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00:00:00,000 --> 00:00:24,920

2
00:00:24,920 --> 00:00:26,010
Welcome.

3
00:00:26,010 --> 00:00:29,120
I am Joseph Preil, co-director
of the Holocaust Resource

4
00:00:29,120 --> 00:00:32,270
Center here at Kean
College of New Jersey.

5
00:00:32,270 --> 00:00:36,680
Today, Thursday,
December 3, 1992, we

6
00:00:36,680 --> 00:00:41,030
are privileged to have with
us as our guest Mr. Max

7
00:00:41,030 --> 00:00:48,830
Findling of Brooklyn, who is
a good friend of Mr. Naftuli

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00:00:48,830 --> 00:00:51,380
Lax of Elizabeth.

9
00:00:51,380 --> 00:00:55,670
And both Max Findling
and Naftuli Lax

10
00:00:55,670 --> 00:00:58,700
grew up together in the
same town in Poland,

11
00:00:58,700 --> 00:01:02,030
went to the same
school, and shared

12
00:01:02,030 --> 00:01:05,870
many of the same experiences
during World War II.

13
00:01:05,870 --> 00:01:10,280
At the outset, Mr.
Findling has here

14
00:01:10,280 --> 00:01:14,930
a number of pictures that we
want to make sure to view,

15
00:01:14,930 --> 00:01:17,510
and then we'll get to the story.

16
00:01:17,510 --> 00:01:22,190
This is-- Mr.
Findling, what is this?

17
00:01:22,190 --> 00:01:25,320
This is the picture from the
outside from the synagogue

18
00:01:25,320 --> 00:01:25,820
in Zmigród.

19
00:01:25,820 --> 00:01:30,280

20
00:01:30,280 --> 00:01:33,220
This synagogue was our
old synagogue [INAUDIBLE]..

21
00:01:33,220 --> 00:01:36,538
I would say about 400 years old.

22
00:01:36,538 --> 00:01:38,330
And the next picture
is the same synagogue?

23
00:01:38,330 --> 00:01:39,705
And this was the
same synagogue--

24
00:01:39,705 --> 00:01:41,860
the inside of the synagogue.

25
00:01:41,860 --> 00:01:44,702

26
00:01:44,702 --> 00:01:46,410
Is there anything
you'd like to point out

27
00:01:46,410 --> 00:01:47,827
about the inside
of the synagogue?

28
00:01:47,827 --> 00:01:50,080
Well, the inside was also old.

29
00:01:50,080 --> 00:01:53,730
And the ceiling of
the synagogue was

30
00:01:53,730 --> 00:01:58,600
all of kind of paintings
from all of kind

31
00:01:58,600 --> 00:02:03,310
religious historical memories.

32
00:02:03,310 --> 00:02:06,290
The lighting inside
was not electric.

33
00:02:06,290 --> 00:02:09,479
These were always
candelabras with candles.

34
00:02:09,479 --> 00:02:13,080
Yeah, very, very heavy brass.

35
00:02:13,080 --> 00:02:18,150
They would have, I would say,
a couple hundred kilo each.

36
00:02:18,150 --> 00:02:19,710
Yes.

37
00:02:19,710 --> 00:02:21,510
You could not replace this.

38

00:02:21,510 --> 00:02:24,420

This was the main
synagogue of your town.

39

00:02:24,420 --> 00:02:26,754

Yes.

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00:02:26,754 --> 00:02:27,640

All right.

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00:02:27,640 --> 00:02:31,920

After the war, how
recently were you in Poland

42

00:02:31,920 --> 00:02:33,540

to take those pictures?

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00:02:33,540 --> 00:02:38,360

This was-- no, sorry.

44

00:02:38,360 --> 00:02:41,700

This was in 1990.

45

00:02:41,700 --> 00:02:47,570

I went back to Zmigród with my
son Michael and other friends.

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00:02:47,570 --> 00:02:53,060

This is 250 meter from the
road, from the main road

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00:02:53,060 --> 00:02:57,680

going into the forest of Halbuv,
where the mass killing took

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00:02:57,680 --> 00:03:04,730

place on July 7, 1942.

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00:03:04,730 --> 00:03:11,270

In this grave, there are 1,250
men, women, and children.

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00:03:11,270 --> 00:03:14,300

We'll hear more about

that during the course

51
00:03:14,300 --> 00:03:15,065
of the interview--

52
00:03:15,065 --> 00:03:16,010
Right.

53
00:03:16,010 --> 00:03:18,900
--as well as about
the synagogue itself.

54
00:03:18,900 --> 00:03:21,560
This was a stone
which was putting down

55
00:03:21,560 --> 00:03:25,080
in 1945 after the war.

56
00:03:25,080 --> 00:03:29,120
But the Zmigróder, when they
came back from Russia and also

57
00:03:29,120 --> 00:03:32,570
from the concentration camp,
this stone is deteriorated.

58
00:03:32,570 --> 00:03:35,750
You cannot see nothing what
is written on this particular

59
00:03:35,750 --> 00:03:37,320
stone.

60
00:03:37,320 --> 00:03:41,240
But right now, we
are in a project

61
00:03:41,240 --> 00:03:44,540
to put in a new
stone, which are going

62
00:03:44,540 --> 00:03:48,870
to be proscribed in Polish,
in English, and in Hebrew,

63
00:03:48,870 --> 00:03:55,290
which-- this will take
place next year in 1993,

64
00:03:55,290 --> 00:03:59,940
approximately in the same
day when this happened.

65
00:03:59,940 --> 00:04:01,790
When you say, "we"--

66
00:04:01,790 --> 00:04:07,950
We-- myself, my son, other
friends from the Zmigród

67
00:04:07,950 --> 00:04:12,200
Society, from the Zmigróder,
and also people from the United

68
00:04:12,200 --> 00:04:15,080
States which had donate
money to this project.

69
00:04:15,080 --> 00:04:16,046
All right.

70
00:04:16,046 --> 00:04:21,360

71
00:04:21,360 --> 00:04:22,717
I think for it's this one.

72
00:04:22,717 --> 00:04:23,550
No, that'll be last.

73
00:04:23,550 --> 00:04:24,480
OK.

74
00:04:24,480 --> 00:04:28,710
This is a picture which
took-- it took place

75
00:04:28,710 --> 00:04:31,440

in Warzyce in the forest.

76

00:04:31,440 --> 00:04:33,990

I would say about
seven kilometer

77

00:04:33,990 --> 00:04:36,270

from the town of Jaslo.

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00:04:36,270 --> 00:04:41,130

In this grave was buried between
40 and 50 people, including

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00:04:41,130 --> 00:04:45,390

my sister with two
rabbis, which--

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00:04:45,390 --> 00:04:54,840

the name from this rabbis was
Rabbi Meilech Rubin from Jaslo

81

00:04:54,840 --> 00:04:59,910

and Rabbi Chuno Halberstarm,
the Rabbi of Kolicice.

82

00:04:59,910 --> 00:05:03,570

My sister is buried here.

83

00:05:03,570 --> 00:05:09,960

My friend's mother, Esther
Rosner and the daughter Malka

84

00:05:09,960 --> 00:05:11,550

Rosner.

85

00:05:11,550 --> 00:05:16,310

There is buried there Shulom
Pfeffer, his wife Leah Pfeffer

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00:05:16,310 --> 00:05:18,900

with other two daughters.

87

00:05:18,900 --> 00:05:24,990

There's buried another woman
from my town, Leah Lieberman,

88
00:05:24,990 --> 00:05:28,550
with her daughters,
and a lot more Jews.

89
00:05:28,550 --> 00:05:33,390
Approximately, I would say,
between 40 and 50 people

90
00:05:33,390 --> 00:05:34,430
took place.

91
00:05:34,430 --> 00:05:37,025
They took them out
from the Jaslo jail

92
00:05:37,025 --> 00:05:41,760
and they got killed in
the forest of Warzyce.

93
00:05:41,760 --> 00:05:43,260
And this is the picture.

94
00:05:43,260 --> 00:05:45,750
Again, we'll hear about
that during the course

95
00:05:45,750 --> 00:05:46,850
of the interview.

96
00:05:46,850 --> 00:05:47,580
And here--

97
00:05:47,580 --> 00:05:50,580

98
00:05:50,580 --> 00:05:56,295
This is a picture I took of from
the gate going into the Warzyce

99
00:05:56,295 --> 00:05:57,600
forest.

100
00:05:57,600 --> 00:05:59,990

Well, the set here
in this picture,

101
00:05:59,990 --> 00:06:04,170
they don't mention here that
the Jews were killed here.

102
00:06:04,170 --> 00:06:07,930
What they mention here is
that Poles was killed here.

103
00:06:07,930 --> 00:06:09,210
Do you want to read--

104
00:06:09,210 --> 00:06:10,260
it's written in Polish.

105
00:06:10,260 --> 00:06:11,273
It is written in Polish.

106
00:06:11,273 --> 00:06:12,690
Perhaps I'll give
you the picture,

107
00:06:12,690 --> 00:06:15,150
and you'll translate
it into English.

108
00:06:15,150 --> 00:06:15,650
Yes.

109
00:06:15,650 --> 00:06:19,870

110
00:06:19,870 --> 00:06:23,770
"This is the cemetery
from Warzyce.

111
00:06:23,770 --> 00:06:32,035
The place from 1940 to 1944,
the police in the Gestapo from

112
00:06:32,035 --> 00:06:46,810
Jaslo with other Hitler's
people shot and killed groups

113
00:06:46,810 --> 00:06:54,880
of people from the surrounding
area from Jaslo, Krosno,

114
00:06:54,880 --> 00:07:01,450
Gorlice, Brzeszów,
and also other places.

115
00:07:01,450 --> 00:07:04,210
They put down the
place that this

116
00:07:04,210 --> 00:07:13,960
happened the 25th of
February, the 3rd of July,

117
00:07:13,960 --> 00:07:17,560
the 18th of August in 1943.

118
00:07:17,560 --> 00:07:22,270
Also the 18th of
April, the 1st of July,

119
00:07:22,270 --> 00:07:26,990
the 8th of July in 1944.

120
00:07:26,990 --> 00:07:33,790
Here there are 32 graves which
they are laying here about

121
00:07:33,790 --> 00:07:40,660
5,000 people which they have
all killed by the German --

122
00:07:40,660 --> 00:07:45,460
by the Hitler's [INAUDIBLE]."

123
00:07:45,460 --> 00:07:48,070
So all it says is people.

124
00:07:48,070 --> 00:07:49,200
People.

125

00:07:49,200 --> 00:07:51,490
They don't mention Jews.

126
00:07:51,490 --> 00:07:52,870
And they're all Jews.

127
00:07:52,870 --> 00:07:53,470
No.

128
00:07:53,470 --> 00:07:55,210
They're not all Jews.

129
00:07:55,210 --> 00:07:58,900
Most of the people,
they are Jews.

130
00:07:58,900 --> 00:08:02,080
Well, later in the
story, I will tell you

131
00:08:02,080 --> 00:08:06,580
how I know what
happened there and how I

132
00:08:06,580 --> 00:08:09,280
know how many graves there are.

133
00:08:09,280 --> 00:08:10,860
Right.

134
00:08:10,860 --> 00:08:14,380
And now we'll go back to
the beginning of life.

135
00:08:14,380 --> 00:08:18,040
Can you tell us when
and where you were born?

136
00:08:18,040 --> 00:08:20,600
Your birthday and
your place of birth.

137
00:08:20,600 --> 00:08:28,710
I was born in Zmigród in
the 28 of July in 1923.

138

00:08:28,710 --> 00:08:31,150

I lived in Zmigród all my life.

139

00:08:31,150 --> 00:08:33,710

140

00:08:33,710 --> 00:08:39,094

I was said my whole family was
living in Zmigród about 200

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00:08:39,094 --> 00:08:39,594

years.

142

00:08:39,594 --> 00:08:42,280

143

00:08:42,280 --> 00:08:44,720

Zmigród is located where?

