,240
But you're in
1944, really, then.

340
00:12:32,240 --> 00:12:35,030
Yeah.

341
00:12:35,030 --> 00:12:36,850
That's in Czechoslovakia, that.

342
00:12:36,850 --> 00:12:39,020
Yeah, that's in Czechoslovakia.

343
00:12:39,020 --> 00:12:43,380
Do you remember what time
of the year this was?

344
00:12:43,380 --> 00:12:46,510
We was there--

345
00:12:46,510 --> 00:12:48,460
I was there about two weeks.

346
00:12:48,460 --> 00:12:50,050
That's all what I was.

347
00:12:50,050 --> 00:12:53,072
They took out the same group,
what we come from Bobruisk.

348
00:12:53,072 --> 00:12:55,030
So the real camp that
you were in at this point

349
00:12:55,030 --> 00:12:55,655
was Hirschberg.

350

00:12:55,655 --> 00:12:56,170
Hirschberg.

351
00:12:56,170 --> 00:12:57,850
Hirschberg is the
name of a town?

352
00:12:57,850 --> 00:12:58,510
A town, yeah.

353
00:12:58,510 --> 00:12:59,010
Where?

354
00:12:59,010 --> 00:12:59,890
In Germany.

355
00:12:59,890 --> 00:13:00,830
In Germany.

356
00:13:00,830 --> 00:13:04,150
And when did you
arrive there in 1944?

357
00:13:04,150 --> 00:13:09,202
I arrived there
July or July-August.

358
00:13:09,202 --> 00:13:12,040
All right, summer
1944, we'll say.

359
00:13:12,040 --> 00:13:13,140
Yeah.

360
00:13:13,140 --> 00:13:15,455
And you stayed there until '45.

361
00:13:15,455 --> 00:13:17,650
'45 in March.

362
00:13:17,650 --> 00:13:19,570
March, that's as

the war was ending.

363

00:13:19,570 --> 00:13:20,890

Almost.

364

00:13:20,890 --> 00:13:25,560

I'm liberated April 29, '45.

365

00:13:25,560 --> 00:13:27,490

Yeah, you have April 29, 1945.

366

00:13:27,490 --> 00:13:29,630

So from Hirschberg,
you went to Dachau?

367

00:13:29,630 --> 00:13:30,370

Dachau.

368

00:13:30,370 --> 00:13:33,040

How did you get-- how
did you move from each--

369

00:13:33,040 --> 00:13:34,240

We walk.

370

00:13:34,240 --> 00:13:36,832

How many camps were
you in altogether?

371

00:13:36,832 --> 00:13:37,690

About 10 here.

372

00:13:37,690 --> 00:13:38,710

Yeah, about, yeah.

373

00:13:38,710 --> 00:13:41,410

And how did you move
from camp to camp?

374

00:13:41,410 --> 00:13:45,065

From that camp to
that camp, we walk.

375
00:13:45,065 --> 00:13:45,690
We walk about--

376
00:13:45,690 --> 00:13:46,960
From Hirschberg to Dachau--

377
00:13:46,960 --> 00:13:49,240
About two weeks we
walk at night and day.

378
00:13:49,240 --> 00:13:51,150
Do you have any
idea how far it is--

379
00:13:51,150 --> 00:13:51,650
Very far.

380
00:13:51,650 --> 00:13:52,608
--what the distance is?

381
00:13:52,608 --> 00:13:54,000
We-- two weeks, we walk.

382
00:13:54,000 --> 00:13:55,020
Yeah.

383
00:13:55,020 --> 00:13:59,890
Was a [INAUDIBLE],, about
200 miles, probably.

384
00:13:59,890 --> 00:14:03,310
And all the others, you had
transportation of some sort.

385
00:14:03,310 --> 00:14:04,060
Transportation.

386
00:14:04,060 --> 00:14:05,310
Was it the cattle cars?

387

00:14:05,310 --> 00:14:05,390
Or--

388
00:14:05,390 --> 00:14:05,990
Cattle cars.

389
00:14:05,990 --> 00:14:07,240
Cattle-- oh, cattle--

390
00:14:07,240 --> 00:14:08,310
Nothing but cattle cars.

391
00:14:08,310 --> 00:14:11,560
Nothing but cattle cars.

392
00:14:11,560 --> 00:14:14,560
Because we was-- we
looked like cattles.

393
00:14:14,560 --> 00:14:16,580
Have you been at the new
museum in Washington?

394
00:14:16,580 --> 00:14:17,230
Not yet.

395
00:14:17,230 --> 00:14:17,730
I--

396
00:14:17,730 --> 00:14:19,370
They have a cattle car there.

397
00:14:19,370 --> 00:14:19,870
Yeah?

398
00:14:19,870 --> 00:14:21,757
I was wondering what
your impression of that

399
00:14:21,757 --> 00:14:23,590
was, of course, that
one's a very clean one.

400
00:14:23,590 --> 00:14:26,494
Oh.

401
00:14:26,494 --> 00:14:30,130
Yeah, I-- you didn't ask me how
we survive in the cattle cars

402
00:14:30,130 --> 00:14:31,720
to go into Bobruisk.

403
00:14:31,720 --> 00:14:33,520
We went about two
weeks, took us.

404
00:14:33,520 --> 00:14:36,837
How we go out, how we
drink something, how we

405
00:14:36,837 --> 00:14:37,420
eat something.

406
00:14:37,420 --> 00:14:38,265
That was--

407
00:14:38,265 --> 00:14:38,890
What was worse?

408
00:14:38,890 --> 00:14:39,390
--a miracle.

409
00:14:39,390 --> 00:14:42,010
What was worse, the
camp or the cattle cars?

410
00:14:42,010 --> 00:14:44,230
Cattle cars, nobody
was killing you.

411
00:14:44,230 --> 00:14:46,750
They were only slowly killing.

412

00:14:46,750 --> 00:14:48,160

There, if they don't like you?

413

00:14:48,160 --> 00:14:48,660

Boom.

414

00:14:48,660 --> 00:14:52,060

415

00:14:52,060 --> 00:14:54,640

What's-- did you tell us
the story in Hirschberg?

416

00:14:54,640 --> 00:14:55,420

Not yet.

417

00:14:55,420 --> 00:14:57,250

All right, let's hear it now.

418

00:14:57,250 --> 00:15:04,880

OK, from Flossenbürg, they ask
for mechanics and electricians.

419

00:15:04,880 --> 00:15:08,110

So I didn't know which
one I know better,

420

00:15:08,110 --> 00:15:09,600

mechanic or electrician.

421

00:15:09,600 --> 00:15:11,140

But I went.

422

00:15:11,140 --> 00:15:12,520

I'm mechanic, electrician.

423

00:15:12,520 --> 00:15:14,320

They didn't ask me.

424

00:15:14,320 --> 00:15:17,500

When I went in the other

side, didn't ask me, which

425

00:15:17,500 --> 00:15:19,020

one are you, a mechanic or a--

426

00:15:19,020 --> 00:15:19,890

didn't ask me.

427

00:15:19,890 --> 00:15:20,980

Stand there.

428

00:15:20,980 --> 00:15:22,270

We went.

429

00:15:22,270 --> 00:15:27,970

They took us a cattle thing
from Czechoslovakia to Germany.

430

00:15:27,970 --> 00:15:32,548

Took quite a while
to get to Hirschberg.

431

00:15:32,548 --> 00:15:33,920

We arrive to Hirschberg.

432

00:15:33,920 --> 00:15:36,920

We didn't know what
you're going to do.

433

00:15:36,920 --> 00:15:41,950

Why they need me out,
mechanic or electrician.

434

00:15:41,950 --> 00:15:43,730

So we went in.

435

00:15:43,730 --> 00:15:46,500

So I relaxing in
the camp because I

436

00:15:46,500 --> 00:15:52,140

saw the Ukrainian, the

French people, the all kinds.

437

00:15:52,140 --> 00:15:54,540

Big camp that not only Jewish.

438

00:15:54,540 --> 00:15:59,410

But they make everybody--

439

00:15:59,410 --> 00:16:04,870

when you're from Pole, they

have this-- the sign here,

440

00:16:04,870 --> 00:16:06,080

Polish sign.

441

00:16:06,080 --> 00:16:10,950

When you are Polish Jew, on

the top, a star, a Jewish star.

442

00:16:10,950 --> 00:16:16,880

When you only Pole, only the

Polish star, not Jewish star.

443

00:16:16,880 --> 00:16:18,610

And from France, French.

444

00:16:18,610 --> 00:16:22,070

That's-- everybody was

wearing from where--

445

00:16:22,070 --> 00:16:24,840

that when they see

us, oh, you're French.

446

00:16:24,840 --> 00:16:26,840

The German need someone

from France, you French?

447

00:16:26,840 --> 00:16:27,050

Yeah.

448

00:16:27,050 --> 00:16:27,550

Come here.

449

00:16:27,550 --> 00:16:29,660

You Poland?

450

00:16:29,660 --> 00:16:34,740

So I was Polish Jew.

451

00:16:34,740 --> 00:16:38,980

But still, I want to be smart.

452

00:16:38,980 --> 00:16:41,770

So when we went in
to the guy what make

453

00:16:41,770 --> 00:16:43,930

those signs, so he asked, you?

