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00:00:00,000 --> 00:00:20,254

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00:00:20,254 --> 00:00:23,740

"We now continue with
interviewing Mr. Sol Einhorn."

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00:00:23,740 --> 00:00:28,030

We now continue with
interviewing Mr Sol Einhorn.

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00:00:28,030 --> 00:00:30,370

Mr. Einhorn, you were
going to tell us something

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00:00:30,370 --> 00:00:33,030

about some Red Cross packages.

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00:00:33,030 --> 00:00:33,640

Yes.

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00:00:33,640 --> 00:00:38,890

Like I mentioned before, that we
got, each one, every one of us,

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00:00:38,890 --> 00:00:41,110

got a Red Cross package.

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00:00:41,110 --> 00:00:44,290

A day prior to our
liberation, you know,

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00:00:44,290 --> 00:00:47,650

the Red Cross
representatives told us

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00:00:47,650 --> 00:00:49,750

we shouldn't worry anymore.

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00:00:49,750 --> 00:00:52,300

That it's just a question of

hours, that we're going to be

13

00:00:52,300 --> 00:00:53,500
liberated.

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00:00:53,500 --> 00:00:55,185
After we got the
Red Cross packages,

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00:00:55,185 --> 00:00:57,895
naturally, you know
we were all starving.

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00:00:57,895 --> 00:01:00,250
And for all the
years of starvation,

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00:01:00,250 --> 00:01:02,470
everybody open them up.

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00:01:02,470 --> 00:01:06,910
And among the contents
over there, we had there,

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00:01:06,910 --> 00:01:09,370
there was a can of butter.

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00:01:09,370 --> 00:01:11,320
You had a powdered milk.

21

00:01:11,320 --> 00:01:13,860
And we were liberated
in the April.

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00:01:13,860 --> 00:01:17,795
It was snows and the
rains, soaking rain.

23

00:01:17,795 --> 00:01:18,670
We were all drenched.

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00:01:18,670 --> 00:01:22,780

Because we were in open
coal, the open boxcars.

25
00:01:22,780 --> 00:01:27,200
So everybody was, the clothes
were drenched through.

26
00:01:27,200 --> 00:01:30,580
The Germans, they gave
us a little latitude.

27
00:01:30,580 --> 00:01:33,770
And we're able to go down,
start making a little fire.

28
00:01:33,770 --> 00:01:36,940
And you took the powdered milk.

29
00:01:36,940 --> 00:01:40,210
You boiled a little hot water
to get something, in order,

30
00:01:40,210 --> 00:01:41,770
in you.

31
00:01:41,770 --> 00:01:43,990
And people were opening up.

32
00:01:43,990 --> 00:01:45,400
And they opened up the butter.

33
00:01:45,400 --> 00:01:49,810
And they consumed
the cans of butter.

34
00:01:49,810 --> 00:01:52,300
And it was a
heart-wrenching sight,

35
00:01:52,300 --> 00:01:54,760
hours later and a day later.

36

00:01:54,760 --> 00:01:55,960
Here we were free.

37
00:01:55,960 --> 00:01:57,700
We were free people.

38
00:01:57,700 --> 00:02:01,820
And from overdoing
it, from being hungry,

39
00:02:01,820 --> 00:02:06,830
instead to do it step-wise,
people are overdoing it.

40
00:02:06,830 --> 00:02:08,395
And they got diarrhea.

41
00:02:08,395 --> 00:02:09,520
They got all kind of those.

42
00:02:09,520 --> 00:02:13,660
And there was no help
and they were dying.

43
00:02:13,660 --> 00:02:14,710
Here we got liberated.

44
00:02:14,710 --> 00:02:17,050
After going through
the whole thing,

45
00:02:17,050 --> 00:02:19,570
yet at the end of
the line, this is it.

46
00:02:19,570 --> 00:02:20,843
And they were beyond help.

47
00:02:20,843 --> 00:02:21,760
You couldn't help him.

48
00:02:21,760 --> 00:02:24,580

Because out of from
overindulgence,

49
00:02:24,580 --> 00:02:25,720
whatever you call it.

50
00:02:25,720 --> 00:02:27,280
There was nobody
there to tell us.

51
00:02:27,280 --> 00:02:29,140
The hardest thing
was moderation?

52
00:02:29,140 --> 00:02:30,100
Yes.

53
00:02:30,100 --> 00:02:36,280
And I mean, I had the presence
of mind, that I didn't do it.

54
00:02:36,280 --> 00:02:39,130
As a matter of
fact, later on, when

55
00:02:39,130 --> 00:02:43,090
we did get liberated
already, and like I said,

56
00:02:43,090 --> 00:02:45,790
we were liberated
by the Seventh Army.

57
00:02:45,790 --> 00:02:50,260
And this, again, the
soldiers battled bad.

58
00:02:50,260 --> 00:02:51,560
They were in battle, all them.

59
00:02:51,560 --> 00:02:54,040
They were seasoned soldiers.

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00:02:54,040 --> 00:02:57,310
When they saw this sight of us,
they were crying like children.

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00:02:57,310 --> 00:03:03,220
Now, after we got liberated
already, so we found,

62

00:03:03,220 --> 00:03:06,310
they had one, they were
closed boxcars, with the--

63

00:03:06,310 --> 00:03:09,400
with the food that
was going with us.

64

00:03:09,400 --> 00:03:10,975
And naturally, we
were opened, you

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00:03:10,975 --> 00:03:14,320
know, everybody rushed it
in order to open the doors,

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00:03:14,320 --> 00:03:15,617
tried to grab.

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00:03:15,617 --> 00:03:16,450
There was the bread.

68

00:03:16,450 --> 00:03:19,810
There were any provisions
that we could get a hold of.

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00:03:19,810 --> 00:03:22,940
This, so and like
I mentioned before,

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00:03:22,940 --> 00:03:24,790
we were four guys, like
the four musketeers.

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00:03:24,790 --> 00:03:27,040
We held there, we held together.

72
00:03:27,040 --> 00:03:29,590
During the time,
everybody was trying

73
00:03:29,590 --> 00:03:33,580
to get to that car
for the provisions,

74
00:03:33,580 --> 00:03:35,710
in order to get, to
scrounge some food.

75
00:03:35,710 --> 00:03:38,560
That was the most of our
mind was the food, in order

76
00:03:38,560 --> 00:03:42,040
to get your belly full.

77
00:03:42,040 --> 00:03:46,990
In that process, so everybody
was milling around, naturally.

78
00:03:46,990 --> 00:03:48,700
Everybody was milling around.

79
00:03:48,700 --> 00:03:52,030
And my future mother-in-law,
which is now deceased,

80
00:03:52,030 --> 00:03:56,440
she is deceased the
last October, she--

81
00:03:56,440 --> 00:03:59,090
she was over there
in that melee.

82
00:03:59,090 --> 00:04:03,490
And one of my friends, one

of the four, he noticed her.

83

00:04:03,490 --> 00:04:06,910

He recognized that she
was from his hometown.

84

00:04:06,910 --> 00:04:09,370

Naturally, not
having any relations,

85

00:04:09,370 --> 00:04:12,970

any anybody with you, everybody
was looking for a straw

86

00:04:12,970 --> 00:04:15,160

to carry, to hold onto it.

87

00:04:15,160 --> 00:04:16,490

So he ran over to her.

88

00:04:16,490 --> 00:04:19,790

And he said, you know, he
called her [YIDDISH], because.

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00:04:19,790 --> 00:04:21,640

So she looked around.

90

00:04:21,640 --> 00:04:24,070

And naturally, he
embraced and all that.

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00:04:24,070 --> 00:04:26,650

And you know, wanted
to leech onto her.

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00:04:26,650 --> 00:04:30,370

Because he found something
to cleave onto her.

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00:04:30,370 --> 00:04:32,290

so he says, I,
could I be with you?

94

00:04:32,290 --> 00:04:33,440

She said yes.

95

00:04:33,440 --> 00:04:36,590

And then we found out that
she had the two daughters.

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00:04:36,590 --> 00:04:40,930

And he says could
I stay with you?

97

00:04:40,930 --> 00:04:42,640

She said, yeah, naturally.

98

00:04:42,640 --> 00:04:45,530

He said yeah, but I
got three more friends.

99

00:04:45,530 --> 00:04:46,660

Hey, come on in.

100

00:04:46,660 --> 00:04:48,043

They could all stay with us.

101

00:04:48,043 --> 00:04:49,960

And that's how we got,
more or less, together.

102

00:04:49,960 --> 00:04:51,730

Because I was with
him, you know?

103

00:04:51,730 --> 00:04:54,100

I didn't have anybody
else to hold onto.

104

00:04:54,100 --> 00:04:56,530

So we got together .

105

00:04:56,530 --> 00:04:59,172

And we stayed--

106

00:04:59,172 --> 00:05:00,130

Was she from your town?

107

00:05:00,130 --> 00:05:00,880

No, no, no.

108

00:05:00,880 --> 00:05:03,580

No, it was a different,
you know what I mean.

109

00:05:03,580 --> 00:05:05,860

She is from near, from a
small town, [NON-ENGLISH],,

110

00:05:05,860 --> 00:05:07,070

which is near Lodz.

111

00:05:07,070 --> 00:05:08,050

So you didn't know
her at the time?

112

00:05:08,050 --> 00:05:08,830

No, I didn't know her.

113

00:05:08,830 --> 00:05:10,330

I mean, I just
got, through him--

114

00:05:10,330 --> 00:05:10,830

I see.

115

00:05:10,830 --> 00:05:13,770

Being that we stayed together
with a group, with him.

116

00:05:13,770 --> 00:05:14,770

And he latched onto her.

117

00:05:14,770 --> 00:05:16,120

And she said, you know--

118

00:05:16,120 --> 00:05:17,275
This was like a new family.

119
00:05:17,275 --> 00:05:17,590
Huh?

120
00:05:17,590 --> 00:05:17,890
A new family.

121
00:05:17,890 --> 00:05:18,120
Yeah.

122
00:05:18,120 --> 00:05:18,620
Yeah, yeah.

123
00:05:18,620 --> 00:05:20,500
That was something to hold onto.

124
00:05:20,500 --> 00:05:22,670
I mean, as they say.

125
00:05:22,670 --> 00:05:25,460
First of all, till
then, I didn't know,

126
00:05:25,460 --> 00:05:28,040
even, there were women
there, that women were alive.

127
00:05:28,040 --> 00:05:29,750
Because all the
time I was shielded.

128
00:05:29,750 --> 00:05:31,730
We were all separate, men.

129
00:05:31,730 --> 00:05:35,215
But in the last camp and Dachau,
although we were separated,

130
00:05:35,215 --> 00:05:37,040
but I didn't know

about the women.

131
00:05:37,040 --> 00:05:39,092
But later on, they
were on the same train.

132
00:05:39,092 --> 00:05:40,550
Naturally, they
open up the trains.

133
00:05:40,550 --> 00:05:42,200
The whole thing was open.

134
00:05:42,200 --> 00:05:44,750
You know, it was a
whole melee there.

135
00:05:44,750 --> 00:05:47,030
So we got together.

136
00:05:47,030 --> 00:05:51,643
Naturally, when we got together
we scrounged up some food.

137
00:05:51,643 --> 00:05:52,550
Excuse me.

138
00:05:52,550 --> 00:05:54,500
We stayed in a place.

139
00:05:54,500 --> 00:05:57,320
And we started there,
cooking, you know.

140
00:05:57,320 --> 00:05:59,450
We got potatoes, we got this.

141
00:05:59,450 --> 00:06:00,770
So there she went.

142
00:06:00,770 --> 00:06:03,530
And she made a whole

batch of cookies.

143
00:06:03,530 --> 00:06:06,913
I remember the taste like today
yet, [LAUGHS] it's so long.

144
00:06:06,913 --> 00:06:07,580
It's very vivid.

145
00:06:07,580 --> 00:06:09,500
She made a whole
batch of cookies.

146
00:06:09,500 --> 00:06:11,390
Now, you know how it is.

147
00:06:11,390 --> 00:06:16,250
If you're hungry, all
you look at is just food.

148
00:06:16,250 --> 00:06:19,820
I'll tell ya, one thing I gotta
say for myself, the other three

149
00:06:19,820 --> 00:06:22,190
guys, we were
sleeping on the floor.

150
00:06:22,190 --> 00:06:24,620
And at night, those
cookies had a magnet.

151
00:06:24,620 --> 00:06:26,840
I mean, you just couldn't sleep.

152
00:06:26,840 --> 00:06:28,940
Just the thought of it,
the cookies were there.

153
00:06:28,940 --> 00:06:30,020
So they used to sneak up.

154

00:06:30,020 --> 00:06:31,670
And they got bellyaches.

155
00:06:31,670 --> 00:06:35,540
And I, myself, I'm, by
nature I'm a stubborn.

156
00:06:35,540 --> 00:06:36,560
You know, stubborn.

157
00:06:36,560 --> 00:06:37,340
I said no.

158
00:06:37,340 --> 00:06:40,190
I felt that much,
I got to do it,

159
00:06:40,190 --> 00:06:42,530
like I say, in moderation,
little by little.

160
00:06:42,530 --> 00:06:44,120
Because I knew that then.

161
00:06:44,120 --> 00:06:46,910
So we-- we went through it.

162
00:06:46,910 --> 00:06:49,520
This way, as I said
so about it, this

163
00:06:49,520 --> 00:06:52,400
happened maybe 15, 20 minutes
after we got liberated.

164
00:06:52,400 --> 00:06:54,560
That him, he saw her.

165
00:06:54,560 --> 00:06:55,760
And we got married.

166
00:06:55,760 --> 00:06:56,600

And that's how we--

167

00:06:56,600 --> 00:06:58,920

I got-- I got to meet my future
wife and my sister-in-law.

168

00:06:58,920 --> 00:07:00,560

So you think that
was beshert, beshert.

169

00:07:00,560 --> 00:07:03,720

Yes, it's-- [LAUGHTER] you know,
God works in mysterious ways,

170

00:07:03,720 --> 00:07:04,220

is right.

171

00:07:04,220 --> 00:07:05,060

Right, mhm.

172

00:07:05,060 --> 00:07:10,828

So from then, we went,
that was near Miesbach.

173

00:07:10,828 --> 00:07:11,870

That's there, over there.

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00:07:11,870 --> 00:07:13,640

In other words, that's Munich.

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00:07:13,640 --> 00:07:15,440

It's Staltach, they had there.

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00:07:15,440 --> 00:07:16,190

And it's Miesbach.