144

00:08:44,720 --> 00:08:50,010

Zmigród is located not far away
from the Czechoslovakian border

145

00:08:50,010 --> 00:08:54,360

and is by-- in the
Carpathian Hills.

146

00:08:54,360 --> 00:08:59,610

There is about 170 kilometer
from Kraków and about 18

147

00:08:59,610 --> 00:09:02,370

kilometer from Jaslo, which--

148

00:09:02,370 --> 00:09:10,560

this was the main city in
order to get to the railroad.

149

00:09:10,560 --> 00:09:12,060

So this is in Poland.

150

00:09:12,060 --> 00:09:13,350

This is in Poland.

151

00:09:13,350 --> 00:09:17,293

And your large city is
Kraków, but your closest--

152

00:09:17,293 --> 00:09:18,210

The largest is Kraków.

153

00:09:18,210 --> 00:09:19,920

The closest is Jaslo.

154

00:09:19,920 --> 00:09:24,780

And how large a community
was Nowy Zmigród?

155

00:09:24,780 --> 00:09:29,700

Nowy Zmigród was about,
I would say, 2000 people,

156

00:09:29,700 --> 00:09:31,320

Jews with Gentile.

157

00:09:31,320 --> 00:09:35,400

But I would say about 80% Jews.

158

00:09:35,400 --> 00:09:41,670

But the surrounding Zmigród,
which was most of them

159

00:09:41,670 --> 00:09:46,620

Gentiles, single Jews
which they live over there.

160

00:09:46,620 --> 00:09:52,800

Then my grandfather was
also born in Zmigród.

161

00:09:52,800 --> 00:09:58,680

Like I said, about 200 years,
the family lived in Zmigród.

162

00:09:58,680 --> 00:10:03,420

My grandfather's name was
Shimshon and the grandmother's

163
00:10:03,420 --> 00:10:06,660
Gittel.

164
00:10:06,660 --> 00:10:07,780
They had eight children.

165
00:10:07,780 --> 00:10:11,230

166
00:10:11,230 --> 00:10:13,320
Five sons and three daughters.

167
00:10:13,320 --> 00:10:17,120

168
00:10:17,120 --> 00:10:21,440
In the beginning, they
all lived in Zmigród.

169
00:10:21,440 --> 00:10:24,500
The oldest one was
Chiel, then was Chaim,

170
00:10:24,500 --> 00:10:33,460
and then was Hersch, and
Abraham, and my father, Isaac.

171
00:10:33,460 --> 00:10:35,360
And then was a sister Shprinsel.

172
00:10:35,360 --> 00:10:38,300
She married in the
family Leibner.

173
00:10:38,300 --> 00:10:41,750
And then was Fagarisl,
married to Lank,

174
00:10:41,750 --> 00:10:45,410
and then was a daughter,
Sima She married our cousin,

175
00:10:45,410 --> 00:10:47,900
Chiel Hirsch Findling.

176

00:10:47,900 --> 00:10:51,800

During this time, they
emigrated from Zmigród.

177

00:10:51,800 --> 00:10:55,550

The remain in Zmigród was Isaac.

178

00:10:55,550 --> 00:10:56,370

That's your father.

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00:10:56,370 --> 00:11:00,030

My father, and their
sister Shprinsel

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00:11:00,030 --> 00:11:03,140

who married to Leibner.

181

00:11:03,140 --> 00:11:06,400

My father, they were
a very close family.

182

00:11:06,400 --> 00:11:11,750

We had other families in
Zmigród like uncles, cousins.

183

00:11:11,750 --> 00:11:13,920

I would say about 50 people.

184

00:11:13,920 --> 00:11:16,370

And we lived all
together, approximately

185

00:11:16,370 --> 00:11:19,870

in the same neighborhood.

186

00:11:19,870 --> 00:11:23,790

Zmigród, I would say, the
Jewish people of Zmigród,

187

00:11:23,790 --> 00:11:25,520

they were religious people.

188

00:11:25,520 --> 00:11:28,910

189
00:11:28,910 --> 00:11:30,920
I would say all of
the people, they

190
00:11:30,920 --> 00:11:36,170
went to shul every day,
at night, Saturday.

191
00:11:36,170 --> 00:11:37,640
A lot of people,
Saturday, didn't

192
00:11:37,640 --> 00:11:41,360
work, because you need
to have a [INAUDIBLE] is

193
00:11:41,360 --> 00:11:43,235
you didn't work certain places.

194
00:11:43,235 --> 00:11:45,830

195
00:11:45,830 --> 00:11:51,200
The children from Zmigród, most
of them attended public school

196
00:11:51,200 --> 00:11:52,010
in the--

197
00:11:52,010 --> 00:11:54,830
I would say it was a
public school in Zmigród--

198
00:11:54,830 --> 00:11:58,010
from 8 o'clock in the
morning till 1, 1:30.

199
00:11:58,010 --> 00:12:02,930
And after this, you went
to cheder to learn Hebrew,

200
00:12:02,930 --> 00:12:05,720
[? Chumash, ?] Gemara [HEBREW].

201
00:12:05,720 --> 00:12:11,330
And you used to go for
German lessons also.

202
00:12:11,330 --> 00:12:15,445
Because Zmigród, before
the war, first world war,

203
00:12:15,445 --> 00:12:16,870
was belonged to Austria.

204
00:12:16,870 --> 00:12:18,537
Is the culture--

205
00:12:18,537 --> 00:12:19,370
Belonged to Austria?

206
00:12:19,370 --> 00:12:20,720
Belonged to Austria.

207
00:12:20,720 --> 00:12:23,060
They used to go like this.

208
00:12:23,060 --> 00:12:29,870
Then my hometown, in mine own
home, we were three children.

209
00:12:29,870 --> 00:12:32,180
My oldest brother was Jacob.

210
00:12:32,180 --> 00:12:34,770
He was born in 1921.

211
00:12:34,770 --> 00:12:36,530
Then it was our sister Gittel.

212
00:12:36,530 --> 00:12:40,930
She was born-- no,
Jacob was born in 1918.

213
00:12:40,930 --> 00:12:44,480
Our sister Gittel,
she was born in 1921.

214

00:12:44,480 --> 00:12:47,540

Then I was born in 1923.

215

00:12:47,540 --> 00:12:52,220

What happened to Jacob
and Gittel in the war?

216

00:12:52,220 --> 00:13:01,130

Jacob died of pneumonia in 1944
in camp of Skarzysko-Kamienna

217

00:13:01,130 --> 00:13:03,290

in Poland.

218

00:13:03,290 --> 00:13:04,550

And Gittel?

219

00:13:04,550 --> 00:13:12,560

And Gittel was killed in 1942
in the forest of Warzyce,

220

00:13:12,560 --> 00:13:16,610

with other people, which I'm
going to tell the story later

221

00:13:16,610 --> 00:13:17,750

what happened to them.

222

00:13:17,750 --> 00:13:20,060

And what happened to your
parents during the war?

223

00:13:20,060 --> 00:13:26,110

My parents got killed in Zmigród
in the forest of Halbuv--

224

00:13:26,110 --> 00:13:29,630

this is about seven
kilometer from Zmigród--

225

00:13:29,630 --> 00:13:34,850

with other 1,250 men,
women, and children.

226

00:13:34,850 --> 00:13:37,850
So of the five people in
your immediate family,

227
00:13:37,850 --> 00:13:39,710
you were the only
one who survived.

228
00:13:39,710 --> 00:13:43,190
Of the five people, I am
the only one to survive.

229
00:13:43,190 --> 00:13:48,140
How many survived of
the eight children

230
00:13:48,140 --> 00:13:51,450
of whom your father was one?

231
00:13:51,450 --> 00:13:53,220
From the rest of the brothers.

232
00:13:53,220 --> 00:13:56,280
Brothers and sisters.

233
00:13:56,280 --> 00:14:00,570
I would say from Chiel and
Chaim, nobody survived.

234
00:14:00,570 --> 00:14:03,160

235
00:14:03,160 --> 00:14:06,060
Abraham, he died
on normal causes.

236
00:14:06,060 --> 00:14:07,322
Yes, his wife--

237
00:14:07,322 --> 00:14:08,280
He died before the war?

238
00:14:08,280 --> 00:14:09,040
Before the war.

239

00:14:09,040 --> 00:14:14,850

His wife is in the mass grave
with all of their children.

240

00:14:14,850 --> 00:14:17,580

A few of their children
survived the war in Russia,

241

00:14:17,580 --> 00:14:21,510

and then they
emigrated to Israel.

242

00:14:21,510 --> 00:14:30,180

Of the sister Fagarisl,
yes, two survived.

243

00:14:30,180 --> 00:14:32,880

The rest were exterminated.

244

00:14:32,880 --> 00:14:38,710

Of my aunt Shprinsel
Leidner, I would say

245

00:14:38,710 --> 00:14:41,020

they had about seven children.

246

00:14:41,020 --> 00:14:41,670

Yes.

247

00:14:41,670 --> 00:14:42,720

Two survived.

248

00:14:42,720 --> 00:14:46,920

One came here to the United
States before the war.

249

00:14:46,920 --> 00:14:49,320

One was in Russia.

250

00:14:49,320 --> 00:14:52,350

The rest of them got
killed during the war.

251

00:14:52,350 --> 00:14:58,380

So of those who remained
in Poland during the war,

252

00:14:58,380 --> 00:15:00,840
of your extended family--

253

00:15:00,840 --> 00:15:03,720
and we're only talking about
your father's side now--

254

00:15:03,720 --> 00:15:04,580
I was the only one.

255

00:15:04,580 --> 00:15:06,720
The only one who was in Poland
during the war and survived.

256

00:15:06,720 --> 00:15:08,512
In Poland during the
war and survived, yes.

257

00:15:08,512 --> 00:15:12,360
And about how many people are
we talking about altogether

258

00:15:12,360 --> 00:15:15,030
on your father's side?

259

00:15:15,030 --> 00:15:15,530
Well--

260

00:15:15,530 --> 00:15:17,520
A guess, because
we didn't realize--

261

00:15:17,520 --> 00:15:23,880
In this mass grave, I estimated
between 30 and 40 people.

262

00:15:23,880 --> 00:15:24,690
Of your family?

263

00:15:24,690 --> 00:15:31,240
Of-- my father's family,
aunt and uncles, sisters,

264

00:15:31,240 --> 00:15:36,310
lay in there in this mass grave.

265

00:15:36,310 --> 00:15:40,480
But others were
elsewhere in Poland, no?

266

00:15:40,480 --> 00:15:43,120
Well, when you say
others, you mean--

267

00:15:43,120 --> 00:15:44,070
Others of the family.

268

00:15:44,070 --> 00:15:46,330
Yeah, they're not--
they didn't survive.

269

00:15:46,330 --> 00:15:47,980
Yeah, they got killed
in other places

270

00:15:47,980 --> 00:15:50,270
which I don't know where.

271

00:15:50,270 --> 00:15:54,070
Oh, you don't have a-- you never
stopped to think about how many

272

00:15:54,070 --> 00:15:54,890
people were--

273

00:15:54,890 --> 00:15:58,270
In all, it was a couple
hundred people in the family.

274

00:15:58,270 --> 00:15:59,050
In the family.

275

00:15:59,050 --> 00:15:59,350
Yes.

276

00:15:59,350 --> 00:16:01,240

And does that include
your mother's family, too?

277
00:16:01,240 --> 00:16:01,740
No.

278
00:16:01,740 --> 00:16:04,170
My mother's family
come from Hungary.

279
00:16:04,170 --> 00:16:05,230
Uh-huh.

280
00:16:05,230 --> 00:16:08,390
I don't know what happened.

281
00:16:08,390 --> 00:16:12,440
She had in America, two
sisters and a brother.

282
00:16:12,440 --> 00:16:15,920
And she was the only one in--

283
00:16:15,920 --> 00:16:16,420
Europe.