454

00:16:43,930 --> 00:16:44,450

French.

455

00:16:44,450 --> 00:16:45,590

So he give me a French.

456

00:16:45,590 --> 00:16:46,180

You?

457

00:16:46,180 --> 00:16:47,260

Jew, Polish.

458

00:16:47,260 --> 00:16:47,990

Me?

459

00:16:47,990 --> 00:16:49,480

I am Polish.

460

00:16:49,480 --> 00:16:52,540

So he give me Polish
without the star.

461

00:16:52,540 --> 00:16:53,860

Put me on--

462
00:16:53,860 --> 00:16:55,770
I figured this way,
I'm going to get away,

463
00:16:55,770 --> 00:16:59,410
maybe the Polish people--
the Polish, they're bandits.

464
00:16:59,410 --> 00:17:03,790
Even in camp, they looked to
take away your piece of bread

465
00:17:03,790 --> 00:17:06,849
from you, you are Jew.

466
00:17:06,849 --> 00:17:09,819
So and I went--

467
00:17:09,819 --> 00:17:12,394
I get away with this about
three or four months.

468
00:17:12,394 --> 00:17:15,125

469
00:17:15,125 --> 00:17:17,560
How?

470
00:17:17,560 --> 00:17:22,460
We-- they took us to
work high and low.

471
00:17:22,460 --> 00:17:26,890
That's being on the
mountain on down.

472
00:17:26,890 --> 00:17:30,680
So our group was
working on the mountain.

473

00:17:30,680 --> 00:17:34,410
[INAUDIBLE] people we call this.

474
00:17:34,410 --> 00:17:40,670
What we was doing there, they
have a trailer coming up.

475
00:17:40,670 --> 00:17:47,210
You know going on the electrical
wires, the little trains coming

476
00:17:47,210 --> 00:17:47,860
up?

477
00:17:47,860 --> 00:17:51,070
They bring cement.

478
00:17:51,070 --> 00:17:51,920
A cable car.

479
00:17:51,920 --> 00:17:52,890
Cable car.

480
00:17:52,890 --> 00:17:57,370
Cement, sand, all kind
what they need to--

481
00:17:57,370 --> 00:17:58,320
for building.

482
00:17:58,320 --> 00:17:58,820
For work.

483
00:17:58,820 --> 00:18:00,020
For work.

484
00:18:00,020 --> 00:18:04,820
And we was taking this and carry
it to the place where we need.

485
00:18:04,820 --> 00:18:10,400
And that was a place

where they had machines.

486

00:18:10,400 --> 00:18:12,950

And they mix all those things.

487

00:18:12,950 --> 00:18:15,590

They're mixing to make cement.

488

00:18:15,590 --> 00:18:17,650

And they put this in pipes.

489

00:18:17,650 --> 00:18:19,640

And machines, they pump.

490

00:18:19,640 --> 00:18:23,270

They pump those pipes
down to tunnels.

491

00:18:23,270 --> 00:18:25,190

They make-- they're
building tunnels.

492

00:18:25,190 --> 00:18:28,190

Those tunnels they
was building for V-2.

493

00:18:28,190 --> 00:18:30,190

If you heard something,
the V-2, what they--

494

00:18:30,190 --> 00:18:30,940

Yeah, the rockets.

495

00:18:30,940 --> 00:18:32,390

The missiles, the rockets.

496

00:18:32,390 --> 00:18:37,160

So that tunnels was
building for those V-2.

497

00:18:37,160 --> 00:18:38,470

We didn't know for what.

498
00:18:38,470 --> 00:18:39,870
Later, we find out.

499
00:18:39,870 --> 00:18:42,590
Tunnels, tunnels,
we build tunnels.

500
00:18:42,590 --> 00:18:47,780
So we was carry this back
and forth, back and forth.

501
00:18:47,780 --> 00:18:52,790
All of a sudden, one day we
stop working a half a day

502
00:18:52,790 --> 00:19:04,220
because those pump, those
pipes was clogged up,

503
00:19:04,220 --> 00:19:10,340
because they put too much
sand, too little water, too

504
00:19:10,340 --> 00:19:11,650
much cement.

505
00:19:11,650 --> 00:19:14,960
You know, they didn't mix
everything what they need,

506
00:19:14,960 --> 00:19:16,550
what's said in the book--

507
00:19:16,550 --> 00:19:18,620
so much this, so much
this, so, and that.

508
00:19:18,620 --> 00:19:23,270
And every day, they
was stuck with work.

509

00:19:23,270 --> 00:19:27,530

What that was stuck, the
pipes, so everybody is stuck.

510

00:19:27,530 --> 00:19:28,490

We don't do nothing.

511

00:19:28,490 --> 00:19:32,750

The workers didn't-- there was
a lot civil workers that were

512

00:19:32,750 --> 00:19:33,740

coming to work.

513

00:19:33,740 --> 00:19:37,520

Yugoslavs, [INAUDIBLE],,
Pole, French, they

514

00:19:37,520 --> 00:19:38,670

work there in the day.

515

00:19:38,670 --> 00:19:41,510

And then after, they going home.

516

00:19:41,510 --> 00:19:43,646

So everything was standing.

517

00:19:43,646 --> 00:19:46,290

Finally, they say,
what's going on here?

518

00:19:46,290 --> 00:19:47,930

What's going to
be the engineers?

519

00:19:47,930 --> 00:19:49,510

See, we had engineers.

520

00:19:49,510 --> 00:19:51,200

And I was working there.

521

00:19:51,200 --> 00:19:52,010

Look how he work.

522

00:19:52,010 --> 00:19:54,050

And so I said to myself,
take a look here.

523

00:19:54,050 --> 00:19:55,730

Have a good job, that guy.

524

00:19:55,730 --> 00:19:57,410

I wish that I had that job.

525

00:19:57,410 --> 00:19:58,310

He sit.

526

00:19:58,310 --> 00:20:01,286

He say, more this,
more two, more three.

527

00:20:01,286 --> 00:20:02,215

More this.

528

00:20:02,215 --> 00:20:03,980

He said, perfect.

529

00:20:03,980 --> 00:20:05,810

But not from our people.

530

00:20:05,810 --> 00:20:06,780

It's civilian people.

531

00:20:06,780 --> 00:20:09,230

He get paid for it.

532

00:20:09,230 --> 00:20:12,980

And that gets
stuck all the time.

533

00:20:12,980 --> 00:20:19,890

I say to the Yugoslav, because
I could talk to him a little--

534

00:20:19,890 --> 00:20:21,590

Russian, a little Polish.

535

00:20:21,590 --> 00:20:23,090

We get together.

536

00:20:23,090 --> 00:20:24,540

I could do that, that job.

537

00:20:24,540 --> 00:20:27,320

So he talked to the engineer,
the German engineer.

538

00:20:27,320 --> 00:20:28,670

And he called me.

539

00:20:28,670 --> 00:20:30,280

So I speak to him in German.

540

00:20:30,280 --> 00:20:30,890

You sure?

541

00:20:30,890 --> 00:20:32,040

I say, I think so.

542

00:20:32,040 --> 00:20:34,180

I'm here already two
months, whatever.

543

00:20:34,180 --> 00:20:36,710

I see it's very easy.

544

00:20:36,710 --> 00:20:37,480

Easy?

545

00:20:37,480 --> 00:20:38,210

Here?

546

00:20:38,210 --> 00:20:41,858

Because if I would make
that, it's sabotage.

547
00:20:41,858 --> 00:20:42,650
And they shoot me--

548
00:20:42,650 --> 00:20:43,850
You're finished.

549
00:20:43,850 --> 00:20:48,306
I say, I'm going to fix that.

550
00:20:48,306 --> 00:20:53,260
So instead a glass water,
I put in two glass water.

551
00:20:53,260 --> 00:20:56,830
A glass sand, I
put a half a glass.

552
00:20:56,830 --> 00:20:59,920
And I figure, till
come down, they're

553
00:20:59,920 --> 00:21:01,240
going to dry out a little.

554
00:21:01,240 --> 00:21:03,080
They must go through.

555
00:21:03,080 --> 00:21:04,190
And that worked perfect.

556
00:21:04,190 --> 00:21:05,660
It was perfect.

557
00:21:05,660 --> 00:21:06,800
Everybody was happy.

558
00:21:06,800 --> 00:21:08,860
And I was happy.

559
00:21:08,860 --> 00:21:09,570

And they worked.

560

00:21:09,570 --> 00:21:13,560

Every day, no one minute
was standing and stuck.

561

00:21:13,560 --> 00:21:15,440

And I say, I'm going to fix you.

562

00:21:15,440 --> 00:21:24,070

I make you that -- the thing
so not hard that you're going

563

00:21:24,070 --> 00:21:24,900

to appreciate that.

564

00:21:24,900 --> 00:21:26,190

And that was the end.

565

00:21:26,190 --> 00:21:27,640

It was working.

566

00:21:27,640 --> 00:21:28,306

OK.

567

00:21:28,306 --> 00:21:31,952

But, well, that was
too good for me.

568

00:21:31,952 --> 00:21:34,590

I said, I know from
where I've come.

569

00:21:34,590 --> 00:21:36,680

That's too good for me.

570

00:21:36,680 --> 00:21:41,610

And come a inspection.

571

00:21:41,610 --> 00:21:46,210

Come the kommandant from
the camp with the haut kapo.

