

1

00:00:00,000 --> 00:00:19,440

2

00:00:19,440 --> 00:00:20,540

They didn't bother me.

3

00:00:20,540 --> 00:00:25,520

They didn't ask me questions and  
we continued to be [INAUDIBLE]..

4

00:00:25,520 --> 00:00:35,080

And then when we worked  
in that factory, from--

5

00:00:35,080 --> 00:00:37,090

I told you we were  
making bulbs--

6

00:00:37,090 --> 00:00:39,850

there was one guy, Mr Hoffman.

7

00:00:39,850 --> 00:00:43,400

I don't know how I remember all  
those names, I have no idea.

8

00:00:43,400 --> 00:00:45,760

Because my memory's not so good.

9

00:00:45,760 --> 00:00:50,440

He-- you see what, Polish  
people don't talk German.

10

00:00:50,440 --> 00:00:53,360

And because we're Jewish people,  
we know Jewish, we know German.

11

00:00:53,360 --> 00:00:56,860

We don't, but you  
can talk German.

12

00:00:56,860 --> 00:00:59,900

You can manage,  
believe me, very well.

13  
00:00:59,900 --> 00:01:03,910  
And I was the one  
who volunteered

14  
00:01:03,910 --> 00:01:07,270  
that I'm going to be a  
translator from Polish

15  
00:01:07,270 --> 00:01:08,200  
to German.

16  
00:01:08,200 --> 00:01:12,670  
So I didn't have the  
jobs sitting in one place

17  
00:01:12,670 --> 00:01:14,080  
and making those bulbs.

18  
00:01:14,080 --> 00:01:16,718  
The inside, you  
have those wires.

19  
00:01:16,718 --> 00:01:17,260  
The filament.

20  
00:01:17,260 --> 00:01:19,390  
Yeah, and it's a  
whole procedure,

21  
00:01:19,390 --> 00:01:22,490  
from one table to  
another, very boring.

22  
00:01:22,490 --> 00:01:25,360  
And then you have to knit it  
together, they should stay.

23  
00:01:25,360 --> 00:01:30,580  
Anyhow, so I volunteered that  
I'm going to be the translator.

24  
00:01:30,580 --> 00:01:36,100  
And I was-- my job was taking  
from one place to another,

25  
00:01:36,100 --> 00:01:42,700  
be like, what do  
you call, messenger.

26  
00:01:42,700 --> 00:01:46,960  
And that was good for me because  
I could have possibility.

27  
00:01:46,960 --> 00:01:48,670  
I tell you there were meisters.

28  
00:01:48,670 --> 00:01:51,310  
You know what a meister  
is, the people that

29  
00:01:51,310 --> 00:01:53,248  
showed the people how to work.

30  
00:01:53,248 --> 00:01:54,040  
How do you call it?

31  
00:01:54,040 --> 00:01:54,540  
Masters.

32  
00:01:54,540 --> 00:01:55,330  
Masters, yeah.

33  
00:01:55,330 --> 00:01:55,930  
Foreman.

34  
00:01:55,930 --> 00:01:57,790  
Foreman, right.

35  
00:01:57,790 --> 00:02:01,420  
One was [? oberforman ?]  
and one was under him.

36

00:02:01,420 --> 00:02:05,890

That Hoffman, I think he was  
[? ober-- ?] [INAUDIBLE]..

37

00:02:05,890 --> 00:02:08,770

But there was one  
that was under him.

38

00:02:08,770 --> 00:02:11,140

And he was an elderly man.

39

00:02:11,140 --> 00:02:14,860

And he tried somehow to  
tell me between words,

40

00:02:14,860 --> 00:02:17,230

oh, it won't take long.

41

00:02:17,230 --> 00:02:20,420

I could hear-- like,  
he wouldn't talk to me,

42

00:02:20,420 --> 00:02:23,800

but he wanted I should be  
aware that he's talking like

43

00:02:23,800 --> 00:02:25,840

to himself, but he didn't.

44

00:02:25,840 --> 00:02:27,850

He wanted I should  
get the message.

45

00:02:27,850 --> 00:02:30,070

And from time to  
time I heard that.

46

00:02:30,070 --> 00:02:32,410

So I wouldn't tell  
the Polish people

47

00:02:32,410 --> 00:02:34,390

because I didn't care for them.

48

00:02:34,390 --> 00:02:37,570

I tell you the truth, in  
my heart I was Jewish.

49

00:02:37,570 --> 00:02:40,100

And I knew what they was to us.

50

00:02:40,100 --> 00:02:43,630

I didn't tell the  
message or anything.

51

00:02:43,630 --> 00:02:47,440

But that Mr Hoffman,  
he was kind to me.

52

00:02:47,440 --> 00:02:52,550

He really was kind, by he  
didn't like me work hard.

53

00:02:52,550 --> 00:02:54,070

I don't know why  
he was kind to me.

54

00:02:54,070 --> 00:02:56,350

Because I knew the language?

55

00:02:56,350 --> 00:02:57,040

I don't care.

56

00:02:57,040 --> 00:02:58,210

He was kind.

57

00:02:58,210 --> 00:03:02,810

And he really tried to let  
me have those easy jobs.

58

00:03:02,810 --> 00:03:06,160

Go here, go there,  
I didn't work hard.

59

00:03:06,160 --> 00:03:09,760  
And then, until liberation.

60  
00:03:09,760 --> 00:03:12,340  
I go to liberation  
because that was everyday.

61  
00:03:12,340 --> 00:03:18,130  
But when we were liberated,  
the American soldiers

62  
00:03:18,130 --> 00:03:23,020  
came in and that meister, that  
obermeister must have been

63  
00:03:23,020 --> 00:03:26,350  
in the factory at that time.

64  
00:03:26,350 --> 00:03:29,470  
Or they came unexpected,  
I don't know.

65  
00:03:29,470 --> 00:03:35,680  
And when he came, they  
took him in the hall.

66  
00:03:35,680 --> 00:03:38,560  
The factory was  
downstairs and upstairs we

67  
00:03:38,560 --> 00:03:41,320  
had our living quarters.

68  
00:03:41,320 --> 00:03:43,600  
And they took him in between.

69  
00:03:43,600 --> 00:03:46,300  
It was to two flights up.

70  
00:03:46,300 --> 00:03:50,170  
In between first flight and  
the other, they put him there.

71

00:03:50,170 --> 00:03:52,690

And they called anybody.

72

00:03:52,690 --> 00:03:58,150

Maybe he told them to ask  
the people how he was to us.

73

00:03:58,150 --> 00:03:59,530

And I was seeing him.

74

00:03:59,530 --> 00:04:01,750

I thought, no, I'm  
not going to tell them

75

00:04:01,750 --> 00:04:03,910

that he was nice to  
me because he probably

76

00:04:03,910 --> 00:04:05,635

wasn't nice to others.

77

00:04:05,635 --> 00:04:07,510

A German-- he's a  
German, no matter.