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00:07:16,190 --> 00:07:19,280

And it was on there,
that railroad track.

178

00:07:19,280 --> 00:07:24,440

Over there, they, the

American Army, gave us,

179

00:07:24,440 --> 00:07:29,930

there was a very
great landowner.

180

00:07:29,930 --> 00:07:33,350

You know, he had the whole
farm, with the cows and all.

181

00:07:33,350 --> 00:07:37,490

I remember his name was
von Maffei You know, a von.

182

00:07:37,490 --> 00:07:39,620

That was the [INAUDIBLE].

183

00:07:39,620 --> 00:07:44,540

Von Maffei, we stayed
at his place over there.

184

00:07:44,540 --> 00:07:46,670

For quite a while.

185

00:07:46,670 --> 00:07:50,810

Till later on they started to
gather us into the DP camp.

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00:07:50,810 --> 00:07:54,230

Which the closest was
the DP camp Feldafing.

187

00:07:54,230 --> 00:07:56,920

While we were there, while
we were there, the Von

188

00:07:56,920 --> 00:08:00,390

Maffei for quite a
while, the soldiers,

189

00:08:00,390 --> 00:08:04,700

the American soldiers, I mean,
they were really all out.

190
00:08:04,700 --> 00:08:08,000
There was nothing that
they wouldn't do for us.

191
00:08:08,000 --> 00:08:11,840
I remember like today
one of them brought us,

192
00:08:11,840 --> 00:08:14,390
there they have these baskets.

193
00:08:14,390 --> 00:08:16,230
You know the one it's
a flat part, like a--

194
00:08:16,230 --> 00:08:16,730
Mhm.

195
00:08:16,730 --> 00:08:17,840
--with a handle.

196
00:08:17,840 --> 00:08:21,380
And he brought to
us, I mean, later

197
00:08:21,380 --> 00:08:24,800
on I found out there were three
peaches, you know, with a thing

198
00:08:24,800 --> 00:08:26,570
down, like a flat bottom, down.

199
00:08:26,570 --> 00:08:28,737
Big, fat, I thought
they were egg yolks,

200
00:08:28,737 --> 00:08:30,320
something like that,
they were so big.

201
00:08:30,320 --> 00:08:33,559

He brought us three
peaches there.

202
00:08:33,559 --> 00:08:37,549
And we ate it and it was
like Manna from heaven.

203
00:08:37,549 --> 00:08:40,010
That's the first
time I ate that.

204
00:08:40,010 --> 00:08:42,710
But I said they brought us that.

205
00:08:42,710 --> 00:08:46,460
During that time,
my future wife,

206
00:08:46,460 --> 00:08:49,400
she got a cold or something,
got a virus or something, what.

207
00:08:49,400 --> 00:08:51,320
Fever and everything.

208
00:08:51,320 --> 00:08:55,220
He brought her three
bottles of Coca-Cola.

209
00:08:55,220 --> 00:08:57,000
And I don't know what it was.

210
00:08:57,000 --> 00:08:59,690
I don't think penicillin
would do that much, [LAUGHTER]

211
00:08:59,690 --> 00:09:01,770
what the three bottles
of Coca-Cola did for her.

212
00:09:01,770 --> 00:09:02,480
You're doing a commercial.

213

00:09:02,480 --> 00:09:03,170

[LAUGHTER]

214

00:09:03,170 --> 00:09:04,010

No, really.

215

00:09:04,010 --> 00:09:05,030

It hit the spot.

216

00:09:05,030 --> 00:09:06,530

That's when you
became Americanized.

217

00:09:06,530 --> 00:09:07,700

[LAUGHS]

218

00:09:07,700 --> 00:09:08,430

Yeah.

219

00:09:08,430 --> 00:09:14,090

And then, one of them, they
went and they killed a deer.

220

00:09:14,090 --> 00:09:17,120

They killed a deer and they
brought us a deer on a Jeep.

221

00:09:17,120 --> 00:09:18,402

Venison.

222

00:09:18,402 --> 00:09:18,902

For us.

223

00:09:18,902 --> 00:09:19,780

Was it a kosher deer?

224

00:09:19,780 --> 00:09:20,280

Huh?

225

00:09:20,280 --> 00:09:21,050

A kosher deer?

226
00:09:21,050 --> 00:09:22,010
[LAUGHTER]

227
00:09:22,010 --> 00:09:23,010
Believe it, those days--

228
00:09:23,010 --> 00:09:23,677
You didn't care.

229
00:09:23,677 --> 00:09:25,160
You didn't look
for it, I told you.

230
00:09:25,160 --> 00:09:25,660
Right.

231
00:09:25,660 --> 00:09:30,260
And then, before I came to
Buchenwald, I ate the lot.

232
00:09:30,260 --> 00:09:32,660
Believe me, it wasn't.

233
00:09:32,660 --> 00:09:33,750
As long as you could eat.

234
00:09:33,750 --> 00:09:34,910
This is [HEBREW],, we were
all going to [HEBREW]..

235
00:09:34,910 --> 00:09:35,535
Think about it.

236
00:09:35,535 --> 00:09:36,597
Certain conditions.

237
00:09:36,597 --> 00:09:37,430
You have to survive.

238
00:09:37,430 --> 00:09:38,510

Whether the question
of life and death.

239
00:09:38,510 --> 00:09:39,593
Right, you had to survive.

240
00:09:39,593 --> 00:09:42,048
Not that I'm trying to pass
[HEBREW] here, but it was--

241
00:09:42,048 --> 00:09:43,340
So what happened with the deer?

242
00:09:43,340 --> 00:09:46,400
No, but I mean, it
wasn't just for us.

243
00:09:46,400 --> 00:09:47,820
There was a whole group of us.

244
00:09:47,820 --> 00:09:49,760
And we used it.

245
00:09:49,760 --> 00:09:51,800
I mean, we used the thing.

246
00:09:51,800 --> 00:09:53,990
So as I said, they tried
to do, for us, anything.

247
00:09:53,990 --> 00:09:56,780

248
00:09:56,780 --> 00:10:01,530
One there then came
a chaplain, came.

249
00:10:01,530 --> 00:10:04,040
A Jewish chaplain,
on a Jeep came.

250
00:10:04,040 --> 00:10:06,090

That man emptied himself out.

251

00:10:06,090 --> 00:10:08,790

He left himself one pair
of pants and one shirt.

252

00:10:08,790 --> 00:10:11,690

Everything else, whatever
he had, he gave everybody.

253

00:10:11,690 --> 00:10:15,300

We were in the striped suits.

254

00:10:15,300 --> 00:10:15,800

He gave.

255

00:10:15,800 --> 00:10:17,750

Whatever he had, he gave us.

256

00:10:17,750 --> 00:10:20,443

As a matter of fact, I asked
him for a pair of tefillin.

257

00:10:20,443 --> 00:10:22,860

Two or three days later, he
brought me a pair of tefillin.

258

00:10:22,860 --> 00:10:26,280

That was the first pair of
tefillin that he got that time.

259

00:10:26,280 --> 00:10:34,320

After, while being there,
I mean, the money, to me,

260

00:10:34,320 --> 00:10:37,920

I'm talking about
personally, what I, whatever,

261

00:10:37,920 --> 00:10:40,080

the way my mind wandered.

262

00:10:40,080 --> 00:10:44,220

All we were interested is in
food, just to fill our bellies.

263

00:10:44,220 --> 00:10:47,310

While being there in that
Von Maffei, that there

264

00:10:47,310 --> 00:10:49,810

was like a-- like
a palace, I mean,

265

00:10:49,810 --> 00:10:53,720

we stayed there, the
rooms and all that.

266

00:10:53,720 --> 00:10:56,090

There was so much
treasure there,

267

00:10:56,090 --> 00:10:59,720

picture famous paintings.

268

00:10:59,720 --> 00:11:01,100

This was a villa?

269

00:11:01,100 --> 00:11:02,310

It was like a villa, yes.

270

00:11:02,310 --> 00:11:02,810

That's it.

271

00:11:02,810 --> 00:11:04,810

I said there were
cows and everything.

272

00:11:04,810 --> 00:11:08,330

I mean, it was a
tremendous place there.

273

00:11:08,330 --> 00:11:12,740

My future mother-in-law,
she found two shopping bags

274
00:11:12,740 --> 00:11:14,457
with German marks.

275
00:11:14,457 --> 00:11:18,140
German, the Deutsch reichsmarks.

276
00:11:18,140 --> 00:11:20,570
I looked at it and
I scoffed at it.

277
00:11:20,570 --> 00:11:24,410
I mean, my mind
could not comprehend,

278
00:11:24,410 --> 00:11:26,980
that after Hitler's defeat,
that the reichsmarks

279
00:11:26,980 --> 00:11:28,830
Is worth anything.

280
00:11:28,830 --> 00:11:31,505
If I would have kept it,
I could have come here

281
00:11:31,505 --> 00:11:32,390
to the United States.

282
00:11:32,390 --> 00:11:34,550
I mean, unbelievable.

283
00:11:34,550 --> 00:11:36,440
I mean it just didn't
dawn on me at all.

284
00:11:36,440 --> 00:11:37,490
What did you do with it?

285
00:11:37,490 --> 00:11:37,990
Huh?

286

00:11:37,990 --> 00:11:39,170

We destroyed it.

287

00:11:39,170 --> 00:11:40,550

It had no value to me.

288

00:11:40,550 --> 00:11:42,050

It had no value out of this.

289

00:11:42,050 --> 00:11:44,990

As I say, I was a young kid.

290

00:11:44,990 --> 00:11:48,840

I just, I mean today,
that's how we looked at it.

291

00:11:48,840 --> 00:11:49,940

But we had it there.

292

00:11:49,940 --> 00:11:51,920

It didn't mean nothing.

293

00:11:51,920 --> 00:11:53,420

The main thing was the food.

294

00:11:53,420 --> 00:11:56,390

Some people, you know what I
mean, they had more brains.

295

00:11:56,390 --> 00:11:57,650

In a way, they could do it.

296

00:11:57,650 --> 00:12:01,100

But to us, it had no
value, absolutely nothing.

297

00:12:01,100 --> 00:12:03,380

Even as I said the other
day, paintings and all that.

298

00:12:03,380 --> 00:12:04,693

What happened to the paintings?

299

00:12:04,693 --> 00:12:05,360

They were there.

300

00:12:05,360 --> 00:12:08,320

I mean, it wasn't a question of
looting or anything like that.

301

00:12:08,320 --> 00:12:11,060

To me, I said, I didn't have it.

302

00:12:11,060 --> 00:12:12,320

It wasn't in me.

303

00:12:12,320 --> 00:12:13,730

I just didn't.

304

00:12:13,730 --> 00:12:15,770

If I would have
known, I probably

305

00:12:15,770 --> 00:12:17,780

would have taken it,
whatever, you know.

306

00:12:17,780 --> 00:12:21,260

But as I said, I
plead ignorance.

307

00:12:21,260 --> 00:12:22,970

That's all I can tell you.

308

00:12:22,970 --> 00:12:25,700

When you saw the wealth
and the beautiful things

309

00:12:25,700 --> 00:12:26,890

and everything like that--

310

00:12:26,890 --> 00:12:27,390

Yeah?

311
00:12:27,390 --> 00:12:31,340
--did you have any
feelings of anger or pain?

312
00:12:31,340 --> 00:12:33,350
Or bitterness or whatever.

313
00:12:33,350 --> 00:12:35,385
Because I know, I
knew from experience,

314
00:12:35,385 --> 00:12:37,010
I know the looting
that they did by us.

315
00:12:37,010 --> 00:12:37,940
Yeah.

316
00:12:37,940 --> 00:12:42,530
Because while we lived and
when I was in my hometown

317
00:12:42,530 --> 00:12:47,120
yet, going back, and when
we were in the ghetto,

318
00:12:47,120 --> 00:12:50,660
we had hidden away things.

319
00:12:50,660 --> 00:12:53,380
Like linen.

320
00:12:53,380 --> 00:12:55,940
Can be things that you
have, good stuff you have,

321
00:12:55,940 --> 00:12:56,960
over the years.

322
00:12:56,960 --> 00:12:58,730
We had hidden it away.

323
00:12:58,730 --> 00:13:00,770
And they came once.

324
00:13:00,770 --> 00:13:03,920
And whether they were
told, or whatever it was,

325
00:13:03,920 --> 00:13:05,390
they came once.

326
00:13:05,390 --> 00:13:09,290
And they spent about five
or six hours looking for it,

327
00:13:09,290 --> 00:13:10,040
with dogs.

328
00:13:10,040 --> 00:13:11,600
They found it, eventually.

329
00:13:11,600 --> 00:13:13,340
They found it.

330
00:13:13,340 --> 00:13:15,470
So they took it away
with truckloads.

331
00:13:15,470 --> 00:13:16,760
So I knew they were loot--

332
00:13:16,760 --> 00:13:18,860
I mean, look, everybody
knew they were looting.

333
00:13:18,860 --> 00:13:22,562
They were, whatever they
could get a hold of.

334
00:13:22,562 --> 00:13:24,245
What kind of?

335

00:13:24,245 --> 00:13:26,390

In the towns, whatever
they could get a hold of.

336

00:13:26,390 --> 00:13:27,140

They were looting.

337

00:13:27,140 --> 00:13:27,980

So well, I knew.

338

00:13:27,980 --> 00:13:29,690

I knew they were looting it.

339

00:13:29,690 --> 00:13:32,780

So I was angry about this.

340

00:13:32,780 --> 00:13:34,855

i said, again, I was
ignorant about it.

341

00:13:34,855 --> 00:13:36,230

That's the only
thing I can tell.

342

00:13:36,230 --> 00:13:36,897

Because I just--

343

00:13:36,897 --> 00:13:38,870

How long did you
stay here, where?

344

00:13:38,870 --> 00:13:40,790

We stayed there several weeks.

345

00:13:40,790 --> 00:13:44,210

As I say, till they
tried, till they made,

346

00:13:44,210 --> 00:13:47,480

they started to
organize the DP camps.

347

00:13:47,480 --> 00:13:51,080

Then we were taken to
the DP camp, Feldafing.

348

00:13:51,080 --> 00:13:54,440

And UNRRA came in.

349

00:13:54,440 --> 00:13:56,382

The United Nations
Rehabilitation?

350

00:13:56,382 --> 00:13:58,340

Yeah, Relief and
Rehabilitation Administration.

351

00:13:58,340 --> 00:13:59,510

Right, mhm.

