

1  
00:00:00,000 --> 00:00:10,760

2  
00:00:10,760 --> 00:00:12,350  
We have a teachers workshop.

3  
00:00:12,350 --> 00:00:16,010  
We'll talk more  
with [INAUDIBLE]..

4  
00:00:16,010 --> 00:00:20,570  
We reached the point where  
you came back to Poland.

5  
00:00:20,570 --> 00:00:23,630  
And you came to  
Waldenburg, which

6  
00:00:23,630 --> 00:00:25,800  
you said was part of  
Germany, and now is Poland.

7  
00:00:25,800 --> 00:00:26,300  
Correct.

8  
00:00:26,300 --> 00:00:27,425  
Is this still Poland today?

9  
00:00:27,425 --> 00:00:28,250  
I think so.

10  
00:00:28,250 --> 00:00:33,530  
And tell us what happened  
when you came there.

11  
00:00:33,530 --> 00:00:36,320  
What did your family do  
and how long did you stay?

12  
00:00:36,320 --> 00:00:39,860  
We're in April 1946,

or perhaps May.

13

00:00:39,860 --> 00:00:40,490

That's correct.

14

00:00:40,490 --> 00:00:43,190

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00:00:43,190 --> 00:00:46,130

Mom's cousin gave  
us the apartment,

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00:00:46,130 --> 00:00:50,840

because like I said before,  
the sister didn't come.

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00:00:50,840 --> 00:00:54,570

And they said, if she comes,  
we'll worry about it later.

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00:00:54,570 --> 00:00:55,610

Now we needed a job.

19

00:00:55,610 --> 00:00:57,800

We had to have food and eat.

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00:00:57,800 --> 00:01:02,300

I went to the Jewish  
Committee, asking for a job.

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00:01:02,300 --> 00:01:03,920

They had none to offer.

22

00:01:03,920 --> 00:01:05,520

How many people  
were in Waldenburg?

23

00:01:05,520 --> 00:01:07,520

About how many people  
were in town at this time?

24

00:01:07,520 --> 00:01:08,600

A large crowd?

25

00:01:08,600 --> 00:01:13,310

Yes, but I have no idea  
what was going on then.

26

00:01:13,310 --> 00:01:16,190

They had no jobs to offer.

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00:01:16,190 --> 00:01:18,800

There was very little  
help that they could give,

28

00:01:18,800 --> 00:01:20,510

because they didn't have.

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00:01:20,510 --> 00:01:23,810

Not they didn't want  
to, they didn't have.

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00:01:23,810 --> 00:01:26,970

Well, that didn't help  
the situation at all.

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00:01:26,970 --> 00:01:30,040

32

00:01:30,040 --> 00:01:36,100

Now, by then, I spoke  
Russian fluently.

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00:01:36,100 --> 00:01:39,540

I found out that  
there is a place.

34

00:01:39,540 --> 00:01:41,260

One of my friends  
told me, why don't you

35

00:01:41,260 --> 00:01:42,790

go there and apply for a job?

36

00:01:42,790 --> 00:01:44,890  
Maybe you'll get one.

37  
00:01:44,890 --> 00:01:45,760  
OK.

38  
00:01:45,760 --> 00:01:47,665  
I went up, was a big place.

39  
00:01:47,665 --> 00:01:50,180

40  
00:01:50,180 --> 00:01:53,990  
They were manufacturing  
all kinds of stuff.

41  
00:01:53,990 --> 00:01:56,370  
But I ask for an office job.

42  
00:01:56,370 --> 00:02:02,510  
I explained what I did in the  
last two years over there.

43  
00:02:02,510 --> 00:02:07,200  
And I was given the job as  
an assistant bookkeeper.

44  
00:02:07,200 --> 00:02:08,639  
That was great.

45  
00:02:08,639 --> 00:02:10,860  
I made money.

46  
00:02:10,860 --> 00:02:12,510  
My mother and  
father, we can live

47  
00:02:12,510 --> 00:02:16,340  
and we can pay  
for the apartment.

48  
00:02:16,340 --> 00:02:17,110

I worked--

49

00:02:17,110 --> 00:02:19,480

Did your father look for  
some kind of employment?

