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00:00:00,000 --> 00:00:04,950

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00:00:04,950 --> 00:00:07,170

My name is Dr.

Sidney Lang, and I'm

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00:00:07,170 --> 00:00:09,900

the director of the

Oral History Project

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00:00:09,900 --> 00:00:11,640

at the Holocaust

Studies Research Center

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00:00:11,640 --> 00:00:13,860

at Kean College of New Jersey.

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00:00:13,860 --> 00:00:18,720

I'm very pleased that Mr. Aron

Grynwald, who presently resides

7

00:00:18,720 --> 00:00:21,900

in Newark, New Jersey, has

come to the college today

8

00:00:21,900 --> 00:00:25,320

to discuss some of his

insights and experiences

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00:00:25,320 --> 00:00:26,250

during the Holocaust.

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00:00:26,250 --> 00:00:28,920

Mr. Grynwald, I want to thank

you very much for coming.

11

00:00:28,920 --> 00:00:29,970

You're welcome.

12

00:00:29,970 --> 00:00:32,820

Could you tell me a
little bit about the town

13
00:00:32,820 --> 00:00:35,730
you were born in, the
date you were born in,

14
00:00:35,730 --> 00:00:37,570
a little bit about your family?

15
00:00:37,570 --> 00:00:41,880
I was born in Bedzin.

16
00:00:41,880 --> 00:00:45,240
This is a town on
the border between--

17
00:00:45,240 --> 00:00:50,490
before the war, before
the First World War,

18
00:00:50,490 --> 00:01:02,930
this was like six
miles from the border.

19
00:01:02,930 --> 00:01:07,340
Sometimes, this
town was Germany.

20
00:01:07,340 --> 00:01:10,220
Sometimes, it was Poland.

21
00:01:10,220 --> 00:01:11,810
Now, it's just Poland.

22
00:01:11,810 --> 00:01:13,130
What year were you born in?

23
00:01:13,130 --> 00:01:27,910
I was born in October
21, 1904 in this town.

24

00:01:27,910 --> 00:01:32,950

This town was a Jewish
town, they call,

25

00:01:32,950 --> 00:01:40,500

because the town was
50,000 residents.

26

00:01:40,500 --> 00:01:48,630

From this 50,000 was
35,000 to 40,000 Jews.

27

00:01:48,630 --> 00:01:50,435

The rest was Poles.

28

00:01:50,435 --> 00:01:54,990

29

00:01:54,990 --> 00:02:04,150

The whole economic--
there was the Jewish.

30

00:02:04,150 --> 00:02:14,800

The factories in this town was
Jewish, the stores, everything.

31

00:02:14,800 --> 00:02:15,970

It was a Jewish town.

32

00:02:15,970 --> 00:02:20,070

33

00:02:20,070 --> 00:02:26,430

My father was a
very religious man.

34

00:02:26,430 --> 00:02:29,930

He was president
from the orthodoxy,

35

00:02:29,930 --> 00:02:33,740

from the Agudat
Yisrael in this town.

36
00:02:33,740 --> 00:02:38,930
He was president from the
Talmud Torah they called this.

37
00:02:38,930 --> 00:02:41,585
He was president
from the Jewish--

38
00:02:41,585 --> 00:02:44,840
I suppose not like a
hospital, but it's called

39
00:02:44,840 --> 00:02:48,230
[SPEAKING HEBREW] in Hebrew.

40
00:02:48,230 --> 00:02:50,240
He was president.

41
00:02:50,240 --> 00:02:58,550
He was over there when a poor
woman has to be born a child,

42
00:02:58,550 --> 00:03:00,950
she come over there.

43
00:03:00,950 --> 00:03:06,230
This was on the cost for
this [SPEAKING HEBREW]..

44
00:03:06,230 --> 00:03:09,530
But the [SPEAKING HEBREW]
was also an old age home.

45
00:03:09,530 --> 00:03:12,545
It was a few poor people.

46
00:03:12,545 --> 00:03:15,210

47
00:03:15,210 --> 00:03:19,160
And he was used to

have a [INAUDIBLE]..

48

00:03:19,160 --> 00:03:20,930

You know what is [INAUDIBLE]?

49

00:03:20,930 --> 00:03:21,740

No.

50

00:03:21,740 --> 00:03:24,746

When they circumcise a boy.

51

00:03:24,746 --> 00:03:25,790

A sandek?

52

00:03:25,790 --> 00:03:26,438

A sandek.

53

00:03:26,438 --> 00:03:27,230

That's right, yeah.

54

00:03:27,230 --> 00:03:31,820

Yes, sandek -- The
men would hold this --

55

00:03:31,820 --> 00:03:34,330

he's sitting on the [INAUDIBLE].

56

00:03:34,330 --> 00:03:37,070

57

00:03:37,070 --> 00:03:41,600

And for this, he gift.

58

00:03:41,600 --> 00:03:44,690

Sometimes, he went to
home to the poor people.

59

00:03:44,690 --> 00:03:46,100

For why he did it?

60

00:03:46,100 --> 00:03:51,330

He give them for the
party money for--

61
00:03:51,330 --> 00:03:57,215
as I said, for the honey
cake, for vodka, for drinks,

62
00:03:57,215 --> 00:03:59,390
and so on.

63
00:03:59,390 --> 00:04:01,790
I tell you I curious.

64
00:04:01,790 --> 00:04:05,900
One time, come a
man and told him

65
00:04:05,900 --> 00:04:08,300
that his wife has born a boy.

66
00:04:08,300 --> 00:04:11,690
He needed to prepare
for the party.

67
00:04:11,690 --> 00:04:14,480
He take the address.

68
00:04:14,480 --> 00:04:17,690
OK, he give him the money.

69
00:04:17,690 --> 00:04:22,280
And he-- I invited you for
the Sunday to be for this

70
00:04:22,280 --> 00:04:23,980
he gave the money.

71
00:04:23,980 --> 00:04:25,850
Then, the day he
come over there,

72
00:04:25,850 --> 00:04:29,750

nobody was [LAUGHS] there.

73

00:04:29,750 --> 00:04:30,980

Sometimes also so.

74

00:04:30,980 --> 00:04:37,370

75

00:04:37,370 --> 00:04:43,130

He owned a factory, wire.

76

00:04:43,130 --> 00:04:50,240

Wire dooring, wire
fence, wire cloth,

77

00:04:50,240 --> 00:04:55,850

everything made from the wire,
can say, he had the factory.

78

00:04:55,850 --> 00:05:07,200

The factory he established
in 1903, at this time.

79

00:05:07,200 --> 00:05:09,930

I was the second.

80

00:05:09,930 --> 00:05:13,290

Before me was a sister.

81

00:05:13,290 --> 00:05:14,670

We were ten kids.

82

00:05:14,670 --> 00:05:19,770

83

00:05:19,770 --> 00:05:28,580

When I was three years, he
took the tallis around me

84

00:05:28,580 --> 00:05:31,992

and took me under
arm to the cheder.

85
00:05:31,992 --> 00:05:36,920

86
00:05:36,920 --> 00:05:38,210
They told me so.

87
00:05:38,210 --> 00:05:40,070
I don't remember this.

88
00:05:40,070 --> 00:05:42,620
I am three years.

89
00:05:42,620 --> 00:05:44,600
He provide just like they say.

90
00:05:44,600 --> 00:05:52,160
By five years, I
started Chumash.

91
00:05:52,160 --> 00:05:54,440
He made a big party.

92
00:05:54,440 --> 00:06:04,220
And I get a gift from my
grandfather, three silver

93
00:06:04,220 --> 00:06:05,870
[INAUDIBLE] in this time.

94
00:06:05,870 --> 00:06:06,600
And I had these--

95
00:06:06,600 --> 00:06:07,310
Kiddush cups.

96
00:06:07,310 --> 00:06:11,880
I had these till the Germans
took this me away, kiddush

97
00:06:11,880 --> 00:06:14,010

[INAUDIBLE].

98

00:06:14,010 --> 00:06:15,380

That's silver kiddush cups.

99

00:06:15,380 --> 00:06:17,960

Yeah, kiddish cups.

100

00:06:17,960 --> 00:06:22,340

And he, by five years,

like he said in the Mishnah

101

00:06:22,340 --> 00:06:23,780

[NON-ENGLISH SPEECH].

102

00:06:23,780 --> 00:06:31,320

103

00:06:31,320 --> 00:06:32,816

This is something I forgot.

104

00:06:32,816 --> 00:06:34,760

[Hebrew]

105

00:06:34,760 --> 00:06:36,462

[NON-ENGLISH SPEECH]

106

00:06:36,462 --> 00:06:38,250

107

00:06:38,250 --> 00:06:40,730

And now, I am

[NON-ENGLISH SPEECH]..

108

00:06:40,730 --> 00:06:43,120

[LAUGHTER]

109

00:06:43,120 --> 00:06:46,950

110

00:06:46,950 --> 00:06:51,320

I learned in the yeshiva also
after the cheder, Gemara,

111
00:06:51,320 --> 00:06:52,410
first --

112
00:06:52,410 --> 00:06:54,260
I learned in the yeshiva.

113
00:06:54,260 --> 00:07:04,850
But I was, in this time,
looking in conspiracy

114
00:07:04,850 --> 00:07:07,040
Yiddish literature.

115
00:07:07,040 --> 00:07:15,130
And this was forbidden to
read, something from parents.