78

00:04:07,510 --> 00:04:09,430

Like, we were all Jews.

79

00:04:09,430 --> 00:04:11,210

And I'm not-- and  
I just went away.

80

00:04:11,210 --> 00:04:14,080

I didn't want to see  
how they hit him.

81

00:04:14,080 --> 00:04:16,000

I didn't care.

82

00:04:16,000 --> 00:04:16,779

I went away.

83

00:04:16,779 --> 00:04:17,959

I didn't look.

84

00:04:17,959 --> 00:04:22,029

And we were liberated  
by the American army.

85

00:04:22,029 --> 00:04:25,630

I will never forget when  
we were on the street when

86

00:04:25,630 --> 00:04:33,550

the American soldiers were in  
those trucks, and in the Jeeps,

87

00:04:33,550 --> 00:04:37,670

and in all kinds  
of cars, and so on.

88

00:04:37,670 --> 00:04:42,070

And they had some of the  
prisoners, German prisoners.

89

00:04:42,070 --> 00:04:46,180

I wouldn't take a stone and  
throw, because that's not

90

00:04:46,180 --> 00:04:47,900

my way of doing.

91

00:04:47,900 --> 00:04:50,830

I was never aggressive.

92

00:04:50,830 --> 00:04:54,550

But it was so nice to see.

93

00:04:54,550 --> 00:04:57,730

It was one of the  
nicest moments.

94

00:04:57,730 --> 00:05:00,040

I don't think they realized.



95  
00:05:00,040 --> 00:05:04,540  
And I had still to hide that  
I'm a Christian because I didn't

96  
00:05:04,540 --> 00:05:07,450  
know if there are  
Jews, they survived

97  
00:05:07,450 --> 00:05:09,260  
or not, if there are camps.

98  
00:05:09,260 --> 00:05:10,550  
I didn't know anything.

99  
00:05:10,550 --> 00:05:13,880  
I was completely cut  
off of the world.

100  
00:05:13,880 --> 00:05:15,580  
And I didn't know  
how I will handle.

101  
00:05:15,580 --> 00:05:17,620  
And that girl, that  
Christian girl,

102  
00:05:17,620 --> 00:05:19,780  
she stucked to me constantly.

103  
00:05:19,780 --> 00:05:21,700  
She really liked me.

104  
00:05:21,700 --> 00:05:25,150  
Maybe she believed that I wasn't  
Jewish, that I was a Christian.

105  
00:05:25,150 --> 00:05:28,450  
I don't know, I never  
tried to let that subject

106  
00:05:28,450 --> 00:05:32,140

come to her attention anyhow.

107

00:05:32,140 --> 00:05:36,820

And then, I don't know  
how she got acquainted

108

00:05:36,820 --> 00:05:39,970

with two soldiers,  
but one was Polish

109

00:05:39,970 --> 00:05:43,060

and one was a Jewish soldier.

110

00:05:43,060 --> 00:05:46,330

But in America, I  
could see at that time

111

00:05:46,330 --> 00:05:48,940

that there was no difference.

112

00:05:48,940 --> 00:05:51,790

The Polish-- he  
wasn't a Pollack,

113

00:05:51,790 --> 00:05:54,250

Polish, but his  
answers to us probably

114

00:05:54,250 --> 00:05:55,960

because he spoke Polish.

115

00:05:55,960 --> 00:05:58,060

He understood Polish.

116

00:05:58,060 --> 00:06:04,030

I could see he was talking to  
us, maybe not like Pollack,

117

00:06:04,030 --> 00:06:08,320

but like American Polish  
people, they can speak Polish.

118

00:06:08,320 --> 00:06:11,630  
But he was born in America.

119  
00:06:11,630 --> 00:06:14,260  
And anyhow, she met them.

120  
00:06:14,260 --> 00:06:16,930  
And one day, she  
said, Stephany, you

121  
00:06:16,930 --> 00:06:22,380  
know what, I have here two  
soldiers that I see them off.

122  
00:06:22,380 --> 00:06:24,340  
Maybe you would  
like to meet them.

123  
00:06:24,340 --> 00:06:25,460  
I said, why not?

124  
00:06:25,460 --> 00:06:28,540  
So I thought maybe I will  
have an opportunity, somehow,

125  
00:06:28,540 --> 00:06:31,540  
to tell them that I'm  
the Jew, take me out

126  
00:06:31,540 --> 00:06:34,990  
because I just can't  
take it anymore.

127  
00:06:34,990 --> 00:06:38,170  
I'm liberated and  
yet, I am hiding.

128  
00:06:38,170 --> 00:06:39,880  
And I went with her.

129  
00:06:39,880 --> 00:06:43,330  
They lived in such  
a villa there.

130  
00:06:43,330 --> 00:06:47,670  
And they had-- they were  
separated from us by--

131  
00:06:47,670 --> 00:06:50,410

132  
00:06:50,410 --> 00:06:52,205  
oh, my god--

133  
00:06:52,205 --> 00:06:53,080  
[NON-ENGLISH SPEECH].

134  
00:06:53,080 --> 00:06:59,610  
That means like when  
you have a house,

135  
00:06:59,610 --> 00:07:01,290  
you have surrounded with--

136  
00:07:01,290 --> 00:07:02,400  
Hedges.

137  
00:07:02,400 --> 00:07:02,940  
Not--

138  
00:07:02,940 --> 00:07:03,440  
Fence.

139  
00:07:03,440 --> 00:07:04,210  
Fence.

140  
00:07:04,210 --> 00:07:07,890  
It's not something, I don't  
know English anymore now.

141  
00:07:07,890 --> 00:07:09,630  
Believe me, I knew English.

142  
00:07:09,630 --> 00:07:16,085

Anyhow, and they were  
separated from us with--

143  
00:07:16,085 --> 00:07:19,460  
again, I forgot-- my memory.

144  
00:07:19,460 --> 00:07:23,150  
Anyhow, whenever  
she took me there,

145  
00:07:23,150 --> 00:07:27,470  
and we were talking Polish,  
and he was translating

146  
00:07:27,470 --> 00:07:32,150  
to the other guy in English.

147  
00:07:32,150 --> 00:07:35,360  
And that guy was writing on  
a piece of paper, everything

148  
00:07:35,360 --> 00:07:37,320  
he said he wrote on the paper.

149  
00:07:37,320 --> 00:07:39,260  
And I was thinking,  
what is he writing?

150  
00:07:39,260 --> 00:07:40,700  
I wanted to know.

151  
00:07:40,700 --> 00:07:42,110  
How come?

152  
00:07:42,110 --> 00:07:46,640  
And I felt I'm going to collapse  
when I saw it was Hebrew words.

153  
00:07:46,640 --> 00:07:50,090  
And I thought, here I am  
with that Christian woman.

154

00:07:50,090 --> 00:07:51,500  
What should I do now?

