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00:00:00,000 --> 00:00:14,710

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00:00:14,710 --> 00:00:16,990

During the break,
Mr. Yungst, you

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00:00:16,990 --> 00:00:19,000

told me that there
was an incident

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00:00:19,000 --> 00:00:22,300

you wanted to relate to me
about your stay in Flossenburg.

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00:00:22,300 --> 00:00:24,170

Would you like to
talk about that now?

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00:00:24,170 --> 00:00:26,150

Yeah.

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00:00:26,150 --> 00:00:29,350

When we arrived in Flossenburg,
we wasn't too long there,

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00:00:29,350 --> 00:00:31,670

maybe a month.

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00:00:31,670 --> 00:00:36,100

And then they want
to take us to Dachau.

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00:00:36,100 --> 00:00:39,340

One evening, the
SS, the Germans,

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00:00:39,340 --> 00:00:40,930

come in in the barracks.

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00:00:40,930 --> 00:00:43,720

There was other people too,
not only Jewish people.

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00:00:43,720 --> 00:00:47,050
They come in the Jewish barracks
and they want to take us out

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00:00:47,050 --> 00:00:48,610
just to go to Dachau.

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00:00:48,610 --> 00:00:52,270
The Russians-- the
Germans say are--

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00:00:52,270 --> 00:00:54,970
the Americans are very
closing into that camp

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00:00:54,970 --> 00:00:57,190
and we have to evacuate us.

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00:00:57,190 --> 00:00:58,450
So they did that.

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00:00:58,450 --> 00:01:00,730
They start to take
everybody out.

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00:01:00,730 --> 00:01:02,950
And then I was afraid.

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00:01:02,950 --> 00:01:05,650
Because it was already
rumors that they're

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00:01:05,650 --> 00:01:08,830
going to kill us
outside, not to leave

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00:01:08,830 --> 00:01:10,600
nobody alive for the Americans.

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00:01:10,600 --> 00:01:11,800
Right.

25
00:01:11,800 --> 00:01:13,305
So I didn't know what to do.

26
00:01:13,305 --> 00:01:14,680
And I started to
think and think.

27
00:01:14,680 --> 00:01:17,380
When I was laying there,
so it start to-- you,

28
00:01:17,380 --> 00:01:20,650
all the Jews out, Juden
raus, Juden raus, Juden raus,

29
00:01:20,650 --> 00:01:21,880
they come in.

30
00:01:21,880 --> 00:01:25,600
So in the meantime, I
looked under the bleachers.

31
00:01:25,600 --> 00:01:29,950
An open board to go down.

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00:01:29,950 --> 00:01:34,810
That means the barracks that
were standing on such pieces.

33
00:01:34,810 --> 00:01:35,668
Yes.

34
00:01:35,668 --> 00:01:36,960
I don't know what they call it.

35
00:01:36,960 --> 00:01:37,460
Planks.

36
00:01:37,460 --> 00:01:38,920

Yeah.

37
00:01:38,920 --> 00:01:41,020
So I opened up
that little board.

38
00:01:41,020 --> 00:01:42,310
It was broken a little.

39
00:01:42,310 --> 00:01:44,110
Then after that, I
opened the other one.

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00:01:44,110 --> 00:01:46,930
And let myself down there.

41
00:01:46,930 --> 00:01:48,880
I didn't know what is in there.

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00:01:48,880 --> 00:01:50,710
It was limey, cold.

43
00:01:50,710 --> 00:01:55,690
That was a time where
it was cold, in March--

44
00:01:55,690 --> 00:01:56,830
April, March.

45
00:01:56,830 --> 00:01:58,180
And I let myself down.

46
00:01:58,180 --> 00:02:01,480
And here, you see, I hear people
going back and forth, running,

47
00:02:01,480 --> 00:02:03,005
out, out, out, out, out.

48
00:02:03,005 --> 00:02:05,710
And when I was there,
I said maybe now,

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00:02:05,710 --> 00:02:09,130

if I'm not going to go with the
whole crowd, maybe I survive.

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00:02:09,130 --> 00:02:12,460

Because I figured the Americans
must be here in a day too.

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00:02:12,460 --> 00:02:14,170

And that's what happened.

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00:02:14,170 --> 00:02:16,540

So when I was down, they
threw everything out.

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00:02:16,540 --> 00:02:17,620

It was quiet.

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00:02:17,620 --> 00:02:18,370

No Jew.

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00:02:18,370 --> 00:02:19,990

The whole barrack
was cleared then.

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00:02:19,990 --> 00:02:20,740

Yes.

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00:02:20,740 --> 00:02:22,570

Now, I want to--

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00:02:22,570 --> 00:02:24,610

when I was down, it was so cold.

