

1
00:00:00,000 --> 00:00:09,660

2
00:00:09,660 --> 00:00:11,600
Continue, please.

3
00:00:11,600 --> 00:00:15,480
So, continuing to the
life with my family

4
00:00:15,480 --> 00:00:20,600
at a time, of course,
as I said before,

5
00:00:20,600 --> 00:00:26,610
I tried to get my sister
to go to Germany for work.

6
00:00:26,610 --> 00:00:28,280
And I couldn't get her.

7
00:00:28,280 --> 00:00:33,110
Couldn't get a birth certificate
that she is not Jewish

8
00:00:33,110 --> 00:00:35,210
in order to get her to work.

9
00:00:35,210 --> 00:00:37,370
And it was a hard
thing to do, and it

10
00:00:37,370 --> 00:00:40,120
was one of the lifesavers.

11
00:00:40,120 --> 00:00:41,610
Quite a few girls went.

12
00:00:41,610 --> 00:00:44,140
And they are now
in Israel living.

13

00:00:44,140 --> 00:00:47,010

And then they came
back after the war.

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00:00:47,010 --> 00:00:49,010

You started to tell us
about a story of a family

15

00:00:49,010 --> 00:00:51,200

that you met that you
came upon when you

16

00:00:51,200 --> 00:00:52,960

were in hiding or something?

17

00:00:52,960 --> 00:00:55,430

Yeah.

18

00:00:55,430 --> 00:00:56,000

Hiding?

19

00:00:56,000 --> 00:01:00,920

Hiding was a, at
that time, one of

20

00:01:00,920 --> 00:01:07,700

the important, temporary things,
what happened in the ghettos.

21

00:01:07,700 --> 00:01:12,860

Because, when the shooting were
going on, or they surrounded,

22

00:01:12,860 --> 00:01:16,790

let's say, a part of the
ghetto and loaded them trucks

23

00:01:16,790 --> 00:01:20,870

straight to Auschwitz, and if
you had the hiding place where

24

00:01:20,870 --> 00:01:23,060
nobody knew-- of course,
it had to be secret

25
00:01:23,060 --> 00:01:25,210
because, as I said
before, people

26
00:01:25,210 --> 00:01:29,060
when they knew that there is,
in this house, a hiding place,

27
00:01:29,060 --> 00:01:31,850
you had 40 people coming when
this hiding place could only

28
00:01:31,850 --> 00:01:33,530
take five or ten.

29
00:01:33,530 --> 00:01:36,305
And that's how you had
to make it in secret.

30
00:01:36,305 --> 00:01:39,770
And so people were
hiding out, temporarily.

31
00:01:39,770 --> 00:01:43,490
But, later on, when the
ghettos were cleared,

32
00:01:43,490 --> 00:01:47,870
the Germans had already found
out about the hiding place.

33
00:01:47,870 --> 00:01:50,330
They could measure a house.

34
00:01:50,330 --> 00:01:52,890
A brick house, let's
say they measured.

35
00:01:52,890 --> 00:01:56,757

It had 40 feet the front.

36
00:01:56,757 --> 00:01:58,340
And they went in
through the basement,

37
00:01:58,340 --> 00:02:03,290
and they saw it's only 30
feet, the width of that house.

38
00:02:03,290 --> 00:02:05,300
So they know that there
was another wall there.

39
00:02:05,300 --> 00:02:10,669
And people did build other walls
in the basements, double walls,

40
00:02:10,669 --> 00:02:13,250
to sleep in, temporarily.

41
00:02:13,250 --> 00:02:15,010
And they found out.

42
00:02:15,010 --> 00:02:18,303
They threw a grenade through a
little window, and that's it.

43
00:02:18,303 --> 00:02:19,970
And that's how they
destroyed the house,

44
00:02:19,970 --> 00:02:21,990
and the people were there.

45
00:02:21,990 --> 00:02:23,240
And this was how it was going.

46
00:02:23,240 --> 00:02:26,540
Now, I would like to continue--

47
00:02:26,540 --> 00:02:27,680

I had a grandmother.

48

00:02:27,680 --> 00:02:31,130

Of course, she was
over 80 years old.

49

00:02:31,130 --> 00:02:37,220

And when this town where we
were living, RadomyÅ Wielki,

50

00:02:37,220 --> 00:02:42,770

was cleared of Jews, and
we knew a night before,

51

00:02:42,770 --> 00:02:48,290

I took my whole family and went
out into the forest there with

52

00:02:48,290 --> 00:02:49,890

the family.

53

00:02:49,890 --> 00:02:51,980

And my grandmother
couldn't walk.

54

00:02:51,980 --> 00:02:53,020

She couldn't go.

55

00:02:53,020 --> 00:02:56,690

So next thought was where
nuns were living, nuns.

56

00:02:56,690 --> 00:02:59,620

They have their house.

57

00:02:59,620 --> 00:03:04,220

And I went in there-- we were
very acquainted with them--

58

00:03:04,220 --> 00:03:08,840

and asked them to let my
grandmother sleep overnight.

59

00:03:08,840 --> 00:03:12,120

And, tomorrow, the ghetto
might still continue--

60

00:03:12,120 --> 00:03:13,070

part of the ghetto.

61

00:03:13,070 --> 00:03:15,440

She will go out, and
we'll be [INAUDIBLE]..

62

00:03:15,440 --> 00:03:16,460

And so they did.

63

00:03:16,460 --> 00:03:19,900

I took a mattress, and I put
it in the basement there.

64

00:03:19,900 --> 00:03:22,140

And she was staying
there overnight.

65

00:03:22,140 --> 00:03:25,250

And, the next day,
the ghetto was

66

00:03:25,250 --> 00:03:29,370

called in German
Judenfrei, free of Jews.

67

00:03:29,370 --> 00:03:35,870

And nobody-- and, also, big,
big signs on the corners

68

00:03:35,870 --> 00:03:36,830

of the houses.

69

00:03:36,830 --> 00:03:39,770

Whoever will hide the
Jew will be destroyed.

70

00:03:39,770 --> 00:03:41,390

The house will be
burned up, and he

71
00:03:41,390 --> 00:03:43,550
will be destroyed
with the whole family.

72
00:03:43,550 --> 00:03:45,950
And they wouldn't take a chance.

73
00:03:45,950 --> 00:03:47,410
And I don't blame them.

74
00:03:47,410 --> 00:03:48,440
And it happened.

75
00:03:48,440 --> 00:03:53,660
It happened, let's
say, 50 miles away.

76
00:03:53,660 --> 00:03:57,080
And everybody knew about it,
that their house was destroyed

77
00:03:57,080 --> 00:03:58,500
and the family killed.

78
00:03:58,500 --> 00:04:01,420

79
00:04:01,420 --> 00:04:04,550
And so they had to let her go.

80
00:04:04,550 --> 00:04:11,630
So she dressed-- always
when there was a slaughter--

81
00:04:11,630 --> 00:04:13,760
we called it a slaughter.

82
00:04:13,760 --> 00:04:19,910
The Germans used to

call it an aktion--

83
00:04:19,910 --> 00:04:21,110
aktion--

84
00:04:21,110 --> 00:04:23,810
Aktion.

85
00:04:23,810 --> 00:04:27,080
--and so, whenever
there was my grandmother

86
00:04:27,080 --> 00:04:29,660
dressed herself in those
shrouds because she

87
00:04:29,660 --> 00:04:33,290
knew that this is what she
is going to have to wear.

88
00:04:33,290 --> 00:04:34,680
Then that's it.

89
00:04:34,680 --> 00:04:37,820
And so she dressed
herself in the shrouds,

90
00:04:37,820 --> 00:04:40,010
and she went to the police.

91
00:04:40,010 --> 00:04:43,460
And she said, I'm--

92
00:04:43,460 --> 00:04:44,450
shoot me.

93
00:04:44,450 --> 00:04:45,310
I'm still alive.

94
00:04:45,310 --> 00:04:45,975
Shoot me.

95

00:04:45,975 --> 00:04:49,790

And this her was a
man, also, an old man--

96

00:04:49,790 --> 00:04:56,060

the richest man in town-- his
name was, I think, Noah Green.

97

00:04:56,060 --> 00:05:00,170

He could probably
cover this place here

98

00:05:00,170 --> 00:05:03,140

was with thousands of dollars.

99

00:05:03,140 --> 00:05:08,390

And, at that time, no
money could save him.

100

00:05:08,390 --> 00:05:10,760

And he couldn't
stay in the forest.

101

00:05:10,760 --> 00:05:13,680

Nobody would give
you a drink of water.

102

00:05:13,680 --> 00:05:15,370

The flies will eat you up.

103

00:05:15,370 --> 00:05:18,470

And there's no
question about it.

104

00:05:18,470 --> 00:05:20,210

You couldn't walk.

105

00:05:20,210 --> 00:05:23,970

So the police asked her
to go to the cemetery.

106

00:05:23,970 --> 00:05:27,820

And we will come, and
we will shoot you.

107
00:05:27,820 --> 00:05:29,750
And so they went
to the cemetery.

108
00:05:29,750 --> 00:05:33,020
Sitting there, it was about
2 o'clock, I was told.

109
00:05:33,020 --> 00:05:34,440
And they were sitting there.

110
00:05:34,440 --> 00:05:38,870
My grandmother had a
little Bible with her.

111
00:05:38,870 --> 00:05:44,300
And she was praying, saying
[? tillum ?] all afternoon

112
00:05:44,300 --> 00:05:46,940
until it became dark.

113
00:05:46,940 --> 00:05:49,370
And they came, and
they shot her-- both--

114
00:05:49,370 --> 00:05:51,130
shot them both.

115
00:05:51,130 --> 00:05:57,710
And this is the way the
conditions were in Poland.

116
00:05:57,710 --> 00:06:01,700
This is the way where
you didn't have--

117
00:06:01,700 --> 00:06:08,480
there was no place where
you could go and survive.

118
00:06:08,480 --> 00:06:11,810
Here is a man with her.

119
00:06:11,810 --> 00:06:13,550
He was the richest man.

120
00:06:13,550 --> 00:06:15,140
He was so rich.

121
00:06:15,140 --> 00:06:20,930
He also had a big ranch
and everything not far away

122
00:06:20,930 --> 00:06:24,050
and was one of the
richest people.

123
00:06:24,050 --> 00:06:28,280
And he was so poor that
he went over to the police

124
00:06:28,280 --> 00:06:30,670
and had asked to be shot.

125
00:06:30,670 --> 00:06:35,290
Now, would somebody believe
that this can happen?

126
00:06:35,290 --> 00:06:36,360
It happened.

127
00:06:36,360 --> 00:06:38,720
It happened there.

128
00:06:38,720 --> 00:06:45,140
And so I found out about that
because I had the bicycle.

129
00:06:45,140 --> 00:06:47,630
And I gave her bicycle to a--

130

00:06:47,630 --> 00:06:50,390

I paid a young gentleman.

131

00:06:50,390 --> 00:06:52,340

I said go over
there and find out

132

00:06:52,340 --> 00:06:57,560

if there is still
a ghetto there.

133

00:06:57,560 --> 00:07:00,620

And, if there is a
ghetto, let us know,

134

00:07:00,620 --> 00:07:04,880

and we might go over there.

135

00:07:04,880 --> 00:07:05,990

And he came back.