284
00:16:16,420 --> 00:16:17,930
In Europe.

285
00:16:17,930 --> 00:16:21,940
So her family, her
siblings, in other words.

286
00:16:21,940 --> 00:16:25,500
Her sisters, brother-- they
left Europe before the war.

287
00:16:25,500 --> 00:16:28,000
They left Europe many,
many years before the war.

288
00:16:28,000 --> 00:16:29,540
All right.

289

00:16:29,540 --> 00:16:36,310

Right, now we have
you in Nowy Zmigród.

290

00:16:36,310 --> 00:16:41,680

You're born in 1923, which means
when the war broke out in '39,

291

00:16:41,680 --> 00:16:43,630

you were 16 years old.

292

00:16:43,630 --> 00:16:48,640

What was the relationship
between Jews and Gentiles

293

00:16:48,640 --> 00:16:50,410

in Poland?

294

00:16:50,410 --> 00:16:53,890

The relationship between
Jews and Gentiles in--

295

00:16:53,890 --> 00:16:56,290

I would say in Zmigród, yes.

296

00:16:56,290 --> 00:16:57,940

It was not too great.

297

00:16:57,940 --> 00:17:02,530

For instance, I was attending
the school, public school.

298

00:17:02,530 --> 00:17:05,260

I was wearing a
yarmulke in the school.

299

00:17:05,260 --> 00:17:09,160

We were a couple of Jews
in this particular class.

300

00:17:09,160 --> 00:17:11,980

And they used to come
all with friction.

301

00:17:11,980 --> 00:17:15,190

They used to rip
off the yarmulke.

302
00:17:15,190 --> 00:17:19,930
They used to bring
food non-Kosher

303
00:17:19,930 --> 00:17:22,180
and used to stick in our mouth.

304
00:17:22,180 --> 00:17:27,400
And there used to always
be between us fights.

305
00:17:27,400 --> 00:17:31,000
They used to call us name.

306
00:17:31,000 --> 00:17:32,140
We used to always--

307
00:17:32,140 --> 00:17:35,170
we always used to fight, yes.

308
00:17:35,170 --> 00:17:38,690
And there was a lot of
anti-Semitic things in Zmigród

309
00:17:38,690 --> 00:17:41,402
also going on.

310
00:17:41,402 --> 00:17:42,860
For instance, I'll
give an example,

311
00:17:42,860 --> 00:17:48,760
since I remember
there was make--

312
00:17:48,760 --> 00:17:51,700
the people from Zmigród,
some of them from the Poles,

313
00:17:51,700 --> 00:17:56,290
they used to make a Jew, which
they called him the Judosz.

314
00:17:56,290 --> 00:17:56,860
Jud--

315
00:17:56,860 --> 00:17:57,850
Judosz.

316
00:17:57,850 --> 00:17:58,843
Judosz.

317
00:17:58,843 --> 00:18:00,260
This was the name
they called him.

318
00:18:00,260 --> 00:18:01,100
Judosz.

319
00:18:01,100 --> 00:18:01,780
Y-J-I-D?

320
00:18:01,780 --> 00:18:10,930
J-U-D-O-S-Z. Judosz.

321
00:18:10,930 --> 00:18:17,680
And they used to come on Jewish
holiday before Good Friday.

322
00:18:17,680 --> 00:18:20,320
When the Jewish people
went from the synagogue,

323
00:18:20,320 --> 00:18:23,800
one of these anti-Semite
went behind the Jew, rip him

324
00:18:23,800 --> 00:18:27,730
off a hat, or a
shtreimel, yes, in order

325
00:18:27,730 --> 00:18:31,750
to make a Jew, a puppet, a Jew.

326
00:18:31,750 --> 00:18:36,090
They make a beard, with

payos, with a black uniform,

327

00:18:36,090 --> 00:18:36,840
with a gartel--

328

00:18:36,840 --> 00:18:38,840
I don't know how you say
in English, the gartel.

329

00:18:38,840 --> 00:18:40,210
A special belt.

330

00:18:40,210 --> 00:18:44,590
Special belt. They used to
work on them till Good Friday.

331

00:18:44,590 --> 00:18:50,470
Then came Good Friday,
like Thursday night, all

332

00:18:50,470 --> 00:18:52,570
the Poles from the
surrounding areas

333

00:18:52,570 --> 00:18:56,260
used to come to town from small,
from children, from 8 years

334

00:18:56,260 --> 00:18:58,330
to grown up up with big sticks.

335

00:18:58,330 --> 00:18:58,960
Yeah.

336

00:18:58,960 --> 00:19:01,530
They used to ask,
where do you go?

337

00:19:01,530 --> 00:19:04,220
We going on the Judosz.

338

00:19:04,220 --> 00:19:06,200
This what happened.

339

00:19:06,200 --> 00:19:07,090
Yeah.

340
00:19:07,090 --> 00:19:12,380
They came to the
town into the square

341
00:19:12,380 --> 00:19:16,230
of the town, which the whole
square was Jewish houses.

342
00:19:16,230 --> 00:19:19,530
Just in one of the corner of
the square was the church.

343
00:19:19,530 --> 00:19:22,370
And the church was
very, very tall.

344
00:19:22,370 --> 00:19:24,880
They brought this Judosz
on the top of the church

345
00:19:24,880 --> 00:19:27,430
and they stick him
out of the window.

346
00:19:27,430 --> 00:19:30,910
And the anti-Semites, they
were standing on the top

347
00:19:30,910 --> 00:19:38,770
in talking Jewish slogans about
Jews, all of kind of thing.

348
00:19:38,770 --> 00:19:41,440
And this was in the
church, because the church

349
00:19:41,440 --> 00:19:42,730
by themselves--

350
00:19:42,730 --> 00:19:45,930
yeah, the priest by himself
was a very big anti-Semite.

351

00:19:45,930 --> 00:19:49,060

And he encouraged this
on the Sunday, yeah,

352

00:19:49,060 --> 00:19:51,570

they should do certain
thing to the Jews.

353

00:19:51,570 --> 00:19:54,160

And this was going
on for Good Friday.

354

00:19:54,160 --> 00:19:57,850

Fun in the morning,
got whole day.

355

00:19:57,850 --> 00:20:00,340

Doing by the end of
the day, doing today,

356

00:20:00,340 --> 00:20:04,600

sometime was coming clashes
between the Jews and the Poles.

357

00:20:04,600 --> 00:20:08,600

But the Polish police
did never intervene.

358

00:20:08,600 --> 00:20:12,130

By the end of the day, they
thrown down this Judosz

359

00:20:12,130 --> 00:20:13,810

from the top to the ground.

360

00:20:13,810 --> 00:20:16,870

And the Poles used to
take him on two stick,

361

00:20:16,870 --> 00:20:20,140

and they were bringing
him around to the Rabbi

362

00:20:20,140 --> 00:20:25,540

for Zmigród, to the head

of the Jewish community.

363

00:20:25,540 --> 00:20:29,050
And they put him there standing
up in the front of the window.

364

00:20:29,050 --> 00:20:32,200
They used to talk
slogans like the Jews.

365

00:20:32,200 --> 00:20:36,950
They used to put
garbage on the windows.

366

00:20:36,950 --> 00:20:40,130
And they was going around in
most of all the street where

367

00:20:40,130 --> 00:20:45,440
Jewish people used to live till
they came to a bridge where

368

00:20:45,440 --> 00:20:51,490
the bridge connected Zmigród
to another small thing.

369

00:20:51,490 --> 00:20:53,300
And they put him on the bridge.

370

00:20:53,300 --> 00:20:56,290
They pour gasoline, and
they put him on fire

371

00:20:56,290 --> 00:20:58,610
and they throw him
down to the water.

372

00:20:58,610 --> 00:21:02,820
This was the end of
the Judosz each year

373

00:21:02,820 --> 00:21:04,260
till the war broke out.

374

00:21:04,260 --> 00:21:07,200

375

00:21:07,200 --> 00:21:10,920

Now when the war broke out,
they want to do the same thing.

376

00:21:10,920 --> 00:21:12,667

They was thinking,
this the Germans.

377

00:21:12,667 --> 00:21:14,500

If they're going to see
something like this,

378

00:21:14,500 --> 00:21:16,320

they're going to be impressed.

379

00:21:16,320 --> 00:21:20,670

And they're going to help to
the cause to kill the Jews.

380

00:21:20,670 --> 00:21:22,920

But this happened
the opposite way.

381

00:21:22,920 --> 00:21:24,840

They didn't know
what a Judosz is.

382

00:21:24,840 --> 00:21:27,660

There's so hundreds
and thousands of Poles

383

00:21:27,660 --> 00:21:29,400

coming to the town,
they was thinking

384

00:21:29,400 --> 00:21:33,060

that they are going to make a
revolution against the Germans.

385

00:21:33,060 --> 00:21:36,750

And the German police came
out and they start to shoot,

386

00:21:36,750 --> 00:21:38,850
and they kill a couple Poles.

387
00:21:38,850 --> 00:21:41,430
And they announced
that these Poles

388
00:21:41,430 --> 00:21:43,620
got killed because
they wanted to make

389
00:21:43,620 --> 00:21:45,630
a revolution
against the Germans.

390
00:21:45,630 --> 00:21:52,800
And this ended the
problem with the Poles.

391
00:21:52,800 --> 00:21:55,640
But Jewish people have stores.

392
00:21:55,640 --> 00:21:57,960
There were a couple
Gentile stores.

393
00:21:57,960 --> 00:22:00,000
They used to stay--

394
00:22:00,000 --> 00:22:05,640
they used to write slogans
not to buy by Jews.

395
00:22:05,640 --> 00:22:08,700
The Poles to Poles.

396
00:22:08,700 --> 00:22:12,810
There was a lot of anti-Semitic
thing going on in Zmigród.

397
00:22:12,810 --> 00:22:14,530
Even in the school,
the teachers,

398
00:22:14,530 --> 00:22:16,080

it was very anti-Semitic.

399

00:22:16,080 --> 00:22:20,250

Because the Jewish boys were
all the time good students.

400

00:22:20,250 --> 00:22:22,020

Yeah.

401

00:22:22,020 --> 00:22:22,590

Excuse me.

402

00:22:22,590 --> 00:22:26,970

And the Gentiles didn't like
this thing, because we always

403

00:22:26,970 --> 00:22:28,850

had better marks than they had.

404

00:22:28,850 --> 00:22:30,740

This always was
friction between them.

405

00:22:30,740 --> 00:22:33,850

406

00:22:33,850 --> 00:22:38,290

Well, this is most of the thing
what happened with the Poles

407

00:22:38,290 --> 00:22:38,790

in thing.

408

00:22:38,790 --> 00:22:42,280

But not all the
Poles, I would say,

409

00:22:42,280 --> 00:22:45,770

was particular anti-Semitic.

410

00:22:45,770 --> 00:22:51,093

Certain Poles, yeah, maybe, was
not so much anti-Semitic, yeah.

411

00:22:51,093 --> 00:22:53,010
Or more about they wasn't
and they didn't want

412
00:22:53,010 --> 00:22:54,270
to show up for the neighbors.

413
00:22:54,270 --> 00:22:58,860
Because in our street was
living a couple Gentile thing.

414
00:22:58,860 --> 00:23:04,195
I did not see anything between
us anti-Semitic things.

415
00:23:04,195 --> 00:23:07,490

416
00:23:07,490 --> 00:23:10,880
But I would say most of
them were anti-Semitic.

417
00:23:10,880 --> 00:23:11,680
All right.

418
00:23:11,680 --> 00:23:13,855
The war broke out in '39.

419
00:23:13,855 --> 00:23:17,680
The war broke out in 1939.

420
00:23:17,680 --> 00:23:19,600
I don't remember exactly--

421
00:23:19,600 --> 00:23:24,550
I would say about a week,
the German were in Zmigród.

