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00:00:00,000 --> 00:00:20,770

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00:00:20,770 --> 00:00:22,340

Good afternoon.

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00:00:22,340 --> 00:00:25,090

I'm Bernard Weinstein,  
director of the Kean College

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00:00:25,090 --> 00:00:29,020

oral testimonies project of  
the Holocaust Resource Center.

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00:00:29,020 --> 00:00:31,180

Assisting me is Sidney Kruger.

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00:00:31,180 --> 00:00:33,445

We welcome Zygmunt Gottlieb.

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00:00:33,445 --> 00:00:34,660

Mr Gottlieb.

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00:00:34,660 --> 00:00:36,310

My name is Zygmunt Gottlieb.

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00:00:36,310 --> 00:00:41,070

I come from Poland and I was  
born in a little Polish town

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00:00:41,070 --> 00:00:43,480

which name is Kopycynce.

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00:00:43,480 --> 00:00:46,690

For me, it's very easy to  
pronounce but some people it's

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00:00:46,690 --> 00:00:51,410

difficult. I was born in 1923.

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00:00:51,410 --> 00:00:55,780

I lived there as a  
young man til 1939.

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00:00:55,780 --> 00:00:57,760

I went to school.

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00:00:57,760 --> 00:01:03,160

And in 1939-- end  
of '39 broke out

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00:01:03,160 --> 00:01:12,910

the war between Poland and  
Russia, and Poland and Germany.

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00:01:12,910 --> 00:01:17,350

Poland was divided in two parts.

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00:01:17,350 --> 00:01:23,170

I lived in the parts where there  
was occupied by the Russians.

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00:01:23,170 --> 00:01:28,390

For two years, 1941  
broke out the war

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00:01:28,390 --> 00:01:31,570

between Germany and Russia.

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00:01:31,570 --> 00:01:34,360

Then the Germans  
occupied our town,

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00:01:34,360 --> 00:01:36,550

and then the thing started.

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00:01:36,550 --> 00:01:37,370

We came from a--

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00:01:37,370 --> 00:01:37,870

Excuse me.

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00:01:37,870 --> 00:01:39,340

Can I just backtrack  
a little bit?

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00:01:39,340 --> 00:01:42,670

Can you tell us a little  
bit about the town itself.

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00:01:42,670 --> 00:01:43,840

Were there many Jews there?

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00:01:43,840 --> 00:01:44,340

Yes.

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00:01:44,340 --> 00:01:44,860

Was it a--

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00:01:44,860 --> 00:01:47,500

I come from a town--

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00:01:47,500 --> 00:01:50,820

most of the center of  
town was occupied by Jews.

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00:01:50,820 --> 00:01:56,080

The merchants, small merchants,  
they were very poor in general.

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00:01:56,080 --> 00:01:59,210

The standard of  
living was so poor.

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00:01:59,210 --> 00:02:02,410

If you really think about it, I  
don't know how people survived.

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00:02:02,410 --> 00:02:05,330

We had no sewer, we  
had no running water.

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00:02:05,330 --> 00:02:11,290

We had no heating, we had  
no garbage collections

37  
00:02:11,290 --> 00:02:14,020  
and all this.

38  
00:02:14,020 --> 00:02:16,050  
It's hard to believe  
that people survived.

39  
00:02:16,050 --> 00:02:18,000  
In the last few years  
we had electricity,

40  
00:02:18,000 --> 00:02:20,340  
it's the only thing what we had.

41  
00:02:20,340 --> 00:02:23,350  
And in 1941 the  
Germans came to us.

42  
00:02:23,350 --> 00:02:25,710  
And they came to us.

43  
00:02:25,710 --> 00:02:28,840  
And the first thing what they  
start doing, you all know,

44  
00:02:28,840 --> 00:02:31,360  
they start killing Jews.

45  
00:02:31,360 --> 00:02:32,320  
This was their purpose.

46  
00:02:32,320 --> 00:02:35,380

47  
00:02:35,380 --> 00:02:37,630  
The first thing  
was they came in--

48  
00:02:37,630 --> 00:02:40,920

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00:02:40,920 --> 00:02:43,420

but I cannot recall things  
very well, you know.

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00:02:43,420 --> 00:02:46,980

It happened 45 years ago.

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00:02:46,980 --> 00:02:49,540

Main things I  
remember very well.

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00:02:49,540 --> 00:02:52,270

When they came to us in  
1941, the first thing

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00:02:52,270 --> 00:02:53,712

were they took  
all the young men,

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00:02:53,712 --> 00:02:55,420

and they took us to  
a concentration camp.

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00:02:55,420 --> 00:03:01,190

There was a camp in Ternopol  
They took us by train--

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00:03:01,190 --> 00:03:07,210

was beating before they load  
us up in those train cars.

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00:03:07,210 --> 00:03:09,070

And we went to Ternopol.

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00:03:09,070 --> 00:03:09,990

We came to Ternopol.

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00:03:09,990 --> 00:03:10,910

It wasn't bad.

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00:03:10,910 --> 00:03:14,180

We stayed there a few

months and they let us go.

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00:03:14,180 --> 00:03:15,740

We worked on the  
railroad station.

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00:03:15,740 --> 00:03:18,090

That wasn't bad.

63

00:03:18,090 --> 00:03:22,190

And as we came home, it was  
in the middle of the summer,

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00:03:22,190 --> 00:03:27,970

I don't remember the year quite  
well, the year was '42 or '43.

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00:03:27,970 --> 00:03:29,500

And the winter came.

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00:03:29,500 --> 00:03:35,020

The winter came, so they told  
us that we have to go and shovel

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00:03:35,020 --> 00:03:39,670

snow on the roads which were  
going to the main roads,

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00:03:39,670 --> 00:03:42,160

to shovel out the snow,  
to clean up the snow.

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00:03:42,160 --> 00:03:45,440

As we came out there,  
they surrounded us all.

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00:03:45,440 --> 00:03:49,570

They took us all  
the way to Chortkov,

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00:03:49,570 --> 00:03:51,040

which was 15 kilometers away.

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00:03:51,040 --> 00:03:52,900

This was a prison.

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00:03:52,900 --> 00:03:55,870

From there they  
took us by train.

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00:03:55,870 --> 00:03:58,600

They load us up like cattle,  
and they took us by train

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00:03:58,600 --> 00:04:02,030

to a concentration camp  
the name of Kamionki.

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00:04:02,030 --> 00:04:03,790

And there I spent  
quite a long time.

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00:04:03,790 --> 00:04:07,780

I don't remember the exact  
time till I escaped--

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00:04:07,780 --> 00:04:09,100

me and my friend, we escaped.

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00:04:09,100 --> 00:04:13,480

Everyone which stayed in this  
camp to the end was liquidated.

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00:04:13,480 --> 00:04:15,371

All the guys, we  
come from the town

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00:04:15,371 --> 00:04:17,079

there were quite a  
few thousands of Jews,

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00:04:17,079 --> 00:04:18,870

I would say 5, 6,000 Jews.

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00:04:18,870 --> 00:04:20,649

They left 65.

84

00:04:20,649 --> 00:04:22,750

One of the 65 is me.

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00:04:22,750 --> 00:04:24,730

And the rest of my  
friends which survived,

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00:04:24,730 --> 00:04:26,950

they are mostly in this  
country here, or some of them

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00:04:26,950 --> 00:04:27,550

died already.

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00:04:27,550 --> 00:04:33,717

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00:04:33,717 --> 00:04:35,050

You know, I am trying to think--

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00:04:35,050 --> 00:04:39,000

I'm trying to go one after the  
other what actually happened.

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00:04:39,000 --> 00:04:41,770

Zygmunt, what thoughts were  
going through your mind

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00:04:41,770 --> 00:04:42,902

at this time?

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00:04:42,902 --> 00:04:44,110

What were you thinking about?

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00:04:44,110 --> 00:04:46,785

Did you understand  
what was happening?

95

00:04:46,785 --> 00:04:47,980

There was on a Wednesday--



96  
00:04:47,980 --> 00:04:48,880  
I never forget this--

97  
00:04:48,880 --> 00:04:50,338  
There was on a  
Wednesday afternoon,

98  
00:04:50,338 --> 00:04:52,340  
I listened to the radio.

99  
00:04:52,340 --> 00:04:54,370  
You know, in the  
market we had a radio--

100  
00:04:54,370 --> 00:04:58,960  
loudspeaker, and I heard  
over the loudspeaker

101  
00:04:58,960 --> 00:05:02,060  
the Jews had been killed  
and the Germans come in.

102  
00:05:02,060 --> 00:05:03,892  
They're killing Jews.

103  
00:05:03,892 --> 00:05:05,600  
I came home and I said  
this to my father.

104  
00:05:05,600 --> 00:05:08,910  
I said, listen father,  
just said over the radio

105  
00:05:08,910 --> 00:05:09,935  
they're coming in.

106  
00:05:09,935 --> 00:05:11,825  
Then my father  
told me, after all

107  
00:05:11,825 --> 00:05:13,450

I know the Germans  
from the First World

108  
00:05:13,450 --> 00:05:15,280  
War I wasn't a  
politician, why should I

109  
00:05:15,280 --> 00:05:17,050  
run, where should I go.

110  
00:05:17,050 --> 00:05:18,610  
He couldn't believe it.

111  
00:05:18,610 --> 00:05:19,970  
None of us could believe it.

112  
00:05:19,970 --> 00:05:22,300  
This was before they came  
to your part of Poland?

113  
00:05:22,300 --> 00:05:24,170  
Yes.

114  
00:05:24,170 --> 00:05:26,743  
When we lived in town which  
was 15 kilometers away

115  
00:05:26,743 --> 00:05:28,660  
they start killing Jews,  
we didn't believe it.

116  
00:05:28,660 --> 00:05:30,460  
We saw they did something wrong.

117  
00:05:30,460 --> 00:05:32,330  
The communication was so poor.

118  
00:05:32,330 --> 00:05:34,340  
We had no communication at all.

119  
00:05:34,340 --> 00:05:36,555  
Everything we saw there

was just a reason.

120  
00:05:36,555 --> 00:05:37,930  
What do you mean  
to kill someone?

121  
00:05:37,930 --> 00:05:38,440  
For what?

122  
00:05:38,440 --> 00:05:41,350

123  
00:05:41,350 --> 00:05:44,050  
I come from a town, like I  
said before there were what

124  
00:05:44,050 --> 00:05:46,030  
5,000, 6,000 Jews.

125  
00:05:46,030 --> 00:05:49,150  
From the 5, 6,000, they left 65.

126  
00:05:49,150 --> 00:05:52,650  
All the guys, every  
other was killed.

127  
00:05:52,650 --> 00:05:56,560  
In 1900-- I'm catching  
one the other, in 1900--

128  
00:05:56,560 --> 00:05:59,080  
I forgot the year what it was.

129  
00:05:59,080 --> 00:06:02,520  
I was called into the embassy--

130  
00:06:02,520 --> 00:06:09,420  
to the German embassy  
in New York and they

131  
00:06:09,420 --> 00:06:12,240  
were discussing a man by

the name of Pal, P-A-L,

132

00:06:12,240 --> 00:06:15,290

this was the name.

133

00:06:15,290 --> 00:06:18,180

I remember this man very well,

I still remember him today.

134

00:06:18,180 --> 00:06:19,950

When I came to the

German embassy and they

135

00:06:19,950 --> 00:06:21,260

showed me the pictures--

136

00:06:21,260 --> 00:06:23,320

they showed me 10

different pictures,

137

00:06:23,320 --> 00:06:27,300

and they showed me

the guy which I knew--

138

00:06:27,300 --> 00:06:30,210

I knew him as a military

man in military clothes,

139

00:06:30,210 --> 00:06:32,950

they showed me a picture

in civilian clothes.

140

00:06:32,950 --> 00:06:38,250

And when I pointed out the guy,

the German ambassador walked in

141

00:06:38,250 --> 00:06:41,820

and he didn't know

what happened.

142

00:06:41,820 --> 00:06:43,140

How could you tell?

143

00:06:43,140 --> 00:06:44,410

I said, how could I tell.

144

00:06:44,410 --> 00:06:45,660

How can you forget a murderer?

145

00:06:45,660 --> 00:06:47,060

How can you forget a gangster?

146

00:06:47,060 --> 00:06:50,720

And in about a year later, I  
went to Germany, to Mannheim,

147

00:06:50,720 --> 00:06:55,690

I testify in court for  
two days and naturally

148

00:06:55,690 --> 00:06:59,010

what happened to him, he later  
got a heart attack and he died.

149

00:06:59,010 --> 00:07:00,780

But he was actually a Romanian.

150

00:07:00,780 --> 00:07:01,980

I didn't even realize it.

151

00:07:01,980 --> 00:07:03,390

What had he done?

152

00:07:03,390 --> 00:07:04,770

I mean he killed--

153

00:07:04,770 --> 00:07:09,510

he was taking guns  
and killing Jews

154

00:07:09,510 --> 00:07:12,640

like you go on a hunting spree.

155

00:07:12,640 --> 00:07:13,880

That was what he did.

156  
00:07:13,880 --> 00:07:15,190  
This was in Kamionki.

157  
00:07:15,190 --> 00:07:18,130  
No, this was in  
Kopyczynce, where I come.

158  
00:07:18,130 --> 00:07:19,050  
Kopyczynce.

159  
00:07:19,050 --> 00:07:20,010  
I came from Kamionki.

160  
00:07:20,010 --> 00:07:21,210  
I came back to Kopyczynce.

161  
00:07:21,210 --> 00:07:22,890  
I'm catching one, the other.

162  
00:07:22,890 --> 00:07:24,690  
From Kamionki, I came  
back to Kopyczynce.

163  
00:07:24,690 --> 00:07:25,740  
And this thing started.

164  
00:07:25,740 --> 00:07:27,440  
Then they started those pogroms.

165  
00:07:27,440 --> 00:07:28,560  
What they used to do--

166  
00:07:28,560 --> 00:07:32,040  
the first pogrom in  
our town was like this.

167  
00:07:32,040 --> 00:07:35,340  
They surrounded  
the town, sometimes

168

00:07:35,340 --> 00:07:38,100

if you go hunting you will  
know what I'm talking about.

169

00:07:38,100 --> 00:07:39,420

The town was surrounded all.

170

00:07:39,420 --> 00:07:42,960

Who wanted to leave the  
town was shot on the spot.

171

00:07:42,960 --> 00:07:44,635

Then they surrounded  
the people there,

172

00:07:44,635 --> 00:07:46,200

and they put them in trains.

173

00:07:46,200 --> 00:07:49,440

It was the first, what  
we call it aktion.

174

00:07:49,440 --> 00:07:51,320

The Germans used to  
call it not pogroms.

175

00:07:51,320 --> 00:07:53,540

They give it a  
nice name, aktion.

176

00:07:53,540 --> 00:07:56,250

So they used to  
surround the town

177

00:07:56,250 --> 00:07:58,880

and whoever they caught on,  
they put everything on the train

178

00:07:58,880 --> 00:07:59,880

and they took them away.

179

00:07:59,880 --> 00:08:00,755

Where they took them?

180  
00:08:00,755 --> 00:08:05,870  
They took them to Belzec  
and then they died.

181  
00:08:05,870 --> 00:08:09,510  
Then later on they had no  
time to load them up in train.

182  
00:08:09,510 --> 00:08:10,620  
So what they did--

183  
00:08:10,620 --> 00:08:11,480  
I never forget this.

184  
00:08:11,480 --> 00:08:12,855  
One of my friends  
is still alive.

185  
00:08:12,855 --> 00:08:15,370

186  
00:08:15,370 --> 00:08:16,690  
His name is Jack Berman.

187  
00:08:16,690 --> 00:08:18,140  
He lives in Germany now.

188  
00:08:18,140 --> 00:08:21,990

189  
00:08:21,990 --> 00:08:28,320  
In the morning when  
this aktion started

190  
00:08:28,320 --> 00:08:34,409  
there was a hiding place, but  
somebody had to close him in.