50

00:02:19,480 --> 00:02:21,312

He did, but he couldn't find.

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00:02:21,312 --> 00:02:22,270

They wouldn't take him?

52

00:02:22,270 --> 00:02:23,950

No.

53

00:02:23,950 --> 00:02:25,870

He was too old already  
to get the job then.

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00:02:25,870 --> 00:02:27,970

How old was he?

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00:02:27,970 --> 00:02:30,190

199--

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00:02:30,190 --> 00:02:30,990

You were 21.

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00:02:30,990 --> 00:02:35,980

50-- 46 and 10, 56.

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00:02:35,980 --> 00:02:36,670

56 was too old.

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00:02:36,670 --> 00:02:37,790

56.

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00:02:37,790 --> 00:02:38,290

It's old.

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00:02:38,290 --> 00:02:39,370

It's an old man already.

62

00:02:39,370 --> 00:02:42,500

63

00:02:42,500 --> 00:02:45,700

I had the job and  
supposedly everything

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00:02:45,700 --> 00:02:48,730

was all right until we were  
trying to find out what's

65

00:02:48,730 --> 00:02:50,410

going on and what happened.

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00:02:50,410 --> 00:02:54,460

And at this point,  
the cousin, she

67

00:02:54,460 --> 00:02:57,380

was a survivor of  
concentration camps.

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00:02:57,380 --> 00:03:03,040

And she told us most of  
the story, most of what

69

00:03:03,040 --> 00:03:05,500

happened to the  
immediate family.

70

00:03:05,500 --> 00:03:07,840

The others, she didn't know.

71

00:03:07,840 --> 00:03:13,300

And she said, I do believe  
that your brother survived.

72

00:03:13,300 --> 00:03:14,900

Now, how do we get out of here?

73

00:03:14,900 --> 00:03:17,080

So here you have a  
cousin who survived.

74

00:03:17,080 --> 00:03:20,170

Yeah, but this cousin  
is already deceased.

75

00:03:20,170 --> 00:03:23,270

She was in Israel, and  
died about two years ago.

76

00:03:23,270 --> 00:03:25,450

In other words, what  
we were discussing

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00:03:25,450 --> 00:03:27,760

at the beginning  
of what happened

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00:03:27,760 --> 00:03:29,290

to your extended family.

79

00:03:29,290 --> 00:03:31,090

That was my mother's cousin.

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00:03:31,090 --> 00:03:31,660

Oh.

81

00:03:31,660 --> 00:03:32,590

My mother's cousin.

82

00:03:32,590 --> 00:03:33,715

It wasn't the first cousin.

83

00:03:33,715 --> 00:03:34,360

Exactly.

84

00:03:34,360 --> 00:03:36,940

Exactly.

85

00:03:36,940 --> 00:03:42,250

Well, one day, being on  
the job in afternoon,

86  
00:03:42,250 --> 00:03:45,130  
an NKVD comes in with a--

87  
00:03:45,130 --> 00:03:46,677  
I don't know, a rifle.

88  
00:03:46,677 --> 00:03:48,045  
That's N-K-V-D.

89  
00:03:48,045 --> 00:03:48,670  
That's correct.

90  
00:03:48,670 --> 00:03:49,330  
That's the secret police?

91  
00:03:49,330 --> 00:03:49,900  
Right.

92  
00:03:49,900 --> 00:03:52,540  
Comes into our office.

93  
00:03:52,540 --> 00:03:57,280  
And he says, I must speak to  
the head of this department,

94  
00:03:57,280 --> 00:04:00,190  
to the head bookkeeper.

95  
00:04:00,190 --> 00:04:02,110  
He's not in.

96  
00:04:02,110 --> 00:04:03,722  
Can any of us help you?

97  
00:04:03,722 --> 00:04:04,486  
No.

98  
00:04:04,486 --> 00:04:07,720



When do you expect him back?

99

00:04:07,720 --> 00:04:08,680

This afternoon.

100

00:04:08,680 --> 00:04:10,390

I'll be back.

101

00:04:10,390 --> 00:04:13,150

As I looked up at him, I don't  
know what happened to me.

