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00:00:00,000 --> 00:00:25,360

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00:00:25,360 --> 00:00:25,960
Good morning.

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00:00:25,960 --> 00:00:28,990
I'm Bernard Weinstein,
director of the Kean College

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00:00:28,990 --> 00:00:32,350
oral testimonies project
on the Holocaust.

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00:00:32,350 --> 00:00:35,380
Assisting me this morning
is Robert Melworm.

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00:00:35,380 --> 00:00:38,790
And we are pleased to
welcome Charles Levine.

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00:00:38,790 --> 00:00:39,670
Mr. Levine.

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00:00:39,670 --> 00:00:42,110
My name is Charles Levine.

9
00:00:42,110 --> 00:00:51,695
I was born in Poland
June 15, 1915.

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00:00:51,695 --> 00:00:57,800
My family was seven brothers
in Europe and one sister.

11
00:00:57,800 --> 00:01:00,880
Where did you live in
Europe, Mr. Levine?

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00:01:00,880 --> 00:01:02,390

In August³w.

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00:01:02,390 --> 00:01:04,524

In what country?

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00:01:04,524 --> 00:01:06,790

Poland.

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00:01:06,790 --> 00:01:10,750

That is Bialystok, the
state of Bialystok.

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00:01:10,750 --> 00:01:15,570

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00:01:15,570 --> 00:01:19,440

My father was a fisherman.

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00:01:19,440 --> 00:01:25,965

He used to make a living what
he used to catch the fish.

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00:01:25,965 --> 00:01:29,280

It was not easy.

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00:01:29,280 --> 00:01:34,260

When we grow up, every two
years was a child born.

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00:01:34,260 --> 00:01:37,960

When you start to
go in school, It

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00:01:37,960 --> 00:01:41,290

happens that four children was
in school in the same time.

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00:01:41,290 --> 00:01:44,200

It wasn't a free school.

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00:01:44,200 --> 00:01:49,460

It was very hard

to pay the tuition.

25

00:01:49,460 --> 00:01:51,890

But till we grow up.

26

00:01:51,890 --> 00:01:54,710

27

00:01:54,710 --> 00:01:58,170

The oldest one start to
work when he was 15, 16.

28

00:01:58,170 --> 00:02:02,710

He used to work
even with my father.

29

00:02:02,710 --> 00:02:09,940

And you couldn't get
education, because to go

30

00:02:09,940 --> 00:02:11,750

in high school you have to pay.

31

00:02:11,750 --> 00:02:13,800

The school you have to pay.

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00:02:13,800 --> 00:02:17,370

You have to buy all the books.

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00:02:17,370 --> 00:02:22,600

Sometime I didn't
even have books.

34

00:02:22,600 --> 00:02:25,810

I used to listen to
somebody when they

35

00:02:25,810 --> 00:02:27,080

asked me the first question.

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00:02:27,080 --> 00:02:30,790

I didn't know was

asked me the question.

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00:02:30,790 --> 00:02:33,910

When I heard or I
know what is going

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00:02:33,910 --> 00:02:37,710

on and to answer the question.

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00:02:37,710 --> 00:02:44,900

And after the years, when we
grow up and more of my brothers

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00:02:44,900 --> 00:02:47,240

start to work.

41

00:02:47,240 --> 00:02:48,160

And you saw --

42

00:02:48,160 --> 00:02:50,660

We was very happy.

43

00:02:50,660 --> 00:02:53,430

There was no food for us to eat.

44

00:02:53,430 --> 00:02:54,980

Were you the youngest
in your family?

45

00:02:54,980 --> 00:02:58,510

I am the youngest in the family.

46

00:02:58,510 --> 00:03:04,910

And the oldest one came to
the United States in 1923.

47

00:03:04,910 --> 00:03:06,080

He was married.

48

00:03:06,080 --> 00:03:11,190

He left his wife in
Europe with a son.

49
00:03:11,190 --> 00:03:19,660
After five years, they came
to the United States in 1928.

50
00:03:19,660 --> 00:03:27,890
Till my brother
died 20 years ago.

51
00:03:27,890 --> 00:03:29,700
His son is alive.

52
00:03:29,700 --> 00:03:32,130
His mother died.

53
00:03:32,130 --> 00:03:38,480
His mother-- his son
used to be a teacher.

54
00:03:38,480 --> 00:03:46,900
The last year he was teaching
in Old Bridge until he retired.

55
00:03:46,900 --> 00:03:50,720

56
00:03:50,720 --> 00:03:54,080
Some of my brothers was married.

57
00:03:54,080 --> 00:03:59,410

58
00:03:59,410 --> 00:04:06,160
I told you I was
drafted to Polish army.

59
00:04:06,160 --> 00:04:08,960
I went out from the
Polish army in '37.

60
00:04:08,960 --> 00:04:12,236

61
00:04:12,236 --> 00:04:17,824
And in '39, the war
come out, the first one.

62
00:04:17,824 --> 00:04:20,880
That happened, I
think, in September.

63
00:04:20,880 --> 00:04:23,550
The Russian attacked Poland.

64
00:04:23,550 --> 00:04:27,720

65
00:04:27,720 --> 00:04:30,424
And a German attacked Poland.

66
00:04:30,424 --> 00:04:36,560
They split Poland in two,
half took the German.

67
00:04:36,560 --> 00:04:38,660
And half Poland
took the Russian.

68
00:04:38,660 --> 00:04:42,320

69
00:04:42,320 --> 00:04:48,190
I was drafted when the war
came out in the Polish army.

70
00:04:48,190 --> 00:04:53,230
And out of the war The Polish
army was the most on horses.

71
00:04:53,230 --> 00:04:56,010

72
00:04:56,010 --> 00:04:57,270
No planes.

73
00:04:57,270 --> 00:04:58,890
No trucks.

74
00:04:58,890 --> 00:05:00,580
A rifle and a horse.

75
00:05:00,580 --> 00:05:02,220
50% from the army.

76
00:05:02,220 --> 00:05:04,110
The other one used to walk.

77
00:05:04,110 --> 00:05:11,610
When the German attacked Poland
and they split, five days,

78
00:05:11,610 --> 00:05:12,780
the war was finished.

79
00:05:12,780 --> 00:05:15,750

80
00:05:15,750 --> 00:05:21,600
And in those days I was
in a city, Baranovichi.

81
00:05:21,600 --> 00:05:30,050
And I was waiting to go
home from there to my town.

82
00:05:30,050 --> 00:05:33,126
4 or 5 hours by train.

83
00:05:33,126 --> 00:05:38,250
And the Polish conductor,
what his [INAUDIBLE] engineer

84
00:05:38,250 --> 00:05:41,580
from the trains,
went out and he calls

85

00:05:41,580 --> 00:05:46,920
in Polish anybody who wants
to go to Bialystok, Grodno,

86

00:05:46,920 --> 00:05:50,590
to go to these wagons.

87

00:05:50,590 --> 00:05:53,860
And there was a couple of
thousand people from the war,

88

00:05:53,860 --> 00:05:54,360
They --

89

00:05:54,360 --> 00:05:55,620
Everybody wants to run.

90

00:05:55,620 --> 00:05:57,540
You don't know where to go.

91

00:05:57,540 --> 00:06:02,530
Woman, children,
everybody was there.

92

00:06:02,530 --> 00:06:04,440
And we went to the wagons.

93

00:06:04,440 --> 00:06:06,450
And this was not for people.

94

00:06:06,450 --> 00:06:08,746
That was from the horses.

95

00:06:08,746 --> 00:06:13,620
And the one wagon went in
maybe 100 people or more.

96

00:06:13,620 --> 00:06:16,030
Then we expect to come home.

97

00:06:16,030 --> 00:06:19,310

I was in the Polish uniform.

98

00:06:19,310 --> 00:06:21,650

So after all --

99

00:06:21,650 --> 00:06:22,800

They lock the doors.

100

00:06:22,800 --> 00:06:24,530

They closed the doors.

101

00:06:24,530 --> 00:06:26,183

How do you see.

102

00:06:26,183 --> 00:06:26,850

We couldn't see.

103

00:06:26,850 --> 00:06:27,630

Is no windows.

104

00:06:27,630 --> 00:06:32,220

Only like from the shine.

105

00:06:32,220 --> 00:06:36,720

You look out, you see
soldiers by the doors.

106

00:06:36,720 --> 00:06:42,600

And they took us to
Russia from Poland.

107

00:06:42,600 --> 00:06:44,700

Everybody who was there.

108

00:06:44,700 --> 00:06:48,590

Soldiers, policemen, officers.

109

00:06:48,590 --> 00:06:52,670

And I will go in with a
train 5, 6 hours, 10 hours,

110

00:06:52,670 --> 00:06:54,840
and he didn't stop.

111
00:06:54,840 --> 00:06:58,110
And nobody knows
where we're going.

112
00:06:58,110 --> 00:07:02,280
Four days it was going,
four days and four nights.

113
00:07:02,280 --> 00:07:03,420
And the train stopped.

114
00:07:03,420 --> 00:07:05,290
They opened the doors.

115
00:07:05,290 --> 00:07:07,890
And you see Russian soldiers.

116
00:07:07,890 --> 00:07:12,850
Automatic machines, stays
about 50 feet from us.

117
00:07:12,850 --> 00:07:16,260
They say, everybody goes
out from the wagons.

118
00:07:16,260 --> 00:07:18,330
We don't know what is going on.

119
00:07:18,330 --> 00:07:20,760
Everybody's hungry.

120
00:07:20,760 --> 00:07:23,590
No water.

121
00:07:23,590 --> 00:07:25,690
We went out.

122
00:07:25,690 --> 00:07:28,750
There was a couple

of thousand people.

123
00:07:28,750 --> 00:07:34,300
And they start, they open
the drums, wooden drums.

124
00:07:34,300 --> 00:07:37,200
It's salt, salted fish.

125
00:07:37,200 --> 00:07:39,470
Was not herring, no.

126
00:07:39,470 --> 00:07:42,300
There was skin and a
lot of salt on this.

127
00:07:42,300 --> 00:07:45,610
Everybody got a fish.

128
00:07:45,610 --> 00:07:49,250
It's [INAUDIBLE] you know,
and the salt, no water.

129
00:07:49,250 --> 00:07:53,200
And after everybody was
eating with the salt with it,

130
00:07:53,200 --> 00:07:55,410
no bread, nothing.

131
00:07:55,410 --> 00:07:59,550
They told us to go
back in the wagons.

132
00:07:59,550 --> 00:08:02,290
It was going another four
days and four nights.

133
00:08:02,290 --> 00:08:03,860
Deep in Russia.

134
00:08:03,860 --> 00:08:05,980

A couple thousand
miles over Moscow.

135
00:08:05,980 --> 00:08:09,256

136
00:08:09,256 --> 00:08:11,320
We came there.

137
00:08:11,320 --> 00:08:12,980
What time of year was this?

138
00:08:12,980 --> 00:08:15,100
1939.

139
00:08:15,100 --> 00:08:17,330
But what month, do you know?

140
00:08:17,330 --> 00:08:18,840
Was it winter? or was it?

141
00:08:18,840 --> 00:08:23,100
This was in September, October.

