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00:00:00,000 --> 00:00:20,690

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00:00:20,690 --> 00:00:22,110

Good afternoon.

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00:00:22,110 --> 00:00:23,330

My name is Bernard Weinstein.

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00:00:23,330 --> 00:00:26,060

I'm the director of the Kean
College Oral Testimonies

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00:00:26,060 --> 00:00:28,850

Project at the Holocaust
Resource Center.

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00:00:28,850 --> 00:00:31,400

Assisting me is Selma Dubnik.

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00:00:31,400 --> 00:00:34,640

We are interviewing
Rose Schwartz.

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00:00:34,640 --> 00:00:37,010

Mrs. Schwartz, welcome.

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00:00:37,010 --> 00:00:42,830

I am Rose Schwartz, and I was
born in Jodlowa in Poland.

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00:00:42,830 --> 00:00:49,850

And I was 13 years old when
the war broke out in '39,

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00:00:49,850 --> 00:00:52,010

when the Germans come in.

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00:00:52,010 --> 00:00:59,030

And by two months later it
starts the horror in our town.

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00:00:59,030 --> 00:01:02,840

They start coming, because they
send a letter to the police,

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00:01:02,840 --> 00:01:06,080

to the German police,
about my father,

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00:01:06,080 --> 00:01:12,440

that he is a wealthy Jew and he
made the wealth of the Poles.

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00:01:12,440 --> 00:01:16,130

So he should be shot and
they should take over

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00:01:16,130 --> 00:01:17,880

all the possession of my father.

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00:01:17,880 --> 00:01:19,300

Who sent this letter?

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00:01:19,300 --> 00:01:20,090

Do you know?

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00:01:20,090 --> 00:01:24,230

Yes. [? Okama, ?] his name,
a Polish Volksdeutsche.

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00:01:24,230 --> 00:01:27,830

His name was [? Okama. ?]
And he sent that letter

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00:01:27,830 --> 00:01:32,540

to the Germans, and he
pointed out where we live,

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00:01:32,540 --> 00:01:34,670

and they should take
care of my father.

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00:01:34,670 --> 00:01:40,460

So from the beginning, my
father had to flee the house.

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00:01:40,460 --> 00:01:43,370

And wherever he
was, my mother tried

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00:01:43,370 --> 00:01:45,890

to stay with him as
much as she could.

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00:01:45,890 --> 00:01:49,820

And my brother, my two
grandfathers, and me

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00:01:49,820 --> 00:01:51,260

stood home.

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00:01:51,260 --> 00:01:54,410

When they come,
they come with a car

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00:01:54,410 --> 00:01:58,910

and come by two cars
of German police.

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00:01:58,910 --> 00:02:01,580

And they try to--

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00:02:01,580 --> 00:02:04,070

the house, to circle around.

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00:02:04,070 --> 00:02:06,980

And then when they come
in, they raus, raus,

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00:02:06,980 --> 00:02:09,270

everybody should get
out of the house.

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00:02:09,270 --> 00:02:12,770

And they tear the house

to pieces every time

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00:02:12,770 --> 00:02:16,820

to look for my father and
for possessions and whatever.

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00:02:16,820 --> 00:02:19,340

And my grandparents,
if they could,

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00:02:19,340 --> 00:02:25,610

they ran out before they
circled around the house.

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00:02:25,610 --> 00:02:28,130

So this way they
would not get beat up.

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00:02:28,130 --> 00:02:33,080

And they were interrogating
us, me particularly,

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00:02:33,080 --> 00:02:35,360

to tell them where my father is.

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00:02:35,360 --> 00:02:37,040

Where is he hiding?

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00:02:37,040 --> 00:02:39,590

And I always used to
say, I don't know.

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00:02:39,590 --> 00:02:42,020

And my brother was four
years younger than me,

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00:02:42,020 --> 00:02:45,920

and he was scared, so
they didn't bother him.

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00:02:45,920 --> 00:02:48,890

But that was going
on quite often.

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00:02:48,890 --> 00:02:53,960

One day they come into
the town, and it was maybe

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00:02:53,960 --> 00:02:56,510

by 20 Gestapo cars.

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00:02:56,510 --> 00:03:00,170

And they took care of the
whole town, not only our house.

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00:03:00,170 --> 00:03:04,310

We had a shul, a synagogue,
with Torahs in the shul,

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00:03:04,310 --> 00:03:08,300

and they pulled out the
Torahs in middle of the street

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00:03:08,300 --> 00:03:12,830

in the center of the
town, and that time they

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00:03:12,830 --> 00:03:18,410

caught my father's father,
my favorite grandfather.

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00:03:18,410 --> 00:03:21,020

And they used to beat
the Jews so bad--

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00:03:21,020 --> 00:03:22,730

that's unbelievable.

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00:03:22,730 --> 00:03:26,510

And they used to force them--
they should step on the spread

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00:03:26,510 --> 00:03:30,320

out Torahs in the street.

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00:03:30,320 --> 00:03:32,900
And my grandfather says, no.

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00:03:32,900 --> 00:03:36,950
This is a holy thing for me,
and I will not step on it.

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00:03:36,950 --> 00:03:40,340
So by us was a little lake.

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00:03:40,340 --> 00:03:45,320
And that lake was
across from our home.

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00:03:45,320 --> 00:03:48,920
So they dragged him to
that lake and they beat him

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00:03:48,920 --> 00:03:50,180
all the way there.

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00:03:50,180 --> 00:03:56,030
And they took by a tree,
they stood him up over there,

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00:03:56,030 --> 00:04:02,720
and with that knife they slashed
his cheek with the beard,

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00:04:02,720 --> 00:04:04,790
and they threw him
out to the lake.

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00:04:04,790 --> 00:04:06,290
And then they pulled
him up and they

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00:04:06,290 --> 00:04:08,450
told them to climb
up on the tree,

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00:04:08,450 --> 00:04:11,810
and they were taking

pictures and laughing.

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00:04:11,810 --> 00:04:15,290
And after this, I
never forget it,

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00:04:15,290 --> 00:04:18,440
my grandfather
never was the same.

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00:04:18,440 --> 00:04:19,820
Never.

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00:04:19,820 --> 00:04:23,510
He said very hard
times are coming for us

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00:04:23,510 --> 00:04:27,590
and to be very careful,
because whoever will survive

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00:04:27,590 --> 00:04:29,120
will be only by miracle.

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00:04:29,120 --> 00:04:31,760
That time from beginning just.

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00:04:31,760 --> 00:04:34,430
And that's how we're going on.

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00:04:34,430 --> 00:04:36,770
They kept coming again
and coming again.

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00:04:36,770 --> 00:04:39,080
What happened to your
grandfather eventually?

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00:04:39,080 --> 00:04:39,770
He died.

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00:04:39,770 --> 00:04:44,480

He died in normal death.

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00:04:44,480 --> 00:04:48,210

He died on my birthday.

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00:04:48,210 --> 00:04:54,720

And they buried him the
Jewish way by us in the town.

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00:04:54,720 --> 00:04:59,240

But after that, my
father and my mother,

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00:04:59,240 --> 00:05:01,440

they made that ghetto already.

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00:05:01,440 --> 00:05:04,410

Until that time we didn't
wear those pants yet.

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00:05:04,410 --> 00:05:08,610

Then after they said
curfew is 5 o'clock,

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00:05:08,610 --> 00:05:11,670

and we all have to
wear those pants.

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00:05:11,670 --> 00:05:16,140

We still had some materials
left in that home where

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00:05:16,140 --> 00:05:21,240

we were hiding, because we
had a barn by the neighbors.

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00:05:21,240 --> 00:05:24,930

So every time it
was an opportunity,

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00:05:24,930 --> 00:05:27,810

it was ion the afternoon,
and it was quiet,

93
00:05:27,810 --> 00:05:32,910
my parents put a bulk
of material on me.

94
00:05:32,910 --> 00:05:36,780
And they send me out to people
what they call themselves

95
00:05:36,780 --> 00:05:42,150
friends of my parents', and
they should keep the material

96
00:05:42,150 --> 00:05:43,110
for us.

97
00:05:43,110 --> 00:05:48,210
So when hard times come, we
have from someplace to get stuff

98
00:05:48,210 --> 00:05:51,930
so we can buy food
for that stuff.

99
00:05:51,930 --> 00:05:57,090
And quite a bit of material
we took out from that house,

100
00:05:57,090 --> 00:05:59,250
from our home, from the store.

101
00:05:59,250 --> 00:06:01,320
And that was it.

102
00:06:01,320 --> 00:06:04,800
After that, every time
they used to come,

103
00:06:04,800 --> 00:06:06,780
they used to get furious.

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00:06:06,780 --> 00:06:09,640

One time they were so mean.

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00:06:09,640 --> 00:06:13,800

They looked around every place,
and then they took me out,

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00:06:13,800 --> 00:06:16,290

they looked in the barn,
they looked everyplace.

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00:06:16,290 --> 00:06:17,820

Then he says, if
you're not going

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00:06:17,820 --> 00:06:21,540

to tell me where your father
is hiding, you be killed.

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00:06:21,540 --> 00:06:24,240

I says, I don't know
where my father is.

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00:06:24,240 --> 00:06:27,150

So he took me into the
garden-- we had a garden--

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00:06:27,150 --> 00:06:31,230

and he was so enraged
in fury, he took his--

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00:06:31,230 --> 00:06:33,660

I remember, he had
feet like this--

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00:06:33,660 --> 00:06:37,620

with tall shoes, and he just
smacked me in the face--

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00:06:37,620 --> 00:06:38,820

This was the SS officer?

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00:06:38,820 --> 00:06:39,960

SS officer.

116
00:06:39,960 --> 00:06:43,830
And he shoot up with
the gun into the air,

117
00:06:43,830 --> 00:06:45,090
and he walked away.

118
00:06:45,090 --> 00:06:48,490
I fell in the garden,
and he walked away.

119
00:06:48,490 --> 00:06:50,130
And then my brother
came running.

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00:06:50,130 --> 00:06:51,270
What happened?

121
00:06:51,270 --> 00:06:52,320
You're not dead!

122
00:06:52,320 --> 00:06:53,010
You're not dead!

123
00:06:53,010 --> 00:06:55,260
I says, no, I am
not dead, I am OK.

124
00:06:55,260 --> 00:06:57,870
And they took the cars
and they went away.

125
00:06:57,870 --> 00:07:01,090
That was going on
for the longest time.

126
00:07:01,090 --> 00:07:03,510
Though finally it quieted down.

127
00:07:03,510 --> 00:07:07,500
I guess that gestapo left

from this neighborhood.

128
00:07:07,500 --> 00:07:08,830
They went someplace else.

129
00:07:08,830 --> 00:07:10,770
And we were a
little bit in peace.

130
00:07:10,770 --> 00:07:12,570
So there come demands.

131
00:07:12,570 --> 00:07:14,790
We need to send force.

132
00:07:14,790 --> 00:07:15,900
We need silver.

133
00:07:15,900 --> 00:07:17,130
We need money.

134
00:07:17,130 --> 00:07:21,600
Every time one of
all the people always

135
00:07:21,600 --> 00:07:25,560
was selected to take the force
and to deliver to the bigger

136
00:07:25,560 --> 00:07:29,950
town where they wanted it,
or the money, whatever.

137
00:07:29,950 --> 00:07:35,970
So one day we had Polish police
by us, and they were, with us,

138
00:07:35,970 --> 00:07:37,230
friendly.

139
00:07:37,230 --> 00:07:40,530
We had very nice

furniture in the house,

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00:07:40,530 --> 00:07:44,358
because we had a modern
house with tile ovens.

141
00:07:44,358 --> 00:07:45,900
What did your father
do for a living?

142
00:07:45,900 --> 00:07:46,500
Excuse me.

143
00:07:46,500 --> 00:07:51,690
My father was-- first of
all, we were taking woods--

144
00:07:51,690 --> 00:07:54,840
in the woods, we were
cutting down trees.

145
00:07:54,840 --> 00:07:56,430
You lived near a forest?

146
00:07:56,430 --> 00:07:59,070
No, the forests were
away from our home,

147
00:07:59,070 --> 00:08:02,813
but he went to woods to make--

148
00:08:02,813 --> 00:08:03,480
how you call it.

149
00:08:03,480 --> 00:08:04,920
Was he in the lumber business?

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00:08:04,920 --> 00:08:05,910
In the lumber business.

151
00:08:05,910 --> 00:08:06,510
Wait a minute.

152
00:08:06,510 --> 00:08:11,010
He was cutting down the
trees, and they cleaned up

153
00:08:11,010 --> 00:08:12,600
the trees in the woods.

154
00:08:12,600 --> 00:08:15,180
And then people were
taking the wagons

155
00:08:15,180 --> 00:08:20,190
and bringing that wood,
those big trees, to the mill.

156
00:08:20,190 --> 00:08:24,990
And then they in the mill they
were cutting boards from it.

157
00:08:24,990 --> 00:08:30,750
So that time when they
said he should kill him

158
00:08:30,750 --> 00:08:34,390
because he used the
people from the town.

