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00:00:00,000 --> 00:00:16,560

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00:00:16,560 --> 00:00:18,240

We'd like to resume
our discussion now

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00:00:18,240 --> 00:00:20,210

with Mrs. Halina Kleiner.

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00:00:20,210 --> 00:00:21,700

Would you like to continue?

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00:00:21,700 --> 00:00:25,380

Yes, I think I remember
where we stopped.

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00:00:25,380 --> 00:00:28,350

I think I was at the
point where I told you

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00:00:28,350 --> 00:00:35,130

that the lady decided
I better go out,

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00:00:35,130 --> 00:00:38,250

because she was very
scared for herself.

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00:00:38,250 --> 00:00:40,380

And for me, she
came and said, I'm

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00:00:40,380 --> 00:00:43,530

afraid they'll find you
here and I'll kill you

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00:00:43,530 --> 00:00:48,955

and you have to go.

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00:00:48,955 --> 00:00:49,830

Well, you have to go.

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00:00:49,830 --> 00:00:50,730

I have to go.

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00:00:50,730 --> 00:00:54,150

I absolutely had no place to go.

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00:00:54,150 --> 00:00:58,080

But she gave me a bag of food.

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00:00:58,080 --> 00:01:04,590

She gave me I think a loaf of
bread and a bottle with tea,

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00:01:04,590 --> 00:01:06,420

and some hard boiled eggs.

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00:01:06,420 --> 00:01:10,350

And she did give me some
shoes, some wooden shoes,

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00:01:10,350 --> 00:01:11,910

because I had no shoes.

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00:01:11,910 --> 00:01:15,360

As I remember, it was September.

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00:01:15,360 --> 00:01:16,650

It was September.

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00:01:16,650 --> 00:01:18,840

It was still warm.

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00:01:18,840 --> 00:01:23,220

But of course, I couldn't
just walk barefooted.

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00:01:23,220 --> 00:01:26,280

And she didn't have
any proper shoes,

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00:01:26,280 --> 00:01:30,720

but she had some wooden
shoes that she gave me.

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00:01:30,720 --> 00:01:35,010

And so I put them on,
and towards the evening,

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00:01:35,010 --> 00:01:35,970

I walked out.

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00:01:35,970 --> 00:01:38,780

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00:01:38,780 --> 00:01:42,950

And I just had no
idea what to do.

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00:01:42,950 --> 00:01:48,350

I wished I was together
with all the Jews.

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00:01:48,350 --> 00:01:49,970

But I was scared.

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00:01:49,970 --> 00:01:51,320

With all the Jews who had gone--

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00:01:51,320 --> 00:01:53,120

Who had gone wherever.

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00:01:53,120 --> 00:01:55,100

Just to be with someone.

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00:01:55,100 --> 00:02:00,770

Just imagine being alone,
and not having anybody to go

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00:02:00,770 --> 00:02:03,440

to, and not knowing where
to go, and not having--

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00:02:03,440 --> 00:02:05,390

I had no money.

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00:02:05,390 --> 00:02:08,180

And even money

wouldn't have helped.

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00:02:08,180 --> 00:02:16,100

Well, what I did was,

go to the cloister,

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00:02:16,100 --> 00:02:18,450

to this-- that I

told you before,

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00:02:18,450 --> 00:02:23,570

it was the cloister is

at one end of the town.

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00:02:23,570 --> 00:02:26,690

It's like on the edge of town.

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00:02:26,690 --> 00:02:29,990

And what moved me, I don't know.

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00:02:29,990 --> 00:02:35,810

I just thought that, well,

it's away from a lot of people.

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00:02:35,810 --> 00:02:41,060

And maybe I thought of

going out of town, maybe

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00:02:41,060 --> 00:02:43,220

to a village or something.

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00:02:43,220 --> 00:02:45,620

But it was already nighttime.

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00:02:45,620 --> 00:02:48,470

And I didn't want

to walk at night.

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00:02:48,470 --> 00:02:53,870
So I just thought to myself to
go there, in that direction,

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00:02:53,870 --> 00:02:57,890
and stay, maybe just
lay down, and you

51
00:02:57,890 --> 00:03:00,598
know, on the ground and then--

52
00:03:00,598 --> 00:03:01,140
I don't know.

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00:03:01,140 --> 00:03:05,420
Maybe I thought that people
there would not harm me.

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00:03:05,420 --> 00:03:07,400
I really don't know
why I went there.

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00:03:07,400 --> 00:03:16,880
Anyway, I did go and I
laid down in the church

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00:03:16,880 --> 00:03:20,660
under an embankment.

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00:03:20,660 --> 00:03:25,760
And I either slept,
or just laid there,

58
00:03:25,760 --> 00:03:28,680
and waited until the morning.

59
00:03:28,680 --> 00:03:32,330
And this was a
Saturday, I remember.

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00:03:32,330 --> 00:03:35,810

It was a Saturday night.

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00:03:35,810 --> 00:03:41,310

And early in the
morning, I got up.

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00:03:41,310 --> 00:03:44,360

Because I knew that I
can't just lay there.

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00:03:44,360 --> 00:03:50,090

And you know, the Poles knew
exactly who the Jews are.

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00:03:50,090 --> 00:03:53,750

You couldn't really hide.

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00:03:53,750 --> 00:04:00,710

And I was a Semitic
looking child.

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00:04:00,710 --> 00:04:02,390

I didn't have blonde hair.

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00:04:02,390 --> 00:04:04,730

My hair was dark,
and dark eyes and.

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00:04:04,730 --> 00:04:07,430

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00:04:07,430 --> 00:04:11,750

Even if you were blonde,
they knew that were Jewish.

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00:04:11,750 --> 00:04:18,980

Somehow, they were able
to distinguish Jews.

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00:04:18,980 --> 00:04:24,920

So I got up very
early in the morning,

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00:04:24,920 --> 00:04:28,880

and I started walking down
the road away from the town.

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00:04:28,880 --> 00:04:31,850

And I thought to
myself, maybe if I

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00:04:31,850 --> 00:04:36,510

come to some kind of a village,
maybe I'll be able to hide out.

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00:04:36,510 --> 00:04:39,020

I just didn't have any
thoughts or any plan,

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00:04:39,020 --> 00:04:42,230

because there was no
way to have a plan.

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00:04:42,230 --> 00:04:46,700

I walked for maybe
three kilometers or so,

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00:04:46,700 --> 00:04:49,550

and I came upon the village.

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00:04:49,550 --> 00:04:53,060

And since it was Sunday
morning, the village

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00:04:53,060 --> 00:04:58,520

was quiet, because they didn't
get up as early as weekdays.

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00:04:58,520 --> 00:05:03,560

And there was nobody around.

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00:05:03,560 --> 00:05:05,060

And I just walked.

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00:05:05,060 --> 00:05:10,370

And all of a sudden, I spotted
a burned out little house.

84
00:05:10,370 --> 00:05:14,660
Now, a Polish
village then, looked

85
00:05:14,660 --> 00:05:16,640
very much like
what you would see

86
00:05:16,640 --> 00:05:22,700
in picture books, thatched
roofs, and a little road,

87
00:05:22,700 --> 00:05:26,030
and small houses on each side.

88
00:05:26,030 --> 00:05:30,320
And maybe I don't
know, how many houses,

89
00:05:30,320 --> 00:05:36,070
but you could count them,
maybe to 20, or maybe less.

90
00:05:36,070 --> 00:05:37,940
I don't know.

91
00:05:37,940 --> 00:05:41,000
Well, I saw this burned
out little house.

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00:05:41,000 --> 00:05:43,880

93
00:05:43,880 --> 00:05:46,880
There were just walls.

94
00:05:46,880 --> 00:05:48,500
The walls were burned out.

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00:05:48,500 --> 00:05:51,620
There was a roof.

96
00:05:51,620 --> 00:05:55,670
And I walked inside of
there and, I looked around

97
00:05:55,670 --> 00:05:58,580
for a place, maybe
thinking, maybe I

98
00:05:58,580 --> 00:06:02,300
can hide there for a few days.

99
00:06:02,300 --> 00:06:07,390
And there was a chimney,
a brick chimney,

100
00:06:07,390 --> 00:06:11,560
that was standing that wasn't
burned, because it was brick.

101
00:06:11,560 --> 00:06:14,080

102
00:06:14,080 --> 00:06:17,980
And I was able to--
don't ask me how,

103
00:06:17,980 --> 00:06:24,250
but I had this package of food
that I couldn't part with,

104
00:06:24,250 --> 00:06:28,720
because I knew that I needed
to eat something if I I'm going

105
00:06:28,720 --> 00:06:31,900
to hide for a few days.

106
00:06:31,900 --> 00:06:40,180
So I had a belt
around my coat, and I

107
00:06:40,180 --> 00:06:44,230
discovered that there
was a horseshoe built

108
00:06:44,230 --> 00:06:49,930
in to this brick
chimney, like halfway.

109
00:06:49,930 --> 00:06:56,440
And I guess if you
have to, you improvise.

110
00:06:56,440 --> 00:07:02,710
And I tied this package of food
with my belt to this horseshoe,

111
00:07:02,710 --> 00:07:06,490
and somehow, I was
able to get myself

112
00:07:06,490 --> 00:07:16,780
up that brick chimney to this
loft, to this attic loft.

113
00:07:16,780 --> 00:07:22,450
And once I got up there,
I just leaned down

114
00:07:22,450 --> 00:07:25,720
and pulled that
package of food up.

115
00:07:25,720 --> 00:07:31,000
And all of a sudden, I found
myself in this hayloft.

116
00:07:31,000 --> 00:07:32,620
It wasn't really a hayloft.

117
00:07:32,620 --> 00:07:37,660
It was like a roof,
a [? natted ?] roof,

118
00:07:37,660 --> 00:07:39,850
and there was some straw.

119
00:07:39,850 --> 00:07:42,850
And all of a sudden, it
was very comfortable.

