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00:00:00,000 --> 00:00:13,900

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00:00:13,900 --> 00:00:18,400

When we joined the
partisan group,

3

00:00:18,400 --> 00:00:23,470

they were very much
surprised to see us there,

4

00:00:23,470 --> 00:00:30,400

and I remember explaining to
them what happened to us, as we

5

00:00:30,400 --> 00:00:36,310

were in a moment of
despair, not knowing

6

00:00:36,310 --> 00:00:39,310

where to go any further.

7

00:00:39,310 --> 00:00:48,760

We decided to go back to the
city, and I saw this vision.

8

00:00:48,760 --> 00:00:55,870

I saw a white army as
clear as I can see you.

9

00:00:55,870 --> 00:00:58,000

What it meant is--

10

00:00:58,000 --> 00:01:04,030

I remember, as a child,
eavesdropping, hearing.

11

00:01:04,030 --> 00:01:09,010

The parents would say
that the white Poles

12

00:01:09,010 --> 00:01:11,230
are worse than the Germans.

13
00:01:11,230 --> 00:01:17,650
When they catch a Jew,
they cut him up in pieces.

14
00:01:17,650 --> 00:01:21,250
And I couldn't understand that.

15
00:01:21,250 --> 00:01:25,630
Instead of ask a question,
who are the white Poles,

16
00:01:25,630 --> 00:01:28,510
it just remained in
my mind as a child

17
00:01:28,510 --> 00:01:32,065
that these must be soldiers
dressed in white uniforms.

18
00:01:32,065 --> 00:01:34,880

19
00:01:34,880 --> 00:01:38,780
And all of a sudden, as we
are walking in the woods,

20
00:01:38,780 --> 00:01:43,730
not knowing where to go,
and saw a white army,

21
00:01:43,730 --> 00:01:45,850
and I really saw it.

22
00:01:45,850 --> 00:01:49,790
And when I told it to my
mother, she believed me.

23
00:01:49,790 --> 00:01:52,640
Her eyes were so
red from crying,

24
00:01:52,640 --> 00:01:55,760
and she couldn't see an
inch in front of her.

25
00:01:55,760 --> 00:01:58,730
But she knew one thing--
she cannot just walk

26
00:01:58,730 --> 00:02:01,370
into their hands with
these two children.

27
00:02:01,370 --> 00:02:03,930
So she turned around
our direction.

28
00:02:03,930 --> 00:02:05,310
So this was like a mirage?

29
00:02:05,310 --> 00:02:06,660
It was a miracle.

30
00:02:06,660 --> 00:02:07,670
I call it my miracle.

31
00:02:07,670 --> 00:02:09,560
There was no such
thing existing.

32
00:02:09,560 --> 00:02:13,160
There was no such
thing as a white army.

33
00:02:13,160 --> 00:02:16,100
I saw this vision.

34
00:02:16,100 --> 00:02:21,800
And later on, when
we dwelled on it,

35
00:02:21,800 --> 00:02:24,770

she couldn't believe that--
she took my word for it,

36
00:02:24,770 --> 00:02:30,890
but nevertheless, this
brought us out of death.

37
00:02:30,890 --> 00:02:32,690
This is the only way
I can interpret it

38
00:02:32,690 --> 00:02:34,940
because we would have
gone back to the city,

39
00:02:34,940 --> 00:02:36,680
and we would have been caught.

40
00:02:36,680 --> 00:02:38,440
And the trains were still there.

41
00:02:38,440 --> 00:02:40,400
We would have been
put on the trains,

42
00:02:40,400 --> 00:02:44,390
and nobody came back from there.

43
00:02:44,390 --> 00:02:47,270
And we were telling
the people how

44
00:02:47,270 --> 00:02:50,900
we met this partisan
that noticed us

45
00:02:50,900 --> 00:02:53,990
as we were running
very, very fast away

46
00:02:53,990 --> 00:02:57,830
from this sort of white
army, and he brought us

47
00:02:57,830 --> 00:03:00,020
into the group.

48
00:03:00,020 --> 00:03:03,950
There was a group of people
sitting in front of a fire

49
00:03:03,950 --> 00:03:07,640
during the day, and
everybody was crying

50
00:03:07,640 --> 00:03:10,130
because everybody had a loss.

51
00:03:10,130 --> 00:03:18,410
Everybody lost a child, a
parent, a sister, a brother,

52
00:03:18,410 --> 00:03:21,920
and the worst part of
it was that they did not

53
00:03:21,920 --> 00:03:26,100
know where to go from there.

54
00:03:26,100 --> 00:03:31,440
Every day, we had to change
our location not to be caught.

55
00:03:31,440 --> 00:03:34,710
Again, the food was
scarce, whatever

56
00:03:34,710 --> 00:03:42,000
they managed to get from the
neighboring farms under a gun.

57
00:03:42,000 --> 00:03:46,830
Nobody wanted to
give food willingly.

58

00:03:46,830 --> 00:03:50,730

They shared among
the group, and it

59

00:03:50,730 --> 00:03:53,910

consisted of a slice
of bread a day,

60

00:03:53,910 --> 00:03:56,280

sometimes if they
were lucky enough

61

00:03:56,280 --> 00:04:00,870

to get some vegetation
together or some vegetables

62

00:04:00,870 --> 00:04:06,830

and cook up a big soup, which
consisted mostly of water.

63

00:04:06,830 --> 00:04:12,660

You were lucky if you found
a grain there or a vegetable.

64

00:04:12,660 --> 00:04:15,380

And this is how we were
going from day to day.

65

00:04:15,380 --> 00:04:18,930

66

00:04:18,930 --> 00:04:22,019

One morning, I
remember waking up,

67

00:04:22,019 --> 00:04:25,260

and I couldn't wait to run
to the fire to warm up.

68

00:04:25,260 --> 00:04:28,720

It started to get cold already.

69

00:04:28,720 --> 00:04:32,820

It approached the fall weather.

70

00:04:32,820 --> 00:04:34,440

I remember getting
up in the morning

71

00:04:34,440 --> 00:04:41,970

and find myself on the ground
like a carbon copy of the body

72

00:04:41,970 --> 00:04:45,780

that kept the ground warm.

73

00:04:45,780 --> 00:04:50,070

And we would rush to
this fire to warm up,

74

00:04:50,070 --> 00:04:52,140

and I always leaned
on my mother's lap.

75

00:04:52,140 --> 00:04:55,950

And she never stopped
crying for as many days

76

00:04:55,950 --> 00:04:57,210

as it was going on.

77

00:04:57,210 --> 00:05:00,180

78

00:05:00,180 --> 00:05:05,640

And I felt so comfortable and
so warm, and I raised my head.

79

00:05:05,640 --> 00:05:09,720

And I just looked
into the woods,

80

00:05:09,720 --> 00:05:13,000

and I thought I saw my sister.

81

00:05:13,000 --> 00:05:16,890

And this is already
months later after we

82

00:05:16,890 --> 00:05:19,470

escaped from the attic,
from the brewery.

83

00:05:19,470 --> 00:05:22,430

84

00:05:22,430 --> 00:05:27,110

And then I say to myself, oh,
here goes another miracle.

85

00:05:27,110 --> 00:05:29,450

I see, already, things.

86

00:05:29,450 --> 00:05:33,815

And I look closer,
and she appeared real.

87

00:05:33,815 --> 00:05:36,650

88

00:05:36,650 --> 00:05:39,590

And she noticed
us, and she started

89

00:05:39,590 --> 00:05:43,130

to run towards us
and toward the group.

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00:05:43,130 --> 00:05:45,530

And she saw my mother, and
she the first words out

91

00:05:45,530 --> 00:05:48,825

of her mouth were, Papa
and [? Mike ?] are alive.

92

00:05:48,825 --> 00:05:51,700

93
00:05:51,700 --> 00:05:54,530
And they were not there,
but she just said it.

94
00:05:54,530 --> 00:05:57,730
We just couldn't
believe it's real.

95
00:05:57,730 --> 00:06:00,100
This was, again, coming
from the [? death ?]

96
00:06:00,100 --> 00:06:03,430
because my mother said
already Kaddish, the prayer

97
00:06:03,430 --> 00:06:06,700
after the death, for them.

98
00:06:06,700 --> 00:06:08,270
Your brother was with them?

99
00:06:08,270 --> 00:06:09,130
Nobody was with her.

100
00:06:09,130 --> 00:06:11,500
She was all alone,
but she just mentioned

101
00:06:11,500 --> 00:06:13,420
that Papa and Mike are alive.

102
00:06:13,420 --> 00:06:15,940
She was all alone.

103
00:06:15,940 --> 00:06:20,770
And she told us a story, that
as they were put on the trains

104
00:06:20,770 --> 00:06:23,300
to be sent to Majdanek--

105
00:06:23,300 --> 00:06:27,610
the remaining Jews from
Lida were sent to Majdanek.

106
00:06:27,610 --> 00:06:31,120
They were told that they
were going to work there.

107
00:06:31,120 --> 00:06:34,810

108
00:06:34,810 --> 00:06:39,520
And they knew already that
this is not going to be good.

109
00:06:39,520 --> 00:06:42,250
My brother was about--

110
00:06:42,250 --> 00:06:46,630
this was the beginning of 1943.

111
00:06:46,630 --> 00:06:48,490
How old was he?

112
00:06:48,490 --> 00:06:50,710
Maybe 15 years old.

113
00:06:50,710 --> 00:06:53,185
And he was very
petite for his age.

114
00:06:53,185 --> 00:06:56,860
We did not develop during
the war years normally.

115
00:06:56,860 --> 00:07:00,190
He was a little boy
for a 15-year-old.

116
00:07:00,190 --> 00:07:03,640
They were put into

cattle trains,

117

00:07:03,640 --> 00:07:06,970
and each wagon had a tiny,
little window from the top.