136

00:07:05,990 --> 00:07:10,640

And he says, no, in that town,
there's no more Jews left.

137

00:07:10,640 --> 00:07:13,100

So I sent him to another town.

138

00:07:13,100 --> 00:07:15,920

To town that's called DÄ™bica.

139

00:07:15,920 --> 00:07:19,580

And it was not far
away from this one.

140

00:07:19,580 --> 00:07:22,460

He went over there, and he says,
hey, there's a ghetto left.

141

00:07:22,460 --> 00:07:28,730

So we stayed there two nights
in the forest and, one night

142
00:07:28,730 --> 00:07:30,620
about 2 o'clock
in the morning, we

143
00:07:30,620 --> 00:07:32,770
start off to go to that town.

144
00:07:32,770 --> 00:07:35,930
And we came into the town.

145
00:07:35,930 --> 00:07:39,740
Everybody was shivering scared
because nobody would let you

146
00:07:39,740 --> 00:07:43,050
in because you were illegal.

147
00:07:43,050 --> 00:07:43,700
See?

148
00:07:43,700 --> 00:07:44,840
You were illegal.

149
00:07:44,840 --> 00:07:46,190
You were alive.

150
00:07:46,190 --> 00:07:49,580
You were illegal alive.

151
00:07:49,580 --> 00:07:54,770
And, to be alive at that time,
you had to be legal alive.

152
00:07:54,770 --> 00:07:58,220
Otherwise, you have
no right to be alive.

153
00:07:58,220 --> 00:08:01,610
And so we came in, and
nobody would let you in.

154

00:08:01,610 --> 00:08:02,930

They didn't have a place.

155

00:08:02,930 --> 00:08:05,450

Anybody who was there,
were three or four families

156

00:08:05,450 --> 00:08:06,620

in one room.

157

00:08:06,620 --> 00:08:12,200

So who would let you in and
take their life in the hand?

158

00:08:12,200 --> 00:08:19,060

So, finally, my mother
had a long, gold chain

159

00:08:19,060 --> 00:08:20,270

from before the war.

160

00:08:20,270 --> 00:08:21,480

It was a little watch.

161

00:08:21,480 --> 00:08:23,915

And my father had a nice watch.

162

00:08:23,915 --> 00:08:26,460

It was a chain.

163

00:08:26,460 --> 00:08:29,360

And I took this
two pieces of gold.

164

00:08:29,360 --> 00:08:30,720

And I went into the--

165

00:08:30,720 --> 00:08:32,809

so-called Judenrat.

166

00:08:32,809 --> 00:08:38,190

This was the President there
where this community was.

167
00:08:38,190 --> 00:08:42,480
And I said, look, we
came from the forest,

168
00:08:42,480 --> 00:08:45,140
and I have no money,
but I have with me

169
00:08:45,140 --> 00:08:46,610
those two pieces of gold.

170
00:08:46,610 --> 00:08:50,045

171
00:08:50,045 --> 00:08:55,280
Give me a place where I can
stay and have my ration cut

172
00:08:55,280 --> 00:08:56,960
for this little bit of soup--

173
00:08:56,960 --> 00:09:00,560
what you got in the kitchen.

174
00:09:00,560 --> 00:09:02,390
Because, if you didn't
have a ration card,

175
00:09:02,390 --> 00:09:06,750
you couldn't get a
spoonful of soup.

176
00:09:06,750 --> 00:09:09,310
And so he took this gold.

177
00:09:09,310 --> 00:09:13,080
And he says, come
back in the afternoon.

178

00:09:13,080 --> 00:09:21,840
And he gave me a ration card,
and he says that I am legal.

179
00:09:21,840 --> 00:09:23,910
He had to get this
from the Gestapo.

180
00:09:23,910 --> 00:09:25,410
He had to get this
from the Gestapo.

181
00:09:25,410 --> 00:09:27,210
He couldn't write
down by himself.

182
00:09:27,210 --> 00:09:28,910
He wouldn't take a chance.

183
00:09:28,910 --> 00:09:34,040
And so they made us legal.

184
00:09:34,040 --> 00:09:43,470
And I couldn't begin to tell you
how important this was for us.

185
00:09:43,470 --> 00:09:50,220
I gave away, for \$50,000 gold,
what my mother and father had

186
00:09:50,220 --> 00:09:53,050
all life.

187
00:09:53,050 --> 00:09:56,340
And this was one of the
most important thing.

188
00:09:56,340 --> 00:09:59,350
You could stay alive
in that ghetto.

189
00:09:59,350 --> 00:10:03,570
And he gave me a place

in a barrack there.

190
00:10:03,570 --> 00:10:05,020
And I was there.

191
00:10:05,020 --> 00:10:06,900
And, when it
rained, it poured in

192
00:10:06,900 --> 00:10:08,940
because the roof was no good.

193
00:10:08,940 --> 00:10:12,000
And this was all good, as
long as he gave me, also,

194
00:10:12,000 --> 00:10:15,210
a card that I am
a legal man, and I

195
00:10:15,210 --> 00:10:20,960
could go out and get a
quarter of a loaf of bread

196
00:10:20,960 --> 00:10:24,900
and a quart of soup.

197
00:10:24,900 --> 00:10:27,390
So that card was
the key to life?

198
00:10:27,390 --> 00:10:29,220
It was more important
than the gold?

199
00:10:29,220 --> 00:10:32,420
This is the way we started off.

200
00:10:32,420 --> 00:10:35,670
But, if they would
let us stay there,

201

00:10:35,670 --> 00:10:38,340
we could have survived
because I was going out.

202
00:10:38,340 --> 00:10:42,740
I was later legal
into a group going out

203
00:10:42,740 --> 00:10:45,330
to work through working
on the railroad.

204
00:10:45,330 --> 00:10:48,450
And going there
out, you know, you

205
00:10:48,450 --> 00:10:51,680
had contact with the gentiles.

206
00:10:51,680 --> 00:10:55,140
And, if you took out,
let's say, a shirt--

207
00:10:55,140 --> 00:10:58,080
and he gave you a shirt,
he gave you a loaf of bread

208
00:10:58,080 --> 00:11:00,520
or [INAUDIBLE], whatever it is.

209
00:11:00,520 --> 00:11:02,300
And this is the way--

210
00:11:02,300 --> 00:11:04,200
I smuggled it in
into the ghetto--

211
00:11:04,200 --> 00:11:06,330
this is the way we lived.

212
00:11:06,330 --> 00:11:08,340
But this end.

213

00:11:08,340 --> 00:11:08,850

This end.

214

00:11:08,850 --> 00:11:13,300

This is, I think,
which six months later,

215

00:11:13,300 --> 00:11:15,360

the ghetto was surrounded
and cleaned out.

216

00:11:15,360 --> 00:11:17,880

And just a group of
working people were left.

217

00:11:17,880 --> 00:11:22,020

And nobody else, except the
group of working people.

218

00:11:22,020 --> 00:11:24,630

I think I told you
the last time what

219

00:11:24,630 --> 00:11:27,430

we did as working people there.

220

00:11:27,430 --> 00:11:30,960

And we are going to go
further to do other things.

221

00:11:30,960 --> 00:11:35,250

222

00:11:35,250 --> 00:11:40,410

Being in the
beginning in Plasz³w,

223

00:11:40,410 --> 00:11:50,100

a notice was given that you can
go out with a group to a place,

224

00:11:50,100 --> 00:11:56,160

RymanÃ³w and this
was, I would say,

225

00:11:56,160 --> 00:12:00,480
about 50 miles away from this
classroom, from that camp.

226

00:12:00,480 --> 00:12:07,200
And there, we had to untie
a big, big campus there.

227

00:12:07,200 --> 00:12:12,150
This campus erected for
the German army there.

228

00:12:12,150 --> 00:12:16,170
One day before, they
attacked Russia.

229

00:12:16,170 --> 00:12:19,090
They had their army there.

230

00:12:19,090 --> 00:12:21,900
They had camps like
that erected there.

231

00:12:21,900 --> 00:12:24,600
And this was on--

232

00:12:24,600 --> 00:12:30,180
maybe you heard the Potoskis.

233

00:12:30,180 --> 00:12:33,960
They were the prince of there.

234

00:12:33,960 --> 00:12:39,180
They had thousands and thousands
of acres of land there.

235

00:12:39,180 --> 00:12:40,450
This was on their land.

236

00:12:40,450 --> 00:12:44,640
And they had an agreement,
when this concentration camp

237
00:12:44,640 --> 00:12:52,500
will be finished, that the
ground restored back there.

238
00:12:52,500 --> 00:12:56,790
And so we were taken over there.

239
00:12:56,790 --> 00:13:00,810
And then later, we worked
there for about six months.

240
00:13:00,810 --> 00:13:06,535
And we dismantled that
concentration camp.

241
00:13:06,535 --> 00:13:07,930
It wasn't a concentration camp.

242
00:13:07,930 --> 00:13:11,160
But, of course, a concentration
camp for the Russian soldiers,

243
00:13:11,160 --> 00:13:14,650
the Russian POWs.

244
00:13:14,650 --> 00:13:19,050
Let's say, every six months,
10,000 Russian soldiers

245
00:13:19,050 --> 00:13:20,140
were brought in.

246
00:13:20,140 --> 00:13:24,860
And they were burned and
killed there at that camp.

247
00:13:24,860 --> 00:13:26,940
So I'll make it short.

248

00:13:26,940 --> 00:13:35,280

We opened, took those
wirings, and rolled it up,

249

00:13:35,280 --> 00:13:37,980

and sent everything to Plasz³w.

250

00:13:37,980 --> 00:13:39,340

We loaded it on trains--

251

00:13:39,340 --> 00:13:43,260

the boards, everything
what was usable was going

252

00:13:43,260 --> 00:13:47,040

to the concentration camp
to Plasz³w on trains.

253

00:13:47,040 --> 00:13:48,900

Bricks even, everything.

254

00:13:48,900 --> 00:13:50,790

And then they took us--

255

00:13:50,790 --> 00:13:58,920

in the last time, when we
dismantled this concentration

256

00:13:58,920 --> 00:14:04,050

camp, we were not
any more closed in.

257

00:14:04,050 --> 00:14:06,700

So they took us to the prince.

258

00:14:06,700 --> 00:14:09,030

He had a little stable there.

259

00:14:09,030 --> 00:14:11,805

And this group was
staying in this stable.

260

00:14:11,805 --> 00:14:14,620

And, of course, we were
surrounded with SS,

261

00:14:14,620 --> 00:14:15,928

so nobody would escape.

262

00:14:15,928 --> 00:14:17,970

And, at that time, you
didn't have way to escape.

263

00:14:17,970 --> 00:14:21,690

You were so far away
from your living areas,

264

00:14:21,690 --> 00:14:24,450

where you used to live before
the war, there was no escape.

265

00:14:24,450 --> 00:14:28,890

266

00:14:28,890 --> 00:14:34,710

And I remember a fact
that is worth telling.

267

00:14:34,710 --> 00:14:36,390

Of course, we were--

268

00:14:36,390 --> 00:14:39,360

hunger was terrible.

269

00:14:39,360 --> 00:14:42,660

So no-- and they gave you
a small piece of bread

270

00:14:42,660 --> 00:14:53,950

for three or four days
and a spoon full off soup.