159
00:08:34,390 --> 00:08:38,220
So we said to the people,
you can be a witness,

160
00:08:38,220 --> 00:08:39,960
I paid everybody.

161
00:08:39,960 --> 00:08:43,919
And one time, one of the
people was cutting down

162
00:08:43,919 --> 00:08:48,720
woods in the forest,
his brother-in-law,

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00:08:48,720 --> 00:08:53,490
and said to him, I want you to
know that my brother-in-law is

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00:08:53,490 --> 00:08:57,150
stealing your wood, and he is
building a house from your wood

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00:08:57,150 --> 00:08:59,340
and not paying for it.

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00:08:59,340 --> 00:09:02,700
So by us every time--

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00:09:02,700 --> 00:09:04,680
Saturday night was
for the ones where

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00:09:04,680 --> 00:09:09,600
they had the trees they
wheeled to the mill.

169

00:09:09,600 --> 00:09:12,120
And he come in--

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00:09:12,120 --> 00:09:13,860
they get Saturday night paid.

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00:09:13,860 --> 00:09:17,790
Sunday, the ones would cut
the boards and the trees

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00:09:17,790 --> 00:09:18,990
in the woods.

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00:09:18,990 --> 00:09:21,420
So everybody got
paid, and everybody

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00:09:21,420 --> 00:09:25,710
get a drink of whiskey, and
everybody got a piece of cheese

175
00:09:25,710 --> 00:09:30,780
and a piece of challah
for a thank you.

176
00:09:30,780 --> 00:09:33,210
That man, my father
said, you wait,

177
00:09:33,210 --> 00:09:34,950
you'll be the last
one to be paid.

178
00:09:34,950 --> 00:09:36,480
And he got a little bit nervous.

179
00:09:36,480 --> 00:09:38,910
He says, I have to talk to you.

180
00:09:38,910 --> 00:09:43,800
And he said to him, look, I
know you're stealing my wood.

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00:09:43,800 --> 00:09:47,670
He says, and you're making
a very bad name for me.

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00:09:47,670 --> 00:09:49,660
I can't do anything, he says.

183
00:09:49,660 --> 00:09:54,840
I really would appreciate if
you asked me that you need wood.

184
00:09:54,840 --> 00:09:58,800
I will give it to you, and
nobody will come and tell me

185
00:09:58,800 --> 00:10:01,110
that you are stealing from me.

186
00:10:01,110 --> 00:10:04,120

That guy, that time,
said, thank you.

187
00:10:04,120 --> 00:10:08,160
And he says, master, I
really do appreciate that,

188
00:10:08,160 --> 00:10:10,500
because I cannot
afford to buy it,

189
00:10:10,500 --> 00:10:13,110
and we need a roof
over our heads.

190
00:10:13,110 --> 00:10:17,160
And this is the man what we
were hiding for 2 and 1/2

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00:10:17,160 --> 00:10:22,350
years by him in the cellar.

192
00:10:22,350 --> 00:10:25,320
Not in the cellar--
it's the wood

193
00:10:25,320 --> 00:10:29,040
was a shack with wood,
and beneath the shack we

194
00:10:29,040 --> 00:10:31,240
had dug out a hole.

195
00:10:31,240 --> 00:10:33,450
And in that hole we were laying.

196
00:10:33,450 --> 00:10:35,460
So my father was a six footer--

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00:10:35,460 --> 00:10:36,660
he was a tall man.

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00:10:36,660 --> 00:10:39,450

So he was laying from one
corner to the other one,

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00:10:39,450 --> 00:10:42,510

then my mother next to
him, I am next to him.

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00:10:42,510 --> 00:10:45,720

And wintertime is
so bitter cold,

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00:10:45,720 --> 00:10:49,690

and it was not enough
room in that hole,

202

00:10:49,690 --> 00:10:54,390

so the head was laying
next to the ground.

203

00:10:54,390 --> 00:10:56,880

And every morning
we get up, we had

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00:10:56,880 --> 00:11:02,130

to pull, because that was frozen
to the ground, the front head.

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00:11:02,130 --> 00:11:05,190

And of course, we
were starving--

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00:11:05,190 --> 00:11:07,110

starving from hunger.

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00:11:07,110 --> 00:11:09,480

And we had those black flies.

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00:11:09,480 --> 00:11:12,840

They were eating us alive.

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00:11:12,840 --> 00:11:14,572

Not lice, flies.

210
00:11:14,572 --> 00:11:15,780
I don't know how you call it.

211
00:11:15,780 --> 00:11:20,140
They jump like little
fleas, and they were black.

212
00:11:20,140 --> 00:11:21,930
It was unbelievable.

213
00:11:21,930 --> 00:11:23,160
I particularly--

214
00:11:23,160 --> 00:11:25,020
But this man was
sheltering you--

215
00:11:25,020 --> 00:11:26,310
He was hiding is.

216
00:11:26,310 --> 00:11:27,030
--because?

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00:11:27,030 --> 00:11:29,640
For-- I want to tell the story.

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00:11:29,640 --> 00:11:32,430
When we come, that
man was asking

219
00:11:32,430 --> 00:11:36,060
people, when they-- we were
all what was left over-- we

220
00:11:36,060 --> 00:11:37,350
were wandering around.

221
00:11:37,350 --> 00:11:40,140
Because I catch one
before the other one.

222

00:11:40,140 --> 00:11:45,570
When we-- at one day in the
fall come one of the policemen.

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00:11:45,570 --> 00:11:50,490
And we had to leave our
house, our original,

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00:11:50,490 --> 00:11:53,370
because the police--

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00:11:53,370 --> 00:11:55,800
[NON-ENGLISH] I don't know
how to explain to him--

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00:11:55,800 --> 00:11:59,460
what took care of the lens or
whatever, he wanted our house,

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00:11:59,460 --> 00:12:01,350
and we had to leave our house.

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00:12:01,350 --> 00:12:04,530
And we went to live in
my grandfather's house.

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00:12:04,530 --> 00:12:09,040
And in my grandfather's
house, the man come over,

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00:12:09,040 --> 00:12:13,950
and he said to my mother,
I want your furniture.

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00:12:13,950 --> 00:12:15,160
I want your couch.

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00:12:15,160 --> 00:12:18,240
Your couch I particularly like.

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00:12:18,240 --> 00:12:23,460
So my mother says, I give you

the couch with a condition

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00:12:23,460 --> 00:12:26,850

when the Germans will
come to clean up our town,

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00:12:26,850 --> 00:12:29,850

because we hear from all
around the neighborhoods

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00:12:29,850 --> 00:12:32,220

that they are taking
all the people

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00:12:32,220 --> 00:12:36,600

and they putting into from
little camps to big camps,

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00:12:36,600 --> 00:12:39,960

so I would appreciate
if you tell me when,

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00:12:39,960 --> 00:12:42,990

and then maybe we can escape.

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00:12:42,990 --> 00:12:47,640

He says, I give you my word, and
I promise you I will do that.

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00:12:47,640 --> 00:12:51,090

So that time, he come
over one afternoon,

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00:12:51,090 --> 00:12:56,880

and he said to my mother,
tomorrow, 5 o'clock,

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00:12:56,880 --> 00:13:01,050

the Germans will be here, the
Gestapo with the three cars,

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00:13:01,050 --> 00:13:03,930

and they will take

care of all this town.

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00:13:03,930 --> 00:13:05,130

They will take care of it.

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00:13:05,130 --> 00:13:05,970

5:00 in the morning?

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00:13:05,970 --> 00:13:06,930

5:00 in the morning.

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00:13:06,930 --> 00:13:08,100

Yes.

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00:13:08,100 --> 00:13:12,470

So my mother, right away,
sent us kids from one house

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00:13:12,470 --> 00:13:15,490

to the other, tell everybody
that tomorrow is [NON-ENGLISH]..

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00:13:15,490 --> 00:13:20,910

It means tomorrow is
the leaving the house.

252

00:13:20,910 --> 00:13:22,200

And we took--

253

00:13:22,200 --> 00:13:24,840

I remember-- this
I never forget it--

254

00:13:24,840 --> 00:13:29,610

two breads we took with us,
and one change of clothes,

255

00:13:29,610 --> 00:13:31,810

and a warm coat.

256

00:13:31,810 --> 00:13:33,900

And that was summertime.

257
00:13:33,900 --> 00:13:35,580
And we left the house.

258
00:13:35,580 --> 00:13:38,310
It was already dark,
and we left the house.

259
00:13:38,310 --> 00:13:42,690
And that was the first
night we slept in the woods.

260
00:13:42,690 --> 00:13:48,150
And if I can describe it, how
it felt, I don't have no words.

261
00:13:48,150 --> 00:13:53,400
Because we had one little quilt
to put it down on the floor,

262
00:13:53,400 --> 00:13:57,450
and it was cold at
night, and it was wet.

263
00:13:57,450 --> 00:14:00,810
And we were not used to
it-- we were very sheltered.

264
00:14:00,810 --> 00:14:03,460
And it was just horrible.

265
00:14:03,460 --> 00:14:05,850
And then we were
laying in hiding,

266
00:14:05,850 --> 00:14:10,410
and then we hear people
coming over, like passing.

267
00:14:10,410 --> 00:14:13,230
And they said that they took
all the Jews on wagons--

268

00:14:13,230 --> 00:14:16,980

mostly the older ones

what cannot walk.

269

00:14:16,980 --> 00:14:21,150

And they took them-- where

they took them, nobody knows.

270

00:14:21,150 --> 00:14:25,410

All of a sudden, we hear

that between Jodlowa

271

00:14:25,410 --> 00:14:30,990

and [? Przeczyca ?], they

dug a grave, a mass grave,

272

00:14:30,990 --> 00:14:35,505

and they put in

whitewash, what you paint.

273

00:14:35,505 --> 00:14:36,630

Oh my.

274

00:14:36,630 --> 00:14:42,720

And the Gestapo--

the Polish police

275

00:14:42,720 --> 00:14:44,730

hauled the people

from the wagons,

276

00:14:44,730 --> 00:14:46,800

and they told them to undress.

277

00:14:46,800 --> 00:14:49,020

Because that was woods.

278

00:14:49,020 --> 00:14:50,850

And they should undress.

279

00:14:50,850 --> 00:14:54,870

And one by one they shoot,

and they fall into the grave,

280

00:14:54,870 --> 00:14:57,690

and they barely cover the grave.

281

00:14:57,690 --> 00:15:01,590

And that was cooking, that--

282

00:15:01,590 --> 00:15:02,690

how you call it?

283

00:15:02,690 --> 00:15:03,630

That whitewash.

284

00:15:03,630 --> 00:15:04,320

Lye.

285

00:15:04,320 --> 00:15:07,320

That whitewash was
cooking with that blood

286

00:15:07,320 --> 00:15:11,940

and was smelling for
miles and miles and miles.

287

00:15:11,940 --> 00:15:16,380

And nobody did anything.

288

00:15:16,380 --> 00:15:17,220

Finally--

289

00:15:17,220 --> 00:15:18,270

They all knew.

290

00:15:18,270 --> 00:15:20,700

They did-- nobody knew
where it's going to be.

291

00:15:20,700 --> 00:15:22,710

We are thinking
they are taking them

292

00:15:22,710 --> 00:15:27,660

to a bigger town to a bigger,
how you call it, camp.

293

00:15:27,660 --> 00:15:31,950

But they didn't take them
to a camp, they shot them--

294

00:15:31,950 --> 00:15:33,420

they killed them.

295

00:15:33,420 --> 00:15:35,730

Till that time, there
was no killing by us

296

00:15:35,730 --> 00:15:38,130

in the town at all.

297

00:15:38,130 --> 00:15:40,020

They were looking for
my father, but there

298

00:15:40,020 --> 00:15:41,790

was no official killing.

299

00:15:41,790 --> 00:15:46,470

Beating, breaking bones,
destroying, tearing down things

300

00:15:46,470 --> 00:15:50,280

like the shuls, all the books
and everything, tear it out,

301

00:15:50,280 --> 00:15:54,600

and the windows knocked out,
and all those horrible things.

302

00:15:54,600 --> 00:15:58,030

Until that time, could Jews
come and go from the town?

303

00:15:58,030 --> 00:15:58,530

They--

304

00:15:58,530 --> 00:15:59,850

No they were--

305

00:15:59,850 --> 00:16:01,290

Or was it was already a closed--

306

00:16:01,290 --> 00:16:03,540

It was closed in the town.

307

00:16:03,540 --> 00:16:06,030

And that's where we had to be.

308

00:16:06,030 --> 00:16:09,120

And we were wearing
already the bands too.

309

00:16:09,120 --> 00:16:14,970

But that time they said, it
will come a day when this camp,

310

00:16:14,970 --> 00:16:17,490

we take this camp
to a bigger camp.

311

00:16:17,490 --> 00:16:20,220

And we will this camp clean up.

312

00:16:20,220 --> 00:16:24,060

But the cleaning up
was a horrible way.