352

00:13:59,510 --> 00:14:00,330

And they came in.

353

00:14:00,330 --> 00:14:03,320

And they started to take,
to make some semblance.

354

00:14:03,320 --> 00:14:08,000

Like everybody, to register
people, to see who was alive.

355

00:14:08,000 --> 00:14:10,410

Now, we all went to the camp.

356

00:14:10,410 --> 00:14:12,260

So there were women
had separated barracks.

357

00:14:12,260 --> 00:14:13,880

And the men had
separate barracks.

358

00:14:13,880 --> 00:14:17,300

And I, while we were

stayed there together,

359

00:14:17,300 --> 00:14:20,280

my future mother-in-law
and their two daughters,

360

00:14:20,280 --> 00:14:22,250

I got there, me and my
wife hit it right off.

361

00:14:22,250 --> 00:14:27,157

As far as you know, stayed
close and we spent all the time.

362

00:14:27,157 --> 00:14:28,490

I mean, we didn't have anything.

363

00:14:28,490 --> 00:14:30,010

We didn't have anything to lose.

364

00:14:30,010 --> 00:14:33,230

But already, we tried
to stay together.

365

00:14:33,230 --> 00:14:34,650

And we felt very close.

366

00:14:34,650 --> 00:14:37,040

You were both in your very
early 20s at that time, right?

367

00:14:37,040 --> 00:14:37,650

Yes, yes.

368

00:14:37,650 --> 00:14:38,150

I was.

369

00:14:38,150 --> 00:14:40,140

You know, in '45,
I was 23 years old.

370

00:14:40,140 --> 00:14:40,640

Yeah.

371

00:14:40,640 --> 00:14:42,455

She was 22.

372

00:14:42,455 --> 00:14:44,330

But I said, it wasn't
a question of marriage.

373

00:14:44,330 --> 00:14:47,220

Because it was, we were newborn.

374

00:14:47,220 --> 00:14:50,150

I mean, we just got
started from the roots.

375

00:14:50,150 --> 00:14:51,950

So they were in
a separate block.

376

00:14:51,950 --> 00:14:53,870

And I used to go
there every day.

377

00:14:53,870 --> 00:14:56,330

Spend the time with
her and everything.

378

00:14:56,330 --> 00:14:59,990

There was a room with 28 girls.

379

00:14:59,990 --> 00:15:02,000

In the room where they
stayed, on that block.

380

00:15:02,000 --> 00:15:03,252

Matter of fact, I got
pictures over here,

381

00:15:03,252 --> 00:15:04,460

in the block where we stayed.

382

00:15:04,460 --> 00:15:06,800
It was a barracks.

383
00:15:06,800 --> 00:15:09,110
These barracks were
for the Hitler Youth.

384
00:15:09,110 --> 00:15:12,140
Before they were used in
the DP camp, Feldafing.

385
00:15:12,140 --> 00:15:17,150
Now, when the UNRRA came in and
you had already administration

386
00:15:17,150 --> 00:15:21,890
and everything, so
they were looking for,

387
00:15:21,890 --> 00:15:24,320
like I said before,
10, 20 minutes later I

388
00:15:24,320 --> 00:15:27,970
got my chosen life already,
that sort of thing.

389
00:15:27,970 --> 00:15:30,140
We came to the DP
camp Feldafing.

390
00:15:30,140 --> 00:15:33,590
And the administration
started, the UNRRA came.

391
00:15:33,590 --> 00:15:38,765
They started, so they called
out whoever knows a little bit,

392
00:15:38,765 --> 00:15:39,265
English?

393
00:15:39,265 --> 00:15:42,020

394
00:15:42,020 --> 00:15:44,210
And they needed, they
needed volunteers.

395
00:15:44,210 --> 00:15:45,710
And you and your
friends had studied

396
00:15:45,710 --> 00:15:46,900
English with the Gorlitz

397
00:15:46,900 --> 00:15:47,180
Yeah, yes.

398
00:15:47,180 --> 00:15:47,390
Gorlitz.

399
00:15:47,390 --> 00:15:47,960
I spoke.

400
00:15:47,960 --> 00:15:48,700
I spoke English.

401
00:15:48,700 --> 00:15:49,820
Although I forgot already.

402
00:15:49,820 --> 00:15:55,780
But I was able to talk, "ze
table, ze chair, ze wall."

403
00:15:55,780 --> 00:15:56,380
you know?

404
00:15:56,380 --> 00:15:56,580
Yeah.

405
00:15:56,580 --> 00:15:57,080
Sure.

406

00:15:57,080 --> 00:15:57,910
You just got "the."

407
00:15:57,910 --> 00:15:59,000
So I volunteered.

408
00:15:59,000 --> 00:16:01,240
And I started to work
for the UNRRA people.

409
00:16:01,240 --> 00:16:04,450
And this was like, we
were liberated April 30th.

410
00:16:04,450 --> 00:16:09,060
I worked there till December.

411
00:16:09,060 --> 00:16:11,740
December, '45, I
worked for the UNRRA.

412
00:16:11,740 --> 00:16:15,530
Because I spoke
English, at the time.

413
00:16:15,530 --> 00:16:20,950
And we started to make lists
of people who are alive.

414
00:16:20,950 --> 00:16:25,300
And you had there was
another DP camp, Fohrenwald.

415
00:16:25,300 --> 00:16:28,810
And you started, the lists
were hung up on the walls.

416
00:16:28,810 --> 00:16:31,840
And people used to
travel back and forth.

417
00:16:31,840 --> 00:16:34,720
Everybody was looking for

somebody, to see names.

418
00:16:34,720 --> 00:16:39,768
It's like newborn, then.

419
00:16:39,768 --> 00:16:44,920
In December, December,
maybe February, '45,

420
00:16:44,920 --> 00:16:46,935
came a lieutenant Lazarus.

421
00:16:46,935 --> 00:16:50,470

422
00:16:50,470 --> 00:16:51,940
He was in Bad Wiesee.

423
00:16:51,940 --> 00:16:54,910
It was also by Bavaria, not far.

424
00:16:54,910 --> 00:16:57,850
He was attached to the
58th Field Hospital.

425
00:16:57,850 --> 00:17:03,400
That was an R&R recreational
hospital for the American GIs.

426
00:17:03,400 --> 00:17:05,740
And he was looking, he
want to give a break.

427
00:17:05,740 --> 00:17:07,760
Was he a doctor?

428
00:17:07,760 --> 00:17:08,260
No.

429
00:17:08,260 --> 00:17:09,310
He, himself, wasn't a doctor.

430

00:17:09,310 --> 00:17:10,240

He was the administrator.

431

00:17:10,240 --> 00:17:10,329

I see.

432

00:17:10,329 --> 00:17:10,810

He was there.

433

00:17:10,810 --> 00:17:12,852

I think, I believe he was
in charge or something.

434

00:17:12,852 --> 00:17:14,050

He was the administrator.

435

00:17:14,050 --> 00:17:14,920

Very nice man.

436

00:17:14,920 --> 00:17:16,240

I think he was from Brooklyn.

437

00:17:16,240 --> 00:17:19,210

From New York, something.

438

00:17:19,210 --> 00:17:21,589

He was looking, he
wanted a tailor.

439

00:17:21,589 --> 00:17:24,430

He wanted a barber.

440

00:17:24,430 --> 00:17:27,609

Like, an interpretator, some.

441

00:17:27,609 --> 00:17:31,480

Anyway, he took about 9 or
10 of guys, guys, of us.

442

00:17:31,480 --> 00:17:33,330

He brought us out.

443
00:17:33,330 --> 00:17:35,200
He took a villa.

444
00:17:35,200 --> 00:17:37,575
They requested a
sequestered villa.

445
00:17:37,575 --> 00:17:39,760
He gave each one of us a villa--

446
00:17:39,760 --> 00:17:44,270
I mean, a room in the
villa, and got us uniforms.

447
00:17:44,270 --> 00:17:46,060
And they're GI uniforms.

448
00:17:46,060 --> 00:17:49,120
But they were dyed in blue.

449
00:17:49,120 --> 00:17:52,330
And we ate in the
American kitchen.

450
00:17:52,330 --> 00:17:53,980
And they're with the GIs.

451
00:17:53,980 --> 00:17:56,590
It was a little
later after that.

452
00:17:56,590 --> 00:18:00,670
He gave us a break
too, over there.

453
00:18:00,670 --> 00:18:07,210
And we had the access to
the theater, to the movies.

454
00:18:07,210 --> 00:18:09,010
And I worked as an interpreter.

455
00:18:09,010 --> 00:18:14,620
And I was in the PX.

456
00:18:14,620 --> 00:18:16,720
And I dealt a lot with there.

457
00:18:16,720 --> 00:18:19,250
Because I spoke German.

458
00:18:19,250 --> 00:18:22,200
And I spoke with English.

459
00:18:22,200 --> 00:18:23,020
I was Polish.

460
00:18:23,020 --> 00:18:23,890
Sure.

461
00:18:23,890 --> 00:18:25,450
It helped smooth out with them.

462
00:18:25,450 --> 00:18:27,040
Did you wear a uniform
and everything?

463
00:18:27,040 --> 00:18:27,520
Beg your pardon?

464
00:18:27,520 --> 00:18:28,690
Did you wear a uniform
and everything?

465
00:18:28,690 --> 00:18:29,560
I wore the blue.

466
00:18:29,560 --> 00:18:32,560
Like it's you have
here the GI uniforms.

467
00:18:32,560 --> 00:18:33,670

But they were dyed blue.

468

00:18:33,670 --> 00:18:36,310

And what did you do
exactly, in the PX?

469

00:18:36,310 --> 00:18:37,870

I helped, helped.

470

00:18:37,870 --> 00:18:44,327

Then mainly sorting
and then interpreting,

471

00:18:44,327 --> 00:18:45,160

something like that.

472

00:18:45,160 --> 00:18:46,570

I made myself--

473

00:18:46,570 --> 00:18:47,080

Mhm.

474

00:18:47,080 --> 00:18:49,880

What did they use for currency,
the people who came to the PX?

475

00:18:49,880 --> 00:18:50,380

What?

476

00:18:50,380 --> 00:18:51,070

There?

477

00:18:51,070 --> 00:18:53,530

No, no, the Germans
couldn't buy the PX.

478

00:18:53,530 --> 00:18:54,370

Not the Germans.

479

00:18:54,370 --> 00:18:58,535

This was there, the soldiers,
they had the American scrip,

480
00:18:58,535 --> 00:18:59,410
they call this scrip.

481
00:18:59,410 --> 00:19:00,470
It was occupation money.

482
00:19:00,470 --> 00:19:00,970
OK.

483
00:19:00,970 --> 00:19:01,470
Yes.

484
00:19:01,470 --> 00:19:03,190
Uh-huh?

485
00:19:03,190 --> 00:19:07,570
So that's where it was
sold, all the foreign,

486
00:19:07,570 --> 00:19:08,840
that was occupation money.

487
00:19:08,840 --> 00:19:10,720
As a matter of fact,
the occupation money

488
00:19:10,720 --> 00:19:13,390
was a lot of it black
market going on.

489
00:19:13,390 --> 00:19:18,047
Where then people used to buy
it and exchange it into dollars

490
00:19:18,047 --> 00:19:18,880
and the whole thing.

491
00:19:18,880 --> 00:19:21,520

492

00:19:21,520 --> 00:19:22,780
And we were working.

493
00:19:22,780 --> 00:19:24,100
We had it quite good.

494
00:19:24,100 --> 00:19:27,400
And I used to go visit
every week, always.

495
00:19:27,400 --> 00:19:29,380
I went to Feldafing.

496
00:19:29,380 --> 00:19:34,300
And to visit, and so
we felt closer, closer.

497
00:19:34,300 --> 00:19:42,610
Then, it was in '45,
we were there, '46.

498
00:19:42,610 --> 00:19:44,710
We dealt a little bit
in the black market.

499
00:19:44,710 --> 00:19:47,050
You used to, mainly was trade.

500
00:19:47,050 --> 00:19:47,800
With the Germans.

501
00:19:47,800 --> 00:19:48,040
You know?

502
00:19:48,040 --> 00:19:49,510
They were looking
for commodities

503
00:19:49,510 --> 00:19:52,090
like coffee, cigarettes.

504
00:19:52,090 --> 00:19:56,250

So you did a little
bit black market there.

505
00:19:56,250 --> 00:19:57,610
All, everything's trade.

506
00:19:57,610 --> 00:20:00,460
I mean, an exchange.

507
00:20:00,460 --> 00:20:02,200
One day, we're talking.

508
00:20:02,200 --> 00:20:04,570
Actually, we're talking
about getting married.

509
00:20:04,570 --> 00:20:06,780
But to get married,
I didn't own a suit.

510
00:20:06,780 --> 00:20:07,960
[LAUGHS]

511
00:20:07,960 --> 00:20:11,550
And so we took some blankets.

512
00:20:11,550 --> 00:20:14,180
And they made some, I know
something for my wife,

513
00:20:14,180 --> 00:20:15,580
they made skirts.

514
00:20:15,580 --> 00:20:23,500
Then, one of the girls,
she was a dressmaker.

515
00:20:23,500 --> 00:20:26,470
I remember she took a sheet
or something, from linen.

516
00:20:26,470 --> 00:20:29,140

She made me a pair of
white pants out of a sheet.

517
00:20:29,140 --> 00:20:31,660
That's the first
civilian uniform,

518
00:20:31,660 --> 00:20:37,300
that I had a pair of
pants and a shirt.

519
00:20:37,300 --> 00:20:43,030
Around January, I think,
I did some trading

520
00:20:43,030 --> 00:20:48,900
with a German woman, where I
got a diamond ring from her.

521
00:20:48,900 --> 00:20:51,520
We trade for coffee,
some, certain things,

522
00:20:51,520 --> 00:20:55,180
in the value of 500 marks.

523
00:20:55,180 --> 00:20:57,160
I didn't know how much
the ring was worth.

524
00:20:57,160 --> 00:20:59,230
But I knew it was
worth more than that.

525
00:20:59,230 --> 00:21:02,020
And I went down to Munich,
to the black market is,

526
00:21:02,020 --> 00:21:03,190
over there.

527
00:21:03,190 --> 00:21:06,430
And they offered

me 10,500 marks.

528

00:21:06,430 --> 00:21:08,770

So I had a 10,000-mark profit.

529

00:21:08,770 --> 00:21:11,770

I went to my future

mother-in-law.