116
00:07:15,130 --> 00:07:16,630
Sholom Aleichem --

117
00:07:16,630 --> 00:07:19,300

118
00:07:19,300 --> 00:07:20,830
Your father forbade it.

119
00:07:20,830 --> 00:07:23,410
Yes, my father forbid it.

120
00:07:23,410 --> 00:07:24,440
Why?

121
00:07:24,440 --> 00:07:24,940
Why?

122
00:07:24,940 --> 00:07:26,210
This was orthodoxy.

123

00:07:26,210 --> 00:07:28,780
This was traif, traif.

124
00:07:28,780 --> 00:07:29,500
Right.

125
00:07:29,500 --> 00:07:30,160
Not kosher.

126
00:07:30,160 --> 00:07:33,490

127
00:07:33,490 --> 00:07:38,160
One time, my father come,
when I learned in the yeshiva.

128
00:07:38,160 --> 00:07:40,900
He said that I am not learning.

129
00:07:40,900 --> 00:07:42,610
I fool around.

130
00:07:42,610 --> 00:07:47,650
And the Rabbi told him so,
that I don't want to learn.

131
00:07:47,650 --> 00:07:51,790
Then, he said to me, that
you don't want to learn,

132
00:07:51,790 --> 00:07:54,820
I will take you to the factory.

133
00:07:54,820 --> 00:07:58,090
And you will be a shoe --

134
00:07:58,090 --> 00:07:59,530
a shoemaker, I will make.

135
00:07:59,530 --> 00:08:02,455
He took me in the factory.

136

00:08:02,455 --> 00:08:05,235

137

00:08:05,235 --> 00:08:10,810

And he said to the foreman,
you treat him like everybody,

138

00:08:10,810 --> 00:08:12,820

not like my son.

139

00:08:12,820 --> 00:08:14,365

So he was angry.

140

00:08:14,365 --> 00:08:17,340

141

00:08:17,340 --> 00:08:20,670

He finally sent
me to the school.

142

00:08:20,670 --> 00:08:23,800

143

00:08:23,800 --> 00:08:24,850

I learned.

144

00:08:24,850 --> 00:08:29,530

Then, he sent me to Germany.

145

00:08:29,530 --> 00:08:35,500

And I finished over there in
[? Brig ?] by Breslau, not far

146

00:08:35,500 --> 00:08:36,257

from Breslau.

147

00:08:36,257 --> 00:08:37,799

What year did he
send you to Germany?

148

00:08:37,799 --> 00:08:46,320

This was after the war,
after the First World War,

149
00:08:46,320 --> 00:08:49,300
1918 or 1919.

150
00:08:49,300 --> 00:08:49,800
[INAUDIBLE]

151
00:08:49,800 --> 00:08:51,717
So you were about 15
years old when you went--

152
00:08:51,717 --> 00:08:52,303
Yeah.

153
00:08:52,303 --> 00:08:52,845
--to Germany.

154
00:08:52,845 --> 00:08:53,880
You went to yeshiva in Germany?

155
00:08:53,880 --> 00:08:54,510
No, no, no.

156
00:08:54,510 --> 00:08:56,160
To a technical school.

157
00:08:56,160 --> 00:08:57,960
You went to a technical school.

158
00:08:57,960 --> 00:09:06,810
This was a [SPEAKING GERMAN],,
they call this in Germany.

159
00:09:06,810 --> 00:09:09,390
I finished over there.

160
00:09:09,390 --> 00:09:14,100
He said, when you won't
learn he has no other choice.

161

00:09:14,100 --> 00:09:18,570

I finished, and I practiced
in Germany over there

162

00:09:18,570 --> 00:09:19,800

in a factory.

163

00:09:19,800 --> 00:09:24,220

I practiced a certain time.

164

00:09:24,220 --> 00:09:25,980

And I come back home.

165

00:09:25,980 --> 00:09:28,870

166

00:09:28,870 --> 00:09:29,910

I was at home.

167

00:09:29,910 --> 00:09:34,370

168

00:09:34,370 --> 00:09:37,810

I have my diploma--

169

00:09:37,810 --> 00:09:38,970

like a technique--

170

00:09:38,970 --> 00:09:40,940

Technical Diploma.

171

00:09:40,940 --> 00:09:43,460

Technical Diploma.

172

00:09:43,460 --> 00:09:50,200

And I was employed by my
father in the factory.

173

00:09:50,200 --> 00:09:57,550

174

00:09:57,550 --> 00:10:06,230

After, my sister,
what was before me,

175

00:10:06,230 --> 00:10:09,650

she was in the university.

176

00:10:09,650 --> 00:10:11,240

She finished university.

177

00:10:11,240 --> 00:10:15,530

And she finished also
she has the title doctor.

178

00:10:15,530 --> 00:10:21,176

179

00:10:21,176 --> 00:10:27,450

The other sisters
went to the schools.

180

00:10:27,450 --> 00:10:30,170

181

00:10:30,170 --> 00:10:31,430

They finished high school.

182

00:10:31,430 --> 00:10:36,820

They finished the --

183

00:10:36,820 --> 00:10:41,710

And about the brothers,
all to the cheder.

184

00:10:41,710 --> 00:10:44,740

This was all in Poland.

185

00:10:44,740 --> 00:10:51,560

The orthodoxy, the women
to these general schools,

186

00:10:51,560 --> 00:10:54,640
but the boys to the cheder.

187
00:10:54,640 --> 00:10:56,770
But the one break out.

188
00:10:56,770 --> 00:11:04,150
Nobody in this time won't
learn in the cheder --

189
00:11:04,150 --> 00:11:06,940
The second brother
after me don't want ;

190
00:11:06,940 --> 00:11:10,060
the third the fifth.

191
00:11:10,060 --> 00:11:10,790
He learned.

192
00:11:10,790 --> 00:11:13,450
He was younger.

193
00:11:13,450 --> 00:11:25,790
1927, I met my wife.

194
00:11:25,790 --> 00:11:26,790
Then, I started--

195
00:11:26,790 --> 00:11:31,688

196
00:11:31,688 --> 00:11:33,510
So you were 33 years old--

197
00:11:33,510 --> 00:11:34,010
Yeah.

198
00:11:34,010 --> 00:11:35,052
--when you met your wife.

199

00:11:35,052 --> 00:11:35,570
Yes.

200
00:11:35,570 --> 00:11:39,910
And I started to
build me a factory.

201
00:11:39,910 --> 00:11:44,960

202
00:11:44,960 --> 00:11:47,292
I [? was-- ?]

203
00:11:47,292 --> 00:11:49,000
Your father was still
alive at this time?

204
00:11:49,000 --> 00:11:51,410
Yeah, he was alive, of course.

205
00:11:51,410 --> 00:11:56,400

206
00:11:56,400 --> 00:12:02,890
I build myself machines
to this what I can.

207
00:12:02,890 --> 00:12:05,020
Some I bought.

208
00:12:05,020 --> 00:12:11,890
And I moved with these
machines to KrakÃ³w.

209
00:12:11,890 --> 00:12:14,620

210
00:12:14,620 --> 00:12:27,730
I give this not my name like
an owner but under other name,

211
00:12:27,730 --> 00:12:32,560

KrakÃ³w Wire Factory.

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212
00:12:32,560 --> 00:12:38,200
In the register, by the
court, there was my name,

213
00:12:38,200 --> 00:12:42,720
that I am the owner of this.

214
00:12:42,720 --> 00:12:49,705
And I feel that I have
ground that I can--

215
00:12:49,705 --> 00:12:54,660

216
00:12:54,660 --> 00:12:57,750
this became prosperous, this.

217
00:12:57,750 --> 00:12:59,970
Then, I married.

218
00:12:59,970 --> 00:13:08,100
We married in 1939 in KrakÃ³w,
where we lived in KrakÃ³w,

219
00:13:08,100 --> 00:13:09,870
at this time.

220
00:13:09,870 --> 00:13:19,830
Were there any changes in
KrakÃ³w between 1933 and 1937?

221
00:13:19,830 --> 00:13:28,290
Changes like when you see there
wasn't the same like in Bedzin

222
00:13:28,290 --> 00:13:29,190
in home.

223
00:13:29,190 --> 00:13:38,350
But in 1933, when

Hitler came to power,

224

00:13:38,350 --> 00:13:43,450
before Hitler came to power,
even Hitler came to power more,

225

00:13:43,450 --> 00:13:53,200
the Polish government
started antisemitic limits

226

00:13:53,200 --> 00:13:54,370
for the Jews.

227

00:13:54,370 --> 00:13:55,210
You cannot do.

228

00:13:55,210 --> 00:13:56,980
This you cannot--

229

00:13:56,980 --> 00:13:58,360
Some limit.

230

00:13:58,360 --> 00:14:05,740
Like my sister cannot go
to the university to study,

231

00:14:05,740 --> 00:14:10,390
I give you example, to study
what she want because this was

232

00:14:10,390 --> 00:14:16,000
numerous clauses for
the Jewish students.

233

00:14:16,000 --> 00:14:17,503
They hit the Jewish students.

234

00:14:17,503 --> 00:14:20,430

235

00:14:20,430 --> 00:14:25,050
The Polish students

hit Jewish students.

236

00:14:25,050 --> 00:14:30,180

The Jewish students-- this was
a law in the universities--

237

00:14:30,180 --> 00:14:33,930

the Jewish student has to
sit on this bench, a ghetto

238

00:14:33,930 --> 00:14:35,850

they made for the
Jewish students.