142
00:08:23,100 --> 00:08:24,720
And we came there.

143
00:08:24,720 --> 00:08:27,030
The train stopped.

144
00:08:27,030 --> 00:08:29,590
We didn't see nothing
only like a [INAUDIBLE]..

145
00:08:29,590 --> 00:08:32,300
You know, like, you
don't see no houses.

146
00:08:32,300 --> 00:08:34,868

147

00:08:34,868 --> 00:08:41,130
They put us again 10 in a row,
you know, thousands of peoples.

148
00:08:41,130 --> 00:08:43,380
We was walking.

149
00:08:43,380 --> 00:08:44,400
Till we came.

150
00:08:44,400 --> 00:08:46,290
It took us all day.

151
00:08:46,290 --> 00:08:46,990
We came there.

152
00:08:46,990 --> 00:08:49,990
Was maybe there 15-20,000
people, all kind of people.

153
00:08:49,990 --> 00:08:52,690

154
00:08:52,690 --> 00:08:54,650
You know.

155
00:08:54,650 --> 00:08:56,660
Wasn't no food.

156
00:08:56,660 --> 00:09:01,730
They had military
kitchens for the soldiers.

157
00:09:01,730 --> 00:09:05,120
Well, wasn't
enough, food enough,

158
00:09:05,120 --> 00:09:07,010
to have everybody to
get some little soup

159
00:09:07,010 --> 00:09:09,780

or something like water.

160
00:09:09,780 --> 00:09:13,812
And it was there they cut
us off the hair, you know.

161
00:09:13,812 --> 00:09:15,500
And we don't know
what is going on.

162
00:09:15,500 --> 00:09:16,720
Why they took me here?

163
00:09:16,720 --> 00:09:17,630
The war is finished.

164
00:09:17,630 --> 00:09:20,730

165
00:09:20,730 --> 00:09:23,710
Nobody knows.

166
00:09:23,710 --> 00:09:25,830
Til later on, you know.

167
00:09:25,830 --> 00:09:27,420
You believed all
through this time

168
00:09:27,420 --> 00:09:29,510
that the war was
already over and that--

169
00:09:29,510 --> 00:09:31,620
--that was before the Germans.

170
00:09:31,620 --> 00:09:32,120
See--

171
00:09:32,120 --> 00:09:33,720
--the Russians had won.

172

00:09:33,720 --> 00:09:39,748

Russian occupied told
you 50% from Poland.

173

00:09:39,748 --> 00:09:41,040

And it wasn't at war with them.

174

00:09:41,040 --> 00:09:43,460

We didn't fight with them.

175

00:09:43,460 --> 00:09:44,340

Nobody understood.

176

00:09:44,340 --> 00:09:46,810

What happened?

177

00:09:46,810 --> 00:09:48,810

And after a couple
weeks being there,

178

00:09:48,810 --> 00:09:51,660

people start to get typhus.

179

00:09:51,660 --> 00:09:54,810

Doctors comes,
they give a needle.

180

00:09:54,810 --> 00:09:57,870

And there was a registration.

181

00:09:57,870 --> 00:10:01,610

Anybody who belongs
under the Russian

182

00:10:01,610 --> 00:10:04,840

they would send back home.

183

00:10:04,840 --> 00:10:11,420

And I was go, I was there to
stay in line till they call me.

184

00:10:11,420 --> 00:10:16,070
And I told him where I
was born, where I live.

185
00:10:16,070 --> 00:10:17,270
And he looks in their maps.

186
00:10:17,270 --> 00:10:21,980
He said, this is
under the German.

187
00:10:21,980 --> 00:10:25,190
And I said, no my town
is under the Russian.

188
00:10:25,190 --> 00:10:28,350
I told him on the map I live
here and here is the German.

189
00:10:28,350 --> 00:10:32,690
The border is between my
town and another town.

190
00:10:32,690 --> 00:10:33,950
And he didn't listen to me.

191
00:10:33,950 --> 00:10:34,820
He chased me out.

192
00:10:34,820 --> 00:10:38,270

193
00:10:38,270 --> 00:10:41,840
And we came everybody
who was not registered,

194
00:10:41,840 --> 00:10:46,220
we came back to the same--

195
00:10:46,220 --> 00:10:50,690
there was there in the
concentration in this.

196

00:10:50,690 --> 00:10:53,630

Do you know what town
you were in Russia?

197

00:10:53,630 --> 00:10:56,640

There was no town.

198

00:10:56,640 --> 00:11:00,700

There was no town,
was no village.

199

00:11:00,700 --> 00:11:02,230

Nobody was there.

200

00:11:02,230 --> 00:11:05,910

Only the people that
they took by train.

201

00:11:05,910 --> 00:11:09,870

Then I am back in the
same place to where I am,

202

00:11:09,870 --> 00:11:12,450

where I was before, you know.

203

00:11:12,450 --> 00:11:20,310

Then after a couple of
weeks, a second registration.

204

00:11:20,310 --> 00:11:22,380

At town in Poland
what belongs, what

205

00:11:22,380 --> 00:11:27,840

used to be under Poland,
Vilna, used to belong to Litwa.

206

00:11:27,840 --> 00:11:30,540

207

00:11:30,540 --> 00:11:33,640

And they said,

anybody who was born

208

00:11:33,640 --> 00:11:37,210

and they stay there like
Vilna, out of Vilna,

209

00:11:37,210 --> 00:11:39,520

goes back to Litva.

210

00:11:39,520 --> 00:11:45,850

They give [INAUDIBLE] a
present to belong to Litva.

211

00:11:45,850 --> 00:11:48,930

So I was smart,
and I went there,

212

00:11:48,930 --> 00:11:50,590

and I registered
I was born there.

213

00:11:50,590 --> 00:11:53,100

214

00:11:53,100 --> 00:11:59,148

And before the war, I was
there a few times in the city.

215

00:11:59,148 --> 00:12:03,010

And they asked me, what street.

216

00:12:03,010 --> 00:12:11,460

I gave him a street,
a number, and back

217

00:12:11,460 --> 00:12:15,620

after this registration, we
wait another couple weeks.

218

00:12:15,620 --> 00:12:20,090

And they wake us up, they say,
tomorrow you're going back

219

00:12:20,090 --> 00:12:23,080
to Kovno, Litva, Vilna.

220

00:12:23,080 --> 00:12:23,830
Belong everything.

221

00:12:23,830 --> 00:12:26,540

222

00:12:26,540 --> 00:12:29,760
You walk to the train.

223

00:12:29,760 --> 00:12:33,990
Not woman, not children.

224

00:12:33,990 --> 00:12:37,580
It was Polish officers.

225

00:12:37,580 --> 00:12:42,300
The first transport
was they took--

226

00:12:42,300 --> 00:12:44,250
the reason was they
took me I didn't know.

227

00:12:44,250 --> 00:12:46,830

228

00:12:46,830 --> 00:12:50,590
In those days, Stalin was.

229

00:12:50,590 --> 00:12:53,830
They took all the
officers, all the police.

230

00:12:53,830 --> 00:12:57,400
Oh, they see intelligent people.

231

00:12:57,400 --> 00:13:03,470
And one of my neighbors

was in the Polish Army

232

00:13:03,470 --> 00:13:06,040

and he was officer.

233

00:13:06,040 --> 00:13:09,360

When he's going back

home, I say to him,

234

00:13:09,360 --> 00:13:11,245

you give my regards

to my family.

235

00:13:11,245 --> 00:13:14,240

And then you'll see me.

236

00:13:14,240 --> 00:13:16,930

And he said, I will do it.

237

00:13:16,930 --> 00:13:20,560

He was a Polish teacher

with a college education.

238

00:13:20,560 --> 00:13:24,100

You became officer when

you drafted to the army.

239

00:13:24,100 --> 00:13:30,230

Then the second transport,

I go into Vilna.

240

00:13:30,230 --> 00:13:35,410

After four days and four

nights, the train stops,

241

00:13:35,410 --> 00:13:38,390

and I see it was nighttime.

242

00:13:38,390 --> 00:13:42,490

A big sign in

Polish, Baranovich.

243

00:13:42,490 --> 00:13:45,612

The same place
where they took me.

244

00:13:45,612 --> 00:13:47,070

From there, they
took me to Russia.

245

00:13:47,070 --> 00:13:50,444

246

00:13:50,444 --> 00:13:55,880

And I said, the train stopped
to take some water over.

247

00:13:55,880 --> 00:13:58,640

And I went to the door.

248

00:13:58,640 --> 00:14:01,070

I went to jump and go out.

249

00:14:01,070 --> 00:14:03,760

There was two Russian soldiers.

250

00:14:03,760 --> 00:14:04,450

They say to me.

251

00:14:04,450 --> 00:14:06,220

Where I'm going, I say.

252

00:14:06,220 --> 00:14:08,290

I want to drink water.

253

00:14:08,290 --> 00:14:10,900

Say you can't go out.

254

00:14:10,900 --> 00:14:12,370

Said just wait, you know.

255

00:14:12,370 --> 00:14:13,720

I went back.

256

00:14:13,720 --> 00:14:15,360

Those trains was for people.

257

00:14:15,360 --> 00:14:18,650

They had their door in back
and their door from both sides,

258

00:14:18,650 --> 00:14:19,920

you know.

259

00:14:19,920 --> 00:14:20,822

I went in back.

260

00:14:20,822 --> 00:14:21,530

There was nobody.

261

00:14:21,530 --> 00:14:23,730

No soldiers, very dark.

262

00:14:23,730 --> 00:14:26,380

I opened the door, and I jumped.

263

00:14:26,380 --> 00:14:31,510

I was in a Polish
uniform, a Polish coat.

264

00:14:31,510 --> 00:14:33,220

All from the war, you know.

265

00:14:33,220 --> 00:14:35,180

The Polish uniform
and everything.

266

00:14:35,180 --> 00:14:38,040

And I start to walk.

267

00:14:38,040 --> 00:14:40,300

I came into town.

268

00:14:40,300 --> 00:14:47,580

And I see a man is walking on

the street, and I stopped him.

269

00:14:47,580 --> 00:14:51,250

And I think he was a Jewish man.

270

00:14:51,250 --> 00:14:53,290

I told him the
story from where--

271

00:14:53,290 --> 00:14:55,670

he took me to his house.

272

00:14:55,670 --> 00:15:00,010

He took away my uniform.

273

00:15:00,010 --> 00:15:03,340

He gave me a pants,
a jacket, a shirt.

274

00:15:03,340 --> 00:15:06,320

He said, you stay in my
house a couple of days.

275

00:15:06,320 --> 00:15:10,530

Till everything the train
will go away, you know?

276

00:15:10,530 --> 00:15:12,918

And he said, you can go.

277

00:15:12,918 --> 00:15:13,960

You don't have any money.

278

00:15:13,960 --> 00:15:15,640

I said, no.

279

00:15:15,640 --> 00:15:24,050

He gave me some Polish money to
buy a ticket, and I came home.

280

00:15:24,050 --> 00:15:27,600

And when I came home, the

ration was in my town already.

281

00:15:27,600 --> 00:15:30,770

After the war,
about 3 or 4 months.

