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00:00:00,000 --> 00:00:05,916

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00:00:05,916 --> 00:00:09,860
[MUSIC PLAYING]

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00:00:09,860 --> 00:00:32,560

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00:00:32,560 --> 00:00:34,040
Good afternoon.

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00:00:34,040 --> 00:00:36,490
my name is Dr.
Phyllis Ziman Tobin.

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00:00:36,490 --> 00:00:39,940
I'm a member of the Kean
College Oral Testimonies Project

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00:00:39,940 --> 00:00:42,220
of the Holocaust
Resource Center.

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00:00:42,220 --> 00:00:44,260
We are affiliated with
the Video Archives

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00:00:44,260 --> 00:00:46,270
for Holocaust Testimonies
at the Sterling

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00:00:46,270 --> 00:00:48,640
Library of Yale University.

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00:00:48,640 --> 00:00:51,640
Sharing the interview with
me today is [? Marcia ?]

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00:00:51,640 --> 00:00:54,610
[? Weisberg, ?] and we are

privileged to welcome Mr.

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00:00:54,610 --> 00:00:57,460

Sol Einhorn, a survivor
presently living

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00:00:57,460 --> 00:01:00,610

in Springfield, New Jersey,
who has generously volunteered

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00:01:00,610 --> 00:01:05,090

to give testimony about his
experiences before, during,

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00:01:05,090 --> 00:01:06,700

and after the war.

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00:01:06,700 --> 00:01:07,900

Welcome, Mr. Einhorn.

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00:01:07,900 --> 00:01:09,610

Thank you, it's nice to be here.

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00:01:09,610 --> 00:01:13,990

Could you, please, give us
some sense of your early life?

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00:01:13,990 --> 00:01:15,850

Well, I come from a small town.

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00:01:15,850 --> 00:01:20,350

It's called a shtetl,
name is Gorlice,

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00:01:20,350 --> 00:01:23,710

which is in the
Carpathian Mountains way

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00:01:23,710 --> 00:01:25,285

all the way down South Poland.

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00:01:25,285 --> 00:01:27,370

It was on the--

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00:01:27,370 --> 00:01:31,810
matter of fact, I was born, my
grandparents lived in a village

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00:01:31,810 --> 00:01:35,980
about 500 yards from the
Czechoslovakian border.

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00:01:35,980 --> 00:01:39,220
That's where I was born, and
I used to spend my vacation

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00:01:39,220 --> 00:01:39,790
time there.

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00:01:39,790 --> 00:01:42,690
But I lived in
Gorlice, like I said.

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00:01:42,690 --> 00:01:48,670
It was a small town,
about half Jewish.

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00:01:48,670 --> 00:01:50,160
And we lived a normal--

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00:01:50,160 --> 00:01:53,110
I mean, at the time
I was a normal kid.

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00:01:53,110 --> 00:01:55,640
However, I went
to public school.

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00:01:55,640 --> 00:01:57,850
I went to cheder.

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00:01:57,850 --> 00:02:03,100
And I come from a Orthodox
background, and I'm Orthodox.

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00:02:03,100 --> 00:02:08,039

And we lived there to me, it
looked like, more or less,

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00:02:08,039 --> 00:02:09,729

as a kid it was a peaceful life.

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00:02:09,729 --> 00:02:11,470

How many children
were in your family?

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00:02:11,470 --> 00:02:12,970

I had-- I was the oldest--

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00:02:12,970 --> 00:02:14,150

I am the oldest.

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00:02:14,150 --> 00:02:16,630

I had a brother
two-and-a-half years younger,

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00:02:16,630 --> 00:02:20,200

and I had a sister
three years younger.

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00:02:20,200 --> 00:02:22,765

And actually, they perished.

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00:02:22,765 --> 00:02:24,370

As a matter of
fact, I don't know

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00:02:24,370 --> 00:02:27,220

whether you wanted the
sequence, but out of sequence,

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00:02:27,220 --> 00:02:29,110

I lost my brother--

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00:02:29,110 --> 00:02:31,180

I mean, later on I
found out he was shot

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00:02:31,180 --> 00:02:33,310
a week before I got liberated.

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00:02:33,310 --> 00:02:35,470
Because we were
separated, and he

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00:02:35,470 --> 00:02:39,460
was in the [? Bunawerg ?] camp,
what they them in Silesia,

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00:02:39,460 --> 00:02:41,065
and they were on a march.

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00:02:41,065 --> 00:02:44,230
They were marching and I
suppose he couldn't take it,

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00:02:44,230 --> 00:02:48,130
and he was shot the week
prior I was liberated.

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00:02:48,130 --> 00:02:49,660
That's what I
heard after the war

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00:02:49,660 --> 00:02:52,450
from people that were with him.

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00:02:52,450 --> 00:02:55,330
Did you have any extended family
living with you, near you?

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00:02:55,330 --> 00:02:59,830
Yes, in my hometown I had
my from my mother's side,

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00:02:59,830 --> 00:03:02,680
I had my grandfather
and my grandmother.

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00:03:02,680 --> 00:03:08,500
I had an uncle [? Martis. ?]
He was married, he had a child.

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00:03:08,500 --> 00:03:10,420
And I had a--

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00:03:10,420 --> 00:03:14,240
it was from my mother's
side, and it was an aunt.

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00:03:14,240 --> 00:03:16,000
She was the youngest, Aunt Sara.

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00:03:16,000 --> 00:03:18,190
She was a sister my mother.

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00:03:18,190 --> 00:03:22,960
And she also was married and had
a child, and they all perished.

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00:03:22,960 --> 00:03:28,930
But as far as family,
I mean, my mother

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00:03:28,930 --> 00:03:32,260
had quite an extensive family.

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00:03:32,260 --> 00:03:36,010
Some of them were here
in the United States.

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00:03:36,010 --> 00:03:41,980
But there was only one sister,
my aunt, she's one sister left.

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00:03:41,980 --> 00:03:44,290
She's in old age now, and sick.

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00:03:44,290 --> 00:03:47,680
And I have an uncle
who is in his 80s,

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00:03:47,680 --> 00:03:49,960

also sick but he's in
Los Angeles, California.

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00:03:49,960 --> 00:03:50,870

From the same town?

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00:03:50,870 --> 00:03:51,970

From the same, yes.

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00:03:51,970 --> 00:03:54,790

Did you live-- I think
you mentioned something

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00:03:54,790 --> 00:03:57,790

about living in a
two family house?

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00:03:57,790 --> 00:03:58,990

It wasn't a two family.

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00:03:58,990 --> 00:04:02,360

It was about a four
or five family.

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00:04:02,360 --> 00:04:04,780

You had apartments, that
was like apartment house,

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00:04:04,780 --> 00:04:07,480

but it wasn't like we
know apartment houses.

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00:04:07,480 --> 00:04:09,520

And my grandfather,
my grandmother,

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00:04:09,520 --> 00:04:12,700

lived in the same building
but a separate apartments,

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00:04:12,700 --> 00:04:14,110

but in the same building.

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00:04:14,110 --> 00:04:16,100

Did you spend much time
together as a family?

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00:04:16,100 --> 00:04:17,560

Yes, we were very close.

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00:04:17,560 --> 00:04:25,480

As a matter of fact, I lived
in the street was tanners,

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00:04:25,480 --> 00:04:27,550

they were making tanneries,
a lot of tanneries.

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00:04:27,550 --> 00:04:32,830

Whole street was, it's what's
called in Jewish [NON-ENGLISH],,

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00:04:32,830 --> 00:04:34,660

means tanner in English.

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00:04:34,660 --> 00:04:38,980

And we lived near
a river which was

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00:04:38,980 --> 00:04:41,470

to us, that was the recreation.

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00:04:41,470 --> 00:04:44,160

We had a bunch of kids, the
whole street was full of kids.

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00:04:44,160 --> 00:04:47,050

And we spent the time on
the river and the fields.

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00:04:47,050 --> 00:04:54,160

As a matter of fact, between us
we tried to physical fitness,

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00:04:54,160 --> 00:04:56,870
so we tried to harden ourselves.

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00:04:56,870 --> 00:04:59,200
I mean, I'm talking
about a teenager 14, 15.

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00:04:59,200 --> 00:05:03,370
We used to go in the morning
to the river, halfway stripped

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00:05:03,370 --> 00:05:05,252
in the wash for the cold water.

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00:05:05,252 --> 00:05:07,500
To make yourself strong?

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00:05:07,500 --> 00:05:10,750
It was fun-- to us it was fun.

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00:05:10,750 --> 00:05:12,730
It was a happy childhood.

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00:05:12,730 --> 00:05:20,830
I mean, as far as economically,
my father was struggling.

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00:05:20,830 --> 00:05:22,480
I mean, we had good
times, bad times.

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00:05:22,480 --> 00:05:27,730
He was in the building line.

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00:05:27,730 --> 00:05:32,260
He was renting a
sawmill from the--

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00:05:32,260 --> 00:05:34,480
over there, the villages,
they had a sawmill.

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00:05:34,480 --> 00:05:36,820

He was renting it.

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00:05:36,820 --> 00:05:43,270

And what the farmers used to
do, they used to buy a tree--

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00:05:43,270 --> 00:05:45,970

the surrounding area
was all forests.

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00:05:45,970 --> 00:05:51,340

I mean, you could go by us
you went about a kilometer,

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00:05:51,340 --> 00:05:55,660

which is almost about
three-quarters of a mile--

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00:05:55,660 --> 00:05:58,990

or is it the other way?

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00:05:58,990 --> 00:06:00,140

I don't know exactly what.

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00:06:00,140 --> 00:06:02,380

It's a kilometer, and
you went into the woods,

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00:06:02,380 --> 00:06:05,500

and you could go for
days just in the woods,

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00:06:05,500 --> 00:06:08,140

you were completely.

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00:06:08,140 --> 00:06:11,410

So what they did is, let's
say in the winter time,

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00:06:11,410 --> 00:06:15,280

they used to cut down

trees and bring you down.

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00:06:15,280 --> 00:06:20,560

Because in the forest there were
no roads, so you take a sled.

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00:06:20,560 --> 00:06:25,030

And the front of the
trunk they put on a sled

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00:06:25,030 --> 00:06:26,950

and bring it down with horses.

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00:06:26,950 --> 00:06:29,330

And that's how they would--

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00:06:29,330 --> 00:06:32,830

my father used to buy that
and turn it into lumber.

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00:06:32,830 --> 00:06:36,760

And he made building
lumber also.

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00:06:36,760 --> 00:06:39,490

We had a lot of
the certain trees

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00:06:39,490 --> 00:06:41,740

they had to be a certain
size that they used

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00:06:41,740 --> 00:06:45,010

to sell for the coal mines,
where they shoring up

127

00:06:45,010 --> 00:06:49,090

the tunnels, used to do that.

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00:06:49,090 --> 00:06:53,170

Then they used to
ship it to Gdansk,

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00:06:53,170 --> 00:06:54,430
it's called Gdansk in Poland.

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00:06:54,430 --> 00:06:54,930
Gdansk, yes.

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00:06:54,930 --> 00:06:56,260
It was our port.

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00:06:56,260 --> 00:06:58,750
And they used to
bring it on these--

133

00:06:58,750 --> 00:07:00,730
what do you call
it, on the river?

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00:07:00,730 --> 00:07:01,420
Barges?

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00:07:01,420 --> 00:07:04,510
No, not barges, they're
made out of the trunks.

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00:07:04,510 --> 00:07:05,980
They made-- they're
put together--

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00:07:05,980 --> 00:07:06,490
Rafts.

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00:07:06,490 --> 00:07:08,073
Rafts, out of rafts,
and on top of it.

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00:07:08,073 --> 00:07:12,010
It was a cheap way
of transportation.

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00:07:12,010 --> 00:07:13,420
And it was on and off.

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00:07:13,420 --> 00:07:15,490

I mean, he had good
times, bad times.

142

00:07:15,490 --> 00:07:18,490

And there were
times already where,

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00:07:18,490 --> 00:07:21,610

it's about two years
before the war, where

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00:07:21,610 --> 00:07:25,420

I had to go to work in
order to supplement.

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00:07:25,420 --> 00:07:29,500

We had some
economical upheavals,

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00:07:29,500 --> 00:07:35,610

and I went to work for
a wholesale place, food

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00:07:35,610 --> 00:07:39,430

as a clerk, and
supplemented things.

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00:07:39,430 --> 00:07:42,310

Was that particular reversal
because of the Nazis or just--

149

00:07:42,310 --> 00:07:43,980

No, no, no, I'm
talking before the war.

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00:07:43,980 --> 00:07:47,845

Regular cycle, whatever
happened, just that things

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00:07:47,845 --> 00:07:48,970

didn't go, whatever it was.

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00:07:48,970 --> 00:07:51,770

I mean, I didn't
know much about it.

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00:07:51,770 --> 00:07:53,760

Sort of a depression?

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00:07:53,760 --> 00:07:54,760

Well, it was depression.

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00:07:54,760 --> 00:07:56,920

I mean, we had food.

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00:07:56,920 --> 00:07:58,570

I mean, it wasn't
a question that we

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00:07:58,570 --> 00:08:01,360

were starving, you know what
I mean, that we were hungry.

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00:08:01,360 --> 00:08:05,320

This wasn't, but it was hard
to pay the rent and all that.