239

00:14:35,850 --> 00:14:37,860

And the Jewish students
don't want to sit.

240

00:14:37,860 --> 00:14:39,810

And they stood.

241

00:14:39,810 --> 00:14:46,970

They always were standing
because this protest

242

00:14:46,970 --> 00:14:47,970

that they were standing.

243

00:14:47,970 --> 00:14:49,560

There was a thing.

244

00:14:49,560 --> 00:14:54,660

And they hit them because
why you don't sit down?

245

00:14:54,660 --> 00:14:57,180

The professors was antisemitic.

246

00:14:57,180 --> 00:15:00,950

A few were more
liberals, progressives.

247

00:15:00,950 --> 00:15:05,010

248

00:15:05,010 --> 00:15:11,640

And we feel this in the business
too, mostly in the economic.

249

00:15:11,640 --> 00:15:14,850

250

00:15:14,850 --> 00:15:18,740

My father's factory,
this was where we lived.

251

00:15:18,740 --> 00:15:21,330

This was our town.

252

00:15:21,330 --> 00:15:29,140

The whole state, this is called
in Germany, Oberschlesien.

253

00:15:29,140 --> 00:15:31,650

There was the miners.

254

00:15:31,650 --> 00:15:33,660

They sent them from
the coal miners.

255

00:15:33,660 --> 00:15:37,830

They sent them from
the steel industry.

256

00:15:37,830 --> 00:15:43,710

We have orders from them.

257

00:15:43,710 --> 00:15:51,480

This was for the industry and
some for the agriculture too.

258

00:15:51,480 --> 00:15:59,445

They came the director from
the big steel industry.

259

00:15:59,445 --> 00:16:03,985
He said to my father, Grynwald,
I want to give you the orders,

260

00:16:03,985 --> 00:16:04,860
but it's not allowed.

261

00:16:04,860 --> 00:16:08,700

262

00:16:08,700 --> 00:16:11,560
Do something.

263

00:16:11,560 --> 00:16:15,180
Then, my father
sent a Polish man.

264

00:16:15,180 --> 00:16:20,220
The Polish man took
his name the order

265

00:16:20,220 --> 00:16:22,530
and give this to my father.

266

00:16:22,530 --> 00:16:24,450
A middle man, the
Polish, he must be.

267

00:16:24,450 --> 00:16:27,120

268

00:16:27,120 --> 00:16:32,410
For this reason, I not
give my name in Kraków.

269

00:16:32,410 --> 00:16:33,210
On the business.

270

00:16:33,210 --> 00:16:34,170
For the business.

271

00:16:34,170 --> 00:16:41,290
This is [INAUDIBLE],,
KrakÃ³w Wire Factory.

272
00:16:41,290 --> 00:16:43,552
So you married your
wife, you said, in 19--

273
00:16:43,552 --> 00:16:44,700
'39.

274
00:16:44,700 --> 00:16:52,620
On March 8th 1939.

275
00:16:52,620 --> 00:16:54,750
And we lived near the factory.

276
00:16:54,750 --> 00:17:01,930

277
00:17:01,930 --> 00:17:10,329
On the 1st September,
1939, in the morning,

278
00:17:10,329 --> 00:17:16,640
the Germans bombed
KrakÃ³w in Poland.

279
00:17:16,640 --> 00:17:17,829
They start the war.

280
00:17:17,829 --> 00:17:20,990

281
00:17:20,990 --> 00:17:21,730
This was Friday.

282
00:17:21,730 --> 00:17:31,590

283
00:17:31,590 --> 00:17:34,290
Sunday, they--

284
00:17:34,290 --> 00:17:34,890
Did you know?

285
00:17:34,890 --> 00:17:37,577
Or did you have any
warning that Germany--

286
00:17:37,577 --> 00:17:38,410
[INTERPOSING VOICES]

287
00:17:38,410 --> 00:17:41,160
No, nothing.

288
00:17:41,160 --> 00:17:46,420
In the morning, Friday, in
the morning, we hear a bomb.

289
00:17:46,420 --> 00:17:50,440
Then we take the radio.

290
00:17:50,440 --> 00:17:52,742
We hear this is--

291
00:17:52,742 --> 00:17:54,450
Did you know what was
going on in Germany

292
00:17:54,450 --> 00:17:57,270
though between 1933 and '39?

293
00:17:57,270 --> 00:17:57,870
Yes.

294
00:17:57,870 --> 00:18:00,000
But you didn't think
that anything--

295
00:18:00,000 --> 00:18:07,350
Did I tell you that
they pushed out

296

00:18:07,350 --> 00:18:11,550
from Germany the Jews
what was born in Poland--

297

00:18:11,550 --> 00:18:12,160
Right.

298

00:18:12,160 --> 00:18:17,010
--or their fathers
was born in Poland.

299

00:18:17,010 --> 00:18:22,110
And they come to us, to Poland.

300

00:18:22,110 --> 00:18:27,720
And this was collecting
clothes and other things.

301

00:18:27,720 --> 00:18:29,730
But they come naked.

302

00:18:29,730 --> 00:18:35,520
They come to [Place name]
This is a town where

303

00:18:35,520 --> 00:18:38,550
the Poles don't let them in.

304

00:18:38,550 --> 00:18:41,857
And the Germans don't let
[? them. ?] There was a no

305

00:18:41,857 --> 00:18:50,670
man's [? land. ?] Under
the skies, they was living.

306

00:18:50,670 --> 00:18:54,120
They collect the money
from the Jewish people,

307

00:18:54,120 --> 00:19:02,370
the Jewish community collected,

in the whole Poland, clothes

308

00:19:02,370 --> 00:19:04,740
and money for them.

309

00:19:04,740 --> 00:19:09,360

310

00:19:09,360 --> 00:19:17,330
And we feel that the 1st
of September, this is war.

311

00:19:17,330 --> 00:19:20,090
We know what is Hitler.

312

00:19:20,090 --> 00:19:27,590
But we didn't imagine this
will be so [INAUDIBLE]..

313

00:19:27,590 --> 00:19:29,360
Because I was in Germany.

314

00:19:29,360 --> 00:19:30,860
I lived in Germany.

315

00:19:30,860 --> 00:19:33,810
I studied in Germany.

316

00:19:33,810 --> 00:19:35,420
This is other.

317

00:19:35,420 --> 00:19:38,720
People was cultured and
people, were very friendly.

318

00:19:38,720 --> 00:19:44,630

319

00:19:44,630 --> 00:19:50,750
Sunday, in the morning,
all Jews go out.

320

00:19:50,750 --> 00:19:54,680

Not only Jews, but Polish
people also from Kraków.

321

00:19:54,680 --> 00:19:58,970

They said we go out to
the east, everybody.

322

00:19:58,970 --> 00:20:04,310

And over there will be
the Polish resistance

323

00:20:04,310 --> 00:20:07,190

against the Germany, the army.

324

00:20:07,190 --> 00:20:09,950

325

00:20:09,950 --> 00:20:12,470

We went to a town--

326

00:20:12,470 --> 00:20:15,590

327

00:20:15,590 --> 00:20:17,990

Szydów, it was called.

328

00:20:17,990 --> 00:20:19,370

Did you go with your wife?

329

00:20:19,370 --> 00:20:25,520

I with my wife and our
neighbors, all we go.

330

00:20:25,520 --> 00:20:29,570

We come over there
in the evening.

331

00:20:29,570 --> 00:20:34,520

The day later, they
said we have to go

332

00:20:34,520 --> 00:20:36,950
across the Vistula, the river.

333

00:20:36,950 --> 00:20:41,480
This is the biggest
river in Poland, Vistula.

334

00:20:41,480 --> 00:20:45,050
We have to go because over
there will be the front.

335

00:20:45,050 --> 00:20:48,260
We [? want ?] fight the Germans.

336

00:20:48,260 --> 00:20:53,190
They said, all men
have to go over there.

337

00:20:53,190 --> 00:20:54,560
My wife said to me, go.

338

00:20:54,560 --> 00:20:59,600
Everybody going because the
Germans will kill all the men,

339

00:20:59,600 --> 00:21:02,180
they said so also.

340

00:21:02,180 --> 00:21:05,580
I went with my
neighbor where I lived.

341

00:21:05,580 --> 00:21:06,530
We went.

342

00:21:06,530 --> 00:21:10,910

343

00:21:10,910 --> 00:21:19,290
But after four days,
the Germans catch us.

344

00:21:19,290 --> 00:21:26,250

The Polish army was running
retreat and we with the army.

345

00:21:26,250 --> 00:21:29,460

And they found there
the Germans catch us.

346

00:21:29,460 --> 00:21:33,020

And then we were staying
in a small village,

347

00:21:33,020 --> 00:21:38,550

a very small village with
one Jew was only over there.

348

00:21:38,550 --> 00:21:45,600

We went to this Jew
because we see we are --

349

00:21:45,600 --> 00:21:46,380

it's nothing.

350

00:21:46,380 --> 00:21:54,420

The Polish army is not able
to fight with the Germans.

351

00:21:54,420 --> 00:21:56,400

We stayed.

352

00:21:56,400 --> 00:21:59,690

by the Jew.

353

00:21:59,690 --> 00:22:06,390

they said, we will wait a few
days till the front will go.

354

00:22:06,390 --> 00:22:08,845

And then we go back to Krak³w.

355

00:22:08,845 --> 00:22:12,030

356
00:22:12,030 --> 00:22:14,325
This was near Kolbeshev.

