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Good afternoon.

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00:00:40,230 --> 00:00:43,400

My name is Bernard Weinstein

I'm a member of the Kean College

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Oral Testimonies Project at
the Holocaust Resource Center.

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for Holocaust Testimonies
at Yale University.

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Sharing the interview with
me is Mr Ernest Bokor.

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A survivor presently
living in Edison,

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New Jersey, who has
generously volunteered

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00:01:05,480 --> 00:01:08,030

to give testimony
about his experiences

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00:01:08,030 --> 00:01:10,700
before, during, and
after the Holocaust.

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00:01:10,700 --> 00:01:11,990
Welcome, Mr Bokor.

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00:01:11,990 --> 00:01:12,890
Thank you.

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00:01:12,890 --> 00:01:15,440
Mr. Bokor, I'd like
to begin by asking you

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00:01:15,440 --> 00:01:19,160
if you would tell us a little
bit about the place you

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00:01:19,160 --> 00:01:22,940
were born and your early life.

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00:01:22,940 --> 00:01:29,810
Really, I was born in August
21 in 1920 in Czechoslovakia,

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00:01:29,810 --> 00:01:31,250
the town called Dehrad.

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00:01:31,250 --> 00:01:33,710
It was a very small town.

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00:01:33,710 --> 00:01:37,760
And we moved from there in--

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00:01:37,760 --> 00:01:42,710
I know good-- in 1923, we
moved on to another part

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00:01:42,710 --> 00:01:46,550

in Slovakia, which is
about 80 miles farther.

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00:01:46,550 --> 00:01:51,890

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00:01:51,890 --> 00:01:56,120
It was also a small town,
two Jewish family, all Roman

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00:01:56,120 --> 00:01:57,560
Catholics.

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00:01:57,560 --> 00:02:03,500
When I arrived over there, sure,
right away, they jumped on me.

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00:02:03,500 --> 00:02:05,660
I was the only Jewish kid.

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00:02:05,660 --> 00:02:08,630
The other family had
also one, but he was

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00:02:08,630 --> 00:02:12,200
more indoor, not outdoor kid.

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00:02:12,200 --> 00:02:14,030
I was outdoor.

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00:02:14,030 --> 00:02:15,860
They started to beat me up.

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00:02:15,860 --> 00:02:21,140
One time I came home with
a little blood on my face

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00:02:21,140 --> 00:02:24,080
from fight, crying.

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00:02:24,080 --> 00:02:26,000
My father was a merchant.

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00:02:26,000 --> 00:02:27,510
And he was also a butcher.

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00:02:27,510 --> 00:02:30,410
He was a very strong guy.

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00:02:30,410 --> 00:02:34,880
And he gave me through
my behind, and he said,

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00:02:34,880 --> 00:02:39,080
never again come home
crying, fight back.

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00:02:39,080 --> 00:02:44,960
And this made me a
fighter and a hard kid.

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00:02:44,960 --> 00:02:49,130
Sooner or later, I became the
leader of between the kids,

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00:02:49,130 --> 00:02:50,780
like a small gang.

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00:02:50,780 --> 00:02:52,640
We wasn't afraid of nobody.

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00:02:52,640 --> 00:02:55,190
They respected me.

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00:02:55,190 --> 00:02:57,750
I wasn't afraid
even from older--

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00:02:57,750 --> 00:03:01,010
I was really always
fighting back.

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00:03:01,010 --> 00:03:04,440
And this way I grew up.

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00:03:04,440 --> 00:03:06,800

Even when I went to
school, to high school,

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00:03:06,800 --> 00:03:11,330

which was about 15
miles from the town--

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00:03:11,330 --> 00:03:14,630

we had to commute by train.

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00:03:14,630 --> 00:03:19,280

And usually, we got our seats
in first day of September.

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00:03:19,280 --> 00:03:25,340

And that seat was for whole
year in the railroad car.

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00:03:25,340 --> 00:03:29,300

One day I came in the car,
and there was another guy

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00:03:29,300 --> 00:03:31,070

on my sitting on my seat.

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00:03:31,070 --> 00:03:33,950

And I thought, listen,
that's my seat.

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00:03:33,950 --> 00:03:36,320

You have to move
away from there.

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00:03:36,320 --> 00:03:38,150

He didn't want.

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00:03:38,150 --> 00:03:42,410

He says, a dirty Jew isn't going
to tell me where I have to sit.

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00:03:42,410 --> 00:03:45,530

And I got really angry.

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00:03:45,530 --> 00:03:48,790

Was this someone you had known
who knew you were Jewish?

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00:03:48,790 --> 00:03:51,860

Yes, he was from my class.

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00:03:51,860 --> 00:03:55,190

And I have had very easy--

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00:03:55,190 --> 00:03:57,830

I was bleeding very
easily from my nose.

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00:03:57,830 --> 00:04:02,060

He jumped up on the seat,
and he hit me on my nose.

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00:04:02,060 --> 00:04:03,380

He know that.

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00:04:03,380 --> 00:04:06,380

I was bleeding, and
he started to holler,

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00:04:06,380 --> 00:04:08,390

the Jewish blood is flowing.

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00:04:08,390 --> 00:04:09,630

I got really angry.

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00:04:09,630 --> 00:04:13,220

I jumped also up, and
we started to fight.

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00:04:13,220 --> 00:04:16,550

And somehow I pushed him in the
window, in the railroad car.

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00:04:16,550 --> 00:04:18,500
Window vibrated.

73
00:04:18,500 --> 00:04:23,210
Sure, we got the next day
in the school, both of us

74
00:04:23,210 --> 00:04:24,860
was punished.

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00:04:24,860 --> 00:04:29,780
We had very strict
schools over there.

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00:04:29,780 --> 00:04:32,840
And this way I grew up.

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00:04:32,840 --> 00:04:34,730
That was my life--

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00:04:34,730 --> 00:04:36,680
fight back or give up.

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00:04:36,680 --> 00:04:39,470
And I never gave up.

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00:04:39,470 --> 00:04:43,400
Living in the kind of
community you lived in,

81
00:04:43,400 --> 00:04:47,720
were you able to
practice Judaism?

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00:04:47,720 --> 00:04:50,030
Were you able to--

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00:04:50,030 --> 00:04:55,430
It was really hard because, we
were far away from everything

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00:04:55,430 --> 00:04:58,020

in that small town.

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00:04:58,020 --> 00:05:02,090

And I went 40 years to
a Roman Catholic school,

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00:05:02,090 --> 00:05:05,730

because we had no other
school in the town.

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00:05:05,730 --> 00:05:09,590

My father had to pay
because the town kept up.

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00:05:09,590 --> 00:05:11,870

They paid for the teacher.

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00:05:11,870 --> 00:05:15,080

And where I went,
the first years,

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00:05:15,080 --> 00:05:17,510

I learned lots of
about Catholicism,

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00:05:17,510 --> 00:05:21,260

even more than I
learned from Judaism.

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00:05:21,260 --> 00:05:24,230

It's hard to say, but
the first alefbet I

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00:05:24,230 --> 00:05:28,100

learned from the Catholic
priest in the school.

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00:05:28,100 --> 00:05:31,550

And later on when I
went to high school,

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00:05:31,550 --> 00:05:38,220

we had to go to Hebrew

house every twice,

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00:05:38,220 --> 00:05:42,640

twice, I think, one
hour, if I remember good.

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00:05:42,640 --> 00:05:48,570

And when I was a bar mitzvah,
that time my father died.

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00:05:48,570 --> 00:05:50,850

And we got pretty broke.

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00:05:50,850 --> 00:05:53,070

He had cancer.

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00:05:53,070 --> 00:05:57,390

My grandmother took me to her.

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00:05:57,390 --> 00:05:59,040

And over there I learned.

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00:05:59,040 --> 00:06:01,140

And whatever, you know,
we had [INAUDIBLE] kind

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00:06:01,140 --> 00:06:02,400

of teacher, schools.

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00:06:02,400 --> 00:06:05,620

So I learned a little
bit about Judaism.

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00:06:05,620 --> 00:06:08,580

So religiously, I cannot
say I learned too much.

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00:06:08,580 --> 00:06:12,628

I know but I have
what Jewish men

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00:06:12,628 --> 00:06:13,920

have to know about you Judaism.

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00:06:13,920 --> 00:06:18,840

Was there a synagogue anywhere
in the area where you lived?

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00:06:18,840 --> 00:06:19,920

No.

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00:06:19,920 --> 00:06:22,950

In the town like I said, it
was only two Jewish family,

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00:06:22,950 --> 00:06:25,980

altogether about 160 houses.

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00:06:25,980 --> 00:06:31,150

They nearest synagogue
was about four miles away.

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00:06:31,150 --> 00:06:35,400

But in high holy days, we
used to go to the city, which

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00:06:35,400 --> 00:06:39,820

was about 14 miles from us.

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00:06:39,820 --> 00:06:42,300

And over there, we went.

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00:06:42,300 --> 00:06:46,150

And like I said, we had
to go to school and learn.

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00:06:46,150 --> 00:06:52,970

So I knew a little, knew what
had to be known, but no more.

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00:06:52,970 --> 00:06:53,470

Yeah.

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00:06:53,470 --> 00:06:56,790

You mentioned that you have
a brother and a sister--

120
00:06:56,790 --> 00:06:59,520
had a brother and have a sister.

121
00:06:59,520 --> 00:07:02,610
Were their early
experiences similar to yours

122
00:07:02,610 --> 00:07:05,280
regarding their being Jewish?

