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00:00:00,000 --> 00:00:34,800

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00:00:34,800 --> 00:00:37,350
My name is Dr. Sidney
Langer, and I'm

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00:00:37,350 --> 00:00:40,950
the director of the Oral
History Project of the Holocaust

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00:00:40,950 --> 00:00:44,040
Studies Resource
Center at Kean College.

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00:00:44,040 --> 00:00:48,870
I'm very pleased to have
today as my guest Mr. Abraham

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00:00:48,870 --> 00:00:52,290
Zuckerman who is a
survivor of the Holocaust

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00:00:52,290 --> 00:00:55,850
and who presently resides
in Hillside, New Jersey.

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00:00:55,850 --> 00:00:58,290
I thank Mr. Zuckerman
for coming today

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00:00:58,290 --> 00:01:01,440
to share some of his
memories and insights

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00:01:01,440 --> 00:01:04,080
during the period
of the Holocaust.

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00:01:04,080 --> 00:01:06,435
Thank you, Mr. Zuckerman.

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00:01:06,435 --> 00:01:08,310
Mr. Zuckerman, could

you tell me a little bit

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00:01:08,310 --> 00:01:10,940
about the town in
which you were born

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00:01:10,940 --> 00:01:15,960
and the nature of the Jewish
community in the town?

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00:01:15,960 --> 00:01:20,820
I was born in Kraków, Poland.

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00:01:20,820 --> 00:01:28,120
I think there were about 70,000
people, Jewish people, residing

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00:01:28,120 --> 00:01:32,900
there before the war.

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00:01:32,900 --> 00:01:39,310
And mostly where I
lived was the center

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00:01:39,310 --> 00:01:42,730
of the Jewish population.

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00:01:42,730 --> 00:01:48,250
It was pretty affluent people.

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00:01:48,250 --> 00:01:51,710

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00:01:51,710 --> 00:01:52,980
A lot of synagogues.

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00:01:52,980 --> 00:01:55,740

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00:01:55,740 --> 00:01:59,110
Jewish life was
flourishing there.

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00:01:59,110 --> 00:02:03,500

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00:02:03,500 --> 00:02:05,570

You know, Friday came
before the Shabbos.

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00:02:05,570 --> 00:02:08,479

The stores were closed shut.

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00:02:08,479 --> 00:02:12,940

Nobody would dare, even the
few that were not observing,

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00:02:12,940 --> 00:02:16,825

leave a store open on Shabbos.

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00:02:16,825 --> 00:02:20,660

And, of course,
as a child, I was

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00:02:20,660 --> 00:02:26,030

going to my cheder, which was
walking, constantly walking.

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00:02:26,030 --> 00:02:27,920

We didn't have no car.

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00:02:27,920 --> 00:02:30,350

But it was all within
walking distance.

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00:02:30,350 --> 00:02:33,090

We walked five, six blocks.

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00:02:33,090 --> 00:02:37,490

It didn't really matter.

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00:02:37,490 --> 00:02:41,430

Holidays were very beautiful.

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00:02:41,430 --> 00:02:44,060

In general, Jewish life
was very, very beautiful

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00:02:44,060 --> 00:02:45,090
around there.

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00:02:45,090 --> 00:02:46,900
The kehillah, that
was very organized?

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00:02:46,900 --> 00:02:47,750
The kehillah, yeah.

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00:02:47,750 --> 00:02:49,280
Organized, very much organized.

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00:02:49,280 --> 00:02:53,940
The kehillah took care
of most everything

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00:02:53,940 --> 00:02:59,630
that pertained to Jewish life,
like the Talmud and Torah was

44
00:02:59,630 --> 00:03:01,250
under the kehillah.

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00:03:01,250 --> 00:03:05,050
The slaughter house.

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00:03:05,050 --> 00:03:07,640

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00:03:07,640 --> 00:03:08,780
Everything.

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00:03:08,780 --> 00:03:14,530
Even the kitchens for poor
people were under the kehillah.

49
00:03:14,530 --> 00:03:16,420
Very much organized.

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00:03:16,420 --> 00:03:22,210
And they had their own court.

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00:03:22,210 --> 00:03:24,010

That was the beis din?

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00:03:24,010 --> 00:03:24,630
What?

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00:03:24,630 --> 00:03:25,427
The Beth Din.

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00:03:25,427 --> 00:03:26,510
Yeah, the Beth Din, right.

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00:03:26,510 --> 00:03:28,000
The Beth Din was there.

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00:03:28,000 --> 00:03:31,600
Did you used to belong to any
Jewish religious or cultural

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00:03:31,600 --> 00:03:32,320
organizations?

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00:03:32,320 --> 00:03:34,150
No, I did not.

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00:03:34,150 --> 00:03:38,050
I was too young to belong.

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00:03:38,050 --> 00:03:43,690
I was about 14 when the war
started, about 13 and 1/2.

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00:03:43,690 --> 00:03:49,900
So my occupation, preoccupied
with my Jewish studies

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00:03:49,900 --> 00:03:58,940
and the secular studies too.

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00:03:58,940 --> 00:04:00,890
That was constant.

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00:04:00,890 --> 00:04:04,670
In the morning and at
night, constant learning.

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00:04:04,670 --> 00:04:06,120
And I learned a lot.

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00:04:06,120 --> 00:04:07,610
I learned a lot.

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00:04:07,610 --> 00:04:09,500
Did you come from
a large family?

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00:04:09,500 --> 00:04:13,130
The family consisted
of five people:

69
00:04:13,130 --> 00:04:18,269
two sisters and me and
the father and mother.

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00:04:18,269 --> 00:04:22,890
What was the economic
situation of the Jews in Kraków

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00:04:22,890 --> 00:04:23,390
at the time?

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00:04:23,390 --> 00:04:26,310

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00:04:26,310 --> 00:04:28,880
There was a mixed people.

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00:04:28,880 --> 00:04:34,050
But, generally, the people in
Kraków were pretty well off.

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00:04:34,050 --> 00:04:38,430
There were a lot of poor people
too, but in Kraków, generally,

76
00:04:38,430 --> 00:04:43,730
the businesses and the
industry and everything was run

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00:04:43,730 --> 00:04:47,150
by Jewish people there.

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00:04:47,150 --> 00:04:49,830
What did your family
do for a living?

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00:04:49,830 --> 00:04:53,300
My father was a hat maker.

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00:04:53,300 --> 00:04:56,780
And that was his living.

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00:04:56,780 --> 00:05:00,660
Did you work in
the factory at all?

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00:05:00,660 --> 00:05:02,606
No, no, I never worked.

83
00:05:02,606 --> 00:05:05,050
I never worked.

84
00:05:05,050 --> 00:05:08,800
My only preoccupation
was to study the Talmud,

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00:05:08,800 --> 00:05:11,166
and that was it.

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00:05:11,166 --> 00:05:16,100
What was the relationship
of the Jews and the Gentiles

87
00:05:16,100 --> 00:05:19,710
in the town of Kraków
during your early years?

88
00:05:19,710 --> 00:05:22,090
It was a good relationship.

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00:05:22,090 --> 00:05:24,860
I wouldn't say it was--

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00:05:24,860 --> 00:05:26,750
it was a good relationship.

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00:05:26,750 --> 00:05:29,690

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00:05:29,690 --> 00:05:32,290
Was there any evidence of
antisemitism in the town?

93
00:05:32,290 --> 00:05:40,510
That we always felt.
That we always had.

94
00:05:40,510 --> 00:05:45,200
You could always feel
that it's in the air.

95
00:05:45,200 --> 00:05:49,680
Although, even the Jews were
in the higher positions,

96
00:05:49,680 --> 00:05:53,050
like in the equivalent
to the congress

97
00:05:53,050 --> 00:05:58,370
here was the same,
that has been called.

98
00:05:58,370 --> 00:06:00,730
And then there were
Jews in the senate.

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00:06:00,730 --> 00:06:02,270
There were Jewish generals.

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00:06:02,270 --> 00:06:06,840
So it wasn't that bad, you know.

101
00:06:06,840 --> 00:06:09,480
Mm-hmm.

102
00:06:09,480 --> 00:06:13,700
What changes took place in the

community in Kraków when Hitler

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00:06:13,700 --> 00:06:15,980
came to power in Germany?

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00:06:15,980 --> 00:06:17,540
Well, the changes
that took place

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00:06:17,540 --> 00:06:25,500
was, first of all, all the
education stopped immediately.

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00:06:25,500 --> 00:06:33,360
In the beginning, the rabbi
had a class in his house

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00:06:33,360 --> 00:06:35,040
for a while, just.

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00:06:35,040 --> 00:06:38,610
And that system existed because
it was all done in hiding.

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00:06:38,610 --> 00:06:41,040
It was all done secretly.

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00:06:41,040 --> 00:06:44,490
And that ceased too later on.

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00:06:44,490 --> 00:06:46,210
What year was this?

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00:06:46,210 --> 00:06:51,250
That was in 1939, '40.

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00:06:51,250 --> 00:06:52,130
1940.

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00:06:52,130 --> 00:06:54,780
So this was just at the
time of the invasion?

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00:06:54,780 --> 00:06:55,280

Yeah.

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00:06:55,280 --> 00:06:58,850

That was the time
of the invasion.

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00:06:58,850 --> 00:07:09,500

When we knew that the Germans
are marching in, the men hid.

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00:07:09,500 --> 00:07:11,540

A lot of people were running.

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00:07:11,540 --> 00:07:14,180

My father decided,
he says, he's not

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00:07:14,180 --> 00:07:17,870

going to run with his family
because he remembered the First

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00:07:17,870 --> 00:07:20,600

World War.

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00:07:20,600 --> 00:07:23,210

They were running,
and it was a mistake.