282

00:15:30,770 --> 00:15:33,880

The people are registered
as they go into work.

283

00:15:33,880 --> 00:15:36,210

You having a passport,
a working passport.

284

00:15:36,210 --> 00:15:38,945

But you couldn't be a
businessman before the war.

285

00:15:38,945 --> 00:15:41,630

Otherwise, They took over the
business people they sent in.

286

00:15:41,630 --> 00:15:45,510

a [INAUDIBLE] Russians superior.

287

00:15:45,510 --> 00:15:50,340

Zionists, all the
people, you know.

288

00:15:50,340 --> 00:15:56,340

When I came home, they
made me a passport.

289

00:15:56,340 --> 00:15:59,900

But the Russian [INAUDIBLE]
there where they used to going.

290

00:15:59,900 --> 00:16:02,490

and I start to go to work.

291

00:16:02,490 --> 00:16:06,290

And I go to see my neighbor,
was only a house from me,

292
00:16:06,290 --> 00:16:07,850
to see if he's home.

293
00:16:07,850 --> 00:16:10,860
He never came home.

294
00:16:10,860 --> 00:16:13,240
They all got killed.

295
00:16:13,240 --> 00:16:15,470
All the officers.

296
00:16:15,470 --> 00:16:18,890
In those days, Stalin killed
about 60-70,000 Polish

297
00:16:18,890 --> 00:16:22,690
officers, police.

298
00:16:22,690 --> 00:16:25,040
That was in 1939.

299
00:16:25,040 --> 00:16:26,960
And these were the same
people on the train

300
00:16:26,960 --> 00:16:28,370
that you had been on?

301
00:16:28,370 --> 00:16:29,120
Yes.

302
00:16:29,120 --> 00:16:30,290
No, no, no.

303
00:16:30,290 --> 00:16:32,300
They chased me out.

304
00:16:32,300 --> 00:16:35,090
The other train what

I was went farther.

305

00:16:35,090 --> 00:16:37,370

I jumped from the
train in Baranovichi.

306

00:16:37,370 --> 00:16:38,630

They took the other--

307

00:16:38,630 --> 00:16:45,360

the train what took me
to go to Vilna, to Litva.

308

00:16:45,360 --> 00:16:46,160

Is far away.

309

00:16:46,160 --> 00:16:50,560

310

00:16:50,560 --> 00:16:51,670

And I came home.

311

00:16:51,670 --> 00:16:53,140

I was working.

312

00:16:53,140 --> 00:16:56,860

I got a job in a
restaurant, with a Russian.

313

00:16:56,860 --> 00:16:59,840

All my brothers was working.

314

00:16:59,840 --> 00:17:05,190

And we made a living, but it
was not, it was not a picnic.

315

00:17:05,190 --> 00:17:09,069

Every day, you have
to go to meetings.

316

00:17:09,069 --> 00:17:12,339

They're making the parades,

you have to go in the parade.

317

00:17:12,339 --> 00:17:15,700

If you don't go in the
parades, you get arrested.

318

00:17:15,700 --> 00:17:19,300

If you don't come to work
or you're late to work--

319

00:17:19,300 --> 00:17:22,750

you doesn't pick a job for
yourself in those days.

320

00:17:22,750 --> 00:17:24,589

I don't know what is now.

321

00:17:24,589 --> 00:17:27,990

They gave you a job to
work and you worked it.

322

00:17:27,990 --> 00:17:32,690

And they are telling you, that I
am the owner from this factory.

323

00:17:32,690 --> 00:17:34,720

I'm a partner in this factory.

324

00:17:34,720 --> 00:17:36,295

The Russian.

325

00:17:36,295 --> 00:17:37,420

They are educated officers.

326

00:17:37,420 --> 00:17:40,420

327

00:17:40,420 --> 00:17:43,930

We was living quiet as you
get used to them, you know.

328

00:17:43,930 --> 00:17:50,010

Till 1939, the German
attacked Russia.

329
00:17:50,010 --> 00:17:54,270
You mean 1941?

330
00:17:54,270 --> 00:17:57,654
Yeah, 1941.

331
00:17:57,654 --> 00:17:59,520
In 1941.

332
00:17:59,520 --> 00:18:03,310
From '39 til '41.

333
00:18:03,310 --> 00:18:05,810
June the 22nd.

334
00:18:05,810 --> 00:18:09,590
How were you treated by
the Russians as a Jew?

335
00:18:09,590 --> 00:18:11,450
Was there antisemitism?

336
00:18:11,450 --> 00:18:13,750
There was not, no.

337
00:18:13,750 --> 00:18:15,750
There was not anti-Semite.

338
00:18:15,750 --> 00:18:20,360
There was a lot of high
rank Jewish officers.

339
00:18:20,360 --> 00:18:23,405

340
00:18:23,405 --> 00:18:29,270
They came, they sent from Russia
and the effect, it was mixed,

341

00:18:29,270 --> 00:18:30,140

you know.

342

00:18:30,140 --> 00:18:32,210

What did your father
do during this time?

343

00:18:32,210 --> 00:18:33,550

You said he was a fisherman.

344

00:18:33,550 --> 00:18:34,460

Yeah.

345

00:18:34,460 --> 00:18:36,830

Did he continue to
work as a fisherman--

346

00:18:36,830 --> 00:18:37,490

Yes.

347

00:18:37,490 --> 00:18:38,650

-- under the Russians?

348

00:18:38,650 --> 00:18:39,490

Yes.

349

00:18:39,490 --> 00:18:41,900

But they took the control.

350

00:18:41,900 --> 00:18:45,880

Whatever they catch the
fish, they used to get wages.

351

00:18:45,880 --> 00:18:49,880

Were you allowed,
under the Russians,

352

00:18:49,880 --> 00:18:51,880

to practice your religion and--

353

00:18:51,880 --> 00:18:52,930

It was not allowed.

354
00:18:52,930 --> 00:18:53,630
--observed?

355
00:18:53,630 --> 00:18:56,000
--but you used to go.

356
00:18:56,000 --> 00:18:59,930
When I worked and the
Jewish holidays comes,

357
00:18:59,930 --> 00:19:05,060
I used to change with
the Polish to work

358
00:19:05,060 --> 00:19:07,150
for me for the Jewish holidays.

359
00:19:07,150 --> 00:19:08,570
And I worked for him.

360
00:19:08,570 --> 00:19:10,640
I took off for Christmas.

361
00:19:10,640 --> 00:19:12,570
I worked for him Christmas-time.

362
00:19:12,570 --> 00:19:15,130
There in the
Russia, the calendar

363
00:19:15,130 --> 00:19:17,070
is not like seven days.

364
00:19:17,070 --> 00:19:18,890
There are five days.

365
00:19:18,890 --> 00:19:24,120
Five days you work, and the
six days is [INAUDIBLE]..

366

00:19:24,120 --> 00:19:24,690

Holidays.

367

00:19:24,690 --> 00:19:29,550

Not a holiday like
you take a rest day.

368

00:19:29,550 --> 00:19:33,810

And you work, the Russian --

369

00:19:33,810 --> 00:19:37,982

The Russian people
get better, you know.

370

00:19:37,982 --> 00:19:40,950

When you work a couple day,
a couple years with them

371

00:19:40,950 --> 00:19:43,350

or a year you get
a week vacation.

372

00:19:43,350 --> 00:19:47,480

But what they told you all the
factories belongs to everybody.

373

00:19:47,480 --> 00:19:50,370

Work, work it, it's true
in that way you know?

374

00:19:50,370 --> 00:19:53,270

375

00:19:53,270 --> 00:19:54,860

That is the life.

376

00:19:54,860 --> 00:19:59,250

They was born
there under Stalin,

377

00:19:59,250 --> 00:20:02,770

and they have to

do what he says.

378

00:20:02,770 --> 00:20:07,300

He was the most butcher,
a dictator, in those days.

379

00:20:07,300 --> 00:20:09,820

380

00:20:09,820 --> 00:20:12,880

He killed the most intelligent
people from Russia,

381

00:20:12,880 --> 00:20:14,700

he killed them.

382

00:20:14,700 --> 00:20:16,700

You know.

383

00:20:16,700 --> 00:20:19,460

When Trotsky, he send him out.

384

00:20:19,460 --> 00:20:21,770

Or, he got a chance to go out.

385

00:20:21,770 --> 00:20:24,810

He came to Mexico.

386

00:20:24,810 --> 00:20:27,845

He sent somebody to kill him.

387

00:20:27,845 --> 00:20:30,920

And now that's his end.

388

00:20:30,920 --> 00:20:40,140

In 1941, June the 22nd,
people who went to sleep.

389

00:20:40,140 --> 00:20:45,230

It was on Saturday night
through Sunday morning,

390

00:20:45,230 --> 00:20:47,785

they bombed the city.

391

00:20:47,785 --> 00:20:49,410

You know, it was

something you woke up,

392

00:20:49,410 --> 00:20:52,806

you know, it was unexpected.

393

00:20:52,806 --> 00:20:57,100

The German is

already in the city.

394

00:20:57,100 --> 00:21:00,180

And we couldn't even

go out in the street.

395

00:21:00,180 --> 00:21:03,607

[INAUDIBLE] the phones

are you still when

396

00:21:03,607 --> 00:21:05,440

you had the German you

had the Polish people

397

00:21:05,440 --> 00:21:06,690

from the resistance, you know.

398

00:21:06,690 --> 00:21:13,020

399

00:21:13,020 --> 00:21:17,080

And it started very bad.

400

00:21:17,080 --> 00:21:20,320

All the stores was confiscated.

401

00:21:20,320 --> 00:21:23,800

Everything what you

have, they took away.

402

00:21:23,800 --> 00:21:26,380

They -- I told you before.

403

00:21:26,380 --> 00:21:31,510

After a couple of weeks, you
know, they made a registration.

404

00:21:31,510 --> 00:21:36,286

Everybody from 13 years
and over by the city hall

405

00:21:36,286 --> 00:21:38,120

go to register.

406

00:21:38,120 --> 00:21:43,380

If you don't go register,
they will shoot you.

407

00:21:43,380 --> 00:21:46,380

But we took a chance, you know.

408

00:21:46,380 --> 00:21:48,210

My two brothers, went there --

409

00:21:48,210 --> 00:21:51,970

married, they never came back.

410

00:21:51,970 --> 00:21:54,620

We still was four brothers
in the house with my sister

411

00:21:54,620 --> 00:21:55,120

and parents.

412

00:21:55,120 --> 00:21:58,810

413

00:21:58,810 --> 00:22:06,850

After a couple weeks,
they send out of town.

414

00:22:06,850 --> 00:22:08,720
Two, three miles.

415
00:22:08,720 --> 00:22:11,130
It was gentile people living.

416
00:22:11,130 --> 00:22:15,242
Very small houses, one
room and a kitchen.

417
00:22:15,242 --> 00:22:18,210
They send him out.

418
00:22:18,210 --> 00:22:19,550
They came in town.

419
00:22:19,550 --> 00:22:24,800
And we went from the
town to live there.

420
00:22:24,800 --> 00:22:29,120
In a one room and a kitchen
they put two or three families.