155  
00:07:51,500 --> 00:07:54,470  
I must get out of the camp.

156  
00:07:54,470 --> 00:07:56,600  
I must do something.

157  
00:07:56,600 --> 00:07:59,130  
And I thought, what do I do?

158  
00:07:59,130 --> 00:08:03,260  
And I thought I'm going to  
take a chance, whatever.

159  
00:08:03,260 --> 00:08:05,170  
These were American soldiers.

160  
00:08:05,170 --> 00:08:06,560  
American, two soldiers.

161  
00:08:06,560 --> 00:08:09,890  
One was Jewish and  
one was Christian.

162  
00:08:09,890 --> 00:08:11,090  
And I looked.

163  
00:08:11,090 --> 00:08:15,410  
And he saw in me that I just  
like have tears in my eyes.

164  
00:08:15,410 --> 00:08:17,130  
And I just looked.

165  
00:08:17,130 --> 00:08:26,045  
And then I told that guy,  
asked him if he speaks Jewish.

166  
00:08:26,045 --> 00:08:28,340  
He said, no.

167  
00:08:28,340 --> 00:08:30,950  
Then he-- [NON-ENGLISH SPEECH].

168  
00:08:30,950 --> 00:08:32,000  
I will never forget.

169  
00:08:32,000 --> 00:08:34,190  
He asked me, Marta--

170  
00:08:34,190 --> 00:08:37,100  
you know, Hebrew, if  
I understand Hebrew.

171  
00:08:37,100 --> 00:08:39,980  
I know Hebrew very little,  
I mean a few words.

172  
00:08:39,980 --> 00:08:43,110  
But this question I know.

173  
00:08:43,110 --> 00:08:45,450  
And I said, no.

174  
00:08:45,450 --> 00:08:47,010  
And [INAUDIBLE].

175  
00:08:47,010 --> 00:08:50,780  
And he wanted so much to--

176  
00:08:50,780 --> 00:08:52,560  
see, he saw I am in trouble.

177  
00:08:52,560 --> 00:08:54,850  
He saw there is something  
I like to ask him.

178  
00:08:54,850 --> 00:08:56,630  
And here, I'm afraid.

179  
00:08:56,630 --> 00:09:02,570

And I thought, I'm going to tell  
that guy he should ask him if--

180  
00:09:02,570 --> 00:09:05,240  
he should tell him  
I'm Jewish and ask him

181  
00:09:05,240 --> 00:09:10,250  
if there are any Jews survivors.

182  
00:09:10,250 --> 00:09:13,970  
And he said, yes, he knows  
a camp not far from here

183  
00:09:13,970 --> 00:09:15,290  
with Jewish girls.

184  
00:09:15,290 --> 00:09:20,560  
When he told me that,  
I didn't care anymore.

185  
00:09:20,560 --> 00:09:23,040  
I thought-- one  
night, I don't think

186  
00:09:23,040 --> 00:09:24,600  
they are going to kill me.

187  
00:09:24,600 --> 00:09:30,780  
I just have to face the reality  
and I'm going to go back.

188  
00:09:30,780 --> 00:09:36,040  
And tomorrow-- I told him, I  
can't stay in this over here.

189  
00:09:36,040 --> 00:09:38,940  
If he could take me  
immediately to that camp.

190  
00:09:38,940 --> 00:09:39,720  
He said, no.



191

00:09:39,720 --> 00:09:42,390

That was in the afternoon  
towards evening.

192

00:09:42,390 --> 00:09:45,720

And he said, no, I cannot  
today, but I take you tomorrow

193

00:09:45,720 --> 00:09:46,500

morning.

194

00:09:46,500 --> 00:09:50,610

Early in the morning, I promise,  
I and that fellow friend,

195

00:09:50,610 --> 00:09:52,070

and he will take me.

196

00:09:52,070 --> 00:09:54,550

Oh, you can imagine my night.

197

00:09:54,550 --> 00:09:56,790

I was waiting till it got light.

198

00:09:56,790 --> 00:09:58,860

And first light I got up.

199

00:09:58,860 --> 00:10:00,120

But I was free.

200

00:10:00,120 --> 00:10:03,600

I could get up and go outside.

201

00:10:03,600 --> 00:10:06,670

And I don't know if I  
even said goodbye to her.

202

00:10:06,670 --> 00:10:08,250

I don't know.

203

00:10:08,250 --> 00:10:09,990

It meant nothing.

204

00:10:09,990 --> 00:10:12,600

The whole thing, just like--

205

00:10:12,600 --> 00:10:16,140

I put down a shade  
and that past is gone.

206

00:10:16,140 --> 00:10:20,110

And I went and he  
took me to that camp.

207

00:10:20,110 --> 00:10:23,920

Well, when I came to that  
camp with that [? Yatchka, ?]

208

00:10:23,920 --> 00:10:25,890

with the other girl from--

209

00:10:25,890 --> 00:10:26,700

I took her.

210

00:10:26,700 --> 00:10:27,600

Yes, I told her.

211

00:10:27,600 --> 00:10:30,060

I came home and I told  
her, [? Yatchka, ?]

212

00:10:30,060 --> 00:10:33,570

we are going tomorrow  
to a Jewish camp.

213

00:10:33,570 --> 00:10:36,420

Her name was [? Yatchka ?]  
[? Schwimmer. ?] We are going.

214

00:10:36,420 --> 00:10:38,670

And we were two.

215

00:10:38,670 --> 00:10:41,580

Now I know why I was--

216  
00:10:41,580 --> 00:10:44,040  
and we both were  
sitting together

217  
00:10:44,040 --> 00:10:46,740  
waiting for that guy outside.

218  
00:10:46,740 --> 00:10:50,550  
And he came with a car.

219  
00:10:50,550 --> 00:10:52,560  
It was one of those--

220  
00:10:52,560 --> 00:10:55,840

221  
00:10:55,840 --> 00:10:57,420  
before I knew the name and now--

222  
00:10:57,420 --> 00:10:57,980  
Jeep.

223  
00:10:57,980 --> 00:10:58,480  
What?

224  
00:10:58,480 --> 00:10:59,140  
Jeep.

225  
00:10:59,140 --> 00:11:00,970  
Jeep, a jeep, you call.

226  
00:11:00,970 --> 00:11:02,120  
He came with it.

227  
00:11:02,120 --> 00:11:03,580  
And they took us.

228  
00:11:03,580 --> 00:11:06,508  
When we came to that camp, oh,

I was so thankful to those guys.

229

00:11:06,508 --> 00:11:08,050

Do you remember the  
name of the camp?

230

00:11:08,050 --> 00:11:10,000

You know what else?

231

00:11:10,000 --> 00:11:12,580

I told you, he gave me--  
when he saw that I'm Jewish,

232

00:11:12,580 --> 00:11:16,090

and he wanted--  
so, he said to me--

233

00:11:16,090 --> 00:11:17,800

also I mentioned to you--

234

00:11:17,800 --> 00:11:24,580

he said to me, I'm so happy  
I will take you to the camp.