118

00:07:06,970 --> 00:07:09,800

119

00:07:09,800 --> 00:07:13,160
And nobody could get through
that window except somebody

120

00:07:13,160 --> 00:07:16,970
who is small, and
they got an idea--

121

00:07:16,970 --> 00:07:19,790
maybe my brother
could take a chance

122

00:07:19,790 --> 00:07:22,430
to climb through
this little window.

123

00:07:22,430 --> 00:07:25,850
The doors from the wagons
were closed from the outside.

124

00:07:25,850 --> 00:07:29,420
Inside, nobody had
control over the door.

125

00:07:29,420 --> 00:07:32,870
And if he'll be lucky,
maybe can open up the doors,

126

00:07:32,870 --> 00:07:36,120
and he'll try to
jump, take a chance.

127

00:07:36,120 --> 00:07:38,780

128
00:07:38,780 --> 00:07:40,520
And they asked my
father permission

129
00:07:40,520 --> 00:07:43,380
if he would allow his
son to take the chance.

130
00:07:43,380 --> 00:07:46,580
The trains were
going in full speed,

131
00:07:46,580 --> 00:07:49,110
and my brother said,
yes, I feel capable.

132
00:07:49,110 --> 00:07:50,360
I know I'll do it.

133
00:07:50,360 --> 00:07:53,090
I can do it.

134
00:07:53,090 --> 00:07:55,730
And he climbed through
this little window

135
00:07:55,730 --> 00:08:00,320
at the top of the train
and lowered himself somehow

136
00:08:00,320 --> 00:08:04,330
and opened the door.

137
00:08:04,330 --> 00:08:10,015
The door opened up, and
they heard shooting.

138
00:08:10,015 --> 00:08:14,350

139
00:08:14,350 --> 00:08:17,230

And they told my
brother is shot.

140
00:08:17,230 --> 00:08:18,550
Somebody must have seen it.

141
00:08:18,550 --> 00:08:21,090

142
00:08:21,090 --> 00:08:24,390
And when he heard a shooting,
he went back into the wagon.

143
00:08:24,390 --> 00:08:27,300
Instead of the
jump, he went back.

144
00:08:27,300 --> 00:08:35,429
The train stopped, and there was
this investigation, suddenly,

145
00:08:35,429 --> 00:08:38,580
from wagon to wagon.

146
00:08:38,580 --> 00:08:43,740
And they saw the door
of their train was open.

147
00:08:43,740 --> 00:08:45,720
They asked, how
did the door open?

148
00:08:45,720 --> 00:08:47,910
Nobody said the word.

149
00:08:47,910 --> 00:08:49,320
They counted heads.

150
00:08:49,320 --> 00:08:52,590
Each wagon was supposed
to have 50 people,

151

00:08:52,590 --> 00:08:56,240
and there was nobody missing.

152
00:08:56,240 --> 00:08:59,067
They closed the door.

153
00:08:59,067 --> 00:09:00,400
They thought it was an accident.

154
00:09:00,400 --> 00:09:01,483
The door opened by itself.

155
00:09:01,483 --> 00:09:03,800
Maybe it wasn't locked properly.

156
00:09:03,800 --> 00:09:07,010
And the train
started to go again,

157
00:09:07,010 --> 00:09:11,210
and nobody could figure
out where the shooting was.

158
00:09:11,210 --> 00:09:15,430
But nevertheless, my
brother took another chance,

159
00:09:15,430 --> 00:09:18,610
and he went again through
the window, opened the door.

160
00:09:18,610 --> 00:09:20,620
And this time, he
said to my father,

161
00:09:20,620 --> 00:09:27,040
I'll jump right from the top
of the roof, and you follow me.

162
00:09:27,040 --> 00:09:28,510
And that's what happened.

163

00:09:28,510 --> 00:09:29,680
My brother jumped.

164
00:09:29,680 --> 00:09:30,850
My father jumped.

165
00:09:30,850 --> 00:09:33,850
My sister jumped.

166
00:09:33,850 --> 00:09:38,960
And eight more people jumped
after them, and the rest froze.

167
00:09:38,960 --> 00:09:41,720
They were just afraid
to take the chance.

168
00:09:41,720 --> 00:09:44,590
They figured they will be
killed this way, or that way.

169
00:09:44,590 --> 00:09:46,720
What is the difference?

170
00:09:46,720 --> 00:09:51,640
And they made up that my
brother will stay in place,

171
00:09:51,640 --> 00:09:56,260
and whoever will follow to
jump after him will wait.

172
00:09:56,260 --> 00:10:00,810
The first one will wait
for whoever will follow.

173
00:10:00,810 --> 00:10:04,620
12 people gathered.

174
00:10:04,620 --> 00:10:08,130
They were waiting there
for a couple of hours--

175

00:10:08,130 --> 00:10:11,280

and my sister is
telling us the story--

176

00:10:11,280 --> 00:10:13,360

and nobody else came.

177

00:10:13,360 --> 00:10:16,395

So they understood that the
rest did not want to jump.

178

00:10:16,395 --> 00:10:19,890

179

00:10:19,890 --> 00:10:23,160

And they were in
Germany already.

180

00:10:23,160 --> 00:10:28,020

They started to find
their way back to our area

181

00:10:28,020 --> 00:10:30,240

by the signs of the moon.

182

00:10:30,240 --> 00:10:33,240

It was a journey
that took months.

183

00:10:33,240 --> 00:10:35,790

Being that she was the
only woman in the group,

184

00:10:35,790 --> 00:10:37,980

they would send her
out during the day

185

00:10:37,980 --> 00:10:41,700

to get some information,
to try to get some food.

186

00:10:41,700 --> 00:10:43,620

And they moved only at night.

187

00:10:43,620 --> 00:10:48,160

188

00:10:48,160 --> 00:10:51,380

When she was telling
the story to the group,

189

00:10:51,380 --> 00:10:52,550

nobody could believe it.

190

00:10:52,550 --> 00:10:55,240

191

00:10:55,240 --> 00:10:58,270

I think my brother
is a real hero.

192

00:10:58,270 --> 00:11:00,250

You know what we say
in our Jewish religion.

193

00:11:00,250 --> 00:11:01,630

If you save one life--

194

00:11:01,630 --> 00:11:02,560

--you save the world.

195

00:11:02,560 --> 00:11:05,770

--you save the world.

196

00:11:05,770 --> 00:11:07,900

He never got any
recognition for it.

197

00:11:07,900 --> 00:11:09,940

He's not waiting for it.

198

00:11:09,940 --> 00:11:20,410

But I know and I'm sure he knows
that it's a very good feeling

199
00:11:20,410 --> 00:11:27,370
to know that you did
such a good deed.

200
00:11:27,370 --> 00:11:31,390
It took, again, weeks until
we were able to get together

201
00:11:31,390 --> 00:11:35,600
with my father and brother.

202
00:11:35,600 --> 00:11:38,450
My sister left
them in the group,

203
00:11:38,450 --> 00:11:41,330
and she thought she
knew where they are.

204
00:11:41,330 --> 00:11:44,330
In the meantime, weeks
went by, and they

205
00:11:44,330 --> 00:11:45,890
didn't hear a word from her.

206
00:11:45,890 --> 00:11:48,620
So they thought she
probably got killed

207
00:11:48,620 --> 00:11:52,730
in the course of looking for
survivors, looking for us.

208
00:11:52,730 --> 00:11:56,880
She didn't even dream
that my mother, and I,

209
00:11:56,880 --> 00:11:59,240
and my little cousin
would make it.

210

00:11:59,240 --> 00:12:02,630

My mother was always known
to be the sick woman, and two

211

00:12:02,630 --> 00:12:08,130

children-- how could they
possibly manage to escape?

212

00:12:08,130 --> 00:12:10,950

But she also heard
from the partisans,

213

00:12:10,950 --> 00:12:13,530

and she knew that
this is where she

214

00:12:13,530 --> 00:12:18,570

has to go back to, find the area
and perhaps some information.

215

00:12:18,570 --> 00:12:23,730

Maybe somebody
else will survive.

216

00:12:23,730 --> 00:12:25,860

It took months.

217

00:12:25,860 --> 00:12:27,600

The war was going on.

218

00:12:27,600 --> 00:12:30,240

We changed places daily
in different woods,

219

00:12:30,240 --> 00:12:33,900

different locations,
different bunkers.

220

00:12:33,900 --> 00:12:39,630

Many times, we had to
live in a bunker that

221

00:12:39,630 --> 00:12:43,200
was dug a hole under
the ground, and it

222
00:12:43,200 --> 00:12:47,430
was covered like with a
Christmas tree over it,

223
00:12:47,430 --> 00:12:50,310
that if you would pass the
location, you would never,

224
00:12:50,310 --> 00:12:54,130
never know that there
are people underground.

225
00:12:54,130 --> 00:12:56,010
We had to find
such hiding places

226
00:12:56,010 --> 00:13:01,530
that nobody should even dare to
think that somebody is hiding.

227
00:13:01,530 --> 00:13:04,310

228
00:13:04,310 --> 00:13:08,810
And the bombings and
the war was going on.

229
00:13:08,810 --> 00:13:12,230
We heard the shootings
over our head.

230
00:13:12,230 --> 00:13:15,600
We had to be in these
bunkers, in different places,

231
00:13:15,600 --> 00:13:17,450
different locations.

232
00:13:17,450 --> 00:13:21,500

We could not get
together with them.

233
00:13:21,500 --> 00:13:24,610
And we found out
later on that they

234
00:13:24,610 --> 00:13:28,870
started to look for my sister,
and we were looking for them.

235
00:13:28,870 --> 00:13:31,820
And we would always
miss each other.

236
00:13:31,820 --> 00:13:34,330
We would meet people
in hiding on the road,

237
00:13:34,330 --> 00:13:37,630
and they would say
to us, oh my God, we

238
00:13:37,630 --> 00:13:39,130
saw your father yesterday.

