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00:00:00,000 --> 00:00:23,850

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00:00:23,850 --> 00:00:24,700

Good morning.

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00:00:24,700 --> 00:00:28,350

I am Joseph Preil, Director of
the Holocaust Resource Center

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00:00:28,350 --> 00:00:31,710

here at Kean College
of New Jersey.

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00:00:31,710 --> 00:00:35,550

This morning,
November 30, 1994, we

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00:00:35,550 --> 00:00:39,210

are privileged to have with us
is our distinguished guest Mrs.

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00:00:39,210 --> 00:00:43,440

Sylvia Wirtzbaum, who
currently lives in Manhattan

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00:00:43,440 --> 00:00:48,540

and came here with her
daughter, Mrs. Rita Green, who

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00:00:48,540 --> 00:00:51,790

lives in Livingston New Jersey.

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00:00:51,790 --> 00:00:54,210

Welcome, Mrs. Wirtzbaum.

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00:00:54,210 --> 00:01:00,520

Could you tell us when
and where you were born?

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00:01:00,520 --> 00:01:07,470

I was born in Borod,
Romania in 1928 September.

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00:01:07,470 --> 00:01:13,860
Before we get into the story
itself of your experiences

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00:01:13,860 --> 00:01:17,640
during World War II
and the Holocaust,

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00:01:17,640 --> 00:01:21,240
I want us to identify some
pictures that you have.

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00:01:21,240 --> 00:01:24,020

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00:01:24,020 --> 00:01:30,320
That's my father and I when my
father was taken into the army.

18

00:01:30,320 --> 00:01:37,790
And I went with him to
this town called Cluj.

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00:01:37,790 --> 00:01:40,150
How old are you in this picture?

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00:01:40,150 --> 00:01:41,790
About 10 years old.

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00:01:41,790 --> 00:01:45,350
So this was shortly before
the outbreak of war.

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00:01:45,350 --> 00:01:45,850
Yes.

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00:01:45,850 --> 00:01:47,480
It's 1938.

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00:01:47,480 --> 00:01:48,200

Yes.

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00:01:48,200 --> 00:01:48,700

OK.

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00:01:48,700 --> 00:01:53,270

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00:01:53,270 --> 00:01:54,320

This picture?

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00:01:54,320 --> 00:01:56,240

That picture is my family--

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00:01:56,240 --> 00:02:01,200

my parents, and my two brothers
and sister, and myself.

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00:02:01,200 --> 00:02:02,330

So it's your--

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00:02:02,330 --> 00:02:03,278

Family picture.

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00:02:03,278 --> 00:02:04,070

--immediate family.

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00:02:04,070 --> 00:02:06,410

My immediate family.

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00:02:06,410 --> 00:02:08,860

I assume shortly before the war.

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00:02:08,860 --> 00:02:10,190

Shortly before the war.

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00:02:10,190 --> 00:02:13,690

And this is the same
picture not in a frame,

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00:02:13,690 --> 00:02:17,880
in case we didn't get a
good picture on the monitor,

38
00:02:17,880 --> 00:02:19,430
we'll use this one too.

39
00:02:19,430 --> 00:02:19,930
OK.

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00:02:19,930 --> 00:02:23,230

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00:02:23,230 --> 00:02:27,010
Now, you don't have any pictures
during the war understandably,

42
00:02:27,010 --> 00:02:29,680
and I think this
is after the war.

43
00:02:29,680 --> 00:02:35,350
That's-- I am on
the right bottom.

44
00:02:35,350 --> 00:02:41,230
And the rest of the people
are the people that survived.

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00:02:41,230 --> 00:02:43,870
One is not from our town.

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00:02:43,870 --> 00:02:47,440
The rest are all the people
that survived in the town

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00:02:47,440 --> 00:02:49,120
that I am from.

48
00:02:49,120 --> 00:02:51,460
There was a very large
Jewish population.

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00:02:51,460 --> 00:02:56,920

I don't remember, about 2,000.

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00:02:56,920 --> 00:03:01,450

So as far as you know,
this handful of people

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00:03:01,450 --> 00:03:04,870

are all the survivors of
your community-- right

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00:03:04,870 --> 00:03:07,430

--in Romania, which
then became Hungary.

53

00:03:07,430 --> 00:03:07,930

Yeah.

54

00:03:07,930 --> 00:03:12,920

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00:03:12,920 --> 00:03:15,130

I don't know if this
picture will come through,

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00:03:15,130 --> 00:03:16,730

but evidently it
has much meaning.

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00:03:16,730 --> 00:03:20,930

That's me and my
American cousin who

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00:03:20,930 --> 00:03:24,740

was stationed in
Frankfurt, Germany,

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00:03:24,740 --> 00:03:28,550

through whom was able
to come to this country.

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00:03:28,550 --> 00:03:33,590

He helped me an awful lot,
because he spoke Hungarian.

61
00:03:33,590 --> 00:03:38,010
He learned in the home
from my grandmother,

62
00:03:38,010 --> 00:03:41,240
who lived in the United States.

63
00:03:41,240 --> 00:03:46,490
And because he was walking
on the street in Frankfurt

64
00:03:46,490 --> 00:03:50,090
and there were lots of
refugees there trying

65
00:03:50,090 --> 00:03:53,990
to come to this country, he
approached one, and he said,

66
00:03:53,990 --> 00:03:58,700
I have a cousin in Romania,
how can I get her out

67
00:03:58,700 --> 00:03:59,910
of this country?

68
00:03:59,910 --> 00:04:03,660
And one boy said that
I'll go and get her.

69
00:04:03,660 --> 00:04:06,380
But by this time the
borders were closed.

70
00:04:06,380 --> 00:04:11,210
And my aunt sent him \$500.

71
00:04:11,210 --> 00:04:15,800
And with that money he bought
illegal papers and border

72
00:04:15,800 --> 00:04:21,709
crossing people that helped
him make connections.

73
00:04:21,709 --> 00:04:26,870
And then we were walking
borders and borders--

74
00:04:26,870 --> 00:04:31,970
about five borders-- all night
to cross from one country

75
00:04:31,970 --> 00:04:35,100
to another and from
one zone to another.

76
00:04:35,100 --> 00:04:39,590
And when we got to
Linz, which was half--

77
00:04:39,590 --> 00:04:46,550
was one part Russian and the
other part Americans zone,

78
00:04:46,550 --> 00:04:49,160
the people in town
crossed the bridge

79
00:04:49,160 --> 00:04:53,810
to go from the Russian zone
to the American zone to work.

80
00:04:53,810 --> 00:04:58,670
And he got a legal
identification cards,

81
00:04:58,670 --> 00:05:05,210
and 8 o'clock in the morning
with a false identification,

82
00:05:05,210 --> 00:05:10,190
we crossed the bridge and

got into the Americans zone.

83

00:05:10,190 --> 00:05:14,120

We'll hear the
full story when we

84

00:05:14,120 --> 00:05:16,655

get to that part in the story.

85

00:05:16,655 --> 00:05:18,270

No, no, not that way.

86

00:05:18,270 --> 00:05:18,770

No.

87

00:05:18,770 --> 00:05:19,270

This?

88

00:05:19,270 --> 00:05:20,625

No, hold it the other way.

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00:05:20,625 --> 00:05:22,850

Like that.

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00:05:22,850 --> 00:05:26,370

That's in Frankfurt
when I arrived.

91

00:05:26,370 --> 00:05:29,550

I was 16 and a half years old.

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00:05:29,550 --> 00:05:32,540

This is--

93

00:05:32,540 --> 00:05:34,940

After concentration camp.

94

00:05:34,940 --> 00:05:37,880

You were born in '28.

95

00:05:37,880 --> 00:05:38,450

Yes.

96

00:05:38,450 --> 00:05:41,960

You were 16 in '44.

97

00:05:41,960 --> 00:05:45,350

I was 16-- no, then

I was 17 and a half.

98

00:05:45,350 --> 00:05:47,220

This is shortly after the war.

99

00:05:47,220 --> 00:05:49,040

Yeah, right after the war.

100

00:05:49,040 --> 00:05:49,860

OK.

101

00:05:49,860 --> 00:05:57,660

It was in '44, '45, '46--

102

00:05:57,660 --> 00:06:00,500

'46, end of '46.

103

00:06:00,500 --> 00:06:05,310

So I was-- how old I was, 18?

104

00:06:05,310 --> 00:06:05,940

17, 18.

105

00:06:05,940 --> 00:06:07,440

17, 18, yeah.

106

00:06:07,440 --> 00:06:08,820

What month is your birthday.

107

00:06:08,820 --> 00:06:09,320

September.

108

00:06:09,320 --> 00:06:11,530

September.

109
00:06:11,530 --> 00:06:13,820
I was about then.

110
00:06:13,820 --> 00:06:16,250
In September '46--

111
00:06:16,250 --> 00:06:18,380
I hope I'm right--

112
00:06:18,380 --> 00:06:19,610
you had your 18th birthday.

113
00:06:19,610 --> 00:06:21,738
Yeah.

114
00:06:21,738 --> 00:06:24,630
Now, this looks like
a festive picture.

115
00:06:24,630 --> 00:06:25,130
Yeah.

116
00:06:25,130 --> 00:06:29,270
That was when I
arrived to this country

117
00:06:29,270 --> 00:06:32,660
and I got married by a rabbi.

118
00:06:32,660 --> 00:06:36,070
And this is wedding celebration.

119
00:06:36,070 --> 00:06:39,310
That's my wedding celebration.

120
00:06:39,310 --> 00:06:41,490
All right.

121
00:06:41,490 --> 00:06:45,780
Now, at the beginning

of the interview,

122

00:06:45,780 --> 00:06:51,060

we customarily ask
something about your family.

123

00:06:51,060 --> 00:06:55,860

You said your immediate
family consisted of yourself,

124

00:06:55,860 --> 00:06:59,460

you had one sister, two
brothers, and two parents--

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00:06:59,460 --> 00:07:00,430

six people.

126

00:07:00,430 --> 00:07:02,940

Right.

127

00:07:02,940 --> 00:07:04,710

How many survived?

128

00:07:04,710 --> 00:07:05,610

I am the only one.

129

00:07:05,610 --> 00:07:08,100

You're the only
one who survived.

130

00:07:08,100 --> 00:07:15,110

Your extended family would be,
beyond that, your grandparents.

131

00:07:15,110 --> 00:07:20,490

For those who are in Romania,
Hungary at the beginning

132

00:07:20,490 --> 00:07:21,030

of the war--

133

00:07:21,030 --> 00:07:22,700

I keep on saying
Romania, Hungary,

134
00:07:22,700 --> 00:07:23,200
Right.

135
00:07:23,200 --> 00:07:26,015
--because I know you were born
in Romania and it became--

136
00:07:26,015 --> 00:07:26,640
Hungary, right.

137
00:07:26,640 --> 00:07:28,950
--under Hungarian domination.

138
00:07:28,950 --> 00:07:31,950
Those who were there in '39--

139
00:07:31,950 --> 00:07:33,060
Yeah.

140
00:07:33,060 --> 00:07:37,440
--your grandparents, of course
your immediate family, the six,

141
00:07:37,440 --> 00:07:41,040
are included, and then your
grandparents, your uncles

142
00:07:41,040 --> 00:07:44,310
and aunts and their
husbands and wives,

143
00:07:44,310 --> 00:07:47,400
and first their children,
your first cousins.

144
00:07:47,400 --> 00:07:51,840
How many who are in
your extended family?

145

00:07:51,840 --> 00:07:54,810

My mother had one
sister and one child,

146

00:07:54,810 --> 00:08:00,310

my father had one brother and
three children, and spouses.

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00:08:00,310 --> 00:08:01,440

So that's--

148

00:08:01,440 --> 00:08:02,460

And grandparents.

149

00:08:02,460 --> 00:08:03,540

--that's 3.

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00:08:03,540 --> 00:08:05,900

And with the 3 is 5 is 8--

151

00:08:05,900 --> 00:08:06,940

That's 3 and 5.

152

00:08:06,940 --> 00:08:09,570

--and your six are 14.

153

00:08:09,570 --> 00:08:11,180

And you had grandparents?

154

00:08:11,180 --> 00:08:13,110

Yes.

155

00:08:13,110 --> 00:08:17,020

How many grandparents
were alive in '39 in--

156

00:08:17,020 --> 00:08:18,540

In Romania?

157

00:08:18,540 --> 00:08:22,260

My grandmother-- my
father's mother and father.

158
00:08:22,260 --> 00:08:24,660
My father's parents.

159
00:08:24,660 --> 00:08:26,940
Your father's
parents were alive.