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00:08:05,320 --> 00:08:09,278

And we got supplemented
by my mother's family,

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00:08:09,278 --> 00:08:10,570

which was in the United States.

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00:08:10,570 --> 00:08:13,510

They used to send us me and my--

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00:08:13,510 --> 00:08:17,140

let's say my grandfather
they had a farm.

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00:08:17,140 --> 00:08:20,950

There like I told you the
village near the Czechoslovakia

164
00:08:20,950 --> 00:08:23,920
border, it was called Radocyna.

165
00:08:23,920 --> 00:08:27,100
And they had a farm
where they had two cows.

166
00:08:27,100 --> 00:08:32,020
I still remember the
[NON-ENGLISH] names.

167
00:08:32,020 --> 00:08:35,320
And I used for the vacation
it was our best times.

168
00:08:35,320 --> 00:08:37,330
We used to go out on vacation.

169
00:08:37,330 --> 00:08:43,210
And we pitched hay and we
put the bundles together.

170
00:08:43,210 --> 00:08:48,980
And I believe in 1932
they had a fire, where

171
00:08:48,980 --> 00:08:50,530
the whole thing burned down.

172
00:08:50,530 --> 00:08:56,350
And it was part of it, he was
the only Jew in the village.

173
00:08:56,350 --> 00:09:00,370
And it was part
of anti-Semitism.

174
00:09:00,370 --> 00:09:02,450
He had a general store there.

175
00:09:02,450 --> 00:09:05,802

So at least while he was
there he had the milk,

176
00:09:05,802 --> 00:09:07,510
so we used to get the
milk and the cheese

177
00:09:07,510 --> 00:09:10,300
because we always had
farmers come to the market

178
00:09:10,300 --> 00:09:11,380
every Tuesday.

179
00:09:11,380 --> 00:09:16,390
So used to send us milk, cheese,
you cream, whatever it was,

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00:09:16,390 --> 00:09:17,890
and they helped out.

181
00:09:17,890 --> 00:09:22,750
1932 he came over and he lived
in town, because after the fire

182
00:09:22,750 --> 00:09:24,610
he lived in town.

183
00:09:24,610 --> 00:09:26,080
So things were hard.

184
00:09:26,080 --> 00:09:29,590
As a matter of fact,
part of it being

185
00:09:29,590 --> 00:09:33,700
that he lived in the village
it helped us during the war

186
00:09:33,700 --> 00:09:38,620
when they formed a ghetto and
we weren't allowed to go out.

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00:09:38,620 --> 00:09:41,440

You weren't allowed to
go outside of the ghetto.

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00:09:41,440 --> 00:09:44,410

Naturally, you
couldn't get staples.

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00:09:44,410 --> 00:09:48,040

So that helped us because we
had the people that he knew from

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00:09:48,040 --> 00:09:52,750

before, the farmers, they
helped us in that much

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00:09:52,750 --> 00:09:55,540

that as they were
passing by in the street,

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00:09:55,540 --> 00:09:58,495

let's say we had a big gate, and
you opened the gate let's say

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00:09:58,495 --> 00:10:03,800

and they threw down a bag of
potatoes, or beets, or carrots,

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00:10:03,800 --> 00:10:04,360

whatever.

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00:10:04,360 --> 00:10:07,540

We would pay them for it.

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00:10:07,540 --> 00:10:09,820

That was the difference
between life and starving.

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00:10:09,820 --> 00:10:10,930

They helped us.

198

00:10:10,930 --> 00:10:12,740

These were Jewish
or were non-Jewish?

199
00:10:12,740 --> 00:10:14,500
No, no, no, these were farmers.

200
00:10:14,500 --> 00:10:16,045
Non-Jewish?

201
00:10:16,045 --> 00:10:19,810
They were not exactly
deep Russian farmers,

202
00:10:19,810 --> 00:10:21,610
but we called them
[NON-ENGLISH],,

203
00:10:21,610 --> 00:10:26,140
that's part of like Russia, but
they weren't actual Russians.

204
00:10:26,140 --> 00:10:30,700
But they were regular
farmers, and we paid them.

205
00:10:30,700 --> 00:10:35,000
So let's say a lot of them
were there before the war.

206
00:10:35,000 --> 00:10:37,530
They used to come here like
they still do it today.

207
00:10:37,530 --> 00:10:39,680
They used to come
to the United States

208
00:10:39,680 --> 00:10:45,020
for three, four years to work
on farms in order to make money.

209
00:10:45,020 --> 00:10:48,360
And they came back with

dollars, dollar bills.

210
00:10:48,360 --> 00:10:50,960
So during the war they
had to change them,

211
00:10:50,960 --> 00:10:53,000
so they used to
come to us and we

212
00:10:53,000 --> 00:10:54,770
used to change it
like a black market.

213
00:10:54,770 --> 00:10:59,540
They gave us the dollars we
gave them the Polish money.

214
00:10:59,540 --> 00:11:03,230
So it was every little
bit helped in a way.

215
00:11:03,230 --> 00:11:05,990
And that's why when
they used to bring the--

216
00:11:05,990 --> 00:11:08,790
so we had the food, we
had what to eat we had.

217
00:11:08,790 --> 00:11:10,190
It wasn't just special stuff.

218
00:11:10,190 --> 00:11:11,900
What did your mother do?

219
00:11:11,900 --> 00:11:13,680
My mother was a housewife.

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00:11:13,680 --> 00:11:14,180
That was--

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00:11:14,180 --> 00:11:16,800

She didn't help in your
father's business at all?

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00:11:16,800 --> 00:11:17,540

No, no, no.

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00:11:17,540 --> 00:11:20,570

My father's business
was out of town.

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00:11:20,570 --> 00:11:22,880

I mean, he used to go away for--

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00:11:22,880 --> 00:11:25,670

let's say he used to
go away for the week.

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00:11:25,670 --> 00:11:29,090

Sunday or Monday and come
back for Shabbat back home.

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00:11:29,090 --> 00:11:31,400

But it wasn't a
business in town.

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00:11:31,400 --> 00:11:32,930

It was out of town.

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00:11:32,930 --> 00:11:37,670

How old were you when you
first knew you were in danger?

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00:11:37,670 --> 00:11:38,765

They-- it was--

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00:11:38,765 --> 00:11:39,770

And how did you know?

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00:11:39,770 --> 00:11:39,890

We didn't know.

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00:11:39,890 --> 00:11:41,480

It was just that
the war broke out.

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00:11:41,480 --> 00:11:43,340

I mean, we heard it was--

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00:11:43,340 --> 00:11:46,790

we heard he took
other countries.

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00:11:46,790 --> 00:11:49,430

We knew the Germans
are on the move,

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00:11:49,430 --> 00:11:56,000

and we saw the
preparations by us

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00:11:56,000 --> 00:12:00,830

against the Germans, which was
a joke, I mean, in hindsight.

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00:12:00,830 --> 00:12:03,710

The street where we
lived, the Poles came

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00:12:03,710 --> 00:12:07,650

and they put in two or three
logs across the road, two

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00:12:07,650 --> 00:12:09,680

or three wood logs.

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00:12:09,680 --> 00:12:11,485

And that was supposed
to hold back the--

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00:12:11,485 --> 00:12:12,080

The Wehrmacht.

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00:12:12,080 --> 00:12:13,640

--the mechanized army.

245
00:12:13,640 --> 00:12:17,180
Or they had the artillery
with horses with everything,

246
00:12:17,180 --> 00:12:19,020
and that was supposed
to hold back--

247
00:12:19,020 --> 00:12:20,810
About how old were
you when they--

248
00:12:20,810 --> 00:12:21,840
Well, I was 17.

249
00:12:21,840 --> 00:12:22,340
17.

250
00:12:22,340 --> 00:12:23,010
17.

251
00:12:23,010 --> 00:12:23,510
And--

252
00:12:23,510 --> 00:12:25,580
What were you
doing at that time?

253
00:12:25,580 --> 00:12:27,170
I was at school.

254
00:12:27,170 --> 00:12:30,000
I was in cheder and I
was working already part.

255
00:12:30,000 --> 00:12:35,570
Also, we had a group
of a bunch of boys,

256
00:12:35,570 --> 00:12:40,040
like I said, that we learned--

257
00:12:40,040 --> 00:12:43,160
I was telling you
about the irony of it.

258
00:12:43,160 --> 00:12:46,900
I had papers to come to the
United States as of September

259
00:12:46,900 --> 00:12:48,860
'39.

260
00:12:48,860 --> 00:12:51,020
September 1st broke out.

261
00:12:51,020 --> 00:12:54,170
What happened was, my Aunt
Sara that I alluded to

262
00:12:54,170 --> 00:12:56,910
before, she had papers.

263
00:12:56,910 --> 00:13:00,380
And her sisters and my
family they sent their papers

264
00:13:00,380 --> 00:13:01,910
to come to the United States.

265
00:13:01,910 --> 00:13:04,070
In the meantime,
shortly before she got

266
00:13:04,070 --> 00:13:05,660
engaged and she got married.

267
00:13:05,660 --> 00:13:08,180
So naturally, her
plans were to stay.

268
00:13:08,180 --> 00:13:09,650
I mean, nobody

expected anything.

269

00:13:09,650 --> 00:13:11,300

It was a normal life.

270

00:13:11,300 --> 00:13:14,480

So we switched over
the papers to me.

271

00:13:14,480 --> 00:13:16,400

They made them out
to me, and I was

272

00:13:16,400 --> 00:13:20,090

scheduled to come September
'39 to United States.

273

00:13:20,090 --> 00:13:22,640

September 1st,
the war broke out.

274

00:13:22,640 --> 00:13:26,030

So that was-- the Warsaw
Consulate was closed.

275

00:13:26,030 --> 00:13:31,310

And a little while later, I
get a letter from the American

276

00:13:31,310 --> 00:13:32,900

Consulate, I don't
know from where,

277

00:13:32,900 --> 00:13:37,970

but they told me if I can
make my way either to Berlin

278

00:13:37,970 --> 00:13:42,050

or to Austria then
they'll ship me right out

279

00:13:42,050 --> 00:13:43,640

to the United States.

280
00:13:43,640 --> 00:13:44,420
There was no way.

281
00:13:44,420 --> 00:13:48,640
I mean, you were going
into the lion's mouth.

282
00:13:48,640 --> 00:13:49,940
It was out of the question.

283
00:13:49,940 --> 00:13:53,370
As a matter of fact, I had
to destroy all the papers,

284
00:13:53,370 --> 00:13:59,040
because it was a death
sentence if they knew about it.

285
00:13:59,040 --> 00:14:02,030
So it was and irony,
but thank god it was--

286
00:14:02,030 --> 00:14:07,910
so matter of fact, in Poland we
were like the Three Musketeers.

287
00:14:07,910 --> 00:14:11,300
We were three boys
that we were raised,

288
00:14:11,300 --> 00:14:13,890
we went cheder to
school together.

289
00:14:13,890 --> 00:14:16,400
And one of them went--

290
00:14:16,400 --> 00:14:18,350
his name in [? Eric ?]
[? Perleman, ?] he is

291

00:14:18,350 --> 00:14:19,380
in Connecticut.

292
00:14:19,380 --> 00:14:21,080
He lives in Hartford,
Connecticut.

293
00:14:21,080 --> 00:14:25,490
He in 1938 he went
to the United States,

294
00:14:25,490 --> 00:14:27,140
and I met him later in Germany.

295
00:14:27,140 --> 00:14:31,030
He landed in Italy, and he
found out that I was alive,

296
00:14:31,030 --> 00:14:33,238
and he came to see me.

297
00:14:33,238 --> 00:14:34,280
How did he find that out?

298
00:14:34,280 --> 00:14:35,780
Through UNRRA, or
American soldiers?

299
00:14:35,780 --> 00:14:38,000
It was-- yes, because
after the war, when

300
00:14:38,000 --> 00:14:40,370
I got liberated--
yeah, I started

301
00:14:40,370 --> 00:14:43,220
to say before, we were
a bunch a group of boys.

302
00:14:43,220 --> 00:14:45,290
And we were reading
and all that,

303
00:14:45,290 --> 00:14:49,370
and we had the two Berlitz
books, one was the red cover.

304
00:14:49,370 --> 00:14:54,350
The other one is later on,
the green or the blue cover.

305
00:14:54,350 --> 00:14:58,760
So we used to get together
and learn English,

306
00:14:58,760 --> 00:15:02,495
[NON-ENGLISH] table, then
chair, that's how you learned.

307
00:15:02,495 --> 00:15:04,370
We were very good
at spelling, that's

308
00:15:04,370 --> 00:15:05,760
how you learn how to spell it.

309
00:15:05,760 --> 00:15:10,010
And I spoke fairly well
English before the war hit,

310
00:15:10,010 --> 00:15:11,888
which was very useful.

311
00:15:11,888 --> 00:15:12,680
From Berlitz books?

312
00:15:12,680 --> 00:15:14,720
From the Berlitz books, yes.

313
00:15:14,720 --> 00:15:15,968
And later on, when I--

314
00:15:15,968 --> 00:15:17,510
How did you get to

the Berlitz books?

315

00:15:17,510 --> 00:15:18,090

And how did you--

316

00:15:18,090 --> 00:15:18,870

Well, we got them.

317

00:15:18,870 --> 00:15:20,120

It was-- we got them.

318

00:15:20,120 --> 00:15:21,530

Was there a library in Gorlice.