191  
00:08:34,409 --> 00:08:39,030  
So what he did, his two



brothers, his father,

192

00:08:39,030 --> 00:08:41,070

and his mother, he  
closed them all in.

193

00:08:41,070 --> 00:08:46,720

And he himself jumped in  
and went into the chimney.

194

00:08:46,720 --> 00:08:48,540

They caught him.

195

00:08:48,540 --> 00:08:50,610

They caught him in the chimney.

196

00:08:50,610 --> 00:08:52,110

The story what I'm  
telling you now--

197

00:08:52,110 --> 00:08:54,600

I'm repeating his story.

198

00:08:54,600 --> 00:09:01,560

Him and about few about 20 or 30  
young boys, they picked them up

199

00:09:01,560 --> 00:09:03,120

and they took them in the woods.

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00:09:03,120 --> 00:09:05,460

And they told them  
to dig graves.

201

00:09:05,460 --> 00:09:06,720

This was the first time.

202

00:09:06,720 --> 00:09:09,690

Usually before,  
this never happened.

203

00:09:09,690 --> 00:09:12,240

He thought that he was taken  
to a concentration camp.

204  
00:09:12,240 --> 00:09:13,230  
But that was not so.

205  
00:09:13,230 --> 00:09:15,660  
They took him out to the woods  
and he was digging a grave.

206  
00:09:15,660 --> 00:09:20,470  
And once the grave was finished,  
they told him to undress.

207  
00:09:20,470 --> 00:09:22,830  
And it turns out that's when  
he knew that it was coming.

208  
00:09:22,830 --> 00:09:24,840  
What was coming, they  
were going to shoot him.

209  
00:09:24,840 --> 00:09:27,570  
So how many guys were there?

210  
00:09:27,570 --> 00:09:28,920  
Everyone was killed but him.

211  
00:09:28,920 --> 00:09:30,210  
He ran away.

212  
00:09:30,210 --> 00:09:34,670  
They all start running,  
all were killed.

213  
00:09:34,670 --> 00:09:36,390  
Just him, he survived.

214  
00:09:36,390 --> 00:09:37,650  
He's still alive.

215  
00:09:37,650 --> 00:09:39,150

He and his two brothers.

216  
00:09:39,150 --> 00:09:41,150  
So when he came back  
in the morning to his--

217  
00:09:41,150 --> 00:09:42,450  
His brothers survived also?

218  
00:09:42,450 --> 00:09:43,180  
Yes.

219  
00:09:43,180 --> 00:09:47,400  
When he came back in the  
morning, back to the house,

220  
00:09:47,400 --> 00:09:49,710  
so his father was saying  
Kaddish already for him.

221  
00:09:49,710 --> 00:09:51,880  
He saw that the guy was killed.

222  
00:09:51,880 --> 00:09:56,760  
Anyway, he is here and  
he has two brothers.

223  
00:09:56,760 --> 00:10:00,470  
One of the brothers is--

224  
00:10:00,470 --> 00:10:04,030  
they're all together,  
they're all here.

225  
00:10:04,030 --> 00:10:06,130  
In some business, we  
are involved together.

226  
00:10:06,130 --> 00:10:08,820  
Zygmunt, what were you  
doing at this time, the time

227

00:10:08,820 --> 00:10:10,530  
of this incident, for example?

228  
00:10:10,530 --> 00:10:12,030  
What was life like  
in your village

229  
00:10:12,030 --> 00:10:13,260  
when the program had begun?

230  
00:10:13,260 --> 00:10:14,950  
Was it just this one day?

231  
00:10:14,950 --> 00:10:17,400  
No.

232  
00:10:17,400 --> 00:10:20,310  
I gave you the story so far.

233  
00:10:20,310 --> 00:10:22,980  
So far the story is that it  
was the first program, and then

234  
00:10:22,980 --> 00:10:26,392  
the second program like I said  
they start picking up people

235  
00:10:26,392 --> 00:10:28,100  
and they start shooting  
them right there.

236  
00:10:28,100 --> 00:10:29,910  
And then they took  
them in the woods.

237  
00:10:29,910 --> 00:10:32,070  
And after this, what I  
told you the story what

238  
00:10:32,070 --> 00:10:37,290  
happened when they took them to  
the woods, they took all the--

239

00:10:37,290 --> 00:10:39,900

first of all, they  
took all the women.

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00:10:39,900 --> 00:10:43,500

They had to tie each other,  
and they went out to the woods.

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00:10:43,500 --> 00:10:45,450

They had to undress  
to jump in the grave

242

00:10:45,450 --> 00:10:46,770

and then they were killed.

243

00:10:46,770 --> 00:10:48,210

This was first the women.

244

00:10:48,210 --> 00:10:50,580

And then they took the men.

245

00:10:50,580 --> 00:10:53,070

Then you ask me my  
father and my uncle--

246

00:10:53,070 --> 00:10:54,390

I had an uncle.

247

00:10:54,390 --> 00:11:00,300

Both of them-- they worked  
for the road department.

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00:11:00,300 --> 00:11:03,220

So the engineer for  
the road department

249

00:11:03,220 --> 00:11:10,880

gave him a W, in German, you  
call it a wichtige Juden.

250

00:11:10,880 --> 00:11:12,690

He was an important Jew.

251  
00:11:12,690 --> 00:11:14,790  
So when he came to be  
shot to the grave--

252  
00:11:14,790 --> 00:11:17,500  
my father when he was  
caught with my mother,

253  
00:11:17,500 --> 00:11:20,390  
this day when he  
was caught there--

254  
00:11:20,390 --> 00:11:21,800  
I'm catching one and the other.

255  
00:11:21,800 --> 00:11:22,860  
But I tell you the story.

256  
00:11:22,860 --> 00:11:24,180  
It was on a Wednesday after--

257  
00:11:24,180 --> 00:11:24,440  
OK--

258  
00:11:24,440 --> 00:11:25,050  
No, no.

259  
00:11:25,050 --> 00:11:25,710  
I have to go.

260  
00:11:25,710 --> 00:11:27,420  
I have to-- You see I forget.

261  
00:11:27,420 --> 00:11:28,080  
It's all right.

262  
00:11:28,080 --> 00:11:31,190  
It was on a Wednesday afternoon.

263  
00:11:31,190 --> 00:11:32,600

We were in town.

264

00:11:32,600 --> 00:11:35,330

To surround the  
town, we heard shots.

265

00:11:35,330 --> 00:11:38,220

So when we heard shots,  
we start running.

266

00:11:38,220 --> 00:11:39,060

So we start running.

267

00:11:39,060 --> 00:11:42,510

My father, my mother  
was in the house,

268

00:11:42,510 --> 00:11:44,190

and I was the middle of town.

269

00:11:44,190 --> 00:11:45,270

Where we start running--

270

00:11:45,270 --> 00:11:46,650

so we had shots.

271

00:11:46,650 --> 00:11:49,303

They knew right away  
they were killing Jews.

272

00:11:49,303 --> 00:11:50,220

So we started running.

273

00:11:50,220 --> 00:11:51,810

We ran out and we were lucky.

274

00:11:51,810 --> 00:11:54,860

As we were going out,  
we want to run out

275

00:11:54,860 --> 00:11:59,820

from the town the Gentiles

were coming in from the church.

276

00:11:59,820 --> 00:12:02,920

And they won't let us through,  
they won't let us through.

277

00:12:02,920 --> 00:12:04,860

But there was one  
guy, was a husky guy,

278

00:12:04,860 --> 00:12:08,160

I remember them today  
how he looks like.

279

00:12:08,160 --> 00:12:09,660

He was the leader.

280

00:12:09,660 --> 00:12:12,090

You know it's very  
hard for me to explain.

281

00:12:12,090 --> 00:12:14,550

If you go out of town,  
the farm houses--

282

00:12:14,550 --> 00:12:17,220

each farm house had like a gate.

283

00:12:17,220 --> 00:12:20,220

284

00:12:20,220 --> 00:12:23,590

We didn't know what to  
do, but we followed him.

285

00:12:23,590 --> 00:12:25,380

He was a older guy.

286

00:12:25,380 --> 00:12:28,110

So he broke through a  
gate and we followed him.

287



00:12:28,110 --> 00:12:30,900  
So one of the farmers  
caught me here by my hand,

288  
00:12:30,900 --> 00:12:33,090  
and I begged him,  
he should let me go.

289  
00:12:33,090 --> 00:12:33,890  
He won't.

290  
00:12:33,890 --> 00:12:35,650  
So I said to myself,  
this the end.

291  
00:12:35,650 --> 00:12:37,830  
In the last second, I  
don't know what happened.

292  
00:12:37,830 --> 00:12:39,480  
Immediately, he let me go.

293  
00:12:39,480 --> 00:12:41,400  
So in a minute then  
I ran away from him.

294  
00:12:41,400 --> 00:12:42,990  
I never forget this.

295  
00:12:42,990 --> 00:12:44,340  
I heard a shot.

296  
00:12:44,340 --> 00:12:47,310  
And the shot went next  
to my ear you know.

297  
00:12:47,310 --> 00:12:50,310  
From this I got so  
scared so I fell down.

298  
00:12:50,310 --> 00:12:53,690  
And I even looked back  
and I start running.

299

00:12:53,690 --> 00:12:55,980

And this was on a  
Wednesday afternoon,

300

00:12:55,980 --> 00:12:59,550

the day when they caught my  
mother and caught my father.

301

00:12:59,550 --> 00:13:01,030

My mother was  
killed in this day.

302

00:13:01,030 --> 00:13:05,640

Like I told you, she was  
taken out, my mother, my aunt.

303

00:13:05,640 --> 00:13:08,370

My aunt's boy, a little  
boy said to her--

304

00:13:08,370 --> 00:13:10,380

he was talking Ukrainian--

305

00:13:10,380 --> 00:13:14,310

so my father said, why  
would they want to kill me,

306

00:13:14,310 --> 00:13:15,750

I didn't do nothing wrong.

307

00:13:15,750 --> 00:13:19,930

I didn't do nothing  
bad, in Ukrainian.

308

00:13:19,930 --> 00:13:23,900

My father had this W, my  
uncle so the German asked him,

309

00:13:23,900 --> 00:13:26,260

then he came to the grave.

310

00:13:26,260 --> 00:13:27,080

What is this for?

311

00:13:27,080 --> 00:13:30,480

He said he is working  
for the road department.

312

00:13:30,480 --> 00:13:32,680

So he said to them,  
let those men go.

313

00:13:32,680 --> 00:13:35,300

When he let those  
men go, those two men

314

00:13:35,300 --> 00:13:39,380

were picking up the clothes, the  
people what they were undressed

315

00:13:39,380 --> 00:13:41,780

and jump in the grave  
they had to undress.

316

00:13:41,780 --> 00:13:43,790

And the clothes, they  
didn't waste there.

317

00:13:43,790 --> 00:13:46,370

Everything was  
done for a reason.

318

00:13:46,370 --> 00:13:48,930

They load it up, and I don't  
know they took it to Germany.

319

00:13:48,930 --> 00:13:51,920

Whatever they did with it,  
I don't know what they did.

320

00:13:51,920 --> 00:13:55,150

Anyway, my father did this  
and my father and my uncle

321

00:13:55,150 --> 00:13:55,760  
was released.

322  
00:13:55,760 --> 00:13:58,100  
They let him go this time.

323  
00:13:58,100 --> 00:14:00,450  
The next day I met  
him and we ran away.

324  
00:14:00,450 --> 00:14:02,630  
Where do we spend time?

325  
00:14:02,630 --> 00:14:06,710  
I'm giving you just the  
rundown what happened.

326  
00:14:06,710 --> 00:14:09,140  
I cannot remember myself  
day by day what happened.

327  
00:14:09,140 --> 00:14:11,250  
This is before you  
went to Ternopol.

328  
00:14:11,250 --> 00:14:12,590  
No, no, no.

329  
00:14:12,590 --> 00:14:14,165  
This was after Kamionki.

330  
00:14:14,165 --> 00:14:14,790  
This was after.

331  
00:14:14,790 --> 00:14:15,415  
After Kamionki.

332  
00:14:15,415 --> 00:14:17,960  
This is when this thing started,  
when they start cleaning up,

333  
00:14:17,960 --> 00:14:20,030

killing people.

334

00:14:20,030 --> 00:14:23,280

When we came we spent  
all summer in the fields.

335

00:14:23,280 --> 00:14:30,050

My uncle knew a farmer,  
he used to come at night,

336

00:14:30,050 --> 00:14:31,650

he gave us some food.

337

00:14:31,650 --> 00:14:33,470

He knew but he was scared.

338

00:14:33,470 --> 00:14:36,172

So he told us,  
stay in the field.

339

00:14:36,172 --> 00:14:37,880

And one day we were  
sitting in the field,

340

00:14:37,880 --> 00:14:39,650

and as we sit we  
see somebody coming.

341

00:14:39,650 --> 00:14:43,460

So we're scared to death, so we  
start running and we ran away.

342

00:14:43,460 --> 00:14:46,980

We came back to town, and  
the town was in the ghetto.

343

00:14:46,980 --> 00:14:48,290

Half the town was shot.

344

00:14:48,290 --> 00:14:53,060

There were very few  
people left in the ghetto.

345

00:14:53,060 --> 00:14:57,215

So when we came back and I  
looked at the whole thing here,

346

00:14:57,215 --> 00:15:01,070

I was scared, sitting  
in the ghetto.

347

00:15:01,070 --> 00:15:03,080

Sitting and waiting for death.

348

00:15:03,080 --> 00:15:04,890

And we ran away again.

349

00:15:04,890 --> 00:15:08,060

Another man knew  
another Gentile which

350

00:15:08,060 --> 00:15:10,940

used to be an officer  
on the Polish army.

351

00:15:10,940 --> 00:15:13,790

And this man kept  
us for a few months.

352

00:15:13,790 --> 00:15:17,700

He kept us, me, my uncle--

353

00:15:17,700 --> 00:15:20,650

I have another uncle,  
my aunt which is here,

354

00:15:20,650 --> 00:15:21,910

and another couple.

355

00:15:21,910 --> 00:15:25,130

We were sitting in the  
attic for a few months,

356

00:15:25,130 --> 00:15:26,860

till it came in the wintertime.

357  
00:15:26,860 --> 00:15:31,020  
In the winter time  
somebody noticed

358  
00:15:31,020 --> 00:15:33,400  
that somebody is in the attic.

359  
00:15:33,400 --> 00:15:34,880  
So he told us we have to leave.

360  
00:15:34,880 --> 00:15:36,220  
So we left,

361  
00:15:36,220 --> 00:15:37,340  
Where we had to go.

362  
00:15:37,340 --> 00:15:41,857  
My father had-- before  
the war, had a farm

363  
00:15:41,857 --> 00:15:43,190  
and he had people working there.

364  
00:15:43,190 --> 00:15:47,840

365  
00:15:47,840 --> 00:15:49,710  
He came over to my father--

366  
00:15:49,710 --> 00:15:51,360  
my uncle said, what  
do we have to lose.

367  
00:15:51,360 --> 00:15:53,820  
We go to him.

368  
00:15:53,820 --> 00:15:54,800  
We didn't want to go.

369  
00:15:54,800 --> 00:15:57,608

We were scared of him,  
but we had no choice.

370  
00:15:57,608 --> 00:15:59,150  
We came early in  
the morning, I never

371  
00:15:59,150 --> 00:16:01,910  
forget this as long as  
I'm going to be alive.

372  
00:16:01,910 --> 00:16:04,760  
There was a road going to the  
woods and a road going to--

373  
00:16:04,760 --> 00:16:07,220  
we walked, we were  
going all night.

374  
00:16:07,220 --> 00:16:09,440  
We walked all night long.

375  
00:16:09,440 --> 00:16:11,390  
So one road was  
going to the woods,

376  
00:16:11,390 --> 00:16:14,030  
and one road was going  
to this man, to the farm.