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00:02:24,610 --> 00:02:26,680

So I look a spot
where is a rock.

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00:02:26,680 --> 00:02:27,970

I can lay down on the rock.

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00:02:27,970 --> 00:02:30,820

I just have the stripes on.

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00:02:30,820 --> 00:02:32,502

And it was dark.

63

00:02:32,502 --> 00:02:34,960

And when everything was quiet,
I said let me come up there.

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00:02:34,960 --> 00:02:39,370

Maybe I can mingle
in with the Gentiles.

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00:02:39,370 --> 00:02:40,480

This way I'd be safe.

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00:02:40,480 --> 00:02:41,334

Yeah.

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00:02:41,334 --> 00:02:44,110

So I looked for the
spot where I was up.

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00:02:44,110 --> 00:02:48,010

I couldn't find the
spot to get up again.

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00:02:48,010 --> 00:02:50,200

Then I figured, now I'm
going to lay here and die

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00:02:50,200 --> 00:02:51,970

the whole night, and
nobody would know.

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00:02:51,970 --> 00:02:54,160

Because I don't know
where that opening is,

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00:02:54,160 --> 00:02:55,370

what I opened before.

73
00:02:55,370 --> 00:02:56,050
Yeah.

74
00:02:56,050 --> 00:03:00,070
And I don't know, with God's
help I find that place.

75
00:03:00,070 --> 00:03:02,710
I was groping around
and I find that place.

76
00:03:02,710 --> 00:03:05,170
Come up, there was
nobody in the barracks.

77
00:03:05,170 --> 00:03:09,520
So I took a piece of blanket,
ripped that piece up,

78
00:03:09,520 --> 00:03:12,880
covered up my head, that
they no see I'm Jewish.

79
00:03:12,880 --> 00:03:14,770
Mm-hmm, yes.

80
00:03:14,770 --> 00:03:16,330
So one of them.

81
00:03:16,330 --> 00:03:19,120
And outside, when I was
outside, in another room,

82
00:03:19,120 --> 00:03:21,400
in another barrack [INAUDIBLE].

83
00:03:21,400 --> 00:03:24,850
So my name wasn't like my
mother called me, David.

84
00:03:24,850 --> 00:03:26,590

My name was Heinrich.

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00:03:26,590 --> 00:03:27,425

Yeah.

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00:03:27,425 --> 00:03:28,960

Heinrich, that's a Polish name.

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00:03:28,960 --> 00:03:30,820

And this way, I was with them.

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00:03:30,820 --> 00:03:32,050

Polish I speak.

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00:03:32,050 --> 00:03:32,650

Yeah.

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00:03:32,650 --> 00:03:35,790

Most was Polish people
there, Polish and Russians.

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00:03:35,790 --> 00:03:39,880

And speak-- and from
there, they took us to--

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00:03:39,880 --> 00:03:44,500

on the way to Dachau, that
was Kamh, a small town.

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00:03:44,500 --> 00:03:48,730

And there the American panzers
come in, one after another.

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00:03:48,730 --> 00:03:51,550

The Germans, SS, that
watched us, they disappeared.

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00:03:51,550 --> 00:03:53,530

All of a sudden, we
didn't see nobody.

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00:03:53,530 --> 00:03:55,690

How many days were
you on the march?

97
00:03:55,690 --> 00:03:58,750
I marched about two,
three days, day and night.

98
00:03:58,750 --> 00:03:59,260
We marched--

99
00:03:59,260 --> 00:04:00,000
No sleep.

100
00:04:00,000 --> 00:04:01,157
No sleep.

101
00:04:01,157 --> 00:04:01,990
How could you sleep?

102
00:04:01,990 --> 00:04:03,157
We would sleep in the woods.

103
00:04:03,157 --> 00:04:03,657
Yeah.

104
00:04:03,657 --> 00:04:04,480
And it was raining.

105
00:04:04,480 --> 00:04:07,480
That the whole week was raining.

106
00:04:07,480 --> 00:04:12,010
And while we was walking,
and the last time when

107
00:04:12,010 --> 00:04:16,360
we stopped, and we laid
down, the American panzers

108
00:04:16,360 --> 00:04:18,490
start to go one
after another, one

109

00:04:18,490 --> 00:04:20,890

after-- they see us laying
there, skeletons, people.

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00:04:20,890 --> 00:04:25,540

They tried to throw out their
ration cards, chocolate,

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00:04:25,540 --> 00:04:27,610

cigarettes, whatever they could.

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00:04:27,610 --> 00:04:28,610

I couldn't move.

113

00:04:28,610 --> 00:04:32,950

I couldn't move
closer to the highway

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00:04:32,950 --> 00:04:35,920

that I can grab something too
or ask them for something.