123
00:07:05,280 --> 00:07:08,430
My sister, she was
about six-year-old

124
00:07:08,430 --> 00:07:14,490
when my family saw that in that
small town she has no future.

125
00:07:14,490 --> 00:07:19,800
She cannot become like a
Jewish lady or a Jewish girl.

126
00:07:19,800 --> 00:07:22,050
So they took her to them.

127
00:07:22,050 --> 00:07:23,670
They had only one son.

128
00:07:23,670 --> 00:07:26,160
And she was living in the city.

129
00:07:26,160 --> 00:07:30,930
My brother, he was much
younger those days.

130
00:07:30,930 --> 00:07:37,140
And really, he didn't have
the time to learn yet.

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00:07:37,140 --> 00:07:42,660

Later on, he was
more religiously--

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00:07:42,660 --> 00:07:46,380

he wanted to know always more
about religion than I did.

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00:07:46,380 --> 00:07:51,870

I became like here
today like a Zionist.

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00:07:51,870 --> 00:07:56,670

I know what Judaism mean
to me, not religiously,

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00:07:56,670 --> 00:07:58,380

but nationally.

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00:07:58,380 --> 00:08:01,900

I was in Israel in
army, in service,

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00:08:01,900 --> 00:08:07,770

which I think is a pretty
good background also.

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00:08:07,770 --> 00:08:10,780

Did you go to a high
school, a regular--

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00:08:10,780 --> 00:08:11,520

Yes.

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00:08:11,520 --> 00:08:12,915

Was it a kind of Gymnasium?

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00:08:12,915 --> 00:08:15,990

In Europe, it's completely
different than--

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00:08:15,990 --> 00:08:22,770

we learned in high school maybe

more in four years than they

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00:08:22,770 --> 00:08:25,570

learn over here in eight years.

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00:08:25,570 --> 00:08:30,060

It was a very strict
school system.

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00:08:30,060 --> 00:08:33,960

If somebody had a failing
point, he had to repeat it.

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00:08:33,960 --> 00:08:38,070

He had to repeat the class.

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00:08:38,070 --> 00:08:40,559

It was not like there passing.

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00:08:40,559 --> 00:08:44,134

Over there, they
had to repeat it.

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00:08:44,134 --> 00:08:46,920

Were you happy in
school when you went?

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00:08:46,920 --> 00:08:48,420

Or did you have--

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00:08:48,420 --> 00:08:52,290

Like every kid, I was
a pretty good student.

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00:08:52,290 --> 00:08:57,030

But always, I envied
a guy if I saw

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00:08:57,030 --> 00:08:59,820

through the window of the
school that he's outside

154

00:08:59,820 --> 00:09:01,920
and I had to sit the inside.

155
00:09:01,920 --> 00:09:05,400
But that's all what it meant.

156
00:09:05,400 --> 00:09:11,040
When did you first start to feel
that you were in real danger

157
00:09:11,040 --> 00:09:15,750
or in real difficulty as a Jew?

158
00:09:15,750 --> 00:09:20,970
Really difficulty started
when Hungary occupied.

159
00:09:20,970 --> 00:09:23,400
By then, they divided
Czechoslovakia.

160
00:09:23,400 --> 00:09:25,680
In Czechoslovakia, the
Jews had excellent life.

161
00:09:25,680 --> 00:09:29,280
We had very good and
free life in 1938.

162
00:09:29,280 --> 00:09:33,600
It was our perfect
democracy, if I can say.

163
00:09:33,600 --> 00:09:36,030
And that's what destroyed it--

164
00:09:36,030 --> 00:09:40,410
too much freedom
for every minority.

165
00:09:40,410 --> 00:09:43,650
And that's what
destroyed it also.

166
00:09:43,650 --> 00:09:49,350
That was the fate of
Czechoslovakia in 1938.

167
00:09:49,350 --> 00:09:53,310
After that, when the
Hungarian occupied us,

168
00:09:53,310 --> 00:09:58,170
that was the first step, the
Jewish laws they called it,

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00:09:58,170 --> 00:10:00,630
in Hungarian, [NON-ENGLISH].

170
00:10:00,630 --> 00:10:05,070
And first of all,
most of these schools

171
00:10:05,070 --> 00:10:09,270
was forbidden for kids
who still attended.

172
00:10:09,270 --> 00:10:14,100
A year or year later, everybody
was thrown out from school.

173
00:10:14,100 --> 00:10:17,160
Many didn't graduate.

174
00:10:17,160 --> 00:10:21,780
And work, say, you
couldn't be store helper.

175
00:10:21,780 --> 00:10:23,100
You couldn't be in an office.

176
00:10:23,100 --> 00:10:26,850

177
00:10:26,850 --> 00:10:33,180

Just a hand labor
was what you can do.

178
00:10:33,180 --> 00:10:35,160
And even that was scarce.

179
00:10:35,160 --> 00:10:37,530
At home, in
beginning, I remember

180
00:10:37,530 --> 00:10:41,580
I tried to make my
living to chop wood,

181
00:10:41,580 --> 00:10:45,480
you know, cut with
a saw and chop wood.

182
00:10:45,480 --> 00:10:48,990
But it was a very poor--

183
00:10:48,990 --> 00:10:51,570
we made a very poor
living from it.

184
00:10:51,570 --> 00:10:54,420
I saw that I cannot
stay like that.

185
00:10:54,420 --> 00:11:00,270
And I had a widowed mother and
two younger brother and sister.

186
00:11:00,270 --> 00:11:08,510
So I decided to go to Budapest
right after, a very short time.

187
00:11:08,510 --> 00:11:17,960
Over there I came to
a place of milk store.

188
00:11:17,960 --> 00:11:20,480
They needed a delivery

man to deliver milk

189
00:11:20,480 --> 00:11:23,630
to very rich people.

190
00:11:23,630 --> 00:11:25,070
But that was all hand work.

191
00:11:25,070 --> 00:11:27,540
No cars, no horses.

192
00:11:27,540 --> 00:11:30,500
You was the horse and
you was the delivery man.

193
00:11:30,500 --> 00:11:36,110
Every day I had to deliver
about 300 liters, which

194
00:11:36,110 --> 00:11:39,500
would be close to
300 quarts of milk

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00:11:39,500 --> 00:11:43,940
in glass containers,
or glass bottles,

196
00:11:43,940 --> 00:11:46,580
to houses with no elevators.

197
00:11:46,580 --> 00:11:49,950
And it was forbidden
to go in main entrance.

198
00:11:49,950 --> 00:11:54,440
We had to take the side
entrance for delivery entrances.

199
00:11:54,440 --> 00:12:00,560
It was 1939, '39-40
winter, very big snow.

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00:12:00,560 --> 00:12:05,120
I remember I had to push
that cart, two wheel--

201
00:12:05,120 --> 00:12:07,590
how they call that--

202
00:12:07,590 --> 00:12:13,250
two wheel cart with 300 liter
of milk in that deep snow.

203
00:12:13,250 --> 00:12:18,470
I went in with the
milk in the staircases,

204
00:12:18,470 --> 00:12:22,640
where the stair was, came
out, even with the snow,

205
00:12:22,640 --> 00:12:24,730
I came out all wet.

206
00:12:24,730 --> 00:12:28,460
Till I finished that up,
I was completely wet.

207
00:12:28,460 --> 00:12:32,780
And also the same
year, I was sick

208
00:12:32,780 --> 00:12:34,890
and I had to stop this work.

209
00:12:34,890 --> 00:12:36,920
How old were you at this time?

210
00:12:36,920 --> 00:12:38,620
18.

211
00:12:38,620 --> 00:12:44,860
But to my luck, I met over
there another delivery boy.

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00:12:44,860 --> 00:12:48,760

The job I got under
one condition--

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00:12:48,760 --> 00:12:50,800

nobody should know
that I'm a Jew,

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00:12:50,800 --> 00:12:53,260

otherwise I couldn't get it.

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00:12:53,260 --> 00:12:55,930

I couldn't say I am a Jew.

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00:12:55,930 --> 00:13:02,020

So this way, I started to feel
that I am not free no more.

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00:13:02,020 --> 00:13:05,440

I had to hide something always.

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00:13:05,440 --> 00:13:09,430

So over there I met another guy,
who was also delivering milk

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00:13:09,430 --> 00:13:11,800

to certain houses.

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00:13:11,800 --> 00:13:14,410

That was my competition.

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00:13:14,410 --> 00:13:17,980

He was already that time the
member of the Hungarian Nazi

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00:13:17,980 --> 00:13:19,210

Party.

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00:13:19,210 --> 00:13:22,360

We called this guy-- even till
today I don't know why name

224
00:13:22,360 --> 00:13:23,050
of his--

225
00:13:23,050 --> 00:13:25,810
just we called him Popeye.

226
00:13:25,810 --> 00:13:29,590
And he always stopped
me for a little talk

227
00:13:29,590 --> 00:13:31,810
when we had a little rest.

228
00:13:31,810 --> 00:13:37,900
He says, Ernie, what in the heck
you are still not in our party.

229
00:13:37,900 --> 00:13:43,750
And it was very hard to hide
and tell him that I cannot be.

230
00:13:43,750 --> 00:13:46,990
And we became
really good friends.

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00:13:46,990 --> 00:13:48,640
What excuse did you give him?

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00:13:48,640 --> 00:13:49,555
Excuse me?

233
00:13:49,555 --> 00:13:51,430
What excuse did you give
him for not joining?

234
00:13:51,430 --> 00:13:53,180
I gave him all kinds of excuses.

235
00:13:53,180 --> 00:13:54,550
It's too early for me.