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00:07:23,210 --> 00:07:26,550

So he decided he's
going to stay.

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00:07:26,550 --> 00:07:33,170

And what we did, the men
were hiding when they marched

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00:07:33,170 --> 00:07:34,190

into Kraków.

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00:07:34,190 --> 00:07:35,457

We hide up in the attic.

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00:07:35,457 --> 00:07:37,040

This is the first
day that the Nazis--

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00:07:37,040 --> 00:07:39,620

First day when the
Nazis marched in.

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00:07:39,620 --> 00:07:42,960

But later on, it
sort of calmed down

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00:07:42,960 --> 00:07:48,080

and things became
normal, in a way.

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00:07:48,080 --> 00:07:53,540

So we thought maybe that's it.

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00:07:53,540 --> 00:07:57,020

How long before the Nazis
actually marched into Poland

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00:07:57,020 --> 00:07:59,420

were you aware of
the fact that they

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00:07:59,420 --> 00:08:02,300

were going to be coming in?

135

00:08:02,300 --> 00:08:06,260

We knew maybe like a week later.

136

00:08:06,260 --> 00:08:11,870

The news was on that they're
taking town, city after city,

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00:08:11,870 --> 00:08:14,640

and we knew they're coming in.

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00:08:14,640 --> 00:08:18,080

Did many other Jewish families
leave Kraków before the Nazis

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00:08:18,080 --> 00:08:20,390

entered?

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00:08:20,390 --> 00:08:24,360

I wouldn't know that, but I
presume some of them left.

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00:08:24,360 --> 00:08:25,400

I presume some of them.

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00:08:25,400 --> 00:08:28,040

I wouldn't know, really.

143

00:08:28,040 --> 00:08:31,460

Was there any sense
on your part--

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00:08:31,460 --> 00:08:34,100

you were 14 years
old at the time--

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00:08:34,100 --> 00:08:36,809

as to what was going to happen
when the Nazis entered Kraków?

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00:08:36,809 --> 00:08:37,669

No.

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00:08:37,669 --> 00:08:39,140

Nobody sensed that.

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00:08:39,140 --> 00:08:41,630

Nobody sensed what
was going to happen.

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00:08:41,630 --> 00:08:48,140

Although, we knew that they
were deporting the Jews

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00:08:48,140 --> 00:08:49,970

from Germany.

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00:08:49,970 --> 00:08:54,040

They deported them, and a
lot of them came to Kraków,

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00:08:54,040 --> 00:08:55,220

and they were housed.

153
00:08:55,220 --> 00:08:58,640
They were divided between the
Jewish community to house them.

154
00:08:58,640 --> 00:09:00,420
We knew that much.

155
00:09:00,420 --> 00:09:03,650
But the idea was
that, well, they

156
00:09:03,650 --> 00:09:07,400
are German Jews
of Polish origin,

157
00:09:07,400 --> 00:09:12,050
so maybe that was
the reason that they

158
00:09:12,050 --> 00:09:14,720
were deported from Germany.

159
00:09:14,720 --> 00:09:17,150
But we felt we had
Polish citizens,

160
00:09:17,150 --> 00:09:21,800
so nothing will happen here.

161
00:09:21,800 --> 00:09:24,400
Where can they send us?

162
00:09:24,400 --> 00:09:26,290
Did you have a lot
of information about

163
00:09:26,290 --> 00:09:32,590
what had happened in Germany
between 1933 and 1939?

164
00:09:32,590 --> 00:09:33,295
Not really.

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00:09:33,295 --> 00:09:36,040

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00:09:36,040 --> 00:09:38,800

Like I say, I was
preoccupied with my learning,

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00:09:38,800 --> 00:09:45,070

and we did not comprehend
the whole scope

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00:09:45,070 --> 00:09:47,860

of what's going to come.

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00:09:47,860 --> 00:09:48,925

Nobody did.

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00:09:48,925 --> 00:09:51,190

A lot of people didn't.

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00:09:51,190 --> 00:09:57,080

The few that did, I guess
their miracle happened.

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00:09:57,080 --> 00:10:01,150

You know, we were
a peaceful society.

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00:10:01,150 --> 00:10:04,150

In Kraków, you could walk
in the middle of the night.

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00:10:04,150 --> 00:10:07,000

Nobody would bother you.

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00:10:07,000 --> 00:10:08,170

Nobody carried guns.

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00:10:08,170 --> 00:10:09,340

Nobody heard of murders.

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00:10:09,340 --> 00:10:14,260

Nobody heard of these things,
so we really never expected

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00:10:14,260 --> 00:10:16,410
what was going to happen.

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00:10:16,410 --> 00:10:19,040
But that the murders was
going to happen, of course,

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00:10:19,040 --> 00:10:20,500
we didn't expect.

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00:10:20,500 --> 00:10:27,500
We never expected that, so that
was part of the consequences

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00:10:27,500 --> 00:10:28,250
we suffered.

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00:10:28,250 --> 00:10:31,040
You had been aware, for example,
of the fact that Kristallnacht

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00:10:31,040 --> 00:10:32,840
had taken place?

185

00:10:32,840 --> 00:10:36,140
Yeah, we knew that they
were burning books.

186

00:10:36,140 --> 00:10:38,420
I mean, we read in the papers.

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00:10:38,420 --> 00:10:40,430
But it's like everything else.

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00:10:40,430 --> 00:10:42,680
It's the human
mind always thought

189

00:10:42,680 --> 00:10:44,000
that it's happening there.

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00:10:44,000 --> 00:10:46,310
It's not going to happen here.

191
00:10:46,310 --> 00:10:48,800
And that was the tragedy.

192
00:10:48,800 --> 00:10:51,110
That was the tragedy.

193
00:10:51,110 --> 00:10:54,560
What were some of the first
steps that the Nazis took when

194
00:10:54,560 --> 00:10:56,960
they entered into Kraków?

195
00:10:56,960 --> 00:11:02,360
Well, the first steps they
did is, first, they just

196
00:11:02,360 --> 00:11:04,050
grabbed people off the streets.

197
00:11:04,050 --> 00:11:07,240
They were running
with these open--

198
00:11:07,240 --> 00:11:08,870
they looked like fire trucks.

199
00:11:08,870 --> 00:11:10,990
They had open seats.

200
00:11:10,990 --> 00:11:15,070
And they grabbed people
and just sent them off,

201
00:11:15,070 --> 00:11:16,310
and nobody knew where.

202
00:11:16,310 --> 00:11:20,390
So that was one problem we had.

203
00:11:20,390 --> 00:11:23,540
Then, we had to all--

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00:11:23,540 --> 00:11:27,290
of course, we got
the ration cards.

205
00:11:27,290 --> 00:11:29,840
Food started to get rationed.

206
00:11:29,840 --> 00:11:34,370
And then, all the
Jews had to wear,

207
00:11:34,370 --> 00:11:36,740
came orders we had
to wear armbands.

208
00:11:36,740 --> 00:11:41,660
It was a white band with
the blue Jewish star.

209
00:11:41,660 --> 00:11:48,080
Then, they started with
the clearing of the snow,

210
00:11:48,080 --> 00:11:51,740
that everybody had to work
We had to clear the snow,

211
00:11:51,740 --> 00:11:56,960
so we had to have certain stamps
every day that you went to work

212
00:11:56,960 --> 00:11:58,080
and you cleared the snow.

213
00:11:58,080 --> 00:12:01,670

214
00:12:01,670 --> 00:12:06,450
Little by little, they
were squeezing, squeezing,

215
00:12:06,450 --> 00:12:10,250
but we took it all in stride.

216
00:12:10,250 --> 00:12:12,650

Well, this is what the
orders are, and it's a war,

217
00:12:12,650 --> 00:12:14,840
and we have to do it.

218
00:12:14,840 --> 00:12:17,890

219
00:12:17,890 --> 00:12:19,420
Then, one day, they
had a new order

220
00:12:19,420 --> 00:12:25,272
that you have to
give all the gold up.

221
00:12:25,272 --> 00:12:26,730
Then, they had a
new order that you

222
00:12:26,730 --> 00:12:30,630
have to give away all the
furs, so you couldn't even

223
00:12:30,630 --> 00:12:35,055
be seen with a coat
that had a fur collar.

224
00:12:35,055 --> 00:12:36,180
You had to give that up.

225
00:12:36,180 --> 00:12:38,820

226
00:12:38,820 --> 00:12:44,310
Systematically,
every day, new laws.

227
00:12:44,310 --> 00:12:47,710
Then, they started
with the ghetto,

228
00:12:47,710 --> 00:12:53,240
that they're going to put all

the Jews in a ghetto in Kraków.

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00:12:53,240 --> 00:12:59,350
And my father did not
want to go to the ghetto,

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00:12:59,350 --> 00:13:03,765
so he moved his family
to the neighboring town.

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00:13:03,765 --> 00:13:05,120
Wieliczka was the name.

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00:13:05,120 --> 00:13:07,520
There's the salt mines there.

233

00:13:07,520 --> 00:13:11,110
And we were there for a while.

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00:13:11,110 --> 00:13:18,880
It didn't work
out, so he decided

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00:13:18,880 --> 00:13:27,560
he's going to go to his father,
to my grandfather, which was

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00:13:27,560 --> 00:13:32,260
a town in Poland name of Dukla.

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00:13:32,260 --> 00:13:34,540
So he moved his family.

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00:13:34,540 --> 00:13:36,340
We went there.

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00:13:36,340 --> 00:13:39,640
Things were pretty normal.

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00:13:39,640 --> 00:13:45,790
They were normal, but we still
had to do the forced labor.

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00:13:45,790 --> 00:13:48,655

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00:13:48,655 --> 00:13:52,780

But it was a little town, so
they didn't get there yet.