377  
00:16:14,030 --> 00:16:16,880  
So my uncle said, let's  
spend the day in the woods

378  
00:16:16,880 --> 00:16:18,740  
and at night we  
go to this farmer.

379  
00:16:18,740 --> 00:16:21,140  
And my father said, no  
let's go to the farmer.

380  
00:16:21,140 --> 00:16:23,360



If he would have  
gone to the woods,

381  
00:16:23,360 --> 00:16:26,000  
they had hunting during the  
day, they would have killed us.

382  
00:16:26,000 --> 00:16:29,520  
We went to the farmer,  
so we stayed there.

383  
00:16:29,520 --> 00:16:33,140  
We stayed by the farmer  
half of the winter.

384  
00:16:33,140 --> 00:16:36,830  
And all of a sudden his wife  
walks in one day to the barn

385  
00:16:36,830 --> 00:16:38,720  
and said-- in the  
barn was a cow.

386  
00:16:38,720 --> 00:16:41,570  
So one day his wife  
walks in and said--

387  
00:16:41,570 --> 00:16:44,160  
I never forget this,  
it was very cold--

388  
00:16:44,160 --> 00:16:45,650  
listen, she said,  
you have to die.

389  
00:16:45,650 --> 00:16:47,210  
Why should I die?

390  
00:16:47,210 --> 00:16:48,560  
I have a child.

391  
00:16:48,560 --> 00:16:50,510  
She was scared, and

I don't blame her.

392

00:16:50,510 --> 00:16:52,370

And we had to leave.

393

00:16:52,370 --> 00:16:53,930

We went to another

farmer that we

394

00:16:53,930 --> 00:16:56,540

knew we couldn't stay

there even one day.

395

00:16:56,540 --> 00:16:58,050

So we had no choice.

396

00:16:58,050 --> 00:17:01,470

We went back to him and

he said you stay here.

397

00:17:01,470 --> 00:17:04,250

It was a miracle

that he told us this.

398

00:17:04,250 --> 00:17:05,470

She was scared.

399

00:17:05,470 --> 00:17:11,660

And we stayed there

till March 1944.

400

00:17:11,660 --> 00:17:13,040

We stayed in this barn.

401

00:17:13,040 --> 00:17:14,690

Then the Russians came in.

402

00:17:14,690 --> 00:17:16,190

And the Russians

came in, then I was

403

00:17:16,190 --> 00:17:17,990

drafted in the Russian army.

404

00:17:17,990 --> 00:17:27,109

And I had been in the Russian  
army all over from 1945 to '44

405

00:17:27,109 --> 00:17:28,250

to '45.

406

00:17:28,250 --> 00:17:30,390

I don't remember  
the exact dates.

407

00:17:30,390 --> 00:17:34,190

And from there they let go.

408

00:17:34,190 --> 00:17:37,120

What happened is a  
long story, but I try

409

00:17:37,120 --> 00:17:40,430

to tell you what the story was.

410

00:17:40,430 --> 00:17:45,320

I was born in 1923, what kind  
of teacher could I have been.

411

00:17:45,320 --> 00:17:48,590

Couldn't have been a teacher  
for the war, how old was I.

412

00:17:48,590 --> 00:17:51,760

But at this time it came  
out a decree that you can--

413

00:17:51,760 --> 00:17:56,900

a decree came out that you  
can be released from the army

414

00:17:56,900 --> 00:17:58,690

if you are--

415

00:17:58,690 --> 00:18:00,920  
if you were a teacher  
before the war.

416  
00:18:00,920 --> 00:18:02,840  
I wrote a letter to my father.

417  
00:18:02,840 --> 00:18:04,435  
My father was in Poland.

418  
00:18:04,435 --> 00:18:06,060  
I wrote a letter to  
him and I told him,

419  
00:18:06,060 --> 00:18:07,130  
look I'm there and there.

420  
00:18:07,130 --> 00:18:09,860  
I was in [PLACE NAME]  
in Germany.

421  
00:18:09,860 --> 00:18:12,320  
The name of the town  
was [PLACE NAME]..

422  
00:18:12,320 --> 00:18:15,170  
And I said to him,  
come and see me.

423  
00:18:15,170 --> 00:18:16,730  
So he came.

424  
00:18:16,730 --> 00:18:18,230  
And then he came  
to see me, he said,

425  
00:18:18,230 --> 00:18:20,080  
you pick up and let's go home.

426  
00:18:20,080 --> 00:18:21,430  
I said, no, I'm not going.

427

00:18:21,430 --> 00:18:23,890

I went to war now I should  
run away from the army.

428

00:18:23,890 --> 00:18:26,680

If he should catch  
me, he should kill me.

429

00:18:26,680 --> 00:18:30,070

So he went back, and  
the mayor of the town

430

00:18:30,070 --> 00:18:33,080

gave him a letter  
that I was a teacher.

431

00:18:33,080 --> 00:18:35,440

And he put this letter--

432

00:18:35,440 --> 00:18:39,140

my best friends who were  
all those Russian officers.

433

00:18:39,140 --> 00:18:41,000

We were together all the war.

434

00:18:41,000 --> 00:18:43,870

And they released me.

435

00:18:43,870 --> 00:18:47,140

And I came back  
to Liegnitz which

436

00:18:47,140 --> 00:18:51,420

was important at this time.

437

00:18:51,420 --> 00:18:54,580

From Leibnitz I went to  
Vienna, and from Vienna I

438

00:18:54,580 --> 00:18:55,620

went to Munich.

439

00:18:55,620 --> 00:19:02,020

And then Munich, I lived  
for five years to 1900--

440

00:19:02,020 --> 00:19:07,420

in Munich I live to 1951, and  
then '51 I came to America.

441

00:19:07,420 --> 00:19:10,330

I lived here for  
five years to '56.

442

00:19:10,330 --> 00:19:13,570

And in '56 I went to  
Cuba, I met my wife,

443

00:19:13,570 --> 00:19:16,320

and I lived there  
five years, '61,

444

00:19:16,320 --> 00:19:18,160

and this is the  
longest time I'm here.

445

00:19:18,160 --> 00:19:21,790

So I have two sons--

446

00:19:21,790 --> 00:19:22,330

I'm sorry.

447

00:19:22,330 --> 00:19:22,830

Go on.

448

00:19:22,830 --> 00:19:23,700

No, I'm sorry.

449

00:19:23,700 --> 00:19:24,370

Finish, please.

450

00:19:24,370 --> 00:19:27,210

I have two sons.

451

00:19:27,210 --> 00:19:29,350

And I tell them this  
story what I told you.

452

00:19:29,350 --> 00:19:31,980

Maybe I told then maybe  
10 different times.

453

00:19:31,980 --> 00:19:34,860

And I tried to tell them,  
I don't remember myself,

454

00:19:34,860 --> 00:19:37,870

but everything comes back to me.

455

00:19:37,870 --> 00:19:40,750

Depends where I am.

456

00:19:40,750 --> 00:19:42,250

How often I tell my wife.

457

00:19:42,250 --> 00:19:43,480

I lie in bed.

458

00:19:43,480 --> 00:19:44,472

All of a sudden--

459

00:19:44,472 --> 00:19:46,930

or we go somewhere then of the  
sudden, it comes back to me.

460

00:19:46,930 --> 00:19:49,960

How can you forget this?

461

00:19:49,960 --> 00:19:52,280

You know, I told you my story.

462

00:19:52,280 --> 00:19:54,040

This is not well--

463

00:19:54,040 --> 00:19:56,380

I'm not well prepared,  
but the only thing

464  
00:19:56,380 --> 00:19:58,840  
what I have to tell you,  
what I went through,

465  
00:19:58,840 --> 00:20:00,820  
I went through hell.

466  
00:20:00,820 --> 00:20:03,420  
If I'm normal today and I  
can tell you this story,

467  
00:20:03,420 --> 00:20:04,045  
it's a miracle.

468  
00:20:04,045 --> 00:20:07,550

469  
00:20:07,550 --> 00:20:10,300  
You know, everyday  
has its own history.

470  
00:20:10,300 --> 00:20:12,310  
I don't remember it myself.

471  
00:20:12,310 --> 00:20:14,160  
Every day, we were  
sitting in this barn

472  
00:20:14,160 --> 00:20:15,880  
and sometimes you  
get a sentence.

473  
00:20:15,880 --> 00:20:17,860  
You sit the year in  
prison or two years.

474  
00:20:17,860 --> 00:20:21,682  
We were sitting and  
waiting for what?



475

00:20:21,682 --> 00:20:23,210

Where was it worse for you?

476

00:20:23,210 --> 00:20:26,290

Was it worse for you in  
a place like Kamionki

477

00:20:26,290 --> 00:20:28,840

or was it worse  
to be in his barn

478

00:20:28,840 --> 00:20:31,510

and in hiding not knowing--

479

00:20:31,510 --> 00:20:36,750

Listen, in Kamionki, I knew that  
I'm going to be killed any day.

480

00:20:36,750 --> 00:20:39,490

And in the barn was the  
same story, you know?

481

00:20:39,490 --> 00:20:43,060

Like this woman, this farmer's  
wife, walked in one day

482

00:20:43,060 --> 00:20:45,280

and said to me,  
"You have to die.

483

00:20:45,280 --> 00:20:46,700

Why should I die?"

484

00:20:46,700 --> 00:20:50,260

You know, sometimes you  
sit waiting for what?

485

00:20:50,260 --> 00:20:53,310

Sometimes you wait for-- you  
didn't even know when and what.

486

00:20:53,310 --> 00:20:55,240

How did you spend  
the day, I mean?

487  
00:20:55,240 --> 00:20:55,750  
Nothing.

488  
00:20:55,750 --> 00:21:01,765  
Sitting and-- now, my  
father had a few dollars.

489  
00:21:01,765 --> 00:21:03,570  
For this is they kept us there.

490  
00:21:03,570 --> 00:21:06,310  
So he used to give them the few  
dollars till the money-- one

491  
00:21:06,310 --> 00:21:08,420  
day, we saw the money's  
going to run out.

492  
00:21:08,420 --> 00:21:11,050  
What does he need us for?

493  
00:21:11,050 --> 00:21:12,960  
And one day, he made  
the remark, you see.

494  
00:21:12,960 --> 00:21:14,020  
I never forget this.

495  
00:21:14,020 --> 00:21:15,680  
Everything comes back.

496  
00:21:15,680 --> 00:21:17,880  
You know, we had a  
hiding place there,

497  
00:21:17,880 --> 00:21:20,210  
and the hiding place  
had to have air.

498

00:21:20,210 --> 00:21:22,490  
It was dug out of the barn.

499  
00:21:22,490 --> 00:21:24,820  
So he said, when I  
wanted to kill you,

500  
00:21:24,820 --> 00:21:27,070  
it was very simple for me  
just to close up the air,

501  
00:21:27,070 --> 00:21:27,730  
and that's it.

502  
00:21:27,730 --> 00:21:28,360  
You would be finished.

503  
00:21:28,360 --> 00:21:29,560  
You were in an underground--

504  
00:21:29,560 --> 00:21:30,520  
Yes, sometimes we use to go--

505  
00:21:30,520 --> 00:21:31,103  
--like a hole.

506  
00:21:31,103 --> 00:21:34,870  
--when we scared, when something  
was going on in the village,

507  
00:21:34,870 --> 00:21:36,370  
so we went underground.

508  
00:21:36,370 --> 00:21:37,958  
Were you and your  
father together--

509  
00:21:37,958 --> 00:21:38,500  
All the time.

510  
00:21:38,500 --> 00:21:39,208  
--the whole time?

511  
00:21:39,208 --> 00:21:39,970  
All the time.

512  
00:21:39,970 --> 00:21:42,650  
The only thing my father was  
not in the concentration camp,

513  
00:21:42,650 --> 00:21:44,380  
and I was.

514  
00:21:44,380 --> 00:21:47,620  
And what about your uncle?

515  
00:21:47,620 --> 00:21:48,890  
I have two uncles.

516  
00:21:48,890 --> 00:21:51,690  
Which one are you talking about?

517  
00:21:51,690 --> 00:21:55,553  
The one uncle was hidden in  
the same village where I was.

518  
00:21:55,553 --> 00:21:57,970  
He didn't know about us, and  
we didn't-- well, he is dead.

519  
00:21:57,970 --> 00:21:59,660  
He died.

520  
00:21:59,660 --> 00:22:01,120  
And then I had  
another uncle which

521  
00:22:01,120 --> 00:22:03,190  
was survived together with us.

522  
00:22:03,190 --> 00:22:05,570  
He was traveling from  
one town to the other.

523

00:22:05,570 --> 00:22:08,910

It was after the  
Russians came in.

524

00:22:08,910 --> 00:22:09,760

And he disappeared.

525

00:22:09,760 --> 00:22:12,070

Till today you don't  
know where he is.

526

00:22:12,070 --> 00:22:15,805

We had so many  
underground organizations

527

00:22:15,805 --> 00:22:17,500

like the Ukrainians.

528

00:22:17,500 --> 00:22:19,925

They call it vendetta.

529

00:22:19,925 --> 00:22:22,958

We suppose that he  
was killed by them.

530

00:22:22,958 --> 00:22:24,250

We don't even know where he is.

531

00:22:24,250 --> 00:22:29,080

How do you explain the Christian  
farmer taking care of you

532

00:22:29,080 --> 00:22:31,420

and your father and your uncle?

533

00:22:31,420 --> 00:22:32,530

What was in it for them?

534

00:22:32,530 --> 00:22:33,400

Was there money?

535

00:22:33,400 --> 00:22:35,470

You mention your  
father had money.

536

00:22:35,470 --> 00:22:38,090

Were they just humanitarians  
and wanted to help?

537

00:22:38,090 --> 00:22:39,810

I have to be honest with you.

538

00:22:39,810 --> 00:22:42,100

No one would be--

539

00:22:42,100 --> 00:22:46,600

I have to admire those  
people that they did it.

540

00:22:46,600 --> 00:22:49,390

God forbid if they  
would have caught us.

541

00:22:49,390 --> 00:22:51,740

He is dying together with us.

542

00:22:51,740 --> 00:22:55,570

And I have to say there was  
more humanitarian than money.

543

00:22:55,570 --> 00:22:57,490

How many people  
survived like this?

544

00:22:57,490 --> 00:23:00,670

I never forget I was walking  
in the middle of the night--

545

00:23:00,670 --> 00:23:04,120

we were walking, and there  
was a light and were hungry.

546

00:23:04,120 --> 00:23:07,103

So you walked into a

farmer, and we said to him,

547

00:23:07,103 --> 00:23:08,020

"Listen we are hungry.

548

00:23:08,020 --> 00:23:09,270

Could you give us some bread?"

549

00:23:09,270 --> 00:23:11,680

So he took out to give us  
some bread, and we left.

550

00:23:11,680 --> 00:23:17,350

On the way back, when we  
survived the whole thing there.

551

00:23:17,350 --> 00:23:19,205

On the way back, we  
remembered this farmer

552

00:23:19,205 --> 00:23:20,180

and we walked into him.

553

00:23:20,180 --> 00:23:22,750

And he said, you know, we  
are those, and we survived.

554

00:23:22,750 --> 00:23:26,890

We come to thank you  
for the bread you gave.

555

00:23:26,890 --> 00:23:30,550

I can't remember those things.

556

00:23:30,550 --> 00:23:31,990

Every day was a different story.

557

00:23:31,990 --> 00:23:34,570

Was there ever fear--

558

00:23:34,570 --> 00:23:36,940

well, there must be fear,

and I shouldn't say ever--

559

00:23:36,940 --> 00:23:40,270

fear of being discovered,  
or being disclosed,

560

00:23:40,270 --> 00:23:41,850

that somebody knew  
you were there,

561

00:23:41,850 --> 00:23:45,610

and that they might  
tell the Germans?

562

00:23:45,610 --> 00:23:47,430

We were afraid of anyone.

563

00:23:47,430 --> 00:23:48,985

We were not afraid  
of the Germans.

564

00:23:48,985 --> 00:23:50,110

We were afraid of everyone.