422
00:23:24,550 --> 00:23:28,000
Because once that came from
the side of Czechoslovakia,

423
00:23:28,000 --> 00:23:32,100
and the Poland did not have
an army on this border.

424

00:23:32,100 --> 00:23:34,720

Our big one is the other way.

425

00:23:34,720 --> 00:23:36,250

They came in.

426

00:23:36,250 --> 00:23:40,600

When they came in, most
of the Jewish people

427

00:23:40,600 --> 00:23:44,230

was inside in the houses.

428

00:23:44,230 --> 00:23:45,880

They came into our block.

429

00:23:45,880 --> 00:23:50,350

They establish positions
with their machine guns

430

00:23:50,350 --> 00:23:52,780

against aeroplanes.

431

00:23:52,780 --> 00:23:55,450

I remember my mother
went out and wanted

432

00:23:55,450 --> 00:23:59,320

to greet them with
bread and salt.

433

00:23:59,320 --> 00:24:02,410

And think they
didn't want to taste.

434

00:24:02,410 --> 00:24:07,150

They thanked and she
went into the house.

435

00:24:07,150 --> 00:24:12,400

In the beginning, we didn't see
anything specific from them.

436

00:24:12,400 --> 00:24:18,170
But later during that time,
by the end of 1939, yeah,

437
00:24:18,170 --> 00:24:22,120
one Friday, the Jewish
people went to the synagogue.

438
00:24:22,120 --> 00:24:24,160
The people went out
in the synagogue.

439
00:24:24,160 --> 00:24:25,410
And they went in.

440
00:24:25,410 --> 00:24:27,400
They put in gasoline.

441
00:24:27,400 --> 00:24:29,157
And they put the
synagogue on the fire.

442
00:24:29,157 --> 00:24:30,740
Synagogue that we
saw in the pictures.

443
00:24:30,740 --> 00:24:32,605
The synagogue what you
saw in the pictures.

444
00:24:32,605 --> 00:24:35,310
They were rampaging
Jewish houses.

445
00:24:35,310 --> 00:24:37,480
They wanted to
catch Jewish people,

446
00:24:37,480 --> 00:24:39,400
throw them into the fires.

447
00:24:39,400 --> 00:24:42,820
Yes, I remember they
knocked for us on the door.

448

00:24:42,820 --> 00:24:44,260
My mother opened the door.

449
00:24:44,260 --> 00:24:46,090
They came in.

450
00:24:46,090 --> 00:24:47,790
I had an uncle.

451
00:24:47,790 --> 00:24:50,080
His name was [PERSONAL NAME].

452
00:24:50,080 --> 00:24:56,800
He came from a small
town called [PLACE NAME]..

453
00:24:56,800 --> 00:24:59,060
He was living in our house.

454
00:24:59,060 --> 00:25:01,840
And my mother put him
to bed, because she

455
00:25:01,840 --> 00:25:04,410
was afraid they're going
to throw him into the fire.

456
00:25:04,410 --> 00:25:06,320
Matter of fact, they
wanted to take him out,

457
00:25:06,320 --> 00:25:09,370
but my mother was
pleading, crying.

458
00:25:09,370 --> 00:25:11,270
They left him alone.

459
00:25:11,270 --> 00:25:14,037
The fire was boiling for days.

460
00:25:14,037 --> 00:25:15,870
Did they get some Jews
to throw to the fire?

461

00:25:15,870 --> 00:25:17,610

They did not get no Jews.

462

00:25:17,610 --> 00:25:19,170

No, they didn't get no Jews.

463

00:25:19,170 --> 00:25:21,660

Would you say it was
a disorganized action

464

00:25:21,660 --> 00:25:23,820

on the part of the Germans?

465

00:25:23,820 --> 00:25:24,960

I would say.

466

00:25:24,960 --> 00:25:25,680

I would say.

467

00:25:25,680 --> 00:25:26,670

But everything but--

468

00:25:26,670 --> 00:25:29,253

All they succeeded in doing was
in burning down the synagogue.

469

00:25:29,253 --> 00:25:31,286

Burning down the synagogue, yes.

470

00:25:31,286 --> 00:25:33,390

So this is the end of '39?

471

00:25:33,390 --> 00:25:34,680

This is the end of '39--

472

00:25:34,680 --> 00:25:38,640

no, after the Jews had
to go in to take apart

473

00:25:38,640 --> 00:25:39,510

the whole synagogue.

474

00:25:39,510 --> 00:25:42,180

I mean, the synagogue
was made of stones.

475
00:25:42,180 --> 00:25:44,430
You had to take apart
the synagogue in order

476
00:25:44,430 --> 00:25:45,865
to make flat.

477
00:25:45,865 --> 00:25:50,400

478
00:25:50,400 --> 00:25:53,530
You shouldn't even see this
anything was over there.

479
00:25:53,530 --> 00:25:56,620

480
00:25:56,620 --> 00:26:03,090
Then we came to 1940.

481
00:26:03,090 --> 00:26:06,700
Still in Zmigród--
still in Zmigród,

482
00:26:06,700 --> 00:26:10,910
people used to
manage to get food.

483
00:26:10,910 --> 00:26:13,720
The German-- a lot
of Polish people

484
00:26:13,720 --> 00:26:19,240
used to show to the
Germans which Jew was rich,

485
00:26:19,240 --> 00:26:21,340
which Jew had a store.

486
00:26:21,340 --> 00:26:24,708
They used to come and
take out the merchandise

487

00:26:24,708 --> 00:26:25,375
from the stores.

488

00:26:25,375 --> 00:26:28,110

489

00:26:28,110 --> 00:26:32,400
And sometimes they used
to come from other towns

490

00:26:32,400 --> 00:26:36,370
and catch Jews and cut
the Jews the beards.

491

00:26:36,370 --> 00:26:40,310
And it was not--

492

00:26:40,310 --> 00:26:43,720
they didn't kill in that
time nobody which I know.

493

00:26:43,720 --> 00:26:47,010
But they were rampaging
Jewish houses.

494

00:26:47,010 --> 00:26:50,800
They came for-- they used--

495

00:26:50,800 --> 00:26:53,620
later on, they
organized a Jewish--

496

00:26:53,620 --> 00:26:54,890
like you say, a Judenrat.

497

00:26:54,890 --> 00:26:56,140
A committee.

498

00:26:56,140 --> 00:26:57,700
That's if they
want anything, they

499

00:26:57,700 --> 00:26:59,730

shouldn't have to deal
with the Jewish people.

500
00:26:59,730 --> 00:27:05,730
Just they went straight to the
president of Jewish community.

501
00:27:05,730 --> 00:27:08,260
Who were the members
of the Judenrat?

502
00:27:08,260 --> 00:27:10,600
The president of the
Jewish community,

503
00:27:10,600 --> 00:27:13,780
yes, his name was
Hersch Eisenberg.

504
00:27:13,780 --> 00:27:15,580
He was a single man.

505
00:27:15,580 --> 00:27:21,670
But very tall,
strong, strong man.

506
00:27:21,670 --> 00:27:24,910
And he had another couple of
people which I don't remember.

507
00:27:24,910 --> 00:27:26,600
I don't remember their names.

508
00:27:26,600 --> 00:27:29,990
What was the attitude towards
the people of the Judenrat?

509
00:27:29,990 --> 00:27:31,840
He was-- him by himself?

510
00:27:31,840 --> 00:27:34,950
He was a very good person.

511
00:27:34,950 --> 00:27:36,340
Taught the Jewish people.

512
00:27:36,340 --> 00:27:37,510
Very respected.

513
00:27:37,510 --> 00:27:38,320
Very respected.

514
00:27:38,320 --> 00:27:41,980
But he had sometimes
certain orders, yes.

515
00:27:41,980 --> 00:27:44,800
Like, they came
for contribution.

516
00:27:44,800 --> 00:27:51,440
They would say they want 100,000
zlotys or more than this, yes.

517
00:27:51,440 --> 00:27:53,920
So they came to him, he
used to go to people,

518
00:27:53,920 --> 00:27:55,360
and they used to--

519
00:27:55,360 --> 00:27:59,950
in the time it was possible,
they used to give to him.

520
00:27:59,950 --> 00:28:03,730
Later, they came, they
want people to go to work.

521
00:28:03,730 --> 00:28:06,850
Later in the
wintertime, they want

522
00:28:06,850 --> 00:28:08,710
people should clean the roads.

523
00:28:08,710 --> 00:28:11,530
Because in Zmigród, when
come the winter time,

524

00:28:11,530 --> 00:28:14,020
the winter was very, very rough.

525

00:28:14,020 --> 00:28:21,010
Was snow which would come to
two, three yard, two yards.

526

00:28:21,010 --> 00:28:21,960
Two yards?

527

00:28:21,960 --> 00:28:22,630
Yards, yes.

528

00:28:22,630 --> 00:28:23,318
Six feet.

529

00:28:23,318 --> 00:28:23,860
That's right.

530

00:28:23,860 --> 00:28:26,440
Because sometime, you had
to make a tunnel in order

531

00:28:26,440 --> 00:28:28,750
to go from one house
to the other ones.

532

00:28:28,750 --> 00:28:31,240
When I remember.

533

00:28:31,240 --> 00:28:33,580
Later the year, it
was not so much.

534

00:28:33,580 --> 00:28:37,760
Is the Polish people, the
roads was always closed.

535

00:28:37,760 --> 00:28:39,970
The transportation
in the wintertime

536

00:28:39,970 --> 00:28:41,600
was horses and sleds.

537
00:28:41,600 --> 00:28:42,100
Yeah.

538
00:28:42,100 --> 00:28:44,260
But the German,
they wanted to have

539
00:28:44,260 --> 00:28:46,480
the transportation
there should the army

540
00:28:46,480 --> 00:28:48,340
should be able to pass.

541
00:28:48,340 --> 00:28:52,570
Is Jewish people have to
go out and work in order

542
00:28:52,570 --> 00:28:54,510
to clean the roads.

543
00:28:54,510 --> 00:28:56,440
Working days, nights.

544
00:28:56,440 --> 00:28:57,620
Clean the roads.

545
00:28:57,620 --> 00:29:00,310
They should be able to pass.

546
00:29:00,310 --> 00:29:03,163
And sometime they went to
the community for people.

547
00:29:03,163 --> 00:29:05,080
Sometime they called the
people in the street.

548
00:29:05,080 --> 00:29:06,880
Whoever they called,
they took him.

549
00:29:06,880 --> 00:29:11,690

550
00:29:11,690 --> 00:29:14,600
Then came 1941.

551
00:29:14,600 --> 00:29:15,260
They came.

552
00:29:15,260 --> 00:29:18,200
They want to-- the Jewish
people should give the furs,

553
00:29:18,200 --> 00:29:20,720
because they said they need the
furs for the German soldiers

554
00:29:20,720 --> 00:29:22,303
in the front.

555
00:29:22,303 --> 00:29:23,720
They want the
Jewish people should

556
00:29:23,720 --> 00:29:26,050
give the gold and diamonds.

557
00:29:26,050 --> 00:29:27,560
What was the first
thing you said?

558
00:29:27,560 --> 00:29:28,220
The force?

559
00:29:28,220 --> 00:29:28,790
Furs.

560
00:29:28,790 --> 00:29:29,780
Furs.

561
00:29:29,780 --> 00:29:31,766
Fur.

562
00:29:31,766 --> 00:29:32,730
Fur coat.

563

00:29:32,730 --> 00:29:33,270

Fur coat.

564

00:29:33,270 --> 00:29:33,990

The fur coat.

565

00:29:33,990 --> 00:29:34,520

Fur coats.

566

00:29:34,520 --> 00:29:35,020

Furs.

567

00:29:35,020 --> 00:29:35,280

Yeah.

568

00:29:35,280 --> 00:29:35,780

Furs.

569

00:29:35,780 --> 00:29:37,960

Yes.

570

00:29:37,960 --> 00:29:44,340

Later, they want the
gold, diamonds, metal,

571

00:29:44,340 --> 00:29:47,210

all the thing where they
were worth while for them.

