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00:00:00,000 --> 00:00:23,580

2
00:00:23,580 --> 00:00:24,490
Welcome.

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00:00:24,490 --> 00:00:30,810
I am Joseph Preil, co-director
of the Holocaust Resource

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00:00:30,810 --> 00:00:34,650
Center here at Kean
College of New Jersey.

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00:00:34,650 --> 00:00:39,320
Today is Friday,
November 13, 1992.

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00:00:39,320 --> 00:00:43,650
And we are privileged to have
with us as our guest Mr. Teddy

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00:00:43,650 --> 00:00:47,100
Zweig, who resides
in Brooklyn, and who

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00:00:47,100 --> 00:00:51,150
has a son, Martin Zweig, who
lives in south Brunswick.

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00:00:51,150 --> 00:00:56,730
And Mr. Zweig will relate to
us some of his experiences

10
00:00:56,730 --> 00:01:01,500
during the war, during World
War II during the Holocaust,

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00:01:01,500 --> 00:01:03,990
and his experiences there.

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00:01:03,990 --> 00:01:07,650
Mr. Zweig, let us begin
by your telling us

13
00:01:07,650 --> 00:01:10,075
where and when you were born.

14
00:01:10,075 --> 00:01:13,602
I'm born March 2, 1923.

15
00:01:13,602 --> 00:01:14,750
And where were you born?

16
00:01:14,750 --> 00:01:16,020
Opatów, Poland.

17
00:01:16,020 --> 00:01:17,430
Where is Opatów?

18
00:01:17,430 --> 00:01:21,560
It's middle Poland.

19
00:01:21,560 --> 00:01:27,570
It's between Kielce-- probably
a famous place now known,

20
00:01:27,570 --> 00:01:31,380
which was the pogrom
after the war--

21
00:01:31,380 --> 00:01:36,000
and Czestochowa,
which is a very, very

22
00:01:36,000 --> 00:01:40,660
religious Catholic town.

23
00:01:40,660 --> 00:01:44,040
In Opatów, what was
the general population?

24
00:01:44,040 --> 00:01:46,860
And what was the
Jewish population?

25
00:01:46,860 --> 00:01:49,900
I don't know exactly
the population.

26
00:01:49,900 --> 00:01:52,710
But it was mostly Jewish--

27
00:01:52,710 --> 00:02:01,960
culture Jewish, Zionist
Jewish, and religious town.

28
00:02:01,960 --> 00:02:04,300
What do you mean
by culture Jewish?

29
00:02:04,300 --> 00:02:08,560
We had a lot of theaters
coming from outside.

30
00:02:08,560 --> 00:02:11,871
Mostly, youth belong to
Zionist organization.

31
00:02:11,871 --> 00:02:14,460

32
00:02:14,460 --> 00:02:16,950
You were 16 when
the war broke out.

33
00:02:16,950 --> 00:02:18,210
Yes.

34
00:02:18,210 --> 00:02:21,360
Can you tell us something about
your education until then?

35
00:02:21,360 --> 00:02:24,210
I went to school.

36
00:02:24,210 --> 00:02:28,770
I went to Hebrew
school, to Mizrahi.

37
00:02:28,770 --> 00:02:33,750
I come from very, very
poor home, which one--

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00:02:33,750 --> 00:02:36,570
only a mother, no father.

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00:02:36,570 --> 00:02:37,578
And my father--

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00:02:37,578 --> 00:02:38,620
When did your father die?

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00:02:38,620 --> 00:02:40,890
When my father died, I
don't know, because my name

42

00:02:40,890 --> 00:02:42,330
is after my father.

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00:02:42,330 --> 00:02:43,960
Oh, so he died before--

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00:02:43,960 --> 00:02:44,820
He died before.

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00:02:44,820 --> 00:02:45,570
--you were born.

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00:02:45,570 --> 00:02:48,270
Which I know, from
history, that he was here

47

00:02:48,270 --> 00:02:50,570
in the United States.

48

00:02:50,570 --> 00:02:55,410
And he left, because he
didn't want working Shabbat.

49

00:02:55,410 --> 00:02:59,190
And then he went back, and
the first war broke out.

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00:02:59,190 --> 00:03:02,970
And that's it, what
I know for my father.

51
00:03:02,970 --> 00:03:04,500
As a child, I was one that--

52
00:03:04,500 --> 00:03:06,050
I was playing in the garden.

53
00:03:06,050 --> 00:03:09,070
And the horse and buggy went
over me and broke my back.

54
00:03:09,070 --> 00:03:13,870
And I suffer a lot in
my back because of this.

55
00:03:13,870 --> 00:03:15,225
How old were you at that time?

56
00:03:15,225 --> 00:03:18,660
A baby, maybe one, a year.

57
00:03:18,660 --> 00:03:21,240

58
00:03:21,240 --> 00:03:23,940
How large was your family?

59
00:03:23,940 --> 00:03:27,550
I had three brothers,
two and me--

60
00:03:27,550 --> 00:03:28,560
I mean, two more--

61
00:03:28,560 --> 00:03:30,360
and a sister.

62
00:03:30,360 --> 00:03:32,283
So there were three
boys and one girl--

63
00:03:32,283 --> 00:03:32,950
One girl, right.

64

00:03:32,950 --> 00:03:33,420
--in the family.

65
00:03:33,420 --> 00:03:35,003
And you, obviously,
were the youngest.

66
00:03:35,003 --> 00:03:36,180
I'm the youngest.

67
00:03:36,180 --> 00:03:40,170
And when the war broke out,
there were the four of you,

68
00:03:40,170 --> 00:03:42,450
plus your mother, five.

69
00:03:42,450 --> 00:03:44,880
When the war broke
up, the two brothers

70
00:03:44,880 --> 00:03:48,370
and my sister and my mother
was living in the town.

71
00:03:48,370 --> 00:03:52,220
But my brother, the other one--
of course, we both are poor.

72
00:03:52,220 --> 00:03:54,600
And they went to Łódź.

73
00:03:54,600 --> 00:03:59,270
He was working in Łódź,
which I saw him maybe--

74
00:03:59,270 --> 00:04:02,700
in my life in Poland,
I saw him all my life

75
00:04:02,700 --> 00:04:05,460
maybe two or three times when
he came for Passover home.

76
00:04:05,460 --> 00:04:07,900

That's all I saw my brother.

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00:04:07,900 --> 00:04:09,108
So that's the oldest brother.

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00:04:09,108 --> 00:04:09,608
Yes.

79

00:04:09,608 --> 00:04:10,200
All right.

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00:04:10,200 --> 00:04:17,630
Now, what happened to the
family as a result of the war?

81

00:04:17,630 --> 00:04:20,110
As a result of the
war, three brothers--

82

00:04:20,110 --> 00:04:21,399
we are three brothers.

83

00:04:21,399 --> 00:04:22,290
We are alive.

84

00:04:22,290 --> 00:04:27,180
Two live in Israel,
and one here.

85

00:04:27,180 --> 00:04:30,810
And my sister and my brother--

86

00:04:30,810 --> 00:04:32,170
And your mother.

87

00:04:32,170 --> 00:04:32,670
I'm sorry.

88

00:04:32,670 --> 00:04:34,767
My sister and my
mother were shot.

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00:04:34,767 --> 00:04:36,350
Your sister and your

mother were shot.

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00:04:36,350 --> 00:04:40,142
Shot in Poland in Opatów, which
I'm glad I know what happened,

91

00:04:40,142 --> 00:04:41,100
where they were buried.

92

00:04:41,100 --> 00:04:41,683
What happened?

93

00:04:41,683 --> 00:04:45,890

94

00:04:45,890 --> 00:04:49,970
Now came-- in [INAUDIBLE],,
they got [? the girl. ?]

95

00:04:49,970 --> 00:04:52,650
But it was a time where
they needed people

96

00:04:52,650 --> 00:04:56,600
to work in labor camps.

97

00:04:56,600 --> 00:04:59,787
And they took out young--

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00:04:59,787 --> 00:05:05,900
[INHALES] they took
out young kids.

99

00:05:05,900 --> 00:05:12,440
We were sitting on a field to
go on trucks to ship us out

100

00:05:12,440 --> 00:05:16,050
to the factories or the camps.

101

00:05:16,050 --> 00:05:18,350
And I was lucky.

102

00:05:18,350 --> 00:05:19,630

I had a brother.

103
00:05:19,630 --> 00:05:20,390
He was a--

104
00:05:20,390 --> 00:05:22,380
I mean, I'm sorry, a cousin.

105
00:05:22,380 --> 00:05:33,660
He was policeman in the ghetto
and told me and my brother

106
00:05:33,660 --> 00:05:37,890
that my sister and my mother--

107
00:05:37,890 --> 00:05:39,780
and my sister was
hiding, but she didn't

108
00:05:39,780 --> 00:05:41,510
want to leave my mother alone.

109
00:05:41,510 --> 00:05:44,170
She was hiding in the basement.

110
00:05:44,170 --> 00:05:46,390
And somebody went out.

111
00:05:46,390 --> 00:05:48,260
It was 59 people
in the basement.

112
00:05:48,260 --> 00:05:54,030

113
00:05:54,030 --> 00:05:56,726
Somebody had to go out for air.

114
00:05:56,726 --> 00:06:00,200

115
00:06:00,200 --> 00:06:08,460
A Polack called the
SS, and they came.

116
00:06:08,460 --> 00:06:12,840
And they took all the
59 people on the spot.

117
00:06:12,840 --> 00:06:15,520
They gunned them down.

118
00:06:15,520 --> 00:06:16,480
They killed them all.

119
00:06:16,480 --> 00:06:19,380
Killed them all.

120
00:06:19,380 --> 00:06:21,850
And why did the Pole
do that to them?

121
00:06:21,850 --> 00:06:23,100
Was there some sort of reward?

122
00:06:23,100 --> 00:06:25,410
Probably they wanted--
they got rewards, yes.

123
00:06:25,410 --> 00:06:26,440
Yes, they got rewards.

124
00:06:26,440 --> 00:06:28,860
There was a lot of
cases like that.

125
00:06:28,860 --> 00:06:30,870
You've heard from
others about this?

126
00:06:30,870 --> 00:06:31,650
I heard about.

127
00:06:31,650 --> 00:06:33,540
But I didn't hear--

128
00:06:33,540 --> 00:06:35,175
later on, this was

a lot of places,

129
00:06:35,175 --> 00:06:36,300
after they took the people.

130
00:06:36,300 --> 00:06:37,670
When did this take place?

131
00:06:37,670 --> 00:06:39,270
Do you know the date?

132
00:06:39,270 --> 00:06:40,948
It's hard for me
to know the date.

133
00:06:40,948 --> 00:06:42,740
Was this right at the
beginning of the war,

134
00:06:42,740 --> 00:06:44,850
or at the beginning of the war?

135
00:06:44,850 --> 00:06:47,130
My brother would
know the date more.

136
00:06:47,130 --> 00:06:51,810
But I think-- they have yiskor
in Israel, and the same thing.

137
00:06:51,810 --> 00:06:55,290
I think it was in
November for the date.

138
00:06:55,290 --> 00:06:56,675
I think, that, I know.

139
00:06:56,675 --> 00:06:57,490
Of what year?

140
00:06:57,490 --> 00:06:58,800
Do you know?

141
00:06:58,800 --> 00:06:59,940

The year '42.

142

00:06:59,940 --> 00:07:00,790

Oh, this was '42.

143

00:07:00,790 --> 00:07:01,290

Yes.

144

00:07:01,290 --> 00:07:03,970

145

00:07:03,970 --> 00:07:07,560

Now, your part of Poland--

146

00:07:07,560 --> 00:07:11,880

between '39 and '41, was your
part of Poland German Poland

147

00:07:11,880 --> 00:07:12,930

or Russian Poland?

148

00:07:12,930 --> 00:07:14,670

No, Polish, Poland-- German.

149

00:07:14,670 --> 00:07:16,432

I mean German, occupied
by the Germans.

150

00:07:16,432 --> 00:07:17,140

It was occupied--

151

00:07:17,140 --> 00:07:18,610

So you were always
under the Germans.

152

00:07:18,610 --> 00:07:19,110

Yeah.

153

00:07:19,110 --> 00:07:24,210

At that time, the Russian
wasn't in war with the German.

154

00:07:24,210 --> 00:07:29,760

Now, what happened after the

war broke out in your town?

155

00:07:29,760 --> 00:07:33,200

After it broke out,
it was winter time.

156

00:07:33,200 --> 00:07:36,630

It was 1939.

157

00:07:36,630 --> 00:07:40,920

Little by little, it
was like somebody plans,

158

00:07:40,920 --> 00:07:44,220

German plans a war.

159

00:07:44,220 --> 00:07:46,530

It was everything planning.

160

00:07:46,530 --> 00:07:48,520

And they start to put out--

161

00:07:48,520 --> 00:07:50,090

to make smaller
and smaller, they

162

00:07:50,090 --> 00:07:52,910

put out-- these older
people, the Jewish,

163

00:07:52,910 --> 00:07:55,140

was living all around the town.

164

00:07:55,140 --> 00:08:02,380

So they put us together, little
by little, and made a circle.

165

00:08:02,380 --> 00:08:03,710

Would you call it a ghetto?

166

00:08:03,710 --> 00:08:06,310

A circle, a ghetto.

167

00:08:06,310 --> 00:08:11,020

And they took us to
work in the town.

168
00:08:11,020 --> 00:08:14,100
It was a town, a
factory, where they make

169
00:08:14,100 --> 00:08:17,810
brushes to clean the horses.

170
00:08:17,810 --> 00:08:21,640
And a lot of people were
working in that places,

171
00:08:21,640 --> 00:08:23,350
because they need them.

172
00:08:23,350 --> 00:08:27,760
And they need the brushes
to clean the horses.

173
00:08:27,760 --> 00:08:30,640
And there it was a
lot of work to do.

174
00:08:30,640 --> 00:08:31,750
There was a lot of snows.

175
00:08:31,750 --> 00:08:32,580
The army came in.

176
00:08:32,580 --> 00:08:35,870
They had to clean the
snow from the horse.

177
00:08:35,870 --> 00:08:39,159
And you had to get
so much and so much,

178
00:08:39,159 --> 00:08:42,740
enough time, how
much to clean up.

179
00:08:42,740 --> 00:08:44,800
If we couldn't do,

we got beating.

180
00:08:44,800 --> 00:08:48,610
Or they would undress you
naked to do that work.

181
00:08:48,610 --> 00:08:49,270
To work naked.

182
00:08:49,270 --> 00:08:49,770
Yeah.