235

00:11:24,580 --> 00:11:27,010

He said, I would like  
to give you something

236

00:11:27,010 --> 00:11:30,430

that you should  
remember this incident.

237

00:11:30,430 --> 00:11:31,930

My parents live in Brooklyn.

238

00:11:31,930 --> 00:11:35,050

If I'm not mistaken,  
their name was [? Kahn. ?]

239

00:11:35,050 --> 00:11:35,860

I don't know why--

240

00:11:35,860 --> 00:11:38,110

I threw out before I came  
to the United States.

241

00:11:38,110 --> 00:11:40,600

I was so afraid that  
they will find some paper

242

00:11:40,600 --> 00:11:42,500

that I'm not right.

243

00:11:42,500 --> 00:11:44,770

And I wanted so much to  
get to the United States

244

00:11:44,770 --> 00:11:47,620

that I liquidated everything,  
letters, what I had,

245

00:11:47,620 --> 00:11:48,940

everything, I liquidate.

246

00:11:48,940 --> 00:11:52,450

Anyhow, and he said,  
write to my parents,

247

00:11:52,450 --> 00:11:54,460

and they are going  
to know about you,

248

00:11:54,460 --> 00:11:58,880

because I'm going to write to  
them and tell the story of you.

249

00:11:58,880 --> 00:12:06,310

And he said, I have here a  
ring, one of those wedding band.

250

00:12:06,310 --> 00:12:09,850

And he said, please,  
don't misunderstand me.

251

00:12:09,850 --> 00:12:11,770

I'm not giving  
that to you that it

252  
00:12:11,770 --> 00:12:13,900  
should have any  
impression on you,

253  
00:12:13,900 --> 00:12:16,390  
but I want to give  
you something valuable

254  
00:12:16,390 --> 00:12:18,070  
that you should remember me.

255  
00:12:18,070 --> 00:12:20,710  
And remember that my  
name-- he gave me-- he

256  
00:12:20,710 --> 00:12:22,285  
wrote down the address.

257  
00:12:22,285 --> 00:12:25,300

258  
00:12:25,300 --> 00:12:26,920  
But he took us to that camp.

259  
00:12:26,920 --> 00:12:29,990  
That was before,  
anyhow, [INAUDIBLE]..

260  
00:12:29,990 --> 00:12:31,420  
And he took us to the camp.

261  
00:12:31,420 --> 00:12:33,800  
And the funniest thing,  
when we came to the camp,

262  
00:12:33,800 --> 00:12:35,150  
they didn't want to take us.

263  
00:12:35,150 --> 00:12:36,520

They said we are not Jewish.

264

00:12:36,520 --> 00:12:41,980

We can be Polish and we want  
to infiltrate to save our life,

265

00:12:41,980 --> 00:12:44,320

because Polish  
people were so mean.

266

00:12:44,320 --> 00:12:46,780

I said, what do you mean?

267

00:12:46,780 --> 00:12:50,597

I was suffering so much,  
and now finally I got here,

268

00:12:50,597 --> 00:12:51,430

and you don't do it.

269

00:12:51,430 --> 00:12:53,740

What would you like me  
to do to convince you?

270

00:12:53,740 --> 00:12:55,750

I can read Hebrew.

271

00:12:55,750 --> 00:12:57,580

I can davening.

272

00:12:57,580 --> 00:12:59,360

I can talk Yiddish.

273

00:12:59,360 --> 00:13:00,460

What else would you like?

274

00:13:00,460 --> 00:13:04,060

And I started to say anything  
just to convince them.

275

00:13:04,060 --> 00:13:06,280

They said, well, Polacks were--

276  
00:13:06,280 --> 00:13:08,590  
some Polacks when they  
were working for--

277  
00:13:08,590 --> 00:13:12,075  
they new Jewish too, believe  
me, a lot of Polacks You can--

278  
00:13:12,075 --> 00:13:13,120  
you probably--

279  
00:13:13,120 --> 00:13:15,160  
I said what else would--

280  
00:13:15,160 --> 00:13:17,260  
I tell you Hebrew,  
whatever I know.

281  
00:13:17,260 --> 00:13:19,330  
Finally we convinced them.

282  
00:13:19,330 --> 00:13:20,680  
And they took us in.

283  
00:13:20,680 --> 00:13:24,020  
And we stayed in that  
camp, not too long.

284  
00:13:24,020 --> 00:13:26,260  
That camp was not  
in [PLACE NAME]..

285  
00:13:26,260 --> 00:13:29,200  
In the vicinity of [PLACE NAME].

286  
00:13:29,200 --> 00:13:32,650  
I didn't question  
too much, because I

287  
00:13:32,650 --> 00:13:36,130  
stayed with that



[? Yatchka ?] together.

288

00:13:36,130 --> 00:13:39,970

And a very short time--

289

00:13:39,970 --> 00:13:42,550

I don't know if we were

just a few days or even

290

00:13:42,550 --> 00:13:49,630

less than a few days, they

took all the people to Bavaria.

291

00:13:49,630 --> 00:13:53,170

We traveled a long,

long time to Bavaria.

292

00:13:53,170 --> 00:13:57,700

So from Saxony, it

probably is [INAUDIBLE]..

293

00:13:57,700 --> 00:14:01,750

And they took us to Feldafing,

to a camp in Feldafing.

294

00:14:01,750 --> 00:14:03,790

Well, when we came

to Feldafing, it

295

00:14:03,790 --> 00:14:06,280

was already people

were living there.

296

00:14:06,280 --> 00:14:12,220

They gave us a place where to--

first, we lived in such blocks.

297

00:14:12,220 --> 00:14:14,270

But then they gave us a villa.

298

00:14:14,270 --> 00:14:16,570

From the German

people that ran away,

299

00:14:16,570 --> 00:14:18,280  
they gave us one of the villa.

300

00:14:18,280 --> 00:14:20,290  
And they took me  
that I should be

301

00:14:20,290 --> 00:14:23,860  
one of the-- over the people,  
how many people lived there, I

302

00:14:23,860 --> 00:14:25,060  
should give them a report.

303

00:14:25,060 --> 00:14:28,840  
I don't know why,  
always I had somehow--

304

00:14:28,840 --> 00:14:30,760  
I don't know, I  
wasn't the oldest,

305

00:14:30,760 --> 00:14:32,710  
but somehow they took me.

306

00:14:32,710 --> 00:14:38,310  
And I had to report how many  
people there are, how much food

307

00:14:38,310 --> 00:14:40,570  
I need and so on--

308

00:14:40,570 --> 00:14:44,320  
blockalteste, it  
was, in Yiddish.

309

00:14:44,320 --> 00:14:45,410  
And I took that.

310

00:14:45,410 --> 00:14:48,910  
I was-- for a while,

I helped them.