115

00:04:35,920 --> 00:04:38,410

I was so sick, a skeleton.

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00:04:38,410 --> 00:04:42,820

And when everything was over,
I was laying there, a day, two,

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00:04:42,820 --> 00:04:45,040

I got typhus, the
doctor told me.

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00:04:45,040 --> 00:04:47,080

And they took all
the people that

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00:04:47,080 --> 00:04:48,970

are still alive laying
there in the woods.

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00:04:48,970 --> 00:04:53,020
And they took me in a hospital
that the American army

121
00:04:53,020 --> 00:04:55,870
made from a German
movie house in Kamh.

122
00:04:55,870 --> 00:04:58,090
The city was Kamh.

123
00:04:58,090 --> 00:05:00,205
And they took me there too.

124
00:05:00,205 --> 00:05:00,880
And a bed.

125
00:05:00,880 --> 00:05:02,030
And was officers.

126
00:05:02,030 --> 00:05:04,720
There were nurses, doctors.

127
00:05:04,720 --> 00:05:08,200
And they start to take care
of me and of other people.

128
00:05:08,200 --> 00:05:10,180
And by me there
was laying people,

129
00:05:10,180 --> 00:05:11,830
now I see them laying alive.

130
00:05:11,830 --> 00:05:13,475
The next time, I see their dead.

131
00:05:13,475 --> 00:05:14,720
They just died.

132
00:05:14,720 --> 00:05:16,490
And I was there

in that camp maybe

133
00:05:16,490 --> 00:05:20,180
two or three weeks or more,
till I start to feel better.

134
00:05:20,180 --> 00:05:21,590
This was in what city?

135
00:05:21,590 --> 00:05:22,160
Kamh.

136
00:05:22,160 --> 00:05:23,300
K-A-M-H.

137
00:05:23,300 --> 00:05:27,290
K-A-M-H. Kamh.

138
00:05:27,290 --> 00:05:28,760
K-A-M-H.

139
00:05:28,760 --> 00:05:29,660
Kamh, right.

140
00:05:29,660 --> 00:05:31,200
In lower Bavaria, this town.

141
00:05:31,200 --> 00:05:31,700
Yeah.

142
00:05:31,700 --> 00:05:34,910
These people who died, they
just expired from weakness.

143
00:05:34,910 --> 00:05:37,700
Yeah, because they
had the typhus too.

144
00:05:37,700 --> 00:05:39,290
Just dead.

145

00:05:39,290 --> 00:05:41,940
The nurse or the doctor was here
let's say a half an hour ago,

146
00:05:41,940 --> 00:05:43,560
he keeps his eyes open.

147
00:05:43,560 --> 00:05:46,730
And he comes an hour later,
he was laying in bed dead.

148
00:05:46,730 --> 00:05:47,510
Yeah.

149
00:05:47,510 --> 00:05:49,260
So how long did you
spend in the hospital?

150
00:05:49,260 --> 00:05:53,330
In the hospital, I think
about three, four weeks.

151
00:05:53,330 --> 00:06:00,670
Then they give me a suit and
a hat that was oversized.

152
00:06:00,670 --> 00:06:05,330
And me as a skeleton, in such
a big outfit, how I looked,

153
00:06:05,330 --> 00:06:06,740
I don't know.

154
00:06:06,740 --> 00:06:09,950
But they sent me in
another camp where

155
00:06:09,950 --> 00:06:12,110
we recuperate after the typhus.

156
00:06:12,110 --> 00:06:12,890
Yes.

157

00:06:12,890 --> 00:06:14,720

This way we could eat more.

158

00:06:14,720 --> 00:06:17,990

In the hospital, we couldn't
eat at all, just certain things,

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00:06:17,990 --> 00:06:18,740

what they give us.

160

00:06:18,740 --> 00:06:20,060

Yeah.

161

00:06:20,060 --> 00:06:23,100

And after that, I start to
feel better, feel better.

162

00:06:23,100 --> 00:06:29,930

But to tell you the
truth, after maybe a year,

163

00:06:29,930 --> 00:06:32,060

I didn't know I was a man even.

164

00:06:32,060 --> 00:06:33,620

I didn't know I was a man.

165

00:06:33,620 --> 00:06:37,340

I didn't know whether
I could have children.

166

00:06:37,340 --> 00:06:40,875

Was so everything bad in me.

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00:06:40,875 --> 00:06:41,750

The feeling and the--

168

00:06:41,750 --> 00:06:46,070

The feeling and the sexual
feeling, I didn't have at all.

169

00:06:46,070 --> 00:06:50,420

And after that, I
was free to really--

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00:06:50,420 --> 00:06:52,760

free man, go anyplace I want.