183
00:08:49,770 --> 00:08:53,340

184
00:08:53,340 --> 00:08:58,250
Now, this was in
1939 going into 1940.

185
00:08:58,250 --> 00:09:01,490
Yeah, this wasn't--
'39, it wasn't, so '40.

186
00:09:01,490 --> 00:09:02,460
Us, later, they got--

187
00:09:02,460 --> 00:09:03,730
like I said, it was made.

188
00:09:03,730 --> 00:09:05,960
It was planned, like
soldier, like the Germans.

189
00:09:05,960 --> 00:09:06,310
It was planned.

190
00:09:06,310 --> 00:09:08,050
Every time, it got a little
bit tougher, and tougher,

191
00:09:08,050 --> 00:09:08,560
and tougher.

192
00:09:08,560 --> 00:09:11,310

It wasn't right away just bad.

193

00:09:11,310 --> 00:09:14,640
So how long did
the work continue?

194

00:09:14,640 --> 00:09:16,460
How long did you
continue to work?

195

00:09:16,460 --> 00:09:16,960
In the city?

196

00:09:16,960 --> 00:09:17,660
In Opatów.

197

00:09:17,660 --> 00:09:20,940

198

00:09:20,940 --> 00:09:25,800
For three years, till
1939, till they took us,

199

00:09:25,800 --> 00:09:27,940
till they shipped us away.

200

00:09:27,940 --> 00:09:28,500
Oh.

201

00:09:28,500 --> 00:09:33,260
So you were living
in your own quarters?

202

00:09:33,260 --> 00:09:33,890
Own quarter.

203

00:09:33,890 --> 00:09:35,500
We was working for
the -- for the--

204

00:09:35,500 --> 00:09:37,520
It was like you had
your own apartment?

205

00:09:37,520 --> 00:09:39,840
Yeah, we had one room.

206
00:09:39,840 --> 00:09:42,790
We were sleeping in one
room, four people in a room.

207
00:09:42,790 --> 00:09:48,550
Were you ever in a labor camp
or in a concentration camp?

208
00:09:48,550 --> 00:09:54,050
Yes, after 1942, since
they took us away.

209
00:09:54,050 --> 00:09:54,690
In '42.

210
00:09:54,690 --> 00:09:55,650
In '41 or '42.

211
00:09:55,650 --> 00:09:56,630
So '41, '42.

212
00:09:56,630 --> 00:09:57,130
Right.

213
00:09:57,130 --> 00:09:57,330
Oh.

214
00:09:57,330 --> 00:09:59,250
In other words, when
you were in the ghetto,

215
00:09:59,250 --> 00:10:02,190
you call that a camp.

216
00:10:02,190 --> 00:10:03,423
The ghetto was a ghetto.

217
00:10:03,423 --> 00:10:04,590
We was living in the ghetto.

218
00:10:04,590 --> 00:10:08,310

Let's say, like people living
in Harlem, all the Black people

219
00:10:08,310 --> 00:10:09,210
living in Harlem.

220
00:10:09,210 --> 00:10:11,090
All the Jews were going
to there.and living.

221
00:10:11,090 --> 00:10:12,130
And that's it.

222
00:10:12,130 --> 00:10:14,405
But after, they take us
away to a labor camp.

223
00:10:14,405 --> 00:10:15,780
There was already
something else.

224
00:10:15,780 --> 00:10:18,240
They was working in factories.

225
00:10:18,240 --> 00:10:20,970
So how long were
you in the ghetto?

226
00:10:20,970 --> 00:10:25,680
And when did you go
into the labor camp?

227
00:10:25,680 --> 00:10:28,230
End of '41, and
beginning of '42.

228
00:10:28,230 --> 00:10:31,140
This when they took us on the
trucks, they shipped us out.

229
00:10:31,140 --> 00:10:32,643
Where did they ship you to?

230
00:10:32,643 --> 00:10:34,560
They shipped me-- at

that time, the first camp

231

00:10:34,560 --> 00:10:38,550
was Skarzysko, an
ammunition factory.

232

00:10:38,550 --> 00:10:40,960
And this was about '41, '42.

233

00:10:40,960 --> 00:10:41,535
Yeah, end of.

234

00:10:41,535 --> 00:10:42,035
Yeah.

235

00:10:42,035 --> 00:10:43,260
And how long were you there?

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00:10:43,260 --> 00:10:46,230

237

00:10:46,230 --> 00:10:48,295
Till about '44.

238

00:10:48,295 --> 00:10:49,170
We were shipped out--

239

00:10:49,170 --> 00:10:50,590
So in other words, you were
there about four years.

240

00:10:50,590 --> 00:10:51,270
A long time.

241

00:10:51,270 --> 00:10:51,770
Yes.

242

00:10:51,770 --> 00:10:52,500
Yes.

243

00:10:52,500 --> 00:10:54,510
And you were in the
same camp, in Skarzysko.

244

00:10:54,510 --> 00:10:55,680

The same camp.

245

00:10:55,680 --> 00:10:58,220

That was near Opatów?

246

00:10:58,220 --> 00:11:01,270

About 50 miles,
50 kilometer away.

247

00:11:01,270 --> 00:11:01,980

Can you tell us--

248

00:11:01,980 --> 00:11:02,480

Yes.

249

00:11:02,480 --> 00:11:03,930

Can you tell us the
routine that you--

250

00:11:03,930 --> 00:11:04,430

OK.

251

00:11:04,430 --> 00:11:05,180

--went through?

252

00:11:05,180 --> 00:11:08,190

When we came to
camp, to labor camps,

253

00:11:08,190 --> 00:11:12,810

they took us in a big hall.

254

00:11:12,810 --> 00:11:16,950

We must be, at that time,
maybe 600, 700 people.

255

00:11:16,950 --> 00:11:19,290

It was built like
bunkers, like shelves,

256

00:11:19,290 --> 00:11:22,276

like they go in a factory.

257

00:11:22,276 --> 00:11:24,035

Then we had to live like--

258

00:11:24,035 --> 00:11:28,890

we had to sleep like sardines,
like you open up sardines,

259

00:11:28,890 --> 00:11:32,360

head to feet, head to feet.

260

00:11:32,360 --> 00:11:35,270

We got fed.

261

00:11:35,270 --> 00:11:37,540

And from there-- OK.

262

00:11:37,540 --> 00:11:39,660

And there was nothing--

263

00:11:39,660 --> 00:11:42,770

on wood, on straw.

264

00:11:42,770 --> 00:11:45,960

People was living on the lice.

265

00:11:45,960 --> 00:11:47,940

And then we, ourself,
threw out the straw,

266

00:11:47,940 --> 00:11:51,300

there was living on the
wood, on the bunker.

267

00:11:51,300 --> 00:11:53,320

We call them bunker.

268

00:11:53,320 --> 00:11:56,460

We were sleeping on the wood.

269

00:11:56,460 --> 00:11:58,800

And we got to eat
in the morning.

270

00:11:58,800 --> 00:12:02,100

Every day, they took
us out to count.

271

00:12:02,100 --> 00:12:05,700

And then we had a lot of lice.

272

00:12:05,700 --> 00:12:08,280

And the kapos-- we
called them kapos--

273

00:12:08,280 --> 00:12:13,310

they gave out bread,
slices bread, portions.

274

00:12:13,310 --> 00:12:16,058

And lots of times, the kapo
want to eat their own bread,

275

00:12:16,058 --> 00:12:16,850

the slice of bread.

276

00:12:16,850 --> 00:12:18,670

But people was laying dead.

277

00:12:18,670 --> 00:12:22,200

They didn't report it,
because sometimes they

278

00:12:22,200 --> 00:12:24,120

count the people every day.

279

00:12:24,120 --> 00:12:25,350

Sometime, every two days.

280

00:12:25,350 --> 00:12:29,450

Sometime, every three days,
and sometime twice a day,

281

00:12:29,450 --> 00:12:32,510

to see how many people
there are in the camp

282

00:12:32,510 --> 00:12:35,220

till they find out

there is less people, less

283

00:12:35,220 --> 00:12:37,620
portions bread, you got it.

284

00:12:37,620 --> 00:12:42,180
And I saw people laying, ate
at the eyes, from the eyes

285

00:12:42,180 --> 00:12:45,960
from the rats, the flesh,
because the people was

286

00:12:45,960 --> 00:12:49,400
laying dead till they took
them out and buried them.

287

00:12:49,400 --> 00:12:52,450
Every day, it was two
shifts to go to work,

288

00:12:52,450 --> 00:12:53,470
work in the factory.

289

00:12:53,470 --> 00:12:57,440
There was a morning
shift and a night shift.

290

00:12:57,440 --> 00:12:59,460
The factory was across the--

291

00:12:59,460 --> 00:13:04,890
I mean, the camp was across
the street from the factory.

292

00:13:04,890 --> 00:13:09,990
They count us going
out from the camp.

293

00:13:09,990 --> 00:13:13,635
And they count us
coming in to see if we--

294

00:13:13,635 --> 00:13:17,320

295

00:13:17,320 --> 00:13:19,050

nobody is missing.

296

00:13:19,050 --> 00:13:21,090

In the camp, there was freedom.

297

00:13:21,090 --> 00:13:25,000

You could walk around from
one barrack to the other one.

298

00:13:25,000 --> 00:13:26,090

They didn't stop you.

299

00:13:26,090 --> 00:13:27,390

You could walk around.

300

00:13:27,390 --> 00:13:30,090

You could do anything you
want til you went to work.

301

00:13:30,090 --> 00:13:34,110

You said that, when you came and
they counted you, or something

302

00:13:34,110 --> 00:13:36,327

like that, there were
about 600 or 700 of you.

303

00:13:36,327 --> 00:13:38,160

Yeah, something like
that, I said, because--

304

00:13:38,160 --> 00:13:40,620

That was the number of
people who came that day?

305

00:13:40,620 --> 00:13:41,130

That day.

306

00:13:41,130 --> 00:13:41,700

That day.

307

00:13:41,700 --> 00:13:42,854

That day.

308

00:13:42,854 --> 00:13:45,870

About how many people
were in the camp?

309

00:13:45,870 --> 00:13:46,630

Before?

310

00:13:46,630 --> 00:13:49,230

Altogether, would you say?

311

00:13:49,230 --> 00:13:50,040

I can't say.

312

00:13:50,040 --> 00:13:51,540

Was it a large camp
of 2,000 people?

313

00:13:51,540 --> 00:13:52,332

It's a large, yeah.

314

00:13:52,332 --> 00:13:53,350

Yeah, it's large, large.

315

00:13:53,350 --> 00:13:55,170

They didn't come
only from our town.

316

00:13:55,170 --> 00:13:57,030

They came from all over.

317

00:13:57,030 --> 00:13:58,190

Men and women?

318

00:13:58,190 --> 00:13:58,690

Yes.

319

00:13:58,690 --> 00:14:01,280

Men were living on
one side, and women

320

00:14:01,280 --> 00:14:02,520

was living on the other side.

321
00:14:02,520 --> 00:14:04,680
Any children?

322
00:14:04,680 --> 00:14:05,920
No.

323
00:14:05,920 --> 00:14:06,780
No.

324
00:14:06,780 --> 00:14:08,280
You could go to
the women's side.

325
00:14:08,280 --> 00:14:10,220
But you couldn't
sleep very nice there.

326
00:14:10,220 --> 00:14:13,540
Now, I would assume, if
there were men and women,

327
00:14:13,540 --> 00:14:16,200
there were husbands
and wives, too.

328
00:14:16,200 --> 00:14:16,700
Probably.

329
00:14:16,700 --> 00:14:17,240
There were families.

330
00:14:17,240 --> 00:14:17,910
Probably.

331
00:14:17,910 --> 00:14:18,710
Probably.

332
00:14:18,710 --> 00:14:19,350
Probably.

333
00:14:19,350 --> 00:14:21,210
Did they have children?

334

00:14:21,210 --> 00:14:22,330

I didn't see no children.

335

00:14:22,330 --> 00:14:22,830

No.

336

00:14:22,830 --> 00:14:25,377

But did they have
children outside the camp?

337

00:14:25,377 --> 00:14:25,960

Did you talk--

338

00:14:25,960 --> 00:14:26,530

We couldn't go out.

339

00:14:26,530 --> 00:14:27,322

We was living all--

340

00:14:27,322 --> 00:14:28,980

--to each other?

341

00:14:28,980 --> 00:14:31,720

When you work in
the camp, you could

342

00:14:31,720 --> 00:14:32,970

talk to the other, each other.

343

00:14:32,970 --> 00:14:34,090

Sure.

344

00:14:34,090 --> 00:14:36,460

So were you aware--

345

00:14:36,460 --> 00:14:37,920

now, for instance,
you were single.

346

00:14:37,920 --> 00:14:38,630

Yes.

347

00:14:38,630 --> 00:14:40,050

You weren't married at the time.

348

00:14:40,050 --> 00:14:40,550

Yes.

349

00:14:40,550 --> 00:14:42,450

But others could
have been married.

350

00:14:42,450 --> 00:14:44,533

If they were married, they
might have been married

351

00:14:44,533 --> 00:14:46,460

and have had children
who were not in camp.

352

00:14:46,460 --> 00:14:46,960

Maybe.

353

00:14:46,960 --> 00:14:47,313

I--

354

00:14:47,313 --> 00:14:47,938

You don't know.

355

00:14:47,938 --> 00:14:48,480

I don't know.

356

00:14:48,480 --> 00:14:49,390

I can't tell you.

357

00:14:49,390 --> 00:14:51,950

I know from people what I know.

358

00:14:51,950 --> 00:14:54,330

Those people, who I
know from my town--

359

00:14:54,330 --> 00:14:55,060

I don't know.

360

00:14:55,060 --> 00:14:57,000

I was living all the time.

361
00:14:57,000 --> 00:15:00,210
I know, who is close to
me, nobody had children.

362
00:15:00,210 --> 00:15:02,590
And nobody was married.

363
00:15:02,590 --> 00:15:03,090
Oh.

364
00:15:03,090 --> 00:15:04,580
They were all single, your--

365
00:15:04,580 --> 00:15:05,110
Yeah, right.

366
00:15:05,110 --> 00:15:07,760

367
00:15:07,760 --> 00:15:12,390
And you were there
for three years.

368
00:15:12,390 --> 00:15:12,890
Yes.

369
00:15:12,890 --> 00:15:14,720
Every day was the same routine.

370
00:15:14,720 --> 00:15:17,137
Every day was the same
routine, no day off.

371
00:15:17,137 --> 00:15:17,720
We just went--

372
00:15:17,720 --> 00:15:19,370
And no changes.