239
00:13:39,130 --> 00:13:40,390
He was looking for you.

240
00:13:40,390 --> 00:13:42,820
He didn't even know
that you are alive.

241
00:13:42,820 --> 00:13:46,490
And we would tell them that
we are looking for them.

242
00:13:46,490 --> 00:13:52,030
Finally-- I guess we have
to refer to it as miracles--

243
00:13:52,030 --> 00:13:53,830
we finally united as a family.

244
00:13:53,830 --> 00:13:57,210

245
00:13:57,210 --> 00:13:58,980
We heard of this
group by the name

246
00:13:58,980 --> 00:14:06,750
of Bielski, Tuvia Bielski's
group, that had the foresight

247
00:14:06,750 --> 00:14:15,480
to gather 1,100 people from all
the area of Lida and smaller

248
00:14:15,480 --> 00:14:15,990
towns.

249
00:14:15,990 --> 00:14:21,390
Whoever escaped found
shelter with his group.

250
00:14:21,390 --> 00:14:24,210
He organized this group
for young children,

251
00:14:24,210 --> 00:14:28,470
for elderly, four young
boys and girls that

252
00:14:28,470 --> 00:14:34,410
had the foresight to
resist, to try to fight,

253
00:14:34,410 --> 00:14:36,450
not to let themselves--

254
00:14:36,450 --> 00:14:38,610
it was like a regular army.

255
00:14:38,610 --> 00:14:40,740

They managed to get ammunition.

256

00:14:40,740 --> 00:14:45,510

They would go out to
mine trains to interfere

257

00:14:45,510 --> 00:14:48,690

with the war process.

258

00:14:48,690 --> 00:14:55,740

They would explode--
how would you say it--

259

00:14:55,740 --> 00:14:59,040

prisons and let out
all the prisoners

260

00:14:59,040 --> 00:15:02,520

that were arrested because
they rebelled the Germans.

261

00:15:02,520 --> 00:15:05,250

They did a lot of damage,
and this is how they--

262

00:15:05,250 --> 00:15:05,790

Sabotage.

263

00:15:05,790 --> 00:15:10,900

Sabotage-- that would be,
probably, the right word.

264

00:15:10,900 --> 00:15:14,800

This group was formed in--

265

00:15:14,800 --> 00:15:16,870

Nalibotskaya Pushcha,
it was called.

266

00:15:16,870 --> 00:15:23,920

It was already almost
Russia, on the borderline.

267

00:15:23,920 --> 00:15:28,240

And from there, we did
not change places anymore

268

00:15:28,240 --> 00:15:32,860

because it was a forest that the
Germans were afraid to enter.

269

00:15:32,860 --> 00:15:36,220

That's how thick it was.

270

00:15:36,220 --> 00:15:41,080

We built a little city in
that forest for 1,100 people.

271

00:15:41,080 --> 00:15:45,130

We cut down trees to make
a roof over our heads

272

00:15:45,130 --> 00:15:48,790

in the form of a
tent with a little--

273

00:15:48,790 --> 00:15:52,570

ground was dug underneath.

274

00:15:52,570 --> 00:15:56,155

There were 20 people to a
little bunker like this.

275

00:15:56,155 --> 00:15:59,150

276

00:15:59,150 --> 00:16:03,890

We lived for almost
two years in the woods,

277

00:16:03,890 --> 00:16:06,680

where we had to dig for water--

278

00:16:06,680 --> 00:16:08,645

that was our source

of getting water--

279

00:16:08,645 --> 00:16:11,240

280

00:16:11,240 --> 00:16:14,630

looked out daily
for a piece of bread

281

00:16:14,630 --> 00:16:17,840

that was no thicker
than a newspaper.

282

00:16:17,840 --> 00:16:20,910

283

00:16:20,910 --> 00:16:28,800

And the soap that
we stood in line for

284

00:16:28,800 --> 00:16:31,320

consisted, again,
of mainly water.

285

00:16:31,320 --> 00:16:34,310

286

00:16:34,310 --> 00:16:38,690

In normal circumstances,
you would never

287

00:16:38,690 --> 00:16:43,190

believe that a person can
survive in such conditions.

288

00:16:43,190 --> 00:16:44,780

We did not have a
change of clothes.

289

00:16:44,780 --> 00:16:47,750

290

00:16:47,750 --> 00:16:54,170

We did not have any humane
conditions to go on,

291

00:16:54,170 --> 00:16:56,135

except a will to survive.

292

00:16:56,135 --> 00:16:59,180

293

00:16:59,180 --> 00:17:03,150

It didn't matter
anymore what's going on.

294

00:17:03,150 --> 00:17:06,260

Were you ever discovered by
Germans or the [INAUDIBLE],,

295

00:17:06,260 --> 00:17:07,400

or any of the other groups?

296

00:17:07,400 --> 00:17:10,880

No, not in this
particular group.

297

00:17:10,880 --> 00:17:13,369

While we were going
from place to place,

298

00:17:13,369 --> 00:17:19,400

before we entered this permanent
group, a lot of our friends

299

00:17:19,400 --> 00:17:25,130

were discovered in
hiding, and they were just

300

00:17:25,130 --> 00:17:28,770

shot right there in the
bunkers where they were found.

301

00:17:28,770 --> 00:17:32,250

302
00:17:32,250 --> 00:17:39,000
Our very dear friends,
who were in hiding,

303
00:17:39,000 --> 00:17:43,590
in particular, a distant
relative of ours who

304
00:17:43,590 --> 00:17:46,500
hid with her entire family--

305
00:17:46,500 --> 00:17:52,080
and the Germans somehow,
through the lead

306
00:17:52,080 --> 00:17:59,680
of the homes in the
area, the farmers,

307
00:17:59,680 --> 00:18:06,850
took them out from the
hiding, shot an entire family.

308
00:18:06,850 --> 00:18:14,620
And our friend fell from shock,
and she was sure she's dead.

309
00:18:14,620 --> 00:18:18,850
And after things quieted
down, she got up,

310
00:18:18,850 --> 00:18:21,820
and she started
to touch herself.

311
00:18:21,820 --> 00:18:24,640
And she felt alive.

312
00:18:24,640 --> 00:18:29,930
And she looked at her, and
her husband and her children--

313

00:18:29,930 --> 00:18:33,730

she was splashed
with their blood--

314

00:18:33,730 --> 00:18:36,100

were dead.

315

00:18:36,100 --> 00:18:42,490

And she got the courage
to get up and walk away,

316

00:18:42,490 --> 00:18:43,240

and she survived.

317

00:18:43,240 --> 00:18:45,850

318

00:18:45,850 --> 00:18:49,090

And after the war,
the lucky part

319

00:18:49,090 --> 00:18:54,520

was that she found two sons
that ran away during the war

320

00:18:54,520 --> 00:19:01,470

with the Russian army, and they
survived the war in Russia.

321

00:19:01,470 --> 00:19:06,660

And she was always
referring to her courage,

322

00:19:06,660 --> 00:19:11,310

that she found the
strength to go ahead

323

00:19:11,310 --> 00:19:16,920

because she knew somehow
maybe the sons will make it,

324

00:19:16,920 --> 00:19:20,145

and she will at least
have two children.

325
00:19:20,145 --> 00:19:25,460

326
00:19:25,460 --> 00:19:27,220
Yes, I was exposed
to such horror

327
00:19:27,220 --> 00:19:29,320
stories many, many times.

328
00:19:29,320 --> 00:19:33,010
It's very difficult to
explain every incident.

329
00:19:33,010 --> 00:19:35,970

330
00:19:35,970 --> 00:19:36,870
It's very painful.

331
00:19:36,870 --> 00:19:39,760

332
00:19:39,760 --> 00:19:49,530
But we learned through the hard
times to go on and to hope,

333
00:19:49,530 --> 00:19:55,050
and that's what pulled us
through the years in the woods.

334
00:19:55,050 --> 00:19:58,890
We got a group of young
children, my age, some younger,

335
00:19:58,890 --> 00:19:59,445
some older.

336
00:19:59,445 --> 00:20:03,140

337
00:20:03,140 --> 00:20:04,550
What did we do a whole day?

338
00:20:04,550 --> 00:20:07,460

339
00:20:07,460 --> 00:20:09,230
We were singing.

340
00:20:09,230 --> 00:20:11,690
We were dancing.

341
00:20:11,690 --> 00:20:14,390
We were dreaming.

342
00:20:14,390 --> 00:20:15,050
We were hoping.

343
00:20:15,050 --> 00:20:17,970

344
00:20:17,970 --> 00:20:22,770
I personally have no friends
left from the city of Lida

345
00:20:22,770 --> 00:20:25,740
that I went to school with,
that was raised on my block,

346
00:20:25,740 --> 00:20:27,390
through my school.

347
00:20:27,390 --> 00:20:30,690
All our friends
that we acquired are

348
00:20:30,690 --> 00:20:33,150
during the years of the war.

349

00:20:33,150 --> 00:20:38,240

350

00:20:38,240 --> 00:20:49,660

Many times, I ask
myself, how come

351

00:20:49,660 --> 00:20:53,420

they were not as fortunate?

352

00:20:53,420 --> 00:20:56,830

But nobody has answers
to my questions.

353

00:20:56,830 --> 00:20:59,800

354

00:20:59,800 --> 00:21:01,470

But I do have very
good friends who

355

00:21:01,470 --> 00:21:04,950

went through very
hard times together.

356

00:21:04,950 --> 00:21:08,910

One friend in particular-- after
we came to the United States,

357

00:21:08,910 --> 00:21:10,680

she walked into our house--

358

00:21:10,680 --> 00:21:12,690

I was married already--

359

00:21:12,690 --> 00:21:16,823

and the first thing she
looked for was a chandelier.

360

00:21:16,823 --> 00:21:18,990

I said, [PERSONAL NAME],,
of all the things, why are

361

00:21:18,990 --> 00:21:21,600

you looking for a chandelier?