313

00:16:24,060 --> 00:16:27,410

Because nobody expected
that that would--

314

00:16:27,410 --> 00:16:30,240

a human being can
kill a human being.

315

00:16:30,240 --> 00:16:34,290

And that, I never
forget it, every time I

316
00:16:34,290 --> 00:16:38,350
had to pass near that
grave, I got petrified.

317
00:16:38,350 --> 00:16:41,520
I was so scared I was
holding on to my father.

318
00:16:41,520 --> 00:16:43,500
And I says look,
they maybe come out

319
00:16:43,500 --> 00:16:45,480
from the grave to
drag me in too.

320
00:16:45,480 --> 00:16:47,870
I was-- I didn't even know--

321
00:16:47,870 --> 00:16:49,080
it was a horror.

322
00:16:49,080 --> 00:16:55,050
I can't describe it,
the fear that's unreal.

323
00:16:55,050 --> 00:16:58,830
And finally, after it
settled down a little bit

324
00:16:58,830 --> 00:17:01,020
and we are in the
woods, then they

325
00:17:01,020 --> 00:17:04,704
started picking-- because a
lot of people from our town

326
00:17:04,704 --> 00:17:06,329
ran away, the young

ones in particular.

327

00:17:06,329 --> 00:17:11,290

Excuse me, how many of you
were there in the woods?

328

00:17:11,290 --> 00:17:12,119

A lot.

329

00:17:12,119 --> 00:17:14,937

A half of a town by 150 or 200.

330

00:17:14,937 --> 00:17:16,520

So it wasn't just
you and your family.

331

00:17:16,520 --> 00:17:18,480

No a lot of--

332

00:17:18,480 --> 00:17:23,130

whoever was capable of
running away ran away.

333

00:17:23,130 --> 00:17:26,310

And then little by little,
they the Polish police start

334

00:17:26,310 --> 00:17:28,950

catching the people like dogs.

335

00:17:28,950 --> 00:17:31,020

They were running around
and catching people.

336

00:17:31,020 --> 00:17:33,930

And the Poles, he is
a Jew, he is a Jew--

337

00:17:33,930 --> 00:17:37,170

you give me his clothes
and you can kill him.

338

00:17:37,170 --> 00:17:38,100
That's it.

339
00:17:38,100 --> 00:17:42,120
And we were once in
the woods laying inside

340
00:17:42,120 --> 00:17:45,630
in the woods a little bit,
and here was shrubbery, thick,

341
00:17:45,630 --> 00:17:47,470
you can't see it.

342
00:17:47,470 --> 00:17:48,840
But we seen the police.

343
00:17:48,840 --> 00:17:51,270
And the police walked
down with the dog.

344
00:17:51,270 --> 00:17:53,580
That dog didn't smell us, OK?

345
00:17:53,580 --> 00:17:55,740
It was by a miracle only.

346
00:17:55,740 --> 00:18:00,570
And two hours
before they killed,

347
00:18:00,570 --> 00:18:04,920
in the same woods, two Jews.

348
00:18:04,920 --> 00:18:07,860
And they passed by that
place, and they walked away.

349
00:18:07,860 --> 00:18:10,350
And the dog didn't smell
us, and didn't bark,

350

00:18:10,350 --> 00:18:11,400
and they walked away.

351
00:18:11,400 --> 00:18:14,140
And that was it.

352
00:18:14,140 --> 00:18:15,450
And we were right there.

353
00:18:15,450 --> 00:18:19,680
And we were in the woods
for quite a long time.

354
00:18:19,680 --> 00:18:22,590
Once in a while the Jews
at night in the woods

355
00:18:22,590 --> 00:18:25,590
get together and
discuss their future.

356
00:18:25,590 --> 00:18:26,760
He is one.

357
00:18:26,760 --> 00:18:28,260
This goy took him.

358
00:18:28,260 --> 00:18:32,350
He is one survivor what
is hiding in the cemetery

359
00:18:32,350 --> 00:18:35,010
by the Irish--

360
00:18:35,010 --> 00:18:37,410
not the Jewish cemetery,
because the Jewish cemetery

361
00:18:37,410 --> 00:18:39,300
was checked every day almost--

362
00:18:39,300 --> 00:18:43,650

but on the Polish
cemetery, it was that--

363
00:18:43,650 --> 00:18:48,060
how you call it, where you
bring the body before you

364
00:18:48,060 --> 00:18:49,500
put it to the grave.

365
00:18:49,500 --> 00:18:51,330
It's like a room.

366
00:18:51,330 --> 00:18:55,860
On that roof two
children survived.

367
00:18:55,860 --> 00:18:57,390
They still alive, thank God.

368
00:18:57,390 --> 00:19:02,220
One lives in Germany and
one who lives in Israel.

369
00:19:02,220 --> 00:19:05,830
They hid in the
cemetery on that roof--

370
00:19:05,830 --> 00:19:06,420
On the roof.

371
00:19:06,420 --> 00:19:08,220
--from that place.

372
00:19:08,220 --> 00:19:12,490
And that was how
people survived.

373
00:19:12,490 --> 00:19:18,990
This was sleeping
with in the barns.

374

00:19:18,990 --> 00:19:24,390
In the barns, when the Polish
people didn't even know where

375
00:19:24,390 --> 00:19:26,460
we are.

376
00:19:26,460 --> 00:19:29,310
And that's how
this town survived.

377
00:19:29,310 --> 00:19:36,600
One day, we are staying
home, and the man said,

378
00:19:36,600 --> 00:19:39,750
this and this day we can get
together-- at around Christmas

379
00:19:39,750 --> 00:19:44,100
time we get together-- and we
will talk it over who is left.

380
00:19:44,100 --> 00:19:46,680
Because every time you
hear, they caught this one,

381
00:19:46,680 --> 00:19:48,720
they took him away by train.

382
00:19:48,720 --> 00:19:51,280
They took this one,
they shot over there.

383
00:19:51,280 --> 00:19:52,470
It was horrible.

384
00:19:52,470 --> 00:19:56,790
So every day you are prepared
and looking death in the face.

385
00:19:56,790 --> 00:19:57,990
That was it.

386
00:19:57,990 --> 00:20:02,530
So one day we went to
meet two other people.

387
00:20:02,530 --> 00:20:07,050
And as we walk we were
very close to the woods.

388
00:20:07,050 --> 00:20:09,450
And I didn't know
it was quicksand.

389
00:20:09,450 --> 00:20:13,770
And I fall in with my two
legs in the quicksand.

390
00:20:13,770 --> 00:20:15,620
And I couldn't holler, father!

391
00:20:15,620 --> 00:20:17,520
I said, psst,
psst, to my father,

392
00:20:17,520 --> 00:20:18,840
and he gave me his cane.

393
00:20:18,840 --> 00:20:22,020
Because he always had a cane
in his hand because of dogs.

394
00:20:22,020 --> 00:20:24,630
And he pulled me out with
the cane from the quicksand.

395
00:20:24,630 --> 00:20:26,370
Otherwise that would be it.

396
00:20:26,370 --> 00:20:27,660
That was number one.

397
00:20:27,660 --> 00:20:30,570

Number two, for bread, to go--

398

00:20:30,570 --> 00:20:31,650
we had to survive.

399

00:20:31,650 --> 00:20:37,110
Because after we found
out that that man what

400

00:20:37,110 --> 00:20:40,890
stole from my father
the lumber, he

401

00:20:40,890 --> 00:20:44,340
is asking everybody
where we are.

402

00:20:44,340 --> 00:20:46,770
And one man says,
go over to him.

403

00:20:46,770 --> 00:20:49,440
He is so desperate to
find out where you are.

404

00:20:49,440 --> 00:20:50,940
Maybe he will hide you.

405

00:20:50,940 --> 00:20:52,620
You can't stay in the woods.

406

00:20:52,620 --> 00:20:53,520
Because it's winter.

407

00:20:53,520 --> 00:20:54,510
It's below zero.

408

00:20:54,510 --> 00:20:55,840
Forget it.

409

00:20:55,840 --> 00:20:59,070
So we went over

there to that man.

410
00:20:59,070 --> 00:21:01,500
And he said to him,
like that, he says--

411
00:21:01,500 --> 00:21:04,740
Jedrzej was his name,
Jedrzej Paremsky.

412
00:21:04,740 --> 00:21:07,590
And he said to him,
Jedrzej, why did you

413
00:21:07,590 --> 00:21:10,930
ask all the Jews where we are?

414
00:21:10,930 --> 00:21:15,000
He says, because you
were my breadwinner.

415
00:21:15,000 --> 00:21:17,670
You let me build
a house, and you

416
00:21:17,670 --> 00:21:19,980
didn't press charges for me.

417
00:21:19,980 --> 00:21:23,970
He says, and I feel
obligated to save

418
00:21:23,970 --> 00:21:26,850
you and your family's life.

419
00:21:26,850 --> 00:21:29,050
He's says, come
and stay with me.

420
00:21:29,050 --> 00:21:32,940
So my father said-- and
I was with my father.

421

00:21:32,940 --> 00:21:36,900

Usually I was the
shammas to my father.

422

00:21:36,900 --> 00:21:40,680

And my father says to him, tell
me, what do you want to do?

423

00:21:40,680 --> 00:21:43,230

Do you want me to come
with my whole family,

424

00:21:43,230 --> 00:21:44,670

not just with my daughter.

425

00:21:44,670 --> 00:21:47,580

And then, I says, you
will take my clothes--

426

00:21:47,580 --> 00:21:50,190

it's old already and filthy--

427

00:21:50,190 --> 00:21:52,830

and then you will kill
me just for my clothes.

428

00:21:52,830 --> 00:21:57,310

He says, I swear to
you, my wife did it.

429

00:21:57,310 --> 00:21:58,800

I know what you're
talking about--

430

00:21:58,800 --> 00:21:59,640

[NON-ENGLISH].

431

00:21:59,640 --> 00:22:03,810

Five people, just for the
clothes what they wore--

432

00:22:03,810 --> 00:22:08,940

she let the police kill
five Jews for just what they

433
00:22:08,940 --> 00:22:10,330
were wearing.

434
00:22:10,330 --> 00:22:15,630
And I said, look, to my
father, he wants to hide us.

435
00:22:15,630 --> 00:22:18,240
We don't have no
place-- nobody wants us.

436
00:22:18,240 --> 00:22:21,340
And my father says, wait, let
me find out a little bit more.

437
00:22:21,340 --> 00:22:24,150
But if your wife
don't like Jews,

438
00:22:24,150 --> 00:22:28,020
he says, and she will go to the
police, and we'll be finished.

439
00:22:28,020 --> 00:22:30,960
He called out his wife, and
he said to her in Polish

440
00:22:30,960 --> 00:22:34,560
like that, do you
remember our wedding day?

441
00:22:34,560 --> 00:22:35,970
She says, Yes.

442
00:22:35,970 --> 00:22:39,060
He says do you remember
what I did to your friend?

443
00:22:39,060 --> 00:22:40,530
She says, yes.

444

00:22:40,530 --> 00:22:46,230

And he says, if you have any
ideas of going to the police

445

00:22:46,230 --> 00:22:50,160

and telling about
my people that I'm

446

00:22:50,160 --> 00:22:52,860

going to hide them
in our house, I

447

00:22:52,860 --> 00:22:55,990

will stab a knife
in your heart too.

448

00:22:55,990 --> 00:22:57,460

Why did he stabbed this friend?

449

00:22:57,460 --> 00:22:58,680

What was--

450

00:22:58,680 --> 00:23:03,060

This friend was making
offenses you say

451

00:23:03,060 --> 00:23:06,110

to his wife on the wedding day.

452

00:23:06,110 --> 00:23:09,050

So he was a little bit
drunk, and he had a knife,

453

00:23:09,050 --> 00:23:10,130

and he just went.

454

00:23:10,130 --> 00:23:11,330

And that was it.

455

00:23:11,330 --> 00:23:13,280

He says, I will do

the same thing to you

456

00:23:13,280 --> 00:23:14,540

if you do that to my friends.

457

00:23:14,540 --> 00:23:16,580

I am warning you.

458

00:23:16,580 --> 00:23:20,810

And finally, my father
says, look, we are coming.

459

00:23:20,810 --> 00:23:23,120

So he dug out at
that time that hole,

460

00:23:23,120 --> 00:23:25,400

and that's where we were
2 and 1/2 years old.

461

00:23:25,400 --> 00:23:32,210

So every week we had to go and
bring bread, wheat, and butter,

462

00:23:32,210 --> 00:23:34,400

because we had to feed him.

463

00:23:34,400 --> 00:23:37,550

And the stuff, the
clothes, the material

464

00:23:37,550 --> 00:23:40,370

what I used to take
it away to the people,

465

00:23:40,370 --> 00:23:42,470

I used to go once
in a while and ask,

466

00:23:42,470 --> 00:23:46,070

can I have a piece of material,
because I need to buy bread.

467

00:23:46,070 --> 00:23:47,900

Or can I have a
piece of material,

468

00:23:47,900 --> 00:23:50,420

because I have to
give the one what

469

00:23:50,420 --> 00:23:54,590

keeps us for a gift for a
pair of pants or a shirt

470

00:23:54,590 --> 00:23:56,460

or whatever.