120
00:07:42,850 --> 00:07:44,890
I was there.

121
00:07:44,890 --> 00:07:46,960
I had a roof over my head.

122
00:07:46,960 --> 00:07:50,020
I had the loaf of bread
and a bottle of tea,

123
00:07:50,020 --> 00:07:52,090
and some hard boiled eggs.

124
00:07:52,090 --> 00:07:54,550
And I said to myself,
well, I'm going

125
00:07:54,550 --> 00:07:56,870
to stay here, and
as long as I can.

126
00:07:56,870 --> 00:08:00,270
And if I ration my
food, I can last.

127
00:08:00,270 --> 00:08:02,530
How wide was this
was the circumference

128
00:08:02,530 --> 00:08:03,370
of this whole area?

129
00:08:03,370 --> 00:08:06,550

130
00:08:06,550 --> 00:08:09,885
Maybe a little bigger than the
stage, maybe a little bigger

131
00:08:09,885 --> 00:08:10,510
than the stage.

132
00:08:10,510 --> 00:08:13,600
Because these houses
were really very small.

133
00:08:13,600 --> 00:08:17,770
It was like a one room house,
or maybe a two room house.

134
00:08:17,770 --> 00:08:22,610
And this attic was
just above that house

135
00:08:22,610 --> 00:08:25,510
with a thatched roof.

136
00:08:25,510 --> 00:08:32,640
And I was able to observe
the life of that village.

137
00:08:32,640 --> 00:08:36,539
Now, this house was across
from a another house

138
00:08:36,539 --> 00:08:39,299
that people lived.

139
00:08:39,299 --> 00:08:44,760
And I looked through
the boards, you know.

140
00:08:44,760 --> 00:08:45,840
They weren't very tight.

141
00:08:45,840 --> 00:08:49,530

There were spaces between.

142

00:08:49,530 --> 00:08:52,710

And I watched this family
get up in the morning.

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00:08:52,710 --> 00:08:56,070

And there were children,
and they worked.

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00:08:56,070 --> 00:08:58,460

They had animals.

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00:08:58,460 --> 00:09:04,290

And a Sunday passed, and
I ate a slice of bread,

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00:09:04,290 --> 00:09:07,110

and I drank a drop of tea.

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00:09:07,110 --> 00:09:08,970

And somehow, I managed.

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00:09:08,970 --> 00:09:16,980

I was hungry, but I guess
I had still enough on me,

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00:09:16,980 --> 00:09:19,020

on my body to last.

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00:09:19,020 --> 00:09:20,250

And you were conserving food.

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00:09:20,250 --> 00:09:21,360

I was conserving food.

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00:09:21,360 --> 00:09:26,550

And actually, I just
knew that I'd better.

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00:09:26,550 --> 00:09:29,940

And I slept that night, and

it was quite comfortable,

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00:09:29,940 --> 00:09:31,650

because there was straw.

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00:09:31,650 --> 00:09:32,880

And it was great.

156

00:09:32,880 --> 00:09:35,310

I somehow felt safe.

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00:09:35,310 --> 00:09:41,850

But then in the morning, I
was awakened by a commotion.

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00:09:41,850 --> 00:09:45,220

And I saw that some
people arrived.

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00:09:45,220 --> 00:09:46,920

I don't know from
where, with a wagon,

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00:09:46,920 --> 00:09:50,710

and to this family
that I was observing.

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00:09:50,710 --> 00:09:53,050

And they went to the fields.

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00:09:53,050 --> 00:09:55,020

And they were
digging for potatoes.

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00:09:55,020 --> 00:09:57,600

It was the harvest.

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00:09:57,600 --> 00:10:01,120

And they dug a whole day.

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00:10:01,120 --> 00:10:04,380

I later on I that they were

digging the potatoes out

166
00:10:04,380 --> 00:10:06,750
from the ground.

167
00:10:06,750 --> 00:10:14,880
And towards the end of
the day, the two men

168
00:10:14,880 --> 00:10:20,280
walked in to underneath
where I was laying,

169
00:10:20,280 --> 00:10:21,960
to this burned out house.

170
00:10:21,960 --> 00:10:24,630
And all of a
sudden, I heard them

171
00:10:24,630 --> 00:10:28,020
say that they are going
to just take a look

172
00:10:28,020 --> 00:10:31,110
to see what's going up there.

173
00:10:31,110 --> 00:10:35,760
And I can't begin to
tell you how I felt.

174
00:10:35,760 --> 00:10:38,560
I just didn't know
what to do with myself.

175
00:10:38,560 --> 00:10:42,840
I just knew it was
dark in that area,

176
00:10:42,840 --> 00:10:45,300
and I crept into the corner.

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00:10:45,300 --> 00:10:49,770

And I just curled
up and I was hoping

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00:10:49,770 --> 00:10:54,940

that maybe they would just take
a look and they won't see me.

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00:10:54,940 --> 00:10:58,950

But they jumped up there,
and they looked around.

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00:10:58,950 --> 00:11:01,930

And as they got used
to the darkness,

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00:11:01,930 --> 00:11:04,440

they naturally saw me there.

182

00:11:04,440 --> 00:11:09,330

And they were very astounded
to see, and they said,

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00:11:09,330 --> 00:11:10,260

who are you?

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00:11:10,260 --> 00:11:12,250

What are you doing?

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00:11:12,250 --> 00:11:17,610

And I gave them a story, that
I thought I'm giving them

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00:11:17,610 --> 00:11:21,330

a story that I lost my parents.

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00:11:21,330 --> 00:11:23,580

I don't some, kind of baloney.

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00:11:23,580 --> 00:11:25,530

Which of course,
they didn't buy.

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00:11:25,530 --> 00:11:26,430

And they knew.

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00:11:26,430 --> 00:11:30,090

They said right away, you are
Jewish girl, and you ran away.

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00:11:30,090 --> 00:11:32,670

And they said, it's all right.

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00:11:32,670 --> 00:11:33,300

Don't worry.

193

00:11:33,300 --> 00:11:36,750

We are not going to harm you.

194

00:11:36,750 --> 00:11:41,070

And at that point, the
man that came that morning

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00:11:41,070 --> 00:11:44,520

told me that he
came from the town.

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00:11:44,520 --> 00:11:49,680

And that they are
still doing the action,

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00:11:49,680 --> 00:11:51,960

that it's still going on.

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00:11:51,960 --> 00:11:58,890

And he told me that there
are some Jews that they took,

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00:11:58,890 --> 00:12:01,380

and put in a certain place.

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00:12:01,380 --> 00:12:04,440

He told me the location
where they are, that they

201

00:12:04,440 --> 00:12:05,940
are working from there.

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00:12:05,940 --> 00:12:09,810
It was an old movie which was
located near the big church

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00:12:09,810 --> 00:12:11,730
that I told you about.

204

00:12:11,730 --> 00:12:15,810
And he told me that they
took a few hundred Jews,

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00:12:15,810 --> 00:12:20,940
and they were there just
as a point of interest.

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00:12:20,940 --> 00:12:24,960
But they said,
you can stay here.

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00:12:24,960 --> 00:12:27,060
And don't worry,
we are not going

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00:12:27,060 --> 00:12:30,270
to reveal that you are here.

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00:12:30,270 --> 00:12:37,360
And the man that lives across
is going to bring you food.

210

00:12:37,360 --> 00:12:41,280
And you can stay as
long as you can stay.

211

00:12:41,280 --> 00:12:42,300
So I was relieved.

212

00:12:42,300 --> 00:12:46,240
At least there was somebody

that knew about me.

213

00:12:46,240 --> 00:12:48,840

And I was hoping
that they meant what

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00:12:48,840 --> 00:12:51,420

they said, that they are not
going to turn around and bring

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00:12:51,420 --> 00:12:56,440
some Germans, and drag me out,
which happened a lot of times,

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00:12:56,440 --> 00:13:01,800
whether that scenario happened
more often than the other way.

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00:13:01,800 --> 00:13:06,450
But I was lucky that
they were decent people.

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00:13:06,450 --> 00:13:11,970
And at night, they brought
a stepladder as it got dark,

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00:13:11,970 --> 00:13:15,600
and the children were asleep,
and the village was quiet.

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00:13:15,600 --> 00:13:18,840
They brought a stepladder,
and they took me down,

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00:13:18,840 --> 00:13:23,530
and they brought me to their
house, and I could wash up.

222

00:13:23,530 --> 00:13:26,110
They gave me something
warm to drink.

223

00:13:26,110 --> 00:13:33,970

And then they brought me
back and I slept in the loft.

224
00:13:33,970 --> 00:13:36,260
Were these men with families
of their own children?

225
00:13:36,260 --> 00:13:39,880
Yes, yes, yes, and
somehow, they probably

226
00:13:39,880 --> 00:13:43,120
identified they
were good people.

227
00:13:43,120 --> 00:13:45,340
And I was there for three days.

228
00:13:45,340 --> 00:13:49,750
And they used to bring me
food three times a day,

229
00:13:49,750 --> 00:13:52,930
so I didn't have to ration
my own food anymore,

230
00:13:52,930 --> 00:13:55,720
at least I didn't have
to worry about food.

231
00:13:55,720 --> 00:13:58,450

232
00:13:58,450 --> 00:13:59,680
It was more than three days.

233
00:13:59,680 --> 00:14:02,920
It was almost a week
that I was there.

234
00:14:02,920 --> 00:14:09,040
Towards the end of the week, I
was awakened one early morning.

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00:14:09,040 --> 00:14:14,530

I heard somebody came, and
there was some commotion.

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00:14:14,530 --> 00:14:16,900

And all of a sudden,
the man from the village

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00:14:16,900 --> 00:14:19,900

came up and said,
you know, we just

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00:14:19,900 --> 00:14:22,930

heard that the Germans
are looking for Jews.

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00:14:22,930 --> 00:14:25,120

Because they know
that some ran away.

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00:14:25,120 --> 00:14:29,170

And he's so scared that they
are going to come by here.