373
00:15:19,370 --> 00:15:21,020
No changes.

374

00:15:21,020 --> 00:15:22,790
What do you mean by changes?

375
00:15:22,790 --> 00:15:23,720
Nothing changed.

376
00:15:23,720 --> 00:15:26,390
There was 365 days a year.

377
00:15:26,390 --> 00:15:26,930
Yes.

378
00:15:26,930 --> 00:15:28,110
You woke up in the morning.

379
00:15:28,110 --> 00:15:28,790
You go to work.

380
00:15:28,790 --> 00:15:29,380
Or you're night shift.

381
00:15:29,380 --> 00:15:29,680
You get counted.

382
00:15:29,680 --> 00:15:30,888
You went night shift to work.

383
00:15:30,888 --> 00:15:31,790
You get counted.

384
00:15:31,790 --> 00:15:33,660
You had your food.

385
00:15:33,660 --> 00:15:36,290
Then-- but only one
thing, we got it.

386
00:15:36,290 --> 00:15:41,140
Every time when
came a new group,

387
00:15:41,140 --> 00:15:44,570
we got new clothing,
good clothing.

388
00:15:44,570 --> 00:15:45,230
Really?

389
00:15:45,230 --> 00:15:47,550
Good clothing-- I mean, not new.

390
00:15:47,550 --> 00:15:48,945
I mean new for myself.

391
00:15:48,945 --> 00:15:49,670
You understand?

392
00:15:49,670 --> 00:15:51,430
But I don't say new
from the factory.

393
00:15:51,430 --> 00:15:54,500
Looks like from somebody,
people, from other people.

394
00:15:54,500 --> 00:15:55,400
We got shoes.

395
00:15:55,400 --> 00:15:57,170
We got clothing.

396
00:15:57,170 --> 00:15:57,950
This sounds--

397
00:15:57,950 --> 00:15:58,550
[INAUDIBLE]

398
00:15:58,550 --> 00:16:01,340
In terms of what you hear
about the camps, this sounds--

399
00:16:01,340 --> 00:16:02,030
Yeah.

400
00:16:02,030 --> 00:16:04,680
But from where did
they get this clothing?

401

00:16:04,680 --> 00:16:06,230

From the other people.

402

00:16:06,230 --> 00:16:07,440

I don't know from where.

403

00:16:07,440 --> 00:16:09,440

But from where did
they get the clothing?

404

00:16:09,440 --> 00:16:09,940

Well, wait.

405

00:16:09,940 --> 00:16:11,990

We didn't work in this clothing.

406

00:16:11,990 --> 00:16:14,480

They gave the other
clothing, good clothing--

407

00:16:14,480 --> 00:16:15,803

nice pants, good pants.

408

00:16:15,803 --> 00:16:17,720

And the same thing, like
you go into the army,

409

00:16:17,720 --> 00:16:20,560

they give you new
uniform, that's it.

410

00:16:20,560 --> 00:16:21,590

civilian clothing.

411

00:16:21,590 --> 00:16:24,410

This sounds much
better than what

412

00:16:24,410 --> 00:16:25,922

you hear from the other camps.

413

00:16:25,922 --> 00:16:26,630

Yes, that's true.

414

00:16:26,630 --> 00:16:29,810
There's some better camps, and
some not such a good camps.

415

00:16:29,810 --> 00:16:31,550
Did you realize at
the time that this

416

00:16:31,550 --> 00:16:34,100
was what would be
considered a better camp?

417

00:16:34,100 --> 00:16:36,055
No, I realized it
was a labor camp.

418

00:16:36,055 --> 00:16:36,680
They needed me.

419

00:16:36,680 --> 00:16:37,910
I was working there.

420

00:16:37,910 --> 00:16:39,260
They needed.

421

00:16:39,260 --> 00:16:43,790
When new people came in,
a new transport came in,

422

00:16:43,790 --> 00:16:44,650
they shipped--

423

00:16:44,650 --> 00:16:47,150
the ship went out
from the old people.

424

00:16:47,150 --> 00:16:50,090
What were the thoughts of
the people, day by day,

425

00:16:50,090 --> 00:16:51,590
as they were having
this experience?

426

00:16:51,590 --> 00:16:52,548
We didn't know nothing.

427
00:16:52,548 --> 00:16:53,270
We came to work.

428
00:16:53,270 --> 00:16:56,840
Look, I had my portion bread.

429
00:16:56,840 --> 00:16:57,650
I had my soup.

430
00:16:57,650 --> 00:16:58,713
And we came to work.

431
00:16:58,713 --> 00:16:59,380
What can you do?

432
00:16:59,380 --> 00:17:00,290
We had to go.

433
00:17:00,290 --> 00:17:01,780
What can you do?

434
00:17:01,780 --> 00:17:02,900
We came to work.

435
00:17:02,900 --> 00:17:03,572
What do we know?

436
00:17:03,572 --> 00:17:04,280
What can we know?

437
00:17:04,280 --> 00:17:05,960
Did you feel you
had enough to eat?

438
00:17:05,960 --> 00:17:07,599
Not enough to eat.

439
00:17:07,599 --> 00:17:09,670
So this is why people
got sick, and they died.

440

00:17:09,670 --> 00:17:12,270

441

00:17:12,270 --> 00:17:17,099

Was that a common occurrence,
that a lot of people died?

442

00:17:17,099 --> 00:17:17,640

Yes.

443

00:17:17,640 --> 00:17:18,329

Yes.

444

00:17:18,329 --> 00:17:20,829

Yes.

445

00:17:20,829 --> 00:17:23,430

What was the difference
between people that died

446

00:17:23,430 --> 00:17:25,560

and the people who lived?

447

00:17:25,560 --> 00:17:26,678

Who got sick?

448

00:17:26,678 --> 00:17:28,220

A lot of people got
the typhus, sick.

449

00:17:28,220 --> 00:17:29,170

There was no doctors.

450

00:17:29,170 --> 00:17:31,410

You couldn't tell the
doctor you're sick.

451

00:17:31,410 --> 00:17:33,050

You couldn't say you got--

452

00:17:33,050 --> 00:17:36,120

they buried you,
or they shot you.

453

00:17:36,120 --> 00:17:37,470
Anybody who was sick got shot?

454

00:17:37,470 --> 00:17:37,710
Right.

455

00:17:37,710 --> 00:17:39,240
If they went in
that, they got shot.

456

00:17:39,240 --> 00:17:44,190
And if you got typhus, sooner
or later, you have to die.

457

00:17:44,190 --> 00:17:45,150
But let me make clear.

458

00:17:45,150 --> 00:17:48,780
It's different between a
concentration camp and a labor

459

00:17:48,780 --> 00:17:49,500
camp.

460

00:17:49,500 --> 00:17:50,820
A labor camp, they needed you.

461

00:17:50,820 --> 00:17:52,800
They need people to work.

462

00:17:52,800 --> 00:17:55,140
They need ammunition.

463

00:17:55,140 --> 00:17:59,900
A labor camp is just
waiting for the death.

464

00:17:59,900 --> 00:18:01,990
In other words,
they let you work.

465

00:18:01,990 --> 00:18:04,300
For us as you're healthy,
as you're healthy.

466

00:18:04,300 --> 00:18:06,330

When you're healthy,
they ship you away.

467

00:18:06,330 --> 00:18:08,410

Where they ship
you, we don't know.

468

00:18:08,410 --> 00:18:10,532

I don't know.

469

00:18:10,532 --> 00:18:11,740

How many people were shipped?

470

00:18:11,740 --> 00:18:15,030

Were large groups shipped
away, or small groups?

471

00:18:15,030 --> 00:18:19,080

No, when they came into
1,000, they took 2,000.

472

00:18:19,080 --> 00:18:20,350

They were going to make an--

473

00:18:20,350 --> 00:18:22,210

they called them an appell.

474

00:18:22,210 --> 00:18:24,980

Then you say, you are,
you are, you are, you are.

475

00:18:24,980 --> 00:18:26,720

Then they went
out and That's it.

476

00:18:26,720 --> 00:18:28,180

And they put them in trucks.

477

00:18:28,180 --> 00:18:30,520

They took them someplace else.

478

00:18:30,520 --> 00:18:33,220

Did you ever understand
how they selected

479
00:18:33,220 --> 00:18:36,070
the ones who were called out
from the appell and shipped--

480
00:18:36,070 --> 00:18:38,250
No. --away and those who
were allowed to remain?

481
00:18:38,250 --> 00:18:39,370
They just looked at you.

482
00:18:39,370 --> 00:18:41,020
That's it.

483
00:18:41,020 --> 00:18:43,340
In other words, you went
through this for three years.

484
00:18:43,340 --> 00:18:43,770
Yeah, we went through.

485
00:18:43,770 --> 00:18:44,070
Sure.

486
00:18:44,070 --> 00:18:44,768
You stood there.

487
00:18:44,768 --> 00:18:46,810
And for three years, you
were not asked to leave.

488
00:18:46,810 --> 00:18:50,330
Well, you passed by.

489
00:18:50,330 --> 00:18:52,540
He didn't like your face,
or something like that.

490
00:18:52,540 --> 00:18:53,670
And that's it.

491

00:18:53,670 --> 00:18:55,950
And matter of fact,
the head from the camp

492
00:18:55,950 --> 00:19:01,910
was a cripple, a hunchback
guy with a dog all the time.

493
00:19:01,910 --> 00:19:02,410
A German.

494
00:19:02,410 --> 00:19:03,910
Yeah, sure.

495
00:19:03,910 --> 00:19:05,160
He was the head from the camp.

496
00:19:05,160 --> 00:19:05,660
Yeah.

497
00:19:05,660 --> 00:19:08,440
And then, the other
ones was Jewish inside.

498
00:19:08,440 --> 00:19:13,050
All those things were Jews.

499
00:19:13,050 --> 00:19:15,360
He walked around the
whole day with a dog.

500
00:19:15,360 --> 00:19:17,678
And what do they call this?

501
00:19:17,678 --> 00:19:20,220
What they have on the horses,
what they're hitting the horse.

502
00:19:20,220 --> 00:19:20,720
A whip?

503
00:19:20,720 --> 00:19:21,235
Whip.

504

00:19:21,235 --> 00:19:22,250
Sorry.

505
00:19:22,250 --> 00:19:23,628
And what did he do with the--

506
00:19:23,628 --> 00:19:24,670
He wanted it, he hit you.

507
00:19:24,670 --> 00:19:25,230
He hit you.

508
00:19:25,230 --> 00:19:26,600
He wanted to tell you, lay down.

509
00:19:26,600 --> 00:19:27,100
He hit you.

510
00:19:27,100 --> 00:19:28,350
He hit you.

511
00:19:28,350 --> 00:19:29,550
He did it a lot of people?

512
00:19:29,550 --> 00:19:30,840
He did it.

513
00:19:30,840 --> 00:19:31,930
For what reasons?

514
00:19:31,930 --> 00:19:32,450
Nothing.

515
00:19:32,450 --> 00:19:32,950
Pleasure.

516
00:19:32,950 --> 00:19:36,220

517
00:19:36,220 --> 00:19:36,720
Crazy.

518
00:19:36,720 --> 00:19:37,850

Did he ever hit you?

519

00:19:37,850 --> 00:19:38,880

No.

520

00:19:38,880 --> 00:19:40,340

For some reason, you were--

521

00:19:40,340 --> 00:19:41,640

That's it.

522

00:19:41,640 --> 00:19:44,010

No, he just-- who
take it -- make it .

523

00:19:44,010 --> 00:19:44,910

He got crazy.

524

00:19:44,910 --> 00:19:47,370

He said, today, now an appell.

525

00:19:47,370 --> 00:19:48,940

This is people where
they live, where

526

00:19:48,940 --> 00:19:51,511

they was working night time.

527

00:19:51,511 --> 00:19:53,850

Of course, when
people was working,

528

00:19:53,850 --> 00:19:56,612

he didn't do that, because
people would work night time.

529

00:19:56,612 --> 00:19:59,873

To make an appell, he called
to the Jewish kommandant.

530

00:19:59,873 --> 00:20:01,290

To make an appell,
he went around.

531

00:20:01,290 --> 00:20:02,520
He said, you are, you are.

532
00:20:02,520 --> 00:20:04,830
If he want to hit
you, he hit you

533
00:20:04,830 --> 00:20:07,410
25, 30 times on your behind.

534
00:20:07,410 --> 00:20:08,796
That's it.

535
00:20:08,796 --> 00:20:10,782
Were you nervous there?

536
00:20:10,782 --> 00:20:11,490
If I was nervous?

537
00:20:11,490 --> 00:20:12,420
Were you nervous?

538
00:20:12,420 --> 00:20:16,470
I was, over there,
healthier than any place--

539
00:20:16,470 --> 00:20:18,170
no headache, nothing.

540
00:20:18,170 --> 00:20:21,495
After I came here, right away,
I had to eat tranquilizers.

541
00:20:21,495 --> 00:20:24,580
I had six tranquilizers
a day all the time.

542
00:20:24,580 --> 00:20:25,830
I live on tranquilizers.

543
00:20:25,830 --> 00:20:27,800
Now.

544
00:20:27,800 --> 00:20:28,300

But the--

545

00:20:28,300 --> 00:20:29,100

Aspirins.

546

00:20:29,100 --> 00:20:30,630

But then you were able to--

547

00:20:30,630 --> 00:20:32,370

No pains, nothing at all.

548

00:20:32,370 --> 00:20:33,180

No pains.

549

00:20:33,180 --> 00:20:34,600

Do you understand that?

550

00:20:34,600 --> 00:20:36,250

I don't.

551

00:20:36,250 --> 00:20:38,930

No pains at all.

552

00:20:38,930 --> 00:20:43,710

But who got sick, then got
sick more so with typhus.

553

00:20:43,710 --> 00:20:45,860

Typhus, this was the main sick.

554

00:20:45,860 --> 00:20:47,680

But I can tell
you, for the whole,

555

00:20:47,680 --> 00:20:51,010

it was so many hundreds
or thousands of people.

556

00:20:51,010 --> 00:20:52,120

Maybe that one was sick.

557

00:20:52,120 --> 00:20:53,990

I wasn't sick.

558

00:20:53,990 --> 00:20:55,510

And that saved you.

559

00:20:55,510 --> 00:20:59,483

Saved me to work in
the camp, so far.

560

00:20:59,483 --> 00:21:01,150

In other words, if
you try to understand

561

00:21:01,150 --> 00:21:03,160

how is it that you
were able to survive

562

00:21:03,160 --> 00:21:05,200

three years of
this treatment, it

563

00:21:05,200 --> 00:21:07,390

was your fortune of good health.