319

00:15:21,530 --> 00:15:25,430

You had libraries, you have
libraries, you had libraries.

320

00:15:25,430 --> 00:15:27,950

And I mean, we weren't backward.

321

00:15:27,950 --> 00:15:31,626

In my town we had houses
with the elevators.

322

00:15:31,626 --> 00:15:33,860

As a matter of fact,
it was one time

323

00:15:33,860 --> 00:15:36,360

when I came already, after the
war when I came to the United

324

00:15:36,360 --> 00:15:39,120

States, I don't remember
with whom I came,

325

00:15:39,120 --> 00:15:41,180

but we went to a
building someone.

326

00:15:41,180 --> 00:15:43,520

And I come to the building
with the elevator, and I go

327
00:15:43,520 --> 00:15:45,200
and I press the floor.

328
00:15:45,200 --> 00:15:47,450
And he looks at me,
people had a tendency

329
00:15:47,450 --> 00:15:49,640
they thought the
refugees that came

330
00:15:49,640 --> 00:15:54,230
in 1920 that
progress-- we didn't

331
00:15:54,230 --> 00:15:56,020
have any progress over there.

332
00:15:56,020 --> 00:15:57,530
So I say, I'm used to it.

333
00:15:57,530 --> 00:15:58,460
It was an elevator.

334
00:15:58,460 --> 00:16:00,320
I knew how to
operate an elevator.

335
00:16:00,320 --> 00:16:05,060
As a matter of fact, I was
always mechanically inclined.

336
00:16:05,060 --> 00:16:07,910
We had the sawmill that we had.

337
00:16:07,910 --> 00:16:10,580
So we had one which
was a steam generated,

338

00:16:10,580 --> 00:16:13,370
and we had one primitive
on a water wheel.

339
00:16:13,370 --> 00:16:17,925
But the steam generated sawmill,
I knew every little thing,

340
00:16:17,925 --> 00:16:18,800
how everything works.

341
00:16:18,800 --> 00:16:22,615
I was a youngster, about 14, 15,
I knew everything how it works.

342
00:16:22,615 --> 00:16:27,320
It was always an interest,
so I knew those things.

343
00:16:27,320 --> 00:16:29,360
But we were a group,
and we learned.

344
00:16:29,360 --> 00:16:31,580
We tried to keep up with it.

345
00:16:31,580 --> 00:16:33,650
Later on, when we came to the--

346
00:16:33,650 --> 00:16:35,900
in Germany, after
the liberation,

347
00:16:35,900 --> 00:16:38,990
I started to work for the UNRRA.

348
00:16:38,990 --> 00:16:43,910
And I spoke English,
and then I went to--

349
00:16:43,910 --> 00:16:47,290
I worked for the 58th field
hospital in [PLACE NAME],,

350
00:16:47,290 --> 00:16:48,290
but I'm jumping the gun.

351
00:16:48,290 --> 00:16:49,498
Yeah, let's go back a little.

352
00:16:49,498 --> 00:16:51,950
What are the ways in
which your life changed?

353
00:16:51,950 --> 00:16:56,210
Now, when the war broke out, to
us it came as like an upheaval,

354
00:16:56,210 --> 00:16:58,260
like a tornado.

355
00:16:58,260 --> 00:17:01,580
So we heard rumors what
the Germans are doing,

356
00:17:01,580 --> 00:17:03,500
so everybody was running.

357
00:17:03,500 --> 00:17:06,380
We were running so we were
a bunch of group of boys,

358
00:17:06,380 --> 00:17:08,398
and we left home.

359
00:17:08,398 --> 00:17:10,190
As a matter of fact,
my father wasn't home.

360
00:17:10,190 --> 00:17:13,040
He was, I think--

361
00:17:13,040 --> 00:17:14,599
I don't know where
he was, whether he

362
00:17:14,599 --> 00:17:17,964
was at the sawmill or--

363
00:17:17,964 --> 00:17:18,589
I don't recall.

364
00:17:18,589 --> 00:17:19,714
He wasn't home at the time.

365
00:17:19,714 --> 00:17:22,940
I know I left without
my father seeing me off.

366
00:17:22,940 --> 00:17:24,410
And we were a bunch of boys.

367
00:17:24,410 --> 00:17:26,930
We left, we were
gone about a week

368
00:17:26,930 --> 00:17:30,770
going towards the Russia,
frontier running away

369
00:17:30,770 --> 00:17:32,810
from the Germans,
let's put it this way.

370
00:17:32,810 --> 00:17:36,428
And we ran as far
as-- before PrzemysÅ,.

371
00:17:36,428 --> 00:17:38,720
In other words, PrzemysÅ,
would have been the next stop.

372
00:17:38,720 --> 00:17:43,760
And the last night we found
out that the Germans caught us.

373
00:17:43,760 --> 00:17:46,220

In other words, they
were way ahead of us.

374
00:17:46,220 --> 00:17:48,000
The next morning
when we got up we

375
00:17:48,000 --> 00:17:50,150
knew we already were out
of the German occupation.

376
00:17:50,150 --> 00:17:52,640
There was nowhere
to run anymore.

377
00:17:52,640 --> 00:17:55,770
We found ourselves,
it was a mountain,

378
00:17:55,770 --> 00:17:57,335
we were on this side
of the mountain.

379
00:17:57,335 --> 00:18:00,140
On the other side of the
mountain was a place called

380
00:18:00,140 --> 00:18:04,460
DynÃ³w which was a very famous
massacre occurred over there

381
00:18:04,460 --> 00:18:07,880
by the German occupation
forces at that time.

382
00:18:07,880 --> 00:18:11,360
And we were, again,
it was the guards

383
00:18:11,360 --> 00:18:13,850
had we were on this
side of the mountain,

384

00:18:13,850 --> 00:18:17,780
and so we saw there
was no use anymore.

385
00:18:17,780 --> 00:18:20,990
And during the--
while we were running

386
00:18:20,990 --> 00:18:22,370
you slept wherever you could.

387
00:18:22,370 --> 00:18:27,650
And one particular place the
only place we had to sleep

388
00:18:27,650 --> 00:18:31,250
was in a stable, and I
could tell you one thing,

389
00:18:31,250 --> 00:18:33,530
the rats were all
over us all night.

390
00:18:33,530 --> 00:18:35,120
Who was running with
you at this time?

391
00:18:35,120 --> 00:18:36,470
A group of boys.

392
00:18:36,470 --> 00:18:39,380
I don't know how many, maybe
seven or eight boys from town.

393
00:18:39,380 --> 00:18:41,337
You all left your
families and ran together?

394
00:18:41,337 --> 00:18:42,920
Yeah, we left the
families and we ran.

395
00:18:42,920 --> 00:18:46,190

Kids, we ran, we
tried to run away.

396
00:18:46,190 --> 00:18:48,470
And where did the Germans
catch up with you?

397
00:18:48,470 --> 00:18:51,080
Well, they were
already [PLACE NAME]

398
00:18:51,080 --> 00:18:52,130
we found out already.

399
00:18:52,130 --> 00:18:53,790
We were under the occupation.

400
00:18:53,790 --> 00:18:55,220
There was no where
to go anymore.

401
00:18:55,220 --> 00:18:56,270
So what do you do next?

402
00:18:56,270 --> 00:18:57,810
You go back home.

403
00:18:57,810 --> 00:19:00,800
So we made our trek back home.

404
00:19:00,800 --> 00:19:05,030
When I came, and the first thing
I came home, I opened the door,

405
00:19:05,030 --> 00:19:07,520
and my grandfather
opened the door

406
00:19:07,520 --> 00:19:10,310
and I did not recognize him.

407
00:19:10,310 --> 00:19:14,990

Because I knew when I left
he was a man, he had a beard.

408
00:19:14,990 --> 00:19:18,350
Over here it was all
the beard taken off,

409
00:19:18,350 --> 00:19:20,210
all shaved, all cut up.

410
00:19:20,210 --> 00:19:22,930
I did not recognize the person
that was my grandfather.

411
00:19:22,930 --> 00:19:23,560
What had--

412
00:19:23,560 --> 00:19:26,810
How long was the time
that you had not seen him?

413
00:19:26,810 --> 00:19:31,220
Well, it was I would
say about two weeks.

414
00:19:31,220 --> 00:19:34,760
But because the Germans, when
they saw the beards right away

415
00:19:34,760 --> 00:19:37,070
they kept pulling on.

416
00:19:37,070 --> 00:19:39,620
So a lot of them they
didn't want to shave--

417
00:19:39,620 --> 00:19:42,530
cut off the beards, so they
used to put up a kerchief.

418
00:19:42,530 --> 00:19:46,550
Like in Europe when
you had a toothache

419
00:19:46,550 --> 00:19:47,960
and they think it was swollen--

420
00:19:47,960 --> 00:19:49,370
I don't know if you saw it.

421
00:19:49,370 --> 00:19:52,100
They put up a kerchief,
that sort of thing.

422
00:19:52,100 --> 00:19:55,790
That's how they wore, but he
cut off the beard and to me

423
00:19:55,790 --> 00:19:56,500
it was a shock.

424
00:19:56,500 --> 00:19:59,180

425
00:19:59,180 --> 00:20:01,030
So you were home
after two weeks?

426
00:20:01,030 --> 00:20:03,290
So I was home back
after two weeks.

427
00:20:03,290 --> 00:20:06,110
And then we started already--

428
00:20:06,110 --> 00:20:07,160
there was no ghetto yet.

429
00:20:07,160 --> 00:20:11,500
The only thing was they
started the forced labor.

430
00:20:11,500 --> 00:20:15,510
In other words, every
morning you had to go,

431
00:20:15,510 --> 00:20:20,120
and they had the
occupation forces.

432
00:20:20,120 --> 00:20:23,300
They were in certain
places, and our job

433
00:20:23,300 --> 00:20:28,970
was to go clean the
latrines, amidst the jeers

434
00:20:28,970 --> 00:20:32,520
and the encouragement
that they gave us.

435
00:20:32,520 --> 00:20:36,870
The Jude, all the
invective what they could

436
00:20:36,870 --> 00:20:41,130
throw at us, Der faule Jude.

437
00:20:41,130 --> 00:20:42,450
This was all in German?

438
00:20:42,450 --> 00:20:43,335
German, yeah but--

439
00:20:43,335 --> 00:20:43,740
You understood?

440
00:20:43,740 --> 00:20:44,532
It was humiliating?

441
00:20:44,532 --> 00:20:47,130
Humiliating, but German--

442
00:20:47,130 --> 00:20:51,610
Yiddish and German
we knew that much.

443

00:20:51,610 --> 00:20:54,360

We learned very fast.

444

00:20:54,360 --> 00:20:59,010

As a matter of fact, I
learned to speak German,

445

00:20:59,010 --> 00:21:01,780

which I spoke quite
fluently believe it or not,

446

00:21:01,780 --> 00:21:03,128

from Der Sturmer.

447

00:21:03,128 --> 00:21:04,170

You heard of Der Sturmer?

448

00:21:04,170 --> 00:21:09,003

That was the Nazi paper,
and I used to read it.

449

00:21:09,003 --> 00:21:10,920

To us, it was-- we used
to buy it and read it,

450

00:21:10,920 --> 00:21:13,460

and that's how I learned German.

451

00:21:13,460 --> 00:21:15,390

With all the invective,
I mean, it's--

452

00:21:15,390 --> 00:21:20,580

and the hitting us
and coal, we had

453

00:21:20,580 --> 00:21:27,570

to lug coal, light the
stoves, clean the streets,

454

00:21:27,570 --> 00:21:29,070

shovel the snow.

455

00:21:29,070 --> 00:21:33,090

I mean, all the menial,
the hardest labor,

456

00:21:33,090 --> 00:21:37,200

I mean, the real dirty
work which for us, I mean,

457

00:21:37,200 --> 00:21:40,890

as a youngster out of this we
were not used to those things.

458

00:21:40,890 --> 00:21:41,955

And it was--

459

00:21:41,955 --> 00:21:43,260

I mean, you had to do it.

460

00:21:43,260 --> 00:21:44,430

I mean, it wasn't--

461

00:21:44,430 --> 00:21:46,050

you really had to produce.

462

00:21:46,050 --> 00:21:48,810

And again, hitting and
all that, and it's--

463

00:21:48,810 --> 00:21:51,210

Where were your parents
while this was all happening?

464

00:21:51,210 --> 00:21:52,410

Well, they were home.

465

00:21:52,410 --> 00:21:53,190

They were home.

466

00:21:53,190 --> 00:21:58,470

But we tried as much as I could,

between me and my brother,

467

00:21:58,470 --> 00:22:01,310
we tried to shelter.

468

00:22:01,310 --> 00:22:04,590
The women didn't have to go.

469

00:22:04,590 --> 00:22:08,310
But I mean, my father
was-- every able-bodied man

470

00:22:08,310 --> 00:22:09,450
had to go.

471

00:22:09,450 --> 00:22:13,110
So what we used to do,
we used to take his place

472

00:22:13,110 --> 00:22:15,480
and do the work for him.

473

00:22:15,480 --> 00:22:16,460
So it was--

474

00:22:16,460 --> 00:22:20,710

475

00:22:20,710 --> 00:22:23,530
Now, you mentioned
that you hauled coal

476

00:22:23,530 --> 00:22:26,200
and you did all the menial jobs.

477

00:22:26,200 --> 00:22:27,770
You weren't paid
for any of this?

