

1  
00:00:00,000 --> 00:00:27,360

2  
00:00:27,360 --> 00:00:30,920  
We're now ready to  
continue the story

3  
00:00:30,920 --> 00:00:33,440  
that we've left close  
to three weeks ago.

4  
00:00:33,440 --> 00:00:37,470  
Today is December 22, 1992.

5  
00:00:37,470 --> 00:00:43,470  
You were telling us that you had  
been found with a warm bread.

6  
00:00:43,470 --> 00:00:44,220  
Warm bread, right.

7  
00:00:44,220 --> 00:00:46,770  
And the Ukrainian  
soldier had turned you

8  
00:00:46,770 --> 00:00:51,960  
over to the kommandant of  
the camp in Czestochowa.

9  
00:00:51,960 --> 00:00:53,430  
Czestochowa.

10  
00:00:53,430 --> 00:00:57,240  
And the kommandant,  
[PERSONAL NAME]],,

11  
00:00:57,240 --> 00:01:00,180  
was asking you--

12  
00:01:00,180 --> 00:01:02,400  
he was going to let  
you alone, it seems.

13

00:01:02,400 --> 00:01:03,930  
You were in prison already.

14  
00:01:03,930 --> 00:01:09,090  
And he was asking you  
who sold you the bread.

15  
00:01:09,090 --> 00:01:11,040  
What happened at that time?

16  
00:01:11,040 --> 00:01:16,980  
That time, I said, I  
will try to find the man.

17  
00:01:16,980 --> 00:01:20,910  
Then they called the Jewish  
police from the camp,

18  
00:01:20,910 --> 00:01:24,780  
yes, which the head of the  
Jewish police, his name

19  
00:01:24,780 --> 00:01:26,130  
was Goodstein.

20  
00:01:26,130 --> 00:01:28,620  
He came to the station there.

21  
00:01:28,620 --> 00:01:31,150  
And he took me out from there.

22  
00:01:31,150 --> 00:01:33,330  
While he took me out from  
there on the other side,

23  
00:01:33,330 --> 00:01:34,070  
he had a whip.

24  
00:01:34,070 --> 00:01:36,435  
He gave me a few whips.

25  
00:01:36,435 --> 00:01:39,330  
And we went in to  
look for the man.

26

00:01:39,330 --> 00:01:42,600

I was looking for the man  
[INAUDIBLE] [? nice ?] hours.

27

00:01:42,600 --> 00:01:43,870

I said, I cannot find him.

28

00:01:43,870 --> 00:01:45,540

I don't see him.

29

00:01:45,540 --> 00:01:50,460

As he let me go, I  
went back to my job.

30

00:01:50,460 --> 00:01:53,430

I was working by a  
machine there making

31

00:01:53,430 --> 00:01:57,193

this some of the munition.

32

00:01:57,193 --> 00:01:59,610

He said, he is going to come  
next day in the morning to me

33

00:01:59,610 --> 00:02:00,408

again.

34

00:02:00,408 --> 00:02:01,950

Now, next day in  
the morning, he came

35

00:02:01,950 --> 00:02:06,130

from me again was the German,  
was in charge of the machinery.

36

00:02:06,130 --> 00:02:06,660

Yeah.

37

00:02:06,660 --> 00:02:07,980

I went over to him.

38

00:02:07,980 --> 00:02:10,340

And I tell him, I have

to go here and here.

39  
00:02:10,340 --> 00:02:11,470  
Yeah, he was very mad.

40  
00:02:11,470 --> 00:02:11,970  
Yeah.

41  
00:02:11,970 --> 00:02:14,110  
And he said, I'm not  
going to let you go.

42  
00:02:14,110 --> 00:02:14,610  
Yes.

43  
00:02:14,610 --> 00:02:17,430  
If this policeman going to  
come, I'm going to kill him.

44  
00:02:17,430 --> 00:02:18,150  
Yes?

45  
00:02:18,150 --> 00:02:20,690  
Then I said, I have to go.

46  
00:02:20,690 --> 00:02:22,020  
Finally, he came again.

47  
00:02:22,020 --> 00:02:23,310  
He took me again.

48  
00:02:23,310 --> 00:02:25,920  
And this took a couple days.

49  
00:02:25,920 --> 00:02:27,780  
Every day he took me  
for a couple hours.

50  
00:02:27,780 --> 00:02:28,680  
And I went around.

51  
00:02:28,680 --> 00:02:31,580  
And I said, I cannot find him.

52

00:02:31,580 --> 00:02:36,870

Finally, by the end,  
was, yes, he let me free.

53

00:02:36,870 --> 00:02:39,990

But this policeman, Goodstein,  
I knew him very well.

54

00:02:39,990 --> 00:02:44,830

I was with him together  
in Jaslo, in this jail.

55

00:02:44,830 --> 00:02:46,320

I knew him, and he knew me.

56

00:02:46,320 --> 00:02:48,100

He says to me, in  
a couple of days,

57

00:02:48,100 --> 00:02:50,670

said, well, they told me this.

58

00:02:50,670 --> 00:02:55,170

While you cannot find, then the  
punishment for you going to be

59

00:02:55,170 --> 00:02:57,540

25 whips on your behind.

60

00:02:57,540 --> 00:02:59,580

And we're going to  
come into the camp.

61

00:02:59,580 --> 00:03:04,620

Whenever somebody was supposed  
to-- was find him something,

62

00:03:04,620 --> 00:03:06,420

they came into  
camp at nighttime.

63

00:03:06,420 --> 00:03:07,920

They wake everybody up.

64

00:03:07,920 --> 00:03:11,403  
And the Jewish police  
came in, sometime German.

65  
00:03:11,403 --> 00:03:12,570  
And there was a bench there.

66  
00:03:12,570 --> 00:03:15,570  
You had to bend down,  
pull down your pants.

67  
00:03:15,570 --> 00:03:16,620  
And they whip you.

68  
00:03:16,620 --> 00:03:20,520  
Now, I was supposed  
to get 25 whips

69  
00:03:20,520 --> 00:03:22,190  
in the middle of the night.

70  
00:03:22,190 --> 00:03:23,970  
Yeah, they called me in.

71  
00:03:23,970 --> 00:03:27,000  
And they start to give me whips.

72  
00:03:27,000 --> 00:03:28,900  
I screamed, help.

73  
00:03:28,900 --> 00:03:30,150  
OK, they gave me.

74  
00:03:30,150 --> 00:03:31,620  
The whip went over.

75  
00:03:31,620 --> 00:03:33,840  
Yes, and they let me free.

76  
00:03:33,840 --> 00:03:40,100  
OK, I went back to work, you  
know, this, what I was doing.

77  
00:03:40,100 --> 00:03:40,600

Yes.

78

00:03:40,600 --> 00:03:42,570

And I was free.

79

00:03:42,570 --> 00:03:43,330

That's it.

80

00:03:43,330 --> 00:03:43,830

Yes.

81

00:03:43,830 --> 00:03:48,920

And I was in camp

like this till 1945.

82

00:03:48,920 --> 00:03:53,050

Yeah, in 1945, like

in the beginning of--

83

00:03:53,050 --> 00:03:56,880

no, in December, they

took out from our camp

84

00:03:56,880 --> 00:03:58,410

about 2,000 people.

85

00:03:58,410 --> 00:04:01,050

And they sent them away,

yeah, to some other camp.

86

00:04:01,050 --> 00:04:05,520

But we had already idea that

something is going on here,

87

00:04:05,520 --> 00:04:07,500

but we didn't know what.

88

00:04:07,500 --> 00:04:09,580

A lot though German

came, guards.

89

00:04:09,580 --> 00:04:11,760

They surrounded the barracks.

90

00:04:11,760 --> 00:04:13,450  
And the next day, they ran away.

91  
00:04:13,450 --> 00:04:16,980  
This was going out for a  
couple days, was something.

92  
00:04:16,980 --> 00:04:20,250  
They knew something, but we  
didn't know what happened.

93  
00:04:20,250 --> 00:04:26,660  
In January, yes, like the  
15th of January, this,

94  
00:04:26,660 --> 00:04:28,442  
we was remained already--

95  
00:04:28,442 --> 00:04:29,400  
I don't know how many--

96  
00:04:29,400 --> 00:04:30,510  
1,500 people.

97  
00:04:30,510 --> 00:04:31,590  
I don't remember exactly.

98  
00:04:31,590 --> 00:04:34,560  
This [INAUDIBLE]  
came into the camp.

99  
00:04:34,560 --> 00:04:36,860  
And he says, everybody  
should assemble.

100  
00:04:36,860 --> 00:04:38,070  
He going to talk to us.

101  
00:04:38,070 --> 00:04:41,190  
And he said,  
there's the Russian.

102  
00:04:41,190 --> 00:04:41,850  
They're near.



103

00:04:41,850 --> 00:04:43,510

They're near the town.

104

00:04:43,510 --> 00:04:46,580

And he is going to Germany.

105

00:04:46,580 --> 00:04:48,510

We should go with  
him to Germany.

106

00:04:48,510 --> 00:04:50,982

Otherwise, when the  
Russian going to come in,

107

00:04:50,982 --> 00:04:52,440

they're going to  
kill us because we

108

00:04:52,440 --> 00:04:58,380

were working making ammunition  
for the German thing.

109

00:04:58,380 --> 00:05:00,270

But he didn't have  
too much time.

110

00:05:00,270 --> 00:05:02,700

We didn't know so  
much what is going on

111

00:05:02,700 --> 00:05:05,130

because a few of the  
guards were still

112

00:05:05,130 --> 00:05:08,340

standing at the top of  
the roof watching us.

113

00:05:08,340 --> 00:05:11,400

He picked up one of  
the guys from the camp.

114

00:05:11,400 --> 00:05:12,840

He was a driver.

115

00:05:12,840 --> 00:05:15,290

And he took him with him,  
and they left the came.

116

00:05:15,290 --> 00:05:18,480

But we did not know  
what was going on till,

117

00:05:18,480 --> 00:05:19,740

like, at nightttime.

118

00:05:19,740 --> 00:05:23,910

At nightttime, came in  
we heard shots outside,

119

00:05:23,910 --> 00:05:27,680

came him something, people said.

120

00:05:27,680 --> 00:05:30,150

They were inside the  
Russian tank came in.

121

00:05:30,150 --> 00:05:33,250

And a German was -- they  
were fighting, and they left.

122

00:05:33,250 --> 00:05:34,110

Yes.

123

00:05:34,110 --> 00:05:36,130

But we knew something  
was going on,

124

00:05:36,130 --> 00:05:39,080

but we didn't know what  
was going to happen here

125

00:05:39,080 --> 00:05:40,460

till, like, in the morning.

126

00:05:40,460 --> 00:05:43,140

Their guard still  
was on the top.

127

00:05:43,140 --> 00:05:46,350  
Probably came him something--  
there's nobody is in the town,

128  
00:05:46,350 --> 00:05:48,450  
no German, no Russian.

129  
00:05:48,450 --> 00:05:49,990  
We opened the doors  
from the camp,

130  
00:05:49,990 --> 00:05:53,263  
and we went out to  
the street, came out.

131  
00:05:53,263 --> 00:05:54,180  
There are nice people.

132  
00:05:54,180 --> 00:05:55,350  
Whoever could go, go.

133  
00:05:55,350 --> 00:05:56,820  
Whoever couldn't  
go, couldn't go.

134  
00:05:56,820 --> 00:05:58,620  
We went out to the street.

135  
00:05:58,620 --> 00:06:01,270  
I didn't know the town at all.

136  
00:06:01,270 --> 00:06:04,560  
We just was asking for  
which ways the German went.

137  
00:06:04,560 --> 00:06:06,900  
From which way is the  
Russian going to come?

138  
00:06:06,900 --> 00:06:09,530  
People said, the Russian  
going to come this way.

139  
00:06:09,530 --> 00:06:14,550  
OK, we went all

in a column to see

140  
00:06:14,550 --> 00:06:16,160  
whether Russian they're coming.

141  
00:06:16,160 --> 00:06:19,300  
Yeah, and we went  
a couple of miles.

142  
00:06:19,300 --> 00:06:19,830  
We went.

143  
00:06:19,830 --> 00:06:23,790  
Finally, the Russian army came.

144  
00:06:23,790 --> 00:06:26,130  
I remember a tank came.

145  
00:06:26,130 --> 00:06:27,510  
And he stopped.

146  
00:06:27,510 --> 00:06:28,980  
He saw a lot of people.

147  
00:06:28,980 --> 00:06:29,640  
He came out.

148  
00:06:29,640 --> 00:06:32,610  
He ask, who are you?

149  
00:06:32,610 --> 00:06:35,060  
Nobody knew the language.

150  
00:06:35,060 --> 00:06:35,560  
Yeah.

151  
00:06:35,560 --> 00:06:36,840  
Then this I remember.

152  
00:06:36,840 --> 00:06:41,070  
I don't know if this is in  
my dream or this was reality.

153

00:06:41,070 --> 00:06:44,340  
Then came another tank came.

154  
00:06:44,340 --> 00:06:45,420  
And he came down.

155  
00:06:45,420 --> 00:06:48,270  
And he spoke  
already Jewish, yes.

156  
00:06:48,270 --> 00:06:51,450  
And we told him we are  
from camp here, yes.

157  
00:06:51,450 --> 00:06:56,240  
And he said, well, you go  
straight here with this road.

158  
00:06:56,240 --> 00:07:00,480  
And this and this parts,  
the Russian already there.

159  
00:07:00,480 --> 00:07:02,660  
But we don't know what  
is going to happen here.

160  
00:07:02,660 --> 00:07:04,950  
When I looked around,  
I saw all over around.

161  
00:07:04,950 --> 00:07:07,290  
And the people  
where my eyes could

162  
00:07:07,290 --> 00:07:10,630  
see just Russian tanks all  
over that around in the side.

163  
00:07:10,630 --> 00:07:11,560  
And he went.

164  
00:07:11,560 --> 00:07:12,150  
We went.

165  
00:07:12,150 --> 00:07:15,810

And I came to a city.

166  
00:07:15,810 --> 00:07:18,180  
We went by bus.

167  
00:07:18,180 --> 00:07:21,270  
Everybody went, you  
know, on the road.

168  
00:07:21,270 --> 00:07:26,280  
Finally, I came to Radom,  
to a big city, Radom.

169  
00:07:26,280 --> 00:07:27,450  
Some people remained.

170  
00:07:27,450 --> 00:07:29,630  
I went with other  
people to Radom.

171  
00:07:29,630 --> 00:07:31,850  
And we were there  
for a day or two.