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00:13:54,550 --> 00:13:58,180

I don't know about
Hungarian politics.

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00:13:58,180 --> 00:14:01,990

It was just a few months after
our so-called liberation.

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00:14:01,990 --> 00:14:04,540

They called us that they
liberated us from Czechs.

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00:14:04,540 --> 00:14:09,770

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00:14:09,770 --> 00:14:11,050

That wasn't every day.

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00:14:11,050 --> 00:14:14,020

He just tried to bring me in.

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00:14:14,020 --> 00:14:19,870

And later on, like I said,
it was very hard work.

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00:14:19,870 --> 00:14:22,010

And I was looking for other job.

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00:14:22,010 --> 00:14:26,950

And I got a job in a printing
shop through my friend.

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00:14:26,950 --> 00:14:31,150

And over there, I had
to deliver printing.

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00:14:31,150 --> 00:14:33,940

And after that, I didn't
see him ever again.

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00:14:33,940 --> 00:14:36,010

I saw him in 1944.

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00:14:36,010 --> 00:14:37,750

I will come back to this point.

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00:14:37,750 --> 00:14:40,450

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00:14:40,450 --> 00:14:44,560

In the printing shop,
it was pretty good work,

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00:14:44,560 --> 00:14:48,490

much better money.

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00:14:48,490 --> 00:14:52,540

And through this I
bought a small hand

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00:14:52,540 --> 00:14:55,030

knitting machine for my brother.

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00:14:55,030 --> 00:14:57,610

I sent it back home.

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00:14:57,610 --> 00:14:59,110

He started to work with that.

256

00:14:59,110 --> 00:15:04,480

And we started to make a
little living through this.

257

00:15:04,480 --> 00:15:08,730

First, in 1940, I was
called up for forced labor.

258

00:15:08,730 --> 00:15:12,470

259

00:15:12,470 --> 00:15:19,160

My mother at home, she started
to ask all kinds of permits

260

00:15:19,160 --> 00:15:21,530

that excuse me for
forced labor because I

261

00:15:21,530 --> 00:15:24,380

was the only breadwinner.

262

00:15:24,380 --> 00:15:31,550

And she got it for one year,
for one year extension.

263

00:15:31,550 --> 00:15:41,840

After this year, I got even
better work in that shop.

264

00:15:41,840 --> 00:15:46,940

It was a Social Democratic
unionized shop, a lot

265

00:15:46,940 --> 00:15:50,270

leftist, a lot of--

266

00:15:50,270 --> 00:15:53,060

in Hungary it was unusual.

267

00:15:53,060 --> 00:15:55,460

They helped me.

268

00:15:55,460 --> 00:16:02,660

And in 1943, I was called
again in, if I remember,

269

00:16:02,660 --> 00:16:04,580

it was in April.

270

00:16:04,580 --> 00:16:08,270

I was called up
for forced labor.

271

00:16:08,270 --> 00:16:11,750

When I came to the
place that I had to go,

272

00:16:11,750 --> 00:16:15,470

I was asking the
people to go who

273

00:16:15,470 --> 00:16:18,620

is metal worker, who
is textile worker,

274

00:16:18,620 --> 00:16:24,200

and who has no kind
of profession, trade.

275

00:16:24,200 --> 00:16:28,660

276

00:16:28,660 --> 00:16:30,950

I went first between no trade.

277

00:16:30,950 --> 00:16:36,730

My mother told me before
I left go and always

278

00:16:36,730 --> 00:16:39,640

say that you are OK.

279

00:16:39,640 --> 00:16:43,030

I knew about a little
bit in cooking.

280

00:16:43,030 --> 00:16:43,750

I didn't care.

281

00:16:43,750 --> 00:16:44,800

And I said I am a cook.

282

00:16:44,800 --> 00:16:46,120

So they put me over there.

283

00:16:46,120 --> 00:16:49,600

But later on when I saw
that some of the friends

284

00:16:49,600 --> 00:16:52,960

went to textile working,
between textile workers,

285

00:16:52,960 --> 00:16:54,970

so I just sneaked out
from there and went

286

00:16:54,970 --> 00:16:57,670

between textile workers.

287

00:16:57,670 --> 00:16:58,630

It was morning.

288

00:16:58,630 --> 00:17:03,670

In late afternoon from about
300 people, they asked for 10.

289

00:17:03,670 --> 00:17:08,520

Between the 10 textile
workers was my name too.

290

00:17:08,520 --> 00:17:10,170

I came back to Budapest.

291

00:17:10,170 --> 00:17:14,220

Where I was working, they
took us to a military factory,

292

00:17:14,220 --> 00:17:18,720

where you was weaving
material for uniform.

293

00:17:18,720 --> 00:17:21,569

And also they had
the tailors was

294

00:17:21,569 --> 00:17:25,650

making the uniforms over there.

295

00:17:25,650 --> 00:17:29,100

And we was working--

296
00:17:29,100 --> 00:17:30,360
I was like weaver.

297
00:17:30,360 --> 00:17:32,970
They told us in
a very short time

298
00:17:32,970 --> 00:17:37,270
how to work with the
weaving machines.

299
00:17:37,270 --> 00:17:41,490
And we was working
from 6:00 in afternoon

300
00:17:41,490 --> 00:17:45,560
till 6:00 in the morning,
12 hours in a day at night.

301
00:17:45,560 --> 00:17:48,900

302
00:17:48,900 --> 00:17:54,870
Who was changing, who
was working in daytime,

303
00:17:54,870 --> 00:17:55,710
he was the--

304
00:17:55,710 --> 00:17:58,890

305
00:17:58,890 --> 00:18:00,420
how can I say it?

306
00:18:00,420 --> 00:18:07,510
He was a big functionary in Nazi
party, in a certain section.

307
00:18:07,510 --> 00:18:09,210
He became very good friends.

308

00:18:09,210 --> 00:18:13,300

I didn't get anything
for my production.

309

00:18:13,300 --> 00:18:18,060

So I used to leave him
always a few thousand bits.

310

00:18:18,060 --> 00:18:20,640

He made extra money on it.

311

00:18:20,640 --> 00:18:26,700

In long run, he made more money.

312

00:18:26,700 --> 00:18:30,570

And sure, he brought me
sometimes some kind of cakes,

313

00:18:30,570 --> 00:18:33,990

some food, extra food.

314

00:18:33,990 --> 00:18:45,750

And in 1944, when the Germans
in March 19 occupied Hungary,

315

00:18:45,750 --> 00:18:50,250

I knew that it is the end of
it, that something very big

316

00:18:50,250 --> 00:18:50,880

will happen.

317

00:18:50,880 --> 00:18:57,150

318

00:18:57,150 --> 00:19:02,370

He was very big hero that
time, my Nazi friend.

319

00:19:02,370 --> 00:19:04,680

He says, no, it will be

a good life over here.

320

00:19:04,680 --> 00:19:09,120

He didn't know that for
us is a catastrophe.

321

00:19:09,120 --> 00:19:12,690

For him is something
better for a short time.

322

00:19:12,690 --> 00:19:16,060

323

00:19:16,060 --> 00:19:26,760

And so I started bringing
in false papers, which

324

00:19:26,760 --> 00:19:29,310

cost a lot of
money, false papers,

325

00:19:29,310 --> 00:19:35,520

complete from
grandfather till today.

326

00:19:35,520 --> 00:19:37,830

Just the picture
had to be put on.

327

00:19:37,830 --> 00:19:40,600

But like I said, it
was too expensive.

328

00:19:40,600 --> 00:19:43,200

I couldn't afford it.

329

00:19:43,200 --> 00:19:46,760

And the day that we
started with the star,

330

00:19:46,760 --> 00:19:56,340

to wear stars and all
kind of regulations, still

331
00:19:56,340 --> 00:19:59,010
didn't feel it in
that forced labor,

332
00:19:59,010 --> 00:20:01,140
because that was a
very important part

333
00:20:01,140 --> 00:20:06,450
of the manufacturing
of the uniforms.

334
00:20:06,450 --> 00:20:11,970
So we didn't have bad life
comparing to the other ones.

335
00:20:11,970 --> 00:20:15,600
They stopped giving out
the permits to go home,

336
00:20:15,600 --> 00:20:19,890
to go out, only in
certain occasions.

337
00:20:19,890 --> 00:20:22,950
Many times it happened that
the people didn't come back,

338
00:20:22,950 --> 00:20:27,540
because the Germans or the
Hungarian Nazis caught them.

339
00:20:27,540 --> 00:20:31,830
My mother before was
taken to the ghetto,

340
00:20:31,830 --> 00:20:36,090
she sent me the last package.

341
00:20:36,090 --> 00:20:38,100
No food already in it.

342

00:20:38,100 --> 00:20:40,560

But she sent me two shirts.

343

00:20:40,560 --> 00:20:42,930

And I don't remember
what else was in it.

344

00:20:42,930 --> 00:20:46,140

But they the shirts
became very important.

345

00:20:46,140 --> 00:20:49,140

They probably was
sometimes white.

346

00:20:49,140 --> 00:20:51,780

And she had kind of green dye.

347

00:20:51,780 --> 00:20:55,590

She dyed it for green,
which was the official color

348

00:20:55,590 --> 00:20:58,260

of the Hungarian Nazis.

349

00:20:58,260 --> 00:21:04,980

When I got the two shirts,
my friend saw in the company

350

00:21:04,980 --> 00:21:06,930

that I have a green shirt.

351

00:21:06,930 --> 00:21:11,700

He says, he will wear it, and we
will sneak out with that shirt.