160
00:08:26,940 --> 00:08:28,410
And your mother's?

161
00:08:28,410 --> 00:08:31,929
My mother's mother
was in this country.

162
00:08:31,929 --> 00:08:32,429
Oh.

163
00:08:32,429 --> 00:08:39,690
So I think we said
you had 5, 8, 14.

164
00:08:39,690 --> 00:08:41,400
Then two grandparents
who were there.

165
00:08:41,400 --> 00:08:43,289
That would be 16.

166
00:08:43,289 --> 00:08:46,480
Of the 16, who
survived in addition?

167
00:08:46,480 --> 00:08:47,200
No one.

168
00:08:47,200 --> 00:08:48,640
Still you're the only survived.

169
00:08:48,640 --> 00:08:51,660
I am the only one that survived.

170

00:08:51,660 --> 00:08:54,150

That's something.

171

00:08:54,150 --> 00:08:57,970

So 1 out of 16 of
the extended family.

172

00:08:57,970 --> 00:09:02,400

Can you tell us something
about your family life--

173

00:09:02,400 --> 00:09:07,200

and was it in Borod
that you lived--

174

00:09:07,200 --> 00:09:08,130

before the war.

175

00:09:08,130 --> 00:09:10,790

176

00:09:10,790 --> 00:09:13,880

Well, we were a normal family.

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00:09:13,880 --> 00:09:19,600

178

00:09:19,600 --> 00:09:20,920

We had a happy home.

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00:09:20,920 --> 00:09:23,030

We were four children.

180

00:09:23,030 --> 00:09:25,330

And my grandparents,
We lived very close.

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00:09:25,330 --> 00:09:29,320

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00:09:29,320 --> 00:09:34,540

We went to school, and my
mother was a homemaker.

183
00:09:34,540 --> 00:09:36,400
And your father?

184
00:09:36,400 --> 00:09:39,370
My father dealt in leather.

185
00:09:39,370 --> 00:09:43,180
And he used to go to the
market and buy leather.

186
00:09:43,180 --> 00:09:50,200
And he had a friend who had
a bus route out of town.

187
00:09:50,200 --> 00:09:53,290
He had eight big
buses that picked up

188
00:09:53,290 --> 00:09:55,240
the people in the
morning, went out

189
00:09:55,240 --> 00:10:00,290
of town to do their business,
and that night he came back.

190
00:10:00,290 --> 00:10:06,640
And this was my father's good
friend, a Hungarian Christian.

191
00:10:06,640 --> 00:10:12,880
And when they gathered
us, when they announced

192
00:10:12,880 --> 00:10:15,610
that we're going to be
taken to the ghetto,

193
00:10:15,610 --> 00:10:18,640
we should pack

up, my father took

194

00:10:18,640 --> 00:10:23,170

all the valuables,
like my mother's

195

00:10:23,170 --> 00:10:30,070

jewelry, and the candlesticks,
and some dollars, I guess,

196

00:10:30,070 --> 00:10:34,690

that we had, and put
it under his coat

197

00:10:34,690 --> 00:10:38,890

to take it to the
woman that used

198

00:10:38,890 --> 00:10:46,270

to come to turn the lights
off Friday night and Saturday.

199

00:10:46,270 --> 00:10:50,770

And on the way, this good
friend of my father's,

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00:10:50,770 --> 00:10:54,100

watched for my father, took
everything away from him,

201

00:10:54,100 --> 00:10:55,000

and beat him up.

202

00:10:55,000 --> 00:10:57,610

203

00:10:57,610 --> 00:10:58,810

That's what happened.

204

00:10:58,810 --> 00:11:04,300

What was the general population
and the Jewish population

205

00:11:04,300 --> 00:11:07,180
of your hometown of Borod.

206

00:11:07,180 --> 00:11:12,550
Borod and a walking
distance, people

207

00:11:12,550 --> 00:11:19,720
that came to the synagogue
in Borod were about 1,600,

208

00:11:19,720 --> 00:11:20,560
something like.

209

00:11:20,560 --> 00:11:23,140
1,600 Jews.

210

00:11:23,140 --> 00:11:23,940
Jews, yeah.

211

00:11:23,940 --> 00:11:25,690
That, you think, was
the Jewish populated.

212

00:11:25,690 --> 00:11:26,607
The Jewish population.

213

00:11:26,607 --> 00:11:27,890
And the total population?

214

00:11:27,890 --> 00:11:29,230
I don't know.

215

00:11:29,230 --> 00:11:30,310
I don't remember.

216

00:11:30,310 --> 00:11:34,690
What was the relationship
then before the war

217

00:11:34,690 --> 00:11:36,685

between the Jewish
Polish and the general?

218
00:11:36,685 --> 00:11:37,400
It was normal.

219
00:11:37,400 --> 00:11:38,500
It was all right.

220
00:11:38,500 --> 00:11:41,930
There were some that
showed their antisemitism.

221
00:11:41,930 --> 00:11:45,850

222
00:11:45,850 --> 00:11:49,690
And like I told you,
my brothers always

223
00:11:49,690 --> 00:11:51,610
came home without their--

224
00:11:51,610 --> 00:11:58,330
Saturday, we didn't go to
school, we went to synagogue.

225
00:11:58,330 --> 00:12:04,030
And they used to come home with
a bloody noses, torn clothes,

226
00:12:04,030 --> 00:12:07,090
without their cap on their head.

227
00:12:07,090 --> 00:12:09,990

228
00:12:09,990 --> 00:12:12,810
But there was
nobody to complain,

229
00:12:12,810 --> 00:12:16,680

because if we went to the police
the police never did anything.

230
00:12:16,680 --> 00:12:18,090
But it was all right.

231
00:12:18,090 --> 00:12:21,190
We got along pretty good.

232
00:12:21,190 --> 00:12:25,920
They were the farmers like,
and the Jews were the store

233
00:12:25,920 --> 00:12:30,720
keepers, and they bought
clothes, and shoes, and food,

234
00:12:30,720 --> 00:12:36,330
and groceries the Jews had.

235
00:12:36,330 --> 00:12:39,450
In Europe Jews weren't farmers.

236
00:12:39,450 --> 00:12:44,040
And my great grandfather
was a farmer.

237
00:12:44,040 --> 00:12:45,750
He owned a small town.

238
00:12:45,750 --> 00:12:48,240
He was the only Jew in town.

239
00:12:48,240 --> 00:12:50,760
And all the Romanians--

240
00:12:50,760 --> 00:12:53,560
Christians-- worked for him.

241
00:12:53,560 --> 00:12:55,290
But he didn't do any work.

242

00:12:55,290 --> 00:12:58,590

He just-- the town
worked for him,

243

00:12:58,590 --> 00:13:00,510

and that's how they
made their livelihood.

244

00:13:00,510 --> 00:13:02,310

And that was normal.

245

00:13:02,310 --> 00:13:07,320

That was the way it
was I guess in Europe.

246

00:13:07,320 --> 00:13:10,290

In Romania for sure.

247

00:13:10,290 --> 00:13:14,040

What happened in 1939
when the war broke out?

248

00:13:14,040 --> 00:13:14,760

How--

249

00:13:14,760 --> 00:13:19,200

My father was taken
into the Romania army.

250

00:13:19,200 --> 00:13:27,360

And in '40 Hitler gave this part
of Romania to the Hungarians.

251

00:13:27,360 --> 00:13:30,540

And the Hungarians
came to occupy us.

252

00:13:30,540 --> 00:13:32,070

And my father--

253

00:13:32,070 --> 00:13:33,370

I don't know how--

254
00:13:33,370 --> 00:13:38,250
but he came home that day
from the Romanian army.

255
00:13:38,250 --> 00:13:39,930
He took off his uniform--

256
00:13:39,930 --> 00:13:42,730
I see him in front
of my eyes now--

257
00:13:42,730 --> 00:13:47,070
and welcomed the
Hungarian army, thinking

258
00:13:47,070 --> 00:13:50,280
that Franz Joseph
arrived and the Jews

259
00:13:50,280 --> 00:13:56,010
will be treated equally
with the non-Jews.

260
00:13:56,010 --> 00:13:58,818
And that wasn't the case.

261
00:13:58,818 --> 00:14:00,360
Of course, there
was no Franz Joseph.

262
00:14:00,360 --> 00:14:04,470
There was no Franz Joseph, and
there was only antisemitism.

263
00:14:04,470 --> 00:14:06,270
And slaughtering the Jews.

264
00:14:06,270 --> 00:14:13,080
Because that day, when my
father opened our home to them,

265

00:14:13,080 --> 00:14:15,780
and all the food that
we had in the house

266
00:14:15,780 --> 00:14:20,880
my father gave to the soldiers,
they took the Jews with beard

267
00:14:20,880 --> 00:14:26,310
up to the highest mountain
near where we lived--

268
00:14:26,310 --> 00:14:29,258
it was called--

269
00:14:29,258 --> 00:14:31,410
I don't know how to say it.

270
00:14:31,410 --> 00:14:35,430
In Romania, it's called
[ROMANIAN SPEECH]..

271
00:14:35,430 --> 00:14:36,750
I don't even know--

272
00:14:36,750 --> 00:14:39,660
in Hungarian,
[HUNGARIAN SPEECH]..

273
00:14:39,660 --> 00:14:41,130
I don't know how to say that.

274
00:14:41,130 --> 00:14:43,710
It was where Dracula lived--

275
00:14:43,710 --> 00:14:46,200
those mountains, high mountains.

276
00:14:46,200 --> 00:14:50,850
And they threw the Jews
down from the mountains.

277

00:14:50,850 --> 00:14:51,668
And that's not he--

278
00:14:51,668 --> 00:14:52,710
The ones with the beards.

279
00:14:52,710 --> 00:14:55,740
The ones with the beards.

280
00:14:55,740 --> 00:15:02,220
So you're saying that you
felt Hungarian antisemitism

281
00:15:02,220 --> 00:15:03,070
much more severely--

282
00:15:03,070 --> 00:15:03,600
Much more.

283
00:15:03,600 --> 00:15:04,170
Yes, yes.

284
00:15:04,170 --> 00:15:04,920
--than Romanian.

285
00:15:04,920 --> 00:15:05,610
Hungarian.

286
00:15:05,610 --> 00:15:06,450
Hungarian.

287
00:15:06,450 --> 00:15:07,620
Definitely Hungarian.

288
00:15:07,620 --> 00:15:08,910
No Romanian.

289
00:15:08,910 --> 00:15:11,340
You know that the Romanians
didn't give out the Jews.

290

00:15:11,340 --> 00:15:15,360
The Romanian Jews didn't
go to concentration camp.

291
00:15:15,360 --> 00:15:19,290
They were slaughtered
because, of course,

292
00:15:19,290 --> 00:15:20,850
there were some bad people.

293
00:15:20,850 --> 00:15:26,700
But the government didn't
give out the Jews to Hitler.

294
00:15:26,700 --> 00:15:30,840
But starting in 1940 you were
under Hungarian domination.

295
00:15:30,840 --> 00:15:33,210
We were under
Hungarian domination.

296
00:15:33,210 --> 00:15:37,800
Now, how long did
this period last?

297
00:15:37,800 --> 00:15:41,640
What time in 1940 are
we talking about when

298
00:15:41,640 --> 00:15:42,885
the Hungarians came over.

299
00:15:42,885 --> 00:15:45,210
From 1940 in the summer.

300
00:15:45,210 --> 00:15:48,630
Maybe June, July, or August.

301
00:15:48,630 --> 00:15:49,350
I don't remember.

302

00:15:49,350 --> 00:15:50,730

Summer 1940.

303

00:15:50,730 --> 00:15:53,970

And how long did this period
last under Hungarian rule?

304

00:15:53,970 --> 00:15:56,740

Until we went to
concentration camp.

305

00:15:56,740 --> 00:15:58,440

So what brought out the change?

306

00:15:58,440 --> 00:16:03,540

Did you-- how was
life when it started?

307

00:16:03,540 --> 00:16:05,160

It was rationed.

308

00:16:05,160 --> 00:16:07,200

It was black marketing
and rationed.

309

00:16:07,200 --> 00:16:13,860

I remember I was a kid,
and I did black marketing.

310

00:16:13,860 --> 00:16:20,740

The peasants didn't need so
much sugar or white flour.

311

00:16:20,740 --> 00:16:23,470

They needed other things.

312

00:16:23,470 --> 00:16:32,160

So we exchanged and
we used plum butter.

313

00:16:32,160 --> 00:16:36,890

We made plum butter by big--

314
00:16:36,890 --> 00:16:37,860
a lot.