530

00:21:11,770 --> 00:21:13,090

I handed her the money.

531

00:21:13,090 --> 00:21:15,027

I said, here's \$10,500.

532

00:21:15,027 --> 00:21:16,444

make a wedding.

let's get married.

533

00:21:16,444 --> 00:21:21,010

[LAUGHTER] I mean,

the food, where what

534

00:21:21,010 --> 00:21:23,530

we had from the kitchen,

we ate in the kitchen

535

00:21:23,530 --> 00:21:25,520

at Feldafing, the food.

536

00:21:25,520 --> 00:21:28,480

The camp was providing the food.

537

00:21:28,480 --> 00:21:32,090

As a matter of fact,

there was a rabbi there,

538

00:21:32,090 --> 00:21:34,830

the one who married us

later, we got it from him.

539

00:21:34,830 --> 00:21:36,010

I still have it in writing.

540
00:21:36,010 --> 00:21:39,130
It was in his
handwriting, a certificate

541
00:21:39,130 --> 00:21:41,800
that we are observant.

542
00:21:41,800 --> 00:21:44,680
Therefore, we are entitled to
get, it was a kosher kitchen.

543
00:21:44,680 --> 00:21:46,473
But it was not that far.

544
00:21:46,473 --> 00:21:48,640
So they were entitled to
eat for the kosher kitchen.

545
00:21:48,640 --> 00:21:51,740
Because it wasn't
enough, that time.

546
00:21:51,740 --> 00:21:54,070
So we were entitled to
eat with a kosher kitchen.

547
00:21:54,070 --> 00:21:55,750
So she went ahead.

548
00:21:55,750 --> 00:21:56,860
And she made her way.

549
00:21:56,860 --> 00:21:59,260
She prepared the wedding.

550
00:21:59,260 --> 00:22:01,000
And we got married
in February, '46.

551
00:22:01,000 --> 00:22:03,550

552

00:22:03,550 --> 00:22:08,080

For my wife, I was able in
the meantime, another thing.

553

00:22:08,080 --> 00:22:10,960

554

00:22:10,960 --> 00:22:16,420

Just before, I had relatives
in the United States.

555

00:22:16,420 --> 00:22:19,690

Naturally, I did not
remember an address.

556

00:22:19,690 --> 00:22:21,220

How could I remember an address?

557

00:22:21,220 --> 00:22:23,260

Yeah, one thing I did.

558

00:22:23,260 --> 00:22:24,880

We had a card from
one of my aunts,

559

00:22:24,880 --> 00:22:26,020

which she's now deceased.

560

00:22:26,020 --> 00:22:26,520

Now died.

561

00:22:26,520 --> 00:22:30,160

She was a little short.

562

00:22:30,160 --> 00:22:32,270

The last year before
we got liberated,

563

00:22:32,270 --> 00:22:34,690

before we got sent away,

when the whole thing started,

564

00:22:34,690 --> 00:22:37,570
the war started, she
sent us a New Years card.

565

00:22:37,570 --> 00:22:43,630
And I remembered that address,
that number was in my memory.

566

00:22:43,630 --> 00:22:46,060
Like, chiseled in my memory.

567

00:22:46,060 --> 00:22:50,890
Because I felt if there ever
will become a time when we're

568

00:22:50,890 --> 00:22:53,565
able to get together,
the only help,

569

00:22:53,565 --> 00:22:54,940
in other words,
the only way out,

570

00:22:54,940 --> 00:22:58,300
will be through the United
States, through that.

571

00:22:58,300 --> 00:23:01,550
And I remembered she was
now, I don't remember.

572

00:23:01,550 --> 00:23:06,460
I think 70 something, to 70
Bryant Avenue, in the Bronx.

573

00:23:06,460 --> 00:23:07,360
So this, I remember.

574

00:23:07,360 --> 00:23:08,860
Because later on,
in the cab, they

575
00:23:08,860 --> 00:23:10,690
took away all my possessions.

576
00:23:10,690 --> 00:23:13,510
But I remember that.

577
00:23:13,510 --> 00:23:16,960
Again, through that chaplain,
through the chaplain,

578
00:23:16,960 --> 00:23:18,810
he took everybody
was trying to look.

579
00:23:18,810 --> 00:23:22,130
So I gave him the address.

580
00:23:22,130 --> 00:23:26,500
And I don't know how, I
don't recall how it was.

581
00:23:26,500 --> 00:23:29,167
But we gave it to The
Forward, The Forward?

582
00:23:29,167 --> 00:23:29,875
The Jewish paper.

583
00:23:29,875 --> 00:23:30,520
The Jewish newspaper,
The Forward.

584
00:23:30,520 --> 00:23:31,330
Yeah.

585
00:23:31,330 --> 00:23:35,200
That Sol Einhorn, I
give my real name.

586
00:23:35,200 --> 00:23:36,500
Mhm, a personal ad.

587
00:23:36,500 --> 00:23:37,690
Like in the Personal column?

588
00:23:37,690 --> 00:23:38,373
Yeah.

589
00:23:38,373 --> 00:23:39,540
Because that paper was full.

590
00:23:39,540 --> 00:23:40,040
Yeah.

591
00:23:40,040 --> 00:23:42,270
People were looking for, thing.

592
00:23:42,270 --> 00:23:48,580
As a matter of fact, later on I
found out that somebody saw it.

593
00:23:48,580 --> 00:23:50,440
And saw the name
of [PERSONAL NAME],,

594
00:23:50,440 --> 00:23:52,510
and they called them.

595
00:23:52,510 --> 00:23:54,820
"There's somebody
looking for you."

596
00:23:54,820 --> 00:23:57,070
So you know, she looked
at the ad and it was.

597
00:23:57,070 --> 00:23:58,120
Isn't that incredible?

598
00:23:58,120 --> 00:24:02,650
So right away, as
a matter of fact,

599

00:24:02,650 --> 00:24:08,620

by December, December '45,
already, I already had papers.

600

00:24:08,620 --> 00:24:09,640

They sent us papers.

601

00:24:09,640 --> 00:24:10,557

Through your relative.

602

00:24:10,557 --> 00:24:12,730

Affidavits in order to
come to the United States.

603

00:24:12,730 --> 00:24:13,430

Wonderful.

604

00:24:13,430 --> 00:24:19,720

So [LAUGHS] this is today, the
papers actually were for me.

605

00:24:19,720 --> 00:24:21,580

They didn't know.

606

00:24:21,580 --> 00:24:22,960

So I wrote them.

607

00:24:22,960 --> 00:24:26,215

I wrote them that I am
going with somebody.

608

00:24:26,215 --> 00:24:31,300

And I'm very deeply in love
and I intend to get married.

609

00:24:31,300 --> 00:24:35,950

So they wrote me back I
should come by myself.

610

00:24:35,950 --> 00:24:37,900

But I'll be in
the United States.

611
00:24:37,900 --> 00:24:39,520
Then I'll work towards that.

612
00:24:39,520 --> 00:24:42,340
And I was so adamant, that time.

613
00:24:42,340 --> 00:24:45,560
Now I look at it, I was to look.

614
00:24:45,560 --> 00:24:46,880
I was so adamant about it.

615
00:24:46,880 --> 00:24:48,910
I wrote to them.

616
00:24:48,910 --> 00:24:52,510
I said, look, I got along
without you for so many years.

617
00:24:52,510 --> 00:24:56,530
And till this day,
I wrote about it.

618
00:24:56,530 --> 00:25:01,145
I said if I can't come
together with my future wife,

619
00:25:01,145 --> 00:25:02,020
then I don't want to.

620
00:25:02,020 --> 00:25:03,640
Because I didn't
want to leave her.

621
00:25:03,640 --> 00:25:06,460
I felt so strong about it.

622
00:25:06,460 --> 00:25:08,380
Naturally, they
send us later on.

623

00:25:08,380 --> 00:25:10,180

They send us, for both.

624

00:25:10,180 --> 00:25:17,390

And I worked over there,
in that Bad Wiesee.

625

00:25:17,390 --> 00:25:18,790

We were there for quite a while.

626

00:25:18,790 --> 00:25:20,980

Till the affidavit.

627

00:25:20,980 --> 00:25:23,470

You know, took a while.

628

00:25:23,470 --> 00:25:24,190

We stayed there.

629

00:25:24,190 --> 00:25:26,650

And it helped a lot.

630

00:25:26,650 --> 00:25:27,850

Mr. Einhorn, excuse me.

631

00:25:27,850 --> 00:25:30,200

While you were working
as an interpreter--

632

00:25:30,200 --> 00:25:30,700

Yes?

633

00:25:30,700 --> 00:25:31,775

--and working in the PX--

634

00:25:31,775 --> 00:25:32,560

Yeah?

635

00:25:32,560 --> 00:25:36,460

--what was life like for the
women who had been liberated?

636
00:25:36,460 --> 00:25:39,460
You said you would go over
and visit them on weekends.

637
00:25:39,460 --> 00:25:41,590
What were they doing
during the day?

638
00:25:41,590 --> 00:25:43,040
There was nothing to do really,

639
00:25:43,040 --> 00:25:43,998
they were just resting?

640
00:25:43,998 --> 00:25:46,000
It was just a waiting.

641
00:25:46,000 --> 00:25:46,690
Waiting, mhm.

642
00:25:46,690 --> 00:25:48,850
You got your food.

643
00:25:48,850 --> 00:25:51,250
You got some clothes
and you got shoes.

644
00:25:51,250 --> 00:25:52,030
I see.

645
00:25:52,030 --> 00:25:54,930
And you were just
waiting till something.

646
00:25:54,930 --> 00:25:57,880
Because i said, it was a whole
upheaval till it started,

647
00:25:57,880 --> 00:25:59,880
the whole thing, started
to take some semblance.

648
00:25:59,880 --> 00:26:00,380
I see.

649
00:26:00,380 --> 00:26:02,310
Getting papers, people
were started to go.

650
00:26:02,310 --> 00:26:02,810
Right.

651
00:26:02,810 --> 00:26:06,442
You looked at a lot of them,
they're like the children.

652
00:26:06,442 --> 00:26:08,775
This was all those children,
I suppose, went to England.

653
00:26:08,775 --> 00:26:11,010
Mhm?

654
00:26:11,010 --> 00:26:13,150
Then to the United
States and so forth.

655
00:26:13,150 --> 00:26:16,290
In the end you had
already, had the illegal

656
00:26:16,290 --> 00:26:20,325
Aliyah, Aliyah Bet,
through Italy, to Israel.

657
00:26:20,325 --> 00:26:20,910
To Palestine.

658
00:26:20,910 --> 00:26:24,960
No, those, in those
days, Palestine.

659
00:26:24,960 --> 00:26:26,160

You know, legally.

660
00:26:26,160 --> 00:26:29,550
But whoever, like we had
yeah, I had somebody,

661
00:26:29,550 --> 00:26:31,598
relatives in the United States.

662
00:26:31,598 --> 00:26:32,640
Naturally, I was waiting.

663
00:26:32,640 --> 00:26:34,920
We bided our time,
staying there.

664
00:26:34,920 --> 00:26:37,770
And just, that's
what the women did.

665
00:26:37,770 --> 00:26:42,360
There was nothing to do, as
far as employment or something

666
00:26:42,360 --> 00:26:42,860
like that.

667
00:26:42,860 --> 00:26:45,660
We're just sitting and
waiting till the whole thing,

668
00:26:45,660 --> 00:26:47,610
situation's going
to clear it up.

669
00:26:47,610 --> 00:26:53,310
Because don't forget, the
GIs started to go back.

670
00:26:53,310 --> 00:26:55,110
And we came here.

671

00:26:55,110 --> 00:27:01,920
And we came here in May
7, May 7, 1947, I think.

672
00:27:01,920 --> 00:27:02,940
You came by boat?

673
00:27:02,940 --> 00:27:03,690
Yeah.

674
00:27:03,690 --> 00:27:07,890
We came by boat, the
US Marine Marlin.

675
00:27:07,890 --> 00:27:09,745
They were the Kaiser--

676
00:27:09,745 --> 00:27:10,620
what do you call it--

677
00:27:10,620 --> 00:27:11,390
Liberty ships.

678
00:27:11,390 --> 00:27:12,030
Oh yeah, mhm.

679
00:27:12,030 --> 00:27:13,276
If you recall that.

680
00:27:13,276 --> 00:27:14,350
Sure, the shipbuilder.

681
00:27:14,350 --> 00:27:15,505
The Liberty ships.

682
00:27:15,505 --> 00:27:16,005
Yeah.

683
00:27:16,005 --> 00:27:16,588
Right, uh-huh.

684

00:27:16,588 --> 00:27:20,863
Now, friends of mine, one of my
friends, the one from the four

685
00:27:20,863 --> 00:27:22,780
which I later met over
here, a matter of fact,

686
00:27:22,780 --> 00:27:23,780
he lived in Springfield.

687
00:27:23,780 --> 00:27:25,350
He was a barber
with his partner,

688
00:27:25,350 --> 00:27:28,860
with the other guy, from
Detroit, of the four.

689
00:27:28,860 --> 00:27:32,520
He registered
before Pesach, '46.

690
00:27:32,520 --> 00:27:33,660
I registered a week later.

691
00:27:33,660 --> 00:27:34,493
It was after Pesach.

692
00:27:34,493 --> 00:27:37,710
I don't know what it was,
somehow, that I couldn't make

693
00:27:37,710 --> 00:27:39,480
it to Munich, to the consulate.

694
00:27:39,480 --> 00:27:41,605
It was a question of a week.

695
00:27:41,605 --> 00:27:45,330
And it was probably for
the whole year, thing

696

00:27:45,330 --> 00:27:48,860

to for coming, to come
here, to the United States.

697

00:27:48,860 --> 00:27:55,510

We came here in May 7, 1947.

698

00:27:55,510 --> 00:27:57,990

We came by the boat.

699

00:27:57,990 --> 00:28:02,780

And I had it very rough.

700

00:28:02,780 --> 00:28:07,320

The voyage was, for me, as
I said, I traveled by rail.

701

00:28:07,320 --> 00:28:13,240

As a matter of fact, when
we came to Bremerhaven,

702

00:28:13,240 --> 00:28:14,400

it was a funny thing.

703

00:28:14,400 --> 00:28:16,830

When we came to
Bremerhaven, the train,

704

00:28:16,830 --> 00:28:20,340

the track goes along the piers.

705

00:28:20,340 --> 00:28:23,310

You had the ships
tied up to the piers.

706

00:28:23,310 --> 00:28:26,670

And one time the
train slowed up.