311  
00:14:48,910 --> 00:14:50,410  
I had to bring the stuff.

312  
00:14:50,410 --> 00:14:51,580  
I worked like a horse.

313  
00:14:51,580 --> 00:14:54,516

314  
00:14:54,516 --> 00:14:58,690  
But one-- you see they  
had names in their rooms.

315  
00:14:58,690 --> 00:15:02,410  
They had-- I don't remember,  
maybe seven or eight rooms

316  
00:15:02,410 --> 00:15:03,220  
in the whole villa.

317  
00:15:03,220 --> 00:15:05,050  
Because that was for one family.

318  
00:15:05,050 --> 00:15:07,990  
But here a bedroom, here  
a kitchen, you know.

319  
00:15:07,990 --> 00:15:10,840  
So they gave-- to  
every room, they

320  
00:15:10,840 --> 00:15:14,020  
gave a few people were living.

321  
00:15:14,020 --> 00:15:15,880  
Mine was how many?

322  
00:15:15,880 --> 00:15:18,320  
Four people, I guess--

323  
00:15:18,320 --> 00:15:21,250  
four people.

324  
00:15:21,250 --> 00:15:24,550  
And after-- I took in--

325  
00:15:24,550 --> 00:15:28,000  
I met-- no, just a  
moment, how was it?

326  
00:15:28,000 --> 00:15:31,870  
In the beginning, I was  
working with them, yes.

327  
00:15:31,870 --> 00:15:34,990  
And I took in some  
people in my room.

328  
00:15:34,990 --> 00:15:37,960  
I met my husband.

329  
00:15:37,960 --> 00:15:41,040  
I met two girls.

330  
00:15:41,040 --> 00:15:43,740  
In the beginning, I had--

331  
00:15:43,740 --> 00:15:46,170  
with somebody else,  
just two people.

332  
00:15:46,170 --> 00:15:47,670  
But then, when--

333  
00:15:47,670 --> 00:15:49,290  
I met my husband, yeah.

334  
00:15:49,290 --> 00:15:50,790  
Yeah, I know.

335  
00:15:50,790 --> 00:15:52,320

I met my husband, yeah.

336  
00:15:52,320 --> 00:15:55,900  
And he wanted-- he found  
out that his sister is alive

337  
00:15:55,900 --> 00:15:57,960  
so he went for her.

338  
00:15:57,960 --> 00:16:03,000  
But the villa [PLACE NAME],, I  
had a very unpleasant incident.

339  
00:16:03,000 --> 00:16:06,718  
Those girls, they said that they  
have so many and so many girls

340  
00:16:06,718 --> 00:16:08,010  
in their room, but they didn't.

341  
00:16:08,010 --> 00:16:09,960  
They wanted a bigger--  
more portions.

342  
00:16:09,960 --> 00:16:11,040  
Can you blame them?

343  
00:16:11,040 --> 00:16:12,330  
And I was too naive.

344  
00:16:12,330 --> 00:16:14,700  
I believed there  
were [INAUDIBLE]..

345  
00:16:14,700 --> 00:16:16,300  
What do I care?

346  
00:16:16,300 --> 00:16:18,630  
And then they found  
out, when they

347  
00:16:18,630 --> 00:16:21,320

came to pick up, for instance,  
coats, when they gave,

348  
00:16:21,320 --> 00:16:23,760  
or other things, and  
not everybody came.

349  
00:16:23,760 --> 00:16:27,180  
And you had personally to  
come for the stuff, what

350  
00:16:27,180 --> 00:16:28,650  
they was giving.

351  
00:16:28,650 --> 00:16:29,730  
And they didn't come.

352  
00:16:29,730 --> 00:16:33,510  
So you know, they went and wrote  
an article that, in my villa,

353  
00:16:33,510 --> 00:16:34,500  
they found--

354  
00:16:34,500 --> 00:16:42,420  
I don't remember how many people  
that belonged to dead people.

355  
00:16:42,420 --> 00:16:46,650  
I felt, my god, here I worked  
so hard, and I do my best,

356  
00:16:46,650 --> 00:16:48,750  
and they accuse me  
of something that--

357  
00:16:48,750 --> 00:16:52,110  
this is the worst, when  
you accuse me for stealing.

358  
00:16:52,110 --> 00:16:55,800  
Anyhow, but I took  
it very badly.

359

00:16:55,800 --> 00:16:58,860

And I said no, I work too hard.

360

00:16:58,860 --> 00:17:00,120

And I devote my time.

361

00:17:00,120 --> 00:17:02,040

And I'm not going to  
be in the newspaper

362

00:17:02,040 --> 00:17:05,910

that I had heavenly  
people in my villa.

363

00:17:05,910 --> 00:17:06,810

And I left.

364

00:17:06,810 --> 00:17:10,640

And I went to Hungary--

365

00:17:10,640 --> 00:17:12,050

but just a moment.

366

00:17:12,050 --> 00:17:13,550

Yeah, and I went to Hungary.

367

00:17:13,550 --> 00:17:16,849

368

00:17:16,849 --> 00:17:17,900

How did you travel then?

369

00:17:17,900 --> 00:17:19,849

You were without a  
state in the way.

370

00:17:19,849 --> 00:17:20,450

Just a moment.

371

00:17:20,450 --> 00:17:23,630

Before I went to  
Hungary, I took in--

372  
00:17:23,630 --> 00:17:25,040  
I met my husband.

373  
00:17:25,040 --> 00:17:27,245  
Yeah, yeah, I know.

374  
00:17:27,245 --> 00:17:32,330  
In that Feldafing, I met--  
would you believe it--

375  
00:17:32,330 --> 00:17:35,800  
the brother of the guy, what  
I told you he wanted us--

376  
00:17:35,800 --> 00:17:37,850  
the world was so small--

377  
00:17:37,850 --> 00:17:40,647  
he wanted us to go to Romania.

378  
00:17:40,647 --> 00:17:42,230  
Remember, I told  
you, [? Hornstein, ?]

379  
00:17:42,230 --> 00:17:43,490  
that young fellow.

380  
00:17:43,490 --> 00:17:45,290  
He said the next transport.

381  
00:17:45,290 --> 00:17:47,840  
His brother was in Feldafing.

382  
00:17:47,840 --> 00:17:50,930  
And I don't know how I met him.

383  
00:17:50,930 --> 00:17:53,090  
And he-- we would talk.



384

00:17:53,090 --> 00:17:54,950

I was always so naive.

385

00:17:54,950 --> 00:17:56,030

I met other people.

386

00:17:56,030 --> 00:17:57,740

I was always very kind.

387

00:17:57,740 --> 00:18:00,260

I was so always  
answering questions.

388

00:18:00,260 --> 00:18:03,080

And I was very kind to people.

389

00:18:03,080 --> 00:18:05,040

And they always,  
right away, man--

390

00:18:05,040 --> 00:18:08,930

I didn't know, they  
get an idea right away.