172  
00:07:31,850 --> 00:07:35,390  
There was already a  
Jewish organization.

173  
00:07:35,390 --> 00:07:37,410  
They gave us bread.

174  
00:07:37,410 --> 00:07:39,820  
You know, we stayed  
there for a night.

175  
00:07:39,820 --> 00:07:40,320  
Then--

176  
00:07:40,320 --> 00:07:41,880  
This is still December?

177  
00:07:41,880 --> 00:07:43,110  
No, this already January.

178

00:07:43,110 --> 00:07:44,400  
January.

179  
00:07:44,400 --> 00:07:47,210  
The liberation, we  
was already liberated.

180  
00:07:47,210 --> 00:07:49,920  
Then from over, that  
I went to Lublin.

181  
00:07:49,920 --> 00:07:50,430  
Yeah.

182  
00:07:50,430 --> 00:07:54,450  
In Lublin was already  
also more Jewish people,

183  
00:07:54,450 --> 00:07:58,755  
was a Jewish [NON-ENGLISH].

184  
00:07:58,755 --> 00:08:01,020  
They used to give  
you to eat, yes.

185  
00:08:01,020 --> 00:08:03,630  
But I didn't know  
what I'm going to do.

186  
00:08:03,630 --> 00:08:06,360  
But later I said, I'm going  
to go to back to Zmigród.

187  
00:08:06,360 --> 00:08:07,610  
But how I'm going to go there?

188  
00:08:07,610 --> 00:08:09,300  
It's very far.

189  
00:08:09,300 --> 00:08:10,020  
Your hometown?

190  
00:08:10,020 --> 00:08:13,620  
My hometown--  
finally, I had a man

191  
00:08:13,620 --> 00:08:16,510  
over there is in Lublin,  
which I recognized him.

192  
00:08:16,510 --> 00:08:18,700  
He was from my town, yes.

193  
00:08:18,700 --> 00:08:21,450  
And we talked to each other.

194  
00:08:21,450 --> 00:08:24,720  
He said he was in Russia,  
coming back from Russia here.

195  
00:08:24,720 --> 00:08:26,380  
Finally, I went to Zmigród.

196  
00:08:26,380 --> 00:08:26,880  
Yeah.

197  
00:08:26,880 --> 00:08:27,443  
I went.

198  
00:08:27,443 --> 00:08:29,610  
I don't know how long it  
took me to come to Zmigród.

199  
00:08:29,610 --> 00:08:30,370  
You know?

200  
00:08:30,370 --> 00:08:30,870  
I went.

201  
00:08:30,870 --> 00:08:32,640  
I came to Zmigród.

202  
00:08:32,640 --> 00:08:34,260  
I came to our town.

203  
00:08:34,260 --> 00:08:36,030  
It was Jedlicze then.

204



00:08:36,030 --> 00:08:37,799  
And in this time, in Jedlicze.

205  
00:08:37,799 --> 00:08:39,929  
I saw a couple Jewish  
people over there,

206  
00:08:39,929 --> 00:08:43,260  
which was over there one of  
my relatives over there, too.

207  
00:08:43,260 --> 00:08:47,590  
He was hiding by Polish people.

208  
00:08:47,590 --> 00:08:48,090  
Yes.

209  
00:08:48,090 --> 00:08:50,380  
And I told him, I'm  
going to Zmigród.

210  
00:08:50,380 --> 00:08:51,710  
Yes, I went myself to Zmigród.

211  
00:08:51,710 --> 00:08:57,180  
The reason I went to Zmigród  
is, before we left, yes,

212  
00:08:57,180 --> 00:09:01,050  
I put then in the back  
yard, I make some hole.

213  
00:09:01,050 --> 00:09:04,440  
And I put in a golden  
chain, some rings.

214  
00:09:04,440 --> 00:09:05,660  
I figure maybe it's there.

215  
00:09:05,660 --> 00:09:06,660  
I'm going to pick it up.

216  
00:09:06,660 --> 00:09:07,530  
I have no money.

217

00:09:07,530 --> 00:09:09,150

I have nothing.

218

00:09:09,150 --> 00:09:10,160

I went over there.

219

00:09:10,160 --> 00:09:14,100

And a couple Polish people  
that, in that time, 1945,

220

00:09:14,100 --> 00:09:16,590

I met over there--

221

00:09:16,590 --> 00:09:18,180

this was in the wintertime.

222

00:09:18,180 --> 00:09:20,050

We start to dig over there.

223

00:09:20,050 --> 00:09:20,550

They dig.

224

00:09:20,550 --> 00:09:22,530

I couldn't find  
nothing there Find it.

225

00:09:22,530 --> 00:09:23,590

The house--

226

00:09:23,590 --> 00:09:25,620

Was anybody living in the house?

227

00:09:25,620 --> 00:09:27,510

Yes, the house stood  
the way it was.

228

00:09:27,510 --> 00:09:29,050

I could not go into the house.

229

00:09:29,050 --> 00:09:30,730

Was living a family over there.

230

00:09:30,730 --> 00:09:32,760

I couldn't go in they  
didn't let me go in

231  
00:09:32,760 --> 00:09:38,100  
I just went to the backyard from  
another side and then I said

232  
00:09:38,100 --> 00:09:42,300  
to myself, well I had that guy  
which I gave him out before

233  
00:09:42,300 --> 00:09:45,930  
this happened-- yeah, the  
liquidator, in Zmigród.

234  
00:09:45,930 --> 00:09:49,050  
I gave him out  
six sewing machine

235  
00:09:49,050 --> 00:09:51,222  
because my father used  
to sell sewing machine.

236  
00:09:51,222 --> 00:09:53,430  
And the guy told me, if  
you're going to be in a need,

237  
00:09:53,430 --> 00:09:54,190  
come to me.

238  
00:09:54,190 --> 00:09:55,830  
When I was in a  
need, I came to him.

239  
00:09:55,830 --> 00:09:57,030  
He want to kill me.

240  
00:09:57,030 --> 00:09:58,230  
Then I went away.

241  
00:09:58,230 --> 00:09:59,070  
Then I am now here.

242  
00:09:59,070 --> 00:10:00,060  
I said, I'm going to him.

243  
00:10:00,060 --> 00:10:01,310  
He should give me the machine.

244  
00:10:01,310 --> 00:10:02,250  
I have no money.

245  
00:10:02,250 --> 00:10:03,660  
I came out to him.

246  
00:10:03,660 --> 00:10:04,540  
He looked on me.

247  
00:10:04,540 --> 00:10:05,700  
He was shaking.

248  
00:10:05,700 --> 00:10:06,660  
Yeah, he saw me.

249  
00:10:06,660 --> 00:10:08,760  
And the machine was  
standing in the room there.

250  
00:10:08,760 --> 00:10:10,067  
I said, look, you know me.

251  
00:10:10,067 --> 00:10:10,650  
He says, yeah.

252  
00:10:10,650 --> 00:10:12,900  
I said, you take the horse  
and the wagon, I says,

253  
00:10:12,900 --> 00:10:14,880  
and the machine and  
bring it into town.

254  
00:10:14,880 --> 00:10:15,850  
He did.

255  
00:10:15,850 --> 00:10:16,790  
He was very afraid.

256

00:10:16,790 --> 00:10:18,160  
He did.

257  
00:10:18,160 --> 00:10:19,230  
I brought it into town.

258  
00:10:19,230 --> 00:10:20,520  
I didn't have whom  
to sell it even.

259  
00:10:20,520 --> 00:10:22,770  
People didn't have money,  
didn't have whom to sell it.

260  
00:10:22,770 --> 00:10:25,920  
Finally, I took the  
machine to Jedlicze.

261  
00:10:25,920 --> 00:10:27,140  
Where was Jedlicze.

262  
00:10:27,140 --> 00:10:29,940  
Jedlicze was, I don't know,  
about 15 kilometer from

263  
00:10:29,940 --> 00:10:32,160  
Zmigród, a small town.

264  
00:10:32,160 --> 00:10:33,930  
And I sold them over there.

265  
00:10:33,930 --> 00:10:37,170  
But the next day, yeah, I  
saw a Pole from my town.

266  
00:10:37,170 --> 00:10:38,790  
And he told me, you're lucky.

267  
00:10:38,790 --> 00:10:41,127  
He said, you're  
lucky you went away.

268  
00:10:41,127 --> 00:10:43,710  
The guy what brought you with a  
machine, he came at nighttime.

269  
00:10:43,710 --> 00:10:45,990  
He wanted to kill you.

270  
00:10:45,990 --> 00:10:47,210  
You're lucky you went away.

271  
00:10:47,210 --> 00:10:50,610  
When I heard this story, I  
say, there's no place for me

272  
00:10:50,610 --> 00:10:51,570  
anymore in Poland.

273  
00:10:51,570 --> 00:10:53,610  
I have to leave.

274  
00:10:53,610 --> 00:10:56,070  
I try to leave, to go.

275  
00:10:56,070 --> 00:10:59,135  
I said my first stop going  
to be I go to Romania.

276  
00:10:59,135 --> 00:11:00,570  
Yeah.

277  
00:11:00,570 --> 00:11:03,000  
Everybody ask me, why  
you go to Romania?

278  
00:11:03,000 --> 00:11:06,350  
My father was in the First World  
War, was a soldier of Romania.

279  
00:11:06,350 --> 00:11:08,040  
And he stood in Bucharest.

280  
00:11:08,040 --> 00:11:10,740  
And he used to tell us story  
when I was a kid that he was

281  
00:11:10,740 --> 00:11:12,480  
very good for him over there.

282

00:11:12,480 --> 00:11:14,790

And I said, I go to  
Romania, see what happened.

283

00:11:14,790 --> 00:11:15,990

The borders were open.

284

00:11:15,990 --> 00:11:17,370

You know, you could go.

285

00:11:17,370 --> 00:11:18,540

I went, took me days.

286

00:11:18,540 --> 00:11:19,410

I came to Romania.

287

00:11:19,410 --> 00:11:21,150

I came to Bucharest.

288

00:11:21,150 --> 00:11:24,910

Yeah, was already, again,  
Jewish committee over there.

289

00:11:24,910 --> 00:11:26,610

And you know, it was organized.

290

00:11:26,610 --> 00:11:27,420

They gave you food.

291

00:11:27,420 --> 00:11:28,170

They give you eat.

292

00:11:28,170 --> 00:11:32,160

I sit over there nice, nice  
couple months over there

293

00:11:32,160 --> 00:11:33,290

in Bucharest.

294

00:11:33,290 --> 00:11:33,790

Yeah.

295

00:11:33,790 --> 00:11:36,300

And then, you know,  
they was talking

296

00:11:36,300 --> 00:11:37,820

that the Russian,  
the communists,

297

00:11:37,820 --> 00:11:40,580

are going to try to give  
a grip more on Romania.

298

00:11:40,580 --> 00:11:43,290

You wouldn't be able  
to leave anymore.

299

00:11:43,290 --> 00:11:48,840

My next trip was I'm  
going to go to Italy, yes.

300

00:11:48,840 --> 00:11:52,530

I went from Romania, went  
to Hungary, Czechoslovakia,

301

00:11:52,530 --> 00:11:57,180

Austria, all going, you know,  
by train, by bus, keeping going.

302

00:11:57,180 --> 00:11:58,880

You're alone this whole time?

303

00:11:58,880 --> 00:12:01,380

No, with other people, were  
other people going to--

304

00:12:01,380 --> 00:12:02,010

I didn't know.

305

00:12:02,010 --> 00:12:04,560

People were going, you  
know, like everybody.

306

00:12:04,560 --> 00:12:05,130

You go.

307



00:12:05,130 --> 00:12:07,170  
The border's still open, you go.

308  
00:12:07,170 --> 00:12:09,060  
I came to Italy.

309  
00:12:09,060 --> 00:12:12,180  
I came to Italy, in  
Italy, to a town.

310  
00:12:12,180 --> 00:12:14,700  
The name was Padua, a big town.

311  
00:12:14,700 --> 00:12:18,490  
Yeah, it was over there a camp,  
you know, for Jewish people,

312  
00:12:18,490 --> 00:12:20,570  
which they came,  
organized over there.

313  
00:12:20,570 --> 00:12:22,950  
And they gave you  
to eat, food, there.

314  
00:12:22,950 --> 00:12:24,960  
Yeah, I was a little  
bit in this town.

315  
00:12:24,960 --> 00:12:29,580  
And later, you know, I  
went out of the camp.

316  
00:12:29,580 --> 00:12:31,200  
And I had some money.

317  
00:12:31,200 --> 00:12:34,410  
I took myself with a friend  
an apartment over there.

318  
00:12:34,410 --> 00:12:36,690  
And I was waiting to  
go to the United States

319  
00:12:36,690 --> 00:12:38,310

because I had here relatives.

320

00:12:38,310 --> 00:12:40,330  
My mother had here two sisters.

321

00:12:40,330 --> 00:12:42,420  
I had cousins here.

322

00:12:42,420 --> 00:12:44,220  
I was in contact with them.

323

00:12:44,220 --> 00:12:47,620  
They told me I should  
wait till eventually I'd

324

00:12:47,620 --> 00:12:51,510  
be able to come here,  
but took very long time.

325

00:12:51,510 --> 00:12:54,720  
I did not have too much  
patience over there to wait.

326

00:12:54,720 --> 00:13:00,030  
As I said to myself, well,  
I am going to Israel.

327

00:13:00,030 --> 00:13:07,830  
Yes, in 1946, yes, I went  
with a Jewish organization,

328

00:13:07,830 --> 00:13:11,020  
you know, with the  
Haganah, you know.

329

00:13:11,020 --> 00:13:11,700  
Excuse me.

330

00:13:11,700 --> 00:13:16,290  
You knew already that you  
had no immediate family left?

331

00:13:16,290 --> 00:13:18,990  
Yes, I knew I don't have  
anybody anymore because I

332  
00:13:18,990 --> 00:13:20,040  
didn't look for family.

333  
00:13:20,040 --> 00:13:21,750  
Because I know my  
family's destroyed,

334  
00:13:21,750 --> 00:13:23,560  
was all killed in Zmigród.

335  
00:13:23,560 --> 00:13:25,260  
Yes.

336  
00:13:25,260 --> 00:13:26,410  
I didn't know.

337  
00:13:26,410 --> 00:13:29,010  
I couldn't find anybody because  
I know I don't have nobody.

338  
00:13:29,010 --> 00:13:31,100  
Maybe a cousin some place,  
but I don't know where

339  
00:13:31,100 --> 00:13:32,183  
I'm going to look for him.