315
00:16:37,860 --> 00:16:46,080
And I put sugar in and a
big container, covered it

316
00:16:46,080 --> 00:16:48,240
with plum butter,
and I went to sell

317
00:16:48,240 --> 00:16:52,860
it to get other
merchandise that I needed.

318
00:16:52,860 --> 00:16:57,540
And things like this we
had to do to survive.

319
00:16:57,540 --> 00:17:00,975
Did your father work or do
business during this time.

320
00:17:00,975 --> 00:17:03,210
My father-- it was rationed.

321
00:17:03,210 --> 00:17:07,859
He was allowed to have
only so much leather

322
00:17:07,859 --> 00:17:11,960
to sell or to work with.

323
00:17:11,960 --> 00:17:15,359
And it was very tough.

324
00:17:15,359 --> 00:17:16,300
It was difficult.

325
00:17:16,300 --> 00:17:21,150
It was difficult. Food wasn't

so in abundance like it--

326
00:17:21,150 --> 00:17:22,579
Yeah.

327
00:17:22,579 --> 00:17:27,170
Now, we compare this
with parts of Europe

328
00:17:27,170 --> 00:17:30,470
that Germany had conquered.

329
00:17:30,470 --> 00:17:32,780
Poland comes to
mind for instance.

330
00:17:32,780 --> 00:17:36,620
There the murder
program was going on.

331
00:17:36,620 --> 00:17:38,030
Yes.

332
00:17:38,030 --> 00:17:42,200
What you had was difficult
economy it seems.

333
00:17:42,200 --> 00:17:43,490
Yes.

334
00:17:43,490 --> 00:17:46,670
And you couldn't work and make a
living as it had been formerly.

335
00:17:46,670 --> 00:17:52,550
And there wasn't the abundance
you had before the war.

336
00:17:52,550 --> 00:17:53,450
But you could live.

337
00:17:53,450 --> 00:17:56,330

We lived in our home,
not like the Polish Jews

338
00:17:56,330 --> 00:17:57,860
that were in ghetto right away.

339
00:17:57,860 --> 00:18:02,390
And this way of living
lasted how long?

340
00:18:02,390 --> 00:18:04,430
From summer 1940 until when?

341
00:18:04,430 --> 00:18:08,540
Until early '44.

342
00:18:08,540 --> 00:18:10,200
That's a long stretch of time.

343
00:18:10,200 --> 00:18:10,710
Yeah.

344
00:18:10,710 --> 00:18:15,170
In terms of your own life,
you're talking about age 12

345
00:18:15,170 --> 00:18:17,150
to age 16 I think.

346
00:18:17,150 --> 00:18:18,500
15, because--

347
00:18:18,500 --> 00:18:19,760
Something like that.

348
00:18:19,760 --> 00:18:20,360
All right.

349
00:18:20,360 --> 00:18:25,220
Now, what happened to
change the situation of '44.

350

00:18:25,220 --> 00:18:32,870

In '44, a law came out that we
have to gather ourselves and go

351

00:18:32,870 --> 00:18:34,460

into the ghetto.

352

00:18:34,460 --> 00:18:35,960

We went into a ghetto.

353

00:18:35,960 --> 00:18:38,930

They gathered us,
left our home the way

354

00:18:38,930 --> 00:18:42,680

it was, and the families
with the grandparents,

355

00:18:42,680 --> 00:18:44,990

with the aunts and uncles,
we went into the ghetto.

356

00:18:44,990 --> 00:18:47,640

We were in the
ghetto for a month,

357

00:18:47,640 --> 00:18:50,840

and then they put us
on the cattle wagon,

358

00:18:50,840 --> 00:18:52,190

and we were transported.

359

00:18:52,190 --> 00:18:55,160

You know the situation
with the cattle wagons?

360

00:18:55,160 --> 00:19:01,670

Now, you left home and went
into the ghetto in town.

361

00:19:01,670 --> 00:19:03,180

Are you in Borod at this time?

362

00:19:03,180 --> 00:19:05,880

Yes.

363

00:19:05,880 --> 00:19:09,890

Borod is the outskirts of?

364

00:19:09,890 --> 00:19:11,330

Of Oradea.

365

00:19:11,330 --> 00:19:12,440

Oradea.

366

00:19:12,440 --> 00:19:15,240

Where was the ghetto?

367

00:19:15,240 --> 00:19:18,200

First we went into
a ghetto in Borod.

368

00:19:18,200 --> 00:19:27,120

We were there not long,
maybe two, three weeks.

369

00:19:27,120 --> 00:19:31,930

And then they
transported us to Oradea.

370

00:19:31,930 --> 00:19:37,050

Now, what were the conditions
in the ghetto in Borod.

371

00:19:37,050 --> 00:19:40,290

The townspeople
brought us food--

372

00:19:40,290 --> 00:19:41,670

the people in town.

373

00:19:41,670 --> 00:19:45,420

We were in the

school auditorium.

374

00:19:45,420 --> 00:19:49,710

And in school-- it was summer.

375

00:19:49,710 --> 00:19:54,930

No school wasn't over yet.

376

00:19:54,930 --> 00:19:56,970

We were in the
school auditorium.

377

00:19:56,970 --> 00:19:59,908

378

00:19:59,908 --> 00:20:00,450

I don't know.

379

00:20:00,450 --> 00:20:02,970

I remember we were in
the school auditorium.

380

00:20:02,970 --> 00:20:06,340

381

00:20:06,340 --> 00:20:12,910

And we would have been still
able to sneak out of there

382

00:20:12,910 --> 00:20:16,550

and go up in the mountains
to the Romanian peasants,

383

00:20:16,550 --> 00:20:18,560

and they would have hide us.

384

00:20:18,560 --> 00:20:23,110

But my father was still
believing in the Hungarians.

385

00:20:23,110 --> 00:20:26,260

And I was 15, and I

was fighting with him,

386

00:20:26,260 --> 00:20:29,500

begging him to sneak out.

387

00:20:29,500 --> 00:20:30,175

And he wouldn't.

388

00:20:30,175 --> 00:20:32,870

389

00:20:32,870 --> 00:20:34,400

And that's what happened.

390

00:20:34,400 --> 00:20:36,440

That's why nobody is alive.

391

00:20:36,440 --> 00:20:46,430

The whole of Borod was in
this one area in the school?

392

00:20:46,430 --> 00:20:47,285

In the school.

393

00:20:47,285 --> 00:20:48,410

And then there were other--

394

00:20:48,410 --> 00:20:52,380

It was a small population
that we're talking about--

395

00:20:52,380 --> 00:20:52,880

Yeah.

396

00:20:52,880 --> 00:20:54,870

--if you could all fit
into the one school.

397

00:20:54,870 --> 00:20:55,453

No, we didn't.

398

00:20:55,453 --> 00:20:58,850
There were three other places.

399
00:20:58,850 --> 00:21:01,280
There were in big buildings
we were scattered.

400
00:21:01,280 --> 00:21:06,140
I was in the school auditorium.

401
00:21:06,140 --> 00:21:08,600
And the townspeople
seem to have been

402
00:21:08,600 --> 00:21:10,635
pretty decent at this
time, because they

403
00:21:10,635 --> 00:21:11,510
brought you the food.

404
00:21:11,510 --> 00:21:15,350
The townspeople-- the Romanians,
not the --hun the Hungarians,

405
00:21:15,350 --> 00:21:16,550
no.

406
00:21:16,550 --> 00:21:19,550
This friend of my father
never came and never brought

407
00:21:19,550 --> 00:21:20,360
us anything.

408
00:21:20,360 --> 00:21:23,960
But after liberation,
everybody knew.

409
00:21:23,960 --> 00:21:26,480
And some of the boys that
came back beat them to death--

410
00:21:26,480 --> 00:21:28,910
killed him.

411
00:21:28,910 --> 00:21:33,215
His name was Botis,
Joseph Botis.

412
00:21:33,215 --> 00:21:35,210
How do you spell Botis?

413
00:21:35,210 --> 00:21:38,030
B-O-T-I-S.

414
00:21:38,030 --> 00:21:46,670
B-O-T-I-S. How did it come about
that you were transferred from

415
00:21:46,670 --> 00:21:50,450
the ghetto in Borod
to the larger one.

416
00:21:50,450 --> 00:21:52,280
To the larger one in Oradea.

417
00:21:52,280 --> 00:21:52,980
Oradea.

418
00:21:52,980 --> 00:21:57,110
And there we went on the train.

419
00:21:57,110 --> 00:21:59,330
How long were you
in that ghetto?

420
00:21:59,330 --> 00:22:01,855
Also A very short time--
a couple of weeks.

421
00:22:01,855 --> 00:22:05,440
In other words,
there was a program.

422
00:22:05,440 --> 00:22:06,530
Yes, yes.

423
00:22:06,530 --> 00:22:08,120
And your turn came.

424
00:22:08,120 --> 00:22:10,430
Right.

425
00:22:10,430 --> 00:22:12,770
The purpose wasn't to
have you in a ghetto.

426
00:22:12,770 --> 00:22:14,630
The purpose of
being in the ghetto

427
00:22:14,630 --> 00:22:19,100
was to get you onto
the train to go to--

428
00:22:19,100 --> 00:22:19,660
to Auschwitz.

429
00:22:19,660 --> 00:22:23,140
To Auschwitz.

430
00:22:23,140 --> 00:22:24,730
How many of you
are on the train?

431
00:22:24,730 --> 00:22:27,310
Do you recall.

432
00:22:27,310 --> 00:22:28,750
We were like sardines.

433
00:22:28,750 --> 00:22:32,440
If I think back
of that transport,

434

00:22:32,440 --> 00:22:35,140
I myself don't think it's true.

435
00:22:35,140 --> 00:22:37,090
And I was there, and
I know it's true.

436
00:22:37,090 --> 00:22:41,410
It was like, I don't know how
the bathroom situation was.

437
00:22:41,410 --> 00:22:44,260
The food was what
we brought with us.

438
00:22:44,260 --> 00:22:49,380
It was like to use up--

439
00:22:49,380 --> 00:22:51,730
we lived on and goose fat.

440
00:22:51,730 --> 00:22:55,510
My mother made gribene.

441
00:22:55,510 --> 00:22:56,950
You know what gribene is.

442
00:22:56,950 --> 00:23:00,520
And the fat from that we
used for cooking, like you

443
00:23:00,520 --> 00:23:01,580
use oil now.

444
00:23:01,580 --> 00:23:05,680
Now, my mother made, in
Jewish they call it einbrenne

445
00:23:05,680 --> 00:23:09,430
and in English they
call it roux, made roux.

446

00:23:09,430 --> 00:23:10,960
In English they call it what?

447
00:23:10,960 --> 00:23:11,874
Roux.

448
00:23:11,874 --> 00:23:13,510
In French they call it roux.

449
00:23:13,510 --> 00:23:15,460
In English, I don't
know what they call it.

450
00:23:15,460 --> 00:23:18,220
Roux is einbrenne--
the flour and fat,

451
00:23:18,220 --> 00:23:22,270
and then you dilute
that and you put it in.

452
00:23:22,270 --> 00:23:27,220
You made the food taste good
or taken the sauce or whatever.

453
00:23:27,220 --> 00:23:29,080
Like you make gravy.

454
00:23:29,080 --> 00:23:31,570
In this country you
make gravy with flour.

455
00:23:31,570 --> 00:23:33,700
And that's what she
brought on the cattle car?

456
00:23:33,700 --> 00:23:34,200
Yeah.

457
00:23:34,200 --> 00:23:35,410
And that's what we ate.

458

00:23:35,410 --> 00:23:38,810

459

00:23:38,810 --> 00:23:43,040

And this lasted-- the trip
listed how long, do you recall?

460

00:23:43,040 --> 00:23:45,770

I think it lasted about a week.

461

00:23:45,770 --> 00:23:48,350

Was the train moving
the whole time?

462

00:23:48,350 --> 00:23:49,610

It stopped.

463

00:23:49,610 --> 00:23:52,070

It stopped sometimes.

464

00:23:52,070 --> 00:23:54,280

And they opened the door.

465

00:23:54,280 --> 00:23:58,940

I don't recall detail
about the train trip.

466

00:23:58,940 --> 00:24:01,040

All I know it was--

467

00:24:01,040 --> 00:24:03,500

we were like sardines
in that cattle wagon.

468

00:24:03,500 --> 00:24:07,520

We arrived at
night to Auschwitz.

469

00:24:07,520 --> 00:24:09,770

And then they said
that my mother

470

00:24:09,770 --> 00:24:12,080
is going with the
children and my father

471
00:24:12,080 --> 00:24:13,970
is going I don't know where.