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00:13:52,780 --> 00:13:55,690

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00:13:55,690 --> 00:14:04,050

Then, one day, before the war
started with the Russians,

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00:14:04,050 --> 00:14:10,710

they deported us to the,
it was the Russian border.

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00:14:10,710 --> 00:14:15,870

It was a town by the name of
Biala Podlaska, near Lublin.

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00:14:15,870 --> 00:14:23,908

I guess the idea was that
when the crossfire would--

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00:14:23,908 --> 00:14:25,820

when we would come
to the crossfire,

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00:14:25,820 --> 00:14:29,390

they're going to be able
to lose a lot of people.

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00:14:29,390 --> 00:14:32,150

People are going to get
killed and that way is going

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00:14:32,150 --> 00:14:35,820

to solve the Jewish problem.

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00:14:35,820 --> 00:14:37,850

But somehow, it
didn't materialize

253

00:14:37,850 --> 00:14:40,940

because the first day,
when they invaded Russia,

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00:14:40,940 --> 00:14:45,860
they went in quite
a few miles there.

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00:14:45,860 --> 00:14:51,440
And we were living with a Jewish
family in a little house there.

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00:14:51,440 --> 00:14:57,620
I did forced labor there for
some kind of military base

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00:14:57,620 --> 00:15:00,380
that they had there.

258

00:15:00,380 --> 00:15:02,860
And then, we were sitting
there for a few months,

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00:15:02,860 --> 00:15:12,220
and my father saw
there is no end to it.

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00:15:12,220 --> 00:15:14,680
My father didn't look much--

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00:15:14,680 --> 00:15:18,050
he didn't look too
much like Jewish.

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00:15:18,050 --> 00:15:21,860
You know, he was a
redhead and stocky.

263

00:15:21,860 --> 00:15:26,720
So one day he got himself
dressed like a Gentile

264

00:15:26,720 --> 00:15:29,660
and took the band off,
the armband off, and went

265

00:15:29,660 --> 00:15:33,520
on a train, and went
back to his father

266
00:15:33,520 --> 00:15:35,540
in the little town that
we went before that.

267
00:15:35,540 --> 00:15:37,610
The Dukla.

268
00:15:37,610 --> 00:15:41,870
And he wrote us a letter, and
soon we did the same thing.

269
00:15:41,870 --> 00:15:45,710
We were ready to risk
our life because we

270
00:15:45,710 --> 00:15:48,120
took the armband off
and went on a train,

271
00:15:48,120 --> 00:15:54,075
and we came somehow
back to Dukla.

272
00:15:54,075 --> 00:15:58,395
There, I worked in the quarry.

273
00:15:58,395 --> 00:16:01,030

274
00:16:01,030 --> 00:16:04,090
How old were you at that time?

275
00:16:04,090 --> 00:16:05,590
About 14, 15.

276
00:16:05,590 --> 00:16:06,340
That's all I was.

277
00:16:06,340 --> 00:16:10,240
14-- 14, 15.

278

00:16:10,240 --> 00:16:15,490

And I worked in the quarry,
and it was very hard work.

279

00:16:15,490 --> 00:16:21,580

So my father somehow
arranged, and they gave me

280

00:16:21,580 --> 00:16:24,440

a job as an electrician.

281

00:16:24,440 --> 00:16:27,310

And I was in charge
of putting up

282

00:16:27,310 --> 00:16:29,950

the floodlights for
the night shift.

283

00:16:29,950 --> 00:16:32,325

Taking care of the generator,
putting up the floodlights,

284

00:16:32,325 --> 00:16:41,400

and climbing the
posts, big posts,

285

00:16:41,400 --> 00:16:44,796

putting on the
floodlights for the night.

286

00:16:44,796 --> 00:16:50,570

And that was going on
maybe for about six months.

287

00:16:50,570 --> 00:16:55,470

And then, all of
a sudden, one day

288

00:16:55,470 --> 00:17:01,500

they came to all
the little houses,

289

00:17:01,500 --> 00:17:07,589

to the houses that the Jews

lived, and chased them out

290

00:17:07,589 --> 00:17:08,369
to the plaza.

291

00:17:08,369 --> 00:17:10,245
By the church, there
was a big plaza.

292

00:17:10,245 --> 00:17:14,685

293

00:17:14,685 --> 00:17:22,619
By the plaza, they took the
young people, the people who

294

00:17:22,619 --> 00:17:27,150
worked for that quarry,
put them on the side,

295

00:17:27,150 --> 00:17:32,211
and the rest of the people
there were loading on trucks.

296

00:17:32,211 --> 00:17:34,115
And my mother told
me, you go there,

297

00:17:34,115 --> 00:17:35,490
because I wanted
to go with them,

298

00:17:35,490 --> 00:17:37,340
and she said, no, you go there.

299

00:17:37,340 --> 00:17:42,600
And I went there to the
side, and they load up

300

00:17:42,600 --> 00:17:44,190
all the people.

301

00:17:44,190 --> 00:17:47,640
They left the luggage
because they were--

302
00:17:47,640 --> 00:17:50,090
everything was left in piles.

303
00:17:50,090 --> 00:17:54,450
And they were loaded up in
trucks and they took them away.

304
00:17:54,450 --> 00:17:55,630
Your entire family?

305
00:17:55,630 --> 00:17:57,240
My entire family.

306
00:17:57,240 --> 00:18:00,170
And that was the
last time that I--

307
00:18:00,170 --> 00:18:09,360

308
00:18:09,360 --> 00:18:13,430
So you continued to
stay in that town?

309
00:18:13,430 --> 00:18:15,090
Yeah.

310
00:18:15,090 --> 00:18:20,358
I continued to stay because they
put us up in part of the town.

311
00:18:20,358 --> 00:18:33,060

312
00:18:33,060 --> 00:18:36,420
They put us up in part of
the town, all the people who

313
00:18:36,420 --> 00:18:39,100
work for the quarry.

314
00:18:39,100 --> 00:18:45,756
And there we didn't

stay too long anymore.

315

00:18:45,756 --> 00:18:47,820
Maybe three, four months more.

316

00:18:47,820 --> 00:18:51,360
And then, they liquidated
that and they moved us,

317

00:18:51,360 --> 00:18:58,480
and we went to a city by
the name of Rzeszów There,

318

00:18:58,480 --> 00:19:03,590
I guess we went into
the ghetto, in Rzeszów.

319

00:19:03,590 --> 00:19:06,340
We didn't do any
manual work there.

320

00:19:06,340 --> 00:19:11,920
We were just going around,
sitting around, loafing around,

321

00:19:11,920 --> 00:19:13,590
you know.

322

00:19:13,590 --> 00:19:23,230
And one day they were
gathering people again.

323

00:19:23,230 --> 00:19:29,230
And I had an intuition not to
go, and I went on my bunk bed

324

00:19:29,230 --> 00:19:35,330
and I hid under the blanket.

325

00:19:35,330 --> 00:19:42,130
And after it was
over, I got out,

326

00:19:42,130 --> 00:19:43,880
and there was a few people left.

327

00:19:43,880 --> 00:19:46,320

Not too many people.

328

00:19:46,320 --> 00:19:51,500

And the ones who were gathered
up, were rounded up, they went

329

00:19:51,500 --> 00:19:53,180

to Auschwitz.

330

00:19:53,180 --> 00:19:54,410

That's what I heard, later.

331

00:19:54,410 --> 00:19:59,980

332

00:19:59,980 --> 00:20:03,020

From there, they took me again.

333

00:20:03,020 --> 00:20:04,870

You know, they kept
moving the people.

334

00:20:04,870 --> 00:20:07,075

And as they were moving,
they were losing.

335

00:20:07,075 --> 00:20:09,730

336

00:20:09,730 --> 00:20:10,510

Bodies fell.

337

00:20:10,510 --> 00:20:13,540

You know, people fell.

338

00:20:13,540 --> 00:20:18,450

I was a young kid, but there
were people, older people,

339

00:20:18,450 --> 00:20:23,620

that just couldn't make it.

340

00:20:23,620 --> 00:20:26,440

Just died.

341

00:20:26,440 --> 00:20:29,080

A lot of people died
from heartbreak,

342

00:20:29,080 --> 00:20:34,780

from seeing all
what's happening.

343

00:20:34,780 --> 00:20:37,270

So I went to Plaszów.

344

00:20:37,270 --> 00:20:44,846

They took me to Plaszów,
to the camp in Plaszów.

345

00:20:44,846 --> 00:20:48,832

There, I only was for a little
while, and they moved me again.

346

00:20:48,832 --> 00:20:51,040

They moved you to another
camp in Plaszów by the name

347

00:20:51,040 --> 00:20:52,460

of Julag.

348

00:20:52,460 --> 00:20:57,170

That was Judenlager, they
called it, abbreviated, Julag.

349

00:20:57,170 --> 00:20:58,490

In there, I worked--

350

00:20:58,490 --> 00:21:02,390

being that I always said I'm
an electrician, that helped me

351

00:21:02,390 --> 00:21:06,390

a lot, and I worked on trucks.

352

00:21:06,390 --> 00:21:09,060

I did, with another friend
of mine who is here,

353

00:21:09,060 --> 00:21:12,900
we did the installation of the
electrical work on the trucks

354

00:21:12,900 --> 00:21:16,470
and fixing the batteries.

355

00:21:16,470 --> 00:21:20,450
It was work and it wasn't work.

356

00:21:20,450 --> 00:21:23,970
I remember, at that
time, I had the typhus,

357

00:21:23,970 --> 00:21:28,080
but I was afraid to
stay in the infirmary

358

00:21:28,080 --> 00:21:30,726
because there, they grabbed
you and they killed you.