572

00:29:47,210 --> 00:29:52,200

Whatever was possible, the
Jewish people gave them.

573

00:29:52,200 --> 00:29:55,500

Then every Jew
had to go to work.

574

00:29:55,500 --> 00:29:57,500

They have to have
where to go to work.

575

00:29:57,500 --> 00:30:01,220

It's everybody had to find

a place where to work.

576

00:30:01,220 --> 00:30:04,890

You could find places to work
by Gentile, on the field, all

577

00:30:04,890 --> 00:30:07,350

of kind of places.

578

00:30:07,350 --> 00:30:13,710

Then they wanted people
should go to work on the road.

579

00:30:13,710 --> 00:30:15,520

They used to build roads.

580

00:30:15,520 --> 00:30:19,380

Is-- I was working on
the road building roads.

581

00:30:19,380 --> 00:30:22,530

Then I was working and they
used to take people to work

582

00:30:22,530 --> 00:30:24,450

on [NON-ENGLISH].

583

00:30:24,450 --> 00:30:28,560

This is where they did digging,
the digging out the ground.

584

00:30:28,560 --> 00:30:32,250

And later with dynamite,
they put down in the stones

585

00:30:32,250 --> 00:30:34,980

and they exploded them.

586

00:30:34,980 --> 00:30:37,420

And is they wanted
people from Zmigród.

587

00:30:37,420 --> 00:30:39,670

Is every day in the
morning, a truck,

588

00:30:39,670 --> 00:30:41,550

a German truck used to come.

589

00:30:41,550 --> 00:30:47,670

And they used to take about 50,
60 people to a place, Lipovice.

590

00:30:47,670 --> 00:30:51,570

This was not far
away from Dukla.

591

00:30:51,570 --> 00:30:52,420

Yes.

592

00:30:52,420 --> 00:30:56,460

And the company, the German
company's name was [? Emil ?]

593

00:30:56,460 --> 00:30:59,810

[? Ludwig. ?] Bound
to [NON-ENGLISH]..

594

00:30:59,810 --> 00:31:04,770

And we were working over there
in this place without money.

595

00:31:04,770 --> 00:31:06,180

They used to give us food.

596

00:31:06,180 --> 00:31:08,800

And at the night, on the
borders back to Zmigród.

597

00:31:08,800 --> 00:31:10,300

This was going every day.

598

00:31:10,300 --> 00:31:11,130

Every day.

599

00:31:11,130 --> 00:31:13,690

And we're in 1941, winter.

600

00:31:13,690 --> 00:31:15,630

In-- yes, in the winter.

601

00:31:15,630 --> 00:31:17,490

Yes, it was going on like this.

602

00:31:17,490 --> 00:31:20,307

This is two years
after the war started.

603

00:31:20,307 --> 00:31:21,640

Two years after the war started.

604

00:31:21,640 --> 00:31:23,760

Did you have enough
food in town?

605

00:31:23,760 --> 00:31:26,790

Well, we always
managed to get food.

606

00:31:26,790 --> 00:31:28,140

They used to go to the Poles.

607

00:31:28,140 --> 00:31:29,730

They always managed.

608

00:31:29,730 --> 00:31:32,680

Later came a restriction.

609

00:31:32,680 --> 00:31:36,330

Restriction came in 1942.

610

00:31:36,330 --> 00:31:39,360

Jewish people couldn't
go out of the town.

611

00:31:39,360 --> 00:31:42,840

Yes, you just can go
till the city borders.

612

00:31:42,840 --> 00:31:46,010

I remember one instant
there was a man in our town,

613

00:31:46,010 --> 00:31:48,550
his name was--

614
00:31:48,550 --> 00:31:50,730
you called him
[? Shtima ?] David.

615
00:31:50,730 --> 00:31:52,740
He couldn't speak.

616
00:31:52,740 --> 00:31:53,910
He couldn't hear.

617
00:31:53,910 --> 00:31:55,710
But he was a very--

618
00:31:55,710 --> 00:31:57,090
he was a tailor.

619
00:31:57,090 --> 00:31:59,130
And he was a very
intelligent person.

620
00:31:59,130 --> 00:32:01,800
Because before the war,
he used to go to Vienna

621
00:32:01,800 --> 00:32:02,970
to a special school.

622
00:32:02,970 --> 00:32:05,640
He knew how to write.

623
00:32:05,640 --> 00:32:09,630
Yes, he was the first
casualty in Zmigród.

624
00:32:09,630 --> 00:32:14,940
He went out from the borders
from Zmigród to a Polish guy,

625
00:32:14,940 --> 00:32:19,090
what he had a place where
they were making flour.

626

00:32:19,090 --> 00:32:22,550

As he went out to this guy
to ask for a little flour.

627

00:32:22,550 --> 00:32:26,220

And then the German policeman,
he was riding on a horse.

628

00:32:26,220 --> 00:32:31,080

His name was [? Krail. ?]
He was from the Zmigród,

629

00:32:31,080 --> 00:32:32,850

the German police.

630

00:32:32,850 --> 00:32:34,890

And he caught him on the road.

631

00:32:34,890 --> 00:32:38,460

And without no asking
question, he killed him.

632

00:32:38,460 --> 00:32:40,170

He shot him on the place.

633

00:32:40,170 --> 00:32:42,590

Then he called to the
Jewish community house

634

00:32:42,590 --> 00:32:47,520

they should take
him and bury him.

635

00:32:47,520 --> 00:32:50,872

This was the first instance
what I remember what happened

636

00:32:50,872 --> 00:32:52,080

in Zmigród where they killed.

637

00:32:52,080 --> 00:32:55,310

638

00:32:55,310 --> 00:32:59,720

Then came 1942.

639
00:32:59,720 --> 00:33:01,175
Was all the kind
of restrictions.

640
00:33:01,175 --> 00:33:03,110
In Zmigród, you
couldn't go here.

641
00:33:03,110 --> 00:33:04,580
You couldn't go there.

642
00:33:04,580 --> 00:33:06,750
But Jewish people still manage--

643
00:33:06,750 --> 00:33:09,510
you still managed to get food.

644
00:33:09,510 --> 00:33:11,050
Still managed to get food.

645
00:33:11,050 --> 00:33:15,620
Yes, it is-- I think
food was not a problem.

646
00:33:15,620 --> 00:33:16,580
Yes.

647
00:33:16,580 --> 00:33:22,130
Then came 1942.

648
00:33:22,130 --> 00:33:28,080
I would say by the
6th of July, yes we

649
00:33:28,080 --> 00:33:30,770
heard was rumors in the town.

650
00:33:30,770 --> 00:33:33,220
There's a Pole youth.

651
00:33:33,220 --> 00:33:35,450
They were working

for the Germans.

652

00:33:35,450 --> 00:33:38,270

And they used to call
him [? Junakis. ?]

653

00:33:38,270 --> 00:33:44,270

And there was going to
their forest and dig graves.

654

00:33:44,270 --> 00:33:45,290

Dig graves.

655

00:33:45,290 --> 00:33:47,210

And they were said
that this graves

656

00:33:47,210 --> 00:33:49,760

is for the Jewish people.

657

00:33:49,760 --> 00:33:56,660

This was before the
7th of July happened.

658

00:33:56,660 --> 00:33:58,250

Well, we knew.

659

00:33:58,250 --> 00:34:03,590

But still nobody believed that
something like this can happen.

660

00:34:03,590 --> 00:34:07,100

Is came the 7th of July.

661

00:34:07,100 --> 00:34:09,260

They came.

662

00:34:09,260 --> 00:34:12,800

They said that all
the Jewish people have

663

00:34:12,800 --> 00:34:14,584

to assemble in the morning.

664

00:34:14,584 --> 00:34:17,159

665

00:34:17,159 --> 00:34:20,330

And they place the name of
the place [? Ball's ?] Place--

666

00:34:20,330 --> 00:34:22,489

they used to play
soccer over there--

667

00:34:22,489 --> 00:34:25,469

all the families
should stay together.

668

00:34:25,469 --> 00:34:27,409

And you don't have
to take nothing

669

00:34:27,409 --> 00:34:31,520

with you, because this was just
a short time for registration.

670

00:34:31,520 --> 00:34:34,460

671

00:34:34,460 --> 00:34:40,000

I would say most
of the Jews came.

672

00:34:40,000 --> 00:34:44,320

One family what I
know did not come.

673

00:34:44,320 --> 00:34:47,860

This guy did not come
because he was a cripple.

674

00:34:47,860 --> 00:34:49,750

As he did not come.

675

00:34:49,750 --> 00:34:50,830

Most of them came.

676

00:34:50,830 --> 00:34:55,389

I came with my father and
mother, brother and sister.

677

00:34:55,389 --> 00:34:58,940

My aunt Shprinsel with her
husband, with the children.

678

00:34:58,940 --> 00:35:02,050

We stood together.

679

00:35:02,050 --> 00:35:06,860

They said you have to
line up on this place.

680

00:35:06,860 --> 00:35:08,590

And we lined up on this place.

681

00:35:08,590 --> 00:35:09,910

Took time.

682

00:35:09,910 --> 00:35:13,760

During this time, Polish
police came, surrounded.

683

00:35:13,760 --> 00:35:16,465

German police came,
surrounded the whole place.

684

00:35:16,465 --> 00:35:19,930

We still did not
have too much idea.

685

00:35:19,930 --> 00:35:20,660

Yes.

686

00:35:20,660 --> 00:35:23,890

And the Gestapo came
from Jaslo and they start

687

00:35:23,890 --> 00:35:28,060

to pull out people by luck.

688

00:35:28,060 --> 00:35:33,160

Young, old, children,
was nothing yet.

689

00:35:33,160 --> 00:35:37,670

This-- they took out my father,
with my mother, my brother,

690

00:35:37,670 --> 00:35:41,370

my sister and me was
remained on this place.

691

00:35:41,370 --> 00:35:42,670

They took him out.

692

00:35:42,670 --> 00:35:44,730

They took out your
father and mother only?

693

00:35:44,730 --> 00:35:45,820

And mother-- yes.

694

00:35:45,820 --> 00:35:49,010

And my sister and brother
and I remained on this place.

695

00:35:49,010 --> 00:35:52,310

And they told him to
go on the other side.

696

00:35:52,310 --> 00:35:56,560

Also my aunt Shprinsel with her
husband [PERSONAL NAME]] took

697

00:35:56,560 --> 00:35:59,480

them with her daughter
[PERSONAL NAME]] with

698

00:35:59,480 --> 00:36:02,550

the children, took them
out to the other side.

699

00:36:02,550 --> 00:36:04,940

And other more
people from Zmigród.

700

00:36:04,940 --> 00:36:08,680

Aunt, uncle, cousin, took

them out to the other side.

701

00:36:08,680 --> 00:36:13,360

I saw from far away when
they took my father.

702

00:36:13,360 --> 00:36:17,480

That's-- he ask a question,
and one of the Germans hit him

703

00:36:17,480 --> 00:36:17,980

on the head.

704

00:36:17,980 --> 00:36:20,660

705

00:36:20,660 --> 00:36:24,160

(CRYING) And blood was running.

706

00:36:24,160 --> 00:36:27,520

707

00:36:27,520 --> 00:36:29,890

My mother bandaged his head.

708

00:36:29,890 --> 00:36:32,610

And I saw from-- look
and look and look

709

00:36:32,610 --> 00:36:35,460

to see, yeah, what happened.

710

00:36:35,460 --> 00:36:39,390

And I saw he went on the truck.

711

00:36:39,390 --> 00:36:42,810

And they filled up trucks
and the trucks went away.

712

00:36:42,810 --> 00:36:44,160

Came other trucks.

713

00:36:44,160 --> 00:36:49,080

And this was going on

almost for a whole day.