472
00:24:13,970 --> 00:24:17,330
And they took me and girls.

473
00:24:17,330 --> 00:24:21,050
Early in the morning we arrived,
and we went into this big room,

474
00:24:21,050 --> 00:24:23,090
.

475
00:24:23,090 --> 00:24:25,310
And they undressed us naked.

476
00:24:25,310 --> 00:24:29,150
And the German soldier
stood in front of us

477
00:24:29,150 --> 00:24:30,500
and shaved our hair.

478
00:24:30,500 --> 00:24:32,420
I had long braids.

479
00:24:32,420 --> 00:24:38,060
Shaved our heads and shaved
our pubic hairs, and then made

480
00:24:38,060 --> 00:24:41,990
us take our shoes off
and stuck in the water--

481
00:24:41,990 --> 00:24:50,220
in Clorox water.

482
00:24:50,220 --> 00:24:52,380

And then we put it
on, and they gave us

483
00:24:52,380 --> 00:24:54,310
one piece rag of a dress.

484
00:24:54,310 --> 00:24:58,100
And we stood there looking
at each other in Auschwitz.

485
00:24:58,100 --> 00:24:59,880
We didn't know what
to do, laugh or cry.

486
00:24:59,880 --> 00:25:00,960
We were kids--

487
00:25:00,960 --> 00:25:04,080
15 years old.

488
00:25:04,080 --> 00:25:05,828
And then we went
into the barracks.

489
00:25:05,828 --> 00:25:06,870
You knew the other girls?

490
00:25:06,870 --> 00:25:08,820
You were only girls
at this point?

491
00:25:08,820 --> 00:25:10,860
Yeah, we were only girls.

492
00:25:10,860 --> 00:25:12,500
Did you know each
other from camp?

493
00:25:12,500 --> 00:25:13,280
No, No.

494
00:25:13,280 --> 00:25:14,430

No, no.

495

00:25:14,430 --> 00:25:15,165

They were mixed.

496

00:25:15,165 --> 00:25:15,873

So all strangers.

497

00:25:15,873 --> 00:25:18,030

They're all strangers, yes.

498

00:25:18,030 --> 00:25:19,260

And you said they.

499

00:25:19,260 --> 00:25:20,690

Who are they?

500

00:25:20,690 --> 00:25:21,840

The other girls.

501

00:25:21,840 --> 00:25:22,380

No, no.

502

00:25:22,380 --> 00:25:23,410

They took us here.

503

00:25:23,410 --> 00:25:25,020

They sent these over there.

504

00:25:25,020 --> 00:25:26,610

Who is doing this?

505

00:25:26,610 --> 00:25:30,510

The Germans in
Auschwitz, the SS.

506

00:25:30,510 --> 00:25:31,650

The SS.

507

00:25:31,650 --> 00:25:35,310

Mengele came into the

barracks almost every day.

508

00:25:35,310 --> 00:25:39,190

We had to take that one
rag off, hold it like this.

509

00:25:39,190 --> 00:25:42,000

And in what do you
call it, goose--

510

00:25:42,000 --> 00:25:42,570

in one row.

511

00:25:42,570 --> 00:25:43,350

Goosestepping.

512

00:25:43,350 --> 00:25:48,150

Goosestepping to see if there
is something on our body.

513

00:25:48,150 --> 00:25:54,270

Then they throw us on the
truck and go into the fire.

514

00:25:54,270 --> 00:25:58,770

I was selected once,
but I jumped off the--

515

00:25:58,770 --> 00:26:01,920

516

00:26:01,920 --> 00:26:03,840

no.

517

00:26:03,840 --> 00:26:05,320

Not a car, but a--

518

00:26:05,320 --> 00:26:06,020

A truck.

519

00:26:06,020 --> 00:26:08,880

--a truck.

520
00:26:08,880 --> 00:26:09,880
And I went back--

521
00:26:09,880 --> 00:26:12,150
Do you know why
you were selected?

522
00:26:12,150 --> 00:26:13,270
Why I was selected?

523
00:26:13,270 --> 00:26:13,980
No.

524
00:26:13,980 --> 00:26:17,010
I was very skinny maybe.

525
00:26:17,010 --> 00:26:18,510
And how did you
know that you didn't

526
00:26:18,510 --> 00:26:21,300
want to be there on that truck?

527
00:26:21,300 --> 00:26:21,870
I didn't.

528
00:26:21,870 --> 00:26:23,260
I don't know how I know it.

529
00:26:23,260 --> 00:26:24,540
Because that saved your life.

530
00:26:24,540 --> 00:26:25,600
That saved my life.

531
00:26:25,600 --> 00:26:26,640
I don't know how.

532
00:26:26,640 --> 00:26:29,430
I just wanted to go

back to the barrack.

533

00:26:29,430 --> 00:26:31,890

And I went back to the barrack.

534

00:26:31,890 --> 00:26:33,390

And then in September--

535

00:26:33,390 --> 00:26:35,580

I think it was September--

536

00:26:35,580 --> 00:26:38,430

they emptied Auschwitz.

537

00:26:38,430 --> 00:26:43,080

I was in [NON-ENGLISH SPEECH]
barrack 28.

538

00:26:43,080 --> 00:26:46,230

539

00:26:46,230 --> 00:26:49,500

They emptied the barracks,
and they put us by the gate,

540

00:26:49,500 --> 00:26:52,230

and we waited our turn.

541

00:26:52,230 --> 00:26:56,210

They transported us to this
labor camp, to Hohenelbe.

542

00:26:56,210 --> 00:26:59,110

543

00:26:59,110 --> 00:27:02,980

So you are in Auschwitz from--

544

00:27:02,980 --> 00:27:05,980

you said you came there
in the summertime?

545

00:27:05,980 --> 00:27:07,100

In the spring.

546

00:27:07,100 --> 00:27:08,440

In the spring.

547

00:27:08,440 --> 00:27:12,670

Do you know what month this was?

548

00:27:12,670 --> 00:27:13,670

Maybe May.

549

00:27:13,670 --> 00:27:14,170

May.

550

00:27:14,170 --> 00:27:15,160

It was May.

551

00:27:15,160 --> 00:27:17,540

So May 1944.

552

00:27:17,540 --> 00:27:18,040

Yes.

553

00:27:18,040 --> 00:27:19,990

You arrived in Auschwitz.

554

00:27:19,990 --> 00:27:22,600

And you remained
there several months.

555

00:27:22,600 --> 00:27:23,110

Yeah.

556

00:27:23,110 --> 00:27:23,920

Till September.

557

00:27:23,920 --> 00:27:24,820

Till September.

558

00:27:24,820 --> 00:27:30,100

559

00:27:30,100 --> 00:27:32,440

Sounds like four
months, doesn't it?

560

00:27:32,440 --> 00:27:33,670

I never tried to--

561

00:27:33,670 --> 00:27:36,730

What did you do for
months in Auschwitz?

562

00:27:36,730 --> 00:27:37,750

Well, nothing.

563

00:27:37,750 --> 00:27:40,330

We stayed sail up
early in the morning.

564

00:27:40,330 --> 00:27:40,840

What's that?

565

00:27:40,840 --> 00:27:43,840

566

00:27:43,840 --> 00:27:44,650

They were counted.

567

00:27:44,650 --> 00:27:48,580

We went out early in
the morning, 5 in a row,

568

00:27:48,580 --> 00:27:51,100

in long rows.

569

00:27:51,100 --> 00:27:54,260

They counted us.

570

00:27:54,260 --> 00:27:58,150

And there were

Jewish girls already

571

00:27:58,150 --> 00:28:00,830
that were there for a long time.

572

00:28:00,830 --> 00:28:06,190
They became so barbaric,
they were doing the counting.

573

00:28:06,190 --> 00:28:10,150
And we had these
wooden shoes on.

574

00:28:10,150 --> 00:28:17,500
And somehow I stepped on a
nail once, and I got infected.

575

00:28:17,500 --> 00:28:20,740
And the infection ran up my
leg, and I couldn't stand.

576

00:28:20,740 --> 00:28:23,150
And the girls hid
me in the line.

577

00:28:23,150 --> 00:28:26,530
We were five in a
row, and I sat down.

578

00:28:26,530 --> 00:28:28,150
And she found me.

579

00:28:28,150 --> 00:28:34,600
She came, and looked, and she
saw me sitting on the ground.

580

00:28:34,600 --> 00:28:36,190
And she dragged
me out of the line

581

00:28:36,190 --> 00:28:39,430
and beat me beat me--
she's still beating me.

582
00:28:39,430 --> 00:28:45,190
And it was a Jewish girl, it
was a red-headed Jewish girl.

583
00:28:45,190 --> 00:28:46,810
Her hair grew already.

584
00:28:46,810 --> 00:28:49,630
We were still bald, but
her hair grew already

585
00:28:49,630 --> 00:28:50,980
because she was there.

586
00:28:50,980 --> 00:28:53,500
She became barbaric.

587
00:28:53,500 --> 00:28:55,090
They were called kapos?

588
00:28:55,090 --> 00:28:57,720
Kapos, yeah.

589
00:28:57,720 --> 00:29:02,077
And so for four months--

590
00:29:02,077 --> 00:29:03,160
That's what we were there.

591
00:29:03,160 --> 00:29:07,090
What do you recall doing
besides being counted?

592
00:29:07,090 --> 00:29:08,470
We sat in our barracks.

593
00:29:08,470 --> 00:29:11,740
We went to-- sometimes
everybody had a turn

594

00:29:11,740 --> 00:29:14,020
to go to the kitchen to
bring the food, which

595
00:29:14,020 --> 00:29:16,150
was boiled grass.

596
00:29:16,150 --> 00:29:23,550
And they slapped in our hand,
and it ran down on our arms,

597
00:29:23,550 --> 00:29:24,750
and we licked it like this.

598
00:29:24,750 --> 00:29:27,460
That's the way we ate.

599
00:29:27,460 --> 00:29:30,090
And for breakfast we had
some kind of a cheese--

600
00:29:30,090 --> 00:29:33,840
some kind of a smelly cheese.

601
00:29:33,840 --> 00:29:38,370
And dirty water for dinner.

602
00:29:38,370 --> 00:29:39,510
I don't know what.

603
00:29:39,510 --> 00:29:43,860
And they had latrines, and we
went to clean these latrines.

604
00:29:43,860 --> 00:29:48,570
There were men there also,
but we weren't human.

605
00:29:48,570 --> 00:29:50,310
I'm sure you heard it.

606
00:29:50,310 --> 00:29:56,040

We didn't have our periods,
because whatever they fed us

607
00:29:56,040 --> 00:29:58,650
I guess.

608
00:29:58,650 --> 00:30:06,060
And once I went to the
kitchen, and the food

609
00:30:06,060 --> 00:30:10,920
was in like the garbage cans
here, those large garbage cans.

610
00:30:10,920 --> 00:30:15,330
Two girls-- me and another girl
was bringing this food back

611
00:30:15,330 --> 00:30:19,080
from the kitchen,
and girl comes,

612
00:30:19,080 --> 00:30:24,120
takes this wooden shoe that
we used for the bathroom

613
00:30:24,120 --> 00:30:24,720
in the night.

614
00:30:24,720 --> 00:30:28,620
If somebody had to go to the
bathroom, she peed in the shoe.

615
00:30:28,620 --> 00:30:32,340
In the morning, she spilled it
out when we went in and put it

616
00:30:32,340 --> 00:30:33,630
on her feet.

617
00:30:33,630 --> 00:30:38,500
Now, one girl took the shoe off,
picked up the lid, stuck it in

618
00:30:38,500 --> 00:30:40,830
and she stole this food.

619
00:30:40,830 --> 00:30:41,910
So barbaric.

620
00:30:41,910 --> 00:30:45,830
I'll never forgot that either.

621
00:30:45,830 --> 00:30:48,140
It was a desperate life.

622
00:30:48,140 --> 00:30:50,880
It was an unbelievable life.

623
00:30:50,880 --> 00:30:54,230
I went through it,
and I don't believe.

624
00:30:54,230 --> 00:30:56,870
I don't believe the
things that I survived.

625
00:30:56,870 --> 00:31:03,580
And I know that many survived
longer and more than I did.

626
00:31:03,580 --> 00:31:06,890
And this was the
same for four months?

627
00:31:06,890 --> 00:31:07,390
Yeah.

628
00:31:07,390 --> 00:31:10,660

629
00:31:10,660 --> 00:31:15,770
So there was no definite routine
or tasks or work you had to do?

630

00:31:15,770 --> 00:31:16,270

Nothing.