359

00:21:30,726 --> 00:21:33,430
The typhus was very widespread
in the ghetto, wasn't it?

360

00:21:33,430 --> 00:21:33,930
Yes.

361

00:21:33,930 --> 00:21:37,500
And so I was afraid to stay
there, so I went to work,

362

00:21:37,500 --> 00:21:40,890
which I couldn't really hold
my feet, so a couple of friends

363

00:21:40,890 --> 00:21:44,220
were holding me up in
order to get to work.

364

00:21:44,220 --> 00:21:48,620

And when I got to work, I went
into the cab and I slept there,

365
00:21:48,620 --> 00:21:52,192
and my friend was watching out.

366
00:21:52,192 --> 00:21:54,150
I don't know how long it
took till I recovered,

367
00:21:54,150 --> 00:21:57,096
but I recovered from it.

368
00:21:57,096 --> 00:22:00,060
There, that camp was
a treacherous camp.

369
00:22:00,060 --> 00:22:02,920

370
00:22:02,920 --> 00:22:07,300
From there, after a while,
we were moved again,

371
00:22:07,300 --> 00:22:10,540
or moved back to Plaszów,
because they liquidated that

372
00:22:10,540 --> 00:22:11,890
again.

373
00:22:11,890 --> 00:22:15,640
In Plaszów, I got a job.

374
00:22:15,640 --> 00:22:23,105
I worked in the coal storage,
coal yard, coal storage.

375
00:22:23,105 --> 00:22:28,450
We were loading
cars with the coal.

376
00:22:28,450 --> 00:22:31,150

377

00:22:31,150 --> 00:22:34,910

It wasn't pleasant work.

378

00:22:34,910 --> 00:22:39,690

And one day, I remember, on
Yom Kippur, a couple of people

379

00:22:39,690 --> 00:22:40,540

ran away.

380

00:22:40,540 --> 00:22:41,560

What year was this?

381

00:22:41,560 --> 00:22:42,610

This was 19--

382

00:22:42,610 --> 00:22:45,230

That was in 1943.

383

00:22:45,230 --> 00:22:47,090

1943.

384

00:22:47,090 --> 00:22:49,560

'43, yeah.

385

00:22:49,560 --> 00:22:53,610

And a couple of people ran away.

386

00:22:53,610 --> 00:22:56,570

387

00:22:56,570 --> 00:22:59,180

And they round us up
with a few other people.

388

00:22:59,180 --> 00:23:02,480

389

00:23:02,480 --> 00:23:04,060

They took us up.

390

00:23:04,060 --> 00:23:09,950

In Plaszów, they had a

[? mound. ?] They called it

391

00:23:09,950 --> 00:23:16,270
[NON-ENGLISH],, which means,
it's not a nice expression

392

00:23:16,270 --> 00:23:17,820
in English.

393

00:23:17,820 --> 00:23:19,540
And what they did,
they shot the people

394

00:23:19,540 --> 00:23:24,380
and they fell over the
cliff into the ravine.

395

00:23:24,380 --> 00:23:30,770
And they took us all up there
on Yom Kipper to get shot,

396

00:23:30,770 --> 00:23:31,940
and I was between them.

397

00:23:31,940 --> 00:23:35,410

398

00:23:35,410 --> 00:23:37,520
Somehow, we stood there,
we stood, we stood.

399

00:23:37,520 --> 00:23:39,533
A long time we stood there.

400

00:23:39,533 --> 00:23:48,780
And somehow, the
camp police, chief

401

00:23:48,780 --> 00:23:51,600
of police, who was Jewish--

402

00:23:51,600 --> 00:23:52,740
This was the Jewish police?

403

00:23:52,740 --> 00:23:58,230
Jewish police, right-- came by
and he was yelling, I guess.

404
00:23:58,230 --> 00:24:00,110
Maybe he made that up too.

405
00:24:00,110 --> 00:24:01,740
He says, are you going to work?

406
00:24:01,740 --> 00:24:04,440

407
00:24:04,440 --> 00:24:05,130
Go back to work.

408
00:24:05,130 --> 00:24:09,240

409
00:24:09,240 --> 00:24:20,060
So I went back to
work not too long.

410
00:24:20,060 --> 00:24:28,270
Then, somehow, they were looking
for people for Schindler.

411
00:24:28,270 --> 00:24:35,800
And being that we were so
beaten up from that camp

412
00:24:35,800 --> 00:24:38,590
that we were before,
in that Julag,

413
00:24:38,590 --> 00:24:43,160
I guess they selected this
group of people for Schindler.

414
00:24:43,160 --> 00:24:47,130
And I really did not
know where I was going.

415
00:24:47,130 --> 00:24:49,660
Who did that actual selection?

416

00:24:49,660 --> 00:24:54,370

The selection was done by the
police, by the Jewish police.

417

00:24:54,370 --> 00:24:56,062

That's where it was done.

418

00:24:56,062 --> 00:24:58,150

Yeah.

419

00:24:58,150 --> 00:25:08,490

And when I was in Julag,
we had a commandant

420

00:25:08,490 --> 00:25:10,370

by the name of Miller.

421

00:25:10,370 --> 00:25:12,910

He was always trigger happy.

422

00:25:12,910 --> 00:25:15,550

423

00:25:15,550 --> 00:25:21,290

And one day, in the
barrack that I lived,

424

00:25:21,290 --> 00:25:23,880

they brought in about 60 women.

425

00:25:23,880 --> 00:25:31,310

Where they brought them in, I
don't know, but they shot them.

426

00:25:31,310 --> 00:25:32,120

We heard the shots.

427

00:25:32,120 --> 00:25:32,840

They shot them.

428

00:25:32,840 --> 00:25:36,140

In the morning, we were walking
and there was flesh all over,

429

00:25:36,140 --> 00:25:38,162
hair.

430

00:25:38,162 --> 00:25:42,450
Anyway, I wanted
to bring this up.

431

00:25:42,450 --> 00:25:48,510
So Julag was really a very
terrible camp, terrible.

432

00:25:48,510 --> 00:25:52,235
Circumstances and everything,
with sickness and with food

433

00:25:52,235 --> 00:25:53,720
and with everything.

434

00:25:53,720 --> 00:25:57,430
How many people were in
that camp, approximately?

435

00:25:57,430 --> 00:26:08,930
I would say about 3,000.

436

00:26:08,930 --> 00:26:12,250
So they took this group of
people that were in Julag

437

00:26:12,250 --> 00:26:16,290
and they were sent to Schindler.

438

00:26:16,290 --> 00:26:20,300
Now, when we were
sent to Schindler,

439

00:26:20,300 --> 00:26:31,390
we came from hell to heaven,
in a way, because this man,

440

00:26:31,390 --> 00:26:35,140
I saw him, but it
was unimaginable.

441

00:26:35,140 --> 00:26:44,590

He wouldn't let anyone
lay a hand on anybody.

442

00:26:44,590 --> 00:26:49,900

And he warned the
Jewish policeman--

443

00:26:49,900 --> 00:26:54,880

they were called the
Order, Ordnungsdienst,

444

00:26:54,880 --> 00:26:58,973

which means "keep order"--

445

00:26:58,973 --> 00:27:01,490

446

00:27:01,490 --> 00:27:05,680

and he told them that they are
not allowed to hit anybody.

447

00:27:05,680 --> 00:27:08,420

And if they did, he would
send them right back up

448

00:27:08,420 --> 00:27:10,924

to the Plaszów camp.

449

00:27:10,924 --> 00:27:14,200

450

00:27:14,200 --> 00:27:21,730

And there, that was a factory.

451

00:27:21,730 --> 00:27:31,980

They called it [? Amalia. ?]
He, I think, was the trustees.

452

00:27:31,980 --> 00:27:35,310

What they did, the Germans,
when they moved into the cities,

453

00:27:35,310 --> 00:27:39,600

they put in treuhänderin
what they called,

454
00:27:39,600 --> 00:27:43,260
into every Jewish business.

455
00:27:43,260 --> 00:27:47,840
He wasn't a manager,
but he was the trustee.

456
00:27:47,840 --> 00:27:50,160
A trustee.

457
00:27:50,160 --> 00:27:55,020
And this factory belonged
to a Jewish man by the name

458
00:27:55,020 --> 00:28:05,620
of [? Banka. ?] And he went in
there as a treuhänderin or he

459
00:28:05,620 --> 00:28:08,300
maybe went in partners
with this man.

460
00:28:08,300 --> 00:28:09,590
I really don't know.

461
00:28:09,590 --> 00:28:12,550

462
00:28:12,550 --> 00:28:18,460
They were making pots and pans
and dipping them in porcelain,

463
00:28:18,460 --> 00:28:20,925
and baked them.

464
00:28:20,925 --> 00:28:22,050
That's what we were making.

465
00:28:22,050 --> 00:28:28,290
Besides that, we were making
shells for the families.

466

00:28:28,290 --> 00:28:30,240

They took the flat
piece of metal

467

00:28:30,240 --> 00:28:32,650

and kept stretching
it and stretching

468

00:28:32,650 --> 00:28:34,990

it to make a tube out of it.

469

00:28:34,990 --> 00:28:40,150

Whatever happened with
these things, I don't know.

470

00:28:40,150 --> 00:28:45,720

And Schindler used to take
loads of these pots and pans

471

00:28:45,720 --> 00:28:54,900

and sell them to the farmers
and bring food for his people.

472

00:28:54,900 --> 00:28:57,030

So we were never hungry there.

473

00:28:57,030 --> 00:29:02,010

There was always piles of
potatoes laying around,

474

00:29:02,010 --> 00:29:04,840

and you could always
peel a few potatoes.