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00:14:29,170 --> 00:14:33,520

And he said, I don't want them
to find you here and kill you,

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00:14:33,520 --> 00:14:36,910

because I'm scared.

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00:14:36,910 --> 00:14:40,420

He was scared for
himself, that they might

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00:14:40,420 --> 00:14:43,420

think that he was helping.

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00:14:43,420 --> 00:14:48,370

And they didn't want to see
anything terrible happen,

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00:14:48,370 --> 00:14:49,930

because it's not
very pleasant to be

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00:14:49,930 --> 00:14:53,140

a witness to some
atrocities happening

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00:14:53,140 --> 00:14:54,460

in front of your eyes.

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00:14:54,460 --> 00:14:55,570

Some people thrive on it.

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00:14:55,570 --> 00:14:57,700

Some other people
can't watch it.

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00:14:57,700 --> 00:15:00,700

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00:15:00,700 --> 00:15:05,020

But mainly, they were
scared for themselves.

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00:15:05,020 --> 00:15:07,120

They didn't want to be involved.

254

00:15:07,120 --> 00:15:10,460

And they said, you must leave.

255

00:15:10,460 --> 00:15:16,270

So again, I was faced
with the predicament of,

256

00:15:16,270 --> 00:15:18,310

where am I going to go now?

257

00:15:18,310 --> 00:15:24,040

Well, at that point, I decided
that I can't take this anymore,

258

00:15:24,040 --> 00:15:26,380
that I can't be hiding.

259

00:15:26,380 --> 00:15:29,740
Because there is
nobody that is going

260

00:15:29,740 --> 00:15:33,430
to take me in and help me.

261

00:15:33,430 --> 00:15:35,260
And I couldn't deal with it.

262

00:15:35,260 --> 00:15:40,120
And I decided that I rather
be with everybody else,

263

00:15:40,120 --> 00:15:43,150
and whatever happens to
everybody, will happen to me.

264

00:15:43,150 --> 00:15:43,900
And it's fine.

265

00:15:43,900 --> 00:15:45,700
I can't deal with
this by myself.

266

00:15:45,700 --> 00:15:49,420
I just didn't have the
stamina or the strength.

267

00:15:49,420 --> 00:15:52,360
So in my head, I decided
to go back to town.

268

00:15:52,360 --> 00:15:55,450
And I remembered that he
told me that some of the Jews

269

00:15:55,450 --> 00:15:57,700
were in a certain area.

270

00:15:57,700 --> 00:16:01,870

And I thought that maybe, I'll
be able to infiltrate the back,

271

00:16:01,870 --> 00:16:05,418

and be with the Jews,
and come what may.

272

00:16:05,418 --> 00:16:06,460

And that's what happened.

273

00:16:06,460 --> 00:16:14,680

I walked back that morning, and
I knew where this place was.

274

00:16:14,680 --> 00:16:18,850

And sure enough,
the Jews were there.

275

00:16:18,850 --> 00:16:23,020

This was an old
movie house that they

276

00:16:23,020 --> 00:16:26,660

converted to a holding area.

277

00:16:26,660 --> 00:16:32,170

And from there, in
the morning, people

278

00:16:32,170 --> 00:16:34,960

they took them to
certain workshops.

279

00:16:34,960 --> 00:16:37,960

So in the morning, they
brought everybody out.

280

00:16:37,960 --> 00:16:43,570

And there was a water
wagon, water dripping,

281

00:16:43,570 --> 00:16:47,320

and people took water to
drink and they washed up.

282

00:16:47,320 --> 00:16:52,900

And they assign
people to go to work.

283

00:16:52,900 --> 00:16:54,430

And as they were
milling around--

284

00:16:54,430 --> 00:16:57,370

and this was in the
middle of the street,

285

00:16:57,370 --> 00:16:59,360

and Poles were walking around.

286

00:16:59,360 --> 00:17:04,210

So I could just mingle.

287

00:17:04,210 --> 00:17:06,550

And I observed what is going on.

288

00:17:06,550 --> 00:17:10,030

And at one point,
I just snuck in,

289

00:17:10,030 --> 00:17:16,000

and instead of pretending
to be on the other side,

290

00:17:16,000 --> 00:17:20,390

I was back being a Jew
together with everybody else.

291

00:17:20,390 --> 00:17:24,339

And the people around me
realized that I came in.

292

00:17:24,339 --> 00:17:28,780

And of course, they just
put some arm band on me,

293
00:17:28,780 --> 00:17:30,550
because everybody
was wearing it,

294
00:17:30,550 --> 00:17:32,820
so that I wouldn't
be conspicuous.

295
00:17:32,820 --> 00:17:34,930
You were immediately
recognized by them.

296
00:17:34,930 --> 00:17:35,430
So they--

297
00:17:35,430 --> 00:17:36,760
Yes, of course.

298
00:17:36,760 --> 00:17:39,050
Of course.

299
00:17:39,050 --> 00:17:43,660
And I think we got
some bread to eat,

300
00:17:43,660 --> 00:17:47,140
some loaf, or a little
piece of bread to eat.

301
00:17:47,140 --> 00:17:50,470
And we were assigned to work.

302
00:17:50,470 --> 00:17:54,820
And we were cleaning a park.

303
00:17:54,820 --> 00:17:59,800
We were cleaning the leaves, or
digging something, or whatever.

304

00:17:59,800 --> 00:18:00,940
I don't know.

305
00:18:00,940 --> 00:18:03,490
And I must tell
you, that I was so

306
00:18:03,490 --> 00:18:08,710
happy to be back
together with my people,

307
00:18:08,710 --> 00:18:13,105
that I worked that
day like a maniac.

308
00:18:13,105 --> 00:18:16,240

309
00:18:16,240 --> 00:18:21,280
Still, you must realize that
I was a very young child.

310
00:18:21,280 --> 00:18:23,720
And there were
older people there.

311
00:18:23,720 --> 00:18:25,240
There wasn't just children.

312
00:18:25,240 --> 00:18:32,620
There were just mainly young
people, because the old ones,

313
00:18:32,620 --> 00:18:34,930
they took to the trains.

314
00:18:34,930 --> 00:18:39,160
So they told me to
just take it easy.

315
00:18:39,160 --> 00:18:42,670
But you know, I couldn't
explain to them how I feel,

316
00:18:42,670 --> 00:18:46,900
that I was so elated
to be with everybody,

317
00:18:46,900 --> 00:18:49,480
and not to have to worry
about what is going to happen

318
00:18:49,480 --> 00:18:50,590
to me the next minute.

319
00:18:50,590 --> 00:18:53,110
I mean, I knew that
things are not good,

320
00:18:53,110 --> 00:18:54,850
but whatever will
happen with everybody,

321
00:18:54,850 --> 00:18:56,150
will just happen with me.

322
00:18:56,150 --> 00:18:58,610
And at that point, it was fine.

323
00:18:58,610 --> 00:19:00,940
So even though you knew
that you could manage

324
00:19:00,940 --> 00:19:06,340
for a time on your own, you
could survive in solitude,

325
00:19:06,340 --> 00:19:08,080
it was more important
to be with others.

326
00:19:08,080 --> 00:19:10,630
No, it wasn't the solitude.

327
00:19:10,630 --> 00:19:13,240

Because I couldn't
survive, if I would

328
00:19:13,240 --> 00:19:16,840
have known that I could
survive on the outside,

329
00:19:16,840 --> 00:19:19,030
I would have taken that sense.

330
00:19:19,030 --> 00:19:21,040
It just that I knew
that I cannot survive.

331
00:19:21,040 --> 00:19:26,590
Because you see that twice
they told me that I have to go.

332
00:19:26,590 --> 00:19:27,730
So there was no way.

333
00:19:27,730 --> 00:19:29,140
Where could I have gone?

334
00:19:29,140 --> 00:19:30,170
To another village?

335
00:19:30,170 --> 00:19:32,295
You felt the same thing
would have just reoccurred.

336
00:19:32,295 --> 00:19:34,960
Not that, but maybe the
next time I would have met

337
00:19:34,960 --> 00:19:37,430
some people that were hostile.

338
00:19:37,430 --> 00:19:38,680
They would have turned you in.

339
00:19:38,680 --> 00:19:40,360

Or the Germans.

340
00:19:40,360 --> 00:19:42,550
They also knew that
people ran away.

341
00:19:42,550 --> 00:19:45,940
And you know, I wasn't
looking very kosher anymore.

342
00:19:45,940 --> 00:19:49,480
Because I was on the run.

343
00:19:49,480 --> 00:19:52,090
I was a fugitive.

344
00:19:52,090 --> 00:19:54,910
I was a Jewish fugitive.

345
00:19:54,910 --> 00:20:02,590
So I felt safe being
with everybody.

346
00:20:02,590 --> 00:20:05,440
And I realized consciously
that whatever happens,

347
00:20:05,440 --> 00:20:07,900
even if they take us to
the trains, and they gas us

348
00:20:07,900 --> 00:20:10,030
tomorrow, this is
what will happen

349
00:20:10,030 --> 00:20:15,070
with me that will happen
with everybody else.

350
00:20:15,070 --> 00:20:16,688
So it was a sense of fatality?

351

00:20:16,688 --> 00:20:17,605
A sense of acceptance.

352
00:20:17,605 --> 00:20:18,105
Right.

353
00:20:18,105 --> 00:20:24,070
At least I couldn't
just think for myself,

354
00:20:24,070 --> 00:20:26,170
and run by myself at that point.

355
00:20:26,170 --> 00:20:27,820
As a 12-year-old
child, to be all

356
00:20:27,820 --> 00:20:30,580
alone without having anybody
must have been terrifying.

357
00:20:30,580 --> 00:20:31,570
Yeah, yeah.

358
00:20:31,570 --> 00:20:34,186
So just to have
other people around.

359
00:20:34,186 --> 00:20:37,120
The security of my
own people around me.

