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00:00:00,000 --> 00:00:16,620

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00:00:16,620 --> 00:00:17,120

Continue.

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00:00:17,120 --> 00:00:20,960

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00:00:20,960 --> 00:00:26,120

When we came to Auschwitz,  
you probably are wondering,

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00:00:26,120 --> 00:00:28,640

I want to mention this.

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00:00:28,640 --> 00:00:33,230

Most of the girls 99%, of the  
girls, did not menstruate.

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00:00:33,230 --> 00:00:36,830

Was it due to the malnutrition,  
or was it due to the food

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00:00:36,830 --> 00:00:37,670

that we ate?

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00:00:37,670 --> 00:00:38,900

I don't know.

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00:00:38,900 --> 00:00:42,140

But there were a few  
who still menstruated.

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00:00:42,140 --> 00:00:45,440

And of course, they didn't  
have any sanitary napkins

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00:00:45,440 --> 00:00:46,610

to do with.

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00:00:46,610 --> 00:00:48,770

So what did they do?

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00:00:48,770 --> 00:00:50,100

They used to take--

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00:00:50,100 --> 00:00:55,940

if they had a slip, used  
to cut a piece of the slip.

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00:00:55,940 --> 00:01:02,210

And whoever from us girls had  
a light blouse or something,

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00:01:02,210 --> 00:01:04,730

used to give it to them.

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00:01:04,730 --> 00:01:08,840

They used to use it, wash it  
out, dry it out, and use it

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00:01:08,840 --> 00:01:10,300

again.

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00:01:10,300 --> 00:01:15,170

And the same thing, we  
didn't have any toilet paper.

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00:01:15,170 --> 00:01:17,990

As long as we were  
working in the factory

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00:01:17,990 --> 00:01:21,440

where we were sewing, we  
always had some fabrics

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00:01:21,440 --> 00:01:23,210

that we used to use.

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00:01:23,210 --> 00:01:28,560

But in Birkenau, we  
didn't have anything.

25  
00:01:28,560 --> 00:01:30,250  
We used to get--

26  
00:01:30,250 --> 00:01:33,860  
if we could find a leaf  
still on the ground,

27  
00:01:33,860 --> 00:01:35,380  
we used to use the leaf.

28  
00:01:35,380 --> 00:01:38,810  
And to wash it out and keep it.

29  
00:01:38,810 --> 00:01:41,110  
We used to get  
bread and margarine,

30  
00:01:41,110 --> 00:01:42,980  
a small piece of margarine.

31  
00:01:42,980 --> 00:01:45,440  
So whoever got the  
last piece of margarine

32  
00:01:45,440 --> 00:01:49,520  
got the wax paper that  
the margarine was wrapped.

33  
00:01:49,520 --> 00:01:54,830  
So at the beginning, maybe  
there were four pieces of the--

34  
00:01:54,830 --> 00:01:57,470  
four papers, wax papers.

35  
00:01:57,470 --> 00:02:01,220  
And we were about, I don't  
know, a couple hundred of girls.

36  
00:02:01,220 --> 00:02:04,190  
So we used to share

the paper, used

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00:02:04,190 --> 00:02:08,855

to wash it under the water,  
dry it out, and use it.

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00:02:08,855 --> 00:02:10,850

And this was the--

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00:02:10,850 --> 00:02:13,250

this was in Birkenau  
that we had it.

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00:02:13,250 --> 00:02:17,510

But I just wanted to mention  
that if you tell today people

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00:02:17,510 --> 00:02:20,840

what we went through at this--

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00:02:20,840 --> 00:02:25,920

it's unbelievable  
to believe somebody.

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00:02:25,920 --> 00:02:29,670

But at this-- it is  
a fact that it was--

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00:02:29,670 --> 00:02:30,530

it was like this.

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00:02:30,530 --> 00:02:36,210

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00:02:36,210 --> 00:02:44,400

In Auschwitz itself, for us,  
before we went to Auschwitz,

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00:02:44,400 --> 00:02:46,710

we went to the showers.

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00:02:46,710 --> 00:02:52,080

And they gave us fairly  
decent clothes to work.

49  
00:02:52,080 --> 00:02:54,270  
And we went out of the showers.

50  
00:02:54,270 --> 00:02:56,820  
Then Mengele came in.

51  
00:02:56,820 --> 00:03:00,620  
And he asked who can sew?

52  
00:03:00,620 --> 00:03:02,560  
And I raised my arm.

53  
00:03:02,560 --> 00:03:03,610  
My hand.

54  
00:03:03,610 --> 00:03:05,780  
I say, I can sew.

55  
00:03:05,780 --> 00:03:07,300  
What's your number?

56  
00:03:07,300 --> 00:03:11,600  
I told him what my number  
was, because we had no names.

57  
00:03:11,600 --> 00:03:13,690  
He looked at me.

58  
00:03:13,690 --> 00:03:16,270  
And I was very foolish.

59  
00:03:16,270 --> 00:03:18,700  
I said, I have a sister.

60  
00:03:18,700 --> 00:03:20,450  
She's a seamstress.

61  
00:03:20,450 --> 00:03:23,150

She sews very well.

62

00:03:23,150 --> 00:03:26,290

And she's right over there.

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00:03:26,290 --> 00:03:27,850

And he said, what's her number?

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00:03:27,850 --> 00:03:29,350

And he took her.

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00:03:29,350 --> 00:03:32,170

He took her out  
from the group too.

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00:03:32,170 --> 00:03:37,090

And we were assigned  
to work indoors.

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00:03:37,090 --> 00:03:41,080

The other girls said to me,  
Ida, you know you were so crazy.

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00:03:41,080 --> 00:03:42,670

You know that you could have--

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00:03:42,670 --> 00:03:44,500

he could have just  
take you out from there

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00:03:44,500 --> 00:03:47,670

and put you over there to  
the gas chamber for that.

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00:03:47,670 --> 00:03:52,480

Because I was daring.

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00:03:52,480 --> 00:03:56,800

From that on, we went over  
there, and we worked inside.

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00:03:56,800 --> 00:03:59,830

And we were repairing  
other things

74  
00:03:59,830 --> 00:04:03,430  
for the German,  
population just for this.

75  
00:04:03,430 --> 00:04:05,350  
Not for the military,  
but for the--

76  
00:04:05,350 --> 00:04:08,830

77  
00:04:08,830 --> 00:04:10,770  
Civilians.

78  
00:04:10,770 --> 00:04:15,340  
All the-- there were quite a  
few women who were working.

79  
00:04:15,340 --> 00:04:19,225  
This was already January.

80  
00:04:19,225 --> 00:04:21,990

81  
00:04:21,990 --> 00:04:25,240  
They were working outside,  
and it was very cold.

82  
00:04:25,240 --> 00:04:29,440  
And they didn't have anything  
to put on their heads.

83  
00:04:29,440 --> 00:04:33,790  
So we used to steal material  
and make them kerchiefs

84  
00:04:33,790 --> 00:04:37,020  
or make underpants,  
longer underpants

85

00:04:37,020 --> 00:04:38,860  
that they could work.

86

00:04:38,860 --> 00:04:40,930  
And then we used to  
smuggle this through.

87

00:04:40,930 --> 00:04:42,910  
They didn't search  
us at that time.

88

00:04:42,910 --> 00:04:47,225  
We used to smuggle out some--

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00:04:47,225 --> 00:04:49,360  
things that they could--

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00:04:49,360 --> 00:04:50,980  
a scarf, make a scarf.

91

00:04:50,980 --> 00:04:54,430  
Just something that--  
we used to make gloves

92

00:04:54,430 --> 00:04:58,270  
from regular material,  
just to cover because they

93

00:04:58,270 --> 00:05:02,080  
were working outside  
on the roads.

94

00:05:02,080 --> 00:05:04,960  
And we were going to work.

95

00:05:04,960 --> 00:05:07,150  
And it wasn't too bad.

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00:05:07,150 --> 00:05:12,430  
But one night-- at  
night, what was unusual,



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00:05:12,430 --> 00:05:16,190  
they made an appeal--

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00:05:16,190 --> 00:05:16,690  
Appell.

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00:05:16,690 --> 00:05:17,190  
Appell.

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00:05:17,190 --> 00:05:19,840  
Appell is something else.

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00:05:19,840 --> 00:05:25,000  
We had together all in  
the courtyard over there.

102

00:05:25,000 --> 00:05:28,300  
We went over there,  
and we saw there were

103

00:05:28,300 --> 00:05:32,110  
four girls that were hanged.

104

00:05:32,110 --> 00:05:35,850  
Those girls were working  
in the ammunition factory

105

00:05:35,850 --> 00:05:38,490  
not far from Auschwitz.

106

00:05:38,490 --> 00:05:44,940  
And they were sabotaging  
whatever they did.

107

00:05:44,940 --> 00:05:48,240  
And they hung four young girls.

108

00:05:48,240 --> 00:05:50,790  
And we had to stand  
over there and look.

109

00:05:50,790 --> 00:05:55,980

And whoever put down their head,  
the SS used to go and hit you.

110

00:05:55,980 --> 00:05:58,380

So you just-- it was  
evening, so they see.

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00:05:58,380 --> 00:06:01,120

You just closed  
the eyes whoever--

112

00:06:01,120 --> 00:06:02,970

not everybody wanted to see it.

113

00:06:02,970 --> 00:06:06,840

It was a terrible,  
terrible sight to see that.

114

00:06:06,840 --> 00:06:11,790

And we were-- they were  
young girls our age.

115

00:06:11,790 --> 00:06:19,620

Well, this was-- once,  
next to our building,

116

00:06:19,620 --> 00:06:24,660

there was a building where this  
was the experimental building.

117

00:06:24,660 --> 00:06:26,190

Where they took in--

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00:06:26,190 --> 00:06:27,800

we know only the woman.

119

00:06:27,800 --> 00:06:30,330

They took in women over there,  
and they made experiments.

120

00:06:30,330 --> 00:06:33,480

They did some surgery.

121  
00:06:33,480 --> 00:06:37,860  
And of course without  
any anesthesia.

122  
00:06:37,860 --> 00:06:39,360  
And they feed them back.

123  
00:06:39,360 --> 00:06:41,700  
And they went back to you know.

124  
00:06:41,700 --> 00:06:43,590  
And they were  
holding over there.

125  
00:06:43,590 --> 00:06:45,330  
Over there, they had it--

126  
00:06:45,330 --> 00:06:46,380  
they had it good.

127  
00:06:46,380 --> 00:06:48,240  
Nobody should have it that good.

128  
00:06:48,240 --> 00:06:50,250  
But they had-- they  
feed them well.

129  
00:06:50,250 --> 00:06:52,020  
They had the movie.

130  
00:06:52,020 --> 00:06:53,200  
They showed them movies.

131  
00:06:53,200 --> 00:07:02,050  
And once the head from  
the barracks came in,

132  
00:07:02,050 --> 00:07:04,810  
would you like to  
go and see a movie?

133

00:07:04,810 --> 00:07:05,710

And we said, yes.

134

00:07:05,710 --> 00:07:07,990

We didn't see a movie  
for so many years.

135

00:07:07,990 --> 00:07:09,370

And we didn't know where it was.

136

00:07:09,370 --> 00:07:11,350

And they took us  
to that building.

137

00:07:11,350 --> 00:07:13,000

And we didn't know  
what that building.

138

00:07:13,000 --> 00:07:15,790

We come over there,  
and we found out

139

00:07:15,790 --> 00:07:21,060

that this was the building where  
it was the hospital experiment

140

00:07:21,060 --> 00:07:22,060

building.

141

00:07:22,060 --> 00:07:26,890

And those girls told us what  
was-- what they went through.

142

00:07:26,890 --> 00:07:28,600

And we all got so frightened.

143

00:07:28,600 --> 00:07:31,360

We saw that they are going  
to take us over there.

144

00:07:31,360 --> 00:07:32,470

But we were very lucky.

145  
00:07:32,470 --> 00:07:34,480  
They just took us out.