171

00:06:52,760 --> 00:06:56,600

So there was American
soldiers come there

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00:06:56,600 --> 00:06:58,640

in that recuperation camp.

173

00:06:58,640 --> 00:07:00,950

And asked, who
would want to work

174

00:07:00,950 --> 00:07:02,900

for us, for the American army?

175

00:07:02,900 --> 00:07:06,620

We give you jobs, tailors,
kitchen, and that.

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00:07:06,620 --> 00:07:08,450

So I figured, I'm lonely.

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00:07:08,450 --> 00:07:10,220

I have nobody here.

178

00:07:10,220 --> 00:07:11,150

So I went there.

179

00:07:11,150 --> 00:07:16,050

And that was in that
little town, [PLACE NAME]..

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00:07:16,050 --> 00:07:18,210

So Straubing was the big camp.

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00:07:18,210 --> 00:07:21,450

And I was located at the little
[PLACE NAME],, [PLACE NAME],,

182
00:07:21,450 --> 00:07:24,240
a little village.

183
00:07:24,240 --> 00:07:25,410
And I went to the Americans.

184
00:07:25,410 --> 00:07:26,785
They have my room
and everything.

185
00:07:26,785 --> 00:07:28,020
And I had it very good.

186
00:07:28,020 --> 00:07:30,210
And 1, 2, 3, I start to
get stronger, and stronger,

187
00:07:30,210 --> 00:07:31,090
and stronger.

188
00:07:31,090 --> 00:07:31,590
Yeah.

189
00:07:31,590 --> 00:07:35,190
And after that I went
in the city, Straubing.

190
00:07:35,190 --> 00:07:38,820
Got apartment through
the military, government.

191
00:07:38,820 --> 00:07:41,320
A family that didn't
have children.

192
00:07:41,320 --> 00:07:41,820
Yes.

193
00:07:41,820 --> 00:07:45,150

And he was a big Nazi
in the Nazi time.

194
00:07:45,150 --> 00:07:46,500
He was a banker.

195
00:07:46,500 --> 00:07:48,870
And the wife, she
was a sweet woman,

196
00:07:48,870 --> 00:07:51,210
like a mother she was to me.

197
00:07:51,210 --> 00:07:54,497
So I got there this
apartment, one room.

198
00:07:54,497 --> 00:07:55,830
And it was everything all right.

199
00:07:55,830 --> 00:07:59,260
And all of a sudden, I fell
in such a depression that--

200
00:07:59,260 --> 00:08:00,370
I see I have nobody.

201
00:08:00,370 --> 00:08:02,460
Wherever I go, I just
see a shadow of me.

202
00:08:02,460 --> 00:08:04,290
I look in the mirror, who am I?

203
00:08:04,290 --> 00:08:08,940
So I have a tendency,
maybe I shouldn't live.

204
00:08:08,940 --> 00:08:14,680
And then Mrs. [? Lipp, ?] the
wife of that German Nazi--

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00:08:14,680 --> 00:08:16,260
she was a sweet woman--

206
00:08:16,260 --> 00:08:18,900
she said to me, Mr.
Yungst, what is wrong?

207
00:08:18,900 --> 00:08:20,190
You're not the same.

208
00:08:20,190 --> 00:08:20,950
What you thinking?

209
00:08:20,950 --> 00:08:24,660
Tell me, what is bothering you?

210
00:08:24,660 --> 00:08:26,280
So I told her.

211
00:08:26,280 --> 00:08:30,430
And she said, you know, Mr.
Yungst, good that you tell me.

212
00:08:30,430 --> 00:08:32,530
Now let me tell you something.

213
00:08:32,530 --> 00:08:34,049
How about if your
parents would be

214
00:08:34,049 --> 00:08:36,790
alive now, your brothers,
your sisters, your mother

215
00:08:36,790 --> 00:08:37,860
and father?

216
00:08:37,860 --> 00:08:42,840
You think they would
want you to die now?

217
00:08:42,840 --> 00:08:45,870

Or they would want you to
live and start a new life

218
00:08:45,870 --> 00:08:48,040
and have a family and children?

219
00:08:48,040 --> 00:08:50,790
So that really convinced
me that there's still

220
00:08:50,790 --> 00:08:52,020
another world around.

221
00:08:52,020 --> 00:08:52,650
Yes.

222
00:08:52,650 --> 00:08:55,300
And I say, maybe you're
right, Mrs. [? Lipp. ?]

223
00:08:55,300 --> 00:08:57,010
I'm going to try to do that.

224
00:08:57,010 --> 00:09:01,500
And after a while, I become the
same man, like I used to be.