471

00:23:56,460 --> 00:23:58,070

And that's how it was.

472

00:23:58,070 --> 00:24:02,450

One day, I come over
to that man what

473

00:24:02,450 --> 00:24:05,240

he has mainly off our clothes--

474

00:24:05,240 --> 00:24:07,890

stuff, the material,
the clothes,

475

00:24:07,890 --> 00:24:10,730

furniture-- whatever we could
stick it into his house,

476

00:24:10,730 --> 00:24:11,970

we did.

477

00:24:11,970 --> 00:24:16,130

And I come over to his
house, and usually the signal

478

00:24:16,130 --> 00:24:17,430

was 1, 2, 3.

479

00:24:17,430 --> 00:24:20,690

You're knocked very gently in
the window and you walk away.

480

00:24:20,690 --> 00:24:24,920

And then they know that you are
there-- who is in the window.

481

00:24:24,920 --> 00:24:29,750

And the girl comes out, and she
says, my father is not home.

482

00:24:29,750 --> 00:24:30,830

I says, where is he?

483

00:24:30,830 --> 00:24:34,100

And she says, he went
to see his sister

484

00:24:34,100 --> 00:24:36,800

and the police stopped him.

485

00:24:36,800 --> 00:24:39,710

She stopped him,
and the time he was

486

00:24:39,710 --> 00:24:43,490

on the police, three other
policeman come to the house

487

00:24:43,490 --> 00:24:47,150

to look around if
we don't hide Jews.

488

00:24:47,150 --> 00:24:48,470

We didn't have anybody.

489

00:24:48,470 --> 00:24:51,770

And all of a sudden, as I
talked to her, I hear from--

490

00:24:51,770 --> 00:24:53,810
she was on top of the hill--

491
00:24:53,810 --> 00:24:57,560
from the bottom, the dogs
start barking, each time louder

492
00:24:57,560 --> 00:24:59,030
and louder and louder.

493
00:24:59,030 --> 00:25:02,090
And I said to her,
Saskia, I am leaving now.

494
00:25:02,090 --> 00:25:03,530
Do you have any bread?

495
00:25:03,530 --> 00:25:06,680
Because I think the
police is coming up.

496
00:25:06,680 --> 00:25:08,420
And she says, my
father is not here

497
00:25:08,420 --> 00:25:10,220
and I can't give you anything.

498
00:25:10,220 --> 00:25:12,770
And I went back and I
told my father the story,

499
00:25:12,770 --> 00:25:15,858
and we went back home
with nothing to that man,

500
00:25:15,858 --> 00:25:16,400
to the house.

501
00:25:16,400 --> 00:25:20,810
The next day, my father is a
little bit, you know, skeptic.

502

00:25:20,810 --> 00:25:24,050

So he says, I want
you to go to the town,

503

00:25:24,050 --> 00:25:27,800

and snoop around, and find out
what was going on yesterday.

504

00:25:27,800 --> 00:25:32,240

Maybe Roza-- my name
in Polish was Roza--

505

00:25:32,240 --> 00:25:33,920

tells a story.

506

00:25:33,920 --> 00:25:35,210

She says, I was there.

507

00:25:35,210 --> 00:25:37,700

I heard all the dogs barking.

508

00:25:37,700 --> 00:25:40,340

He went over there and
found out sure enough,

509

00:25:40,340 --> 00:25:43,500

they come, they
round up the house,

510

00:25:43,500 --> 00:25:45,980

and they were looking for us.

511

00:25:45,980 --> 00:25:49,940

And they hold him at
the police that day.

512

00:25:49,940 --> 00:25:54,290

He says, they must have sensed
that's I am friends with you.

513

00:25:54,290 --> 00:25:57,740

That's why they do those things.

514
00:25:57,740 --> 00:26:01,220
And they let him go, and
I come in a week later

515
00:26:01,220 --> 00:26:02,750
to that house for bread.

516
00:26:02,750 --> 00:26:07,910
And we had four houses that
mainly delivered bread to us.

517
00:26:07,910 --> 00:26:12,140
I mean, every time I knocked
in the window, I got bread.

518
00:26:12,140 --> 00:26:15,650
And one time I come over
to our other guy what

519
00:26:15,650 --> 00:26:20,690
also tried to be nice, and
it was around Christmas time,

520
00:26:20,690 --> 00:26:23,690
and I come, and I stay there.

521
00:26:23,690 --> 00:26:26,990
And his house was
in like a wall,

522
00:26:26,990 --> 00:26:29,750
because by us it's
very cold and windy.

523
00:26:29,750 --> 00:26:34,460
And then a wall was hiding
from one side of the house.

524
00:26:34,460 --> 00:26:38,420
And I come over there, and
I lay down on under snow,

525

00:26:38,420 --> 00:26:40,190
and I see bicycles outside.

526

00:26:40,190 --> 00:26:42,050
I says, what is this?

527

00:26:42,050 --> 00:26:44,510
I listen-- I listen careful.

528

00:26:44,510 --> 00:26:48,110
Sure enough, I
heard them saying,

529

00:26:48,110 --> 00:26:51,650
one policeman to another one,
maybe I should go outside

530

00:26:51,650 --> 00:26:53,360
and I shoot in the air.

531

00:26:53,360 --> 00:26:55,610
Maybe some Jews fly
down from the air

532

00:26:55,610 --> 00:26:58,460
and that will be
excuse me killed one.

533

00:26:58,460 --> 00:27:04,110
When I heard that, I ran so
fast that you can't imagine.

534

00:27:04,110 --> 00:27:07,100
And I come home, and I
didn't bring nothing.

535

00:27:07,100 --> 00:27:09,710
And my father says, my
God, we don't have bread,

536

00:27:09,710 --> 00:27:11,130
and they don't have bread.

537
00:27:11,130 --> 00:27:13,940
And if we don't bring it,
they're not going to keep us.

538
00:27:13,940 --> 00:27:16,670
So I says, father,
it's the only time.

539
00:27:16,670 --> 00:27:17,960
This time, I didn't bring.

540
00:27:17,960 --> 00:27:19,550
Next time I will bring it.

541
00:27:19,550 --> 00:27:22,550
So every so often when we went--

542
00:27:22,550 --> 00:27:27,800
we got two bread, we
got a piece of butter--

543
00:27:27,800 --> 00:27:29,630
that was for the house--

544
00:27:29,630 --> 00:27:33,330
and some wheat to
grind it to make bread.

545
00:27:33,330 --> 00:27:36,710
And if I needed a piece of
material, I took that too.

546
00:27:36,710 --> 00:27:38,910
And that was going on
for a year and a half.

547
00:27:38,910 --> 00:27:41,570
Excuse me, but were you
the only one who went out?

548
00:27:41,570 --> 00:27:42,560

No.

549
00:27:42,560 --> 00:27:45,260
My father and me or
my brother and me.

550
00:27:45,260 --> 00:27:46,167
Wasn't it dangerous?

551
00:27:46,167 --> 00:27:47,000
My mother didn't go.

552
00:27:47,000 --> 00:27:48,365
Wasn't it dangerous
for your father?

553
00:27:48,365 --> 00:27:48,990
Very dangerous.

554
00:27:48,990 --> 00:27:51,710
Very dangerous because,
everybody knew--

555
00:27:51,710 --> 00:27:56,000
that's why to come into a
house, to come close to a house,

556
00:27:56,000 --> 00:27:57,650
I went or my brother went.

557
00:27:57,650 --> 00:28:01,040
My father stood
always in the back.

558
00:28:01,040 --> 00:28:03,638
Because if they would
catch my father,

559
00:28:03,638 --> 00:28:05,180
then the whole
families is destroyed.

560

00:28:05,180 --> 00:28:06,200
You were unrecognized.

561
00:28:06,200 --> 00:28:07,332
You, they didn't know.

562
00:28:07,332 --> 00:28:08,540
Yes, they didn't know better.

563
00:28:08,540 --> 00:28:11,450
Because I left from the
house, I was little.

564
00:28:11,450 --> 00:28:14,450
Then I was skinny,
and tall, and raggedy.

565
00:28:14,450 --> 00:28:18,680
And nobody could even
imagine who I am.

566
00:28:18,680 --> 00:28:20,017
One day--

567
00:28:20,017 --> 00:28:21,350
Because you looked so different.

568
00:28:21,350 --> 00:28:22,520
That's right.

569
00:28:22,520 --> 00:28:25,010
Filthy.

570
00:28:25,010 --> 00:28:27,410
You know, undernourished.

571
00:28:27,410 --> 00:28:29,150
No shoes.

572
00:28:29,150 --> 00:28:31,550
The shoes got small for my feet.

573

00:28:31,550 --> 00:28:35,420

So I used to take the foot,
put it on top of the shoe,

574

00:28:35,420 --> 00:28:39,980

and with rag tie around that
shoe just to have the sole to,

575

00:28:39,980 --> 00:28:40,700

you know.

576

00:28:40,700 --> 00:28:43,940

Because at wintertime
it's bitter, bitter cold.

577

00:28:43,940 --> 00:28:45,860

In summertime, we were
walking bare feet.

578

00:28:45,860 --> 00:28:47,330

That was it.

579

00:28:47,330 --> 00:28:50,600

And you had to provide bread
and butter for the people who

580

00:28:50,600 --> 00:28:51,350

were hiding you.

581

00:28:51,350 --> 00:28:52,280

Hiding us, yes.

582

00:28:52,280 --> 00:28:54,380

Because they were poor, see?

583

00:28:54,380 --> 00:28:58,850

He took us in and he called
my father my breadgiver--

584

00:28:58,850 --> 00:29:00,960

my main breadwinner, whatever.

585

00:29:00,960 --> 00:29:02,390

And that was the agreement.

586

00:29:02,390 --> 00:29:07,100

We will provide clothing,
we will provide food,

587

00:29:07,100 --> 00:29:08,430

as much as we can.

588

00:29:08,430 --> 00:29:11,030

And if we can't provide
food, we provide money

589

00:29:11,030 --> 00:29:12,780

he should go out and buy it.

590

00:29:12,780 --> 00:29:14,060

And that was it.

591

00:29:14,060 --> 00:29:17,150

I'll never forget, it
was Yom Kippur night.

592

00:29:17,150 --> 00:29:19,940

They must have known
when it was Yom Kippur.

593

00:29:19,940 --> 00:29:25,430

So she made some kind of a soup
by 12 o'clock, and in that soup

594

00:29:25,430 --> 00:29:30,200

was an ear from a pig, and
it was swimming around.

595

00:29:30,200 --> 00:29:34,250

And a big pot of water, and
that ear was swimming around.

596

00:29:34,250 --> 00:29:36,230

And she says, why don't you eat?

597

00:29:36,230 --> 00:29:37,910

Why don't you start eating?

598

00:29:37,910 --> 00:29:40,280

And my father says, not yet.

599

00:29:40,280 --> 00:29:42,230

The two kids are sleeping--

600

00:29:42,230 --> 00:29:43,580

we wait till they wake up.

601

00:29:43,580 --> 00:29:45,800

Even if it's cold,
we will eat later.

602

00:29:45,800 --> 00:29:48,320

And we wouldn't eat-- when
it come Yom Kippur, that

603

00:29:48,320 --> 00:29:53,310

was a holy day, no matter
how anybody was hungry,

604

00:29:53,310 --> 00:29:55,520

we didn't touch food.

605

00:29:55,520 --> 00:29:58,010

That was out of question.

606

00:29:58,010 --> 00:30:00,000

But then my mother looked at it.

607

00:30:00,000 --> 00:30:01,860

She says, look what
she gave us today.

608

00:30:01,860 --> 00:30:03,710

She gave us a pig's ear.

609

00:30:03,710 --> 00:30:08,630
One big pot of water and
that ear not even cleaned up.

610
00:30:08,630 --> 00:30:11,360
And it was swimming
around in that water.

611
00:30:11,360 --> 00:30:14,420
And my father says,
nobody has to know.

612
00:30:14,420 --> 00:30:16,550
We bury it, and we
don't have to eat it.

613
00:30:16,550 --> 00:30:18,650
So that was double
Yom Kippur-- we

614
00:30:18,650 --> 00:30:21,020
didn't eat till the next day.

615
00:30:21,020 --> 00:30:22,280
But that's how it went.

616
00:30:22,280 --> 00:30:26,630
Look, food was the
most important thing.

617
00:30:26,630 --> 00:30:28,370
I never forget it.

618
00:30:28,370 --> 00:30:31,460
My brother pretended
he's sleeping,

619
00:30:31,460 --> 00:30:34,970
because there was nothing, we
didn't have anything to eat.

620
00:30:34,970 --> 00:30:38,420
I used to have a

sweater, an old sweater.

621
00:30:38,420 --> 00:30:40,940
So we used to
unravel the sweater,

622
00:30:40,940 --> 00:30:44,210
and I teach him how to
knit or to make a hem,

623
00:30:44,210 --> 00:30:46,160
open it and close it.