360
00:20:37,120 --> 00:20:38,380
I could understand that.

361
00:20:38,380 --> 00:20:42,310
I felt safe with everybody.

362
00:20:42,310 --> 00:20:45,560
Now, you probably won't believe
what I'll tell you next.

363

00:20:45,560 --> 00:20:51,520
But when we came back to this
place at night, as I said,

364
00:20:51,520 --> 00:20:53,320
this was a movie house.

365
00:20:53,320 --> 00:20:57,850
And the accommodations
were the floor,

366
00:20:57,850 --> 00:21:00,730
the bare floor with some straw.

367
00:21:00,730 --> 00:21:05,890
And a few people were just
lined up on both sides of the--

368
00:21:05,890 --> 00:21:08,950
or maybe a row in the
middle, and just people

369
00:21:08,950 --> 00:21:10,330
were lying down.

370
00:21:10,330 --> 00:21:15,370
And I happened to just lay
down here, I don't know.

371
00:21:15,370 --> 00:21:18,640
I guess I just lay down,
and there was a man near me.

372
00:21:18,640 --> 00:21:21,100
And he saw me come in.

373
00:21:21,100 --> 00:21:22,690
He knew that I just came in.

374
00:21:22,690 --> 00:21:28,030
And he started to ask me,
who I am, what is my name.

375

00:21:28,030 --> 00:21:29,290

And I told him.

376

00:21:29,290 --> 00:21:32,920

And I said, yes, I
said I just came.

377

00:21:32,920 --> 00:21:34,850

He said, what is
your name again?

378

00:21:34,850 --> 00:21:36,280

And I told him.

379

00:21:36,280 --> 00:21:39,100

And he said, just
wait here a minute.

380

00:21:39,100 --> 00:21:42,030

I have to check something out.

381

00:21:42,030 --> 00:21:47,920

And he went to the other part
of this area, and he came back.

382

00:21:47,920 --> 00:21:53,280

And he whispered to me,
your father is here.

383

00:21:53,280 --> 00:21:55,780

And I just couldn't believe it.

384

00:21:55,780 --> 00:21:58,380

I said, well, show me where.

385

00:21:58,380 --> 00:21:59,340

I want to see him.

386

00:21:59,340 --> 00:22:04,620

And he said, your father doesn't
want to make a commotion now,

387

00:22:04,620 --> 00:22:09,000

because he doesn't want
anybody to know about it.

388

00:22:09,000 --> 00:22:13,300

Because he was afraid that maybe
somebody will say something,

389

00:22:13,300 --> 00:22:16,043

and maybe the Germans will hear.

390

00:22:16,043 --> 00:22:17,460

You know, people
were just scared.

391

00:22:17,460 --> 00:22:22,140

And my father I think,
this was something

392

00:22:22,140 --> 00:22:25,800

that happened to him right
after the Germans came.

393

00:22:25,800 --> 00:22:30,840

And they divested him of
his manhood by taking away

394

00:22:30,840 --> 00:22:35,040

his business, and his
way of making a living,

395

00:22:35,040 --> 00:22:37,960

that he became very scared.

396

00:22:37,960 --> 00:22:39,930

He was almost scared
of his shadow.

397

00:22:39,930 --> 00:22:43,530

He used to be afraid
to walk in the street.

398

00:22:43,530 --> 00:22:48,330
Because I remember, he used to
sometimes come home and say,

399
00:22:48,330 --> 00:22:52,050
that they looked at him,
that the Germans were--

400
00:22:52,050 --> 00:22:54,990
And it so happened, I
remember that my mother

401
00:22:54,990 --> 00:22:59,670
became at that point, the
strong one in the family

402
00:22:59,670 --> 00:23:03,360
to take charge of surviving.

403
00:23:03,360 --> 00:23:09,540
That if she had to go and get
some food from the Polish lady,

404
00:23:09,540 --> 00:23:14,910
it was her that went, and
perhaps, took off her arm band

405
00:23:14,910 --> 00:23:16,950
when the ghetto was still open.

406
00:23:16,950 --> 00:23:18,580
My father was very scared.

407
00:23:18,580 --> 00:23:23,580
So I'm telling you this
for you to understand

408
00:23:23,580 --> 00:23:30,090
why he was scared to come to
me at that particular moment.

409
00:23:30,090 --> 00:23:31,510
He just wanted it to--

410
00:23:31,510 --> 00:23:32,760
He wanted to be inconspicuous.

411
00:23:32,760 --> 00:23:33,600
Inconspicuous.

412
00:23:33,600 --> 00:23:35,250
He was afraid of
maybe somebody is

413
00:23:35,250 --> 00:23:37,380
going to denounce
me to the Germans,

414
00:23:37,380 --> 00:23:39,210
and something will happen.

415
00:23:39,210 --> 00:23:44,250
But the man said, in the
morning when everybody goes out

416
00:23:44,250 --> 00:23:47,940
to the street, then
you will meet him.

417
00:23:47,940 --> 00:23:50,940
And it won't be as conspicuous.

418
00:23:50,940 --> 00:23:56,430
And sure enough, imagine how
I waited for this morning.

419
00:23:56,430 --> 00:24:02,250
And it finally came, and we
walked out, he was there.

420
00:24:02,250 --> 00:24:03,840
My father was there.

421
00:24:03,840 --> 00:24:06,120
And we were reunited.

422
00:24:06,120 --> 00:24:09,300
But unfortunately, for
a very, very short time.

423
00:24:09,300 --> 00:24:15,750
Because that same morning,
they made another selection.

424
00:24:15,750 --> 00:24:22,830
And they told us that we
are not going to go to work,

425
00:24:22,830 --> 00:24:25,410
because they are making
another selection.

426
00:24:25,410 --> 00:24:29,910
You know what a selection is?

427
00:24:29,910 --> 00:24:33,180
Well, my father was very
scared that they would take me.

428
00:24:33,180 --> 00:24:37,530
Because I was a child, and
they didn't keep children.

429
00:24:37,530 --> 00:24:41,640
So he told me to take
some makeup, some rouge

430
00:24:41,640 --> 00:24:44,970
from an older woman, and
put some maybe on my face,

431
00:24:44,970 --> 00:24:47,340
so that I look a little older.

432
00:24:47,340 --> 00:24:50,430
And that I should stand erect.

433

00:24:50,430 --> 00:24:53,070
I should look well.

434
00:24:53,070 --> 00:24:55,620
Because he was afraid
that they'll take me.

435
00:24:55,620 --> 00:25:00,690
But they took a couple hundred
men, and he was among them.

436
00:25:00,690 --> 00:25:03,030
And they took them
that same morning.

437
00:25:03,030 --> 00:25:08,070
And that was the very last
time that I saw my father.

438
00:25:08,070 --> 00:25:16,480
He also told me that while I
was in the house running away,

439
00:25:16,480 --> 00:25:19,950
he told me that my
mother was there, at

440
00:25:19,950 --> 00:25:23,100
and that they took her
away with a transport.

441
00:25:23,100 --> 00:25:26,460
They found her eventually,
and they brought her

442
00:25:26,460 --> 00:25:28,080
to another selection point.

443
00:25:28,080 --> 00:25:31,860
And she went on the trains
with everybody else.

444
00:25:31,860 --> 00:25:33,930

Where they took
him, I really don't

445
00:25:33,930 --> 00:25:38,760
know if they took the men
to Treblinka at that point,

446
00:25:38,760 --> 00:25:40,170
or I don't know.

447
00:25:40,170 --> 00:25:43,490

448
00:25:43,490 --> 00:25:45,950
Well, I was there.

449
00:25:45,950 --> 00:25:47,970
I was left.

450
00:25:47,970 --> 00:25:51,890
And at that point, I
knew that I'm all alone,

451
00:25:51,890 --> 00:25:54,080
but I guess the
survival instinct

452
00:25:54,080 --> 00:25:55,500
is in every human being.

453
00:25:55,500 --> 00:25:58,850
And I was surviving.

454
00:25:58,850 --> 00:26:01,610
There was a factory.

455
00:26:01,610 --> 00:26:08,570
Now, before that they finally
finished the Judenrein.

456
00:26:08,570 --> 00:26:12,500
That means that they

cleaned out the whole city.

457

00:26:12,500 --> 00:26:15,110

458

00:26:15,110 --> 00:26:18,200

And they left a few
thousand people.

459

00:26:18,200 --> 00:26:23,960

And they incarcerated
us in a very small area

460

00:26:23,960 --> 00:26:27,230

in the ghetto, very tiny area.

461

00:26:27,230 --> 00:26:33,740

And they used some of us
to clean out the ghetto.

462

00:26:33,740 --> 00:26:40,420

That meant that we were
going from house to house,

463

00:26:40,420 --> 00:26:44,650

and assorting all the things
that people left, you know,

464

00:26:44,650 --> 00:26:49,990

bedding, and clothing, and pots,
and pans, out from the houses

465

00:26:49,990 --> 00:26:53,800

down to the yards.

466

00:26:53,800 --> 00:26:56,380

And they were utilizing it.

467

00:26:56,380 --> 00:26:59,000

I don't know what they did
they needed at that point.

468

00:26:59,000 --> 00:27:01,090

They needed to do many
things for the front,

469

00:27:01,090 --> 00:27:02,840

and for the soldiers.

470

00:27:02,840 --> 00:27:04,750

I don't know what
they did with it,

471

00:27:04,750 --> 00:27:11,920

but they were we were
the Kommandos that

472

00:27:11,920 --> 00:27:13,300

did this type of work.

473

00:27:13,300 --> 00:27:16,000

474

00:27:16,000 --> 00:27:20,920

I happened to be in
one of the Kommandos

475

00:27:20,920 --> 00:27:24,740

that cleaned out my house.

476

00:27:24,740 --> 00:27:30,820

And when I came there,
whatever was there,

477

00:27:30,820 --> 00:27:35,620

I was able to gather
all my pictures.

478

00:27:35,620 --> 00:27:40,120

And I was able to smuggle
them into the ghetto.