225
00:09:01,500 --> 00:09:04,260
And go out with
friends, with girls.

226
00:09:04,260 --> 00:09:05,910
And then I met my wife.

227
00:09:05,910 --> 00:09:08,040
So the optimism that
you needed to carry you

228
00:09:08,040 --> 00:09:10,560
through in the worst
part of the war

229

00:09:10,560 --> 00:09:12,750
came back to you through her.

230
00:09:12,750 --> 00:09:13,320
That's right.

231
00:09:13,320 --> 00:09:14,610
She really--

232
00:09:14,610 --> 00:09:15,450
She saved your life.

233
00:09:15,450 --> 00:09:16,200
--saved my life.

234
00:09:16,200 --> 00:09:17,190
Yeah.

235
00:09:17,190 --> 00:09:17,850
Yeah.

236
00:09:17,850 --> 00:09:20,480
And we got married in
that same Straubing.

237
00:09:20,480 --> 00:09:22,060
And she was invited
to our wedding.

238
00:09:22,060 --> 00:09:24,720
How did you meet your wife?

239
00:09:24,720 --> 00:09:27,870
My wife, I meet
her by coincident.

240
00:09:27,870 --> 00:09:34,830
She has cousins in Munich,
in Bavaria, MÃ¼nchen.

241
00:09:34,830 --> 00:09:36,060
Yes.

242
00:09:36,060 --> 00:09:39,450
And my wife, she
lived with her brother

243
00:09:39,450 --> 00:09:44,500
in Bergen-Belsen,
this Hanover, a city.

244
00:09:44,500 --> 00:09:46,540
So she met a girlfriend.

245
00:09:46,540 --> 00:09:49,500
But they happened to
be from the same city.

246
00:09:49,500 --> 00:09:54,760
They went to visit her
boyfriend in Straubing.

247
00:09:54,760 --> 00:09:57,060
So when she visited her
boyfriend in Straubing,

248
00:09:57,060 --> 00:09:59,970
I was by her boyfriend's sister.

249
00:09:59,970 --> 00:10:01,020
They was married too.

250
00:10:01,020 --> 00:10:04,320
And this way, when I come there
to the sister, all together,

251
00:10:04,320 --> 00:10:05,940
my wife saw me, and I saw her.

252
00:10:05,940 --> 00:10:07,920
And there was love
at first sight.

253
00:10:07,920 --> 00:10:09,450

And that what happened.

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00:10:09,450 --> 00:10:11,340

Then we got married.

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00:10:11,340 --> 00:10:14,250

And then we have
three lovely children.

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00:10:14,250 --> 00:10:16,920

I have a daughter, Etta.

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00:10:16,920 --> 00:10:19,470

She lives in Edison.

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00:10:19,470 --> 00:10:21,523

She's named for your mother?

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00:10:21,523 --> 00:10:22,690

She's named after my mother.

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00:10:22,690 --> 00:10:23,640

You mother, yes.

261

00:10:23,640 --> 00:10:26,670

And then we have-- the
younger daughter is Hela.

262

00:10:26,670 --> 00:10:29,280

She's named after
my wife's mother.

263

00:10:29,280 --> 00:10:33,490

And then my youngest son,
Paul, he was the youngest.

264

00:10:33,490 --> 00:10:37,380

He is named after my father.

265

00:10:37,380 --> 00:10:41,430

How did you learn about
the rest of your family?

266
00:10:41,430 --> 00:10:44,020
Yeah, I have
something to tell you.

267
00:10:44,020 --> 00:10:45,030
Please.

268
00:10:45,030 --> 00:10:48,450
My brother, the youngest
one, I know he's a small boy,

269
00:10:48,450 --> 00:10:50,638
maybe they killed him
or maybe they sent him

270
00:10:50,638 --> 00:10:51,930
straight to concentration camp.

271
00:10:51,930 --> 00:10:52,860
This was Abraham.

272
00:10:52,860 --> 00:10:53,490
Yeah.

273
00:10:53,490 --> 00:10:55,140
But my sister, I
couldn't believe.

274
00:10:55,140 --> 00:10:58,080
She was a beautiful
girl, tall, gorgeous,

275
00:10:58,080 --> 00:11:00,030
like a movie star for
the world she looked.

276
00:11:00,030 --> 00:11:00,570
Yes.

277
00:11:00,570 --> 00:11:01,650
I couldn't believe

that they would

278

00:11:01,650 --> 00:11:02,910
do such a thing to that girl.

279

00:11:02,910 --> 00:11:04,285
They wouldn't send
her to a camp.

280

00:11:04,285 --> 00:11:05,460
She must be alive.

281

00:11:05,460 --> 00:11:06,070
I traveled.