475

00:29:04,840 --> 00:29:07,770

The pot your had because
there were plenty of pots,

476

00:29:07,770 --> 00:29:10,790

and put it at the edge
of the stove which

477

00:29:10,790 --> 00:29:12,772

always used to be red hot.

478

00:29:12,772 --> 00:29:17,400

And in a half hour, you had a meal if you were really hungry.

479

00:29:17,400 --> 00:29:24,360

But he really made sure that his people were fed right.

480

00:29:24,360 --> 00:29:30,550

And there used to be inspections,

481

00:29:30,550 --> 00:29:35,985

and he never would let them in, the Germans

482

00:29:35,985 --> 00:29:40,810

who came to inspect to see what he was doing.

483

00:29:40,810 --> 00:29:44,130

And somehow, he got into his office

484

00:29:44,130 --> 00:29:47,780

and they drank and whatever else they did,

485

00:29:47,780 --> 00:29:49,410

and they forgot about [INAUDIBLE]..

486

00:29:49,410 --> 00:29:51,250

And they always used to tell us that they're

487

00:29:51,250 --> 00:29:56,960

coming so that we'd be on guard and everybody kept busy.

488

00:29:56,960 --> 00:30:00,070

The word has it that never did anything go out

489

00:30:00,070 --> 00:30:00,870

from his factory.

490

00:30:00,870 --> 00:30:03,780

It was just and
item that was done

491

00:30:03,780 --> 00:30:10,760

over and over and over and
over, just to keep his people.

492

00:30:10,760 --> 00:30:16,690

There, I was for about
a year, for Schindler.

493

00:30:16,690 --> 00:30:18,185

And I regained my strength.

494

00:30:18,185 --> 00:30:21,536

495

00:30:21,536 --> 00:30:23,110

I became human again.

496

00:30:23,110 --> 00:30:31,340

497

00:30:31,340 --> 00:30:36,440

So after a while, I
don't know what happened.

498

00:30:36,440 --> 00:30:42,740

An order came, and
they split up his camp.

499

00:30:42,740 --> 00:30:45,750

500

00:30:45,750 --> 00:30:54,740

They split up his camp, and
I was among the people who

501

00:30:54,740 --> 00:30:56,670

were sent out from his camp.

502

00:30:56,670 --> 00:31:02,240

503

00:31:02,240 --> 00:31:11,720

They took us to the railroad
and put us in the cattle cars.

504

00:31:11,720 --> 00:31:20,110

And we were sitting on
the side of the track

505

00:31:20,110 --> 00:31:24,220

about a week, I
guess, and Schindler--

506

00:31:24,220 --> 00:31:25,132

You had no idea?

507

00:31:25,132 --> 00:31:26,590

We had no idea
where we were going.

508

00:31:26,590 --> 00:31:29,190

Nobody know where we were going.

509

00:31:29,190 --> 00:31:33,780

And Schindler came out to the--

510

00:31:33,780 --> 00:31:37,960

he wanted to save some of his
people, which I think he did.

511

00:31:37,960 --> 00:31:41,440

He did save some of
them, like this banker,

512

00:31:41,440 --> 00:31:44,440

because it was done while
he didn't know about it.

513

00:31:44,440 --> 00:31:47,280

514

00:31:47,280 --> 00:31:52,930

So the cars were

steaming from the people

515

00:31:52,930 --> 00:32:00,300
inside, so he took
some of his men

516

00:32:00,300 --> 00:32:08,010
and sprayed water on the
cars to cool them off.

517

00:32:08,010 --> 00:32:09,630
That he did.

518

00:32:09,630 --> 00:32:11,220
And it was a great relief.

519

00:32:11,220 --> 00:32:15,150
Of course, we didn't get
any water or eat any food.

520

00:32:15,150 --> 00:32:18,880
And finally, we started to move.

521

00:32:18,880 --> 00:32:21,480
We didn't know
where we were going.

522

00:32:21,480 --> 00:32:24,900
And I think they stopped
on the way some place.

523

00:32:24,900 --> 00:32:26,820
This was 1944, right?

524

00:32:26,820 --> 00:32:28,420
1944, right.

525

00:32:28,420 --> 00:32:30,700
1944.

526

00:32:30,700 --> 00:32:31,510
August, I think.

527

00:32:31,510 --> 00:32:33,910

Around August.

528

00:32:33,910 --> 00:32:37,990

And we stopped on the way,
and they gave us water,

529

00:32:37,990 --> 00:32:43,230

and there was a lot of
dead bodies in the cars

530

00:32:43,230 --> 00:32:48,650

because starved people
were drinking urine.

531

00:32:48,650 --> 00:32:54,520

And a friend of mine passed
away right next to me.

532

00:32:54,520 --> 00:32:55,530

And I don't know.

533

00:32:55,530 --> 00:32:58,638

I think they took
out the dead people.

534

00:32:58,638 --> 00:32:59,930

I don't remember what they did.

535

00:32:59,930 --> 00:33:02,450

Anyway, they gave us water.

536

00:33:02,450 --> 00:33:06,210

And I think a day later,
we wound up in Mauthausen.

537

00:33:06,210 --> 00:33:09,770

538

00:33:09,770 --> 00:33:14,640

On the way, when we
were going, a few people

539

00:33:14,640 --> 00:33:17,610

jumped out through
that little window

540
00:33:17,610 --> 00:33:19,950
that the cattle cars have.

541
00:33:19,950 --> 00:33:26,250
Whatever happened to them, God
knows what happened to them.

542
00:33:26,250 --> 00:33:30,740
And I wound up in Mauthausen.

543
00:33:30,740 --> 00:33:33,530
In Mauthausen, we
would sit there.

544
00:33:33,530 --> 00:33:36,060

545
00:33:36,060 --> 00:33:43,530
They told us to
strip and started

546
00:33:43,530 --> 00:33:50,070
to shave us through the head,
a stripe, a shaved stripe,

547
00:33:50,070 --> 00:33:52,420
and shaved us all over.

548
00:33:52,420 --> 00:33:55,470
And they looked
inside you whether you

549
00:33:55,470 --> 00:33:57,525
don't have anything hiding.

550
00:33:57,525 --> 00:34:06,938

551
00:34:06,938 --> 00:34:09,800
They gave us the uniform,
the striped uniform.

552
00:34:09,800 --> 00:34:15,909

It was the first time that
I wore the striped uniform.

553
00:34:15,909 --> 00:34:21,346
And in Mauthausen, we started
to work at the quarry.

554
00:34:21,346 --> 00:34:22,929
If you ever heard
of the quarry, there

555
00:34:22,929 --> 00:34:29,320
was the famous 187 steps going
down to the quarry [INAUDIBLE]..

556
00:34:29,320 --> 00:34:32,710
In the beginning, we didn't get
the striped suits right away,

557
00:34:32,710 --> 00:34:37,630
we got uniforms
from the Russians

558
00:34:37,630 --> 00:34:42,530
that they captured direct
from the Cossacks, which

559
00:34:42,530 --> 00:34:43,940
was in the heat.

560
00:34:43,940 --> 00:34:46,130
In the biggest heat
we were wearing that.

561
00:34:46,130 --> 00:34:49,189
We had to walk down the
quarry, pick up a rock,

562
00:34:49,189 --> 00:34:51,909
put it on your
shoulder, and walk up.

563
00:34:51,909 --> 00:34:55,820
And that was going on
for a couple of months.

564

00:34:55,820 --> 00:34:57,380

Every day, the same routine.

565

00:34:57,380 --> 00:35:00,020

566

00:35:00,020 --> 00:35:08,930

And I guess something happened.

567

00:35:08,930 --> 00:35:14,020

An order came out again,
and were moved again.

568

00:35:14,020 --> 00:35:19,130

And through the moving,
a lot of people got lost.

569

00:35:19,130 --> 00:35:21,520

A lot of people got--

570

00:35:21,520 --> 00:35:23,510

Did you have close
friends that were with you

571

00:35:23,510 --> 00:35:24,750

during this whole process?

572

00:35:24,750 --> 00:35:26,500

Well, we had the friends, sure.

573

00:35:26,500 --> 00:35:30,875

The ones that lived in the
bunk with me, next to me.

574

00:35:30,875 --> 00:35:34,750

It was one big
room, the barrack.

575

00:35:34,750 --> 00:35:37,100

So it was only the people
who were next to me.

576

00:35:37,100 --> 00:35:39,840

577

00:35:39,840 --> 00:35:42,180

Those people, some of
them are still here.

578

00:35:42,180 --> 00:35:46,140

579

00:35:46,140 --> 00:35:50,960

And they took us,
and I went to Gusen.

580

00:35:50,960 --> 00:35:52,705

I don't know whether
you heard of Gusen.

581

00:35:52,705 --> 00:35:55,430

It was not too far
from Mauthausen.

582

00:35:55,430 --> 00:35:59,670

There was a Gusen I and a Gusen
II, also a concentration camp.

583

00:35:59,670 --> 00:36:02,750

And I was in Gusen II.

584

00:36:02,750 --> 00:36:05,160

And the same thing.

585

00:36:05,160 --> 00:36:07,460

They were looking
for electricians.

586

00:36:07,460 --> 00:36:10,790

And whoever said, they're
looking for craftsmen,

587

00:36:10,790 --> 00:36:13,640

you know, people with a trade.

588

00:36:13,640 --> 00:36:15,140

And I said I have a trade.

589

00:36:15,140 --> 00:36:25,120
And luckily, I wound up
working in the tunnels.

590
00:36:25,120 --> 00:36:27,100
They call that [INAUDIBLE].

591
00:36:27,100 --> 00:36:29,100
There was a group
who were building

592
00:36:29,100 --> 00:36:31,270
the tunnels in the mountains.