564

00:21:07,390 --> 00:21:09,798

565

00:21:09,798 --> 00:21:10,340

I don't know.

566

00:21:10,340 --> 00:21:12,350

Should I call it
good health or luck?

567

00:21:12,350 --> 00:21:15,920

It depends what you believe.

568

00:21:15,920 --> 00:21:19,100

If you believe in
luck, then it's luck.

569

00:21:19,100 --> 00:21:23,130

If-- look, people are
going to work, right?

570

00:21:23,130 --> 00:21:26,330

Well, it's common
one get killed,

571
00:21:26,330 --> 00:21:28,510
but another one, he
doesn't hurt them.

572
00:21:28,510 --> 00:21:31,875
So this went on for
about three solid years.

573
00:21:31,875 --> 00:21:33,320
Three solid years.

574
00:21:33,320 --> 00:21:35,060
And you were in the
camp the whole time.

575
00:21:35,060 --> 00:21:36,240
And your brother was
in the camp the--

576
00:21:36,240 --> 00:21:36,380
Yes.

577
00:21:36,380 --> 00:21:37,140
--the whole time?

578
00:21:37,140 --> 00:21:37,690
Same brother.

579
00:21:37,690 --> 00:21:39,230
And he also managed to--

580
00:21:39,230 --> 00:21:39,800
Yeah.

581
00:21:39,800 --> 00:21:40,940
--be there the whole time.

582
00:21:40,940 --> 00:21:43,430
He was sick on typhus.

583
00:21:43,430 --> 00:21:44,450

How did he--

584

00:21:44,450 --> 00:21:45,890

But he didn't go to typhus.

585

00:21:45,890 --> 00:21:48,322

He sweated through by
himself and was all right.

586

00:21:48,322 --> 00:21:49,280

He didn't tell anybody.

587

00:21:49,280 --> 00:21:50,720

Nothing.

588

00:21:50,720 --> 00:21:52,580

I mean, some of
the prisoners knew.

589

00:21:52,580 --> 00:21:53,900

But they didn't say anything.

590

00:21:53,900 --> 00:21:55,480

Yeah, I know it.

591

00:21:55,480 --> 00:21:56,720

His friends knew it.

592

00:21:56,720 --> 00:21:57,903

The other one didn't know.

593

00:21:57,903 --> 00:21:59,070

And they covered up for him.

594

00:21:59,070 --> 00:22:01,400

They covered up.

595

00:22:01,400 --> 00:22:03,880

So this was until '44.

596

00:22:03,880 --> 00:22:07,120

This was till '44.

597

00:22:07,120 --> 00:22:12,470
Then the Russians start to
come closer to this town.

598
00:22:12,470 --> 00:22:15,670
Then they shipped from
one place to the other.

599
00:22:15,670 --> 00:22:18,770
And then they shipped
me to another camp,

600
00:22:18,770 --> 00:22:20,180
working camp, labor camp--

601
00:22:20,180 --> 00:22:22,530
not concentration
camp, a labor camp.

602
00:22:22,530 --> 00:22:24,290
They shipped you
to another camp?

603
00:22:24,290 --> 00:22:25,500
Czestochowa was another.

604
00:22:25,500 --> 00:22:26,000
Yeah.

605
00:22:26,000 --> 00:22:27,420
They shipped you to Czestochowa.

606
00:22:27,420 --> 00:22:27,920
Czestochowa.

607
00:22:27,920 --> 00:22:29,470
It was another camp.

608
00:22:29,470 --> 00:22:33,260
This was-- in what
part of 1944 do

609
00:22:33,260 --> 00:22:35,090
you think that this happened?

610

00:22:35,090 --> 00:22:38,630

I think it was almost the
end of '44, almost the end,

611

00:22:38,630 --> 00:22:39,410

maybe the middle.

612

00:22:39,410 --> 00:22:47,610

613

00:22:47,610 --> 00:22:50,820

In Skarzysko, you were
about three years.

614

00:22:50,820 --> 00:22:51,530

Yes.

615

00:22:51,530 --> 00:22:53,250

In Czestochowa--

616

00:22:53,250 --> 00:22:54,510

Czestochowa.

617

00:22:54,510 --> 00:22:55,745

--you were how long?

618

00:22:55,745 --> 00:22:57,060

A few months.

619

00:22:57,060 --> 00:22:58,930

A few months in 1944.

620

00:22:58,930 --> 00:22:59,520

Yes.

621

00:22:59,520 --> 00:23:02,730

So you went in in
one part of 1944,

622

00:23:02,730 --> 00:23:04,020

and you went out another part.

623

00:23:04,020 --> 00:23:04,050

Yeah.

624
00:23:04,050 --> 00:23:05,040
Let me make clear.

625
00:23:05,040 --> 00:23:07,030
I'm not going
exactly to the dates.

626
00:23:07,030 --> 00:23:10,590
It's so many years ago, which
I can give you no dates.

627
00:23:10,590 --> 00:23:12,710
But approximately,
this was a time.

628
00:23:12,710 --> 00:23:13,320
All right.

629
00:23:13,320 --> 00:23:17,310
So you were there for
a few months in 1944.

630
00:23:17,310 --> 00:23:18,690
And then they shipped us to--

631
00:23:18,690 --> 00:23:20,760
Was it-- it was either
the beginning of 1944,

632
00:23:20,760 --> 00:23:22,220
or the second half of 1944.

633
00:23:22,220 --> 00:23:22,720
Yes.

634
00:23:22,720 --> 00:23:23,160
Yes.

635
00:23:23,160 --> 00:23:23,660
Yes.

636
00:23:23,660 --> 00:23:24,420

Which one was it?

637

00:23:24,420 --> 00:23:26,160

I think it was in the middle.

638

00:23:26,160 --> 00:23:26,660

I--

639

00:23:26,660 --> 00:23:28,200

In the middle.

640

00:23:28,200 --> 00:23:30,170

Is it so important,
the month or the date?

641

00:23:30,170 --> 00:23:30,750

No.

642

00:23:30,750 --> 00:23:32,820

I'm just trying to get
the picture for myself

643

00:23:32,820 --> 00:23:34,970

to understand what happened.

644

00:23:34,970 --> 00:23:39,600

And then, later on in
1944, you left Czestochowa.

645

00:23:39,600 --> 00:23:40,980

They shipped us to Buchenwald.

646

00:23:40,980 --> 00:23:41,770

And then you went to Buchenwald.

647

00:23:41,770 --> 00:23:42,270

Yes.

648

00:23:42,270 --> 00:23:43,560

And in Buchenwald, you were--

649

00:23:43,560 --> 00:23:44,060

I was--

650

00:23:44,060 --> 00:23:44,560
--liberated.

651

00:23:44,560 --> 00:23:45,900
--liberated by the third--

652

00:23:45,900 --> 00:23:52,515

653

00:23:52,515 --> 00:23:53,450
The Third Army?

654

00:23:53,450 --> 00:23:54,033
--army.

655

00:23:54,033 --> 00:23:54,950
That's General Patton.

656

00:23:54,950 --> 00:23:55,590
Tank.

657

00:23:55,590 --> 00:23:57,465
Yeah, Third, tank division.

658

00:23:57,465 --> 00:23:58,170
All right.

659

00:23:58,170 --> 00:24:04,740
Now, the number of months
that you were in Czestochowa--

660

00:24:04,740 --> 00:24:06,900
let's say you were there
about a half a year.

661

00:24:06,900 --> 00:24:09,140
What did you do there?

662

00:24:09,140 --> 00:24:10,650
We wasn't working
too much no more,

663

00:24:10,650 --> 00:24:13,290

because it was a
smaller factory.

664
00:24:13,290 --> 00:24:16,830
We were just waiting, hang
around, sitting around.

665
00:24:16,830 --> 00:24:18,600
That's all.

666
00:24:18,600 --> 00:24:20,016
I wasn't working.

667
00:24:20,016 --> 00:24:22,030
A lot of people was
working, because it

668
00:24:22,030 --> 00:24:24,430
was smaller factories.

669
00:24:24,430 --> 00:24:26,910
And they didn't produce
so much bullets no more,

670
00:24:26,910 --> 00:24:28,740
because it was almost
ended, the war.

671
00:24:28,740 --> 00:24:31,110
The Russian wasn't far away.

672
00:24:31,110 --> 00:24:35,182
See, as the Germans ran
away from the Russian side,

673
00:24:35,182 --> 00:24:36,140
they took us with them.

674
00:24:36,140 --> 00:24:39,300
They didn't let us stay.

675
00:24:39,300 --> 00:24:41,528
Let's say they came
here, close to here.

676

00:24:41,528 --> 00:24:43,320

They took the whole
thing to put them here.

677

00:24:43,320 --> 00:24:44,710

They came here,
they put them here.

678

00:24:44,710 --> 00:24:45,590

And this is the way.

679

00:24:45,590 --> 00:24:47,730

This is the way it was.

680

00:24:47,730 --> 00:24:49,830

You were transported
from one to the other.

681

00:24:49,830 --> 00:24:51,440

Correct.

682

00:24:51,440 --> 00:24:52,225

And--

683

00:24:52,225 --> 00:24:56,320

On trains from the
men, and trucks.

684

00:24:56,320 --> 00:24:59,700

The trains was closed
up like cattles.

685

00:24:59,700 --> 00:25:02,308

And the food in the second
camp, in Czestochowa,

686

00:25:02,308 --> 00:25:04,350

was the same like the
first camp, like Skarzysko?

687

00:25:04,350 --> 00:25:04,800

Same thing.

688

00:25:04,800 --> 00:25:05,300

Even less.

689

00:25:05,300 --> 00:25:05,820

Even less.

690

00:25:05,820 --> 00:25:06,450

Less.

691

00:25:06,450 --> 00:25:07,650

Yes.

692

00:25:07,650 --> 00:25:08,707

It can't be less.

693

00:25:08,707 --> 00:25:10,290

We got only two
slices of bread a day.

694

00:25:10,290 --> 00:25:12,000

But even less, we got.

695

00:25:12,000 --> 00:25:17,860

696

00:25:17,860 --> 00:25:21,670

How do you go through a whole
day with having nothing to do?

697

00:25:21,670 --> 00:25:23,470

I mean, everybody
was going around.

698

00:25:23,470 --> 00:25:24,040

You wake up.

699

00:25:24,040 --> 00:25:25,000

And what do you--

700

00:25:25,000 --> 00:25:26,020

how does the day go by?

701

00:25:26,020 --> 00:25:27,772

Look, it's not like here.

702

00:25:27,772 --> 00:25:28,480

You're going out.

703

00:25:28,480 --> 00:25:29,260

You have nothing to do.

704

00:25:29,260 --> 00:25:30,635

You're going out
for the Germans.

705

00:25:30,635 --> 00:25:32,230

You miss-- you get bored.

706

00:25:32,230 --> 00:25:33,040

You do get bored.

707

00:25:33,040 --> 00:25:35,790

Just went around, and walked
around, and that's it.

708

00:25:35,790 --> 00:25:36,860

And you spoke to people.

709

00:25:36,860 --> 00:25:38,968

We spoke.

710

00:25:38,968 --> 00:25:39,710

They let you.

711

00:25:39,710 --> 00:25:41,930

Inside, they let you
do anything you want.

712

00:25:41,930 --> 00:25:44,240

And what did you discuss?

713

00:25:44,240 --> 00:25:47,390

Do you remember?

714

00:25:47,390 --> 00:25:49,350

You knew nothing about the war.

715

00:25:49,350 --> 00:25:51,490

No.

716

00:25:51,490 --> 00:25:53,050
What did you understand?

717

00:25:53,050 --> 00:25:58,202
Why were you being shipped
from Skarzysko to Czestochowa?

718

00:25:58,202 --> 00:25:59,910
Did you understand
that, that something's

719

00:25:59,910 --> 00:26:00,760
going on in the war?

720

00:26:00,760 --> 00:26:01,300
Yeah, we heard it.

721

00:26:01,300 --> 00:26:01,950
We heard.

722

00:26:01,950 --> 00:26:04,385
We heard it, that the
Russian coming close.

723

00:26:04,385 --> 00:26:05,640
We heard it.

724

00:26:05,640 --> 00:26:07,610
So the feeling in the
camp must have been--

725

00:26:07,610 --> 00:26:08,110
Yeah.

726

00:26:08,110 --> 00:26:09,310
That they're closer--

727

00:26:09,310 --> 00:26:10,170
--that was good.

728

00:26:10,170 --> 00:26:10,400
Yeah.

729
00:26:10,400 --> 00:26:10,983
That was good.

730
00:26:10,983 --> 00:26:13,420
Sure, it was good.

731
00:26:13,420 --> 00:26:15,180
Was that the first
good news you heard?

732
00:26:15,180 --> 00:26:18,610
And we was praying every
day that the airplanes

733
00:26:18,610 --> 00:26:20,760
should come to bomb the camp.

734
00:26:20,760 --> 00:26:22,690
Would you say that was
the first good news you

735
00:26:22,690 --> 00:26:25,210
heard in the few years of the
war, that the Russians were--

736
00:26:25,210 --> 00:26:26,460
Yeah, the Russians were near--

737
00:26:26,460 --> 00:26:26,960
--coming?

738
00:26:26,960 --> 00:26:29,680
--because it would
be better, because we

739
00:26:29,680 --> 00:26:30,820
knew that they're running.

740
00:26:30,820 --> 00:26:31,870
If not, they wouldn't ship us.

741
00:26:31,870 --> 00:26:32,870
Why do they ship us out?

742

00:26:32,870 --> 00:26:34,580

Must be some reason.

743

00:26:34,580 --> 00:26:35,080

But you--

744

00:26:35,080 --> 00:26:35,510

But we know [INAUDIBLE].

745

00:26:35,510 --> 00:26:36,800

--you received no reports.

746

00:26:36,800 --> 00:26:37,300

No.

747

00:26:37,300 --> 00:26:37,520

No.

748

00:26:37,520 --> 00:26:38,020

No.

749

00:26:38,020 --> 00:26:39,586

You were sealed
off from the world.

750

00:26:39,586 --> 00:26:40,086

Right.

751

00:26:40,086 --> 00:26:41,870

Right.

752

00:26:41,870 --> 00:26:46,800

And then you went from
Czestochowa to Buchenwald.

753

00:26:46,800 --> 00:26:48,590

See, it could be some people--

754

00:26:48,590 --> 00:26:49,990

I don't know.

755

00:26:49,990 --> 00:26:51,760

I just talking for myself.