146  
00:07:34,480 --> 00:07:36,880  
We never went back over  
there to see any more movies.

147  
00:07:36,880 --> 00:07:39,610

148  
00:07:39,610 --> 00:07:40,710  
Well, this was the--

149  
00:07:40,710 --> 00:07:43,530

150  
00:07:43,530 --> 00:07:44,980  
in Auschwitz.

151  
00:07:44,980 --> 00:07:53,310  
And in January, I think  
18 or 19, one evening--

152  
00:07:53,310 --> 00:07:57,645

153  
00:07:57,645 --> 00:07:58,520  
this was the evening?

154  
00:07:58,520 --> 00:08:01,760  
No, it was in the morning.

155  
00:08:01,760 --> 00:08:04,430  
There was a whistle blowing.

156  
00:08:04,430 --> 00:08:09,740  
And everybody went out  
on the place over there.

157  
00:08:09,740 --> 00:08:11,420

And we are not going to go--

158

00:08:11,420 --> 00:08:13,710

we are not going to work.

159

00:08:13,710 --> 00:08:15,920

What happens, we don't know.

160

00:08:15,920 --> 00:08:17,690

They don't need us  
anymore to work.

161

00:08:17,690 --> 00:08:20,230

162

00:08:20,230 --> 00:08:21,280

We walked.

163

00:08:21,280 --> 00:08:25,090

They took us out  
because the Russian army

164

00:08:25,090 --> 00:08:30,580

was about 20 kilometers,  
like less than 20 miles,

165

00:08:30,580 --> 00:08:33,179

from Auschwitz.

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00:08:33,179 --> 00:08:37,380

And there were a few girls who  
were there in the infirmary.

167

00:08:37,380 --> 00:08:38,760

They were sick.

168

00:08:38,760 --> 00:08:41,940

I went to my friend and I  
said, look, we are going out.

169

00:08:41,940 --> 00:08:44,640

You have to get out, because

if you are not going to go out,

170

00:08:44,640 --> 00:08:45,480

they are going to kill you.

171

00:08:45,480 --> 00:08:47,022

Because this is what

they used to do.

172

00:08:47,022 --> 00:08:50,250

Whoever couldn't walk,

they used to kill.

173

00:08:50,250 --> 00:08:50,880

She went out.

174

00:08:50,880 --> 00:08:52,980

She was sick.

175

00:08:52,980 --> 00:09:03,040

We walked for a day to a

station wagon to a station--

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00:09:03,040 --> 00:09:04,330

a railroad station.

177

00:09:04,330 --> 00:09:08,230

We had to walk, I don't know

how many kilometers it was,

178

00:09:08,230 --> 00:09:10,720

but it was quite a distance.

179

00:09:10,720 --> 00:09:13,310

And we had to walk quite fast.

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00:09:13,310 --> 00:09:17,450

Whoever couldn't walk fast

and was standing behind,

181

00:09:17,450 --> 00:09:20,110

they used to shoot

right on the spot.

182

00:09:20,110 --> 00:09:22,690

183

00:09:22,690 --> 00:09:30,250

My girlfriend, she could walk,  
but she was leaning on my arm.

184

00:09:30,250 --> 00:09:33,700

And somehow I said, you have to  
walk, but they always kill you.

185

00:09:33,700 --> 00:09:35,350

We walked all day.

186

00:09:35,350 --> 00:09:37,690

It came in the evening.

187

00:09:37,690 --> 00:09:41,110

We stopped walking.

188

00:09:41,110 --> 00:09:42,900

And they told us they were--

189

00:09:42,900 --> 00:09:44,680

this was in a village.

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00:09:44,680 --> 00:09:48,680

They told wherever you can find  
a place, to go in and sleep.

191

00:09:48,680 --> 00:09:50,830

But there were barns on the--

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00:09:50,830 --> 00:09:53,560

193

00:09:53,560 --> 00:09:55,240

Farms.

194



00:09:55,240 --> 00:09:56,930  
Farmers had barns.

195  
00:09:56,930 --> 00:09:58,540  
And we went over  
there at the barn.

196  
00:09:58,540 --> 00:10:00,160  
There was hay over there.

197  
00:10:00,160 --> 00:10:02,755  
And we're thinking,  
maybe we should hide.

198  
00:10:02,755 --> 00:10:06,160

199  
00:10:06,160 --> 00:10:08,030  
And then one said,  
you are going to hide,

200  
00:10:08,030 --> 00:10:11,240  
and they are going to  
come later with dogs.

201  
00:10:11,240 --> 00:10:12,410  
And this.

202  
00:10:12,410 --> 00:10:14,710  
So anyhow, we were all--

203  
00:10:14,710 --> 00:10:17,250  
at night, we were staying there.

204  
00:10:17,250 --> 00:10:20,260  
And not the day we were  
walking-- the second, next day,

205  
00:10:20,260 --> 00:10:25,150  
until we came to an  
available station.

206

00:10:25,150 --> 00:10:28,600

A lot of them were  
killed on the way

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00:10:28,600 --> 00:10:31,710

because they couldn't  
walk anymore.

208

00:10:31,710 --> 00:10:37,950

We were loaded on open tracks--

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00:10:37,950 --> 00:10:42,360

the train tracks-- open tracks.

210

00:10:42,360 --> 00:10:44,990

It started to snow.

211

00:10:44,990 --> 00:10:50,070

And we were a whole night--

212

00:10:50,070 --> 00:10:57,160

we were going-- they shipped us  
to Germany, to Bergen-Belsen.

213

00:10:57,160 --> 00:10:58,710

We came to Bergen-Belsen.

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00:10:58,710 --> 00:11:01,240

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00:11:01,240 --> 00:11:04,560

We went into like a warehouse.

216

00:11:04,560 --> 00:11:07,680

There was no bunk beds, nothing.

217

00:11:07,680 --> 00:11:13,350

There was just a wooden floor--  
not a wooden, a cement floor.

218

00:11:13,350 --> 00:11:16,560

And whoever was

strong, big and strong,

219

00:11:16,560 --> 00:11:18,720  
enough had a place to lay down.

220

00:11:18,720 --> 00:11:21,780  
Whoever was weak, didn't  
even have a place to--

221

00:11:21,780 --> 00:11:25,200  
it was so crowded,  
that we didn't even

222

00:11:25,200 --> 00:11:27,300  
have a place to lay down.

223

00:11:27,300 --> 00:11:31,620  
We're sitting-- we're  
sitting in those barracks.

224

00:11:31,620 --> 00:11:35,520  
We went out in the morning  
and we looked around.

225

00:11:35,520 --> 00:11:38,830  
And we were asking  
what was going on

226

00:11:38,830 --> 00:11:40,410  
because we didn't know.

227

00:11:40,410 --> 00:11:43,140  
They told us it was just  
people here who are dying.

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00:11:43,140 --> 00:11:46,770  
There was nothing,  
no work, no nothing.

229

00:11:46,770 --> 00:11:56,230  
And there was already  
a typhoid epidemic.

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00:11:56,230 --> 00:12:01,410

And after five days,  
so after a week,

231

00:12:01,410 --> 00:12:03,630

we heard that they  
are looking for girls

232

00:12:03,630 --> 00:12:10,500

to go to Germany, further, to  
an ammunition factory to work.

233

00:12:10,500 --> 00:12:12,930

About 150 girls--  
we said, we are

234

00:12:12,930 --> 00:12:15,260

going to go to  
work because people

235

00:12:15,260 --> 00:12:17,190

are dying from the typhoid.

236

00:12:17,190 --> 00:12:18,570

There was no food.

237

00:12:18,570 --> 00:12:22,950

If you have any connections,  
you are starving.

238

00:12:22,950 --> 00:12:27,570

And we volunteered  
to go to work.

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00:12:27,570 --> 00:12:31,530

There was one woman who  
was my mother's friend,

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00:12:31,530 --> 00:12:33,930

her daughters had connections.

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00:12:33,930 --> 00:12:36,780

And she survived.

242

00:12:36,780 --> 00:12:41,550

And I went to her, I said,  
Mrs. Schreiber, I'm going.

243

00:12:41,550 --> 00:12:43,800

I volunteered to go  
to work for Germany.

244

00:12:43,800 --> 00:12:45,810

She said, are you crazy?

245

00:12:45,810 --> 00:12:49,680

Don't you know that all  
the railroads are bombed?

246

00:12:49,680 --> 00:12:51,750

I said, I wish I would  
hear any bombings.

247

00:12:51,750 --> 00:12:55,860

I would know that the allies,  
the Americans or whoever,

248

00:12:55,860 --> 00:12:58,290

is coming near.

249

00:12:58,290 --> 00:13:01,790

We went and we  
were on the train--

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00:13:01,790 --> 00:13:03,850

I don't know-- two days.

251

00:13:03,850 --> 00:13:08,460

And we came to a very  
small concentration camp.

252

00:13:08,460 --> 00:13:10,050

It was near Hamburg.

253

00:13:10,050 --> 00:13:14,220  
I don't remember the place.

254  
00:13:14,220 --> 00:13:16,170  
And we came over there.

255  
00:13:16,170 --> 00:13:19,800  
Unfortunately, we  
already had the virus.

256  
00:13:19,800 --> 00:13:22,350

257  
00:13:22,350 --> 00:13:29,650  
And we came and we had  
the typhoid in that camp.

258  
00:13:29,650 --> 00:13:33,170  
So we couldn't go to work.

259  
00:13:33,170 --> 00:13:35,865  
99% girls got typhoid.

260  
00:13:35,865 --> 00:13:39,660

261  
00:13:39,660 --> 00:13:42,010  
We had no water.

262  
00:13:42,010 --> 00:13:43,980  
We had no medicine.

263  
00:13:43,980 --> 00:13:45,940  
We had nothing.

264  
00:13:45,940 --> 00:13:50,280  
The Germans who were  
in charge, they came--

265  
00:13:50,280 --> 00:13:53,160  
we had some broth we  
could drink with straw.

266  
00:13:53,160 --> 00:13:54,330  
They took away the straw.

267  
00:13:54,330 --> 00:13:55,920  
They said they are  
going to because it

268  
00:13:55,920 --> 00:13:57,090  
has to be disinfected.

269  
00:13:57,090 --> 00:13:59,950  
They were afraid for themselves.

270  
00:13:59,950 --> 00:14:03,000  
They are going to  
bring us new straws.

271  
00:14:03,000 --> 00:14:05,970  
They didn't bring  
us any no straw.

272  
00:14:05,970 --> 00:14:14,910  
And I remember that  
I was hallucinating.

273  
00:14:14,910 --> 00:14:16,420  
How do I remember?

274  
00:14:16,420 --> 00:14:19,980  
This is odd because this was  
the first time in my life

275  
00:14:19,980 --> 00:14:21,450  
that I experienced.

276  
00:14:21,450 --> 00:14:24,330  
I had a very high temperature.

277  
00:14:24,330 --> 00:14:28,920  
And I was in three  
places at the one time.

278  
00:14:28,920 --> 00:14:33,480  
I know I was laying  
on the wooden boards.

279  
00:14:33,480 --> 00:14:37,500  
But I was sitting over there  
and talking to my girlfriend.

280  
00:14:37,500 --> 00:14:41,090  
And this third time, I  
would do something else.

281  
00:14:41,090 --> 00:14:47,250  
And next, this was that this  
was the climax of the sickness.

282  
00:14:47,250 --> 00:14:50,810  
Two days later, I  
was getting better.

283  
00:14:50,810 --> 00:14:53,850  
And my friend said, you were  
talking, you were talking.

284  
00:14:53,850 --> 00:14:57,400  
And I somehow survived.

285  
00:14:57,400 --> 00:15:02,280  
So we never had time  
to go back to work.

286  
00:15:02,280 --> 00:15:04,200  
And we did not  
want to go to work

287  
00:15:04,200 --> 00:15:06,750  
because we knew that we are  
going to go to the ammunition

288  
00:15:06,750 --> 00:15:07,740  
factory.