352

00:21:11,700 --> 00:21:18,030

That was the first thing when I
was thinking to become a Nazi.

353

00:21:18,030 --> 00:21:21,960

How I just day by

day, you know, my mind

354

00:21:21,960 --> 00:21:26,130
was just concentrating
on that part.

355

00:21:26,130 --> 00:21:28,980
My friends was using,
like I said, my shirt.

356

00:21:28,980 --> 00:21:34,230
And also, I found a
taxi cab driver's cap.

357

00:21:34,230 --> 00:21:39,450
They had certain uniform caps,
not like our drivers over here.

358

00:21:39,450 --> 00:21:44,100
It was dark blue cap.

359

00:21:44,100 --> 00:21:48,180
And I picked that up, because
I didn't have another one.

360

00:21:48,180 --> 00:21:50,520
And my friends,
like I said, they

361

00:21:50,520 --> 00:21:53,160
asked the shirt from
me and that cap,

362

00:21:53,160 --> 00:21:54,660
and that one day
just sneaked out.

363

00:21:54,660 --> 00:21:58,190
And they had more security,
because the real Nazi

364

00:21:58,190 --> 00:22:02,830
thought that he's a Nazi

too, so he didn't stop him.

365

00:22:02,830 --> 00:22:06,270

And like I said, they
were selling the papers.

366

00:22:06,270 --> 00:22:09,750

And I was thinking what
to do, what I have to do.

367

00:22:09,750 --> 00:22:12,510

I had with me my birth
certificate, which

368

00:22:12,510 --> 00:22:19,200

was written with ink, given
out by a notary public,

369

00:22:19,200 --> 00:22:24,870

we call them over there,
and two other papers,

370

00:22:24,870 --> 00:22:30,510

which was not as important
as the birth certificate.

371

00:22:30,510 --> 00:22:33,210

In the birth certificate,
it was written

372

00:22:33,210 --> 00:22:38,700

that father Ignaz Israelite,
Malvina, brewer, Israelite

373

00:22:38,700 --> 00:22:41,730

Ernie, Ernest Israelite.

374

00:22:41,730 --> 00:22:47,820

I saw just in four places,
I have the name Israelite.

375

00:22:47,820 --> 00:22:52,110

If I can do something,

I can change it,

376

00:22:52,110 --> 00:22:55,260

it would be a pretty good step.

377

00:22:55,260 --> 00:22:56,700

I was thinking how to do it.

378

00:22:56,700 --> 00:22:59,950

And we had over there,
a friend of ours,

379

00:22:59,950 --> 00:23:09,150

he was a textile engineer
and also chemical engineer,

380

00:23:09,150 --> 00:23:11,440

something he had
to do with that.

381

00:23:11,440 --> 00:23:15,190

And I was telling
him, I said, listen,

382

00:23:15,190 --> 00:23:17,470

what shall be done
with these four places.

383

00:23:17,470 --> 00:23:20,430

I would like to take it out and
put over there something else.

384

00:23:20,430 --> 00:23:22,370

He said, don't worry about it.

385

00:23:22,370 --> 00:23:24,120

Just give me the paper,
and in the morning

386

00:23:24,120 --> 00:23:25,140

I will give you back.

387

00:23:25,140 --> 00:23:28,170

388

00:23:28,170 --> 00:23:29,820

And he says, what
I shall do with it?

389

00:23:29,820 --> 00:23:34,200

I say, if you can, put
the Roman Catholic.

390

00:23:34,200 --> 00:23:38,190

He took out the Israelite
in the four places

391

00:23:38,190 --> 00:23:40,440

and put in-- in
the morning, I got

392

00:23:40,440 --> 00:23:47,220

a beautiful first paper
partly with everything

393

00:23:47,220 --> 00:23:48,960

was Roman Catholic.

394

00:23:48,960 --> 00:23:52,590

My mother became Catholic,
my father and all of us

395

00:23:52,590 --> 00:23:55,110

and me too.

396

00:23:55,110 --> 00:23:59,100

So I went back to
in the factory.

397

00:23:59,100 --> 00:24:03,480

But in between, the Russian
army was closing on Budapest,

398

00:24:03,480 --> 00:24:05,100

closer and closer.

399

00:24:05,100 --> 00:24:08,740

We could see here the artillery.

400

00:24:08,740 --> 00:24:10,890

The American air force,
the English air force,

401

00:24:10,890 --> 00:24:16,290

the Russian air force, they
was bombing every hour almost.

402

00:24:16,290 --> 00:24:20,060

The American went, came
the English air force.

403

00:24:20,060 --> 00:24:22,850

The English went,
the Russians came.

404

00:24:22,850 --> 00:24:25,640

That went day and night.

405

00:24:25,640 --> 00:24:31,445

The life was also for
civilians very hard,

406

00:24:31,445 --> 00:24:35,990

a lot of bombed down housing.

407

00:24:35,990 --> 00:24:40,580

And scarce-- the food was
every day less and less.

408

00:24:40,580 --> 00:24:43,250

More and more restrictions--

409

00:24:43,250 --> 00:24:47,600

more was for sure and
less for Christians.

410

00:24:47,600 --> 00:24:50,240

But anyway, it was
no food already.

411
00:24:50,240 --> 00:24:52,810

412
00:24:52,810 --> 00:24:54,620
I went to this friend--

413
00:24:54,620 --> 00:24:57,080
not friend-- who was
working in daytime.

414
00:24:57,080 --> 00:25:01,370
And I told him, listen,
you can see already

415
00:25:01,370 --> 00:25:03,950
the artillery lights at night.

416
00:25:03,950 --> 00:25:05,360
You can hear the artillery.

417
00:25:05,360 --> 00:25:09,230
They are coming
closer and closer.

418
00:25:09,230 --> 00:25:10,970
You know we are in trouble.

419
00:25:10,970 --> 00:25:12,510
Help me.

420
00:25:12,510 --> 00:25:14,510
He says, how can I help you?

421
00:25:14,510 --> 00:25:17,330
I say, I will tell
you how to help me.

422
00:25:17,330 --> 00:25:21,380
But first, I want that

if you want to help me,

423

00:25:21,380 --> 00:25:24,050

I will help you if
the Russians come in.

424

00:25:24,050 --> 00:25:25,280

I will you help you.

425

00:25:25,280 --> 00:25:29,780

I can speak their language,
because I speak Czechoslovak.

426

00:25:29,780 --> 00:25:30,840

I will help you.

427

00:25:30,840 --> 00:25:32,520

And I will talk to them.

428

00:25:32,520 --> 00:25:36,910

And I will tell them that
you save me, if you save me.

429

00:25:36,910 --> 00:25:40,000

So it went day by
day, when one day I

430

00:25:40,000 --> 00:25:44,290

felt the fruit is ripe
enough to tell him

431

00:25:44,290 --> 00:25:47,845

that I have Christian papers.

432

00:25:47,845 --> 00:25:50,540

433

00:25:50,540 --> 00:25:53,360

I showed him my
birth certificate.

434

00:25:53,360 --> 00:25:57,680

And I had the two other
papers when I just took out

435
00:25:57,680 --> 00:26:02,930
and it was with machine written.

436
00:26:02,930 --> 00:26:06,320
And over there, we put also
that I'm Roman Catholic.

437
00:26:06,320 --> 00:26:08,270
And I showed him my
birth certificate.

438
00:26:08,270 --> 00:26:10,760
He says, how you
became a Catholic?

439
00:26:10,760 --> 00:26:15,770
I said, listen, don't ask, just
if you are ready to help me.

440
00:26:15,770 --> 00:26:17,180
So it went day by day.

441
00:26:17,180 --> 00:26:21,890
And we agreed that he
will tell in the party

442
00:26:21,890 --> 00:26:24,050
that I ran away from
the town I lived

443
00:26:24,050 --> 00:26:28,670
in [? Rimsobota, ?]
Rimavska in Slovak.

444
00:26:28,670 --> 00:26:36,290
And I am like a
refugee, a Nazi refugee,

445
00:26:36,290 --> 00:26:40,160
and I want to fight on.

446
00:26:40,160 --> 00:26:41,870
So I somehow press with him.

447
00:26:41,870 --> 00:26:45,410
And one of the days,
he brought me the paper

448
00:26:45,410 --> 00:26:49,910
to fill up to the Nazi party.

449
00:26:49,910 --> 00:26:54,480
And he was guaranteeing
the truth of it.

450
00:26:54,480 --> 00:26:56,930
And one of his
friends signed for me.

451
00:26:56,930 --> 00:27:02,870
So this way I became a
member of the Nazi party.

452
00:27:02,870 --> 00:27:07,460
And after that, at night--

453
00:27:07,460 --> 00:27:09,290
I was working in daytime--

454
00:27:09,290 --> 00:27:11,330
many times I sneaked out.

455
00:27:11,330 --> 00:27:17,420
I had to go-- in the factory,
we had where they made steam,

456
00:27:17,420 --> 00:27:18,680
a steam house.

457
00:27:18,680 --> 00:27:22,910
And over there was a hole here.

458

00:27:22,910 --> 00:27:25,970

Through that hole, I went
up, and I jumped down

459

00:27:25,970 --> 00:27:30,420

from the walls.

460

00:27:30,420 --> 00:27:32,060

It was not too high.

461

00:27:32,060 --> 00:27:34,730

And the same way I used
to come back at night

462

00:27:34,730 --> 00:27:37,610

that I will be in the factory.

463

00:27:37,610 --> 00:27:42,450

For a short time, for a certain
time, I lived two way of life.