756
00:26:51,760 --> 00:26:53,938
We was waiting between Polacks.

757
00:26:53,938 --> 00:26:55,480
Polish people was
waiting there, too.

758
00:26:55,480 --> 00:26:57,820
Maybe some people knew
it from the Polish people

759
00:26:57,820 --> 00:26:58,870
what's going outside.

760
00:26:58,870 --> 00:27:00,710
I don't know.

761
00:27:00,710 --> 00:27:03,160
I don't know.

762
00:27:03,160 --> 00:27:09,880
Did anything of significance,
any events, any happenings

763
00:27:09,880 --> 00:27:13,690
take place in any of the camps
that you recall very vividly?

764
00:27:13,690 --> 00:27:16,280

765
00:27:16,280 --> 00:27:17,490
Except killing?

766
00:27:17,490 --> 00:27:19,490
What kind of killing
are you talking about?

767
00:27:19,490 --> 00:27:21,550
Shooting people or hang them?

768
00:27:21,550 --> 00:27:23,640

They shot people
in all the camps?

769
00:27:23,640 --> 00:27:25,095
Sure, everybody.

770
00:27:25,095 --> 00:27:26,720
If you didn't do it,
they took you out.

771
00:27:26,720 --> 00:27:29,457
Not in front of you, but
we knew they took them out

772
00:27:29,457 --> 00:27:31,040
to the woods, or we
took this guy out.

773
00:27:31,040 --> 00:27:33,400
We know this one
took five people out.

774
00:27:33,400 --> 00:27:34,370
He took six people out.

775
00:27:34,370 --> 00:27:36,680
And they're shot in the woods.

776
00:27:36,680 --> 00:27:37,970
Every camp was in the woods.

777
00:27:37,970 --> 00:27:40,830

778
00:27:40,830 --> 00:27:42,350
And this was going
on all the time?

779
00:27:42,350 --> 00:27:42,900
All the time.

780
00:27:42,900 --> 00:27:46,470

781

00:27:46,470 --> 00:27:48,630

Could you ever figure
out why certain people

782

00:27:48,630 --> 00:27:50,130

were being pulled out?

783

00:27:50,130 --> 00:27:51,540

Some people would run away.

784

00:27:51,540 --> 00:27:56,820

Some people went
close to the wires.

785

00:27:56,820 --> 00:27:57,945

Just for going close to it.

786

00:27:57,945 --> 00:27:58,820

They didn't touch it.

787

00:27:58,820 --> 00:27:59,400

No.

788

00:27:59,400 --> 00:28:00,210

Just going close.

789

00:28:00,210 --> 00:28:01,530

You had to go be away.

790

00:28:01,530 --> 00:28:04,560

If you went close, right
away, they shot you.

791

00:28:04,560 --> 00:28:05,180

On the spot.

792

00:28:05,180 --> 00:28:06,060

On the spot.

793

00:28:06,060 --> 00:28:08,880

794

00:28:08,880 --> 00:28:10,530

And this was a daily occurrence.

795
00:28:10,530 --> 00:28:11,930
Daily occurrence.

796
00:28:11,930 --> 00:28:15,430
Sometime two, sometime nothing,
sometime three, and sometime

797
00:28:15,430 --> 00:28:15,930
four.

798
00:28:15,930 --> 00:28:19,010
But we heard it, that
somebody got shot.

799
00:28:19,010 --> 00:28:20,645
You heard it, or
you saw it yourself?

800
00:28:20,645 --> 00:28:21,360
No, we heard it.

801
00:28:21,360 --> 00:28:23,310
We heard it.

802
00:28:23,310 --> 00:28:24,560
They took us out.

803
00:28:24,560 --> 00:28:26,080
They took them out in the woods.

804
00:28:26,080 --> 00:28:27,080
And then we heard shots.

805
00:28:27,080 --> 00:28:31,190

806
00:28:31,190 --> 00:28:34,150
But they didn't kill
anybody in front of you--

807
00:28:34,150 --> 00:28:35,060
No.

808

00:28:35,060 --> 00:28:36,170

--as an example?

809

00:28:36,170 --> 00:28:37,830

No.

810

00:28:37,830 --> 00:28:38,330

No.

811

00:28:38,330 --> 00:28:38,990

I didn't see.

812

00:28:38,990 --> 00:28:39,980

In other words,
they never announced

813

00:28:39,980 --> 00:28:40,850

that they were doing this.

814

00:28:40,850 --> 00:28:41,150

No.

815

00:28:41,150 --> 00:28:41,390

No.

816

00:28:41,390 --> 00:28:41,590

No.

817

00:28:41,590 --> 00:28:42,090

No.

818

00:28:42,090 --> 00:28:42,620

No.

819

00:28:42,620 --> 00:28:47,000

They announced, if you go
into the wire, you'll be shot.

820

00:28:47,000 --> 00:28:48,410

They knew that.

821

00:28:48,410 --> 00:28:53,810

If you don't stay in the line

good when you get your portion,

822

00:28:53,810 --> 00:28:56,200
or something like
this, you'll be shot.

823

00:28:56,200 --> 00:28:57,200
They pull you right out.

824

00:28:57,200 --> 00:28:57,783
They pull you.

825

00:28:57,783 --> 00:28:59,120
Right.

826

00:28:59,120 --> 00:29:01,347
If you're going-- we had
to go across a street.

827

00:29:01,347 --> 00:29:02,930
If you don't stay
in line, if you just

828

00:29:02,930 --> 00:29:06,020
move a little bit like you want
to run away, you'll be shot.

829

00:29:06,020 --> 00:29:08,720
That's what I said.

830

00:29:08,720 --> 00:29:10,620
But I never-- I heard
people got shot.

831

00:29:10,620 --> 00:29:11,840
I heard bullets.

832

00:29:11,840 --> 00:29:13,110
But I never saw any shot.

833

00:29:13,110 --> 00:29:16,070

834

00:29:16,070 --> 00:29:19,310

And this was a daily--

835
00:29:19,310 --> 00:29:21,470
you could say a
daily occurrence.

836
00:29:21,470 --> 00:29:22,370
Daily.

837
00:29:22,370 --> 00:29:25,130
Daily doesn't mean it
had to be every day.

838
00:29:25,130 --> 00:29:26,670
But I heard it.

839
00:29:26,670 --> 00:29:28,370
And sometimes there
were more than--

840
00:29:28,370 --> 00:29:28,700
More, of course.

841
00:29:28,700 --> 00:29:29,100
--just the two.

842
00:29:29,100 --> 00:29:29,600
Is that--

843
00:29:29,600 --> 00:29:30,680
Of course.

844
00:29:30,680 --> 00:29:31,430
It can be a group.

845
00:29:31,430 --> 00:29:32,870
It can be four, five, six.

846
00:29:32,870 --> 00:29:37,070
And this is true
for all three camps.

847
00:29:37,070 --> 00:29:39,590
This is just in the two camps.

848
00:29:39,590 --> 00:29:40,390
The two camps.

849
00:29:40,390 --> 00:29:40,970
But--

850
00:29:40,970 --> 00:29:42,167
That means in Starzysko--

851
00:29:42,167 --> 00:29:43,750
--in Buchenwald was
a different story.

852
00:29:43,750 --> 00:29:44,100
OK.

853
00:29:44,100 --> 00:29:45,475
Buchenwald was a
different story.

854
00:29:45,475 --> 00:29:47,690
So you described what
it was like to be

855
00:29:47,690 --> 00:29:49,400
in Skarzysko and Czestochowa.

856
00:29:49,400 --> 00:29:50,290
If they gave--

857
00:29:50,290 --> 00:29:51,373
And they were labor camps.

858
00:29:51,373 --> 00:29:53,260
Not Buchenwald.

859
00:29:53,260 --> 00:29:55,377
In the labor camp,
you had a quota

860
00:29:55,377 --> 00:29:57,710
to make so much and so much
bullets, and something like.

861
00:29:57,710 --> 00:30:00,920
I didn't have no quota,
because I was a electrician.

862
00:30:00,920 --> 00:30:03,710
I went around fixing machines.

863
00:30:03,710 --> 00:30:06,410
If they didn't have
it, they took you,

864
00:30:06,410 --> 00:30:08,720
and they gave you a beating.

865
00:30:08,720 --> 00:30:10,582
If you didn't get it
two or three times,

866
00:30:10,582 --> 00:30:11,540
then they took you out.

867
00:30:11,540 --> 00:30:15,160
And they'd kill you if
you didn't make the quota.

868
00:30:15,160 --> 00:30:18,240

869
00:30:18,240 --> 00:30:18,790
All right.

870
00:30:18,790 --> 00:30:21,150
Now, what about Buchenwald?

871
00:30:21,150 --> 00:30:21,650
OK.

872
00:30:21,650 --> 00:30:26,885
In Buchenwald, we came in,
like I say, end of 1944.

873
00:30:26,885 --> 00:30:28,640
It was two camps.

874

00:30:28,640 --> 00:30:31,030

One, they call a large camp.

875

00:30:31,030 --> 00:30:32,640

And one, they would
call a small camp.

876

00:30:32,640 --> 00:30:34,520

So if you count the
end of 1944, you

877

00:30:34,520 --> 00:30:35,940

were there about a half year--

878

00:30:35,940 --> 00:30:36,440

Yeah.

879

00:30:36,440 --> 00:30:37,020

--until liberation.

880

00:30:37,020 --> 00:30:37,520

Right.

881

00:30:37,520 --> 00:30:38,600

All right.

882

00:30:38,600 --> 00:30:41,630

So what was your life
like that half year?

883

00:30:41,630 --> 00:30:44,490

In the big camps,
the large camps,

884

00:30:44,490 --> 00:30:47,840

they had all nationalities.

885

00:30:47,840 --> 00:30:48,770

They had Communists.

886

00:30:48,770 --> 00:30:50,930

They had Americans.

887

00:30:50,930 --> 00:30:51,890

In the small camp--

888

00:30:51,890 --> 00:30:52,790

Prisoners of war.

889

00:30:52,790 --> 00:30:54,350

Yes.

890

00:30:54,350 --> 00:31:00,550

In small camp-- the
big camps was builded

891

00:31:00,550 --> 00:31:04,420

not shacks, nice buildings.

892

00:31:04,420 --> 00:31:07,760

It's with bricks.

893

00:31:07,760 --> 00:31:11,750

In the small was
shacks, wooden shacks.

894

00:31:11,750 --> 00:31:13,820

And they took out--
it was separate,

895

00:31:13,820 --> 00:31:15,780

with wires, with live wires.

896

00:31:15,780 --> 00:31:17,730

And then, we were sitting.

897

00:31:17,730 --> 00:31:19,480

They took us also to work.

898

00:31:19,480 --> 00:31:20,960

So who was in the small camp?

899

00:31:20,960 --> 00:31:21,520

Me.

900

00:31:21,520 --> 00:31:22,310

Jews.

901

00:31:22,310 --> 00:31:22,810

Only Jews.

902

00:31:22,810 --> 00:31:24,760

Only Jews in my barrack.

903

00:31:24,760 --> 00:31:29,000

You don't know how many were in one as compared with the other.

904

00:31:29,000 --> 00:31:30,600

You don't know anything about numbers.

905

00:31:30,600 --> 00:31:31,545

No.

906

00:31:31,545 --> 00:31:33,920

It's just it was called the big camp, and the small camp.

907

00:31:33,920 --> 00:31:34,420

Small camp.

908

00:31:34,420 --> 00:31:35,320

Right.

909

00:31:35,320 --> 00:31:37,762

Or I would call international camp and Jewish camp.

910

00:31:37,762 --> 00:31:38,970

Oh, international and Jewish.

911

00:31:38,970 --> 00:31:40,700

We called them big camp and small.

912

00:31:40,700 --> 00:31:42,410

And we was in small camp.

913

00:31:42,410 --> 00:31:44,800

They took us, lots of
times, to the town.

914
00:31:44,800 --> 00:31:48,770
There was a town-- it was
Weimar, not far away--

915
00:31:48,770 --> 00:31:50,510
to clean up the
houses, the burnt

916
00:31:50,510 --> 00:31:53,840
houses, to clean up the bricks,
to clean up the streets.

917
00:31:53,840 --> 00:31:56,420
And they brought us back--

918
00:31:56,420 --> 00:31:58,820
not every day, but sometime.

919
00:31:58,820 --> 00:32:00,440
But the people--

920
00:32:00,440 --> 00:32:01,760
I had been a couple of times.

921
00:32:01,760 --> 00:32:04,130
People who went outside
there was lucky,

922
00:32:04,130 --> 00:32:08,150
because sometimes we saw on the
ground a tomato or something.

923
00:32:08,150 --> 00:32:11,320
We picked it up to eat, because
we didn't have what to eat.

924
00:32:11,320 --> 00:32:14,570
We just had one slice of
bread and water at that time.

925
00:32:14,570 --> 00:32:17,440
There was nobody watching

you at that time?

926

00:32:17,440 --> 00:32:18,160
Yeah, sure.

927

00:32:18,160 --> 00:32:19,170
With soldiers, all
the time soldiers.

928

00:32:19,170 --> 00:32:19,940
So they watched you.

929

00:32:19,940 --> 00:32:21,670
When you picked up a tomato,
they didn't say anything.

930

00:32:21,670 --> 00:32:22,520
They didn't say nothing.

931

00:32:22,520 --> 00:32:23,520
They didn't say nothing.

932

00:32:23,520 --> 00:32:25,130
They didn't say.

933

00:32:25,130 --> 00:32:28,160
But I was so skinny,
like a fish--

934

00:32:28,160 --> 00:32:30,935
you know, when you
clean up the whiskers.

935

00:32:30,935 --> 00:32:36,620
And if I wiped like this,
the whiskers came off.

936

00:32:36,620 --> 00:32:41,510
We was skinny like my arm.

937

00:32:41,510 --> 00:32:44,770
And they took us
almost every day--

938

00:32:44,770 --> 00:32:49,270
every morning, cold or hot,
they took us again out.

939
00:32:49,270 --> 00:32:51,590
Or they came in with water hose.

940
00:32:51,590 --> 00:32:53,660
They hosed us down,
in the winter,

941
00:32:53,660 --> 00:32:57,860
we should go outside to count.

942
00:32:57,860 --> 00:32:59,720
We went out to count.

943
00:32:59,720 --> 00:33:01,490
In the morning,
they came around,

944
00:33:01,490 --> 00:33:03,110
everybody from the camp.

945
00:33:03,110 --> 00:33:06,470
And they had--
kapos, or something.