593
00:36:31,270 --> 00:36:34,240
There was a group who were
working already in the tunnels.

594
00:36:34,240 --> 00:36:44,710
There was a, how do you say
it, like they do the cars.

595
00:36:44,710 --> 00:36:45,640
How do you say it?

596
00:36:45,640 --> 00:36:50,160
One after the other,
everybody had a job to do.

597
00:36:50,160 --> 00:36:51,000
Mass production.

598
00:36:51,000 --> 00:36:51,510
No.

599
00:36:51,510 --> 00:36:52,260
Assembly line.

600
00:36:52,260 --> 00:36:53,255
Assembly line.

601
00:36:53,255 --> 00:36:54,570
It was an assembly line.

602

00:36:54,570 --> 00:36:57,290

603

00:36:57,290 --> 00:36:58,020

Yeah.

604

00:36:58,020 --> 00:37:00,930

When I came to that camp,
this is when they gave me

605

00:37:00,930 --> 00:37:03,960

the stripes uniform.

606

00:37:03,960 --> 00:37:06,360

And again, the same thing--
shaving, and make sure

607

00:37:06,360 --> 00:37:08,700

that the stripe was shaved.

608

00:37:08,700 --> 00:37:15,870

We looked like--
not like people.

609

00:37:15,870 --> 00:37:19,290

When your hair is up here
and you have this stripe.

610

00:37:19,290 --> 00:37:23,395

But I guess that was done
so you can't run away.

611

00:37:23,395 --> 00:37:28,400

You were wearing the number
and the yellow triangle

612

00:37:28,400 --> 00:37:31,890

because we were Jews.

613

00:37:31,890 --> 00:37:37,200

And there, I worked
on the rockets

614

00:37:37,200 --> 00:37:40,650

and on the airplanes,

fighter planes.

615

00:37:40,650 --> 00:37:43,005

I did the assembly
of the cockpit.

616

00:37:43,005 --> 00:37:45,620

617

00:37:45,620 --> 00:37:50,030

I didn't know much about it,
but you had to say you know.

618

00:37:50,030 --> 00:37:54,656

And somehow, the
foreman was a German.

619

00:37:54,656 --> 00:37:55,670

A young guy.

620

00:37:55,670 --> 00:38:01,670

621

00:38:01,670 --> 00:38:05,510

These guys were
not the real Nazis.

622

00:38:05,510 --> 00:38:06,680

So he taught you.

623

00:38:06,680 --> 00:38:10,080

He showed you.

624

00:38:10,080 --> 00:38:13,010

But there were
those kapos who were

625

00:38:13,010 --> 00:38:18,438

the real murderers, the ones who
were sentenced before the war.

626

00:38:18,438 --> 00:38:20,355

They became the kapos,
and they were ruthless.

627

00:38:20,355 --> 00:38:24,066

628

00:38:24,066 --> 00:38:26,470

In the middle of work,
they could get you up,

629

00:38:26,470 --> 00:38:30,200

and you had to jump on
you like a kangaroo,

630

00:38:30,200 --> 00:38:33,110

back and forth,
because he wanted.

631

00:38:33,110 --> 00:38:36,050

632

00:38:36,050 --> 00:38:38,710

In there, I worked.

633

00:38:38,710 --> 00:38:44,260

Every morning we went by
car, by railroad cars.

634

00:38:44,260 --> 00:38:46,360

They were open,
the railroad cars.

635

00:38:46,360 --> 00:38:51,250

And of course, you went
and saw the mountains

636

00:38:51,250 --> 00:38:52,240

of the dead people.

637

00:38:52,240 --> 00:38:56,340

And you came back at
night, they were gone.

638

00:38:56,340 --> 00:38:58,850

All burnt in crematoria.

639

00:38:58,850 --> 00:39:02,800

The next morning, you
got out, the same thing.

640
00:39:02,800 --> 00:39:08,890
So life was really,
you're next, I am next.

641
00:39:08,890 --> 00:39:13,190
It was really without hope.

642
00:39:13,190 --> 00:39:14,720
Without hope.

643
00:39:14,720 --> 00:39:18,740
But still, day by day we hoped.

644
00:39:18,740 --> 00:39:21,250
We hoped some day
it's going to finish.

645
00:39:21,250 --> 00:39:28,270
One day we had a lot of lice,
bed bugs, and everything,

646
00:39:28,270 --> 00:39:32,930
so they decided they're going
to make an [NON-ENGLISH],,

647
00:39:32,930 --> 00:39:37,460
which means get rid of the lice.

648
00:39:37,460 --> 00:39:38,960
Yeah.

649
00:39:38,960 --> 00:39:45,130
So they pushed us all in
a barrack, twice the size,

650
00:39:45,130 --> 00:39:47,870
from one barrack to another.

651
00:39:47,870 --> 00:39:53,120
And they looked you over.

652

00:39:53,120 --> 00:39:56,870
You walked around naked
and they looked you over.

653
00:39:56,870 --> 00:40:02,370
If you had a little mark on
your body, which a lot of people

654
00:40:02,370 --> 00:40:10,020
had because, from malnutrition,
they developed sores.

655
00:40:10,020 --> 00:40:14,510
And these sores,
somehow, would not heal.

656
00:40:14,510 --> 00:40:18,560
I had a few on my legs.

657
00:40:18,560 --> 00:40:23,090
And they looked you over,
and if you weren't perfect

658
00:40:23,090 --> 00:40:26,390
or you weren't to
their liking, they

659
00:40:26,390 --> 00:40:32,340
had a couple of bullies from
the camp hit you over the head

660
00:40:32,340 --> 00:40:34,750
and put you in the
barrel head down,

661
00:40:34,750 --> 00:40:39,920
and that's how they murdered
that night thousands.

662
00:40:39,920 --> 00:40:41,600
They did it in every barrack.

663
00:40:41,600 --> 00:40:44,340

664

00:40:44,340 --> 00:40:51,930
And the next morning, they
sent us off to the showers.

665
00:40:51,930 --> 00:40:54,510
I think it was in January.

666
00:40:54,510 --> 00:40:56,610
We were running in ice naked.

667
00:40:56,610 --> 00:41:01,471

668
00:41:01,471 --> 00:41:08,390
The winters in Austria
weren't very mild.

669
00:41:08,390 --> 00:41:12,580
And we went to the bath house.

670
00:41:12,580 --> 00:41:15,000
At the bath house, there were
again a couple of bullies,

671
00:41:15,000 --> 00:41:18,490
and they used hoses,
powerhouses, and that's

672
00:41:18,490 --> 00:41:21,890
how they washed you down.

673
00:41:21,890 --> 00:41:29,885
And wet, wet, you had to
run back to your barrack.

674
00:41:29,885 --> 00:41:33,490

675
00:41:33,490 --> 00:41:37,465
They gave you new
clothing, new uniforms.

676
00:41:37,465 --> 00:41:42,555

677

00:41:42,555 --> 00:41:44,415

And again, we were
going back to work.

678

00:41:44,415 --> 00:41:46,960

679

00:41:46,960 --> 00:41:54,690

In the later days, they didn't
have enough food for everybody.

680

00:41:54,690 --> 00:42:00,010

In the morning, you stayed
in line to get your coffee,

681

00:42:00,010 --> 00:42:03,750

and they gave you a bread
for 24 people to divide.

682

00:42:03,750 --> 00:42:07,100

683

00:42:07,100 --> 00:42:10,700

And when they have leftover,
they called the people

684

00:42:10,700 --> 00:42:12,560

if they want to stay in line.

685

00:42:12,560 --> 00:42:16,190

I did that once, and
somehow, the people

686

00:42:16,190 --> 00:42:22,220

pushing to get a little bit of
food, I got hit over the head

687

00:42:22,220 --> 00:42:25,120

with the rubber.

688

00:42:25,120 --> 00:42:28,650

And of course, it
hurt me very much,

689

00:42:28,650 --> 00:42:39,460
and I later promised to myself,
I would never go for more food,

690
00:42:39,460 --> 00:42:41,170
and I didn't.

691
00:42:41,170 --> 00:42:43,910
And I watched the
flagging that went

692
00:42:43,910 --> 00:42:48,070
on in the morning, and the
yelling, and the hitting.

693
00:42:48,070 --> 00:42:49,610
And I stayed on the sideline.

694
00:42:49,610 --> 00:42:52,470

695
00:42:52,470 --> 00:42:58,880
I was always very quiet
and very unnoticed

696
00:42:58,880 --> 00:43:01,820
because I saw the
consequences of the people who

697
00:43:01,820 --> 00:43:06,150
were the opposite.

698
00:43:06,150 --> 00:43:12,910
And so I said to
myself, who needs that?

699
00:43:12,910 --> 00:43:18,770
If I'm going to survive, I don't
want to die at the beatings.

700
00:43:18,770 --> 00:43:21,650
So I went hungry.

701
00:43:21,650 --> 00:43:24,290
I went hungry in

order not to push.

702

00:43:24,290 --> 00:43:28,230

Because, in the later years,
the bread was like sawdust.

703

00:43:28,230 --> 00:43:31,800

There wasn't any more bread,
They had to put it in a plate,

704

00:43:31,800 --> 00:43:35,030

and they gave to one
guy to divide it.

705

00:43:35,030 --> 00:43:38,500

So there were a lot of
stronger people than me

706

00:43:38,500 --> 00:43:42,090

who could grab it,
so I went hungry.

707

00:43:42,090 --> 00:43:47,000

I had, at work, the guy who,
the German foreman, sometimes

708

00:43:47,000 --> 00:43:50,090

brought me a piece
of bread, but he

709

00:43:50,090 --> 00:43:56,580

had to work with me in places
that he doesn't get caught

710

00:43:56,580 --> 00:44:00,310

to give me the piece of bread.