362

00:21:21,600 --> 00:21:24,510

So she says, you forgot already?

363

00:21:24,510 --> 00:21:28,860

You forgot when we were sitting
in the woods, daydreaming,

364

00:21:28,860 --> 00:21:31,710

and you always
kept our spirit up.

365

00:21:31,710 --> 00:21:34,650

And you would sing to
us and laugh and make

366

00:21:34,650 --> 00:21:37,440

believe that we are
not in the world,

367

00:21:37,440 --> 00:21:39,960

that we're sitting
in a beautiful home,

368

00:21:39,960 --> 00:21:43,140

and the little light that
we saw through the woods

369

00:21:43,140 --> 00:21:51,210

was a chandelier hanging that
let about brightness and light,

370

00:21:51,210 --> 00:21:53,220

and the fire was
not a real fire.

371

00:21:53,220 --> 00:21:59,010

It was a fireplace, that we
were burning marshmallows.

372

00:21:59,010 --> 00:22:03,420
And I look at her like she
completely went off her mine.

373
00:22:03,420 --> 00:22:05,190
I say, when did I ever say this?

374
00:22:05,190 --> 00:22:07,230
I did not remember.

375
00:22:07,230 --> 00:22:11,383
She says, yes, yes, I remember
a lot of things you told us,

376
00:22:11,383 --> 00:22:13,425
and that's why I thought
the first thing you will

377
00:22:13,425 --> 00:22:16,500
want to have was a chandelier.

378
00:22:16,500 --> 00:22:20,910
And I said to her, oh my
goodness, how you forgot.

379
00:22:20,910 --> 00:22:27,150
You don't remember what we
were wishing over this fire?

380
00:22:27,150 --> 00:22:32,100
Each and every one made a wish
if God will help us to survive.

381
00:22:32,100 --> 00:22:35,930

382
00:22:35,930 --> 00:22:37,790
I have one wish--

383
00:22:37,790 --> 00:22:41,852
to have enough bread,
as much as I want,

384

00:22:41,852 --> 00:22:44,630

not to be [? mentioning ?]

and I'll never

385

00:22:44,630 --> 00:22:48,100

ask for anything else.

386

00:22:48,100 --> 00:22:50,230

That's what I was wishing for.

387

00:22:50,230 --> 00:22:53,545

She says, yes, yes, this

was also one of our wishes.

388

00:22:53,545 --> 00:22:59,390

389

00:22:59,390 --> 00:23:02,960

Did you remember a

lot of this later?

390

00:23:02,960 --> 00:23:07,970

I remembered this from

the minute it was over,

391

00:23:07,970 --> 00:23:12,170

but we never talked about it.

392

00:23:12,170 --> 00:23:17,170

I started to talk about the

Holocaust to my children

393

00:23:17,170 --> 00:23:22,460

when I felt they were

young enough to understand.

394

00:23:22,460 --> 00:23:28,635

Before then-- you

have to understand

395

00:23:28,635 --> 00:23:31,760

that we came to a free country.

396

00:23:31,760 --> 00:23:34,575

We were so fortunate to
come and make a new start.

397

00:23:34,575 --> 00:23:37,330

398

00:23:37,330 --> 00:23:45,740

Many people could not understand
what it meant to survive

399

00:23:45,740 --> 00:23:47,980

and how much we went through.

400

00:23:47,980 --> 00:23:51,130

It's like, my mother couldn't
believe this man that

401

00:23:51,130 --> 00:23:52,990

came to knock at our door.

402

00:23:52,990 --> 00:23:55,690

That's how people, in
normal circumstances,

403

00:23:55,690 --> 00:24:02,100

cannot understand that you can
make it under such conditions.

404

00:24:02,100 --> 00:24:06,080

405

00:24:06,080 --> 00:24:12,360

We were disappointed
by hearing comparisons.

406

00:24:12,360 --> 00:24:16,140

When we started to
complain a little bit,

407

00:24:16,140 --> 00:24:20,670

people would say, well, we
didn't have it so good either.

408
00:24:20,670 --> 00:24:24,060
We couldn't get steaks
during the war times.

409
00:24:24,060 --> 00:24:25,065
We had to eat chicken.

410
00:24:25,065 --> 00:24:27,570

411
00:24:27,570 --> 00:24:33,120
And other comparisons
that we felt--

412
00:24:33,120 --> 00:24:34,740
it's just no use to talk.

413
00:24:34,740 --> 00:24:36,690
You can't blame anybody.

414
00:24:36,690 --> 00:24:40,200
You just can't blame.

415
00:24:40,200 --> 00:24:43,800
It's like if the Poles
were afraid to take

416
00:24:43,800 --> 00:24:47,670
a chance on their
life to save us,

417
00:24:47,670 --> 00:24:51,840
who knows how we would
react if our life would

418
00:24:51,840 --> 00:24:54,960
be put on the line?

419
00:24:54,960 --> 00:24:58,230

Unless you live
through it yourself,

420
00:24:58,230 --> 00:25:01,560
you don't know the meaning
of a lot of things,

421
00:25:01,560 --> 00:25:09,360
and sometimes experience could
teach you more than any school

422
00:25:09,360 --> 00:25:11,220
in the world.

423
00:25:11,220 --> 00:25:12,677
How were you liberated?

424
00:25:12,677 --> 00:25:15,480

425
00:25:15,480 --> 00:25:21,030
We were liberated
by the Russian army,

426
00:25:21,030 --> 00:25:24,570
but we couldn't
believe our luck.

427
00:25:24,570 --> 00:25:33,150
All of a sudden, these soldiers
came through with artillery,

428
00:25:33,150 --> 00:25:39,240
with machine guns, with
all kinds of equipment.

429
00:25:39,240 --> 00:25:44,580
And they knew we were partisans,
and they said, the war is over.

430
00:25:44,580 --> 00:25:47,540
You're free.

431

00:25:47,540 --> 00:25:49,040

Oh my God.

432

00:25:49,040 --> 00:25:52,280

That feeling, I'll never forget.

433

00:25:52,280 --> 00:25:58,675

We've touched ourselves
to make sure we're alive.

434

00:25:58,675 --> 00:26:02,240

We didn't believe it.

435

00:26:02,240 --> 00:26:07,490

But unfortunately, it ended
with a very sad episode.

436

00:26:07,490 --> 00:26:11,810

After the Russian army
passed by and we were just

437

00:26:11,810 --> 00:26:14,670

about ready to pull
ourselves together--

438

00:26:14,670 --> 00:26:17,360

we had nothing to
take with ourselves

439

00:26:17,360 --> 00:26:19,340

because we had no
change of clothes.

440

00:26:19,340 --> 00:26:21,560

We had nothing,
absolutely nothing,

441

00:26:21,560 --> 00:26:25,610

just us and covered with
lice from head to toe.

442

00:26:25,610 --> 00:26:28,260

443
00:26:28,260 --> 00:26:31,930
And we are just
about ready to go,

444
00:26:31,930 --> 00:26:34,830
and we hear this terrible
shooting all over again.

445
00:26:34,830 --> 00:26:37,020
And we couldn't believe
what's going on.

446
00:26:37,020 --> 00:26:40,080

447
00:26:40,080 --> 00:26:47,940
250 German soldiers
on horses, by mistake,

448
00:26:47,940 --> 00:26:50,790
ran through our base.

449
00:26:50,790 --> 00:26:53,400
They knew already
the defeat, and they

450
00:26:53,400 --> 00:26:55,180
tried to save their own lives.

451
00:26:55,180 --> 00:26:58,110
They were returning
from the front.

452
00:26:58,110 --> 00:27:03,360
And they didn't realize that
they fell into a partisan base,

453
00:27:03,360 --> 00:27:05,842
and they started to shoot.

454

00:27:05,842 --> 00:27:07,050
They didn't know who we were.

455
00:27:07,050 --> 00:27:08,490
They opened up fire.

456
00:27:08,490 --> 00:27:12,810
Our partisans
opened up fire back.

457
00:27:12,810 --> 00:27:19,795
And oh God, they took one hour,
a battle in front of our eyes.

458
00:27:19,795 --> 00:27:23,760

459
00:27:23,760 --> 00:27:27,545
The partisans managed to get
all the soldiers, the Germans,

460
00:27:27,545 --> 00:27:28,045
done.

461
00:27:28,045 --> 00:27:30,800

462
00:27:30,800 --> 00:27:36,740
Unfortunately, we lost
55 young boys and girls.

463
00:27:36,740 --> 00:27:42,620
But an hour later, we left
the premises to freedom.

464
00:27:42,620 --> 00:27:48,590
We had to bury them in the
woods, in this partisan group.

465
00:27:48,590 --> 00:27:50,960
It was already too much.

466

00:27:50,960 --> 00:27:54,620

It took away the
whole joy from knowing

467

00:27:54,620 --> 00:27:55,940

that you lived through the war.

468

00:27:55,940 --> 00:27:58,770

469

00:27:58,770 --> 00:28:01,410

But life went on.

470

00:28:01,410 --> 00:28:04,560

We went, everybody,
back to their own city,

471

00:28:04,560 --> 00:28:06,690

where they come from.

472

00:28:06,690 --> 00:28:11,310

We came back to the city
of Lida, for instance,

473

00:28:11,310 --> 00:28:14,790

and my parents knew that
there was nothing for them

474

00:28:14,790 --> 00:28:18,150

except mass graves.

475

00:28:18,150 --> 00:28:19,185

At home was burned.

476

00:28:19,185 --> 00:28:23,570

477

00:28:23,570 --> 00:28:26,400

They saw no future for
the children there.

478

00:28:26,400 --> 00:28:29,300

A handful of people survived.

479

00:28:29,300 --> 00:28:33,110

We were so fortunate we
survived as a family.

480

00:28:33,110 --> 00:28:36,950

It's practically unheard of.