357
00:22:14,325 --> 00:22:17,930

358
00:22:17,930 --> 00:22:22,620
I don't remember the [? small ?]
[? things. ?] We stayed over

359
00:22:22,620 --> 00:22:26,970
there over Rosh ha-Shanah.

360
00:22:26,970 --> 00:22:34,040
After Rosh ha-Shanah, that day,
we started to go back by foot

361
00:22:34,040 --> 00:22:34,540
to Krak³w.

362
00:22:34,540 --> 00:22:37,770

363
00:22:37,770 --> 00:22:42,720
On the road, oh, Jews, Jews.

364
00:22:42,720 --> 00:22:45,330
And the Germans
catch us to work.

365
00:22:45,330 --> 00:22:48,810
We have to work.

366
00:22:48,810 --> 00:22:52,440
I come back to Krak³w.

367
00:22:52,440 --> 00:22:54,750
I come back to my house.

368
00:22:54,750 --> 00:22:56,805

My wife was waiting.

369
00:22:56,805 --> 00:23:02,900

370
00:23:02,900 --> 00:23:07,610
The Germans give for
the Jews a limit.

371
00:23:07,610 --> 00:23:13,940
You have till 7 o'clock curfew.

372
00:23:13,940 --> 00:23:16,580
You have to stay home.

373
00:23:16,580 --> 00:23:18,800
From 7 o'clock
till the morning, I

374
00:23:18,800 --> 00:23:21,110
don't remember what
time in the morning.

375
00:23:21,110 --> 00:23:27,140
But the evening, 7 o'clock was
not allowed for Jews to go out.

376
00:23:27,140 --> 00:23:30,560
To buy bread-- this
was at Jewish bakeries.

377
00:23:30,560 --> 00:23:33,620
Mostly it was Jews in Kraków.

378
00:23:33,620 --> 00:23:35,510
But the owner can do nothing.

379
00:23:35,510 --> 00:23:37,640
This was a line for bread.

380
00:23:37,640 --> 00:23:46,160
When I stand in the line, the

Poles called the German police,

381
00:23:46,160 --> 00:23:47,340
[INAUDIBLE] Jude..

382
00:23:47,340 --> 00:23:49,800
There's a Jew.

383
00:23:49,800 --> 00:23:51,530
He pulled me out from the line.

384
00:23:51,530 --> 00:23:56,050
Jews had not the
right to get bread.

385
00:23:56,050 --> 00:24:01,030
I remember the wife on the
back said, what I can do?

386
00:24:01,030 --> 00:24:02,620
Jewish.

387
00:24:02,620 --> 00:24:04,470
She was Jewish.

388
00:24:04,470 --> 00:24:08,830
I am working.

389
00:24:08,830 --> 00:24:15,090
And they denounced everybody.

390
00:24:15,090 --> 00:24:21,010
This was the bakery what I
bought every time by her bread.

391
00:24:21,010 --> 00:24:23,290
She said, I hide bread.

392
00:24:23,290 --> 00:24:24,160
But they come.

393

00:24:24,160 --> 00:24:27,030
They find.

394
00:24:27,030 --> 00:24:32,740
This was terrible for the
Jews because the Polish people

395
00:24:32,740 --> 00:24:34,540
were very antisemitic.

396
00:24:34,540 --> 00:24:39,180

397
00:24:39,180 --> 00:24:41,790
Then come also contribution.

398
00:24:41,790 --> 00:24:45,360

399
00:24:45,360 --> 00:24:55,870
The Jewish, like
you said, Judenrat,

400
00:24:55,870 --> 00:25:00,940
must pay so much
and so much money,

401
00:25:00,940 --> 00:25:04,900
so much and so much linens.

402
00:25:04,900 --> 00:25:09,870
The German give --
we must give to them.

403
00:25:09,870 --> 00:25:15,020
Then, every day, people
to work for them.

404
00:25:15,020 --> 00:25:18,910

405
00:25:18,910 --> 00:25:24,550

I work a lot of days.

406

00:25:24,550 --> 00:25:26,770

One day in the
week or something.

407

00:25:26,770 --> 00:25:30,730

Mostly Sunday because I
was working in the factory.

408

00:25:30,730 --> 00:25:34,990

The Sunday I was free, I went
to work to clean the streets

409

00:25:34,990 --> 00:25:39,970

in Krak³w from snow,
from ice, so to clean.

410

00:25:39,970 --> 00:25:49,240

Sometimes, they send me to
the military Kaserne to clean.

411

00:25:49,240 --> 00:25:52,120

But I remember when we
went to the Kaserne,

412

00:25:52,120 --> 00:25:56,020

we work over there
in a hospital.

413

00:25:56,020 --> 00:25:59,530

We this time, it was a few Jews.

414

00:25:59,530 --> 00:26:02,450

We made sabotage over there.

415

00:26:02,450 --> 00:26:04,640

The Kaserne is the--

416

00:26:04,640 --> 00:26:05,710

Well, it's military.

417

00:26:05,710 --> 00:26:07,420
The military headquarters?

418
00:26:07,420 --> 00:26:09,230
Like here, Fort Dix.

419
00:26:09,230 --> 00:26:10,390
OK.

420
00:26:10,390 --> 00:26:11,650
How you call this?

421
00:26:11,650 --> 00:26:12,910
Military camp.

422
00:26:12,910 --> 00:26:13,960
Military camp.

423
00:26:13,960 --> 00:26:16,420
That's it.

424
00:26:16,420 --> 00:26:22,000
What we can do to
damage them, we did.

425
00:26:22,000 --> 00:26:25,070

426
00:26:25,070 --> 00:26:33,770
I remember we transferred
bandages for the hospital.

427
00:26:33,770 --> 00:26:41,460
We put in the middle
that something

428
00:26:41,460 --> 00:26:46,350
for the horses, what we find.

429
00:26:46,350 --> 00:26:49,130
so that they cannot --

430

00:26:49,130 --> 00:26:53,580

This was not a big
damage for them.

431

00:26:53,580 --> 00:27:01,610

But --

432

00:27:01,610 --> 00:27:03,920

433

00:27:03,920 --> 00:27:07,830

Sometimes, they beat us.

434

00:27:07,830 --> 00:27:13,200

This belonged to which place we
came to work by the military.

435

00:27:13,200 --> 00:27:15,600

Sometimes, they beat us.

436

00:27:15,600 --> 00:27:20,790

And sometimes, it was that
some people come no back

437

00:27:20,790 --> 00:27:22,395

from the work also.

438

00:27:22,395 --> 00:27:29,830

439

00:27:29,830 --> 00:27:35,680

In this time, they divided
us from our parents.

440

00:27:35,680 --> 00:27:41,830

The towns where my parents lived
and the parents for my wife,

441

00:27:41,830 --> 00:27:50,080

the family for my wife, they
add this to the Third Reich

442
00:27:50,080 --> 00:27:51,400
to Germany.

443
00:27:51,400 --> 00:27:54,460
That means that over
there was German.

444
00:27:54,460 --> 00:27:57,850
Bedzin they call Bendsburg.

445
00:27:57,850 --> 00:28:05,690
And Zawierce for my
wife, Warthenau This

446
00:28:05,690 --> 00:28:10,655
was not possible to have
communication like before.

447
00:28:10,655 --> 00:28:21,600

448
00:28:21,600 --> 00:28:25,350
Yes, the Germans gave
an order that they

449
00:28:25,350 --> 00:28:33,480
have to wear bands with the
Star of David, every Jew.

450
00:28:33,480 --> 00:28:37,770
It was who will not have
the band, they will shoot.

451
00:28:37,770 --> 00:28:39,420
Do you remember
what date that was?

452
00:28:39,420 --> 00:28:42,390
I don't remember this.

453
00:28:42,390 --> 00:28:44,310
But this was in the

beginning some--

454

00:28:44,310 --> 00:28:56,490

455

00:28:56,490 --> 00:29:00,780

In this time, on the
street where we lived,

456

00:29:00,780 --> 00:29:08,190

was many Jews from Germany,
what they come in 1938.

457

00:29:08,190 --> 00:29:11,100

They come to us,
their neighbors.

458

00:29:11,100 --> 00:29:16,500

They said to us, Mr.
Grynwald, you are with Well --

459

00:29:16,500 --> 00:29:19,770

You have a nice apartment.

460

00:29:19,770 --> 00:29:22,290

Here is a couple.

461

00:29:22,290 --> 00:29:28,655

This couple was going
to Russia in this time

462

00:29:28,655 --> 00:29:33,750

because Poland was divided
between Russia and Germany.

463

00:29:33,750 --> 00:29:34,350

Right.

464

00:29:34,350 --> 00:29:36,000

And they catch them.

465

00:29:36,000 --> 00:29:37,530

And the Germans catch them.

466

00:29:37,530 --> 00:29:40,870

And they sent him back.

467

00:29:40,870 --> 00:29:44,490

So they come back to Kraków.

468

00:29:44,490 --> 00:29:46,560

They were from Oberschlesien.

469

00:29:46,560 --> 00:29:50,910

But they cannot go back
because this was a new border.

470

00:29:50,910 --> 00:29:52,290

And they come.

471

00:29:52,290 --> 00:29:56,370

The neighbors take
this couple in.

472

00:29:56,370 --> 00:29:59,030

We took them in.

473

00:29:59,030 --> 00:30:04,500

We gave them a room.

474

00:30:04,500 --> 00:30:07,170

We live very nice people.