631

00:31:16,270 --> 00:31:18,310

They just kept us there.

632

00:31:18,310 --> 00:31:19,810

The time hung.

633

00:31:19,810 --> 00:31:20,370

Yes.

634

00:31:20,370 --> 00:31:21,970

Time hung.

635

00:31:21,970 --> 00:31:25,810

And after four
months, what happened?

636

00:31:25,810 --> 00:31:28,170

You're into September '44.

637

00:31:28,170 --> 00:31:33,580

We were waiting at the gate,
and then they put us on a train.

638

00:31:33,580 --> 00:31:37,240

And I don't remember how
long the train ride was.

639

00:31:37,240 --> 00:31:39,190

I don't think it was that long.

640

00:31:39,190 --> 00:31:43,440

We arrived also at night
to this Ober-Hohenelbe.

641

00:31:43,440 --> 00:31:44,500

Where is that?

642

00:31:44,500 --> 00:31:45,850

In the Sudetenland.

643

00:31:45,850 --> 00:31:46,600

In Czechoslovakia.

644

00:31:46,600 --> 00:31:48,130

In Czechoslovakia.

645

00:31:48,130 --> 00:31:52,960

And that was, I think

it was a radio factory.

646

00:31:52,960 --> 00:31:55,480

I was working on a

little metal things

647

00:31:55,480 --> 00:31:57,490

that I was very

unhandy of doing.

648

00:31:57,490 --> 00:32:00,190

And I always used to

get a slap on my head.

649

00:32:00,190 --> 00:32:01,840

But it wasn't bad.

650

00:32:01,840 --> 00:32:03,890

The food was pretty good.

651

00:32:03,890 --> 00:32:09,400

It was a sort of mush,

but it was-- we ate it.

652

00:32:09,400 --> 00:32:11,380

And then we went in the kitchen.

653

00:32:11,380 --> 00:32:15,430

And once a week we had showers--

654

00:32:15,430 --> 00:32:17,950

normal showers.

655
00:32:17,950 --> 00:32:23,710
And the girls died.

656
00:32:23,710 --> 00:32:24,790
One girl died.

657
00:32:24,790 --> 00:32:29,080
It was also a barrack,
but we had blankets.

658
00:32:29,080 --> 00:32:30,990
In Auschwitz we had no blankets.

659
00:32:30,990 --> 00:32:35,590
It was only wood
boards with not smooth,

660
00:32:35,590 --> 00:32:42,090
but when the word is not--

661
00:32:42,090 --> 00:32:42,840
what is it?

662
00:32:42,840 --> 00:32:43,400
Splintered?

663
00:32:43,400 --> 00:32:45,680
Splinters, yeah.

664
00:32:45,680 --> 00:32:49,310
And our pillow was our shoe.

665
00:32:49,310 --> 00:32:53,030
And we had no room
to lie on our backs--

666
00:32:53,030 --> 00:32:54,050
on the sides.

667
00:32:54,050 --> 00:32:58,290

They were I think 13 on a board.

668
00:32:58,290 --> 00:32:59,060
Not one board.

669
00:32:59,060 --> 00:33:01,460
It was out of pieces.

670
00:33:01,460 --> 00:33:04,520
So you we say was
not bad in Hollern?

671
00:33:04,520 --> 00:33:05,820
In Hohenelbe.

672
00:33:05,820 --> 00:33:06,500
Hohenelbe.

673
00:33:06,500 --> 00:33:07,040
Hohen--

674
00:33:07,040 --> 00:33:07,700
Hohenelbe.

675
00:33:07,700 --> 00:33:09,170
Ober-Hohenelbe.

676
00:33:09,170 --> 00:33:10,890
Ober-Hohenelbe.

677
00:33:10,890 --> 00:33:14,720
Not bad after a few
months in Auschwitz.

678
00:33:14,720 --> 00:33:16,170
You felt it was not bad.

679
00:33:16,170 --> 00:33:16,670
Yes.

680
00:33:16,670 --> 00:33:18,440

Had you gotten
there directly, you

681
00:33:18,440 --> 00:33:21,442
might have had
different-- from home,

682
00:33:21,442 --> 00:33:23,150
you might have felt
differently about it.

683
00:33:23,150 --> 00:33:24,710
Well, you know, Auschwitz,
we didn't feel anything

684
00:33:24,710 --> 00:33:25,460
in Auschwitz.

685
00:33:25,460 --> 00:33:27,170
We weren't human.

686
00:33:27,170 --> 00:33:29,240
But here you were?

687
00:33:29,240 --> 00:33:30,950
Here we were more human.

688
00:33:30,950 --> 00:33:32,795
But we still didn't--

689
00:33:32,795 --> 00:33:34,295
the girls didn't
have their parents.

690
00:33:34,295 --> 00:33:37,190

691
00:33:37,190 --> 00:33:41,900
What kind of conversations did
you have with the other girls

692
00:33:41,900 --> 00:33:43,310

in--

693
00:33:43,310 --> 00:33:44,300
Numb.

694
00:33:44,300 --> 00:33:48,110
--in Auschwitz as compared
with Ober-Hohenelbe?

695
00:33:48,110 --> 00:33:49,430
The same conversation.

696
00:33:49,430 --> 00:33:51,170
We were numb.

697
00:33:51,170 --> 00:33:54,170
We never thought that--

698
00:33:54,170 --> 00:33:58,490
at least I never thought that I
am not going to find my family.

699
00:33:58,490 --> 00:34:00,678
You had no idea what was
going on with your family

700
00:34:00,678 --> 00:34:01,220
at this time.

701
00:34:01,220 --> 00:34:02,570
No, I had no idea.

702
00:34:02,570 --> 00:34:05,000
You you saw no
one in your family

703
00:34:05,000 --> 00:34:06,530
once you came to Auschwitz?

704
00:34:06,530 --> 00:34:09,350
I saw my father about
three days later.

705
00:34:09,350 --> 00:34:10,920
What happened?

706
00:34:10,920 --> 00:34:16,400
He came to my barrack in
the striped clothes already.

707
00:34:16,400 --> 00:34:17,540
And I was bored bald.

708
00:34:17,540 --> 00:34:21,080
He said to me, my dear
child, what happened to you?

709
00:34:21,080 --> 00:34:22,639
What happened to your hair?

710
00:34:22,639 --> 00:34:25,670
Did you see mom
and the children?

711
00:34:25,670 --> 00:34:29,659
And I said no, but I think
we'll see them someday--

712
00:34:29,659 --> 00:34:31,443
something like that.

713
00:34:31,443 --> 00:34:32,610
You wanted to calm him down.

714
00:34:32,610 --> 00:34:34,010
I had no idea what that fi--

715
00:34:34,010 --> 00:34:36,960
I saw the flames, I saw the
fire, but I had no idea.

716
00:34:36,960 --> 00:34:38,719
I had no idea what it was.

717

00:34:38,719 --> 00:34:41,060

When did you understand
what was happening?

718

00:34:41,060 --> 00:34:41,630

Later.

719

00:34:41,630 --> 00:34:43,159

The girls knew it.

720

00:34:43,159 --> 00:34:46,040

The older girls, you know.

721

00:34:46,040 --> 00:34:47,810

The ones who had been there?

722

00:34:47,810 --> 00:34:49,909

Who had been there knew it.

723

00:34:49,909 --> 00:34:56,630

And in every barrack that
was an oven in the middle.

724

00:34:56,630 --> 00:35:03,080

The bunks were on two sides,
and in the middle was an oven.

725

00:35:03,080 --> 00:35:05,990

726

00:35:05,990 --> 00:35:07,640

Was it being used
when you were there?

727

00:35:07,640 --> 00:35:10,220

No, it wasn't.

728

00:35:10,220 --> 00:35:14,630

So when did the idea hit
you that you might not

729

00:35:14,630 --> 00:35:15,440
see your family?

730
00:35:15,440 --> 00:35:18,620

731
00:35:18,620 --> 00:35:21,560
I don't even know when.

732
00:35:21,560 --> 00:35:25,880
I think when I was in
Hohenelbe, the girls

733
00:35:25,880 --> 00:35:30,320
were talking about it that
there was a crematorium.

734
00:35:30,320 --> 00:35:36,650
And all the younger
people and mothers, they

735
00:35:36,650 --> 00:35:39,325
put them in the crematorium.

736
00:35:39,325 --> 00:35:41,450
In other words, even though
you were in Auschwitz--

737
00:35:41,450 --> 00:35:43,110
But I still didn't
feel anything.

738
00:35:43,110 --> 00:35:44,510
I wasn't hysterical.

739
00:35:44,510 --> 00:35:47,370
Even though you were in
Auschwitz for four months,

740
00:35:47,370 --> 00:35:49,870
you really didn't know what
was going on in Auschwitz.

741
00:35:49,870 --> 00:35:50,440
No.

742
00:35:50,440 --> 00:35:51,170
No.

743
00:35:51,170 --> 00:35:53,240
I didn't know what was
going on in Auschwitz.

744
00:35:53,240 --> 00:35:56,420
It was other people who
probably put in more time.

745
00:35:56,420 --> 00:35:59,480

746
00:35:59,480 --> 00:36:03,470
The barrack that I was
in, they were all--

747
00:36:03,470 --> 00:36:07,460
I was the youngest group,
and there were older people.

748
00:36:07,460 --> 00:36:10,970
There was a woman that
was older than my mother,

749
00:36:10,970 --> 00:36:14,540
and she was selected
to be there.

750
00:36:14,540 --> 00:36:16,670
Because she had
she had two sons--

751
00:36:16,670 --> 00:36:18,790
none of the sons survived--

752
00:36:18,790 --> 00:36:19,850
older than I am.

753
00:36:19,850 --> 00:36:24,530
They were about 17 and 18
or 18 and 19-- under 20.

754
00:36:24,530 --> 00:36:28,550
But I remember Silverstein
was their name.

755
00:36:28,550 --> 00:36:31,320
And she was there with us.

756
00:36:31,320 --> 00:36:33,800
She never survived.

757
00:36:33,800 --> 00:36:37,550
She lived-- I don't
remember when she died.

758
00:36:37,550 --> 00:36:40,610
But my mother, because
she had young children,

759
00:36:40,610 --> 00:36:43,740
was taken right with the
children into the fire.

760
00:36:43,740 --> 00:36:47,310

761
00:36:47,310 --> 00:36:51,150
But all of this you began
to understand later?

762
00:36:51,150 --> 00:36:52,470
Yes.

763
00:36:52,470 --> 00:36:55,125
At the time, you really didn't
understand what was going on.

764
00:36:55,125 --> 00:36:55,625

No.

765
00:36:55,625 --> 00:37:01,070

766
00:37:01,070 --> 00:37:01,960
I didn't understand.

767
00:37:01,960 --> 00:37:04,820
Maybe others did, but I didn't.

768
00:37:04,820 --> 00:37:09,340
In Auschwitz, a lot of
people were tattooed,

769
00:37:09,340 --> 00:37:10,090
with the numbers.

770
00:37:10,090 --> 00:37:10,590
Yes.

771
00:37:10,590 --> 00:37:11,120
We weren't.

772
00:37:11,120 --> 00:37:11,790
You weren't.

773
00:37:11,790 --> 00:37:12,940
I wasn't.

774
00:37:12,940 --> 00:37:14,560
Do you know why you weren't?

775
00:37:14,560 --> 00:37:15,790
No.

776
00:37:15,790 --> 00:37:18,370
No.

777
00:37:18,370 --> 00:37:21,970
No, I guess because we came

later and they didn't bother

778
00:37:21,970 --> 00:37:23,300
or whatever.

779
00:37:23,300 --> 00:37:26,350
And the war was going
very badly at that time?

780
00:37:26,350 --> 00:37:28,420
Yeah.

781
00:37:28,420 --> 00:37:28,930
Yeah.

782
00:37:28,930 --> 00:37:33,660
So probably the German situation
was beginning to be chaotic.

783
00:37:33,660 --> 00:37:35,680
Yes.

784
00:37:35,680 --> 00:37:38,020
Because I noticed that a
number of the people who

785
00:37:38,020 --> 00:37:42,260
came later and didn't stay
there long were not tattooed.

786
00:37:42,260 --> 00:37:43,480
Not tattooed.

787
00:37:43,480 --> 00:37:44,830
I don't even remember.

788
00:37:44,830 --> 00:37:48,730
I saw my father, but I
didn't ask about the tattoo,

789
00:37:48,730 --> 00:37:49,712
and he didn't tell me.

790
00:37:49,712 --> 00:37:51,670
You probably didn't know
about it at that time.