271

00:14:53,950 --> 00:14:59,400

So you wouldn't find

a potato, just water.

272

00:14:59,400 --> 00:15:03,450

And that Prince had
such big dogs there.

273

00:15:03,450 --> 00:15:08,240

He had four dogs
fenced in there.

274

00:15:08,240 --> 00:15:11,580

And then we were in the
area next to the dogs.

275

00:15:11,580 --> 00:15:12,780

There was a fence there.

276

00:15:12,780 --> 00:15:16,260

And, whenever in the morning
they brought out for the docks,

277

00:15:16,260 --> 00:15:17,910

meat--

278

00:15:17,910 --> 00:15:20,360

big pieces of meat
for the dogs--

279

00:15:20,360 --> 00:15:23,190

and I was a daring guy--

280

00:15:23,190 --> 00:15:30,315

I took a wire, and put
it under that fence.

281

00:15:30,315 --> 00:15:35,160

And I pulled over that plate to
the fence close to [INAUDIBLE]..

282

00:15:35,160 --> 00:15:36,485

The dogs already finished.

283

00:15:36,485 --> 00:15:37,860

They didn't want
to eat any more.

284

00:15:37,860 --> 00:15:39,690

They left this meat.

285

00:15:39,690 --> 00:15:43,680

But, if I would have
been caught with that,

286

00:15:43,680 --> 00:15:46,530

that would be an end.

287

00:15:46,530 --> 00:15:48,160

But, still, when
you were hungry,

288

00:15:48,160 --> 00:15:52,140

you were doing things
which is more dangerous.

289

00:15:52,140 --> 00:15:55,770

And so I pulled that
plate over to the fence.

290

00:15:55,770 --> 00:15:59,240

Can I grabbed this piece
of meat out with that wire

291

00:15:59,240 --> 00:16:00,920

and pulled it out there.

292

00:16:00,920 --> 00:16:02,910

And it was very good.

293

00:16:02,910 --> 00:16:03,870

It was very good.

294

00:16:03,870 --> 00:16:06,460

It could be a bullet in the
head, but it's all right.

295

00:16:06,460 --> 00:16:08,330

Did the dogs react?

296

00:16:08,330 --> 00:16:11,550

The dogs were satisfied.

297

00:16:11,550 --> 00:16:14,100

They were not in there.

298

00:16:14,100 --> 00:16:18,450

We were staying there, so the
dogs wouldn't bark always.

299

00:16:18,450 --> 00:16:21,810

Those dogs wouldn't bark, but--

300

00:16:21,810 --> 00:16:23,560

Did you push the plate back?

301

00:16:23,560 --> 00:16:25,596

No.

302

00:16:25,596 --> 00:16:30,900

I just get away from
there as fast as possible.

303

00:16:30,900 --> 00:16:33,870

Things like that,
you have to remember.

304

00:16:33,870 --> 00:16:35,790

And then they took us in--

305

00:16:35,790 --> 00:16:39,270

we finished this
camp to Szebnie.

306

00:16:39,270 --> 00:16:43,940

Was another camp like that,
also erected for the army.

307

00:16:43,940 --> 00:16:47,100

But there, they
brought people in.

308

00:16:47,100 --> 00:16:48,100

They were staying there.

309

00:16:48,100 --> 00:16:50,370

And they were working.

310

00:16:50,370 --> 00:16:55,470

So when we finished this camp,
they brought us in this camp

311

00:16:55,470 --> 00:16:56,850

there in Szebnie.

312

00:16:56,850 --> 00:17:01,290

This was about 30 miles away.

313

00:17:01,290 --> 00:17:05,940

And, in there,
they gave me a job

314

00:17:05,940 --> 00:17:11,839

to sort out big, big huge,
like, airplane hangars.

315

00:17:11,839 --> 00:17:14,400

You know, where you
could put an airplane in?

316

00:17:14,400 --> 00:17:18,430

They kept their tanks
and their machinery.

317

00:17:18,430 --> 00:17:25,480

And, in this place, they
gathered from the whole Poland

318

00:17:25,480 --> 00:17:32,690

and in Europe, all Sifras
torahs all scrolls--

319
00:17:32,690 --> 00:17:35,920
in the thousands and
thousands of scrolls--

320
00:17:35,920 --> 00:17:39,740
and then silver spoons.

321
00:17:39,740 --> 00:17:41,720
In the millions--
not thousands-- but,

322
00:17:41,720 --> 00:17:44,540
in the millions, knives.

323
00:17:44,540 --> 00:17:47,390
In Poland, everybody
had a knife that

324
00:17:47,390 --> 00:17:52,450
was written Shabbat Kodesh
that means Holy Shabbat--

325
00:17:52,450 --> 00:17:53,720
on that knife.

326
00:17:53,720 --> 00:17:59,030
And those knives were
not cheap knives.

327
00:17:59,030 --> 00:18:00,380
They were very expensive knives.

328
00:18:00,380 --> 00:18:05,270
They had the handle
was special, special--

329
00:18:05,270 --> 00:18:08,450
well, I don't know how
it's called in English.

330
00:18:08,450 --> 00:18:12,060

But, anyway, very
expensive knives.

331
00:18:12,060 --> 00:18:15,500
Phylam phylactories...

332
00:18:15,500 --> 00:18:16,370
what is it?

333
00:18:16,370 --> 00:18:17,015
Phylactories.

334
00:18:17,015 --> 00:18:18,680
Phylactories.

335
00:18:18,680 --> 00:18:26,370
In the millions, talleisim
prayer shawls, prayer shawls.

336
00:18:26,370 --> 00:18:33,540
And I was there with a
group selecting this,

337
00:18:33,540 --> 00:18:36,680
putting the silver
spoons separate,

338
00:18:36,680 --> 00:18:40,200
the phylactories separate,
the knives separate,

339
00:18:40,200 --> 00:18:43,380
and the Sifras Torahs separate.

340
00:18:43,380 --> 00:18:47,460
Beside the scrolls,
there were also big--

341
00:18:47,460 --> 00:18:53,150
in Europe, those orthodox
people had big books.

342

00:18:53,150 --> 00:18:55,860
They were bound in leather.

343
00:18:55,860 --> 00:18:58,690
And all those books,
in the thousands,

344
00:18:58,690 --> 00:19:01,530
were brought in into that house.

345
00:19:01,530 --> 00:19:06,300
Now, the Torahs were
taken out every time.

346
00:19:06,300 --> 00:19:09,820
And they cut them
up for linings.

347
00:19:09,820 --> 00:19:13,860
When we were making
the [INAUDIBLE]

348
00:19:13,860 --> 00:19:17,970
for the shovel, for the little
axe-- what the soldier were

349
00:19:17,970 --> 00:19:22,570
carrying-- a little shovel,
this Torah, the scrolls,

350
00:19:22,570 --> 00:19:24,270
this is a parchment.

351
00:19:24,270 --> 00:19:27,570
And this was cut up for lining.

352
00:19:27,570 --> 00:19:30,040
Under that, we
sewed this together.

353
00:19:30,040 --> 00:19:32,730
And this was used out.

354

00:19:32,730 --> 00:19:35,040

And, even when they made--

355

00:19:35,040 --> 00:19:36,680

there was a shoe factory--

356

00:19:36,680 --> 00:19:44,030

and linings in the shoes
made from the parchment.

357

00:19:44,030 --> 00:19:48,750

And this is what the
Torahs were used for.

358

00:19:48,750 --> 00:19:50,640

Did you have to work
on this yourself?

359

00:19:50,640 --> 00:19:51,640

Oh, there was a group.

360

00:19:51,640 --> 00:19:52,920

Yeah.

361

00:19:52,920 --> 00:19:55,170

How did you feel doing it?

362

00:19:55,170 --> 00:19:58,710

Again, you were numb.

363

00:19:58,710 --> 00:20:00,870

You just did.

364

00:20:00,870 --> 00:20:07,440

And you wanted to stay
alive because to be alive

365

00:20:07,440 --> 00:20:12,870

was the most precious thing to
live through a week or a day.

366

00:20:12,870 --> 00:20:18,937

And you wouldn't complain
that this all you had.

367

00:20:18,937 --> 00:20:20,145

You didn't have any feelings.

368

00:20:20,145 --> 00:20:20,990

You were numb.

369

00:20:20,990 --> 00:20:22,220

There were no feelings.

370

00:20:22,220 --> 00:20:24,990

If you didn't have any
feelings for the human being,

371

00:20:24,990 --> 00:20:33,120

for the children, how would
you have a feeling for scrolls,

372

00:20:33,120 --> 00:20:40,440

or knives, silver spoons,
candelabras in the thousands?

373

00:20:40,440 --> 00:20:41,700

And this is what we--

374

00:20:41,700 --> 00:20:44,300

you know, in Europe, everybody
had a silver candelabra.

375

00:20:44,300 --> 00:20:45,540

Here, too.

376

00:20:45,540 --> 00:20:49,335

But this was taken away,
and it was all loaded there.

377

00:20:49,335 --> 00:20:51,360

And this was taken later.

378

00:20:51,360 --> 00:20:56,800

The candelabras were taken
into a special press.

379

00:20:56,800 --> 00:21:04,370

And they pressed this up into
a big pile, like a square.

380

00:21:04,370 --> 00:21:06,390

And this was shipped to Germany.

381

00:21:06,390 --> 00:21:08,280

It was very expensive silver.

382

00:21:08,280 --> 00:21:11,220

It was silver, pure silver.

383

00:21:11,220 --> 00:21:14,600

And so working in
there, I found myself

384

00:21:14,600 --> 00:21:18,540

a pair phylactories very small.

385

00:21:18,540 --> 00:21:20,700

From home, I had large ones.

386

00:21:20,700 --> 00:21:22,520

This one, I found.

387

00:21:22,520 --> 00:21:29,610

The part-- they were so
small that there like a sugar

388

00:21:29,610 --> 00:21:31,080

cane-- a sugar cane.

389

00:21:31,080 --> 00:21:31,860

Sugar cube?

390

00:21:31,860 --> 00:21:33,620

A sugar cube-- a sugar cube.

391
00:21:33,620 --> 00:21:35,370
And they were so small,
you could put them

392
00:21:35,370 --> 00:21:36,750
in the small pocket here.

393
00:21:36,750 --> 00:21:41,180
And this was good for me because
I didn't where to keep them.

394
00:21:41,180 --> 00:21:42,230
I was afraid.

395
00:21:42,230 --> 00:21:45,970
And I found them, so
then I smuggled this out.

396
00:21:45,970 --> 00:21:51,300
And so we were there
for about six months,

397
00:21:51,300 --> 00:21:53,190
and we have finished our work.

398
00:21:53,190 --> 00:21:57,200
They shipped us back to Plasza³w
because we came from Plasza³w.

399
00:21:57,200 --> 00:22:00,390
And, later on, the whole group--

400
00:22:00,390 --> 00:22:06,500
there were about maybe 4,000
people there in [INAUDIBLE]----

401
00:22:06,500 --> 00:22:08,630
and are all shot to death.

402
00:22:08,630 --> 00:22:12,780
And they shipped-- their

clothing where shipped

403

00:22:12,780 --> 00:22:14,700
to PlaszÃ³w to our.

404

00:22:14,700 --> 00:22:16,920
And a young man was
working with me,

405

00:22:16,920 --> 00:22:23,380
and he recognized this sport
jacket from his father.