624
00:30:46,160 --> 00:30:48,290
The days were long days.

625
00:30:48,290 --> 00:30:51,260
You couldn't talk, because
somebody could hear you.

626
00:30:51,260 --> 00:30:53,990
So you have to be
still and quiet.

627
00:30:53,990 --> 00:30:55,490
What was it like
physically, I mean,

628
00:30:55,490 --> 00:30:58,656
for you to be living
in that condition?

629
00:30:58,656 --> 00:30:59,156
Hell.

630
00:30:59,156 --> 00:30:59,830
A real hell.

631
00:30:59,830 --> 00:31:01,250
Can you describe this?

632
00:31:01,250 --> 00:31:03,440

It was horrible.

633
00:31:03,440 --> 00:31:06,770
You couldn't sneeze,
because nobody can hear you

634
00:31:06,770 --> 00:31:07,820
that you are alive.

635
00:31:07,820 --> 00:31:09,380
You couldn't talk.

636
00:31:09,380 --> 00:31:12,920
You have to be 100% silent.

637
00:31:12,920 --> 00:31:17,210
And if you wanted something, you
have to whisper really quiet.

638
00:31:17,210 --> 00:31:19,640
Because they had two children
in the house, you see.

639
00:31:19,640 --> 00:31:23,400
And the children didn't
know that we are there.

640
00:31:23,400 --> 00:31:28,800
So they used to play outside,
and the children used to say,

641
00:31:28,800 --> 00:31:30,290
I'm going to kill the Jew--

642
00:31:30,290 --> 00:31:32,420
kill, kill, Jews.

643
00:31:32,420 --> 00:31:34,010
They'd play with each other.

644
00:31:34,010 --> 00:31:36,920
And he says, oh, I'm

going to kill three Jews.

645

00:31:36,920 --> 00:31:40,470

So the kids didn't know anything
about it that we were there.

646

00:31:40,470 --> 00:31:42,350

So we had to be twice careful.

647

00:31:42,350 --> 00:31:46,750

Because it was a room where
you keep [NON-ENGLISH]..

648

00:31:46,750 --> 00:31:50,960

That means where they have all
that pig was hanging there,

649

00:31:50,960 --> 00:31:54,440

and they had the wheat over
there, and the potatoes.

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00:31:54,440 --> 00:31:56,160

So there, it was--

651

00:31:56,160 --> 00:31:59,300

this is where the wheat
was, and on the bottom

652

00:31:59,300 --> 00:32:03,350

was a little piece
of board that covered

653

00:32:03,350 --> 00:32:08,050

where we come in through that
hole where we were staying in.

654

00:32:08,050 --> 00:32:11,190

And if the kids would
find out about it,

655

00:32:11,190 --> 00:32:14,240

they will run out and tell,
and that would be finished.

656

00:32:14,240 --> 00:32:19,220

One day, I went out for
bread, and my mother

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00:32:19,220 --> 00:32:22,220

was home with my brother.

658

00:32:22,220 --> 00:32:24,620

And my father and me, we went.

659

00:32:24,620 --> 00:32:27,680

And I come, and they were
thinking that was me.

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00:32:27,680 --> 00:32:30,950

Meantime, her mother
lived below a little bit.

661

00:32:30,950 --> 00:32:34,850

And she come, and she just
knocked like we knock.

662

00:32:34,850 --> 00:32:36,500

She didn't know we were there.

663

00:32:36,500 --> 00:32:38,810

And my mother opened the door--

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00:32:38,810 --> 00:32:41,430

my mother opened
the door and she

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00:32:41,430 --> 00:32:44,960

seen my brother and my mother.

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00:32:44,960 --> 00:32:50,520

And my father says, I thank you,
we cannot stay here anymore.

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00:32:50,520 --> 00:32:52,080

We have to leave.

668

00:32:52,080 --> 00:32:56,840

Because if we will stay,
she will go to the police,

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00:32:56,840 --> 00:32:59,880

or will she tell the next
neighbor, and we are finished.

670

00:32:59,880 --> 00:33:05,310

So I have a place in another
town where we used to stay.

671

00:33:05,310 --> 00:33:06,900

When I used to
deal in the woods,

672

00:33:06,900 --> 00:33:09,150

I used to come into her
house, give a couple

673

00:33:09,150 --> 00:33:12,570

dollars for a glass of milk.

674

00:33:12,570 --> 00:33:17,490

So she said, any time I want
to come, she will take us in.

675

00:33:17,490 --> 00:33:22,860

And we packed up the same night
and we left to the other lady.

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00:33:22,860 --> 00:33:30,480

All night long we walked
in snow up to here.

677

00:33:30,480 --> 00:33:32,110

That was unbelievable.

678

00:33:32,110 --> 00:33:37,290

We come maybe a mile away from
the house, and in front of me,

679

00:33:37,290 --> 00:33:41,040

like a wall, stood
and says, don't go.

680

00:33:41,040 --> 00:33:42,330

It's death.

681

00:33:42,330 --> 00:33:44,940

And I turn around, and
I said to my father,

682

00:33:44,940 --> 00:33:48,060

I do not want to
go to that place.

683

00:33:48,060 --> 00:33:49,120

And he says, why?

684

00:33:49,120 --> 00:33:53,380

I says, because I think in
this place we be killed.

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00:33:53,380 --> 00:33:54,760

And he says, come on.

686

00:33:54,760 --> 00:33:56,860

Don't give me a
hard time, he says.

687

00:33:56,860 --> 00:34:00,330

If it's good for us to
go, it's good for you.

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00:34:00,330 --> 00:34:03,540

Wherever I say we
go, you go too.

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00:34:03,540 --> 00:34:05,670

And then I was exhausted.

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00:34:05,670 --> 00:34:09,060

I was carrying the rucksack

with bread, my brother.

691

00:34:09,060 --> 00:34:12,630

And my mother, she
couldn't walk very well.

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00:34:12,630 --> 00:34:16,500

And her hip, the joint was
hurting her very badly.

693

00:34:16,500 --> 00:34:20,290

So we were maybe a mile or
a mile away from over there,

694

00:34:20,290 --> 00:34:21,360

and I made the scene.

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00:34:21,360 --> 00:34:23,969

And my father says, I don't
want to hear anything.

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00:34:23,969 --> 00:34:25,320

Let's go.

697

00:34:25,320 --> 00:34:27,179

You go wherever we are.

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00:34:27,179 --> 00:34:28,290

I says, OK.

699

00:34:28,290 --> 00:34:29,710

We went over there.

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00:34:29,710 --> 00:34:35,070

And as we come in,
she took our shoes,

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00:34:35,070 --> 00:34:39,840

and she told us to
go upstairs on the--

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00:34:39,840 --> 00:34:40,380

Attic.

703

00:34:40,380 --> 00:34:41,250

--attic.

704

00:34:41,250 --> 00:34:46,110

And to go over there to
sleep, and she go to buy food.

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00:34:46,110 --> 00:34:48,719

And when she come
back from the town,

706

00:34:48,719 --> 00:34:51,340

she will make food for
us, and we will have it.

707

00:34:51,340 --> 00:34:53,610

That was Christmas Eve--

708

00:34:53,610 --> 00:34:58,620

no, New Year's Eve, the
day before New Year's Eve.

709

00:34:58,620 --> 00:35:03,625

And they all slept all day
long, my father, and my mother,

710

00:35:03,625 --> 00:35:04,770

and my brother.

711

00:35:04,770 --> 00:35:08,670

I couldn't fall asleep
for one second--

712

00:35:08,670 --> 00:35:09,930

not even a second.

713

00:35:09,930 --> 00:35:13,440

I was going from one corner
to the other corner to look.

714

00:35:13,440 --> 00:35:18,400

I had that feeling that must
be she went for the police.

715

00:35:18,400 --> 00:35:21,090

I don't know why, but
I had that feeling.

716

00:35:21,090 --> 00:35:23,550

Finally, it started getting
dark, and she came home.

717

00:35:23,550 --> 00:35:27,630

And she told my parents and
my brother to come down,

718

00:35:27,630 --> 00:35:30,390

that they should
make themselves food.

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00:35:30,390 --> 00:35:33,060

And I said, OK, now,
it start getting dark,

720

00:35:33,060 --> 00:35:35,460

and it's almost New Year's Eve--

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00:35:35,460 --> 00:35:37,870

I am safe, I can go to sleep.

722

00:35:37,870 --> 00:35:41,730

And maybe I fall
asleep for 10 minutes,

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00:35:41,730 --> 00:35:45,510

and somebody comes over and
shakes me, and says, get up,

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00:35:45,510 --> 00:35:46,500

in Polish.

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00:35:46,500 --> 00:35:50,130

And I said, in Polish to

him, to my brother, why would

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00:35:50,130 --> 00:35:51,030
you want to wake me?

727

00:35:51,030 --> 00:35:53,700
I didn't sleep all night long.

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00:35:53,700 --> 00:35:56,890
And now, I wanted to sleep,
and you are waking me.

729

00:35:56,890 --> 00:35:59,730
All of a sudden a switch
light straight in my eyes.

730

00:35:59,730 --> 00:36:02,280
He says, get up.

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00:36:02,280 --> 00:36:04,440
I says, why?

732

00:36:04,440 --> 00:36:06,000
I opened my eyes.

733

00:36:06,000 --> 00:36:08,460
Sure enough the police
is there, and my parents

734

00:36:08,460 --> 00:36:10,110
are already downstairs.

735

00:36:10,110 --> 00:36:12,180
And they took me downstairs.

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00:36:12,180 --> 00:36:13,230
I come downstairs.

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00:36:13,230 --> 00:36:17,250
And when my father sees
me, he start passing out.

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00:36:17,250 --> 00:36:20,160

And I ran for water to
give him some water.

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00:36:20,160 --> 00:36:22,620

So he smacked me
in the face twice,

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00:36:22,620 --> 00:36:24,990

and he chained me
right up to my father.

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00:36:24,990 --> 00:36:27,210

He says, you are dangerous.

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00:36:27,210 --> 00:36:31,200

And they took a sled
and put us on the sled.

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00:36:31,200 --> 00:36:36,070

And my father tried to bribe
the police, but it didn't work.

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00:36:36,070 --> 00:36:40,080

And they took us to a jail.

745

00:36:40,080 --> 00:36:44,070

They're supposed to shoot
us that New Year's day.

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00:36:44,070 --> 00:36:47,880

But the man said, like
that, he says, they

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00:36:47,880 --> 00:36:50,190

are on the second floor.

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00:36:50,190 --> 00:36:51,690

They are not going no place.

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00:36:51,690 --> 00:36:54,630

We have time to

kill them tomorrow,

750
00:36:54,630 --> 00:36:56,490
the day after New Year's.

751
00:36:56,490 --> 00:37:00,450
And as one of the people
what my father used to deal,

752
00:37:00,450 --> 00:37:03,090
he come to that
place to the police,

753
00:37:03,090 --> 00:37:05,610
because it was a post
office and police,

754
00:37:05,610 --> 00:37:10,840
and he tried to talk to them,
maybe they should let us go.

755
00:37:10,840 --> 00:37:11,940
They wouldn't hear of it.

756
00:37:11,940 --> 00:37:13,230
They already announced it.

757
00:37:13,230 --> 00:37:15,360
That's it.

758
00:37:15,360 --> 00:37:19,770
The same New Year's day, in
the town where I was born,

759
00:37:19,770 --> 00:37:25,650
the priest said, anybody
who wants to light a candle

760
00:37:25,650 --> 00:37:30,180
and say a prayer for
the family [? Pariser ?]

761

00:37:30,180 --> 00:37:34,950
is welcome, because tomorrow
they will be killed.

762
00:37:34,950 --> 00:37:41,880
And from our town, the
[NON-ENGLISH]---- it's like,

763
00:37:41,880 --> 00:37:44,220
how you called the
[NON-ENGLISH]----

764
00:37:44,220 --> 00:37:46,810
like, he is the
master of the town.

765
00:37:46,810 --> 00:37:47,310
Mayor?

766
00:37:47,310 --> 00:37:47,810
Mayor.

767
00:37:47,810 --> 00:37:50,500
The mayor from the
town told us the story.

768
00:37:50,500 --> 00:37:55,350
He says, if you see everybody--
in New Year's, everybody

769
00:37:55,350 --> 00:37:58,950
is in the church-- everybody
went, kneeled down,

770
00:37:58,950 --> 00:38:02,340
lit a candle, and
said a prayer for you.

771
00:38:02,340 --> 00:38:05,030
And we were in jail
that New Year's day.

772
00:38:05,030 --> 00:38:07,250

I wanted to go for wood.

773

00:38:07,250 --> 00:38:10,040

And the policeman says,
no, you're not going.

774

00:38:10,040 --> 00:38:13,250

Your mother will go for wood,
because she cannot walk very

775

00:38:13,250 --> 00:38:13,805

well.

776

00:38:13,805 --> 00:38:17,600

So being it was freezing cold,
she will go for the wood,

777

00:38:17,600 --> 00:38:21,260

and she will bring it in,
and you can make a fire.