946
00:33:06,470 --> 00:33:12,380
They had to throw out the dead
people before the barrack.

947
00:33:12,380 --> 00:33:14,523
And then they came with
the wagon to take away.

948
00:33:14,523 --> 00:33:16,940
Sometimes, the dead people
could lay a week, or two weeks,

949
00:33:16,940 --> 00:33:20,360
or three weeks before
they took them away.

950
00:33:20,360 --> 00:33:22,850

And if not, they
didn't take them out,

951
00:33:22,850 --> 00:33:25,343
they was laying in the bunk,
or something like that.

952
00:33:25,343 --> 00:33:29,050

953
00:33:29,050 --> 00:33:32,647
I would assume this was getting
towards the end of the war.

954
00:33:32,647 --> 00:33:33,230
Yes, this was.

955
00:33:33,230 --> 00:33:35,745
So the Germans probably
weren't as well organized

956
00:33:35,745 --> 00:33:36,620
as they were earlier.

957
00:33:36,620 --> 00:33:38,960
Right, it wasn't.

958
00:33:38,960 --> 00:33:41,310
It was SS around the
camp all the time.

959
00:33:41,310 --> 00:33:44,380

960
00:33:44,380 --> 00:33:46,000
Once a while, we heard shooting.

961
00:33:46,000 --> 00:33:50,660
But we didn't know what kind
of shooting, who was shooting.

962
00:33:50,660 --> 00:33:52,120
We saw a lot of airplanes.

963

00:33:52,120 --> 00:33:57,380

And then the few B-5
was not too far away.

964

00:33:57,380 --> 00:33:58,185

You know, the bomb.

965

00:33:58,185 --> 00:33:58,685

The rockets.

966

00:33:58,685 --> 00:34:01,000

Right, not too far
away from camp.

967

00:34:01,000 --> 00:34:04,523

It was airplanes, they
had planes came to bomb.

968

00:34:04,523 --> 00:34:06,190

Planes would throw
bombs up in the camp.

969

00:34:06,190 --> 00:34:09,179

But didn't throw in the
camps, but only on the-- it

970

00:34:09,179 --> 00:34:12,148

was plain we were not.

971

00:34:12,148 --> 00:34:14,400

You knew whose planes they were.

972

00:34:14,400 --> 00:34:15,880

Of course.

973

00:34:15,880 --> 00:34:17,840

How did you feel about that?

974

00:34:17,840 --> 00:34:22,120

As I said, it was plain that
they should bomb our camp.

975

00:34:22,120 --> 00:34:24,909

976

00:34:24,909 --> 00:34:26,650

And if they would
bomb the camp--

977

00:34:26,650 --> 00:34:28,929

So you died before.

978

00:34:28,929 --> 00:34:30,889

But they can't have a camp.

979

00:34:30,889 --> 00:34:32,139

You would have been satisfied.

980

00:34:32,139 --> 00:34:32,580

Yes.

981

00:34:32,580 --> 00:34:34,288

If we died before,
what's the difference?

982

00:34:34,288 --> 00:34:35,260

You die only once.

983

00:34:35,260 --> 00:34:37,004

[INAUDIBLE] it's over.

984

00:34:37,004 --> 00:34:41,120

985

00:34:41,120 --> 00:34:44,400

So in Buchenwald,
sometimes there was work,

986

00:34:44,400 --> 00:34:45,655

sometimes there wasn't work.

987

00:34:45,655 --> 00:34:47,530

No, we're just hanging
around, and that's it.

988

00:34:47,530 --> 00:34:51,045

And when they took you into
Weimar to clean up the houses--

989

00:34:51,045 --> 00:34:52,139

Houses, yeah.

990

00:34:52,139 --> 00:34:53,540

--that was from the bombing?

991

00:34:53,540 --> 00:34:54,889

From the bombing, yes.

992

00:34:54,889 --> 00:34:57,060

Yes, from the bombing.

993

00:34:57,060 --> 00:35:00,360

They didn't have Germans
to do that who lived there?

994

00:35:00,360 --> 00:35:05,220

Why should the German do that if
they can get people for nothing

995

00:35:05,220 --> 00:35:05,850

do that?

996

00:35:05,850 --> 00:35:07,470

Yeah.

997

00:35:07,470 --> 00:35:14,217

Now, can you describe-- do you
remember the day of liberation,

998

00:35:14,217 --> 00:35:14,800

what happened?

999

00:35:14,800 --> 00:35:16,550

Yes.

1000

00:35:16,550 --> 00:35:18,970

We heard a lot of shooting.

1001

00:35:18,970 --> 00:35:22,350

And the barracks stood
not on the ground,

1002

00:35:22,350 --> 00:35:24,760
but foundation,
wooden foundation

1003
00:35:24,760 --> 00:35:27,170
you could hide behind.

1004
00:35:27,170 --> 00:35:28,200
We was hiding behind.

1005
00:35:28,200 --> 00:35:31,360

1006
00:35:31,360 --> 00:35:35,340
And then, all of a sudden,
we saw tanks coming around.

1007
00:35:35,340 --> 00:35:38,860
And the tanks, right away,
went around the whole camp.

1008
00:35:38,860 --> 00:35:42,770
I don't know if there was at the
other camp, in the small camp.

1009
00:35:42,770 --> 00:35:44,670
And right away,
soldiers went out.

1010
00:35:44,670 --> 00:35:45,550
And they came in.

1011
00:35:45,550 --> 00:35:46,940
Not-- didn't came in to us.

1012
00:35:46,940 --> 00:35:48,857
They came in first in
the front, and then they

1013
00:35:48,857 --> 00:35:50,900
walk in, because the
first was the big camp.

1014
00:35:50,900 --> 00:35:52,700
And then it was behind.

1015
00:35:52,700 --> 00:35:54,420
And then they came in.

1016
00:35:54,420 --> 00:35:58,000
And a lot of people
start to run round.

1017
00:35:58,000 --> 00:36:00,170
They didn't let them go out.

1018
00:36:00,170 --> 00:36:01,130
The soldiers.

1019
00:36:01,130 --> 00:36:02,120
We couldn't get out.

1020
00:36:02,120 --> 00:36:04,110
But a lot of people--

1021
00:36:04,110 --> 00:36:06,680
mostly, the Jews didn't run.

1022
00:36:06,680 --> 00:36:08,420
They stood in one place, mostly.

1023
00:36:08,420 --> 00:36:12,530
The Ukrainian went out, because
they was afraid, probably,

1024
00:36:12,530 --> 00:36:15,880
because they was the kapos
that did the dirty work--

1025
00:36:15,880 --> 00:36:18,920
Lithuanian.

1026
00:36:18,920 --> 00:36:22,820
And the way I see it,
they was the first people.

1027
00:36:22,820 --> 00:36:27,760
I forgive more the Germans
than them, because the Germans,

1028
00:36:27,760 --> 00:36:29,840
it was taught them to do that.

1029
00:36:29,840 --> 00:36:30,400
They did it.

1030
00:36:30,400 --> 00:36:31,730
They had to do it.

1031
00:36:31,730 --> 00:36:33,920
But then they did it because
they was anti-Semitic,

1032
00:36:33,920 --> 00:36:36,260
anti-Jewish.

1033
00:36:36,260 --> 00:36:37,480
They did the most.

1034
00:36:37,480 --> 00:36:41,450
They do the dirty work for them.

1035
00:36:41,450 --> 00:36:42,830
They gave the orders and--

1036
00:36:42,830 --> 00:36:43,977
That's it.

1037
00:36:43,977 --> 00:36:44,810
--gave the beatings.

1038
00:36:44,810 --> 00:36:45,980
And then they run around.

1039
00:36:45,980 --> 00:36:48,170
Later on, they caught them.

1040
00:36:48,170 --> 00:36:49,665
But no Jewish people--

1041
00:36:49,665 --> 00:36:51,790
I don't know any Jewish,

because they couldn't run.

1042

00:36:51,790 --> 00:36:54,050

They were sick, anyway.

1043

00:36:54,050 --> 00:36:55,160

Then they came in.

1044

00:36:55,160 --> 00:36:57,710

A lot of people died in
the camp, a lot of people

1045

00:36:57,710 --> 00:37:03,730

with the American, because they
gave us soup, meat too fat.

1046

00:37:03,730 --> 00:37:04,897

And people got [INAUDIBLE]--

1047

00:37:04,897 --> 00:37:05,522

They couldn't--

1048

00:37:05,522 --> 00:37:06,290

--a lot of people.

1049

00:37:06,290 --> 00:37:06,820

--digest it.

1050

00:37:06,820 --> 00:37:12,030

A lot of people died,
a lot of people.

1051

00:37:12,030 --> 00:37:15,530

So what happened
after liberation?

1052

00:37:15,530 --> 00:37:17,180

We stood there.

1053

00:37:17,180 --> 00:37:18,790

And then the Russian--

1054

00:37:18,790 --> 00:37:20,000

I think I heard about that.

1055
00:37:20,000 --> 00:37:22,800
The Russians come
into Buchenwald.

1056
00:37:22,800 --> 00:37:28,190
So the American asked us,
what do you want to do?

1057
00:37:28,190 --> 00:37:31,190
The Polish people
went back to Poland.

1058
00:37:31,190 --> 00:37:33,470
The Polacks came, put
them on the trucks.

1059
00:37:33,470 --> 00:37:34,610
The Polish Jews?

1060
00:37:34,610 --> 00:37:35,600
No, Polish.

1061
00:37:35,600 --> 00:37:36,500
Polish.

1062
00:37:36,500 --> 00:37:37,460
Me?

1063
00:37:37,460 --> 00:37:38,540
I have nobody there.

1064
00:37:38,540 --> 00:37:41,160
I haven't got.

1065
00:37:41,160 --> 00:37:42,800
They asked me, where
you want to go?

1066
00:37:42,800 --> 00:37:44,930
I said, where you going?

1067
00:37:44,930 --> 00:37:47,120
Take me any place.

1068
00:37:47,120 --> 00:37:49,050
So they took me here.

1069
00:37:49,050 --> 00:37:50,810
They took me to Frankfurt.

1070
00:37:50,810 --> 00:37:52,910
In Frankfurt, this was Germany.

1071
00:37:52,910 --> 00:37:58,400
I was there from '45 to '49.

1072
00:37:58,400 --> 00:38:00,290
Then I came here.

1073
00:38:00,290 --> 00:38:02,120
Where did you live in Frankfurt?

1074
00:38:02,120 --> 00:38:03,997
On Hamburg.

1075
00:38:03,997 --> 00:38:04,580
No, I'm just--

1076
00:38:04,580 --> 00:38:05,165
Oh, I'm sorry.

1077
00:38:05,165 --> 00:38:06,790
I want to know, what
was the situation,

1078
00:38:06,790 --> 00:38:08,590
in a private apartment?

1079
00:38:08,590 --> 00:38:10,400
A little bit was
a little private.

1080
00:38:10,400 --> 00:38:14,150
And a little bit, they
put us up in hotels.

1081

00:38:14,150 --> 00:38:17,030

But they had a camp
not far from Frankfurt.

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00:38:17,030 --> 00:38:20,210

I don't want to go to camp
no more, not at a DP camp.

1083

00:38:20,210 --> 00:38:21,140

A DP camp.

1084

00:38:21,140 --> 00:38:21,650

Yes.

1085

00:38:21,650 --> 00:38:24,830

But I was working for
the American army.

1086

00:38:24,830 --> 00:38:26,210

What kind of work did you do?

1087

00:38:26,210 --> 00:38:27,470

Kitchen.

1088

00:38:27,470 --> 00:38:28,160

Kitchen?

1089

00:38:28,160 --> 00:38:29,180

Yeah.

1090

00:38:29,180 --> 00:38:30,830

You were an electrician,
to begin with.

1091

00:38:30,830 --> 00:38:31,820

Yes.

1092

00:38:31,820 --> 00:38:33,170

And now you were doing kitchen.

1093

00:38:33,170 --> 00:38:34,902

Yeah, it was-- I didn't
go look for work.

1094

00:38:34,902 --> 00:38:36,110
I said, I don't need no work.

1095
00:38:36,110 --> 00:38:36,810
I have nobody.

1096
00:38:36,810 --> 00:38:38,120
I don't need no money.

1097
00:38:38,120 --> 00:38:39,460
I don't want nobody.

1098
00:38:39,460 --> 00:38:40,250
I am satisfied.

1099
00:38:40,250 --> 00:38:42,710
I get my soup here,
and work in the army.

1100
00:38:42,710 --> 00:38:43,460
And that's it.

1101
00:38:43,460 --> 00:38:46,591
Sooner or later, we'll
have to go someplace.

1102
00:38:46,591 --> 00:38:49,690
Now, how did you--

1103
00:38:49,690 --> 00:38:53,690
you were hoping to come
to the United States?

1104
00:38:53,690 --> 00:38:55,610
Any place, I would go.

1105
00:38:55,610 --> 00:38:57,560
About four years, it took.

1106
00:38:57,560 --> 00:38:59,900
Yeah.

1107
00:38:59,900 --> 00:39:03,200
And were you trying to do

something in those four years

1108

00:39:03,200 --> 00:39:05,030
to get out?

1109

00:39:05,030 --> 00:39:06,190
Yeah, I had an uncle.

1110

00:39:06,190 --> 00:39:07,730
And he was working on it.

1111

00:39:07,730 --> 00:39:08,960
You had an uncle in America.

1112

00:39:08,960 --> 00:39:09,830
Yeah.

1113

00:39:09,830 --> 00:39:11,450
And that's how you
were able to come?

1114

00:39:11,450 --> 00:39:13,580
That's how I came here.

1115

00:39:13,580 --> 00:39:15,320
Where did your uncle live?

1116

00:39:15,320 --> 00:39:16,550
In Brooklyn.

1117

00:39:16,550 --> 00:39:18,620
And when you came here,
you went to his house?

1118

00:39:18,620 --> 00:39:21,620
Yes, I was living in
Brooklyn about two years.

1119

00:39:21,620 --> 00:39:23,690
And what happened
after two years?

1120

00:39:23,690 --> 00:39:25,550
He had a bakery I

was working for him.

1121
00:39:25,550 --> 00:39:27,110
And then I got married.

1122
00:39:27,110 --> 00:39:29,100
I tried to get a little
business for myself.

1123
00:39:29,100 --> 00:39:32,270
I was working hard,
seven days a week,

1124
00:39:32,270 --> 00:39:35,030
six and a half days,
14, 15 hours a day

1125
00:39:35,030 --> 00:39:37,310
till I wake myself up and
open another business.