707

00:28:26,670 --> 00:28:28,070

And it stopped for a while.

708

00:28:28,070 --> 00:28:31,710

It was right across a
boat, a ship, whatever

709

00:28:31,710 --> 00:28:33,090

you would call it, a ship.

710

00:28:33,090 --> 00:28:33,900

And I look at it.

711

00:28:33,900 --> 00:28:35,340

I said, such a small one?

712

00:28:35,340 --> 00:28:37,050

And this can travel
over the ocean?

713

00:28:37,050 --> 00:28:38,400

You know?

714

00:28:38,400 --> 00:28:41,160

And all of a sudden, the
train started to move.

715

00:28:41,160 --> 00:28:42,810

So I felt a little relief.

716

00:28:42,810 --> 00:28:44,760

I said, oh no.

717

00:28:44,760 --> 00:28:47,270

The fact was, when it
stopped, the one that came on

718

00:28:47,270 --> 00:28:50,190

was smaller than the
one that we stopped for.

719

00:28:50,190 --> 00:28:51,450

And you were very sick?

720

00:28:51,450 --> 00:28:52,260
Seasick?

721
00:28:52,260 --> 00:28:53,340
Seasick.

722
00:28:53,340 --> 00:28:54,600
We started to travel.

723
00:28:54,600 --> 00:28:58,735
And for about six, seven
hours, some of them

724
00:28:58,735 --> 00:28:59,610
were sick right away.

725
00:28:59,610 --> 00:29:02,520
As soon as they started
to move out of the port.

726
00:29:02,520 --> 00:29:03,360
And I wasn't.

727
00:29:03,360 --> 00:29:05,490
So I got a little cocky.

728
00:29:05,490 --> 00:29:07,890
When we came to the
Channel, in the Channel,

729
00:29:07,890 --> 00:29:11,640
between Germany and
England and France already,

730
00:29:11,640 --> 00:29:13,440
that was the rocky thing.

731
00:29:13,440 --> 00:29:14,760
Rough, mhm.

732
00:29:14,760 --> 00:29:16,710
I took a bed, a bunk.

733
00:29:16,710 --> 00:29:19,380
And I had a garbage pail by me.

734
00:29:19,380 --> 00:29:22,890
And I was just laying,
I just couldn't.

735
00:29:22,890 --> 00:29:24,390
I was out completely.

736
00:29:24,390 --> 00:29:27,540
Thank God, my
mother-in-law, deceased,

737
00:29:27,540 --> 00:29:30,170
should Rest in Peace,
my wife, they felt fine.

738
00:29:30,170 --> 00:29:31,170
How long was the voyage?

739
00:29:31,170 --> 00:29:31,620
Huh?

740
00:29:31,620 --> 00:29:32,120
How long?

741
00:29:32,120 --> 00:29:35,460
The voyage took us,
really, it was nine days.

742
00:29:35,460 --> 00:29:36,060
Yeah.

743
00:29:36,060 --> 00:29:36,560
Nine.

744
00:29:36,560 --> 00:29:38,922
Which, at that time,
it was very, very fast.

745

00:29:38,922 --> 00:29:39,630

It's a good trip.

746

00:29:39,630 --> 00:29:41,520

The weather was gorgeous.

747

00:29:41,520 --> 00:29:43,770

But I said, I went up on
a deck for a little while.

748

00:29:43,770 --> 00:29:44,820

I didn't see much of it.

749

00:29:44,820 --> 00:29:45,870

Came right down?

750

00:29:45,870 --> 00:29:46,410

[LAUGHTER]

751

00:29:46,410 --> 00:29:49,650

I just, she tried to bring
me orange juice or something.

752

00:29:49,650 --> 00:29:53,490

As soon I took a sip, double
went into the garbage can,

753

00:29:53,490 --> 00:29:55,200

as I said.

754

00:29:55,200 --> 00:29:58,590

Among the passengers,
there was there

755

00:29:58,590 --> 00:30:01,860

a lady, which I at
the time, she had

756

00:30:01,860 --> 00:30:04,380

a husband in the United States.

757

00:30:04,380 --> 00:30:07,950

She used to tell us her
husband is very rich.

758

00:30:07,950 --> 00:30:10,500

What happened was
somehow, he managed

759

00:30:10,500 --> 00:30:13,020

to go to the United
States, before the war.

760

00:30:13,020 --> 00:30:16,200

Her whatever, I suppose he was
going to bring her out later,

761

00:30:16,200 --> 00:30:17,910

whatever it was.

762

00:30:17,910 --> 00:30:18,660

She was stuck?

763

00:30:18,660 --> 00:30:19,890

She was stuck.

764

00:30:19,890 --> 00:30:21,360

But she lived through the war.

765

00:30:21,360 --> 00:30:26,620

And the husband, right away,
he found out that she is alive.

766

00:30:26,620 --> 00:30:28,230

He arranged for her.

767

00:30:28,230 --> 00:30:34,560

At the time, when we
came, because the planes,

768

00:30:34,560 --> 00:30:36,100

you couldn't go by plane yet.

769

00:30:36,100 --> 00:30:39,060

A short while later, the
ones who could afford

770

00:30:39,060 --> 00:30:40,800

could go by plane.

771

00:30:40,800 --> 00:30:43,860

But at the time, when
we came, it wasn't.

772

00:30:43,860 --> 00:30:47,790

But she was I mean,
really violently sick.

773

00:30:47,790 --> 00:30:50,010

She cursed her husband.

774

00:30:50,010 --> 00:30:52,260

Her husband, you know,
"Hitler didn't kill me

775

00:30:52,260 --> 00:30:54,750

and my husband wants me dead.

776

00:30:54,750 --> 00:30:55,860

He doesn't want me alive."

777

00:30:55,860 --> 00:30:57,855

Because that's a
terrible thing, she

778

00:30:57,855 --> 00:31:01,050

was so sick, that she blamed
everything on her husband.

779

00:31:01,050 --> 00:31:04,290

This is a kind of sickness,
as soon the boat tied up

780

00:31:04,290 --> 00:31:07,390

at the dock, all of a
sudden, you were fine.

781
00:31:07,390 --> 00:31:09,030
It turned out we came.

782
00:31:09,030 --> 00:31:12,550
And we happened to see the
husband was from Texas.

783
00:31:12,550 --> 00:31:13,950
Both of them were in oil.

784
00:31:13,950 --> 00:31:21,113
[LAUGHTER] He came with a
fur coat, with a limousine.

785
00:31:21,113 --> 00:31:21,780
We stayed there.

786
00:31:21,780 --> 00:31:22,480
We saw her.

787
00:31:22,480 --> 00:31:22,980
My goodness.

788
00:31:22,980 --> 00:31:24,460
And he embraced her, you know?

789
00:31:24,460 --> 00:31:27,600
[LAUGHTER] And during the
morning, she kept cursing him.

790
00:31:27,600 --> 00:31:30,160
Because it felt so bad.

791
00:31:30,160 --> 00:31:33,090
No, he meant bad, as
I said, during this.

792
00:31:33,090 --> 00:31:39,660
At the boat already, when we
came, I have a cousin of mine,

793

00:31:39,660 --> 00:31:45,210

from my aunt, the one who
sent us the papers, my cousin,

794

00:31:45,210 --> 00:31:50,010

they came to the boat to
see us, to pick us up.

795

00:31:50,010 --> 00:31:50,970

I was laughing.

796

00:31:50,970 --> 00:31:53,790

He came, he brought us.

797

00:31:53,790 --> 00:31:54,750

He came with his car.

798

00:31:54,750 --> 00:31:55,715

He had an old car.

799

00:31:55,715 --> 00:31:59,760

I remember, where one of
the windows was broken.

800

00:31:59,760 --> 00:32:02,460

He had a piece of
cardboard in it.

801

00:32:02,460 --> 00:32:05,480

And he gave us a tour
through the Bowery.

802

00:32:05,480 --> 00:32:06,230

We saw the Bowery.

803

00:32:06,230 --> 00:32:08,580

That was the first thing,
The impression of New York

804

00:32:08,580 --> 00:32:10,800

City, the Bowery with the bums.

805

00:32:10,800 --> 00:32:12,870
And we saw the littered streets.

806

00:32:12,870 --> 00:32:14,850
I said, this is
the United States?

807

00:32:14,850 --> 00:32:15,630
This is New York?

808

00:32:15,630 --> 00:32:16,800
Because we weren't used to.

809

00:32:16,800 --> 00:32:18,425
Europe, you weren't
used to this thing.

810

00:32:18,425 --> 00:32:23,160
These streets and
now we came to here.

811

00:32:23,160 --> 00:32:28,090
And my aunt, which is now in
a home, she's a sick woman,

812

00:32:28,090 --> 00:32:30,510
you know, it's in the old age.

813

00:32:30,510 --> 00:32:32,070
She took us in.

814

00:32:32,070 --> 00:32:36,300
And we stayed with her for
four weeks, in her own home.

815

00:32:36,300 --> 00:32:41,160
Till we started
to get on our own.

816

00:32:41,160 --> 00:32:44,490
My wife, she lived
on Bronx Park East.

817
00:32:44,490 --> 00:32:47,160
You know the White
Plains Road there?

818
00:32:47,160 --> 00:32:49,680
Right across from the park.

819
00:32:49,680 --> 00:32:53,670
And over there, on White
Plains Road, there was a shop.

820
00:32:53,670 --> 00:32:54,810
A dress shop.

821
00:32:54,810 --> 00:32:57,120
A manufacturing shop.

822
00:32:57,120 --> 00:33:01,350
And my wife, they got her
a job, to work in the shop.

823
00:33:01,350 --> 00:33:07,320
She worked 40 hours a week,
for \$0.55 an hour, made \$22.

824
00:33:07,320 --> 00:33:10,870
For me, for quite a
while, because those days

825
00:33:10,870 --> 00:33:12,240
it was very rough to get a job.

826
00:33:12,240 --> 00:33:14,010
Because all the GIs
were coming home.

827
00:33:14,010 --> 00:33:14,580
Right.

828
00:33:14,580 --> 00:33:16,490
And naturally, they

had preference.

829
00:33:16,490 --> 00:33:16,990
Sure.

830
00:33:16,990 --> 00:33:18,525
The economy started to give.

831
00:33:18,525 --> 00:33:21,600
But you see, any job, was
very hard to get a job.

832
00:33:21,600 --> 00:33:26,130
Finally, about five or six
weeks later, I was able.

833
00:33:26,130 --> 00:33:31,520
I landed a job with my
uncle, who's also deceased.

834
00:33:31,520 --> 00:33:36,947
A friend of his, some kind
of a distant [NON-ENGLISH],,

835
00:33:36,947 --> 00:33:41,175
he opened up a
laundromat in Brooklyn.

836
00:33:41,175 --> 00:33:43,050
In the Atlantic area,
Reid Avenue, over there

837
00:33:43,050 --> 00:33:44,550
in those days.

838
00:33:44,550 --> 00:33:50,018
And I got a job there,
to work as an attendant.

839
00:33:50,018 --> 00:33:51,935
So did you commute from
the Bronx to Brooklyn?

840

00:33:51,935 --> 00:33:54,160

From the Bronx to Brooklyn.

841

00:33:54,160 --> 00:33:55,260

On the subway?

842

00:33:55,260 --> 00:33:57,000

He lived also, in the Bronx.

843

00:33:57,000 --> 00:34:00,060

So he used to pick me
up and take me back.

844

00:34:00,060 --> 00:34:06,150

It was with a car, it was 1 hour
and 3/4, one way or the other.

845

00:34:06,150 --> 00:34:07,290

I started to work.

846

00:34:07,290 --> 00:34:10,350

Just those days, to get a job
it was really, it was something,

847

00:34:10,350 --> 00:34:12,179

you know?

848

00:34:12,179 --> 00:34:14,489

And I worked.

849

00:34:14,489 --> 00:34:18,210

He promised me, he told me he's
going to give me \$30 a week.

850

00:34:18,210 --> 00:34:20,489

But it turned out I
was such a good worker

851

00:34:20,489 --> 00:34:22,290

that he gave me \$32 a week.

852

00:34:22,290 --> 00:34:26,880
[LAUGHTER] We worked
80 hours a week.

853
00:34:26,880 --> 00:34:29,550
the. laundromat business, at
that time, was the beginning.

854
00:34:29,550 --> 00:34:32,597
I don't know if you
recall but in those days,

855
00:34:32,597 --> 00:34:34,139
in order to get a
piece of machinery,

856
00:34:34,139 --> 00:34:37,830
whether a washing
machine or a car,

857
00:34:37,830 --> 00:34:41,159
you had to be on a list,
wait four, five, six months,

858
00:34:41,159 --> 00:34:42,900
if you recall.

859
00:34:42,900 --> 00:34:44,568
The production wasn't, you know?

860
00:34:44,568 --> 00:34:46,110
And if you wanted
it faster, you have

861
00:34:46,110 --> 00:34:48,780
to put money under the
table in order to get it,

862
00:34:48,780 --> 00:34:49,933
to get preference.

863
00:34:49,933 --> 00:34:51,600
You couldn't even get

a phone unless you

864

00:34:51,600 --> 00:34:56,052

had a priority from a doctor
that you need it for health

865

00:34:56,052 --> 00:34:56,969

reasons, and all that.

866

00:34:56,969 --> 00:34:58,480

It was very hard to get.

867

00:34:58,480 --> 00:35:03,810

What do you recall was the most
difficult thing in America,

868

00:35:03,810 --> 00:35:04,860

to get used to?

869

00:35:04,860 --> 00:35:08,850

Was there any startling
difference in our culture,

870

00:35:08,850 --> 00:35:11,820

the way we do things here?

871

00:35:11,820 --> 00:35:13,350

For me, it wasn't.

872

00:35:13,350 --> 00:35:15,270

I adapted myself.

873

00:35:15,270 --> 00:35:18,780

I adapted myself
very easily into it.

874

00:35:18,780 --> 00:35:22,650

I didn't find any difficulties.

875

00:35:22,650 --> 00:35:23,820

No culture shock?

876

00:35:23,820 --> 00:35:25,320

No, I had no culture shock.

877

00:35:25,320 --> 00:35:28,320

Because while I was in
the PX, while I worked

878

00:35:28,320 --> 00:35:31,680

with the American
Army, I was able,

879

00:35:31,680 --> 00:35:36,330

they had these pocketbooks,
the long pocketbooks.

880

00:35:36,330 --> 00:35:39,550

Always, we, in the family,
we are very avid readers.