791
00:37:51,670 --> 00:37:52,628
I didn't know about it.

792
00:37:52,628 --> 00:37:53,260
No.

793
00:37:53,260 --> 00:37:56,830
I only remember him he was
wearing the striped clothes.

794
00:37:56,830 --> 00:38:01,870
Were you aware of any
difference in the treatment

795
00:38:01,870 --> 00:38:06,550
of Jewish inmates as compared
with non-Jewish inmates?

796
00:38:06,550 --> 00:38:09,520
I don't even know about
non-Jewish inmates.

797
00:38:09,520 --> 00:38:12,160
There were no non-Jewish
inmates there.

798
00:38:12,160 --> 00:38:14,290
They were all Jews.

799
00:38:14,290 --> 00:38:17,020
And there were the barbed
wires, and some of the Jews

800
00:38:17,020 --> 00:38:19,740
ran against the wire, and they
were electrocuted immediately.

801

00:38:19,740 --> 00:38:20,740
That I saw all the time.

802
00:38:20,740 --> 00:38:23,080
They wanted to do.

803
00:38:23,080 --> 00:38:24,850
That was suicide, you mean?

804
00:38:24,850 --> 00:38:25,450
I guess.

805
00:38:25,450 --> 00:38:26,740
I don't know suicide--

806
00:38:26,740 --> 00:38:28,400
maybe unwilling suicide.

807
00:38:28,400 --> 00:38:30,490
But the next there
was the barbed wire,

808
00:38:30,490 --> 00:38:38,260
but I was able to see through
the next camp, the next barrack

809
00:38:38,260 --> 00:38:41,050
or camp through
the barbed wires.

810
00:38:41,050 --> 00:38:45,250
There was death--
everybody was dead there.

811
00:38:45,250 --> 00:38:47,770
The corpses-- the way
they carried the corpses

812
00:38:47,770 --> 00:38:50,830
in carts or something.

813
00:38:50,830 --> 00:38:54,760

That was like you see in
the movies-- those corpses.

814
00:38:54,760 --> 00:38:56,630
That you understood
what was happening?

815
00:38:56,630 --> 00:38:57,130
Yeah.

816
00:38:57,130 --> 00:38:58,338
But I didn't know they were--

817
00:38:58,338 --> 00:39:00,890
I didn't know what those were.

818
00:39:00,890 --> 00:39:02,560
I don't know about
corpses they were.

819
00:39:02,560 --> 00:39:07,900
They were corpses, but I didn't
know they were Jewish corpses.

820
00:39:07,900 --> 00:39:11,500
Because those were there
for God knows how long,

821
00:39:11,500 --> 00:39:17,170
from the Polish and and Slovaks.

822
00:39:17,170 --> 00:39:18,970
The preponderant
majority of those

823
00:39:18,970 --> 00:39:24,420
who were killed and gassed
in Auschwitz were Jewish.

824
00:39:24,420 --> 00:39:27,070
We have studies on that now.

825

00:39:27,070 --> 00:39:28,210
Were Jewish, yes.

826
00:39:28,210 --> 00:39:29,710
Those that were
gassed were Jewish.

827
00:39:29,710 --> 00:39:31,960
And these corpses
were Jewish also.

828
00:39:31,960 --> 00:39:33,340
Yeah.

829
00:39:33,340 --> 00:39:36,610
And then there was--

830
00:39:36,610 --> 00:39:39,340
I have a cousin in
Israel who went in.

831
00:39:39,340 --> 00:39:41,980
She was a young married woman.

832
00:39:41,980 --> 00:39:44,650
She went in pregnant.

833
00:39:44,650 --> 00:39:46,900
She gave birth there.

834
00:39:46,900 --> 00:39:47,680
In Auschwitz.

835
00:39:47,680 --> 00:39:49,360
In Auschwitz.

836
00:39:49,360 --> 00:39:52,130
And they hid the baby
for about three days.

837
00:39:52,130 --> 00:39:55,030
And then the girls took

the baby, killed the baby.

838
00:39:55,030 --> 00:39:56,950
And I don't know how they--

839
00:39:56,950 --> 00:40:00,190
what they did with the body.

840
00:40:00,190 --> 00:40:04,660
Because otherwise the mother
would have gone with the baby.

841
00:40:04,660 --> 00:40:09,130
I never knew it until she
told that to me in Israel.

842
00:40:09,130 --> 00:40:09,880
She survived?

843
00:40:09,880 --> 00:40:10,700
She survived.

844
00:40:10,700 --> 00:40:13,570
Her husband survived.

845
00:40:13,570 --> 00:40:18,430
And they came back home
to Borod when I was there,

846
00:40:18,430 --> 00:40:22,420
and she gave birth
again to a boy.

847
00:40:22,420 --> 00:40:24,130
And I made the big bris.

848
00:40:24,130 --> 00:40:26,410
I did all the cooking.

849
00:40:26,410 --> 00:40:29,230
Wonderful food--
I am a good cook.

850
00:40:29,230 --> 00:40:34,790
And then I went
away to hang around.

851
00:40:34,790 --> 00:40:36,160
I had no home.

852
00:40:36,160 --> 00:40:39,820
Because our home,
where my parent's home,

853
00:40:39,820 --> 00:40:42,190
everything was taken out.

854
00:40:42,190 --> 00:40:45,550
The floor, the
walls was picked up.

855
00:40:45,550 --> 00:40:49,930
They were looking for dollars
and jewelry, the townspeople.

856
00:40:49,930 --> 00:40:53,440
And when I came home
the boy died two weeks

857
00:40:53,440 --> 00:40:59,770
later from an infection
from the bris, from the way

858
00:40:59,770 --> 00:41:02,290
the mohel did the job.

859
00:41:02,290 --> 00:41:04,780
Let's go back to Ober-Hohenelbe.

860
00:41:04,780 --> 00:41:08,290
You arrived there
in September '44.

861
00:41:08,290 --> 00:41:09,040

Right.

862
00:41:09,040 --> 00:41:12,370
Did you say that that was--
you were in a factory there?

863
00:41:12,370 --> 00:41:13,420
Yes.

864
00:41:13,420 --> 00:41:15,070
What kind of work did you do?

865
00:41:15,070 --> 00:41:19,150
On radio parts.

866
00:41:19,150 --> 00:41:22,090
And you did that until when?

867
00:41:22,090 --> 00:41:24,040
Until liberation.

868
00:41:24,040 --> 00:41:25,380
Which was when?

869
00:41:25,380 --> 00:41:27,640
April or May.

870
00:41:27,640 --> 00:41:31,870
So you're talking about
a period of four months

871
00:41:31,870 --> 00:41:35,200
in '44 and another
four months or so--

872
00:41:35,200 --> 00:41:39,460
that's about eight months
or so that you are there.

873
00:41:39,460 --> 00:41:45,820
And you say that was, in
terms of Auschwitz, bearable.

874
00:41:45,820 --> 00:41:47,910
In comparison to Auschwitz,
that was bearable.

875
00:41:47,910 --> 00:41:48,640
Yeah.

876
00:41:48,640 --> 00:41:51,760
Well, I beared Auschwitz
also, because I survived it.

877
00:41:51,760 --> 00:41:53,560
Yeah.

878
00:41:53,560 --> 00:41:56,320
But it was unbearable
from what you say.

879
00:41:56,320 --> 00:42:03,790
Now, how did
liberation come to you

880
00:42:03,790 --> 00:42:07,150
and the other people
in the factory?

881
00:42:07,150 --> 00:42:12,760
We were all girls,
and one morning we

882
00:42:12,760 --> 00:42:16,060
weren't called to work.

883
00:42:16,060 --> 00:42:19,300
And some of the girls looked
out the window and they

884
00:42:19,300 --> 00:42:23,350
saw black flag on the building--

885
00:42:23,350 --> 00:42:25,450

on the kitchen building.

886

00:42:25,450 --> 00:42:28,690

The building we had
our dormitory was,

887

00:42:28,690 --> 00:42:31,420

downstairs, was the factory.

888

00:42:31,420 --> 00:42:33,670

But there was a
kitchen, and there was

889

00:42:33,670 --> 00:42:35,620

a black flag on the kitchen.

890

00:42:35,620 --> 00:42:37,660

And the girl said,
we are liberated.

891

00:42:37,660 --> 00:42:40,990

892

00:42:40,990 --> 00:42:44,740

And we want to go out--

893

00:42:44,740 --> 00:42:47,260

to run out of the building--

894

00:42:47,260 --> 00:42:53,620

and Russian soldiers were
sitting drunk at the door

895

00:42:53,620 --> 00:42:55,150

and wanted to rape us.

896

00:42:55,150 --> 00:42:57,250

I didn't know
nothing about rape--

897

00:42:57,250 --> 00:43:02,440

I didn't know-- but the older

girls, we couldn't get out.

898

00:43:02,440 --> 00:43:07,960

And then, finally, somehow
they subdued these soldiers,

899

00:43:07,960 --> 00:43:10,030

and we ran out.

900

00:43:10,030 --> 00:43:15,250

And then we ran into town and
ran into the people's houses,

901

00:43:15,250 --> 00:43:17,260

and we took food,
and took clothing,

902

00:43:17,260 --> 00:43:18,450

and they all let us do it.

903

00:43:18,450 --> 00:43:20,960

904

00:43:20,960 --> 00:43:23,540

And at night we went back
to the barracks to sleep.

905

00:43:23,540 --> 00:43:25,325

You took without asking?

906

00:43:25,325 --> 00:43:25,970

Pardon me?

907

00:43:25,970 --> 00:43:27,530

You took food and
clothing without asking.

908

00:43:27,530 --> 00:43:28,488

We took without asking.

909

00:43:28,488 --> 00:43:29,540

Yeah.

910
00:43:29,540 --> 00:43:33,680
I was young, but the older
girls were the leaders,

911
00:43:33,680 --> 00:43:36,140
and we took fabrics,
and we made dresses.

912
00:43:36,140 --> 00:43:39,380
And we took food.

913
00:43:39,380 --> 00:43:43,430
And they were very
nice, the townspeople.

914
00:43:43,430 --> 00:43:46,250
And we hung around
there for a while.

915
00:43:46,250 --> 00:43:48,800
And just before--

916
00:43:48,800 --> 00:43:52,700
I don't even know who arranged
to get the transport out

917
00:43:52,700 --> 00:43:54,440
of-- maybe the townspeople--

918
00:43:54,440 --> 00:43:58,910
to get the train to get
the people to go back where

919
00:43:58,910 --> 00:44:01,490
they belong and they came from.

920
00:44:01,490 --> 00:44:03,230
I got sick.

921
00:44:03,230 --> 00:44:05,120
And the girls took me.

922

00:44:05,120 --> 00:44:07,400

I was shivering and
I was very sick,

923

00:44:07,400 --> 00:44:12,200

and the girls took me
to the hospital in town.

924

00:44:12,200 --> 00:44:19,790

And I was-- what do you call it
when nobody's allowed to come

925

00:44:19,790 --> 00:44:20,510

to you--

926

00:44:20,510 --> 00:44:21,230

Quarantined.

927

00:44:21,230 --> 00:44:22,100

Quarantined.

928

00:44:22,100 --> 00:44:23,960

I was quarantined.

929

00:44:23,960 --> 00:44:27,230

And this one girl, the rabbi's
daughter from my hometown,

930

00:44:27,230 --> 00:44:28,610

Suri--

931

00:44:28,610 --> 00:44:32,370

So there were quite a few
people from your home town in--

932

00:44:32,370 --> 00:44:32,870

No.

933

00:44:32,870 --> 00:44:34,830

It was only this
rabbi's daughter.

934
00:44:34,830 --> 00:44:35,630
Oh.

935
00:44:35,630 --> 00:44:38,315
But there were lots of
girls from the nearby towns.

936
00:44:38,315 --> 00:44:42,570

937
00:44:42,570 --> 00:44:48,290
She came to the window, and
she says, we are going home.

938
00:44:48,290 --> 00:44:50,450
There's a transport
that goes home,

939
00:44:50,450 --> 00:44:53,930
and I made the arrangements
for you too when

940
00:44:53,930 --> 00:44:56,750
you got better to come home.

941
00:44:56,750 --> 00:45:01,860
And she did speak to the
head of the hospital.

942
00:45:01,860 --> 00:45:02,810
I got better.

943
00:45:02,810 --> 00:45:08,030
And there was another girl that
had her appendix taken out.

944
00:45:08,030 --> 00:45:10,010
And then we got better,
and we were waiting

945
00:45:10,010 --> 00:45:15,020

to be taken away to get home.