464

00:27:42,450 --> 00:27:47,090

I was hiding my uniform, which
was a shirt, a green shirt,

465

00:27:47,090 --> 00:27:52,160

with a tie emblem in
it and an armband.

466

00:27:52,160 --> 00:27:56,010

And I had that time just
a small 9 millimeter

467

00:27:56,010 --> 00:27:59,230

revolver and two hand grenades.

468

00:27:59,230 --> 00:28:02,930

This I used to hide in a
small box under the hole.

469

00:28:02,930 --> 00:28:06,140

And I put down and at

night I used to take--

470

00:28:06,140 --> 00:28:11,000

I mean in daytime, I used
to take out and go out.

471

00:28:11,000 --> 00:28:20,270

One night, I went to the
meeting in the Nazi party.

472

00:28:20,270 --> 00:28:25,820

Somehow they had information
that one of the synagogues

473

00:28:25,820 --> 00:28:27,500

hiding five Slovak Jews.

474

00:28:27,500 --> 00:28:30,380

In Slovakia it was worse
than it was in Hungary.

475

00:28:30,380 --> 00:28:32,810

It's a lot of
Slovak Jews, which I

476

00:28:32,810 --> 00:28:36,640

had to know the geography
of these two countries.

477

00:28:36,640 --> 00:28:38,840

They were pretty close.

478

00:28:38,840 --> 00:28:42,110

So they came to
hide in Budapest.

479

00:28:42,110 --> 00:28:43,670

And they didn't have no papers.

480

00:28:43,670 --> 00:28:46,970

They didn't know the language,
the Hungarian language.

481

00:28:46,970 --> 00:28:49,070

And the synagogues
was already closed.

482

00:28:49,070 --> 00:28:50,810

It was forbidden.

483

00:28:50,810 --> 00:28:54,830

It was an old couple,
who caretakers.

484

00:28:54,830 --> 00:28:58,110

And these five kids
was hiding there.

485

00:28:58,110 --> 00:29:00,630

And the Nazis from
there I don't they.

486

00:29:00,630 --> 00:29:05,930

They knew about it that they
are five Slovak Jews there.

487

00:29:05,930 --> 00:29:10,340

I remember it was a rainy day.

488

00:29:10,340 --> 00:29:14,840

I think it was in November 1944.

489

00:29:14,840 --> 00:29:18,230

They gave our order
to take out and just

490

00:29:18,230 --> 00:29:20,690

shoot them in the Danube.

491

00:29:20,690 --> 00:29:23,030

That was their
style in those days.

492

00:29:23,030 --> 00:29:25,250

No trials, nothing.

493
00:29:25,250 --> 00:29:27,590
Just to shoot them.

494
00:29:27,590 --> 00:29:30,710

495
00:29:30,710 --> 00:29:35,270
Usually, I never wanted to be
in the middle of the place,

496
00:29:35,270 --> 00:29:37,430
in the room.

497
00:29:37,430 --> 00:29:40,100
I always was
standing by the door.

498
00:29:40,100 --> 00:29:43,010
If it's air raid or
anything goes wrong,

499
00:29:43,010 --> 00:29:46,070
I have time to get out.

500
00:29:46,070 --> 00:29:49,670
Budapest was dark
because of air raids.

501
00:29:49,670 --> 00:29:53,630
It was no light nowhere.

502
00:29:53,630 --> 00:29:56,600
So when I knew they had to
be executed, first, even

503
00:29:56,600 --> 00:29:58,670
they told me, how about you go?

504
00:29:58,670 --> 00:30:01,250
I said, I cannot go because
I have to go to work yet.

505
00:30:01,250 --> 00:30:02,840
I have a night.

506
00:30:02,840 --> 00:30:05,550
I have to go in the factory.

507
00:30:05,550 --> 00:30:09,560
So I sneaked out through
the door before everything.

508
00:30:09,560 --> 00:30:14,360
And I was running like
hell to the synagogue.

509
00:30:14,360 --> 00:30:17,660
I came there.

510
00:30:17,660 --> 00:30:21,050
I was hitting the
doors, because--

511
00:30:21,050 --> 00:30:23,000
I don't remember if it was--

512
00:30:23,000 --> 00:30:25,310
many places they didn't
have no electricity.

513
00:30:25,310 --> 00:30:28,130
It was bombed and
no electricity.

514
00:30:28,130 --> 00:30:29,270
I was hitting the door.

515
00:30:29,270 --> 00:30:31,460
So the old man came out.

516
00:30:31,460 --> 00:30:35,480
And I told him, I came
from the Nazi party,

517
00:30:35,480 --> 00:30:37,115
and I want to have
these five Slovak

518
00:30:37,115 --> 00:30:39,110
Jews you are hiding over here.

519
00:30:39,110 --> 00:30:41,750
In beginning, he
says, no, I have

520
00:30:41,750 --> 00:30:45,740
no Slovak Jews around here.

521
00:30:45,740 --> 00:30:50,960
His wife came out, and
they was just pouring on

522
00:30:50,960 --> 00:30:52,590
that they have nobody.

523
00:30:52,590 --> 00:30:55,160
And I know that if I
don't take them out,

524
00:30:55,160 --> 00:30:56,880
the real one will come.

525
00:30:56,880 --> 00:31:00,660
So I took out my gun,
and I told him, listen,

526
00:31:00,660 --> 00:31:03,950
I will shoot you over here,
all you or the Slovaks.

527
00:31:03,950 --> 00:31:05,360
You have a choice.

528
00:31:05,360 --> 00:31:08,720
Both of you die or you

give me the Slovak Jews.

529

00:31:08,720 --> 00:31:14,570

So the old lady started to cry,
and they gave me the five kids.

530

00:31:14,570 --> 00:31:19,790

If I remember, it was
three girls and two boys.

531

00:31:19,790 --> 00:31:22,490

Sure, I was hollering
at them, you're

532

00:31:22,490 --> 00:31:26,120

eating our Hungarian
bread, you dirty Jews.

533

00:31:26,120 --> 00:31:28,400

I took them out.

534

00:31:28,400 --> 00:31:32,450

And it was in-- you have
to know Buda and Pest.

535

00:31:32,450 --> 00:31:33,950

They are two cities like.

536

00:31:33,950 --> 00:31:37,010

The Danube is dividing it.

537

00:31:37,010 --> 00:31:39,260

In the darkness,
I started to walk.

538

00:31:39,260 --> 00:31:41,630

It was drizzling,
like I remember

539

00:31:41,630 --> 00:31:44,570

it was very pitch dark.

540

00:31:44,570 --> 00:31:48,800

I came to a bridge,
which was already mined.

541

00:31:48,800 --> 00:31:51,770

I had to cross the
bridge with them.

542

00:31:51,770 --> 00:31:54,200

And before the bridge,
I knew I had the feeling

543

00:31:54,200 --> 00:31:58,290

that it will be kind of guard.

544

00:31:58,290 --> 00:32:01,670

So one Hungarian military
policeman or one German

545

00:32:01,670 --> 00:32:03,530

came over there to me.

546

00:32:03,530 --> 00:32:04,580

And he says--

547

00:32:04,580 --> 00:32:05,870

I was hollering already.

548

00:32:05,870 --> 00:32:09,380

Before that I hear,
whom you have over here.

549

00:32:09,380 --> 00:32:12,470

I said, I have five Slovak Jews.

550

00:32:12,470 --> 00:32:15,350

I have to take
them to the Central

551

00:32:15,350 --> 00:32:17,580

Committee of the Nazi house.

552

00:32:17,580 --> 00:32:22,710
It was Pest side.

553
00:32:22,710 --> 00:32:25,170
And I took out in the
darkness, a piece of paper.

554
00:32:25,170 --> 00:32:26,600
I don't remember what it was.

555
00:32:26,600 --> 00:32:28,590
I was playing--

556
00:32:28,590 --> 00:32:29,910
Bluffing--

557
00:32:29,910 --> 00:32:30,800
Russian roulette.

558
00:32:30,800 --> 00:32:32,820
Yeah.

559
00:32:32,820 --> 00:32:33,900
I showed them the paper.

560
00:32:33,900 --> 00:32:35,370
OK, OK, just go with them.

561
00:32:35,370 --> 00:32:38,250
It was, like I said,
drizzling then.

562
00:32:38,250 --> 00:32:42,270
Just go and do with
them whatever you want.

563
00:32:42,270 --> 00:32:47,760
One of the nicest
minute of my life, when

564
00:32:47,760 --> 00:32:52,560
we was on the middle of the

bridge, when we came over I

565

00:32:52,560 --> 00:32:54,840
was just hollering
at them all kind

566

00:32:54,840 --> 00:32:58,590
of dirty words, which I
wouldn't like to repeat.

567

00:32:58,590 --> 00:33:02,250
But I had to hide.

568

00:33:02,250 --> 00:33:03,930
I heard shooting.

569

00:33:03,930 --> 00:33:06,060
I didn't know then what is it.

570

00:33:06,060 --> 00:33:08,700
I saw the fire--

571

00:33:08,700 --> 00:33:14,880
I mean, bullet, gunfire is.

572

00:33:14,880 --> 00:33:16,260
Just I wanted to
know what is it.

573

00:33:16,260 --> 00:33:19,980
But anyway, we cross the river.

574

00:33:19,980 --> 00:33:22,080
In the darkness, I
try to bring them over

575

00:33:22,080 --> 00:33:26,280
to the Jewish committee, which
was still somehow working.

576

00:33:26,280 --> 00:33:32,070
I thought is in that house.

577
00:33:32,070 --> 00:33:35,850
I was afraid to come
very close to the place.