881

00:35:39,550 --> 00:35:40,050

Children.

882

00:35:40,050 --> 00:35:40,950

You mean the paperbacks?

883

00:35:40,950 --> 00:35:41,617

Paperbacks, yes.

884

00:35:41,617 --> 00:35:42,240

Yeah, uh-huh?

885

00:35:42,240 --> 00:35:43,920

I read a lot of books.

886

00:35:43,920 --> 00:35:46,380

We read a lot of the papers.

887

00:35:46,380 --> 00:35:47,280

And you know?

888

00:35:47,280 --> 00:35:48,720

So you were really acquainted.

889

00:35:48,720 --> 00:35:50,160

I got an idea.

890

00:35:50,160 --> 00:35:56,740

And I mingled with the GIs, in
the hospital, the 58th field

891

00:35:56,740 --> 00:35:57,430

hospital.

892

00:35:57,430 --> 00:36:01,690

So it was in the mess hall.

893

00:36:01,690 --> 00:36:04,450

You see, I knew, more or less.

894

00:36:04,450 --> 00:36:07,450

I knew about the orange juice
in the morning, those things.

895

00:36:07,450 --> 00:36:10,330

896

00:36:10,330 --> 00:36:11,830

I didn't have any culture shock.

897

00:36:11,830 --> 00:36:16,390

really, I adapted myself
quite easily over here.

898

00:36:16,390 --> 00:36:18,820

Then, with the people, I
worked in the laundromat.

899

00:36:18,820 --> 00:36:21,610

You dealt with customers
and everything.

900

00:36:21,610 --> 00:36:24,340

And little by little,

I got the slang.

901
00:36:24,340 --> 00:36:28,450
So my speech was
already, it wasn't there.

902
00:36:28,450 --> 00:36:30,580
They told me, if
you want to get it,

903
00:36:30,580 --> 00:36:31,987
put a hot potato in your mouth.

904
00:36:31,987 --> 00:36:33,070
And that's how you say it.

905
00:36:33,070 --> 00:36:34,335
Make believe like this.

906
00:36:34,335 --> 00:36:37,560
[LAUGHTER] So it was,
I adapted myself.

907
00:36:37,560 --> 00:36:41,170
Mr. Einhorn, have you been
back to any part of Europe,

908
00:36:41,170 --> 00:36:42,290
since you came here?

909
00:36:42,290 --> 00:36:42,790
No.

910
00:36:42,790 --> 00:36:49,040
As a matter of fact,
while we went to Germany,

911
00:36:49,040 --> 00:36:52,240
a lot of my friends used
to go back to Poland.

912
00:36:52,240 --> 00:36:53,530

People, people left.

913

00:36:53,530 --> 00:36:59,080

But I know I, myself, we buried
some gold, some treasure.

914

00:36:59,080 --> 00:37:01,240

You had rings and
other, some things.

915

00:37:01,240 --> 00:37:02,920

I buried some.

916

00:37:02,920 --> 00:37:05,920

And I knew at the time,
I mean, I was pretty sure

917

00:37:05,920 --> 00:37:09,430

that it was still there.

918

00:37:09,430 --> 00:37:15,320

But also, I'm sure you know that
those days in the beginning,

919

00:37:15,320 --> 00:37:19,285

the AK, the AK, the Polish--

920

00:37:19,285 --> 00:37:20,910

The Polish Underground Army.

921

00:37:20,910 --> 00:37:23,170

The Polish/ Underground Army.

922

00:37:23,170 --> 00:37:27,082

I mean, like I told you before,
the antisemitism was always,

923

00:37:27,082 --> 00:37:28,540

they used to, if
people went there,

924

00:37:28,540 --> 00:37:32,790

and they used to take off
the train and shoot them.

925
00:37:32,790 --> 00:37:36,370
And then if you went
into your hometown,

926
00:37:36,370 --> 00:37:39,100
although you weren't
sure with your life.

927
00:37:39,100 --> 00:37:42,040
Going through all this,
going through all the trials

928
00:37:42,040 --> 00:37:47,140
and tribulations,
because as a youngster

929
00:37:47,140 --> 00:37:50,270
we dealt a little
bit in smuggling.

930
00:37:50,270 --> 00:37:51,980
Life was very hard.

931
00:37:51,980 --> 00:37:54,015
So my father, we
lived near the border.

932
00:37:54,015 --> 00:37:55,390
He used to do a
little smuggling.

933
00:37:55,390 --> 00:37:58,030
You know, black market.

934
00:37:58,030 --> 00:38:02,740
I lived with fear, with the
police, with detectives.

935
00:38:02,740 --> 00:38:06,040
And to me, I always

said one thing.

936

00:38:06,040 --> 00:38:11,620

I'll eat a dry piece of bread
and water, I'll have enough.

937

00:38:11,620 --> 00:38:14,900

Instead, I don't want to look
behind me and to be afraid.

938

00:38:14,900 --> 00:38:18,700

I just, it was something
I went through all that,

939

00:38:18,700 --> 00:38:19,810

I didn't want it.

940

00:38:19,810 --> 00:38:21,153

I just couldn't go.

941

00:38:21,153 --> 00:38:22,820

You know, illegal
things, I didn't want.

942

00:38:22,820 --> 00:38:28,060

It was very, I'll forgo the
luxury, whatever it takes,

943

00:38:28,060 --> 00:38:29,960

in order to better myself.

944

00:38:29,960 --> 00:38:31,610

But I didn't want it.

945

00:38:31,610 --> 00:38:33,530

I'd rather live a simple life.

946

00:38:33,530 --> 00:38:34,540

I just thought it'd be--

947

00:38:34,540 --> 00:38:36,930

948
00:38:36,930 --> 00:38:37,886
It's finished?

949
00:38:37,886 --> 00:38:40,280
Keep talking, go ahead.

950
00:38:40,280 --> 00:38:42,230
So that was my motto.

951
00:38:42,230 --> 00:38:44,000
I didn't want to go back.

952
00:38:44,000 --> 00:38:47,420
And I heard of
cases where people,

953
00:38:47,420 --> 00:38:49,460
they lost their lives,
friends of ours.

954
00:38:49,460 --> 00:38:50,590
When they returned?

955
00:38:50,590 --> 00:38:51,090
Really?

956
00:38:51,090 --> 00:38:52,007
Some of them returned.

957
00:38:52,007 --> 00:38:54,530
And they told us the stories.

958
00:38:54,530 --> 00:38:56,230
Then they had the
pogrom in Kielce.

959
00:38:56,230 --> 00:38:56,730
Yes, surely.

960
00:38:56,730 --> 00:38:58,370

Which was an official
thing over there.

961
00:38:58,370 --> 00:38:59,360
Mhm, very

962
00:38:59,360 --> 00:39:00,770
That was that.

963
00:39:00,770 --> 00:39:05,420
Then we had a case
that I know of.

964
00:39:05,420 --> 00:39:09,620
There was a woman in Munich.

965
00:39:09,620 --> 00:39:12,400
She lived in Munich.

966
00:39:12,400 --> 00:39:13,190
The same thing.

967
00:39:13,190 --> 00:39:14,870
People went there
for whatever they

968
00:39:14,870 --> 00:39:19,310
had left behind, whether they
had properties and all that.

969
00:39:19,310 --> 00:39:22,470
And this particular thing
went into my engraved itself

970
00:39:22,470 --> 00:39:23,810
into my mind.

971
00:39:23,810 --> 00:39:25,820
The woman went back to Poland.

972
00:39:25,820 --> 00:39:27,650
She had dollars.

973
00:39:27,650 --> 00:39:29,420
She had that American money.

974
00:39:29,420 --> 00:39:33,170
She brought it back to
Germany, the American dollars.

975
00:39:33,170 --> 00:39:37,070
What happened was,
people, we dealt,

976
00:39:37,070 --> 00:39:39,240
people that dealt in scripts.

977
00:39:39,240 --> 00:39:40,490
There was a black market.

978
00:39:40,490 --> 00:39:43,370
We used to buy them
and exchange them.

979
00:39:43,370 --> 00:39:47,300
What happened was, let's
say, in the beginning,

980
00:39:47,300 --> 00:39:51,300
the GIs were able
to send back money.

981
00:39:51,300 --> 00:39:55,550
In other words, they put out the
scripts over there in Germany.

982
00:39:55,550 --> 00:39:59,630
And they were getting the
dollars back, and over here.

983
00:39:59,630 --> 00:40:02,990
So there was later
on, they, already they

984

00:40:02,990 --> 00:40:04,580
tightened up the loss.

985
00:40:04,580 --> 00:40:11,090
But what happened is, there
was a lot of counterfeit,

986
00:40:11,090 --> 00:40:14,030
during the thing,
during my period, where

987
00:40:14,030 --> 00:40:17,720
they exchange about two
or three times overnight,

988
00:40:17,720 --> 00:40:18,680
they exchange it.

989
00:40:18,680 --> 00:40:19,940
There was so much counterfeit.

990
00:40:19,940 --> 00:40:24,560
Especially, they
told us, the Russia.

991
00:40:24,560 --> 00:40:27,800
The Russian occupation
forces in over there,

992
00:40:27,800 --> 00:40:31,740
they were very big in
counterfeiting the monies.

993
00:40:31,740 --> 00:40:35,930
In other words, the Allies knew
that say, they paid off so much

994
00:40:35,930 --> 00:40:37,280
for the things.

995
00:40:37,280 --> 00:40:41,000
And the scripts, they were
getting it back twice,

996
00:40:41,000 --> 00:40:42,534
twice what was
officially printed.

997
00:40:42,534 --> 00:40:44,367
So they knew this, some
hanky pank going on.

998
00:40:44,367 --> 00:40:45,301
[LAUGHTER]

999
00:40:45,301 --> 00:40:48,140
What I'm trying to
bring out is this.

1000
00:40:48,140 --> 00:40:51,920
A couple of times that happened,
the way they were working it,

1001
00:40:51,920 --> 00:40:53,595
like well, they knew,
it wasn't secret

1002
00:40:53,595 --> 00:40:55,220
when they're going
to change the money.

1003
00:40:55,220 --> 00:40:56,960
So they used to
quarantine these soldiers

1004
00:40:56,960 --> 00:40:59,600
and say overnight,
whatever you have on you,

1005
00:40:59,600 --> 00:41:01,700
whatever it is, you're
given the scripts.

1006
00:41:01,700 --> 00:41:03,860
You got a receipt,
yes, the old ones.

1007

00:41:03,860 --> 00:41:07,120

And in the money, whatever
they got, pick the new ones.

1008

00:41:07,120 --> 00:41:10,290

So a lot of people, that's
where they lost money.

1009

00:41:10,290 --> 00:41:15,980

I, myself, I had accumulated
over \$2,000 in script money,

1010

00:41:15,980 --> 00:41:18,560

that I gave my
mother-in-law to hold.

1011

00:41:18,560 --> 00:41:24,260

Because we went, I think about a
week before, we went to Munich.

1012

00:41:24,260 --> 00:41:27,200

They had a holding
place for the people

1013

00:41:27,200 --> 00:41:29,540

that were going to the
consulate and getting

1014

00:41:29,540 --> 00:41:31,520

the papers to be shipped out.

1015

00:41:31,520 --> 00:41:34,160

They were held, they took
us from the Feldafing.

1016

00:41:34,160 --> 00:41:36,980

And then it was at
a holding place,

1017

00:41:36,980 --> 00:41:40,010

prior to a week, the money
I had with my mother-in-law,

1018
00:41:40,010 --> 00:41:42,560
in Feldafing.

1019
00:41:42,560 --> 00:41:45,450
During that time,
during the time,

1020
00:41:45,450 --> 00:41:49,550
the money was also saw that
my money wasn't worth anything

1021
00:41:49,550 --> 00:41:50,630
anymore.

1022
00:41:50,630 --> 00:41:52,110
It didn't bother me a bit.

1023
00:41:52,110 --> 00:41:55,610
I knew here, I'm going
to the United States.

1024
00:41:55,610 --> 00:41:57,550
So I didn't have anything.

1025
00:41:57,550 --> 00:42:02,863
Whatever I was born with, to
me, I look, I was newborn.

1026
00:42:02,863 --> 00:42:04,280
So I'm going to
the United States.

1027
00:42:04,280 --> 00:42:06,210
All the ills are
going to be cured.

1028
00:42:06,210 --> 00:42:08,360
So really, it didn't matter.

1029
00:42:08,360 --> 00:42:10,130
But this woman who

went back, yes?

1030
00:42:10,130 --> 00:42:10,630
Yeah.

1031
00:42:10,630 --> 00:42:11,130
This.

1032
00:42:11,130 --> 00:42:13,220
So going back to the
same thing, the woman

1033
00:42:13,220 --> 00:42:16,400
she brought some \$10,000.

1034
00:42:16,400 --> 00:42:20,360
Also, she bought scripts,
in order to make more.

1035
00:42:20,360 --> 00:42:22,670
And she fell into the trap.

1036
00:42:22,670 --> 00:42:24,740
And she went on the
fifth floor at a hotel

1037
00:42:24,740 --> 00:42:27,710
and she committed suicide.

1038
00:42:27,710 --> 00:42:29,120
And I look at myself.

1039
00:42:29,120 --> 00:42:29,870
I talk to my wife.

1040
00:42:29,870 --> 00:42:34,010
I said, I'm trying to, how
could you rationalize it?

1041
00:42:34,010 --> 00:42:37,190
Here, you go through,
you go through that.

1042
00:42:37,190 --> 00:42:37,940
You were born.

1043
00:42:37,940 --> 00:42:39,470
You didn't have anything.

1044
00:42:39,470 --> 00:42:41,150
To go and kill
yourself over that?

1045
00:42:41,150 --> 00:42:41,960
It's money.

1046
00:42:41,960 --> 00:42:43,830
You'll make it back.

1047
00:42:43,830 --> 00:42:45,740
So that's why I say
all those things,

1048
00:42:45,740 --> 00:42:48,170
they left a very deep
impression in me.

1049
00:42:48,170 --> 00:42:49,700
I just couldn't fathom it.

1050
00:42:49,700 --> 00:42:52,380
I mean, that's the
way I look at it.

1051
00:42:52,380 --> 00:42:54,200
It wasn't the most
important thing for me.

1052
00:42:54,200 --> 00:42:55,100
Not a cent.

1053
00:42:55,100 --> 00:42:56,690
I lost it, it didn't bother me.

1054

00:42:56,690 --> 00:42:57,830

But it didn't matter to me.