714

00:36:49,080 --> 00:36:51,960

There were rumors a couple
people took their life

715

00:36:51,960 --> 00:36:54,840

themselves, which--
there was one family,

716

00:36:54,840 --> 00:36:59,760

she was work in a drugstore,
and she took with her some pills

717

00:36:59,760 --> 00:37:02,820

and she killed
herself on the place

718

00:37:02,820 --> 00:37:06,660

and they throw her dead with
the whole family on the truck.

719

00:37:06,660 --> 00:37:09,420

And this was going on
like this till about I

720

00:37:09,420 --> 00:37:12,340

would say by 3 o'clock.

721

00:37:12,340 --> 00:37:14,490

It was July the 7th.

722

00:37:14,490 --> 00:37:16,020

Was a tremendous heat.

723

00:37:16,020 --> 00:37:19,600

I never saw in my
life such a heat.

724

00:37:19,600 --> 00:37:24,320

And after this, for
finished, yes, everybody what

725

00:37:24,320 --> 00:37:25,690

remained on the space.

726

00:37:25,690 --> 00:37:29,560

This was about 1,250
people they took away.

727

00:37:29,560 --> 00:37:35,020

A couple hundred remained on
the place, most of them young.

728

00:37:35,020 --> 00:37:37,750

We had to go to a
table to register.

729

00:37:37,750 --> 00:37:42,460

Everybody had like a passport
and they put down the system.

730

00:37:42,460 --> 00:37:43,960

You had to register
and then they

731

00:37:43,960 --> 00:37:48,230

told us to sit on the floor,
because we stood the whole day.

732

00:37:48,230 --> 00:37:51,130

In came the chief
of the Gestapo,

733

00:37:51,130 --> 00:37:54,520

and they said to us
everybody should go home,

734

00:37:54,520 --> 00:37:56,460

and we going to
work, and we going

735

00:37:56,460 --> 00:38:00,970

to remain here till the
war going to be finished.

736

00:38:00,970 --> 00:38:03,490

Of course, everybody
went to-- who

737

00:38:03,490 --> 00:38:06,250
remained-- went to his house.

738
00:38:06,250 --> 00:38:11,980
You came to the house crying
and screaming and yelling.

739
00:38:11,980 --> 00:38:13,787
And it was terrible.

740
00:38:13,787 --> 00:38:14,620
What can I tell you?

741
00:38:14,620 --> 00:38:15,755
It was [INAUDIBLE].

742
00:38:15,755 --> 00:38:19,080

743
00:38:19,080 --> 00:38:22,780
Then after a couple hours,
I looked out of the window.

744
00:38:22,780 --> 00:38:29,380
I saw a truck came down
from the main road.

745
00:38:29,380 --> 00:38:31,780
It was a full truck of clothing.

746
00:38:31,780 --> 00:38:32,530
Yeah.

747
00:38:32,530 --> 00:38:36,550
Is all the people what they
killed in this place, Halbu,

748
00:38:36,550 --> 00:38:40,360
everybody had to get undressed.

749
00:38:40,360 --> 00:38:48,190
And the German used to beat
him up to go into the place.

750

00:38:48,190 --> 00:38:52,790
And I just know from the
rumors, what they told me.

751
00:38:52,790 --> 00:38:56,980
And on the grave was putting
down a piece of wood, a board.

752
00:38:56,980 --> 00:38:59,900
Each single have to
go on this board.

753
00:38:59,900 --> 00:39:03,610
And they used to shove them
and he fall in the grave.

754
00:39:03,610 --> 00:39:04,270
Yeah.

755
00:39:04,270 --> 00:39:08,590
And people have to go in down
in the grave and put them--

756
00:39:08,590 --> 00:39:10,980
to put them straight down.

757
00:39:10,980 --> 00:39:13,750
A lot-- most of the
people fall down.

758
00:39:13,750 --> 00:39:15,520
They were not even--
they were shot,

759
00:39:15,520 --> 00:39:16,660
but they were still alive.

760
00:39:16,660 --> 00:39:19,390

761
00:39:19,390 --> 00:39:24,320
This was still rumors
what Polish people said.

762
00:39:24,320 --> 00:39:27,385

And matter of fact, have said
that after a couple of days

763
00:39:27,385 --> 00:39:31,450
here, the blood from
this grave was still

764
00:39:31,450 --> 00:39:34,580
so hot that the grave
opened by himself

765
00:39:34,580 --> 00:39:39,490
and the German had to come
and put a chemical in order

766
00:39:39,490 --> 00:39:42,760
shouldn't come out
some sicknesses.

767
00:39:42,760 --> 00:39:46,300

768
00:39:46,300 --> 00:39:50,200
Then we were in the
house for one week.

769
00:39:50,200 --> 00:39:55,660
After the week came
an order all the men

770
00:39:55,660 --> 00:40:01,970
should assemble again
on this same ball place.

771
00:40:01,970 --> 00:40:05,460
We assembled on this place, yes.

772
00:40:05,460 --> 00:40:14,380
And they took out 150
people from the older men--

773
00:40:14,380 --> 00:40:19,210
most of them young people,
was a few maybe older people.

774

00:40:19,210 --> 00:40:23,370
And they told us they're sending
us away to a working camp.

775
00:40:23,370 --> 00:40:26,020

776
00:40:26,020 --> 00:40:30,200
And they put us in Zmigród
in jail for overnight.

777
00:40:30,200 --> 00:40:34,330
And the next day, my truck came
and they brought us to Jaslo

778
00:40:34,330 --> 00:40:35,860
to jail.

779
00:40:35,860 --> 00:40:40,900
And from Jaslo to jail, they
had to put us on a train,

780
00:40:40,900 --> 00:40:42,600
on a cattle train.

781
00:40:42,600 --> 00:40:48,490
And we were going, like they
said, you're going to Plaszów.

782
00:40:48,490 --> 00:40:52,705
Finally, we arrive
to Plaszów Julag 1.

783
00:40:52,705 --> 00:40:55,360

784
00:40:55,360 --> 00:40:56,440
That's in what city?

785
00:40:56,440 --> 00:40:59,140
This is near Kraków.

786
00:40:59,140 --> 00:41:02,470
The camp, since I
remember, was not

787

00:41:02,470 --> 00:41:04,930

far-- was one side
of the camp was

788

00:41:04,930 --> 00:41:08,710

by the rails from the train.

789

00:41:08,710 --> 00:41:12,100

When I came into
this camp, I was

790

00:41:12,100 --> 00:41:14,170

working by building barracks.

791

00:41:14,170 --> 00:41:17,680

Because every day, they used
to bring in other people

792

00:41:17,680 --> 00:41:21,190

from other town to the place.

793

00:41:21,190 --> 00:41:22,245

This was in 1942.

794

00:41:22,245 --> 00:41:23,370

In 1942.

795

00:41:23,370 --> 00:41:25,390

Do you know about what month?

796

00:41:25,390 --> 00:41:27,490

This was in July.

797

00:41:27,490 --> 00:41:28,030

In July.

798

00:41:28,030 --> 00:41:28,980

This was in July.

799

00:41:28,980 --> 00:41:29,910

This is right after--

800

00:41:29,910 --> 00:41:30,860
A week after--

801
00:41:30,860 --> 00:41:32,693
--the 1250 were killed.

802
00:41:32,693 --> 00:41:33,610
After the 1250 people.

803
00:41:33,610 --> 00:41:34,450
Yes.

804
00:41:34,450 --> 00:41:37,550
Now, when we came to
Julag 1, in that time,

805
00:41:37,550 --> 00:41:45,940
the guards in the main
command, they were German.

806
00:41:45,940 --> 00:41:48,100
But they wore--
in my estimation,

807
00:41:48,100 --> 00:41:50,910
they were wearing black
uniforms and they had

808
00:41:50,910 --> 00:41:55,090
these red swastika on the hand.

809
00:41:55,090 --> 00:41:58,060
My estimation was that they
were one from the railroad.

810
00:41:58,060 --> 00:41:59,830
This was mine.

811
00:41:59,830 --> 00:42:01,880
I figured there were
guards from the railroad.

812
00:42:01,880 --> 00:42:04,000
You know the Kommandant was?

813

00:42:04,000 --> 00:42:05,890

No, I don't remember.

814

00:42:05,890 --> 00:42:07,610

Some of the
Kommandants you know?

815

00:42:07,610 --> 00:42:10,990

Yes, yes, yes.

816

00:42:10,990 --> 00:42:12,130

I was in the camp.

817

00:42:12,130 --> 00:42:15,640

I was in this camp
for a couple of weeks.

818

00:42:15,640 --> 00:42:17,680

Because there came
rumors in the camp

819

00:42:17,680 --> 00:42:21,910

there's a couple of weeks
the SS, the Gestapo,

820

00:42:21,910 --> 00:42:24,190

going to take over this camp.

821

00:42:24,190 --> 00:42:28,870

And this is going to be
a concentration camp, not

822

00:42:28,870 --> 00:42:30,800

a working camp.

823

00:42:30,800 --> 00:42:31,798

Well, the way--

824

00:42:31,798 --> 00:42:33,840

Can you describe the
difference between a working

825

00:42:33,840 --> 00:42:35,090

camp and a concentration camp?

826
00:42:35,090 --> 00:42:35,830
Yes.

827
00:42:35,830 --> 00:42:38,630
I did not know exactly
what was the difference.

828
00:42:38,630 --> 00:42:43,470
The difference was
there's the Kommandant

829
00:42:43,470 --> 00:42:47,960
was an SS man, a Gestapo.

830
00:42:47,960 --> 00:42:51,940
Which they were the
one which-- they took--

831
00:42:51,940 --> 00:42:54,880
they was the one which they
exterminate the Jewish people.

832
00:42:54,880 --> 00:42:58,050

833
00:42:58,050 --> 00:43:01,350
They were talking, there's
the Kommandant with everything

834
00:43:01,350 --> 00:43:03,930
going to become into the SS.

835
00:43:03,930 --> 00:43:07,200
In that time, I
decided that I'm going

836
00:43:07,200 --> 00:43:08,880
to run away from the camp.

837
00:43:08,880 --> 00:43:11,370
I spoke to my brother.

838
00:43:11,370 --> 00:43:14,320

He told me he don't
have the strength to it,

839
00:43:14,320 --> 00:43:17,640
and he doesn't want to go.

840
00:43:17,640 --> 00:43:22,710
I said to myself, one day, I go
to work, and I'm out the camp

841
00:43:22,710 --> 00:43:24,105
and I'm not going to come back.

842
00:43:24,105 --> 00:43:27,810
And I took with me another boy.

843
00:43:27,810 --> 00:43:29,860
His name was [PERSONAL NAME].

844
00:43:29,860 --> 00:43:31,260
I don't know his name.

845
00:43:31,260 --> 00:43:35,850
He spoke fluent German,
because he was born in Germany.

846
00:43:35,850 --> 00:43:37,340
But his family was from Zmigród.

847
00:43:37,340 --> 00:43:41,640
And when the Germans send out
the people where they were born

848
00:43:41,640 --> 00:43:46,800
in Polish to Poland, he came to
Zmigród because his family were

849
00:43:46,800 --> 00:43:47,550
from Zmigród.

850
00:43:47,550 --> 00:43:49,200
I took him with me.

851
00:43:49,200 --> 00:43:50,610

I went plain to the train.

852

00:43:50,610 --> 00:43:52,270

I bought myself a ticket.

853

00:43:52,270 --> 00:43:53,850

And I said-- in Kraków--

854

00:43:53,850 --> 00:43:56,190

and I'm going back to Zmigród.

855

00:43:56,190 --> 00:43:57,840

So you could have money.

856

00:43:57,840 --> 00:43:59,310

I had some money with me.

857

00:43:59,310 --> 00:44:00,750

And I went back to Zmigród.

858

00:44:00,750 --> 00:44:06,030

But going on the train, I
got very, very worry about.

859

00:44:06,030 --> 00:44:11,850

Because I knew by myself,
does my face look Jewish?

860

00:44:11,850 --> 00:44:15,510

And my speaking in
Polish is not too great.