102

00:04:13,150 --> 00:04:20,029

I thought he must have  
something to do with me.

103

00:04:20,029 --> 00:04:23,480

Not that I knew why, but  
this was my first thought.

104

00:04:23,480 --> 00:04:25,340

Probably being afraid, I guess.

105

00:04:25,340 --> 00:04:27,050

No other reason.

106

00:04:27,050 --> 00:04:28,310

Well, he came back.

107

00:04:28,310 --> 00:04:33,680

And it didn't take two minutes,  
I was called into that office.

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00:04:33,680 --> 00:04:40,730

And he says, this  
young man is from NKVD.

109

00:04:40,730 --> 00:04:43,220

He came to pick  
you up because you

110

00:04:43,220 --> 00:04:45,194

are to answer a few questions.

111  
00:04:45,194 --> 00:04:47,910

112  
00:04:47,910 --> 00:04:49,980  
Then you will be free.

113  
00:04:49,980 --> 00:04:53,350  
I said, no, I'm  
not going with him.

114  
00:04:53,350 --> 00:04:56,610  
He has to take you to  
the NKVD headquarters.

115  
00:04:56,610 --> 00:05:00,390  
I said, I'm not going with  
him, I didn't do anything

116  
00:05:00,390 --> 00:05:01,770  
and I have no reason to go.

117  
00:05:01,770 --> 00:05:04,630

118  
00:05:04,630 --> 00:05:08,970  
So the head bookkeeper  
says, listen,

119  
00:05:08,970 --> 00:05:15,280  
it does not work like that,  
because when you are called,

120  
00:05:15,280 --> 00:05:17,020  
you have to go.

121  
00:05:17,020 --> 00:05:20,110  
But I'm not going with  
a man with a rifle.

122  
00:05:20,110 --> 00:05:21,250

I didn't do anything.

123

00:05:21,250 --> 00:05:22,150

Why should I go?

124

00:05:22,150 --> 00:05:25,930

125

00:05:25,930 --> 00:05:32,560

I knew that he has a Jewish  
wife, that head bookkeeper man.

126

00:05:32,560 --> 00:05:34,480

He was a captain himself.

127

00:05:34,480 --> 00:05:35,800

And he says, look.

128

00:05:35,800 --> 00:05:37,810

You want to listen to me?

129

00:05:37,810 --> 00:05:38,430

Just go.

130

00:05:38,430 --> 00:05:40,597

They'll ask you a few  
questions and you will be back

131

00:05:40,597 --> 00:05:43,530

in the office in no time.

132

00:05:43,530 --> 00:05:46,020

He sort of persuaded me.

133

00:05:46,020 --> 00:05:50,250

I said, all right, under  
different circumstances.

134

00:05:50,250 --> 00:05:52,000

He says, what do  
you mean by that?

135

00:05:52,000 --> 00:05:54,690

I'm not walking with  
him, and he's not

136

00:05:54,690 --> 00:05:57,120

walking with me with  
a rifle next to me

137

00:05:57,120 --> 00:05:58,500

because I am not a criminal.

138

00:05:58,500 --> 00:05:59,940

I didn't do anything.

139

00:05:59,940 --> 00:06:04,770

Tell me where to go, and  
I will walk by myself.

140

00:06:04,770 --> 00:06:09,030

He can follow me, but he's  
not going to walk next to me.

141

00:06:09,030 --> 00:06:09,750

Isn't it awful?

142

00:06:09,750 --> 00:06:12,930

For a young girl,  
that's something.

143

00:06:12,930 --> 00:06:19,880

So he says-- he looks up at  
him, and he says, you know what?

144

00:06:19,880 --> 00:06:23,420

I personally will vouch for her.

145

00:06:23,420 --> 00:06:25,430

Is that good enough?

146

00:06:25,430 --> 00:06:31,100

Tell her where to  
go, and she will go.

147  
00:06:31,100 --> 00:06:33,470  
And that's exactly  
what happened.

148  
00:06:33,470 --> 00:06:35,810  
I came up.

149  
00:06:35,810 --> 00:06:41,840  
Building with the red carpets,  
like they all have it.

150  
00:06:41,840 --> 00:06:46,910  
Second floor, he opens the  
door for me, I walk in.