565

00:23:50,110 --> 00:23:52,270

Anyone would just point  
with their finger--

566

00:23:52,270 --> 00:23:53,500

the Jews are there--

567

00:23:53,500 --> 00:23:54,580

it's enough.

568

00:23:54,580 --> 00:23:56,770

How did you find  
your father, after?

569

00:23:56,770 --> 00:23:59,830

570

00:23:59,830 --> 00:24:04,430



We were hidden, altogether,  
all the time, together.

571  
00:24:04,430 --> 00:24:07,730  
But you said, he was not  
with you in Kamionki.

572  
00:24:07,730 --> 00:24:10,330  
I came back home from Kamionki.

573  
00:24:10,330 --> 00:24:11,770  
You came back to your own home?

574  
00:24:11,770 --> 00:24:12,640  
Yes.

575  
00:24:12,640 --> 00:24:13,825  
He was home.

576  
00:24:13,825 --> 00:24:14,950  
And then the thing started.

577  
00:24:14,950 --> 00:24:15,580  
Hiding?

578  
00:24:15,580 --> 00:24:16,790  
Hiding, right.

579  
00:24:16,790 --> 00:24:18,370  
Where was he hiding.

580  
00:24:18,370 --> 00:24:20,920  
We were hiding together,  
me and my father.

581  
00:24:20,920 --> 00:24:24,700  
Me and my father till this--  
right after this Wednesday--

582  
00:24:24,700 --> 00:24:26,590  
I told you, Wednesday afternoon.

583

00:24:26,590 --> 00:24:27,700

The next day we met.

584

00:24:27,700 --> 00:24:32,690

And then we ran away-- me, my  
father, my uncle, all three

585

00:24:32,690 --> 00:24:33,640

of us.

586

00:24:33,640 --> 00:24:35,260

We survived, altogether.

587

00:24:35,260 --> 00:24:38,560

We were never separated.

588

00:24:38,560 --> 00:24:40,180

Let's go back a little bit.

589

00:24:40,180 --> 00:24:45,350

Before the war, how were the  
Jews treated in your town,

590

00:24:45,350 --> 00:24:46,090

in your village?

591

00:24:46,090 --> 00:24:47,255

Was there animosity?

592

00:24:47,255 --> 00:24:48,880

I don't come, actually,  
from a village.

593

00:24:48,880 --> 00:24:49,960

I come from a town.

594

00:24:49,960 --> 00:24:50,737

From a town.

595

00:24:50,737 --> 00:24:51,820

The town that you were in?

596  
00:24:51,820 --> 00:24:53,260  
Yes.

597  
00:24:53,260 --> 00:25:01,050  
You have to realize that the  
Pole hates the Jew, in general.

598  
00:25:01,050 --> 00:25:03,570  
The Pole, but I have  
to say, the only ones

599  
00:25:03,570 --> 00:25:09,120  
that helped us survive, is just  
the Poles, not the Ukrainians.

600  
00:25:09,120 --> 00:25:09,870  
We had the Poles.

601  
00:25:09,870 --> 00:25:13,410  
And we had Ukrainians.

602  
00:25:13,410 --> 00:25:17,190  
I mean, the majority were Poles,  
but part of it the Ukrainians,

603  
00:25:17,190 --> 00:25:18,120  
too.

604  
00:25:18,120 --> 00:25:21,600  
The Ukrainians, actually,  
together with the Germans,

605  
00:25:21,600 --> 00:25:22,620  
were killing the Jews.

606  
00:25:22,620 --> 00:25:24,570  
Were the Ukrainians  
part of the population?

607  
00:25:24,570 --> 00:25:25,153  
Or originally?

608

00:25:25,153 --> 00:25:27,050

Part of the population, right.

609

00:25:27,050 --> 00:25:29,420

So they were there, before  
even the Germans came.

610

00:25:29,420 --> 00:25:31,490

Right, sure.

611

00:25:31,490 --> 00:25:35,520

The population consisted of  
Poles, Ukrainians, and Jews.

612

00:25:35,520 --> 00:25:37,860

Yeah, so southern  
Ukrainians were more--

613

00:25:37,860 --> 00:25:39,240

They did the job, right

614

00:25:39,240 --> 00:25:40,320

--Hateful to the Jews.

615

00:25:40,320 --> 00:25:41,220

No doubt about it.

616

00:25:41,220 --> 00:25:43,350

There were Ukrainian  
Jews, were there not?

617

00:25:43,350 --> 00:25:44,310

Ukrainian Jews?

618

00:25:44,310 --> 00:25:46,190

What do you mean,  
Ukrainian Jews?

619

00:25:46,190 --> 00:25:48,367

Were there not Ukrainian Jews?

620

00:25:48,367 --> 00:25:49,200

Who live in Ukraine?

621

00:25:49,200 --> 00:25:50,100

I come from there.

622

00:25:50,100 --> 00:25:51,660

I'm one of them.

623

00:25:51,660 --> 00:25:52,260

He was in--

624

00:25:52,260 --> 00:25:54,930

This is Ukraine, today.

625

00:25:54,930 --> 00:25:56,270

When I was there, it was Poland.

626

00:25:56,270 --> 00:26:00,090

Today, if you look at  
a map, this is Ukraine.

627

00:26:00,090 --> 00:26:01,530

It's Russia, today.

628

00:26:01,530 --> 00:26:02,490

It's Ukraine.

629

00:26:02,490 --> 00:26:06,000

It's part of the Ukraine,  
where I come from.

630

00:26:06,000 --> 00:26:07,433

And I came to you--

631

00:26:07,433 --> 00:26:08,850

I'm catching one,  
the other-- when

632

00:26:08,850 --> 00:26:11,390

I came to Germany,

as a Russian soldier,

633

00:26:11,390 --> 00:26:15,300

I came to Poland, which  
is in the North Sea.

634

00:26:15,300 --> 00:26:17,860

When I came there, I  
had a friend of mine,

635

00:26:17,860 --> 00:26:21,400

his name was [? Baker, ?] and  
he said to me in Russian, Zyg,

636

00:26:21,400 --> 00:26:23,110

he said, when--

637

00:26:23,110 --> 00:26:25,620

he said that workers lived here.

638

00:26:25,620 --> 00:26:27,800

He said that Russian  
sounds beautiful.

639

00:26:27,800 --> 00:26:31,530

He told me, I remember his exact  
words, what he said, tell me,

640

00:26:31,530 --> 00:26:35,660

where the workers live, in  
Poland, and in the North.

641

00:26:35,660 --> 00:26:38,100

When I came from Poland,  
I opened my eyes.

642

00:26:38,100 --> 00:26:39,890

I couldn't believe  
how people live.

643

00:26:39,890 --> 00:26:42,810

It's beautiful there--  
beautiful homes,

644

00:26:42,810 --> 00:26:44,100

beautiful apartment buildings.

645

00:26:44,100 --> 00:26:46,610

We had nothing.

646

00:26:46,610 --> 00:26:48,030

And imagine where he comes from.

647

00:26:48,030 --> 00:26:48,990

He comes from Russia.

648

00:26:48,990 --> 00:26:51,270

Russia was 50 years backwards.

649

00:26:51,270 --> 00:26:56,060

When you come from  
our town, today, I'm

650

00:26:56,060 --> 00:26:58,420

thinking the country was,  
who knows how many years,

651

00:26:58,420 --> 00:26:59,160

backwards.

652

00:26:59,160 --> 00:27:01,860

But if you came to  
Russia, it's even further.

653

00:27:01,860 --> 00:27:04,140

The Russians came in 1939.

654

00:27:04,140 --> 00:27:06,630

The Jews had little stores.

655

00:27:06,630 --> 00:27:09,180

They couldn't sell this  
merchandise, never in life.

656

00:27:09,180 --> 00:27:11,060  
The Russians bought  
everything up.

657  
00:27:11,060 --> 00:27:13,456  
They ask him, tell  
me, everything?

658  
00:27:13,456 --> 00:27:15,440  
You have nothing in Russia?

659  
00:27:15,440 --> 00:27:17,762  
You're buying everything!

660  
00:27:17,762 --> 00:27:20,220  
They asked him another thing,  
but I don't want to say that.

661  
00:27:20,220 --> 00:27:22,330  
You were about 16 years  
old, when the war started?

662  
00:27:22,330 --> 00:27:22,830  
Yes.

663  
00:27:22,830 --> 00:27:26,840  
Where-- did you have any  
schooling, before that?

664  
00:27:26,840 --> 00:27:29,590  
Yes, I finished  
public schooling.

665  
00:27:29,590 --> 00:27:30,590  
I went to public school.

666  
00:27:30,590 --> 00:27:32,790  
Then I went to, you  
call it gymnasium.

667  
00:27:32,790 --> 00:27:35,070  
But I didn't finish.



668

00:27:35,070 --> 00:27:40,280

Well, instead of this, the  
Russians came in 1940 and '41,

669

00:27:40,280 --> 00:27:42,390

and I went to Russian school.

670

00:27:42,390 --> 00:27:44,050

What were you planning to study?

671

00:27:44,050 --> 00:27:45,980

What was interest?

672

00:27:45,980 --> 00:27:50,300

I have an uncle, which  
finished in Poland.

673

00:27:50,300 --> 00:27:53,670

He finished higher  
education, what

674

00:27:53,670 --> 00:27:55,860

you consider here, college.

675

00:27:55,860 --> 00:27:57,110

He wanted to go to university.

676

00:27:57,110 --> 00:27:57,790

He couldn't go.

677

00:27:57,790 --> 00:27:59,280

He was a Jew.

678

00:27:59,280 --> 00:28:01,530

So he went to Brazil.

679

00:28:01,530 --> 00:28:02,990

He went to Brazil.

680

00:28:02,990 --> 00:28:04,440

And he wanted to study.

681  
00:28:04,440 --> 00:28:07,620  
In the meantime, he met, in  
Brazil, a Brazilian girl.

682  
00:28:07,620 --> 00:28:11,000  
So he got married, so  
forgot about studying.

683  
00:28:11,000 --> 00:28:15,240  
To be in Poland, a  
young man who wanted

684  
00:28:15,240 --> 00:28:19,530  
to study, it was very difficult.  
You needed a lot of money.

685  
00:28:19,530 --> 00:28:21,210  
People were very poor.

686  
00:28:21,210 --> 00:28:26,890  
I was asked once, in German  
court, I was asked, in Germany,

687  
00:28:26,890 --> 00:28:30,090  
he said to me,  
[NON-ENGLISH SPEAKING],,

688  
00:28:30,090 --> 00:28:33,090  
a lot of rich Jews,  
where you come from?

689  
00:28:33,090 --> 00:28:36,660  
I say, yes, the difference,  
I see, between the rich one

690  
00:28:36,660 --> 00:28:39,630  
and the poor one was this, the  
rich one had something to eat,

691  
00:28:39,630 --> 00:28:41,130  
and the poor one  
had nothing to eat.

692

00:28:41,130 --> 00:28:43,890

This was the difference,  
where I come from.

693

00:28:43,890 --> 00:28:45,590

Poor people are very poor.

694

00:28:45,590 --> 00:28:47,580

Poor is not enough.

695

00:28:47,580 --> 00:28:50,130

If you had a good friend,  
which lived in Americans,

696

00:28:50,130 --> 00:28:51,780

and you turned out \$10--

697

00:28:51,780 --> 00:28:53,970

I repeat again \$10--

698

00:28:53,970 --> 00:28:56,020

you lived on the \$10 all year.

699

00:28:56,020 --> 00:28:57,180

You lived very well.

700

00:28:57,180 --> 00:28:59,420

\$10-- why?

701

00:28:59,420 --> 00:29:02,050

In the shack that you  
live in, the house,

702

00:29:02,050 --> 00:29:03,870

there was nothing there.

703

00:29:03,870 --> 00:29:06,540

The menu, repeat words.

704

00:29:06,540 --> 00:29:10,930

The menu consists of bread  
and water, or water and bread,

705  
00:29:10,930 --> 00:29:14,370  
or the potatoes and  
water, potatoes and bread.

706  
00:29:14,370 --> 00:29:16,870  
This was the only  
thing that you had.

707  
00:29:16,870 --> 00:29:18,450  
We had very little.

708  
00:29:18,450 --> 00:29:21,780  
A man of 50 was  
just about finished.

709  
00:29:21,780 --> 00:29:26,810  
You know, the expectancy of  
life, people lived very little.

710  
00:29:26,810 --> 00:29:28,430  
And people had very  
little of life.

711  
00:29:28,430 --> 00:29:31,760  
What I had, if I think about  
it, for my grandparents, where

712  
00:29:31,760 --> 00:29:33,570  
they lived, they were well-off.

713  
00:29:33,570 --> 00:29:37,350  
My grandparents had a business  
in one side, the other side

714  
00:29:37,350 --> 00:29:38,370  
they were--

715  
00:29:38,370 --> 00:29:40,850  
the difference was, like I  
said, they had something to eat.

716  
00:29:40,850 --> 00:29:42,420  
They didn't have too much.

717  
00:29:42,420 --> 00:29:46,533  
My grandmother went to  
America, even before the war.

718  
00:29:46,533 --> 00:29:47,700  
Not many people could do it.

719  
00:29:47,700 --> 00:29:49,620  
She had a brother  
living in Brooklyn.

720  
00:29:49,620 --> 00:29:50,590  
So he sent that ticket.

721  
00:29:50,590 --> 00:29:53,380  
So she went for a  
trip to America.

722  
00:29:53,380 --> 00:29:54,450  
How many people did this?

723  
00:29:54,450 --> 00:29:55,992  
When you were still  
a very young boy,

724  
00:29:55,992 --> 00:29:58,510  
did you plan on  
leaving the town--

725  
00:29:58,510 --> 00:30:00,810  
I grew up with my grandparents.

726  
00:30:00,810 --> 00:30:02,070  
I didn't think about too much.

727  
00:30:02,070 --> 00:30:05,460  
You know, I tell you  
what we used to do.

728  
00:30:05,460 --> 00:30:09,060  
We used to go to public school  
from 8 o'clock in the morning,

729  
00:30:09,060 --> 00:30:09,840  
till one.

730  
00:30:09,840 --> 00:30:11,875  
At 3 o'clock, we went  
to Hebrew school.

731  
00:30:11,875 --> 00:30:13,250  
I used to speak  
Hebrew perfectly.

732  
00:30:13,250 --> 00:30:14,880  
I forgot.

733  
00:30:14,880 --> 00:30:15,990  
We used to go till six.

734  
00:30:15,990 --> 00:30:18,240  
And at 6 o'clock, we used  
to have a helper, which used

735  
00:30:18,240 --> 00:30:20,300  
to help us to public school.

736  
00:30:20,300 --> 00:30:23,100  
And Sunday morning,  
we had a Rabbi,

737  
00:30:23,100 --> 00:30:26,850  
who was teaching us Yiddish,  
because we had to know, too.

738  
00:30:26,850 --> 00:30:30,870  
The only time off, that we  
had, was Saturday afternoon,

739  
00:30:30,870 --> 00:30:32,262

and Sunday afternoon.

740

00:30:32,262 --> 00:30:33,470

A full day, we never had off.

741

00:30:33,470 --> 00:30:37,100

742

00:30:37,100 --> 00:30:41,810

What was your  
religious education?

743

00:30:41,810 --> 00:30:43,940

Were you orthodox?

744

00:30:43,940 --> 00:30:47,260

You had to be  
orthodox, you know.

745

00:30:47,260 --> 00:30:49,400

Both of you ask  
me this question I

746

00:30:49,400 --> 00:30:52,190

used to get up in the morning.

747

00:30:52,190 --> 00:30:54,410

Friday morning, my  
grandmother used

748

00:30:54,410 --> 00:30:56,960

to bake all kinds of  
goodies, what you call

749

00:30:56,960 --> 00:30:58,855

knishes, all kind of stuff.

750

00:30:58,855 --> 00:30:59,980

She wouldn't give it to me.