406

00:22:23,380 --> 00:22:25,200
The sport jacket was shot--

407

00:22:25,200 --> 00:22:27,290
was a hole here--

408

00:22:27,290 --> 00:22:29,240
and he recognized
that sport jacket.

409

00:22:29,240 --> 00:22:30,400
He said, this is father.

410

00:22:30,400 --> 00:22:31,860
So he grabbed this jacket.

411

00:22:31,860 --> 00:22:35,200
And he put a hand in the
pocket, and there was

412

00:22:35,200 --> 00:22:39,400
a note with his father's name.

413

00:22:39,400 --> 00:22:46,030
Things like that--
it's unbelievable

414

00:22:46,030 --> 00:22:48,050
what was going on

for those five years.

415

00:22:48,050 --> 00:22:49,550

How were you liberated?

416

00:22:49,550 --> 00:22:50,050

Pardon?

417

00:22:50,050 --> 00:22:53,020

How were you liberated?

418

00:22:53,020 --> 00:22:57,620

As you know, I have
jumped out of the train.

419

00:22:57,620 --> 00:23:01,070

And I was going back to
my area where I lived.

420

00:23:01,070 --> 00:23:05,530

And, the last time, I told
you how I crossed the bridge.

421

00:23:05,530 --> 00:23:07,210

And I had two more
bridges to cross.

422

00:23:07,210 --> 00:23:09,250

I only told you
about one bridge.

423

00:23:09,250 --> 00:23:12,100

I had two more bridges to cross.

424

00:23:12,100 --> 00:23:17,290

One bridge, I knew
because, before the war,

425

00:23:17,290 --> 00:23:21,580

I was going out there to bathe.

426

00:23:21,580 --> 00:23:23,980

This was clear water.

427

00:23:23,980 --> 00:23:27,690

There were no ships or
barges going with oil there.

428

00:23:27,690 --> 00:23:30,510

The water was as
clear as crystal.

429

00:23:30,510 --> 00:23:32,290

And, before the war,
I used to go out

430

00:23:32,290 --> 00:23:36,590

there once in a while
on a bicycle for a ride

431

00:23:36,590 --> 00:23:40,200

because I was in the town
where my wife was born.

432

00:23:40,200 --> 00:23:42,680

And it was wasn't too far away.

433

00:23:42,680 --> 00:23:46,060

And taking a bath
there always there

434

00:23:46,060 --> 00:23:49,480

when it was hot, like some
days when you do work.

435

00:23:49,480 --> 00:23:52,280

So I knew this river.

436

00:23:52,280 --> 00:23:56,990

And I went straight further
in into a wave of the road,

437

00:23:56,990 --> 00:23:59,488

and I crossed that river.

438

00:23:59,488 --> 00:24:00,780

The water was still here about.

439

00:24:00,780 --> 00:24:01,410

It was dry.

440

00:24:01,410 --> 00:24:01,950

It was hot.

441

00:24:01,950 --> 00:24:03,180

The air was dry.

442

00:24:03,180 --> 00:24:04,622

The waters were low.

443

00:24:04,622 --> 00:24:05,205

And I crossed.

444

00:24:05,205 --> 00:24:08,850

So this is the second river.

445

00:24:08,850 --> 00:24:12,030

And the third river,
this was near Tarnów.

446

00:24:12,030 --> 00:24:16,190

It was called Dunajec.

447

00:24:16,190 --> 00:24:21,760

That river wasn't clean.

448

00:24:21,760 --> 00:24:25,730

The sewers from this town
was all dumped in that river.

449

00:24:25,730 --> 00:24:27,248

But who cares about?

450

00:24:27,248 --> 00:24:29,040

The same thing, I went
through the waters--

451
00:24:29,040 --> 00:24:32,196
Was this the day or at night?

452
00:24:32,196 --> 00:24:33,540
During the day.

453
00:24:33,540 --> 00:24:34,730
You wouldn't move at night.

454
00:24:34,730 --> 00:24:36,580
At night, it was dangerous.

455
00:24:36,580 --> 00:24:38,060
Why?

456
00:24:38,060 --> 00:24:39,330
And I came--

457
00:24:39,330 --> 00:24:40,840
She wanted to know why.

458
00:24:40,840 --> 00:24:41,340
Oh.

459
00:24:41,340 --> 00:24:46,140
At night, the Germans
were patrolling

460
00:24:46,140 --> 00:24:51,510
the rivers, the bridges,
and changing patrols.

461
00:24:51,510 --> 00:24:53,670
Going from one, back and forth.

462
00:24:53,670 --> 00:24:57,670
And, if they catch you at
night going, you are a traitor.

463
00:24:57,670 --> 00:24:59,110

You are a spy.

464

00:24:59,110 --> 00:24:59,880

You are something.

465

00:24:59,880 --> 00:25:03,820

And they wouldn't be
patrolling during the day?

466

00:25:03,820 --> 00:25:06,840

During the day,
there are movements.

467

00:25:06,840 --> 00:25:08,070

People are walking.

468

00:25:08,070 --> 00:25:10,220

People are going,
especially when

469

00:25:10,220 --> 00:25:15,480

you go in the populated areas.

470

00:25:15,480 --> 00:25:16,830

So I'll make it short.

471

00:25:16,830 --> 00:25:23,100

I came to my area where I used
to live near that big wrench

472

00:25:23,100 --> 00:25:24,600

there.

473

00:25:24,600 --> 00:25:31,050

And I went-- yeah, before
going, this I have to tell you.

474

00:25:31,050 --> 00:25:34,350

I had to cross the main
road from one side--

475

00:25:34,350 --> 00:25:35,890

there was forests.

476

00:25:35,890 --> 00:25:39,240

There were those forests
from that same wrench.

477

00:25:39,240 --> 00:25:42,390

478

00:25:42,390 --> 00:25:45,450

And I had to cross
that main road.

479

00:25:45,450 --> 00:25:48,460

So I went through the
road, and I go on the road,

480

00:25:48,460 --> 00:25:52,890

and there's a military
brat laying on the road.

481

00:25:52,890 --> 00:25:55,170

It was just a little
bit by a wheel.

482

00:25:55,170 --> 00:25:58,900

It splat-- in one
side, run over.

483

00:25:58,900 --> 00:26:01,590

And bread-- oh, my
goodness, I said.

484

00:26:01,590 --> 00:26:03,830

This is mana from this skies.

485

00:26:03,830 --> 00:26:04,680

Bread?

486

00:26:04,680 --> 00:26:07,050

[INAUDIBLE] the bread.

487

00:26:07,050 --> 00:26:08,550
I picked up that bread.

488
00:26:08,550 --> 00:26:12,810
And, right way-- we
were taught in the army

489
00:26:12,810 --> 00:26:21,930
that, when our enemy is
drawing, they poison the water.

490
00:26:21,930 --> 00:26:24,210
They poison the flour.

491
00:26:24,210 --> 00:26:27,930
They poison bread, and they
especially leave bread so that,

492
00:26:27,930 --> 00:26:34,530
when the opposition comes in,
and they eat this, it's poison.

493
00:26:34,530 --> 00:26:37,020
And so this is what we were
taught in the Polish army.

494
00:26:37,020 --> 00:26:38,520
I was 18 months in the army.

495
00:26:38,520 --> 00:26:44,610
And they had that in
my head for 18 months.

496
00:26:44,610 --> 00:26:46,630
And I took this bread.

497
00:26:46,630 --> 00:26:50,970
And I said, oh, maybe something
[INAUDIBLE] was poison.

498
00:26:50,970 --> 00:26:53,640
But I was hungry like a dog.

499

00:26:53,640 --> 00:26:55,770

I broke off a small piece.

500

00:26:55,770 --> 00:26:57,510

And I'll say, I'll
try a small piece.

501

00:26:57,510 --> 00:26:59,610

Maybe this was all right.

502

00:26:59,610 --> 00:27:01,020

So I tried a small piece.

503

00:27:01,020 --> 00:27:02,930

It was delicious.

504

00:27:02,930 --> 00:27:05,730

And I waited about
15, 20 minutes.

505

00:27:05,730 --> 00:27:08,250

I said, nothing happened to me.

506

00:27:08,250 --> 00:27:10,500

I took a larger piece and I ate.

507

00:27:10,500 --> 00:27:13,470

This is a thing
where you remember.

508

00:27:13,470 --> 00:27:15,510

This is a good thing
what happened to me.

509

00:27:15,510 --> 00:27:17,850

And I said, this is a good sign.

510

00:27:17,850 --> 00:27:22,260

I am probably going
to be liberated.

511

00:27:22,260 --> 00:27:23,910
And I went back there.

512
00:27:23,910 --> 00:27:26,310
I told you before because
I was jumping [INAUDIBLE],.

513
00:27:26,310 --> 00:27:28,460
and I went back into the forest.

514
00:27:28,460 --> 00:27:33,460
And I was sitting with those
people who were in the forest.

515
00:27:33,460 --> 00:27:36,110
Now, they had a system--

516
00:27:36,110 --> 00:27:39,780
had a [? iron ?] three
legs, [? iron ?]..

517
00:27:39,780 --> 00:27:43,180
And they were in a pot.

518
00:27:43,180 --> 00:27:49,190
It was all smoked up black
like this all around.

519
00:27:49,190 --> 00:27:53,330
And we were digging
potatoes on a farm.

520
00:27:53,330 --> 00:27:57,983
As the farmers had potatoes at
that time, it was potato time.

521
00:27:57,983 --> 00:28:00,150
And we're digging potatoes,
and we're cooking there.

522
00:28:00,150 --> 00:28:04,490
And I picked some
little mushrooms.

523

00:28:04,490 --> 00:28:08,190

And this was put
in the potatoes,

524

00:28:08,190 --> 00:28:10,470

and they made potato soup.

525

00:28:10,470 --> 00:28:15,420

And so we cooked them here very
low, so it wouldn't be too much

526

00:28:15,420 --> 00:28:19,710

smoke because smoke
is seen from far away.

527

00:28:19,710 --> 00:28:25,190

And then, later, you
took the potatoes,

528

00:28:25,190 --> 00:28:30,720

and you about, let's say,
a half a kilometer away--

529

00:28:30,720 --> 00:28:32,880

a half a mile away--
and you ate it there

530

00:28:32,880 --> 00:28:35,860

because, in case somebody
saw the smoke here,

531

00:28:35,860 --> 00:28:38,420

you shouldn't be on that place.

532

00:28:38,420 --> 00:28:41,070

And, after you ate,
the sun was shining.

533

00:28:41,070 --> 00:28:46,680

Everybody was undressed and
taking out the livestock.

534

00:28:46,680 --> 00:28:49,090

And there were plenty.

535

00:28:49,090 --> 00:28:50,940

And everybody was doing that.

536

00:28:50,940 --> 00:28:56,470

This is the only way they
kept the livestock lower.

537

00:28:56,470 --> 00:28:59,100

538

00:28:59,100 --> 00:29:04,500

And this people that I met,
they looked almost like wild--

539

00:29:04,500 --> 00:29:06,830

black from the smoke.

540

00:29:06,830 --> 00:29:08,370

Never washed the hands.

541

00:29:08,370 --> 00:29:10,020

Never washed.