1126
00:39:37,310 --> 00:39:39,830

1127
00:39:39,830 --> 00:39:45,020
And you have one
son that I know of.

1128
00:39:45,020 --> 00:39:45,850
Yes, one son.

1129
00:39:45,850 --> 00:39:47,110
That's--

1130
00:39:47,110 --> 00:39:48,230
Yeah, he works.

1131
00:39:48,230 --> 00:39:50,850
And what does he do?

1132
00:39:50,850 --> 00:39:56,120
He works for the United States
Park department, policeman.

1133

00:39:56,120 --> 00:39:57,960
And he lives here in New Jersey.

1134
00:39:57,960 --> 00:39:58,872
New Jersey.

1135
00:39:58,872 --> 00:40:01,610

1136
00:40:01,610 --> 00:40:02,420
All right.

1137
00:40:02,420 --> 00:40:07,370
So that tells us the story
from the beginning of birth--

1138
00:40:07,370 --> 00:40:07,940
Yes.

1139
00:40:07,940 --> 00:40:10,580
--until you came
here, and you became

1140
00:40:10,580 --> 00:40:12,000
a father, and a grandfather.

1141
00:40:12,000 --> 00:40:17,020
It's much more different
than I explained, much worse.

1142
00:40:17,020 --> 00:40:19,310
And like you saw before,
I broke down before.

1143
00:40:19,310 --> 00:40:21,530
I thought I'll never
be able to talk to you.

1144
00:40:21,530 --> 00:40:24,040
But it looks like
I'm strong now,

1145
00:40:24,040 --> 00:40:28,280
because it's not even a half,
not even what I can tell you.

1146
00:40:28,280 --> 00:40:33,155
But I can't tell you everything,
just except the details.

1147
00:40:33,155 --> 00:40:35,790

1148
00:40:35,790 --> 00:40:37,740
When you say you
can't tell everything,

1149
00:40:37,740 --> 00:40:39,660
about what happened in the
camps, you're talking about?

1150
00:40:39,660 --> 00:40:40,160
Yeah.

1151
00:40:40,160 --> 00:40:43,170

1152
00:40:43,170 --> 00:40:44,730
All right.

1153
00:40:44,730 --> 00:40:47,670
I have a few questions
to conclude with.

1154
00:40:47,670 --> 00:40:50,280
When did you start talking
about the Holocaust,

1155
00:40:50,280 --> 00:40:53,310
and with whom did you talk?

1156
00:40:53,310 --> 00:40:55,050
When I came here--

1157
00:40:55,050 --> 00:40:58,410
we was talking, mostly, since
I came out from the camp.

1158
00:40:58,410 --> 00:41:00,750

Of course, I didn't have
to talk with the people

1159
00:41:00,750 --> 00:41:03,330
when I was in camp,
because they went through.

1160
00:41:03,330 --> 00:41:07,050
And since I came here, I
always try to talk in the camp.

1161
00:41:07,050 --> 00:41:08,190
I sleep with the camp.

1162
00:41:08,190 --> 00:41:09,170
I dream with the camp.

1163
00:41:09,170 --> 00:41:11,320
I always talk about the camp.

1164
00:41:11,320 --> 00:41:13,860
In one way, I can never forget.

1165
00:41:13,860 --> 00:41:15,390
I tried to forget.

1166
00:41:15,390 --> 00:41:18,180
I can never forget.

1167
00:41:18,180 --> 00:41:21,500
I was living on tranquilizers
since I came here,

1168
00:41:21,500 --> 00:41:26,640
six tranquilizers a day, 5
milligram, headaches every day.

1169
00:41:26,640 --> 00:41:28,910
And I think-- even now.

1170
00:41:28,910 --> 00:41:32,730
And I think that it
probably comes from this.

1171

00:41:32,730 --> 00:41:36,660

1172

00:41:36,660 --> 00:41:37,380

I'm a crier.

1173

00:41:37,380 --> 00:41:38,550

I always cry.

1174

00:41:38,550 --> 00:41:41,370

I don't laugh.

1175

00:41:41,370 --> 00:41:44,340

I like to be alone.

1176

00:41:44,340 --> 00:41:46,050

That doesn't bother me.

1177

00:41:46,050 --> 00:41:47,340

I can see hundreds of dead.

1178

00:41:47,340 --> 00:41:49,163

I wouldn't cry.

1179

00:41:49,163 --> 00:41:50,080

It wouldn't bother me.

1180

00:41:50,080 --> 00:41:51,960

You die only once.

1181

00:41:51,960 --> 00:41:55,200

But if I see a
story on television,

1182

00:41:55,200 --> 00:41:58,860

or something that's horrid, or
something like this on movies,

1183

00:41:58,860 --> 00:42:01,380

or read something in
the paper, I crack down.

1184

00:42:01,380 --> 00:42:02,610

I can't control myself.

1185
00:42:02,610 --> 00:42:05,340
And when you see something--
you're talking about that's

1186
00:42:05,340 --> 00:42:06,470
related to the Holocaust?

1187
00:42:06,470 --> 00:42:07,390
No, anything.

1188
00:42:07,390 --> 00:42:08,230
Anything.

1189
00:42:08,230 --> 00:42:11,450
Yeah, but that
doesn't bother me.

1190
00:42:11,450 --> 00:42:13,290
In the Holocaust, if
I'm going someplace--

1191
00:42:13,290 --> 00:42:15,420
I belong to a lot
of organizations--

1192
00:42:15,420 --> 00:42:16,170
I crack down.

1193
00:42:16,170 --> 00:42:17,662
I can't talk.

1194
00:42:17,662 --> 00:42:20,120
But otherwise, somebody-- oh,
this one died, this one died,

1195
00:42:20,120 --> 00:42:22,105
three dead, somebody got shot--

1196
00:42:22,105 --> 00:42:22,980
doesn't move me.

1197
00:42:22,980 --> 00:42:26,450

1198
00:42:26,450 --> 00:42:30,330
So it's had a very
interesting impact on you.

1199
00:42:30,330 --> 00:42:33,730
Otherwise, I'm very soft.

1200
00:42:33,730 --> 00:42:36,730
How has the Holocaust
affected your outlook

1201
00:42:36,730 --> 00:42:40,150
on life and your
understanding of human nature?

1202
00:42:40,150 --> 00:42:45,710

1203
00:42:45,710 --> 00:42:47,390
I don't get excited.

1204
00:42:47,390 --> 00:42:50,400
I'm not a happy man.

1205
00:42:50,400 --> 00:42:53,960
I don't care I live I go today.

1206
00:42:53,960 --> 00:42:57,260
I don't [? care ?] if I go,
if I don't go, if I sleep,

1207
00:42:57,260 --> 00:42:59,330
I don't sleep.

1208
00:42:59,330 --> 00:43:01,610
I'm not excited.

1209
00:43:01,610 --> 00:43:07,480
The first time I went to
see my brother after he went

1210
00:43:07,480 --> 00:43:09,410
to Germany when he was

in Germany from Israel,

1211
00:43:09,410 --> 00:43:11,640
he was in a kibbutz.

1212
00:43:11,640 --> 00:43:14,606
I hadn't seen him for 25 years.

1213
00:43:14,606 --> 00:43:15,930
I never--

1214
00:43:15,930 --> 00:43:16,730
I went to see him.

1215
00:43:16,730 --> 00:43:18,172
I wasn't excited.

1216
00:43:18,172 --> 00:43:18,880
I didn't hug him.

1217
00:43:18,880 --> 00:43:21,320
I didn't kiss him.

1218
00:43:21,320 --> 00:43:24,430
Like I say, it
doesn't excite me.

1219
00:43:24,430 --> 00:43:26,820
That is all my life.

1220
00:43:26,820 --> 00:43:31,020
I don't know if this is
from that, but I don't know.

1221
00:43:31,020 --> 00:43:32,840
That's how you're
saying it might

1222
00:43:32,840 --> 00:43:34,430
have affected your outlook now.

1223
00:43:34,430 --> 00:43:34,930
Right.

1224

00:43:34,930 --> 00:43:37,220

What about how you
view human nature?

1225

00:43:37,220 --> 00:43:40,820

That human beings did what
they did during the Holocaust--

1226

00:43:40,820 --> 00:43:41,810

how do you view that?

1227

00:43:41,810 --> 00:43:42,560

They're not human.

1228

00:43:42,560 --> 00:43:45,120

1229

00:43:45,120 --> 00:43:45,870

They're not human.

1230

00:43:45,870 --> 00:43:48,710

1231

00:43:48,710 --> 00:43:49,610

It's a beast.

1232

00:43:49,610 --> 00:43:51,115

It's a tiger.

1233

00:43:51,115 --> 00:43:54,070

If they're hungry,
they eat you up.

1234

00:43:54,070 --> 00:43:56,300

But why?

1235

00:43:56,300 --> 00:43:57,950

I didn't belong that.

1236

00:43:57,950 --> 00:43:59,870

I didn't belong to their party.

1237

00:43:59,870 --> 00:44:03,770

My mother was very religious,
was a very religious person.

1238
00:44:03,770 --> 00:44:06,470
She went to shul every day
in the morning, every day.

1239
00:44:06,470 --> 00:44:07,560
She didn't hurt nobody.

1240
00:44:07,560 --> 00:44:08,768
My sister didn't hurt nobody.

1241
00:44:08,768 --> 00:44:09,980
I didn't hurt nobody.

1242
00:44:09,980 --> 00:44:11,910
I didn't do nothing.

1243
00:44:11,910 --> 00:44:14,510
So how people could do it is
something you can't understand.

1244
00:44:14,510 --> 00:44:15,302
I can't understand.

1245
00:44:15,302 --> 00:44:21,020
I saw people was hit
and they're killed.

1246
00:44:21,020 --> 00:44:23,130
[? Two-- ?] I don't know
if he's a rabbi or not.

1247
00:44:23,130 --> 00:44:25,250
Here, everybody with
a beard is a rabbi.

1248
00:44:25,250 --> 00:44:28,601
But over there,
everybody orthodox.

1249
00:44:28,601 --> 00:44:34,090
And he told them to take off
the pants and take a shit.

1250
00:44:34,090 --> 00:44:34,770
He took a shit.

1251
00:44:34,770 --> 00:44:38,710
And then take the shit,
and put it on his face.

1252
00:44:38,710 --> 00:44:41,540
So how can you believe
about human being?

1253
00:44:41,540 --> 00:44:45,010
How can you believe
about the religion?

1254
00:44:45,010 --> 00:44:47,360
And he said, where is your
God, and took out the pistol

1255
00:44:47,360 --> 00:44:48,890
and shot him.

1256
00:44:48,890 --> 00:44:50,300
After that, they shot this--

1257
00:44:50,300 --> 00:44:50,800
Yes.

1258
00:44:50,800 --> 00:44:51,780
--this rabbi?

1259
00:44:51,780 --> 00:44:53,570
So how would you believe?

1260
00:44:53,570 --> 00:44:56,550
How would you want to live?

1261
00:44:56,550 --> 00:44:57,050
For what?

1262
00:44:57,050 --> 00:44:59,870

1263

00:44:59,870 --> 00:45:00,860

That's some story.

1264

00:45:00,860 --> 00:45:04,997

How can you believe
in a human being?

1265

00:45:04,997 --> 00:45:06,580

And that happened
to many communities.

1266

00:45:06,580 --> 00:45:07,760

Human being is like a rat.

1267

00:45:07,760 --> 00:45:13,920

If you let him loose, he's
going to bite you, anybody.

1268

00:45:13,920 --> 00:45:17,750

So you have very little
faith in human beings.

1269

00:45:17,750 --> 00:45:23,320

Only, only, only, only if
the government is with you.

1270

00:45:23,320 --> 00:45:27,450

If the government
wants you tomorrow,

1271

00:45:27,450 --> 00:45:29,010

to do the same
thing, what they did,

1272

00:45:29,010 --> 00:45:34,170

to you, or the Spanish
Inquisition or other pogroms,

1273

00:45:34,170 --> 00:45:38,070

the government change can
happen anyplace and everything,

1274

00:45:38,070 --> 00:45:39,000

anyplace.

1275

00:45:39,000 --> 00:45:41,130

In other words, it's not
only Germany or Poland.

1276

00:45:41,130 --> 00:45:43,210

No, anyplace.

1277

00:45:43,210 --> 00:45:48,360

When I was in Poland,
I was a citizen.

1278

00:45:48,360 --> 00:45:53,570

They didn't kill my mother
because she wasn't a citizen.

1279

00:45:53,570 --> 00:45:54,550

That didn't help.

1280

00:45:54,550 --> 00:45:56,950

She was Jewish.

1281

00:45:56,950 --> 00:45:58,030

I went to school.

1282

00:45:58,030 --> 00:46:03,100

They came out, and they
threw rocks at me, or snow.

1283

00:46:03,100 --> 00:46:07,360

And they say-- what
do you call them?

1284

00:46:07,360 --> 00:46:09,610

I don't know how to
call name in English.

1285

00:46:09,610 --> 00:46:14,530

When you got lice, and you had
to-- when you get the crust.

1286

00:46:14,530 --> 00:46:16,052

Jews have everything like that.

1287

00:46:16,052 --> 00:46:17,635

Or they have signs,
don't buy by Jews.

1288
00:46:17,635 --> 00:46:22,270

1289
00:46:22,270 --> 00:46:24,370
So what's the
difference for you?

1290
00:46:24,370 --> 00:46:27,840
What was the difference between
the Spanish Inquisition?

1291
00:46:27,840 --> 00:46:33,350
What was the difference between
the Russian by the [? Czar? ?]

1292
00:46:33,350 --> 00:46:36,470
Only human, every human.

1293
00:46:36,470 --> 00:46:40,390
Depends, everything,
on the government.

1294
00:46:40,390 --> 00:46:42,040
People have nothing to say.

1295
00:46:42,040 --> 00:46:44,350
It's the government.

1296
00:46:44,350 --> 00:46:47,110
They can throw you out,
even how good you are.

1297
00:46:47,110 --> 00:46:49,390
This is the way I feel.

1298
00:46:49,390 --> 00:46:52,150
What should be taught
to your grandchildren

1299
00:46:52,150 --> 00:46:54,580
and to American students
about the Holocaust?

1300
00:46:54,580 --> 00:46:55,480
OK.

1301
00:46:55,480 --> 00:47:04,250
Special the Jews-- fight.
don't sit and do nothing.

1302
00:47:04,250 --> 00:47:05,780
Don't cover up.

1303
00:47:05,780 --> 00:47:06,920
Don't sit on the--

1304
00:47:06,920 --> 00:47:09,740
don't put everything
under the carpet.