946

00:45:15,020 --> 00:45:17,720

And we were waiting a
week or two, I think,

947

00:45:17,720 --> 00:45:20,700

and the townspeople brought
us clothes and food.

948

00:45:20,700 --> 00:45:21,890

And they were very nice--

949

00:45:21,890 --> 00:45:23,640

and sandwiches.

950

00:45:23,640 --> 00:45:28,430

And the garden was beautiful,
and we were vacationing there.

951

00:45:28,430 --> 00:45:31,100

But we wanted to
go home already.

952

00:45:31,100 --> 00:45:34,130

And they never
took us to Prague.

953

00:45:34,130 --> 00:45:35,840

This was like in--

954

00:45:35,840 --> 00:45:40,060

and I said to her, Muncy,
tomorrow morning we

955

00:45:40,060 --> 00:45:42,560

go into the train station,
and we're going home.

956

00:45:42,560 --> 00:45:45,680

And she was afraid,
but she came with me.

957

00:45:45,680 --> 00:45:47,330

And we went into Prague.

958

00:45:47,330 --> 00:45:49,170

We arrived 8 o'clock
in the morning.

959

00:45:49,170 --> 00:45:51,230

You did this without any money.

960

00:45:51,230 --> 00:45:52,520

Yes.

961

00:45:52,520 --> 00:45:53,390

Yes.

962

00:45:53,390 --> 00:45:56,000

They knew-- sure,
we had no money.

963

00:45:56,000 --> 00:45:58,260

We told them who we were.

964

00:45:58,260 --> 00:46:00,800

and they came to look
to us for tickets,

965

00:46:00,800 --> 00:46:04,110

and we told them who we
were, and they let us go.

966

00:46:04,110 --> 00:46:07,160

We arrived to Prague,
get off the train,

967

00:46:07,160 --> 00:46:09,140

and we approached a man.

968

00:46:09,140 --> 00:46:11,630

And he took us for
breakfast, and then he

969

00:46:11,630 --> 00:46:14,030
took us to the Russian zone.

970

00:46:14,030 --> 00:46:19,160
And we went in there, and
they didn't let us out.

971

00:46:19,160 --> 00:46:23,180
It was a big
building, a big room,

972

00:46:23,180 --> 00:46:27,440
and we laid on the empty floor,
on the stone floor there,

973

00:46:27,440 --> 00:46:29,180
for two or three nights.

974

00:46:29,180 --> 00:46:31,760
And they fed us junk.

975

00:46:31,760 --> 00:46:37,250
And I said to this woman,
I'm getting out of here,

976

00:46:37,250 --> 00:46:37,970
come with me.

977

00:46:37,970 --> 00:46:39,110
And she was afraid.

978

00:46:39,110 --> 00:46:40,880
She said, they don't let us out.

979

00:46:40,880 --> 00:46:43,880
This woman is the one
who got the appendix out.

980

00:46:43,880 --> 00:46:46,130
Yes.

981

00:46:46,130 --> 00:46:47,310
Was she a girl at the time?

982
00:46:47,310 --> 00:46:48,990
A girl, 24 years old.

983
00:46:48,990 --> 00:46:49,920
A girl.

984
00:46:49,920 --> 00:46:52,640
To you she was a woman.

985
00:46:52,640 --> 00:46:54,410
She wasn't as sharp as I was.

986
00:46:54,410 --> 00:46:58,310
I was younger, but I was sharp.

987
00:46:58,310 --> 00:47:03,870
And she didn't come out,
and she stayed there.

988
00:47:03,870 --> 00:47:06,800
And I went into Prague,
and I hung around town,

989
00:47:06,800 --> 00:47:08,340
walked around there.

990
00:47:08,340 --> 00:47:12,590
And I went into restaurants
and places to ask for food.

991
00:47:12,590 --> 00:47:13,790
And they gave me--

992
00:47:13,790 --> 00:47:16,500
I was nothing.

993
00:47:16,500 --> 00:47:19,040
And then I, on a
bench, was sitting.

994
00:47:19,040 --> 00:47:24,980
A Romanian middle-aged
man with some young men

995
00:47:24,980 --> 00:47:28,280
in a uniform, a captain's
uniform, and I went over

996
00:47:28,280 --> 00:47:30,650
and I talked to them.

997
00:47:30,650 --> 00:47:33,480
And right away he took me.

998
00:47:33,480 --> 00:47:35,360
And he says, you come with me.

999
00:47:35,360 --> 00:47:37,760
And I went with him.

1000
00:47:37,760 --> 00:47:39,530
He had a horse.

1001
00:47:39,530 --> 00:47:40,520
He sold the horse.

1002
00:47:40,520 --> 00:47:44,420
He got food-- bread,
butter, milk, salami--

1003
00:47:44,420 --> 00:47:51,810
a big salami-- and we went up to
the hotel room where he stayed.

1004
00:47:51,810 --> 00:47:53,270
And he gave me pajamas.

1005
00:47:53,270 --> 00:47:55,100
I slept in pajamas that night.

1006

00:47:55,100 --> 00:47:57,630

1007

00:47:57,630 --> 00:48:01,560

And a few days or
a week later, we

1008

00:48:01,560 --> 00:48:04,500

boarded a train, a sleeping car.

1009

00:48:04,500 --> 00:48:06,990

I slept on a train.

1010

00:48:06,990 --> 00:48:10,170

I don't even think I slept,
but it was a sleeping car.

1011

00:48:10,170 --> 00:48:13,050

And he went to Constanta.

1012

00:48:13,050 --> 00:48:14,760

He was from Constanta.

1013

00:48:14,760 --> 00:48:17,490

And in Budapest
I changed trains,

1014

00:48:17,490 --> 00:48:20,460

and I went to my hometown.

1015

00:48:20,460 --> 00:48:21,690

Constanta is in what country?

1016

00:48:21,690 --> 00:48:24,780

Constanta is in
Romania, the seaport.

1017

00:48:24,780 --> 00:48:25,800

It's the Black Sea.

1018

00:48:25,800 --> 00:48:26,802

Right.

1019
00:48:26,802 --> 00:48:27,510
By the Black Sea.

1020
00:48:27,510 --> 00:48:28,860
So you were two Romanians.

1021
00:48:28,860 --> 00:48:30,150
We were to Romanians.

1022
00:48:30,150 --> 00:48:31,110
He had no children.

1023
00:48:31,110 --> 00:48:33,180
He begged me to
go home with him.

1024
00:48:33,180 --> 00:48:35,520
He said, you have
nobody waiting for you.

1025
00:48:35,520 --> 00:48:37,350
All your family was killed.

1026
00:48:37,350 --> 00:48:38,610
And I didn't believe him.

1027
00:48:38,610 --> 00:48:41,620
What was he-- he was
a not Jewish Romanian.

1028
00:48:41,620 --> 00:48:42,210
No, no.

1029
00:48:42,210 --> 00:48:44,057
A Romanian Christian.

1030
00:48:44,057 --> 00:48:46,680

1031
00:48:46,680 --> 00:48:49,990

A Greek Orthodox.

1032
00:48:49,990 --> 00:48:53,150
I think that's what they are.

1033
00:48:53,150 --> 00:48:56,080
And I went home.

1034
00:48:56,080 --> 00:48:58,530
Of course, there was nobody.

1035
00:48:58,530 --> 00:49:01,920
But there were struggling
people here or there,

1036
00:49:01,920 --> 00:49:08,100
and some men some women
came-- young-- came back.

1037
00:49:08,100 --> 00:49:13,710
And there was no furniture
in my parent's house,

1038
00:49:13,710 --> 00:49:15,960
so I stayed with these people.

1039
00:49:15,960 --> 00:49:18,270
One night here, one night then.

1040
00:49:18,270 --> 00:49:20,730
I ate here, I ate there.

1041
00:49:20,730 --> 00:49:22,770
I had no home.

1042
00:49:22,770 --> 00:49:24,230
This is back in--

1043
00:49:24,230 --> 00:49:25,180
In Romania.

1044

00:49:25,180 --> 00:49:25,890
In Romania.

1045
00:49:25,890 --> 00:49:26,760
In--

1046
00:49:26,760 --> 00:49:27,570
In Borod.

1047
00:49:27,570 --> 00:49:28,270
In Borod.

1048
00:49:28,270 --> 00:49:31,560
And then I get a letter.

1049
00:49:31,560 --> 00:49:33,750
The mailman brings me a letter.

1050
00:49:33,750 --> 00:49:36,720
On the street he recognizes
me, because I had just

1051
00:49:36,720 --> 00:49:38,370
come to my house.

1052
00:49:38,370 --> 00:49:40,590
Brings me a letter.

1053
00:49:40,590 --> 00:49:46,020
He says, Sylvia, you got
a letter from America.

1054
00:49:46,020 --> 00:49:47,745
I get a letter from
one of my aunts.

1055
00:49:47,745 --> 00:49:50,970

1056
00:49:50,970 --> 00:49:54,990
She knows what went on
and asking who is alive.

1057
00:49:54,990 --> 00:49:58,860
And I wrote back, I said I
am the only one that's alive.

1058
00:49:58,860 --> 00:50:00,600
You knew it for a fact now.

1059
00:50:00,600 --> 00:50:02,250
I knew it for a fact.

1060
00:50:02,250 --> 00:50:05,100
No, I knew it--

1061
00:50:05,100 --> 00:50:08,490
but for years I was looking
for my older brother

1062
00:50:08,490 --> 00:50:17,370
who was 13 and my father because
I was told that he is alive.

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00:50:17,370 --> 00:50:26,490
But then he was a religious man,
and he prayed over the corpses.

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00:50:26,490 --> 00:50:34,860
Not corpses but the other
camps, like Buchenwald

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00:50:34,860 --> 00:50:36,520
and these camps.

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00:50:36,520 --> 00:50:39,990
I don't know which
camp my father was in,

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00:50:39,990 --> 00:50:45,210
but somebody came home and
said that your father is alive,

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00:50:45,210 --> 00:50:48,360

because he was praying over us.

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00:50:48,360 --> 00:50:53,520

And then somebody else came
home, two boys, a young man,

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00:50:53,520 --> 00:50:57,990

said no, they killed your
father because he was healthy,

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00:50:57,990 --> 00:51:01,800

and he walked between us,
and he was praying over us.

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00:51:01,800 --> 00:51:06,210

And the Germans-- there were
about 30 out of thousands that

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00:51:06,210 --> 00:51:09,450

were half dead in typhoid--

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00:51:09,450 --> 00:51:12,930

typhoid fever you know,
that's what they all got--

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00:51:12,930 --> 00:51:15,930

and the Americans
came and revived them,

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00:51:15,930 --> 00:51:18,820

brought them back to life.

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00:51:18,820 --> 00:51:21,030

And they killed--
the Germans shot

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00:51:21,030 --> 00:51:22,950

the ones that were
standing on their feet,

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00:51:22,950 --> 00:51:26,430

and my father was one of them.

1080

00:51:26,430 --> 00:51:28,470

So he perished because
he was healthy.

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00:51:28,470 --> 00:51:32,640

He perished because
he was healthy.

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00:51:32,640 --> 00:51:34,810

There was no way to win.

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00:51:34,810 --> 00:51:37,250

There was no way.

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00:51:37,250 --> 00:51:41,810

And still today I always think
of my older brother at least.

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00:51:41,810 --> 00:51:43,470

Is he somewhere alive?

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00:51:43,470 --> 00:51:48,290

He was a beautiful, young,
healthy 13-year-old boy.

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00:51:48,290 --> 00:51:50,130

He has his bar mitzvah already.

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00:51:50,130 --> 00:51:52,860

He had his bar mitzvah
in February of that year.

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00:51:52,860 --> 00:51:55,460

It was 13 February 3.

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00:51:55,460 --> 00:51:56,760

Of 1944.

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00:51:56,760 --> 00:52:02,410

1944.

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00:52:02,410 --> 00:52:06,790

Now, you were telling us
that you received the letter

1093

00:52:06,790 --> 00:52:07,760

from America.

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00:52:07,760 --> 00:52:08,260

Yeah.

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00:52:08,260 --> 00:52:10,580

I received a letter
from America.

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00:52:10,580 --> 00:52:15,940

And I answered that
I am home alone.

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00:52:15,940 --> 00:52:19,720

And my aunt wrote me another
letter saying your cousin

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00:52:19,720 --> 00:52:28,060

Jack and Julia, who died in
this country of breast cancer

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00:52:28,060 --> 00:52:37,590

at the age of 39,
and Julia's son Jack

1100

00:52:37,590 --> 00:52:41,220

is in Frankfurt in
the American army.