289

00:15:07,740 --> 00:15:09,540

They were bombing already.

290

00:15:09,540 --> 00:15:11,910

So we are going to  
be killed in the--

291

00:15:11,910 --> 00:15:13,860

so somehow we still managed.

292

00:15:13,860 --> 00:15:14,910

I still am sick.

293

00:15:14,910 --> 00:15:16,920

I still cannot go.

294

00:15:16,920 --> 00:15:22,320

And those who were in charge of  
the kitchen, the girls came in

295

00:15:22,320 --> 00:15:27,660

and he said, well, you can  
get soup for a week and bread

296

00:15:27,660 --> 00:15:29,670

if you will give us--

297

00:15:29,670 --> 00:15:33,410

if you have some  
rings, or money--

298

00:15:33,410 --> 00:15:36,410

dollars, of course,  
not German money--

299

00:15:36,410 --> 00:15:38,070

if you have some valuables.

300

00:15:38,070 --> 00:15:40,020

Because there were  
some who smuggled.

301

00:15:40,020 --> 00:15:43,800

My girlfriend smuggled her  
wedding band-- the gold wedding

302

00:15:43,800 --> 00:15:46,770

band and a \$5 bill.

303

00:15:46,770 --> 00:15:49,050

She smuggled too, the same  
thing that I did because we

304

00:15:49,050 --> 00:15:51,300

were very close friends.

305

00:15:51,300 --> 00:15:54,560

And I said to my girlfriend,  
I said-- she know what I have.

306

00:15:54,560 --> 00:15:56,640

And I knew what she has.

307

00:15:56,640 --> 00:16:03,950

And I said to her,  
Helen, for one week food,

308

00:16:03,950 --> 00:16:06,740

it's not going to  
do us any good.

309

00:16:06,740 --> 00:16:10,640

If we will survive, we  
will survive without food.

310

00:16:10,640 --> 00:16:12,660

And I'm not going  
to give this away.

311

00:16:12,660 --> 00:16:15,320

This is the only thing  
that's left from my family.

312

00:16:15,320 --> 00:16:17,570

You want to give your ring  
and your dollars, give it.

313  
00:16:17,570 --> 00:16:20,450  
And she didn't give it that way.

314  
00:16:20,450 --> 00:16:24,920  
And we were there  
quite a few weeks.

315  
00:16:24,920 --> 00:16:28,300  
Suddenly, they were  
bombing not far from us.

316  
00:16:28,300 --> 00:16:29,490  
I don't know--

317  
00:16:29,490 --> 00:16:34,700  
I think the English, the  
Britain's, were bombing

318  
00:16:34,700 --> 00:16:37,400  
because this was near Hamburg.

319  
00:16:37,400 --> 00:16:44,030  
And we were so glad to  
hear that the Germans were

320  
00:16:44,030 --> 00:16:46,760  
running to the bunkers.

321  
00:16:46,760 --> 00:16:50,000  
And we were glad to  
see to hear this.

322  
00:16:50,000 --> 00:16:55,280  
Well, we were not  
so lucky too long.

323  
00:16:55,280 --> 00:16:58,220  
The British army was very close.

324

00:16:58,220 --> 00:17:01,470

So one day, they took  
us out from the-- we

325

00:17:01,470 --> 00:17:03,660

were very, very precious  
cargo, you know.

326

00:17:03,660 --> 00:17:06,109

They didn't want to leave us.

327

00:17:06,109 --> 00:17:12,770

They took us out and loaded  
us, again, in the trains.

328

00:17:12,770 --> 00:17:14,450

They locked us.

329

00:17:14,450 --> 00:17:16,550

And we were going--

330

00:17:16,550 --> 00:17:19,849

this was in Germany-- we  
were going all over Germany.

331

00:17:19,849 --> 00:17:24,440

Wherever they wanted  
to dispose of us,

332

00:17:24,440 --> 00:17:29,060

they couldn't because  
the allies were there.

333

00:17:29,060 --> 00:17:33,020

Finally, they took us  
all over Czechoslovakia.

334

00:17:33,020 --> 00:17:36,890

So that the Russians  
were over there.

335

00:17:36,890 --> 00:17:41,180

We're two weeks in

the closed cars.

336

00:17:41,180 --> 00:17:44,930

Once a day they opened  
the door because there

337

00:17:44,930 --> 00:17:47,810

were a lot of people  
were dying during a time.

338

00:17:47,810 --> 00:17:50,150

They used to take  
the dead people,

339

00:17:50,150 --> 00:17:54,230

throw them next to the tracks.

340

00:17:54,230 --> 00:18:02,080

And we only survived thanks  
to the Czechoslovakian people.

341

00:18:02,080 --> 00:18:04,610

They heard that  
there was a transport

342

00:18:04,610 --> 00:18:09,140

with people who were starving.

343

00:18:09,140 --> 00:18:10,730

We have no food.

344

00:18:10,730 --> 00:18:14,690

They came and they gave  
us a piece of bread

345

00:18:14,690 --> 00:18:16,630

or whatever it is.

346

00:18:16,630 --> 00:18:22,970

If not for them, we would  
all have died in there.

347

00:18:22,970 --> 00:18:27,290

And they took us  
for over two weeks.

348

00:18:27,290 --> 00:18:33,000

Finally, they didn't have  
anywhere to let us go.

349

00:18:33,000 --> 00:18:38,150

They took us to  
Austria, to Mauthausen.

350

00:18:38,150 --> 00:18:41,890

We came to Mauthausen,  
and we didn't know--

351

00:18:41,890 --> 00:18:45,850

again, we didn't know  
what was going on.

352

00:18:45,850 --> 00:18:47,420

We came over there.

353

00:18:47,420 --> 00:18:49,180

And we saw the men.

354

00:18:49,180 --> 00:18:53,620

They were walking skeletons.

355

00:18:53,620 --> 00:18:57,530

They told us that there's  
no work here anymore.

356

00:18:57,530 --> 00:18:59,615

This was already  
the end of April.

357

00:18:59,615 --> 00:19:03,030

358

00:19:03,030 --> 00:19:05,680

I don't remember  
how close to May,

359

00:19:05,680 --> 00:19:07,800  
but it was the end of April.

360

00:19:07,800 --> 00:19:13,020  
And he said, we are  
here a matter of time

361

00:19:13,020 --> 00:19:17,820  
because we all are going  
to here be gassed or die.

362

00:19:17,820 --> 00:19:19,440  
We came over there  
and he told us

363

00:19:19,440 --> 00:19:21,600  
you are probably  
going to go down

364

00:19:21,600 --> 00:19:26,040  
the hill where the people  
who are scheduled already

365

00:19:26,040 --> 00:19:28,710  
to be gassed.

366

00:19:28,710 --> 00:19:33,990  
And when you walk down the  
steps, watch out how you walk.

367

00:19:33,990 --> 00:19:38,040  
There was a quarry  
that the men--

368

00:19:38,040 --> 00:19:40,460  
there were only men  
over there before that.

369

00:19:40,460 --> 00:19:49,530  
They made 180 steps going from  
down going up to the quarry.

370

00:19:49,530 --> 00:19:51,590

So the Jews, they  
were making steps.

371

00:19:51,590 --> 00:19:55,030

The steps were high and narrow.

372

00:19:55,030 --> 00:20:00,090

They used to carry the stones  
and building the steps.

373

00:20:00,090 --> 00:20:02,730

This spot, we were  
told, those who--

374

00:20:02,730 --> 00:20:05,470

if you tripped, they  
used to fall down.

375

00:20:05,470 --> 00:20:12,960

180 steps is quite the hill.

376

00:20:12,960 --> 00:20:15,300

And we walk down the steps.

377

00:20:15,300 --> 00:20:17,880

And, you know, you were  
so dizzy walking down

378

00:20:17,880 --> 00:20:20,920

because you were  
hungry, you were tired,

379

00:20:20,920 --> 00:20:23,610

you were scared because  
they told us, already,

380

00:20:23,610 --> 00:20:26,100

what's going to go with us.

381

00:20:26,100 --> 00:20:28,080

And we walk down--



382  
00:20:28,080 --> 00:20:29,610  
I don't know how  
long it took us.

383  
00:20:29,610 --> 00:20:32,910  
But we finally made  
the steps down.

384  
00:20:32,910 --> 00:20:35,670  
And we came-- they loaded  
us up to the barracks.

385  
00:20:35,670 --> 00:20:41,820  
It was just-- this was the  
worst that we ever saw.

386  
00:20:41,820 --> 00:20:43,560  
And we didn't have any luxuries.

387  
00:20:43,560 --> 00:20:46,080  
It was in the other camps.

388  
00:20:46,080 --> 00:20:47,470  
We came over there.

389  
00:20:47,470 --> 00:20:51,630  
And we walked around.

390  
00:20:51,630 --> 00:20:53,460  
And walked in the other--

391  
00:20:53,460 --> 00:20:58,980  
and we saw people just dying--

392  
00:20:58,980 --> 00:21:00,310  
just skeletons, that's all.

393  
00:21:00,310 --> 00:21:05,370  
Just skin and bone.

394

00:21:05,370 --> 00:21:10,640  
And they told us, we had  
to go to another barrack.

395  
00:21:10,640 --> 00:21:12,720  
And where we are  
going to go next--

396  
00:21:12,720 --> 00:21:16,830  
this is going be next  
to the crematorium.

397  
00:21:16,830 --> 00:21:18,300  
So we were always fighting.

398  
00:21:18,300 --> 00:21:20,050  
And we'd say, how can we fight?

399  
00:21:20,050 --> 00:21:22,220  
We hid over there, you  
know, wherever we could,

400  
00:21:22,220 --> 00:21:23,360  
for how long.

401  
00:21:23,360 --> 00:21:27,000  
But how long can you  
hide-- a day, two days.

402  
00:21:27,000 --> 00:21:29,670  
Finally, they took  
us up from there.

403  
00:21:29,670 --> 00:21:33,320  
And took us to another part.

404  
00:21:33,320 --> 00:21:36,370  
And by the time we  
were over there,

405  
00:21:36,370 --> 00:21:40,500  
we were already very sick.

406

00:21:40,500 --> 00:21:42,880

And there were bunk beds--

407

00:21:42,880 --> 00:21:45,290

three layers.

408

00:21:45,290 --> 00:21:47,540

I couldn't walk anymore.

409

00:21:47,540 --> 00:21:51,800

So they put me on the top layer.

410

00:21:51,800 --> 00:21:53,810

I got this dysentery.

411

00:21:53,810 --> 00:21:56,240

Dysentery--

412

00:21:56,240 --> 00:21:59,470

And those who were able to  
go out, they used to go.

413

00:21:59,470 --> 00:22:03,590

They still used to  
count how many are--

414

00:22:03,590 --> 00:22:10,250

And somebody said that  
there are 500 bodies that

415

00:22:10,250 --> 00:22:11,740

were gassed already.

416

00:22:11,740 --> 00:22:13,520

And they are  
waiting to be gassed

417

00:22:13,520 --> 00:22:16,880

because they didn't have the--

418

00:22:16,880 --> 00:22:19,160

they had only the  
gas chambers to gas,

419  
00:22:19,160 --> 00:22:22,260  
but they didn't have  
the crematoria to burn.

420  
00:22:22,260 --> 00:22:24,200  
So they burned them outside.

421  
00:22:24,200 --> 00:22:27,445  
But because it was  
May already, we

422  
00:22:27,445 --> 00:22:31,520  
were supposed to have gone  
May the 5th or the 6th.

423  
00:22:31,520 --> 00:22:34,970  
They said, we are  
going to go over there.

424  
00:22:34,970 --> 00:22:38,820  
And they used to go,  
and we used to hear,

425  
00:22:38,820 --> 00:22:42,290  
every day there were less  
and less people who died.