478

00:22:27,770 --> 00:22:30,610
So how did you get food?

479

00:22:30,610 --> 00:22:34,780

We were food-- food you
had to do the best you can.

480

00:22:34,780 --> 00:22:36,482

There wasn't a questions of pay.

481

00:22:36,482 --> 00:22:36,550

They weren't paying--

482

00:22:36,550 --> 00:22:38,080

There wasn't any
way of buying it.

483

00:22:38,080 --> 00:22:39,040

That was it.

484

00:22:39,040 --> 00:22:44,480

Then they started there
were building roads.

485

00:22:44,480 --> 00:22:47,410

They used to take
us out of town.

486

00:22:47,410 --> 00:22:50,320

487

00:22:50,320 --> 00:22:53,970

For one time I worked
in a brick factory,

488

00:22:53,970 --> 00:22:56,050

we used to make bricks.

489

00:22:56,050 --> 00:22:57,910

Then they took us to fields.

490

00:22:57,910 --> 00:23:05,650

We had to pick potatoes or
take out the weeds, all that.

491

00:23:05,650 --> 00:23:08,140

It was you had to stoop
down and all that.

492

00:23:08,140 --> 00:23:10,900

If you're not used to it,
that was a backbreaking job.

493

00:23:10,900 --> 00:23:12,790

You couldn't get up.

494

00:23:12,790 --> 00:23:20,080

And again, under the whip, and
under the psychological terror

495

00:23:20,080 --> 00:23:20,800

and everything.

496

00:23:20,800 --> 00:23:25,510

And every time they with all
the invective all the time.

497

00:23:25,510 --> 00:23:32,150

Then they started to take us
out by truck the distance.

498

00:23:32,150 --> 00:23:35,740

They took us in the
mornings, and over there,

499

00:23:35,740 --> 00:23:39,460

and we were building real
with the old fashioned way.

500

00:23:39,460 --> 00:23:44,380

No machinery, you had to take
the picks and dig up the earth.

501

00:23:44,380 --> 00:23:47,110

And they used to come
over there with this stone

502

00:23:47,110 --> 00:23:49,510
and they had these rollers
that they used to do.

503
00:23:49,510 --> 00:23:51,160
And you had to do it.

504
00:23:51,160 --> 00:23:54,490
You have to make a certain
way, a certain amount of day.

505
00:23:54,490 --> 00:23:57,370
You couldn't-- there wasn't a
question how much you do it.

506
00:23:57,370 --> 00:24:01,270
You had to produce so much,
otherwise you were beaten.

507
00:24:01,270 --> 00:24:07,750
And it was early in the morning
and I could tell you one thing,

508
00:24:07,750 --> 00:24:10,420
we used to do-- we used to
take our phylum with us,

509
00:24:10,420 --> 00:24:13,150
because when we started
out it was very dark.

510
00:24:13,150 --> 00:24:16,780
And on the trucks
we used to daven.

511
00:24:16,780 --> 00:24:20,040
Before that it was
you're living--

512
00:24:20,040 --> 00:24:20,843
Your whole group--

513
00:24:20,843 --> 00:24:21,760

You didn't give it up.

514

00:24:21,760 --> 00:24:23,050

You were all Orthodox?

515

00:24:23,050 --> 00:24:26,050

Well, whoever was-- most of it.

516

00:24:26,050 --> 00:24:29,950

The shtetl was-- it was

very, very few that weren't.

517

00:24:29,950 --> 00:24:32,650

Most of them were.

518

00:24:32,650 --> 00:24:34,690

And how long did this go on?

519

00:24:34,690 --> 00:24:36,070

Well, this went on--

520

00:24:36,070 --> 00:24:39,640

also, by that I mean, there

were no-- the synagogues,

521

00:24:39,640 --> 00:24:43,420

everything was closed up.

522

00:24:43,420 --> 00:24:46,250

So we had in our

town and every street

523

00:24:46,250 --> 00:24:49,090

had you used to go

through the alleys.

524

00:24:49,090 --> 00:24:52,000

We used to sneak on Shabbos

and the Friday night

525

00:24:52,000 --> 00:24:53,950

services or holidays,

we used to hold it there

526
00:24:53,950 --> 00:24:59,240
by somebody in the
home on a sneak.

527
00:24:59,240 --> 00:25:01,330
You couldn't do it,
it wasn't legal.

528
00:25:01,330 --> 00:25:02,950
But we still kept up.

529
00:25:02,950 --> 00:25:07,360
And this was going on--
it was progressively worse

530
00:25:07,360 --> 00:25:08,470
getting there.

531
00:25:08,470 --> 00:25:12,450
Then they went and
they formed a ghetto.

532
00:25:12,450 --> 00:25:15,460
I think it was, if I
recall, about a year later

533
00:25:15,460 --> 00:25:16,870
they formed a ghetto.

534
00:25:16,870 --> 00:25:19,660
It just so happened
that where I lived

535
00:25:19,660 --> 00:25:21,230
we were part of the ghetto.

536
00:25:21,230 --> 00:25:24,283
So at least we weren't
uprooted, but we

537

00:25:24,283 --> 00:25:25,450
had to take in the families.

538
00:25:25,450 --> 00:25:28,030

539
00:25:28,030 --> 00:25:29,530
And let me tell you
something, there

540
00:25:29,530 --> 00:25:32,800
was all psychologically
all figured out.

541
00:25:32,800 --> 00:25:34,480
Because I'll give you
an example, just--

542
00:25:34,480 --> 00:25:35,410
By the Germans?

543
00:25:35,410 --> 00:25:36,340
By the Germans.

544
00:25:36,340 --> 00:25:37,900
I'll give an example.

545
00:25:37,900 --> 00:25:39,970
Your own family, let's
say, if you have to,

546
00:25:39,970 --> 00:25:43,810
if your daughter-in-law comes
to live with you for four

547
00:25:43,810 --> 00:25:46,702
weeks I mean, there's
always little by little

548
00:25:46,702 --> 00:25:47,410
you get friction.

549

00:25:47,410 --> 00:25:49,618
I mean, it's family and
everything, you get friction.

550
00:25:49,618 --> 00:25:52,738
She cooks like this, you cook
like this, and then especially,

551
00:25:52,738 --> 00:25:54,280
if you have to cook
on the same thing

552
00:25:54,280 --> 00:25:56,020
because everything was rationed.

553
00:25:56,020 --> 00:25:58,300
You didn't get wood,
you didn't get anything.

554
00:25:58,300 --> 00:26:02,260

555
00:26:02,260 --> 00:26:05,050
So it was part of it, and then
the lifestyles and everything.

556
00:26:05,050 --> 00:26:08,530
You're cramped in the same--

557
00:26:08,530 --> 00:26:11,570
don't forget, we didn't
have special bedrooms.

558
00:26:11,570 --> 00:26:14,230
Over here every child has
got a bedroom, or a boys.

559
00:26:14,230 --> 00:26:17,080
Over there you
lived in three rooms

560
00:26:17,080 --> 00:26:19,240
and you're a family of five.

561
00:26:19,240 --> 00:26:22,360
I slept in the kitchen
on a straw mattress.

562
00:26:22,360 --> 00:26:25,630
So you can imagine, and then
you got to get another family.

563
00:26:25,630 --> 00:26:26,980
It was quite--

564
00:26:26,980 --> 00:26:28,780
So there was
dissension and trouble?

565
00:26:28,780 --> 00:26:30,700
Dissension, it was
trouble between ourselves.

566
00:26:30,700 --> 00:26:31,575
You couldn't help it.

567
00:26:31,575 --> 00:26:33,255
It was part of it.

568
00:26:33,255 --> 00:26:39,040
You're using too much heat,
too much wood, those things.

569
00:26:39,040 --> 00:26:42,215
Because everything was-- you
were living, couldn't get it.

570
00:26:42,215 --> 00:26:44,590
You couldn't go out and buy
it even if you had the money.

571
00:26:44,590 --> 00:26:48,620
It was you have to get by, tear
things apart, and all that.

572

00:26:48,620 --> 00:26:53,830

So all this, it's little
things but in everyday life

573

00:26:53,830 --> 00:27:01,020

I'll tell you something,
we have in the Chumash,

574

00:27:01,020 --> 00:27:05,410

in the Five Books of Moses,
God says if the Jews will not

575

00:27:05,410 --> 00:27:07,090

behave he gives a curse.

576

00:27:07,090 --> 00:27:10,960

One of them it says, "You'll
eat and you will not be full."

577

00:27:10,960 --> 00:27:15,100

Let me tell you something,
from own experience,

578

00:27:15,100 --> 00:27:19,800

if you don't know where
your next meal comes from--

579

00:27:19,800 --> 00:27:22,913

because if you know
oh, if I don't have it

580

00:27:22,913 --> 00:27:24,330

I'll go out to the
grocery and buy

581

00:27:24,330 --> 00:27:25,710

the can food, whatever it is.

582

00:27:25,710 --> 00:27:28,110

But if you don't know where
your next meal comes from,

583

00:27:28,110 --> 00:27:33,150

if you fill up your stomach full
a minute later you're hungry.

584
00:27:33,150 --> 00:27:34,820
I'll give you an example.

585
00:27:34,820 --> 00:27:37,180
We went through a
gasoline crisis,

586
00:27:37,180 --> 00:27:39,240
where we had the
gasoline crisis.

587
00:27:39,240 --> 00:27:39,740
Here?

588
00:27:39,740 --> 00:27:40,750
Over here, yes.

589
00:27:40,750 --> 00:27:41,250
Right.

590
00:27:41,250 --> 00:27:43,260
People were lining up for it.

591
00:27:43,260 --> 00:27:44,520
You could have a half a tank.

592
00:27:44,520 --> 00:27:46,115
You had a half of
tank of gas, yes?

593
00:27:46,115 --> 00:27:47,490
But if you had a
gas station they

594
00:27:47,490 --> 00:27:48,810
were giving five
gallons of gas you

595
00:27:48,810 --> 00:27:50,520

were running, because
you couldn't get it.

596
00:27:50,520 --> 00:27:52,103
I mean, if you put
it in perspective--

597
00:27:52,103 --> 00:27:54,360
That's a good analogy.

598
00:27:54,360 --> 00:27:56,940
I'm telling you the analogy,
because you don't realize it.

599
00:27:56,940 --> 00:28:00,600
If you don't go through
with it you tell a story,

600
00:28:00,600 --> 00:28:05,392
you could always
say a person who

601
00:28:05,392 --> 00:28:07,350
has got a full stomach
will never believe a man

602
00:28:07,350 --> 00:28:08,550
or a person was hungry.

603
00:28:08,550 --> 00:28:11,340
If you weren't there you
cannot get the feeling.

604
00:28:11,340 --> 00:28:13,350
Of course.

605
00:28:13,350 --> 00:28:15,420
And the same thing
I always get, when

606
00:28:15,420 --> 00:28:19,110
I used to go tell people,
as far as the Germans

607
00:28:19,110 --> 00:28:21,720
and treating the
Jews, the first thing

608
00:28:21,720 --> 00:28:25,620
you got to keep in your mind if
you can't pass that stage you

609
00:28:25,620 --> 00:28:27,360
can't go further.

610
00:28:27,360 --> 00:28:33,660
If you can imagine that
a Jew to the German

611
00:28:33,660 --> 00:28:36,480
was like a cockroach
in the United States.

612
00:28:36,480 --> 00:28:39,720
If you step on a cockroach
over here, if you step on it,

613
00:28:39,720 --> 00:28:40,890
you don't think--

614
00:28:40,890 --> 00:28:42,870
he doesn't mean anything to you.

615
00:28:42,870 --> 00:28:45,870
The same thing in exactly
the same thing the Jew

616
00:28:45,870 --> 00:28:48,000
was to the German, a cockroach.

617
00:28:48,000 --> 00:28:51,900
Because he had the right,
which happened many times,

618
00:28:51,900 --> 00:28:54,420

and certain I remember
one particular Shabbos

619
00:28:54,420 --> 00:28:55,380
we had a hiding place.

620
00:28:55,380 --> 00:28:59,820
We used to make around that we
had a hiding place someplace.

621
00:28:59,820 --> 00:29:02,310
One particular Shabbos
we found out later

622
00:29:02,310 --> 00:29:06,560
that they shot 12 or
13 people in my area.

623
00:29:06,560 --> 00:29:09,510
In other words, the German
had the right if he saw me,

624
00:29:09,510 --> 00:29:11,790
any Jew, if he
saw on the street,

625
00:29:11,790 --> 00:29:15,090
he could go over to you
calmly, take out his revolver,

626
00:29:15,090 --> 00:29:17,280
and put it through your
head, and shoot you down

627
00:29:17,280 --> 00:29:21,150
like a roach.

628
00:29:21,150 --> 00:29:25,283
He didn't have to
fill out a form.

629
00:29:25,283 --> 00:29:26,700
He didn't have to

go to the police

630

00:29:26,700 --> 00:29:28,500

to do-- nothing,
absolutely nothing.

631

00:29:28,500 --> 00:29:29,490

It was a free for all.

632

00:29:29,490 --> 00:29:32,470

Did you personally witness
some of these incidents?

633

00:29:32,470 --> 00:29:33,590

Yes, I saw.

634

00:29:33,590 --> 00:29:36,590

As a matter of fact, I
mean, I don't know if--

635

00:29:36,590 --> 00:29:38,010

I'll tell you later in the--

636

00:29:38,010 --> 00:29:39,420

when I was in the camp.