751

00:30:59,980 --> 00:31:01,640

And I was the only grandson.

752  
00:31:01,640 --> 00:31:04,190  
I had to go to the  
temple, to pray.

753  
00:31:04,190 --> 00:31:05,020  
Then I came home.

754  
00:31:05,020 --> 00:31:06,890  
Then she gave it to me.

755  
00:31:06,890 --> 00:31:10,280  
This was the-- you  
couldn't be the other way.

756  
00:31:10,280 --> 00:31:13,190  
If a Jewish boy would go  
out in the street on Shabbos

757  
00:31:13,190 --> 00:31:15,800  
riding a bike, or  
smoking a cigarette,

758  
00:31:15,800 --> 00:31:17,330  
they would kill the guy.

759  
00:31:17,330 --> 00:31:21,920  
You couldn't do this,  
or you weren't halal.

760  
00:31:21,920 --> 00:31:25,240  
But you were  
brought up this way.

761  
00:31:25,240 --> 00:31:28,310  
Maybe some people didn't  
practice the religion.

762  
00:31:28,310 --> 00:31:31,108  
But outside, that's  
what you had to do.

763



00:31:31,108 --> 00:31:32,900  
Did you have to dress  
in a traditional way?

764  
00:31:32,900 --> 00:31:35,030  
No, this I never did.

765  
00:31:35,030 --> 00:31:37,220  
Was it a mixed community?

766  
00:31:37,220 --> 00:31:38,475  
It was.

767  
00:31:38,475 --> 00:31:39,642  
And was there anti-Semitism?

768  
00:31:39,642 --> 00:31:41,200  
Oh, yes, all the time.

769  
00:31:41,200 --> 00:31:42,720  
It's a known story.

770  
00:31:42,720 --> 00:31:44,750  
Overt, or covert?

771  
00:31:44,750 --> 00:31:46,460  
Yeah, sure.

772  
00:31:46,460 --> 00:31:48,680  
Let me say to you now.

773  
00:31:48,680 --> 00:31:55,400  
If you went to public school,  
99.9% were Jewish kids.

774  
00:31:55,400 --> 00:31:58,040  
Most Gentiles, they  
stayed at home.

775  
00:31:58,040 --> 00:31:59,960  
They didn't send  
their kids to school.

776  
00:31:59,960 --> 00:32:03,650  
But Jewish kids, they  
all went to school.

777  
00:32:03,650 --> 00:32:06,820  
This reminds me of the Mr.  
Eban was once on television.

778  
00:32:06,820 --> 00:32:09,140  
He came back from Latin America.

779  
00:32:09,140 --> 00:32:10,040  
Should I say it?

780  
00:32:10,040 --> 00:32:10,920  
Please.

781  
00:32:10,920 --> 00:32:14,360  
So I said to him, you  
know, the president--

782  
00:32:14,360 --> 00:32:18,340  
one of the presidents of Latin  
America asked me, tell me--

783  
00:32:18,340 --> 00:32:20,710  
they're talking about, Israel  
should be a power one day.

784  
00:32:20,710 --> 00:32:22,710  
He said, have you look  
at a map recently?

785  
00:32:22,710 --> 00:32:25,310  
He said, no.

786  
00:32:25,310 --> 00:32:29,265  
Israel will never be a  
power in the territory,

787  
00:32:29,265 --> 00:32:31,160

but be a power in learning.

788

00:32:31,160 --> 00:32:32,532

I have two sons.

789

00:32:32,532 --> 00:32:33,490

I came to this country.

790

00:32:33,490 --> 00:32:34,880

And the first thing that I did--

791

00:32:34,880 --> 00:32:49,040

792

00:32:49,040 --> 00:32:50,030

Take your time.

793

00:32:50,030 --> 00:33:06,870

794

00:33:06,870 --> 00:33:09,140

Yeah, the first thing  
that I want to do

795

00:33:09,140 --> 00:33:10,420

is to educate my sons.

796

00:33:10,420 --> 00:33:36,420

797

00:33:36,420 --> 00:33:39,323

My wife-- I can't talk.

798

00:33:39,323 --> 00:33:39,823

[CRYING]

799

00:33:39,823 --> 00:33:40,670

It's all right.

800

00:33:40,670 --> 00:33:41,686

You're doing fine.

801  
00:33:41,686 --> 00:33:44,810  
Take your time.

802  
00:33:44,810 --> 00:33:46,105  
Thank you, very much.

803  
00:33:46,105 --> 00:33:54,180

804  
00:33:54,180 --> 00:33:58,072  
The only thing I had on  
my mind is to educate.

805  
00:33:58,072 --> 00:33:59,030  
My two sons should be--

806  
00:33:59,030 --> 00:34:01,520  
[CRYING]

807  
00:34:01,520 --> 00:34:09,489

808  
00:34:09,489 --> 00:34:11,310  
Should be well educated.

809  
00:34:11,310 --> 00:34:13,290  
She always was made  
fun, she said--

810  
00:34:13,290 --> 00:34:15,790  
[CRYING]

811  
00:34:15,790 --> 00:34:17,558

812  
00:34:17,558 --> 00:34:19,350  
They were born, here,  
in the United States?

813  
00:34:19,350 --> 00:34:20,070

Yes.

814  
00:34:20,070 --> 00:34:20,880  
One is a doctor.

815  
00:34:20,880 --> 00:34:22,260  
And one is a lawyer.

816  
00:34:22,260 --> 00:34:24,100  
Yeah.

817  
00:34:24,100 --> 00:34:26,909  
And my wife always made fun.

818  
00:34:26,909 --> 00:34:28,340  
What are you worried about?

819  
00:34:28,340 --> 00:34:31,654  
I said I'm worried--

820  
00:34:31,654 --> 00:34:33,529  
You wanted them to have  
a sense of security--

821  
00:34:33,529 --> 00:34:34,029  
Right.

822  
00:34:34,029 --> 00:34:35,725  
--And stability that  
you didn't have.

823  
00:34:35,725 --> 00:34:36,350  
That's correct.

824  
00:34:36,350 --> 00:34:41,580

825  
00:34:41,580 --> 00:34:43,000  
How old are they now?

826  
00:34:43,000 --> 00:34:43,500

Sorry?

827

00:34:43,500 --> 00:34:44,530

How old are your sons?

828

00:34:44,530 --> 00:34:46,002

My son is 31.

829

00:34:46,002 --> 00:34:46,980

One is 31.

830

00:34:46,980 --> 00:34:48,838

One is 28.

831

00:34:48,838 --> 00:34:50,710

One is married.

832

00:34:50,710 --> 00:34:53,520

He lives in Framingham.

833

00:34:53,520 --> 00:34:57,900

And one is single and  
lives in New York.

834

00:34:57,900 --> 00:34:58,650

Your grandfather?

835

00:34:58,650 --> 00:35:00,070

Ah, my grandfather.

836

00:35:00,070 --> 00:35:02,670

That's nice.

837

00:35:02,670 --> 00:35:03,170

Yeah.

838

00:35:03,170 --> 00:35:05,970

839

00:35:05,970 --> 00:35:07,600

So you accomplished

something for them.

840  
00:35:07,600 --> 00:35:09,066  
That's--

841  
00:35:09,066 --> 00:35:10,670  
I'm very proud.

842  
00:35:10,670 --> 00:35:11,650  
Of course.

843  
00:35:11,650 --> 00:35:13,220  
So just to go back  
a little bit, you

844  
00:35:13,220 --> 00:35:16,250  
said you went to  
the German embassy?

845  
00:35:16,250 --> 00:35:17,510  
In New York.

846  
00:35:17,510 --> 00:35:18,950  
How do they identify you?

847  
00:35:18,950 --> 00:35:20,510  
I don't know how they found me.

848  
00:35:20,510 --> 00:35:21,560  
They found me.

849  
00:35:21,560 --> 00:35:26,660  
They usually have-- in  
Munich, if you came to Munich,

850  
00:35:26,660 --> 00:35:29,040  
you registered right away.

851  
00:35:29,040 --> 00:35:30,290  
All the Jews registered.

852

00:35:30,290 --> 00:35:32,480

It's the only thing  
I can think of.

853

00:35:32,480 --> 00:35:34,770

They knew where I am from.

854

00:35:34,770 --> 00:35:36,657

I was in Kamionki in  
the concentration camp.

855

00:35:36,657 --> 00:35:37,490

They didn't call me.

856

00:35:37,490 --> 00:35:38,990

They called another guy.

857

00:35:38,990 --> 00:35:40,400

The guy-- the reasons he died--

858

00:35:40,400 --> 00:35:44,400

859

00:35:44,400 --> 00:35:46,160

he had no family.

860

00:35:46,160 --> 00:35:47,483

He died.

861

00:35:47,483 --> 00:35:48,650

They called him to Kamionki.

862

00:35:48,650 --> 00:35:49,610

He was never there.

863

00:35:49,610 --> 00:35:51,237

I don't know how they found me.

864

00:35:51,237 --> 00:35:51,820

They found me.

865



00:35:51,820 --> 00:35:55,640

866

00:35:55,640 --> 00:35:58,290

Based on your being in Kamionki.

867

00:35:58,290 --> 00:35:59,740

No, no, no.

868

00:35:59,740 --> 00:36:01,490

This gentleman is  
asking me how they found

869

00:36:01,490 --> 00:36:03,750

me to testify about this guy.

870

00:36:03,750 --> 00:36:04,610

Yeah.

871

00:36:04,610 --> 00:36:08,540

They look for a guy, from  
the town, where I come from.

872

00:36:08,540 --> 00:36:11,030

This was a guy-- there  
was a different story.

873

00:36:11,030 --> 00:36:15,260

There was a guy, which was  
from the Gestapo, which was

874

00:36:15,260 --> 00:36:19,880

killing Jews, Jews in our town.

875

00:36:19,880 --> 00:36:21,200

They looked for any survivors.

876

00:36:21,200 --> 00:36:22,035

And they found me.

877

00:36:22,035 --> 00:36:22,910

When was this, again?

878  
00:36:22,910 --> 00:36:24,705  
This was a few years  
ago, quite a few.

879  
00:36:24,705 --> 00:36:25,580  
What happened to him?

880  
00:36:25,580 --> 00:36:26,270  
Do you know?

881  
00:36:26,270 --> 00:36:28,647  
He died.

882  
00:36:28,647 --> 00:36:29,480  
It's a funny thing--

883  
00:36:29,480 --> 00:36:31,236  
I came to my --.

884  
00:36:31,236 --> 00:36:34,010  
You know, you come  
to the courthouse.

885  
00:36:34,010 --> 00:36:37,630  
Usually courthouses  
have the same big hall.

886  
00:36:37,630 --> 00:36:39,360  
And I see the guy walking.

887  
00:36:39,360 --> 00:36:41,037  
You know, he had a certain walk.

888  
00:36:41,037 --> 00:36:42,120  
And I had a guard with me.

889  
00:36:42,120 --> 00:36:43,370  
I said, that's the man.

890  
00:36:43,370 --> 00:36:46,340

I didn't see him for 20,  
or maybe 20, some years.

891  
00:36:46,340 --> 00:36:48,940  
But his certain walk,  
the way he walked--

892  
00:36:48,940 --> 00:36:50,540  
I said that's the guy.

893  
00:36:50,540 --> 00:36:53,220  
You imagined, they liked  
me so much, the prosecutor.

894  
00:36:53,220 --> 00:36:57,580  
If you come to a German court,  
it's a different procedure.

895  
00:36:57,580 --> 00:37:03,170  
You're facing about 10 jurors.

896  
00:37:03,170 --> 00:37:06,620  
Then you're facing three  
judges, and two prosecutors,

897  
00:37:06,620 --> 00:37:08,990  
and 20 some judges,  
from different courts,

898  
00:37:08,990 --> 00:37:10,160  
listening to the case.

899  
00:37:10,160 --> 00:37:12,200  
They can ask you questions.

900  
00:37:12,200 --> 00:37:14,490  
The moment you testify in  
a courthouse, especially

901  
00:37:14,490 --> 00:37:16,770  
the courthouse, if you--

902

00:37:16,770 --> 00:37:18,440  
listen, can I forget my story?

903  
00:37:18,440 --> 00:37:19,640  
How can I forget it?

904  
00:37:19,640 --> 00:37:22,040  
I maybe, can be mixed  
up with the dates.

905  
00:37:22,040 --> 00:37:23,150  
And maybe I do.

906  
00:37:23,150 --> 00:37:23,650  
But I can't.

907  
00:37:23,650 --> 00:37:25,550  
How can I forget?

908  
00:37:25,550 --> 00:37:27,890  
So when he said to me--

909  
00:37:27,890 --> 00:37:30,610  
the two prosecutors  
took me out for lunch.

910  
00:37:30,610 --> 00:37:32,600  
And they said, you know,  
it's been a long time

911  
00:37:32,600 --> 00:37:34,220  
we've had a witness like you.

912  
00:37:34,220 --> 00:37:36,920  
Listen, I had nothing to lie to  
you, what I'm going tell you.

913  
00:37:36,920 --> 00:37:37,800  
If you want to lie?

914  
00:37:37,800 --> 00:37:40,340

915  
00:37:40,340 --> 00:37:42,280  
What is there to tell?

916  
00:37:42,280 --> 00:37:43,890  
You tell them the truth.

917  
00:37:43,890 --> 00:37:46,340  
I couldn't-- there was  
nothing else to tell them.

918  
00:37:46,340 --> 00:37:48,187  
What could I tell them?

919  
00:37:48,187 --> 00:37:49,770  
How much time did  
you spend on those--

920  
00:37:49,770 --> 00:37:52,040  
Two days.

921  
00:37:52,040 --> 00:37:54,950  
Two days, in Mannheim.

922  
00:37:54,950 --> 00:37:58,360  
And later, I was told  
that the guy died.

923  
00:37:58,360 --> 00:38:01,400  
But the prosecutor  
asked me the question,

924  
00:38:01,400 --> 00:38:03,820  
sometime you pronounce  
the name Paul,

925  
00:38:03,820 --> 00:38:06,160  
sometimes you  
pronounce it a Paul.

926  
00:38:06,160 --> 00:38:09,706  
You see, in English, and

in Polish, you have L,

927  
00:38:09,706 --> 00:38:14,930  
and you have L. It's  
two different things.

928  
00:38:14,930 --> 00:38:18,910  
But in English, you  
would never say Paul.

929  
00:38:18,910 --> 00:38:19,810  
That doesn't exist.

930  
00:38:19,810 --> 00:38:21,770  
You would say Paul.

931  
00:38:21,770 --> 00:38:23,870  
So when I said to him, I  
said to the prosecutor,

932  
00:38:23,870 --> 00:38:27,020  
my children was as pure  
as yours is, much purer.

933  
00:38:27,020 --> 00:38:29,177  
Yours is better than mine.

934  
00:38:29,177 --> 00:38:30,010  
That was the answer.

935  
00:38:30,010 --> 00:38:33,640  
What could I tell them?

936  
00:38:33,640 --> 00:38:36,220  
It was a real  
experience, you know,

937  
00:38:36,220 --> 00:38:38,450  
when I went to  
Mannheim to testify.

938  
00:38:38,450 --> 00:38:40,890

Very interesting, very  
interesting experience.

939  
00:38:40,890 --> 00:38:42,560  
Tell us a about that.

940  
00:38:42,560 --> 00:38:43,520  
I was sitting there.

941  
00:38:43,520 --> 00:38:46,880  
I was sitting, and  
facing so many judges,

942  
00:38:46,880 --> 00:38:50,600  
facing the whole court.

943  
00:38:50,600 --> 00:38:54,350  
They asked me the questions,  
like you're asked me now.

944  
00:38:54,350 --> 00:38:55,460  
What happened?

945  
00:38:55,460 --> 00:38:57,660  
How all the things happened?

946  
00:38:57,660 --> 00:38:59,683  
And I told them, listen,  
how can you remember,

947  
00:38:59,683 --> 00:39:01,850  
you told them the whole  
story, well, actually-- they

948  
00:39:01,850 --> 00:39:05,330  
knew right away to make  
sure that what I'm telling

949  
00:39:05,330 --> 00:39:06,900  
them is so.