340  
00:13:32,183 --> 00:13:34,080  
So you thought you were alone?

341  
00:13:34,080 --> 00:13:35,130  
I was alone.

342  
00:13:35,130 --> 00:13:38,850  
In the beginning,  
it was terrible.

343  
00:13:38,850 --> 00:13:43,110  
In the beginning, you  
know, all the time I said,

344  
00:13:43,110 --> 00:13:44,400  
why I got alive?

345

00:13:44,400 --> 00:13:46,650

But it would be better  
I would be dead.

346

00:13:46,650 --> 00:13:49,900

347

00:13:49,900 --> 00:13:52,400

Because I didn't have nobody.

348

00:13:52,400 --> 00:13:55,390

And I saw the antisemitism.

349

00:13:55,390 --> 00:13:58,450

Again, in Poland, you  
know, it was terrible.

350

00:13:58,450 --> 00:13:59,680

I came into my town.

351

00:13:59,680 --> 00:14:01,180

I went in for a piece of paper.

352

00:14:01,180 --> 00:14:04,330

I did not have a piece of  
paper who I am, you know?

353

00:14:04,330 --> 00:14:07,300

I came into this city  
hall for a piece of paper.

354

00:14:07,300 --> 00:14:08,750

And they asked me, who are you?

355

00:14:08,750 --> 00:14:10,240

I said, I am born  
here in Zmigród.

356

00:14:10,240 --> 00:14:11,800

I want a piece of paper.

357

00:14:11,800 --> 00:14:13,390

Then they told me,

why do you here?

358

00:14:13,390 --> 00:14:14,790

Why don't you go to the army?

359

00:14:14,790 --> 00:14:16,960

I said, I just came  
from concentration camp.

360

00:14:16,960 --> 00:14:19,390

I am sick, yeah.

361

00:14:19,390 --> 00:14:23,290

And then I was in Poland when  
was the pogrom in Kielce,

362

00:14:23,290 --> 00:14:23,800

you know.

363

00:14:23,800 --> 00:14:26,260

I said, no, I better leave here.

364

00:14:26,260 --> 00:14:28,690

There's no place for me here.

365

00:14:28,690 --> 00:14:31,340

Where I went, I went, like  
I said, to Italy there.

366

00:14:31,340 --> 00:14:32,380

And I was waiting.

367

00:14:32,380 --> 00:14:36,610

And then I went to, from  
Italy, illegal with a boat.

368

00:14:36,610 --> 00:14:39,760

We was rowing for four weeks  
on this boat to Israel.

369

00:14:39,760 --> 00:14:44,050

Finally, the British  
caught us on the water.

370

00:14:44,050 --> 00:14:46,320  
And you know, it was a whole  
story when they caught us

371  
00:14:46,320 --> 00:14:47,237  
till they bring it in.

372  
00:14:47,237 --> 00:14:50,110  
There's a whole story, you know.

373  
00:14:50,110 --> 00:14:52,000  
I would take too  
much time to tell you

374  
00:14:52,000 --> 00:14:53,500  
the particular on this thing.

375  
00:14:53,500 --> 00:14:54,800  
Finally, I came to Israel.

376  
00:14:54,800 --> 00:14:55,990  
OK, I was in Israel.

377  
00:14:55,990 --> 00:14:59,730  
They put us in the  
camp in Cyprus--

378  
00:14:59,730 --> 00:15:01,080  
not in Cyprus, in Atlit--

379  
00:15:01,080 --> 00:15:03,355  
this was near Haifa--  
for, I don't know,

380  
00:15:03,355 --> 00:15:04,570  
a week or two maybe.

381  
00:15:04,570 --> 00:15:05,470  
They gave us paper.

382  
00:15:05,470 --> 00:15:09,310  
Everybody can go free  
wherever you wanted to go.

383

00:15:09,310 --> 00:15:11,170  
I didn't have where to go, OK?

384  
00:15:11,170 --> 00:15:13,630  
I remained in Tel Aviv.

385  
00:15:13,630 --> 00:15:14,420  
OK.

386  
00:15:14,420 --> 00:15:17,170  
In the beginning, it was not  
so good, but I was still free.

387  
00:15:17,170 --> 00:15:19,900  
I could do whatever I want to.

388  
00:15:19,900 --> 00:15:22,120  
I was working  
there, working here.

389  
00:15:22,120 --> 00:15:25,390  
Then, you know, 1947 came.

390  
00:15:25,390 --> 00:15:27,880  
The British was supposed  
to leave Israel.

391  
00:15:27,880 --> 00:15:33,540  
And I went-- there still was,  
in Israel, yeah, the British.

392  
00:15:33,540 --> 00:15:35,776  
certain parts they left.

393  
00:15:35,776 --> 00:15:38,320  
And there were signs.

394  
00:15:38,320 --> 00:15:40,720  
You know, people should  
go volunteer to the army.

395  
00:15:40,720 --> 00:15:43,870  
I volunteer, and I went to the  
army, to this Israeli army,

396

00:15:43,870 --> 00:15:46,510

yes, in the beginning.

397

00:15:46,510 --> 00:15:51,220

And I was in the

Israeli army, you know,

398

00:15:51,220 --> 00:15:52,750

till the war was over.

399

00:15:52,750 --> 00:15:53,410

'48.

400

00:15:53,410 --> 00:15:54,160

Till '48.

401

00:15:54,160 --> 00:15:54,850

Eight.

402

00:15:54,850 --> 00:15:55,555

Yes.

403

00:15:55,555 --> 00:15:59,320

And then I had a job

working in Israel, you know.

404

00:15:59,320 --> 00:16:00,640

I met my wife there.

405

00:16:00,640 --> 00:16:03,160

I got married in 1949.

406

00:16:03,160 --> 00:16:05,060

And then--

407

00:16:05,060 --> 00:16:06,400

Where's your wife from?

408

00:16:06,400 --> 00:16:08,680

My wife is from

Poland, from Łódź.

409

00:16:08,680 --> 00:16:11,540



She was also a  
Holocaust survivor.

410  
00:16:11,540 --> 00:16:13,220  
She was in the Łódź Ghetto.

411  
00:16:13,220 --> 00:16:15,160  
And then she was in Auschwitz.

412  
00:16:15,160 --> 00:16:19,120  
And she was liberated  
in Bergen-Belsen, also

413  
00:16:19,120 --> 00:16:20,230  
lost everybody.

414  
00:16:20,230 --> 00:16:21,100  
Nobody got here.

415  
00:16:21,100 --> 00:16:22,310  
Nobody was alive.

416  
00:16:22,310 --> 00:16:27,210  
She is the only  
one that is alive.

417  
00:16:27,210 --> 00:16:29,740  
We met each other in Israel.

418  
00:16:29,740 --> 00:16:31,420  
She was also in the army.

419  
00:16:31,420 --> 00:16:34,060  
We got married in 1949.

420  
00:16:34,060 --> 00:16:35,470  
Yes.

421  
00:16:35,470 --> 00:16:39,210  
But I was working  
for the government.

422  
00:16:39,210 --> 00:16:40,330  
And she had a job.

423  
00:16:40,330 --> 00:16:41,740  
She was working.

424  
00:16:41,740 --> 00:16:42,700  
It was not too bad.

425  
00:16:42,700 --> 00:16:45,650  
But all the times,  
I want my family.

426  
00:16:45,650 --> 00:16:47,320  
I didn't have nobody.

427  
00:16:47,320 --> 00:16:50,800  
I want to see my own, my  
mother's sisters and this.

428  
00:16:50,800 --> 00:16:56,560  
Then in 1950, then  
my aunt, they sent

429  
00:16:56,560 --> 00:16:58,120  
for me I should come and come.

430  
00:16:58,120 --> 00:16:59,650  
They send me papers.

431  
00:16:59,650 --> 00:17:02,685  
Then my wife got pregnant.

432  
00:17:02,685 --> 00:17:03,800  
She was pregnant.

433  
00:17:03,800 --> 00:17:08,710  
And my son was born,  
Michael, in 1955.

434  
00:17:08,710 --> 00:17:11,859  
And then I still wanted  
to go to America.

435  
00:17:11,859 --> 00:17:13,810  
Even I have good

in Israel, I have

436

00:17:13,810 --> 00:17:16,410  
everything that I had to  
have, but I wanted to go.

437

00:17:16,410 --> 00:17:21,130  
I need my family, this,  
my mother's sister.

438

00:17:21,130 --> 00:17:26,119  
Then I came to United  
States in 1955.

439

00:17:26,119 --> 00:17:27,500  
OK, I met my aunt.

440

00:17:27,500 --> 00:17:28,860  
I never saw him in my life.

441

00:17:28,860 --> 00:17:29,600  
I met him.

442

00:17:29,600 --> 00:17:32,200  
It was a good occasion  
with other cousin.

443

00:17:32,200 --> 00:17:34,490  
They were very happy to see me.

444

00:17:34,490 --> 00:17:37,840  
I was only one with  
all the question asked.

445

00:17:37,840 --> 00:17:40,820  
You know, how I got  
alive, you know?

446

00:17:40,820 --> 00:17:44,450  
A lot of story was emotional  
thing again to tell them.

447

00:17:44,450 --> 00:17:48,480  
Yeah, but they were very  
good to me, really very good.

448

00:17:48,480 --> 00:17:50,240

They tried to help me.

449

00:17:50,240 --> 00:17:52,385

In the beginning, I was  
living in the Bronx.

450

00:17:52,385 --> 00:17:53,510

Later, I moved to Brooklyn.

451

00:17:53,510 --> 00:17:55,040

They got me an apartment.

452

00:17:55,040 --> 00:17:56,720

They got furniture.

453

00:17:56,720 --> 00:17:57,890

They settled me down.

454

00:17:57,890 --> 00:17:58,760

I start to work.

455

00:17:58,760 --> 00:18:01,040

In the beginning,  
I make \$1 an hour.

456

00:18:01,040 --> 00:18:04,230

But everything was  
good, was nothing bad

457

00:18:04,230 --> 00:18:10,700

until I got more involved,  
got my little bit-- you know,

458

00:18:10,700 --> 00:18:13,530

I went a little bit  
to know the English.

459

00:18:13,530 --> 00:18:17,980

And later, you know, my  
other son was born, Richard.

460

00:18:17,980 --> 00:18:20,740

And then another  
son was born, Jay.

461  
00:18:20,740 --> 00:18:22,690  
You know, we are a close family.

462  
00:18:22,690 --> 00:18:25,400  
And my family, my aunts,  
they were very good to me,

463  
00:18:25,400 --> 00:18:29,230  
really couldn't be better.

464  
00:18:29,230 --> 00:18:31,610  
Then I was working.

465  
00:18:31,610 --> 00:18:35,840  
I was making OK,  
all right, you know?

466  
00:18:35,840 --> 00:18:37,520  
It was OK.

467  
00:18:37,520 --> 00:18:39,290  
I never complain  
at United States.

468  
00:18:39,290 --> 00:18:41,120  
I didn't have what to complaint.

469  
00:18:41,120 --> 00:18:45,530  
I had good children, a good  
wife, you know, a good family.

470  
00:18:45,530 --> 00:18:46,580  
Yes.

471  
00:18:46,580 --> 00:18:49,040  
But still, you know,  
what bothered me

472  
00:18:49,040 --> 00:18:50,450  
all the years bothered me--

473

00:18:50,450 --> 00:18:53,120

474

00:18:53,120 --> 00:18:55,572  
in the head, what happened.

475

00:18:55,572 --> 00:19:00,400

476

00:19:00,400 --> 00:19:01,140  
I couldn't sleep.

477

00:19:01,140 --> 00:19:03,690

478

00:19:03,690 --> 00:19:06,463  
Years, and years, and  
years, I couldn't sleep.

479

00:19:06,463 --> 00:19:09,070

480

00:19:09,070 --> 00:19:09,570  
Yeah.

481

00:19:09,570 --> 00:19:17,810  
I waked up in night, I was  
crying, crying, sleeping.

482

00:19:17,810 --> 00:19:20,090  
I fall down some  
time from the bed.

483

00:19:20,090 --> 00:19:23,840  
I will say, ah, [CRYING].

484

00:19:23,840 --> 00:19:31,100  
My wife waked up me in the  
night years, years, and years,

485

00:19:31,100 --> 00:19:32,280  
and years.

486

00:19:32,280 --> 00:19:34,220

It was on my chest.

487

00:19:34,220 --> 00:19:40,350  
I have to go to see, to Zmigród,  
the grave of my parents.

488

00:19:40,350 --> 00:19:43,310  
I never was there.

489

00:19:43,310 --> 00:19:47,090  
I have to see this, but I  
didn't have the possibility

490

00:19:47,090 --> 00:19:48,980  
to do this.

491

00:19:48,980 --> 00:19:52,310  
I said, well, maybe a time  
going to come I will go there.

492

00:19:52,310 --> 00:19:56,190  
But all the years, for 50  
years, it was terrible.

493

00:19:56,190 --> 00:19:59,330

494

00:19:59,330 --> 00:20:03,090  
Was night, I didn't sleep.

495

00:20:03,090 --> 00:20:11,740  
Finally, in 1972, yes,  
1972, I got a call

496

00:20:11,740 --> 00:20:13,810  
from the Jewish Congress.

497

00:20:13,810 --> 00:20:17,110  
They're still looking  
for people from Zmigród.

498

00:20:17,110 --> 00:20:18,490  
There's going to be a trial.

499

00:20:18,490 --> 00:20:21,010  
They find the murderers,  
what they did when

500  
00:20:21,010 --> 00:20:22,800  
they think I should come down.

501  
00:20:22,800 --> 00:20:24,550  
I came down to the  
Jewish Congress.

502  
00:20:24,550 --> 00:20:26,410  
They asked me question.

503  
00:20:26,410 --> 00:20:30,760  
And later, the German  
consul here in New York

504  
00:20:30,760 --> 00:20:33,430  
called me down.

505  
00:20:33,430 --> 00:20:36,850  
They had pictures if I can  
recognize some of them.

506  
00:20:36,850 --> 00:20:42,100  
It was very hard to recognize  
really because it is 50 years.

507  
00:20:42,100 --> 00:20:43,810  
But their name--

508  
00:20:43,810 --> 00:20:44,710  
This is, what, 1970?

509  
00:20:44,710 --> 00:20:47,040  
In 1972, I mean, was about--

510  
00:20:47,040 --> 00:20:48,040  
This was about 30 years.

511  
00:20:48,040 --> 00:20:48,540  
--30 years.