572
00:21:46,210 --> 00:21:50,700
The chief kapo was a Pole.

573
00:21:50,700 --> 00:21:51,825
He look, look.

574
00:21:51,825 --> 00:21:55,661
And I am sitting in like a
chair like that by the machines.

575
00:21:55,661 --> 00:21:57,270
And they are talking about me.

576
00:21:57,270 --> 00:22:02,100
And they're talking
[INAUDIBLE] the genius of me.

577
00:22:02,100 --> 00:22:04,810
He-- tell him, we have
no problem with him.

578
00:22:04,810 --> 00:22:08,882
But that Pole, look on my face
and look here, and took the--

579
00:22:08,882 --> 00:22:09,590
we have a number.

580
00:22:09,590 --> 00:22:13,280
4942 was my number.

581
00:22:13,280 --> 00:22:14,550
He didn't say nothing.

582
00:22:14,550 --> 00:22:15,900
He went home.

583
00:22:15,900 --> 00:22:19,710
At night after coffee,
and I am on my bed.

584

00:22:19,710 --> 00:22:20,640

A guy come in.

585

00:22:20,640 --> 00:22:24,582

4942 to the kapo.

586

00:22:24,582 --> 00:22:27,530

And I lean out and
say, I hear my number.

587

00:22:27,530 --> 00:22:28,330

I look, make sure.

588

00:22:28,330 --> 00:22:28,880

Yeah.

589

00:22:28,880 --> 00:22:30,080

Hey, here.

590

00:22:30,080 --> 00:22:31,200

Come.

591

00:22:31,200 --> 00:22:37,950

We have to close the whole lot
where we stand in the morning

592

00:22:37,950 --> 00:22:40,620

to segregate for work.

593

00:22:40,620 --> 00:22:44,340

And that office in the
kapo, I see in the windows

594

00:22:44,340 --> 00:22:46,170

the guy standing looking.

595

00:22:46,170 --> 00:22:47,860

He says, that's the guy, he say.

596

00:22:47,860 --> 00:22:50,020

And when I went in,

they were standing

597

00:22:50,020 --> 00:22:52,380

like in the army, two lines.

598

00:22:52,380 --> 00:22:55,350

And when I went in, boom,

they start beating me.

599

00:22:55,350 --> 00:22:58,200

And I start screaming

and screaming

600

00:22:58,200 --> 00:23:01,110

and throw myself

out from the window.

601

00:23:01,110 --> 00:23:02,185

But.

602

00:23:02,185 --> 00:23:02,810

So the German--

603

00:23:02,810 --> 00:23:05,650

Well, how high was it?

604

00:23:05,650 --> 00:23:08,560

No, there was a in

the first floor.

605

00:23:08,560 --> 00:23:12,230

And the window was so high

from the one like here.

606

00:23:12,230 --> 00:23:15,270

And I see that I'm

going to go out.

607

00:23:15,270 --> 00:23:18,210

I could save myself

maybe getting beat up.

608

00:23:18,210 --> 00:23:21,570

But here, they choke me.

609

00:23:21,570 --> 00:23:27,490

And my luck, the commander from
the German see what's going on

610

00:23:27,490 --> 00:23:29,552

and break windows.

611

00:23:29,552 --> 00:23:31,500

They screaming.

612

00:23:31,500 --> 00:23:33,710

They run with machine guns.

613

00:23:33,710 --> 00:23:35,820

[NON-ENGLISH].

614

00:23:35,820 --> 00:23:40,350

So the kapo say to
him, [SPEAKING GERMAN]..

615

00:23:40,350 --> 00:23:42,470

He had not a--

616

00:23:42,470 --> 00:23:46,680

he is a-- he changed
his thing, his forgery.

617

00:23:46,680 --> 00:23:49,400

I make forgery.

618

00:23:49,400 --> 00:23:51,850

He say to a German, another
German, bring me the book.

619

00:23:51,850 --> 00:23:53,800

Got book-- big book.

620

00:23:53,800 --> 00:23:55,370

My name was there.

621
00:23:55,370 --> 00:23:56,502
Say, what's your name?

622
00:23:56,502 --> 00:23:58,210
I say my name, Yakov
[INAUDIBLE] Spiegel.

623
00:23:58,210 --> 00:23:59,100
What's number?

624
00:23:59,100 --> 00:24:01,060
4942.

625
00:24:01,060 --> 00:24:03,370
And [GERMAN].

626
00:24:03,370 --> 00:24:04,398
He see-- he find me.

627
00:24:04,398 --> 00:24:05,190
He say, it's right.

628
00:24:05,190 --> 00:24:06,670
What you want for him?

629
00:24:06,670 --> 00:24:08,760
Yeah, but he have a--

630
00:24:08,760 --> 00:24:10,467
he haven't got the Jewish star.

631
00:24:10,467 --> 00:24:13,840
Ah, [GERMAN], he say to him.

632
00:24:13,840 --> 00:24:17,080
It's shit like language.

633
00:24:17,080 --> 00:24:20,140
Go and make you a Jewish
star, and that's it.

634
00:24:20,140 --> 00:24:21,220
He solved that problem.

635
00:24:21,220 --> 00:24:22,670
I said, thank God.

636
00:24:22,670 --> 00:24:25,263
What's going to be
tomorrow, I don't know.

637
00:24:25,263 --> 00:24:27,055
I went in to the guy
what make those stars.

638
00:24:27,055 --> 00:24:28,870
He put me the star.

639
00:24:28,870 --> 00:24:29,740
I went to sleep.

640
00:24:29,740 --> 00:24:32,640
In the morning, 5
o'clock, we drink coffee.

641
00:24:32,640 --> 00:24:33,790
We get a piece of bread.

642
00:24:33,790 --> 00:24:34,920
We stand out.

643
00:24:34,920 --> 00:24:36,490
He come and take me out to my--

644
00:24:36,490 --> 00:24:37,610
Who's he?

645
00:24:37,610 --> 00:24:39,370
The kapo, the Pole.

646
00:24:39,370 --> 00:24:40,235

Take me out.

647
00:24:40,235 --> 00:24:42,420
He call a Ukrainian.

648
00:24:42,420 --> 00:24:43,940
Ivan is the name.

649
00:24:43,940 --> 00:24:45,265
He is your-- he is a Jew.

650
00:24:45,265 --> 00:24:45,765
Evret.

651
00:24:45,765 --> 00:24:52,325
[NON-ENGLISH] Try to
kill him on your job.

652
00:24:52,325 --> 00:24:54,450
So I-- he took me.

653
00:24:54,450 --> 00:24:57,560
And he have-- he is responsible
for the scheisse kommando,

654
00:24:57,560 --> 00:24:58,390
shit commander.

655
00:24:58,390 --> 00:24:59,440
You know what shit is?

656
00:24:59,440 --> 00:25:00,165
Yeah.

657
00:25:00,165 --> 00:25:07,500
We go with bowls in every
block and take out the shit

658
00:25:07,500 --> 00:25:09,360
what people doing at night.

659

00:25:09,360 --> 00:25:11,105
We've got big bowls.

660
00:25:11,105 --> 00:25:14,580
The bowls was on stretchers.

661
00:25:14,580 --> 00:25:16,850
We put on a wagon.

662
00:25:16,850 --> 00:25:20,610
We roll into the field.

663
00:25:20,610 --> 00:25:22,920
With the holes, we pouring in.

664
00:25:22,920 --> 00:25:27,180
We are eight people
in one wagon.

665
00:25:27,180 --> 00:25:29,930
So four people in the
morning, the four people

666
00:25:29,930 --> 00:25:30,940
in the afternoon.

667
00:25:30,940 --> 00:25:31,440
Me?

668
00:25:31,440 --> 00:25:33,880
He keep a whole day in.

669
00:25:33,880 --> 00:25:36,920
When you throw it,
I was smelling.

670
00:25:36,920 --> 00:25:39,180
I couldn't breathe, smelling.

671
00:25:39,180 --> 00:25:39,870
I went home.

672

00:25:39,870 --> 00:25:42,420

And I went on my--

673

00:25:42,420 --> 00:25:43,920

because the scheisse
commander, they

674

00:25:43,920 --> 00:25:45,610

have a special room to sleep.

675

00:25:45,610 --> 00:25:48,018

When I get-- went back to
mine, they're screaming--

676

00:25:48,018 --> 00:25:49,560

So they want--
they'll throw you out.

677

00:25:49,560 --> 00:25:50,060

Yeah.

678

00:25:50,060 --> 00:25:54,000

Yeah, screaming, you
smell, (Mumbling).

679

00:25:54,000 --> 00:25:56,420

I survive this a night.

680

00:25:56,420 --> 00:25:58,410

In the morning, we stand out.

681

00:25:58,410 --> 00:26:01,060

Nobody go out to work.

682

00:26:01,060 --> 00:26:02,580

The thing broke down again.

683

00:26:02,580 --> 00:26:03,610

Broke down.

684

00:26:03,610 --> 00:26:06,380

Where is the guy who do it?

685

00:26:06,380 --> 00:26:09,460

They say, it's a Jew.

686

00:26:09,460 --> 00:26:13,440

Big officer,
generals, nobody goes.

687

00:26:13,440 --> 00:26:14,153

Where's that guy?