1055

00:42:57,830 --> 00:43:00,800

Why do you suppose
that you, particularly,

1056

00:43:00,800 --> 00:43:02,340

were able to survive.

1057

00:43:02,340 --> 00:43:07,940

an so many others weren't

1058

00:43:07,940 --> 00:43:10,460

Again, it's my own opinion.

1059

00:43:10,460 --> 00:43:13,830

To say there was a formula, to
say that there was a certain

1060

00:43:13,830 --> 00:43:17,010

formula, I cannot see at all.

1061

00:43:17,010 --> 00:43:20,560

It was just like
you say, beshert.

1062

00:43:20,560 --> 00:43:22,190

Whether it was luck,
beshert, whatever.

1063

00:43:22,190 --> 00:43:31,070

I mean, I believe in a divine
being that watched over us.

1064

00:43:31,070 --> 00:43:31,760

That's the only.

1065

00:43:31,760 --> 00:43:35,450

There was no formula
that you could say,

1066

00:43:35,450 --> 00:43:40,770

if I'm going to do this

I'll be able to survive.

1067

00:43:40,770 --> 00:43:44,690

I mean, I mentioned how

you were able to manipulate

1068

00:43:44,690 --> 00:43:45,680

while you were there.

1069

00:43:45,680 --> 00:43:48,500

You tried to do certain things.

1070

00:43:48,500 --> 00:43:52,610

People, in the camps,

people were stealing.

1071

00:43:52,610 --> 00:43:54,380

They was stealing a

couple of potatoes.

1072

00:43:54,380 --> 00:43:58,970

At the risk of being maimed.

1073

00:43:58,970 --> 00:44:03,050

But the food, to get, to fill

up your stomach, was above it.

1074

00:44:03,050 --> 00:44:04,130

You were risking.

1075

00:44:04,130 --> 00:44:05,270

And we did it.

1076

00:44:05,270 --> 00:44:06,530

We got caught.

1077

00:44:06,530 --> 00:44:08,780

We got beat.

1078

00:44:08,780 --> 00:44:11,420
But in the meantime,
if you didn't

1079
00:44:11,420 --> 00:44:16,160
get caught, the couple potatoes
that you stole, it helped.

1080
00:44:16,160 --> 00:44:19,820
Did you believe that you
would survive, in fact?

1081
00:44:19,820 --> 00:44:20,610
Did I believe?

1082
00:44:20,610 --> 00:44:22,490
Yes.

1083
00:44:22,490 --> 00:44:24,800
My motto was, all
the time, I mean,

1084
00:44:24,800 --> 00:44:29,360
in myself, I kept saying to
me, whole time I kept saying,

1085
00:44:29,360 --> 00:44:30,890
I was talking to God.

1086
00:44:30,890 --> 00:44:36,020
I said, God, I'll
accept the punishment.

1087
00:44:36,020 --> 00:44:38,390
Whatever you've got to
dish out, I'll accept it.

1088
00:44:38,390 --> 00:44:39,080
I'll carry it.

1089
00:44:39,080 --> 00:44:40,310
I'll take it.

1090

00:44:40,310 --> 00:44:44,750

But I prayed, please,
let me survive.

1091

00:44:44,750 --> 00:44:46,700

I said I was willing to suffer.

1092

00:44:46,700 --> 00:44:48,320

I was willing to do it.

1093

00:44:48,320 --> 00:44:50,990

And I took it with a grain.

1094

00:44:50,990 --> 00:44:55,550

I didn't try to run
against the forces.

1095

00:44:55,550 --> 00:44:59,000

As much as I could, I leaned.

1096

00:44:59,000 --> 00:45:00,630

If they pushed, I leaned.

1097

00:45:00,630 --> 00:45:02,270

You were willing to
bend with the wind?

1098

00:45:02,270 --> 00:45:03,980

I was willing to bend.

1099

00:45:03,980 --> 00:45:05,720

I tried.

1100

00:45:05,720 --> 00:45:09,080

What I tried to do,
is I tried to be I

1101

00:45:09,080 --> 00:45:12,020

should be healthy
physically, as much as I can.

1102

00:45:12,020 --> 00:45:13,580

I tried to watch
myself, I shouldn't

1103

00:45:13,580 --> 00:45:14,750

get injured or something.

1104

00:45:14,750 --> 00:45:17,750

1105

00:45:17,750 --> 00:45:20,390

I shouldn't have to be in
what they called the revier,

1106

00:45:20,390 --> 00:45:21,350

you know, the sick bay.

1107

00:45:21,350 --> 00:45:24,060

Because the selections
were coming.

1108

00:45:24,060 --> 00:45:25,550

You didn't know when or where.

1109

00:45:25,550 --> 00:45:31,620

So I tried to do that, in order
I should be able to survive.

1110

00:45:31,620 --> 00:45:38,590

I'll propose this, I'll
tell you that, take the kids

1111

00:45:38,590 --> 00:45:41,110

from the background
that we came,

1112

00:45:41,110 --> 00:45:44,140

we were kids, cheder
boys, schoolkids.

1113

00:45:44,140 --> 00:45:46,960

I mean, you went to school.

1114

00:45:46,960 --> 00:45:48,970

You went to cheder.

1115

00:45:48,970 --> 00:45:52,000

You weren't exposed
to physical things.

1116

00:45:52,000 --> 00:45:54,760

I mean, as youngsters.

1117

00:45:54,760 --> 00:45:59,530

What we performed, work like
in the Skarzysko community,

1118

00:45:59,530 --> 00:46:01,240

the munitions factory.

1119

00:46:01,240 --> 00:46:05,020

Or even Kraków, by loading
and unloading the sand.

1120

00:46:05,020 --> 00:46:06,620

Coal.

1121

00:46:06,620 --> 00:46:10,870

Coal, I'll give you
a graphic example.

1122

00:46:10,870 --> 00:46:12,340

Over here everything
is machinery.

1123

00:46:12,340 --> 00:46:14,548

You know, you lift, everything.
everything over there

1124

00:46:14,548 --> 00:46:15,280

is manual.

1125

00:46:15,280 --> 00:46:18,940

But you open up a
boxcar, coal, in order

1126
00:46:18,940 --> 00:46:21,820
to start, till you
start, till it's sand,

1127
00:46:21,820 --> 00:46:24,220
you dig your shovel into
it, yes, you push it in.

1128
00:46:24,220 --> 00:46:25,000
It gives.

1129
00:46:25,000 --> 00:46:26,620
You could take a sand.

1130
00:46:26,620 --> 00:46:28,510
The sand, it's pliable.

1131
00:46:28,510 --> 00:46:29,680
Coal is hard.

1132
00:46:29,680 --> 00:46:30,400
How do you start?

1133
00:46:30,400 --> 00:46:33,040
How do you take a shovel
and push into coal?

1134
00:46:33,040 --> 00:46:36,340
Later on, we learned,
you learned tricks.

1135
00:46:36,340 --> 00:46:37,240
You started to go.

1136
00:46:37,240 --> 00:46:40,330
I'll give you up, you started to
go as far, as much as you can,

1137
00:46:40,330 --> 00:46:41,890
to the bottom.

1138

00:46:41,890 --> 00:46:44,030

Once the bottom was flat.

1139

00:46:44,030 --> 00:46:48,190

So you had already a base,
where you pushed with a shovel.

1140

00:46:48,190 --> 00:46:50,080

And you had, already,
it was easier.

1141

00:46:50,080 --> 00:46:54,050

Those things, you
learned by common sense.

1142

00:46:54,050 --> 00:46:54,890

By experience, sure.

1143

00:46:54,890 --> 00:46:56,057

But as I said, we were kids.

1144

00:46:56,057 --> 00:46:59,770

I mean, we were coal
shovelers or sand shovelers.

1145

00:46:59,770 --> 00:47:07,000

And when it came, if they
would have let us do things,

1146

00:47:07,000 --> 00:47:10,870

let's say to lift something,
to use a fulcrum, a stick,

1147

00:47:10,870 --> 00:47:14,470

to use it, it should be
able to make it easy.

1148

00:47:14,470 --> 00:47:15,340

that much, you know.

1149

00:47:15,340 --> 00:47:18,028

If you take a big stick

and you use the small end,

1150
00:47:18,028 --> 00:47:18,820
it helps you do it.

1151
00:47:18,820 --> 00:47:21,100
It's like making
bricks without straw.

1152
00:47:21,100 --> 00:47:24,097
it was exactly
whatever they could.

1153
00:47:24,097 --> 00:47:25,180
Whatever we could make it.

1154
00:47:25,180 --> 00:47:25,680
No.

1155
00:47:25,680 --> 00:47:27,590
They wanted to do
it the hard way.

1156
00:47:27,590 --> 00:47:31,550
not only this, you had to
make norms, more than norms.

1157
00:47:31,550 --> 00:47:34,630
If you showed them today
that you can do two carloads,

1158
00:47:34,630 --> 00:47:36,010
next day they wanted tree.

1159
00:47:36,010 --> 00:47:39,610

1160
00:47:39,610 --> 00:47:42,180
It wasn't a question that
they wanted the work done.

1161
00:47:42,180 --> 00:47:44,230

It was a question to--

1162
00:47:44,230 --> 00:47:46,060
Psychologically destroy.

1163
00:47:46,060 --> 00:47:48,160
To destroy our will.

1164
00:47:48,160 --> 00:47:49,180
Slave labor, right.

1165
00:47:49,180 --> 00:47:50,860
Slave labor.

1166
00:47:50,860 --> 00:47:51,730
Not only this.

1167
00:47:51,730 --> 00:47:57,640
They tried to degrade us,
mentally and physically.

1168
00:47:57,640 --> 00:47:59,870
And sometimes, if
you do it mentally,

1169
00:47:59,870 --> 00:48:03,010
you do worse than
you do physically.

1170
00:48:03,010 --> 00:48:06,820
Because one thing
I learned, and I'm

1171
00:48:06,820 --> 00:48:12,820
sure people will corroborate,
human beings, given the right--

1172
00:48:12,820 --> 00:48:15,610
I mean, I'm talking about
the right, I say the wrong,

1173
00:48:15,610 --> 00:48:20,130

I mean the wrong circumstances
and the wrong places,

1174
00:48:20,130 --> 00:48:23,910
because you become
worse than an animal.

1175
00:48:23,910 --> 00:48:26,170
In order to, for
self survival, you

1176
00:48:26,170 --> 00:48:28,260
become worse than an animal.

1177
00:48:28,260 --> 00:48:31,000
I'm sure you read the
story several years ago,

1178
00:48:31,000 --> 00:48:33,970
when a plane fell down in
the Andes or something?

1179
00:48:33,970 --> 00:48:35,310
Yes, cannibalism.

1180
00:48:35,310 --> 00:48:36,410
Cannibalism.

1181
00:48:36,410 --> 00:48:37,480
Right.

1182
00:48:37,480 --> 00:48:40,850
It says in the sayings of our
fathers, the [NON-ENGLISH],,

1183
00:48:40,850 --> 00:48:44,470
it says, you shouldn't judge
the other party unless you were

1184
00:48:44,470 --> 00:48:47,647
in the same circumstances and
you handled yourself different.

1185

00:48:47,647 --> 00:48:49,480

Because then you can
chastise the other way.

1186

00:48:49,480 --> 00:48:51,220

That's the way it is.

1187

00:48:51,220 --> 00:48:54,790

Because what we went
through, the dehumanizing

1188

00:48:54,790 --> 00:48:57,100

and the physical
breakdown and everything,

1189

00:48:57,100 --> 00:48:59,950

it's beyond description.

1190

00:48:59,950 --> 00:49:01,300

It's beyond belief.

1191

00:49:01,300 --> 00:49:05,540

And if you look at it, if
you take it step by step,

1192

00:49:05,540 --> 00:49:08,830

you see it was a systematic,
it was figured out.

1193

00:49:08,830 --> 00:49:10,060

Planned.

1194

00:49:10,060 --> 00:49:13,420

Planned by their
psychologists, whatever it was.

1195

00:49:13,420 --> 00:49:15,760

It was a systematic plan.

1196

00:49:15,760 --> 00:49:19,810

It wasn't just the
run-of-the-mill doing it.

1197
00:49:19,810 --> 00:49:23,020
Because the worst thing that
you could do to a human being,

1198
00:49:23,020 --> 00:49:26,900
even if you give a human being
to do, if you have a goal,

1199
00:49:26,900 --> 00:49:28,930
you've got to unload
too, too, too long.

1200
00:49:28,930 --> 00:49:32,470
It's above your means,
you work some, towards it.

1201
00:49:32,470 --> 00:49:37,060
If they tell you to take a stone
from here, put it over there,

1202
00:49:37,060 --> 00:49:40,720
from there, put it over
there, without any aim,

1203
00:49:40,720 --> 00:49:43,960
without anything, this
breaks you down completely.

1204
00:49:43,960 --> 00:49:47,290
Because then, you know, there's
nothing to look forward to.

1205
00:49:47,290 --> 00:49:50,680
Yet, to look at and
to listen to you,

1206
00:49:50,680 --> 00:49:53,440
you've not only survived
in the physical sense.

1207
00:49:53,440 --> 00:49:58,120
But you are such an

emotionally-together kind

1208
00:49:58,120 --> 00:49:58,840
of person.

1209
00:49:58,840 --> 00:50:02,620
And yet, it's a paradox.

1210
00:50:02,620 --> 00:50:06,040
And I don't say this because
I'm trying to flatter you here,

1211
00:50:06,040 --> 00:50:06,790
obviously.

1212
00:50:06,790 --> 00:50:11,230
No, as far as saying,
I'll tell you what it is.

1213
00:50:11,230 --> 00:50:12,730
And this is, in a
way, I don't know.

1214
00:50:12,730 --> 00:50:14,230
Maybe, in a way,
it's a sickness too.

1215
00:50:14,230 --> 00:50:14,772
I don't know.

1216
00:50:14,772 --> 00:50:19,540
It's for the specialists
now, to ponder about.

1217
00:50:19,540 --> 00:50:25,210
But my motto was always that
it was a question of survival.

1218
00:50:25,210 --> 00:50:26,742
Yeah.

1219
00:50:26,742 --> 00:50:32,380

What I was, when I came
to a point or something

1220
00:50:32,380 --> 00:50:35,290
that I had to do, I always
looked at the logical thing,

1221
00:50:35,290 --> 00:50:37,970
and what am I going
to accomplish?

1222
00:50:37,970 --> 00:50:40,400
The same thing,
people are emotional.