475

00:30:07,170 --> 00:30:13,770

476

00:30:13,770 --> 00:30:17,340

I work in my factory.

477

00:30:17,340 --> 00:30:23,220

This man become a
gardener by the Gestapo.

478

00:30:23,220 --> 00:30:26,680

And he worked by the
Gestapo like a gardener.

479

00:30:26,680 --> 00:30:30,360

480

00:30:30,360 --> 00:30:35,640

In 1940, they come an order
oh, there's too much Jews are

481

00:30:35,640 --> 00:30:37,470

in Krak³w--

482

00:30:37,470 --> 00:30:38,490

this was in this time.

483

00:30:38,490 --> 00:30:41,430

484

00:30:41,430 --> 00:30:49,630

84,000 and still was coming from
other, from the Third Reich,

485

00:30:49,630 --> 00:30:52,800

they pushed out Jews to Krak³w.

486

00:30:52,800 --> 00:30:54,240

The Germans come, too much Jews.

487

00:30:54,240 --> 00:31:01,390

We have to transport
them to the east.

488

00:31:01,390 --> 00:31:11,130

And I also get a paper to
come to this in this place,

489

00:31:11,130 --> 00:31:14,760

to go to the transport.

490

00:31:14,760 --> 00:31:16,530

You yourself, not
you and your wife?

491
00:31:16,530 --> 00:31:18,060
No, this me and my wife too.

492
00:31:18,060 --> 00:31:18,960
And your wife also.

493
00:31:18,960 --> 00:31:19,460
Yes.

494
00:31:19,460 --> 00:31:23,550

495
00:31:23,550 --> 00:31:29,145
My wife went to the
Chamber of Commerce.

496
00:31:29,145 --> 00:31:32,700

497
00:31:32,700 --> 00:31:34,560
This was a whole
history with her,

498
00:31:34,560 --> 00:31:41,850
they catch her that she hid
the band from the star of David

499
00:31:41,850 --> 00:31:47,340
because it's not allowed
to go over there Jews.

500
00:31:47,340 --> 00:31:51,720
And this chamber of commerce
where I was a registered

501
00:31:51,720 --> 00:31:53,310
because I had a factory--

502
00:31:53,310 --> 00:31:56,610

there was my name over there,
not the name for the factory.

503
00:31:56,610 --> 00:32:00,520

504
00:32:00,520 --> 00:32:05,800
They said, did you
have a commissaire?

505
00:32:05,800 --> 00:32:11,530
You know, the Germans, they
took over every factory

506
00:32:11,530 --> 00:32:13,900
was belong to Jews.

507
00:32:13,900 --> 00:32:17,650
They called this the
[NON-ENGLISH SPEECH]..

508
00:32:17,650 --> 00:32:20,350
I don't know what
in English I can--

509
00:32:20,350 --> 00:32:28,810
this is the headquarters
for all Jewish industry,

510
00:32:28,810 --> 00:32:33,220
all Jewish stores, big stores.

511
00:32:33,220 --> 00:32:36,790
My wife had no.

512
00:32:36,790 --> 00:32:41,710
You have to have a
commissaire, a German,

513
00:32:41,710 --> 00:32:49,420
then we give you the permit
to live here in Kraków.

514

00:32:49,420 --> 00:32:54,220

515

00:32:54,220 --> 00:33:00,640

They give us a commissaire,
a German, Mr. [? Ertel ?]

516

00:33:00,640 --> 00:33:02,720

from Wien, Vienna.

517

00:33:02,720 --> 00:33:06,210

518

00:33:06,210 --> 00:33:18,420

And one time, he came to me,
to my house, in the morning.

519

00:33:18,420 --> 00:33:20,220

He said before, I be --

520

00:33:20,220 --> 00:33:21,150

I will come.

521

00:33:21,150 --> 00:33:32,281

He came and took me to the
headquarters from the, I --

522

00:33:32,281 --> 00:33:37,430

523

00:33:37,430 --> 00:33:41,470

Arbeit -- This is like--

524

00:33:41,470 --> 00:33:42,610

The work--

525

00:33:42,610 --> 00:33:43,605

Labor--

526

00:33:43,605 --> 00:33:44,320

Labor force.

527
00:33:44,320 --> 00:33:45,350
Department of--

528
00:33:45,350 --> 00:33:46,090
Of Labor.

529
00:33:46,090 --> 00:33:49,120
The Department of Labor.

530
00:33:49,120 --> 00:33:58,030
Over there, it was forbidden
for me to go with a car.

531
00:33:58,030 --> 00:34:03,580
And this was in the German
section from the town.

532
00:34:03,580 --> 00:34:05,890
He said to me, you
sit in the car.

533
00:34:05,890 --> 00:34:08,560
He went out and looked.

534
00:34:08,560 --> 00:34:10,030
This was in the morning--

535
00:34:10,030 --> 00:34:12,250
8 o'clock.

536
00:34:12,250 --> 00:34:14,020
They started to work 8 o'clock.

537
00:34:14,020 --> 00:34:16,389
This was before 8:00.

538
00:34:16,389 --> 00:34:18,250
And then he opened the door.

539
00:34:18,250 --> 00:34:20,469

He said, [INAUDIBLE].

540
00:34:20,469 --> 00:34:23,350
Right away, in.

541
00:34:23,350 --> 00:34:27,772
Because on the sidewalk
can be caught somebody

542
00:34:27,772 --> 00:34:28,480
from [INAUDIBLE].

543
00:34:28,480 --> 00:34:35,560
Over there, only police,
military men, only Germans.

544
00:34:35,560 --> 00:34:36,819
He went me to the office.

545
00:34:36,819 --> 00:34:39,790

546
00:34:39,790 --> 00:34:42,370
And he gave my papers.

547
00:34:42,370 --> 00:34:46,540
I had the diploma from
the German school,

548
00:34:46,540 --> 00:34:48,250
technical school.

549
00:34:48,250 --> 00:34:50,920
I had from the factory
what I practices.

550
00:34:50,920 --> 00:34:54,550

551
00:34:54,550 --> 00:34:59,240
And I was staying.

552

00:34:59,240 --> 00:35:04,110

And the man, I
remember his name,

553

00:35:04,110 --> 00:35:08,790

what was the head from
this Labor Department--

554

00:35:08,790 --> 00:35:10,910

[Personal name]

555

00:35:10,910 --> 00:35:14,720

He said, look, to
the other people.

556

00:35:14,720 --> 00:35:21,420

Look-- a Jew is the wire doing.

557

00:35:21,420 --> 00:35:26,065

A Jew, wire fence, wire weaving.

558

00:35:26,065 --> 00:35:30,260

559

00:35:30,260 --> 00:35:31,700

This was not a Jewish--

560

00:35:31,700 --> 00:35:33,050

It was an unusual occupation.

561

00:35:33,050 --> 00:35:35,090

Occupation for Jews.

562

00:35:35,090 --> 00:35:40,940

But I was for this because my
father has this, and I too.

563

00:35:40,940 --> 00:35:47,780

He said, he is the one in
the whole general government.

564

00:35:47,780 --> 00:35:52,530
One Jew from this profession.

565
00:35:52,530 --> 00:35:59,300
And he right away give me the
permission that I can live here

566
00:35:59,300 --> 00:36:01,160
in Kraków.

567
00:36:01,160 --> 00:36:03,735
And I can work in the factory.

568
00:36:03,735 --> 00:36:07,250

569
00:36:07,250 --> 00:36:17,790
This was 1940.

570
00:36:17,790 --> 00:36:31,940
1941, and there was a
ghetto come to life.

571
00:36:31,940 --> 00:36:40,490
I get from the Judenrat--

572
00:36:40,490 --> 00:36:42,470
I show them that I'm working.

573
00:36:42,470 --> 00:36:48,980
I have the permit to be here
from the Labor Department.

574
00:36:48,980 --> 00:36:51,200
And I am working.

575
00:36:51,200 --> 00:36:55,340
They give me in two
rooms three families.

576
00:36:55,340 --> 00:36:59,270

577
00:36:59,270 --> 00:37:00,470
Which ghetto was this?

578
00:37:00,470 --> 00:37:02,150
Krak³w.

579
00:37:02,150 --> 00:37:02,750
Ghetto Krak³w.

580
00:37:02,750 --> 00:37:15,880

581
00:37:15,880 --> 00:37:18,580
Their man what was
living, this couple,

582
00:37:18,580 --> 00:37:25,030
with me, he was
privileged because he

583
00:37:25,030 --> 00:37:28,570
worked by the Gestapo
like a guard there.

584
00:37:28,570 --> 00:37:34,630
And the Gestapo worker
has a special house.

585
00:37:34,630 --> 00:37:37,270
All people were to
work by the Gestapo--

586
00:37:37,270 --> 00:37:45,550
the tailors, the shoemakers,
the furriers, carpenters,

587
00:37:45,550 --> 00:37:48,040
mechanics, and so on.

588
00:37:48,040 --> 00:37:52,930
And he got two rooms,

he and his wife.

589

00:37:52,930 --> 00:37:56,020

Then, he said to
me, Mr. Grynwald,

590

00:37:56,020 --> 00:38:05,230

I was living by you for
1940 near a year by you.

591

00:38:05,230 --> 00:38:06,070

Over a year.

592

00:38:06,070 --> 00:38:08,080

Over a year.

593

00:38:08,080 --> 00:38:12,610

Some 14 months.