151  
00:06:46,910 --> 00:06:50,000  
Man is sitting behind the desk.

152  
00:06:50,000 --> 00:06:52,310  
And they lock the  
door behind me.

153  
00:06:52,310 --> 00:06:57,140  
As he opened the door, I walked  
in, and he locks the door.

154  
00:06:57,140 --> 00:07:02,460  
I walk up to the desk, and he  
doesn't say anything to me.

155  
00:07:02,460 --> 00:07:03,530  
He just looks me up.

156  
00:07:03,530 --> 00:07:05,270  
And I said to myself--

157  
00:07:05,270 --> 00:07:06,440  
Is this the same one?

158  
00:07:06,440 --> 00:07:07,220  
Nope.

159

00:07:07,220 --> 00:07:08,460

A different person?

160

00:07:08,460 --> 00:07:10,895

This was the real NKVD office.

161

00:07:10,895 --> 00:07:12,770

I said, what are they  
going to do to me here?

162

00:07:12,770 --> 00:07:13,812

They're going to rape me?

163

00:07:13,812 --> 00:07:16,490

What will they do with me here?

164

00:07:16,490 --> 00:07:21,550

After a few minutes looking  
me up, he says, sit down.

165

00:07:21,550 --> 00:07:23,520

I sat down.

166

00:07:23,520 --> 00:07:26,580

Then he keeps quiet,  
because this is

167

00:07:26,580 --> 00:07:29,430

how they interview you there.

168

00:07:29,430 --> 00:07:32,190

I said, why did I come here?

169

00:07:32,190 --> 00:07:34,170

What for?

170

00:07:34,170 --> 00:07:37,680

You will find out soon.

171

00:07:37,680 --> 00:07:39,240

OK.

172

00:07:39,240 --> 00:07:43,950

A few minutes after, there's  
a curtain like this one.

173

00:07:43,950 --> 00:07:46,986

And I thought it's a window.

174

00:07:46,986 --> 00:07:49,710

Window-- curtain  
covers the window.

175

00:07:49,710 --> 00:07:52,010

Somebody walks out from there.

176

00:07:52,010 --> 00:07:53,940

Another NKVD, you know?

177

00:07:53,940 --> 00:07:57,060

Now I have two.

178

00:07:57,060 --> 00:08:00,690

He says-- he tells  
me this whole story.

179

00:08:00,690 --> 00:08:03,120

That he knows about my father,  
he knows about my mother,

180

00:08:03,120 --> 00:08:04,290

he knows where we live.

181

00:08:04,290 --> 00:08:07,080

He knows exactly what I am  
doing every single day, where

182

00:08:07,080 --> 00:08:08,770

I am going.

183

00:08:08,770 --> 00:08:12,300

I said, all right and now what?

184  
00:08:12,300 --> 00:08:17,640  
And he gives me a piece of paper  
after all was said already.

185  
00:08:17,640 --> 00:08:19,140  
And I know that  
your mother is going

186  
00:08:19,140 --> 00:08:21,150  
to wait for you at  
6:30 in the evening

187  
00:08:21,150 --> 00:08:24,900  
because you have to go shopping  
to buy something for the house.

188  
00:08:24,900 --> 00:08:29,610  
But he knew exactly every  
little step of mine,

189  
00:08:29,610 --> 00:08:31,140  
and my family, too.

190  
00:08:31,140 --> 00:08:34,620  
And your father is a short one,  
and your mother is like this.

191  
00:08:34,620 --> 00:08:36,720  
OK.

192  
00:08:36,720 --> 00:08:40,020  
Here's a piece of paper to sign.

193  
00:08:40,020 --> 00:08:42,418  
I said, I'm going to read it.

194  
00:08:42,418 --> 00:08:44,570  
He said, of course.

195  
00:08:44,570 --> 00:08:45,370  
So I read--



196  
00:08:45,370 --> 00:08:47,080  
I started only the beginning.

197  
00:08:47,080 --> 00:08:50,290  
I said, you will excuse me,  
but I'm not signing this paper

198  
00:08:50,290 --> 00:08:53,950  
because I'm not a volunteer.