282

00:11:06,070 --> 00:11:06,700
I was all over.

283

00:11:06,700 --> 00:11:07,530
I looked for her.

284

00:11:07,530 --> 00:11:09,840
I see a face like her.

285

00:11:09,840 --> 00:11:11,640
I went to Israel.

286

00:11:11,640 --> 00:11:14,670
In Israel, that was
on a Main Street--

287

00:11:14,670 --> 00:11:16,590
I can't remember the name--

288

00:11:16,590 --> 00:11:19,620
Rothschild Boulevard,
Rothschild Boulevard.

289

00:11:19,620 --> 00:11:21,900
I saw a girl walking.

290

00:11:21,900 --> 00:11:24,910
She looked from the
back like my sister,

291
00:11:24,910 --> 00:11:29,318
tall, because my father
was tall, and nice legs.

292
00:11:29,318 --> 00:11:30,610
And I thought that's my sister.

293
00:11:30,610 --> 00:11:32,040
Such long hair.

294
00:11:32,040 --> 00:11:33,570
And I follow her, follow her.

295
00:11:33,570 --> 00:11:36,600
I wanted to tell that
I can see the face.

296
00:11:36,600 --> 00:11:40,590
And she probably realized
I follow too far.

297
00:11:40,590 --> 00:11:42,030
So she turns around.

298
00:11:42,030 --> 00:11:45,040
And she said, why
are you following me?

299
00:11:45,040 --> 00:11:46,860
So I told her.

300
00:11:46,860 --> 00:11:49,590
I thought that you're my sister.

301
00:11:49,590 --> 00:11:51,510
I have a sister like you.

302
00:11:51,510 --> 00:11:55,530

And you look so like her
from the back, I thought--

303
00:11:55,530 --> 00:11:58,020
and I couldn't believe that
she is not alive anymore.

304
00:11:58,020 --> 00:12:00,210
I thought you are my sister.

305
00:12:00,210 --> 00:12:04,050
So she said to me, I wish I
be your sister, but I'm not.

306
00:12:04,050 --> 00:12:06,660
That was just heartbreaking.

307
00:12:06,660 --> 00:12:07,740
Yeah.

308
00:12:07,740 --> 00:12:09,420
Yeah.

309
00:12:09,420 --> 00:12:18,450
It-- you went to Israel to--

310
00:12:18,450 --> 00:12:20,400
in the hopes that
she might be there?

311
00:12:20,400 --> 00:12:22,590
Yeah, yeah.

312
00:12:22,590 --> 00:12:28,410
What was your life like in
Straubing during the years

313
00:12:28,410 --> 00:12:29,100
after the war.

314
00:12:29,100 --> 00:12:33,450
Because I was textile line,

my father, and my grandfather

315

00:12:33,450 --> 00:12:35,190

even, when it was hand--

316

00:12:35,190 --> 00:12:36,930

weaved looms, they called it.

317

00:12:36,930 --> 00:12:39,300

By hand you make the materials.

318

00:12:39,300 --> 00:12:42,660

So I bought a textile--

319

00:12:42,660 --> 00:12:46,350

a small, I start very small

textile factory machines.

320

00:12:46,350 --> 00:12:48,480

And I start to

put them together.

321

00:12:48,480 --> 00:12:55,380

And buy the raw materials. and

have little weaving factory.

322

00:12:55,380 --> 00:12:57,610

Had people working by me.

323

00:12:57,610 --> 00:13:03,330

And after that, we

decide to go to Israel,

324

00:13:03,330 --> 00:13:05,580

bring a textile

factory to Israel.

325

00:13:05,580 --> 00:13:06,720

Yes.

326

00:13:06,720 --> 00:13:09,750

So we came to understand

we come at the wrong time.

327

00:13:09,750 --> 00:13:11,970

That was after the independence.

328

00:13:11,970 --> 00:13:13,700

They have everything
on ration card.

329

00:13:13,700 --> 00:13:15,540

I couldn't get
the raw materials.

330

00:13:15,540 --> 00:13:21,720

So my machines were
standing there in the--

331

00:13:21,720 --> 00:13:25,470

what they call it--
the big, huge field.

332

00:13:25,470 --> 00:13:28,320

And the crates, one after
another, one after another.

333

00:13:28,320 --> 00:13:31,200

And I have to pay the
government for storage.

334

00:13:31,200 --> 00:13:32,255

Yeah.

335

00:13:32,255 --> 00:13:34,380

So I see that nothing is
going to come out of that.

336

00:13:34,380 --> 00:13:36,780

Because I will not be
able to pay as much.

337

00:13:36,780 --> 00:13:41,115

They're asking now more than I
would get even if I have where

338
00:13:41,115 --> 00:13:43,410
to put them in or I
would get the material.