426  
00:22:42,290 --> 00:22:45,020

427  
00:22:45,020 --> 00:22:49,100  
One day-- to me,  
it was no different

428  
00:22:49,100 --> 00:22:53,540  
because I knew I  
was next to nothing.

429  
00:22:53,540 --> 00:22:54,590  
It was very quiet.

430  
00:22:54,590 --> 00:22:56,630  
We didn't hear them.

431  
00:22:56,630 --> 00:22:59,920  
When they counted the people,  
we could hear them counting

432  
00:22:59,920 --> 00:23:00,590  
or shouts.

433  
00:23:00,590 --> 00:23:04,040  
So you know what is going on.

434  
00:23:04,040 --> 00:23:07,010  
They said the girls go out.

435  
00:23:07,010 --> 00:23:09,620  
It was that quiet.

436  
00:23:09,620 --> 00:23:11,090  
Something is going on.

437  
00:23:11,090 --> 00:23:12,710  
Somebody came in.

438  
00:23:12,710 --> 00:23:16,310  
The Germans, they left.

439  
00:23:16,310 --> 00:23:19,130  
There are only two  
or three left here.

440  
00:23:19,130 --> 00:23:23,100  
And I think they are packing,  
and they are going out.

441  
00:23:23,100 --> 00:23:24,788  
About an hour later--  
it was very quiet.

442

00:23:24,788 --> 00:23:25,580  
And we didn't know.

443  
00:23:25,580 --> 00:23:30,020  
And an hour later, they  
said they are coming.

444  
00:23:30,020 --> 00:23:31,820  
We didn't know who was coming.

445  
00:23:31,820 --> 00:23:38,030  
The American army came  
in and liberated us.

446  
00:23:38,030 --> 00:23:40,370  
When they came  
in, the soldiers--

447  
00:23:40,370 --> 00:23:42,740  
I'll never forget it.

448  
00:23:42,740 --> 00:23:46,880  
They came in and we  
saw they were crying.

449  
00:23:46,880 --> 00:23:49,970  
And one soldier took me down.

450  
00:23:49,970 --> 00:23:54,620  
And he was holding me just  
like four-year-old girl.

451  
00:23:54,620 --> 00:23:56,840  
And of course, I  
didn't speak English.

452  
00:23:56,840 --> 00:23:59,010  
And he didn't speak German.

453  
00:23:59,010 --> 00:24:01,560  
He looked at me,  
and I suppose he

454

00:24:01,560 --> 00:24:05,750

wanted to figure out if I  
was a girl or I was a woman.

455

00:24:05,750 --> 00:24:06,950

They took us down.

456

00:24:06,950 --> 00:24:10,290

And they gave us-- first,  
they disinfected us.

457

00:24:10,290 --> 00:24:11,720

Was it an infection?

458

00:24:11,720 --> 00:24:13,100

Was it is it--

459

00:24:13,100 --> 00:24:14,630

TNT or something?

460

00:24:14,630 --> 00:24:16,480

What is this that  
they put in a powder?

461

00:24:16,480 --> 00:24:19,160

462

00:24:19,160 --> 00:24:23,120

Those who were walking,  
they went to one place.

463

00:24:23,120 --> 00:24:29,180

And those who are sick,  
they put us into a hospital.

464

00:24:29,180 --> 00:24:32,820

This was the hospital  
that was the German--

465

00:24:32,820 --> 00:24:35,000

the German hospital.

466

00:24:35,000 --> 00:24:40,250

They came in, and we had right  
away the doctors over there.

467

00:24:40,250 --> 00:24:45,060

The doctors fed the inmates  
who were political inmates, not

468

00:24:45,060 --> 00:24:45,560

the Jews.

469

00:24:45,560 --> 00:24:47,270

They were Gentiles.

470

00:24:47,270 --> 00:24:52,970

They were from Yugoslavia,  
from Italy, and from Holland.

471

00:24:52,970 --> 00:24:57,150

472

00:24:57,150 --> 00:25:03,270

Those ones, especially the  
men with the [INAUDIBLE],,

473

00:25:03,270 --> 00:25:05,440

did a very foolish thing.

474

00:25:05,440 --> 00:25:08,020

Because the Americans  
used to bring food.

475

00:25:08,020 --> 00:25:10,420

The food was very rich.

476

00:25:10,420 --> 00:25:16,930

And people started to eat,  
and too much at one time,

477

00:25:16,930 --> 00:25:18,070

and for storage.



478

00:25:18,070 --> 00:25:23,890

And a lot of people died  
from it right after they ate.

479

00:25:23,890 --> 00:25:26,590

480

00:25:26,590 --> 00:25:29,170

I, myself, was in the hospital.

481

00:25:29,170 --> 00:25:30,280

I was very sick.

482

00:25:30,280 --> 00:25:34,270

And the doctor from Yugoslavia,  
he came in and he said,

483

00:25:34,270 --> 00:25:39,520

he thinks I should have a  
plasma because I could walk.

484

00:25:39,520 --> 00:25:41,530

And I said, I don't want  
to have that plasma.

485

00:25:41,530 --> 00:25:43,180

I don't want because  
I was so skinny.

486

00:25:43,180 --> 00:25:45,445

I was always afraid  
for a needle.

487

00:25:45,445 --> 00:25:46,570

And I said I don't want to.

488

00:25:46,570 --> 00:25:48,210

I know that I am  
going to die anyhow.

489

00:25:48,210 --> 00:25:48,835

I had diarrhea.

490  
00:25:48,835 --> 00:25:51,550

491  
00:25:51,550 --> 00:25:52,730  
Well, he couldn't force me.

492  
00:25:52,730 --> 00:25:55,120  
Once, he came and he  
said, well I am not

493  
00:25:55,120 --> 00:25:56,480  
going to listen to you.

494  
00:25:56,480 --> 00:26:01,330  
He just picked me up and  
took me to the laboratory,

495  
00:26:01,330 --> 00:26:02,470  
and gave me a plasma.

496  
00:26:02,470 --> 00:26:05,380

497  
00:26:05,380 --> 00:26:09,070  
And the needle-- he couldn't  
find a needle because my veins

498  
00:26:09,070 --> 00:26:10,300  
were so thin.

499  
00:26:10,300 --> 00:26:12,310  
So of course I  
didn't look at it.

500  
00:26:12,310 --> 00:26:16,060  
He told me later, when he  
put the thinnest needle,

501  
00:26:16,060 --> 00:26:17,560  
that he could see the vein--

502

00:26:17,560 --> 00:26:19,810  
the needles through the vein.

503

00:26:19,810 --> 00:26:21,850  
He gave them the plasma.

504

00:26:21,850 --> 00:26:26,070  
And he was sitting in  
my room for four hours--

505

00:26:26,070 --> 00:26:27,910  
that man.

506

00:26:27,910 --> 00:26:37,630  
And I was getting  
better right after this.

507

00:26:37,630 --> 00:26:43,440  
And I started-- the nurses  
were all the survivors who

508

00:26:43,440 --> 00:26:46,240  
were working because there  
were no nurses over there.

509

00:26:46,240 --> 00:26:48,550  
They didn't go right way  
home because they couldn't.

510

00:26:48,550 --> 00:26:51,700  
There were no transportation.

511

00:26:51,700 --> 00:26:53,110  
So they took me down.

512

00:26:53,110 --> 00:26:54,940  
And they taught me how to walk.

513

00:26:54,940 --> 00:26:56,620  
And I started to walk again.

514

00:26:56,620 --> 00:26:58,780  
I started to eat a little bit.

515  
00:26:58,780 --> 00:27:03,090  
But I simply remembered  
they gave me peanut butter.

516  
00:27:03,090 --> 00:27:04,390  
And I took it.

517  
00:27:04,390 --> 00:27:05,890  
And I just couldn't eat it.

518  
00:27:05,890 --> 00:27:09,700  
Until now, I wouldn't  
eat it because it's--

519  
00:27:09,700 --> 00:27:11,560  
it had such up bad after taste.

520  
00:27:11,560 --> 00:27:13,840  
I was not used to  
that rich thing.

521  
00:27:13,840 --> 00:27:15,370  
I just taste it.

522  
00:27:15,370 --> 00:27:18,680  
And I didn't eat it  
because I didn't like it.

523  
00:27:18,680 --> 00:27:21,970

524  
00:27:21,970 --> 00:27:24,490  
Then, I was getting better.

525  
00:27:24,490 --> 00:27:27,070  
And I was starting to walk.

526  
00:27:27,070 --> 00:27:32,120  
Unfortunately, the American

army was retreating

527

00:27:32,120 --> 00:27:38,200

and let the Russian  
take over Mauthausen.

528

00:27:38,200 --> 00:27:43,570

So the Americans came and said,  
whoever wants to go with us,

529

00:27:43,570 --> 00:27:46,450

we will take you on the tracks.

530

00:27:46,450 --> 00:27:52,160

And put you on the  
American zone with us.

531

00:27:52,160 --> 00:27:53,590

I was sick.

532

00:27:53,590 --> 00:27:59,080

I couldn't even go to because  
you had to walk to the tracks.

533

00:27:59,080 --> 00:28:00,760

I don't know how far it was.

534

00:28:00,760 --> 00:28:02,470

I couldn't even walk.

535

00:28:02,470 --> 00:28:03,790

And I knew I wouldn't make it.

536

00:28:03,790 --> 00:28:07,360

So I remained in the hospital.

537

00:28:07,360 --> 00:28:09,970

And the Russians came in.

538

00:28:09,970 --> 00:28:13,940

And I was over there  
a few more weeks.

539  
00:28:13,940 --> 00:28:16,510  
And then, there was--

540  
00:28:16,510 --> 00:28:19,870  
they said that we can  
go back to Poland.

541  
00:28:19,870 --> 00:28:22,430  
There was already  
transportation.

542  
00:28:22,430 --> 00:28:27,820  
And we went back to Poland.

543  
00:28:27,820 --> 00:28:32,380  
It took us quite a few  
days to go back to Poland.

544  
00:28:32,380 --> 00:28:33,700  
But I want to show you--

545  
00:28:33,700 --> 00:28:36,810

546  
00:28:36,810 --> 00:28:40,350  
I want to show you  
when we were liberated

547  
00:28:40,350 --> 00:28:47,790  
from the American army,  
we got a certificate.

548  
00:28:47,790 --> 00:28:51,000  
It's in English and in German--

549  
00:28:51,000 --> 00:28:57,510  
my name, my birthday, and  
the date I was liberated,

550  
00:28:57,510 --> 00:29:02,460  
and the stamp from the American

army, and my finger print.

551  
00:29:02,460 --> 00:29:05,370  
And this had the origin--

552  
00:29:05,370 --> 00:29:08,140  
Could you hold that up so that--

553  
00:29:08,140 --> 00:29:08,640  
this way.

554  
00:29:08,640 --> 00:29:11,230  
Turn it around  
facing us like that.

555  
00:29:11,230 --> 00:29:11,840  
This way?

556  
00:29:11,840 --> 00:29:12,920  
A little higher.

557  
00:29:12,920 --> 00:29:13,420  
Or this way?

558  
00:29:13,420 --> 00:29:14,940  
A little higher.

559  
00:29:14,940 --> 00:29:18,853  
Could you point to where  
your fingerprint is?

560  
00:29:18,853 --> 00:29:19,770  
Here, the fingerprint.

561  
00:29:19,770 --> 00:29:25,090

562  
00:29:25,090 --> 00:29:27,940  
Here is my fingerprint.

563  
00:29:27,940 --> 00:29:31,780

Here, are the stamps  
from the American army.

564  
00:29:31,780 --> 00:29:35,920  
This is the origin certificate  
that I was liberated

565  
00:29:35,920 --> 00:29:37,840  
from the American army.

566  
00:29:37,840 --> 00:29:41,410  
And still today,  
I'm always sending--

567  
00:29:41,410 --> 00:29:47,170  
a few times a year, I'm  
sending to the American Blind

568  
00:29:47,170 --> 00:29:50,110  
Association or Wounded American,  
I'm sending a donation.