391

00:18:08,930 --> 00:18:10,415

I didn't understand.

392

00:18:10,415 --> 00:18:12,890

Anyhow, and that  
Mr. [? Hornstein, ?]

393

00:18:12,890 --> 00:18:16,320

we were talking so  
long that I found out

394

00:18:16,320 --> 00:18:18,020

that it was his brother.

395

00:18:18,020 --> 00:18:20,270

And here I have him.

396

00:18:20,270 --> 00:18:22,880

And he knew-- he  
heard, because he

397

00:18:22,880 --> 00:18:25,010

was in Budapest at that time.

398

00:18:25,010 --> 00:18:27,780

And here he knew  
about his brother.

399

00:18:27,780 --> 00:18:31,020

He knew about me probably,  
because he wouldn't leave me

400

00:18:31,020 --> 00:18:31,520

alone.

401

00:18:31,520 --> 00:18:33,230

He was coming every day.

402

00:18:33,230 --> 00:18:34,700

We met.

403

00:18:34,700 --> 00:18:38,700

I really didn't  
think about anything.

404

00:18:38,700 --> 00:18:41,930

Germany was no place for me.

405

00:18:41,930 --> 00:18:45,650

And then one day he  
decided to go to Israel.

406

00:18:45,650 --> 00:18:46,790

And he gave me--

407

00:18:46,790 --> 00:18:48,530

he had family in Israel.

408

00:18:48,530 --> 00:18:50,330

And he said, he's leaving.

409

00:18:50,330 --> 00:18:54,530

But if I change my mind,  
he left me his address

410

00:18:54,530 --> 00:18:57,410

that I should come to Israel.

411

00:18:57,410 --> 00:19:00,020

OK, that was over.

412

00:19:00,020 --> 00:19:04,970

One day, I went to  
Minchen from Feldafig.

413

00:19:04,970 --> 00:19:06,560

I was constantly--

414

00:19:06,560 --> 00:19:07,910

I tell you why I didn't think.

415

00:19:07,910 --> 00:19:11,690

I was constantly  
traveling, looking where

416

00:19:11,690 --> 00:19:13,250

my father and my brothers.

417

00:19:13,250 --> 00:19:17,540

I didn't want to let the idea  
that I don't have anybody.

418

00:19:17,540 --> 00:19:19,910

I went from one city to another.

419

00:19:19,910 --> 00:19:24,590

How-- we went-- we sneaked  
in into those wagons.

420

00:19:24,590 --> 00:19:28,230

They were not regular wagons,

but those that merchandise

421  
00:19:28,230 --> 00:19:28,730  
you take.

422  
00:19:28,730 --> 00:19:31,670

423  
00:19:31,670 --> 00:19:34,160  
And I went from one  
city to another.

424  
00:19:34,160 --> 00:19:36,350  
And I was worrying  
how I will go back

425  
00:19:36,350 --> 00:19:37,700  
because there were no trains.

426  
00:19:37,700 --> 00:19:39,080  
But somehow we managed--

427  
00:19:39,080 --> 00:19:40,430  
somehow.

428  
00:19:40,430 --> 00:19:41,990  
We were survivors.

429  
00:19:41,990 --> 00:19:44,210  
We were Auschwitz survivors.

430  
00:19:44,210 --> 00:19:49,480  
You'll be surprised what  
it means to be a survivor.

431  
00:19:49,480 --> 00:19:56,600  
And going to-- one day  
I was going to Minchen.

432  
00:19:56,600 --> 00:19:58,150  
On the way--

433

00:19:58,150 --> 00:20:02,050

I was with some other  
friends from the camp--

434

00:20:02,050 --> 00:20:03,940

a guy approached me.

435

00:20:03,940 --> 00:20:06,550

And he started to talk to me.

436

00:20:06,550 --> 00:20:09,830

And he wouldn't leave me alone.

437

00:20:09,830 --> 00:20:12,070

And he started-- he  
said, where do you live?

438

00:20:12,070 --> 00:20:13,480

And I said in Feldafing.

439

00:20:13,480 --> 00:20:14,410

In what block?

440

00:20:14,410 --> 00:20:16,390

And I told him.

441

00:20:16,390 --> 00:20:17,110

And that's it.

442

00:20:17,110 --> 00:20:18,250

I didn't pay attention.

443

00:20:18,250 --> 00:20:21,155

And I stayed over the weekend.

444

00:20:21,155 --> 00:20:22,030

That was on a Friday.

445

00:20:22,030 --> 00:20:25,540

We went to Minchen  
for the weekend.

446  
00:20:25,540 --> 00:20:27,610  
And then Monday,  
good enough, I was

447  
00:20:27,610 --> 00:20:30,550  
going with a picture for  
water in the kitchen,

448  
00:20:30,550 --> 00:20:32,230  
because they were  
not like here--

449  
00:20:32,230 --> 00:20:35,020  
the conditions  
were-- it was a camp.

450  
00:20:35,020 --> 00:20:38,500  
Very bad conditions,  
but livable.

451  
00:20:38,500 --> 00:20:40,720  
And they went for water.

452  
00:20:40,720 --> 00:20:48,070  
Suddenly, I hear, [INAUDIBLE],,  
Miss [? Siegel-- ?] my name

453  
00:20:48,070 --> 00:20:49,030  
was--

454  
00:20:49,030 --> 00:20:51,910  
how are you, in Polish.

455  
00:20:51,910 --> 00:20:52,930  
I look down.

456  
00:20:52,930 --> 00:20:54,070  
I see a man.

457  
00:20:54,070 --> 00:20:54,930  
And I forgot.

458  
00:20:54,930 --> 00:20:55,690  
[INAUDIBLE]

459  
00:20:55,690 --> 00:20:59,940  
He said, don't you remember me?

460  
00:20:59,940 --> 00:21:01,660  
And then I realized.

461  
00:21:01,660 --> 00:21:03,620  
Yes, I said, the  
one on the train.

462  
00:21:03,620 --> 00:21:04,450  
He said, yes.

463  
00:21:04,450 --> 00:21:07,150  
And you gave me your address.

464  
00:21:07,150 --> 00:21:09,730  
So I gave him  
[INAUDIBLE],, who cared?

465  
00:21:09,730 --> 00:21:12,010  
And he saw it.

466  
00:21:12,010 --> 00:21:15,170  
But he saw that it's--

467  
00:21:15,170 --> 00:21:16,120  
I [INAUDIBLE].

468  
00:21:16,120 --> 00:21:20,120  
But at that time, when he saw me  
he was with two of his friends.

469  
00:21:20,120 --> 00:21:24,830  
One is a doctor of  
psychology in some place.

470

00:21:24,830 --> 00:21:28,288  
In Utica-- Utica--  
is there a place?

471  
00:21:28,288 --> 00:21:29,590  
In New York.

472  
00:21:29,590 --> 00:21:31,575  
No, no, it's not in New York.