542

00:29:10,020 --> 00:29:12,720

I still came out from
the concentration camp--

543

00:29:12,720 --> 00:29:14,220

in the concentration
camp, you still

544

00:29:14,220 --> 00:29:19,280

had some water you could wash
yourself if you felt like.

545

00:29:19,280 --> 00:29:25,280

And they were all
black completely--

546

00:29:25,280 --> 00:29:30,010

the hands-- and they looked
like wild people, honestly.

547

00:29:30,010 --> 00:29:35,420

But they still had their
[INAUDIBLE] how [INAUDIBLE]

548

00:29:35,420 --> 00:29:36,290

on--

549

00:29:36,290 --> 00:29:37,580

Sense.

550

00:29:37,580 --> 00:29:38,960

Their intelligence.

551

00:29:38,960 --> 00:29:40,460

Their [INAUDIBLE].

552

00:29:40,460 --> 00:29:43,520

They still knew what
they were doing.

553

00:29:43,520 --> 00:29:49,100

And we were there
for about four weeks.

554

00:29:49,100 --> 00:29:51,590

I was with them together.

555

00:29:51,590 --> 00:29:59,140

And, later, because the
Russian/German front

556

00:29:59,140 --> 00:30:02,450

was stopped at--

557

00:30:02,450 --> 00:30:06,710

there was a WisÅ,oka--

558

00:30:06,710 --> 00:30:08,420
they call it Vistula, a river.

559
00:30:08,420 --> 00:30:09,740
Again, a river.

560
00:30:09,740 --> 00:30:12,830
So the Russians were the
other side of this river.

561
00:30:12,830 --> 00:30:16,580
And the Germans were on
this side of the river.

562
00:30:16,580 --> 00:30:20,060
And we were about four
weeks in that forest.

563
00:30:20,060 --> 00:30:25,350
Later on, the front
moved a little bit.

564
00:30:25,350 --> 00:30:27,500
And we know that
something is going on

565
00:30:27,500 --> 00:30:31,070
because we heard the
airplanes and the shooting.

566
00:30:31,070 --> 00:30:34,070
We heard because we
were in that forest.

567
00:30:34,070 --> 00:30:36,620
So the Russians were
shooting in that forest

568
00:30:36,620 --> 00:30:39,250
because they saw that
the Germans are there.

569
00:30:39,250 --> 00:30:41,157

And the Germans, already,
was drew further,

570
00:30:41,157 --> 00:30:42,740
and they were shooting
in that forest.

571
00:30:42,740 --> 00:30:47,510
Every couple of seconds,
another big cannon

572
00:30:47,510 --> 00:30:49,430
exploded here and there.

573
00:30:49,430 --> 00:30:50,270
It was already.

574
00:30:50,270 --> 00:30:53,750
So we were digging holes and
then hiding in the holes,

575
00:30:53,750 --> 00:30:55,600
but it was all dangerous.

576
00:30:55,600 --> 00:30:59,750
One morning-- and a lot
of farmers used to--

577
00:30:59,750 --> 00:31:06,560
when the Germans moved,
they took the cattle,

578
00:31:06,560 --> 00:31:12,040
their livestock, the geese,
and then ducks, and chickens

579
00:31:12,040 --> 00:31:15,760
and came to the forest with
them, staying with us, already.

580
00:31:15,760 --> 00:31:19,550
At that time, it was
already one thing.

581
00:31:19,550 --> 00:31:22,790
And, one morning about 2
o'clock in the morning,

582
00:31:22,790 --> 00:31:26,180
I looked up there
on the horizon.

583
00:31:26,180 --> 00:31:30,180
The whole horizon
was red, burning.

584
00:31:30,180 --> 00:31:34,850
And, again, I learned
in the army, when

585
00:31:34,850 --> 00:31:43,640
the army is withdrawing-- let's
say, the enemy is withdrawing.

586
00:31:43,640 --> 00:31:46,560
They burn the houses,
so that the other--

587
00:31:46,560 --> 00:31:47,185
Scorched earth.

588
00:31:47,185 --> 00:31:52,288
--the opposition comes in, they
wouldn't have a way to get in.

589
00:31:52,288 --> 00:31:53,330
They couldn't go through.

590
00:31:53,330 --> 00:31:55,740
They made blocks and
things like that.

591
00:31:55,740 --> 00:32:00,590
And so I saw, about 2 o'clock in
the morning, the whole horizon

592

00:32:00,590 --> 00:32:05,460

all around was red, burning.

593

00:32:05,460 --> 00:32:07,670

To my friends there
in the forest, I said,

594

00:32:07,670 --> 00:32:12,720

we can't stay here any longer
because this is a area where

595

00:32:12,720 --> 00:32:15,800

it is being shot in.

596

00:32:15,800 --> 00:32:18,480

We must go out as
soon as possible.

597

00:32:18,480 --> 00:32:21,170

So, when the Polish people
saw that we are going,

598

00:32:21,170 --> 00:32:21,870

they said, oh.

599

00:32:21,870 --> 00:32:22,370

The Jews.

600

00:32:22,370 --> 00:32:23,220

They are smart.

601

00:32:23,220 --> 00:32:25,490

When they are going,
we are going, too.

602

00:32:25,490 --> 00:32:30,290

And they took their
horses and their cows.

603

00:32:30,290 --> 00:32:32,990

And the cows were
so afraid, they

604
00:32:32,990 --> 00:32:37,710
were mooing so terribly because
of those noise every time.

605
00:32:37,710 --> 00:32:40,610
And, again, I said
give me a cow.

606
00:32:40,610 --> 00:32:41,990
I go to the farmer.

607
00:32:41,990 --> 00:32:43,050
I said give me a cow.

608
00:32:43,050 --> 00:32:44,900
And the other guy took a horse.

609
00:32:44,900 --> 00:32:48,560
And I helped them
go to the front.

610
00:32:48,560 --> 00:32:55,610
And we are going there for
another probably about 10 miles

611
00:32:55,610 --> 00:32:57,650
to walk.

612
00:32:57,650 --> 00:33:03,650
And the explosions every minute,
it got light and exploded.

613
00:33:03,650 --> 00:33:06,650
Every couple of minutes,
another one here, another there.

614
00:33:06,650 --> 00:33:09,060
And this cattle was so afraid.

615
00:33:09,060 --> 00:33:13,570
Finally, we came over to not

far away from that horizon

616

00:33:13,570 --> 00:33:17,370

where it was burning, and we
were stopped by the Russians.

617

00:33:17,370 --> 00:33:19,490

Oh, we saw them.

618

00:33:19,490 --> 00:33:24,620

This was just like
HaShem was there.

619

00:33:24,620 --> 00:33:28,820

And we really saw
that we are now--

620

00:33:28,820 --> 00:33:31,860

they saw, of course,
the horses and cows.

621

00:33:31,860 --> 00:33:34,100

They know that this
is not the enemy.

622

00:33:34,100 --> 00:33:35,640

Those are farmers.

623

00:33:35,640 --> 00:33:38,450

So they say, [PERSONAL NAME].

624

00:33:38,450 --> 00:33:38,950

Lets's go.

625

00:33:38,950 --> 00:33:39,920

Go.

626

00:33:39,920 --> 00:33:41,230

And we went over there.

627

00:33:41,230 --> 00:33:43,040

We went through the town.

628

00:33:43,040 --> 00:33:45,440

But we were staying in the town.

629

00:33:45,440 --> 00:33:51,840

And a couple of weeks later,
we heard that, in another town,

630

00:33:51,840 --> 00:33:56,600

there were 30 people
killed by the Polish.

631

00:33:56,600 --> 00:33:59,750

They called themselves AK.

632

00:33:59,750 --> 00:34:01,700

This is Armia Krajowa.

633

00:34:01,700 --> 00:34:11,780

And, in English, it would be
the army of the [? lent ?]

634

00:34:11,780 --> 00:34:15,005

to translate this, what they
were calling themselves.

635

00:34:15,005 --> 00:34:16,648

And they were actually--

636

00:34:16,648 --> 00:34:17,940

This is the Polish Underground?

637

00:34:17,940 --> 00:34:19,040

Polish Underground.

638

00:34:19,040 --> 00:34:20,600

And they were killing Jews.

639

00:34:20,600 --> 00:34:26,572

They went in, and they was in a
small town called [PLACE NAME]..

640

00:34:26,572 --> 00:34:31,949

In that town, there were
about, maybe 30 or 35--

641

00:34:31,949 --> 00:34:33,900

I don't remember, exactly--

642

00:34:33,900 --> 00:34:36,690

Jews killed who came out
from concentration camp,

643

00:34:36,690 --> 00:34:38,380

from the forest.

644

00:34:38,380 --> 00:34:39,800

And they were killed.

645

00:34:39,800 --> 00:34:44,139

And so, when we heard that,
we picked up our things

646

00:34:44,139 --> 00:34:48,630

and were going further
into a larger town.

647

00:34:48,630 --> 00:34:52,989

And it was called [PLACE NAME].

648

00:34:52,989 --> 00:34:55,719

And there, there was
already a lot of Jews

649

00:34:55,719 --> 00:35:00,930

came from Russia, back, and in
the army, and things like that.

650

00:35:00,930 --> 00:35:04,720

People, the Jews, started
already to do business.

651

00:35:04,720 --> 00:35:08,590

But you were afraid

to walk out of town.

652

00:35:08,590 --> 00:35:13,150

You didn't know who was your
enemy because they were really

653

00:35:13,150 --> 00:35:14,960

looking for Jews.

654

00:35:14,960 --> 00:35:17,110

They didn't want
the Jews to survive.

655

00:35:17,110 --> 00:35:22,900

Again, this same army who were--

656

00:35:22,900 --> 00:35:27,880

657

00:35:27,880 --> 00:35:33,220

during the Hitler time,
they were underground.

658

00:35:33,220 --> 00:35:36,910

They came out, and they
were shooting the Jews.

659

00:35:36,910 --> 00:35:39,790

And so we didn't wait so long.

660

00:35:39,790 --> 00:35:46,070

We went over to that larger
town until that front moved.

661

00:35:46,070 --> 00:35:49,720

And it was another six months.

662

00:35:49,720 --> 00:35:55,520

It took six months until the
front, the Russians moved.

663

00:35:55,520 --> 00:35:58,970

And they went still to Berlin.

664

00:35:58,970 --> 00:36:05,460

And when Krakow was
liberated, I went back

665

00:36:05,460 --> 00:36:09,410

from [PLACE NAME] to Krakow.

666

00:36:09,410 --> 00:36:13,460

And then Krakow, I met
some friends who went out

667

00:36:13,460 --> 00:36:15,680

from the concentration camp.

668

00:36:15,680 --> 00:36:19,610

And there in Krakow,
again, was already

669

00:36:19,610 --> 00:36:22,700

whatever you took in your hand,
you could make some money.

670

00:36:22,700 --> 00:36:25,930

For instance, you
took out, let's say,

671

00:36:25,930 --> 00:36:29,780

from what you had hidden
somewhere, a suit,

672

00:36:29,780 --> 00:36:31,980

you went out to sell it.

673

00:36:31,980 --> 00:36:35,150

You could live a couple
of weeks for the money.

674

00:36:35,150 --> 00:36:36,200

People were buying.

675

00:36:36,200 --> 00:36:38,120

In those towns that
you're saying were burned,

676

00:36:38,120 --> 00:36:40,980

and you were moving from
one town to the other,

677

00:36:40,980 --> 00:36:42,060

how did you eat?