421
00:22:29,120 --> 00:22:32,950
It was eight of the
family, four children.

422
00:22:32,950 --> 00:22:36,340
Five children was
10, 12 children.

423
00:22:36,340 --> 00:22:37,810
One room, one kitchen.

424
00:22:37,810 --> 00:22:43,700

425
00:22:43,700 --> 00:22:45,580
They did this only to the Jews?

426
00:22:45,580 --> 00:22:46,560

Yeah.

427

00:22:46,560 --> 00:22:50,420

We went out, they
put us in a ghetto.

428

00:22:50,420 --> 00:22:54,085

They close the ghetto around
to let-- not electric.

429

00:22:54,085 --> 00:22:55,170

But --

430

00:22:55,170 --> 00:22:56,560

The wires.

431

00:22:56,560 --> 00:22:58,460

Barbed wire.

432

00:22:58,460 --> 00:23:03,712

And who was the guards there?

433

00:23:03,712 --> 00:23:06,780

They used to call them
Volksdeutsche He's

434

00:23:06,780 --> 00:23:08,240

a half Pole and a half Deutsch.

435

00:23:08,240 --> 00:23:09,740

He could speak German.

436

00:23:09,740 --> 00:23:12,545

They themselves went
to get the jobs.

437

00:23:12,545 --> 00:23:14,760

They used to watch us.

438

00:23:14,760 --> 00:23:18,350

When they need people to work,
they took us through the city.

439
00:23:18,350 --> 00:23:22,840
Like, you know,
there was warehouses

440
00:23:22,840 --> 00:23:25,910
where the Jewish people
had before from food.

441
00:23:25,910 --> 00:23:29,000
But they used to sell
to the smaller business.

442
00:23:29,000 --> 00:23:31,030
And we went with them.

443
00:23:31,030 --> 00:23:33,520
They bring us back.

444
00:23:33,520 --> 00:23:42,190
We was living like this,
you know from '41, '42,

445
00:23:42,190 --> 00:23:43,440
till November the 2nd.

446
00:23:43,440 --> 00:23:46,500

447
00:23:46,500 --> 00:23:51,150
Before that they gave
everybody prepared some food

448
00:23:51,150 --> 00:23:53,226
for the winter.

449
00:23:53,226 --> 00:23:57,750
Like vegetables, carrots,
potatoes, beets, all kind.

450
00:23:57,750 --> 00:24:00,680

451
00:24:00,680 --> 00:24:03,920
Everybody-- nobody
expected something quick.

452
00:24:03,920 --> 00:24:07,200
We stay here the winter.

453
00:24:07,200 --> 00:24:09,840
Meantime maybe the
war will be finished.

454
00:24:09,840 --> 00:24:12,550
Everybody was happy.

455
00:24:12,550 --> 00:24:15,270
After that everybody
got their food.

456
00:24:15,270 --> 00:24:16,230
Everybody was--

457
00:24:16,230 --> 00:24:18,870

458
00:24:18,870 --> 00:24:21,640
It was November the 2nd.

459
00:24:21,640 --> 00:24:24,460
They waked up everybody.

460
00:24:24,460 --> 00:24:29,250
Put the children,
women, the mothers--

461
00:24:29,250 --> 00:24:31,470
we don't know where
they're going.

462
00:24:31,470 --> 00:24:36,540
You couldn't take
anything with you.

463

00:24:36,540 --> 00:24:40,140

They was walking, it was maybe
4 o'clock in the morning.

464

00:24:40,140 --> 00:24:42,060

We went out, it was 6:00-7:00.

465

00:24:42,060 --> 00:24:44,560

We came there, it
was already dark.

466

00:24:44,560 --> 00:24:47,635

A lot of people
couldn't make it.

467

00:24:47,635 --> 00:24:48,630

I had some food.

468

00:24:48,630 --> 00:24:49,440

I throw it away.

469

00:24:49,440 --> 00:24:51,470

I couldn't carry this.

470

00:24:51,470 --> 00:24:55,830

When we came there,
it was concentration.

471

00:24:55,830 --> 00:24:59,060

Is still not far from
the city Grajewo.

472

00:24:59,060 --> 00:25:01,890

They called this,
[NON-ENGLISH SPEECH]..

473

00:25:01,890 --> 00:25:05,190

Between the German and Polish.

474

00:25:05,190 --> 00:25:08,640

When I came there was

more than 10,000 people.

475

00:25:08,640 --> 00:25:09,680

Same thing.

476

00:25:09,680 --> 00:25:11,640

They're most women and children.

477

00:25:11,640 --> 00:25:14,010

Not too many pay.

478

00:25:14,010 --> 00:25:16,200

There was already a Judenrat.

479

00:25:16,200 --> 00:25:20,040

We'd have to go register.

480

00:25:20,040 --> 00:25:22,290

Everybody register.

481

00:25:22,290 --> 00:25:25,740

There was no food to eat.

482

00:25:25,740 --> 00:25:34,460

When the horse died, they gave
their horse to the kitchen

483

00:25:34,460 --> 00:25:35,160

for meat.

484

00:25:35,160 --> 00:25:38,640

485

00:25:38,640 --> 00:25:39,720

They deliver potatoes.

486

00:25:39,720 --> 00:25:42,580

487

00:25:42,580 --> 00:25:46,501

Children, boys,

girls, 4-5 years,

488

00:25:46,501 --> 00:25:50,390

they went to grab a potato.

489

00:25:50,390 --> 00:25:52,210

A potato.

490

00:25:52,210 --> 00:25:56,372

SS men used to stay
and throw potatoes.

491

00:25:56,372 --> 00:25:58,520

The children would run
after to grab a potato.

492

00:25:58,520 --> 00:26:01,850

He used to stay with
the gun and shoot it.

493

00:26:01,850 --> 00:26:02,600

You saw this?

494

00:26:02,600 --> 00:26:03,390

Yeah.

495

00:26:03,390 --> 00:26:05,180

Yeah.

496

00:26:05,180 --> 00:26:05,680

Yes.

497

00:26:05,680 --> 00:26:08,690

498

00:26:08,690 --> 00:26:12,290

Everybody used to have
a card to get up however

499

00:26:12,290 --> 00:26:14,930

how big the family
to get some bread,

500
00:26:14,930 --> 00:26:18,290
you know, there was a store.

501
00:26:18,290 --> 00:26:19,610
And he opened a kitchen.

502
00:26:19,610 --> 00:26:22,160
Used to cook there
for the people.

503
00:26:22,160 --> 00:26:25,470
But every day, of
all those people.

504
00:26:25,470 --> 00:26:27,190
There was a lot of
doctors that said,

505
00:26:27,190 --> 00:26:31,760
with this food what we
live, we can't live long.

506
00:26:31,760 --> 00:26:34,660
Even if they don't
kill you, you will die.

507
00:26:34,660 --> 00:26:40,160
You know, according,
there was no fat, no milk.

508
00:26:40,160 --> 00:26:44,210
You know, everything was
made of soup of water

509
00:26:44,210 --> 00:26:49,480
and some piece of something
what they cook there.

510
00:26:49,480 --> 00:26:54,880
And there was a lot of problems.

511

00:26:54,880 --> 00:26:57,570
You don't know what will happen.

512
00:26:57,570 --> 00:27:02,660
Every day, 50 people are dead.

513
00:27:02,660 --> 00:27:06,040
The older people, they're
most older people.

514
00:27:06,040 --> 00:27:10,850
We made a big grave over time.

515
00:27:10,850 --> 00:27:12,440
It wasn't a separate.

516
00:27:12,440 --> 00:27:14,500
Everybody died.

517
00:27:14,500 --> 00:27:16,450
Put in the grave.

518
00:27:16,450 --> 00:27:19,300
Was it mostly from starvation
or was it a disease?

519
00:27:19,300 --> 00:27:22,270
You know, sickness, starvation.

520
00:27:22,270 --> 00:27:23,170
Typhus?

521
00:27:23,170 --> 00:27:24,770
Typhus.

522
00:27:24,770 --> 00:27:27,460
The doctor was no medicine.

523
00:27:27,460 --> 00:27:30,220
There was twelve doctors.

524

00:27:30,220 --> 00:27:32,140
They couldn't go out.

525
00:27:32,140 --> 00:27:34,870
The doctors were surprised.

526
00:27:34,870 --> 00:27:38,240
One doctor said to me, what
will happen, will happen.

527
00:27:38,240 --> 00:27:40,960
My father was a tailor.

528
00:27:40,960 --> 00:27:43,760
I used to help him
before I went to college.

529
00:27:43,760 --> 00:27:46,148
So whatever I do, I will
be a tailor or what work.

530
00:27:46,148 --> 00:27:47,440
But it didn't happen like this.

531
00:27:47,440 --> 00:27:50,070

532
00:27:50,070 --> 00:27:54,800
After a short time, you know,
they making registrations.

533
00:27:54,800 --> 00:27:58,525
Transporters go into work.

534
00:27:58,525 --> 00:28:00,830
About 6,000 people.

535
00:28:00,830 --> 00:28:03,110
Families.

536
00:28:03,110 --> 00:28:03,950
No husbands.

537
00:28:03,950 --> 00:28:07,240
A woman with children.

538
00:28:07,240 --> 00:28:09,560
They don't know what to do
to go on the first transport

539
00:28:09,560 --> 00:28:11,460
or the second.

540
00:28:11,460 --> 00:28:14,900
After the registration, me
and my brothers had went.

541
00:28:14,900 --> 00:28:17,760
My sister didn't went.

542
00:28:17,760 --> 00:28:22,370
The first transport It
was a lager, not lager,

543
00:28:22,370 --> 00:28:26,090
it was Treblinka.

544
00:28:26,090 --> 00:28:27,950
Treblinka.

545
00:28:27,950 --> 00:28:33,760
There, I don't know
how far was it from.

546
00:28:33,760 --> 00:28:36,890
Was still in Poland, I think.

547
00:28:36,890 --> 00:28:42,350
And there the people, they
didn't select people to work.

548
00:28:42,350 --> 00:28:46,540
When a transport came, I
said, dump him, you know.

549

00:28:46,540 --> 00:28:48,210

And they get killed.

550

00:28:48,210 --> 00:28:52,340

And I've had a couple hundred
Jewish people walk by this.

551

00:28:52,340 --> 00:29:01,040

They used to burn, burn
in the fire [INAUDIBLE]..

552

00:29:01,040 --> 00:29:03,860

Before this, you
know, that's happened.

553

00:29:03,860 --> 00:29:06,880

Before this, they took out you--

554

00:29:06,880 --> 00:29:10,130

a lot of people had
golden teeth in Europe.

555

00:29:10,130 --> 00:29:12,710

They took out the teeth.

556

00:29:12,710 --> 00:29:15,880

It was, they cut
a women the hair.

557

00:29:15,880 --> 00:29:19,230

What they did, I don't know.

558

00:29:19,230 --> 00:29:25,010

The second, that's the second
transport they left over,

559

00:29:25,010 --> 00:29:27,470

everybody goes.

560

00:29:27,470 --> 00:29:31,640

A lot of people was laying.