481

00:28:36,950 --> 00:28:39,860

My father started to inquire.

482

00:28:39,860 --> 00:28:43,880

He had all his family
in the Lodz ghetto.

483

00:28:43,880 --> 00:28:48,350

Nobody, nobody, not
even one child made it.

484

00:28:48,350 --> 00:28:52,270

485

00:28:52,270 --> 00:28:56,710

Six sisters and brothers
with families, a mother--

486

00:28:56,710 --> 00:28:59,400

everybody was killed.

487

00:28:59,400 --> 00:29:03,950

488

00:29:03,950 --> 00:29:08,080

My father went back to his
original dream, Palestine.

489

00:29:08,080 --> 00:29:12,100

We have to find a way
to get to Palestine.

490

00:29:12,100 --> 00:29:15,670

We thought, people will
make a big deal about us.

491
00:29:15,670 --> 00:29:16,255
We survived.

492
00:29:16,255 --> 00:29:20,290

493
00:29:20,290 --> 00:29:20,995
Nobody cared.

494
00:29:20,995 --> 00:29:24,810

495
00:29:24,810 --> 00:29:27,240
We want to go to Palestine.

496
00:29:27,240 --> 00:29:28,350
How can you go there?

497
00:29:28,350 --> 00:29:29,340
There were no means.

498
00:29:29,340 --> 00:29:30,660
There were no ways.

499
00:29:30,660 --> 00:29:31,650
We had no money.

500
00:29:31,650 --> 00:29:35,140

501
00:29:35,140 --> 00:29:38,230
We started to smuggle
through borders.

502
00:29:38,230 --> 00:29:39,130
Excuse me, Ann.

503
00:29:39,130 --> 00:29:44,230

When you say nobody cared,
do you mean other Jews or--

504
00:29:44,230 --> 00:29:44,765
The world.

505
00:29:44,765 --> 00:29:46,450
The world.

506
00:29:46,450 --> 00:29:49,250
Other Jews were in the
same position as we were.

507
00:29:49,250 --> 00:29:51,220
Everybody wanted
to leave Europe.

508
00:29:51,220 --> 00:29:57,250
The survivors knew that Europe
cannot offer them anything

509
00:29:57,250 --> 00:29:59,590
but grief.

510
00:29:59,590 --> 00:30:03,070
But no country in
the world cared

511
00:30:03,070 --> 00:30:09,280
to open up ways to let the
survivors in without a quota,

512
00:30:09,280 --> 00:30:15,100
let's say, without a
passport, without [INAUDIBLE],,

513
00:30:15,100 --> 00:30:18,745
just try to give them
a start in life again.

514
00:30:18,745 --> 00:30:21,590

515

00:30:21,590 --> 00:30:26,570

We went through so many
different countries,

516

00:30:26,570 --> 00:30:32,210

and we wound up all over
again in camps, in DP camps,

517

00:30:32,210 --> 00:30:35,010

for four more years.

518

00:30:35,010 --> 00:30:36,000

I was young.

519

00:30:36,000 --> 00:30:39,050

I was waiting to
start school again.

520

00:30:39,050 --> 00:30:42,920

I missed so much of my life.

521

00:30:42,920 --> 00:30:46,485

My parents were desperate.

522

00:30:46,485 --> 00:30:48,110

They had nothing to
offer the children.

523

00:30:48,110 --> 00:30:49,880

Nothing was in their
power, and my father

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00:30:49,880 --> 00:30:52,310

was not allowed to go to work.

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00:30:52,310 --> 00:31:00,440

For four years, we lived in
a deep camp in Linz, Austria,

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00:31:00,440 --> 00:31:04,550

again, in one room.

527

00:31:04,550 --> 00:31:08,180

The only thing we had is our
freedom that we cherished.

528

00:31:08,180 --> 00:31:13,040

We kissed the ground of
the room that we lived in.

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00:31:13,040 --> 00:31:15,500

Palestine was under the British.

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00:31:15,500 --> 00:31:16,940

We were dying.

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00:31:16,940 --> 00:31:19,250

We would give anything
to be able to go there,

532

00:31:19,250 --> 00:31:22,210

no matter under what conditions.

533

00:31:22,210 --> 00:31:26,840

The only way you could go is to
smuggle, to go to [INAUDIBLE]..

534

00:31:26,840 --> 00:31:31,940

And then we heard stories that
people got stopped in Cyprus.

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00:31:31,940 --> 00:31:35,780

They were put back on
ships and sent back.

536

00:31:35,780 --> 00:31:36,905

And we were so tired.

537

00:31:36,905 --> 00:31:41,040

538

00:31:41,040 --> 00:31:42,440

We just didn't know what to do.

539

00:31:42,440 --> 00:31:46,360

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00:31:46,360 --> 00:31:53,620

My mother found relatives
through the newspaper

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00:31:53,620 --> 00:31:55,720

in the United States.

542

00:31:55,720 --> 00:32:01,180

My grandmother had two
sisters who had the foresight

543

00:32:01,180 --> 00:32:05,800

to leave Europe after
the First World War,

544

00:32:05,800 --> 00:32:08,661

and my grandmother
chose to remain in Lida.

545

00:32:08,661 --> 00:32:12,430

546

00:32:12,430 --> 00:32:20,800

And her choice was not the
best, but nevertheless,

547

00:32:20,800 --> 00:32:25,480

when her sisters, which
meant to my mother her aunts,

548

00:32:25,480 --> 00:32:32,440

found out that one niece
survived with her children,

549

00:32:32,440 --> 00:32:36,560

they made out an
affidavit for us.

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00:32:36,560 --> 00:32:39,040

And they wanted us very much
to come to the United States.

551
00:32:39,040 --> 00:32:43,340

552
00:32:43,340 --> 00:32:47,390
And you think, somebody cared,
we should come here in a hurry.

553
00:32:47,390 --> 00:32:48,380
No.

554
00:32:48,380 --> 00:32:52,030
We had to wait four
years for that.

555
00:32:52,030 --> 00:32:55,540
That meant four
more wasted years

556
00:32:55,540 --> 00:33:01,150
in camp under normal conditions,
but no schooling, no work

557
00:33:01,150 --> 00:33:01,930
for my father.

558
00:33:01,930 --> 00:33:04,810
We weren't allowed to
do anything, just wait,

559
00:33:04,810 --> 00:33:08,860
and nobody knew how
long that wait will be.

560
00:33:08,860 --> 00:33:14,730

561
00:33:14,730 --> 00:33:24,980
In 1949, in November,
our quota was called in,

562

00:33:24,980 --> 00:33:29,270

and we arrived in
the United States,

563

00:33:29,270 --> 00:33:32,690

to Boston, on a boat that--

564

00:33:32,690 --> 00:33:37,550

I thought I will not ever
see the United States.

565

00:33:37,550 --> 00:33:40,430

It was such a difficult ride.

566

00:33:40,430 --> 00:33:43,320

I remember being so sick.

567

00:33:43,320 --> 00:33:49,190

My mother was hospitalized
in the infirmary on the boat.

568

00:33:49,190 --> 00:33:51,920

They took her off
on a wheelchair.

569

00:33:51,920 --> 00:33:53,620

If that trip would
last a few more days,

570

00:33:53,620 --> 00:33:55,160

we probably wouldn't make it.

571

00:33:55,160 --> 00:33:58,130

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00:33:58,130 --> 00:34:01,280

And right there and then, I said
to myself, never again will I

573

00:34:01,280 --> 00:34:02,960

get in a boat.

574

00:34:02,960 --> 00:34:07,070

Until today, all of our
friends take cruises.

575

00:34:07,070 --> 00:34:10,639

They go on different islands,
and they want us to join them.

576

00:34:10,639 --> 00:34:12,080

And I said, no thank you.

577

00:34:12,080 --> 00:34:14,060

One place you will not
see me is on a boat.

578

00:34:14,060 --> 00:34:17,330

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00:34:17,330 --> 00:34:18,860

We came to Boston.

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00:34:18,860 --> 00:34:23,330

Our family was waiting
for us, and I did not

581

00:34:23,330 --> 00:34:29,840

know what to expect, what
the United States looks like.

582

00:34:29,840 --> 00:34:33,710

Nobody could put
it in words what

583

00:34:33,710 --> 00:34:43,360

I expected coming back from a
tiny, little town in Europe,

584

00:34:43,360 --> 00:34:46,330

primitive.

585

00:34:46,330 --> 00:34:50,620

Some roofs were made from straw.

586
00:34:50,620 --> 00:34:55,120
You come in, and you
see these big buildings.

587
00:34:55,120 --> 00:34:58,890
And the freedom you could
smell in the street.

588
00:34:58,890 --> 00:35:01,470
It was such a good feeling.

589
00:35:01,470 --> 00:35:03,285
I did not know one
word of English.

590
00:35:03,285 --> 00:35:06,490

591
00:35:06,490 --> 00:35:11,445
My aunt was so anxious to
give us a tour of the city.

592
00:35:11,445 --> 00:35:15,390

593
00:35:15,390 --> 00:35:16,740
And we arrived in November.

594
00:35:16,740 --> 00:35:20,710
It was cold.

595
00:35:20,710 --> 00:35:24,070
I had to get dressed
to go into their car.

596
00:35:24,070 --> 00:35:30,550
A car was a big, big luxury,
a private car, especially.

597
00:35:30,550 --> 00:35:33,490
I was looking for

my coat to put on,

598

00:35:33,490 --> 00:35:39,490

and my auntie, who was
in the United States,

599

00:35:39,490 --> 00:35:45,160

at that time, probably 35
years or 40, longer than

600

00:35:45,160 --> 00:35:47,320

I'm in this country--

601

00:35:47,320 --> 00:35:49,180

she goes over to me quietly.

602

00:35:49,180 --> 00:35:53,760

She says, [PERSONAL NAME],, in
America, [NON-ENGLISH SPEECH]..