637

00:29:39,420 --> 00:29:42,330

But going back, but I say I
want to stress that point.

638

00:29:42,330 --> 00:29:44,700

It was just exactly
like a cockroach.

639

00:29:44,700 --> 00:29:48,690

As I said, if you can
pass it through your head

640

00:29:48,690 --> 00:29:49,680

then you can imagine.

641

00:29:49,680 --> 00:29:52,200

Otherwise, it doesn't
mean anything.

642
00:29:52,200 --> 00:29:53,520
So that was it.

643
00:29:53,520 --> 00:29:55,500
So like I said,
it was the ghetto.

644
00:29:55,500 --> 00:29:58,740
And we used to--

645
00:29:58,740 --> 00:30:01,470
we had a lot of
dealings with farmers.

646
00:30:01,470 --> 00:30:04,347
And we lived near the
border, so for a while

647
00:30:04,347 --> 00:30:05,930
until the ghetto
came, in other words.

648
00:30:05,930 --> 00:30:09,060
Because once the ghetto
came where it was either

649
00:30:09,060 --> 00:30:10,050
the death penalty.

650
00:30:10,050 --> 00:30:13,350
If you stepped out of the
ghetto it was the death penalty.

651
00:30:13,350 --> 00:30:16,050
Before then, we used
to dabble a little bit

652
00:30:16,050 --> 00:30:17,010
and we used to smuggle.

653

00:30:17,010 --> 00:30:20,040

In other words, we had farmers
that lived on the border,

654

00:30:20,040 --> 00:30:21,000

and we knew them.

655

00:30:21,000 --> 00:30:23,070

They used to go
over Czechoslovakia,

656

00:30:23,070 --> 00:30:26,760

and we used to smuggle
to bring in like they we

657

00:30:26,760 --> 00:30:31,920

used to bring in leather
for soles, hard leather.

658

00:30:31,920 --> 00:30:34,770

And it was every
little bit helped.

659

00:30:34,770 --> 00:30:37,110

We used to sell it
because people needed it.

660

00:30:37,110 --> 00:30:41,285

People had gold and
silver and all that,

661

00:30:41,285 --> 00:30:42,660

and they were
trading it in order

662

00:30:42,660 --> 00:30:44,190

to-- they were pawning it.

663

00:30:44,190 --> 00:30:48,160

Whatever it is you're selling it
in order to turn it into food.

664

00:30:48,160 --> 00:30:51,300

So we were able to
do those things.

665

00:30:51,300 --> 00:30:54,720

We used to bring in kerchiefs,
beautiful for the women, that's

666

00:30:54,720 --> 00:30:55,770

for the farmers.

667

00:30:55,770 --> 00:30:57,640

The beautiful designed
kerchiefs over there

668

00:30:57,640 --> 00:31:00,120

was special kind
from Czechoslovakian.

669

00:31:00,120 --> 00:31:01,450

That helped us to supplement.

670

00:31:01,450 --> 00:31:03,510

Every little bit helps us.

671

00:31:03,510 --> 00:31:05,670

So that was it until
the ghetto came.

672

00:31:05,670 --> 00:31:09,290

When the ghetto came it was
the death penalty, that was it.

673

00:31:09,290 --> 00:31:11,190

And we had to live
for whatever--

674

00:31:11,190 --> 00:31:13,620

Did you ever do business
with the Germans

675

00:31:13,620 --> 00:31:14,540

selling them things?

676
00:31:14,540 --> 00:31:15,040
No, no.

677
00:31:15,040 --> 00:31:16,380
Nothing?

678
00:31:16,380 --> 00:31:18,400
Well, first of all,
I was a youngster.

679
00:31:18,400 --> 00:31:19,680
I mean, I didn't know.

680
00:31:19,680 --> 00:31:22,380

681
00:31:22,380 --> 00:31:25,400
But some of them did.

682
00:31:25,400 --> 00:31:27,540
I'm not too familiar
with that aspect.

683
00:31:27,540 --> 00:31:29,220
How long were you in the ghetto?

684
00:31:29,220 --> 00:31:30,870
Well, in the ghetto we were--

685
00:31:30,870 --> 00:31:35,070
I was there until July '42.

686
00:31:35,070 --> 00:31:39,780
And in July of '42
they gave an order,

687
00:31:39,780 --> 00:31:43,920
and they told us we should
all gather together.

688

00:31:43,920 --> 00:31:44,820
We had to pick--

689
00:31:44,820 --> 00:31:46,290
well, we had two places.

690
00:31:46,290 --> 00:31:49,980
One was a marketplace where
they used to have the things.

691
00:31:49,980 --> 00:31:52,530
Then we had another place
where the shuls around,

692
00:31:52,530 --> 00:31:54,150
and the shuls were there.

693
00:31:54,150 --> 00:31:58,470
It was called [PLACE NAME],,
it was a big gathering place.

694
00:31:58,470 --> 00:32:00,420
It was also part
of the marketplace.

695
00:32:00,420 --> 00:32:02,235
We all gathered over there.

696
00:32:02,235 --> 00:32:03,360
We didn't know what it was.

697
00:32:03,360 --> 00:32:05,220
I mean, they just
gave the order.

698
00:32:05,220 --> 00:32:08,340
All of a sudden, they
came and they picked us,

699
00:32:08,340 --> 00:32:12,420
they picked about 200 of
the young able-bodied men,

700

00:32:12,420 --> 00:32:14,040
which was me and my brother.

701

00:32:14,040 --> 00:32:15,810
We were also among us.

702

00:32:15,810 --> 00:32:18,415
It was on a Tuesday, I
remember, the afternoon.

703

00:32:18,415 --> 00:32:22,250
And we all had to crouch
around in the middle

704

00:32:22,250 --> 00:32:24,680
like, we were already under
guard in the middle like,

705

00:32:24,680 --> 00:32:27,380
and the rest of the
people were on the side.

706

00:32:27,380 --> 00:32:32,780
What they did give us
time for the parents

707

00:32:32,780 --> 00:32:35,780
to go home and bring some stuff.

708

00:32:35,780 --> 00:32:42,845
And at that time one of the
people that were picked,

709

00:32:42,845 --> 00:32:43,970
I don't know what happened.

710

00:32:43,970 --> 00:32:46,332
We had to be crouched, we
all had to be crouched.

711

00:32:46,332 --> 00:32:47,165
In this marketplace?

712
00:32:47,165 --> 00:32:49,280
In this marketplace,
we had to crouch.

713
00:32:49,280 --> 00:32:50,750
Squatting or sitting?

714
00:32:50,750 --> 00:32:51,755
Squatting or sitting?

715
00:32:51,755 --> 00:32:53,630
Squatting more, squatting
or sitting, I mean,

716
00:32:53,630 --> 00:32:56,420
was more squatting.

717
00:32:56,420 --> 00:32:59,780
One of us, it was
a little older guy,

718
00:32:59,780 --> 00:33:02,600
I don't know what it was
but what happened was he

719
00:33:02,600 --> 00:33:05,450
got up for whatever
reason it was.

720
00:33:05,450 --> 00:33:08,810
When he got up there
was right nearby there

721
00:33:08,810 --> 00:33:11,810
was in the back of that
fence, there was a man.

722
00:33:11,810 --> 00:33:15,830
A matter of fact, I remember
like today that particular day,

723

00:33:15,830 --> 00:33:18,830
it was a guy that
lived there, a non-Jew.

724
00:33:18,830 --> 00:33:20,660
His name is
[? Szapulski, ?] he was

725
00:33:20,660 --> 00:33:23,960
a carpentry like furniture man.

726
00:33:23,960 --> 00:33:27,710
He had a place, a yard,
and it was a fence.

727
00:33:27,710 --> 00:33:31,460
The Germans took the Jew over
there right behind the fence,

728
00:33:31,460 --> 00:33:33,260
and we heard a pop.

729
00:33:33,260 --> 00:33:35,030
That was it.

730
00:33:35,030 --> 00:33:36,080
Because he got up?

731
00:33:36,080 --> 00:33:38,210
Because he got up,
just like that.

732
00:33:38,210 --> 00:33:41,030
So you can imagine what,
I mean, what a trauma.

733
00:33:41,030 --> 00:33:44,630
You go to meet each other
and this was number one.

734
00:33:44,630 --> 00:33:48,810
Then so they brought
us some clothes,

735
00:33:48,810 --> 00:33:50,720
whatever they could bring us.

736
00:33:50,720 --> 00:33:57,500
And then they took us right
away to the railway station.

737
00:33:57,500 --> 00:34:02,210
They put us in boxcars, and
they said that they took us

738
00:34:02,210 --> 00:34:03,710
to labor camp.

739
00:34:03,710 --> 00:34:10,820
It took us about three days, and
we went to the Kraków-Płaszów it

740
00:34:10,820 --> 00:34:13,850
was called gulag Płaszów.

741
00:34:13,850 --> 00:34:18,080
It was [PERSONAL NAME],,
he was the kommandant.

742
00:34:18,080 --> 00:34:19,760
How many people
from your town went,

743
00:34:19,760 --> 00:34:22,699
or was it an evacuation
of the whole ghetto?

744
00:34:22,699 --> 00:34:23,800
Was it an evacu--

745
00:34:23,800 --> 00:34:25,699
No, no, that was
the first transport

746
00:34:25,699 --> 00:34:28,340

of labor, which was
about 200 people.

747
00:34:28,340 --> 00:34:29,210
Your whole family?

748
00:34:29,210 --> 00:34:29,750
Hmm?

749
00:34:29,750 --> 00:34:30,960
Did your parents go with you?

750
00:34:30,960 --> 00:34:31,400
No, no, no, no.

751
00:34:31,400 --> 00:34:32,659
These were able-bodied people?

752
00:34:32,659 --> 00:34:35,239
Only me and my brother
were picked as far,

753
00:34:35,239 --> 00:34:38,150
but we were mostly
young teenagers.

754
00:34:38,150 --> 00:34:39,920
That was mostly it.

755
00:34:39,920 --> 00:34:45,350
Then about four weeks later they
brought another group of 150.

756
00:34:45,350 --> 00:34:49,040
And for a while we were
able to correspond,

757
00:34:49,040 --> 00:34:50,929
we were able to get some mail.

758
00:34:50,929 --> 00:34:55,489
Because in the beginning

we worked in the Plaszow

759

00:34:55,489 --> 00:34:56,510

we worked--

760

00:34:56,510 --> 00:34:58,160

it wasn't the Gestapo.

761

00:34:58,160 --> 00:34:59,360

It wasn't under the Gestapo.

762

00:34:59,360 --> 00:35:00,920

It was more or less like--

763

00:35:00,920 --> 00:35:03,500

it was called a labor camp.

764

00:35:03,500 --> 00:35:10,460

And we had firms where I worked
for the Siemens Bauunion.

765

00:35:10,460 --> 00:35:12,230

It was a German outfit.

766

00:35:12,230 --> 00:35:13,640

You have today over--

767

00:35:13,640 --> 00:35:18,230

they have Siemens Bauunion,
they have Siemens Electric.

768

00:35:18,230 --> 00:35:19,730

They were doing--
what happened they

769

00:35:19,730 --> 00:35:24,080

were doing construction work.

770

00:35:24,080 --> 00:35:26,240

They were the
contractors, and they

771

00:35:26,240 --> 00:35:29,240
were given by the government,
they were given the labor.

772

00:35:29,240 --> 00:35:30,620
So we worked for them.

773

00:35:30,620 --> 00:35:34,280
And supposedly, we
were getting paid.

774

00:35:34,280 --> 00:35:36,980
We were getting paid, but
we never saw the money

775

00:35:36,980 --> 00:35:40,400
because we had to pay for
the room and board, whatever

776

00:35:40,400 --> 00:35:41,478
for the food.

777

00:35:41,478 --> 00:35:42,020
The company--

778

00:35:42,020 --> 00:35:42,680
So we didn't see.

779

00:35:42,680 --> 00:35:43,513
Company arrangement?

780

00:35:43,513 --> 00:35:46,430
Company arrangement,
we worked for them.

781

00:35:46,430 --> 00:35:49,190
Over there I worked--

782

00:35:49,190 --> 00:35:52,040
we were working on the
river Vistula River.

783

00:35:52,040 --> 00:35:53,720

It's largest river.

784

00:35:53,720 --> 00:35:57,260

We were building
a railroad bridge

785

00:35:57,260 --> 00:35:59,960

from girders and all that.

786

00:35:59,960 --> 00:36:03,680

So naturally, you have all
these tractors and other things.

787

00:36:03,680 --> 00:36:06,680

And you have to--

788

00:36:06,680 --> 00:36:11,270

we have pile drivers to
make the bases for the case

789

00:36:11,270 --> 00:36:13,910

on, to hold the river up.

790

00:36:13,910 --> 00:36:17,120

And so I was working
for there were

791

00:36:17,120 --> 00:36:19,760

about four or five Germans,
they were working also

792

00:36:19,760 --> 00:36:20,780

different outfit.

793

00:36:20,780 --> 00:36:22,820

They were working
the pile drivers.

794

00:36:22,820 --> 00:36:25,740

So in a way I had
it a little better

795
00:36:25,740 --> 00:36:29,780
because they were lefties.