688

00:26:14,153 --> 00:26:14,820

Where's he work?

689

00:26:14,820 --> 00:26:15,990

what he was doing.

690

00:26:15,990 --> 00:26:17,098

He called the kapo.

691

00:26:17,098 --> 00:26:18,640

Where's the guy
what's working there?

692

00:26:18,640 --> 00:26:20,130

They call me.

693

00:26:20,130 --> 00:26:22,570

They say, ew, you stink, smell.

694

00:26:22,570 --> 00:26:23,930

Change him there thing.

695

00:26:23,930 --> 00:26:25,240

Wash him up.

696

00:26:25,240 --> 00:26:26,650

Wash him up.

697

00:26:26,650 --> 00:26:29,702

Get in here with clothes,
new clothes, everything.

698
00:26:29,702 --> 00:26:31,150
[? So ?] [? fresh ?]
[INAUDIBLE]..

699
00:26:31,150 --> 00:26:33,570
And you got help.

700
00:26:33,570 --> 00:26:35,990
OK.

701
00:26:35,990 --> 00:26:37,580
And they wash me.

702
00:26:37,580 --> 00:26:38,450
Everybody stay.

703
00:26:38,450 --> 00:26:44,690
Nobody go out to work, about
10,000 people, all kind of jobs

704
00:26:44,690 --> 00:26:46,790
they're doing.

705
00:26:46,790 --> 00:26:47,360
I'm ready.

706
00:26:47,360 --> 00:26:48,050
I'm clean.

707
00:26:48,050 --> 00:26:50,000
OK.

708
00:26:50,000 --> 00:26:52,680
took me on a thing to work.

709
00:26:52,680 --> 00:26:54,070
And I said, oh.

710

00:26:54,070 --> 00:26:56,360

The German, and the
Yugoslav, the Pole,

711

00:26:56,360 --> 00:26:57,920

the civilian that
was working there,

712

00:26:57,920 --> 00:27:00,373

they were so happy I'm back.

713

00:27:00,373 --> 00:27:01,040

They could work.

714

00:27:01,040 --> 00:27:03,950

And the work was going
beautiful, beautiful,

715

00:27:03,950 --> 00:27:05,370

going and going, going.

716

00:27:05,370 --> 00:27:07,130

All of a sudden, we
don't go out to work.

717

00:27:07,130 --> 00:27:08,270

What's happened?

718

00:27:08,270 --> 00:27:11,170

The England is already on the--

719

00:27:11,170 --> 00:27:16,140

no, before England,
the English bomb--

720

00:27:16,140 --> 00:27:20,460

we were-- our camp was
by a railroad train.

721

00:27:20,460 --> 00:27:23,180

And England fliers coming in.

722

00:27:23,180 --> 00:27:24,620
And a train was going.

723
00:27:24,620 --> 00:27:27,180
And give it, in the train.

724
00:27:27,180 --> 00:27:32,660
And the train turned upside
down, and it killed whoever--

725
00:27:32,660 --> 00:27:34,030
a lot of people.

726
00:27:34,030 --> 00:27:35,510
The Germans come in.

727
00:27:35,510 --> 00:27:40,500
500 people to work, to
clean up that mess outside.

728
00:27:40,500 --> 00:27:43,160
It's not 500,000 running.

729
00:27:43,160 --> 00:27:47,690
They start shooting,
like a revolution.

730
00:27:47,690 --> 00:27:51,540
Finally, they took out a
command of 50 people whatever.

731
00:27:51,540 --> 00:27:54,050
And what do you think
they're coming for?

732
00:27:54,050 --> 00:27:56,306
What do you think
they're bringing in?

733
00:27:56,306 --> 00:27:58,850
Can you give a guess, Doctor?

734

00:27:58,850 --> 00:28:00,770

They're bringing
in a hand, a foot.

735

00:28:00,770 --> 00:28:02,510

They-- and they cook it.

736

00:28:02,510 --> 00:28:05,370

They cooked that and eat it.

737

00:28:05,370 --> 00:28:06,120

The prisoners did.

738

00:28:06,120 --> 00:28:08,960

Prisoners.

739

00:28:08,960 --> 00:28:09,610

I was hungry.

740

00:28:09,610 --> 00:28:13,640

But I was almost vomited to
seeing what they're doing.

741

00:28:13,640 --> 00:28:18,420

They're bringing a foot, hand,
anything what they could grab.

742

00:28:18,420 --> 00:28:21,810

They bring it in, most
of all the Ukrainian.

743

00:28:21,810 --> 00:28:24,040

They were so wild.

744

00:28:24,040 --> 00:28:25,920

So that was that time.

745

00:28:25,920 --> 00:28:28,850

And after that, we
don't go out to work.

746

00:28:28,850 --> 00:28:29,900

The England is here.

747

00:28:29,900 --> 00:28:33,740

So they tried to make--

748

00:28:33,740 --> 00:28:35,650

was about 20,000.

749

00:28:35,650 --> 00:28:40,080

They tried to make

500,000 group on out.

750

00:28:40,080 --> 00:28:43,600

It was-- who was our company?

751

00:28:43,600 --> 00:28:45,830

All German people.

752

00:28:45,830 --> 00:28:46,632

They couldn't work.

753

00:28:46,632 --> 00:28:47,340

We couldn't work.

754

00:28:47,340 --> 00:28:50,050

They didn't work.

755

00:28:50,050 --> 00:28:55,050

So what I was doing again, my
brain was working overtime.

756

00:28:55,050 --> 00:28:57,810

How we get from here
out as quick as possible

757

00:28:57,810 --> 00:28:59,720

because the Pole
going to kill me.

758

00:28:59,720 --> 00:29:02,030

If the German don't kill me,
the Pole going to kill me.

759
00:29:02,030 --> 00:29:04,140
And that was a thing.

760
00:29:04,140 --> 00:29:08,920
I see the first group, we was to
go, maybe the 20 groups, the 30

761
00:29:08,920 --> 00:29:09,590
groups.

762
00:29:09,590 --> 00:29:10,590
The first group went in.

763
00:29:10,590 --> 00:29:11,750
500 are sitting.

764
00:29:11,750 --> 00:29:14,450
They're waiting till the
people come to take them out.

765
00:29:14,450 --> 00:29:18,180
And one was going to the toilet.

766
00:29:18,180 --> 00:29:20,150
So I went in and
sit on his place.

767
00:29:20,150 --> 00:29:20,820
And that's all.

768
00:29:20,820 --> 00:29:21,900
He come.

769
00:29:21,900 --> 00:29:23,160
He couldn't find his place.

770
00:29:23,160 --> 00:29:24,500
So he sit in the end.

771
00:29:24,500 --> 00:29:28,290

When we start marching
out, took five people.

772
00:29:28,290 --> 00:29:29,423
Five, and they're counting.

773
00:29:29,423 --> 00:29:30,090
They're holding.

774
00:29:30,090 --> 00:29:33,060
And I did like that,
they didn't recognize me.

775
00:29:33,060 --> 00:29:35,740
I took the hat
this way, that way,

776
00:29:35,740 --> 00:29:40,150
that the kapos didn't
recognize me and take me out.

777
00:29:40,150 --> 00:29:43,200
So I walk through them.

778
00:29:43,200 --> 00:29:47,310
And the last one what's supposed
to go, they took him back.

779
00:29:47,310 --> 00:29:50,090
Was one over.

780
00:29:50,090 --> 00:29:52,320
And I say, thank God, I'm out.

781
00:29:52,320 --> 00:29:54,110
He dropped dead.

782
00:29:54,110 --> 00:29:55,250
And we start going.

783
00:29:55,250 --> 00:29:59,230

784
00:29:59,230 --> 00:30:00,470
On the way, we was--

785
00:30:00,470 --> 00:30:03,780
the England and the
American was bombing us.

786
00:30:03,780 --> 00:30:06,300
They figured that's a
military or something.

787
00:30:06,300 --> 00:30:09,080
Well, you said you
were making rockets.

788
00:30:09,080 --> 00:30:12,510
No, that-- we don't--
the rockets was not--

789
00:30:12,510 --> 00:30:15,550
the tunnel was not finished.

790
00:30:15,550 --> 00:30:17,060
The rockets was--
the tunnel was not

791
00:30:17,060 --> 00:30:20,650
finished because was a
lot of tunnels to make

792
00:30:20,650 --> 00:30:22,820
because it was a short time.

793
00:30:22,820 --> 00:30:28,680
And the airplane from England
or from United States coming in,

794
00:30:28,680 --> 00:30:29,318
tour over.

795
00:30:29,318 --> 00:30:30,360

They're looking, looking.

796
00:30:30,360 --> 00:30:31,270
Bomb, bomb.

797
00:30:31,270 --> 00:30:32,650
They're sending bombs on us.

798
00:30:32,650 --> 00:30:35,930
They figure it's a military--
we military or something,

799
00:30:35,930 --> 00:30:42,970
because was walking the most in
yards and that don't see that.

800
00:30:42,970 --> 00:30:47,380
And most, we walk at
night, not during the day.

801
00:30:47,380 --> 00:30:51,400
And they kill a few
people they kill.

802
00:30:51,400 --> 00:30:57,626
And we survived this,
too, till we come to--

803
00:30:57,626 --> 00:30:58,126
Dachau.