594

00:38:12,610 --> 00:38:17,650

Now, when you want,
you can live with us.

595

00:38:17,650 --> 00:38:19,990

And you have a choice
what you want--

596

00:38:19,990 --> 00:38:21,780

the kitchen or the room.

597

00:38:21,780 --> 00:38:24,790

598

00:38:24,790 --> 00:38:29,410

We shared this
two-room apartment.

599

00:38:29,410 --> 00:38:32,400

We was living over there.

600

00:38:32,400 --> 00:38:34,150

How many people were

living in the ghetto.

601

00:38:34,150 --> 00:38:34,780

Do you know?

602

00:38:34,780 --> 00:38:36,920

In the ghetto?

603

00:38:36,920 --> 00:38:42,250

I think in the

beginning, it was like--

604

00:38:42,250 --> 00:38:43,870

exactly, I cannot tell you.

605

00:38:43,870 --> 00:38:47,140

But I think 10,000.

606

00:38:47,140 --> 00:38:49,240

12,000, maybe.

607

00:38:49,240 --> 00:38:50,235

How big was the ghetto?

608

00:38:50,235 --> 00:38:53,560

609

00:38:53,560 --> 00:38:54,520

What I can tell you?

610

00:38:54,520 --> 00:38:59,320

I don't have the measure from
the kilometers, the miles,

611

00:38:59,320 --> 00:39:01,300

the miles squared or something.

612

00:39:01,300 --> 00:39:03,280

But 10,000 people were
concentrated in a--

613

00:39:03,280 --> 00:39:04,600
But I have the plan.

614
00:39:04,600 --> 00:39:08,900
I have the plan from the ghetto
in the book what I show you.

615
00:39:08,900 --> 00:39:10,680
This--

616
00:39:10,680 --> 00:39:13,470
10,000 people were concentrated
in very small areas.

617
00:39:13,470 --> 00:39:15,500
Yeah, we were squeezed.

618
00:39:15,500 --> 00:39:24,120

619
00:39:24,120 --> 00:39:32,790
And the ghetto started
there March 20, '41.

620
00:39:32,790 --> 00:39:44,730

621
00:39:44,730 --> 00:39:50,820
The head, I must say to
you, from the Judenrat,

622
00:39:50,820 --> 00:39:55,620
was Professor Biberstein.

623
00:39:55,620 --> 00:40:01,680
He was a professor in the
Jewish gymnasium, high school.

624
00:40:01,680 --> 00:40:07,950
But he was not for the Germans.

625
00:40:07,950 --> 00:40:11,340

He was chairman
from the Judenrat.

626
00:40:11,340 --> 00:40:13,860
But for the Jews,
he was working.

627
00:40:13,860 --> 00:40:17,640
He refused them.

628
00:40:17,640 --> 00:40:19,440
Then, they took him.

629
00:40:19,440 --> 00:40:22,530
And they give him in the prison.

630
00:40:22,530 --> 00:40:25,220
And they finished him.

631
00:40:25,220 --> 00:40:30,630
And they nominate another
head from the Judenrat,

632
00:40:30,630 --> 00:40:33,390
Dr. Rosenzweig.

633
00:40:33,390 --> 00:40:36,030
I don't know the name.

634
00:40:36,030 --> 00:40:40,350
But he was also a fine man.

635
00:40:40,350 --> 00:40:47,730
And finally, they give
him the transport.

636
00:40:47,730 --> 00:40:50,190
Intelligent people
for them was not good.

637
00:40:50,190 --> 00:40:52,740

638
00:40:52,740 --> 00:41:00,390
Then in 1943-- that was in 1942.

639
00:41:00,390 --> 00:41:04,640
I only give you about the
chairmen from the Judenrat.

640
00:41:04,640 --> 00:41:14,220
They give chairman from the
Judenrat a man not intelligent,

641
00:41:14,220 --> 00:41:15,060
nothing.

642
00:41:15,060 --> 00:41:21,720
And this was good
for them because he

643
00:41:21,720 --> 00:41:26,640
listened to the orders
more for the Germans

644
00:41:26,640 --> 00:41:29,340
than for the Jewish people.

645
00:41:29,340 --> 00:41:36,180
I only knew about the different
from Professor Biberstein,

646
00:41:36,180 --> 00:41:38,790
from Dr. Rosenzweig--

647
00:41:38,790 --> 00:41:39,610
I don't remember.

648
00:41:39,610 --> 00:41:41,820
Dr. Rosenzweig,
and the third was

649
00:41:41,820 --> 00:41:47,830
Gutter that was from these

Jews what was coming 1928

650
00:41:47,830 --> 00:41:50,910
from Germany, he was.

651
00:41:50,910 --> 00:41:55,950

652
00:41:55,950 --> 00:42:05,340
And 27th of December
1941, there was an order

653
00:42:05,340 --> 00:42:12,840
to give all fur coats
everything, gloves, hats,

654
00:42:12,840 --> 00:42:17,520
for the German army.

655
00:42:17,520 --> 00:42:21,720
And the Judenrat
has to collect it.

656
00:42:21,720 --> 00:42:27,390
And who will not give,
right away, death.

657
00:42:27,390 --> 00:42:29,790
Everything was
right away to shot.

658
00:42:29,790 --> 00:42:34,190

659
00:42:34,190 --> 00:42:40,940
Many people, they
burned their things.

660
00:42:40,940 --> 00:42:42,110
Many people.

661
00:42:42,110 --> 00:42:48,770

But they was wrong because
we could see in the chimneys.

662
00:42:48,770 --> 00:42:52,040
This is going.

663
00:42:52,040 --> 00:42:56,210
the camp people said, don't do
this because they are looking,

664
00:42:56,210 --> 00:42:56,750
the Germans.

665
00:42:56,750 --> 00:43:02,780

666
00:43:02,780 --> 00:43:04,970
I We give up the fur,
i give up my fur coat.

667
00:43:04,970 --> 00:43:08,540
My wife give up the
fur coat, everything.

668
00:43:08,540 --> 00:43:18,570

669
00:43:18,570 --> 00:43:21,840
I still was going out.

670
00:43:21,840 --> 00:43:28,290
I had a permit from this Arbeit,
from the Labor Department,

671
00:43:28,290 --> 00:43:31,290
to go out to the factory.

672
00:43:31,290 --> 00:43:33,990
In the evening, I come back.

673
00:43:33,990 --> 00:43:39,090
And when I was over

there, I can buy me food.

674

00:43:39,090 --> 00:43:40,770

And I bring me in this ghetto.

675

00:43:40,770 --> 00:43:44,970

676

00:43:44,970 --> 00:43:49,560

I had family in Warsaw.

677

00:43:49,560 --> 00:43:53,400

My father was born in Warsaw.

678

00:43:53,400 --> 00:43:56,810

He has, over there, a
brother, a sister, uncles.

679

00:43:56,810 --> 00:44:01,140

680

00:44:01,140 --> 00:44:13,310

My mother write me that
uncle [Levin and the tante

681

00:44:13,310 --> 00:44:18,140

is in Warsaw, in
ghetto over there.

682

00:44:18,140 --> 00:44:21,990

It was 1941.

683

00:44:21,990 --> 00:44:29,570

And you can do something because
there wasn't a Third Reich

684

00:44:29,570 --> 00:44:31,490

Germany.

685

00:44:31,490 --> 00:44:36,740

But I was in Poland.

686

00:44:36,740 --> 00:44:38,690

I can send.

687

00:44:38,690 --> 00:44:40,430

But a Jew cannot send.

688

00:44:40,430 --> 00:44:43,740

I took my worker
from the factory.

689

00:44:43,740 --> 00:44:44,930

And he sent this.

690

00:44:44,930 --> 00:44:46,850

He went in the post office.

691

00:44:46,850 --> 00:44:51,140

He sent that package
to the ghetto.

692

00:44:51,140 --> 00:44:53,120

You can send five kilo.

693

00:44:53,120 --> 00:44:56,420

694

00:44:56,420 --> 00:44:58,580

What you want, only five kilos.

695

00:44:58,580 --> 00:45:10,010

I sent my wife's
melt fat in a bottle.

696

00:45:10,010 --> 00:45:18,440

I sent a kilo of flour.

697

00:45:18,440 --> 00:45:22,900

This a kilo, this a kilo,
kasha and other things.

698

00:45:22,900 --> 00:45:30,780

699

00:45:30,780 --> 00:45:36,490

One time, I bought by a peasant.

700

00:45:36,490 --> 00:45:40,510

Outside when I went
to the factory.

701

00:45:40,510 --> 00:45:42,310

Over there, I came.

702

00:45:42,310 --> 00:45:45,560

I bought a bottle of honey.

703

00:45:45,560 --> 00:45:47,100

That was something--

704

00:45:47,100 --> 00:45:47,600

Special.

705

00:45:47,600 --> 00:45:49,420

--extra.

706

00:45:49,420 --> 00:45:58,960

And we said, we will send
this to our uncle Levin.

707

00:45:58,960 --> 00:46:08,510

We get back a letter
from the tante.

708

00:46:08,510 --> 00:46:10,175

Every time, the
tante was writing.

709

00:46:10,175 --> 00:46:12,740

710

00:46:12,740 --> 00:46:16,610

And the uncle was
writing in Hebrew.

711
00:46:16,610 --> 00:46:22,270

712
00:46:22,270 --> 00:46:29,580
And my wife was the secretary.