479

00:27:40,120 --> 00:27:44,260

You see, people used
to smuggle things,

480
00:27:44,260 --> 00:27:49,510
you know, and yourself,
you try to bring

481
00:27:49,510 --> 00:27:55,540
into the ghetto little items,
like a sheet, or whatever,

482
00:27:55,540 --> 00:28:02,060
because you could bargain
or barter for some food.

483
00:28:02,060 --> 00:28:03,940
But you risked your life.

484
00:28:03,940 --> 00:28:08,140
Because every time that you
came back into the ghetto,

485
00:28:08,140 --> 00:28:09,590
they searched.

486
00:28:09,590 --> 00:28:12,250
It was almost a bodily search.

487
00:28:12,250 --> 00:28:15,160
And people just
risked their lives.

488
00:28:15,160 --> 00:28:17,860
And some of them were
killed for a sheet.

489
00:28:17,860 --> 00:28:20,440
Because they found it on you.

490
00:28:20,440 --> 00:28:24,550
But pictures were
very, very important,

491
00:28:24,550 --> 00:28:27,960

because this was your identity.

492

00:28:27,960 --> 00:28:29,980

This was what was left.

493

00:28:29,980 --> 00:28:32,350

And when I saw all
these pictures,

494

00:28:32,350 --> 00:28:34,510

I wasn't going to
just leave them.

495

00:28:34,510 --> 00:28:37,090

I took whatever I could.

496

00:28:37,090 --> 00:28:40,000

And I managed to bring
them back to the ghetto.

497

00:28:40,000 --> 00:28:41,095

And I had them with me.

498

00:28:41,095 --> 00:28:42,220

How did you transport them?

499

00:28:42,220 --> 00:28:42,950

How did you carry them?

500

00:28:42,950 --> 00:28:43,450

On myself.

501

00:28:43,450 --> 00:28:44,783

You didn't have a coat, did you?

502

00:28:44,783 --> 00:28:48,460

Yeah, whatever I had, I
stuffed them in my pants,

503

00:28:48,460 --> 00:28:50,920

or I don't remember,
under my blouse.

504
00:28:50,920 --> 00:28:52,000
But we managed.

505
00:28:52,000 --> 00:28:55,330

506
00:28:55,330 --> 00:28:57,100
They didn't search everybody.

507
00:28:57,100 --> 00:29:00,340
They maybe spot checked.

508
00:29:00,340 --> 00:29:04,280
But I was able to do that.

509
00:29:04,280 --> 00:29:11,770
And after a while, I
got another work detail.

510
00:29:11,770 --> 00:29:14,050
There was a factory,
a big factory,

511
00:29:14,050 --> 00:29:17,860
that was making the ammunition.

512
00:29:17,860 --> 00:29:20,830
It was called HASAG.

513
00:29:20,830 --> 00:29:25,660
And they took me to work there.

514
00:29:25,660 --> 00:29:28,690
At first, I was
peeling potatoes.

515
00:29:28,690 --> 00:29:31,660
And then they put
me on the machine

516

00:29:31,660 --> 00:29:34,840
that was making bullets.

517
00:29:34,840 --> 00:29:41,320
And I remember there
was a little like a hand

518
00:29:41,320 --> 00:29:45,760
machine that made some
kind of identification,

519
00:29:45,760 --> 00:29:47,615
I think, like a press.

520
00:29:47,615 --> 00:29:50,800

521
00:29:50,800 --> 00:29:54,340
And I worked for a while.

522
00:29:54,340 --> 00:29:59,830
And the life was very,
very deteriorating.

523
00:29:59,830 --> 00:30:01,280
It was very bad.

524
00:30:01,280 --> 00:30:07,690
And it was it was
very dehumanizing.

525
00:30:07,690 --> 00:30:08,620
And I was alone.

526
00:30:08,620 --> 00:30:11,680

527
00:30:11,680 --> 00:30:16,990
And I decided that
I'm going to run away.

528
00:30:16,990 --> 00:30:22,750

Now, I thought that my
family, my mother's family

529
00:30:22,750 --> 00:30:28,210
is still in the other
town in Silesia in Benzin.

530
00:30:28,210 --> 00:30:32,260
And I decided to try to
smuggle myself there,

531
00:30:32,260 --> 00:30:39,470
at least to be with some family,
and not to just be alone.

532
00:30:39,470 --> 00:30:43,820
Now, I must say, that it was
really very enterprising of me.

533
00:30:43,820 --> 00:30:46,400
I don't know how I--

534
00:30:46,400 --> 00:30:48,860
really, I don't know how I
did it, and what moved me.

535
00:30:48,860 --> 00:30:52,640
But that's what
happened I decided

536
00:30:52,640 --> 00:30:55,340
to ask the lady,
the Polish lady,

537
00:30:55,340 --> 00:31:00,330
to give me back the fur coats
so that I can sell them,

538
00:31:00,330 --> 00:31:03,470
and have some money.

539
00:31:03,470 --> 00:31:07,850
And I knew that there

are possibilities,

540

00:31:07,850 --> 00:31:09,710

because I heard
from other people

541

00:31:09,710 --> 00:31:14,120

that there are smugglers,
Polish people, for money

542

00:31:14,120 --> 00:31:18,350

will try to smuggle
you with Polish papers.

543

00:31:18,350 --> 00:31:21,560

And somehow, I got
a hold of somebody

544

00:31:21,560 --> 00:31:24,230

that said yes, it's possible.

545

00:31:24,230 --> 00:31:30,200

And for a few thousand
zlotys, it's possible.

546

00:31:30,200 --> 00:31:35,000

So I sent somebody
to this Polish lady,

547

00:31:35,000 --> 00:31:37,220

and she gave me back to furs.

548

00:31:37,220 --> 00:31:41,150

And this man, who was a
Jewish man, sold them,

549

00:31:41,150 --> 00:31:44,030

gave me the money, and I
arranged for a smuggler.

550

00:31:44,030 --> 00:31:48,150

551

00:31:48,150 --> 00:31:54,720

There was one house where
there was a detail, where

552

00:31:54,720 --> 00:31:57,180

all the best tailors,
and shoe makers,

553

00:31:57,180 --> 00:32:00,360

and furriers worked
for the Germans.

554

00:32:00,360 --> 00:32:03,960

And this was outside of that
very concentrated ghetto

555

00:32:03,960 --> 00:32:07,260

part, this less ghetto part.

556

00:32:07,260 --> 00:32:10,840

This was a little
bit on the outside.

557

00:32:10,840 --> 00:32:15,930

And people from this
concentrated small ghetto

558

00:32:15,930 --> 00:32:22,380

went to work in
that special house.

559

00:32:22,380 --> 00:32:25,740

So it was arranged
that one morning,

560

00:32:25,740 --> 00:32:28,320

I will go with the
detail of people

561

00:32:28,320 --> 00:32:35,590

that went to that part, which
was outside this ghetto.

562

00:32:35,590 --> 00:32:40,220

And I will meet the
smugglers there.

563

00:32:40,220 --> 00:32:44,240

And they'll smuggle
me from there.

564

00:32:44,240 --> 00:32:48,150

I didn't know exactly how and
what, and what will transpire.

565

00:32:48,150 --> 00:32:53,130

But I took my life in my hands,
and I decided to do this.

566

00:32:53,130 --> 00:33:01,430

And sure enough, one morning
when I started to arrange this,

567

00:33:01,430 --> 00:33:05,960

I somehow had to
get out of sight.

568

00:33:05,960 --> 00:33:09,740

So I had to stop going
to this work detail.

569

00:33:09,740 --> 00:33:13,460

So I found a bunker
that people were

570

00:33:13,460 --> 00:33:15,020

hiding in the small ghetto.

571

00:33:15,020 --> 00:33:17,890

572

00:33:17,890 --> 00:33:19,690

And it so happened
that there was

573

00:33:19,690 --> 00:33:26,810
some family members of my family
that my aunt was hiding there,

574
00:33:26,810 --> 00:33:31,750
and her daughter, who was
still working like I was.

575
00:33:31,750 --> 00:33:34,030
She survived all the selections.

576
00:33:34,030 --> 00:33:37,210
And she was still in the detail.

577
00:33:37,210 --> 00:33:40,480
So she told me
about this bunker.

578
00:33:40,480 --> 00:33:46,360
And they let me stay
there for a few days

579
00:33:46,360 --> 00:33:50,630
until all these
arrangement's was.

580
00:33:50,630 --> 00:33:56,360
Now, why did I have to get out?

581
00:33:56,360 --> 00:33:59,090

582
00:33:59,090 --> 00:34:04,520
Because the conditions were
becoming very, very bad,

583
00:34:04,520 --> 00:34:06,350
the living conditions.

584
00:34:06,350 --> 00:34:08,780
I was already lousy.

585

00:34:08,780 --> 00:34:11,179
I had lice in my hair.

586
00:34:11,179 --> 00:34:13,639
And I couldn't keep clean.

587
00:34:13,639 --> 00:34:20,600
And I just felt that
if this will continue,

588
00:34:20,600 --> 00:34:22,170
I won't be able to survive.

589
00:34:22,170 --> 00:34:25,100
I just felt that I
have to do something

590
00:34:25,100 --> 00:34:28,010
to get out, to save myself.

591
00:34:28,010 --> 00:34:32,389
And this is I guess, what
went on through my head.

592
00:34:32,389 --> 00:34:36,739
And sure enough, when
these arrangements

593
00:34:36,739 --> 00:34:43,159
were finalized, one day,
I went to this house

594
00:34:43,159 --> 00:34:44,822
and I waited there.

595
00:34:44,822 --> 00:34:46,280
And there was
another couple, there

596
00:34:46,280 --> 00:34:47,530
were another couple of people.

597

00:34:47,530 --> 00:34:53,909
There was another young boy
that also that unknowing to me,

598
00:34:53,909 --> 00:34:58,700
but he also wanted to
smuggle through to this area

599
00:34:58,700 --> 00:35:02,300
where I wanted to go, because
he had family there too.