678

00:36:42,060 --> 00:36:45,110

Weren't supplies also destroyed,
and the army was there needing

679

00:36:45,110 --> 00:36:45,740

supplies?

680

00:36:45,740 --> 00:36:47,270

Where were supplies coming from?

681

00:36:47,270 --> 00:36:48,680

You mean after the--

682

00:36:48,680 --> 00:36:50,180

No, as you were
going, you're saying

683

00:36:50,180 --> 00:36:52,340

you went from the smaller
town to a larger town--

684

00:36:52,340 --> 00:36:53,660

Oh, this was already--

685

00:36:53,660 --> 00:36:55,412

this was already
under the Russians,

686

00:36:55,412 --> 00:36:56,620

under the Russian Occupation.

687

00:36:56,620 --> 00:36:58,010

And they brought food with them?

688

00:36:58,010 --> 00:37:00,860

They-- people helped themselves.

689

00:37:00,860 --> 00:37:05,480

For instance, right away

after I was liberated--

690

00:37:05,480 --> 00:37:09,050

I mean, after we

went to the front--

691

00:37:09,050 --> 00:37:10,730

as you know, I was a tailor.

692

00:37:10,730 --> 00:37:16,692

I went into a Polish family.

693

00:37:16,692 --> 00:37:17,650

And they had a machine.

694

00:37:17,650 --> 00:37:19,580

And they had peace

goods stolen--

695

00:37:19,580 --> 00:37:23,040

plenty of peace

goods from the Jews.

696

00:37:23,040 --> 00:37:28,070

And I was working for them,

sewing, making shirts, making

697

00:37:28,070 --> 00:37:28,650

shirts.

698

00:37:28,650 --> 00:37:31,610

And they gave me to

eat, nothing else.

699

00:37:31,610 --> 00:37:33,750
But they gave me good to eat.

700
00:37:33,750 --> 00:37:36,060
This was a big thing for me.

701
00:37:36,060 --> 00:37:38,420
This was a big thing
in the beginning.

702
00:37:38,420 --> 00:37:41,450
And then, later on, when I
went into the larger town,

703
00:37:41,450 --> 00:37:43,500
I started, also, to
do some business.

704
00:37:43,500 --> 00:37:45,770
What was the business?

705
00:37:45,770 --> 00:37:53,305
The Russian Army, when they
were reaching the German borders

706
00:37:53,305 --> 00:38:01,310
there, the German
people, they were

707
00:38:01,310 --> 00:38:06,050
clearing out their closets,
taking out all their goods,

708
00:38:06,050 --> 00:38:07,790
their suits, their things.

709
00:38:07,790 --> 00:38:11,960
And, when they were going
back to their headquarters,

710
00:38:11,960 --> 00:38:17,180
back to behind where we
were in [PLACE NAME],,

711
00:38:17,180 --> 00:38:21,530
they brought big sacks of
materials-- not new ones

712
00:38:21,530 --> 00:38:23,240
but suits and things.

713
00:38:23,240 --> 00:38:24,352
And we bought from them.

714
00:38:24,352 --> 00:38:25,810
For instance, if
you had the watch,

715
00:38:25,810 --> 00:38:27,830
and you gave them
this watch, you

716
00:38:27,830 --> 00:38:33,410
could get a whole bag of
clothes, and bedspreads,

717
00:38:33,410 --> 00:38:37,550
and sheets, and other
towels, all these things.

718
00:38:37,550 --> 00:38:39,890
So you went out on the market.

719
00:38:39,890 --> 00:38:42,170
There was a bazaar every week.

720
00:38:42,170 --> 00:38:44,080
You went out, and you
were selling them.

721
00:38:44,080 --> 00:38:45,020
You made some money.

722
00:38:45,020 --> 00:38:47,920
This was the way it started off.

723
00:38:47,920 --> 00:38:51,350
And then I went back from
[PLACE NAME] to Krakow.

724
00:38:51,350 --> 00:38:52,820
Krakow was already liberated.

725
00:38:52,820 --> 00:38:54,380
They were already in Berlin.

726
00:38:54,380 --> 00:38:56,120
The war was still on.

727
00:38:56,120 --> 00:39:00,860
And, in Krakow, again,
was a big town already.

728
00:39:00,860 --> 00:39:04,690
Right away, a Jewish
Community Center was created.

729
00:39:04,690 --> 00:39:10,610
And they were taking
back some buildings,

730
00:39:10,610 --> 00:39:14,260
what the Germans occupied.

731
00:39:14,260 --> 00:39:18,050
And they moved in
a lot of people.

732
00:39:18,050 --> 00:39:20,440
But we couldn't move in.

733
00:39:20,440 --> 00:39:29,420
We rented a large room
in the main square.

734
00:39:29,420 --> 00:39:35,180
And, every week, like a

bazaar was going on there.

735

00:39:35,180 --> 00:39:37,940

I was going out
there and selling,

736

00:39:37,940 --> 00:39:40,700

either some
[INAUDIBLE] what I had,

737

00:39:40,700 --> 00:39:43,130

or I started off to
do some business.

738

00:39:43,130 --> 00:39:49,430

A guy came in from further
near the German border.

739

00:39:49,430 --> 00:39:52,430

He brought leather,
and he was selling

740

00:39:52,430 --> 00:39:55,640

this leather on the market--

741

00:39:55,640 --> 00:39:57,200

big pieces of leather.

742

00:39:57,200 --> 00:40:01,640

I said, why don't you
give me [? consign ?]??

743

00:40:01,640 --> 00:40:03,750

I'll sell it, and
I'll pay for it.

744

00:40:03,750 --> 00:40:04,250

Good.

745

00:40:04,250 --> 00:40:06,890

He gave me because he had to go.

746

00:40:06,890 --> 00:40:10,160

And we let him store
in our place to go in.

747

00:40:10,160 --> 00:40:11,870

This was, for him, very good.

748

00:40:11,870 --> 00:40:13,940

And I started to
sell the leather.

749

00:40:13,940 --> 00:40:15,230

And, later, I got smart.

750

00:40:15,230 --> 00:40:16,490

I have to take from him.

751

00:40:16,490 --> 00:40:18,380

I went to Katowice.

752

00:40:18,380 --> 00:40:20,690

Maybe you heard of Katowice.

753

00:40:20,690 --> 00:40:22,400

Again, a large town.

754

00:40:22,400 --> 00:40:25,570

This was closer to
the German borders.

755

00:40:25,570 --> 00:40:28,910

And I found out where I can buy
leather, and I bought leather.

756

00:40:28,910 --> 00:40:34,550

This leather was smuggled in
from Germany, from Hungary.

757

00:40:34,550 --> 00:40:38,330

758

00:40:38,330 --> 00:40:40,890

The Russian soldiers
were smuggling in.

759
00:40:40,890 --> 00:40:43,520
There were Jews with them.

760
00:40:43,520 --> 00:40:45,980
There was one Jewish soldier.

761
00:40:45,980 --> 00:40:48,660
He is now living in New York.

762
00:40:48,660 --> 00:40:50,750
And I meet him once in a while.

763
00:40:50,750 --> 00:40:53,870
He lost a leg.

764
00:40:53,870 --> 00:40:56,860
And he was dressed
as an officer.

765
00:40:56,860 --> 00:41:01,100
And he took a
Russian with a truck.

766
00:41:01,100 --> 00:41:07,600
And he got himself a seal
that he is [INAUDIBLE] means

767
00:41:07,600 --> 00:41:10,220
secret--

768
00:41:10,220 --> 00:41:11,150
secret.

769
00:41:11,150 --> 00:41:14,150
That he was-- he was
going through the borders.

770
00:41:14,150 --> 00:41:16,316
And they saw this--

771
00:41:16,316 --> 00:41:21,420
it's called [INAUDIBLE]----
this [INAUDIBLE] this card,

772
00:41:21,420 --> 00:41:28,280
what he had written that he is
a secret man didn't do anything.

773
00:41:28,280 --> 00:41:34,010
He went into Hungary and loaded
that truck with hard leather--

774
00:41:34,010 --> 00:41:37,970
leather, hard leather--
and brought back to Krakow,

775
00:41:37,970 --> 00:41:46,260
and was selling whoever knew
about selling, making money.

776
00:41:46,260 --> 00:41:49,970
And so I, again,
with my friend--

777
00:41:49,970 --> 00:41:54,020
and my friend, an old men,
survived in the forest.

778
00:41:54,020 --> 00:41:58,250
He was about maybe
65, 70 years old.

779
00:41:58,250 --> 00:42:03,380
And he had a fur coat.

780
00:42:03,380 --> 00:42:06,260
You know, the rich
Jews before the war,

781
00:42:06,260 --> 00:42:10,910
had a black coat with
a [INAUDIBLE] collar.

782
00:42:10,910 --> 00:42:12,890
This was very expensive.

783
00:42:12,890 --> 00:42:16,430
And this is only who
could afford this.

784
00:42:16,430 --> 00:42:20,000
He gave this out away
to a farmer somewhere.

785
00:42:20,000 --> 00:42:21,590
And he got it back.

786
00:42:21,590 --> 00:42:23,450
And he goes out to sell
because they didn't

787
00:42:23,450 --> 00:42:27,110
have a piece of bread at home.

788
00:42:27,110 --> 00:42:30,110
They were going around
hungry in Krakow.

789
00:42:30,110 --> 00:42:32,420
He went out on that
bazaar to sell this.

790
00:42:32,420 --> 00:42:38,170
So, to sell it, comes excuse
my expression-- a jerk.

791
00:42:38,170 --> 00:42:41,250
And he has to put it on, to
try it on, if it fits him.

792
00:42:41,250 --> 00:42:44,480
He tries out, and he
says, this is my coat.

793

00:42:44,480 --> 00:42:46,084
Where did you get it?

794
00:42:46,084 --> 00:42:51,590
He says to that Jewish
fellow, this is my fur coat.

795
00:42:51,590 --> 00:42:53,280
Where did you get it?

796
00:42:53,280 --> 00:43:00,340
And then that old man
started to make noise.

797
00:43:00,340 --> 00:43:02,480
And, right way, they came--

798
00:43:02,480 --> 00:43:04,490
the milic was called--

799
00:43:04,490 --> 00:43:08,450
this was the police at
that time but also the kind

800
00:43:08,450 --> 00:43:10,580
from what were killing Jews.

801
00:43:10,580 --> 00:43:14,290
But they were the authorities.

802
00:43:14,290 --> 00:43:18,920
And so what can I tell you?

803
00:43:18,920 --> 00:43:25,740
They arrested this old man
for wanting to sell his coat.

804
00:43:25,740 --> 00:43:29,340

805
00:43:29,340 --> 00:43:34,250
And this guy who wanted to

steal that coat from him,

806

00:43:34,250 --> 00:43:35,390

they let him go.

807

00:43:35,390 --> 00:43:42,170

They just took his name, and
they arrested this old man.

808

00:43:42,170 --> 00:43:43,130

And we go out.

809

00:43:43,130 --> 00:43:47,080

Here, he had a
sister, and a brother,

810

00:43:47,080 --> 00:43:52,120

and a daughter, and a son, and
another young lady with them

811

00:43:52,120 --> 00:43:53,810

who was in the forest.