578
00:33:35,850 --> 00:33:41,070
But in the darkness, I told them
in Slovak that I am also a Jew,

579
00:33:41,070 --> 00:33:43,050
and go the way you can.

580
00:33:43,050 --> 00:33:45,200
I didn't have those Wallenberg.

581
00:33:45,200 --> 00:33:48,030
Wallenberg came after that.

582
00:33:48,030 --> 00:33:50,370
I just told them,
go the way you want.

583
00:33:50,370 --> 00:33:54,450
I was happy that I took
them out from there.

584
00:33:54,450 --> 00:33:58,470
I was curious what's
going on by the Danube.

585
00:33:58,470 --> 00:34:01,050
I had to be almost in the work.

586
00:34:01,050 --> 00:34:03,000
It was winter, dark.

587
00:34:03,000 --> 00:34:08,670
I came to Danube when
I was coming back.

588
00:34:08,670 --> 00:34:14,520
And I came to the place

where the young kids--

589

00:34:14,520 --> 00:34:18,488

believe me, I don't think they
were older than 16, 17 years

590

00:34:18,488 --> 00:34:21,060

old or younger.

591

00:34:21,060 --> 00:34:28,409

They was tying-- they were
tying together three people

592

00:34:28,409 --> 00:34:31,110

and shooting one in the head.

593

00:34:31,110 --> 00:34:35,010

And this one was
falling in the water,

594

00:34:35,010 --> 00:34:38,159

take the other one with
them to save bullets.

595

00:34:38,159 --> 00:34:40,900

Until one of them said,
if you want to have fun,

596

00:34:40,900 --> 00:34:43,449

you can stay over here with us.

597

00:34:43,449 --> 00:34:45,659

I didn't know what to do.

598

00:34:45,659 --> 00:34:48,000

Shall I start to kill?

599

00:34:48,000 --> 00:34:53,760

But I knew if I'm going to kill
him, I would kill about three.

600

00:34:53,760 --> 00:34:56,130

But I wouldn't--

601
00:34:56,130 --> 00:35:00,990
I have no result. So I
decided not to do nothing.

602
00:35:00,990 --> 00:35:04,380
Blame my own father.

603
00:35:04,380 --> 00:35:06,300
I came back.

604
00:35:06,300 --> 00:35:14,240
And in October 15,
if I remember good,

605
00:35:14,240 --> 00:35:18,700
SzÅ;lasi took over the country.

606
00:35:18,700 --> 00:35:19,620
And I run away.

607
00:35:19,620 --> 00:35:22,030
I couldn't take longer.

608
00:35:22,030 --> 00:35:23,590
And I went out on the street.

609
00:35:23,590 --> 00:35:26,920
I ran away from forced labor.

610
00:35:26,920 --> 00:35:32,380
One day I was walking on the
street, when also the bomb

611
00:35:32,380 --> 00:35:35,110
destroyed the streetlight.

612
00:35:35,110 --> 00:35:38,320
And just two military policemen,
a German and Hungarian,

613

00:35:38,320 --> 00:35:46,060
was directing the traffic.

614

00:35:46,060 --> 00:35:50,938
At that time, I had
already my machine gun too.

615

00:35:50,938 --> 00:35:53,590
And what I see you on the
other side of the street,

616

00:35:53,590 --> 00:35:56,770
I saw my commander.

617

00:35:56,770 --> 00:36:00,070
I thought that that's the end.

618

00:36:00,070 --> 00:36:04,600
I was prepared that
he will do something.

619

00:36:04,600 --> 00:36:06,370
But I didn't want to give up.

620

00:36:06,370 --> 00:36:11,440
I was prepared to throw the two
hand grenades between people.

621

00:36:11,440 --> 00:36:16,510
And I had the machine
gun with 48 bullets

622

00:36:16,510 --> 00:36:20,080
and to shoot the nearest one.

623

00:36:20,080 --> 00:36:22,390
And I had my handgun
in my pocket.

624

00:36:22,390 --> 00:36:24,350
Had he seen you too?

625

00:36:24,350 --> 00:36:25,630

He saw me.

626

00:36:25,630 --> 00:36:30,040

But he saw that I had my
hands on the hand grenades.

627

00:36:30,040 --> 00:36:33,640

The German hand grenade
is different than ours.

628

00:36:33,640 --> 00:36:35,200

It had a handle.

629

00:36:35,200 --> 00:36:37,930

And on the end was a ring.

630

00:36:37,930 --> 00:36:42,070

You had to pull out
the ring and throw it.

631

00:36:42,070 --> 00:36:46,780

So I was prepared to pull out
the ring if it's anything--

632

00:36:46,780 --> 00:36:48,940

I was waiting, and
he was walking.

633

00:36:48,940 --> 00:36:49,990

I was walking.

634

00:36:49,990 --> 00:36:52,990

It was a very tense minutes.

635

00:36:52,990 --> 00:36:55,090

So he was saluting me.

636

00:36:55,090 --> 00:36:57,610

And I was saluting him.

637

00:36:57,610 --> 00:36:59,810
And I looked back.

638
00:36:59,810 --> 00:37:02,800
He knew that what going to be.

639
00:37:02,800 --> 00:37:07,630
He saw what I want to do.

640
00:37:07,630 --> 00:37:13,270
He saw my will, what
I going to do with.

641
00:37:13,270 --> 00:37:15,310
And so we crossed.

642
00:37:15,310 --> 00:37:16,990
And he went his way.

643
00:37:16,990 --> 00:37:18,340
I went my way.

644
00:37:18,340 --> 00:37:20,060
But I was scared.

645
00:37:20,060 --> 00:37:21,150
I was scared to death.

646
00:37:21,150 --> 00:37:23,770

647
00:37:23,770 --> 00:37:29,290
After that one day,
I was on the streets.

648
00:37:29,290 --> 00:37:37,390
My life was on the street and in
beginning in the ruined houses,

649
00:37:37,390 --> 00:37:41,350
sleeping wherever I
could find a place,

650
00:37:41,350 --> 00:37:43,270
until I found a friend of mine.

651
00:37:43,270 --> 00:37:54,670
And he was in the houses what
was under the Swedish embassy--

652
00:37:54,670 --> 00:37:59,540
not control, but you know
about Wallenberg did--

653
00:37:59,540 --> 00:38:01,360
under protection.

654
00:38:01,360 --> 00:38:04,020
It had a Swedish flag.

655
00:38:04,020 --> 00:38:10,390
It was a Red Cross flag, some
Vatican flags and Portugal,

656
00:38:10,390 --> 00:38:12,640
not too many.

657
00:38:12,640 --> 00:38:13,480
Neutral flags.

658
00:38:13,480 --> 00:38:14,950
Yes.

659
00:38:14,950 --> 00:38:16,720
That was already
Wallenberg's work.

660
00:38:16,720 --> 00:38:23,350
And I met on the street a friend
of mine from [NON-ENGLISH]..

661
00:38:23,350 --> 00:38:26,350
And he saw me in the Nazi
uniform, and he was also.

662
00:38:26,350 --> 00:38:28,250
I said, what's going on?

663
00:38:28,250 --> 00:38:31,600
He said, Wallenberg
put us in this uniform.

664
00:38:31,600 --> 00:38:34,900

665
00:38:34,900 --> 00:38:38,440
So right away, we come
together, and I told them

666
00:38:38,440 --> 00:38:39,460
what is with me.

667
00:38:39,460 --> 00:38:42,670
And I was very happy,
because this way,

668
00:38:42,670 --> 00:38:46,240
we had certain information.

669
00:38:46,240 --> 00:38:48,880
I could take out all this
information from the party.

670
00:38:48,880 --> 00:38:52,570

671
00:38:52,570 --> 00:38:55,300
And we know how to behave.

672
00:38:55,300 --> 00:38:59,740
One day, we got--

673
00:38:59,740 --> 00:39:05,110
I think, I don't know if that
is the picture in that paper,

674

00:39:05,110 --> 00:39:08,350
in that magazine--

675

00:39:08,350 --> 00:39:12,530
we got order from
Wallenberg to go

676

00:39:12,530 --> 00:39:18,320
in front of the houses which are
under the Swedish protection.

677

00:39:18,320 --> 00:39:19,480
They were in Nazi uniform.

678

00:39:19,480 --> 00:39:22,180
We were in Nazi uniform.

679

00:39:22,180 --> 00:39:27,730
Went over there and said,
if the real Nazis would come

680

00:39:27,730 --> 00:39:30,490
or they are there,
you just go there

681

00:39:30,490 --> 00:39:33,210
and tell them that you
have an order, that you

682

00:39:33,210 --> 00:39:36,440
are taking over this house.

683

00:39:36,440 --> 00:39:39,880
Usually, the event
when we knew that they

684

00:39:39,880 --> 00:39:45,420
want to deport the people from
those houses or do something.

685

00:39:45,420 --> 00:39:50,490
We came to the house

and like it was told us.

686
00:39:50,490 --> 00:39:52,080
We came and we
told them, listen,

687
00:39:52,080 --> 00:39:55,780
you go to somewhere else.

688
00:39:55,780 --> 00:39:57,300
We will take care
about these Jews.

689
00:39:57,300 --> 00:39:59,280
We will finish them up at night.

690
00:39:59,280 --> 00:40:01,680
Just you go out.

691
00:40:01,680 --> 00:40:06,180
Sure, whatever was that night,
those houses disappeared

692
00:40:06,180 --> 00:40:09,420
people, went the way they could.