1101

00:52:41,220 --> 00:52:49,050

He'll get in touch with you, and
he will get you out to America

1102

00:52:49,050 --> 00:52:50,500

somehow.

1103

00:52:50,500 --> 00:52:55,380

And then I got a letter

from him to pack up

1104
00:52:55,380 --> 00:52:58,920
and somebody is going
to come and get me.

1105
00:52:58,920 --> 00:53:00,900
Well, I sold the house--

1106
00:53:00,900 --> 00:53:03,510
my house, the walls.

1107
00:53:03,510 --> 00:53:08,130
And for the money I bought
boots, and fur-lined coat,

1108
00:53:08,130 --> 00:53:13,480
and some clothes to get ready
for the trip to America.

1109
00:53:13,480 --> 00:53:18,240
And then this boy came,
and he made arrangements

1110
00:53:18,240 --> 00:53:20,460
to cross the borders.

1111
00:53:20,460 --> 00:53:22,560
The borders were closed already.

1112
00:53:22,560 --> 00:53:24,420
And he said, don't worry.

1113
00:53:24,420 --> 00:53:26,820
We were about six
in a group that

1114
00:53:26,820 --> 00:53:30,990
were crossing borders illegally
to try to get from one country

1115
00:53:30,990 --> 00:53:32,370

to the other.

1116
00:53:32,370 --> 00:53:38,790
We crossed the border
from Romania to Hungary.

1117
00:53:38,790 --> 00:53:44,190
We walked all night,
hearing the shots--

1118
00:53:44,190 --> 00:53:47,970
the gunshots-- from
the border guards.

1119
00:53:47,970 --> 00:53:50,670
But we didn't get hurt.

1120
00:53:50,670 --> 00:53:58,320
And from Romania to Hungary.

1121
00:53:58,320 --> 00:54:00,120
Then we went to Budapest.

1122
00:54:00,120 --> 00:54:05,190
We washed in the puddle from
the mud up to our necks.

1123
00:54:05,190 --> 00:54:11,970
And we went from there,
we took the train,

1124
00:54:11,970 --> 00:54:13,260
and we went into Budapest.

1125
00:54:13,260 --> 00:54:17,010
Now, in Budapest it took a
long time, about four weeks,

1126
00:54:17,010 --> 00:54:23,000
to try to go to this town page
where it was near the border.

1127

00:54:23,000 --> 00:54:24,750

The young man was with
you the whole time?

1128

00:54:24,750 --> 00:54:26,458

The young man was with
me the whole time.

1129

00:54:26,458 --> 00:54:28,200

Who was this young man?

1130

00:54:28,200 --> 00:54:30,100

Your cousin Jack sent
them, but who was he.

1131

00:54:30,100 --> 00:54:37,050

This young man was also a
young boy that lost his family.

1132

00:54:37,050 --> 00:54:40,740

They were two brothers,
him and an older brother

1133

00:54:40,740 --> 00:54:43,920

that stayed in
Germany, in Frankfurt,

1134

00:54:43,920 --> 00:54:46,590

trying to get to America.

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00:54:46,590 --> 00:54:47,430

After the war.

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00:54:47,430 --> 00:54:48,300

After the war.

1137

00:54:48,300 --> 00:54:50,370

He got to America.

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00:54:50,370 --> 00:54:52,140

But I got to America earlier.

1139

00:54:52,140 --> 00:54:54,120
And Jack knew him.

1140
00:54:54,120 --> 00:54:56,490
Jack met them in
Frankfurt on the street.

1141
00:54:56,490 --> 00:55:00,720
Jack spoke Hungarian, because he
learned Hungarian from grandma

1142
00:55:00,720 --> 00:55:02,740
here in America.

1143
00:55:02,740 --> 00:55:06,900
And he heard the Hungarian
language on the street

1144
00:55:06,900 --> 00:55:08,640
and he approached him.

1145
00:55:08,640 --> 00:55:11,850
American soldier
approached a refugee--

1146
00:55:11,850 --> 00:55:12,930
that was a big deal.

1147
00:55:12,930 --> 00:55:16,110
He knew an American soldier.

1148
00:55:16,110 --> 00:55:17,490
And they made contact.

1149
00:55:17,490 --> 00:55:19,770
They're still friends today.

1150
00:55:19,770 --> 00:55:22,620
And he told them about me.

1151
00:55:22,620 --> 00:55:26,070
My cousin told them that

he's got a cousin in Borod

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00:55:26,070 --> 00:55:30,000

and he would like to
get him her out here.

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00:55:30,000 --> 00:55:32,400

And this young man
said, yes, I'll do it.

1154

00:55:32,400 --> 00:55:38,715

And he came, and he got me, and
we crossed about five borders.

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00:55:38,715 --> 00:55:40,650

It was not easy.

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00:55:40,650 --> 00:55:43,080

All night we were
walking in mud up to our.

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00:55:43,080 --> 00:55:47,310

Necks and then finally
we got two Linz.

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00:55:47,310 --> 00:55:53,280

I was in Vienna in
the Rothschild castle,

1159

00:55:53,280 --> 00:55:54,720

where lots of refugees stayed.

1160

00:55:54,720 --> 00:55:57,410

I think you know about that.

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00:55:57,410 --> 00:56:01,350

And from there we went to Linz.

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00:56:01,350 --> 00:56:05,760

We went to Salzburg,
and they stopped us.

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00:56:05,760 --> 00:56:08,760

We were in a taxi,
and they stopped us.

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00:56:08,760 --> 00:56:10,260

We were illegal there.

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00:56:10,260 --> 00:56:13,830

But somehow-- I don't remember
how-- this boy got us out

1166

00:56:13,830 --> 00:56:14,850

of it.

1167

00:56:14,850 --> 00:56:16,620

And we went to Linz.

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00:56:16,620 --> 00:56:22,200

And Linz was a half
American half Russian zone.

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00:56:22,200 --> 00:56:27,420

And the boy got some illegal
identification papers--

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00:56:27,420 --> 00:56:30,340

and he gave me one, and he
had one, and the others,

1171

00:56:30,340 --> 00:56:32,940

we were about six in the group--

1172

00:56:32,940 --> 00:56:34,860

that we were going
from the Russians zone

1173

00:56:34,860 --> 00:56:37,050

to the American zone to work.

1174

00:56:37,050 --> 00:56:41,370

And this end was a Russian
soldier with the gun standing

1175

00:56:41,370 --> 00:56:42,870
guard.

1176

00:56:42,870 --> 00:56:43,830
And he looked at it.

1177

00:56:43,830 --> 00:56:47,400
I was 16 years
old, 17 years old.

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00:56:47,400 --> 00:56:50,670
And looked at the
identification paper,

1179

00:56:50,670 --> 00:56:53,190
and he started a
conversation with me.

1180

00:56:53,190 --> 00:56:57,390
I spoke a few words
of Russian somehow.

1181

00:56:57,390 --> 00:56:59,100
And the boy was ahead of me.

1182

00:56:59,100 --> 00:57:02,800
Already and he sees
that I stopped there.

1183

00:57:02,800 --> 00:57:06,620
He got scared that
I am in trouble.

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00:57:06,620 --> 00:57:08,440
So then I said goodbye
to the soldier,

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00:57:08,440 --> 00:57:15,820
and I went, and the
American soldier let me go.

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00:57:15,820 --> 00:57:16,810

And we went in.

1187
00:57:16,810 --> 00:57:21,400
There was an organized
some kind of a place,

1188
00:57:21,400 --> 00:57:26,410
home, where all these kind
of people were taken in

1189
00:57:26,410 --> 00:57:28,600
and given food.

1190
00:57:28,600 --> 00:57:30,410
And I was in heaven.

1191
00:57:30,410 --> 00:57:32,460
I was in America-- the Americas.

1192
00:57:32,460 --> 00:57:34,330
This is a phenomenal story.

1193
00:57:34,330 --> 00:57:39,520
The boy who came
to take you out,

1194
00:57:39,520 --> 00:57:42,610
did he know that he was
endangering his life?

1195
00:57:42,610 --> 00:57:45,460
That he was going to force
all these borders illegally?

1196
00:57:45,460 --> 00:57:47,500
You know, we weren't afraid.

1197
00:57:47,500 --> 00:57:49,450
There was nothing we could lose.

1198
00:57:49,450 --> 00:57:53,590
He only wanted to help

another victim like me.

1199
00:57:53,590 --> 00:57:54,850
That's phenomenal.

1200
00:57:54,850 --> 00:57:56,590
You probably know
him well today.

1201
00:57:56,590 --> 00:57:57,640
I know him, yes.

1202
00:57:57,640 --> 00:57:58,500
Where does he live.

1203
00:57:58,500 --> 00:58:02,330

1204
00:58:02,330 --> 00:58:02,830
he's.

1205
00:58:02,830 --> 00:58:04,330
Retired now.

1206
00:58:04,330 --> 00:58:07,990
He has two very successful sons.

1207
00:58:07,990 --> 00:58:14,050
One is a lawyer for the stars
in California in Hollywood.

1208
00:58:14,050 --> 00:58:16,000
And one is in Boston.

1209
00:58:16,000 --> 00:58:20,410
And he has about five
or six grandchildren.

1210
00:58:20,410 --> 00:58:22,450
What's his name?

1211

00:58:22,450 --> 00:58:25,060
His name is Mike Berkowitz.

1212
00:58:25,060 --> 00:58:26,200
The one who saved you.

1213
00:58:26,200 --> 00:58:27,340
The one who saved me.

1214
00:58:27,340 --> 00:58:29,680
Well, he didn't save me.

1215
00:58:29,680 --> 00:58:30,820
Rescued you.

1216
00:58:30,820 --> 00:58:32,690
Well, sure, rescued.

1217
00:58:32,690 --> 00:58:34,900
Well, listen, he brought
you, you said, to heaven,

1218
00:58:34,900 --> 00:58:36,040
to the American side.

1219
00:58:36,040 --> 00:58:37,120
Yes, he did.

1220
00:58:37,120 --> 00:58:38,150
Yeah.

1221
00:58:38,150 --> 00:58:38,650
All right.

1222
00:58:38,650 --> 00:58:43,330
So now you're in the American
zone, and life is different.

1223
00:58:43,330 --> 00:58:45,100
Or is it still--

1224

00:58:45,100 --> 00:58:46,540
Life is different.

1225
00:58:46,540 --> 00:58:48,190
It's immediately different?

1226
00:58:48,190 --> 00:58:53,350
Then, from there, all these
refugees stayed in the camp

1227
00:58:53,350 --> 00:58:59,020
where the Germans used
to stay during the war.

1228
00:58:59,020 --> 00:59:00,790
It was called Pocking.

1229
00:59:00,790 --> 00:59:03,580
And I went to Pocking
because he stayed there.

1230
00:59:03,580 --> 00:59:06,340
He, his brother,
cousins, friends already,

1231
00:59:06,340 --> 00:59:08,260
stayed in Pocking in barracks.

1232
00:59:08,260 --> 00:59:09,650
But they--

1233
00:59:09,650 --> 00:59:13,120
This is Austria.

1234
00:59:13,120 --> 00:59:14,320
Is it Austria or Germany?

1235
00:59:14,320 --> 00:59:15,707
No, it's Germany.

1236
00:59:15,707 --> 00:59:17,290
How do you spell

Pocking, do you know?

1237
00:59:17,290 --> 00:59:18,460
It's the way I say i--

1238
00:59:18,460 --> 00:59:22,390
P-O-K-I-N-- and G.

1239
00:59:22,390 --> 00:59:22,990
Where is it?

1240
00:59:22,990 --> 00:59:24,970
Near what the big city?

1241
00:59:24,970 --> 00:59:27,970
I think Frankfurt.

1242
00:59:27,970 --> 00:59:29,600
That's where your
cousin Jack was.

1243
00:59:29,600 --> 00:59:30,100
Yeah.

1244
00:59:30,100 --> 00:59:34,060
My cousin Jack was
with the American army.

1245
00:59:34,060 --> 00:59:34,930
When did you meet--

1246
00:59:34,930 --> 00:59:36,310
Oh, I see.

1247
00:59:36,310 --> 00:59:39,970
I just noticed by the clock
that we are finishing the tape.

1248
00:59:39,970 --> 00:59:41,590
We'll have to take
a short break,

1249

00:59:41,590 --> 00:59:46,450

and we'll get together
with Jack on the new tape.

1250

00:59:46,450 --> 00:59:48,040

And then we'll finish the story.

1251

00:59:48,040 --> 00:59:49,590

OK.

1252

00:59:49,590 --> 01:00:11,000