473  
00:21:31,575 --> 00:21:32,075  
Nope.

474  
00:21:32,075 --> 00:21:33,045  
I forgot.

475  
00:21:33,045 --> 00:21:34,940  
You see now, my memory.

476  
00:21:34,940 --> 00:21:36,880  
And he became a doctor.

477  
00:21:36,880 --> 00:21:39,710

478  
00:21:39,710 --> 00:21:44,150  
And he said to his  
friends-- one is an Israeli.

479  
00:21:44,150 --> 00:21:49,830  
He's a veterinarian guy,  
[? Hashik. ?] A very nice guy.

480  
00:21:49,830 --> 00:21:54,740  
He was sticking to my husband  
constantly, like a brother.

481  
00:21:54,740 --> 00:21:59,240  
And he said to [? Hashik-- ?]  
my husband told me later--

482  
00:21:59,240 --> 00:22:00,600



he said, you see that girl?

483

00:22:00,600 --> 00:22:02,390

She must be my wife.

484

00:22:02,390 --> 00:22:08,970

No matter how I have to fight,

I feel that this is my destiny.

485

00:22:08,970 --> 00:22:10,640

I didn't know, but later on.

486

00:22:10,640 --> 00:22:12,830

And he saw I didn't want to go.

487

00:22:12,830 --> 00:22:16,280

And he said, you know, I

know very well English.

488

00:22:16,280 --> 00:22:18,950

Would you want to learn English.

489

00:22:18,950 --> 00:22:19,850

I said, yes.

490

00:22:19,850 --> 00:22:21,470

You see, to learn, I was ready.

491

00:22:21,470 --> 00:22:23,390

Because I was no schooling.

492

00:22:23,390 --> 00:22:25,730

How much schooling could I have.

493

00:22:25,730 --> 00:22:27,440

And he was teaching me English.

494

00:22:27,440 --> 00:22:28,670

He knew very well English.

495

00:22:28,670 --> 00:22:31,130

He was a very--

496

00:22:31,130 --> 00:22:33,560  
he had an outstanding memory.

497

00:22:33,560 --> 00:22:37,620  
He was a dental technician  
from profession.

498

00:22:37,620 --> 00:22:42,050  
And he was 13 and 1/2  
years older, I think.

499

00:22:42,050 --> 00:22:45,090  
He was 19-- no, 12 and  
1/2 years older than I.

500

00:22:45,090 --> 00:22:46,520  
That's why I didn't  
pay attention.

501

00:22:46,520 --> 00:22:53,630  
Anyhow, he-- later on,  
he wouldn't let me.

502

00:22:53,630 --> 00:22:57,030  
He said you can go and  
walk around, I don't care.

503

00:22:57,030 --> 00:22:59,600  
I will constantly  
teach you English.

504

00:22:59,600 --> 00:23:01,880  
And maybe someday you  
will change your mind.

505

00:23:01,880 --> 00:23:08,370  
Maybe you will be willing  
to know me better and so on.

506

00:23:08,370 --> 00:23:13,380  
And when I was in

Hungary, and my brother,

507

00:23:13,380 --> 00:23:17,210

younger brother had a friend  
whom I liked very much.

508

00:23:17,210 --> 00:23:19,250

And he too became--

509

00:23:19,250 --> 00:23:22,040

that was with that  
transport, he too was there.

510

00:23:22,040 --> 00:23:24,890

And I didn't know if  
he survived or not.

511

00:23:24,890 --> 00:23:27,290

But later on I found  
out that he survived.

512

00:23:27,290 --> 00:23:32,180

And we were-- he came  
somehow and we met.

513

00:23:32,180 --> 00:23:34,520

And I was going out with him.

514

00:23:34,520 --> 00:23:38,300

But even so-- he knew  
that I was going out--

515

00:23:38,300 --> 00:23:43,790

he still came and he was  
teaching me the English.

516

00:23:43,790 --> 00:23:45,560

But you know, what is a destiny?

517

00:23:45,560 --> 00:23:49,220

That's why I'm telling you,  
my life is not up to me.

518

00:23:49,220 --> 00:23:53,300

That guy, he was killed,  
that young fellow,

519

00:23:53,300 --> 00:23:54,890

what I knew him from Hungary.

520

00:23:54,890 --> 00:23:56,330

He was doing business.

521

00:23:56,330 --> 00:23:58,220

He also was a dental mechanic.

522

00:23:58,220 --> 00:24:00,170

He learned after the war.

523

00:24:00,170 --> 00:24:02,270

In Germany, he learned.

524

00:24:02,270 --> 00:24:05,240

And he was doing  
business with Germans.

525

00:24:05,240 --> 00:24:10,640

And I think they took him  
into the woods and they--

526

00:24:10,640 --> 00:24:13,820

he was doing-- with gold, he  
was doing business with them.

527

00:24:13,820 --> 00:24:15,830

And he trusted them probably.

528

00:24:15,830 --> 00:24:19,710

And one day, they  
killed him in the woods.

529

00:24:19,710 --> 00:24:24,470

And I found out, it was a  
horrible moment in my life.

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00:24:24,470 --> 00:24:26,390

But I saw--

531

00:24:26,390 --> 00:24:31,710

I tell myself, Dina, it's  
nothing that you can do.

532

00:24:31,710 --> 00:24:37,315

You have to live your  
life as it comes.

533

00:24:37,315 --> 00:24:39,410

You can't help anything.

534

00:24:39,410 --> 00:24:41,060

Because why would he be killed?

535

00:24:41,060 --> 00:24:41,660

Why?

536

00:24:41,660 --> 00:24:44,090

And here, this guy is waiting.

537

00:24:44,090 --> 00:24:45,415

Why would that be?

538

00:24:45,415 --> 00:24:46,820

And then I gave up.

539

00:24:46,820 --> 00:24:50,120

I thought, no, probably,  
he wants some--

540

00:24:50,120 --> 00:24:51,180

I don't know.

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00:24:51,180 --> 00:24:53,180

But in such a way,  
I didn't count.

542

00:24:53,180 --> 00:24:56,240

Anyhow, we got together.

543  
00:24:56,240 --> 00:25:00,430  
But then I had trouble.

544  
00:25:00,430 --> 00:25:03,040  
He had a sister, but  
I don't [INAUDIBLE]..

545  
00:25:03,040 --> 00:25:09,220  
Anyhow, I had a reason  
to go away from Germany.

546  
00:25:09,220 --> 00:25:11,570  
And I went to Hungary.

547  
00:25:11,570 --> 00:25:12,940  
I wanted to know--

548  
00:25:12,940 --> 00:25:16,030  
because I had relatives  
in Hungary, far relatives.

549  
00:25:16,030 --> 00:25:17,620  
And I wanted to  
know, maybe from them

550  
00:25:17,620 --> 00:25:19,240  
I would find out something.

551  
00:25:19,240 --> 00:25:20,540  
And I went to Hungary.