569  
00:29:50,110 --> 00:29:53,998

570  
00:29:53,998 --> 00:29:56,290  
Was there a difference between  
the Russians who came in

571  
00:29:56,290 --> 00:29:57,040  
and the Americans?

572  
00:29:57,040 --> 00:29:59,440  
It was a very big difference  
because the Russian army,

573  
00:29:59,440 --> 00:30:01,270  
we later found out--

574  
00:30:01,270 --> 00:30:03,700  
when the Russian army came  
in and there were girls.



575

00:30:03,700 --> 00:30:06,580

They used to rape the girls.

576

00:30:06,580 --> 00:30:09,670

So I was lucky that

I wasn't there.

577

00:30:09,670 --> 00:30:14,300

They used to put on a sign on  
the doors, typhoid or something

578

00:30:14,300 --> 00:30:17,890

that say a disease.

579

00:30:17,890 --> 00:30:24,450

Because they used to rape--  
they had no medical supplies

580

00:30:24,450 --> 00:30:25,170

for them.

581

00:30:25,170 --> 00:30:26,710

They didn't have themselves.

582

00:30:26,710 --> 00:30:28,850

So they couldn't give it--

583

00:30:28,850 --> 00:30:36,847

And they were very mad because  
if the girls were running away,

584

00:30:36,847 --> 00:30:38,180

they said, we are liberated now.

585

00:30:38,180 --> 00:30:40,210

So you don't want  
even to go to us.

586

00:30:40,210 --> 00:30:41,815

They were blaming them.

587

00:30:41,815 --> 00:30:45,380

They used to kill them  
too after liberation.

588

00:30:45,380 --> 00:30:50,060

Now, while I was laying  
in bed in the hospital,

589

00:30:50,060 --> 00:30:52,130

I knew how to sew.

590

00:30:52,130 --> 00:30:54,640

I couldn't walk, but I  
could do with my hands.

591

00:30:54,640 --> 00:31:01,240

My friend gave me-- this was a  
sheet from the German hospital.

592

00:31:01,240 --> 00:31:03,580

She gave me a half a sheet.

593

00:31:03,580 --> 00:31:05,260

And I made that blouse.

594

00:31:05,260 --> 00:31:06,670

It was made all by hand.

595

00:31:06,670 --> 00:31:10,220

596

00:31:10,220 --> 00:31:12,430

It was all-- of course,  
the style wasn't--

597

00:31:12,430 --> 00:31:17,450

I was-- then, it  
was short and white.

598

00:31:17,450 --> 00:31:20,930

But this, I used to  
wear it because I

599

00:31:20,930 --> 00:31:23,960  
didn't have anything else.

600

00:31:23,960 --> 00:31:24,743  
This is one thing.

601

00:31:24,743 --> 00:31:25,910  
Everything was made by hand.

602

00:31:25,910 --> 00:31:27,972  
And it had the button holes.

603

00:31:27,972 --> 00:31:29,180  
And here, you can still see--

604

00:31:29,180 --> 00:31:33,480  
later on, I made  
it on the machine.

605

00:31:33,480 --> 00:31:36,560  
I wore it, I think, a  
year and a half later.

606

00:31:36,560 --> 00:31:39,980  
But later on, I decided  
I didn't need it anymore.

607

00:31:39,980 --> 00:31:42,430  
This is one thing.

608

00:31:42,430 --> 00:31:45,200  
And I didn't have underwear.

609

00:31:45,200 --> 00:31:48,380  
So I made the underpants--  
so from another sheet.

610

00:31:48,380 --> 00:31:49,700  
I made this.

611

00:31:49,700 --> 00:31:51,820

And I didn't have any elastic.

612

00:31:51,820 --> 00:31:55,290

So I asked my doctor, can I  
have the elastic from the plasma

613

00:31:55,290 --> 00:31:56,490

that I got.

614

00:31:56,490 --> 00:31:57,340

He said yes.

615

00:31:57,340 --> 00:31:59,780

So I put in the elastic.

616

00:31:59,780 --> 00:32:01,190

And I put it in.

617

00:32:01,190 --> 00:32:07,040

And this is the origin elastic  
from the plasma that I got.

618

00:32:07,040 --> 00:32:10,300

That I don't dare to touch it  
because I don't want to rip it.

619

00:32:10,300 --> 00:32:14,080

Those are my underpants.

620

00:32:14,080 --> 00:32:15,670

This is the second.

621

00:32:15,670 --> 00:32:18,640

Now, here, I got this  
scarf, a wool scarf,

622

00:32:18,640 --> 00:32:20,290

from a German soldier.

623

00:32:20,290 --> 00:32:22,030

They came and they  
gave us scarf.

624

00:32:22,030 --> 00:32:24,550

This was an oblong scarf.

625

00:32:24,550 --> 00:32:27,910

I had no hair on my head  
because I had typhoid.

626

00:32:27,910 --> 00:32:31,510

So I needed something  
to cover my head.

627

00:32:31,510 --> 00:32:36,220

So I cut the oblong scarf.

628

00:32:36,220 --> 00:32:43,330

And I added here, in two places.

629

00:32:43,330 --> 00:32:48,420

And I match the lines.

630

00:32:48,420 --> 00:32:50,340

And I made fringes.

631

00:32:50,340 --> 00:32:53,070

And I was wearing--  
should I put it on?

632

00:32:53,070 --> 00:32:57,180

I was wearing this  
scarf like this.

633

00:32:57,180 --> 00:32:59,360

And this was-- those are the--

634

00:32:59,360 --> 00:33:04,220

this is still, as you  
can see, made by hand.

635

00:33:04,220 --> 00:33:07,370

Those are three items that  
I had from Mauthausen.

636  
00:33:07,370 --> 00:33:09,350  
And this scarf, I was  
wearing quite a while

637  
00:33:09,350 --> 00:33:11,320  
until my hair grew up.

638  
00:33:11,320 --> 00:33:16,320

639  
00:33:16,320 --> 00:33:21,530  
Now, I went through very  
fast because I could not

640  
00:33:21,530 --> 00:33:25,660  
do it in an hour or two  
hours what I went through

641  
00:33:25,660 --> 00:33:28,800  
in the almost six years.

642  
00:33:28,800 --> 00:33:33,660  
But I did it as much as I could.

643  
00:33:33,660 --> 00:33:35,630  
But if you will ask  
me some questions,

644  
00:33:35,630 --> 00:33:37,760  
then I could maybe answer.

645  
00:33:37,760 --> 00:33:39,120  
So you want back--

646  
00:33:39,120 --> 00:33:40,790  
Did you go back to Tarnow?

647  
00:33:40,790 --> 00:33:43,760  
Yes, I went back to Tarnow.

648

00:33:43,760 --> 00:33:45,350  
And I was already--

649  
00:33:45,350 --> 00:33:47,180  
I was sick at that time.

650  
00:33:47,180 --> 00:33:54,140  
And my sisters girlfriend,  
the one that is not alive,

651  
00:33:54,140 --> 00:33:59,360  
that was killed,  
found out that I am--

652  
00:33:59,360 --> 00:34:00,770  
I went to the Jewish community.

653  
00:34:00,770 --> 00:34:02,870  
They had a Jewish community.

654  
00:34:02,870 --> 00:34:07,070  
And she brought a doctor.

655  
00:34:07,070 --> 00:34:08,420  
And I went to the hospital.

656  
00:34:08,420 --> 00:34:10,310  
I was in the hospital  
for about two weeks.

657  
00:34:10,310 --> 00:34:15,920  
I had the beginning of  
the TB, tuberculosis.

658  
00:34:15,920 --> 00:34:20,449  
And the doctors said  
that I should go

659  
00:34:20,449 --> 00:34:23,060  
to a resort in the mountains.

660  
00:34:23,060 --> 00:34:25,580

That will help me.

661

00:34:25,580 --> 00:34:30,449

And my sister's  
friend gave me money.

662

00:34:30,449 --> 00:34:33,550

I don't know where she got it.

663

00:34:33,550 --> 00:34:37,170

And I went to a  
resort in Poland.

664

00:34:37,170 --> 00:34:40,260

I was over there for five weeks.

665

00:34:40,260 --> 00:34:42,420

And I got better.

666

00:34:42,420 --> 00:34:45,449

And I came back.

667

00:34:45,449 --> 00:34:47,280

And then she said,  
why did you come back?

668

00:34:47,280 --> 00:34:49,159

I said, I didn't  
have any more money.

669

00:34:49,159 --> 00:34:51,270

And at that resort,  
there were a lot

670

00:34:51,270 --> 00:35:02,190

of children that were  
hidden by the Polish people.

671

00:35:02,190 --> 00:35:04,270

And they took them out.

672

00:35:04,270 --> 00:35:07,615



They were all without parents.

673

00:35:07,615 --> 00:35:08,990

And they were all  
in the one that

674

00:35:08,990 --> 00:35:13,710

sanatorium until the  
Jewish brigade, I think,

675

00:35:13,710 --> 00:35:15,000

took them out from Poland.

676

00:35:15,000 --> 00:35:16,530

And they went to Paris.

677

00:35:16,530 --> 00:35:19,830

From Paris, they all came  
to the United States.

678

00:35:19,830 --> 00:35:20,730

And we used to go--

679

00:35:20,730 --> 00:35:22,860

I used to go to eat  
only over there.

680

00:35:22,860 --> 00:35:24,990

I used to sleep in-- and  
I couldn't mix with them

681

00:35:24,990 --> 00:35:26,370

because I was sick.

682

00:35:26,370 --> 00:35:28,380

So I couldn't mix with them.

683

00:35:28,380 --> 00:35:37,050

When I came back the second time  
to my town, I met my friend.

684

00:35:37,050 --> 00:35:39,810

And I went to another town.

685

00:35:39,810 --> 00:35:43,530

I had to have some  
money to live on.

686

00:35:43,530 --> 00:35:45,645

And so I could sew.

687

00:35:45,645 --> 00:35:50,610

688

00:35:50,610 --> 00:35:58,440

Somebody, a woman who survived  
in hiding with two daughters,

689

00:35:58,440 --> 00:36:01,740

was looking for someone  
to make some dresses.

690

00:36:01,740 --> 00:36:04,410

So she took me to another town.

691

00:36:04,410 --> 00:36:07,720

And I had-- the  
woman bought by her.

692

00:36:07,720 --> 00:36:14,790

So this was a first stop  
because I didn't have any money.

693

00:36:14,790 --> 00:36:19,710

And at that time, I was  
introduced by my friend

694

00:36:19,710 --> 00:36:22,510

to my husband.

695

00:36:22,510 --> 00:36:24,580

And we later on got married.

696

00:36:24,580 --> 00:36:31,070

697

00:36:31,070 --> 00:36:33,150

Was he from your same town?

698

00:36:33,150 --> 00:36:37,890

When I came to my town-- the  
reason I went back to my town

699

00:36:37,890 --> 00:36:42,840

is not because maybe I  
could have somehow managed

700

00:36:42,840 --> 00:36:45,480

to go to the American zone.

701

00:36:45,480 --> 00:36:50,610

But my plans were to  
go back to my hometown

702

00:36:50,610 --> 00:36:58,560

because we had hidden a fortune  
on the attic in the apartment

703

00:36:58,560 --> 00:37:00,620

house where we lived.

704

00:37:00,620 --> 00:37:06,510

We had one neighbor  
head over there.

705

00:37:06,510 --> 00:37:08,280

He had a shoe store  
and didn't want

706

00:37:08,280 --> 00:37:10,380

to give it away to the Germans.

707

00:37:10,380 --> 00:37:14,790

So my brothers found  
a hiding place.

708

00:37:14,790 --> 00:37:19,800  
And he hid over there  
about 180 pairs of shoes.

709  
00:37:19,800 --> 00:37:21,945  
And quite a few--

710  
00:37:21,945 --> 00:37:24,820

711  
00:37:24,820 --> 00:37:29,970  
50 or 100 pounds  
of suede material

712  
00:37:29,970 --> 00:37:34,740  
for shoes, and  
the calf leather--

713  
00:37:34,740 --> 00:37:37,530  
suede leather and calf leather.