512



00:20:48,540 --> 00:20:50,770

It was very hard to  
recognize, but the names

513

00:20:50,770 --> 00:20:52,960

were familiar to me.

514

00:20:52,960 --> 00:20:54,890

Some of them I did recognize.

515

00:20:54,890 --> 00:20:55,390

Yeah.

516

00:20:55,390 --> 00:20:58,600

And they asked me if I would  
be willing to go to the trial.

517

00:20:58,600 --> 00:21:00,310

I said, I have to.

518

00:21:00,310 --> 00:21:02,110

There's no question about it.

519

00:21:02,110 --> 00:21:03,170

I go to trial.

520

00:21:03,170 --> 00:21:05,980

I hope they're still going to  
give him the punishment what

521

00:21:05,980 --> 00:21:06,730

they deserve.

522

00:21:06,730 --> 00:21:07,990

Where was the trial?

523

00:21:07,990 --> 00:21:13,985

The trial was in a town of--

524

00:21:13,985 --> 00:21:18,920

525

00:21:18,920 --> 00:21:21,720

the town was Arnsberg.

526  
00:21:21,720 --> 00:21:22,220  
This is--

527  
00:21:22,220 --> 00:21:25,250  
What's this document?

528  
00:21:25,250 --> 00:21:28,010  
This is the document that  
the man was in charge send me

529  
00:21:28,010 --> 00:21:33,070  
after the trial, what was  
the end of the verdict

530  
00:21:33,070 --> 00:21:40,330  
from the people and how many  
people, how many witness was,

531  
00:21:40,330 --> 00:21:41,870  
and what was the crime.

532  
00:21:41,870 --> 00:21:46,740  
Yes, this was in  
1972 in Arnsberg.

533  
00:21:46,740 --> 00:21:49,250  
This is not far away from Koln.

534  
00:21:49,250 --> 00:21:50,500  
This is January--

535  
00:21:50,500 --> 00:21:51,000  
No, no.

536  
00:21:51,000 --> 00:21:52,770  
This was the letter  
sending me in 1973.

537  
00:21:52,770 --> 00:21:53,270  
Oh.

538  
00:21:53,270 --> 00:21:54,460  
And then the trial was--

539

00:21:54,460 --> 00:21:55,700

The trial was in--

540

00:21:55,700 --> 00:21:57,640

I'll just show this letter here.

541

00:21:57,640 --> 00:21:59,780

The trial was 1972.

542

00:21:59,780 --> 00:22:03,710

This is a letter sent to me from  
a German, which he took care

543

00:22:03,710 --> 00:22:05,350

on all the witnesses.

544

00:22:05,350 --> 00:22:11,510

Here is our piece of paper from  
the judges in the courtroom

545

00:22:11,510 --> 00:22:14,130

when the trial is coming--

546

00:22:14,130 --> 00:22:14,630

is--

547

00:22:14,630 --> 00:22:15,980

What paper is this?

548

00:22:15,980 --> 00:22:18,582

This is the paper from  
Arnsberg, from Germany.

549

00:22:18,582 --> 00:22:20,040

A German paper  
where the trial was?

550

00:22:20,040 --> 00:22:21,290

German paper where the trial--

551

00:22:21,290 --> 00:22:22,910

Why was the trial in Arnsberg?

552

00:22:22,910 --> 00:22:28,100

It looks like there's the  
people live around this place

553

00:22:28,100 --> 00:22:29,660

there, around this town.

554

00:22:29,660 --> 00:22:32,583

That's where the Germans  
who were the murderers were.

555

00:22:32,583 --> 00:22:34,250

Germans who killed,  
the murderers, yeah,

556

00:22:34,250 --> 00:22:35,710

were living around  
this town there.

557

00:22:35,710 --> 00:22:36,210

Yes.

558

00:22:36,210 --> 00:22:38,120

That's what the  
article says in German?

559

00:22:38,120 --> 00:22:45,840

No, the article, what it says  
here, it says that this is--

560

00:22:45,840 --> 00:22:50,360

the court which have  
this all the Germans

561

00:22:50,360 --> 00:22:52,880

which they're going  
to prosecute them

562

00:22:52,880 --> 00:22:56,450

against the killing of the Jews.

563

00:22:56,450 --> 00:22:57,530

Yes.

564

00:22:57,530 --> 00:23:00,800

Now, I decided that  
I'm going to come.

565

00:23:00,800 --> 00:23:02,840

Also, my friend  
Leon Rosner, which

566

00:23:02,840 --> 00:23:05,465

he was always with me, together,  
going to come over there

567

00:23:05,465 --> 00:23:06,680

to this trial.

568

00:23:06,680 --> 00:23:13,010

Now, we came to the trial  
in Arnsberg in 1972.

569

00:23:13,010 --> 00:23:15,090

He was met by one  
of these German

570

00:23:15,090 --> 00:23:16,940

that he took care  
on us over there.

571

00:23:16,940 --> 00:23:19,370

We were sleeping  
in a hotel there.

572

00:23:19,370 --> 00:23:21,787

I was very frightened  
even then over there.

573

00:23:21,787 --> 00:23:23,870

I don't know why I was  
very frightened over there.

574

00:23:23,870 --> 00:23:25,010

How long were you there?

575

00:23:25,010 --> 00:23:27,040

I was there for a week.

576

00:23:27,040 --> 00:23:28,420  
Yeah.

577  
00:23:28,420 --> 00:23:30,800  
And then I met other  
people over there, a few

578  
00:23:30,800 --> 00:23:33,530  
from my town, which they  
came from California.

579  
00:23:33,530 --> 00:23:35,800  
Some of them came from Israel.

580  
00:23:35,800 --> 00:23:39,390  
There were about 100 witness  
from Poland, you know.

581  
00:23:39,390 --> 00:23:40,940  
Was Poles, a few of them.

582  
00:23:40,940 --> 00:23:43,370  
Was about 100  
witness over there.

583  
00:23:43,370 --> 00:23:45,290  
I stood in the  
front of the judges.

584  
00:23:45,290 --> 00:23:46,660  
And they asked me the question.

585  
00:23:46,660 --> 00:23:49,310  
I told him everything  
what happened over there.

586  
00:23:49,310 --> 00:23:52,590  
Yes, I didn't want  
to speak in German.

587  
00:23:52,590 --> 00:23:53,390  
Yes.

588  
00:23:53,390 --> 00:23:56,210  
I said I'm going

to speak in Jewish,

589

00:23:56,210 --> 00:23:57,810  
which they have over there--

590

00:23:57,810 --> 00:24:01,370  
one was an interpreter,  
which he interpreted.

591

00:24:01,370 --> 00:24:02,120  
I knew English.

592

00:24:02,120 --> 00:24:04,400  
I didn't want to speak  
German language plain.

593

00:24:04,400 --> 00:24:05,540  
I said, I speak in Jewish.

594

00:24:05,540 --> 00:24:07,180  
And I spoke.

595

00:24:07,180 --> 00:24:09,050  
They heard my story, everything.

596

00:24:09,050 --> 00:24:11,930  
The accusers were sitting on  
this side, the murderers here.

597

00:24:11,930 --> 00:24:14,280  
They were not young  
people already.

598

00:24:14,280 --> 00:24:14,780  
Yes.

599

00:24:14,780 --> 00:24:18,200  
And every day, another one  
was coming on the trial.

600

00:24:18,200 --> 00:24:19,940  
I worked for seven  
days over there.

601

00:24:19,940 --> 00:24:23,510  
I couldn't attend any more  
this trial because was too much

602  
00:24:23,510 --> 00:24:25,610  
emotional for me.

603  
00:24:25,610 --> 00:24:30,330  
Finally, after this trial, we  
left back to United States.

604  
00:24:30,330 --> 00:24:35,690  
And in 1973, I  
received this paper

605  
00:24:35,690 --> 00:24:37,670  
from the man who was  
in charge from this--

606  
00:24:37,670 --> 00:24:38,450  
[INAUDIBLE]

607  
00:24:38,450 --> 00:24:42,350  
His name was [? Karl ?]  
[? Foster. ?] Yes.

608  
00:24:42,350 --> 00:24:44,720  
I don't know how good  
he was with the Jewish.

609  
00:24:44,720 --> 00:24:51,590  
He said, he was from  
the Germany army, yes.

610  
00:24:51,590 --> 00:24:53,330  
But I had to believe  
what he says,

611  
00:24:53,330 --> 00:24:57,330  
but he was nice to us, OK?

612  
00:24:57,330 --> 00:24:59,330  
He sent me this  
letter telling me

613



00:24:59,330 --> 00:25:05,090  
what happened with the  
verdict over there.

614  
00:25:05,090 --> 00:25:14,150  
The main man what was in  
charge in this place, his name

615  
00:25:14,150 --> 00:25:17,450  
was Dr. [? Gantz. ?]

616  
00:25:17,450 --> 00:25:22,460  
He was the main man  
that's like the governor

617  
00:25:22,460 --> 00:25:26,240  
from the [PLACE NAME] and  
the all surrounding areas.

618  
00:25:26,240 --> 00:25:30,830  
Yeah, he gave the  
order what to do.

619  
00:25:30,830 --> 00:25:34,300  
He was working after the war  
for the German government.

620  
00:25:34,300 --> 00:25:34,800  
Yeah.

621  
00:25:34,800 --> 00:25:36,320  
And he had plastic surgery.

622  
00:25:36,320 --> 00:25:37,640  
They could not recognize him.

623  
00:25:37,640 --> 00:25:40,640  
Finally, there came some tip,  
and they did recognize him.

624  
00:25:40,640 --> 00:25:43,370  
When they came to arrest  
him, yes, they find him.

625  
00:25:43,370 --> 00:25:45,590

He killed himself.

626

00:25:45,590 --> 00:25:47,330

He hanged himself.

627

00:25:47,330 --> 00:25:49,460

He was out of the picture.

628

00:25:49,460 --> 00:25:52,540

The rest that they  
found was seven people.

629

00:25:52,540 --> 00:25:55,340

They were sitting on  
this bench on the trial.

630

00:25:55,340 --> 00:25:57,270

Two of them they were acquit.

631

00:25:57,270 --> 00:26:00,050

There was not too much evidence.

632

00:26:00,050 --> 00:26:06,170

The other five got between  
three, four, and five years

633

00:26:06,170 --> 00:26:07,270

in jail.

634

00:26:07,270 --> 00:26:09,470

The other five was got in jail.

635

00:26:09,470 --> 00:26:14,090

They couldn't pinpoint  
that they was the one,

636

00:26:14,090 --> 00:26:16,140

let's say, to kill  
each one separate.

637

00:26:16,140 --> 00:26:20,390

Because I did not  
see them actually,

638

00:26:20,390 --> 00:26:22,030  
you know, shooting them.

639  
00:26:22,030 --> 00:26:26,950  
But they admitted  
that this was happen.

640  
00:26:26,950 --> 00:26:30,930  
They were accused of  
killing, like the paper says,

641  
00:26:30,930 --> 00:26:34,120  
of 1,000 people from  
[PLACE NAME],, a town,

642  
00:26:34,120 --> 00:26:36,660  
1,000 people from Zmigród.

643  
00:26:36,660 --> 00:26:38,890  
It's written down  
exactly the name--

644  
00:26:38,890 --> 00:26:43,630  
and about 1,000 people of Jaslo.

645  
00:26:43,630 --> 00:26:46,120  
Altogether, it was 5,000  
people, more than 5,000.

646  
00:26:46,120 --> 00:26:47,980  
The rest of the  
people, yeah, they

647  
00:26:47,980 --> 00:26:52,430  
was sending away to the  
gas chamber in Belzec.

648  
00:26:52,430 --> 00:26:55,270  
Also, was a gas  
chamber in Belzec.

649  
00:26:55,270 --> 00:26:57,030  
He was in charge--

650  
00:26:57,030 --> 00:27:00,430

These five, six  
people, it's five?

651  
00:27:00,430 --> 00:27:01,270  
Five people.

652  
00:27:01,270 --> 00:27:04,430  
Five people killed how  
many thousand people?

653  
00:27:04,430 --> 00:27:05,740  
Well, they couldn't find.

654  
00:27:05,740 --> 00:27:07,790  
They couldn't find  
the rest of them.

655  
00:27:07,790 --> 00:27:10,190  
I don't know how  
many was there, yeah?

656  
00:27:10,190 --> 00:27:11,380  
This five they find.

657  
00:27:11,380 --> 00:27:14,005  
The rest of them, what the paper  
said, they couldn't find them.

658  
00:27:14,005 --> 00:27:16,410  
They don't know where they are.

659  
00:27:16,410 --> 00:27:17,286  
OK.

660  
00:27:17,286 --> 00:27:21,480  
This was the end of the trial.

661  
00:27:21,480 --> 00:27:23,610  
I should tell you this,  
I am happy with it.

662  
00:27:23,610 --> 00:27:25,200  
I was not happy with it.

663

00:27:25,200 --> 00:27:29,160

Because for killing so  
many thousands of people,

664

00:27:29,160 --> 00:27:30,210

what is five years?

665

00:27:30,210 --> 00:27:31,180

Five years is nothing.

666

00:27:31,180 --> 00:27:33,970

But eventually, this  
is the German court.

667

00:27:33,970 --> 00:27:35,880

And this is the way  
it goes in Germany.

668

00:27:35,880 --> 00:27:39,880

We can see what is going on now  
in Germany, how this is already

669

00:27:39,880 --> 00:27:43,770

a Democratic Germany, what  
they're doing, what they're

670

00:27:43,770 --> 00:27:44,890

doing down in Germany.

671

00:27:44,890 --> 00:27:47,800

This is the thing what happened.

672

00:27:47,800 --> 00:27:49,080

OK, they found them.

673

00:27:49,080 --> 00:27:51,070

They didn't give them  
the right punishment.

674

00:27:51,070 --> 00:27:54,010

So this, we're into 1972, '73.

675

00:27:54,010 --> 00:27:55,350

'72, '73, yes.

676

00:27:55,350 --> 00:27:56,970

How did you feel after that?

677

00:27:56,970 --> 00:28:00,300

I felt very bad, even  
worse than before.

678

00:28:00,300 --> 00:28:01,800

Because here you  
have the murderers.

679

00:28:01,800 --> 00:28:02,730

Still didn't sleep?

680

00:28:02,730 --> 00:28:03,450

No, no.

681

00:28:03,450 --> 00:28:04,980

The sleeping did not go on.

682

00:28:04,980 --> 00:28:07,860

This was once a  
week, twice a week,

683

00:28:07,860 --> 00:28:10,955

dreaming, seeing everything  
what is happened to me.