778

00:38:21,260 --> 00:38:24,200

And my mother kept
saying, [? Avraham ?]..

779

00:38:24,200 --> 00:38:26,470

All the Americans
have [NON-ENGLISH],,

780

00:38:26,470 --> 00:38:29,600

those big [? thieves ?]
in America,

781

00:38:29,600 --> 00:38:34,040

they break out from the 10th
floor from the biggest jail,

782

00:38:34,040 --> 00:38:35,660

what we used to read.

783

00:38:35,660 --> 00:38:38,180

They climb walls, he says.

784

00:38:38,180 --> 00:38:39,350

All those things.

785

00:38:39,350 --> 00:38:41,210

Why can't you do something?

786

00:38:41,210 --> 00:38:42,860

Only we wait to be killed.

787

00:38:42,860 --> 00:38:43,910

Why?

788

00:38:43,910 --> 00:38:45,980

And she kept
nagging and nagging.

789

00:38:45,980 --> 00:38:49,880

And [? Avraham ?],, you have to
do something. [? Avraham ?],,

790

00:38:49,880 --> 00:38:51,600

you have to do something.

791

00:38:51,600 --> 00:38:53,280

Well, he says, what
am I going to do?

792

00:38:53,280 --> 00:38:54,560

I don't have even my knife.

793

00:38:54,560 --> 00:38:55,760

We didn't.

794

00:38:55,760 --> 00:38:59,870

But we had a little
suitcase, attache case.

795

00:38:59,870 --> 00:39:06,500

And that suitcase had on top,
what hold the top-- like a file

796

00:39:06,500 --> 00:39:08,390
you know.

797
00:39:08,390 --> 00:39:09,650
We ripped that out.

798
00:39:09,650 --> 00:39:13,940
And one leg of the bed we were
supposed to sleep on-- it was

799
00:39:13,940 --> 00:39:16,700
one wooden, flat bed--

800
00:39:16,700 --> 00:39:18,140
he ripped that out.

801
00:39:18,140 --> 00:39:21,050
And little by little
with that thing--

802
00:39:21,050 --> 00:39:22,640
we had a whole day--

803
00:39:22,640 --> 00:39:24,080
rub it.

804
00:39:24,080 --> 00:39:26,480
He got tired, I took it.

805
00:39:26,480 --> 00:39:28,400
I got tired, my mother took it.

806
00:39:28,400 --> 00:39:31,410
And finally we
rubbed off-- and we

807
00:39:31,410 --> 00:39:34,040
didn't get food the whole day.

808
00:39:34,040 --> 00:39:35,360
We were just staying that day.

809

00:39:35,360 --> 00:39:39,020
Just looked into the window, and
all those garbage, the cement

810

00:39:39,020 --> 00:39:41,930
what we took out from
what we rubbed off,

811

00:39:41,930 --> 00:39:46,070
we put it behind the oven so
they couldn't see it when they

812

00:39:46,070 --> 00:39:48,260
looked in through the window.

813

00:39:48,260 --> 00:39:53,060
But we knew that they have a
special [NON-ENGLISH],, police,

814

00:39:53,060 --> 00:39:56,300
watching the jail.

815

00:39:56,300 --> 00:39:58,070
They were going forth and back.

816

00:39:58,070 --> 00:40:00,290
Well, it was New
Year's, you know?

817

00:40:00,290 --> 00:40:03,990
And they were-- by us in Poland,
you drink an awful lot New

818

00:40:03,990 --> 00:40:04,490
Year's.

819

00:40:04,490 --> 00:40:08,090
New Year's, if you don't
get drunk, you are sick.

820

00:40:08,090 --> 00:40:12,200
So [? and ?] [? it ?] [? cold ?]

[? was. ?] So finally we broke

821
00:40:12,200 --> 00:40:19,340
out one corner, like
this, of a block.

822
00:40:19,340 --> 00:40:24,127
You know those heavy, big
stones beneath the bars--

823
00:40:24,127 --> 00:40:24,710
Cinder blocks.

824
00:40:24,710 --> 00:40:25,293
Cinder blocks.

825
00:40:25,293 --> 00:40:27,185
Cinder one corner.

826
00:40:27,185 --> 00:40:28,160
Big we were not.

827
00:40:28,160 --> 00:40:30,240
We were just skin and bones.

828
00:40:30,240 --> 00:40:33,020
So we had that
sheet, that blanket.

829
00:40:33,020 --> 00:40:34,460
We ripped it in half--

830
00:40:34,460 --> 00:40:35,960
because we were on
the second floor,

831
00:40:35,960 --> 00:40:38,090
they made sure we don't escape--

832
00:40:38,090 --> 00:40:41,450
and we tied it to those bars.

833

00:40:41,450 --> 00:40:43,670
And first we let down my father.

834

00:40:43,670 --> 00:40:45,140
He was the first one.

835

00:40:45,140 --> 00:40:46,670
Then I threw out my mother.

836

00:40:46,670 --> 00:40:47,580
He grabbed her.

837

00:40:47,580 --> 00:40:49,910
And he told her, you
go this direction.

838

00:40:49,910 --> 00:40:53,660
Then I put up that bed where
we are supposed to sleep on.

839

00:40:53,660 --> 00:40:55,430
And my brother was tiny--

840

00:40:55,430 --> 00:40:58,940
and I said to him, you
just go out feet out

841

00:40:58,940 --> 00:41:00,350
and let yourself down.

842

00:41:00,350 --> 00:41:01,010
We catch you.

843

00:41:01,010 --> 00:41:01,810
Don't worry.

844

00:41:01,810 --> 00:41:04,510
And we all escaped.

845

00:41:04,510 --> 00:41:07,340
And we escaped that day.

846
00:41:07,340 --> 00:41:09,920
And the police what
was watching us,

847
00:41:09,920 --> 00:41:13,790
it was a cage they
were standing watching

848
00:41:13,790 --> 00:41:17,420
m anybody what come in to the
police station or get out.

849
00:41:17,420 --> 00:41:18,950
They fall asleep in there.

850
00:41:18,950 --> 00:41:21,290
I guess God said, you
have to fall asleep,

851
00:41:21,290 --> 00:41:23,330
they should have a
chance to run away.

852
00:41:23,330 --> 00:41:24,800
And we ran away.

853
00:41:24,800 --> 00:41:30,380
And 24 hours we were in
the woods below zero.

854
00:41:30,380 --> 00:41:35,210
It's like two big hills
come together in the woods,

855
00:41:35,210 --> 00:41:38,130
and a stream goes on the bottom.

856
00:41:38,130 --> 00:41:42,860
And by that stream, in a
corner, we huddled all together.

857

00:41:42,860 --> 00:41:46,580
Because if we would
lay separate each,

858
00:41:46,580 --> 00:41:48,073
we will all be frozen to death.

859
00:41:48,073 --> 00:41:48,740
Frozen to death.

860
00:41:48,740 --> 00:41:49,365
But we huddled.

861
00:41:49,365 --> 00:41:50,840
So bodily warmth kept you--

862
00:41:50,840 --> 00:41:51,890
Together.

863
00:41:51,890 --> 00:41:56,280
And we stayed there New Year's
day, and New Year's night,

864
00:41:56,280 --> 00:41:57,960
and the next day.

865
00:41:57,960 --> 00:42:01,880
And then we start out
back to the same man

866
00:42:01,880 --> 00:42:04,910
what hid us before.

867
00:42:04,910 --> 00:42:07,160
And that's where we--

868
00:42:07,160 --> 00:42:10,640
and my mother couldn't walk,
so we took that half of a sheet

869
00:42:10,640 --> 00:42:13,250
and we carried her

halfway of the way.

870
00:42:13,250 --> 00:42:15,080
Because she couldn't
walk because her hips

871
00:42:15,080 --> 00:42:17,030
were so hurting bad.

872
00:42:17,030 --> 00:42:18,600
She couldn't make it.

873
00:42:18,600 --> 00:42:21,770
She's a complainer as it
is, so we carried her.

874
00:42:21,770 --> 00:42:23,240
But we got her, thank God.

875
00:42:23,240 --> 00:42:24,380
And that was it.

876
00:42:24,380 --> 00:42:26,430
When we come to
that man, he says,

877
00:42:26,430 --> 00:42:30,440
I heard every church
was ringing bells

878
00:42:30,440 --> 00:42:34,970
and everybody was praying
that a good family is

879
00:42:34,970 --> 00:42:37,730
going to be killed tomorrow.

880
00:42:37,730 --> 00:42:39,380
That was period.

881
00:42:39,380 --> 00:42:41,240
That was one story.

882
00:42:41,240 --> 00:42:48,500
After that, I come over
from the town of that man.

883
00:42:48,500 --> 00:42:50,720
He was giving us
bread, by the way.

884
00:42:50,720 --> 00:42:55,760
And I come over, and I knock
1, 2, 3, and she come over,

885
00:42:55,760 --> 00:43:01,440
and by the window she stood, and
she screamed out, Jesus Christ!

886
00:43:01,440 --> 00:43:04,470
She says, I don't believe it!

887
00:43:04,470 --> 00:43:06,860
She's come from the dead!

888
00:43:06,860 --> 00:43:09,050
It's unbelievable.

889
00:43:09,050 --> 00:43:10,400
I says, I am OK.

890
00:43:10,400 --> 00:43:11,690
My father's OK.

891
00:43:11,690 --> 00:43:13,110
Oh she said, no, no, no, no, no!

892
00:43:13,110 --> 00:43:14,210
You must be dead.

893
00:43:14,210 --> 00:43:15,410
That's it.

894

00:43:15,410 --> 00:43:17,030
They're supposed to kill you.

895
00:43:17,030 --> 00:43:20,630
I said, but they didn't
kill us, and I need bread.

896
00:43:20,630 --> 00:43:23,035
She called over her father--

897
00:43:23,035 --> 00:43:26,790
her husband-- and she
says, I don't believe it.

898
00:43:26,790 --> 00:43:29,120
She comes from the dead.

899
00:43:29,120 --> 00:43:30,350
And he says, give her bread.

900
00:43:30,350 --> 00:43:32,017
She asked you for
bread, give her bread.

901
00:43:32,017 --> 00:43:33,740
Why are you making a big thing?

902
00:43:33,740 --> 00:43:36,290
And I never, as long as I--

903
00:43:36,290 --> 00:43:39,472
that face, scared
out of her wits.

904
00:43:39,472 --> 00:43:40,680
She thought you were a ghost.

905
00:43:40,680 --> 00:43:41,460
I am a ghost.

906
00:43:41,460 --> 00:43:41,960
Right.

907
00:43:41,960 --> 00:43:42,972
Yep.

908
00:43:42,972 --> 00:43:43,930
Would you believe that?

909
00:43:43,930 --> 00:43:46,700

910
00:43:46,700 --> 00:43:49,610
That was unreal.

911
00:43:49,610 --> 00:43:55,610
Just before we left from that
place when he told us to leave,

912
00:43:55,610 --> 00:44:01,070
they said they will go
searching house by house.

913
00:44:01,070 --> 00:44:03,860
Because this time
it's no more for Jews.

914
00:44:03,860 --> 00:44:09,693
But they for-- the ones
they come from the balloons?

915
00:44:09,693 --> 00:44:11,360
You know when they
let themselves down--

916
00:44:11,360 --> 00:44:11,950
[INTERPOSING VOICES]

917
00:44:11,950 --> 00:44:12,240
Parachutes.

918
00:44:12,240 --> 00:44:12,740
Parachutes.

919

00:44:12,740 --> 00:44:15,200

Parachuters.

920

00:44:15,200 --> 00:44:18,440

They found parachuters,
and they must be someplace.

921

00:44:18,440 --> 00:44:19,620

Allied soldiers.

922

00:44:19,620 --> 00:44:20,120

Yes.

923

00:44:20,120 --> 00:44:23,780

They have to search
Russians, house by house,

924

00:44:23,780 --> 00:44:26,780

and find where they are.

925

00:44:26,780 --> 00:44:31,040

The man comes in and he says
to me, what am I going to do?

926

00:44:31,040 --> 00:44:32,540

They say they're
going to search.

927

00:44:32,540 --> 00:44:38,090

Meantime, God was so good,
and he started [? pouring. ?]

928

00:44:38,090 --> 00:44:39,830

So he says, you have to leave.

929

00:44:39,830 --> 00:44:41,090

So we left.

930

00:44:41,090 --> 00:44:45,170

We left from over there,
and we went into the fields.

931

00:44:45,170 --> 00:44:49,220

And we stood in the
fields 24 hours.

932

00:44:49,220 --> 00:44:55,850

If you ever see a very old
wrinkled lady, that was me.

933

00:44:55,850 --> 00:44:59,180

My whole body was
three times wrinkled

934

00:44:59,180 --> 00:45:02,300

and my face-- because I
was laying in the water

935

00:45:02,300 --> 00:45:04,140

all this time.

936

00:45:04,140 --> 00:45:10,250

And finally we hear from
far away this hollering.

937

00:45:10,250 --> 00:45:14,870

This water starts overflowing,
and they put the sandbags.