861

00:44:15,510 --> 00:44:17,220

Because everybody
could recognize

862

00:44:17,220 --> 00:44:21,870

when I start to speak in
Polish that I'm a Jew.

863

00:44:21,870 --> 00:44:24,270

I was standing just by the
window looking outside.

864

00:44:24,270 --> 00:44:28,440

Nobody should see or
nobody should recognize me.

865

00:44:28,440 --> 00:44:33,540

I was going with a train
[COUGHING] Excuse me.

866

00:44:33,540 --> 00:44:39,430

867

00:44:39,430 --> 00:44:42,160

Not too far.

868

00:44:42,160 --> 00:44:46,950

About a couple station,
and I got very frightened.

869

00:44:46,950 --> 00:44:51,050

And I decided I'm going
to go down from the train.

870

00:44:51,050 --> 00:44:53,010

And I went down from the train.

871

00:44:53,010 --> 00:44:58,820

And this was a small town
where the name was Niepolomice.

872

00:44:58,820 --> 00:45:01,280

I went into this town.

873

00:45:01,280 --> 00:45:02,780

I did not know nobody.

874

00:45:02,780 --> 00:45:04,370

I did not know nothing.

875

00:45:04,370 --> 00:45:09,140

And mingle around the town,
I saw a lot of Jewish people.

876

00:45:09,140 --> 00:45:15,050

I recognized a woman which she
was from my town, from Zmigród.

877
00:45:15,050 --> 00:45:17,860
And her family was Englehart.

878
00:45:17,860 --> 00:45:22,310
So I went over to her and I
ask her, are you from Zmigród?

879
00:45:22,310 --> 00:45:23,440
She says yes.

880
00:45:23,440 --> 00:45:24,190
Are you this name?

881
00:45:24,190 --> 00:45:25,460
She says yes.

882
00:45:25,460 --> 00:45:28,370
So I say my name is
Mordechai Findling.

883
00:45:28,370 --> 00:45:31,130
My father's is Isaac.

884
00:45:31,130 --> 00:45:32,630
Yes, I am from Zmigród.

885
00:45:32,630 --> 00:45:36,110
She says, I know your father.

886
00:45:36,110 --> 00:45:38,510
And then they come
in conversation,

887
00:45:38,510 --> 00:45:41,045
and I tell her for
where I am coming.

888
00:45:41,045 --> 00:45:43,850
And she says, what did you do?

889
00:45:43,850 --> 00:45:46,400
Yes, I wish I would be in camp.

890

00:45:46,400 --> 00:45:49,040

We don't know what's going
to happen here tomorrow.

891

00:45:49,040 --> 00:45:50,710

They're talking that
tomorrow, they're

892

00:45:50,710 --> 00:45:54,590

going to send everybody out.

893

00:45:54,590 --> 00:45:57,470

We still have a couple days.

894

00:45:57,470 --> 00:46:01,240

Going back to Kraków but
no possibility for me.

895

00:46:01,240 --> 00:46:03,410

Yes.

896

00:46:03,410 --> 00:46:06,590

I was thinking and
I saw, she is yeah,

897

00:46:06,590 --> 00:46:10,580

she had a lot of friends coming
into her house, Polish friends,

898

00:46:10,580 --> 00:46:13,120

Polish police.

899

00:46:13,120 --> 00:46:16,320

As my head was working,
what should I do,

900

00:46:16,320 --> 00:46:19,860

how should I be able
to go to Zmigród,

901

00:46:19,860 --> 00:46:22,010

I came to a conclusion.

902

00:46:22,010 --> 00:46:23,600

I ask her, I said, listen.

903

00:46:23,600 --> 00:46:26,090

I said, I have some money.

904

00:46:26,090 --> 00:46:29,990

If you know some policeman,
a Polish police what

905

00:46:29,990 --> 00:46:33,170

you're good friend
with him, I have

906

00:46:33,170 --> 00:46:37,080

an idea how I would come back.

907

00:46:37,080 --> 00:46:40,850

But you have to have
trust in this policeman.

908

00:46:40,850 --> 00:46:43,870

If you have somebody like
this, bring him over,

909

00:46:43,870 --> 00:46:45,940

and I can introduce my idea.

910

00:46:45,940 --> 00:46:48,590

And let's see what happens.

911

00:46:48,590 --> 00:46:50,585

She brought over this policeman.

912

00:46:50,585 --> 00:46:53,240

And I told him exactly
what happened with me.

913

00:46:53,240 --> 00:46:55,710

And I told him what
I want from him.

914

00:46:55,710 --> 00:47:02,120

I want from him he should
take me to jail in this place.

915

00:47:02,120 --> 00:47:10,530

He make out a paper that
he caught me as a Jew.

916

00:47:10,530 --> 00:47:17,090

And he brings me to
Jaslo to the Gestapo.

917

00:47:17,090 --> 00:47:22,940

And he has to tie
my hand and bring me

918

00:47:22,940 --> 00:47:25,110

to Jaslo with the train.

919

00:47:25,110 --> 00:47:28,200

And I will pay him
so much and so much.

920

00:47:28,200 --> 00:47:31,300

The idea-- he liked this idea.

921

00:47:31,300 --> 00:47:32,830

And I paid him the money.

922

00:47:32,830 --> 00:47:35,190

And at nighttime,
I went to jail.

923

00:47:35,190 --> 00:47:41,005

In the morning, he tied my
hand like he found a criminal

924

00:47:41,005 --> 00:47:42,480

and we went--

925

00:47:42,480 --> 00:47:47,256

we took a horse with a
wagon and went to the train

926

00:47:47,256 --> 00:47:49,905

and we go on the train.

927

00:47:49,905 --> 00:47:51,570

We were riding on the train.

928

00:47:51,570 --> 00:47:57,570

929

00:47:57,570 --> 00:48:00,360

But he by himself
got frightened, too.

930

00:48:00,360 --> 00:48:01,950

He was worried.

931

00:48:01,950 --> 00:48:08,070

And he tells me that he
cannot go too far with me--

932

00:48:08,070 --> 00:48:10,400

just till Rzezsów.

933

00:48:10,400 --> 00:48:18,580

And in Rzezsów, he is going to
give me over to the engineer

934

00:48:18,580 --> 00:48:22,290

from the locomotive, and he's
going to tell him that I am

935

00:48:22,290 --> 00:48:24,850

[? a son ?] from
a Polish officer,

936

00:48:24,850 --> 00:48:26,910

that I ran away from a camp.

937

00:48:26,910 --> 00:48:29,960

And this guy is a
good friend of him,

938

00:48:29,960 --> 00:48:33,930

and he is going to
take me further.

939

00:48:33,930 --> 00:48:35,430

I did not have another choice.

940
00:48:35,430 --> 00:48:36,600
I had to agree to his.

941
00:48:36,600 --> 00:48:37,980
And I agree to his.

942
00:48:37,980 --> 00:48:44,230
He introduced me to this
engineer from the train.

943
00:48:44,230 --> 00:48:46,580
And I was riding with him.

944
00:48:46,580 --> 00:48:50,850
And then the engineer said to
me, listen, I got an order.

945
00:48:50,850 --> 00:48:53,640
I cannot go further
till Rzezsów.

946
00:48:53,640 --> 00:48:56,010
In Rzezsów, I have to--

947
00:48:56,010 --> 00:48:59,730
the train has to stop.

948
00:48:59,730 --> 00:49:02,180
Everybody has to go
down from the train.

949
00:49:02,180 --> 00:49:05,040
And at nighttime, I will
be back here on the train.

950
00:49:05,040 --> 00:49:07,560

951
00:49:07,560 --> 00:49:09,750
Now what do I do in Rzezsów?

952
00:49:09,750 --> 00:49:12,010
I don't know nobody
from Rzezsów.

953

00:49:12,010 --> 00:49:15,960

I am at the train station
all surrounded with Poles

954

00:49:15,960 --> 00:49:18,600

and with German Gestapo.

955

00:49:18,600 --> 00:49:20,880

Everybody looks in my eyes.

956

00:49:20,880 --> 00:49:22,560

And I got frightened.

957

00:49:22,560 --> 00:49:26,130

And I look around, how would
I go out from the station?

958

00:49:26,130 --> 00:49:27,270

I looked all over around.

959

00:49:27,270 --> 00:49:31,530

It was just one entrance
exit out of the station.

960

00:49:31,530 --> 00:49:34,740

But this exit-- on
one side was a door,

961

00:49:34,740 --> 00:49:39,060

on one side was standing
two German Gestapo,

962

00:49:39,060 --> 00:49:41,900

and they looked on
everybody's face.

963

00:49:41,900 --> 00:49:43,860

And everybody had
to head to line up

964

00:49:43,860 --> 00:49:49,230

in order to pass the entrance.

965

00:49:49,230 --> 00:49:52,560
As I looked, I looked,
finally, I saw a woman--

966
00:49:52,560 --> 00:49:53,840
an older woman--

967
00:49:53,840 --> 00:49:57,550
had on her shoulder
a sack, a heavy sack.

968
00:49:57,550 --> 00:50:01,680
And she bent forwards and the
sack was on her shoulders.

969
00:50:01,680 --> 00:50:05,730
I went behind her and
picked up this sack.

970
00:50:05,730 --> 00:50:08,960
But I help her, and I passed by.

971
00:50:08,960 --> 00:50:12,750
And they did not see
me, and I passed by.

972
00:50:12,750 --> 00:50:16,500
I went out of the
station in Rzezsów.

973
00:50:16,500 --> 00:50:17,325
I look around.

974
00:50:17,325 --> 00:50:18,810
I didn't know what
I'm going to do.

975
00:50:18,810 --> 00:50:21,840
Where do I go?

976
00:50:21,840 --> 00:50:24,270
I was terribly frightened.

977
00:50:24,270 --> 00:50:29,040
I went-- when you go out

in Rzezsów from the train

978

00:50:29,040 --> 00:50:33,330
and the station, there was a
big plaza all surrounding houses

979

00:50:33,330 --> 00:50:34,770
with windows.

980

00:50:34,770 --> 00:50:37,760
I went to window to window in
shop to look in the window.

981

00:50:37,760 --> 00:50:40,720
Nobody should see my face.

982

00:50:40,720 --> 00:50:43,440
German walking around,
you look here, look there.

983

00:50:43,440 --> 00:50:44,700
Finally, I got frightened.

984

00:50:44,700 --> 00:50:48,460
I said he is going to be my end.

985

00:50:48,460 --> 00:50:51,040
I came to a house by the train.

986

00:50:51,040 --> 00:50:53,020
Was a big entrance
into the house.

987

00:50:53,020 --> 00:50:56,320
I go into this
house in the door,

988

00:50:56,320 --> 00:51:00,820
and I went in the
back of this house.

989

00:51:00,820 --> 00:51:07,253
And I saw over there
there are five small--

990

00:51:07,253 --> 00:51:09,940

991

00:51:09,940 --> 00:51:11,012

I would say toilet.

992

00:51:11,012 --> 00:51:12,220

I didn't know if it's toilet.

993

00:51:12,220 --> 00:51:14,140

It's staying there closed.

994

00:51:14,140 --> 00:51:15,040

I opened one.

995

00:51:15,040 --> 00:51:16,600

I see it is a bathroom.

996

00:51:16,600 --> 00:51:19,990

I go into this bathroom
and then I lock my door.

997

00:51:19,990 --> 00:51:22,550

And I couldn't talk.

998

00:51:22,550 --> 00:51:24,310

I said he is going to be my end.

999

00:51:24,310 --> 00:51:26,640

I am not going out from here.

1000

00:51:26,640 --> 00:51:29,050

And I was sitting there
for a couple hours

1001

00:51:29,050 --> 00:51:31,160

till I came to myself.

1002

00:51:31,160 --> 00:51:33,700

And I came to myself,
I opened this door,

1003

00:51:33,700 --> 00:51:36,700

and I look around
in the backyard.