561
00:29:31,640 --> 00:29:33,200
Was no beds, you know.

562
00:29:33,200 --> 00:29:36,260
Just wake on the ground.

563
00:29:36,260 --> 00:29:37,150
Couldn't work.

564
00:29:37,150 --> 00:29:41,280
And this is people you left.

565
00:29:41,280 --> 00:29:47,580
And a daughter asked the
SS to shoot her father.

566
00:29:47,580 --> 00:29:48,270
He was sick.

567
00:29:48,270 --> 00:29:49,040
He couldn't talk.

568
00:29:49,040 --> 00:29:50,930
He didn't walk.

569
00:29:50,930 --> 00:29:53,870
Since she gave him something
to shoot him from far away.

570
00:29:53,870 --> 00:29:56,500
She couldn't-- she said it's
better if he will be dead,

571
00:29:56,500 --> 00:29:57,610
whatever they do.

572
00:29:57,610 --> 00:30:01,300
The second transport came.

573
00:30:01,300 --> 00:30:11,230

That was December, the
last week after Christmas.

574
00:30:11,230 --> 00:30:13,740

575
00:30:13,740 --> 00:30:18,500
And we you came in Auschwitz,
Birkenau Auschwitz.

576
00:30:18,500 --> 00:30:23,540

577
00:30:23,540 --> 00:30:27,190
For five-- 5,000 or 4,000.

578
00:30:27,190 --> 00:30:28,050
I didn't count.

579
00:30:28,050 --> 00:30:32,430
I don't know, but it
was packed every train.

580
00:30:32,430 --> 00:30:33,870
They stopped the train.

581
00:30:33,870 --> 00:30:35,820
Everybody goes out.

582
00:30:35,820 --> 00:30:41,560
We see the Gestapo
and says, wait,

583
00:30:41,560 --> 00:30:43,230
we don't know who's there.

584
00:30:43,230 --> 00:30:44,940
I said, what a lot of them.

585
00:30:44,940 --> 00:30:48,800
Big, big dogs.

586

00:30:48,800 --> 00:30:51,742

And there was a selection.

587

00:30:51,742 --> 00:30:55,910

They take one here, one
here, one here, one here.

588

00:30:55,910 --> 00:31:00,210

They took from my transport
what I came in Auschwitz

589

00:31:00,210 --> 00:31:04,210

about 200 boys men.

590

00:31:04,210 --> 00:31:05,920

Not only from my town.

591

00:31:05,920 --> 00:31:09,370

From all them, was mixed,
not only in the ghetto,

592

00:31:09,370 --> 00:31:14,060

in the concentration where
I was in Grajewo was not--

593

00:31:14,060 --> 00:31:18,040

all these people from every
town was mixed together.

594

00:31:18,040 --> 00:31:19,430

And we came there.

595

00:31:19,430 --> 00:31:25,870

They took out about 200 woman,
young, and about 200 men

596

00:31:25,870 --> 00:31:27,760

they had.

597

00:31:27,760 --> 00:31:31,115

The woman was separate,
the men were separate.

598
00:31:31,115 --> 00:31:36,010
The other peoples
they took on trucks.

599
00:31:36,010 --> 00:31:38,650
Families.

600
00:31:38,650 --> 00:31:43,530
And all the luggage
what you had was there.

601
00:31:43,530 --> 00:31:47,150
They said, when you'll be there.

602
00:31:47,150 --> 00:31:49,660
You'll get your luggage.

603
00:31:49,660 --> 00:31:51,473
In the house where
you'll be located.

604
00:31:51,473 --> 00:31:52,390
But it never happened.

605
00:31:52,390 --> 00:31:55,667

606
00:31:55,667 --> 00:31:56,500
They took them to --

607
00:31:56,500 --> 00:31:59,740

608
00:31:59,740 --> 00:32:03,540
It was not crematoriums
in those days.

609
00:32:03,540 --> 00:32:06,420
They kept them on the trains.

610

00:32:06,420 --> 00:32:07,350
It was a little house.

611
00:32:07,350 --> 00:32:10,300

612
00:32:10,300 --> 00:32:16,600
And they used to gas there
500-600, 400 at a time.

613
00:32:16,600 --> 00:32:21,110
An out-of-sight, out-of-sight,
deep in the ground was working.

614
00:32:21,110 --> 00:32:23,190
There was the crematorium.

615
00:32:23,190 --> 00:32:24,630
There was fire.

616
00:32:24,630 --> 00:32:27,600
And the dead bodies they
used to throw there.

617
00:32:27,600 --> 00:32:30,160
They used to burn them.

618
00:32:30,160 --> 00:32:39,460
The crematoriums they
start to build in 1943.

619
00:32:39,460 --> 00:32:43,302
Came specialists from
Germany, engineers.

620
00:32:43,302 --> 00:32:46,260
The bricks came from Germany.

621
00:32:46,260 --> 00:32:51,540
White, every brick
was the difference.

622

00:32:51,540 --> 00:32:56,470
1-S, 2-S, 3-S. 3-S
goes on the bottom

623
00:32:56,470 --> 00:32:58,680
from the crematorium
and the ovens.

624
00:32:58,680 --> 00:33:00,910
They keep the heat.

625
00:33:00,910 --> 00:33:03,880
The other one goes on the top.

626
00:33:03,880 --> 00:33:10,830
And on the trains
came with the bricks.

627
00:33:10,830 --> 00:33:11,780
I was there.

628
00:33:11,780 --> 00:33:13,340
I worked there.

629
00:33:13,340 --> 00:33:16,680
They took me and
another three people.

630
00:33:16,680 --> 00:33:17,460
Four.

631
00:33:17,460 --> 00:33:22,880
Take off 60,000 or
70,000 in a couple hours.

632
00:33:22,880 --> 00:33:29,230
If you couldn't walk so
fast, was a German, a couple,

633
00:33:29,230 --> 00:33:31,720
got killed.

634

00:33:31,720 --> 00:33:34,090

Oh, you don't get
a piece of bread.

635

00:33:34,090 --> 00:33:39,240

And they start in those
days, in 1943, start

636

00:33:39,240 --> 00:33:43,060

to build the crematoriums.

637

00:33:43,060 --> 00:33:44,660

And they was built
in a short time.

638

00:33:44,660 --> 00:33:49,790

When the crematoriums was
built, was three or four,

639

00:33:49,790 --> 00:33:51,920

I don't know exactly.

640

00:33:51,920 --> 00:33:54,440

Maybe it was four.

641

00:33:54,440 --> 00:33:57,730

The crematorium used
to work 24 hours.

642

00:33:57,730 --> 00:34:04,520

24,000 people was killed
in a day and night.

643

00:34:04,520 --> 00:34:07,190

And who was working there?

644

00:34:07,190 --> 00:34:08,929

Our people.

645

00:34:08,929 --> 00:34:12,409

A brother recognized his sister.

646

00:34:12,409 --> 00:34:13,920

He recognized his
father was there.

647

00:34:13,920 --> 00:34:18,120

648

00:34:18,120 --> 00:34:20,350

After, when he was--

649

00:34:20,350 --> 00:34:25,130

the crematoriums was so
big like this building.

650

00:34:25,130 --> 00:34:25,760

Was no windows.

651

00:34:25,760 --> 00:34:28,400

652

00:34:28,400 --> 00:34:29,075

Was no pipes.

653

00:34:29,075 --> 00:34:31,725

654

00:34:31,725 --> 00:34:36,219

When we -- when the people
came there, all the families,

655

00:34:36,219 --> 00:34:39,719

I said, you'll have
to take your bath.

656

00:34:39,719 --> 00:34:45,210

But the women, children, and
men, all together go inside.

657

00:34:45,210 --> 00:34:47,949

Where were your parents and the
other members of your family?

658

00:34:47,949 --> 00:34:48,449
What?

659
00:34:48,449 --> 00:34:51,449
Where were your parents and the
other members of your family?

660
00:34:51,449 --> 00:34:53,090
Were they in Auschwitz also?

661
00:34:53,090 --> 00:34:56,020
They took them in the trucks.

662
00:34:56,020 --> 00:34:57,960
My sister, the parents.

663
00:34:57,960 --> 00:35:00,040
They gassed them?

664
00:35:00,040 --> 00:35:06,840
Me and three brothers
was selected to work.

665
00:35:06,840 --> 00:35:08,750
So we came.

666
00:35:08,750 --> 00:35:13,920
In those days, it was not
too many blocks you know.

667
00:35:13,920 --> 00:35:17,390
And we was, we would
have to go to work.

668
00:35:17,390 --> 00:35:21,660
They took us together a shower.

669
00:35:21,660 --> 00:35:24,950
They took away all
the clothes from us.

670
00:35:24,950 --> 00:35:27,860

And they give us some clothes.

671

00:35:27,860 --> 00:35:31,460

Those what they gave
us was in stripes.

672

00:35:31,460 --> 00:35:34,846

And before them, you
know, they put a number,

673

00:35:34,846 --> 00:35:36,240

a big number on the--

674

00:35:36,240 --> 00:35:42,904

675

00:35:42,904 --> 00:35:43,870

Can you--

676

00:35:43,870 --> 00:35:44,510

85,719.

677

00:35:44,510 --> 00:35:46,490

Can you hold it up
a little bit, so--

678

00:35:46,490 --> 00:35:49,680

I don't know if we can
see it on the camera.

679

00:35:49,680 --> 00:35:50,900

Yeah.

680

00:35:50,900 --> 00:35:53,400

Raise, can you raise
your arm a little?

681

00:35:53,400 --> 00:35:54,280

Higher?

682

00:35:54,280 --> 00:35:54,780

Yeah.

683
00:35:54,780 --> 00:35:55,280
OK.

684
00:35:55,280 --> 00:35:56,340
I think we can see it.

685
00:35:56,340 --> 00:36:00,052
85,719.

686
00:36:00,052 --> 00:36:02,670
And three brothers after
me had the next numbers.

687
00:36:02,670 --> 00:36:06,630

688
00:36:06,630 --> 00:36:08,770
And your sister and parents?

689
00:36:08,770 --> 00:36:09,380
No.

690
00:36:09,380 --> 00:36:11,980
They went in crematorium.

691
00:36:11,980 --> 00:36:13,180
We didn't know.

692
00:36:13,180 --> 00:36:16,500
But later on, you
know, there was

693
00:36:16,500 --> 00:36:21,560
not-- when we came it was
only they go killed. with gas.

694
00:36:21,560 --> 00:36:27,420
Those crematoriums that they
built was tremendous, very big.

695

00:36:27,420 --> 00:36:34,770

Was a big door
from metal, steel.

696

00:36:34,770 --> 00:36:37,650

You opened the door, and
everybody-- they hit ,

697

00:36:37,650 --> 00:36:42,128

the dogs and the SS
and everybody told him,

698

00:36:42,128 --> 00:36:42,670

you're going.

699

00:36:42,670 --> 00:36:44,900

You'll take your shower.

700

00:36:44,900 --> 00:36:50,650

When they went in, 4,000
people, they closed the door.

701

00:36:50,650 --> 00:36:54,680

And there's no pipes, no water
was there to take a shower.