714  
00:37:37,530 --> 00:37:41,130  
And there were all  
the silver candelabra

715  
00:37:41,130 --> 00:37:46,080  
from our home, and the menorahs  
from my uncles, from my aunts,

716  
00:37:46,080 --> 00:37:48,960  
from the neighbors,  
from friends.

717  
00:37:48,960 --> 00:37:50,790  
Everything was  
hidden over there--

718  
00:37:50,790 --> 00:37:56,815  
gold and fur coats  
from all the women

719  
00:37:56,815 --> 00:37:58,440  
because we didn't

want to give it away.

720

00:37:58,440 --> 00:38:02,130

We figured out that the world  
will end and we'll have--.

721

00:38:02,130 --> 00:38:07,650

So my main plan was to go  
back because I was sick.

722

00:38:07,650 --> 00:38:13,110

And I will get those things, and  
I will set it, and have money.

723

00:38:13,110 --> 00:38:18,750

And I will go to Palestine  
to meet my sister.

724

00:38:18,750 --> 00:38:20,340

What I forgot to tell you--

725

00:38:20,340 --> 00:38:24,030

when I was in Mauthausen,  
in the hospital,

726

00:38:24,030 --> 00:38:26,190

the Jewish brigade came--

727

00:38:26,190 --> 00:38:29,310

the soldiers from  
the Jewish brigade--

728

00:38:29,310 --> 00:38:32,700

the Jewish brigade  
and the British army.

729

00:38:32,700 --> 00:38:37,540

And they said, if you have  
a relatives in Palatine,

730

00:38:37,540 --> 00:38:43,110

and you write a letter,  
we can deliver it fast

731  
00:38:43,110 --> 00:38:45,540  
because there was  
no transportation.

732  
00:38:45,540 --> 00:38:48,360  
And I said, yes, I have a  
sister who is in a kibbutz.

733  
00:38:48,360 --> 00:38:51,060  
And I remembered the  
name of the kibbutz.

734  
00:38:51,060 --> 00:38:53,220  
And he said, well,  
write a letter.

735  
00:38:53,220 --> 00:38:54,990  
We are going to  
be next week here.

736  
00:38:54,990 --> 00:38:56,140  
And we'll take the letter.

737  
00:38:56,140 --> 00:38:58,740  
And I wrote a  
letter to my sister.

738  
00:38:58,740 --> 00:39:01,390  
And I wrote that I survive.

739  
00:39:01,390 --> 00:39:04,620  
And then I said, I'm not  
going to send the letter

740  
00:39:04,620 --> 00:39:07,270  
because I know I'm dying.

741  
00:39:07,270 --> 00:39:09,420  
This was before  
I got the plasma.

742

00:39:09,420 --> 00:39:11,100  
I am dying.

743  
00:39:11,100 --> 00:39:13,290  
And if she gets my  
letter, and she finds out

744  
00:39:13,290 --> 00:39:16,920  
that I survived the war,  
and I died after the war,

745  
00:39:16,920 --> 00:39:20,720  
the pain will be  
greater than if-- she'd

746  
00:39:20,720 --> 00:39:24,420  
lost already three brothers and  
a sister, so she lost me too.

747  
00:39:24,420 --> 00:39:27,370  
And I didn't send the letter.

748  
00:39:27,370 --> 00:39:33,440  
But my sister in Israel  
found my name on the list.

749  
00:39:33,440 --> 00:39:36,930  
The American's are very--

750  
00:39:36,930 --> 00:39:38,610  
precision.

751  
00:39:38,610 --> 00:39:42,000  
They made their list because I  
think that the Jewish brigade

752  
00:39:42,000 --> 00:39:42,970  
told them.

753  
00:39:42,970 --> 00:39:48,900  
Or did it, maybe, for  
their own collection.

754

00:39:48,900 --> 00:39:52,050

They made their list  
for all the survivors.

755

00:39:52,050 --> 00:39:56,840

And my sister was looking,  
and she found me on the list.

756

00:39:56,840 --> 00:39:59,480

She sent a telegram  
to my brother.

757

00:39:59,480 --> 00:40:01,490

My brother was in Russia.

758

00:40:01,490 --> 00:40:02,795

How did he survive in Russia?

759

00:40:02,795 --> 00:40:05,650

760

00:40:05,650 --> 00:40:09,350

My brother-in-law's friend  
was the secondary secretary

761

00:40:09,350 --> 00:40:12,860

to the English  
embassy in Moscow.

762

00:40:12,860 --> 00:40:16,970

So she sent packages  
from Palestine to Moscow.

763

00:40:16,970 --> 00:40:25,580

And they asked the assistant  
secretary send to Siberia

764

00:40:25,580 --> 00:40:27,510

to my brother the package.

765

00:40:27,510 --> 00:40:33,580

And he saw it and he survived



on the packages from my sister.

766

00:40:33,580 --> 00:40:36,470

And when I came  
back to the Tarnow.

767

00:40:36,470 --> 00:40:40,610

There were two telegrams from  
my sister and my brother.

768

00:40:40,610 --> 00:40:42,860

And I was waiting  
until my brother had--

769

00:40:42,860 --> 00:40:44,300

They had contacted  
each other too?

770

00:40:44,300 --> 00:40:48,410

No, there was no contact at all.

771

00:40:48,410 --> 00:40:49,550

And she saw me.

772

00:40:49,550 --> 00:40:52,880

773

00:40:52,880 --> 00:40:54,970

And I went-- and  
I was already got

774

00:40:54,970 --> 00:40:57,980

in Krakow, the largest city.

775

00:40:57,980 --> 00:41:01,550

This was the main Jewish  
population over there

776

00:41:01,550 --> 00:41:04,300

after the war.

777

00:41:04,300 --> 00:41:08,060

And by that time,  
this was 1946 already.

778  
00:41:08,060 --> 00:41:13,100  
I wrote them a letter  
that I lived in Krakow.

779  
00:41:13,100 --> 00:41:16,760  
And I met-- in '45  
I met my husband.

780  
00:41:16,760 --> 00:41:20,120  
And he got right  
away an affidavit

781  
00:41:20,120 --> 00:41:22,160  
to come to the United  
States because he

782  
00:41:22,160 --> 00:41:24,750  
has three uncles and an aunt.

783  
00:41:24,750 --> 00:41:28,980  
And the delegation from  
the joint came to Poland.

784  
00:41:28,980 --> 00:41:29,990  
And this was a doctor--

785  
00:41:29,990 --> 00:41:32,891  
I forgot to put his name was.

786  
00:41:32,891 --> 00:41:35,660  
I've forgotten from the joint.

787  
00:41:35,660 --> 00:41:39,590  
He brought my husband,  
already, an affidavit.

788  
00:41:39,590 --> 00:41:41,660  
Personally, he brought  
it, not with the mail.

789

00:41:41,660 --> 00:41:43,160

And my husband told  
him right away--

790

00:41:43,160 --> 00:41:45,980

I wasn't married at that time--  
but he said, I am married.

791

00:41:45,980 --> 00:41:49,490

Tell my uncles to send  
an affidavit for me too.

792

00:41:49,490 --> 00:41:57,080

And when I had two telegrams,  
I waited for my brother

793

00:41:57,080 --> 00:41:58,340

to come from Russia.

794

00:41:58,340 --> 00:42:03,540

Because I had already the papers  
to go to the United States.

795

00:42:03,540 --> 00:42:04,940

But we couldn't go from Poland.

796

00:42:04,940 --> 00:42:07,150

You had to go to Germany.

797

00:42:07,150 --> 00:42:09,030

But I was waiting for  
my brother to come.

798

00:42:09,030 --> 00:42:11,270

So my brother came to Poland.

799

00:42:11,270 --> 00:42:13,560

He came and he stayed  
in my apartment.

800

00:42:13,560 --> 00:42:15,470

We had two or three--

801  
00:42:15,470 --> 00:42:19,130  
after the War, three families  
in one large apartment.

802  
00:42:19,130 --> 00:42:21,980  
And there he got married.

803  
00:42:21,980 --> 00:42:24,560  
I waited until you got married.

804  
00:42:24,560 --> 00:42:26,730  
And I let two days  
after he got married.

805  
00:42:26,730 --> 00:42:33,290  
I went to-- we had to go  
to Czechoslovakia, Austria,

806  
00:42:33,290 --> 00:42:34,570  
and then Germany.

807  
00:42:34,570 --> 00:42:36,320  
How about the things  
that had been hidden?

808  
00:42:36,320 --> 00:42:37,737  
Did you find the  
things that had--

809  
00:42:37,737 --> 00:42:46,490  
Nothing-- they had 2 and  
1/2 years to go and look.

810  
00:42:46,490 --> 00:42:49,910  
I had two cousins who were--

811  
00:42:49,910 --> 00:42:58,130  
one was-- she had  
papers as a Polish girl.

812  
00:42:58,130 --> 00:43:05,390

She survived the  
Warsaw as a Christian.

813  
00:43:05,390 --> 00:43:08,480  
And she knew because  
we told everybody

814  
00:43:08,480 --> 00:43:12,180  
where these things  
are hidden in case--

815  
00:43:12,180 --> 00:43:14,930  
we knew already, in  
case they come back

816  
00:43:14,930 --> 00:43:17,420  
so they will know  
where it is hidden.

817  
00:43:17,420 --> 00:43:22,460  
So when I came and I  
wanted to go over there,

818  
00:43:22,460 --> 00:43:26,660  
I had to hire a Polish  
policeman and pay

819  
00:43:26,660 --> 00:43:29,830  
him to go to my apartment--

820  
00:43:29,830 --> 00:43:34,610  
to my house, to go on the  
attic, to look for my things

821  
00:43:34,610 --> 00:43:38,380  
because there were cases  
where the people came back

822  
00:43:38,380 --> 00:43:43,280  
with their own houses  
and the Poles killed them.

823  
00:43:43,280 --> 00:43:47,360

They got everything  
what was ours.

824  
00:43:47,360 --> 00:43:49,220  
So I came over there.

825  
00:43:49,220 --> 00:43:52,580  
And I said, who has the  
key to the- because there

826  
00:43:52,580 --> 00:43:55,400  
were two addicts over there.

827  
00:43:55,400 --> 00:43:57,470  
One side of the house  
and the other side.

828  
00:43:57,470 --> 00:43:59,580  
Who are the key to the attic?

829  
00:43:59,580 --> 00:44:01,140  
So I got the key.

830  
00:44:01,140 --> 00:44:04,640  
And I went over there  
and then looked.

831  
00:44:04,640 --> 00:44:05,390  
And I looked up.

832  
00:44:05,390 --> 00:44:06,310  
It was very high.

833  
00:44:06,310 --> 00:44:13,340  
There was brick wall.

834  
00:44:13,340 --> 00:44:17,720  
And I asked, can  
I have a ladder?

835  
00:44:17,720 --> 00:44:19,400  
She said, what for

do you need a ladder?

836

00:44:19,400 --> 00:44:21,500

I said, well, I  
want to find this.

837

00:44:21,500 --> 00:44:23,180

There is nothing, she said.

838

00:44:23,180 --> 00:44:26,190

Somebody came over  
here six months ago

839

00:44:26,190 --> 00:44:28,220

and took out everything.

840

00:44:28,220 --> 00:44:31,220

So I got in contact  
with my cousin.

841

00:44:31,220 --> 00:44:32,940

She is in Israel.

842

00:44:32,940 --> 00:44:36,830

And when I was still over  
there, I got even a [INAUDIBLE]..

843

00:44:36,830 --> 00:44:39,410

And she said, I came over there.

844

00:44:39,410 --> 00:44:41,790

When I came, nothing  
was over there.

845

00:44:41,790 --> 00:44:47,310

They had 2 and 1/2 years to look  
around and take off everything.