1004
00:51:36,700 --> 00:51:40,400
And I saw in one side of
this backyard was a cage.

1005
00:51:40,400 --> 00:51:42,745
And in this cage were pheasant.

1006
00:51:42,745 --> 00:51:45,550

1007
00:51:45,550 --> 00:51:47,020
It was a big cage.

1008
00:51:47,020 --> 00:51:49,510
And I go over to
this cage and I look

1009
00:51:49,510 --> 00:51:51,900
on this pheasant in this cage.

1010
00:51:51,900 --> 00:51:54,220
Now behind of this
cage, there were

1011
00:51:54,220 --> 00:51:58,210
grass which they used to
give the pheasant to eat.

1012
00:51:58,210 --> 00:52:00,820
So I went underneath
of this grass

1013
00:52:00,820 --> 00:52:02,260
and I buried myself there.

1014
00:52:02,260 --> 00:52:07,070
And I said, this is the
end, I am going to die here.

1015
00:52:07,070 --> 00:52:12,340
And I lay there
for a couple hours.

1016
00:52:12,340 --> 00:52:18,130
Finally, a guy went to
this cage and wanted

1017
00:52:18,130 --> 00:52:19,900
to give to eat to the pheasant.

1018
00:52:19,900 --> 00:52:24,190
He picked up the grass
as he picked me up.

1019
00:52:24,190 --> 00:52:25,260
And I stood.

1020
00:52:25,260 --> 00:52:31,780
I did-- I was not shaved
already for a nice day's beard.

1021
00:52:31,780 --> 00:52:33,700
He looked on me.

1022
00:52:33,700 --> 00:52:36,370
And I shaked, scared.

1023
00:52:36,370 --> 00:52:42,860
He looked on me and he
asked me, who are you?

1024
00:52:42,860 --> 00:52:44,750
And I tell him the truth.

1025
00:52:44,750 --> 00:52:46,960
I said look, I want to die here.

1026
00:52:46,960 --> 00:52:50,530

1027
00:52:50,530 --> 00:52:54,470
And I tell him I am ran
away from concentration camp

1028
00:52:54,470 --> 00:52:56,650
from here and I am a Jew.

1029
00:52:56,650 --> 00:53:01,235
And I want to come to
Zmigród and I cannot come.

1030
00:53:01,235 --> 00:53:05,000
And I don't do not
want to die here.

1031
00:53:05,000 --> 00:53:05,870
But I am.

1032
00:53:05,870 --> 00:53:09,500
I said, I am dying from hunger.

1033
00:53:09,500 --> 00:53:10,950
He went into the house.

1034
00:53:10,950 --> 00:53:12,530
I didn't know what he is going.

1035
00:53:12,530 --> 00:53:15,276
He brought up two
pieces of bread.

1036
00:53:15,276 --> 00:53:18,160
And in this bread was meat.

1037
00:53:18,160 --> 00:53:20,450
And I ask him, what is that?

1038
00:53:20,450 --> 00:53:24,200
He said, this is pig.

1039
00:53:24,200 --> 00:53:27,776
Then I said look, I said,
I am a religious man.

1040
00:53:27,776 --> 00:53:30,460
(CRYING) I cannot eat.

1041
00:53:30,460 --> 00:53:31,990
I cannot eat this.

1042
00:53:31,990 --> 00:53:34,740
And I cried for him.

1043
00:53:34,740 --> 00:53:37,590
He said, good.

1044
00:53:37,590 --> 00:53:40,110
I bring you other bread.

1045
00:53:40,110 --> 00:53:42,360
He went in and make other bread.

1046
00:53:42,360 --> 00:53:44,780
He asked me I should eat
this bread, the other one.

1047
00:53:44,780 --> 00:53:45,900
And I eat.

1048
00:53:45,900 --> 00:53:47,640
And I came little bit to myself.

1049
00:53:47,640 --> 00:53:49,740
And he talked to me.

1050
00:53:49,740 --> 00:53:51,240
He was a young boy.

1051
00:53:51,240 --> 00:53:55,200
Maybe he was 17 years old.

1052
00:53:55,200 --> 00:53:57,870
His face, to me, look Jewish.

1053
00:53:57,870 --> 00:54:01,080
But I did not know who he is.

1054
00:54:01,080 --> 00:54:06,150
And I tell him, I say, look,
I say, can you help me?

1055
00:54:06,150 --> 00:54:08,340
He says, what do you want?

1056
00:54:08,340 --> 00:54:13,650
I said, look, I have
to come to Zmigród.

1057
00:54:13,650 --> 00:54:19,140
In order to come to Zmigród, I
have to take the train to Jaslo

1058
00:54:19,140 --> 00:54:22,050
because the train
just go till Jaslo.

1059
00:54:22,050 --> 00:54:26,520
From Jaslo, you have to go
on your foot to Zmigród.

1060
00:54:26,520 --> 00:54:29,250
Buy me a ticket on the train.

1061
00:54:29,250 --> 00:54:33,750
Find out what time the train
is coming at nighttime.

1062
00:54:33,750 --> 00:54:36,335
And I want you you should
buy for yourself a ticket

1063
00:54:36,335 --> 00:54:39,690
and you go with me
and the station.

1064
00:54:39,690 --> 00:54:42,100
People shouldn't recognize me.

1065
00:54:42,100 --> 00:54:43,545
And he agreed to it.

1066
00:54:43,545 --> 00:54:45,900
He took the money, he
went to buy a ticket

1067
00:54:45,900 --> 00:54:47,580
for himself and for me.

1068

00:54:47,580 --> 00:54:50,130

And he told me when
the train comes.

1069

00:54:50,130 --> 00:54:54,940

And he told me exactly
what station I have to--

1070

00:54:54,940 --> 00:55:00,300

the station does not stop
over there, just slows down.

1071

00:55:00,300 --> 00:55:03,360

I'm going to jump
from the train.

1072

00:55:03,360 --> 00:55:05,370

Because I could
not come to Jaslo.

1073

00:55:05,370 --> 00:55:06,810

It's a big station.

1074

00:55:06,810 --> 00:55:08,640

They could recognize me.

1075

00:55:08,640 --> 00:55:10,200

He gave me all the information.

1076

00:55:10,200 --> 00:55:11,010

I was waiting.

1077

00:55:11,010 --> 00:55:13,140

At nighttime, he came.

1078

00:55:13,140 --> 00:55:15,440

He took me and put
his arm under me

1079

00:55:15,440 --> 00:55:17,580

and he went with
me to the train.

1080

00:55:17,580 --> 00:55:19,610

I come to the train.

1081
00:55:19,610 --> 00:55:25,510
He were walk in the train,
hundreds of people talking.

1082
00:55:25,510 --> 00:55:30,040
Was just two days or three days
before liquidation of the Jews

1083
00:55:30,040 --> 00:55:31,470
in Rzezsów.

1084
00:55:31,470 --> 00:55:36,060
This what this guy told me.

1085
00:55:36,060 --> 00:55:40,350
And all of a sudden, this
Polish guy what went with me

1086
00:55:40,350 --> 00:55:44,580
tells me that these two
people talk between them

1087
00:55:44,580 --> 00:55:49,780
and tell, one to other man,
that I looked like a Jew.

1088
00:55:49,780 --> 00:55:52,120
On me.

1089
00:55:52,120 --> 00:55:54,630
And he says let's
better fun away fast,

1090
00:55:54,630 --> 00:55:57,870
because we're both in trouble.

1091
00:55:57,870 --> 00:56:01,620
And the train starts to come.

1092
00:56:01,620 --> 00:56:06,240
They announce the train going
to be late in five minutes.

1093

00:56:06,240 --> 00:56:09,420

And he goes with me to
go out from the station.

1094

00:56:09,420 --> 00:56:13,260

All of a sudden, the train
comes on the station.

1095

00:56:13,260 --> 00:56:16,810

He goes with me on the train,
and he takes me around.

1096

00:56:16,810 --> 00:56:23,320

And he tells me (CRYING) should
God bring you to your place.

1097

00:56:23,320 --> 00:56:26,480

And I go on the train.

1098

00:56:26,480 --> 00:56:28,080

I go on the train.

1099

00:56:28,080 --> 00:56:31,940

And again, with my
face out in the window,

1100

00:56:31,940 --> 00:56:33,410

nobody should recognize me.

1101

00:56:33,410 --> 00:56:35,200

Nobody should see.

1102

00:56:35,200 --> 00:56:37,910

And I count the stations.

1103

00:56:37,910 --> 00:56:39,950

I count, I count, I count.

1104

00:56:39,950 --> 00:56:44,720

Finally, yes, I knew
that after this station,

1105

00:56:44,720 --> 00:56:49,570

the station comes to a

little curve and slows down.

1106
00:56:49,570 --> 00:56:52,570
And I have to jump.

1107
00:56:52,570 --> 00:56:54,110
Is this what happened.

1108
00:56:54,110 --> 00:56:54,690
Yes.

1109
00:56:54,690 --> 00:57:00,250
The station start to slow down
and I jumped from the train

1110
00:57:00,250 --> 00:57:02,210
in a valley.

1111
00:57:02,210 --> 00:57:04,840
I jumped in the valley and
I was laying over there

1112
00:57:04,840 --> 00:57:06,040
for a couple hours.

1113
00:57:06,040 --> 00:57:08,590
I couldn't come to myself.

1114
00:57:08,590 --> 00:57:10,900
Finally, it was night.

1115
00:57:10,900 --> 00:57:12,010
I came to myself.

1116
00:57:12,010 --> 00:57:13,590
I did not know where I am.

1117
00:57:13,590 --> 00:57:17,720

1118
00:57:17,720 --> 00:57:21,960
I see that I am in a forest.

1119

00:57:21,960 --> 00:57:25,240
I don't know what.

1120
00:57:25,240 --> 00:57:28,890
And I'm going in this
forest at nighttime.

1121
00:57:28,890 --> 00:57:32,880
And all of a sudden,
start to rain and thunder.

1122
00:57:32,880 --> 00:57:37,360
It was like the world
was coming apart.

1123
00:57:37,360 --> 00:57:39,120
Murder.

1124
00:57:39,120 --> 00:57:41,460
Going and going.

1125
00:57:41,460 --> 00:57:44,190
And I did not know.

1126
00:57:44,190 --> 00:57:51,420
I said to myself,
probably, this is the end.

1127
00:57:51,420 --> 00:57:52,580
Finally a person--

1128
00:57:52,580 --> 00:57:57,300
I saw from far away something
like a person is coming to me.

1129
00:57:57,300 --> 00:58:00,750

1130
00:58:00,750 --> 00:58:02,250
Nearer, and nearer, and nearer.

1131
00:58:02,250 --> 00:58:05,250
Finally, I approach a person.

1132

00:58:05,250 --> 00:58:09,680
When I approach this person,
I kneeled down on the floor.

1133
00:58:09,680 --> 00:58:12,640

1134
00:58:12,640 --> 00:58:17,090
And I cross myself with a
hand, like the Poles crossing.

1135
00:58:17,090 --> 00:58:19,970
I crossed myself and I said--

1136
00:58:19,970 --> 00:58:24,071
I said in Polish, the
way the Poles said.

1137
00:58:24,071 --> 00:58:26,830
And I put my hand together.

1138
00:58:26,830 --> 00:58:33,650
And this man put his hand on my
head and said to me like this.

1139
00:58:33,650 --> 00:58:34,940
You poor orphan.

1140
00:58:34,940 --> 00:58:37,480

1141
00:58:37,480 --> 00:58:44,860
(CRYING) When I find you here in
this place, in this condition,

1142
00:58:44,860 --> 00:58:49,410
in this weather, probably
God send me to you.

1143
00:58:49,410 --> 00:58:52,540

1144
00:58:52,540 --> 00:58:55,540
Come with me.

1145

00:58:55,540 --> 00:58:56,890

No opportunity.

1146

00:58:56,890 --> 00:59:00,210

I don't know who

I am going with.