1305
00:47:09,740 --> 00:47:13,640
Be quiet, everything straighten
out, everything be OK.

1306
00:47:13,640 --> 00:47:14,140
No.

1307
00:47:14,140 --> 00:47:16,960
It gets only worse,
if you do, right away.

1308
00:47:16,960 --> 00:47:19,480

1309
00:47:19,480 --> 00:47:24,470
But soon, you say,
don't shovel the boat.

1310
00:47:24,470 --> 00:47:26,210
You're licked.

1311
00:47:26,210 --> 00:47:27,150
You're licked.

1312
00:47:27,150 --> 00:47:29,540
Not now, maybe not you--

1313
00:47:29,540 --> 00:47:31,510
your grandchildren, your
great-grandchildren,

1314
00:47:31,510 --> 00:47:34,770
because it can happen,
and probably will.

1315
00:47:34,770 --> 00:47:37,320

1316
00:47:37,320 --> 00:47:40,335
Look what's going on now.

1317
00:47:40,335 --> 00:47:42,990
Look what's going on
here in Germany now.

1318
00:47:42,990 --> 00:47:45,270
50 years ago, and they're
living that good life,

1319
00:47:45,270 --> 00:47:47,130
and everything was quiet.

1320
00:47:47,130 --> 00:47:48,060
Soon, they don't live.

1321
00:47:48,060 --> 00:47:50,480
Why do they have an excuse?

1322
00:47:50,480 --> 00:47:51,090
Even here.

1323
00:47:51,090 --> 00:47:53,590

1324
00:47:53,590 --> 00:47:54,090
Even here.

1325
00:47:54,090 --> 00:47:57,510

1326

00:47:57,510 --> 00:47:59,720

You have, all the
time, people that work.

1327

00:47:59,720 --> 00:48:01,310

So what's my fault
if he doesn't work?

1328

00:48:01,310 --> 00:48:02,435

I don't give them the work.

1329

00:48:02,435 --> 00:48:03,470

I'm nothing.

1330

00:48:03,470 --> 00:48:04,600

I'm nothing.

1331

00:48:04,600 --> 00:48:07,520

So what's my fault?

1332

00:48:07,520 --> 00:48:08,360

Did I do something?

1333

00:48:08,360 --> 00:48:09,460

Did I go rob them?

1334

00:48:09,460 --> 00:48:10,225

Did I kill them?

1335

00:48:10,225 --> 00:48:12,980

Did I take their
money from them?

1336

00:48:12,980 --> 00:48:13,850

So what's our fault?

1337

00:48:13,850 --> 00:48:17,010

1338

00:48:17,010 --> 00:48:20,680

Has the Holocaust affected your
faith and religious observance?

1339

00:48:20,680 --> 00:48:22,460
Yes.

1340
00:48:22,460 --> 00:48:23,840
Yes.

1341
00:48:23,840 --> 00:48:25,190
Yes, very, very much.

1342
00:48:25,190 --> 00:48:27,790

1343
00:48:27,790 --> 00:48:28,930
You felt that at the time.

1344
00:48:28,930 --> 00:48:33,560
I give charity to
[INAUDIBLE],, even I don't go.

1345
00:48:33,560 --> 00:48:34,595
I belong to a a temple.

1346
00:48:34,595 --> 00:48:37,280
But I never go,
because if I don't do,

1347
00:48:37,280 --> 00:48:38,290
somebody else will do.

1348
00:48:38,290 --> 00:48:40,450
If not, the faith will die out.

1349
00:48:40,450 --> 00:48:44,250
And this, I don't want to.

1350
00:48:44,250 --> 00:48:50,036
I'm more that the Jews should
be nationalistic than religious.

1351
00:48:50,036 --> 00:48:52,105
We get weak because
your religion.

1352
00:48:52,105 --> 00:48:53,605

But nationalistic,
you'll be strong.

1353
00:48:53,605 --> 00:48:58,460

1354
00:48:58,460 --> 00:49:01,540
Do you have anything
you can remember

1355
00:49:01,540 --> 00:49:03,760
of particular significance
that you'd like

1356
00:49:03,760 --> 00:49:06,420
to describe before we conclude?

1357
00:49:06,420 --> 00:49:08,332
Describe what?

1358
00:49:08,332 --> 00:49:08,832
[SNEEZES]

1359
00:49:08,832 --> 00:49:09,760
Bless you.

1360
00:49:09,760 --> 00:49:12,180
Excuse me.

1361
00:49:12,180 --> 00:49:16,450
As we are finishing
this interview,

1362
00:49:16,450 --> 00:49:19,450
is there something
that perhaps you

1363
00:49:19,450 --> 00:49:21,820
didn't tell us about
that you want to make

1364
00:49:21,820 --> 00:49:23,180
sure you say it at this time?

1365

00:49:23,180 --> 00:49:26,803

1366

00:49:26,803 --> 00:49:27,970

I don't want to say nothing.

1367

00:49:27,970 --> 00:49:30,630

But I'm going to say, I'm
really surprised that I

1368

00:49:30,630 --> 00:49:31,700

didn't break down now.

1369

00:49:31,700 --> 00:49:33,250

I don't know what
happened to me.

1370

00:49:33,250 --> 00:49:35,710

When you came in over there,
you saw me on the side.

1371

00:49:35,710 --> 00:49:38,060

I thought that I couldn't do it.

1372

00:49:38,060 --> 00:49:38,930

I couldn't do it.

1373

00:49:38,930 --> 00:49:40,090

Well, you did it very well.

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00:49:40,090 --> 00:49:42,550

But I was really surprised.

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00:49:42,550 --> 00:49:44,140

And then what I have
to tell you-- you

1376

00:49:44,140 --> 00:49:45,940

know history, just the
same thing, like me.

1377

00:49:45,940 --> 00:49:49,150

Even you didn't see
it, but you saw-- maybe

1378

00:49:49,150 --> 00:49:50,830
you didn't see so much.

1379

00:49:50,830 --> 00:49:53,128
You should judge
what has to be done.

1380

00:49:53,128 --> 00:49:53,920
You are the leader.

1381

00:49:53,920 --> 00:49:56,850

1382

00:49:56,850 --> 00:49:58,020
And you shouldn't be--

1383

00:49:58,020 --> 00:50:00,859
the first thing, you shouldn't
be a part of establishment.

1384

00:50:00,859 --> 00:50:06,610

1385

00:50:06,610 --> 00:50:09,100
And the part of establishment
was at that time there Rabbi

1386

00:50:09,100 --> 00:50:11,420
Wise.

1387

00:50:11,420 --> 00:50:12,780
You mean during the World War--

1388

00:50:12,780 --> 00:50:17,137
And maybe people be so active,
like the Jews now, they don't--

1389

00:50:17,137 --> 00:50:18,720
Which Rabbi Wise,
today's Rabbi Weiss?

1390

00:50:18,720 --> 00:50:19,280
No.

1391
00:50:19,280 --> 00:50:19,520
No.

1392
00:50:19,520 --> 00:50:20,600
The one-- Stephen Wise.

1393
00:50:20,600 --> 00:50:21,240
Stephen Wise.

1394
00:50:21,240 --> 00:50:22,240
During the World War II.

1395
00:50:22,240 --> 00:50:23,460
Right.

1396
00:50:23,460 --> 00:50:28,115
Maybe the people would
be so active in our group

1397
00:50:28,115 --> 00:50:30,240
president, which I heard
about-- the best president

1398
00:50:30,240 --> 00:50:31,890
in the world.

1399
00:50:31,890 --> 00:50:33,210
You heard about that in Europe.

1400
00:50:33,210 --> 00:50:35,170
No, I heard about it here.

1401
00:50:35,170 --> 00:50:35,670
No.

1402
00:50:35,670 --> 00:50:38,530
Over there, you knew that
we had a good president.

1403
00:50:38,530 --> 00:50:39,040
Is that it?

1404
00:50:39,040 --> 00:50:39,660

Yes.

1405

00:50:39,660 --> 00:50:41,085

No, I heard about it here.

1406

00:50:41,085 --> 00:50:41,850

But I was not--

1407

00:50:41,850 --> 00:50:43,950

I didn't mix, that
time, in politics.

1408

00:50:43,950 --> 00:50:47,130

But at that time, we
had the best president.

1409

00:50:47,130 --> 00:50:48,990

Right?

1410

00:50:48,990 --> 00:50:50,730

A lot of people thought so.

1411

00:50:50,730 --> 00:50:54,160

He came here a ship,
with how many people?

1412

00:50:54,160 --> 00:50:56,640

300 people, 400
people, I don't know.

1413

00:50:56,640 --> 00:51:02,740

When I came to this
country, I was so patriotic.

1414

00:51:02,740 --> 00:51:06,490

I could kiss every
stone on the walk,

1415

00:51:06,490 --> 00:51:09,280

because I didn't know
what was going on here.

1416

00:51:09,280 --> 00:51:10,350

It was the best.

1417

00:51:10,350 --> 00:51:12,302

I knew we're going to America.

1418

00:51:12,302 --> 00:51:14,650

And when I came here--

1419

00:51:14,650 --> 00:51:16,930

and then, when I was working,
I didn't have no time.

1420

00:51:16,930 --> 00:51:20,710

But when I retired, I
belonged to a Jewish center.

1421

00:51:20,710 --> 00:51:22,300

And they talked all the time.

1422

00:51:22,300 --> 00:51:26,540

We talk now all the time
politics, all these things.

1423

00:51:26,540 --> 00:51:30,020

And I find out, came a ship--

1424

00:51:30,020 --> 00:51:31,920

few people, old people.

1425

00:51:31,920 --> 00:51:34,670

Why are they afraid, spies?

1426

00:51:34,670 --> 00:51:36,140

What are they afraid?

1427

00:51:36,140 --> 00:51:37,090

They sent them back.

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00:51:37,090 --> 00:51:39,430

Why did they send them back?

1429

00:51:39,430 --> 00:51:43,350

So where is this--
where is the excuse?

1430

00:51:43,350 --> 00:51:46,420
Where is the excuse for those
kind of people to come on up

1431
00:51:46,420 --> 00:51:47,920
and say this like that?

1432
00:51:47,920 --> 00:51:48,945
Where is the excuse?

1433
00:51:48,945 --> 00:51:53,010

1434
00:51:53,010 --> 00:51:55,350
Why was it?

1435
00:51:55,350 --> 00:51:56,820
Why was it?

1436
00:51:56,820 --> 00:51:59,700
Maybe he was
promising at that time

1437
00:51:59,700 --> 00:52:03,380
they came from Saudi
Arabia because of the oil.

1438
00:52:03,380 --> 00:52:05,170
They sent back all
the Jews for to move

1439
00:52:05,170 --> 00:52:08,280
to the ghetto to Germany.

1440
00:52:08,280 --> 00:52:09,510
If not, then I'll not BP oil.

1441
00:52:09,510 --> 00:52:10,380
Why was you afraid?

1442
00:52:10,380 --> 00:52:12,930

1443
00:52:12,930 --> 00:52:14,650

Did he make that deal with them?

1444

00:52:14,650 --> 00:52:16,890
So you've taken us from
the war time years,

1445

00:52:16,890 --> 00:52:18,840
to the postwar
years, till today.

1446

00:52:18,840 --> 00:52:20,130
Yes.

1447

00:52:20,130 --> 00:52:21,720
And with that, we'll--

1448

00:52:21,720 --> 00:52:25,830
Because I'm still a
patriot from this country,

1449

00:52:25,830 --> 00:52:28,765
because it's the best
thing I had, thank God.

1450

00:52:28,765 --> 00:52:29,890
I shouldn't say, thank God.

1451

00:52:29,890 --> 00:52:32,304
I take it back.

1452

00:52:32,304 --> 00:52:34,310
I take it back.

1453

00:52:34,310 --> 00:52:34,970
I live nice.

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00:52:34,970 --> 00:52:40,070
I have a nice family,
a middle class.

1455

00:52:40,070 --> 00:52:46,070
But on the other part, there's
a different side to me,

1456

00:52:46,070 --> 00:52:49,070
because money is not everything.

1457
00:52:49,070 --> 00:52:50,970
Money is not everything.

1458
00:52:50,970 --> 00:52:52,310
You have to live.

1459
00:52:52,310 --> 00:52:55,002
But you don't have to
sell your self for money.

1460
00:52:55,002 --> 00:52:58,980
Well, obviously, you've
lived through a great deal.

1461
00:52:58,980 --> 00:53:02,270
And you have very
strong feelings.

1462
00:53:02,270 --> 00:53:04,380
And you're doing
a lot of thinking.

1463
00:53:04,380 --> 00:53:05,270
And the main thing--

1464
00:53:05,270 --> 00:53:06,562
And you've expressed that here.

1465
00:53:06,562 --> 00:53:11,960
The main thing-- you always
have to talk about it.

1466
00:53:11,960 --> 00:53:15,110
If you talk about
it, you'll remember.

1467
00:53:15,110 --> 00:53:18,440
If you remember your pains--

1468
00:53:18,440 --> 00:53:19,980
if you remember
the pains, you'll

1469
00:53:19,980 --> 00:53:23,560
remember you know you
have to take a pill.

1470
00:53:23,560 --> 00:53:28,300
And the pill will help you,
will do something to it.

1471
00:53:28,300 --> 00:53:31,490
Well, we are trying over
here, in a little way,

1472
00:53:31,490 --> 00:53:32,750
to get this recorded--

1473
00:53:32,750 --> 00:53:33,680
And the pill means--

1474
00:53:33,680 --> 00:53:34,680
--and get the reactions.

1475
00:53:34,680 --> 00:53:37,100
--give the young
people the pill.

1476
00:53:37,100 --> 00:53:39,980
And this is what we're
doing by interviewing you.

1477
00:53:39,980 --> 00:53:41,870
And we want to thank
you for being with us.

1478
00:53:41,870 --> 00:53:42,410
OK.

1479
00:53:42,410 --> 00:53:43,922
And we'll share this--

1480
00:53:43,922 --> 00:53:44,880
I'm glad that I could--

1481
00:53:44,880 --> 00:53:46,255

--with your family
and with ours.

1482
00:53:46,255 --> 00:53:48,685
I'm glad I went through,
I didn't break down.

1483
00:53:48,685 --> 00:53:49,185
I'm very--

1484
00:53:49,185 --> 00:53:49,470
Very good.

1485
00:53:49,470 --> 00:53:50,180
I'm very happy.

1486
00:53:50,180 --> 00:53:52,270
Thank you very much.

1487
00:53:52,270 --> 00:54:01,000