950  
00:39:06,900 --> 00:39:08,450

There's nothing here to hide.

951

00:39:08,450 --> 00:39:10,513

What is there to hide?

952

00:39:10,513 --> 00:39:11,930

The whole town,  
where I come from,

953

00:39:11,930 --> 00:39:14,200

there were two streets there.

954

00:39:14,200 --> 00:39:17,105

You knew everyone-- what  
the next guys is eating,

955

00:39:17,105 --> 00:39:18,230

what the next guy is doing.

956

00:39:18,230 --> 00:39:19,825

This is not-- did you get lost?

957

00:39:19,825 --> 00:39:21,200

If you live in  
America, you don't

958

00:39:21,200 --> 00:39:24,653

know what the guys next door  
is doing, where is he from,

959

00:39:24,653 --> 00:39:25,320

what does he do.

960

00:39:25,320 --> 00:39:26,600

You couldn't tell.

961

00:39:26,600 --> 00:39:30,500

Your people lived there,  
all together, very close.

962

00:39:30,500 --> 00:39:32,570

I went, now, to Chile.



963  
00:39:32,570 --> 00:39:33,830  
I was in Santiago.

964  
00:39:33,830 --> 00:39:40,610  
And I remember a guy left  
our town, but before the war.

965  
00:39:40,610 --> 00:39:43,310  
I remember his first name.

966  
00:39:43,310 --> 00:39:45,680  
But his first name  
sounds different, here.

967  
00:39:45,680 --> 00:39:48,020  
It's all different in Santiago.

968  
00:39:48,020 --> 00:39:49,160  
But it was him.

969  
00:39:49,160 --> 00:39:50,360  
I called him up.

970  
00:39:50,360 --> 00:39:52,170  
And he came to visit me.

971  
00:39:52,170 --> 00:39:54,080  
After how many Years

972  
00:39:54,080 --> 00:39:56,210  
We're talking about 50 years.

973  
00:39:56,210 --> 00:39:56,960  
And you found him?

974  
00:39:56,960 --> 00:39:58,890  
By only his first name?

975  
00:39:58,890 --> 00:39:59,900  
No, his last name.

976  
00:39:59,900 --> 00:40:02,650  
But I knew his first  
name was different.

977  
00:40:02,650 --> 00:40:05,270  
But I looked at  
the telephone book.

978  
00:40:05,270 --> 00:40:07,970  
So somebody said, I bet  
you have to believe --

979  
00:40:07,970 --> 00:40:09,550  
is not a Jewish name.

980  
00:40:09,550 --> 00:40:11,720  
But his name was  
[? Gagnon, ?] They

981  
00:40:11,720 --> 00:40:13,193  
used to call him in Poland.

982  
00:40:13,193 --> 00:40:14,360  
I said, this the guy, I bet.

983  
00:40:14,360 --> 00:40:15,430  
And he came to visit me.

984  
00:40:15,430 --> 00:40:16,970  
It was him.

985  
00:40:16,970 --> 00:40:20,830  
I didn't see him  
probably for 50 years.

986  
00:40:20,830 --> 00:40:23,570  
Are others scattered  
around the world?

987  
00:40:23,570 --> 00:40:24,950  
There's one in Brazil.

988  
00:40:24,950 --> 00:40:27,050  
There's one in Brazil,  
which survived.

989  
00:40:27,050 --> 00:40:35,000  
I didn't see him since 1945.

990  
00:40:35,000 --> 00:40:36,620  
I didn't see him.

991  
00:40:36,620 --> 00:40:37,845  
Some people saw him.

992  
00:40:37,845 --> 00:40:39,930  
But the most, well  
they survived,

993  
00:40:39,930 --> 00:40:45,060  
were right here in New  
York-- from New York.

994  
00:40:45,060 --> 00:40:47,060  
How many survived?

995  
00:40:47,060 --> 00:40:48,590  
Some of them died.

996  
00:40:48,590 --> 00:40:50,352  
Some of them are still alive.

997  
00:40:50,352 --> 00:40:52,310  
Like those three brothers,  
one of the brothers,

998  
00:40:52,310 --> 00:40:53,960  
but I tell you the story.

999  
00:40:53,960 --> 00:40:56,860  
When his father  
was saying college.

1000

00:40:56,860 --> 00:40:57,740

He is alive.

1001

00:40:57,740 --> 00:40:59,910

He lives in Germany.

1002

00:40:59,910 --> 00:41:02,537

And you said your  
father is still living.

1003

00:41:02,537 --> 00:41:03,620

My father is still living.

1004

00:41:03,620 --> 00:41:06,260

Yeah, my father's 96 years old.

1005

00:41:06,260 --> 00:41:10,300

When we came here in  
1951, people, the problem,

1006

00:41:10,300 --> 00:41:12,560

like I told you,  
my father always

1007

00:41:12,560 --> 00:41:16,620

say this, this fresh air,  
for this he is now alive.

1008

00:41:16,620 --> 00:41:19,900

He liked, so much, too--

1009

00:41:19,900 --> 00:41:23,110

how many people  
live to this age?

1010

00:41:23,110 --> 00:41:25,370

He is mentally OK.

1011

00:41:25,370 --> 00:41:28,830

The only thing what he  
is, physically though.

1012

00:41:28,830 --> 00:41:33,460

He hardly can walk,  
but mentally, I wish--

1013

00:41:33,460 --> 00:41:35,130

if I'm alive, I  
should be with him.

1014

00:41:35,130 --> 00:41:37,930

[LAUGHTER]

1015

00:41:37,930 --> 00:41:40,990

Most of the people, that  
you knew from your town,

1016

00:41:40,990 --> 00:41:43,780

were with you, in Kamionki,  
the ones who were--

1017

00:41:43,780 --> 00:41:44,602

Yes.

1018

00:41:44,602 --> 00:41:45,560

What was it like there?

1019

00:41:45,560 --> 00:41:47,400

What can you remember?

1020

00:41:47,400 --> 00:41:47,980

I tell you.

1021

00:41:47,980 --> 00:41:49,660

I remember this very well.

1022

00:41:49,660 --> 00:41:51,490

There is nothing  
there now, you know.

1023

00:41:51,490 --> 00:41:52,758

My friend went back there.

1024

00:41:52,758 --> 00:41:55,050  
And I asked him, the only  
thing that was left, he said,

1025  
00:41:55,050 --> 00:41:56,590  
the farmers were very nice.

1026  
00:41:56,590 --> 00:41:58,010  
They left the graves open.

1027  
00:41:58,010 --> 00:41:59,290  
[INAUDIBLE]

1028  
00:41:59,290 --> 00:42:02,890  
That's all what you can tell,  
is a grave, a mass grave.

1029  
00:42:02,890 --> 00:42:04,070  
What it was, I tell you.

1030  
00:42:04,070 --> 00:42:06,230  
It was on the top of the hill.

1031  
00:42:06,230 --> 00:42:09,350  
There was a farm.

1032  
00:42:09,350 --> 00:42:11,960  
And they made it from the camp.

1033  
00:42:11,960 --> 00:42:15,790  
Imagine, the only thing that  
they did, they built a kitchen.

1034  
00:42:15,790 --> 00:42:17,210  
They used to give us horse meat.

1035  
00:42:17,210 --> 00:42:18,820  
It was very good.

1036  
00:42:18,820 --> 00:42:20,770  
I liked horse meat.

1037

00:42:20,770 --> 00:42:25,150

This town was terrific, soup  
and horse meat, once a day.

1038

00:42:25,150 --> 00:42:29,290

That's what they used-- then,  
they build, like, a shower.

1039

00:42:29,290 --> 00:42:31,730

You know, they had  
typhus, though.

1040

00:42:31,730 --> 00:42:35,740

Everyone died.

1041

00:42:35,740 --> 00:42:36,930

Nothing left there.

1042

00:42:36,930 --> 00:42:38,200

And there's nothing there now.

1043

00:42:38,200 --> 00:42:42,128

The only thing that he saw,  
he went out back to see it.

1044

00:42:42,128 --> 00:42:44,170

And he said, you know,  
the farmers are very nice.

1045

00:42:44,170 --> 00:42:49,580

They left unplanted-- it  
is not planted, the grave.

1046

00:42:49,580 --> 00:42:51,550

They left it just open.

1047

00:42:51,550 --> 00:42:53,560

Then my mother is buried.

1048

00:42:53,560 --> 00:42:56,750

And there are a few  
thousand people buried.

1049  
00:42:56,750 --> 00:42:57,830  
It's a parking lot now.

1050  
00:42:57,830 --> 00:42:59,830  
They don't even know what it is.

1051  
00:42:59,830 --> 00:43:01,410  
But he told me, you  
better stay here.

1052  
00:43:01,410 --> 00:43:02,890  
Don't go there.

1053  
00:43:02,890 --> 00:43:04,300  
There's nothing to see.

1054  
00:43:04,300 --> 00:43:06,610  
There's nothing to look at.

1055  
00:43:06,610 --> 00:43:10,720  
I wanted to go to see  
my mother, and the kids,

1056  
00:43:10,720 --> 00:43:12,760  
everyone that's buried there.

1057  
00:43:12,760 --> 00:43:14,870  
He said, there's  
nothing to see there.

1058  
00:43:14,870 --> 00:43:16,330  
They made apartments out of it.

1059  
00:43:16,330 --> 00:43:17,771  
Go take a look at  
what's going on.

1060  
00:43:17,771 --> 00:43:20,463

1061



00:43:20,463 --> 00:43:22,130

Where they left the  
open grave, did they

1062

00:43:22,130 --> 00:43:23,930

put up any kind enough marker?

1063

00:43:23,930 --> 00:43:26,450

There is nothing  
there, just the grave.

1064

00:43:26,450 --> 00:43:28,250

But my wife my  
wife was in Russia.

1065

00:43:28,250 --> 00:43:31,820

She tells me, she went to Kiev.

1066

00:43:31,820 --> 00:43:33,290

I've been in  
Russian, in the war.

1067

00:43:33,290 --> 00:43:34,070

I won't go back.

1068

00:43:34,070 --> 00:43:36,017

I'm scared to be out of it.

1069

00:43:36,017 --> 00:43:37,100

You don't know the system.

1070

00:43:37,100 --> 00:43:39,830

I know the system better than  
you, better than my wife.

1071

00:43:39,830 --> 00:43:41,780

My wife still thinks  
that things change.

1072

00:43:41,780 --> 00:43:42,480

Maybe they did.

1073

00:43:42,480 --> 00:43:44,270  
But I don't trust them.

1074  
00:43:44,270 --> 00:43:46,520  
You know, the system,  
it's very hard for me

1075  
00:43:46,520 --> 00:43:49,070  
to explain what system it is.

1076  
00:43:49,070 --> 00:43:52,790  
It was 19-- that I was there--

1077  
00:43:52,790 --> 00:43:53,840  
1945.

1078  
00:43:53,840 --> 00:43:54,340  
It's enough.

1079  
00:43:54,340 --> 00:43:55,507  
Somebody pointed the finger.

1080  
00:43:55,507 --> 00:43:57,410  
I knew there was enough.

1081  
00:43:57,410 --> 00:44:00,500  
This is hard to  
explain, the system that

1082  
00:44:00,500 --> 00:44:01,938  
used to be in Russia.

1083  
00:44:01,938 --> 00:44:03,230  
I mean, maybe it changed today.

1084  
00:44:03,230 --> 00:44:04,810  
I don't think that it will.

1085  
00:44:04,810 --> 00:44:07,130  
But my wife is claiming  
that it changed.

1086

00:44:07,130 --> 00:44:10,740

She was she went  
there with her son.

1087

00:44:10,740 --> 00:44:13,140

How is the system  
different in Poland,

1088

00:44:13,140 --> 00:44:14,610

when you lived  
under the Russians,

1089

00:44:14,610 --> 00:44:16,193

and when you lived  
under that Germans?

1090

00:44:16,193 --> 00:44:18,030

Yes, I lived, you  
have to realize,

1091

00:44:18,030 --> 00:44:20,100

I live with the Russians.

1092

00:44:20,100 --> 00:44:24,340

I knew that one  
system, just in 1941.

1093

00:44:24,340 --> 00:44:26,280

They came in '39.

1094

00:44:26,280 --> 00:44:31,050

In '39, two years, they  
came into us, the Russians.

1095

00:44:31,050 --> 00:44:33,330

Then I knew who I'm dealing--

1096

00:44:33,330 --> 00:44:35,430

to us, everything was strange.

1097

00:44:35,430 --> 00:44:40,060

In Poland, where I

live, where I come from,

1098

00:44:40,060 --> 00:44:43,920

if you had a few dollars, like  
I said, here \$10 in your pocket,

1099

00:44:43,920 --> 00:44:44,975

and you lived all year.

1100

00:44:44,975 --> 00:44:47,100

When the Russians came in,  
there was nothing there.

1101

00:44:47,100 --> 00:44:48,960

We couldn't get nothing.

1102

00:44:48,960 --> 00:44:50,107

There was nothing.

1103

00:44:50,107 --> 00:44:51,690

Everything was sold  
out in the stores.

1104

00:44:51,690 --> 00:44:53,500

That was it.

1105

00:44:53,500 --> 00:44:56,040

You had to stand in line,  
if you needed some bread,

1106

00:44:56,040 --> 00:44:57,750

or whatever, any supplies.

1107

00:44:57,750 --> 00:44:58,770

Everything was limited.

1108

00:44:58,770 --> 00:44:59,520

There was nothing.

1109

00:44:59,520 --> 00:45:01,250

In Poland, there  
was another problem.

1110  
00:45:01,250 --> 00:45:03,750  
Problem where they had no money,  
but they could get anything

1111  
00:45:03,750 --> 00:45:04,250  
he wants.

1112  
00:45:04,250 --> 00:45:06,620

1113  
00:45:06,620 --> 00:45:11,350  
But your reluctance to go  
back to Russia, is it--

1114  
00:45:11,350 --> 00:45:13,500  
not fear of being  
identified, in any way--

1115  
00:45:13,500 --> 00:45:14,000  
is it--

1116  
00:45:14,000 --> 00:45:14,210  
Yes.

1117  
00:45:14,210 --> 00:45:14,930  
Really?

1118  
00:45:14,930 --> 00:45:18,620  
I always said to Lily,  
when I go back to Russia.

1119  
00:45:18,620 --> 00:45:22,822  
And what do I do tomorrow,  
when they say, I the guy left--

1120  
00:45:22,822 --> 00:45:25,370  
he was in the Russian army,  
and he left rationale.

1121  
00:45:25,370 --> 00:45:26,600  
For one reason, or another.

1122  
00:45:26,600 --> 00:45:29,470  
I was in Budapest, last year.

1123  
00:45:29,470 --> 00:45:31,230  
And I was sorry I went.

1124  
00:45:31,230 --> 00:45:32,270  
You know why?

1125  
00:45:32,270 --> 00:45:34,838  
I know the system well.

1126  
00:45:34,838 --> 00:45:36,380  
Sometimes, if you  
deal with a doctor,

1127  
00:45:36,380 --> 00:45:38,600  
and the doctor knows  
all the diseases, what

1128  
00:45:38,600 --> 00:45:42,810  
can happen, it's tough, you  
know, he knows about it.

1129  
00:45:42,810 --> 00:45:44,540  
I know the system so well.

1130  
00:45:44,540 --> 00:45:45,830  
I know the system, what was.

1131  
00:45:45,830 --> 00:45:47,538  
I don't know how the  
system works, today.

1132  
00:45:47,538 --> 00:45:49,190  
I know the system from before.

1133  
00:45:49,190 --> 00:45:51,920  
And you're playing with fire.

1134

00:45:51,920 --> 00:45:53,860  
It's a very dangerous thing.

1135  
00:45:53,860 --> 00:45:55,910  
You're scared to  
death by-- maybe me.