702

00:36:54,680 --> 00:37:00,256

Outside, outside on the
ground was little windows.

703

00:37:00,256 --> 00:37:02,530

The SS stays with the gas masks.

704

00:37:02,530 --> 00:37:09,760

A mask from If you open
the window, he throwed in,

705

00:37:09,760 --> 00:37:11,845

he opened up.

706

00:37:11,845 --> 00:37:12,470

A can with gas.

707

00:37:12,470 --> 00:37:16,040

708

00:37:16,040 --> 00:37:18,430

And he throwed in.

709

00:37:18,430 --> 00:37:20,028

4,000 people he throwed in.

710

00:37:20,028 --> 00:37:20,570

I don't know.

711

00:37:20,570 --> 00:37:23,710

Four or five or
six cans like this.

712

00:37:23,710 --> 00:37:28,210

And after 50 minutes,
everybody's dead.

713

00:37:28,210 --> 00:37:28,910

50 or 15?

714

00:37:28,910 --> 00:37:29,485

15.

715

00:37:29,485 --> 00:37:29,985

15.

716

00:37:29,985 --> 00:37:30,960

10-12 minutes.

717

00:37:30,960 --> 00:37:32,920

15 minutes.

718

00:37:32,920 --> 00:37:36,390

Sometimes the children
were still alive.

719

00:37:36,390 --> 00:37:38,360

Some children.

720
00:37:38,360 --> 00:37:42,560
And in those days when the
crematorium was built already,

721
00:37:42,560 --> 00:37:47,190
our people they didn't know
what kind of jobs they going.

722
00:37:47,190 --> 00:37:51,080
Even if they know, you
know, they couldn't help.

723
00:37:51,080 --> 00:37:55,980
They used to take the bodies
just like a conveyor put in.

724
00:37:55,980 --> 00:37:57,780
Body by body.

725
00:37:57,780 --> 00:37:59,580
They took out the teeth.

726
00:37:59,580 --> 00:38:02,500
It was a lot of people.

727
00:38:02,500 --> 00:38:06,420
They start to come from foreign
countries, Poland, Belgium,

728
00:38:06,420 --> 00:38:09,260
French, Greece.

729
00:38:09,260 --> 00:38:10,360
Except from Poland.

730
00:38:10,360 --> 00:38:11,980
Was not all from Poland.

731
00:38:11,980 --> 00:38:15,520
Over time was mixed people.

732

00:38:15,520 --> 00:38:16,800

They took out the teeth.

733

00:38:16,800 --> 00:38:21,630

It was when you took solid gold.

734

00:38:21,630 --> 00:38:25,730

A lot-- Holland and Belgium,
the people used to have--

735

00:38:25,730 --> 00:38:29,840

most of them, all
their mouth, all gold.

736

00:38:29,840 --> 00:38:33,410

And they took that's
was in crematorium.

737

00:38:33,410 --> 00:38:34,750

before they put you.

738

00:38:34,750 --> 00:38:39,064

After they was dead, you know.

739

00:38:39,064 --> 00:38:40,680

And they had gold.

740

00:38:40,680 --> 00:38:45,435

So gold was in the
English Goldschmidt.

741

00:38:45,435 --> 00:38:46,340

Our people.

742

00:38:46,340 --> 00:38:48,970

743

00:38:48,970 --> 00:38:50,730

Professional.

744

00:38:50,730 --> 00:38:54,340

They used from those
street cleaning,

745
00:38:54,340 --> 00:38:59,170
and they used to
make a kilogram gold.

746
00:38:59,170 --> 00:39:02,250
That was all for
those years, you know.

747
00:39:02,250 --> 00:39:06,240
And mean time they
cut their hair.

748
00:39:06,240 --> 00:39:10,890
And was going from
country to country.

749
00:39:10,890 --> 00:39:13,680
Like with me and my block.

750
00:39:13,680 --> 00:39:16,700
Where I was was 1,000 people.

751
00:39:16,700 --> 00:39:18,030
There was no bed.

752
00:39:18,030 --> 00:39:19,980
It was like plywood.

753
00:39:19,980 --> 00:39:24,291
10 people, maybe 5 foot.

754
00:39:24,291 --> 00:39:27,170
And 5 people sleep.

755
00:39:27,170 --> 00:39:29,310
My head on this side.

756
00:39:29,310 --> 00:39:33,690
The other 5 people, my feet

was in his mouth, and his feet

757

00:39:33,690 --> 00:39:34,680

he was in my mouth.

758

00:39:34,680 --> 00:39:39,810

We couldn't tell and it
was 10 people at night.

759

00:39:39,810 --> 00:39:41,900

If one turn, everybody.

760

00:39:41,900 --> 00:39:47,460

Your shoes and everything
have to stay in front of you.

761

00:39:47,460 --> 00:39:49,620

When we came with better
shoes, in the morning

762

00:39:49,620 --> 00:39:51,180

it was not there.

763

00:39:51,180 --> 00:39:53,350

The block-- that block
covered the kapos.

764

00:39:53,350 --> 00:39:55,780

They took him away.

765

00:39:55,780 --> 00:39:59,650

And the shoes what they used to
give us from the dead people,

766

00:39:59,650 --> 00:40:01,050

and one was not fit.

767

00:40:01,050 --> 00:40:04,350

It was too big and
my finger was frozen.

768

00:40:04,350 --> 00:40:06,770

The whole figure was
frozen on my feet.

769
00:40:06,770 --> 00:40:13,575

770
00:40:13,575 --> 00:40:17,340
And I was living
like this every day.

771
00:40:17,340 --> 00:40:21,210
Came summertime, all the
smoke the crematoriums

772
00:40:21,210 --> 00:40:27,660
was not far, maybe 500
feet from the people

773
00:40:27,660 --> 00:40:29,490
where I used to live.

774
00:40:29,490 --> 00:40:33,940
In those times already,
came people from all over.

775
00:40:33,940 --> 00:40:37,890
A frau lager, a camp for women.

776
00:40:37,890 --> 00:40:39,410
The children.

777
00:40:39,410 --> 00:40:44,600
like they came transport
from Czechoslovakia.

778
00:40:44,600 --> 00:40:47,320
They put-- they made a
kindergarten for the children

779
00:40:47,320 --> 00:40:48,420
of the teachers.

780

00:40:48,420 --> 00:40:51,190
They gave them better food.

781
00:40:51,190 --> 00:40:55,860
And it didn't last long.

782
00:40:55,860 --> 00:40:57,070
Later on, they took him.

783
00:40:57,070 --> 00:40:57,890
on Saturday night.

784
00:40:57,890 --> 00:41:00,460
They took him in the
trucks to the crematoriums.

785
00:41:00,460 --> 00:41:03,990
They liquidated for [INAUDIBLE].

786
00:41:03,990 --> 00:41:06,460
Where, with me,
it was some people

787
00:41:06,460 --> 00:41:10,483
was a few rabbis from Greece.

788
00:41:10,483 --> 00:41:11,525
They didn't speak Jewish.

789
00:41:11,525 --> 00:41:16,530
They speak some
Hebrew in Greece.

790
00:41:16,530 --> 00:41:17,700
They were Sephardic.

791
00:41:17,700 --> 00:41:18,920
Right.

792
00:41:18,920 --> 00:41:21,430
Beard.

793

00:41:21,430 --> 00:41:25,080

Then came to

Gestapo, he told them

794

00:41:25,080 --> 00:41:28,150

he couldn't see the difference.

795

00:41:28,150 --> 00:41:28,900

Who is a Jew?

796

00:41:28,900 --> 00:41:30,740

Who is a Greek?

797

00:41:30,740 --> 00:41:32,380

You know, you born there.

798

00:41:32,380 --> 00:41:34,060

Speak the same language.

799

00:41:34,060 --> 00:41:35,730

You look like them.

800

00:41:35,730 --> 00:41:37,730

And they was good people.

801

00:41:37,730 --> 00:41:40,780

802

00:41:40,780 --> 00:41:46,750

Then they told the

rabbis to write letters

803

00:41:46,750 --> 00:41:48,970

to the congregation.

804

00:41:48,970 --> 00:41:51,310

We walked in here.

805

00:41:51,310 --> 00:41:52,150

Everything is OK.

806

00:41:52,150 --> 00:41:54,520

Everybody is alive.

807

00:41:54,520 --> 00:41:59,570

And they send the letters
to Greek congregations.

808

00:41:59,570 --> 00:42:01,960

And later they came.

809

00:42:01,960 --> 00:42:04,090

He didn't hide you know.

810

00:42:04,090 --> 00:42:07,180

They took out all
the Jewish people.

811

00:42:07,180 --> 00:42:08,920

So he got killed.

812

00:42:08,920 --> 00:42:09,930

Not too many.

813

00:42:09,930 --> 00:42:13,520

Not to many after
the war was alive.

814

00:42:13,520 --> 00:42:17,220

They got people from Belgium.

815

00:42:17,220 --> 00:42:18,050

There was no water.

816

00:42:18,050 --> 00:42:20,990

817

00:42:20,990 --> 00:42:21,950

Used to give it--

818

00:42:21,950 --> 00:42:23,620

we used to get every--

819
00:42:23,620 --> 00:42:27,750
when you came from work in the
evening, a little black water,

820
00:42:27,750 --> 00:42:30,260
white coffee.

821
00:42:30,260 --> 00:42:33,260
And if he had a piece
of bread, he exchanged.

822
00:42:33,260 --> 00:42:35,980
Could give you the piece
of bread to give him.

823
00:42:35,980 --> 00:42:37,340
He didn't last too long.

824
00:42:37,340 --> 00:42:40,800
He was not born in a
country like Poland.

825
00:42:40,800 --> 00:42:43,670
He was used to the cold weather.

826
00:42:43,670 --> 00:42:46,340
In Poland, the winter start
in November, December.

827
00:42:46,340 --> 00:42:49,010
Stays still the way it is.

828
00:42:49,010 --> 00:42:52,980
Six months, nobody
cleans the snow.

829
00:42:52,980 --> 00:42:57,470
The legs, the eyes,
get a couple feet deep.

830
00:42:57,470 --> 00:42:59,780

You know, everything is frozen.

831

00:42:59,780 --> 00:43:02,480

The Polish people was
used to the weather.

832

00:43:02,480 --> 00:43:06,380

From other countries, they
was not used to the weather.

833

00:43:06,380 --> 00:43:06,980

These people.

834

00:43:06,980 --> 00:43:08,980

They don't have winter, I think.

835

00:43:08,980 --> 00:43:12,250

I know that is.

836

00:43:12,250 --> 00:43:16,590

And that's what's going
and going you know .

837

00:43:16,590 --> 00:43:19,050

Every time comes a
transport from Poland,

838

00:43:19,050 --> 00:43:23,370

comes a transport from
Warsaw, comes a transport from

839

00:43:23,370 --> 00:43:26,910

Litzmannstadt, Å Å³dÅ°
A big, big town,

840

00:43:26,910 --> 00:43:30,840

maybe half a million
Jewish people.

841

00:43:30,840 --> 00:43:35,440

They made a-- a Judenrat.