812

00:43:53,810 --> 00:43:57,020

Honestly, hungry, was
out a piece of bread,

813

00:43:57,020 --> 00:43:59,210

not a penny in their soul.

814

00:43:59,210 --> 00:44:00,080

They came to Krakow.

815

00:44:00,080 --> 00:44:02,810

816

00:44:02,810 --> 00:44:04,850

And he had the man--

817

00:44:04,850 --> 00:44:06,220

they arrested them.

818

00:44:06,220 --> 00:44:11,010

And good that this
police took that coat

819

00:44:11,010 --> 00:44:11,930

from the headquarters.

820

00:44:11,930 --> 00:44:14,450

They didn't let him have it.

821

00:44:14,450 --> 00:44:19,130

Finally, they had to prove
where this coat was hidden.

822

00:44:19,130 --> 00:44:23,660

And they got a witness
that this is his coat

823

00:44:23,660 --> 00:44:26,150

from before the
war, this fur coat.

824

00:44:26,150 --> 00:44:27,230

So they gave him back.

825

00:44:27,230 --> 00:44:31,920

But he had to be in jail for
24 hours for selling this coat.

826

00:44:31,920 --> 00:44:34,200

This is how the conditions
were after the war,

827

00:44:34,200 --> 00:44:37,310

the good conditions,
the good Polish.

828

00:44:37,310 --> 00:44:43,010

And so, of course, these girls,
as I said, they were hungry.

829

00:44:43,010 --> 00:44:45,170

I had some money because
I was doing some business.

830
00:44:45,170 --> 00:44:49,940
I said to the brother, go
out and, first, buy a bread.

831
00:44:49,940 --> 00:44:51,740
Let them eat.

832
00:44:51,740 --> 00:44:53,330
And so we start to
do some business--

833
00:44:53,330 --> 00:44:54,038
Excuse me, Aaron.

834
00:44:54,038 --> 00:44:55,100
We have 15 minutes more.

835
00:44:55,100 --> 00:44:55,600
OK.

836
00:44:55,600 --> 00:44:59,510
[INAUDIBLE]

837
00:44:59,510 --> 00:45:00,770
You want me to stop for 15?

838
00:45:00,770 --> 00:45:00,950
No.

839
00:45:00,950 --> 00:45:01,450
No, no, no.

840
00:45:01,450 --> 00:45:02,307
Just continue.

841
00:45:02,307 --> 00:45:03,640
We have 15 more minutes of time.

842

00:45:03,640 --> 00:45:07,640
If there's anything that you
want to make sure you say--

843
00:45:07,640 --> 00:45:08,150
Uh.

844
00:45:08,150 --> 00:45:08,870
Dah.

845
00:45:08,870 --> 00:45:15,160
What I want to say is this,
being there in Krakow,

846
00:45:15,160 --> 00:45:20,350
one morning, this
group came in the--

847
00:45:20,350 --> 00:45:21,050
AK?

848
00:45:21,050 --> 00:45:25,670
--the AK came in
with machine guns,

849
00:45:25,670 --> 00:45:27,950
and put them all
against the wall,

850
00:45:27,950 --> 00:45:32,420
and picked up everything
what was in the house,

851
00:45:32,420 --> 00:45:35,130
and took out the leather.

852
00:45:35,130 --> 00:45:36,980
They knew where to look.

853
00:45:36,980 --> 00:45:38,125
We had some gold pieces--

854

00:45:38,125 --> 00:45:40,250
you know, when you had
money, you bought something,

855
00:45:40,250 --> 00:45:43,820
you wanted to invest your money.

856
00:45:43,820 --> 00:45:46,880
In there were, in old
rags in the closet,

857
00:45:46,880 --> 00:45:49,510
they picked up the rags,
and went through one by one,

858
00:45:49,510 --> 00:45:51,250
and picked up the gold pieces.

859
00:45:51,250 --> 00:45:56,390
And I happened to be, at
that time, in the movies.

860
00:45:56,390 --> 00:45:57,570
I went out in the movies.

861
00:45:57,570 --> 00:46:00,200
It was during the
day and good that I

862
00:46:00,200 --> 00:46:03,080
wasn't there because I wouldn't
have let them take away

863
00:46:03,080 --> 00:46:07,820
because I would have-- first
of all, I would have go out.

864
00:46:07,820 --> 00:46:12,828
I would have run out and
call some authorities

865
00:46:12,828 --> 00:46:14,120
if there were some authorities.

866
00:46:14,120 --> 00:46:18,050
But, anyway, they picked
up everything what we had,

867
00:46:18,050 --> 00:46:22,310
and they left us clear
without anything.

868
00:46:22,310 --> 00:46:24,110
So we moved out
of that apartment

869
00:46:24,110 --> 00:46:26,630
because, "We will
be back," they said.

870
00:46:26,630 --> 00:46:29,200
We moved out, and I
gave up the business.

871
00:46:29,200 --> 00:46:33,510
And I didn't do anymore
this type of business.

872
00:46:33,510 --> 00:46:36,750
And so, later, my wife
came in the picture.

873
00:46:36,750 --> 00:46:40,950
She also came out sick
from a concentration camp.

874
00:46:40,950 --> 00:46:43,050
And they introduced her to me.

875
00:46:43,050 --> 00:46:44,130
She looked very bad.

876
00:46:44,130 --> 00:46:46,980
She lost all her
hair on the head.

877

00:46:46,980 --> 00:46:51,340

She had a little coat made
from an American blanket.

878

00:46:51,340 --> 00:46:54,300

So it was something
she made by hand.

879

00:46:54,300 --> 00:46:56,680

And this was with a girlfriend.

880

00:46:56,680 --> 00:46:58,840

The girlfriend provided
her the blanket,

881

00:46:58,840 --> 00:47:00,440

and she sewed that coat up.

882

00:47:00,440 --> 00:47:02,800

And so, when she went
out, she's wear the coat.

883

00:47:02,800 --> 00:47:04,620

And, when the
girlfriend went out,

884

00:47:04,620 --> 00:47:06,350

the girlfriend
would wear the coat.

885

00:47:06,350 --> 00:47:09,210

And I met, at that
time, my wife.

886

00:47:09,210 --> 00:47:14,550

I wasn't so eager to get
married because I didn't know.

887

00:47:14,550 --> 00:47:17,010

I thought maybe I'm going to
go away to the United States,

888

00:47:17,010 --> 00:47:20,650
and I am not the one
in involved myself.

889
00:47:20,650 --> 00:47:23,770
But I did.

890
00:47:23,770 --> 00:47:26,350
I got married.

891
00:47:26,350 --> 00:47:28,980
And then, in Krakow--

892
00:47:28,980 --> 00:47:33,230
we were living in Krakow
for about another year.

893
00:47:33,230 --> 00:47:39,135
And I had uncles in the United
States, right in Plainfield.

894
00:47:39,135 --> 00:47:42,420
And they sent me a affidavit--

895
00:47:42,420 --> 00:47:43,860
papers.

896
00:47:43,860 --> 00:47:47,760
And we had to smuggle
from Poland to Austria.

897
00:47:47,760 --> 00:47:49,860
From Austria, we had
to smuggle to Germany

898
00:47:49,860 --> 00:47:54,010
because, from Poland, nobody
was going to the United States.

899
00:47:54,010 --> 00:48:00,840
And we came in-- when I came
into Germany, at that time,

900

00:48:00,840 --> 00:48:07,350

we had to register that we
belong to a certain group

901

00:48:07,350 --> 00:48:09,740

from survivors from
the concentration camp.

902

00:48:09,740 --> 00:48:12,390

And I went to Heidelberg
because my wife was still sick.

903

00:48:12,390 --> 00:48:18,210

She had the lungs that
were still not clear

904

00:48:18,210 --> 00:48:21,950

from [INAUDIBLE] because
she had very bad typhus.

905

00:48:21,950 --> 00:48:23,640

And so we went to
Heidelberg, and there

906

00:48:23,640 --> 00:48:25,130

were the clinics and doctors.

907

00:48:25,130 --> 00:48:26,970

And she was attending
a clinic there.

908

00:48:26,970 --> 00:48:28,980

And she was healed out there.

909

00:48:28,980 --> 00:48:30,810

And, in Heidelberg,
I was registering.

910

00:48:30,810 --> 00:48:32,850

And this guy in the--

911

00:48:32,850 --> 00:48:37,080

in that community, he
says, what proof do

912
00:48:37,080 --> 00:48:39,820
you have that you are Jewish?

913
00:48:39,820 --> 00:48:43,710
Because a lot of German were
registering, that they say

914
00:48:43,710 --> 00:48:45,430
they are Jewish.

915
00:48:45,430 --> 00:48:46,470
And I said, I am Jewish.

916
00:48:46,470 --> 00:48:47,310
What do you want me to do?

917
00:48:47,310 --> 00:48:48,435
You want me to talk Jewish?

918
00:48:48,435 --> 00:48:51,780
I'll talk to you in Jewish,
but do you understand Jewish?

919
00:48:51,780 --> 00:48:53,340
No, he says.

920
00:48:53,340 --> 00:48:57,400
I said, I have no other proof
to tell you that I am Jewish.

921
00:48:57,400 --> 00:48:59,100
What nationality was this man?

922
00:48:59,100 --> 00:49:00,580
This man was a German.

923
00:49:00,580 --> 00:49:02,670
Wait-- what happened
to this man,

924
00:49:02,670 --> 00:49:05,910
it happened so that somebody
recognized him that he

925
00:49:05,910 --> 00:49:09,000
was in an SS, and he ran away.

926
00:49:09,000 --> 00:49:14,850
This guy who will try to
find out if I am Jewish,

927
00:49:14,850 --> 00:49:16,710
he was an SS.

928
00:49:16,710 --> 00:49:21,900
He was in this community
center, the whole chief,

929
00:49:21,900 --> 00:49:25,050
and finally somebody
recognized him.

930
00:49:25,050 --> 00:49:26,070
And he was an SS.

931
00:49:26,070 --> 00:49:28,470
And he ran away.

932
00:49:28,470 --> 00:49:32,760
And so those are things
where you cannot forgive.

933
00:49:32,760 --> 00:49:40,240
And you are-- after five
years, what you went through,

934
00:49:40,240 --> 00:49:43,930
you just slip a lot of it.

935
00:49:43,930 --> 00:49:53,270
But the main things, which is

the horrible scenes and things

936

00:49:53,270 --> 00:49:54,330

remain with you.

937

00:49:54,330 --> 00:49:56,370

And you cannot forget that.

938

00:49:56,370 --> 00:49:57,510

You dream about.

939

00:49:57,510 --> 00:50:01,620

You go through dreams every
few days, another dream.

940

00:50:01,620 --> 00:50:03,850

You are hiding, you are
running, and hiding.

941

00:50:03,850 --> 00:50:06,420

And there's nowhere to
hide and things like that.

942

00:50:06,420 --> 00:50:08,250

When did you come to
the United States?

943

00:50:08,250 --> 00:50:18,840

We came in '49 or late
in the '48, I think.

944

00:50:18,840 --> 00:50:24,590

We had some problems coming here
because of this organization

945

00:50:24,590 --> 00:50:26,400

of survivors.

946

00:50:26,400 --> 00:50:29,100

What happened, they
elected a president,

947

00:50:29,100 --> 00:50:30,150
and he was a communist.