600
00:35:02,300 --> 00:35:08,180
So the same smugglers
were going to take us.

601
00:35:08,180 --> 00:35:12,830
So we met these people,
and they took us out.

602
00:35:12,830 --> 00:35:16,730

603
00:35:16,730 --> 00:35:18,230
All I took is my pictures.

604
00:35:18,230 --> 00:35:20,810
They didn't have
anything to take.

605
00:35:20,810 --> 00:35:23,340
But I didn't want to
part with the picture.

606
00:35:23,340 --> 00:35:25,940
I had a box, full
box of pictures.

607
00:35:25,940 --> 00:35:29,180
And they said sure, sure, you
can take the pictures with you.

608
00:35:29,180 --> 00:35:34,310

And they took us to their
house in the Polish area,

609
00:35:34,310 --> 00:35:37,820
and we waited there overnight.

610
00:35:37,820 --> 00:35:40,490
And then in the
morning, we were going

611
00:35:40,490 --> 00:35:44,670
to smuggle, to
smuggle ourselves--

612
00:35:44,670 --> 00:35:48,260
all right, now, I must tell you
that, the area that I wanted

613
00:35:48,260 --> 00:35:51,290
to go, the Germans annexed.

614
00:35:51,290 --> 00:35:54,770
They called it the Third Reich.

615
00:35:54,770 --> 00:36:00,080
The area that my town was
in was the [? general ?]

616
00:36:00,080 --> 00:36:03,035
[? government. ?] That
was the Polish area.

617
00:36:03,035 --> 00:36:05,600

618
00:36:05,600 --> 00:36:08,543
But this Silesia, was
near the German border--

619
00:36:08,543 --> 00:36:09,960
Had already been
taken by Germany.

620

00:36:09,960 --> 00:36:11,490

They annexed it.

621

00:36:11,490 --> 00:36:16,170

So that meant that
there was a border.

622

00:36:16,170 --> 00:36:18,620

It was Poland.

623

00:36:18,620 --> 00:36:22,340

And before the war,
it was all Poland.

624

00:36:22,340 --> 00:36:29,480

But since they made new borders,
so we had to smuggle a border.

625

00:36:29,480 --> 00:36:31,370

So we did this--

626

00:36:31,370 --> 00:36:35,750

they call it smuggling a
green border in the fields,

627

00:36:35,750 --> 00:36:38,060

sometimes in the morning,
the early morning.

628

00:36:38,060 --> 00:36:38,940

And we did.

629

00:36:38,940 --> 00:36:45,830

And when we crossed that border,
then we went to the next town,

630

00:36:45,830 --> 00:36:48,440

and we boarded a train.

631

00:36:48,440 --> 00:36:52,130

Now, they gave me some papers.

632

00:36:52,130 --> 00:36:55,220

Now, supposedly, a
birth certificate

633

00:36:55,220 --> 00:36:56,420

with some Polish names.

634

00:36:56,420 --> 00:36:59,330

And they said, your
name is this and this.

635

00:36:59,330 --> 00:37:03,530

And they didn't travel with us.

636

00:37:03,530 --> 00:37:06,050

They traveled supposedly,
in another wagon,

637

00:37:06,050 --> 00:37:07,420

or they didn't travel at all.

638

00:37:07,420 --> 00:37:10,790

They just put me on the train.

639

00:37:10,790 --> 00:37:12,980

And that was it

640

00:37:12,980 --> 00:37:16,220

But they said, you know what,
don't take the pictures.

641

00:37:16,220 --> 00:37:18,710

Because they'll catch
you with the pictures

642

00:37:18,710 --> 00:37:20,630

it won't be so good or whatever.

643

00:37:20,630 --> 00:37:22,130

We'll send the pictures to you.

644

00:37:22,130 --> 00:37:25,560

So we just left the
pictures at that point.

645

00:37:25,560 --> 00:37:28,820

There was no way that I was
going to argue about pictures.

646

00:37:28,820 --> 00:37:33,710

So I left the pictures behind,
and we successfully smuggled

647

00:37:33,710 --> 00:37:37,040

through the green
border, got on the train,

648

00:37:37,040 --> 00:37:40,160

and managed to arrive
in the south in the town

649

00:37:40,160 --> 00:37:44,510

that I was going to, to Bedzin.

650

00:37:44,510 --> 00:37:49,200

I came there, and I
was on my own again.

651

00:37:49,200 --> 00:37:52,640

My family did not live anymore
where they used to live,

652

00:37:52,640 --> 00:37:54,950

because there was
a ghetto there too.

653

00:37:54,950 --> 00:37:59,330

So they were already dislocated.

654

00:37:59,330 --> 00:38:04,820

I So first, I had to find
out where the ghetto was.

655

00:38:04,820 --> 00:38:07,260

Then I had to go to the ghetto.

656

00:38:07,260 --> 00:38:10,040

And this was already
a strange town.

657

00:38:10,040 --> 00:38:11,210

This wasn't my town.

658

00:38:11,210 --> 00:38:14,960

So it was that much
harder to navigate there.

659

00:38:14,960 --> 00:38:18,370

660

00:38:18,370 --> 00:38:20,090

And I had no papers.

661

00:38:20,090 --> 00:38:24,410

Because there, you
needed special papers.

662

00:38:24,410 --> 00:38:30,830

Since this was the
German Reich, the Jews

663

00:38:30,830 --> 00:38:34,970

needed special papers there.

664

00:38:34,970 --> 00:38:38,000

Well, anyway, I managed
to get into the ghetto

665

00:38:38,000 --> 00:38:41,450

without being observed
or apprehended.

666

00:38:41,450 --> 00:38:45,360

And my family was
a prominent family.

667

00:38:45,360 --> 00:38:49,730

So when I asked people if they
are there and where they lived,

668

00:38:49,730 --> 00:38:53,820

I was directed to my
grandfather's house.

669

00:38:53,820 --> 00:38:55,740

And I came.

670

00:38:55,740 --> 00:39:00,450

And they were already in a
little room in the ghetto,

671

00:39:00,450 --> 00:39:02,580

and they were
already dislocated,

672

00:39:02,580 --> 00:39:07,800

and in very bad shape, very
scared, and very frightened.

673

00:39:07,800 --> 00:39:11,820

And when I opened
the door, they just

674

00:39:11,820 --> 00:39:15,190

didn't know what to make of it.

675

00:39:15,190 --> 00:39:17,760

And they couldn't imagine
how I arrived there.

676

00:39:17,760 --> 00:39:22,700

And I remember my grandmother
looking behind me.

677

00:39:22,700 --> 00:39:23,950

This was your mother's mother?

678

00:39:23,950 --> 00:39:27,270

My mother's mother, yes,

to whom I was very close.

679

00:39:27,270 --> 00:39:31,260

Because she was
the only daughter

680

00:39:31,260 --> 00:39:34,140

that lived in a different town.

681

00:39:34,140 --> 00:39:39,390

So that made me special, because
I was the only grandchild that

682

00:39:39,390 --> 00:39:42,020

wasn't in the immediate area.

683

00:39:42,020 --> 00:39:45,082

And I used to come there for
vacations and for holidays.

684

00:39:45,082 --> 00:39:46,290

So you were always the guest?

685

00:39:46,290 --> 00:39:49,980

I was the guest, and
special because of that.

686

00:39:49,980 --> 00:39:53,280

And I loved my grandfather.

687

00:39:53,280 --> 00:39:55,410

He was a wonderful man.

688

00:39:55,410 --> 00:40:02,620

And my grandmother was a very
strong and very powerful lady.

689

00:40:02,620 --> 00:40:04,980

I used to go on
vacations together

690

00:40:04,980 --> 00:40:08,520

with her before the war with
my mother and her mother,

691
00:40:08,520 --> 00:40:11,400
and myself, we used to go.

692
00:40:11,400 --> 00:40:15,990
But when she saw me,
she looked behind me

693
00:40:15,990 --> 00:40:20,520
to see if her
daughter was coming.

694
00:40:20,520 --> 00:40:24,390
And when they realized,
and I told them

695
00:40:24,390 --> 00:40:29,700
that nobody is there any more,
that I made it on my own,

696
00:40:29,700 --> 00:40:31,450
of course, they were
very happy to see me.

697
00:40:31,450 --> 00:40:36,970
But the situation wasn't
very good there either.

698
00:40:36,970 --> 00:40:42,130
Because it was the same
situation that I left behind.

699
00:40:42,130 --> 00:40:46,480
It was even worse
because I was illegal.

700
00:40:46,480 --> 00:40:51,010
That meant that I couldn't even
walk the streets of the ghetto

701
00:40:51,010 --> 00:40:53,440

because I did not have papers.

702

00:40:53,440 --> 00:40:58,870

And it was almost
impossible to get papers,

703

00:40:58,870 --> 00:41:01,270

even if you had influence.

704

00:41:01,270 --> 00:41:04,690

And I had still my
uncles there who

705

00:41:04,690 --> 00:41:08,500

were influential in the town,
but they couldn't do anything.

706

00:41:08,500 --> 00:41:10,280

They could not
produce papers for me.

707

00:41:10,280 --> 00:41:12,580

So that meant that
I had to hide.

708

00:41:12,580 --> 00:41:15,730

And if I walked
on the street, it

709

00:41:15,730 --> 00:41:19,360

was always a danger that
the police will pick me up.

710

00:41:19,360 --> 00:41:21,820

Because they were
making roundups,

711

00:41:21,820 --> 00:41:28,690

and they were making checks for
identifications all the time.

712

00:41:28,690 --> 00:41:34,210

And also, they were grabbing

people either off the street,

713
00:41:34,210 --> 00:41:38,290
or from at night.

714
00:41:38,290 --> 00:41:41,770
And twice, I was
caught by the police.