199  
00:08:53,950 --> 00:08:56,440  
I came here because  
you sent for me.

200  
00:08:56,440 --> 00:08:58,660  
You sort of forced  
me to come here.

201  
00:08:58,660 --> 00:09:01,060  
And the top of the  
paper says that I

202  
00:09:01,060 --> 00:09:07,180  
am volunteering to do the job as  
a sort of a spy, and I did not.

203  
00:09:07,180 --> 00:09:11,510

204  
00:09:11,510 --> 00:09:13,730  
OK?

205  
00:09:13,730 --> 00:09:15,020  
You're not going to sign it.

206  
00:09:15,020 --> 00:09:17,480  
I said no.

207  
00:09:17,480 --> 00:09:21,990  
If you rewrite the  
wording, then I will.

208

00:09:21,990 --> 00:09:25,040

We will have it  
rewritten for next week

209

00:09:25,040 --> 00:09:27,770

the same time and  
the same station.

210

00:09:27,770 --> 00:09:30,560

You're not to tell anybody  
about it, where you were.

211

00:09:30,560 --> 00:09:33,200

Not your mother, not  
your father, anybody.

212

00:09:33,200 --> 00:09:36,980

You're not to talk  
about it at all.

213

00:09:36,980 --> 00:09:40,410

Of course, my mother asked  
me, and I was afraid to say.

214

00:09:40,410 --> 00:09:43,230

And I didn't say.

215

00:09:43,230 --> 00:09:44,790

I came next week.

216

00:09:44,790 --> 00:09:47,940

The paper was rewritten.

217

00:09:47,940 --> 00:09:50,700

It didn't mention  
the word "volunteer."

218

00:09:50,700 --> 00:09:52,290

And I signed it.

219

00:09:52,290 --> 00:09:58,970

My first assignment was  
go to the Jewish Committee

220  
00:09:58,970 --> 00:10:01,730  
on this and this  
day and find out

221  
00:10:01,730 --> 00:10:04,010  
exactly what's going on there.

222  
00:10:04,010 --> 00:10:07,100  
We must know.

223  
00:10:07,100 --> 00:10:09,230  
I went to the Jewish  
Committee because I knew

224  
00:10:09,230 --> 00:10:10,700  
that somebody was following me.

225  
00:10:10,700 --> 00:10:14,150  
At that point, I knew somebody  
was following me all my minutes

226  
00:10:14,150 --> 00:10:14,660  
of the day.

227  
00:10:14,660 --> 00:10:17,270

228  
00:10:17,270 --> 00:10:20,030  
I was there for  
a length of time.

229  
00:10:20,030 --> 00:10:23,510  
I did not ask anybody  
any questions.

230  
00:10:23,510 --> 00:10:25,370  
I came back for my--

231  
00:10:25,370 --> 00:10:28,480

next week for my assignment.

232

00:10:28,480 --> 00:10:31,130

What did you find out?

233

00:10:31,130 --> 00:10:33,950

I did not find the  
right party to speak to.

234

00:10:33,950 --> 00:10:35,600

They were not available.

235

00:10:35,600 --> 00:10:36,650

And I am working.

236

00:10:36,650 --> 00:10:38,900

I have no time to  
go there every day.

237

00:10:38,900 --> 00:10:42,020

And that's the answer.

238

00:10:42,020 --> 00:10:44,000

Nobody was pleased  
with the answer.

239

00:10:44,000 --> 00:10:46,610

Here's the next assignment.

240

00:10:46,610 --> 00:10:49,580

You go to this and this  
street, on this floor.

241

00:10:49,580 --> 00:10:52,820

There is a couple  
coming from Warsaw.

242

00:10:52,820 --> 00:10:55,730

And you find out what  
they have to say,

243

00:10:55,730 --> 00:10:59,600

what is the situation, why they  
coming back, and who are they,

244

00:10:59,600 --> 00:11:01,890  
and so on and so forth.

245

00:11:01,890 --> 00:11:03,770  
So I went to Warsaw--

246

00:11:03,770 --> 00:11:06,980  
street was Warsaw Street.

247

00:11:06,980 --> 00:11:08,810  
So I went up.