1223
00:50:40,400 --> 00:50:42,610
People are sick
today, when they see.

1224
00:50:42,610 --> 00:50:45,260
I'm talking about
our kind, when they

1225
00:50:45,260 --> 00:50:47,540
see it and they break down.

1226
00:50:47,540 --> 00:50:49,190
Even when they see
pictures today,

1227
00:50:49,190 --> 00:50:51,800
of this, they break
down. it brings emotion.

1228
00:50:51,800 --> 00:50:53,900
That's one thing I learned.

1229
00:50:53,900 --> 00:50:59,210
In order for me to survive, and
not to go meshuggah, really,

1230
00:50:59,210 --> 00:51:02,810
not to go into a mental

house, I had to keep my wits.

1231

00:51:02,810 --> 00:51:08,280

And today, to me, it's when it comes, I'll give an example.

1232

00:51:08,280 --> 00:51:11,300

I could go to a movie or I could go see a show where

1233

00:51:11,300 --> 00:51:12,590

it's a sob story, you know?

1234

00:51:12,590 --> 00:51:14,410

Mhm.

1235

00:51:14,410 --> 00:51:18,260

I'll well up inside, where you get your throat, and all that.

1236

00:51:18,260 --> 00:51:24,140

When it comes to the Holocaust, the Holocaust,

1237

00:51:24,140 --> 00:51:26,900

or if I see a tragedy a thing, automatic,

1238

00:51:26,900 --> 00:51:29,270

I become like a stone.

1239

00:51:29,270 --> 00:51:30,950

I have no feelings.

1240

00:51:30,950 --> 00:51:33,380

Which in a way, it's a sickness.

1241

00:51:33,380 --> 00:51:34,535

Well, it's a blessing too.

1242

00:51:34,535 --> 00:51:34,790

Huh?

1243
00:51:34,790 --> 00:51:36,170
It might have been a blessing.

1244
00:51:36,170 --> 00:51:38,120
In a way, it was a blessing.

1245
00:51:38,120 --> 00:51:42,700
But I learned, it was
for self survival.

1246
00:51:42,700 --> 00:51:44,608
To me, I looked at it,
I cannot deal with it.

1247
00:51:44,608 --> 00:51:46,025
Because otherwise
I'll fall apart.

1248
00:51:46,025 --> 00:51:50,900
But sometimes people find,
in unreal situations,

1249
00:51:50,900 --> 00:51:53,930
like a movie or a soap opera
or something like that,

1250
00:51:53,930 --> 00:51:58,910
a kind of catharsis for
what they aren't necessarily

1251
00:51:58,910 --> 00:52:01,160
able to face in real life.

1252
00:52:01,160 --> 00:52:05,340
If you look at the situation in
a film, or something like that,

1253
00:52:05,340 --> 00:52:08,450
it's a way of releasing the
emotion that you really feel.

1254

00:52:08,450 --> 00:52:11,450
So you're getting it out anyway.

1255
00:52:11,450 --> 00:52:12,800
Well, maybe this.

1256
00:52:12,800 --> 00:52:15,050
But as I said, but it
comes to this here.

1257
00:52:15,050 --> 00:52:17,240
Yeah?

1258
00:52:17,240 --> 00:52:19,310
And as I said, I
have no feelings.

1259
00:52:19,310 --> 00:52:24,050
Because the things that I
saw, when I lived with it,

1260
00:52:24,050 --> 00:52:26,678
like what I told you
when I was, at that time,

1261
00:52:26,678 --> 00:52:28,970
when I was a nurse, when we
had the epidemic in Kraków,

1262
00:52:28,970 --> 00:52:31,955
with the typhus
and the dysentery.

1263
00:52:31,955 --> 00:52:32,960
Mhm.

1264
00:52:32,960 --> 00:52:35,310
But I had to be present
at the executions,

1265
00:52:35,310 --> 00:52:37,740
they take the bodies away.

1266

00:52:37,740 --> 00:52:38,240
and.

1267

00:52:38,240 --> 00:52:38,900
I look at it.

1268

00:52:38,900 --> 00:52:41,450
And I was able,
right after that,

1269

00:52:41,450 --> 00:52:43,630
when I had a plate
of soup, I went out

1270

00:52:43,630 --> 00:52:45,140
and I ate a plate of soap.

1271

00:52:45,140 --> 00:52:49,500
Because first of all, you
learned, it was a question.

1272

00:52:49,500 --> 00:52:51,210
You said, what made you survive?

1273

00:52:51,210 --> 00:52:51,890
I didn't know.

1274

00:52:51,890 --> 00:52:52,640
It was a question.

1275

00:52:52,640 --> 00:52:54,710
Today it's him.

1276

00:52:54,710 --> 00:52:56,760
Anytime, I expected it.

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00:52:56,760 --> 00:52:59,945
Anytime, it could be me.

1278

00:52:59,945 --> 00:53:00,695
You lived with it.

1279
00:53:00,695 --> 00:53:04,790
It was just a question if
it's going to happen or not.

1280
00:53:04,790 --> 00:53:08,255
And even today,
you have no idea.

1281
00:53:08,255 --> 00:53:15,530
A normal person does not know
what 10 seconds could mean.

1282
00:53:15,530 --> 00:53:18,650
You know, just 10
seconds, what could be.

1283
00:53:18,650 --> 00:53:21,365
It's a difference,
two worlds, could be.

1284
00:53:21,365 --> 00:53:22,820
Between life and death.

1285
00:53:22,820 --> 00:53:23,750
Sure.

1286
00:53:23,750 --> 00:53:24,855
At 10 seconds, you know?

1287
00:53:24,855 --> 00:53:25,730
That's what it means.

1288
00:53:25,730 --> 00:53:29,127
I said under the
right circumstances,

1289
00:53:29,127 --> 00:53:31,460
under the proper circumstances,
under bad circumstances,

1290
00:53:31,460 --> 00:53:33,020

I'm talking about.

1291

00:53:33,020 --> 00:53:33,770

That's what it is.

1292

00:53:33,770 --> 00:53:36,620

That's what you can do.

1293

00:53:36,620 --> 00:53:38,360

We have about five more minutes.

1294

00:53:38,360 --> 00:53:42,020

And there is one question I
certainly want to ask you.

1295

00:53:42,020 --> 00:53:42,830

Yeah?

1296

00:53:42,830 --> 00:53:45,380

Have you talked about this,
or do you talk about this,

1297

00:53:45,380 --> 00:53:46,662

with your children?

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00:53:46,662 --> 00:53:47,870

I was just going to ask that.

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00:53:47,870 --> 00:53:49,260

And what is their reaction?

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00:53:49,260 --> 00:53:52,160

Yeah, I talk about it.

1301

00:53:52,160 --> 00:53:57,800

But by the same token, I
put it, in that respect,

1302

00:53:57,800 --> 00:53:59,930

you take hunger.

1303

00:53:59,930 --> 00:54:02,060

You talk about hunger.

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00:54:02,060 --> 00:54:05,840

Somebody who never experienced
hunger, what I mean,

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00:54:05,840 --> 00:54:09,740

hunger, hunger, I'm talking
about if you're hungry

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00:54:09,740 --> 00:54:12,590

and you don't know
when or where you're

1307

00:54:12,590 --> 00:54:13,940

going to get a morsel of bread.

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00:54:13,940 --> 00:54:16,370

Not hungry like today,
"Oh, I'm hungry."

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00:54:16,370 --> 00:54:19,400

Because if you know, if
you're hungry, you could go.

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00:54:19,400 --> 00:54:20,930

If you don't have
the refrigerator,

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00:54:20,930 --> 00:54:22,190

you'll take the car.

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00:54:22,190 --> 00:54:23,630

And it'll take you
10, 15 minutes,

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00:54:23,630 --> 00:54:25,850

you're going to go to a store.

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00:54:25,850 --> 00:54:28,070

You cannot express it.

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00:54:28,070 --> 00:54:30,860

No matter how much you're
going to tell somebody,

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00:54:30,860 --> 00:54:34,940

you cannot bring it
out to the other party,

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00:54:34,940 --> 00:54:36,560

to say "I was hungry."

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00:54:36,560 --> 00:54:40,460

Because we have in the Bible,
it says you've got to be hungry.

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00:54:40,460 --> 00:54:45,020

And even if you got to eat,
your stomach will not be full.

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00:54:45,020 --> 00:54:49,850

And I could tell you from
experience, while we were home,

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00:54:49,850 --> 00:54:51,210

we had what to eat.

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00:54:51,210 --> 00:54:53,630

Personally, I told
you, we had things

1323

00:54:53,630 --> 00:54:55,670

that we were able to get.

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00:54:55,670 --> 00:54:57,410

You were hungry, we ate.

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00:54:57,410 --> 00:55:01,010

We had more maybe, than
somebody else had at the time.

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00:55:01,010 --> 00:55:05,000

you finished now

and you were hungry.

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00:55:05,000 --> 00:55:06,590

Your belly was never full.

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00:55:06,590 --> 00:55:08,090

Because you didn't know.

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00:55:08,090 --> 00:55:10,940

You have it now, You may
not have it tomorrow.

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00:55:10,940 --> 00:55:13,310

And it's an experience,
it's beyond description.

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00:55:13,310 --> 00:55:16,190

You cannot, as I say,
you tell the children.

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00:55:16,190 --> 00:55:18,470

You explain to them.

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00:55:18,470 --> 00:55:19,955

It's hard to bring it across.

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00:55:19,955 --> 00:55:21,710

Are they are willing to listen?

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00:55:21,710 --> 00:55:22,340

Oh, yes.

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00:55:22,340 --> 00:55:23,000

Oh, yes.

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00:55:23,000 --> 00:55:23,330

Oh, yes.

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00:55:23,330 --> 00:55:23,560

Yes, because some children--

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00:55:23,560 --> 00:55:24,060
The read.

1340
00:55:24,060 --> 00:55:25,003
--didn't want to hear.

1341
00:55:25,003 --> 00:55:25,670
Yeah, they read.

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00:55:25,670 --> 00:55:26,370
They say yes.

1343
00:55:26,370 --> 00:55:26,870
They do?

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00:55:26,870 --> 00:55:27,680
Yeah.

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00:55:27,680 --> 00:55:31,860
But as I said, to bring
it across, they should.

1346
00:55:31,860 --> 00:55:33,530
And I can understand it.

1347
00:55:33,530 --> 00:55:34,400
I can understand it.

1348
00:55:34,400 --> 00:55:35,820
It's very hard to bring across.

1349
00:55:35,820 --> 00:55:36,320
Of course.

1350
00:55:36,320 --> 00:55:40,230
Because I said, again,
you got to be hopeful.

1351
00:55:40,230 --> 00:55:42,560
You should never be [INAUDIBLE].

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00:55:42,560 --> 00:55:47,990

Look, you said now, look
at pictures of Biafra.

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00:55:47,990 --> 00:55:49,130

Look at the Sudan.

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00:55:49,130 --> 00:55:50,930

I mean, Ethiopia.

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00:55:50,930 --> 00:55:54,490

And don't forget, today
that there's enough food.

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00:55:54,490 --> 00:55:56,990

It's just, if they would bring
it over, there's enough food.

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00:55:56,990 --> 00:55:57,940

Over there, it wasn't.

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00:55:57,940 --> 00:56:00,180

It was a different question.

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00:56:00,180 --> 00:56:05,540

The only difference, we
had, I had only, in my mind,

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00:56:05,540 --> 00:56:13,400

like when the German came, and
he gave me a slap on my face,

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00:56:13,400 --> 00:56:16,200

the thing, and I had
to stand with my hands,

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00:56:16,200 --> 00:56:19,040

I always used to
say at least, if he

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00:56:19,040 --> 00:56:21,770

has a rifle, if they
would give me a rifle,

1364
00:56:21,770 --> 00:56:23,030
give me an equal chance.

1365
00:56:23,030 --> 00:56:25,610
If I'm going to get
killed, if he is faster,

1366
00:56:25,610 --> 00:56:27,080
at least I had a chance.

1367
00:56:27,080 --> 00:56:30,620
Over here, I didn't
have a chance.

1368
00:56:30,620 --> 00:56:32,180
That's what.

1369
00:56:32,180 --> 00:56:36,350
It was beyond my thinking,
of what what burned me up,

1370
00:56:36,350 --> 00:56:37,190
more than anything.

1371
00:56:37,190 --> 00:56:39,120
At least if I were
to have a chance.

1372
00:56:39,120 --> 00:56:41,030
We never had a chance.

1373
00:56:41,030 --> 00:56:45,690
What would you say to other
people through this tape,

1374
00:56:45,690 --> 00:56:47,720
in just a few words?

1375
00:56:47,720 --> 00:56:50,278
Of the meaning of
your experience

1376
00:56:50,278 --> 00:56:52,070
and what you carry
away, and what you would

1377
00:56:52,070 --> 00:56:54,140
like others to know about it?

1378
00:56:54,140 --> 00:56:56,060
What I would tell
the other people is,

1379
00:56:56,060 --> 00:56:58,000
they should study it.

1380
00:56:58,000 --> 00:57:02,150
And when I mean, don't just
read it like you read a novel,

1381
00:57:02,150 --> 00:57:05,510
you read a book and five
minutes later, you forget it.

1382
00:57:05,510 --> 00:57:08,175
It should be when you
read it, you should really

1383
00:57:08,175 --> 00:57:09,050
read it with a heart.

1384
00:57:09,050 --> 00:57:10,550
It should be inscribed.

1385
00:57:10,550 --> 00:57:15,350
And give it a little feeling,
in order for the human people,

1386
00:57:15,350 --> 00:57:18,890
they should try to
look for betterment

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00:57:18,890 --> 00:57:20,625

and never let it happen again.

1388
00:57:20,625 --> 00:57:22,250
Should say, like they
say, never again.

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00:57:22,250 --> 00:57:25,640
Because it's unbelievable,
I said, but it happens.

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00:57:25,640 --> 00:57:26,520
[HEBREW]

1391
00:57:26,520 --> 00:57:27,020
Oh yeah.

1392
00:57:27,020 --> 00:57:27,767
Thank you.

1393
00:57:27,767 --> 00:57:28,600
Thank you very much.

1394
00:57:28,600 --> 00:57:29,100
Thank you.

1395
00:57:29,100 --> 00:57:31,140
I'm glad to help.

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00:57:31,140 --> 00:57:59,690
[CLASSICAL MUSIC]

1397
00:57:59,690 --> 00:58:04,000