715
00:41:41,770 --> 00:41:49,780
Once, from the street,
and I was apprehended

716
00:41:49,780 --> 00:41:51,340
I think, by the Jewish police.

717
00:41:51,340 --> 00:41:55,930
Because they also
were looking for IDs.

718
00:41:55,930 --> 00:41:56,920
This was in Bedzin.

719
00:41:56,920 --> 00:41:59,650
In Bedzin, yes.

720
00:41:59,650 --> 00:42:03,160
And my uncle, my
mother's oldest brother,

721
00:42:03,160 --> 00:42:05,590
was somehow able to get me out.

722
00:42:05,590 --> 00:42:11,860
And once they were making
a round up at night,

723
00:42:11,860 --> 00:42:15,520
and they weren't looking
for me in particular,

724
00:42:15,520 --> 00:42:18,370

but they came to
wherever they came,

725
00:42:18,370 --> 00:42:19,960
they wanted identifications.

726
00:42:19,960 --> 00:42:24,040
And if you couldn't identify
yourself, they took you.

727
00:42:24,040 --> 00:42:27,520
And this was the second
time that they grabbed me

728
00:42:27,520 --> 00:42:32,440
from my grandfather's
house, a room, not house.

729
00:42:32,440 --> 00:42:34,900
And it was terrible.

730
00:42:34,900 --> 00:42:38,020

731
00:42:38,020 --> 00:42:40,870
The ones that they caught
like that, they were sent

732
00:42:40,870 --> 00:42:42,790
to Auschwitz most of the time.

733
00:42:42,790 --> 00:42:49,830
So twice, they were
able to get me out.

734
00:42:49,830 --> 00:42:53,130
I was there for a few months.

735
00:42:53,130 --> 00:42:58,980
And then it became very
tough, because there

736

00:42:58,980 --> 00:43:00,630
was one action after another.

737
00:43:00,630 --> 00:43:03,540

738
00:43:03,540 --> 00:43:06,120
And nobody was safe.

739
00:43:06,120 --> 00:43:08,550
And it was the same situation.

740
00:43:08,550 --> 00:43:13,020
They thought the ones that have
papers and have working places,

741
00:43:13,020 --> 00:43:17,420
and one working place is
better than the other.

742
00:43:17,420 --> 00:43:23,880
This whole business was
going on in every city

743
00:43:23,880 --> 00:43:28,140
that they tried to give
you false security.

744
00:43:28,140 --> 00:43:30,303
They told you, well,
you have to work,

745
00:43:30,303 --> 00:43:31,470
and you have to have papers.

746
00:43:31,470 --> 00:43:35,850
And the Jews thought that
while they are working

747
00:43:35,850 --> 00:43:38,400
and the papers are
going to save them.

748

00:43:38,400 --> 00:43:39,910

It was all a charade.

749

00:43:39,910 --> 00:43:42,860

750

00:43:42,860 --> 00:43:47,060

And I just had enough of it.

751

00:43:47,060 --> 00:43:55,550

I decided that I'm going
to go into a labor camp.

752

00:43:55,550 --> 00:43:59,090

753

00:43:59,090 --> 00:43:59,770

How do you say--

754

00:43:59,770 --> 00:44:02,440

755

00:44:02,440 --> 00:44:03,710

Of work.

756

00:44:03,710 --> 00:44:06,000

No, but on my own.

757

00:44:06,000 --> 00:44:06,520

Volunteer.

758

00:44:06,520 --> 00:44:07,890

Voluntarily.

759

00:44:07,890 --> 00:44:09,760

I had the German
word, freiwillige,

760

00:44:09,760 --> 00:44:11,860

but I couldn't
think of the word--

761
00:44:11,860 --> 00:44:12,790
Of your own volition.

762
00:44:12,790 --> 00:44:14,900
Yes.

763
00:44:14,900 --> 00:44:20,080
And again, what possessed
me, I don't know.

764
00:44:20,080 --> 00:44:23,275
Because nobody
volunteered to go to camp.

765
00:44:23,275 --> 00:44:23,775
Nobody.

766
00:44:23,775 --> 00:44:26,350

767
00:44:26,350 --> 00:44:31,030
People ran away and hid, and did
everything not to go to camp.

768
00:44:31,030 --> 00:44:34,000
But I said, well,
I have no choice.

769
00:44:34,000 --> 00:44:37,240
Because if they take me, they
will send me to Auschwitz.

770
00:44:37,240 --> 00:44:40,110

771
00:44:40,110 --> 00:44:45,480
So perhaps, if I go to camp,
I will have a chance to work

772
00:44:45,480 --> 00:44:48,780
and maybe I'll survive.

773
00:44:48,780 --> 00:44:52,050
So I came to my grandfather,
and they were already

774
00:44:52,050 --> 00:44:54,630
hiding, because they
were older people,

775
00:44:54,630 --> 00:44:57,478
and they couldn't
walk the streets.

776
00:44:57,478 --> 00:44:59,520
Because they were taking
the old people, and they

777
00:44:59,520 --> 00:45:00,840
were cutting the beards.

778
00:45:00,840 --> 00:45:07,770
I remember my grandfather wore
a kerchief to hide his beard,

779
00:45:07,770 --> 00:45:12,720
you know, he was walking with
a kerchief tied around his head

780
00:45:12,720 --> 00:45:13,890
to hide his beard.

781
00:45:13,890 --> 00:45:15,620
It was a terrible situation.

782
00:45:15,620 --> 00:45:19,140
And it was such indignity.

783
00:45:19,140 --> 00:45:23,760
It was incredibly inhuman.

784
00:45:23,760 --> 00:45:27,270
And I came to him,

and he was in hiding.

785

00:45:27,270 --> 00:45:29,450

And I said, grandfather,
I'm going to go

786

00:45:29,450 --> 00:45:33,060

to volunteer to go to camp.

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00:45:33,060 --> 00:45:36,250

And at that time, there were
a lot of my family members

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00:45:36,250 --> 00:45:39,540

were still around in town,
and somehow, everybody

789

00:45:39,540 --> 00:45:44,580

was waiting, you know, hoping
that a miracle will happen

790

00:45:44,580 --> 00:45:51,270

and they'll survive, but
there was no miracle coming.

791

00:45:51,270 --> 00:45:55,830

So he said, look child, I
cannot tell you what to do.

792

00:45:55,830 --> 00:46:00,690

You have to do what you
feel that you want to do.

793

00:46:00,690 --> 00:46:04,080

And I decided, yes, this
is what I want to do.

794

00:46:04,080 --> 00:46:05,710

And this is what I did.

795

00:46:05,710 --> 00:46:12,910

I came to the police, and I
said, I want to go to camp.

796
00:46:12,910 --> 00:46:17,230
And they took me, and
they sent me to camp.

797
00:46:17,230 --> 00:46:20,410
And two weeks
later, this area was

798
00:46:20,410 --> 00:46:22,490
Judenrein, that means that--

799
00:46:22,490 --> 00:46:23,440
It was liquidated.

800
00:46:23,440 --> 00:46:26,200
Everybody was liquidated.

801
00:46:26,200 --> 00:46:33,190
My grandparents, my uncles,
my aunts, the children,

802
00:46:33,190 --> 00:46:35,740
everybody that was there went.

803
00:46:35,740 --> 00:46:38,320

804
00:46:38,320 --> 00:46:43,960
And I went to camp.

805
00:46:43,960 --> 00:46:50,660
It so happened that they
sent me to a very nice camp.

806
00:46:50,660 --> 00:46:53,180
At that time, there
were still labor camps.

807
00:46:53,180 --> 00:46:59,560
This was end of 1942, '42
or '43, I'll tell you,

808
00:46:59,560 --> 00:47:01,480
I think '42.

809
00:47:01,480 --> 00:47:04,390
I think you'll
have to check this,

810
00:47:04,390 --> 00:47:07,000
because I can't
remember already.

811
00:47:07,000 --> 00:47:09,640

812
00:47:09,640 --> 00:47:13,180
I was there about half
a year in this town.

813
00:47:13,180 --> 00:47:15,770

814
00:47:15,770 --> 00:47:19,946
And this was in the fall.

815
00:47:19,946 --> 00:47:21,500
Or could be '43?

816
00:47:21,500 --> 00:47:22,970
I think maybe '43.

817
00:47:22,970 --> 00:47:25,900

818
00:47:25,900 --> 00:47:29,070
So there was no
concentration camps.

819
00:47:29,070 --> 00:47:31,000
They were labor camps.

820

00:47:31,000 --> 00:47:34,300
The concentration camps were
the big ones in Germany.

821
00:47:34,300 --> 00:47:37,420
And they had Auschwitz.

822
00:47:37,420 --> 00:47:38,170
They had Dachau.

823
00:47:38,170 --> 00:47:40,840
They had Birkenau.

824
00:47:40,840 --> 00:47:42,670
They had the big ones.

825
00:47:42,670 --> 00:47:50,440
But the small labor camps
were staffed by the Wehrmacht,

826
00:47:50,440 --> 00:47:52,990
not by the SS.

827
00:47:52,990 --> 00:47:53,980
So military.

828
00:47:53,980 --> 00:47:55,022
They were still military.

829
00:47:55,022 --> 00:47:57,040
This was the distinction.

830
00:47:57,040 --> 00:48:01,160
There were labor camps,
and from the labor camps,

831
00:48:01,160 --> 00:48:04,270
they did not exterminate.

832
00:48:04,270 --> 00:48:10,540
Only if you did
something, and they

833
00:48:10,540 --> 00:48:15,940
found you doing some kind
of they decided was a crime.

834
00:48:15,940 --> 00:48:19,900
Or if the people got
very sick, and then they

835
00:48:19,900 --> 00:48:22,360
took them to Auschwitz.

836
00:48:22,360 --> 00:48:26,920
Well, they sent me with
a group of young girls

837
00:48:26,920 --> 00:48:36,820
that they caught on
a selection to a camp

838
00:48:36,820 --> 00:48:39,550
by the name of Bolkenhain.