804
00:30:58,126 --> 00:30:59,350
Dachau.

805
00:30:59,350 --> 00:31:01,305
We come in to Dachau.

806
00:31:01,305 --> 00:31:03,760
No, Dachau, the sign.

807
00:31:03,760 --> 00:31:06,490
[GERMAN] and arbeit macht this.

808
00:31:06,490 --> 00:31:08,710
And you're going to
live long if you work

809
00:31:08,710 --> 00:31:11,030
nights, the signs by the door.

810
00:31:11,030 --> 00:31:15,500
So I say, I know those
signs and those names.

811
00:31:15,500 --> 00:31:19,330
And they took us--

812
00:31:19,330 --> 00:31:21,950
took down the clothes,
the dirty clothes.

813
00:31:21,950 --> 00:31:25,560
They're supposed to
give us the new clothes.

814
00:31:25,560 --> 00:31:32,550
So in the meantime, the United
States Army bombard Dachau.

815
00:31:32,550 --> 00:31:34,290
So I pray, where
you was so long?

816
00:31:34,290 --> 00:31:35,925
Why you waiting so long?

817
00:31:35,925 --> 00:31:37,870
In April.

818
00:31:37,870 --> 00:31:42,510
So it was-- the stockroom
from the clothes was out,

819
00:31:42,510 --> 00:31:43,820

the clothes.

820
00:31:43,820 --> 00:31:45,970
Meantime, I clothe myself.

821
00:31:45,970 --> 00:31:48,470
I dress myself
because I-- if I'm

822
00:31:48,470 --> 00:31:51,410
going to wait till
they're going to give me,

823
00:31:51,410 --> 00:31:52,630
I'm going to drop dead here.

824
00:31:52,630 --> 00:31:54,510
I'm going to freeze
to death, whatever.

825
00:31:54,510 --> 00:31:55,465
And I dress myself.

826
00:31:55,465 --> 00:31:56,870
I have clothes.

827
00:31:56,870 --> 00:32:03,680
In April 29, '45, the American
army come in, open the doors.

828
00:32:03,680 --> 00:32:10,670
Everybody-- I-- my weight, I was
like that, 85 pound, no hairs,

829
00:32:10,670 --> 00:32:15,830
because in three years, no
one hair was growing on me.

830
00:32:15,830 --> 00:32:16,790
Really?

831
00:32:16,790 --> 00:32:17,780

Not on the head.

832

00:32:17,780 --> 00:32:18,510

Not on the face.

833

00:32:18,510 --> 00:32:21,820

A head, not on the face,
because we didn't have protein.

834

00:32:21,820 --> 00:32:23,780

They didn't-- no--

835

00:32:23,780 --> 00:32:26,190

I was sometime I
wondered, what the hell?

836

00:32:26,190 --> 00:32:27,450

I have no hairs.

837

00:32:27,450 --> 00:32:31,100

And I -- They cut me the hairs,
and I have no hairs growing,

838

00:32:31,100 --> 00:32:33,230

over three years.

839

00:32:33,230 --> 00:32:35,170

It started growing in '46.

840

00:32:35,170 --> 00:32:37,840

How was your health
through these years?

841

00:32:37,840 --> 00:32:39,480

Health was good.

842

00:32:39,480 --> 00:32:43,380

The health was good because I
owe my life what doing sports--

843

00:32:43,380 --> 00:32:46,620

play soccer, boxing, hockey.

844
00:32:46,620 --> 00:32:48,450
I was active.

845
00:32:48,450 --> 00:32:50,910
At the end of the war,
how was your health?

846
00:32:50,910 --> 00:32:51,410
Weak.

847
00:32:51,410 --> 00:32:53,910
I was very weak.

848
00:32:53,910 --> 00:32:57,210
The American army took me to
France, to a convalescing home.

849
00:32:57,210 --> 00:33:00,840
I was weighing 85 pounds.

850
00:33:00,840 --> 00:33:01,400
They took me.

851
00:33:01,400 --> 00:33:01,590
It was--

852
00:33:01,590 --> 00:33:02,965
How much should
you have weighed?

853
00:33:02,965 --> 00:33:03,640
Normal.

854
00:33:03,640 --> 00:33:04,830
No, then.

855
00:33:04,830 --> 00:33:05,625
85 pound.

856
00:33:05,625 --> 00:33:07,250

Yeah, how much should
you have weighed?

857
00:33:07,250 --> 00:33:11,685
Oh, yeah, about 220,
20, something like that.

858
00:33:11,685 --> 00:33:13,940
215, 220.

859
00:33:13,940 --> 00:33:17,115
Yeah, are you talking
kilo or pounds?

860
00:33:17,115 --> 00:33:18,240
We're talking about pounds.

861
00:33:18,240 --> 00:33:18,890
Pounds.

862
00:33:18,890 --> 00:33:22,200
Kilos-- it was
40-something pounds.

863
00:33:22,200 --> 00:33:23,803
2 pounds and
something is a kilo.

864
00:33:23,803 --> 00:33:29,790
Because 120 for-- at this time,
you were close to 30 years old.

865
00:33:29,790 --> 00:33:32,600
You were about 28
when the war ended.

866
00:33:32,600 --> 00:33:34,102
27, 26.

867
00:33:34,102 --> 00:33:35,560
You should be more
than 120 pounds.

868

00:33:35,560 --> 00:33:36,210

No.

869

00:33:36,210 --> 00:33:37,350

From what?

870

00:33:37,350 --> 00:33:38,030

From what?

871

00:33:38,030 --> 00:33:39,370

From that--

872

00:33:39,370 --> 00:33:41,100

No, you said you
weighed 85 pounds.

873

00:33:41,100 --> 00:33:42,470

Yeah.

874

00:33:42,470 --> 00:33:44,567

If you had been at Å Å³dÅ¼
and there was no war,

875

00:33:44,567 --> 00:33:45,900

you would have weighed how much?

876

00:33:45,900 --> 00:33:47,910

115, 120.

877

00:33:47,910 --> 00:33:48,450

That's all?

878

00:33:48,450 --> 00:33:49,330

That's all.

879

00:33:49,330 --> 00:33:49,865

OK.

880

00:33:49,865 --> 00:33:51,540

Because I was not fat.

881

00:33:51,540 --> 00:33:53,730

All right, so you
were liberated.

882

00:33:53,730 --> 00:33:56,120

And did you look
for your family?

883

00:33:56,120 --> 00:33:56,620

Yeah.

884

00:33:56,620 --> 00:33:57,185

They went.

885

00:33:57,185 --> 00:33:57,810

They liberated.

886

00:33:57,810 --> 00:33:58,477

I couldn't look.

887

00:33:58,477 --> 00:33:59,890

I--

888

00:33:59,890 --> 00:34:01,890

First of all, you had to
get your strength back.

889

00:34:01,890 --> 00:34:02,598

Strength-- right.

890

00:34:02,598 --> 00:34:04,900

They hang all the kapos there.

891

00:34:04,900 --> 00:34:08,820

All the officers, the German
officers, they was hanging.

892

00:34:08,820 --> 00:34:10,860

And the American army helped us.

893

00:34:10,860 --> 00:34:12,739

We finished them up.

894

00:34:12,739 --> 00:34:16,679

Then they took me to
France, Lyon, France,

895

00:34:16,679 --> 00:34:18,409

to a convalescing home.

896

00:34:18,409 --> 00:34:20,880

How long were you in
the convalescent home?

897

00:34:20,880 --> 00:34:22,174

About six month.

898

00:34:22,174 --> 00:34:22,889

They treat us--

899

00:34:22,889 --> 00:34:23,790

That was a long time.

900

00:34:23,790 --> 00:34:24,290

Yeah.

901

00:34:24,290 --> 00:34:28,250

They treat us so
nice and so good.

902

00:34:28,250 --> 00:34:31,409

Really, I couldn't forget them.

903

00:34:31,409 --> 00:34:33,580

And that was all Americans?

904

00:34:33,580 --> 00:34:34,889

No, French people.

905

00:34:34,889 --> 00:34:36,219

Oh, the French.

906

00:34:36,219 --> 00:34:37,270
The French people.

907
00:34:37,270 --> 00:34:38,420
[INAUDIBLE] they treat us.

908
00:34:38,420 --> 00:34:39,750
And you have free--

909
00:34:39,750 --> 00:34:41,360
free the train, free anything.

910
00:34:41,360 --> 00:34:44,969
When you go to movie, theater,
free You can Look at me.

911
00:34:44,969 --> 00:34:47,230
I looked like a
Holocaust survivor.

912
00:34:47,230 --> 00:34:49,469
And did you have
friends at the time?

913
00:34:49,469 --> 00:34:50,205
No.

914
00:34:50,205 --> 00:34:51,000
I have nobody.

915
00:34:51,000 --> 00:34:52,449
You did everything yourself?

916
00:34:52,449 --> 00:34:54,010
Everything myself.

917
00:34:54,010 --> 00:34:54,679
I went there.

918
00:34:54,679 --> 00:34:58,170
And after six month, I went out.

919

00:34:58,170 --> 00:35:00,845
So I went to a Jewish committee.

920

00:35:00,845 --> 00:35:04,140
It was a Jewish committee
what taking care on refugees,

921

00:35:04,140 --> 00:35:05,640
the Holocaust survivor.