603

00:35:53,760 --> 00:36:00,370

In the United States, you don't
say [NON-ENGLISH] which means

604

00:36:00,370 --> 00:36:02,080

a coat.

605

00:36:02,080 --> 00:36:03,925

You say a coat.

606

00:36:03,925 --> 00:36:06,910

607

00:36:06,910 --> 00:36:09,550

And I didn't know any better.

608

00:36:09,550 --> 00:36:12,580

From now on, a
[NON-ENGLISH] is a coat.

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00:36:12,580 --> 00:36:14,335

She gave me my first

English lesson.

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00:36:14,335 --> 00:36:18,640

611

00:36:18,640 --> 00:36:23,700

We took a tour of the city,
and I'll tell you, I was like--

612

00:36:23,700 --> 00:36:25,770

you let out an
animal from a cage.

613

00:36:25,770 --> 00:36:29,070

Everything was, oh, ah, my God.

614

00:36:29,070 --> 00:36:30,740

I just couldn't believe my eyes.

615

00:36:30,740 --> 00:36:34,650

616

00:36:34,650 --> 00:36:38,430

We tried to make a
start for ourselves.

617

00:36:38,430 --> 00:36:40,440

It wasn't easy.

618

00:36:40,440 --> 00:36:46,800

Our family was not
really in the position

619

00:36:46,800 --> 00:36:51,240

to give us a financial help,
neither did we expect it.

620

00:36:51,240 --> 00:36:54,690

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00:36:54,690 --> 00:37:00,360

My father was looking for

work, and he couldn't find any.

622

00:37:00,360 --> 00:37:05,790

My father was 49 years old
when he came to this country,

623

00:37:05,790 --> 00:37:10,580

and he was told all
over that he's too old.

624

00:37:10,580 --> 00:37:12,170

And I started to
believe that these

625

00:37:12,170 --> 00:37:14,630

old from the way he looked.

626

00:37:14,630 --> 00:37:19,580

When I think now
that I'm almost 60

627

00:37:19,580 --> 00:37:24,260

and he was only 49 years
old, I can't believe it,

628

00:37:24,260 --> 00:37:27,740

what the world did to him.

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00:37:27,740 --> 00:37:32,390

My brother was taken
to the Korean War,

630

00:37:32,390 --> 00:37:34,760

did not know how
to speak English,

631

00:37:34,760 --> 00:37:37,550

was not a citizen
of this country,

632

00:37:37,550 --> 00:37:38,765

but they had to go to serve.

633

00:37:38,765 --> 00:37:42,950

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00:37:42,950 --> 00:37:44,410

My mother was very sick.

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00:37:44,410 --> 00:37:47,030

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00:37:47,030 --> 00:37:50,050

She was taken off the
back in a wheelchair,

637

00:37:50,050 --> 00:37:53,800

and the doctor said
that she will have

638

00:37:53,800 --> 00:37:55,870

to be bedridden for a year.

639

00:37:55,870 --> 00:38:00,950

Her circulation in the
legs completely stopped.

640

00:38:00,950 --> 00:38:07,650

And I was the only one to go to
work instead of to go to school

641

00:38:07,650 --> 00:38:09,410

and try to catch up a bit.

642

00:38:09,410 --> 00:38:11,120

How about your sister?

643

00:38:11,120 --> 00:38:20,130

My sister got married in
the camps at the age of 18,

644

00:38:20,130 --> 00:38:23,040

and not knowing
who she married--

645

00:38:23,040 --> 00:38:26,160

she married a
survivor, only survivor

646

00:38:26,160 --> 00:38:31,390

from a family that's lived
through a concentration camp.

647

00:38:31,390 --> 00:38:35,260

And when they were about to
come to the United States,

648

00:38:35,260 --> 00:38:38,720

they found out that he has TB.

649

00:38:38,720 --> 00:38:42,590

They would not permit
him to come here.

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00:38:42,590 --> 00:38:47,990

He was sent a
sanitarium in Italy,

651

00:38:47,990 --> 00:38:54,590

and he was fortunate
to be cured there.

652

00:38:54,590 --> 00:38:57,740

And they finally came here.

653

00:38:57,740 --> 00:39:04,560

In the meantime, she had
given birth to a little son,

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00:39:04,560 --> 00:39:06,840

and they started a
family of their own.

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00:39:06,840 --> 00:39:10,330

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00:39:10,330 --> 00:39:16,600

My brother-in-law did not
make it to his son's wedding.

657
00:39:16,600 --> 00:39:21,910
He bought some years, but the
sickness caught up with him.

658
00:39:21,910 --> 00:39:27,040
And he died at a very young
age, 53 years old, lung cancer.

659
00:39:27,040 --> 00:39:31,760

660
00:39:31,760 --> 00:39:36,250
So I was the only
breadwinner at the time.

661
00:39:36,250 --> 00:39:41,650
I found work because
I was handy, I guess.

662
00:39:41,650 --> 00:39:44,830

663
00:39:44,830 --> 00:39:49,720
I was given a job in
a millinery place.

664
00:39:49,720 --> 00:39:55,210
A cousin of mine knew the boss,
and he said he would train me.

665
00:39:55,210 --> 00:40:03,210
And I caught up in no time, and
I was doing very, very nice.

666
00:40:03,210 --> 00:40:06,290
As a matter of fact, when my
husband and I got married,

667
00:40:06,290 --> 00:40:07,910
I was making more

money than him.

668

00:40:07,910 --> 00:40:10,802

669

00:40:10,802 --> 00:40:11,510

How did you meet?

670

00:40:11,510 --> 00:40:15,010

671

00:40:15,010 --> 00:40:19,930

In 1951, I was very
fortunate to meet my husband,

672

00:40:19,930 --> 00:40:23,020

and it's a long story.

673

00:40:23,020 --> 00:40:30,220

My husband came to Italy to
save a sister of his that

674

00:40:30,220 --> 00:40:37,360

died at a very young
age through the beatings

675

00:40:37,360 --> 00:40:41,485

and suffering of the war years.

676

00:40:41,485 --> 00:40:43,930

They were in the underground.

677

00:40:43,930 --> 00:40:49,810

Unfortunately, my husband was
not lucky to save his sister.

678

00:40:49,810 --> 00:40:56,680

She died at the age of 26
in Italy, buried there.

679

00:40:56,680 --> 00:41:00,310

My sister came with

her husband to Italy,

680

00:41:00,310 --> 00:41:01,990
and they met in the sanitarium.

681

00:41:01,990 --> 00:41:05,720

682

00:41:05,720 --> 00:41:10,558
And my husband liked my
sister very much as a person.

683

00:41:10,558 --> 00:41:13,100
He didn't even know at the time
when he met her whether she's

684

00:41:13,100 --> 00:41:15,590
married or single.

685

00:41:15,590 --> 00:41:18,740
When they got to know each
other a little better,

686

00:41:18,740 --> 00:41:25,670
he found out she's married, so
he said, oh, that's a shame.

687

00:41:25,670 --> 00:41:27,980
So my sister said,
well, don't worry.

688

00:41:27,980 --> 00:41:31,770
If you like me, I
have a single sister.

689

00:41:31,770 --> 00:41:35,330
And he showed her my picture.

690

00:41:35,330 --> 00:41:37,100
I lived, at the
time, in Austria.

691

00:41:37,100 --> 00:41:42,655
He was in Italy, and we
somehow could not get together.

692
00:41:42,655 --> 00:41:44,030
And to be very
honest with you, I

693
00:41:44,030 --> 00:41:48,280
was not interested at the time.

694
00:41:48,280 --> 00:41:59,850
I was very young, and I
guess the war years made

695
00:41:59,850 --> 00:42:02,040
me more mature than my age was.

696
00:42:02,040 --> 00:42:06,630

697
00:42:06,630 --> 00:42:11,490
However, when my husband
came to this country in 1951,

698
00:42:11,490 --> 00:42:13,260
he came to visit my sister.

699
00:42:13,260 --> 00:42:17,550
We all lived together
in one apartment,

700
00:42:17,550 --> 00:42:24,070
and he claims that he
came to visit my sister.

701
00:42:24,070 --> 00:42:30,210
But, he said, the truth was that
I really wanted to meet you.

702
00:42:30,210 --> 00:42:35,800
And we met, and we liked each
other very much from the start.

703
00:42:35,800 --> 00:42:39,560

704
00:42:39,560 --> 00:42:44,120
He took me right away
to meet his family,

705
00:42:44,120 --> 00:42:54,190
and I said to him, if
he is serious about me,

706
00:42:54,190 --> 00:42:56,910
I don't want to mislead you.

707
00:42:56,910 --> 00:43:00,280
I have dreams to go to Israel.

708
00:43:00,280 --> 00:43:03,910
I will not remain in
the United States.

709
00:43:03,910 --> 00:43:08,620
Because I had a boyfriend
that I met in the camps,

710
00:43:08,620 --> 00:43:12,910
and he went to Israel
with his family.

711
00:43:12,910 --> 00:43:19,150
And I had to go to the United
States, not out of choice.

712
00:43:19,150 --> 00:43:21,070
I had to go because
of my mother.

713
00:43:21,070 --> 00:43:23,640

714
00:43:23,640 --> 00:43:29,740

See, European kids have
a different upbringing.

715
00:43:29,740 --> 00:43:32,470
I could have been selfish
and say to my parents,

716
00:43:32,470 --> 00:43:33,370
I have a boyfriend.

717
00:43:33,370 --> 00:43:36,280
I want to go to Israel with him.

718
00:43:36,280 --> 00:43:39,070
We were not allowed to
go legally to Israel.

719
00:43:39,070 --> 00:43:43,630
My father would have been happy
to go with the whole family,

720
00:43:43,630 --> 00:43:45,580
but Israel was
not a country yet.