839
00:48:39,550 --> 00:48:41,425
This was a weaving factory.

840
00:48:41,425 --> 00:48:43,930

841
00:48:43,930 --> 00:48:46,090
It was in Germany.

842
00:48:46,090 --> 00:48:48,745
It was a comparatively
small camp.

843
00:48:48,745 --> 00:48:51,370

844
00:48:51,370 --> 00:48:59,050
It was an established camp,
with maybe 150 young women,

845
00:48:59,050 --> 00:49:05,440
mostly from the area
of Beelitz, which

846
00:49:05,440 --> 00:49:13,210
is a town right on the German
border where a lot of people

847
00:49:13,210 --> 00:49:18,250
were bilingual,
German and Polish.

848
00:49:18,250 --> 00:49:26,230
And the circumstances there
were considerably good.

849
00:49:26,230 --> 00:49:32,140
The living circumstances
were all right.

850
00:49:32,140 --> 00:49:33,290
We had--

851
00:49:33,290 --> 00:49:35,254
You got sufficient food.

852
00:49:35,254 --> 00:49:38,140
Bunks, yes, sufficient food.

853
00:49:38,140 --> 00:49:41,230
And so ways of keeping clean.

854
00:49:41,230 --> 00:49:45,490
And it was decent.

855
00:49:45,490 --> 00:49:48,910
As labor camps go,
this was a prize.

856
00:49:48,910 --> 00:49:54,190
So I was extremely lucky to

have been sent at this time

857
00:49:54,190 --> 00:49:58,660
to such a good camp.

858
00:49:58,660 --> 00:50:04,420
And we worked in
the weaving factory.

859
00:50:04,420 --> 00:50:11,380
They needed us for work, because
the men were in the army,

860
00:50:11,380 --> 00:50:12,940
the German men were in the army.

861
00:50:12,940 --> 00:50:14,530
Did you work on uniforms, or--

862
00:50:14,530 --> 00:50:18,490
No, we were weaving fabric.

863
00:50:18,490 --> 00:50:22,390
And they were blanket fabrics,
and parachute fabrics,

864
00:50:22,390 --> 00:50:25,840
and all kinds of different
fabrics at the time, whatever

865
00:50:25,840 --> 00:50:28,420
they needed for the war effort.

866
00:50:28,420 --> 00:50:32,110
But there were big
weaving machines.

867
00:50:32,110 --> 00:50:35,770
And they taught us how
to work these machines.

868
00:50:35,770 --> 00:50:39,040

And Jewish girls
are pretty brainy,

869
00:50:39,040 --> 00:50:43,990
and didn't take us
very long to learn.

870
00:50:43,990 --> 00:50:46,450
Yeah, we were operating
their factories

871
00:50:46,450 --> 00:50:49,960
under supervision
of some old men that

872
00:50:49,960 --> 00:50:52,570
were not able to
go to work, that

873
00:50:52,570 --> 00:50:57,550
were old masters in this trade.

874
00:50:57,550 --> 00:51:04,360
So what happened was, we got up
in the morning, went to work,

875
00:51:04,360 --> 00:51:07,640
worked 12 hours,
came back, and were

876
00:51:07,640 --> 00:51:11,710
incarcerated in this camp area.

877
00:51:11,710 --> 00:51:14,680
But it was decent.

878
00:51:14,680 --> 00:51:18,040
But it didn't last
very long, because they

879
00:51:18,040 --> 00:51:22,330
converted this factory
into an ammunition factory.

880
00:51:22,330 --> 00:51:24,940
And I don't know whom
they staffed it with,

881
00:51:24,940 --> 00:51:28,240
but they send us
to another place.

882
00:51:28,240 --> 00:51:34,690
They separated the women
that were there, and sent us

883
00:51:34,690 --> 00:51:37,210
to three different other camps.

884
00:51:37,210 --> 00:51:44,140
And I wound up in a camp, which
was also a weaving factory,

885
00:51:44,140 --> 00:51:48,090
which was called Landshut.

886
00:51:48,090 --> 00:51:52,890
And I really don't know how
far from this Bolkenhain

887
00:51:52,890 --> 00:51:55,930
that Landshut was, because
they just took us on the train.

888
00:51:55,930 --> 00:51:59,640
And frankly, I don't think
I ever looked at a map

889
00:51:59,640 --> 00:52:03,270
to see after the war to
where this was located.

890
00:52:03,270 --> 00:52:05,820

891

00:52:05,820 --> 00:52:10,350
And there, we also worked
in the same factories.

892
00:52:10,350 --> 00:52:12,390
They were spinning factories.

893
00:52:12,390 --> 00:52:17,010
You know, you were spinning
the thread, and weaving,

894
00:52:17,010 --> 00:52:22,680
and the whole operation.

895
00:52:22,680 --> 00:52:28,790
But in that place, they made
us work the night shift.

896
00:52:28,790 --> 00:52:31,970
They had some Germans
working day shift.

897
00:52:31,970 --> 00:52:34,060
And we worked night shift.

898
00:52:34,060 --> 00:52:36,495
We worked for nine
months nights.

899
00:52:36,495 --> 00:52:40,070

900
00:52:40,070 --> 00:52:41,920
No changeover.

901
00:52:41,920 --> 00:52:49,910
We slept during the day, and
we went to work at night.

902
00:52:49,910 --> 00:52:52,950
We worked 12 hours at night.

903

00:52:52,950 --> 00:52:55,400

The conditions
there were already

904

00:52:55,400 --> 00:52:59,060

inferior to the ones
in the first camp,

905

00:52:59,060 --> 00:53:03,590

but they were still
comparatively decent.

906

00:53:03,590 --> 00:53:06,196

Was this camp more crowded
than the first thing one?

907

00:53:06,196 --> 00:53:08,810

No, it was a small camp.

908

00:53:08,810 --> 00:53:10,590

It was even less women there.

909

00:53:10,590 --> 00:53:16,190

We were there maybe 100,
or over 100 Jewish women.

910

00:53:16,190 --> 00:53:21,335

And we had like a big
loft with bunk beds.

911

00:53:21,335 --> 00:53:24,750

912

00:53:24,750 --> 00:53:33,690

There were just rows of
bunk beds, and two to a bed.

913

00:53:33,690 --> 00:53:37,470

But we had some place
to lay down our heads,

914

00:53:37,470 --> 00:53:40,920

and they did give us some food.

915
00:53:40,920 --> 00:53:46,675
It was a starvation diet,
but we did get three meals.

916
00:53:46,675 --> 00:53:50,920

917
00:53:50,920 --> 00:53:53,930
And we worked.

918
00:53:53,930 --> 00:53:57,200
At this point Mrs. Kleiner,
I want to stop for a moment

919
00:53:57,200 --> 00:54:03,680
and ask you whether you
would like to continue today?

920
00:54:03,680 --> 00:54:05,750
Or whether you
would like possibly

921
00:54:05,750 --> 00:54:07,730
to come back
another time when we

922
00:54:07,730 --> 00:54:10,040
could complete the interview.

923
00:54:10,040 --> 00:54:10,760
What do we have?

924
00:54:10,760 --> 00:54:11,780
A quarter to five.

925
00:54:11,780 --> 00:54:12,840
Yes.

926
00:54:12,840 --> 00:54:16,640
You think we should maybe stop
and continue at another time?

927
00:54:16,640 --> 00:54:19,650
Because I don't think that
if you want the whole story,

928
00:54:19,650 --> 00:54:22,010
I don't know if it'll be--

929
00:54:22,010 --> 00:54:26,780
It's not going to be
possible for us to do it

930
00:54:26,780 --> 00:54:29,540
all in the next five
minutes, certainly,

931
00:54:29,540 --> 00:54:35,450
the story of the rest of your
ordeal, and your survival.

932
00:54:35,450 --> 00:54:38,990
I would hope, perhaps, that you
might come back another time.

933
00:54:38,990 --> 00:54:40,340
I think it'll be good idea.

934
00:54:40,340 --> 00:54:43,280
And Robin will be
working with you and me.

935
00:54:43,280 --> 00:54:44,570
We'll continue the story.

936
00:54:44,570 --> 00:54:47,180
Because I think you've
left us at a point

937
00:54:47,180 --> 00:54:49,640
where we're breathless.

938
00:54:49,640 --> 00:54:52,080

And I just would like to--

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00:54:52,080 --> 00:54:54,320

There was lots more to--

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00:54:54,320 --> 00:54:57,170

I feel that there is.

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00:54:57,170 --> 00:54:59,540

And we don't want to
make short shrift of it.

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00:54:59,540 --> 00:55:01,420

And we want to
carry this through.

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00:55:01,420 --> 00:55:02,300

OK.

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00:55:02,300 --> 00:55:03,920

If you want more
details, then it'll

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00:55:03,920 --> 00:55:06,140

probably take another tape.

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00:55:06,140 --> 00:55:07,100

At least.

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00:55:07,100 --> 00:55:08,480

Or more.

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00:55:08,480 --> 00:55:09,490

I sense that.

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00:55:09,490 --> 00:55:12,110

Yeah, OK.

950

00:55:12,110 --> 00:55:16,250

I think we could have a
sign off now temporarily.

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00:55:16,250 --> 00:55:22,070

And we want to thank you for
what you have told us so far.

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00:55:22,070 --> 00:55:24,260

The story is far from over.

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00:55:24,260 --> 00:55:28,520

But we anticipate
very, very soon

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00:55:28,520 --> 00:55:30,920

that you'll be able to tell
us the rest of the story.

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00:55:30,920 --> 00:55:37,000

And what we hope will be in
your case, certainly, a happier

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00:55:37,000 --> 00:55:40,000

ending than the
events that preceded.

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00:55:40,000 --> 00:55:41,060

Thank you very much.

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00:55:41,060 --> 00:55:41,830

Thank you so much.

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00:55:41,830 --> 00:55:46,380

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00:55:46,380 --> 00:56:18,000