713
00:46:29,580 --> 00:46:35,020
She was writing to our
home, to her family.

714
00:46:35,020 --> 00:46:39,780
And she write that she get
a letter from the tante

715
00:46:39,780 --> 00:46:43,620
that from the whole
packages what you sent,

716
00:46:43,620 --> 00:46:50,370
butter, schmaltz,
fat, and other things,

717
00:46:50,370 --> 00:46:56,520
the [INAUDIBLE] is not eating
from this because it's not

718
00:46:56,520 --> 00:46:58,380
maybe kosher.

719
00:46:58,380 --> 00:47:00,510
But the honey was kosher.

720
00:47:00,510 --> 00:47:02,010
This is not special.

721
00:47:02,010 --> 00:47:07,200

722
00:47:07,200 --> 00:47:10,800
Thank you for this because
I only keep this for him.

723
00:47:10,800 --> 00:47:17,310

724
00:47:17,310 --> 00:47:18,300
She write this.

725
00:47:18,300 --> 00:47:20,430
My father answered her.

726
00:47:20,430 --> 00:47:22,890
You know what you have?

727
00:47:22,890 --> 00:47:29,430
A [INAUDIBLE] that uncle
Levin write to you a letter.

728
00:47:29,430 --> 00:47:31,150
Keep this letter.

729
00:47:31,150 --> 00:47:34,080
And she keep this
till Auschwitz.

730
00:47:34,080 --> 00:47:36,870
Till 1944, she keep this letter.

731
00:47:36,870 --> 00:47:40,830
In Auschwitz, they
took off everything.

732
00:47:40,830 --> 00:47:43,710

733
00:47:43,710 --> 00:47:49,710
1941, I must say
who was that uncle.

734
00:47:49,710 --> 00:48:01,830
1941, when we wasn't still in
the ghetto, before the ghetto--

735

00:48:01,830 --> 00:48:03,840

1940 this was.

736

00:48:03,840 --> 00:48:06,300

1940.

737

00:48:06,300 --> 00:48:07,860

They get a Rabbi.

738

00:48:07,860 --> 00:48:09,850

You hear about him.

739

00:48:09,850 --> 00:48:12,030

He was in Krak³w.

740

00:48:12,030 --> 00:48:13,440

He was from Warsaw.

741

00:48:13,440 --> 00:48:15,870

He was coming to Krak³w.

742

00:48:15,870 --> 00:48:18,150

And even Krak³w, he was going--

743

00:48:18,150 --> 00:48:22,590

the Gestapo took him
to Italy and from Italy

744

00:48:22,590 --> 00:48:23,880

to Israel in war time.

745

00:48:23,880 --> 00:48:26,580

746

00:48:26,580 --> 00:48:29,220

He has the right to
take with him 10 people.

747

00:48:29,220 --> 00:48:31,780

748

00:48:31,780 --> 00:48:34,935

One from the choices--

749

00:48:34,935 --> 00:48:36,230

Was your uncle.

750

00:48:36,230 --> 00:48:38,070

--was my uncle.

751

00:48:38,070 --> 00:48:39,820

Why did the Gestapo

let him go to--

752

00:48:39,820 --> 00:48:41,130

I tell you.

753

00:48:41,130 --> 00:48:43,830

I tell you.

754

00:48:43,830 --> 00:48:49,950

The uncle, they call

him the in the ghetto --

755

00:48:49,950 --> 00:48:50,880

[INAUDIBLE]?

756

00:48:50,880 --> 00:48:58,380

The [INAUDIBLE],, the prime

minister from the [INAUDIBLE]..

757

00:48:58,380 --> 00:49:02,460

He was related with the Rabbi.

758

00:49:02,460 --> 00:49:08,520

His brother was a brother-in-law

from ghetto rabbi.

759

00:49:08,520 --> 00:49:09,120

His brother.

760

00:49:09,120 --> 00:49:12,770

761
00:49:12,770 --> 00:49:15,890
But he refused to
go with the Rabbi.

762
00:49:15,890 --> 00:49:18,710
He will stay with his
wife and children.

763
00:49:18,710 --> 00:49:19,655
He has nine children.

764
00:49:19,655 --> 00:49:22,180

765
00:49:22,180 --> 00:49:25,000
He chose to stay in
the Warsaw ghetto

766
00:49:25,000 --> 00:49:28,480
with them, with the
wife and children.

767
00:49:28,480 --> 00:49:38,830
And his place went
[personal name] Levin,

768
00:49:38,830 --> 00:49:47,850
his nephew, a nephew from him,
[Personal name] Levin left his

769
00:49:47,850 --> 00:49:49,050
wife and two kids.

770
00:49:49,050 --> 00:49:52,660

771
00:49:52,660 --> 00:49:56,070
He went with the Rabbi.

772
00:49:56,070 --> 00:49:58,390

Did the Rabbi take
his own family?

773
00:49:58,390 --> 00:50:02,430
Yeah, own family.

774
00:50:02,430 --> 00:50:06,820
This cost a lot of money.

775
00:50:06,820 --> 00:50:11,300
This meant the agency
from the Agudat Yisrael

776
00:50:11,300 --> 00:50:20,410
in London, in Switzerland,
they made this business

777
00:50:20,410 --> 00:50:21,640
with the Gestapo.

778
00:50:21,640 --> 00:50:25,320
They paid a lot of money
for them, for the Rabbi wiht

779
00:50:25,320 --> 00:50:26,028
this [INAUDIBLE].

780
00:50:26,028 --> 00:50:28,660

781
00:50:28,660 --> 00:50:31,660
I give you a story.

782
00:50:31,660 --> 00:50:38,890
[Personal name] Levin, when
he come in the other side,

783
00:50:38,890 --> 00:50:45,340
he sent papers for his wife
and kids to take them out,

784
00:50:45,340 --> 00:50:54,730

that they are citizens for
some other [INAUDIBLE] country.

785
00:50:54,730 --> 00:50:58,190
But she wasn't.

786
00:50:58,190 --> 00:51:01,780
She was taken to
Treblinka this time.

787
00:51:01,780 --> 00:51:03,536
And she lived.

788
00:51:03,536 --> 00:51:07,930

789
00:51:07,930 --> 00:51:14,080
For my uncle, the
uncle, the tante

790
00:51:14,080 --> 00:51:19,450
and the nine kids what he
has, only two daughters

791
00:51:19,450 --> 00:51:20,830
saved after the war.

792
00:51:20,830 --> 00:51:24,000

793
00:51:24,000 --> 00:51:34,000
One was running away from
Warsaw Ghetto to Bedzin,

794
00:51:34,000 --> 00:51:38,160
where her sister, older
sister, was living.

795
00:51:38,160 --> 00:51:40,230
And they went to Auschwitz.

796
00:51:40,230 --> 00:51:44,070

She was a nurse in the
hospital in Auschwitz.

797
00:51:44,070 --> 00:51:48,330
And she saved her sister.

798
00:51:48,330 --> 00:51:50,070
She hid her.

799
00:51:50,070 --> 00:51:58,290
After the war, they
went from Auschwitz.

800
00:51:58,290 --> 00:52:01,470
The Russians took
them because they

801
00:52:01,470 --> 00:52:03,720
said that they are from France.

802
00:52:03,720 --> 00:52:10,730
Then, the Russians took them to
Russia, to Ukraine, to Odessa,

803
00:52:10,730 --> 00:52:13,500
and over there, with
a boat, to Marseilles.

804
00:52:13,500 --> 00:52:17,180

805
00:52:17,180 --> 00:52:19,030
Then, they was
coming to Marseilles,

806
00:52:19,030 --> 00:52:23,140
the two sisters, Levin.

807
00:52:23,140 --> 00:52:24,970
They went to the
Jewish Committee.

808

00:52:24,970 --> 00:52:30,070

And they said, we
are here, our name.

809

00:52:30,070 --> 00:52:37,760

Give to Meir [INAUDIBLE] Levin.

810

00:52:37,760 --> 00:52:39,350

You hear about him?

811

00:52:39,350 --> 00:52:40,580

He was minister.

812

00:52:40,580 --> 00:52:43,520

[INAUDIBLE] and the independence
declaration from Israel,

813

00:52:43,520 --> 00:52:46,910

he signed it, that we are here.

814

00:52:46,910 --> 00:52:49,610

815

00:52:49,610 --> 00:52:53,690

Then come back right
away to the committee.

816

00:52:53,690 --> 00:52:57,650

Give them what they
needed because they

817

00:52:57,650 --> 00:53:02,540

were in their stripes still.

818

00:53:02,540 --> 00:53:03,840

Giving them what they needed.

819

00:53:03,840 --> 00:53:05,960

I will give you back.

820

00:53:05,960 --> 00:53:08,510

821
00:53:08,510 --> 00:53:16,270
The oldest one, the
sister, married a cousin,

822
00:53:16,270 --> 00:53:17,380
[Personal name] Levin.

823
00:53:17,380 --> 00:53:20,020

824
00:53:20,020 --> 00:53:21,925
He replaced her father.

825
00:53:21,925 --> 00:53:25,140

826
00:53:25,140 --> 00:53:28,920
She moved to Israel.

827
00:53:28,920 --> 00:53:32,670
No, [Personal name] Levin
died maybe four or five years

828
00:53:32,670 --> 00:53:35,890
ago in Israel.

829
00:53:35,890 --> 00:53:38,720
This is one.

830
00:53:38,720 --> 00:53:41,985
The other sister
was living in Paris.