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00:43:45,580 --> 00:43:48,530

722
00:43:48,530 --> 00:43:51,560
And when our affidavit came
to go to the United States,

723
00:43:51,560 --> 00:43:54,350
we did not want to
pass up the opportunity

724
00:43:54,350 --> 00:43:57,470
to finally go to a
free country and make

725
00:43:57,470 --> 00:44:01,170
a new start for ourselves.

726

00:44:01,170 --> 00:44:07,560

So when I told him this,
he said he understands.

727

00:44:07,560 --> 00:44:11,910

He also would have been very,
very happy to go to Israel,

728

00:44:11,910 --> 00:44:15,180

and through other circumstances,
he came to the United States

729

00:44:15,180 --> 00:44:18,570

also not out of choice.

730

00:44:18,570 --> 00:44:21,210

And he said we can be friends.

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00:44:21,210 --> 00:44:22,740

I said, of course, no problem.

732

00:44:22,740 --> 00:44:26,090

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00:44:26,090 --> 00:44:29,030

We had a lot of friends.

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00:44:29,030 --> 00:44:32,450

We had friends that
had no parents.

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00:44:32,450 --> 00:44:33,920

We were such a fortunate family.

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00:44:33,920 --> 00:44:36,890

737

00:44:36,890 --> 00:44:40,850

I don't know of
any other friends

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00:44:40,850 --> 00:44:46,490
that I have that survived as
a family or even had parents.

739
00:44:46,490 --> 00:44:49,200
The boys and the girls used
to come up to our apartment,

740
00:44:49,200 --> 00:44:52,580
and everybody would call my Ma.

741
00:44:52,580 --> 00:44:56,030
And there was always
something on the table to eat.

742
00:44:56,030 --> 00:44:59,860
The first question
she would ask--

743
00:44:59,860 --> 00:45:00,680
you're hungry?

744
00:45:00,680 --> 00:45:02,210
You want to eat
something, right?

745
00:45:02,210 --> 00:45:03,920
This is how she
would greet them all.

746
00:45:03,920 --> 00:45:07,320

747
00:45:07,320 --> 00:45:15,150
And when my brother was taken to
the army, everybody was so sad,

748
00:45:15,150 --> 00:45:19,950
and they did not come as
frequent because my mother was

749
00:45:19,950 --> 00:45:21,000
going to pieces.

750
00:45:21,000 --> 00:45:27,120
She just did not know how she
will survive this tragedy.

751
00:45:27,120 --> 00:45:33,820
To her, it meant
like there's no end.

752
00:45:33,820 --> 00:45:37,330
There's just no end
to human suffering.

753
00:45:37,330 --> 00:45:41,020
We went through
such a terrible war.

754
00:45:41,020 --> 00:45:45,970
Why, again, does he have
to serve for a Korean War?

755
00:45:45,970 --> 00:45:50,200
She didn't understand
the impact of it.

756
00:45:50,200 --> 00:45:51,850
But my husband kept them coming.

757
00:45:51,850 --> 00:45:52,930
He was very loyal.

758
00:45:52,930 --> 00:45:55,710

759
00:45:55,710 --> 00:46:00,660
I'll never forget-- my brother
once came home for furlough.

760
00:46:00,660 --> 00:46:03,750
Like he had a
couple of days off.

761

00:46:03,750 --> 00:46:09,450
And he couldn't understand
that the house--

762
00:46:09,450 --> 00:46:13,530
some of the boys and
girls were not there.

763
00:46:13,530 --> 00:46:16,530
So my husband answered him.

764
00:46:16,530 --> 00:46:20,790
Paul, he said,
well, when they all

765
00:46:20,790 --> 00:46:24,950
realized that I mean
business, they stopped coming.

766
00:46:24,950 --> 00:46:26,530
What he meant is
that they were all

767
00:46:26,530 --> 00:46:29,580
coming to me, not to the house.

768
00:46:29,580 --> 00:46:32,040
And when they saw
that he's serious,

769
00:46:32,040 --> 00:46:33,590
they didn't want to interfere.

770
00:46:33,590 --> 00:46:37,040

771
00:46:37,040 --> 00:46:40,240
As time went on and I did
not see the possibility how

772
00:46:40,240 --> 00:46:47,760
I can ever really
even go to Israel,

773
00:46:47,760 --> 00:46:51,370
he finally proposed to me.

774
00:46:51,370 --> 00:46:56,850
And I accepted with
great joy, and we

775
00:46:56,850 --> 00:47:04,210
got married April 6, 1952.

776
00:47:04,210 --> 00:47:10,210
It was a very small wedding in
the apartment that we lived.

777
00:47:10,210 --> 00:47:15,130
My parents could not
afford anything elaborate,

778
00:47:15,130 --> 00:47:16,675
and neither did we both care.

779
00:47:16,675 --> 00:47:20,530

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00:47:20,530 --> 00:47:25,270
We were married under
a huppah, and we

781
00:47:25,270 --> 00:47:26,890
had the Rabbi
[PERSONAL NAME] that

782
00:47:26,890 --> 00:47:29,530
was the rabbi at the time
from the Ocean Parkway

783
00:47:29,530 --> 00:47:36,280
Jewish Center, very, very
prominent known rabbi.

784
00:47:36,280 --> 00:47:40,990

And when he heard two
young kids, survivors,

785
00:47:40,990 --> 00:47:42,190
he will marry off.

786
00:47:42,190 --> 00:47:45,420

787
00:47:45,420 --> 00:47:52,830
He said the most beautiful
words and wished us

788
00:47:52,830 --> 00:47:56,910
all the luck in the
world one can get.

789
00:47:56,910 --> 00:48:00,830

790
00:48:00,830 --> 00:48:03,170
And he said, you deserve it so.

791
00:48:03,170 --> 00:48:06,440

792
00:48:06,440 --> 00:48:10,130
My maiden name is Monka.

793
00:48:10,130 --> 00:48:12,620
My-- excuse me--
married name is Monka.

794
00:48:12,620 --> 00:48:17,900
Manka, in Poland, means flour,
flour that you bake bread.

795
00:48:17,900 --> 00:48:22,090

796
00:48:22,090 --> 00:48:26,730
And when we got

married, my mother--

797

00:48:26,730 --> 00:48:28,530

may she rest in peace.

798

00:48:28,530 --> 00:48:32,400

Paul was also fortunate

to have his mother--

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00:48:32,400 --> 00:48:40,100

said, I have a feeling,

and I know from this flour

800

00:48:40,100 --> 00:48:41,870

will come out very good bread.

801

00:48:41,870 --> 00:48:45,140

802

00:48:45,140 --> 00:48:51,110

And as she said, we are so

fortunate to build ourselves,

803

00:48:51,110 --> 00:48:58,790

with our own two hands, a future

that we started from scratch.

804

00:48:58,790 --> 00:49:02,410

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00:49:02,410 --> 00:49:06,550

I gave birth to three

beautiful children who

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00:49:06,550 --> 00:49:13,480

bring us so much joy because,

from a very young age,

807

00:49:13,480 --> 00:49:15,790

they shared with

us our suffering,

808

00:49:15,790 --> 00:49:21,250
and they were so understanding
and so cooperative

809
00:49:21,250 --> 00:49:24,550
that we have to be so grateful.

810
00:49:24,550 --> 00:49:28,930
In a world of turmoil, it's
not easy for young people

811
00:49:28,930 --> 00:49:30,160
to grow up these days.

812
00:49:30,160 --> 00:49:34,080

813
00:49:34,080 --> 00:49:41,370
I always talked about going
straight and take an example

814
00:49:41,370 --> 00:49:45,930
from my suffering, that
God gave me the courage

815
00:49:45,930 --> 00:49:49,080
not to turn to bad
channels and not

816
00:49:49,080 --> 00:49:51,780
to follow the wrong examples.

817
00:49:51,780 --> 00:49:56,750

818
00:49:56,750 --> 00:49:57,980
And they tried their best.

819
00:49:57,980 --> 00:50:02,660

820
00:50:02,660 --> 00:50:05,690

We stressed very much
education for our children

821
00:50:05,690 --> 00:50:09,500
because this is something
that was denied to us,

822
00:50:09,500 --> 00:50:13,460
and this is something one
can never take away from you.

823
00:50:13,460 --> 00:50:17,120
No matter what suffering
you go through, no matter

824
00:50:17,120 --> 00:50:22,550
what personal possessions you
lose, if you have education,

825
00:50:22,550 --> 00:50:25,742
this is something that is yours.

826
00:50:25,742 --> 00:50:26,950
What do your children do now?

827
00:50:26,950 --> 00:50:29,600

828
00:50:29,600 --> 00:50:34,520
Our oldest daughter,
Rosalyn, is an educator.

829
00:50:34,520 --> 00:50:39,080
She has a degree in
education with a master

830
00:50:39,080 --> 00:50:42,590
in higher education from
Columbia University.

831
00:50:42,590 --> 00:50:49,040
She's basically a teacher
and a very fine one,

832
00:50:49,040 --> 00:50:52,010
and I know this from the
parents of the children

833
00:50:52,010 --> 00:50:57,050
that she teaches, that they
all feel fortunate to have her

834
00:50:57,050 --> 00:50:57,680
as a teacher.

835
00:50:57,680 --> 00:51:01,565
They come to tell me, what your
daughter does for our kids--

836
00:51:01,565 --> 00:51:05,090

837
00:51:05,090 --> 00:51:07,730
knowing you, we can
understand that this

838
00:51:07,730 --> 00:51:11,230
is from a different [? cut. ?]

839
00:51:11,230 --> 00:51:14,170
I'll never forget when she
started college, [? Hartford ?]

840
00:51:14,170 --> 00:51:18,420
University in Connecticut.

841
00:51:18,420 --> 00:51:21,780
She had to share a
room with three girls

842
00:51:21,780 --> 00:51:28,380
because the first year they
don't give you a room for two.