922

00:35:05,640 --> 00:35:12,160
So I went up and told them that
I am here, and there, that.

923

00:35:12,160 --> 00:35:13,740
I need where to sleep.

924

00:35:13,740 --> 00:35:15,130
Where do they think?

925

00:35:15,130 --> 00:35:16,800
They say, don't worry.

926

00:35:16,800 --> 00:35:20,310
We get you a family that
you're going to be there.

927

00:35:20,310 --> 00:35:24,360
I start so crying I feel so
bad, because my father was

928

00:35:24,360 --> 00:35:26,850
the president for orphan home.

929

00:35:26,850 --> 00:35:30,420
My mother was, and now, I
am in the same situation.

930

00:35:30,420 --> 00:35:32,050
It was feeling very bad.

931

00:35:32,050 --> 00:35:38,835

And they get me to that
family, the family Litvin.

932

00:35:38,835 --> 00:35:40,090

That I couldn't forget.

933

00:35:40,090 --> 00:35:42,510

I was like a foster,
their own son.

934

00:35:42,510 --> 00:35:43,970

They have two children.

935

00:35:43,970 --> 00:35:47,420

They treat me like
their own son.

936

00:35:47,420 --> 00:35:52,232

Go-- they went to parties, and
[? amusement ?] or whatever

937

00:35:52,232 --> 00:35:52,940

[? to help me. ?]

938

00:35:52,940 --> 00:35:54,107

How long did you stay there?

939

00:35:54,107 --> 00:35:56,120

I stayed with them one year.

940

00:35:56,120 --> 00:36:01,270

And did you do-- what did-- what
were you interested in doing?

941

00:36:01,270 --> 00:36:05,200

I was interested to get out from
there, to go to United States.

942

00:36:05,200 --> 00:36:06,580

Yeah.

943

00:36:06,580 --> 00:36:09,650

So because I get
in touch with my--

944

00:36:09,650 --> 00:36:10,545

Grandparents.

945

00:36:10,545 --> 00:36:13,310

With my grand-- no, my uncle.

946

00:36:13,310 --> 00:36:19,910

My uncle, have more way to
find him like my grandparents,

947

00:36:19,910 --> 00:36:21,880

because he was in Hollywood.

948

00:36:21,880 --> 00:36:27,200

In Hollywood, he was working
for Hollywood with hats.

949

00:36:27,200 --> 00:36:29,760

So everybody's easier.

950

00:36:29,760 --> 00:36:30,540

He is --

951

00:36:30,540 --> 00:36:34,160

My uncle was a cantor,
a cantor in New York.

952

00:36:34,160 --> 00:36:37,520

But at that time, he was
sick, and he didn't--

953

00:36:37,520 --> 00:36:39,060

they didn't know where it is.

954

00:36:39,060 --> 00:36:42,100

So what I-- a tourist
from the United States.

955

00:36:42,100 --> 00:36:43,990

I went and asked him,
from where are you?

956

00:36:43,990 --> 00:36:45,240

He say, Los Angeles.

957

00:36:45,240 --> 00:36:47,940

Oh, yeah, I supposed
to have a uncle there.

958

00:36:47,940 --> 00:36:49,140

What's your uncle name?

959

00:36:49,140 --> 00:36:51,540

I say, Haime Spiegel.

960

00:36:51,540 --> 00:36:53,210

Haime Spiegel?

961

00:36:53,210 --> 00:36:54,850

Oh, yeah, did he have kids?

962

00:36:54,850 --> 00:36:56,010

Yeah, two sons.

963

00:36:56,010 --> 00:36:56,760

What's their name?

964

00:36:56,760 --> 00:36:57,770

So and so.

965

00:36:57,770 --> 00:37:00,520

That's my neighbor-- like that.

966

00:37:00,520 --> 00:37:03,720

You know, everything come
together to make me easier.

967

00:37:03,720 --> 00:37:04,888

My neighbor.

968

00:37:04,888 --> 00:37:06,180
You want to talk to your uncle?

969

00:37:06,180 --> 00:37:07,060
Here.

970

00:37:07,060 --> 00:37:08,580
Went up to his--

971

00:37:08,580 --> 00:37:10,560
he took me to his hotel.

972

00:37:10,560 --> 00:37:12,000
Pick up the phone.

973

00:37:12,000 --> 00:37:12,700
Call.

974

00:37:12,700 --> 00:37:15,270
Say, Haime, you won't
believe who I have--

975

00:37:15,270 --> 00:37:15,770
name me.

976

00:37:15,770 --> 00:37:16,770
Who?

977

00:37:16,770 --> 00:37:18,540
Your nephew.

978

00:37:18,540 --> 00:37:20,160
Nephew, your brother's son.

979

00:37:20,160 --> 00:37:22,170
The name is Yakov.

980

00:37:22,170 --> 00:37:23,190
Your brother is Yosef.

981

00:37:23,190 --> 00:37:23,940
He is?

982
00:37:23,940 --> 00:37:25,270
Yeah, from Å Å³dÅ¼.

983
00:37:25,270 --> 00:37:26,390
Yeah, yeah.

984
00:37:26,390 --> 00:37:28,466
So I talked to my uncle.

985
00:37:28,466 --> 00:37:34,040
And (TEARFULLY)
he want to see me.

986
00:37:34,040 --> 00:37:37,960

987
00:37:37,960 --> 00:37:40,760
So he want to see me.

988
00:37:40,760 --> 00:37:42,560
Go to the consul.

989
00:37:42,560 --> 00:37:44,197
Put down your name.

990
00:37:44,197 --> 00:37:45,405
I'm going to send you papers.

991
00:37:45,405 --> 00:37:48,532

992
00:37:48,532 --> 00:37:57,691
So finally, I
register in consul.

993
00:37:57,691 --> 00:38:01,500
It took time because
I was not in the camp.

994

00:38:01,500 --> 00:38:06,970
When I was stay in the camp in
Germany, I will stay one year

995

00:38:06,970 --> 00:38:08,635
and go to the United States.

996

00:38:08,635 --> 00:38:09,510
I am not in the camp.

997

00:38:09,510 --> 00:38:11,630
I am private already in French.

998

00:38:11,630 --> 00:38:15,681
They consider me as a quota.

999

00:38:15,681 --> 00:38:19,030
The Pole have so much a year.

1000

00:38:19,030 --> 00:38:20,250
This one have so much a year.

1001

00:38:20,250 --> 00:38:21,990
So I have to wait for the quote.

1002

00:38:21,990 --> 00:38:26,380
So I was waiting so long
till declare in 1948

1003

00:38:26,380 --> 00:38:28,720
declare a Jewish state.

1004

00:38:28,720 --> 00:38:30,910
So I say, goodbye, United State.

1005

00:38:30,910 --> 00:38:31,730
And you went there.

1006

00:38:31,730 --> 00:38:32,750
And I went to Israel.

1007

00:38:32,750 --> 00:38:34,000

Then you were there until 19--

1008

00:38:34,000 --> 00:38:34,265

In the army.

1009

00:38:34,265 --> 00:38:36,050

You served in the

army the whole time?

1010

00:38:36,050 --> 00:38:37,280

The whole time, 12 years.

1011

00:38:37,280 --> 00:38:37,905

For 12 years.

1012

00:38:37,905 --> 00:38:42,940

I was in the army till 1960.

1013

00:38:42,940 --> 00:38:43,980

'60 or '61.

1014

00:38:43,980 --> 00:38:45,860

No, I was in the army to '60.

1015

00:38:45,860 --> 00:38:47,120

Because it says--

1016

00:38:47,120 --> 00:38:51,130

And I was '61 in Israel,

but in the army to '60.

1017

00:38:51,130 --> 00:38:55,580

I went out, and I looked for

something to survive however.

1018

00:38:55,580 --> 00:38:59,330

In the meantime, my wife went

away already to United States

1019

00:38:59,330 --> 00:39:03,970

because she have a father
in Canada, and a brother.

1020
00:39:03,970 --> 00:39:05,710
And a sister she
have in New York.

1021
00:39:05,710 --> 00:39:07,840
And her sister send a paper.

1022
00:39:07,840 --> 00:39:10,600
That time, was very hard
to come a family together

1023
00:39:10,600 --> 00:39:13,150
because Eisenhower
was president.

1024
00:39:13,150 --> 00:39:17,910
And he didn't allow it,
come a family together.

1025
00:39:17,910 --> 00:39:22,360
So my wife after that could
send me papers this way.

1026
00:39:22,360 --> 00:39:24,320
So you came to America.

1027
00:39:24,320 --> 00:39:27,520

1028
00:39:27,520 --> 00:39:28,808
You had children in Israel?

1029
00:39:28,808 --> 00:39:29,350
Two children.

1030
00:39:29,350 --> 00:39:30,580
Two children born in Israel.

1031
00:39:30,580 --> 00:39:31,900

You have anybody here?

1032
00:39:31,900 --> 00:39:32,500
One child.

1033
00:39:32,500 --> 00:39:35,290
All right, so you, your wife.

1034
00:39:35,290 --> 00:39:37,320
Your wife is also a
survivor, I believe.

1035
00:39:37,320 --> 00:39:37,930
Yeah.

1036
00:39:37,930 --> 00:39:41,810
So you, your wife, and three
children lived in America.