684

00:28:10,955 --> 00:28:12,330

And today?

685

00:28:12,330 --> 00:28:15,420

Today, not so much.

686

00:28:15,420 --> 00:28:18,390

While I always said  
this, I have to come

687

00:28:18,390 --> 00:28:21,750

to this place over there,  
yeah, I picked myself up.

688

00:28:21,750 --> 00:28:22,250

Yes.

689

00:28:22,250 --> 00:28:25,560

And I said to my son, my  
family, I am going to Zmigród.

690

00:28:25,560 --> 00:28:29,070

My son, he didn't want  
me I should go by myself.

691

00:28:29,070 --> 00:28:31,020

He said, dad, I'm  
going to go with you.

692

00:28:31,020 --> 00:28:32,460

As he went with me my--

693

00:28:32,460 --> 00:28:33,210

Which son is that?

694

00:28:33,210 --> 00:28:34,135

My son, Michael.

695

00:28:34,135 --> 00:28:34,760

The oldest one?

696

00:28:34,760 --> 00:28:36,600

Yeah, oldest one,  
he went with me.

697

00:28:36,600 --> 00:28:39,090

My other friend Leon Rosner--  
he's also from Zmigród--

698

00:28:39,090 --> 00:28:40,110

went with me.

699

00:28:40,110 --> 00:28:45,300

A cousin of mine from Paris,  
which he left Zmigród in 1932,

700

00:28:45,300 --> 00:28:48,210

he also came to Zmigród.

701

00:28:48,210 --> 00:28:50,700

We came over to Poland.

702

00:28:50,700 --> 00:28:52,410  
I was fighting to go there.

703

00:28:52,410 --> 00:28:55,920  
But I said, whatever, I'm going.

704

00:28:55,920 --> 00:28:57,760  
I came to Warsaw, yes.

705

00:28:57,760 --> 00:28:58,890  
And I was in Warsaw.

706

00:28:58,890 --> 00:29:01,190  
I wanted to show my son.

707

00:29:01,190 --> 00:29:03,783  
You should see all the  
concentration camp,

708

00:29:03,783 --> 00:29:04,950  
what happened to the people.

709

00:29:04,950 --> 00:29:10,020  
Because I took him to Majdanek.

710

00:29:10,020 --> 00:29:14,850  
This is not far from Warsaw,  
concentration camp, a big one.

711

00:29:14,850 --> 00:29:17,340  
Majdanek is Lublin?

712

00:29:17,340 --> 00:29:19,250  
No, I'm sorry, Treblinka.

713

00:29:19,250 --> 00:29:20,422  
Treblinka's near Warsaw.

714

00:29:20,422 --> 00:29:22,890  
To Treblinka, I'm sorry  
Treblinka not far from Warsaw.



715

00:29:22,890 --> 00:29:23,910

I took him over there.

716

00:29:23,910 --> 00:29:26,570

When I came over there, before  
you going into the camp,

717

00:29:26,570 --> 00:29:28,390

there's a map, a big map.

718

00:29:28,390 --> 00:29:29,910

I went to see on this map.

719

00:29:29,910 --> 00:29:34,450

I see on this map, yeah, the  
main town's named Zmigród

720

00:29:34,450 --> 00:29:35,010

in Halbuv.

721

00:29:35,010 --> 00:29:38,100

I say, why is my town's  
name here Warsaw?

722

00:29:38,100 --> 00:29:39,300

Now, they pinpoint you--

723

00:29:39,300 --> 00:29:40,900

Wait, in Warsaw or in Treblinka?

724

00:29:40,900 --> 00:29:43,680

In Treblinka, on this  
map, they pinpoint you

725

00:29:43,680 --> 00:29:47,280

all the places were  
there was killing Jews.

726

00:29:47,280 --> 00:29:50,370

Like Zmigród Halbuv they  
killed so many Jews.

727

00:29:50,370 --> 00:29:53,270

This is the map showing

you each all the places

728

00:29:53,270 --> 00:29:56,820

where was going on the murderers

what they killed the Jews.

729

00:29:56,820 --> 00:29:59,580

Then I went with

him from over there.

730

00:29:59,580 --> 00:30:02,790

I went with him to Krakow.

731

00:30:02,790 --> 00:30:04,490

I was in Julag.

732

00:30:04,490 --> 00:30:05,670

Was nothing from this camp.

733

00:30:05,670 --> 00:30:07,200

They destroyed the camp.

734

00:30:07,200 --> 00:30:09,090

Then I went with

him to Auschwitz

735

00:30:09,090 --> 00:30:10,660

to show him how

Auschwitz looked.

736

00:30:10,660 --> 00:30:13,690

It was terrible to see this.

737

00:30:13,690 --> 00:30:14,880

My son was crying.

738

00:30:14,880 --> 00:30:17,865

739

00:30:17,865 --> 00:30:20,680

It made on him--

740

00:30:20,680 --> 00:30:21,390

for me, too.

741  
00:30:21,390 --> 00:30:23,950  
Because I did not see  
something like this myself.

742  
00:30:23,950 --> 00:30:26,570  
I was in concentration,  
but I didn't see Auschwitz.

743  
00:30:26,570 --> 00:30:28,240  
And even over there,  
I went to Jaslo

744  
00:30:28,240 --> 00:30:30,630  
to show him everything  
what I went through.

745  
00:30:30,630 --> 00:30:32,680  
He find everything  
what I told him,

746  
00:30:32,680 --> 00:30:35,850  
everything is the  
way things then.

747  
00:30:35,850 --> 00:30:37,210  
We came to Zmigród.

748  
00:30:37,210 --> 00:30:39,370  
Yeah, I came to Zmigród.

749  
00:30:39,370 --> 00:30:41,410  
You know, I didn't  
know where I am.

750  
00:30:41,410 --> 00:30:43,450  
I couldn't recognize nothing.

751  
00:30:43,450 --> 00:30:44,320  
yeah.

752  
00:30:44,320 --> 00:30:48,880  
I came to our point, which  
is a crossroad, which

753

00:30:48,880 --> 00:30:50,140  
goes four places.

754

00:30:50,140 --> 00:30:52,840  
Now, this road, I look here.

755

00:30:52,840 --> 00:30:55,030  
I said, OK, I know where I am.

756

00:30:55,030 --> 00:30:56,900  
How were you traveling?

757

00:30:56,900 --> 00:31:00,115  
From Warsaw, we took a taxi.

758

00:31:00,115 --> 00:31:02,650  
I took a taxi for seven  
days while I was in Poland.

759

00:31:02,650 --> 00:31:07,220  
And he was going with  
us from place to place.

760

00:31:07,220 --> 00:31:10,610  
I don't think you ever had  
a taxi when you were there

761

00:31:10,610 --> 00:31:11,627  
as a youngster.

762

00:31:11,627 --> 00:31:13,710  
All the people were looking,  
you know, at the car.

763

00:31:13,710 --> 00:31:16,620  
And even now they're looking  
in the car in Zmigród.

764

00:31:16,620 --> 00:31:18,610  
There's not so many  
cars over there.

765

00:31:18,610 --> 00:31:20,960  
Finally, I came to

this place, to Zmigród.

766

00:31:20,960 --> 00:31:22,570

There's a man.

767

00:31:22,570 --> 00:31:23,650

I didn't know where I am.

768

00:31:23,650 --> 00:31:25,600

I didn't know what where.

769

00:31:25,600 --> 00:31:28,660

I knew where the place was  
took place the murder is, yes,

770

00:31:28,660 --> 00:31:29,590

where the killing.

771

00:31:29,590 --> 00:31:31,630

I knew where I'm going to go.

772

00:31:31,630 --> 00:31:35,050

All of a sudden, I  
saw a man is coming.

773

00:31:35,050 --> 00:31:36,550

I recognize this man.

774

00:31:36,550 --> 00:31:40,000

He's older than me probably  
about two years, yes?

775

00:31:40,000 --> 00:31:42,980

He must be, now, about 74, yes?

776

00:31:42,980 --> 00:31:44,920

And I went over to him.

777

00:31:44,920 --> 00:31:48,190

And I said, listen,  
your name is so-and-so.

778

00:31:48,190 --> 00:31:53,230

And your brother's name and

your father's name is so and so.

779

00:31:53,230 --> 00:31:55,030

Your father was a carpenter.

780

00:31:55,030 --> 00:31:56,060

Your mother so.

781

00:31:56,060 --> 00:31:57,010

I told him everything.

782

00:31:57,010 --> 00:31:58,730

He looked at me.

783

00:31:58,730 --> 00:32:00,380

And I asked him,  
you know I am here?

784

00:32:00,380 --> 00:32:00,880

He says, no.

785

00:32:00,880 --> 00:32:02,110

Then I tell him.

786

00:32:02,110 --> 00:32:04,840

My father, his name is Isaac.

787

00:32:04,840 --> 00:32:08,725

I lived this third  
house from you, yes?

788

00:32:08,725 --> 00:32:10,908

Well, he embraced me, you know.

789

00:32:10,908 --> 00:32:11,950

He didn't have what to --

790

00:32:11,950 --> 00:32:13,180

He says, come to my house.

791

00:32:13,180 --> 00:32:16,190

I know what for you came  
here now to Zmigród.

792

00:32:16,190 --> 00:32:18,020

Don't be so emotional.

793

00:32:18,020 --> 00:32:19,210

I go with you here.

794

00:32:19,210 --> 00:32:21,860

795

00:32:21,860 --> 00:32:25,570

Finally, I went over there  
to his house, you know.

796

00:32:25,570 --> 00:32:27,040

And then I went.

797

00:32:27,040 --> 00:32:32,310

I want to show my son from  
where they took us all,

798

00:32:32,310 --> 00:32:34,910

you know, for the killing  
to this ball platz.

799

00:32:34,910 --> 00:32:37,510

I went to the old  
Jewish cemetery

800

00:32:37,510 --> 00:32:38,770

to show him everything.

801

00:32:38,770 --> 00:32:41,080

The cemetery existed, but  
you cannot see nothing

802

00:32:41,080 --> 00:32:43,240

because everything  
is full of roots.

803

00:32:43,240 --> 00:32:44,500

Yes.

804

00:32:44,500 --> 00:32:46,560

Then we went to see another man.

805

00:32:46,560 --> 00:32:50,530

And then we went to the  
forest of [PLACE NAME] where

806

00:32:50,530 --> 00:32:53,770

the mass grave is over there.

807

00:32:53,770 --> 00:32:54,850

I came over there.

808

00:32:54,850 --> 00:32:58,930

This is by 250 meter  
from the main road

809

00:32:58,930 --> 00:33:02,350

inside into the forest.

810

00:33:02,350 --> 00:33:04,270

I came over there to  
this, to this thing.

811

00:33:04,270 --> 00:33:05,290

What can I tell you?

812

00:33:05,290 --> 00:33:07,820

813

00:33:07,820 --> 00:33:08,920

I was screaming.

814

00:33:08,920 --> 00:33:10,090

I was crying.

815

00:33:10,090 --> 00:33:13,930

I didn't know what I should do.

816

00:33:13,930 --> 00:33:17,430

817

00:33:17,430 --> 00:33:23,060

I just look and see in  
my head how they brought



818

00:33:23,060 --> 00:33:24,840  
in these people over there.

819

00:33:24,840 --> 00:33:27,000  
The trucks couldn't come in.

820

00:33:27,000 --> 00:33:30,090  
They had to unload  
them by the road

821

00:33:30,090 --> 00:33:34,620  
in order to go in,  
yeah, killing, beating,

822

00:33:34,620 --> 00:33:37,280  
to bring in these people  
over there to kill.

823

00:33:37,280 --> 00:33:38,220  
OK.

824

00:33:38,220 --> 00:33:40,140  
I stood over there  
a couple hours.

825

00:33:40,140 --> 00:33:41,580  
I cried.

826

00:33:41,580 --> 00:33:42,940  
I laid on the grave.

827

00:33:42,940 --> 00:33:46,470

828

00:33:46,470 --> 00:33:48,990  
Finally, I could  
not think too much.

829

00:33:48,990 --> 00:33:51,870  
I just said, there was  
over there a stone.

830

00:33:51,870 --> 00:33:54,600  
And the stone you

couldn't see too much.

831

00:33:54,600 --> 00:33:58,530

I said to myself, I said,  
well, my obligation now

832

00:33:58,530 --> 00:34:02,450

is to put down a memorial  
stone over there.

833

00:34:02,450 --> 00:34:04,830

It is surrounded with our fence.

834

00:34:04,830 --> 00:34:08,219

I said, I will try to put a  
memorial stone over there.

835

00:34:08,219 --> 00:34:09,000

We come home.

836

00:34:09,000 --> 00:34:10,510

We're going to see  
what we can do.

837

00:34:10,510 --> 00:34:11,010

OK.

838

00:34:11,010 --> 00:34:15,870

839

00:34:15,870 --> 00:34:18,830

From over there, I  
had another mission.

840

00:34:18,830 --> 00:34:25,040

My next mission was to go to  
see where my sister is laying.

841

00:34:25,040 --> 00:34:27,020

I knew the place where  
my sister was laying.

842

00:34:27,020 --> 00:34:29,989

The name was Warzyce  
also a forest.

843  
00:34:29,989 --> 00:34:33,830  
But I could not know  
inside where it is.

844  
00:34:33,830 --> 00:34:37,370  
I came to the forest, yeah?

845  
00:34:37,370 --> 00:34:39,739  
Was a sign over there, yes?

846  
00:34:39,739 --> 00:34:42,170  
There is a sign.

847  
00:34:42,170 --> 00:34:45,770  
The Poles built signs,  
yeah, saying this,

848  
00:34:45,770 --> 00:34:47,810  
like, a fire is burning.

849  
00:34:47,810 --> 00:34:50,480  
And on the top is like  
two knives is coming.

850  
00:34:50,480 --> 00:34:53,710  
This gives you the idea that  
something here around something

851  
00:34:53,710 --> 00:34:54,860  
happened.

852  
00:34:54,860 --> 00:34:56,870  
I came to this place  
where this happened,

853  
00:34:56,870 --> 00:34:58,370  
but I didn't know  
how far this is.

854  
00:34:58,370 --> 00:35:02,930  
Then I saw a man is working  
in the field down with this.

855

00:35:02,930 --> 00:35:06,290  
As I go down to him, nobody  
from my people know Polish.

856  
00:35:06,290 --> 00:35:08,490  
I just the only  
one what I speak.

857  
00:35:08,490 --> 00:35:09,800  
I go down to him.