552  
00:25:20,540 --> 00:25:23,950  
I knew that they were-- because  
they lived in Budapest, they

553  
00:25:23,950 --> 00:25:27,220  
had a better opportunity  
to survive than I.

554  
00:25:27,220 --> 00:25:29,350

And I thought I'm  
going-- and I knew

555  
00:25:29,350 --> 00:25:31,880  
where they lived at that time.

556  
00:25:31,880 --> 00:25:33,400  
So I went to Budapest.

557  
00:25:33,400 --> 00:25:38,480  
Like you say, I was hiding under  
the chairs, benches, and all

558  
00:25:38,480 --> 00:25:41,830  
over, and I came to  
Budapest, with another girl.

559  
00:25:41,830 --> 00:25:45,760  
I don't remember who she was,  
but I know with another girl,

560  
00:25:45,760 --> 00:25:46,757  
we came to Buda.

561  
00:25:46,757 --> 00:25:48,340  
And we were hiding  
because it was so--

562  
00:25:48,340 --> 00:25:54,490  
everything was bombed out,  
ruined and so, after the war.

563  
00:25:54,490 --> 00:26:01,450  
And we saw-- somehow I got  
to my relatives in Pest.

564  
00:26:01,450 --> 00:26:04,450  
Because that was in  
Buda, where we came.

565  
00:26:04,450 --> 00:26:08,440  
And I think I got  
a taxi or what.

566

00:26:08,440 --> 00:26:10,690

I must have had some money.

567

00:26:10,690 --> 00:26:13,990

And I came to my  
father's relatives.

568

00:26:13,990 --> 00:26:17,200

And they were so happy to see  
me, you know, that I survived.

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00:26:17,200 --> 00:26:18,280

And I looked around.

570

00:26:18,280 --> 00:26:20,440

I asked them if anybody--

571

00:26:20,440 --> 00:26:22,540

couldn't find anybody.

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00:26:22,540 --> 00:26:27,550

So I was there for  
about four weeks.

573

00:26:27,550 --> 00:26:29,740

I had no patience.

574

00:26:29,740 --> 00:26:33,085

My husband-- as soon  
as I left Germany--

575

00:26:33,085 --> 00:26:37,030

Feldafing, that villa,  
he couldn't stand it.

576

00:26:37,030 --> 00:26:39,280

Because he knew why I went away.

577

00:26:39,280 --> 00:26:44,140

So he went to Poland.



578

00:26:44,140 --> 00:26:49,980

And from Poland, I got a  
letter every day, every day--

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00:26:49,980 --> 00:26:52,980

please come back,  
please come back,

580

00:26:52,980 --> 00:26:55,260

and you will see  
it's going to be OK.

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00:26:55,260 --> 00:26:57,450

And I'm not going  
to leave Poland

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00:26:57,450 --> 00:27:01,860

until you promise in a letter  
that you are going to go back.

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00:27:01,860 --> 00:27:04,800

And he knew, when I  
promised, that's--

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00:27:04,800 --> 00:27:07,980

[INAUDIBLE] my parents  
used to teach us,

585

00:27:07,980 --> 00:27:10,245

never say something until  
you're sure that you

586

00:27:10,245 --> 00:27:12,080

know what you are saying.

587

00:27:12,080 --> 00:27:15,990

And I thought he  
shouldn't be staying

588

00:27:15,990 --> 00:27:17,610

in Poland because of me.

589

00:27:17,610 --> 00:27:19,170  
Poland is not the right place.

590  
00:27:19,170 --> 00:27:20,550  
I wouldn't even go.

591  
00:27:20,550 --> 00:27:22,350  
As a matter of  
fact, he wanted I--

592  
00:27:22,350 --> 00:27:24,000  
never, back to Poland.

593  
00:27:24,000 --> 00:27:30,630  
No, my foot would never step  
again onto Polish earth.

594  
00:27:30,630 --> 00:27:34,810  
And I promised him, yes,  
I'm going to come back.

595  
00:27:34,810 --> 00:27:36,660  
So he went back.

596  
00:27:36,660 --> 00:27:39,370  
And finally, I left Hungary.

597  
00:27:39,370 --> 00:27:41,340  
I was-- there was--

598  
00:27:41,340 --> 00:27:43,290  
you see, from Hungary,  
I could go back.

599  
00:27:43,290 --> 00:27:46,800  
Because they were taking people  
on a Aliyah to Palestine.

600  
00:27:46,800 --> 00:27:47,730  
You know that?

601  
00:27:47,730 --> 00:27:48,750

At that time.

602

00:27:48,750 --> 00:27:55,120

It was 1946, beginning of 1946.

603

00:27:55,120 --> 00:27:59,640

So I left with that group.

604

00:27:59,640 --> 00:28:01,800

A lot of people  
they took together.

605

00:28:01,800 --> 00:28:05,940

And then we-- they  
brought us to Vienna.

606

00:28:05,940 --> 00:28:12,240

And in Vienna, we  
went to other camps.

607

00:28:12,240 --> 00:28:14,640

Finally-- it wasn't so easy--

608

00:28:14,640 --> 00:28:15,660

we came to--

609

00:28:15,660 --> 00:28:16,590

I came to Feldafing.

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00:28:16,590 --> 00:28:18,150

And he was there, my husband.

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00:28:18,150 --> 00:28:18,930

He very happy.

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00:28:18,930 --> 00:28:21,720

That means, I  
promised, that's it.

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00:28:21,720 --> 00:28:23,520

So my life was--

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00:28:23,520 --> 00:28:26,550

already I knew what  
the rest will be.

615

00:28:26,550 --> 00:28:35,610

And we lived-- no, then I  
decided that he is a dental--

616

00:28:35,610 --> 00:28:39,690

oh, he decided to go  
to school in Germany

617

00:28:39,690 --> 00:28:43,140

to have a diploma as a dentist.

618

00:28:43,140 --> 00:28:44,910

In Germany, you  
see, it's different.

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00:28:44,910 --> 00:28:45,840

You have three kinds.

620

00:28:45,840 --> 00:28:48,090

You have a dental  
mechanic, dentist,

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00:28:48,090 --> 00:28:51,690

who cannot do any  
operations on the teeth.

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00:28:51,690 --> 00:28:53,730

You can only fill the cavities.

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00:28:53,730 --> 00:28:58,380

You can make new teeth,  
bridges, and so on.

624

00:28:58,380 --> 00:29:05,160

But you cannot do operations,  
like when you get like

625

00:29:05,160 --> 00:29:06,300

[INAUDIBLE], anything.

626

00:29:06,300 --> 00:29:10,530

I know all those words, because  
I then went to a school.

627

00:29:10,530 --> 00:29:11,040

That's it?

628

00:29:11,040 --> 00:29:12,930

We're going to have  
to take a break now.

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00:29:12,930 --> 00:29:15,440

OK, thank you.

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00:29:15,440 --> 00:29:20,092