938

00:45:14,870 --> 00:45:17,150

And I don't think
we can save it.

939

00:45:17,150 --> 00:45:19,670

It will overflow, and that's it.

940

00:45:19,670 --> 00:45:21,860

And my father turns
around to me--

941

00:45:21,860 --> 00:45:24,590

because I went with my
father, and my brother

942

00:45:24,590 --> 00:45:26,510
went with my mother--
who will survive?

943
00:45:26,510 --> 00:45:28,430
At least somebody will survive.

944
00:45:28,430 --> 00:45:31,250
My brother couldn't
take it with my mother.

945
00:45:31,250 --> 00:45:34,610
So by 12 o'clock, [? seeing ?]
[? her ?] [? outside, ?] she

946
00:45:34,610 --> 00:45:35,570
looked around.

947
00:45:35,570 --> 00:45:37,590
And my brother ran over.

948
00:45:37,590 --> 00:45:40,100
He says, can we go
back into the hiding,

949
00:45:40,100 --> 00:45:43,160
because I am very
hungry and very cold.

950
00:45:43,160 --> 00:45:44,120
I can't stand it.

951
00:45:44,120 --> 00:45:46,550
And she opened the door,
hauled the kids inside,

952
00:45:46,550 --> 00:45:47,780
and they went into hiding.

953
00:45:47,780 --> 00:45:49,490
Because the house was right--

954

00:45:49,490 --> 00:45:52,700

this is the woods, and
that's where the house was.

955

00:45:52,700 --> 00:45:54,900

And we were standing
there for longer.

956

00:45:54,900 --> 00:45:58,280

And my father turns around to
me, and says to, me like that,

957

00:45:58,280 --> 00:46:00,290

how do you want to be killed?

958

00:46:00,290 --> 00:46:01,790

How do you want to die?

959

00:46:01,790 --> 00:46:03,710

I says, why do you ask me that?

960

00:46:03,710 --> 00:46:05,480

He says, you have a choice--

961

00:46:05,480 --> 00:46:10,400

being the water
starts pouring out--

962

00:46:10,400 --> 00:46:14,210

do you want to die by water or
you want to die by a bullet?

963

00:46:14,210 --> 00:46:18,770

And I turned around, and I
say, I want to die by a bullet.

964

00:46:18,770 --> 00:46:23,660

They were so busy putting
the sandbags by the water

965

00:46:23,660 --> 00:46:25,490

that they didn't
have time to see

966
00:46:25,490 --> 00:46:30,170
when we got up from the
fields to run into the woods.

967
00:46:30,170 --> 00:46:32,450
And that's how we survived.

968
00:46:32,450 --> 00:46:35,270
How old were you when he
asked you that question?

969
00:46:35,270 --> 00:46:40,220
That was I think by 16.

970
00:46:40,220 --> 00:46:42,620
Yeah.

971
00:46:42,620 --> 00:46:46,400
One time, after
that, I went to--

972
00:46:46,400 --> 00:46:49,520
just before we got freed--

973
00:46:49,520 --> 00:46:52,580
this is a very, very
nice story to tell you--

974
00:46:52,580 --> 00:46:53,690
we didn't have no bread.

975
00:46:53,690 --> 00:46:58,320
We knew already any day we
had to leave from this place.

976
00:46:58,320 --> 00:47:01,850
And I went over to a
friend of my father's.

977
00:47:01,850 --> 00:47:05,060
They were in the army together,

and they were personal friends.

978

00:47:05,060 --> 00:47:08,540

And he considered himself
like a brother to my father.

979

00:47:08,540 --> 00:47:13,160

And I went over
for bread, and she

980

00:47:13,160 --> 00:47:16,040

says she's going to that
room where the bread is

981

00:47:16,040 --> 00:47:17,390

to bring out the bread.

982

00:47:17,390 --> 00:47:20,090

It's supposed to take two
minutes to bring out the bread

983

00:47:20,090 --> 00:47:21,830

and give it to me.

984

00:47:21,830 --> 00:47:23,540

It took five minutes.

985

00:47:23,540 --> 00:47:26,060

And I went out
following her, and I

986

00:47:26,060 --> 00:47:27,770

don't see it by that door--

987

00:47:27,770 --> 00:47:31,100

because I know already where
the door is where the bread is.

988

00:47:31,100 --> 00:47:33,950

I went to the barn, and I
don't see her in the barn.

989

00:47:33,950 --> 00:47:36,350
She was going around waiting.

990
00:47:36,350 --> 00:47:37,310
And I said, uh-uh.

991
00:47:37,310 --> 00:47:39,980
And then I go
outside, and I listen,

992
00:47:39,980 --> 00:47:41,960
and I hear the dogs are barking.

993
00:47:41,960 --> 00:47:45,080
You see that's good, because
the dogs didn't like the police.

994
00:47:45,080 --> 00:47:47,400
So the best signal
was just listen

995
00:47:47,400 --> 00:47:49,640
and you will hear
what is cooking.

996
00:47:49,640 --> 00:47:53,180
And that's when I heard
that the dogs are barking.

997
00:47:53,180 --> 00:47:54,410
And I didn't wait.

998
00:47:54,410 --> 00:47:56,780
I didn't go back to
the house anymore.

999
00:47:56,780 --> 00:47:59,340
And because it was also--

1000
00:47:59,340 --> 00:48:03,980
usually, we picked houses
that are right near the woods.

1001

00:48:03,980 --> 00:48:07,070

So I flew into the
woods, and I come

1002

00:48:07,070 --> 00:48:10,080

running back to the house
where we were hiding.

1003

00:48:10,080 --> 00:48:12,350

I come in to the
place, and my father

1004

00:48:12,350 --> 00:48:14,360

says, where is the bread?

1005

00:48:14,360 --> 00:48:17,870

I says, you know, I was
waiting for the bread.

1006

00:48:17,870 --> 00:48:20,030

She's supposed to bring
it out-- she didn't.

1007

00:48:20,030 --> 00:48:22,850

I went to the barn to look
for her, I didn't see her.

1008

00:48:22,850 --> 00:48:25,620

1009

00:48:25,620 --> 00:48:28,530

So what am I supposed to do?

1010

00:48:28,530 --> 00:48:30,470

So I didn't wait
anymore, and the dogs

1011

00:48:30,470 --> 00:48:32,210

were barking like crazy.

1012

00:48:32,210 --> 00:48:36,110

So that means the police

is coming up for me.

1013
00:48:36,110 --> 00:48:38,930
And my father says, you
are imagining things.

1014
00:48:38,930 --> 00:48:41,480
I says, no, I'm not
imagining things.

1015
00:48:41,480 --> 00:48:43,550
He sent the men the next day.

1016
00:48:43,550 --> 00:48:47,840
Sure enough, four
police come five minutes

1017
00:48:47,840 --> 00:48:52,610
after I left to get me,
because I will tell them

1018
00:48:52,610 --> 00:48:54,530
where my parents are.

1019
00:48:54,530 --> 00:48:56,870
And my father says, I apologize.

1020
00:48:56,870 --> 00:49:01,760
I couldn't believe that
this man will do that.

1021
00:49:01,760 --> 00:49:04,580
And that man says, not me--

1022
00:49:04,580 --> 00:49:05,730
my wife did it.

1023
00:49:05,730 --> 00:49:06,230
Not me.

1024
00:49:06,230 --> 00:49:07,563
I didn't know anything about it.

1025
00:49:07,563 --> 00:49:08,630
But that's a lie.

1026
00:49:08,630 --> 00:49:14,930
See, they wanted-- they had a
lot of our stuff, materials,

1027
00:49:14,930 --> 00:49:18,890
quilts, pictures, and
they wanted to steal it.

1028
00:49:18,890 --> 00:49:22,910
So if they get rid of
us, automatically they

1029
00:49:22,910 --> 00:49:23,630
have the stuff.

1030
00:49:23,630 --> 00:49:28,679

1031
00:49:28,679 --> 00:49:30,460
So that was it.

1032
00:49:30,460 --> 00:49:32,800
That was it.

1033
00:49:32,800 --> 00:49:36,070
And life was going
on unmercifully.

1034
00:49:36,070 --> 00:49:37,720
Then we didn't have
no more clothes

1035
00:49:37,720 --> 00:49:42,350
to wear because everything
was teared to pieces.

1036
00:49:42,350 --> 00:49:42,850
Tattered.

1037
00:49:42,850 --> 00:49:44,890
Just in shreds.

1038
00:49:44,890 --> 00:49:49,750
Cold, hungry, unreal.

1039
00:49:49,750 --> 00:49:53,770
This is unbelievable
what we went through.

1040
00:49:53,770 --> 00:49:56,890
And the marches when
we went for bread,

1041
00:49:56,890 --> 00:50:01,120
every time we have to
pass through that place

1042
00:50:01,120 --> 00:50:06,550
where that hole was with our
people from our hometown.

1043
00:50:06,550 --> 00:50:10,180
And every time we pass by,
my father said a prayer.

1044
00:50:10,180 --> 00:50:13,090
And I used to hold on to
my father really tight,

1045
00:50:13,090 --> 00:50:14,530
because I was scared.

1046
00:50:14,530 --> 00:50:16,690
And he says to me,
don't be scared.

1047
00:50:16,690 --> 00:50:18,640
They will not do
anything to you.

1048

00:50:18,640 --> 00:50:22,330

The lives one will do
to you, but not they.

1049

00:50:22,330 --> 00:50:23,920

And it was unreal.

1050

00:50:23,920 --> 00:50:25,630

Unbelievable.

1051

00:50:25,630 --> 00:50:29,770

The stories, the horrors
what they come up with,

1052

00:50:29,770 --> 00:50:33,160

is you can't-- in your wildest
dream, you cannot imagine.

1053

00:50:33,160 --> 00:50:34,900

Did you hear stories
while you were

1054

00:50:34,900 --> 00:50:36,400

in the woods of
what was going on?

1055

00:50:36,400 --> 00:50:36,550

Yes.

1056

00:50:36,550 --> 00:50:38,675

Did you know about the
deportations and everything.

1057

00:50:38,675 --> 00:50:39,220

Everything.

1058

00:50:39,220 --> 00:50:46,990

Like that man what lives now in
there in Queens, he was caught.

1059

00:50:46,990 --> 00:50:50,050

They kept him in jail
with three other ones.

1060
00:50:50,050 --> 00:50:52,060
And they send them
away-- he's supposed

1061
00:50:52,060 --> 00:50:54,160
to go to a concentration camp.

1062
00:50:54,160 --> 00:50:59,800
On the way he jumped out from
the train, and he come back.

1063
00:50:59,800 --> 00:51:02,650
That's how he survived.

1064
00:51:02,650 --> 00:51:05,530
The other two jumped out too.

1065
00:51:05,530 --> 00:51:07,570
So the other two
had the family yet.

1066
00:51:07,570 --> 00:51:12,220
They had a father and
two sisters hiding.

1067
00:51:12,220 --> 00:51:14,230
So he knew where they are.

1068
00:51:14,230 --> 00:51:17,200
So he went over there
to their family.

1069
00:51:17,200 --> 00:51:22,060
And then that Polish
intelligentsia

1070
00:51:22,060 --> 00:51:24,160
found out where they are.

1071
00:51:24,160 --> 00:51:27,670
And they went by

themselves and beat them

1072
00:51:27,670 --> 00:51:29,890
up so that they killed--

1073
00:51:29,890 --> 00:51:32,740
they killed-- their father.

1074
00:51:32,740 --> 00:51:40,210
And they were barely alive,
because they didn't want Jews.

1075
00:51:40,210 --> 00:51:42,790
This town has to be Jews free.

1076
00:51:42,790 --> 00:51:45,420

1077
00:51:45,420 --> 00:51:48,420
And that's what they were doing.

1078
00:51:48,420 --> 00:51:51,252
They did not like us.

1079
00:51:51,252 --> 00:51:52,230
The Poles themselves.

1080
00:51:52,230 --> 00:51:53,970
The Poles themselves.

1081
00:51:53,970 --> 00:52:00,540
When I was a little girl, and
I was going to public school,

1082
00:52:00,540 --> 00:52:04,350
we had, how you call
it, a principal.

1083
00:52:04,350 --> 00:52:08,410
And the principal used to come
into our store, and, of course,

1084

00:52:08,410 --> 00:52:10,660

my mother sometimes give
him something cheaper

1085

00:52:10,660 --> 00:52:12,640

from the store or whatever.

1086

00:52:12,640 --> 00:52:17,700

And yet, when it starts, that
business with the Germans,

1087

00:52:17,700 --> 00:52:20,580

he said, you are not
permitted to come to school

1088

00:52:20,580 --> 00:52:22,980

and you are not permitted
to walk on the sidewalk.

1089

00:52:22,980 --> 00:52:26,285

1090

00:52:26,285 --> 00:52:28,160

What you experienced,
did you experience that

1091

00:52:28,160 --> 00:52:29,630

even before the Germans came?

1092

00:52:29,630 --> 00:52:30,570

Yes.