796
00:36:29,780 --> 00:36:33,110
They weren't Nazis, per
se, they were leftist,

797
00:36:33,110 --> 00:36:34,730
they were left leanings.

798
00:36:34,730 --> 00:36:37,193
And they treated us a little
better, whatever they could.

799
00:36:37,193 --> 00:36:37,860
In other words--

800
00:36:37,860 --> 00:36:40,100
These were Nazis with
leftist leanings?

801
00:36:40,100 --> 00:36:42,800
They were Germans, but
they were left leanings.

802
00:36:42,800 --> 00:36:44,000
They were a private outfit.

803
00:36:44,000 --> 00:36:44,570
I see.

804
00:36:44,570 --> 00:36:46,195
They were more
engineers than soldiers?

805
00:36:46,195 --> 00:36:48,170
More engineers, they
weren't soldiers, per se.

806
00:36:48,170 --> 00:36:50,810
They were engineers, so

they gave us a little break.

807

00:36:50,810 --> 00:36:55,375

In other words, we were a group
about six kids, six youngsters.

808

00:36:55,375 --> 00:36:56,750

They are working
the pile driver,

809

00:36:56,750 --> 00:37:00,320

and we had to do also clean
the machinery, oil it,

810

00:37:00,320 --> 00:37:02,110

grease it, all these things.

811

00:37:02,110 --> 00:37:04,550

So it was a little better.

812

00:37:04,550 --> 00:37:10,250

They gave us a little food
because we were hungry.

813

00:37:10,250 --> 00:37:12,740

In the beginning, they
were giving us food,

814

00:37:12,740 --> 00:37:15,182

they were giving us
the rations every day.

815

00:37:15,182 --> 00:37:16,640

Whatever the rations
were, but they

816

00:37:16,640 --> 00:37:19,430

were given every day the camp.

817

00:37:19,430 --> 00:37:25,310

Later on, they were
giving us a loaf of bread

818

00:37:25,310 --> 00:37:29,390

for a week, a small loaf
of bread for a week.

819

00:37:29,390 --> 00:37:32,090

How do you keep a loaf
of bread for a week?

820

00:37:32,090 --> 00:37:34,070

I mean, you're hungry now.

821

00:37:34,070 --> 00:37:35,090

I mean, you don't care.

822

00:37:35,090 --> 00:37:37,770

But the more I thought
that was very bad.

823

00:37:37,770 --> 00:37:41,210

And sometimes we
were able to go out

824

00:37:41,210 --> 00:37:45,740

and we were able to supplement
if you found a field, cabbage.

825

00:37:45,740 --> 00:37:48,140

I remember the day you
had to be you had a knife,

826

00:37:48,140 --> 00:37:51,380

you used to cut out the
bottom, the real thing.

827

00:37:51,380 --> 00:37:53,060

And that was life sustaining.

828

00:37:53,060 --> 00:37:55,972

I mean, every little bit
helped because you couldn't

829

00:37:55,972 --> 00:37:56,930

take the whole cabbage.

830
00:37:56,930 --> 00:38:02,300
You couldn't take it, so
you cut out this here.

831
00:38:02,300 --> 00:38:08,000
Now, the first shock we got
by coming to the place, when

832
00:38:08,000 --> 00:38:13,760
we came into the labor
camp, when we came we

833
00:38:13,760 --> 00:38:20,300
had to be lined up four
deep in a row, four deep.

834
00:38:20,300 --> 00:38:27,650
And the Nazi came and
they came over to us,

835
00:38:27,650 --> 00:38:32,540
whoever has any money, any
valuables, whatever you have

836
00:38:32,540 --> 00:38:35,300
anything of value, give it up.

837
00:38:35,300 --> 00:38:40,940
So normally, I mean,
talking hey, what do you do?

838
00:38:40,940 --> 00:38:43,940
You give a little and
you leave a little.

839
00:38:43,940 --> 00:38:46,010
I mean, that's the common sense.

840
00:38:46,010 --> 00:38:48,200
OK, so whatever it is we gave.

841

00:38:48,200 --> 00:38:52,820

Right after that he went
over and he went over to one

842

00:38:52,820 --> 00:38:58,220

and he took him in front of
us, empty the pockets, strip.

843

00:38:58,220 --> 00:39:02,250

As soon he found something, pow.

844

00:39:02,250 --> 00:39:05,070

OK, what do you do next?

845

00:39:05,070 --> 00:39:06,480

You give up.

846

00:39:06,480 --> 00:39:06,980

Yeah.

847

00:39:06,980 --> 00:39:07,480

Sure.

848

00:39:07,480 --> 00:39:10,230

I mean, there were some
people maybe they had stamina,

849

00:39:10,230 --> 00:39:13,160

but that's what we did.

850

00:39:13,160 --> 00:39:16,020

So that was another lesson.

851

00:39:16,020 --> 00:39:19,633

I mean, everything was you
look in hindsight, everything

852

00:39:19,633 --> 00:39:20,300

was pre-planned.

853

00:39:20,300 --> 00:39:22,730

They knew exactly the
psychology and how

854
00:39:22,730 --> 00:39:25,070
to go about it and everything.

855
00:39:25,070 --> 00:39:26,980
Don't forget, I
mean, they took us--

856
00:39:26,980 --> 00:39:30,950
we were I mean, innocent kids.

857
00:39:30,950 --> 00:39:32,690
I mean, you were brought up--

858
00:39:32,690 --> 00:39:34,190
we weren't even
brought up today.

859
00:39:34,190 --> 00:39:36,482
You get an education over
here you afraid of a mugging,

860
00:39:36,482 --> 00:39:37,280
afraid of this.

861
00:39:37,280 --> 00:39:39,043
Over there you didn't
have those things.

862
00:39:39,043 --> 00:39:39,710
You didn't know.

863
00:39:39,710 --> 00:39:41,583
You didn't know anything.

864
00:39:41,583 --> 00:39:42,750
We were babies in the woods.

865
00:39:42,750 --> 00:39:44,667
So they were very

methodical about everything?

866

00:39:44,667 --> 00:39:46,310

Very, very methodical, yes.

867

00:39:46,310 --> 00:39:47,250

So that was another--

868

00:39:47,250 --> 00:39:50,410

And how long did you stay in
that particular labor camp?

869

00:39:50,410 --> 00:39:53,210

Well, over there we
came in July '42.

870

00:39:53,210 --> 00:40:02,990

In 1943 we had a typhus
epidemic broke out,

871

00:40:02,990 --> 00:40:04,940

typhus epidemic by us.

872

00:40:04,940 --> 00:40:10,670

The camp was about 1,200
people, the labor camp.

873

00:40:10,670 --> 00:40:17,840

And with the typhus epidemic,
I think, more than half died.

874

00:40:17,840 --> 00:40:22,580

Now, I was one of the
first ones to be sick.

875

00:40:22,580 --> 00:40:26,720

Now, you run a very high
fever, very high temperature.

876

00:40:26,720 --> 00:40:29,570

And you weren't
able to go to work.

877

00:40:29,570 --> 00:40:33,590

And also, I was one
of the first ones,

878

00:40:33,590 --> 00:40:36,683

we were getting-- in
other words, it started.

879

00:40:36,683 --> 00:40:38,600

And as it started, it
progressed more and more

880

00:40:38,600 --> 00:40:40,430

because it was infectious.

881

00:40:40,430 --> 00:40:42,560

So I was the first class
to be felled by it.

882

00:40:42,560 --> 00:40:46,460

And the first ones of
the bunch to recover.

883

00:40:46,460 --> 00:40:51,740

And as a result of the recovery,
I was deaf for three months.

884

00:40:51,740 --> 00:40:52,850

That was the effect.

885

00:40:52,850 --> 00:40:55,430

I asked doctors that
said for three months--

886

00:40:55,430 --> 00:40:56,630

They had doctors?

887

00:40:56,630 --> 00:40:57,390

No, no.

888

00:40:57,390 --> 00:40:58,450

But I mean, later on.

889
00:40:58,450 --> 00:40:58,950
Oh, now.

890
00:40:58,950 --> 00:40:59,180
I see.

891
00:40:59,180 --> 00:41:01,138
I asked over here, because
I was talking about.

892
00:41:01,138 --> 00:41:04,430
That was the effect of
it, I was completely deaf.

893
00:41:04,430 --> 00:41:06,380
And also, I lost my equilibrium.

894
00:41:06,380 --> 00:41:08,300
I was going like a drunk.

895
00:41:08,300 --> 00:41:11,615
And I knew as soon I
started walking I knew

896
00:41:11,615 --> 00:41:12,740
I couldn't go back to work.

897
00:41:12,740 --> 00:41:16,325
Because if I would have go back
on what they call on [GERMAN],,

898
00:41:16,325 --> 00:41:17,450
I would have been finished.

899
00:41:17,450 --> 00:41:18,590
I wasn't able.

900
00:41:18,590 --> 00:41:22,220
So they look for volunteers
to be like male nurses.

901

00:41:22,220 --> 00:41:24,860

They needed somebody to
do, so I volunteered.

902

00:41:24,860 --> 00:41:31,760

Because the advantage of
it was I had more food.

903

00:41:31,760 --> 00:41:36,320

So matter of fact, before I got
sick everybody had a locker.

904

00:41:36,320 --> 00:41:38,330

A little locker, a little
box where you kept it.

905

00:41:38,330 --> 00:41:40,390

I remember we had
the round breads,

906

00:41:40,390 --> 00:41:43,310

and I had a little piece,
like an eighth of a bread.

907

00:41:43,310 --> 00:41:46,490

And I was sick for about at
least two weeks or three weeks.

908

00:41:46,490 --> 00:41:47,965

I couldn't eat anything.

909

00:41:47,965 --> 00:41:50,090

Couldn't eat but just a
little soup and everything,

910

00:41:50,090 --> 00:41:53,030

and the bread later on
when I got a little better

911

00:41:53,030 --> 00:41:55,180

the bread was hard as a rock.

912

00:41:55,180 --> 00:41:57,860

I remember like today
vividly, I took the knife

913

00:41:57,860 --> 00:42:02,220

and literally cut pieces put
it in my mouth and melted it.

914

00:42:02,220 --> 00:42:05,780

And it tasted, believe
me, like the best thing.

915

00:42:05,780 --> 00:42:11,300

So that was-- so again, the
advantage was that I had--

916

00:42:11,300 --> 00:42:14,810

I was in a place, I didn't have
to go to the [NON-ENGLISH]..

917

00:42:14,810 --> 00:42:17,030

And I had a little soup.

918

00:42:17,030 --> 00:42:20,240

And a lot of them, we were
getting a certain amount,

919

00:42:20,240 --> 00:42:22,238

let's say, for so many
portions for the people.

920

00:42:22,238 --> 00:42:23,780

Most of the people
they couldn't eat.

921

00:42:23,780 --> 00:42:26,570

We tried to feed them,
they couldn't eat.

922

00:42:26,570 --> 00:42:29,690

So what we did whatever was
left over you had friends,

923

00:42:29,690 --> 00:42:31,280
and we asked the
friend leave it.

924
00:42:31,280 --> 00:42:35,218
And we gave them the
soup, which helped them

925
00:42:35,218 --> 00:42:37,760
to supplement, because for the
little bit that we're getting.

926
00:42:37,760 --> 00:42:39,080
It helped a lot.

927
00:42:39,080 --> 00:42:47,180
Now, during that, while I was
a male nurse, so naturally,

928
00:42:47,180 --> 00:42:50,300
we had the epidemic.

929
00:42:50,300 --> 00:42:54,140
And a lot of them
they became so wild.

930
00:42:54,140 --> 00:42:55,940
They were running out of bed.

931
00:42:55,940 --> 00:42:58,700
They were running to
the wire, to the fence.

932
00:42:58,700 --> 00:43:01,790
They were really in delirious.

933
00:43:01,790 --> 00:43:03,680
We had a lot of them
we had to strap--

934
00:43:03,680 --> 00:43:06,560
bind to the beds, they
shouldn't run away.

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00:43:06,560 --> 00:43:11,560

Then came two German doctors
came in uniform, two Germans.

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00:43:11,560 --> 00:43:16,840

The doctors came, and they
came over to me in my room.

937

00:43:16,840 --> 00:43:20,120

They asked us, the
male nurses, which

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00:43:20,120 --> 00:43:28,100

ones are the most serious people
about delirious, whatever.

939

00:43:28,100 --> 00:43:29,330

We didn't want to--

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00:43:29,330 --> 00:43:31,460

you don't want to
point the finger to,

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00:43:31,460 --> 00:43:35,270

because I had an idea
what it was like.

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00:43:35,270 --> 00:43:37,940

So I said there is
nobody actually more

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00:43:37,940 --> 00:43:40,220

than-- in other words, we
didn't give it to them.

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00:43:40,220 --> 00:43:43,850

So all of a sudden, we saw
they picked out two or three

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00:43:43,850 --> 00:43:45,170

or four, whatever it was.

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00:43:45,170 --> 00:43:49,010

They picked out and we saw
they gave them injections.

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00:43:49,010 --> 00:43:51,860

They gave them an injection,
and they went over,

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00:43:51,860 --> 00:43:55,640

they left instructions with us.

949

00:43:55,640 --> 00:43:58,280

They're going to be in a
kommandant's office, which

950

00:43:58,280 --> 00:43:59,780

was the gate kommandant.