1037
00:39:41,810 --> 00:39:42,310
Yes.

1038
00:39:42,310 --> 00:39:45,750
You started living
in Brooklyn, I think.

1039
00:39:45,750 --> 00:39:46,570
Brooklyn, yeah.

1040
00:39:46,570 --> 00:39:48,330
And then you moved--

1041
00:39:48,330 --> 00:39:49,540
Moved to Brooklyn.

1042
00:39:49,540 --> 00:39:51,235
No, but you also came
to Staten Island?

1043
00:39:51,235 --> 00:39:52,360
You lived in Staten Island?

1044

00:39:52,360 --> 00:39:54,096

No, in Staten Island

I live only a year.

1045

00:39:54,096 --> 00:39:54,968

Uh-huh.

1046

00:39:54,968 --> 00:39:55,878

Yeah, over a year.

1047

00:39:55,878 --> 00:39:56,920

That's after you retired.

1048

00:39:56,920 --> 00:39:58,480

After I retired, yeah.

1049

00:39:58,480 --> 00:40:01,030

I sold my house in Brooklyn.

1050

00:40:01,030 --> 00:40:05,420

And I bought a condo in

Staten Island and in Florida.

1051

00:40:05,420 --> 00:40:07,690

So I'm six month,

I am in Florida.

1052

00:40:07,690 --> 00:40:09,440

And six month, I am

here in Staten Island.

1053

00:40:09,440 --> 00:40:11,980

Your children are

married, single?

1054

00:40:11,980 --> 00:40:13,060

One is married.

1055

00:40:13,060 --> 00:40:17,050

One going to get

married in six week.

1056

00:40:17,050 --> 00:40:18,650

And my son is divorced.

1057

00:40:18,650 --> 00:40:19,840

Uh-huh.

1058

00:40:19,840 --> 00:40:21,110

And you have grandchildren.

1059

00:40:21,110 --> 00:40:24,910

I have two grandchildren in
college and one in high school

1060

00:40:24,910 --> 00:40:26,010

from my daughter.

1061

00:40:26,010 --> 00:40:27,470

OK, very nice.

1062

00:40:27,470 --> 00:40:30,760

Now I want to ask you
some general questions

1063

00:40:30,760 --> 00:40:31,970

as we go through this.

1064

00:40:31,970 --> 00:40:33,310

[INAUDIBLE]

1065

00:40:33,310 --> 00:40:37,060

When did you start talking about
the Holocaust and with whom?

1066

00:40:37,060 --> 00:40:41,980

I start talking the Holocaust
with my children in Israel.

1067

00:40:41,980 --> 00:40:43,330

So you always talked about it.

1068

00:40:43,330 --> 00:40:44,420

Always talking.

1069
00:40:44,420 --> 00:40:47,640
They didn't went to sleep if
I don't give them a story.

1070
00:40:47,640 --> 00:40:49,630
And did you speak--

1071
00:40:49,630 --> 00:40:52,420
did you find that there were
some people who listened

1072
00:40:52,420 --> 00:40:54,010
and some people did not listen?

1073
00:40:54,010 --> 00:40:59,260
I am tell-- the people I didn't
tell because it was a lot of--

1074
00:40:59,260 --> 00:41:00,880
a lot of people
from the Holocaust.

1075
00:41:00,880 --> 00:41:01,380
In Israel.

1076
00:41:01,380 --> 00:41:03,570
A lot of-- in Israel, a
lot of people from Russia.

1077
00:41:03,570 --> 00:41:09,430
But they was also suffering
quite a while in Russia

1078
00:41:09,430 --> 00:41:11,180
because was no wood, no food.

1079
00:41:11,180 --> 00:41:13,630
The Russians suffer.

1080
00:41:13,630 --> 00:41:15,710

So then you come and--

1081
00:41:15,710 --> 00:41:18,210
excuse me-- suffer, too.

1082
00:41:18,210 --> 00:41:21,990
Excuse me a minute.

1083
00:41:21,990 --> 00:41:26,530
So it's not unusual for
them to give them the story.

1084
00:41:26,530 --> 00:41:29,750
They was the same--

1085
00:41:29,750 --> 00:41:31,670
in the same boat like me.

1086
00:41:31,670 --> 00:41:32,670
They have their stories.

1087
00:41:32,670 --> 00:41:33,480
And you have your stories.

1088
00:41:33,480 --> 00:41:34,140
They have their stories.

1089
00:41:34,140 --> 00:41:34,890
Everybody have their own story.

1090
00:41:34,890 --> 00:41:37,380
All right, I have two questions
which are quite difficult.

1091
00:41:37,380 --> 00:41:38,766
If you can answer them, fine.

1092
00:41:38,766 --> 00:41:39,266
If not--

1093
00:41:39,266 --> 00:41:40,890

Any question you can ask.

1094
00:41:40,890 --> 00:41:43,800
How has the Holocaust
affected your outlook

1095
00:41:43,800 --> 00:41:47,100
on life and your
understanding of human nature?

1096
00:41:47,100 --> 00:41:49,700

1097
00:41:49,700 --> 00:41:53,340
In a positive way, one way.

1098
00:41:53,340 --> 00:41:59,650
And not to lie to
you, the religion way,

1099
00:41:59,650 --> 00:42:06,260
I get a little cooler, because
was time when we went out

1100
00:42:06,260 --> 00:42:08,630
from Russia ghetto,
they was taking us

1101
00:42:08,630 --> 00:42:11,750
to [PLACE NAME] The
rabbis were saying,

1102
00:42:11,750 --> 00:42:13,460
hey, kinder, don't worry.

1103
00:42:13,460 --> 00:42:15,760
We go with God.

1104
00:42:15,760 --> 00:42:16,280
Don't worry.

1105
00:42:16,280 --> 00:42:17,520

We go with God.

1106
00:42:17,520 --> 00:42:18,050
Don't worry.

1107
00:42:18,050 --> 00:42:19,340
We go with God.

1108
00:42:19,340 --> 00:42:21,030
So we went to God.

1109
00:42:21,030 --> 00:42:23,160
They went to the gas chambers.

1110
00:42:23,160 --> 00:42:28,820
They went, like me, to
Bobruisk, to the killing camps.

1111
00:42:28,820 --> 00:42:34,040
I lost confidence
in a way, not 100%.

1112
00:42:34,040 --> 00:42:35,960
I respect the religion.

1113
00:42:35,960 --> 00:42:39,106
I-- that's why I went to Israel.

1114
00:42:39,106 --> 00:42:43,850
And I tried to my children
not to forget what they are.

1115
00:42:43,850 --> 00:42:46,400
A holiday is a
holiday in my house.

1116
00:42:46,400 --> 00:42:48,310
Any holiday, any seder, any--

1117
00:42:48,310 --> 00:42:52,220
all get it in my house.

1118
00:42:52,220 --> 00:42:55,350
I keep the tradition 100%.

1119
00:42:55,350 --> 00:42:55,850
Yeah.

1120
00:42:55,850 --> 00:42:58,760
You answered my third question,
which I didn't ask yet.

1121
00:42:58,760 --> 00:43:00,890
Now I want to talk about
the second question.

1122
00:43:00,890 --> 00:43:01,400
Go ahead.

1123
00:43:01,400 --> 00:43:03,860
Human nature-- how do you
understand human nature,

1124
00:43:03,860 --> 00:43:05,780
that people should kill--

1125
00:43:05,780 --> 00:43:06,960
the stories you told.

1126
00:43:06,960 --> 00:43:07,460
Yeah.

1127
00:43:07,460 --> 00:43:10,040
This was human beings
were doing this.

1128
00:43:10,040 --> 00:43:12,310
How has this affected
your view of human--

1129
00:43:12,310 --> 00:43:13,740
how do you see human nature?

1130

00:43:13,740 --> 00:43:15,180
It affected in a positive way.

1131
00:43:15,180 --> 00:43:17,840
That's what I told you, Doctor.

1132
00:43:17,840 --> 00:43:20,800
I see people-- I
believe in people.

1133
00:43:20,800 --> 00:43:23,720
And also, my wife and
my kids have to-- daddy,

1134
00:43:23,720 --> 00:43:24,860
why you believe so?

1135
00:43:24,860 --> 00:43:28,130
Why you think-- be
careful like [INAUDIBLE]..

1136
00:43:28,130 --> 00:43:30,140
No.

1137
00:43:30,140 --> 00:43:33,800
I don't need to be careful now.

1138
00:43:33,800 --> 00:43:35,490
We are in a free country.

1139
00:43:35,490 --> 00:43:38,090
I was in Israel and the
old country, our country.

1140
00:43:38,090 --> 00:43:40,700
I feel here very free.

1141
00:43:40,700 --> 00:43:45,530
There is here and there
some differences between--

1142
00:43:45,530 --> 00:43:48,950

segregation between
race, between religion.

1143
00:43:48,950 --> 00:43:50,900
But that is minor.

1144
00:43:50,900 --> 00:43:54,980
That couldn't happen, what
happened because now, we--

1145
00:43:54,980 --> 00:43:57,650
if something serious
happened, we have where to go.

1146
00:43:57,650 --> 00:44:00,080
We have a home.

1147
00:44:00,080 --> 00:44:01,320
We have Israel.

1148
00:44:01,320 --> 00:44:01,820
We go.