711

00:44:00,310 --> 00:44:01,300

And then, we worked.

712

00:44:01,300 --> 00:44:03,430

And then, all of a
sudden, the lights

713

00:44:03,430 --> 00:44:07,905

went out because
there was a fire--

714
00:44:07,905 --> 00:44:10,465
they were bombing.

715
00:44:10,465 --> 00:44:18,490
So I sat in that cockpit for
sometimes two, three hours.

716
00:44:18,490 --> 00:44:24,040
The later years,
there were no parts,

717
00:44:24,040 --> 00:44:26,530
so they still
dragged us to work.

718
00:44:26,530 --> 00:44:28,870
Came to work, sat there.

719
00:44:28,870 --> 00:44:30,460
Didn't do nothing,
just sat there.

720
00:44:30,460 --> 00:44:33,040
And if a German
passes by, we had

721
00:44:33,040 --> 00:44:36,675
to make believe that
we're doing something.

722
00:44:36,675 --> 00:44:43,470

723
00:44:43,470 --> 00:44:50,580
Then, in the later
years, in the later time,

724
00:44:50,580 --> 00:44:55,590
we didn't go anymore to work
as the war was coming closer

725
00:44:55,590 --> 00:44:56,382

to an end.

726

00:44:56,382 --> 00:44:58,590

Did you know that the war
was coming close to an end?

727

00:44:58,590 --> 00:45:04,260

Well, we know something because
they replaced the guards

728

00:45:04,260 --> 00:45:08,220

with the city guards.

729

00:45:08,220 --> 00:45:10,230

I don't know what it was.

730

00:45:10,230 --> 00:45:11,790

So we knew something
is happening.

731

00:45:11,790 --> 00:45:13,740

We sat in the barracks.

732

00:45:13,740 --> 00:45:17,170

We didn't go out anymore.

733

00:45:17,170 --> 00:45:18,600

We sat in the
barracks and waited.

734

00:45:18,600 --> 00:45:20,180

If we wanted to go
to the bathroom,

735

00:45:20,180 --> 00:45:22,890

we had to go in groups.

736

00:45:22,890 --> 00:45:26,400

And food was none
available at all.

737

00:45:26,400 --> 00:45:34,170

738

00:45:34,170 --> 00:45:38,820

So we knew that
something is coming.

739

00:45:38,820 --> 00:45:40,575

The kapos were very nervous.

740

00:45:40,575 --> 00:45:44,050

741

00:45:44,050 --> 00:45:48,040

And I tell you, the Russians
did a very good job on them.

742

00:45:48,040 --> 00:45:54,643

They kept an eye where they
were hiding, because they were

743

00:45:54,643 --> 00:45:55,810

prisoners just like we were.

744

00:45:55,810 --> 00:45:59,600

They couldn't leave.

745

00:45:59,600 --> 00:46:10,840

And one day, one day a couple of
Americans came in with a jeep,

746

00:46:10,840 --> 00:46:16,910

and they had the turret,
the machine gun on the jeep.

747

00:46:16,910 --> 00:46:18,970

Do you remember
what date that was?

748

00:46:18,970 --> 00:46:25,210

That was May 5, 1945.

749

00:46:25,210 --> 00:46:29,485

And within minutes, there was
no sign anymore of a fence.

750

00:46:29,485 --> 00:46:33,180

751
00:46:33,180 --> 00:46:36,920
The people knocked
down the fences.

752
00:46:36,920 --> 00:46:42,230
And they rounded up all the
guards, the soldiers, whatever.

753
00:46:42,230 --> 00:46:44,180
Whoever wanted to run
away, somehow they

754
00:46:44,180 --> 00:46:49,880
rounded them all up, and
the Russian prisoners

755
00:46:49,880 --> 00:46:51,170
took care of the kapos.

756
00:46:51,170 --> 00:46:54,740
They grabbed them from
wherever they was,

757
00:46:54,740 --> 00:46:57,770
and they really took revenge.

758
00:46:57,770 --> 00:47:00,140
The Jews were really
weak, very weak.

759
00:47:00,140 --> 00:47:03,200
I mean, physically.

760
00:47:03,200 --> 00:47:06,140
There were a few groups in
camp that were the weakest

761
00:47:06,140 --> 00:47:09,890
people: the French, the Jews.

762
00:47:09,890 --> 00:47:13,010
Physically, they
couldn't take it.

763

00:47:13,010 --> 00:47:17,030

But the Russians really
took care of those guys.

764

00:47:17,030 --> 00:47:20,690

They didn't get out
alive out there anymore.

765

00:47:20,690 --> 00:47:24,770

And we're stuck in the camp.

766

00:47:24,770 --> 00:47:28,760

We really didn't have
where to go that night.

767

00:47:28,760 --> 00:47:31,130

What were your feelings
like when the Americans all

768

00:47:31,130 --> 00:47:32,270

of a sudden--

769

00:47:32,270 --> 00:47:34,700

Well, the feelings
were, we were liberated.

770

00:47:34,700 --> 00:47:37,250

We were no more.

771

00:47:37,250 --> 00:47:39,156

Whatever happens now.

772

00:47:39,156 --> 00:47:42,350

So the first thing we did, we
were running to the kitchen

773

00:47:42,350 --> 00:47:45,200

to see if there was any food.

774

00:47:45,200 --> 00:47:47,740

So everybody ran to
the kitchen, and they

775

00:47:47,740 --> 00:47:53,420

found coffee and flour, so we
were mixing coffee and flour,

776

00:47:53,420 --> 00:47:56,670
and that's what we
were eating that night.

777

00:47:56,670 --> 00:47:58,850
And the sad part
about this whole thing

778

00:47:58,850 --> 00:48:02,630
is that we were liberated
and didn't have where to go.

779

00:48:02,630 --> 00:48:06,580

780

00:48:06,580 --> 00:48:10,065
So we stayed there at night.

781

00:48:10,065 --> 00:48:11,230
We stayed there at night.

782

00:48:11,230 --> 00:48:14,373
In the morning, we
started to walk.

783

00:48:14,373 --> 00:48:16,790
Did you have any contact with
the Americans, the soldiers?

784

00:48:16,790 --> 00:48:18,748
Did they say anything to
you when they came in?

785

00:48:18,748 --> 00:48:19,730
Not really.

786

00:48:19,730 --> 00:48:22,556
It was just two guys.

787

00:48:22,556 --> 00:48:23,860
They didn't have any contact.

788

00:48:23,860 --> 00:48:27,940

They just went and were
occupied with grabbing

789

00:48:27,940 --> 00:48:31,205

whoever was left of the
soldiers, the Nazis,

790

00:48:31,205 --> 00:48:33,020

and whatever.

791

00:48:33,020 --> 00:48:34,210

And they left.

792

00:48:34,210 --> 00:48:34,810

They left.

793

00:48:34,810 --> 00:48:42,370

So the next morning, we got
up and we started to walk.

794

00:48:42,370 --> 00:48:46,460

So this was the people who
were sleeping next to me.

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00:48:46,460 --> 00:48:47,770

We walked.

796

00:48:47,770 --> 00:48:52,890

And the Americans were already
stationed every so many feet,

797

00:48:52,890 --> 00:48:57,380

and they guided us
from Gusen to Linz.

798

00:48:57,380 --> 00:49:00,330

Linz was the next city.

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00:49:00,330 --> 00:49:05,280

It was like, I think, about
15 kilometers or whatever.

800

00:49:05,280 --> 00:49:09,460

And we walked that 50
kilometers a whole day.

801
00:49:09,460 --> 00:49:12,420
We could not walk.

802
00:49:12,420 --> 00:49:15,390
We walked a little,
we laid down.

803
00:49:15,390 --> 00:49:16,610
We walked a little.

804
00:49:16,610 --> 00:49:19,100
How many people were together
with you at that time?

805
00:49:19,100 --> 00:49:23,630
It was almost-- the whole
camp was just marching.

806
00:49:23,630 --> 00:49:27,315
On the way, we stopped into a
house to get a piece of bread.

807
00:49:27,315 --> 00:49:29,910

808
00:49:29,910 --> 00:49:32,730
We got that from the Germans.

809
00:49:32,730 --> 00:49:34,830
And we were walking,
walking, walking,

810
00:49:34,830 --> 00:49:39,120
and the Americans
were directing us

811
00:49:39,120 --> 00:49:41,740
because we were
all skin and bones.

812
00:49:41,740 --> 00:49:45,000
Skeletons were walking.

813
00:49:45,000 --> 00:49:52,550
Finally, we wound up in a
bunker, in a bomb bunker,

814
00:49:52,550 --> 00:49:57,550
and everybody came
there, whoever came.

815
00:49:57,550 --> 00:50:03,510
And there we stood, I think,
the night or a couple nights.

816
00:50:03,510 --> 00:50:10,530
And as they were liberating,
the Americans, more and more

817
00:50:10,530 --> 00:50:11,970
people were--

818
00:50:11,970 --> 00:50:12,470
camps.

819
00:50:12,470 --> 00:50:14,920
More and more people
were coming in.

820
00:50:14,920 --> 00:50:26,746
So they transferred us to
a estate not far from Linz.

821
00:50:26,746 --> 00:50:31,050
And there, you got a
little bit organized.

822
00:50:31,050 --> 00:50:31,880
They fed us.

823
00:50:31,880 --> 00:50:33,960
They gave us new
clothing, the Americans.

824
00:50:33,960 --> 00:50:36,945
They went to all
these supply houses

825

00:50:36,945 --> 00:50:38,220
where everything was left.