858  
00:35:09,800 --> 00:35:12,170  
And I said to him, I said, look.

859  
00:35:12,170 --> 00:35:14,780  
I said, I ask him,  
from where are you?

860  
00:35:14,780 --> 00:35:17,510  
He told me he is from Warzyce.

861  
00:35:17,510 --> 00:35:18,410  
How old you are?

862  
00:35:18,410 --> 00:35:19,100  
He tells me.

863  
00:35:19,100 --> 00:35:20,180  
And I said listen.

864  
00:35:20,180 --> 00:35:21,740  
My name is Max.

865  
00:35:21,740 --> 00:35:23,210  
I am from Zmigród.

866  
00:35:23,210 --> 00:35:29,990  
In 1942, I was imprisoned  
in Jaslo, sitting here.

867  
00:35:29,990 --> 00:35:34,250  
And could you tell me  
something about this forest?

868

00:35:34,250 --> 00:35:36,500  
What was happened here?

869  
00:35:36,500 --> 00:35:38,415  
Then he says, yes, I  
tell you everything

870  
00:35:38,415 --> 00:35:39,290  
what's happened here.

871  
00:35:39,290 --> 00:35:42,920  
I said, I was a boy  
from 17 years old.

872  
00:35:42,920 --> 00:35:44,570  
I used to come to this field.

873  
00:35:44,570 --> 00:35:46,450  
This is my father's field, yes?

874  
00:35:46,450 --> 00:35:52,550  
And I saw every day or once a  
week they used to bring people.

875  
00:35:52,550 --> 00:35:54,460  
They used to close the road.

876  
00:35:54,460 --> 00:35:56,860  
And the German used  
to come with trucks.

877  
00:35:56,860 --> 00:36:00,140  
If they brought Jewish  
people, the truck was open.

878  
00:36:00,140 --> 00:36:03,530  
There brought also Christian  
people which they were closed.

879  
00:36:03,530 --> 00:36:07,720  
They brought them over  
here exactly to this place

880  
00:36:07,720 --> 00:36:09,020  
here by the forest.

881  
00:36:09,020 --> 00:36:11,180  
Everybody had to go out, yeah.

882  
00:36:11,180 --> 00:36:15,140  
And with sticks, they used to  
beat them and chase him inside

883  
00:36:15,140 --> 00:36:16,950  
into the forest.

884  
00:36:16,950 --> 00:36:20,660  
I saw, when the brought Jewish  
people, they were open, yeah?

885  
00:36:20,660 --> 00:36:23,150  
They used to bring  
it to the place.

886  
00:36:23,150 --> 00:36:26,470  
They had to get  
undressed here, nude.

887  
00:36:26,470 --> 00:36:27,320  
And he showed me.

888  
00:36:27,320 --> 00:36:29,000  
He took a stick in hand.

889  
00:36:29,000 --> 00:36:33,138  
They used to beat them and  
was screaming and crying.

890  
00:36:33,138 --> 00:36:34,430  
And they used to bring them in.

891  
00:36:34,430 --> 00:36:37,100  
They used to shoot  
them one by one.

892  
00:36:37,100 --> 00:36:41,240  
I heard the screaming and  
the crying till here, yeah?

893

00:36:41,240 --> 00:36:45,410  
Then I ask him, what did you do?

894  
00:36:45,410 --> 00:36:46,310  
What did you do?

895  
00:36:46,310 --> 00:36:50,120  
He said, look, I  
was afraid, yes?

896  
00:36:50,120 --> 00:36:53,690  
When I saw this, I went  
into the town to Warzyce.

897  
00:36:53,690 --> 00:36:55,500  
This is a small little town.

898  
00:36:55,500 --> 00:36:58,610  
And I saw that when the  
German finished the killing,

899  
00:36:58,610 --> 00:36:59,573  
they came to the town.

900  
00:36:59,573 --> 00:37:00,490  
The washed their hand.

901  
00:37:00,490 --> 00:37:02,110  
They were full of blood, yeah?

902  
00:37:02,110 --> 00:37:04,290  
And they washed their  
hand, and they went away.

903  
00:37:04,290 --> 00:37:07,790  
Then me, with another couple  
boys, went into the forest.

904  
00:37:07,790 --> 00:37:09,620  
And we saw grave.

905  
00:37:09,620 --> 00:37:11,590  
People was still alive.

906

00:37:11,590 --> 00:37:13,500  
Yeah, people were screaming.

907  
00:37:13,500 --> 00:37:14,000  
Yeah.

908  
00:37:14,000 --> 00:37:18,140  
And a lot of people was still  
alive, but they were shoot.

909  
00:37:18,140 --> 00:37:21,350  
I ask him, why didn't you help?

910  
00:37:21,350 --> 00:37:22,910  
He says, listen, I  
could nothing do.

911  
00:37:22,910 --> 00:37:25,790  
I was afraid the German  
going to come back.

912  
00:37:25,790 --> 00:37:27,000  
Yeah.

913  
00:37:27,000 --> 00:37:28,940  
OK.

914  
00:37:28,940 --> 00:37:31,250  
Then he said,  
look, come with me.

915  
00:37:31,250 --> 00:37:33,560  
And I'm going to show  
you exactly the place.

916  
00:37:33,560 --> 00:37:35,600  
I know which one  
is Jewish graves

917  
00:37:35,600 --> 00:37:38,094  
and which ones they're  
not Jewish graves.

918  
00:37:38,094 --> 00:37:39,360  
OK.



919  
00:37:39,360 --> 00:37:40,880  
What can I tell you?

920  
00:37:40,880 --> 00:37:45,110  
I-- terrible feeling.

921  
00:37:45,110 --> 00:37:47,150  
I went into the forest.

922  
00:37:47,150 --> 00:37:51,220  
I looked coming into this  
forest, a big, big cemetery.

923  
00:37:51,220 --> 00:37:53,840  
The sign's over there,  
which we mentioned already

924  
00:37:53,840 --> 00:37:55,470  
about the signs here.

925  
00:37:55,470 --> 00:37:57,800  
And he went with me  
from grace to grave,

926  
00:37:57,800 --> 00:37:59,330  
pinpoint me which one is Jewish.

927  
00:37:59,330 --> 00:38:02,030  
One grave, which is  
mentioned in this paper,

928  
00:38:02,030 --> 00:38:05,260  
was over 1,000 people from  
the town of [PLACE NAME]..

929  
00:38:05,260 --> 00:38:08,500  
And it's written down, town  
of [PLACE NAME],, big grave.

930  
00:38:08,500 --> 00:38:12,230  
The second grave from this  
is a small, very small grave,

931

00:38:12,230 --> 00:38:15,070  
is marked number two.

932  
00:38:15,070 --> 00:38:18,840  
According what I  
know information,

933  
00:38:18,840 --> 00:38:24,090  
which the guy told me when this  
happened when I was in jail,

934  
00:38:24,090 --> 00:38:25,340  
his name was [PERSONAL NAME]].

935  
00:38:25,340 --> 00:38:27,932  
I knew that this is the grave.

936  
00:38:27,932 --> 00:38:31,190  
And this was near  
this grave number two.

937  
00:38:31,190 --> 00:38:36,490  
I came to this grave,  
again, screaming and crying.

938  
00:38:36,490 --> 00:38:37,170  
We said Kaddish.

939  
00:38:37,170 --> 00:38:39,980  
We remind the people which  
we know in his grave.

940  
00:38:39,980 --> 00:38:42,020  
And we went on from  
grave to grave.

941  
00:38:42,020 --> 00:38:45,770  
There's 32 graves in this  
cemetery, most of them

942  
00:38:45,770 --> 00:38:47,660  
the Jews.

943  
00:38:47,660 --> 00:38:53,660  
What this guy told me is, he

said, like in November there's

944

00:38:53,660 --> 00:38:57,170  
a Catholic holiday which  
they going on the cemeteries.

945

00:38:57,170 --> 00:39:00,530  
The priest from the  
town come see it.

946

00:39:00,530 --> 00:39:04,910  
And children from  
school with music, they

947

00:39:04,910 --> 00:39:06,410  
come on this cemetery.

948

00:39:06,410 --> 00:39:11,870  
And they have, I would say--

949

00:39:11,870 --> 00:39:13,640  
he goes from grave to grave.

950

00:39:13,640 --> 00:39:16,190  
And he says prayers, yes.

951

00:39:16,190 --> 00:39:18,050  
And they talk about this place.

952

00:39:18,050 --> 00:39:21,020  
He invited me if I want  
to be a guest to come.

953

00:39:21,020 --> 00:39:25,330  
Why I was one of these  
prisoners in jail in Jaslo?

954

00:39:25,330 --> 00:39:29,570  
And he says he never knew that  
somebody is alive from there.

955

00:39:29,570 --> 00:39:34,520  
I should come there,  
but I did not go yet.

956

00:39:34,520 --> 00:39:37,160

I did not go yet.

957

00:39:37,160 --> 00:39:44,300

Finally, after this, it  
was I had to go home.

958

00:39:44,300 --> 00:39:47,270

But my feeling was already--

959

00:39:47,270 --> 00:39:48,260

I quiet down.

960

00:39:48,260 --> 00:39:50,030

My noise quiet down.

961

00:39:50,030 --> 00:39:56,800

Since I came from over there,  
I am not so much nervous.

962

00:39:56,800 --> 00:40:00,710

And I don't dream  
so much than this.

963

00:40:00,710 --> 00:40:01,880

I am much [INAUDIBLE].

964

00:40:01,880 --> 00:40:03,172

You felt you made a connection?

965

00:40:03,172 --> 00:40:04,880

A connection, yes.

966

00:40:04,880 --> 00:40:06,030

What we do now?

967

00:40:06,030 --> 00:40:10,640

What we do now is we decided to  
put down a memorial over there.

968

00:40:10,640 --> 00:40:13,845

I got in touch with  
some people in Poland.

969

00:40:13,845 --> 00:40:18,120

And this is the  
stone what we are

970

00:40:18,120 --> 00:40:22,275

going to put down in Halbut  
on the cemetery which

971

00:40:22,275 --> 00:40:28,140

is 1,250 Jewish men,  
women, and children killed,

972

00:40:28,140 --> 00:40:30,310

including my parents.

973

00:40:30,310 --> 00:40:34,770

And this is going to be in three  
languages, in three languages,

974

00:40:34,770 --> 00:40:40,670

in Polish, in English,  
and in Hebrew, which

975

00:40:40,670 --> 00:40:50,300

this is going to be unveiled in  
July 7, 1993, which I will go.

976

00:40:50,300 --> 00:40:52,700

My son and I will  
have other people.

977

00:40:52,700 --> 00:41:01,430

Also, I got a letter that I  
should invite, like I was say,

978

00:41:01,430 --> 00:41:02,660

from town, you know?

979

00:41:02,660 --> 00:41:08,040

From city hall, I should  
invite the mayor from city hall

980

00:41:08,040 --> 00:41:09,380

to this place.

981  
00:41:09,380 --> 00:41:10,910  
Then from there,  
we are going to go

982  
00:41:10,910 --> 00:41:14,900  
to Warzyce which I  
have a permission

983  
00:41:14,900 --> 00:41:18,530  
from the Polish authority  
to put down on this place

984  
00:41:18,530 --> 00:41:21,830  
a plaque from these people.

985  
00:41:21,830 --> 00:41:24,960  
The names that you  
have here are--

986  
00:41:24,960 --> 00:41:25,460  
No.

987  
00:41:25,460 --> 00:41:26,960  
What names are these?

988  
00:41:26,960 --> 00:41:28,190  
There's no names here.

989  
00:41:28,190 --> 00:41:29,870  
This is just I put down.

990  
00:41:29,870 --> 00:41:31,630  
I send this away  
to Poland, this.

991  
00:41:31,630 --> 00:41:34,100  
And this is going to be  
written down in Polish.

992  
00:41:34,100 --> 00:41:36,840  
This is going to be written  
in English, this in Hebrew.

993  
00:41:36,840 --> 00:41:37,340

Yeah.

994

00:41:37,340 --> 00:41:40,210

And this one's going  
to be like this.

995

00:41:40,210 --> 00:41:42,050

And this has to be on the top.

996

00:41:42,050 --> 00:41:45,575

What will be written  
down in Hebrew, yeah--

997

00:41:45,575 --> 00:41:52,680

oh, let's say, this is  
going to be written down

998

00:41:52,680 --> 00:41:57,840

on the first stone in Polish,  
which is the Polish language.

999

00:41:57,840 --> 00:41:59,000

What will it say?

1000

00:41:59,000 --> 00:42:04,550

Well, they said here, this here  
is laying the bones from 1,250

1001

00:42:04,550 --> 00:42:09,230

Jews from the town of Zmigród  
in the surrounding areas,

1002

00:42:09,230 --> 00:42:16,730

which they were murdered by  
the Germans in the 7th of July,

1003

00:42:16,730 --> 00:42:18,570

1942.

1004

00:42:18,570 --> 00:42:23,000

Yes, we never going  
to forget about them.

1005

00:42:23,000 --> 00:42:25,730

That's why you want

to make it July 7th?

1006  
00:42:25,730 --> 00:42:26,670  
July 7, yes.

1007  
00:42:26,670 --> 00:42:27,170  
Yeah.

1008  
00:42:27,170 --> 00:42:27,320  
Yeah.

1009  
00:42:27,320 --> 00:42:28,862  
And you're going  
back July 7th, 1993.

1010  
00:42:28,862 --> 00:42:29,770  
I going back, yes.

1011  
00:42:29,770 --> 00:42:33,260  
The yahrzeit comes out  
and the Jewish calendar

1012  
00:42:33,260 --> 00:42:35,860  
comes out July 11.

1013  
00:42:35,860 --> 00:42:38,420  
We're going to see how this  
is going to come about.

1014  
00:42:38,420 --> 00:42:42,060  
This is going to be  
written down in English.

1015  
00:42:42,060 --> 00:42:42,590  
Yes.

1016  
00:42:42,590 --> 00:42:44,520  
And the second stone--

1017  
00:42:44,520 --> 00:42:46,770  
which they said,  
"in loving memory,

1018  
00:42:46,770 --> 00:42:51,050



here rests 1,250  
Jewish men, women,

1019  
00:42:51,050 --> 00:42:54,400  
and children of Zmigród  
or neighboring town,

1020  
00:42:54,400 --> 00:42:59,090  
murdered by the Germans  
on July the 7th, 1942,

1021  
00:42:59,090 --> 00:43:01,160  
never to be forgotten.

1022  
00:43:01,160 --> 00:43:09,330  
Erected by Zmigród Society  
of New York in 1992."