248

00:11:08,810 --> 00:11:10,940  
I went to the second floor.

249

00:11:10,940 --> 00:11:14,450  
And I stood there for a while.

250

00:11:14,450 --> 00:11:17,420  
I didn't even ring the doorbell.

251

00:11:17,420 --> 00:11:20,270  
And I looked around, whether  
there's nobody around me.

252

00:11:20,270 --> 00:11:22,520  
And I went down.

253

00:11:22,520 --> 00:11:24,920  
I came back next week.

254

00:11:24,920 --> 00:11:28,010  
The people were not  
home, I'm sorry.

255

00:11:28,010 --> 00:11:30,170  
I could not get any information.

256

00:11:30,170 --> 00:11:33,110  
They were not home.

257  
00:11:33,110 --> 00:11:36,860  
That assignment  
stays for next week.

258  
00:11:36,860 --> 00:11:37,550  
I said, OK.

259  
00:11:37,550 --> 00:11:39,260  
Can I go?

260  
00:11:39,260 --> 00:11:40,560  
Yes.

261  
00:11:40,560 --> 00:11:41,450  
I left.

262  
00:11:41,450 --> 00:11:44,330  
At this point, I said to  
my mother and my father--

263  
00:11:44,330 --> 00:11:45,635  
I told them the truth.

264  
00:11:45,635 --> 00:11:49,800  
And I said, we have  
to run from here.

265  
00:11:49,800 --> 00:11:53,100  
The job is one thing,  
but I cannot do this.

266  
00:11:53,100 --> 00:11:56,550

267  
00:11:56,550 --> 00:11:58,440  
My mother and  
father got in touch

268  
00:11:58,440 --> 00:12:03,030

with a friend like  
us that came back.

269  
00:12:03,030 --> 00:12:09,010  
They were leaving with the  
Berihah through the border.

270  
00:12:09,010 --> 00:12:09,640  
What I did--

271  
00:12:09,640 --> 00:12:13,405  
That was the, at that time,  
Palestine-- the Israeli--

272  
00:12:13,405 --> 00:12:15,130  
Exactly.

273  
00:12:15,130 --> 00:12:16,370  
--program to get people--

274  
00:12:16,370 --> 00:12:18,890  
To get us out from there.

275  
00:12:18,890 --> 00:12:19,390  
And--

276  
00:12:19,390 --> 00:12:20,800  
Out from wherever?

277  
00:12:20,800 --> 00:12:21,910  
Wherever we were.

278  
00:12:21,910 --> 00:12:23,330  
To get them to?

279  
00:12:23,330 --> 00:12:23,830  
Palestine.

280  
00:12:23,830 --> 00:12:26,020  
Right.

281

00:12:26,020 --> 00:12:27,940  
Which was illegal at the time--

282  
00:12:27,940 --> 00:12:28,490  
That's right.

283  
00:12:28,490 --> 00:12:30,490  
--of course, because of  
the British White Paper.

284  
00:12:30,490 --> 00:12:32,020  
Exactly.

285  
00:12:32,020 --> 00:12:35,380  
A week after, before my  
assignment-- now that

286  
00:12:35,380 --> 00:12:38,920  
took place a few weeks,  
these assignments.

287  
00:12:38,920 --> 00:12:42,940  
Before my assignment--  
and I was--

288  
00:12:42,940 --> 00:12:44,360  
I don't know, I trusted him.

289  
00:12:44,360 --> 00:12:46,800  
I don't know why, even now.

290  
00:12:46,800 --> 00:12:50,560  
The head bookkeeper, I said  
to him, this is my last day.

291  
00:12:50,560 --> 00:12:51,820  
You won't see me anymore.

292  
00:12:51,820 --> 00:12:54,640  
I'm leaving.

293  
00:12:54,640 --> 00:12:58,450



I should not have  
said it, but I did it.

294  
00:12:58,450 --> 00:13:02,500  
At night, on a truck--

295  
00:13:02,500 --> 00:13:04,840  
of course, with the Berihah--

296  
00:13:04,840 --> 00:13:07,130  
we left.

297  
00:13:07,130 --> 00:13:09,790  
We didn't know  
where we were going.