1136  
00:45:55,910 --> 00:45:57,532  
Who knows what he  
has on his mind?

1137  
00:45:57,532 --> 00:45:58,490  
You're not scared here.

1138  
00:45:58,490 --> 00:45:59,740  
He can say anything he wanted.

1139  
00:45:59,740 --> 00:46:02,360  
And if you don't like it,  
you go to see a lawyer.

1140  
00:46:02,360 --> 00:46:03,470  
You can defend yourself.

1141  
00:46:03,470 --> 00:46:04,580  
There's something to do.

1142  
00:46:04,580 --> 00:46:06,000  
There's someone to talk to.

1143  
00:46:06,000 --> 00:46:07,458  
Who are you going  
to talk to there?

1144  
00:46:07,458 --> 00:46:08,870  
There's no one to talk to.

1145  
00:46:08,870 --> 00:46:13,430  
Once they put a mark on you,  
or yes or no, this is it.

1146  
00:46:13,430 --> 00:46:14,780

Maybe things changed, maybe.

1147  
00:46:14,780 --> 00:46:15,770  
I don't believe so.

1148  
00:46:15,770 --> 00:46:18,070  
But maybe they are.

1149  
00:46:18,070 --> 00:46:20,340  
In my times, no.

1150  
00:46:20,340 --> 00:46:25,280  
When I was there  
1941, as a young man--

1151  
00:46:25,280 --> 00:46:27,530  
listen, nobody could tell  
me that there wasn't murder.

1152  
00:46:27,530 --> 00:46:30,050  
People disappeared overnight.

1153  
00:46:30,050 --> 00:46:32,910  
In other words-- you don't  
remember, there was a study,

1154  
00:46:32,910 --> 00:46:35,190  
you read about,  
by Jewish doctors

1155  
00:46:35,190 --> 00:46:36,980  
that were treating Stalin.

1156  
00:46:36,980 --> 00:46:39,540  
You talked about the  
top echelon there.

1157  
00:46:39,540 --> 00:46:42,700  
You know the lower you were,  
the better, you were, off.

1158  
00:46:42,700 --> 00:46:46,070



We had in town, we had guys.

1159

00:46:46,070 --> 00:46:51,880

There was one Jewish man  
who stole four roles.

1160

00:46:51,880 --> 00:46:53,095

You know, he survived.

1161

00:46:53,095 --> 00:46:53,750

You know why?

1162

00:46:53,750 --> 00:46:56,450

For four roles, he got  
a few years in prison.

1163

00:46:56,450 --> 00:46:57,985

So they took him out of Russia.

1164

00:46:57,985 --> 00:46:59,860

So when the Germans came  
in, he wasn't there.

1165

00:46:59,860 --> 00:47:02,970

So he survived.

1166

00:47:02,970 --> 00:47:05,200

The punishments were tremendous.

1167

00:47:05,200 --> 00:47:06,450

You know, you have punishment.

1168

00:47:06,450 --> 00:47:08,490

You know, sometimes  
you put a man in jail,

1169

00:47:08,490 --> 00:47:12,370

like the one lady said, here,  
what do you think this is,

1170

00:47:12,370 --> 00:47:14,970

the paradise, to go to jail?

1171  
00:47:14,970 --> 00:47:16,290  
In Russia, yes.

1172  
00:47:16,290 --> 00:47:18,960  
If you go there, you know, they  
don't put you in an paradise.

1173  
00:47:18,960 --> 00:47:20,160  
They don't put you in jail.

1174  
00:47:20,160 --> 00:47:22,400  
They put you in all kind  
of camps, they have.

1175  
00:47:22,400 --> 00:47:25,320  
That's what they say.

1176  
00:47:25,320 --> 00:47:26,430  
They take everything out.

1177  
00:47:26,430 --> 00:47:27,960  
They don't feed you for nothing.

1178  
00:47:27,960 --> 00:47:32,610  
You have to earn  
what they feed you.

1179  
00:47:32,610 --> 00:47:33,540  
This was Russia.

1180  
00:47:33,540 --> 00:47:34,650  
But maybe things change.

1181  
00:47:34,650 --> 00:47:36,760  
Maybe things are different now.

1182  
00:47:36,760 --> 00:47:38,775  
What we hear is glasnost.

1183  
00:47:38,775 --> 00:47:41,470

Yes, and perestroika, right.

1184  
00:47:41,470 --> 00:47:41,970  
Maybe--

1185  
00:47:41,970 --> 00:47:44,670  
Do you think that this is valid?

1186  
00:47:44,670 --> 00:47:45,660  
I don't believe them.

1187  
00:47:45,660 --> 00:47:50,750  
You know, let me say to  
you now, I went through--

1188  
00:47:50,750 --> 00:47:59,090  
the system, what they have,  
cannot exist under democracy.

1189  
00:47:59,090 --> 00:48:01,040  
I mean, anyone would  
say something of,

1190  
00:48:01,040 --> 00:48:02,390  
there has to be a dictatorship.

1191  
00:48:02,390 --> 00:48:05,030  
In my opinion, maybe I'm wrong.

1192  
00:48:05,030 --> 00:48:07,490  
But since, maybe change.

1193  
00:48:07,490 --> 00:48:10,580  
You know, the people,  
even, are used to it.

1194  
00:48:10,580 --> 00:48:15,240  
You have to realize, that the  
West has a double problem, now.

1195  
00:48:15,240 --> 00:48:17,060  
You know, the Russians,

the young Russian,

1196  
00:48:17,060 --> 00:48:19,460  
there he's told all  
of them, look at here,

1197  
00:48:19,460 --> 00:48:22,340  
what the West did to us, look  
what the Germans did to us.

1198  
00:48:22,340 --> 00:48:24,900  
They did the horrible  
things, you have to realize.

1199  
00:48:24,900 --> 00:48:27,440  
You know, what they  
did, this is amazing.

1200  
00:48:27,440 --> 00:48:30,700  
And this helped them a lot.

1201  
00:48:30,700 --> 00:48:34,820  
It's very hard to convince  
the young people, in Russia,

1202  
00:48:34,820 --> 00:48:36,110  
in general.

1203  
00:48:36,110 --> 00:48:37,750  
I'm not talking about some--

1204  
00:48:37,750 --> 00:48:41,180  
that what's going on in the  
West, Hitler was not the West.

1205  
00:48:41,180 --> 00:48:43,170  
Hitler was just Hitler.

1206  
00:48:43,170 --> 00:48:44,810  
But there was a story.

1207  
00:48:44,810 --> 00:48:46,120

You know, young people go.

1208  
00:48:46,120 --> 00:48:48,870  
They build all over  
the place, in Kiev.

1209  
00:48:48,870 --> 00:48:52,345  
Then my wife tells me, it's  
those beautiful monument.

1210  
00:48:52,345 --> 00:48:54,470  
When people get married,  
they're going right there.

1211  
00:48:54,470 --> 00:48:56,262  
The first thing, they're  
going right there.

1212  
00:48:56,262 --> 00:48:57,090  
You go to Babi Yar.

1213  
00:48:57,090 --> 00:48:58,710  
Babi Yar, they were  
killed, you know

1214  
00:48:58,710 --> 00:49:01,860  
how many hundreds of  
thousands of people there.

1215  
00:49:01,860 --> 00:49:04,400  
How can you-- He said, you  
see what they did to us?

1216  
00:49:04,400 --> 00:49:06,777  
Look at it here.

1217  
00:49:06,777 --> 00:49:08,610  
I never forget, it was  
the Russian soldier--

1218  
00:49:08,610 --> 00:49:10,690  
There's no reference  
to Jews at Babi Yar.

1219  
00:49:10,690 --> 00:49:12,230  
Oh, yes, I know.

1220  
00:49:12,230 --> 00:49:13,580  
I know.

1221  
00:49:13,580 --> 00:49:14,615  
I was a Russian soldier.

1222  
00:49:14,615 --> 00:49:16,080  
As long as I'm  
going to be alive,

1223  
00:49:16,080 --> 00:49:17,290  
I'm going to remember this.

1224  
00:49:17,290 --> 00:49:19,330  
We were near Smolensk.

1225  
00:49:19,330 --> 00:49:20,240  
Came in a driver.

1226  
00:49:20,240 --> 00:49:21,407  
You know what he said to me?

1227  
00:49:21,407 --> 00:49:24,890  
Look here-- you  
couldn't see a stone.

1228  
00:49:24,890 --> 00:49:27,260  
Everything was ripped apart.

1229  
00:49:27,260 --> 00:49:28,737  
People live underground.

1230  
00:49:28,737 --> 00:49:29,570  
Look what, he said--

1231  
00:49:29,570 --> 00:49:32,460  
I could repeat to you the

Russian word that he said.

1232

00:49:32,460 --> 00:49:35,690

The exact words, I  
remember, till today--

1233

00:49:35,690 --> 00:49:38,150

look who's going to be alive,  
who's going to survive.

1234

00:49:38,150 --> 00:49:40,670

He said, do this,  
what they did to us.

1235

00:49:40,670 --> 00:49:42,200

Take a look what they did to us.

1236

00:49:42,200 --> 00:49:44,420

I came through the  
first town, in Germany.

1237

00:49:44,420 --> 00:49:45,740

There were cannons.

1238

00:49:45,740 --> 00:49:47,860

This was near [INAUDIBLE].

1239

00:49:47,860 --> 00:49:48,860

Cannons.

1240

00:49:48,860 --> 00:49:51,710

There came a young  
soldier, Russian soldiers,

1241

00:49:51,710 --> 00:49:56,750

came over to the captain, to  
report that he caught 35 women

1242

00:49:56,750 --> 00:49:58,060

and children.

1243

00:49:58,060 --> 00:49:59,000

But he told them--

1244  
00:49:59,000 --> 00:50:01,100  
I'm trying to tell  
you who I am--

1245  
00:50:01,100 --> 00:50:04,430  
but he told them,  
[NON-ENGLISH SPEAKING],,

1246  
00:50:04,430 --> 00:50:06,180  
let's clean them up.

1247  
00:50:06,180 --> 00:50:08,150  
It's Russian.

1248  
00:50:08,150 --> 00:50:10,060  
So I got called.

1249  
00:50:10,060 --> 00:50:11,510  
But this was cruel.

1250  
00:50:11,510 --> 00:50:12,470  
This is what I say.

1251  
00:50:12,470 --> 00:50:14,600  
They gave them eye for eye.

1252  
00:50:14,600 --> 00:50:19,660  
They came too-- this was a  
town, but the first biggest town

1253  
00:50:19,660 --> 00:50:20,390  
was [PLACE NAME].

1254  
00:50:20,390 --> 00:50:21,848  
I wish you would  
see what they did.

1255  
00:50:21,848 --> 00:50:24,170



1256

00:50:24,170 --> 00:50:25,310

They really suffered.

1257

00:50:25,310 --> 00:50:27,710

You know, you can just do  
such things, if you suffer.

1258

00:50:27,710 --> 00:50:30,620

And they really suffered, a lot.

1259

00:50:30,620 --> 00:50:33,140

You know, the Americans  
didn't suffer this.

1260

00:50:33,140 --> 00:50:37,490

Even the French, if  
you came to the French,

1261

00:50:37,490 --> 00:50:40,860

and they saw quite a lot.

1262

00:50:40,860 --> 00:50:43,250

Eye for eye.

1263

00:50:43,250 --> 00:50:44,150

They pay them back.

1264

00:50:44,150 --> 00:50:44,890

Yes, they did.

1265

00:50:44,890 --> 00:50:47,970

1266

00:50:47,970 --> 00:50:49,740

The British and the  
Americans were nice.

1267

00:50:49,740 --> 00:50:52,130

[LAUGHTER] They didn't suffer.

1268

00:50:52,130 --> 00:50:56,010

1269  
00:50:56,010 --> 00:50:58,860  
Looking back at all this,  
I know you can't forget.

1270  
00:50:58,860 --> 00:51:00,050  
And it's hard for us.

1271  
00:51:00,050 --> 00:51:02,015  
I think we understand.

1272  
00:51:02,015 --> 00:51:02,640  
Are you bitter?

1273  
00:51:02,640 --> 00:51:03,420  
Are you angry?

1274  
00:51:03,420 --> 00:51:04,560  
No!

1275  
00:51:04,560 --> 00:51:07,830  
The only think, you know--

1276  
00:51:07,830 --> 00:51:10,620  
you know, I am trying to forget  
all this, what I'm telling.

1277  
00:51:10,620 --> 00:51:12,910  
I've been trying to  
forget for 50 years.

1278  
00:51:12,910 --> 00:51:15,480  
You know, sometimes I lie  
down, it comes from no where.

1279  
00:51:15,480 --> 00:51:17,520  
And I say to Lily,  
I say to my wife,

1280  
00:51:17,520 --> 00:51:19,950  
I don't know, listen, I

just dreamed about it.

1281  
00:51:19,950 --> 00:51:21,550  
It's periods.

1282  
00:51:21,550 --> 00:51:23,070  
It comes back.

1283  
00:51:23,070 --> 00:51:24,320  
How can you forget this?

1284  
00:51:24,320 --> 00:51:27,240  
Like, the same thing with  
this German ambassador,

1285  
00:51:27,240 --> 00:51:28,140  
who talked to me.

1286  
00:51:28,140 --> 00:51:29,280  
He said, how do you know?

1287  
00:51:29,280 --> 00:51:30,510  
How could you tell?

1288  
00:51:30,510 --> 00:51:32,220  
I say, how could I tell?

1289  
00:51:32,220 --> 00:51:33,330  
I pointed out.

1290  
00:51:33,330 --> 00:51:35,620  
You give me 10 guys,  
an I point out the guy.

1291  
00:51:35,620 --> 00:51:37,080  
How can you forget a murderer?

1292  
00:51:37,080 --> 00:51:39,840  
How can you forget him,  
his looks, his eyes?

1293

00:51:39,840 --> 00:51:41,660  
How can you forget him?

1294  
00:51:41,660 --> 00:51:43,140  
How could you forget this?

1295  
00:51:43,140 --> 00:51:47,130  
I give you this story periods.

1296  
00:51:47,130 --> 00:51:49,350  
How can I forget this?

1297  
00:51:49,350 --> 00:51:51,018  
When you do remember  
these things,

1298  
00:51:51,018 --> 00:51:52,185  
is it triggered by anything?

1299  
00:51:52,185 --> 00:51:53,520  
No.

1300  
00:51:53,520 --> 00:51:55,020  
You know, sometimes  
I said to Lily,

1301  
00:51:55,020 --> 00:51:56,550  
I don't know where  
it comes from.

1302  
00:51:56,550 --> 00:51:57,420  
I just lie down.

1303  
00:51:57,420 --> 00:51:58,998  
And the whole thing  
comes back to me.

1304  
00:51:58,998 --> 00:52:01,580

1305  
00:52:01,580 --> 00:52:03,110  
How can you forget it?

1306  
00:52:03,110 --> 00:52:06,380  
What the most vivid thing  
that comes back to you?

1307  
00:52:06,380 --> 00:52:07,070  
Everything.

1308  
00:52:07,070 --> 00:52:08,330  
The whole war.

1309  
00:52:08,330 --> 00:52:13,270  
Listen, I come from a  
town of about 6,000 Jews.

1310  
00:52:13,270 --> 00:52:15,880  
From 6,000 Jews, I left 65.

1311  
00:52:15,880 --> 00:52:19,640  
65 men, you can imagine  
what we went through.

1312  
00:52:19,640 --> 00:52:20,960  
This is a miracle.

1313  
00:52:20,960 --> 00:52:23,830  
This is the [INAUDIBLE].

1314  
00:52:23,830 --> 00:52:27,110  
Sitting sometimes and  
talking, it's hard to believe.

1315  
00:52:27,110 --> 00:52:29,960  
Every day had a different day.

1316  
00:52:29,960 --> 00:52:32,300  
Every hour was a different hour.

1317  
00:52:32,300 --> 00:52:34,160  
Did you ever think  
that you would survive?