948
00:50:30,150 --> 00:50:36,690
And whoever belonged to this
organization had a black spot.

949
00:50:36,690 --> 00:50:38,630
He [INAUDIBLE] communist.

950
00:50:38,630 --> 00:50:41,730
And we were staying
in Bremenhaven,

951
00:50:41,730 --> 00:50:45,810
and this is where
the ships moved.

952
00:50:45,810 --> 00:50:50,000
We were staying there for more
than, I think, five weeks.

953
00:50:50,000 --> 00:50:52,740
And I had a little
boy, a year old.

954
00:50:52,740 --> 00:50:57,120
He caught a cold,
and got sick, and had

955
00:50:57,120 --> 00:50:58,740
to put him in the hospital.

956
00:50:58,740 --> 00:51:00,540
And we were waiting.

957
00:51:00,540 --> 00:51:04,650
They were checking my papers,
a bit communist, I am.

958
00:51:04,650 --> 00:51:06,330
Where was he born, your son?

959

00:51:06,330 --> 00:51:07,130

Who?

960

00:51:07,130 --> 00:51:07,820

My oldest son?

961

00:51:07,820 --> 00:51:08,320

Yeah.

962

00:51:08,320 --> 00:51:08,910

In Heidelberg.

963

00:51:08,910 --> 00:51:09,550

In Heidelberg?

964

00:51:09,550 --> 00:51:10,230

In Heidelberg.

965

00:51:10,230 --> 00:51:11,940

He was-- yeah.

966

00:51:11,940 --> 00:51:14,280

He was born in Heidelberg.

967

00:51:14,280 --> 00:51:17,430

And this is where--

968

00:51:17,430 --> 00:51:23,140

the problem was, when

I came in to register,

969

00:51:23,140 --> 00:51:26,990

and I belonged to

that organization.

970

00:51:26,990 --> 00:51:29,160

And that organization

turned communist

971

00:51:29,160 --> 00:51:31,250

because they

elected a communist.

972

00:51:31,250 --> 00:51:35,300

And so everybody who belonged
to this organization,

973

00:51:35,300 --> 00:51:40,330

had some doubt if he
is not a communist.

974

00:51:40,330 --> 00:51:44,550

I told them I didn't go
any more to any meetings.

975

00:51:44,550 --> 00:51:50,010

Since the first
president was discharged,

976

00:51:50,010 --> 00:51:51,670

I didn't go to
any more meetings.

977

00:51:51,670 --> 00:51:54,570

I don't know what you're
talking about, a communist.

978

00:51:54,570 --> 00:51:56,250

I never was a communist.

979

00:51:56,250 --> 00:52:00,120

I was a hard-working man.

980

00:52:00,120 --> 00:52:02,700

And, finally, they
checked my papers.

981

00:52:02,700 --> 00:52:05,310

And it took about five weeks.

982

00:52:05,310 --> 00:52:09,420

And to stay there five weeks
and to sleep, again, in barracks

983

00:52:09,420 --> 00:52:17,460

and eat every morning a
half a quart of potato soup,

984

00:52:17,460 --> 00:52:19,160

you had another portion.

985

00:52:19,160 --> 00:52:25,420

And, when you came here
to wait in Germany,

986

00:52:25,420 --> 00:52:27,510

I moved in with a friend.

987

00:52:27,510 --> 00:52:28,350

Never bed.

988

00:52:28,350 --> 00:52:31,600

I was sleeping on the
table, or under the table,

989

00:52:31,600 --> 00:52:36,000

or on the table for
about two years.

990

00:52:36,000 --> 00:52:39,370

991

00:52:39,370 --> 00:52:42,090

And, finally, when we
reached the United States,

992

00:52:42,090 --> 00:52:43,660

I was, the first time, in a bed.

993

00:52:43,660 --> 00:52:46,220

994

00:52:46,220 --> 00:52:50,620

And that's how you-- like I
said, this is the main thing.

995

00:52:50,620 --> 00:52:52,060

But there are more to it.

996

00:52:52,060 --> 00:52:54,230

You can't remember those things.

997

00:52:54,230 --> 00:52:57,810

It's very hard, after
five years, to remember.

998

00:52:57,810 --> 00:52:59,860

We haven't got anything written.

999

00:52:59,860 --> 00:53:03,400

We have everything
with what we remember.

1000

00:53:03,400 --> 00:53:06,730

That's what I'm
trying to tell you.

1001

00:53:06,730 --> 00:53:12,130

And so, further later
on in the United States,

1002

00:53:12,130 --> 00:53:13,675

I was working on two jobs.

1003

00:53:13,675 --> 00:53:17,240

1004

00:53:17,240 --> 00:53:22,600

During the day, I was working
as a fitter a department store.

1005

00:53:22,600 --> 00:53:25,090

And I was working
on another job,

1006

00:53:25,090 --> 00:53:29,940

going out to do some sheet rock
work-- applying sheet rocks,

1007
00:53:29,940 --> 00:53:32,860
and spackling, and things like
that because I was a handyman.

1008
00:53:32,860 --> 00:53:37,310
I learned a lot this business
in the concentration camp.

1009
00:53:37,310 --> 00:53:41,630
And it was hard.

1010
00:53:41,630 --> 00:53:47,590
I couldn't get an apartment
because I had a little boy.

1011
00:53:47,590 --> 00:53:50,110
Nobody would rent to
you, at that time,

1012
00:53:50,110 --> 00:53:52,960
an apartment with a child.

1013
00:53:52,960 --> 00:53:56,230
I couldn't understand that.

1014
00:53:56,230 --> 00:54:03,620
Finally, we did get settled
in and worked very hard.

1015
00:54:03,620 --> 00:54:07,200
And thanks, God,
that we are here,

1016
00:54:07,200 --> 00:54:12,820
and that we survived all these
things that we can tell about.

1017
00:54:12,820 --> 00:54:19,480
And I am now, I would say,
[NON-ENGLISH] doing fine.

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00:54:19,480 --> 00:54:22,480

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00:54:22,480 --> 00:54:27,790

I went in into the business
into building line.

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00:54:27,790 --> 00:54:34,700

And I was about 11 years
in the building trade.

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00:54:34,700 --> 00:54:37,310

And then I gave up.

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00:54:37,310 --> 00:54:38,120

Became bad.

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00:54:38,120 --> 00:54:40,220

It became that you
couldn't get any mortgages.

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00:54:40,220 --> 00:54:43,830

Couldn't sell houses, so I
liquidated this business.

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00:54:43,830 --> 00:54:45,110

And I am partially retired.

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00:54:45,110 --> 00:54:47,090

I have a couple
old houses, which

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00:54:47,090 --> 00:54:49,100

I am taking care of myself.

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00:54:49,100 --> 00:54:51,370

[INAUDIBLE] you fix it.

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00:54:51,370 --> 00:54:55,080

You need a plumber, you
call him, and you rent it.

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00:54:55,080 --> 00:54:57,485
And this is what I am doing.

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00:54:57,485 --> 00:54:58,790
And thanks, God, for that.

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00:54:58,790 --> 00:55:00,560
Do you talk to your
children about this?

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00:55:00,560 --> 00:55:02,602
Did they ever-- did they
want to know about this?

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00:55:02,602 --> 00:55:03,770
They know about this.

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00:55:03,770 --> 00:55:05,810
They don't want
to-- they don't want

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00:55:05,810 --> 00:55:08,950
to listen too much about it,
like all American children,

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00:55:08,950 --> 00:55:11,220
you know.

1038
00:55:11,220 --> 00:55:18,410
But, now, they wanted a copy
of those papers, what we had.

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00:55:18,410 --> 00:55:24,290
And they are more interested
because they're starting to--

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00:55:24,290 --> 00:55:28,570
the [INAUDIBLE],, as
we call ourselves,

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00:55:28,570 --> 00:55:30,230
the time is against us.

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00:55:30,230 --> 00:55:32,220

Let's not kid ourselves.

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00:55:32,220 --> 00:55:38,610

And, if they won't take
over and be interested,

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00:55:38,610 --> 00:55:42,470

those anti-Semites who
are writing books now

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00:55:42,470 --> 00:55:47,360

and that this was a lie, then
they will open their mouth.

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00:55:47,360 --> 00:55:49,170

Do you have grandchildren?

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00:55:49,170 --> 00:55:52,260

I have had [HEBREW]
six grandchildren.

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00:55:52,260 --> 00:55:56,540

And they are-- and whenever
I think of those children

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00:55:56,540 --> 00:55:59,480

where they were killed,
it cuts my heart

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00:55:59,480 --> 00:56:00,900

because I love my children.

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00:56:00,900 --> 00:56:01,920

I love my grandchildren.

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00:56:01,920 --> 00:56:05,480

When I don't see them, and I
don't see them in two weeks,

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00:56:05,480 --> 00:56:07,460

I have to go with them.

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00:56:07,460 --> 00:56:15,140
One son lives in Muncy,
and one is in Fair Lawn,

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00:56:15,140 --> 00:56:16,450
and one is Livingston.

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00:56:16,450 --> 00:56:18,300
He's a lawyer there
in Livingston.

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00:56:18,300 --> 00:56:21,170
And Fair Lawn
works in computers.

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00:56:21,170 --> 00:56:30,920
And, in Muncy, he is
a Orthodox young man.

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00:56:30,920 --> 00:56:38,310
Not special Hasidic, but he
sends the kids to the yeshivas.

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00:56:38,310 --> 00:56:42,350
And he has a good Jewish home.

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00:56:42,350 --> 00:56:44,660
The same thing is in Fair Lawn.

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00:56:44,660 --> 00:56:48,960
Fair Lawn is now a very
nice Jewish community there.

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00:56:48,960 --> 00:56:53,000
And, if you want to be
a Yid you can be there

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00:56:53,000 --> 00:56:55,910
with all the things.

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00:56:55,910 --> 00:56:57,930

And I have [NON-ENGLISH].

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00:56:57,930 --> 00:57:00,130
That's called, in
Jewish, [NON-ENGLISH]..

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00:57:00,130 --> 00:57:01,210
Pleasure.

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00:57:01,210 --> 00:57:01,820
Thank you.

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00:57:01,820 --> 00:57:11,420
And you know, after one
man left from 46 people,

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00:57:11,420 --> 00:57:17,030
and now my family, [NON-ENGLISH]
is growing, I have the name.

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00:57:17,030 --> 00:57:17,810
I survived.

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00:57:17,810 --> 00:57:23,240
And I feel that I have
accomplished something in life.

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00:57:23,240 --> 00:57:31,870
And, when I am with my
children, my children

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00:57:31,870 --> 00:57:35,110
don't like to hear
too much about.

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00:57:35,110 --> 00:57:38,810
Even if I tell them,
it goes in here,

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00:57:38,810 --> 00:57:41,000
and it goes out right here.

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00:57:41,000 --> 00:57:44,440

But they know what
I have been through.

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00:57:44,440 --> 00:57:51,100

And they know what happened
to the people in Europe.

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00:57:51,100 --> 00:57:52,806

They know about that.

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00:57:52,806 --> 00:57:54,070

Aaron, thank you very much.

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00:57:54,070 --> 00:57:54,590

Thank you.

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00:57:54,590 --> 00:57:56,340

Thank you.

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00:57:56,340 --> 00:57:59,275