831
00:53:41,985 --> 00:53:47,280

832
00:53:47,280 --> 00:53:52,020
This was 1940, he
went to Israel.

833

00:53:52,020 --> 00:54:05,910
1941, my wife smuggled to her--
she went to see her mother.

834
00:54:05,910 --> 00:54:08,010
She made it to the borders.

835
00:54:08,010 --> 00:54:10,110
She risked her life.

836
00:54:10,110 --> 00:54:12,210
And she came back 1941.

837
00:54:12,210 --> 00:54:14,250
That was the one time
she went out of the--

838
00:54:14,250 --> 00:54:14,500
Yes.

839
00:54:14,500 --> 00:54:15,333
--out of the ghetto.

840
00:54:15,333 --> 00:54:16,890
Yes, she came back.

841
00:54:16,890 --> 00:54:21,010

842
00:54:21,010 --> 00:54:34,080
1942, the life in the ghetto
between the Jews was good.

843
00:54:34,080 --> 00:54:39,390
But outside, we feel in every--

844
00:54:39,390 --> 00:54:43,580

845
00:54:43,580 --> 00:54:45,380
I was going to the factory.

846

00:54:45,380 --> 00:54:48,290

847

00:54:48,290 --> 00:54:53,540

The Poles knew the Jews.

848

00:54:53,540 --> 00:54:59,040

849

00:54:59,040 --> 00:55:10,650

In June 1942, on the 3rd of
June, the 3rd of June 1942,

850

00:55:10,650 --> 00:55:14,160

they closed the ghetto.

851

00:55:14,160 --> 00:55:19,980

Military, police,
SS, everything.

852

00:55:19,980 --> 00:55:21,540

And they made a selection.

853

00:55:21,540 --> 00:55:27,920

854

00:55:27,920 --> 00:55:33,230

We have to bring our permit what
I was going out from the ghetto

855

00:55:33,230 --> 00:55:34,370

to the factory.

856

00:55:34,370 --> 00:55:38,600

Everybody has to
bring this permit.

857

00:55:38,600 --> 00:55:40,760

When they give the
stamp, then it's good.

858

00:55:40,760 --> 00:55:44,630
No, they took away.

859
00:55:44,630 --> 00:55:49,080
And they collect the
people in a place.

860
00:55:49,080 --> 00:55:51,730
This was around with military.

861
00:55:51,730 --> 00:55:54,350

862
00:55:54,350 --> 00:55:57,560
I went over there.

863
00:55:57,560 --> 00:56:00,530
And I showed them the papers.

864
00:56:00,530 --> 00:56:01,490
This was good.

865
00:56:01,490 --> 00:56:04,160
I had German papers.

866
00:56:04,160 --> 00:56:08,750
And they said that
this is not false

867
00:56:08,750 --> 00:56:16,110
because this was
from 1922, 1923.

868
00:56:16,110 --> 00:56:19,430
He gave me the stamp.

869
00:56:19,430 --> 00:56:27,230
And I was permitted
to be in the ghetto.

870
00:56:27,230 --> 00:56:35,340
In this day, they took

6,000 Jews to the railroad.

871

00:56:35,340 --> 00:56:38,870

And they sent them away.

872

00:56:38,870 --> 00:56:42,980

They said, in this time,
they'd sent to the east

873

00:56:42,980 --> 00:56:51,860

under Ukraine to work under
the front for the army.

874

00:56:51,860 --> 00:56:54,050

Nobody knows what this is.

875

00:56:54,050 --> 00:56:55,910

Men and women or just men?

876

00:56:55,910 --> 00:56:57,140

Men and women.

877

00:56:57,140 --> 00:56:58,190

Men and women.

878

00:56:58,190 --> 00:57:05,750

879

00:57:05,750 --> 00:57:08,300

Where do you think those
6,000 people were sent?

880

00:57:08,300 --> 00:57:08,930

Please?

881

00:57:08,930 --> 00:57:12,560

Where do you think those
6,000 people were sent?

882

00:57:12,560 --> 00:57:14,300

I'll tell you after.

883

00:57:14,300 --> 00:57:17,150

You will hear the story.

884

00:57:17,150 --> 00:57:18,230

I will tell you.

885

00:57:18,230 --> 00:57:32,440

886

00:57:32,440 --> 00:57:36,940

After this selection,
after this in June,

887

00:57:36,940 --> 00:57:42,390

they cut the ghetto smaller.

888

00:57:42,390 --> 00:57:49,890

The street what I was living
with the German couple.

889

00:57:49,890 --> 00:57:52,185

They moved this
couple in other house.

890

00:57:52,185 --> 00:57:55,150

891

00:57:55,150 --> 00:58:01,590

And I must go in
the other apartment.

892

00:58:01,590 --> 00:58:05,310

Well, it was for two rooms.

893

00:58:05,310 --> 00:58:06,555

Again, rooms, three families.

894

00:58:06,555 --> 00:58:09,640

895

00:58:09,640 --> 00:58:12,400

It was no good.

896

00:58:12,400 --> 00:58:18,640

We have no room, a corner,
because the families

897

00:58:18,640 --> 00:58:21,460

was with youths.

898

00:58:21,460 --> 00:58:23,770

It was one family four persons.

899

00:58:23,770 --> 00:58:25,540

One family was three persons.

900

00:58:25,540 --> 00:58:27,070

We was only two.

901

00:58:27,070 --> 00:58:31,810

902

00:58:31,810 --> 00:58:42,860

In the ghetto, I made money,
in this time, in the factory.

903

00:58:42,860 --> 00:58:47,060

Everybody what has a
product, they made money.

904

00:58:47,060 --> 00:58:49,850

I sent money to home.

905

00:58:49,850 --> 00:58:52,430

I transferred money.

906

00:58:52,430 --> 00:58:54,080

I give you an example.

907

00:58:54,080 --> 00:59:03,770

I went, at that time, Saturday,
Sunday, was a Rabbi over there.

908

00:59:03,770 --> 00:59:07,760

He was the brother
for [INAUDIBLE] rabbi.

909

00:59:07,760 --> 00:59:10,460

And I went over there.

910

00:59:10,460 --> 00:59:16,910

And he has his
Hasidim in Bedzin,

911

00:59:16,910 --> 00:59:19,590

in [INAUDIBLE], over there.

912

00:59:19,590 --> 00:59:22,470

And they won't
give money for him.

913

00:59:22,470 --> 00:59:23,700

Then, I give them money.

914

00:59:23,700 --> 00:59:27,810

And they give back
this to my parents.

915

00:59:27,810 --> 00:59:29,430

My parents don't
needed the money.

916

00:59:29,430 --> 00:59:32,843

But I was here alone in Krak³w.

917

00:59:32,843 --> 00:59:33,510

We have my wife.

918

00:59:33,510 --> 00:59:35,980

It, for me, was better than --

919

00:59:35,980 --> 00:59:38,620

920

00:59:38,620 --> 00:59:45,340

I sent dental [INAUDIBLE]

I bought for the money

921

00:59:45,340 --> 00:59:48,250

because I was not

sure if I will live.

922

00:59:48,250 --> 00:59:51,550

this better than

this is in our house.

923

00:59:51,550 --> 00:59:55,690

Over there, I have brothers,

sisters younger than me.

924

00:59:55,690 --> 00:59:59,020

I was sure somebody will live.

925

00:59:59,020 --> 01:00:00,916

I sent over there.

926

01:00:00,916 --> 01:00:09,330

I sent to the family for my wife

also some jewelry, diamonds.

927

01:00:09,330 --> 01:00:12,820

928

01:00:12,820 --> 01:00:15,640

How were you able to send all

of this out of the ghetto?

929

01:00:15,640 --> 01:00:20,670

How able I was how to get --

930

01:00:20,670 --> 01:00:24,390

By my father was

working a Polish man.

931

01:00:24,390 --> 01:00:28,120

And he has a permit

to come to Kraków.

932

01:00:28,120 --> 01:00:32,190
He come to me, and he took this.

933

01:00:32,190 --> 01:00:34,360
By her family--

934

01:00:34,360 --> 01:00:35,110
Your wife's.

935

01:00:35,110 --> 01:00:41,200
Yes, it was the commissaire
on her brother's business.

936

01:00:41,200 --> 01:00:44,320
He came and took.

937

01:00:44,320 --> 01:00:49,270
And for me, was good because I
have nowhere for where to live.

938

01:00:49,270 --> 01:00:52,320

939

01:00:52,320 --> 01:00:56,760
My father was the factory.

940

01:00:56,760 --> 01:00:59,590
This was our house.

941

01:00:59,590 --> 01:01:03,630
He was living in our house.

942

01:01:03,630 --> 01:01:07,320
By her was also they have
a house, [INAUDIBLE]..

943

01:01:07,320 --> 01:01:11,550
They can keep this
someplace in the house.

944

01:01:11,550 --> 01:01:16,650
And I was in a rented apartment.

945
01:01:16,650 --> 01:01:22,210

946
01:01:22,210 --> 01:01:22,930
In 19--

947
01:01:22,930 --> 01:01:26,638

948
01:01:26,638 --> 01:01:28,180
I'm going to stop
you for one second.

949
01:01:28,180 --> 01:01:28,680
OK.

950
01:01:28,680 --> 01:01:30,120
They're changing the tape.

951
01:01:30,120 --> 01:01:32,610
Charlie, we just stop, OK?

952
01:01:32,610 --> 01:01:36,000