846

00:44:47,310 --> 00:44:49,750

So this is what I want to say.

847

00:44:49,750 --> 00:44:54,140

And while I was in Poland, I  
was waiting for my brother.

848  
00:44:54,140 --> 00:45:01,850  
My sister sent me \$20  
from Palestine for me.

849  
00:45:01,850 --> 00:45:03,602  
Then she sent another \$20.

850  
00:45:03,602 --> 00:45:05,810  
So I didn't need-- because  
at the time I was married,

851  
00:45:05,810 --> 00:45:07,760  
I gave it to my brother.

852  
00:45:07,760 --> 00:45:10,000  
My brother, he made  
still in Poland.

853  
00:45:10,000 --> 00:45:13,720  
And then we left for Germany.

854  
00:45:13,720 --> 00:45:15,890  
And I was in Germany.

855  
00:45:15,890 --> 00:45:18,410  
And my older son  
was born in Germany.

856  
00:45:18,410 --> 00:45:21,320

857  
00:45:21,320 --> 00:45:25,770  
My brother from  
Poland left to France.

858  
00:45:25,770 --> 00:45:27,530  
So he was just coming  
through Germany.

859



00:45:27,530 --> 00:45:31,090

860

00:45:31,090 --> 00:45:35,270

And he was going through, not  
our town, but next to our town.

861

00:45:35,270 --> 00:45:36,170

We took a train.

862

00:45:36,170 --> 00:45:40,070

And we went together with my  
brother, and sister-in-law,

863

00:45:40,070 --> 00:45:45,950

and their baby, to  
the French border.

864

00:45:45,950 --> 00:45:46,700

And we came back.

865

00:45:46,700 --> 00:45:49,450

So my brother went to France.

866

00:45:49,450 --> 00:45:52,820

Then I came from Germany.

867

00:45:52,820 --> 00:45:56,390

We went to Paris to  
Czechoslovakia to Austria.

868

00:45:56,390 --> 00:45:58,010

We were in Austria--

869

00:45:58,010 --> 00:46:00,170

we were about two weeks.

870

00:46:00,170 --> 00:46:02,540

And we had to--

871

00:46:02,540 --> 00:46:07,160

how would you-- smuggle

to go through to Germany.

872

00:46:07,160 --> 00:46:15,350

There were the Jewish  
brigade from Palestine.

873

00:46:15,350 --> 00:46:16,700

They were working at that time.

874

00:46:16,700 --> 00:46:20,330

The Jews would go to Palestine.

875

00:46:20,330 --> 00:46:25,880

They took out all who wanted  
to go from Austria to Germany.

876

00:46:25,880 --> 00:46:28,490

From Germany, you  
could go no to Italy.

877

00:46:28,490 --> 00:46:32,450

From Italy, somehow it  
was closer to Palestine.

878

00:46:32,450 --> 00:46:38,180

So were they smuggled us on  
trucks through the border.

879

00:46:38,180 --> 00:46:40,270

Of course, everything was paid.

880

00:46:40,270 --> 00:46:42,642

And we came to Germany.

881

00:46:42,642 --> 00:46:43,475

We came for Germany.

882

00:46:43,475 --> 00:46:48,530

883

00:46:48,530 --> 00:46:51,290

We went to a DP camp.

884  
00:46:51,290 --> 00:46:54,750  
My husband's cousin  
was in DP camp.

885  
00:46:54,750 --> 00:46:55,880  
We came over there.

886  
00:46:55,880 --> 00:46:59,030

887  
00:46:59,030 --> 00:47:06,650  
And they were living in the  
former military compound.

888  
00:47:06,650 --> 00:47:07,440  
What's it called?

889  
00:47:07,440 --> 00:47:10,640  
Barracks-- it's not barracks,  
but it was buildings.

890  
00:47:10,640 --> 00:47:12,080  
This was a brick buildings.

891  
00:47:12,080 --> 00:47:14,560  
Very large brick buildings.

892  
00:47:14,560 --> 00:47:15,830  
I don't know what's called--

893  
00:47:15,830 --> 00:47:16,590  
Armory.

894  
00:47:16,590 --> 00:47:17,090  
What?

895  
00:47:17,090 --> 00:47:19,170  
Armory?

896  
00:47:19,170 --> 00:47:24,590

No, this was just the living  
space, the living quarters,

897  
00:47:24,590 --> 00:47:27,030  
for the American soldiers.

898  
00:47:27,030 --> 00:47:30,710  
This was before German soldiers.

899  
00:47:30,710 --> 00:47:36,520  
This was a probably a  
camp, a German camp.

900  
00:47:36,520 --> 00:47:37,890  
And we came over there.

901  
00:47:37,890 --> 00:47:42,676  
And his cousin and  
another friend--

902  
00:47:42,676 --> 00:47:45,465  
there were two in a home.

903  
00:47:45,465 --> 00:47:47,090  
So I said, where are  
we going to sleep?

904  
00:47:47,090 --> 00:47:48,550  
And they had bunk beds.

905  
00:47:48,550 --> 00:47:50,900  
So he said, he's going  
to sleep on the bottom

906  
00:47:50,900 --> 00:47:53,080  
and I, with my husband,  
slept on the bunk bed.

907  
00:47:53,080 --> 00:47:55,220  
And I said to my  
husband, I said I'm not

908

00:47:55,220 --> 00:47:56,660  
going to stay over here.

909  
00:47:56,660 --> 00:47:58,700  
It was not easy  
to get right away

910  
00:47:58,700 --> 00:48:01,220  
to get a home to be over there.

911  
00:48:01,220 --> 00:48:05,160  
But the conditions were  
terrible over there.

912  
00:48:05,160 --> 00:48:10,660  
The toilets-- the  
latrines-- were so awful.

913  
00:48:10,660 --> 00:48:14,120  
And two families had to  
live in one apartment.

914  
00:48:14,120 --> 00:48:17,670  
And I said, I'm not going  
to live with another couple.

915  
00:48:17,670 --> 00:48:20,570  
Not an apartment,  
one room mind you.

916  
00:48:20,570 --> 00:48:22,010  
I'm not going to  
live in one room.

917  
00:48:22,010 --> 00:48:26,030  
I had enough camp--

918  
00:48:26,030 --> 00:48:27,320  
enough this stuff.

919  
00:48:27,320 --> 00:48:32,990  
And we left the DP camp  
and we went to Heidelberg.

920  
00:48:32,990 --> 00:48:39,153  
And we went over there until  
we came to the United States.

921  
00:48:39,153 --> 00:48:40,820  
Since you've lived  
in the United States,

922  
00:48:40,820 --> 00:48:42,633  
have you ever gone  
back to Poland?

923  
00:48:42,633 --> 00:48:43,550  
Have you ever visited?

924  
00:48:43,550 --> 00:48:47,210  
My husband wanted  
last year to go back.

925  
00:48:47,210 --> 00:48:53,240  
Because after the  
war, I know my mother

926  
00:48:53,240 --> 00:48:55,200  
was buried in the cemetery.

927  
00:48:55,200 --> 00:49:01,230  
And she was lucky she still had  
a tombstone made in the war.

928  
00:49:01,230 --> 00:49:03,300  
And I went to the cemetery.

929  
00:49:03,300 --> 00:49:05,270  
And I couldn't  
find the tombstone

930  
00:49:05,270 --> 00:49:07,220  
because I was only  
once over there.

931

00:49:07,220 --> 00:49:10,750

It was everything  
you do in the war.

932

00:49:10,750 --> 00:49:12,870

And my husband's  
brother and a cousin

933

00:49:12,870 --> 00:49:17,780

were in hiding for 2 and  
1/2 years by a peasant.

934

00:49:17,780 --> 00:49:27,100

And another Polish man  
told the Polish policeman

935

00:49:27,100 --> 00:49:29,910

that the Jews are  
hiding over there.

936

00:49:29,910 --> 00:49:31,850

So they ran away.

937

00:49:31,850 --> 00:49:35,570

And they were running to--

938

00:49:35,570 --> 00:49:38,623

running away-- the  
cousin and the brother.

939

00:49:38,623 --> 00:49:40,040

And they were  
running to towards--

940

00:49:40,040 --> 00:49:45,050

941

00:49:45,050 --> 00:49:50,900

what's it called-- not  
mountains, but the forests.

942

00:49:50,900 --> 00:49:54,620

And they were about maybe

100 feet from the forest.

943

00:49:54,620 --> 00:49:56,282

If they would have  
gone to the forest,

944

00:49:56,282 --> 00:49:57,740

they would not have  
gone after them

945

00:49:57,740 --> 00:50:00,710

because they were afraid they  
were partisans in the forest.

946

00:50:00,710 --> 00:50:04,610

They killed them about 100 feet  
before the coast, the brother

947

00:50:04,610 --> 00:50:06,080

and the cousin.

948

00:50:06,080 --> 00:50:07,880

And there were  
some Polish people

949

00:50:07,880 --> 00:50:10,530

that knew that they  
were buried over there.

950

00:50:10,530 --> 00:50:14,450

So my husband took  
them out from the grave

951

00:50:14,450 --> 00:50:16,770

and put them on the cemetery.

952

00:50:16,770 --> 00:50:19,490

And we make them a stone.

953

00:50:19,490 --> 00:50:25,760

And the man that put on  
the stone for my brother,



954

00:50:25,760 --> 00:50:28,280

he came from Russia.

955

00:50:28,280 --> 00:50:30,690

And I knew him.

956

00:50:30,690 --> 00:50:31,620

I know him very well.

957

00:50:31,620 --> 00:50:35,090

And I said, I know that  
your father and you'll

958

00:50:35,090 --> 00:50:36,020

put on this stone.

959

00:50:36,020 --> 00:50:39,860

I can't find my mother's grave.

960

00:50:39,860 --> 00:50:43,580

And he walked on the street.

961

00:50:43,580 --> 00:50:46,820

On the Main Street there  
was a beautiful park.

962

00:50:46,820 --> 00:50:52,070

And he found the stone because  
this was a fairly new stone.

963

00:50:52,070 --> 00:50:55,340

They made rocks  
from the tombstone.

964

00:50:55,340 --> 00:50:59,840

He picked up that tombstone,  
and he mounted it back.

965

00:50:59,840 --> 00:51:03,620

And he know where my  
mother was buried.

966

00:51:03,620 --> 00:51:09,140

And he put on in a tombstone  
for my husband's brother

967

00:51:09,140 --> 00:51:11,300

and cousin.

968

00:51:11,300 --> 00:51:13,790

So my husband wants  
to go back because he

969

00:51:13,790 --> 00:51:17,562

said the whole family  
was killed in Auschwitz.

970

00:51:17,562 --> 00:51:19,270

His whole family was  
killed in Auschwitz.

971

00:51:19,270 --> 00:51:24,050

I don't know where my sister  
was killed in [PLACE NAME]..

972

00:51:24,050 --> 00:51:26,552

My father was killed  
someplace else.

973

00:51:26,552 --> 00:51:28,760

And my brothers, I don't  
know where they were killed.

974

00:51:28,760 --> 00:51:33,110

975

00:51:33,110 --> 00:51:34,080

I was in Auschwitz.

976

00:51:34,080 --> 00:51:36,410

He wants to go to Auschwitz  
because his parents,

977

00:51:36,410 --> 00:51:38,900

the whole family, was  
killed over there.

978  
00:51:38,900 --> 00:51:42,740  
And he made already  
arrangements.

979  
00:51:42,740 --> 00:51:45,030  
But we couldn't go.

980  
00:51:45,030 --> 00:51:47,250  
But he wants to go over there.

981  
00:51:47,250 --> 00:51:53,720  
And somebody from his  
town knew about us.

982  
00:51:53,720 --> 00:52:02,360  
And he sent us a  
newspaper about our town.

983  
00:52:02,360 --> 00:52:08,210  
And in that newspaper-- it's  
exactly when the slaughter was,

984  
00:52:08,210 --> 00:52:09,530  
what date--

985  
00:52:09,530 --> 00:52:10,940  
because they have  
all the dates--

986  
00:52:10,940 --> 00:52:13,580  
and how many Jews were killed.