842

00:43:35,440 --> 00:43:37,750

They made their
own money for them

843

00:43:37,750 --> 00:43:42,135

to buy in the stores for
the food for the German.

844

00:43:42,135 --> 00:43:46,960

The president--
it was Rumkowski.

845

00:43:46,960 --> 00:43:49,030

Rumkowski.

846

00:43:49,030 --> 00:43:52,090

They made songs about him.

847

00:43:52,090 --> 00:43:55,870

You can satisfy it, you
couldn't satisfy it yourself.

848

00:43:55,870 --> 00:43:59,410

The German wants something,
you have to give it.

849

00:43:59,410 --> 00:44:02,950

He asked 10,000 people,
you'll have to give it.

850

00:44:02,950 --> 00:44:05,746

Since some people
used to come to--

851

00:44:05,746 --> 00:44:07,540

used to say he was not bad.

852

00:44:07,540 --> 00:44:09,320

Other people said,
no, he was very bad.

853

00:44:09,320 --> 00:44:11,930

854
00:44:11,930 --> 00:44:16,330
They order the liquidation
from Litzmannstadt.

855
00:44:16,330 --> 00:44:19,530
On the last transport, he came.

856
00:44:19,530 --> 00:44:24,850
And the Gestapo what he used to,
used to give him all the gold

857
00:44:24,850 --> 00:44:30,250
and diamonds from
the people, you know.

858
00:44:30,250 --> 00:44:31,810
He would do this.

859
00:44:31,810 --> 00:44:35,650
When he took everything
away, he never see him again.

860
00:44:35,650 --> 00:44:40,480

861
00:44:40,480 --> 00:44:44,310
From the Judenrat
Rumkowski, family and friend

862
00:44:44,310 --> 00:44:49,400
came with a letter in Auschwitz.

863
00:44:49,400 --> 00:44:51,620
And he told him,
don't open the letter.

864
00:44:51,620 --> 00:44:55,510
Give the letter to
one of the Gestapo.

865
00:44:55,510 --> 00:45:00,463

And he will take you in a good place to work or whatever.

866
00:45:00,463 --> 00:45:02,630
He will take care on this,
and that's what happened.

867
00:45:02,630 --> 00:45:04,090
They took him over on the --

868
00:45:04,090 --> 00:45:04,890
separately.

869
00:45:04,890 --> 00:45:06,960
Only 40 or 50
people on the truck

870
00:45:06,960 --> 00:45:09,590
and took him to
give [INAUDIBLE]..

871
00:45:09,590 --> 00:45:11,720
So he got killed.

872
00:45:11,720 --> 00:45:16,690
They don't want it,
to know what happened.

873
00:45:16,690 --> 00:45:18,960
They took away
everything what he had.

874
00:45:18,960 --> 00:45:22,190

875
00:45:22,190 --> 00:45:25,350
Everything.

876
00:45:25,350 --> 00:45:29,930
Every couple weeks, they took
away the clothes from you.

877

00:45:29,930 --> 00:45:31,140
And they give you new ones.

878
00:45:31,140 --> 00:45:34,110
You went to take a
shower in one place.

879
00:45:34,110 --> 00:45:39,018
You go out naked in a different
building to get dressed.

880
00:45:39,018 --> 00:45:39,810
With other clothes.

881
00:45:39,810 --> 00:45:44,900

882
00:45:44,900 --> 00:45:51,700
I was there and it was
summertime I think.

883
00:45:51,700 --> 00:45:53,430
There was a registration.

884
00:45:53,430 --> 00:45:56,690
So they picked me up
to go in another place.

885
00:45:56,690 --> 00:45:59,360
I don't know where I'm going.

886
00:45:59,360 --> 00:46:00,590
I had a good friend.

887
00:46:00,590 --> 00:46:03,970
He died last year, a
doctor, Dr. [? Waldman. ?]

888
00:46:03,970 --> 00:46:07,550
He was with me in all
the concentration camps.

889

00:46:07,550 --> 00:46:12,520
And I went to him and I say,
maybe you could leave me here.

890
00:46:12,520 --> 00:46:15,490
He said, Charlie.

891
00:46:15,490 --> 00:46:19,430
My name was Henry in German.

892
00:46:19,430 --> 00:46:22,992
He say, you go.

893
00:46:22,992 --> 00:46:24,200
What will happen will happen.

894
00:46:24,200 --> 00:46:27,610
We don't know where we will go.

895
00:46:27,610 --> 00:46:32,780
And there was, they
took maybe 500 people.

896
00:46:32,780 --> 00:46:38,900
But I was born in Poland
and this transport there

897
00:46:38,900 --> 00:46:41,996
was the destruction from
the ghetto in Warsaw.

898
00:46:41,996 --> 00:46:47,720
They took maybe a 1,000 or
500 people to work there.

899
00:46:47,720 --> 00:46:49,408
To clean up the ghettos.

900
00:46:49,408 --> 00:46:50,450
Its was everything bombs.

901
00:46:50,450 --> 00:46:51,960

And all the buildings
was on fire.

902
00:46:51,960 --> 00:46:54,830

903
00:46:54,830 --> 00:46:57,210
They didn't take all the
people was born in Poland.

904
00:46:57,210 --> 00:47:00,230
They didn't took me.

905
00:47:00,230 --> 00:47:02,790
They said I can't go.

906
00:47:02,790 --> 00:47:03,850
And I didn't went.

907
00:47:03,850 --> 00:47:06,160
They took people
from other countries

908
00:47:06,160 --> 00:47:09,310
because they can't
speak the language.

909
00:47:09,310 --> 00:47:12,910
If people was they speak
Polish, they didn't take it.

910
00:47:12,910 --> 00:47:20,900
And I was till December.

911
00:47:20,900 --> 00:47:26,420
January 19 45 I
was in Auschwitz.

912
00:47:26,420 --> 00:47:29,080
Did you have any
work to do there?

913

00:47:29,080 --> 00:47:31,455
Did they-- did they put on
you forced labor, or did you--

914
00:47:31,455 --> 00:47:33,270
It was not-- it was
not production work.

915
00:47:33,270 --> 00:47:37,350
They used to take you only out
like 5 o'clock in the morning

916
00:47:37,350 --> 00:47:39,020
and wake up.

917
00:47:39,020 --> 00:47:39,740
You go out.

918
00:47:39,740 --> 00:47:41,900
Everybody's stay in line.

919
00:47:41,900 --> 00:47:49,430
And the block the block over,
he report to the Gestapo SS man,

920
00:47:49,430 --> 00:47:50,180
everybody's here.

921
00:47:50,180 --> 00:47:52,370
No, somebody is missing.

922
00:47:52,370 --> 00:47:54,650
Somebody is missing,
they look for him.

923
00:47:54,650 --> 00:47:58,180
If he hides they hang you.

924
00:47:58,180 --> 00:48:00,990
sometime somebody didn't
went out or he was sick you

925

00:48:00,990 --> 00:48:04,390
couldn't go out, they call
this, [INAUDIBLE] couldn't you

926
00:48:04,390 --> 00:48:06,700
in the military,
you have to ever--

927
00:48:06,700 --> 00:48:09,960
they count the people, how
many soldiers you have.

928
00:48:09,960 --> 00:48:15,150
In every block was 1500, 1200.

929
00:48:15,150 --> 00:48:18,840
Depends how the people are.

930
00:48:18,840 --> 00:48:23,170
And they took us a couple
miles away, five miles,

931
00:48:23,170 --> 00:48:27,610
10 miles from the camp from
Auschwitz for other works,

932
00:48:27,610 --> 00:48:29,500
but there was nothing to do.

933
00:48:29,500 --> 00:48:33,370
We used to dig
[INAUDIBLE] graves.

934
00:48:33,370 --> 00:48:34,910
The next day, we covered it.

935
00:48:34,910 --> 00:48:38,010
Only to keep the people out.

936
00:48:38,010 --> 00:48:40,030
You know there was
no production work.

937

00:48:40,030 --> 00:48:42,600

Was no factories.

938

00:48:42,600 --> 00:48:46,870

Later on, in 1944, they
was looking for people

939

00:48:46,870 --> 00:48:49,570

to send to Germany
in the factories.

940

00:48:49,570 --> 00:48:51,310

Was nobody alive.

941

00:48:51,310 --> 00:48:52,000

Was no people.

942

00:48:52,000 --> 00:48:54,640

Was everybody was not
good enough for well--

943

00:48:54,640 --> 00:48:58,430

everybody was weak already.

944

00:48:58,430 --> 00:49:00,440

And that's what happened.

945

00:49:00,440 --> 00:49:04,810

And they was looking for people
to work in the German factory.

946

00:49:04,810 --> 00:49:06,190

There was no people.

947

00:49:06,190 --> 00:49:07,180

Was always sick people.

948

00:49:07,180 --> 00:49:13,540

949

00:49:13,540 --> 00:49:16,710

January 18.

950

00:49:16,710 --> 00:49:19,545

The Russian army,
the American army,

951

00:49:19,545 --> 00:49:21,300

they occupied Poland already.

952

00:49:21,300 --> 00:49:25,470

They chased the German
army closer to closer.

953

00:49:25,470 --> 00:49:27,050

There was no room
for them to run.

954

00:49:27,050 --> 00:49:31,110

They start to bomb the cities.

955

00:49:31,110 --> 00:49:34,250

We don't know what's going on.

956

00:49:34,250 --> 00:49:39,880

There was-- everybody
was up, you know.

957

00:49:39,880 --> 00:49:47,680

[INAUDIBLE] when
you start to work.

958

00:49:47,680 --> 00:49:49,920

They took us on trains.

959

00:49:49,920 --> 00:49:51,675

The train goes 5, 10 miles.

960

00:49:51,675 --> 00:49:53,250

It can't go farther.

961

00:49:53,250 --> 00:49:57,100

The train is broken.

962
00:49:57,100 --> 00:49:58,930
It's bombed.

963
00:49:58,930 --> 00:50:03,430
They took us to work in
the snow in December.

964
00:50:03,430 --> 00:50:05,120
That was in January.

965
00:50:05,120 --> 00:50:06,300
The snow was up to here.

966
00:50:06,300 --> 00:50:08,980

967
00:50:08,980 --> 00:50:11,200
A lot of people couldn't work.

968
00:50:11,200 --> 00:50:13,840
You shoot him.

969
00:50:13,840 --> 00:50:15,800
Assessments stopped.

970
00:50:15,800 --> 00:50:16,660
Couldn't work?

971
00:50:16,660 --> 00:50:20,160
They put him on a slide and just
work in a wagon with horses,

972
00:50:20,160 --> 00:50:21,160
you know, winter.

973
00:50:21,160 --> 00:50:26,220

974
00:50:26,220 --> 00:50:31,410
After a couple of days,

night times they took us.

975

00:50:31,410 --> 00:50:32,600

There was no place to go.

976

00:50:32,600 --> 00:50:34,840

They took us, it was
like by the farmers.

977

00:50:34,840 --> 00:50:38,458

978

00:50:38,458 --> 00:50:39,125

But the farmers.

979

00:50:39,125 --> 00:50:42,830

980

00:50:42,830 --> 00:50:46,340

That was allotted
for the horses.