339
00:13:43,410 --> 00:13:45,210
So I left everything for them.

340
00:13:45,210 --> 00:13:49,950
And I left Israel, back to
Germany, back to Straubing.

341
00:13:49,950 --> 00:13:52,680
In Straubing, I had
the factory again.

342
00:13:52,680 --> 00:13:54,840
And finally, I sold that.

343
00:13:54,840 --> 00:13:56,820
And I went to the United States.

344
00:13:56,820 --> 00:13:57,840
Yeah.

345
00:13:57,840 --> 00:13:58,770
Yeah.

346
00:13:58,770 --> 00:14:01,240
When did you come to
the United States?

347
00:14:01,240 --> 00:14:04,190
In, I think, '53, '54.

348
00:14:04,190 --> 00:14:04,920
'54.

349
00:14:04,920 --> 00:14:05,420
Yeah.

350

00:14:05,420 --> 00:14:08,330

351

00:14:08,330 --> 00:14:13,880

Where did you settle when
you came here originally?

352

00:14:13,880 --> 00:14:17,090

My wife's sister,
she come before us.

353

00:14:17,090 --> 00:14:19,300

She come from Bergen-Belsen.

354

00:14:19,300 --> 00:14:22,190

The lived in Newark
on Horton Avenue.

355

00:14:22,190 --> 00:14:23,420

Yes.

356

00:14:23,420 --> 00:14:28,640

So we got apartment on
top of Horton Avenue.

357

00:14:28,640 --> 00:14:29,870

They had that house.

358

00:14:29,870 --> 00:14:32,570

I don't remember the
no number anymore.

359

00:14:32,570 --> 00:14:35,930

And we lived there for a time.

360

00:14:35,930 --> 00:14:37,760

I had three little children.

361

00:14:37,760 --> 00:14:39,680

In the wintertime, we have coal.

362

00:14:39,680 --> 00:14:40,790

So before I went out--

363

00:14:40,790 --> 00:14:42,540

I got a job, I
went out to work--

364

00:14:42,540 --> 00:14:45,650

I had to go in the cellar
and put coal in that stove

365

00:14:45,650 --> 00:14:47,570

until the heat come up.

366

00:14:47,570 --> 00:14:49,070

Was already the day gone.

367

00:14:49,070 --> 00:14:49,880

Yes.

368

00:14:49,880 --> 00:14:51,800

And in summer, it was
too hot because you

369

00:14:51,800 --> 00:14:54,560

lived on top of the roof.

370

00:14:54,560 --> 00:14:56,470

But for the beginning,
it was good.

371

00:14:56,470 --> 00:14:57,560

And then we got a house.

372

00:14:57,560 --> 00:15:00,140

I bought a house,
accumulated a little money.

373

00:15:00,140 --> 00:15:03,500

We bought the house in Hillside.

374

00:15:03,500 --> 00:15:08,300

And from Hillside, we

bought a little business

375

00:15:08,300 --> 00:15:12,380

in Union, a deli business.

376

00:15:12,380 --> 00:15:14,240

And I moved to Union.

377

00:15:14,240 --> 00:15:17,180

And about two years

ago, three years ago,

378

00:15:17,180 --> 00:15:18,530

I retired, semi-retired.

379

00:15:18,530 --> 00:15:19,500

Sold the business.

380

00:15:19,500 --> 00:15:22,070

Now I work a little, part time.

381

00:15:22,070 --> 00:15:23,670

And that was it.

382

00:15:23,670 --> 00:15:24,470

We live in Union.

383

00:15:24,470 --> 00:15:27,710

My kids, all three, are married.

384

00:15:27,710 --> 00:15:31,760

And my youngest son is a
doctor in Sarasota, Florida.

385

00:15:31,760 --> 00:15:32,810

Has a little grandson.

386

00:15:32,810 --> 00:15:35,270

He's going to be
four years in June.

387

00:15:35,270 --> 00:15:35,960

Yes.

388

00:15:35,960 --> 00:15:38,840

And they're expecting
a second baby.

389

00:15:38,840 --> 00:15:40,310

So the whole family
is happy now.

390

00:15:40,310 --> 00:15:42,650

So you're all together
and you're all happy.

391

00:15:42,650 --> 00:15:45,390

And my children, two daughters
that live here in New Jersey,

392

00:15:45,390 --> 00:15:46,873

but we see each
other very often.

393

00:15:46,873 --> 00:15:47,540

So you're close.

394

00:15:47,540 --> 00:15:47,800

Yeah.

395

00:15:47,800 --> 00:15:49,670

And do you speak to them
about these experiences.

396

00:15:49,670 --> 00:15:50,750

Yeah, yeah, they
all know about this.