987  
00:52:13,580 --> 00:52:18,740  
And he asked me if I want  
to have some pictures.

988  
00:52:18,740 --> 00:52:20,870  
So I told him, if you  
can get the pictures

989

00:52:20,870 --> 00:52:24,890

from the town before the  
war, I was interested.

990

00:52:24,890 --> 00:52:29,000

But I'm not interested from  
the pictures after the war.

991

00:52:29,000 --> 00:52:32,370

So he sent me the pictures  
that was made after the war.

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00:52:32,370 --> 00:52:37,610

And the pictures that I look--  
so I got it a few months ago,

993

00:52:37,610 --> 00:52:38,480

made such a--

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00:52:38,480 --> 00:52:43,760

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00:52:43,760 --> 00:52:49,050

upset me more than all the  
things that I went through now.

996

00:52:49,050 --> 00:52:49,550

Why?

997

00:52:49,550 --> 00:52:53,510

Because I look at  
my hometown and I

998

00:52:53,510 --> 00:52:55,730

see how beautiful  
they made it now.

999

00:52:55,730 --> 00:52:59,950

And they put-- all the slaughter  
was in the marketplace.

1000

00:52:59,950 --> 00:53:06,980

If every stone and every  
building could talk,

1001  
00:53:06,980 --> 00:53:09,440  
they will say that  
the whole market

1002  
00:53:09,440 --> 00:53:12,168  
was full of Jewish blood.

1003  
00:53:12,168 --> 00:53:13,460  
And he sent the other pictures.

1004  
00:53:13,460 --> 00:53:14,610  
And I'm not interested.

1005  
00:53:14,610 --> 00:53:16,170  
But my husband wants to go.

1006  
00:53:16,170 --> 00:53:19,310  
He wants to go once to  
that cemetery to see it.

1007  
00:53:19,310 --> 00:53:20,840  
So he still plans to go.

1008  
00:53:20,840 --> 00:53:28,100  
But I am not so anxious to go.

1009  
00:53:28,100 --> 00:53:33,770  
What has it been like for you  
in terms of your children--

1010  
00:53:33,770 --> 00:53:34,970  
to talk about this?

1011  
00:53:34,970 --> 00:53:37,490  
I talk with my children.

1012  
00:53:37,490 --> 00:53:38,790  
I talk to them.

1013

00:53:38,790 --> 00:53:40,210

And they know it.

1014

00:53:40,210 --> 00:53:42,480

And my daughter-in-laws--  
they all know it.

1015

00:53:42,480 --> 00:53:45,130

And every time we have  
a chance we tell them.

1016

00:53:45,130 --> 00:53:48,920

And no matter how much  
you say, it's not enough.

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00:53:48,920 --> 00:53:51,840

My granddaughter  
who is 8-years-old,

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00:53:51,840 --> 00:53:53,950

she knows a little  
about the Holocaust.

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00:53:53,950 --> 00:53:55,940

When she was five  
she asked me, Bobby

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00:53:55,940 --> 00:53:57,530

what you have here on your arm?

1021

00:53:57,530 --> 00:54:00,540

I said, when you are going  
to be older, I will tell you.

1022

00:54:00,540 --> 00:54:06,330

So now she goes to a Hebrew  
day school in Monsey, New York.

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00:54:06,330 --> 00:54:08,500

And they teach them about it.

1024

00:54:08,500 --> 00:54:11,780

And my grandson,  
who is five, asked

1025  
00:54:11,780 --> 00:54:14,620  
me questions already too because  
he hears from her sister.

1026  
00:54:14,620 --> 00:54:18,000  
He says, Bobby, you  
were in the Holocaust.

1027  
00:54:18,000 --> 00:54:21,090  
And what did they do to you?

1028  
00:54:21,090 --> 00:54:23,570  
So my children know.

1029  
00:54:23,570 --> 00:54:25,340  
And we always talk to them.

1030  
00:54:25,340 --> 00:54:28,580  
And at the time we  
have three tapes

1031  
00:54:28,580 --> 00:54:32,210  
that are three hours long.

1032  
00:54:32,210 --> 00:54:34,920  
And I made for all of them.

1033  
00:54:34,920 --> 00:54:41,230  
And I said on the bottom of it  
that this is for a reminder.

1034  
00:54:41,230 --> 00:54:43,280  
And this is for my  
children, and grandchildren,

1035  
00:54:43,280 --> 00:54:47,360  
and their children's children to  
know what was going to happen.

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00:54:47,360 --> 00:54:49,440  
And this is not a story.

1037  
00:54:49,440 --> 00:54:50,750  
This is a true fact.

1038  
00:54:50,750 --> 00:54:55,340  
And don't let anybody tell  
you that the Holocaust never

1039  
00:54:55,340 --> 00:54:56,510  
exists.

1040  
00:54:56,510 --> 00:54:59,750  
Because we know now that  
there are some people who

1041  
00:54:59,750 --> 00:55:02,060  
still want to deny it.

1042  
00:55:02,060 --> 00:55:05,770  
I want to tell you that the  
German government was paying

1043  
00:55:05,770 --> 00:55:13,310  
\$400 after the war for people to  
remove the numbers because they

1044  
00:55:13,310 --> 00:55:16,010  
didn't want to have  
so much evidence.

1045  
00:55:16,010 --> 00:55:21,620  
But I said, there was no money  
that could pay me for that.

1046  
00:55:21,620 --> 00:55:24,590  
And one thing that  
I want to say,

1047  
00:55:24,590 --> 00:55:27,380  
and I always tell  
them, that we are



1048  
00:55:27,380 --> 00:55:32,240  
lucky that the Germans were  
so sadistic that they took

1049  
00:55:32,240 --> 00:55:34,330  
pictures.

1050  
00:55:34,330 --> 00:55:37,690  
If they would not  
have taken pictures,

1051  
00:55:37,690 --> 00:55:39,820  
nobody would believe us.

1052  
00:55:39,820 --> 00:55:43,930  
They would think that  
we all are crazy.

1053  
00:55:43,930 --> 00:55:54,520  
Because it is unbelievable that  
a nation, like Germany was,

1054  
00:55:54,520 --> 00:55:58,612  
could do a thing like this.

1055  
00:55:58,612 --> 00:56:02,090  
This is what I said, we  
have to talk about it.

1056  
00:56:02,090 --> 00:56:08,080  
And what hurts us is  
that they are professors.

1057  
00:56:08,080 --> 00:56:10,600  
In California there  
is a professor who

1058  
00:56:10,600 --> 00:56:13,210  
says that the Holocaust never--

1059  
00:56:13,210 --> 00:56:21,070

How you at college or university  
keep a professor to teach it

1060  
00:56:21,070 --> 00:56:25,310  
he denies that there  
was a Holocaust?

1061  
00:56:25,310 --> 00:56:27,155  
How can anybody write books?

1062  
00:56:27,155 --> 00:56:30,170

1063  
00:56:30,170 --> 00:56:33,470  
How about the soldiers  
that liberated us?

1064  
00:56:33,470 --> 00:56:35,030  
They came here to  
the United States.

1065  
00:56:35,030 --> 00:56:37,820  
They were the first ones to  
say, and the administration,

1066  
00:56:37,820 --> 00:56:41,750  
unfortunately, told them  
put it under the carpet.

1067  
00:56:41,750 --> 00:56:42,590  
Keep quiet.

1068  
00:56:42,590 --> 00:56:43,550  
Don't talk.

1069  
00:56:43,550 --> 00:56:47,540  
But now they  
[INAUDIBLE] the horizon

1070  
00:56:47,540 --> 00:56:52,100  
that there was officers,  
that they liberated

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00:56:52,100 --> 00:56:54,770  
the concentration camp.

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00:56:54,770 --> 00:56:56,900  
And they say that there is--

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00:56:56,900 --> 00:56:59,510  
I have an article from a nurse.

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00:56:59,510 --> 00:57:00,360  
I have to call her.

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00:57:00,360 --> 00:57:02,380  
She lives in Livingston--

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00:57:02,380 --> 00:57:05,030  
some place past Livingston.

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00:57:05,030 --> 00:57:06,700  
I think she lives in Livingston.

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00:57:06,700 --> 00:57:11,190  
That she came as a  
nurse to Mauthausen.

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00:57:11,190 --> 00:57:18,530  
And she saw the survivors.

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00:57:18,530 --> 00:57:21,140  
They were living skeletons.

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00:57:21,140 --> 00:57:23,110  
And she saw the horrors of that.

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00:57:23,110 --> 00:57:25,040  
It is indescribable.

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00:57:25,040 --> 00:57:27,980  
I have to contact her because  
maybe she was over there.

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00:57:27,980 --> 00:57:32,410

So I say now maybe people  
are coming forward.

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00:57:32,410 --> 00:57:36,020

But for 25 years-- for  
20 years, it was quiet.

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00:57:36,020 --> 00:57:39,230

Unfortunately, this started  
a little bit too late

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00:57:39,230 --> 00:57:42,560

to come after the Holocaust.

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00:57:42,560 --> 00:57:46,960

But the time is very short  
because the time is against us.

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00:57:46,960 --> 00:57:54,170

We are coming to the  
third stage of our life.

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00:57:54,170 --> 00:57:56,930

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00:57:56,930 --> 00:57:59,170

This is what I  
taught my children.

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00:57:59,170 --> 00:58:03,800

It has to be told, and again,  
and it should not be forgotten.

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00:58:03,800 --> 00:58:06,020

Because there are  
some people who

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00:58:06,020 --> 00:58:09,430

would like to say that  
it was never happened.

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00:58:09,430 --> 00:58:11,420

Mrs. Schwartz, thank  
you for telling it.

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00:58:11,420 --> 00:58:12,690

Finished?

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00:58:12,690 --> 00:58:13,520

Go ahead, go ahead.

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00:58:13,520 --> 00:58:15,740

Do you want to say  
one more thing?

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00:58:15,740 --> 00:58:17,633

I said the Germans  
were all sadistic?

1100

00:58:17,633 --> 00:58:19,800

Did you know what they used  
to do with the pictures?

1101

00:58:19,800 --> 00:58:23,630

On Saturday night they  
used to have a movie.

1102

00:58:23,630 --> 00:58:26,090

They used to have a party.

1103

00:58:26,090 --> 00:58:27,860

And used to watch the movie.

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00:58:27,860 --> 00:58:33,110

I have original-- it's a  
copy from pictures that were

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00:58:33,110 --> 00:58:33,920

making--

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00:58:33,920 --> 00:58:34,920

I should have put them--

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00:58:34,920 --> 00:58:36,920

I have nine of  
them that the Poles

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00:58:36,920 --> 00:58:41,060

made from the  
negatives, postcards

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00:58:41,060 --> 00:58:42,190

how the Jews were killed.

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00:58:42,190 --> 00:58:44,510

There's a picture  
where the children

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00:58:44,510 --> 00:58:47,500

were sitting on the ground  
waiting to be killed.

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00:58:47,500 --> 00:58:50,510

There is a picture when  
they were killed already.

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00:58:50,510 --> 00:58:53,780

There was a picture of naked  
men already going like this

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00:58:53,780 --> 00:58:55,430

to be shot.

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00:58:55,430 --> 00:58:58,595

And they make  
postcards, selling them.

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00:58:58,595 --> 00:59:02,060

And it is written  
on the other side

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00:59:02,060 --> 00:59:07,300

exactly where it was it is  
suppose Polish and in English.

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00:59:07,300 --> 00:59:09,690

Written where it was.

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00:59:09,690 --> 00:59:15,110

And they were selling  
this as postal cards.

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00:59:15,110 --> 00:59:16,135

Thank you very much.

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00:59:16,135 --> 00:59:16,760

You're welcome.

1122

00:59:16,760 --> 00:59:19,100

I never heard of her before.

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00:59:19,100 --> 00:59:25,000