1093

00:52:30,570 --> 00:52:31,070

Yes.

1094

00:52:31,070 --> 00:52:36,380

Just before the Germans came it
was an awful lot of hostility

1095

00:52:36,380 --> 00:52:39,110

from the Poles to the Jews--

1096

00:52:39,110 --> 00:52:42,340
an awful lot.

1097

00:52:42,340 --> 00:52:47,950
And they called us, the
Jews in that town, leeches.

1098

00:52:47,950 --> 00:52:49,480
Do you know what a leech is?

1099

00:52:49,480 --> 00:52:52,010
I think that black
thing what drinks blood.

1100

00:52:52,010 --> 00:52:53,320
It sucks out the blood.

1101

00:52:53,320 --> 00:52:53,830
Yes.

1102

00:52:53,830 --> 00:52:57,580
They called the Jews leeches.

1103

00:52:57,580 --> 00:52:59,860
They drink their blood.

1104

00:52:59,860 --> 00:53:04,390
How many Jewish families
were living in your town?

1105

00:53:04,390 --> 00:53:05,650
150.

1106

00:53:05,650 --> 00:53:06,220
Families.

1107

00:53:06,220 --> 00:53:09,850
Out of about how many
people altogether?

1108

00:53:09,850 --> 00:53:10,895

That was the town.

1109
00:53:10,895 --> 00:53:11,770
We were a small town.

1110
00:53:11,770 --> 00:53:12,728
Oh, the town was just--

1111
00:53:12,728 --> 00:53:13,840
150 families.

1112
00:53:13,840 --> 00:53:14,770
Of just Jews.

1113
00:53:14,770 --> 00:53:15,720
Of Jews.

1114
00:53:15,720 --> 00:53:17,680
And how many totally?

1115
00:53:17,680 --> 00:53:20,395
Not Jews, but altogether,
Jews and Gentiles?

1116
00:53:20,395 --> 00:53:21,760
3,000 families.

1117
00:53:21,760 --> 00:53:23,060
Oh, I see.

1118
00:53:23,060 --> 00:53:25,030
So you were very small
fraction of the town.

1119
00:53:25,030 --> 00:53:25,870
Yes.

1120
00:53:25,870 --> 00:53:26,670
Yes.

1121
00:53:26,670 --> 00:53:27,310

Yes.

1122

00:53:27,310 --> 00:53:29,350

Mostly merchants?

1123

00:53:29,350 --> 00:53:30,640

The Jews were merchants, Yes.

1124

00:53:30,640 --> 00:53:32,450

What was the name of your town, and where was it located.

1125

00:53:32,450 --> 00:53:33,130

Jodlowa.

1126

00:53:33,130 --> 00:53:34,300

And where was it located?

1127

00:53:34,300 --> 00:53:37,690

That was located on the foot of the Carpathia.

1128

00:53:37,690 --> 00:53:38,740

That was on the--

1129

00:53:38,740 --> 00:53:39,770

Carpathian Mountains.

1130

00:53:39,770 --> 00:53:40,270

Yeah.

1131

00:53:40,270 --> 00:53:41,228

Adrian Mountains, you--

1132

00:53:41,228 --> 00:53:41,890

Carpathian.

1133

00:53:41,890 --> 00:53:43,840

Carpathian Mountains.

1134

00:53:43,840 --> 00:53:47,740

In wintertime it's
very, very cold.

1135
00:53:47,740 --> 00:53:48,700
This was in Galicia.

1136
00:53:48,700 --> 00:53:50,170
Galicia, yes.

1137
00:53:50,170 --> 00:53:51,310
Yes.

1138
00:53:51,310 --> 00:53:53,530
The big town near us was Turnov.

1139
00:53:53,530 --> 00:53:56,600

1140
00:53:56,600 --> 00:54:03,680
And we were called the wealthy
Jews, the wealthy merchant

1141
00:54:03,680 --> 00:54:06,840
from the town.

1142
00:54:06,840 --> 00:54:10,800
And they used to say that my
father is not only wealthy

1143
00:54:10,800 --> 00:54:13,020
but he has a good heart.

1144
00:54:13,020 --> 00:54:19,020
He helps whoever he
can, Jew or non-Jew.

1145
00:54:19,020 --> 00:54:21,270
That's why I never forget it.

1146
00:54:21,270 --> 00:54:26,340
When we were freed,
and our bedroom set

1147
00:54:26,340 --> 00:54:30,420
was by the priest
from the church.

1148
00:54:30,420 --> 00:54:36,810
And the man who saved us,
he had his oldest son.

1149
00:54:36,810 --> 00:54:41,520
So being it was no Jews, and
he, I guess, had an eye on me,

1150
00:54:41,520 --> 00:54:43,800
because we still
had a lot of land,

1151
00:54:43,800 --> 00:54:45,870
and woods, and all that stuff.

1152
00:54:45,870 --> 00:54:52,250
So he said, I want my oldest
son should get married with you

1153
00:54:52,250 --> 00:54:56,070
daughter, and we will be
related to each other.

1154
00:54:56,070 --> 00:55:00,100
She will go and
how you call it--

1155
00:55:00,100 --> 00:55:00,600
Convert.

1156
00:55:00,600 --> 00:55:01,800
Convert.

1157
00:55:01,800 --> 00:55:04,590
And I, he says-- the father--

1158
00:55:04,590 --> 00:55:07,350

will make the wedding.

1159

00:55:07,350 --> 00:55:10,830

And we build them a house where
you house got burned down.

1160

00:55:10,830 --> 00:55:13,500

We had that enamel--

1161

00:55:13,500 --> 00:55:16,930

not enamel, how you call that.

1162

00:55:16,930 --> 00:55:18,130

Porcelain?

1163

00:55:18,130 --> 00:55:22,480

The tiles for the
ovens, we have that.

1164

00:55:22,480 --> 00:55:24,040

And we also have the roof.

1165

00:55:24,040 --> 00:55:28,390

Because we had a roof not from
like here they make the roofs,

1166

00:55:28,390 --> 00:55:32,290

but we had roof from steel--

1167

00:55:32,290 --> 00:55:33,760

a steel roof.

1168

00:55:33,760 --> 00:55:36,650

And that was very
expensive in Poland.

1169

00:55:36,650 --> 00:55:37,690

So we have the roof.

1170

00:55:37,690 --> 00:55:41,170

So only we have to build the
walls and make it the way

1171
00:55:41,170 --> 00:55:41,950
they like it.

1172
00:55:41,950 --> 00:55:44,900
And they will be happy, and
you're going to live here too,

1173
00:55:44,900 --> 00:55:46,630
and we'd be one family.

1174
00:55:46,630 --> 00:55:50,500
Well, I remember my grandfather.

1175
00:55:50,500 --> 00:55:54,960
Before he died he still
learned [NON-ENGLISH] with me--

1176
00:55:54,960 --> 00:55:55,950
you know, Hebrew.

1177
00:55:55,950 --> 00:55:57,200
This was your father's father.

1178
00:55:57,200 --> 00:55:58,630
My father's father.

1179
00:55:58,630 --> 00:56:02,810
And he always said,
remember who you are.

1180
00:56:02,810 --> 00:56:07,810
And you should always
go to your own.

1181
00:56:07,810 --> 00:56:11,260
Don't mix, because
it's not healthy.

1182
00:56:11,260 --> 00:56:12,880
At that time I
couldn't understand

1183
00:56:12,880 --> 00:56:16,120
what he tries to tell me,
but that's what it was.

1184
00:56:16,120 --> 00:56:20,320
So when I heard that,
I pulled my father.

1185
00:56:20,320 --> 00:56:23,620
And I said to him--
he says, easy, easy.

1186
00:56:23,620 --> 00:56:25,820
And he right away stays by me.

1187
00:56:25,820 --> 00:56:28,720
He says, come on, we'll give
you lessons for conversion.

1188
00:56:28,720 --> 00:56:30,310
I says, I have time.

1189
00:56:30,310 --> 00:56:34,000
And I told my father, if
we're not going to leave,

1190
00:56:34,000 --> 00:56:35,440
I'm going to leave by myself.

1191
00:56:35,440 --> 00:56:37,656
Because I do not--

1192
00:56:37,656 --> 00:56:39,350
he says, and I don't
want you to either.

1193
00:56:39,350 --> 00:56:41,350
He says, don't be so anxious.

1194
00:56:41,350 --> 00:56:45,430
But you have to be a diplomat in

the right time in the right way

1195
00:56:45,430 --> 00:56:46,330
to leave.

1196
00:56:46,330 --> 00:56:49,390
And then my mother went
over to that priest,

1197
00:56:49,390 --> 00:56:53,440
and she said to him, I know
you have my bedroom set

1198
00:56:53,440 --> 00:56:55,240
and you have the pictures from--

1199
00:56:55,240 --> 00:56:58,630
we had like a carpet
over the beds.

1200
00:56:58,630 --> 00:57:00,970
That was very stylish in Europe.

1201
00:57:00,970 --> 00:57:02,770
And I know you have that.

1202
00:57:02,770 --> 00:57:05,920
But he says, give us a chance--

1203
00:57:05,920 --> 00:57:09,250
we are very weak, and
we are very hungry,

1204
00:57:09,250 --> 00:57:11,620
and we are very dirty.

1205
00:57:11,620 --> 00:57:15,730
Give us a chance, when
we clean up a little bit

1206
00:57:15,730 --> 00:57:18,040
and we get a little

bit stronger,

1207
00:57:18,040 --> 00:57:21,340
then we will talk about
conversion, about marrying.

1208
00:57:21,340 --> 00:57:24,430
Right now, we are dead people.

1209
00:57:24,430 --> 00:57:27,250
Did you feel you were treated
differently from the other Jews

1210
00:57:27,250 --> 00:57:28,330
in your town?

1211
00:57:28,330 --> 00:57:29,380
When I was little?

1212
00:57:29,380 --> 00:57:30,610
Yeah, when you were young.

1213
00:57:30,610 --> 00:57:32,920
Yes, yes, yes.

1214
00:57:32,920 --> 00:57:35,200
Yes, because my
father was wealthy.

1215
00:57:35,200 --> 00:57:39,070
Not only I was treated
from the Jews different--

1216
00:57:39,070 --> 00:57:41,945
I mean by the Poles,
by the non-Jews.

1217
00:57:41,945 --> 00:57:42,820
By the Polish people?

1218
00:57:42,820 --> 00:57:44,260
Well, no.

1219
00:57:44,260 --> 00:57:45,820
No, no.

1220
00:57:45,820 --> 00:57:48,520
When I come into the
classroom the last year

1221
00:57:48,520 --> 00:57:51,940
it was very big anti-Semitism.

1222
00:57:51,940 --> 00:57:56,740
And I was sitting
next to the map.

1223
00:57:56,740 --> 00:58:00,370
And when I wanted to show
something on the map,

1224
00:58:00,370 --> 00:58:02,740
next to me was a boy--

1225
00:58:02,740 --> 00:58:05,110
Christian boy--
and he says, what

1226
00:58:05,110 --> 00:58:07,840
do you want to show, where
Palestine, where Palestine?

1227
00:58:07,840 --> 00:58:10,810
And I had the stick in my hand.

1228
00:58:10,810 --> 00:58:13,990
Being I was wealthy-- maybe
it was wrong, I was spoiled--

1229
00:58:13,990 --> 00:58:19,120
I turned around, and I took
that whip, and I hit him.

1230
00:58:19,120 --> 00:58:22,570

I was punished later
by the teacher.

1231
00:58:22,570 --> 00:58:25,330
And he says he's going
to beat me up outside.

1232
00:58:25,330 --> 00:58:28,460
I says, he didn't have no
business saying what he said.

1233
00:58:28,460 --> 00:58:31,750
And it was a whole
commotion in the class.

1234
00:58:31,750 --> 00:58:37,660
But I felt I am superior,
because that was it.

1235
00:58:37,660 --> 00:58:38,350
Yeah.

1236
00:58:38,350 --> 00:58:39,670
It was very hard.

1237
00:58:39,670 --> 00:58:41,140
It was hard.

1238
00:58:41,140 --> 00:58:43,510
I remember refugees
was coming from--

1239
00:58:43,510 --> 00:58:48,190
because they used to from Lodz,
from all over, coming people

1240
00:58:48,190 --> 00:58:50,260
what they were
running and coming.

1241
00:58:50,260 --> 00:58:52,660
And the house was always open.

1242

00:58:52,660 --> 00:58:56,080

Everybody can come in and
have food and everything else.

1243

00:58:56,080 --> 00:58:58,360

We're going to have to pause
for a couple of minutes

1244

00:58:58,360 --> 00:58:59,900

because we have to
change the tape.

1245

00:58:59,900 --> 00:59:00,400

OK.

1246

00:59:00,400 --> 00:59:00,990

OK.

1247

00:59:00,990 --> 00:59:01,615

We'll continue.

1248

00:59:01,615 --> 00:59:02,115

OK.

1249

00:59:02,115 --> 00:59:03,480

Fine.

1250

00:59:03,480 --> 00:59:08,000