1023  
00:43:09,330 --> 00:43:14,000  
And this is going  
to be in Hebrew.

1024  
00:43:14,000 --> 00:43:16,580  
This will be in Hebrew.

1025  
00:43:16,580 --> 00:43:17,690  
Same thing.

1026  
00:43:17,690 --> 00:43:18,900  
Yes.

1027  
00:43:18,900 --> 00:43:19,880  
Yes?

1028  
00:43:19,880 --> 00:43:21,690  
This-- on the third stone.

1029  
00:43:21,690 --> 00:43:25,370  
Now, on the fourth stone is  
going to be like [NON-ENGLISH]..

1030  
00:43:25,370 --> 00:43:27,230  
How would you say  
[NON-ENGLISH] in English?

1031  
00:43:27,230 --> 00:43:28,600  
Versus, biblical versus.

1032  
00:43:28,600 --> 00:43:32,555  
Biblical versus-- in  
Hebrew and also in English.

1033  
00:43:32,555 --> 00:43:43,010

1034  
00:43:43,010 --> 00:43:48,490  
I hope we can accomplish this.

1035  
00:43:48,490 --> 00:43:53,420  
We had a lot of good  
people which donated money.

1036  
00:43:53,420 --> 00:43:55,880  
My all children donated money.

1037  
00:43:55,880 --> 00:43:57,440  
All my friend donated money.

1038  
00:43:57,440 --> 00:44:01,280  
It's a big expense on this,  
but we're going to do.

1039  
00:44:01,280 --> 00:44:02,750  
How expensive was it?

1040  
00:44:02,750 --> 00:44:05,090  
This cost \$7,000.

1041  
00:44:05,090 --> 00:44:05,690  
Whoa.

1042  
00:44:05,690 --> 00:44:06,620  
Yes.

1043  
00:44:06,620 --> 00:44:08,270  
Because the work was done here?

1044  
00:44:08,270 --> 00:44:10,190

No, the work was done  
over there in Poland.

1045  
00:44:10,190 --> 00:44:10,790  
In Poland.

1046  
00:44:10,790 --> 00:44:12,290  
In Poland, the work  
was done in Poland.

1047  
00:44:12,290 --> 00:44:12,540  
Yeah.

1048  
00:44:12,540 --> 00:44:13,040  
Yeah.

1049  
00:44:13,040 --> 00:44:15,653  
What we're going to do  
here is just the plate.

1050  
00:44:15,653 --> 00:44:17,070  
We're going to  
make the plate here

1051  
00:44:17,070 --> 00:44:22,850  
and going to bring it over  
there on this place to Warzyce.

1052  
00:44:22,850 --> 00:44:24,770  
That's quite a  
story you told us.

1053  
00:44:24,770 --> 00:44:28,400  
Well, this is what  
I went through.

1054  
00:44:28,400 --> 00:44:31,250  
I am happy, yes, with my family.

1055  
00:44:31,250 --> 00:44:32,660  
There's everybody's OK.

1056  
00:44:32,660 --> 00:44:34,700  
I gave them good education.

1057  
00:44:34,700 --> 00:44:36,050  
They're good children.

1058  
00:44:36,050 --> 00:44:37,850  
I have a good wife.

1059  
00:44:37,850 --> 00:44:39,750  
And I have good friends.

1060  
00:44:39,750 --> 00:44:40,610  
And--

1061  
00:44:40,610 --> 00:44:41,720  
That's important.

1062  
00:44:41,720 --> 00:44:42,725  
This is very important.

1063  
00:44:42,725 --> 00:44:43,590  
Yeah.

1064  
00:44:43,590 --> 00:44:46,340  
I want to ask you some general  
questions before we conclude.

1065  
00:44:46,340 --> 00:44:47,130  
Yes.

1066  
00:44:47,130 --> 00:44:50,030  
I want to go back to that  
story that we began today.

1067  
00:44:50,030 --> 00:44:52,920  
The Ukrainian policeman's  
name was Goodstein?

1068  
00:44:52,920 --> 00:44:54,860  
No, no, no, no, no.

1069  
00:44:54,860 --> 00:44:58,220  
He was a Jewish policeman.

1070  
00:44:58,220 --> 00:44:59,900

He was a Jewish policeman.

1071  
00:44:59,900 --> 00:45:04,940  
He came to take  
me out from the--

1072  
00:45:04,940 --> 00:45:07,595  
From where you were working.

1073  
00:45:07,595 --> 00:45:12,320  
--police station,  
yeah, by [INAUDIBLE]..

1074  
00:45:12,320 --> 00:45:14,870  
He was a Jewish policeman  
in the camp of Czestochowa.

1075  
00:45:14,870 --> 00:45:16,550  
Oh, so he was helping you.

1076  
00:45:16,550 --> 00:45:17,557  
Well, he was in charge.

1077  
00:45:17,557 --> 00:45:18,890  
They told him he should take me.

1078  
00:45:18,890 --> 00:45:21,230  
I should go to show  
him what was going on.

1079  
00:45:21,230 --> 00:45:23,480  
But the one who wanted to  
see that you got punished

1080  
00:45:23,480 --> 00:45:24,647  
was the Ukrainian policeman?

1081  
00:45:24,647 --> 00:45:26,480  
It was the Ukrainian,  
but also the Germans--

1082  
00:45:26,480 --> 00:45:26,980  
Yeah.

1083

00:45:26,980 --> 00:45:27,830  
--also, the Germans.

1084  
00:45:27,830 --> 00:45:32,210  
That's a very interesting  
question in general.

1085  
00:45:32,210 --> 00:45:33,920  
Because you're  
talking about Germans.

1086  
00:45:33,920 --> 00:45:35,260  
You're talking about Ukrainians.

1087  
00:45:35,260 --> 00:45:35,760  
Right.

1088  
00:45:35,760 --> 00:45:37,740  
You're talking about  
Jewish policemen.

1089  
00:45:37,740 --> 00:45:38,240  
Yes.

1090  
00:45:38,240 --> 00:45:41,120  
How do you compare the three?

1091  
00:45:41,120 --> 00:45:47,510  
Well, the Jewish policemen,  
their order was to,

1092  
00:45:47,510 --> 00:45:52,460  
let's say, whatever the  
Germans want to tell us,

1093  
00:45:52,460 --> 00:45:55,180  
they were the one to tell us.

1094  
00:45:55,180 --> 00:45:57,260  
Well-- had to be some order.

1095  
00:45:57,260 --> 00:46:00,020  
Let's say, you're going to eat.

1096

00:46:00,020 --> 00:46:02,210  
You have to be in line.

1097  
00:46:02,210 --> 00:46:06,007  
If people, they're hungry,  
like everybody, yes,

1098  
00:46:06,007 --> 00:46:08,090  
is one going to run first,  
one going to have less.

1099  
00:46:08,090 --> 00:46:10,580  
Somebody has to  
take order on this.

1100  
00:46:10,580 --> 00:46:11,660  
They're taking charge.

1101  
00:46:11,660 --> 00:46:13,035  
They said, you  
are the policemen.

1102  
00:46:13,035 --> 00:46:16,090  
And you going to taking  
charge to do this and this.

1103  
00:46:16,090 --> 00:46:20,920  
But in general, in Czestochowa,  
the Jewish policemen,

1104  
00:46:20,920 --> 00:46:22,490  
they were good people.

1105  
00:46:22,490 --> 00:46:24,010  
There were no problem with them.

1106  
00:46:24,010 --> 00:46:25,460  
There were no problem with them.

1107  
00:46:25,460 --> 00:46:28,100  
And how do you  
compare the Germans

1108  
00:46:28,100 --> 00:46:30,920  
with the Ukrainians

and the Poles?

1109  
00:46:30,920 --> 00:46:36,220  
Well, like I would say, I  
myself have very bad experience

1110  
00:46:36,220 --> 00:46:39,770  
about the Poles, more  
than on the Germans.

1111  
00:46:39,770 --> 00:46:47,110  
Because had not the Poles  
worked together with the German

1112  
00:46:47,110 --> 00:46:51,200  
and gave them an open  
hand to do with the Jews,

1113  
00:46:51,200 --> 00:46:53,810  
they probably wouldn't do.

1114  
00:46:53,810 --> 00:46:58,400  
I lived in Zmigród for so many  
generations with all the Poles,

1115  
00:46:58,400 --> 00:47:00,500  
go to school, everything.

1116  
00:47:00,500 --> 00:47:03,020  
I didn't do no harm to them.

1117  
00:47:03,020 --> 00:47:07,040  
Why, for a couple  
of pounds of sugar,

1118  
00:47:07,040 --> 00:47:09,680  
he should take me and  
bring me to the German,

1119  
00:47:09,680 --> 00:47:11,810  
I should get killed?

1120  
00:47:11,810 --> 00:47:12,800  
Why?



1121  
00:47:12,800 --> 00:47:14,510  
But what is?

1122  
00:47:14,510 --> 00:47:17,360  
Maybe they were themselves--  
this was not [INAUDIBLE]..

1123  
00:47:17,360 --> 00:47:19,700  
This was coming in from  
the church, the priests.

1124  
00:47:19,700 --> 00:47:22,100  
They gave so much  
hate to these Jews

1125  
00:47:22,100 --> 00:47:25,910  
that this is  
impossible, impossible.

1126  
00:47:25,910 --> 00:47:31,910  
I see them, yeah, as they  
more-- this is their fault

1127  
00:47:31,910 --> 00:47:33,140  
more than the Germans.

1128  
00:47:33,140 --> 00:47:39,020  
Even the Germans killed us, yes,  
but they killed us both ways.

1129  
00:47:39,020 --> 00:47:43,810  
They killed us with  
giving us to the German.

1130  
00:47:43,810 --> 00:47:45,380  
And some of them kill us, too.

1131  
00:47:45,380 --> 00:47:48,120  
For instance, I had  
two cousins, which they

1132  
00:47:48,120 --> 00:47:52,400  
were hiding by a Pole, yes?

1133

00:47:52,400 --> 00:47:55,700  
They were hiding by  
them for six months.

1134  
00:47:55,700 --> 00:47:58,930  
After he took them, everything,  
he came down to the basement,

1135  
00:47:58,930 --> 00:47:59,475  
yeah.

1136  
00:47:59,475 --> 00:48:01,260  
And he killed them both.

1137  
00:48:01,260 --> 00:48:02,960  
They killed them  
both in the basement.

1138  
00:48:02,960 --> 00:48:05,540

1139  
00:48:05,540 --> 00:48:06,160  
How can you--

1140  
00:48:06,160 --> 00:48:07,160  
How do you explain that?

1141  
00:48:07,160 --> 00:48:10,567  
He hid them for six months,  
which put himself into danger--

1142  
00:48:10,567 --> 00:48:11,900  
Which put himself-- he was, yes.

1143  
00:48:11,900 --> 00:48:12,500  
And then--

1144  
00:48:12,500 --> 00:48:13,700  
He then go to kill them.

1145  
00:48:13,700 --> 00:48:14,200  
Why?

1146  
00:48:14,200 --> 00:48:16,353

And they gave him away.

1147

00:48:16,353 --> 00:48:17,270

They were rich people.

1148

00:48:17,270 --> 00:48:20,480

They gave them away  
everything what they had,

1149

00:48:20,480 --> 00:48:22,880

everything what they had.

1150

00:48:22,880 --> 00:48:25,790

You know, you cannot even  
understand this, yeah?

1151

00:48:25,790 --> 00:48:29,690

There may be some Poles,  
which they hide Jews.

1152

00:48:29,690 --> 00:48:31,880

But you can count them  
on the fingers, yes?

1153

00:48:31,880 --> 00:48:34,010

In Poland, this is a  
nation who, in that time,

1154

00:48:34,010 --> 00:48:36,005

was 30-something million people.

1155

00:48:36,005 --> 00:48:38,990

1156

00:48:38,990 --> 00:48:42,500

I'm sure you discussed this  
with Jewish people from Poland.

1157

00:48:42,500 --> 00:48:44,720

Have you ever discussed  
this with Polish people?

1158

00:48:44,720 --> 00:48:46,820

I did not discuss.

1159

00:48:46,820 --> 00:48:49,490

This particular friend  
of mine in Poland

1160

00:48:49,490 --> 00:48:53,090

which he writes to me letters  
very often, he writes me,

1161

00:48:53,090 --> 00:48:58,280

dear friend and neighbor, yes?

1162

00:48:58,280 --> 00:49:02,900

I did not discuss with him  
because, when I come to this

1163

00:49:02,900 --> 00:49:06,350

Zmigród, I'm still afraid now.

1164

00:49:06,350 --> 00:49:10,130

And I don't want to go in  
with him in certain thing

1165

00:49:10,130 --> 00:49:13,220

which he talked to me  
about certain thing.

1166

00:49:13,220 --> 00:49:17,150

That he belonged to an  
organization before.

1167

00:49:17,150 --> 00:49:19,850

And this organization,  
what he belonged,

1168

00:49:19,850 --> 00:49:25,930

was one of the biggest  
antisemite in Poland

1169

00:49:25,930 --> 00:49:28,370

after the war, yeah?

1170

00:49:28,370 --> 00:49:31,150

They killed the Jewish  
people after the war.

1171  
00:49:31,150 --> 00:49:33,590  
And he told me he belonged  
to this organization.

1172  
00:49:33,590 --> 00:49:37,150  
But again, I didn't  
want to pinpoint him.

1173  
00:49:37,150 --> 00:49:38,700  
How come you belong to this?

1174  
00:49:38,700 --> 00:49:40,250  
And they did this and this.

1175  
00:49:40,250 --> 00:49:45,490  
Maybe he by himself did not do  
it, but the organization did.

1176  
00:49:45,490 --> 00:49:48,250  
I didn't want to go in  
with him in conversation

1177  
00:49:48,250 --> 00:49:50,770  
about this thing  
disavowed second I

1178  
00:49:50,770 --> 00:49:55,420  
have to come again to meet  
him this time I need him

1179  
00:49:55,420 --> 00:49:58,330  
yes, is what I'm  
going to go with him

1180  
00:49:58,330 --> 00:50:01,030  
in this particular thinking.

1181  
00:50:01,030 --> 00:50:04,300  
Otherwise, I would like to  
have a conversation with him.

1182  
00:50:04,300 --> 00:50:06,220  
I would like to, but I'm afraid.

1183

00:50:06,220 --> 00:50:07,920  
I'm afraid.

1184  
00:50:07,920 --> 00:50:10,090  
I didn't go with him.