981

00:50:46,340 --> 00:50:48,670

Hay or straws you know.

982

00:50:48,670 --> 00:50:50,920

In the morning when
they wake you up,

983

00:50:50,920 --> 00:50:54,250

the SS goes in sticks all over.

984

00:50:54,250 --> 00:50:56,710

Somebody is not under.

985

00:50:56,710 --> 00:50:58,340

Hide.

986

00:50:58,340 --> 00:51:01,740

Sometimes was somebody
was hiding there.

987

00:51:01,740 --> 00:51:04,760

Maybe he wants to run away.

988

00:51:04,760 --> 00:51:08,840

They did bargain
it on the rifles.

989

00:51:08,840 --> 00:51:13,906

They stick their sticks
to open up and find him.

990

00:51:13,906 --> 00:51:16,505

They killed him.

991

00:51:16,505 --> 00:51:17,630

And that's what's happened.

992

00:51:17,630 --> 00:51:20,572

It was going till happen.

993

00:51:20,572 --> 00:51:22,280

Then we came to first
place where we came

994

00:51:22,280 --> 00:51:26,810

to a very concentration camp.

995

00:51:26,810 --> 00:51:29,530

Gross-Rosen.

996

00:51:29,530 --> 00:51:37,060

There, the camp was like couple
hundred feet in the ground.

997

00:51:37,060 --> 00:51:42,950

And all around it was electric
wires, higher and higher.

998

00:51:42,950 --> 00:51:45,380

There was thousands of peoples.

999

00:51:45,380 --> 00:51:46,780
This was an underground camp?

1000
00:51:46,780 --> 00:51:51,250
It was it-- not underground,
but a couple hundred feet deep.

1001
00:51:51,250 --> 00:51:53,450
You know, inside.

1002
00:51:53,450 --> 00:51:56,790
It was big, like mountain.

1003
00:51:56,790 --> 00:51:58,330
The camp was very low.

1004
00:51:58,330 --> 00:52:03,380
You couldn't run away from
there or you couldn't--

1005
00:52:03,380 --> 00:52:08,650
it was-- even in Auschwitz,
when somebody ran away,

1006
00:52:08,650 --> 00:52:12,280
not even a Jew, there
was no place to run.

1007
00:52:12,280 --> 00:52:14,890
Every 10 miles,
was so many camps.

1008
00:52:14,890 --> 00:52:17,580

1009
00:52:17,580 --> 00:52:20,790
Wherever you ran, you
come to another camp.

1010
00:52:20,790 --> 00:52:23,710
Again into German.

1011

00:52:23,710 --> 00:52:26,610
One from Czechoslovakia
ran away.

1012
00:52:26,610 --> 00:52:30,690
They caught him in
Germany in a town.

1013
00:52:30,690 --> 00:52:32,940
They say, bring him
back, and they hang him.

1014
00:52:32,940 --> 00:52:36,450
Never-- all the people,
20,000 people, went out

1015
00:52:36,450 --> 00:52:40,670
and we was watching
while he was hanged.

1016
00:52:40,670 --> 00:52:42,730
To show for the
people to don't run.

1017
00:52:42,730 --> 00:52:46,485

1018
00:52:46,485 --> 00:52:47,360
That's what happened.

1019
00:52:47,360 --> 00:52:50,190

1020
00:52:50,190 --> 00:52:52,620
It was such a things you know.

1021
00:52:52,620 --> 00:52:57,730
The words that I came from the
American, American officers.

1022
00:52:57,730 --> 00:52:59,020
Like pilots what they took in.

1023

00:52:59,020 --> 00:53:02,590

1024

00:53:02,590 --> 00:53:05,920

Some of them got killed, too.

1025

00:53:05,920 --> 00:53:07,690

You know.

1026

00:53:07,690 --> 00:53:12,770

They didn't have the same
privileges like a war prisoner.

1027

00:53:12,770 --> 00:53:17,720

We used to see--

1028

00:53:17,720 --> 00:53:19,920

across the street it was a camp.

1029

00:53:19,920 --> 00:53:27,520

Was it-- they came for the
Gypsies from Germany, gypsies.

1030

00:53:27,520 --> 00:53:30,240

In 1943.

1031

00:53:30,240 --> 00:53:35,610

Thousands of gypsies
but intelligent people.

1032

00:53:35,610 --> 00:53:38,410

Dressed nice.

1033

00:53:38,410 --> 00:53:41,590

Whole families.

1034

00:53:41,590 --> 00:53:44,640

They speak the same language.

1035

00:53:44,640 --> 00:53:45,980

What happened?

1036
00:53:45,980 --> 00:53:49,820
The husbands, some of them
are in the German army.

1037
00:53:49,820 --> 00:53:52,765
After a couple weeks, they
took him out from the army,

1038
00:53:52,765 --> 00:53:57,250
say bring him to
Auschwitz to the families.

1039
00:53:57,250 --> 00:53:59,050
Even they made for him.

1040
00:53:59,050 --> 00:54:02,540
For those people, they
had like a casino.

1041
00:54:02,540 --> 00:54:05,170
Like a little [INAUDIBLE] vines.

1042
00:54:05,170 --> 00:54:10,360
It was like white coffee
to sell when they keep him.

1043
00:54:10,360 --> 00:54:13,190
But he didn't last long.

1044
00:54:13,190 --> 00:54:13,720
Same thing.

1045
00:54:13,720 --> 00:54:14,983
They took them in the trucks.

1046
00:54:14,983 --> 00:54:16,400
They killed them
in the thousands.

1047
00:54:16,400 --> 00:54:17,620
All of them.

1048
00:54:17,620 --> 00:54:19,145
Who was there got killed.

1049
00:54:19,145 --> 00:54:19,645
Families.

1050
00:54:19,645 --> 00:54:22,700

1051
00:54:22,700 --> 00:54:26,480
They took out officers
from their army.

1052
00:54:26,480 --> 00:54:27,670
And they bring there.

1053
00:54:27,670 --> 00:54:28,940
They killed him.

1054
00:54:28,940 --> 00:54:32,640

1055
00:54:32,640 --> 00:54:34,560
That's happened.

1056
00:54:34,560 --> 00:54:37,950
Not only 6 million
people they killed.

1057
00:54:37,950 --> 00:54:42,366
They killed another millions
of people, innocent people.

1058
00:54:42,366 --> 00:54:43,260
They got killed.

1059
00:54:43,260 --> 00:54:48,070

1060
00:54:48,070 --> 00:54:49,920

Later from
Gross-Rosen there was,

1061
00:54:49,920 --> 00:54:55,670
I think, too short all the
Russian army or the American.

1062
00:54:55,670 --> 00:54:59,270
They took us from
there on a train.

1063
00:54:59,270 --> 00:55:02,020
We came in Buchenwald.

1064
00:55:02,020 --> 00:55:03,190
I don't know I was there.

1065
00:55:03,190 --> 00:55:05,070
How long were you
in Gross-Rosen?

1066
00:55:05,070 --> 00:55:06,920
A couple weeks.

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00:55:06,920 --> 00:55:07,690
Not too long.

1068
00:55:07,690 --> 00:55:09,520
And your brothers?

1069
00:55:09,520 --> 00:55:11,980
My brothers was dead already.

1070
00:55:11,980 --> 00:55:14,100
I didn't see him.

1071
00:55:14,100 --> 00:55:17,920
One of my brothers got sick.

1072
00:55:17,920 --> 00:55:23,380
When they came from work, they
took him to the crematorium.

1073
00:55:23,380 --> 00:55:27,480
One brother had an operation
on a finger, an infection.

1074
00:55:27,480 --> 00:55:30,500
And a doctor operate for him.

1075
00:55:30,500 --> 00:55:33,410
That was in Boguszyń in
the concentration camp.

1076
00:55:33,410 --> 00:55:34,050
That was early.

1077
00:55:34,050 --> 00:55:36,347
He still was fresh.

1078
00:55:36,347 --> 00:55:37,180
They picked him out.

1079
00:55:37,180 --> 00:55:38,800
They took him to --

1080
00:55:38,800 --> 00:55:40,250
I was with them a
couple of weeks.

1081
00:55:40,250 --> 00:55:42,170
That's all.

1082
00:55:42,170 --> 00:55:45,150
So at this time, you
were totally on your own.

1083
00:55:45,150 --> 00:55:49,540
For my town before
they killed a thousand

1084
00:55:49,540 --> 00:55:56,320
men, after the war for
my town, from all over,

1085
00:55:56,320 --> 00:56:02,620
I think it was two or three
men went out and one girl.

1086
00:56:02,620 --> 00:56:03,310
For my town.

1087
00:56:03,310 --> 00:56:05,840

1088
00:56:05,840 --> 00:56:07,630
They were the total survivors.

1089
00:56:07,630 --> 00:56:08,420
Right.

1090
00:56:08,420 --> 00:56:10,460
You were one of the three?

1091
00:56:10,460 --> 00:56:14,210
That's right for my town.

1092
00:56:14,210 --> 00:56:15,860
You know.

1093
00:56:15,860 --> 00:56:23,330
I was sick in 1943.

1094
00:56:23,330 --> 00:56:23,900
I got typhus.

1095
00:56:23,900 --> 00:56:27,290

1096
00:56:27,290 --> 00:56:32,780
My friend who was Dr. Waldman,
he came after the war.

1097
00:56:32,780 --> 00:56:34,310
He was the United States.

1098
00:56:34,310 --> 00:56:37,680
[INAUDIBLE] He was a surgeon.

1099
00:56:37,680 --> 00:56:40,312
Out here, he was a practitioner.

1100
00:56:40,312 --> 00:56:42,470
He didn't want to
go back to college.

1101
00:56:42,470 --> 00:56:44,010
He was a very good doctor.

1102
00:56:44,010 --> 00:56:47,030
They didn't-- a
doctor in Auschwitz,

1103
00:56:47,030 --> 00:56:48,450
you couldn't say doctor.

1104
00:56:48,450 --> 00:56:52,090
He was a pfleger, like a nurse.

1105
00:56:52,090 --> 00:56:55,070
But the German doctors
used to take lessons

1106
00:56:55,070 --> 00:56:58,160
from them, surgery.

1107
00:56:58,160 --> 00:56:59,310
Take on bodies.

1108
00:56:59,310 --> 00:57:02,180

1109
00:57:02,180 --> 00:57:06,010
They so used to say
[NON-ENGLISH] a Jew to be

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00:57:06,010 --> 00:57:07,770
a doctor.

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00:57:07,770 --> 00:57:12,600
For a Jew to be a doctor, it
couldn't happen, you know?

1112
00:57:12,600 --> 00:57:14,680
And they killed the
intelligent people.

1113
00:57:14,680 --> 00:57:16,840
They killed the working people.

1114
00:57:16,840 --> 00:57:20,893
They killed all innocent people
only because you're a Jew.

1115
00:57:20,893 --> 00:57:23,310
Mr. Levine, we're going to
have to stop for a few minutes.

1116
00:57:23,310 --> 00:57:23,810
Yeah.

1117
00:57:23,810 --> 00:57:27,480
And we'll continue in a moment.

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00:57:27,480 --> 00:57:33,000