1318  
00:52:34,160 --> 00:52:35,840  
Never.

1319  
00:52:35,840 --> 00:52:38,660  
But you know, human nature,  
I'm trying just to show you.

1320  
00:52:38,660 --> 00:52:40,790  
When I went to  
this farmer, and I

1321  
00:52:40,790 --> 00:52:44,300  
was sitting, waiting for work,  
sometimes you had the hope,

1322  
00:52:44,300 --> 00:52:46,370  
you're waiting for something.

1323  
00:52:46,370 --> 00:52:48,917  
How could you tell when  
this war was gonna end?

1324  
00:52:48,917 --> 00:52:50,000  
And how it's going to end?

1325  
00:52:50,000 --> 00:52:52,470  
Nobody knew who was  
going to be there.

1326  
00:52:52,470 --> 00:52:55,750  
Who give a damn, but media  
paid attention if Zyg is alive

1327  
00:52:55,750 --> 00:52:56,250  
or not.

1328  
00:52:56,250 --> 00:52:59,150

1329  
00:52:59,150 --> 00:53:00,830  
How did you escape,  
in the first place,

1330  
00:53:00,830 --> 00:53:05,150  
to be able to get to where you--

1331  
00:53:05,150 --> 00:53:08,240  
Ah, so many escapes, you  
know, there's not one.

1332  
00:53:08,240 --> 00:53:11,820  
You know, this has happened,  
quite a few during the war.

1333  
00:53:11,820 --> 00:53:15,560  
Every day, here we  
were, and here we were.

1334  
00:53:15,560 --> 00:53:17,447  
One guy, then we  
went to another guy.

1335  
00:53:17,447 --> 00:53:19,030  
And we went here and  
we went one place

1336  
00:53:19,030 --> 00:53:22,700  
We didn't escape  
from the authorities.

1337  
00:53:22,700 --> 00:53:25,520  
We were escaping just from  
one farmer, to the other,

1338  
00:53:25,520 --> 00:53:27,340  
or from one guy, to the other.

1339  
00:53:27,340 --> 00:53:31,010  
I, mean when you ran away from  
Kamionki, did you run away?

1340  
00:53:31,010 --> 00:53:32,430  
Or was it an impulsive act?

1341

00:53:32,430 --> 00:53:33,650  
Or was it planned?

1342  
00:53:33,650 --> 00:53:34,190  
No!

1343  
00:53:34,190 --> 00:53:37,190  
But if you talk to this  
[PERSONAL NAME],, he knows.

1344  
00:53:37,190 --> 00:53:38,800  
He was older.

1345  
00:53:38,800 --> 00:53:41,690  
I was a young fellow.

1346  
00:53:41,690 --> 00:53:43,110  
You know, Sam Halpern?

1347  
00:53:43,110 --> 00:53:44,690  
He survived.

1348  
00:53:44,690 --> 00:53:46,550  
You know how he survived?

1349  
00:53:46,550 --> 00:53:47,940  
He was a very neat guy.

1350  
00:53:47,940 --> 00:53:57,740  
And his job was to clean  
everything for the captain

1351  
00:53:57,740 --> 00:54:00,980  
from that SS, the  
captain from the camp.

1352  
00:54:00,980 --> 00:54:02,520  
He was doing work for him.

1353  
00:54:02,520 --> 00:54:06,040  
So he always slept  
out of the camp.



1354  
00:54:06,040 --> 00:54:06,580  
He survived.

1355  
00:54:06,580 --> 00:54:08,060  
His brothers survived.

1356  
00:54:08,060 --> 00:54:11,630  
Everyone has a different story.

1357  
00:54:11,630 --> 00:54:15,000  
Like I said, again, if I  
don't remember it myself,

1358  
00:54:15,000 --> 00:54:16,100  
it comes to me.

1359  
00:54:16,100 --> 00:54:17,630  
It comes when I sit and talk.

1360  
00:54:17,630 --> 00:54:20,350  
All of a sudden this occurs  
to me, this occurs to me.

1361  
00:54:20,350 --> 00:54:21,990  
Every hour, it was  
something else.

1362  
00:54:21,990 --> 00:54:24,290  
Every day was something else.

1363  
00:54:24,290 --> 00:54:27,500  
We were in this  
concentration camp.

1364  
00:54:27,500 --> 00:54:30,800  
The head of the concentration  
camp was a German Jew.

1365  
00:54:30,800 --> 00:54:32,900  
Its name was [PERSONAL NAME].

1366

00:54:32,900 --> 00:54:35,510

I remember that he really  
spoke very well German.

1367

00:54:35,510 --> 00:54:39,740

1368

00:54:39,740 --> 00:54:44,690

There was another, his assistant  
was a ex Polish officer.

1369

00:54:44,690 --> 00:54:46,280

His name was Zuckerman.

1370

00:54:46,280 --> 00:54:50,180

One morning, we hear, this  
Zuckerman disappeared.

1371

00:54:50,180 --> 00:54:50,810

He was right.

1372

00:54:50,810 --> 00:54:52,258

He ran away.

1373

00:54:52,258 --> 00:54:54,050

And this [PERSONAL NAME],,  
in the old camp.

1374

00:54:54,050 --> 00:54:55,890

Later on, I was told the story.

1375

00:54:55,890 --> 00:54:57,800

And this whole camp  
was liquidated.

1376

00:54:57,800 --> 00:54:58,730

He was taken.

1377

00:54:58,730 --> 00:55:02,353

He was the last one to survive,  
so they took him, and took him

1378

00:55:02,353 --> 00:55:03,020  
to another camp.

1379

00:55:03,020 --> 00:55:05,000  
They kill him there,  
someplace else.

1380

00:55:05,000 --> 00:55:07,820  
But they took him in  
a bus, on a truck.

1381

00:55:07,820 --> 00:55:10,120  
And it took them  
to different camp.

1382

00:55:10,120 --> 00:55:12,350  
But he was the last one  
to-- his name was called

1383

00:55:12,350 --> 00:55:13,450  
[PERSONAL NAME].

1384

00:55:13,450 --> 00:55:15,770  
Yeah, when you said he  
was the head of the camp,

1385

00:55:15,770 --> 00:55:17,870  
you mean among the  
Jewish prisoners?

1386

00:55:17,870 --> 00:55:19,460  
Right, right, right.

1387

00:55:19,460 --> 00:55:22,040  
In other words,  
every morning, what

1388

00:55:22,040 --> 00:55:25,250  
the camp consist Of-- every  
morning, the prisoners,

1389

00:55:25,250 --> 00:55:27,820

as you would see, the Jews,  
there was nothing there.

1390  
00:55:27,820 --> 00:55:28,970  
He was standing.

1391  
00:55:28,970 --> 00:55:31,990  
And he was reporting to  
the hauptsturmfÃ¼hrer,

1392  
00:55:31,990 --> 00:55:36,350  
to the guy from the SS, so many  
people, prisoners are here,

1393  
00:55:36,350 --> 00:55:37,240  
this was his job.

1394  
00:55:37,240 --> 00:55:43,120

1395  
00:55:43,120 --> 00:55:46,840  
When you talk  
about it, to your--

1396  
00:55:46,840 --> 00:55:49,398  
you said you talk  
about it to your sons.

1397  
00:55:49,398 --> 00:55:50,690  
They know the story quite well.

1398  
00:55:50,690 --> 00:55:55,220  
What do you recall the most?

1399  
00:55:55,220 --> 00:55:57,742  
I tell my son what I told you--

1400  
00:55:57,742 --> 00:55:59,700  
depends in the moment,  
what I'm thinking about.

1401  
00:55:59,700 --> 00:56:00,970

But they know the story.

1402  
00:56:00,970 --> 00:56:03,270  
I tell them exactly  
what I told you.

1403  
00:56:03,270 --> 00:56:05,070  
The story is one,  
the same thing.

1404  
00:56:05,070 --> 00:56:09,270  
It may be better  
organized, or better--

1405  
00:56:09,270 --> 00:56:10,480  
how do you call it--

1406  
00:56:10,480 --> 00:56:11,740  
step by step.

1407  
00:56:11,740 --> 00:56:13,530  
Well, it's better done.

1408  
00:56:13,530 --> 00:56:16,560  
But I tell them  
episode by episode.

1409  
00:56:16,560 --> 00:56:19,640  
When I tell them, how  
can you forget it?

1410  
00:56:19,640 --> 00:56:21,550  
They've always wanted  
to know about it?

1411  
00:56:21,550 --> 00:56:22,270  
They better know.

1412  
00:56:22,270 --> 00:56:22,950  
Listen to me.

1413  
00:56:22,950 --> 00:56:26,108

1414  
00:56:26,108 --> 00:56:27,650  
But I tell you the  
truth, I sometimes

1415  
00:56:27,650 --> 00:56:31,290  
wonder, myself, how can you  
remember all those things?

1416  
00:56:31,290 --> 00:56:32,258  
So many--

1417  
00:56:32,258 --> 00:56:33,050  
How can you forget?

1418  
00:56:33,050 --> 00:56:34,210  
How can you forget?

1419  
00:56:34,210 --> 00:56:37,260

1420  
00:56:37,260 --> 00:56:38,920  
We just have a couple  
of more minutes.

1421  
00:56:38,920 --> 00:56:39,590  
It's OK.

1422  
00:56:39,590 --> 00:56:42,890  
Is there anything you  
would like to say?

1423  
00:56:42,890 --> 00:56:48,110  
The only thing that I'm bitter  
about, that I didn't do enough

1424  
00:56:48,110 --> 00:56:50,710  
for the guy which kept me.

1425  
00:56:50,710 --> 00:56:54,260  
The guy, I tried to

get him, get maybe,

1426

00:56:54,260 --> 00:56:57,070

his children there, to help  
him, and to do everything

1427

00:56:57,070 --> 00:56:57,800

that he did.

1428

00:56:57,800 --> 00:56:58,890

He did a terrific thing.

1429

00:56:58,890 --> 00:57:03,890

1430

00:57:03,890 --> 00:57:07,880

I don't know how to explain, but  
in one place where we stayed,

1431

00:57:07,880 --> 00:57:10,730

the daughter, he has  
a grown up daughter.

1432

00:57:10,730 --> 00:57:13,930

And I don't know how, she  
got in touch with my aunt.

1433

00:57:13,930 --> 00:57:15,380

So at least we can help her.

1434

00:57:15,380 --> 00:57:19,580

In Poland, \$200, \$300, you're  
talking about millions--

1435

00:57:19,580 --> 00:57:21,780

\$200, \$300.

1436

00:57:21,780 --> 00:57:22,950

So she bought a house, now.

1437

00:57:22,950 --> 00:57:26,570

And I wish I would find this

guy, which I stayed, really,

1438  
00:57:26,570 --> 00:57:27,460  
in the barn.

1439  
00:57:27,460 --> 00:57:28,460  
I wish I could find him.

1440  
00:57:28,460 --> 00:57:30,440  
And I would find his--

1441  
00:57:30,440 --> 00:57:31,887  
Is his name in Yad Vashem?

1442  
00:57:31,887 --> 00:57:33,220  
Is there any recognition record?

1443  
00:57:33,220 --> 00:57:34,617  
No.

1444  
00:57:34,617 --> 00:57:35,450  
You know what I did?

1445  
00:57:35,450 --> 00:57:39,040  
Lily has a cousin, a  
doctor, a Jewish guy.

1446  
00:57:39,040 --> 00:57:40,490  
He lives in Poland.

1447  
00:57:40,490 --> 00:57:41,300  
And I backed him.

1448  
00:57:41,300 --> 00:57:44,840  
And he went back, and  
put it in the newspapers.

1449  
00:57:44,840 --> 00:57:48,230  
How can you find those guys,  
never read the Newspaper

1450



00:57:48,230 --> 00:57:50,240  
I wish I could help him.

1451  
00:57:50,240 --> 00:57:53,880  
Sam Halpern is helping  
a lot of those guys.

1452  
00:57:53,880 --> 00:57:55,880  
I tell you what, there's  
no money in this world,

1453  
00:57:55,880 --> 00:57:59,600  
to do something with those guys.

1454  
00:57:59,600 --> 00:58:01,940  
They did they-- did that--

1455  
00:58:01,940 --> 00:58:05,040  
I cannot tell you.

1456  
00:58:05,040 --> 00:58:07,860  
I cannot describe what they did.

1457  
00:58:07,860 --> 00:58:10,105  
How many Jews would do--  
would have done this?

1458  
00:58:10,105 --> 00:58:13,540  
You know, they really  
risked their lives.

1459  
00:58:13,540 --> 00:58:18,290  
They gave everything that they  
had, even though those few--

1460  
00:58:18,290 --> 00:58:23,510  
how many did this job?

1461  
00:58:23,510 --> 00:58:24,920  
How many would do this job?

1462  
00:58:24,920 --> 00:58:26,510

How could they do this job?

1463

00:58:26,510 --> 00:58:29,480

They were scared-- scared one  
day, two days, three days.

1464

00:58:29,480 --> 00:58:30,680

How can you live like this?

1465

00:58:30,680 --> 00:58:34,850

Like this woman walked in, and  
I'll never forget, was outside,

1466

00:58:34,850 --> 00:58:36,080

it was cold, and snowy.

1467

00:58:36,080 --> 00:58:39,630

She said, you have to  
die, but why should I die?

1468

00:58:39,630 --> 00:58:40,700

What should I tell her?

1469

00:58:40,700 --> 00:58:42,425

What could I say to her?

1470

00:58:42,425 --> 00:58:45,680

1471

00:58:45,680 --> 00:58:47,890

The fact that she could  
accept that you have to die.

1472

00:58:47,890 --> 00:58:48,500

Yes.

1473

00:58:48,500 --> 00:58:49,520

That's what she said.

1474

00:58:49,520 --> 00:58:50,960

I'll never forget her words.

1475

00:58:50,960 --> 00:58:53,735

She said in Ukrainian,  
she said, you have to die,

1476

00:58:53,735 --> 00:58:54,610

but why should I die?

1477

00:58:54,610 --> 00:58:57,218

1478

00:58:57,218 --> 00:58:58,760

And yet, her husband  
called you back.

1479

00:58:58,760 --> 00:59:00,790

The husband, the husband.

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00:59:00,790 --> 00:59:01,490

Beautiful story.

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00:59:01,490 --> 00:59:06,840

I wish -- as long as I want  
to be alive, the husband.

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00:59:06,840 --> 00:59:09,870

He said to her, you know,  
they have to survive.

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00:59:09,870 --> 00:59:11,370

And he said to her this--

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00:59:11,370 --> 00:59:14,730

you know, the winters  
are very cold.

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00:59:14,730 --> 00:59:17,520

It's very hard for  
me to describe.

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00:59:17,520 --> 00:59:20,190

A lot of snow, it's very cold.

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00:59:20,190 --> 00:59:20,690

Go.

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00:59:20,690 --> 00:59:22,400

Go where?

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00:59:22,400 --> 00:59:23,210

Go.

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00:59:23,210 --> 00:59:25,380

Where are you going to go?

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00:59:25,380 --> 00:59:27,180

But in summer, it wasn't so bad.

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00:59:27,180 --> 00:59:29,505

You go in the field, and  
spend the time in the field.

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00:59:29,505 --> 00:59:31,047

They went, where  
are you going to go?

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00:59:31,047 --> 00:59:32,810

Yeah.

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00:59:32,810 --> 00:59:33,830

Thank you, very much.

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00:59:33,830 --> 00:59:34,340

Thank you.

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00:59:34,340 --> 00:59:36,530

I'm sorry it wasn't  
well organized.

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00:59:36,530 --> 00:59:38,230

But it wasn't--

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00:59:38,230 --> 00:59:39,710

You told us quite a bit.

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00:59:39,710 --> 00:59:41,320

But you know, I  
try to do my best.

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00:59:41,320 --> 00:59:44,030

[LAUGHTER] Thank you, very much.

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00:59:44,030 --> 00:59:45,850

Thank you.

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00:59:45,850 --> 00:59:49,000