1185  
00:50:10,090 --> 00:50:14,830  
When did you start talking about  
the Holocaust after the war

1186  
00:50:14,830 --> 00:50:16,350  
and with whom?

1187  
00:50:16,350 --> 00:50:20,860  
About the Holocaust,  
you all the times talk.

1188  
00:50:20,860 --> 00:50:23,680  
Whenever you meet  
Holocaust people, one

1189  
00:50:23,680 --> 00:50:28,130  
with the other one, friends, you  
always talk what happened here,

1190  
00:50:28,130 --> 00:50:30,430  
what happened here, and  
what happened there.

1191  
00:50:30,430 --> 00:50:33,250  
Oh, there was never, not one.

1192  
00:50:33,250 --> 00:50:36,190  
When I came to  
Israel, I had cousins.

1193  
00:50:36,190 --> 00:50:38,140  
I told them the story  
about the Holocaust.

1194  
00:50:38,140 --> 00:50:40,880  
I told them what happened  
in Zmigród, you know.

1195  
00:50:40,880 --> 00:50:42,810

So you found people  
listening to you.

1196  
00:50:42,810 --> 00:50:44,060  
Yeah, people listening to you.

1197  
00:50:44,060 --> 00:50:44,680  
Always?

1198  
00:50:44,680 --> 00:50:45,720  
All the time listening to you.

1199  
00:50:45,720 --> 00:50:46,928  
And when you came to America?

1200  
00:50:46,928 --> 00:50:49,567  
When I came to America,  
people, I talked to them.

1201  
00:50:49,567 --> 00:50:50,650  
I told them what happened.

1202  
00:50:50,650 --> 00:50:53,590  
I never hide this thing.

1203  
00:50:53,590 --> 00:50:56,290  
I want everybody  
should know, yes?

1204  
00:50:56,290 --> 00:50:57,890  
And with their children?

1205  
00:50:57,890 --> 00:51:00,130  
My children-- all the time.

1206  
00:51:00,130 --> 00:51:02,440  
Michael was the first  
what I told him.

1207  
00:51:02,440 --> 00:51:03,640  
The other one, too.

1208  
00:51:03,640 --> 00:51:06,280  
They were very

interesting to know.

1209  
00:51:06,280 --> 00:51:09,160  
Of course, you cannot keep going  
and going and going every day

1210  
00:51:09,160 --> 00:51:10,600  
the same stories, yeah?

1211  
00:51:10,600 --> 00:51:12,160  
But you tell.

1212  
00:51:12,160 --> 00:51:14,200  
For instance, if Michael  
sees on television

1213  
00:51:14,200 --> 00:51:19,910  
a film from the Holocaust, he  
calls me, dad, do you see this?

1214  
00:51:19,910 --> 00:51:20,890  
What can you tell me?

1215  
00:51:20,890 --> 00:51:22,090  
Do you know these people?

1216  
00:51:22,090 --> 00:51:23,080  
Did you heard of it?

1217  
00:51:23,080 --> 00:51:26,710  
All the time, we have always  
conversation till now.

1218  
00:51:26,710 --> 00:51:29,280  
He reads a lot of books  
about the Holocaust.

1219  
00:51:29,280 --> 00:51:31,810  
And we always have  
conversation about this.

1220  
00:51:31,810 --> 00:51:34,420  
How has the Holocaust  
affected your outlook



1221  
00:51:34,420 --> 00:51:38,500  
on life and your  
understanding of human nature?

1222  
00:51:38,500 --> 00:51:44,105  
Well, you see, human  
nature can be very cruel.

1223  
00:51:44,105 --> 00:51:46,940

1224  
00:51:46,940 --> 00:51:53,660  
People can be-- like  
to see what happened.

1225  
00:51:53,660 --> 00:51:57,380  
I personally, myself, yes--

1226  
00:51:57,380 --> 00:52:00,600  
I was never against anybody.

1227  
00:52:00,600 --> 00:52:03,860  
And first of all, I never  
knew what is racist is.

1228  
00:52:03,860 --> 00:52:07,430  
In my town in Zmigród,  
you know, I didn't know.

1229  
00:52:07,430 --> 00:52:09,155  
I knew what it was against us.

1230  
00:52:09,155 --> 00:52:11,150  
And I always was  
asked the question,

1231  
00:52:11,150 --> 00:52:13,000  
why is this against us?

1232  
00:52:13,000 --> 00:52:15,650  
You killed Jesus.

1233  
00:52:15,650 --> 00:52:17,360  
I did not kill him.

1234  
00:52:17,360 --> 00:52:18,500  
Did I kill him?

1235  
00:52:18,500 --> 00:52:22,850  
What happened many, many  
years ago is not my fault.

1236  
00:52:22,850 --> 00:52:25,490  
I don't know how  
was what happened.

1237  
00:52:25,490 --> 00:52:26,960  
Understand this?

1238  
00:52:26,960 --> 00:52:28,400  
Was always to me, you know--

1239  
00:52:28,400 --> 00:52:31,680  
Well, the church,  
now, has finally

1240  
00:52:31,680 --> 00:52:33,230  
made some amends to that.

1241  
00:52:33,230 --> 00:52:39,230  
Matter of fact, the Pope, Paul  
II, he is not far from my town.

1242  
00:52:39,230 --> 00:52:43,620  
Yeah, from not far from  
my town, this pope now.

1243  
00:52:43,620 --> 00:52:44,150  
OK.

1244  
00:52:44,150 --> 00:52:49,940  
Look, I hope, yes, that  
we learned a lesson.

1245  
00:52:49,940 --> 00:52:53,960  
But looks to me, right  
now, yes, there's

1246

00:52:53,960 --> 00:52:55,790  
all this 50 years what happened.

1247  
00:52:55,790 --> 00:52:58,710  
Everything was hiding because  
the communist was there.

1248  
00:52:58,710 --> 00:53:02,630  
Under the communists, maybe this  
hate couldn't come up so often.

1249  
00:53:02,630 --> 00:53:05,812  
Even in Russia was a  
lot of thing going on.

1250  
00:53:05,812 --> 00:53:06,770  
But what do we see now?

1251  
00:53:06,770 --> 00:53:07,850  
What was going on again?

1252  
00:53:07,850 --> 00:53:09,622  
You see, in Germany,  
what was going on.

1253  
00:53:09,622 --> 00:53:10,580  
They're killing people.

1254  
00:53:10,580 --> 00:53:12,860  
They don't go specific on  
Jews because there's not too

1255  
00:53:12,860 --> 00:53:13,650  
many Jews.

1256  
00:53:13,650 --> 00:53:14,820  
But they go on [INAUDIBLE].

1257  
00:53:14,820 --> 00:53:18,830  
And eventually, they're  
going to come on Jews, too.

1258  
00:53:18,830 --> 00:53:21,830  
Look, you see all  
over the world.

1259  
00:53:21,830 --> 00:53:23,090  
It doesn't make no difference.

1260  
00:53:23,090 --> 00:53:26,120  
I am very, very much afraid.

1261  
00:53:26,120 --> 00:53:29,240  
I hope would not  
come in my life I

1262  
00:53:29,240 --> 00:53:34,790  
should go to see,  
again, what happened.

1263  
00:53:34,790 --> 00:53:35,930  
Yeah.

1264  
00:53:35,930 --> 00:53:38,580  
I don't want to go  
in to United States.

1265  
00:53:38,580 --> 00:53:40,160  
That is a good country.

1266  
00:53:40,160 --> 00:53:41,630  
But you never know.

1267  
00:53:41,630 --> 00:53:44,480  
People can do a lot of things.

1268  
00:53:44,480 --> 00:53:48,680  
I hope that we learned  
a lesson, all the people

1269  
00:53:48,680 --> 00:53:49,490  
learned the lesson.

1270  
00:53:49,490 --> 00:53:51,650  
This is not going  
to happen like this.

1271  
00:53:51,650 --> 00:53:55,060  
People have to live.

1272  
00:53:55,060 --> 00:53:56,710  
It is not up to me.

1273  
00:53:56,710 --> 00:53:59,780  
Yeah, it is not up  
to you, Rabbi, yes?

1274  
00:53:59,780 --> 00:54:00,590  
You have to live.

1275  
00:54:00,590 --> 00:54:02,780  
We always going to  
live with this fear.

1276  
00:54:02,780 --> 00:54:03,280  
Finally--

1277  
00:54:03,280 --> 00:54:04,130  
If--

1278  
00:54:04,130 --> 00:54:04,940  
Go ahead, sorry.

1279  
00:54:04,940 --> 00:54:09,530  
If we live maybe  
without in Israel,

1280  
00:54:09,530 --> 00:54:13,760  
we'll say, sometimes  
I wanted to go back,

1281  
00:54:13,760 --> 00:54:17,090  
which I go year by  
year to Israel, yes?

1282  
00:54:17,090 --> 00:54:19,130  
But I have here my children.

1283  
00:54:19,130 --> 00:54:21,870  
If my children would be  
able to go to Israel,

1284  
00:54:21,870 --> 00:54:23,750

I would settle right now there.

1285

00:54:23,750 --> 00:54:26,490

No question about  
it, I like Israel.

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00:54:26,490 --> 00:54:29,690

I like United States,  
of course, yes?

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00:54:29,690 --> 00:54:31,490

But you know, when  
you're getting older,

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00:54:31,490 --> 00:54:34,310

you look different  
on certain things.

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00:54:34,310 --> 00:54:36,585

But I don't know.

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00:54:36,585 --> 00:54:38,960

I don't know what to say, what  
the future going to bring.

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00:54:38,960 --> 00:54:40,430

I don't know.

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00:54:40,430 --> 00:54:44,090

Finally, I want to ask you,  
has the Holocaust affected

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00:54:44,090 --> 00:54:46,085

your faith and  
religious observance?

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00:54:46,085 --> 00:54:55,520

Well, I am an observing  
Jew till a certain thing.

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00:54:55,520 --> 00:54:58,400

It did allow the harm  
to me, the Holocaust.

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00:54:58,400 --> 00:55:02,840

Because like I said,  
mention in these tape, when

1297  
00:55:02,840 --> 00:55:06,220  
I was in jail with this  
rabbi, this did to me

1298  
00:55:06,220 --> 00:55:08,450  
terrible thing, terrible thing.

1299  
00:55:08,450 --> 00:55:10,580  
Because I was just a  
person from the street.

1300  
00:55:10,580 --> 00:55:15,970  
Here, you see people which  
they didn't kill our instincts.

1301  
00:55:15,970 --> 00:55:20,420  
And all of a sudden, take a  
look what happened to them.

1302  
00:55:20,420 --> 00:55:24,830  
There is something, yes, which  
takes care on all of us, yes?

1303  
00:55:24,830 --> 00:55:27,430  
But I lost a lot of faith.

1304  
00:55:27,430 --> 00:55:31,850  
But my tradition, Yom Kippur,  
Passover, Jewish holidays

1305  
00:55:31,850 --> 00:55:33,320  
with everything, I observe.

1306  
00:55:33,320 --> 00:55:35,370  
I am a good person.

1307  
00:55:35,370 --> 00:55:38,810  
And I am a good Jew.

1308  
00:55:38,810 --> 00:55:44,480  
And I teach my children exactly  
the same way like my father

1309  
00:55:44,480 --> 00:55:46,760  
taught me.

1310  
00:55:46,760 --> 00:55:50,000  
I have yahrzeit I'm  
keeping my yahrzeit.

1311  
00:55:50,000 --> 00:55:53,390  
I never one time  
left my yahrzeit out.

1312  
00:55:53,390 --> 00:55:54,265  
I'm going to shul.

1313  
00:55:54,265 --> 00:55:55,000  
I say Kaddish.

1314  
00:55:55,000 --> 00:55:59,870  
I light the candles all the  
time till I'm going to be alive.

1315  
00:55:59,870 --> 00:56:01,450  
And then I said to my son--

1316  
00:56:01,450 --> 00:56:05,960  
he's here-- Michael, one  
thing I want from you.

1317  
00:56:05,960 --> 00:56:10,990  
You should keep the yahrzeit  
for you grandparents.

1318  
00:56:10,990 --> 00:56:16,866  
For me, I don't  
care too much what.

1319  
00:56:16,866 --> 00:56:19,540  
If you have time, OK.

1320  
00:56:19,540 --> 00:56:21,710  
But this is a must.

1321  
00:56:21,710 --> 00:56:22,335



Because I was--

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00:56:22,335 --> 00:56:24,585

I think he's going to observe  
everything [INAUDIBLE]..

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00:56:24,585 --> 00:56:25,850

I was now in Israel.

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00:56:25,850 --> 00:56:31,250

I went down, and  
I make a plaque,

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00:56:31,250 --> 00:56:35,780

[NON-ENGLISH] for trees and  
put down exactly the name

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00:56:35,780 --> 00:56:37,192

on the [INAUDIBLE] exactly.

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00:56:37,192 --> 00:56:39,650

And I make a picture, and I  
gave it to my brother, Michael.

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00:56:39,650 --> 00:56:41,090

This is your present.

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00:56:41,090 --> 00:56:45,385

You should remember  
forever this to keep.

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00:56:45,385 --> 00:56:48,670

And your children, if they  
want to, should keep going.

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00:56:48,670 --> 00:56:51,760

Always tell them what was  
going on with the Holocaust.

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00:56:51,760 --> 00:56:55,690

And this tape, what you,  
Rabbi, gave me the opportunity

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00:56:55,690 --> 00:57:00,370

to make, was one of their

biggest achievement what I ever

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00:57:00,370 --> 00:57:01,240  
did.

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00:57:01,240 --> 00:57:05,730  
Because I always wanted to  
do something to tell my story

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00:57:05,730 --> 00:57:08,590  
and to leave for my  
son and for my children

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00:57:08,590 --> 00:57:12,130  
and from schools, wherever  
this tape is going to go,

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00:57:12,130 --> 00:57:15,830  
to see what people went  
through and what was happened.

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00:57:15,830 --> 00:57:19,300  
Well, this has been a  
very important recording

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00:57:19,300 --> 00:57:23,620  
of your story, which tells  
a great deal about what

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00:57:23,620 --> 00:57:27,010  
happened to so many people  
during the Holocaust.

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00:57:27,010 --> 00:57:30,550  
And I thank you for coming down  
and sharing these experiences.

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00:57:30,550 --> 00:57:31,160  
OK.

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00:57:31,160 --> 00:57:31,993  
Thank you very much.

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00:57:31,993 --> 00:57:34,190  
I thank you very much, Rabbi.

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00:57:34,190 --> 00:57:44,000