693
00:40:09,420 --> 00:40:16,750
We gave them-- already we had
the so-called Schutzpasses,

694
00:40:16,750 --> 00:40:17,870
these papers.

695
00:40:17,870 --> 00:40:20,830
But after that, we didn't
have no photographs, pictures.

696
00:40:20,830 --> 00:40:23,830
We had without pictures too.

697
00:40:23,830 --> 00:40:28,960
We got a lot of papers also

from the Swiss consular,

698
00:40:28,960 --> 00:40:32,380
the Swiss embassy,
and the Red Cross,

699
00:40:32,380 --> 00:40:36,160
which we used to go
to that place too.

700
00:40:36,160 --> 00:40:38,680

701
00:40:38,680 --> 00:40:43,360
Once, in those days, we got--

702
00:40:43,360 --> 00:40:45,340
I don't know from where.

703
00:40:45,340 --> 00:40:47,560
Till today I have
no answer for it--

704
00:40:47,560 --> 00:40:52,130
two trucks, which
was very hard to get.

705
00:40:52,130 --> 00:41:02,650
Wallenberg told us to go to our
block, cinder block factory.

706
00:41:02,650 --> 00:41:06,640
That was the concentration
for the Jewish people, mostly

707
00:41:06,640 --> 00:41:10,150
girls, old people, and children.

708
00:41:10,150 --> 00:41:11,410
They have to walk.

709
00:41:11,410 --> 00:41:13,690

There was no
transportation for them.

710
00:41:13,690 --> 00:41:16,310
They called it the death march.

711
00:41:16,310 --> 00:41:23,500
It was the concentration in
that factory, the block factory.

712
00:41:23,500 --> 00:41:28,690
From there, they were
going toward Vienna.

713
00:41:28,690 --> 00:41:34,690
So we got two trucks
to pick up people.

714
00:41:34,690 --> 00:41:40,300
We got a bunch of papers,
these Schutzpasses,

715
00:41:40,300 --> 00:41:46,510
to come there and pick up as
many people in those trucks as

716
00:41:46,510 --> 00:41:49,870
possible and bring them out.

717
00:41:49,870 --> 00:41:53,500
And on the way to
give them the papers,

718
00:41:53,500 --> 00:41:59,380
bring them to what was our
ruined quarter of Budapest,

719
00:41:59,380 --> 00:42:02,410
let them to go
which way they can.

720
00:42:02,410 --> 00:42:06,310
We came to the factory

with these two trucks.

721

00:42:06,310 --> 00:42:10,150

And when they saw the people
that we are coming with trucks,

722

00:42:10,150 --> 00:42:13,120

they thought that we're
going to execute them.

723

00:42:13,120 --> 00:42:14,810

They didn't see us who we are.

724

00:42:14,810 --> 00:42:15,790

They didn't know.

725

00:42:15,790 --> 00:42:21,490

They just saw four Nazis.

726

00:42:21,490 --> 00:42:25,090

And the Nazis, who were
there, we told them, listen,

727

00:42:25,090 --> 00:42:26,830

look over here is the paper.

728

00:42:26,830 --> 00:42:29,740

We need people to
clean up the streets

729

00:42:29,740 --> 00:42:32,620

that the traffic can go.

730

00:42:32,620 --> 00:42:36,070

And it was a false paper.

731

00:42:36,070 --> 00:42:39,430

And he says, just take as many
as you want, pack them up,

732

00:42:39,430 --> 00:42:40,790

but don't bring them back.

733
00:42:40,790 --> 00:42:43,630
Kill them wherever you can.

734
00:42:43,630 --> 00:42:46,130
But don't bring them back.

735
00:42:46,130 --> 00:42:49,810
So we started to the open
the side of the truck

736
00:42:49,810 --> 00:42:51,980
and we tried to put them in.

737
00:42:51,980 --> 00:42:54,740
But they was jumping
out from the truck.

738
00:42:54,740 --> 00:42:56,650
They didn't want to go.

739
00:42:56,650 --> 00:42:58,810
All of a sudden everybody
was screaming, don't go,

740
00:42:58,810 --> 00:43:00,190
because they will kill you.

741
00:43:00,190 --> 00:43:01,400
They take you to the Danube.

742
00:43:01,400 --> 00:43:06,340
They know about it that they
are killing, what's going on.

743
00:43:06,340 --> 00:43:10,420
And I told these guys over
there, the real Nazis, I said,

744
00:43:10,420 --> 00:43:14,380
come on and help us,
because we cannot take them.

745

00:43:14,380 --> 00:43:18,550

So they came and surrounded the
trucks and we pushed them in.

746

00:43:18,550 --> 00:43:21,310

I sat on the top of the
cab with the machine gun,

747

00:43:21,310 --> 00:43:26,800

and I was hollering at them,
Jews this and that, let's go.

748

00:43:26,800 --> 00:43:27,860

So we took them out.

749

00:43:27,860 --> 00:43:32,710

When we went out from the
factory, one of our friends--

750

00:43:32,710 --> 00:43:34,300

because we had two
guys on one truck

751

00:43:34,300 --> 00:43:37,090

and two guys on the other one--

752

00:43:37,090 --> 00:43:40,060

he started to give
everybody the Schutzpasses.

753

00:43:40,060 --> 00:43:41,980

And we told them, we are Jews.

754

00:43:41,980 --> 00:43:42,700

Don't be afraid.

755

00:43:42,700 --> 00:43:45,560

But be careful.

756

00:43:45,560 --> 00:43:49,210

You don't know

nobody on the street.

757

00:43:49,210 --> 00:43:55,180

So we took them to these ruined
places and let them to go.

758

00:43:55,180 --> 00:43:56,320

Till today, I don't know.

759

00:43:56,320 --> 00:43:58,630

Some of them survived.

760

00:43:58,630 --> 00:44:01,348

Some of them not,
I found, survived.

761

00:44:01,348 --> 00:44:02,890

What do you think
would have happened

762

00:44:02,890 --> 00:44:06,760

if perhaps one real Nazi had
gotten on the truck with you

763

00:44:06,760 --> 00:44:09,010

and gone along?

764

00:44:09,010 --> 00:44:12,520

We was prepared for
every dirty work.

765

00:44:12,520 --> 00:44:14,890

You couldn't talk.

766

00:44:14,890 --> 00:44:17,140

The word didn't have no value.

767

00:44:17,140 --> 00:44:20,410

Only strength had the value.

768

00:44:20,410 --> 00:44:21,460

You had the weapons.

769
00:44:21,460 --> 00:44:24,760
We had the weapons,
the same like they had.

770
00:44:24,760 --> 00:44:26,560
We had the same strength.

771
00:44:26,560 --> 00:44:29,470
Except you had to have
the guts and the dirty--

772
00:44:29,470 --> 00:44:35,260
not the mind, but you
had to put on your scale,

773
00:44:35,260 --> 00:44:38,110
if you don't do it,
they will finish you.

774
00:44:38,110 --> 00:44:40,990

775
00:44:40,990 --> 00:44:43,460
So it didn't happen.

776
00:44:43,460 --> 00:44:44,660
So that was our luck.

777
00:44:44,660 --> 00:44:48,628
We didn't come to this point.

778
00:44:48,628 --> 00:44:52,670
One of the stories
also in those days,

779
00:44:52,670 --> 00:44:59,350
I was walking one of the
main streets in Budapest.

780
00:44:59,350 --> 00:45:02,550
They call it AndrÅssy Ut.

781
00:45:02,550 --> 00:45:06,660
Those days, they
made a big mass grave

782
00:45:06,660 --> 00:45:10,290
of Jews, one of these squares.

783
00:45:10,290 --> 00:45:13,920
They call it [NON-ENGLISH].

784
00:45:13,920 --> 00:45:22,900
And I went over there that
maybe we can do something there.

785
00:45:22,900 --> 00:45:27,400
On the way we went,
and all of a sudden I

786
00:45:27,400 --> 00:45:33,040
saw three guys in leather
coats, elegantly dressed up

787
00:45:33,040 --> 00:45:36,160
in Nazi uniform, you know,
real Nazi uniform not like we

788
00:45:36,160 --> 00:45:39,220
were, coming toward us.

789
00:45:39,220 --> 00:45:42,290
And one is smiling
from far away on me.

790
00:45:42,290 --> 00:45:44,050
And at first, I had
a very bad feeling,

791
00:45:44,050 --> 00:45:47,900
like, God, something
over here will happen.

792

00:45:47,900 --> 00:45:51,910
And he is smiling more and more.

793
00:45:51,910 --> 00:45:53,080
Well, we came close.

794
00:45:53,080 --> 00:45:57,820
All of a sudden, he came to me
and he embraced me and says,

795
00:45:57,820 --> 00:46:01,320
Ernie, you don't remember me?

796
00:46:01,320 --> 00:46:04,630
Oh, after all of a sudden,
it went through my mind.

797
00:46:04,630 --> 00:46:09,520
It was my friend Popeye from
the early, early days who

798
00:46:09,520 --> 00:46:11,035
wanted to push me in the party.

799
00:46:11,035 --> 00:46:13,540

800
00:46:13,540 --> 00:46:19,090
And, you see, I told you
that you have to be with us.

801
00:46:19,090 --> 00:46:21,190
I told him, you see,
sooner or later I

802
00:46:21,190 --> 00:46:23,440
became you like you are.

803
00:46:23,440 --> 00:46:25,480
All right, you know I am--

804
00:46:25,480 --> 00:46:26,630

it was the center.

805

00:46:26,630 --> 00:46:29,500

I don't know how they call it.

806

00:46:29,500 --> 00:46:30,910

They call it Andr̃ssy Ut.