826

00:50:38,220 --> 00:50:41,034

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00:50:41,034 --> 00:50:46,660
And they were so bitter,
the American soldiers,

828

00:50:46,660 --> 00:50:49,340
from what they saw.

829

00:50:49,340 --> 00:50:56,360
They were absolutely horrified
at the tragedy that they saw,

830

00:50:56,360 --> 00:51:03,460
so they were very helpful to us.

831

00:51:03,460 --> 00:51:06,490
They brought us food
and kept bringing

832

00:51:06,490 --> 00:51:12,330
all these necessary
things that we needed.

833

00:51:12,330 --> 00:51:16,220
In [INAUDIBLE],, we didn't
stay too long because also it

834

00:51:16,220 --> 00:51:19,940
was a matter of crowding.

835

00:51:19,940 --> 00:51:28,840
People came more and
more, so they moved us

836

00:51:28,840 --> 00:51:33,040
to a little town which
they called Bindermichl

837

00:51:33,040 --> 00:51:39,350

That consisted of like
garden apartments,

838

00:51:39,350 --> 00:51:44,800

and it was supposed to be
built by the Belgian Jews

839

00:51:44,800 --> 00:51:50,710

for the wives and
children of the soldiers.

840

00:51:50,710 --> 00:51:58,250

So somehow they got this emptied
out from the occupants before,

841

00:51:58,250 --> 00:52:04,440

and we started to
occupy these places.

842

00:52:04,440 --> 00:52:09,170

An apartment consisted
of three bedrooms

843

00:52:09,170 --> 00:52:12,640

in a big hall, which was
the dining room, the sitting

844

00:52:12,640 --> 00:52:13,810

room, the kitchen.

845

00:52:13,810 --> 00:52:17,090

Everything was in that one room.

846

00:52:17,090 --> 00:52:23,440

They accommodated two
boys to each bedroom.

847

00:52:23,440 --> 00:52:27,320

848

00:52:27,320 --> 00:52:30,540

In there, we already,
the UNRRA was there,

849

00:52:30,540 --> 00:52:36,430
and they built us a
kitchen facilities

850
00:52:36,430 --> 00:52:39,160
from tents, the Americans.

851
00:52:39,160 --> 00:52:41,800
They built a shul.

852
00:52:41,800 --> 00:52:48,990
We had a chaplain ,
chaplain to Americans.

853
00:52:48,990 --> 00:52:57,360
And we lived like
five-year-olds, in a way.

854
00:52:57,360 --> 00:53:04,120
The mind was completely
childish after we got liberated.

855
00:53:04,120 --> 00:53:07,960
This is what nine of
my friends and me.

856
00:53:07,960 --> 00:53:09,520
I don't know how
the other people.

857
00:53:09,520 --> 00:53:13,850
But we lived without worry
and without anything.

858
00:53:13,850 --> 00:53:16,900
We're being fed
and we're being--

859
00:53:16,900 --> 00:53:23,150
in other words, it took us a
while to get back to reality.

860
00:53:23,150 --> 00:53:26,050
Did you feel that
you were reborn?

861
00:53:26,050 --> 00:53:26,930
In a way, yeah.

862
00:53:26,930 --> 00:53:29,535
In a way we were, not reborn.

863
00:53:29,535 --> 00:53:33,311

864
00:53:33,311 --> 00:53:39,550
It was a new life, sort
of, but it was a life--

865
00:53:39,550 --> 00:53:44,175
no father, no mother, nobody
tells you anything what to do.

866
00:53:44,175 --> 00:53:49,160
You were a free bird, sort of.

867
00:53:49,160 --> 00:53:51,720
You really did not--

868
00:53:51,720 --> 00:53:56,400
like I say, we really did
not comprehend the scope.

869
00:53:56,400 --> 00:54:03,330
The only thing that bothered
us, this mystery, what

870
00:54:03,330 --> 00:54:06,110
happened to the family.

871
00:54:06,110 --> 00:54:14,540
Because, you know, you live with
this, and nobody lives forever.

872
00:54:14,540 --> 00:54:21,680
People die and then you do
your duty, what you have to do.

873
00:54:21,680 --> 00:54:27,830
And then, if you need a

cry, you go to the cemetery.

874

00:54:27,830 --> 00:54:31,180

With us, it was a mystery.

875

00:54:31,180 --> 00:54:34,040

You don't know where
they are, where they

876

00:54:34,040 --> 00:54:36,900

went, what happened to them.

877

00:54:36,900 --> 00:54:39,838

And this lives with
you, stays with you.

878

00:54:39,838 --> 00:54:48,920

879

00:54:48,920 --> 00:54:58,050

So that was the only part
that really was in you.

880

00:54:58,050 --> 00:55:02,260

Sometimes, at night, you put
your head down, you know.

881

00:55:02,260 --> 00:55:28,020

882

00:55:28,020 --> 00:55:35,380

But slowly, I took a ride
to Poland with my friend,

883

00:55:35,380 --> 00:55:40,650

maybe a month after
I was in camp,

884

00:55:40,650 --> 00:55:43,910

to go to see whether anybody
was left or whatever.

885

00:55:43,910 --> 00:55:46,760

886

00:55:46,760 --> 00:55:48,792

It took us about a
week to get there.

887

00:55:48,792 --> 00:55:50,250

You went back to
the original town?

888

00:55:50,250 --> 00:55:51,410

Yeah, yeah, to Kraków.

889

00:55:51,410 --> 00:55:53,000

To Kraków.

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00:55:53,000 --> 00:55:56,290

And I came back to Kraków,
and in my apartment,

891

00:55:56,290 --> 00:55:57,360

a janitor lives.

892

00:55:57,360 --> 00:56:00,490

893

00:56:00,490 --> 00:56:04,090

And I went to see my
uncles, my aunts, because we

894

00:56:04,090 --> 00:56:07,720

were all living close.

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00:56:07,720 --> 00:56:08,560

Nobody left.

896

00:56:08,560 --> 00:56:12,430

I picked up with my friend
and went back to camp,

897

00:56:12,430 --> 00:56:15,510

to my friends.

898

00:56:15,510 --> 00:56:22,278

But, you know, as you get older,
we finally got back to reality.

899
00:56:22,278 --> 00:56:23,070
People were coming.

900
00:56:23,070 --> 00:56:26,130

901
00:56:26,130 --> 00:56:34,750
And one day, I
think it was Truman

902
00:56:34,750 --> 00:56:38,980
had this doctrine signed for
200,000 or 300,000 refugees

903
00:56:38,980 --> 00:56:42,030
to let into this country,
so we registered for that.

904
00:56:42,030 --> 00:56:46,490

905
00:56:46,490 --> 00:56:53,510
And little by little, you
became a person again.

906
00:56:53,510 --> 00:56:55,650
You went back to reality.

907
00:56:55,650 --> 00:56:57,140
So there was a few girls.

908
00:56:57,140 --> 00:57:04,340
There were all young
men, all around 20, 21.

909
00:57:04,340 --> 00:57:08,540
So we had a good time.

910
00:57:08,540 --> 00:57:11,460
I mean, in camp, we lived
in a displaced person camp.

911
00:57:11,460 --> 00:57:14,180

Like I said, nobody
had worried about what

912
00:57:14,180 --> 00:57:15,680
you're going to eat
tomorrow or what

913
00:57:15,680 --> 00:57:20,910
you're going to wear tomorrow
because it was all given to us.

914
00:57:20,910 --> 00:57:27,540
And slowly, boy
meets girl, you know.

915
00:57:27,540 --> 00:57:29,490
I met my wife there
because she was the--

916
00:57:29,490 --> 00:57:30,250
In the DP camp?

917
00:57:30,250 --> 00:57:31,520
In DP camp.

918
00:57:31,520 --> 00:57:33,390
Because in that DP
camp, I think there

919
00:57:33,390 --> 00:57:39,060
were only two or three full
families, in other words, that

920
00:57:39,060 --> 00:57:41,000
survived Hitler.

921
00:57:41,000 --> 00:57:45,690
And my wife happened
to be hiding in Poland.

922
00:57:45,690 --> 00:57:48,620
She was hiding by Polish people.

923
00:57:48,620 --> 00:57:52,820
Her and her sister and

her father and mother

924

00:57:52,820 --> 00:57:55,030
survived Hitler.

925

00:57:55,030 --> 00:57:57,700
And they arrived to there.

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00:57:57,700 --> 00:58:03,960
And everybody was anxious to
see what a family looks like.

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00:58:03,960 --> 00:58:07,950
And somehow, there
were young girls there,

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00:58:07,950 --> 00:58:09,420
so boys congregated.

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00:58:09,420 --> 00:58:16,160
You wanted to see because there
was only single people that

930

00:58:16,160 --> 00:58:18,560
survived.

931

00:58:18,560 --> 00:58:22,880
And slowly, people
came from other camps.

932

00:58:22,880 --> 00:58:30,850
And I met my wife there,
and we got married in '47.

933

00:58:30,850 --> 00:58:31,670
In the DP camp?

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00:58:31,670 --> 00:58:33,700
In the DP camp, right.

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00:58:33,700 --> 00:58:34,680
OK.

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00:58:34,680 --> 00:58:35,680

That's very interesting.

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00:58:35,680 --> 00:58:37,870

Yeah.

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00:58:37,870 --> 00:58:40,798

I think we'll stop here
now and take a break.

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00:58:40,798 --> 00:58:41,794

OK?

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00:58:41,794 --> 00:58:43,784

Good.

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00:58:43,784 --> 00:58:44,284

OK.

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00:58:44,284 --> 00:58:48,780

943

00:58:48,780 --> 00:58:52,290

OK, we-- yeah.

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00:58:52,290 --> 00:58:53,500

Mm-hmm.

945

00:58:53,500 --> 00:58:54,000