951

00:43:59,780 --> 00:44:04,185

And we should note this if
you notice anything unusual,

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00:44:04,185 --> 00:44:05,810

we should let them
know their reaction.

953

00:44:05,810 --> 00:44:08,560

954

00:44:08,560 --> 00:44:14,030

And it took within an hour and
a half to two hours the people

955

00:44:14,030 --> 00:44:18,160

were in unusual convulsions.

956

00:44:18,160 --> 00:44:20,710

Within two hours they were dead.

957

00:44:20,710 --> 00:44:21,940

So we had to report that.

958

00:44:21,940 --> 00:44:26,950

So then we figured things out,
they were doing experiments.

959

00:44:26,950 --> 00:44:30,910

Now, later on-- so this
killed off about a half

960

00:44:30,910 --> 00:44:35,645

of our labor camp in 1940.

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00:44:35,645 --> 00:44:36,520

This typhus epidemic?

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00:44:36,520 --> 00:44:38,440

Typhus epidemic.

963

00:44:38,440 --> 00:44:41,740

While this wasn't finished, the
typhus epidemic wasn't finished

964

00:44:41,740 --> 00:44:48,136

yet, we got the--
what do you call it--

965

00:44:48,136 --> 00:44:50,950

dysentery, right away.

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00:44:50,950 --> 00:44:54,920

So we had already we had
established two rooms.

967

00:44:54,920 --> 00:44:59,380

One was for the typhus people,
and then was the dysentery.

968

00:44:59,380 --> 00:45:00,940

We had to separate them.

969

00:45:00,940 --> 00:45:03,790

In the middle we had
a basin of water,

970
00:45:03,790 --> 00:45:07,210
like for some disinfection
what they gave us, supposedly.

971
00:45:07,210 --> 00:45:08,930
And when you went
from one to the other,

972
00:45:08,930 --> 00:45:10,510
you had to go and
wash your hands

973
00:45:10,510 --> 00:45:12,790
to disinfect your
hands over there.

974
00:45:12,790 --> 00:45:18,760
And medicine, no medicine,
because we found out later

975
00:45:18,760 --> 00:45:20,380
we had some Jewish doctors.

976
00:45:20,380 --> 00:45:22,930
We had what they
called a [NON-ENGLISH],,

977
00:45:22,930 --> 00:45:26,587
which means a sick
bay, whatever it was.

978
00:45:26,587 --> 00:45:27,670
They didn't have anything.

979
00:45:27,670 --> 00:45:31,630
They couldn't do it,
so they gave us--

980
00:45:31,630 --> 00:45:38,360
we had the tablets, I think was
codeine or something like that.

981
00:45:38,360 --> 00:45:39,940
And they told us,
take two tablets

982
00:45:39,940 --> 00:45:42,940
and make a liter to dilute it.

983
00:45:42,940 --> 00:45:44,170
That's for dysentery?

984
00:45:44,170 --> 00:45:47,890
For the dysentery to give them.

985
00:45:47,890 --> 00:45:54,738
Because I mean, it was like I
say, give a Band-aid to a heart

986
00:45:54,738 --> 00:45:57,280
attack or something like that,
to put it in that perspective.

987
00:45:57,280 --> 00:45:58,960
And the German
doctors you never saw?

988
00:45:58,960 --> 00:45:59,460
Oh, no.

989
00:45:59,460 --> 00:46:01,730
No, only I mean, the cure, no.

990
00:46:01,730 --> 00:46:03,970
It was no question
of curing this.

991
00:46:03,970 --> 00:46:06,086
But that's what they--

992
00:46:06,086 --> 00:46:07,540
this was the experience.

993

00:46:07,540 --> 00:46:10,880

That's what they did,
that particular time.

994

00:46:10,880 --> 00:46:15,040

And that was the outcome
of it that was found.

995

00:46:15,040 --> 00:46:18,670

Now, later on,
they saw that was--

996

00:46:18,670 --> 00:46:20,920

later on I went back to work.

997

00:46:20,920 --> 00:46:22,390

And I went back to work--

998

00:46:22,390 --> 00:46:23,630

On the river?

999

00:46:23,630 --> 00:46:27,830

No, I went that was from Siemens
I went to what they call over

1000

00:46:27,830 --> 00:46:32,320

here [GERMAN] is
known as munitions,

1001

00:46:32,320 --> 00:46:34,660

but they also have a different.

1002

00:46:34,660 --> 00:46:38,890

They also the construction work.

1003

00:46:38,890 --> 00:46:47,470

We were making we had a little
narrow gauge, little things,

1004

00:46:47,470 --> 00:46:50,590

and rail boxcars that tip over.

1005

00:46:50,590 --> 00:46:54,190
And you had to shovel
sand into the cars,

1006
00:46:54,190 --> 00:46:56,560
fill it, and bring it over.

1007
00:46:56,560 --> 00:47:00,100
They were making a railroad
what do you call it,

1008
00:47:00,100 --> 00:47:02,620
like for the trestles, an
embankment something like

1009
00:47:02,620 --> 00:47:04,300
that, they were filling in.

1010
00:47:04,300 --> 00:47:06,580
So we had a [GERMAN] coming.

1011
00:47:06,580 --> 00:47:07,870
Over there, that was the pits.

1012
00:47:07,870 --> 00:47:11,050
I mean, that was as bad as
the Siemens Bauunion was,

1013
00:47:11,050 --> 00:47:13,660
this over there you were--

1014
00:47:13,660 --> 00:47:17,770
we had a guy, he
was the foreman.

1015
00:47:17,770 --> 00:47:22,240
His name [? Notaf. ?] A drunk,
he was drunk from morning

1016
00:47:22,240 --> 00:47:22,840
till night.

1017

00:47:22,840 --> 00:47:26,730

I mean, you ever
see a child that has

1018

00:47:26,730 --> 00:47:28,360

with a stick, that plays Moses.

1019

00:47:28,360 --> 00:47:31,025

This guy had a stick, he
used to go walk with a stick

1020

00:47:31,025 --> 00:47:33,250

like this, with a big stick.

1021

00:47:33,250 --> 00:47:35,830

And we worked, I
mean, he was tyrant.

1022

00:47:35,830 --> 00:47:38,950

1023

00:47:38,950 --> 00:47:43,240

So we're working, I have a scar
over here from him on my leg.

1024

00:47:43,240 --> 00:47:45,010

When he took--

1025

00:47:45,010 --> 00:47:49,750

I wasn't doing the way he
wanted, he took a shovel,

1026

00:47:49,750 --> 00:47:51,770

and he hit me over here.

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00:47:51,770 --> 00:47:54,200

And I got a--

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00:47:54,200 --> 00:47:56,050

this is my damage.

1029

00:47:56,050 --> 00:48:01,720

And right after that when he hit
me there, my foot swelled up.

1030
00:48:01,720 --> 00:48:04,060
And I had to go to--

1031
00:48:04,060 --> 00:48:07,590
they sent me to the
Krak³w had a ghetto yet.

1032
00:48:07,590 --> 00:48:11,230
In Krak³w, they sent me to the
hospital in Krak³w where they

1033
00:48:11,230 --> 00:48:13,570
doctors, they had
a thing over there.

1034
00:48:13,570 --> 00:48:17,770
And they treated me over there.

1035
00:48:17,770 --> 00:48:23,920
And being there also you
had a little more food.

1036
00:48:23,920 --> 00:48:27,482
It was a little more food,
and they were after a while,

1037
00:48:27,482 --> 00:48:28,940
but it started to
get better, but I

1038
00:48:28,940 --> 00:48:32,170
still a-- my foot was stolen.

1039
00:48:32,170 --> 00:48:33,880
They wanted me to
go back to the camp

1040
00:48:33,880 --> 00:48:36,460
and I didn't want to go back.

1041

00:48:36,460 --> 00:48:40,840

I felt as long as I could stay
here, because it was good.

1042

00:48:40,840 --> 00:48:44,770

But there came a time, I
mean, everything's providence.

1043

00:48:44,770 --> 00:48:48,220

I mean, they forced
me to go back.

1044

00:48:48,220 --> 00:48:49,390

I went back to camp.

1045

00:48:49,390 --> 00:48:53,380

Three days later they cleaned
out the whole hospital.

1046

00:48:53,380 --> 00:48:56,440

Every sick person, whatever,
everybody was shot.

1047

00:48:56,440 --> 00:48:57,440

[NON-ENGLISH].

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00:48:57,440 --> 00:48:58,420

[NON-ENGLISH].

1049

00:48:58,420 --> 00:49:02,890

And I went back to
over here to work.

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00:49:02,890 --> 00:49:07,081

While being over there
in camp, in Krak³w,

1051

00:49:07,081 --> 00:49:11,810

the gulag for a while,
me and another guy,

1052

00:49:11,810 --> 00:49:13,740

we had to take away--

1053

00:49:13,740 --> 00:49:17,150

how our barracks, there were
you had a row of barracks.

1054

00:49:17,150 --> 00:49:21,992

Behind the barracks was a little
place that you had the fence.

1055

00:49:21,992 --> 00:49:24,200

So behind the barracks they
used to take you and make

1056

00:49:24,200 --> 00:49:25,700

the executioners.

1057

00:49:25,700 --> 00:49:29,150

Me and another guy had
to go and take them

1058

00:49:29,150 --> 00:49:31,310

away after the execution.

1059

00:49:31,310 --> 00:49:32,340

The bodies.

1060

00:49:32,340 --> 00:49:36,740

But what I want to bring out
is under circumstances, given

1061

00:49:36,740 --> 00:49:40,380

I mean, I say it in quotes, the
right circumstances, I mean,

1062

00:49:40,380 --> 00:49:44,830

a human being can turn
in worse than an animal.

1063

00:49:44,830 --> 00:49:47,770

Because with all the things
going on, with all the things,

1064

00:49:47,770 --> 00:49:50,800

the death and you

see, I mean, you

1065

00:49:50,800 --> 00:49:55,060

knew it was a question today

it's him, tomorrow it's you.

1066

00:49:55,060 --> 00:49:56,020

There was no--

1067

00:49:56,020 --> 00:49:59,620

I mean, you lived it

from minute to minute.

1068

00:49:59,620 --> 00:50:02,410

And it didn't mean anything.

1069

00:50:02,410 --> 00:50:05,620

I mean, right after that,

after the execution taken away,

1070

00:50:05,620 --> 00:50:08,660

if I had some food to eat

I just sat down calmly.

1071

00:50:08,660 --> 00:50:18,550

And even today, when I talk

about it, if I watch a movie,

1072

00:50:18,550 --> 00:50:21,550

let's say a sob story,

something, sometimes you well

1073

00:50:21,550 --> 00:50:23,230

up inside, I will well up.

1074

00:50:23,230 --> 00:50:26,620

When it comes to talk as far

as the Holocaust with all

1075

00:50:26,620 --> 00:50:29,920

the things, I turn into a stone.

1076
00:50:29,920 --> 00:50:33,040
In other words, it has no
effect on me whatsoever.

1077
00:50:33,040 --> 00:50:35,960
I can talk about it
like you talk about it.

1078
00:50:35,960 --> 00:50:41,170
That was part of my built-in
safety valve, whatever

1079
00:50:41,170 --> 00:50:43,600
you want to call it,
because otherwise I

1080
00:50:43,600 --> 00:50:45,515
would have gone bananas.

1081
00:50:45,515 --> 00:50:46,660
And I can't--

1082
00:50:46,660 --> 00:50:49,810
I look at this, I cannot
shed a tear over it.

1083
00:50:49,810 --> 00:50:52,390
Just it isn't in me,
I can't bring it out.

1084
00:50:52,390 --> 00:50:55,390
Can you remember some
instances in the labor camp

1085
00:50:55,390 --> 00:51:00,490
where the prisoners, the
Jews, helped each other?

1086
00:51:00,490 --> 00:51:02,090
Well, you did--

1087

00:51:02,090 --> 00:51:04,150

They turned you
into animals, but--

1088

00:51:04,150 --> 00:51:09,130

You did help each other.

1089

00:51:09,130 --> 00:51:12,730

The Oberschaff MÃ¼ller like he
used to get drunk on a Saturday

1090

00:51:12,730 --> 00:51:14,320

night.

1091

00:51:14,320 --> 00:51:16,900

So to him it was you had--

1092

00:51:16,900 --> 00:51:18,490

he went hunting.

1093

00:51:18,490 --> 00:51:22,360

So he had a big Rex, he
had a big German shepherd.

1094

00:51:22,360 --> 00:51:26,200

He used to when you walk
he used to sick him on you,

1095

00:51:26,200 --> 00:51:28,910

and just like that.

1096

00:51:28,910 --> 00:51:32,800

But as far as helping, I'll
give you examples of helping.

1097

00:51:32,800 --> 00:51:38,770

From the gulag from KrakÃ³w,
when they dissolved it,

1098

00:51:38,770 --> 00:51:41,260

we went up to the other--
it was another camp,

1099

00:51:41,260 --> 00:51:44,585
[? ZabÅ,ocie ?] which was up
the hill where Goeth was,

1100

00:51:44,585 --> 00:51:47,410
the famous Goeth he was there.

1101

00:51:47,410 --> 00:51:50,560
And they took us up
over there as treasure.

1102

00:51:50,560 --> 00:51:52,780
In other words, it turned
out we were only a couple--

1103

00:51:52,780 --> 00:51:53,697
He was the kommandant?