843
00:51:28,380 --> 00:51:30,555

And she called us
up quite desperate,

844
00:51:30,555 --> 00:51:33,930
and she was in tears, shook up.

845
00:51:33,930 --> 00:51:36,450
Mom, Dad, you have to come over.

846
00:51:36,450 --> 00:51:37,500
What happened?

847
00:51:37,500 --> 00:51:38,610
She couldn't even talk.

848
00:51:38,610 --> 00:51:41,930

849
00:51:41,930 --> 00:51:47,450
She was placed with
two girls in her room

850
00:51:47,450 --> 00:51:53,300
that were smoking pot to
such a point where they

851
00:51:53,300 --> 00:51:56,270
would get violently
ill, and she would

852
00:51:56,270 --> 00:51:59,790
have to take care of them.

853
00:51:59,790 --> 00:52:02,400
That was not the
worst part of it.

854
00:52:02,400 --> 00:52:08,070
Ma, they insist I must
get started with them,

855
00:52:08,070 --> 00:52:10,110

and I refuse.

856

00:52:10,110 --> 00:52:14,280

And they're giving
me a very hard time.

857

00:52:14,280 --> 00:52:16,960

Oh my God, when we
heard this, I said,

858

00:52:16,960 --> 00:52:20,910

all right, we'll go to talk
to the dean of the college.

859

00:52:20,910 --> 00:52:25,290

She says, no, we're not
allowed to complain.

860

00:52:25,290 --> 00:52:31,920

We just have to work out the
best conditions we know how.

861

00:52:31,920 --> 00:52:38,910

This other girl invites her
boyfriend for the night,

862

00:52:38,910 --> 00:52:41,250

and she has no respect
that she has to share

863

00:52:41,250 --> 00:52:44,450

the room with the other two.

864

00:52:44,450 --> 00:52:49,620

And when I tell her that I
live here, too, in the room,

865

00:52:49,620 --> 00:52:53,730

she says, you have one
choice-- you can turn around.

866

00:52:53,730 --> 00:52:55,590

And she did not know

how to cope with it.

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00:52:55,590 --> 00:52:59,060

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00:52:59,060 --> 00:53:03,560

And we had to give our support,
and we had to talk to her

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00:53:03,560 --> 00:53:08,990

and try to explain to her
she should talk to the girls

870

00:53:08,990 --> 00:53:11,870

and, after they
get sick, show them

871

00:53:11,870 --> 00:53:14,630

that you are the one
who is helping them,

872

00:53:14,630 --> 00:53:17,550

that they are not
accomplishing anything.

873

00:53:17,550 --> 00:53:20,450

And after a while,
they begin to realize

874

00:53:20,450 --> 00:53:24,410

that she's the lucky one
that she doesn't join them,

875

00:53:24,410 --> 00:53:28,550

and little by little,
somehow, this whole stopped--

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00:53:28,550 --> 00:53:30,750

or it got better.

877

00:53:30,750 --> 00:53:35,200

And she was able
to cope with it.

878
00:53:35,200 --> 00:53:40,280
And I said to her, Ros, I
really have respect for you.

879
00:53:40,280 --> 00:53:45,890
It's very difficult
to be an only one.

880
00:53:45,890 --> 00:53:47,390
She says, yes, Ma.

881
00:53:47,390 --> 00:53:48,900
It's not easy for me.

882
00:53:48,900 --> 00:53:51,980
I'm not as popular as them.

883
00:53:51,980 --> 00:53:54,170
But somehow, she
says, no matter what

884
00:53:54,170 --> 00:53:57,470
happens, if it comes the
situation to do something

885
00:53:57,470 --> 00:54:01,700
wrong, I think of you.

886
00:54:01,700 --> 00:54:03,710
She couldn't help it.

887
00:54:03,710 --> 00:54:07,590
This girl will not cross the
street if she sees a red light

888
00:54:07,590 --> 00:54:12,260
or it says "Don't Walk,"
only the straight way

889
00:54:12,260 --> 00:54:13,250
and the right way.

890
00:54:13,250 --> 00:54:17,300

891
00:54:17,300 --> 00:54:22,720
We have a son, a doctor, that
I guess every mother would wish

892
00:54:22,720 --> 00:54:26,770
to have, and when
we ask him, how

893
00:54:26,770 --> 00:54:34,870
come you chose to
become a doctor,

894
00:54:34,870 --> 00:54:36,871
he says, Ma, it's
because of you.

895
00:54:36,871 --> 00:54:42,060

896
00:54:42,060 --> 00:54:44,130
My suffering did
not come to an end

897
00:54:44,130 --> 00:54:45,750
with just living
through the war.

898
00:54:45,750 --> 00:54:49,150

899
00:54:49,150 --> 00:54:53,740
Before my doctor son's
bar mitzvah at the age--

900
00:54:53,740 --> 00:54:56,020
he was 12.

901
00:54:56,020 --> 00:54:59,480

I was 38 years old.

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00:54:59,480 --> 00:55:09,400

I was stricken with
cancer, and they did not

903

00:55:09,400 --> 00:55:11,530

know which way it's going to go.

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00:55:11,530 --> 00:55:18,040

Nobody promised me anything,
and I did not ask for much.

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00:55:18,040 --> 00:55:19,840

And I didn't ask why. .

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00:55:19,840 --> 00:55:22,820

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00:55:22,820 --> 00:55:26,480

I just, very quietly,
said, dear God,

908

00:55:26,480 --> 00:55:28,770

let me live to my son's
bar mitzvah, which

909

00:55:28,770 --> 00:55:30,830

is only one year away--

910

00:55:30,830 --> 00:55:34,430

we had made the
plans at the time--

911

00:55:34,430 --> 00:55:35,710

and I'll be very happy.

912

00:55:35,710 --> 00:55:42,380

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00:55:42,380 --> 00:55:48,200

And God helped me to

be to his bar mitzvah,

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00:55:48,200 --> 00:55:52,190

and God helped me
to see him married

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00:55:52,190 --> 00:55:53,570

and be to his son's bris.

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00:55:53,570 --> 00:55:57,400

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00:55:57,400 --> 00:56:01,100

Through my suffering, my
husband took very sick

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00:56:01,100 --> 00:56:03,350

with a heart attack.

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00:56:03,350 --> 00:56:10,520

The kids were little, and we had
the big struggle on our hands.

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00:56:10,520 --> 00:56:16,220

And the kids grew up at a very
young age, very cooperative,

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00:56:16,220 --> 00:56:17,510

my daughter at the age--

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00:56:17,510 --> 00:56:18,800

About three minutes.

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00:56:18,800 --> 00:56:21,080

My daughter, at
the age of 11, took

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00:56:21,080 --> 00:56:24,650

care of her younger
brothers, cooked for them,

925

00:56:24,650 --> 00:56:29,060

put them to sleep,
and admits today

926
00:56:29,060 --> 00:56:35,150
that she was frightened herself
to sleep with these two kids

927
00:56:35,150 --> 00:56:36,560
alone.

928
00:56:36,560 --> 00:56:37,890
My husband was in the hospital.

929
00:56:37,890 --> 00:56:38,765
I was at his bedside.

930
00:56:38,765 --> 00:56:41,590

931
00:56:41,590 --> 00:56:48,910
And so much sickness in the
family, he said, oh God,

932
00:56:48,910 --> 00:56:51,610
if you help me to become
a doctor and able to help

933
00:56:51,610 --> 00:56:53,320
people--

934
00:56:53,320 --> 00:56:54,240
this is my reason.

935
00:56:54,240 --> 00:56:57,570

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00:56:57,570 --> 00:56:59,250
He became a doctor.

937
00:56:59,250 --> 00:57:02,970
He's a family doctor with a
very fine reputation, also,

938
00:57:02,970 --> 00:57:11,040
of having a heart, of
understanding the sick.

939
00:57:11,040 --> 00:57:16,260
And our youngest son went
into business with my husband

940
00:57:16,260 --> 00:57:19,740
that we built from
scratch ourselves, work

941
00:57:19,740 --> 00:57:22,200
until 12:00 at night every day.

942
00:57:22,200 --> 00:57:27,000
At night, we used to come to
the business with supper for him

943
00:57:27,000 --> 00:57:30,000
because he could not manage
to come home and eat,

944
00:57:30,000 --> 00:57:35,660
and I worked at his
side, hand by hand.

945
00:57:35,660 --> 00:57:39,110
Today, I'm the secretary
of the corporation,

946
00:57:39,110 --> 00:57:40,790
and our younger son took over.

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00:57:40,790 --> 00:57:45,570

948
00:57:45,570 --> 00:57:49,488
Are there any last
words you want to say?

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00:57:49,488 --> 00:57:50,780
Because you're nearing the end.

950
00:57:50,780 --> 00:57:52,310
Yes, I would like to say--

951
00:57:52,310 --> 00:57:57,200
I have so many last words,
but to make it short,

952
00:57:57,200 --> 00:58:04,060
I'm very grateful to
God that he spared us.

953
00:58:04,060 --> 00:58:09,130
And I'm very grateful
for our accomplishments,

954
00:58:09,130 --> 00:58:15,040
and I see that we serve
a purpose in this world

955
00:58:15,040 --> 00:58:17,140
because we do not
live for ourselves.

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00:58:17,140 --> 00:58:19,870

957
00:58:19,870 --> 00:58:23,170
We are involved in
every organization,

958
00:58:23,170 --> 00:58:28,360
in the community that
could help humanity,

959
00:58:28,360 --> 00:58:32,080
and we're trying our best to go
out, to talk to young people,

960
00:58:32,080 --> 00:58:36,880
to whoever wants to listen

for one reason only.

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00:58:36,880 --> 00:58:40,540

These atrocities should
not repeat themselves

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00:58:40,540 --> 00:58:50,300

for any human being, no matter
of color, race, or whatever.

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00:58:50,300 --> 00:58:52,680

Ann, thank you very much.

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00:58:52,680 --> 00:58:58,000