1149
00:44:01,820 --> 00:44:03,750
I have two children born there.

1150
00:44:03,750 --> 00:44:04,940
And they know it.

1151
00:44:04,940 --> 00:44:07,825
And now I have a
grandchild, God bless him.

1152
00:44:07,825 --> 00:44:09,330
He's in Israel.

1153
00:44:09,330 --> 00:44:11,680
And he went volunteer--

1154
00:44:11,680 --> 00:44:13,360
student volunteer
for three weeks.

1155
00:44:13,360 --> 00:44:14,320
He's only out
there three months,

1156
00:44:14,320 --> 00:44:15,695
then he didn't
want to come back.

1157
00:44:15,695 --> 00:44:17,070
And the school started.

1158
00:44:17,070 --> 00:44:20,050
And the parents call
him and everything.

1159
00:44:20,050 --> 00:44:22,840
And I was screaming all
over there on the phone.

1160
00:44:22,840 --> 00:44:25,000
And he didn't want to come.

1161
00:44:25,000 --> 00:44:27,400
Finally, so happened
that he have to come back

1162
00:44:27,400 --> 00:44:29,453
because there is a wedding.

1163
00:44:29,453 --> 00:44:30,620
My daughter getting married.

1164
00:44:30,620 --> 00:44:32,350
So he come-- he
doing us a favor.

1165
00:44:32,350 --> 00:44:34,180
He come November the 9th.

1166
00:44:34,180 --> 00:44:35,470
He come back from Israel.

1167
00:44:35,470 --> 00:44:41,260
But that is like in the heart.

1168
00:44:41,260 --> 00:44:43,400
In the heart, he
have the Jewish.

1169
00:44:43,400 --> 00:44:45,620
He knows he's a Jew.

1170
00:44:45,620 --> 00:44:47,310
He listened to my stories.

1171
00:44:47,310 --> 00:44:49,810
Grandpa, [? back ?] [? in ?]
[? the ?] [? day-- ?] Grandpa--

1172
00:44:49,810 --> 00:44:52,100
But you're talking
about the people who

1173
00:44:52,100 --> 00:44:53,930
are victims and their children.

1174
00:44:53,930 --> 00:44:57,490
I'm talking about the
people who did the crimes.

1175
00:44:57,490 --> 00:44:58,430
Oh, from that--

1176
00:44:58,430 --> 00:45:01,220
How do you see human
beings in those terms?

1177
00:45:01,220 --> 00:45:05,160
OK, 1973, they
called me to Germany

1178
00:45:05,160 --> 00:45:09,510
as a witness in court, 1973.

1179
00:45:09,510 --> 00:45:11,580
I didn't want to go, of course.

1180
00:45:11,580 --> 00:45:15,780
But finally, my wife say,
if I go with you, let's go.

1181
00:45:15,780 --> 00:45:18,230
That's going to be
in the history maybe.

1182
00:45:18,230 --> 00:45:18,900
Don't refuse.

1183
00:45:18,900 --> 00:45:20,370
See what's going on.

1184
00:45:20,370 --> 00:45:25,157
Maybe you're going to feel
better, cooler, that happens,

1185
00:45:25,157 --> 00:45:27,360
happens with those matters.

1186
00:45:27,360 --> 00:45:32,250
But there was in our camp, in
Bobruisk, was killing so easy.

1187
00:45:32,250 --> 00:45:33,810
So I called-- I told the German.

1188
00:45:33,810 --> 00:45:36,000
I called up the consul
Germany and say,

1189
00:45:36,000 --> 00:45:38,190
you want us-- you want me to go?

1190
00:45:38,190 --> 00:45:42,630
I go only but [INAUDIBLE] that
my wife go with me because I

1191
00:45:42,630 --> 00:45:46,910
don't feel secure to go
alone, flying this, down--

1192
00:45:46,910 --> 00:45:48,240
told him the story.

1193
00:45:48,240 --> 00:45:49,770
And he say, with pleasure.

1194
00:45:49,770 --> 00:45:53,240
We send your wife
tickets, and a room

1195
00:45:53,240 --> 00:45:55,250
where to stay with
you in a hotel.

1196
00:45:55,250 --> 00:45:58,710
And you'll get food,
money, and everything.

1197
00:45:58,710 --> 00:46:03,230
I said, listen, I have
a very small child.

1198
00:46:03,230 --> 00:46:05,350
She's about 5 years.

1199
00:46:05,350 --> 00:46:08,535
I have to hire somebody
to take care on her.

1200
00:46:08,535 --> 00:46:10,060
So he say, do you have somebody?

1201
00:46:10,060 --> 00:46:12,390
I have other two children,
and they're going to school.

1202
00:46:12,390 --> 00:46:17,400

And they say, OK, can you take a baby sitter, and we pay for it?

1203
00:46:17,400 --> 00:46:19,050
So they pay for it.

1204
00:46:19,050 --> 00:46:22,770
I took somebody who took care of my daughter, who

1205
00:46:22,770 --> 00:46:25,050
want to get married now.

1206
00:46:25,050 --> 00:46:25,980
And they took care.

1207
00:46:25,980 --> 00:46:27,840
They paying for everything.

1208
00:46:27,840 --> 00:46:29,155
But they didn't pay me.

1209
00:46:29,155 --> 00:46:31,880
When they was killing all my family,

1210
00:46:31,880 --> 00:46:33,550
they wouldn't pay with money.

1211
00:46:33,550 --> 00:46:34,050
Yeah.

1212
00:46:34,050 --> 00:46:34,930
Yeah.

1213
00:46:34,930 --> 00:46:39,240
And I wouldn't buy something that's German.

1214
00:46:39,240 --> 00:46:42,390
But I know that German now help a lot Israel.

1215
00:46:42,390 --> 00:46:46,230
They give a lot of money, a
lot of hardware, a lot of--

1216
00:46:46,230 --> 00:46:48,450
because they sign up.

1217
00:46:48,450 --> 00:46:49,940
That they give so much, so much.

1218
00:46:49,940 --> 00:46:54,210
19-- that was 19--

1219
00:46:54,210 --> 00:46:55,100
Back in the '50s.

1220
00:46:55,100 --> 00:46:56,200
--'50-something.

1221
00:46:56,200 --> 00:46:57,330
Adenauer's time.

1222
00:46:57,330 --> 00:46:57,990
Yeah.

1223
00:46:57,990 --> 00:46:59,490
So Ben-Gurion signed it up.

1224
00:46:59,490 --> 00:47:00,790
And they get it in the--

1225
00:47:00,790 --> 00:47:02,610
and you should see now Israel.

1226
00:47:02,610 --> 00:47:06,180
And if you was in Israel--
and I was in Israel in 1948.

1227
00:47:06,180 --> 00:47:07,630
We took Eilat.

1228
00:47:07,630 --> 00:47:13,550
We went from Tel Aviv to Eilat,
about 50 soldier in one truck.

1229
00:47:13,550 --> 00:47:16,545
We was pushing the
truck more than running

1230
00:47:16,545 --> 00:47:18,220
because there was no roads.

1231
00:47:18,220 --> 00:47:19,830
It was terrible.

1232
00:47:19,830 --> 00:47:20,610
Today, you go.

1233
00:47:20,610 --> 00:47:24,670
You see-- you don't
see the United States.

1234
00:47:24,670 --> 00:47:26,172
We have-- you have grapes.

1235
00:47:26,172 --> 00:47:26,880
You have oranges.

1236
00:47:26,880 --> 00:47:30,670
You have roads-- unbelievable.

1237
00:47:30,670 --> 00:47:31,810
Yeah.

1238
00:47:31,810 --> 00:47:34,240
All right, I want to
thank you very much.

1239
00:47:34,240 --> 00:47:36,430
We spent close to
two hours together.

1240

00:47:36,430 --> 00:47:39,910

And I was spellbound
listening to you

1241

00:47:39,910 --> 00:47:41,680

tell about your experiences.

1242

00:47:41,680 --> 00:47:42,870

It's very important.

1243

00:47:42,870 --> 00:47:43,870

I didn't tell you a lot.

1244

00:47:43,870 --> 00:47:44,470

I know.

1245

00:47:44,470 --> 00:47:45,500

I realize that.

1246

00:47:45,500 --> 00:47:50,420

But what you did here
was very, very important.

1247

00:47:50,420 --> 00:47:52,880

And we appreciate it very much.

1248

00:47:52,880 --> 00:47:57,610

I think it's truly
remarkable that a person went

1249

00:47:57,610 --> 00:48:00,640

through the experiences
that you did,

1250

00:48:00,640 --> 00:48:04,490

and you have a positive
outlook on life.

1251

00:48:04,490 --> 00:48:04,990

Always.

1252

00:48:04,990 --> 00:48:09,900

This is a wonderful
characteristic on your part.

1253

00:48:09,900 --> 00:48:12,890

But that's why parents,
my brothers and sisters

1254

00:48:12,890 --> 00:48:17,600

(TEARFULLY) left me
to have the name.

1255

00:48:17,600 --> 00:48:18,940

Yeah.

1256

00:48:18,940 --> 00:48:20,290

Thank you very much.

1257

00:48:20,290 --> 00:48:22,170

It was my pleasure.

1258

00:48:22,170 --> 00:48:37,000