1104

00:51:53,697 --> 00:51:57,220
Goeth was the kommandant
of the [? ZabÅ,ocie ?],,

1105

00:51:57,220 --> 00:52:00,910
the camp over there.

1106

00:52:00,910 --> 00:52:04,990
Yeah, before that
I'll give another,

1107

00:52:04,990 --> 00:52:08,290
while I was working on
the bridge-- going back

1108

00:52:08,290 --> 00:52:10,090
to the Siemens Bauunion.

1109

00:52:10,090 --> 00:52:11,532
I mean, I'm sorry
I keep jumping--

1110

00:52:11,532 --> 00:52:12,490

That's all right, sure.

1111
00:52:12,490 --> 00:52:14,260
As it comes.

1112
00:52:14,260 --> 00:52:19,540
For a while, once we got we made
already the case, the things,

1113
00:52:19,540 --> 00:52:23,630
then we started to lay the
big i-beams, going across.

1114
00:52:23,630 --> 00:52:28,810
So in a way, for me it was
one of the foreman chose me.

1115
00:52:28,810 --> 00:52:32,860
I was operating a crane, the
crane that lifts the i-beams.

1116
00:52:32,860 --> 00:52:35,500
But it was like if you
see it like a tripod,

1117
00:52:35,500 --> 00:52:39,760
with two stationary,
and the third tripod

1118
00:52:39,760 --> 00:52:42,070
is a moving part over there.

1119
00:52:42,070 --> 00:52:44,380
It wasn't like a crane today
where you see it go up.

1120
00:52:44,380 --> 00:52:46,090
It was like a tripod.

1121
00:52:46,090 --> 00:52:49,900
And they had to lift it,
he lifted up the i-beams.

1122

00:52:49,900 --> 00:52:51,400

And I was by the controls.

1123

00:52:51,400 --> 00:52:53,800

It was way down,

and this was way up,

1124

00:52:53,800 --> 00:52:56,260

because you had to lay

beams way over there.

1125

00:52:56,260 --> 00:53:00,790

And he was standing over there

giving me signals, up, down,

1126

00:53:00,790 --> 00:53:02,830

back, forth.

1127

00:53:02,830 --> 00:53:04,645

Again, he was always drunk.

1128

00:53:04,645 --> 00:53:09,870

And one particular

time I know in myself,

1129

00:53:09,870 --> 00:53:11,620

I did whatever he told me.

1130

00:53:11,620 --> 00:53:15,910

But to him it was according

to him he told me to zig

1131

00:53:15,910 --> 00:53:17,320

and I zagged.

1132

00:53:17,320 --> 00:53:21,280

He came down, pulls out

this pistol [GERMAN],,

1133

00:53:21,280 --> 00:53:24,070

if I do it once

more, if I do this

1134
00:53:24,070 --> 00:53:25,930
I'll shoot you down like a dog.

1135
00:53:25,930 --> 00:53:27,920
Schwein hunt and all that.

1136
00:53:27,920 --> 00:53:33,155
That was-- but after the--

1137
00:53:33,155 --> 00:53:34,530
while we were
laying the i-beams,

1138
00:53:34,530 --> 00:53:38,950
we laid the i-beams over
there, it was over the bridge.

1139
00:53:38,950 --> 00:53:43,980
And the other side you had in
the front crack of the people

1140
00:53:43,980 --> 00:53:45,910
that lived in the ghetto.

1141
00:53:45,910 --> 00:53:50,140
They worked in places,
they had according to us

1142
00:53:50,140 --> 00:53:51,760
they it good, because
they were home.

1143
00:53:51,760 --> 00:53:55,000
They were going from
their home every day

1144
00:53:55,000 --> 00:53:56,800
to work, certain work.

1145
00:53:56,800 --> 00:54:00,100
And they still lived home,

they still manage to live,

1146
00:54:00,100 --> 00:54:02,450
and they were getting
food over there.

1147
00:54:02,450 --> 00:54:06,730
So we used to go in order
to get on our lunch hour

1148
00:54:06,730 --> 00:54:08,896
whatever little
meager soup we had,

1149
00:54:08,896 --> 00:54:10,780
we used to go over the i-beams.

1150
00:54:10,780 --> 00:54:15,640
We surprised them, acrobats, the
Vistula was quite a big river.

1151
00:54:15,640 --> 00:54:17,530
The i-beams were quite wide.

1152
00:54:17,530 --> 00:54:20,980
But still you go you could
lose the equilibrium.

1153
00:54:20,980 --> 00:54:22,990
We used to go over
there every day in order

1154
00:54:22,990 --> 00:54:25,540
to get whatever
they had left over.

1155
00:54:25,540 --> 00:54:27,970
They had pity on us,
so the left over they

1156
00:54:27,970 --> 00:54:31,783
gave us two or three spoons,
five spoons, 10 spoons,

1157
00:54:31,783 --> 00:54:32,450
anything helped.

1158
00:54:32,450 --> 00:54:34,900
It was a question,
every little scrap

1159
00:54:34,900 --> 00:54:37,870
that you could get help
was a question between life

1160
00:54:37,870 --> 00:54:40,300
and death.

1161
00:54:40,300 --> 00:54:43,870
Because the soups
that we were getting

1162
00:54:43,870 --> 00:54:48,440
they had the beets that
you get for the cattle.

1163
00:54:48,440 --> 00:54:51,560
The beets, the heart and
all, that was our dinner.

1164
00:54:51,560 --> 00:54:55,370
With a little bit of bread.

1165
00:54:55,370 --> 00:54:56,960
And the coffee was--

1166
00:54:56,960 --> 00:55:01,760
the coffee we used to get,
we had enough to drink

1167
00:55:01,760 --> 00:55:05,018
and you washed in it because
it was the only thing hot.

1168
00:55:05,018 --> 00:55:07,310

You had hot water, so that's
how you washed your hands.

1169
00:55:07,310 --> 00:55:11,360
You have to fish in
the coffee that was it.

1170
00:55:11,360 --> 00:55:16,310
So later on, going there we went
up on the [POLISH],, come back.

1171
00:55:16,310 --> 00:55:19,250
And at the time I didn't know,
but we were going single file.

1172
00:55:19,250 --> 00:55:21,830

1173
00:55:21,830 --> 00:55:24,470
And they found out, and
they took every tenth person

1174
00:55:24,470 --> 00:55:25,880
they took out.

1175
00:55:25,880 --> 00:55:29,750
And they shot them.

1176
00:55:29,750 --> 00:55:30,980
We were over there--

1177
00:55:30,980 --> 00:55:32,300
How did you learn this?

1178
00:55:32,300 --> 00:55:34,340
Later on we were told
when we came up there.

1179
00:55:34,340 --> 00:55:36,890
At the time I didn't know,
because we were going.

1180

00:55:36,890 --> 00:55:39,140

I mean, later on
you find things out.

1181

00:55:39,140 --> 00:55:41,573

You heard that this guy is
missing, this guy is missing,

1182

00:55:41,573 --> 00:55:42,990

then you put two
and two together,

1183

00:55:42,990 --> 00:55:44,930

you found out what happened.

1184

00:55:44,930 --> 00:55:47,300

Because the people over
there in [INAUDIBLE]

1185

00:55:47,300 --> 00:55:51,230

they knew how things are going.

1186

00:55:51,230 --> 00:55:54,860

So we were over there I think
about four or five days,

1187

00:55:54,860 --> 00:55:57,763

because we were on the way out.

1188

00:55:57,763 --> 00:55:59,180

While I was over
there, I told you

1189

00:55:59,180 --> 00:56:02,422

before, I was working
with a man and we

1190

00:56:02,422 --> 00:56:03,630

knew the reputation of Goeth.

1191

00:56:03,630 --> 00:56:06,200

I mean, he used to
creep up out of nowhere.

1192
00:56:06,200 --> 00:56:09,530
You never knew where
he's coming from or what.

1193
00:56:09,530 --> 00:56:13,460
I was working with a man
with shovels, we're digging.

1194
00:56:13,460 --> 00:56:16,580
So normally you rest
up for a second.

1195
00:56:16,580 --> 00:56:19,220
I mean, you put your
hand on the shovel,

1196
00:56:19,220 --> 00:56:20,750
you talking to each other.

1197
00:56:20,750 --> 00:56:24,440
All of a sudden, he
felt one of the fingers

1198
00:56:24,440 --> 00:56:27,070
he got shot, a bullet,
whicked through.

1199
00:56:27,070 --> 00:56:28,640
Goeth saw from a
distance and noticed

1200
00:56:28,640 --> 00:56:32,480
he was standing with
the shovel, he did it.

1201
00:56:32,480 --> 00:56:36,380
From there we went to--

1202
00:56:36,380 --> 00:56:41,180
trying to see if I can
put the things together.

1203

00:56:41,180 --> 00:56:45,860

On the train we
went to Czestochowa,

1204

00:56:45,860 --> 00:56:49,160

it was a camp, Czestochowajanka
they called it.

1205

00:56:49,160 --> 00:56:52,370

Over there there were
three camps, and one of us,

1206

00:56:52,370 --> 00:56:54,590

where we went, it
was Czestochowajanka

1207

00:56:54,590 --> 00:56:58,250

And we stayed there for a while.

1208

00:56:58,250 --> 00:57:04,700

And over there we worked,
it was the Russian front.

1209

00:57:04,700 --> 00:57:07,070

And they were
getting beat, so they

1210

00:57:07,070 --> 00:57:10,820

used to bring the tanks,
the damaged tanks.

1211

00:57:10,820 --> 00:57:16,190

So they used to bring up by
us and we used to repair them.

1212

00:57:16,190 --> 00:57:18,440

Then we saw over there we
used to compare because they

1213

00:57:18,440 --> 00:57:21,140

had some of the
captured Russian tanks,

1214

00:57:21,140 --> 00:57:23,480

which the armor was
about five times

1215

00:57:23,480 --> 00:57:26,150

as thick as the German tanks.

1216

00:57:26,150 --> 00:57:27,410

We saw that.

1217

00:57:27,410 --> 00:57:34,780

And over there, in a way,
I was able to supplement

1218

00:57:34,780 --> 00:57:36,590

the food a little better.

1219

00:57:36,590 --> 00:57:39,560

You had to organize,
in other words.

1220

00:57:39,560 --> 00:57:43,190

It was called [NON-ENGLISH],,
you have to be to think--

1221

00:57:43,190 --> 00:57:47,540

1222

00:57:47,540 --> 00:57:49,220

I think I'm jumping the gun.

1223

00:57:49,220 --> 00:57:52,100

We went first, we want
to Skarzysko-Kamienna.

1224

00:57:52,100 --> 00:57:55,430

1225

00:57:55,430 --> 00:57:57,680

Skarzysko-Kamienna, it was
also three, in other words,

1226

00:57:57,680 --> 00:58:02,270

it was very barrack
departments, barrack A, B, C.

1227

00:58:02,270 --> 00:58:04,640

You went to a string of
labor camps at this time?

1228

00:58:04,640 --> 00:58:06,350

Yes, yes.

1229

00:58:06,350 --> 00:58:12,440

A, B, C, A and B was heaven.

1230

00:58:12,440 --> 00:58:16,520

C was where I lived,
that was also the pits.

1231

00:58:16,520 --> 00:58:18,740

There was a munitions factory.

1232

00:58:18,740 --> 00:58:21,050

Yeah, that was in
Skarzysko-Kamienna,

1233

00:58:21,050 --> 00:58:25,530

because we came over there
from Kraków, we still had--

1234

00:58:25,530 --> 00:58:29,560

we still looked like human
beings, more or less.

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00:58:29,560 --> 00:58:32,840

And we were over there, we
saw walking dead people,

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00:58:32,840 --> 00:58:34,280

actually walking dead people.

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00:58:34,280 --> 00:58:34,880

In Skarzysko?

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00:58:34,880 --> 00:58:36,547
In Skarzysko-Kamienna,
in [PLACE NAME]..

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00:58:36,547 --> 00:58:38,720

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00:58:38,720 --> 00:58:45,620
People swollen, puffed up eyes,
cheeks, like a bluish color.

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00:58:45,620 --> 00:58:50,620
You could see like watery, there
was no substance to the meat.

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00:58:50,620 --> 00:58:53,870
It was like water,
the eyes popped out,

1243
00:58:53,870 --> 00:58:57,560
cheeks, knees, the things.

1244
00:58:57,560 --> 00:59:01,472
These were-- so we found out
later, we learned a lesson.

1245
00:59:01,472 --> 00:59:03,680
And all of a sudden you
could see a person like this.

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00:59:03,680 --> 00:59:06,938
You could see them walk,
and all of a sudden

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00:59:06,938 --> 00:59:09,620
just lay down it
was it, finished.

1248
00:59:09,620 --> 00:59:11,180
What happened we
found out later,

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00:59:11,180 --> 00:59:14,960

I mean, we were-- we
went through that, too.

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00:59:14,960 --> 00:59:18,110

If you were hungry,
if you were starving--

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00:59:18,110 --> 00:59:21,080

Mr. Einhorn, we're going to have
to take a brief pause right now

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00:59:21,080 --> 00:59:22,100

to change the tape.

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00:59:22,100 --> 00:59:23,180

OK.

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00:59:23,180 --> 00:59:24,380

It'll be a very brief one.

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00:59:24,380 --> 00:59:26,710

They just they just--

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00:59:26,710 --> 00:59:29,000