397

00:15:50,750 --> 00:15:51,260

You share it with them.

398

00:15:51,260 --> 00:15:52,190

Oh yeah, yeah.

399

00:15:52,190 --> 00:15:58,190

Yeah, so there hasn't been any
hiding of anything or evading?

400

00:15:58,190 --> 00:15:59,000

No, no.

401

00:15:59,000 --> 00:16:00,980

Sometimes they say
enough is enough.

402

00:16:00,980 --> 00:16:03,080

But it's good to remember.

403

00:16:03,080 --> 00:16:05,480

And when we get
together, especially

404

00:16:05,480 --> 00:16:07,790

with my daughters--
with my son, is

405

00:16:07,790 --> 00:16:11,000

nothing he see on television
that he wouldn't watch

406

00:16:11,000 --> 00:16:13,410

it that concerns
what we went through,

407

00:16:13,410 --> 00:16:14,660

and Holocaust, and everything.

408

00:16:14,660 --> 00:16:15,702

Because he wants to know.

409

00:16:15,702 --> 00:16:17,040

He's really dedicated to that.

410

00:16:17,040 --> 00:16:17,540

Yeah.

411

00:16:17,540 --> 00:16:18,832

I want to know everything, dad.

412

00:16:18,832 --> 00:16:20,750

I went to know everything.

413

00:16:20,750 --> 00:16:27,050

In what way, just to summarize
or to conclude, in what way

414

00:16:27,050 --> 00:16:31,760

do you think these terrible
experiences that you suffered

415

00:16:31,760 --> 00:16:37,910

and witnessed have given shape
or meaning to your later life,

416

00:16:37,910 --> 00:16:38,810

to your life now?

417

00:16:38,810 --> 00:16:42,230

Do you think in some
way they taught you

418

00:16:42,230 --> 00:16:45,350

something that you
would like to transmit

419

00:16:45,350 --> 00:16:49,340

to us through this medium here?

420

00:16:49,340 --> 00:16:53,240

What we went through and what
I learned through the years

421

00:16:53,240 --> 00:16:56,030

that I was in
concentration camps,

422

00:16:56,030 --> 00:16:58,070

there's only one

thing, that people

423

00:16:58,070 --> 00:17:03,240

should be aware things
can happen overnight,

424

00:17:03,240 --> 00:17:05,540

that what happened in Germany.

425

00:17:05,540 --> 00:17:10,170

Because in the beginning,
they went slowly, slowly.

426

00:17:10,170 --> 00:17:10,670

Yes.

427

00:17:10,670 --> 00:17:14,000

Finally, when they see they
have all the Jewish people

428

00:17:14,000 --> 00:17:17,030

and the Poles, they can do
whatever they want and nobody's

429

00:17:17,030 --> 00:17:18,109

going to stop them.

430

00:17:18,109 --> 00:17:20,540

So what we people
here should do,

431

00:17:20,540 --> 00:17:23,150

not only now, but
for years to come,

432

00:17:23,150 --> 00:17:26,430

to be watchful what
is going to happen.

433

00:17:26,430 --> 00:17:30,450

Who is behind things that
they want to repeat that,

434

00:17:30,450 --> 00:17:31,780
what Hitler did.

435

00:17:31,780 --> 00:17:35,810
And I think, not only the Jewish
people, but the whole country

436

00:17:35,810 --> 00:17:41,360
in general, if they would
be a watchdog of such things

437

00:17:41,360 --> 00:17:43,550
that happened before,
then everything I think

438

00:17:43,550 --> 00:17:46,260
would be all right.

439

00:17:46,260 --> 00:17:47,640
Thank you.

440

00:17:47,640 --> 00:17:50,070
You are indeed a survivor.

441

00:17:50,070 --> 00:17:53,670
And it was a great
pleasure and privilege

442

00:17:53,670 --> 00:17:56,940
to be able to meet you,
and to talk with you,

443

00:17:56,940 --> 00:18:01,930
and to see how strong and
how good a person you are.

444

00:18:01,930 --> 00:18:04,747
And I Thank you for the
privilege of sharing this--

445

00:18:04,747 --> 00:18:05,830
The same goes for you too.

446
00:18:05,830 --> 00:18:06,210
Thank you.

447
00:18:06,210 --> 00:18:06,970
It was a pleasure--

448
00:18:06,970 --> 00:18:07,470
Thank you.

449
00:18:07,470 --> 00:18:08,280
--talking with you.

450
00:18:08,280 --> 00:18:10,260
You're very welcome, and--

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00:18:10,260 --> 00:18:13,910
[MUSIC PLAYING]

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00:18:13,910 --> 00:18:47,000