807

00:46:30,910 --> 00:46:33,850

I don't remember
the number already

808

00:46:33,850 --> 00:46:37,240

where the big Nazis were.

809

00:46:37,240 --> 00:46:38,110

Come on in.

810

00:46:38,110 --> 00:46:38,680

Don't worry.

811

00:46:38,680 --> 00:46:39,590

Just ask for me.

812

00:46:39,590 --> 00:46:41,680

They will invite you to come in.

813

00:46:41,680 --> 00:46:43,180

I was scared to go.

814

00:46:43,180 --> 00:46:44,800

But twice I had to go.

815

00:46:44,800 --> 00:46:48,850

And we got very good
information through him.

816

00:46:48,850 --> 00:46:51,880

I figured out what
house will be deported.

817

00:46:51,880 --> 00:46:53,890
Did you go alone or did
the others go with you?

818
00:46:53,890 --> 00:46:54,970
I went by myself.

819
00:46:54,970 --> 00:46:57,530
Friends of mine were
waiting outside.

820
00:46:57,530 --> 00:46:59,320
We were never been by--

821
00:46:59,320 --> 00:47:02,590
usually we were
always in groups,

822
00:47:02,590 --> 00:47:04,780
because that's the
way we figured out

823
00:47:04,780 --> 00:47:07,270
that the strength is.

824
00:47:07,270 --> 00:47:09,500
Have to be shooting.

825
00:47:09,500 --> 00:47:11,500
So we are four of us will shoot.

826
00:47:11,500 --> 00:47:15,820
If I am by myself, they
can take care about me.

827
00:47:15,820 --> 00:47:20,540
But this way, at least
we can fight back.

828
00:47:20,540 --> 00:47:26,740
And, like I said through him,
I got some good information

829

00:47:26,740 --> 00:47:29,300
which we can use.

830

00:47:29,300 --> 00:47:32,680

831

00:47:32,680 --> 00:47:38,235
And what happened-- it was just
last year back in Passaic--

832

00:47:38,235 --> 00:47:42,880

833

00:47:42,880 --> 00:47:47,950
friends came together to get
our house in Saturday night.

834

00:47:47,950 --> 00:47:49,900
That's a group that
we keep together.

835

00:47:49,900 --> 00:47:54,850
Most of them are also survivors.

836

00:47:54,850 --> 00:48:02,890
And I was telling a story to
one of my wife's girlfriends

837

00:48:02,890 --> 00:48:05,320
what happened.

838

00:48:05,320 --> 00:48:08,260
Sometimes we got--

839

00:48:08,260 --> 00:48:10,270
I have to go back.

840

00:48:10,270 --> 00:48:14,380
In Budapest those
days, it was many--

841

00:48:14,380 --> 00:48:16,960
how they call it?

842
00:48:16,960 --> 00:48:20,500
They made a circle around the
streets, around the corner,

843
00:48:20,500 --> 00:48:24,010
and everybody had
to show his papers.

844
00:48:24,010 --> 00:48:28,900
That was like catching
a fish, catch Jews.

845
00:48:28,900 --> 00:48:33,410

846
00:48:33,410 --> 00:48:35,800
How they call it?

847
00:48:35,800 --> 00:48:39,310
The soldiers didn't
want to serve no more.

848
00:48:39,310 --> 00:48:39,910
Deserters.

849
00:48:39,910 --> 00:48:42,760
Deserters, yeah.

850
00:48:42,760 --> 00:48:48,520
So I knew that it
will be on that day.

851
00:48:48,520 --> 00:48:52,720
So they gave the information.

852
00:48:52,720 --> 00:48:54,880
And they told us, be around.

853
00:48:54,880 --> 00:49:00,490

If anything goes wrong, if
any possibility, save people.

854
00:49:00,490 --> 00:49:02,350
So you were standing
on one of these corners

855
00:49:02,350 --> 00:49:07,000
where we was waiting the check.

856
00:49:07,000 --> 00:49:13,120
And all of a sudden, I
see a girl, a young girl.

857
00:49:13,120 --> 00:49:16,000
I used to stand always on
the edge of the sidewalk.

858
00:49:16,000 --> 00:49:17,740
I went on the decide.

859
00:49:17,740 --> 00:49:19,380
If there's anything, I can run.

860
00:49:19,380 --> 00:49:22,900
I have more freedom
than on the sidewalk.

861
00:49:22,900 --> 00:49:24,970
It would be a massacre.

862
00:49:24,970 --> 00:49:27,310
So I was standing
on the side of the--

863
00:49:27,310 --> 00:49:28,645
Separating yourself the crowd.

864
00:49:28,645 --> 00:49:32,050
Yes, on the edge
of the sidewalk.

865

00:49:32,050 --> 00:49:35,575

And I saw a young
girl is going--

866

00:49:35,575 --> 00:49:38,980

867

00:49:38,980 --> 00:49:41,620

I saw that something
is wrong over there.

868

00:49:41,620 --> 00:49:43,930

She's afraid.

869

00:49:43,930 --> 00:49:46,990

And I smelled out that
she's a Jewish girl.

870

00:49:46,990 --> 00:49:49,600

871

00:49:49,600 --> 00:49:51,140

And I said, I go after her.

872

00:49:51,140 --> 00:49:54,100

And I told my friends, I'm
going behind this girl,

873

00:49:54,100 --> 00:49:59,120

if anything happens
that I will be there.

874

00:49:59,120 --> 00:50:03,040

I told them wait
where they were.

875

00:50:03,040 --> 00:50:04,410

I was following her.

876

00:50:04,410 --> 00:50:08,290

She saw me that I
am going behind her.

877

00:50:08,290 --> 00:50:10,240

I mean, I'm on the
sidewalk, and she's

878

00:50:10,240 --> 00:50:12,100

going in this on the sidewalk.

879

00:50:12,100 --> 00:50:14,620

She started to go faster.

880

00:50:14,620 --> 00:50:16,510

I went faster too.

881

00:50:16,510 --> 00:50:19,480

And I was following her.

882

00:50:19,480 --> 00:50:22,360

And on one of the
streets, she turned in.

883

00:50:22,360 --> 00:50:25,880

And she went in a
Christian house,

884

00:50:25,880 --> 00:50:30,250

not marked with
the Star of David.

885

00:50:30,250 --> 00:50:31,150

I was happy.

886

00:50:31,150 --> 00:50:35,080

I say, whatever, I don't
know who she is, what she is,

887

00:50:35,080 --> 00:50:37,360

but she's safe.

888

00:50:37,360 --> 00:50:38,650

I came back.

889

00:50:38,650 --> 00:50:41,320

And I was telling this
story about a year

890

00:50:41,320 --> 00:50:48,990

ago between our friends.

891

00:50:48,990 --> 00:50:53,420

And I will never forget
these girl was watching me.

892

00:50:53,420 --> 00:50:56,630

And she says, Ernie, do you
remember the name of the street

893

00:50:56,630 --> 00:50:58,540

where that girl turned in?

894

00:50:58,540 --> 00:51:01,580

I says, yeah, excellently
I remember it.

895

00:51:01,580 --> 00:51:06,280

And I told it was the name
of the street, Doh-ny Utca.

896

00:51:06,280 --> 00:51:08,935

She said, Ernie,
that girl was me.

897

00:51:08,935 --> 00:51:12,740

898

00:51:12,740 --> 00:51:16,590

After so many years,
and she's married

899

00:51:16,590 --> 00:51:19,320

to one of my best friends.

900

00:51:19,320 --> 00:51:21,630

And you had not seen
her before or since?

901
00:51:21,630 --> 00:51:25,890
Every day we saw almost each
other, almost every week,

902
00:51:25,890 --> 00:51:28,040
every--

903
00:51:28,040 --> 00:51:29,430
very often.

904
00:51:29,430 --> 00:51:31,570
But, you know, faces changed.

905
00:51:31,570 --> 00:51:33,420
Yeah.

906
00:51:33,420 --> 00:51:36,330
She didn't see me-- probably
she wouldn't remember me.

907
00:51:36,330 --> 00:51:38,790
She just remembered that
somebody was following her.

908
00:51:38,790 --> 00:51:42,030

909
00:51:42,030 --> 00:51:44,600
She didn't know why, what.

910
00:51:44,600 --> 00:51:50,670
But she told me she was so
hungry that she didn't care.

911
00:51:50,670 --> 00:51:52,080
She gave up everything.

912
00:51:52,080 --> 00:51:59,400
She says, she had to go
out and find kind of food.

913

00:51:59,400 --> 00:52:03,510

So she went out to
these Christian people

914

00:52:03,510 --> 00:52:06,870

to ask for food.

915

00:52:06,870 --> 00:52:08,950

They used to have
the delicatessen

916

00:52:08,950 --> 00:52:12,840

store in Clifton, a kosher
delicatessen, village

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00:52:12,840 --> 00:52:14,310

delicatessen.

918

00:52:14,310 --> 00:52:15,220

That was their store.

919

00:52:15,220 --> 00:52:17,520

Now they sold already.

920

00:52:17,520 --> 00:52:19,570

And he's retired too.

921

00:52:19,570 --> 00:52:24,870

But this kind of stories
you get after so many years

922

00:52:24,870 --> 00:52:28,680

still come out something.

923

00:52:28,680 --> 00:52:30,220

We're going to
take a short break.

924

00:52:30,220 --> 00:52:30,720

OK.

925

00:52:30,720 --> 00:52:34,400

And we'll continue
right after that.

926

00:52:34,400 --> 00:52:45,000