298  
00:13:09,790 --> 00:13:12,340  
Over a border, on a train.

299  
00:13:12,340 --> 00:13:13,607  
They put us on a train.

300  
00:13:13,607 --> 00:13:15,190  
And of course, my  
mother and my father

301  
00:13:15,190 --> 00:13:20,590  
were very much afraid because  
of me with this latest story.

302  
00:13:20,590 --> 00:13:21,610  
You wouldn't believe it.

303  
00:13:21,610 --> 00:13:24,940  
Somebody had a big  
box, like a valise.

304  
00:13:24,940 --> 00:13:29,470  
And they put me in that because  
on the border, you had to--

305  
00:13:29,470 --> 00:13:31,300

and they put me in that valise--

306

00:13:31,300 --> 00:13:32,510

You shouldn't be discovered.

307

00:13:32,510 --> 00:13:33,550

Exactly.

308

00:13:33,550 --> 00:13:37,690

And this is where I stayed  
until we crossed the border.

309

00:13:37,690 --> 00:13:39,430

I got out.

310

00:13:39,430 --> 00:13:41,890

We all got out.

311

00:13:41,890 --> 00:13:44,776

And we wound up in Vienna.

312

00:13:44,776 --> 00:13:45,400

When was this?

313

00:13:45,400 --> 00:13:46,817

What is the name  
of that hospital?

314

00:13:46,817 --> 00:13:49,600

Not a hospital, hotel.

315

00:13:49,600 --> 00:13:53,890

That was in 1946 and must  
have been in September.

316

00:13:53,890 --> 00:13:57,190

You came in April,  
in the spring, so--

317

00:13:57,190 --> 00:13:58,575

I came to--

318

00:13:58,575 --> 00:14:00,700

That's about four or five  
months after you arrived.

319

00:14:00,700 --> 00:14:01,960

That's right.

320

00:14:01,960 --> 00:14:03,780

We came to Vienna.

321

00:14:03,780 --> 00:14:04,600

What was the name--

322

00:14:04,600 --> 00:14:05,820

[INAUDIBLE]

323

00:14:05,820 --> 00:14:10,330

I think that was the name  
of that hotel where--

324

00:14:10,330 --> 00:14:11,980

we were all there.

325

00:14:11,980 --> 00:14:15,590

We were there for a few days,  
and they shipped us to camps.

326

00:14:15,590 --> 00:14:19,300

The first camp I  
arrived was Steyr.

327

00:14:19,300 --> 00:14:20,710

I was only there for three days.

328

00:14:20,710 --> 00:14:23,980

Maybe it's not important.

329

00:14:23,980 --> 00:14:25,440

Would you spell it S-T-I-E-R?

330

00:14:25,440 --> 00:14:25,940

Uh-huh.

331

00:14:25,940 --> 00:14:29,604

332

00:14:29,604 --> 00:14:30,980

All right.

333

00:14:30,980 --> 00:14:33,830

And I was there for  
just three or four days.

334

00:14:33,830 --> 00:14:37,880

From there, I went-- we were  
told where my brother is.

335

00:14:37,880 --> 00:14:39,870

We-- I-- not my parents.

336

00:14:39,870 --> 00:14:44,150

I went by myself to the camp,  
where you probably noticed--

337

00:14:44,150 --> 00:14:45,500

Steyr in Austria?

338

00:14:45,500 --> 00:14:47,030

In Austria.

339

00:14:47,030 --> 00:14:49,670

A number of-- I don't know how  
many kilometers from the camp

340

00:14:49,670 --> 00:14:53,090

that we originally settled  
because of my brother.

341

00:14:53,090 --> 00:14:55,220

I went to the Bindermichel.

342

00:14:55,220 --> 00:14:56,640

Yeah.

343  
00:14:56,640 --> 00:14:59,610  
And this is where  
I met my brother.

344  
00:14:59,610 --> 00:15:03,510  
Now, I don't have to tell  
you about the reunion,

345  
00:15:03,510 --> 00:15:06,570  
because this is understandable.

346  
00:15:06,570 --> 00:15:07,890  
A very emotional one.

347  
00:15:07,890 --> 00:15:08,910  
Exactly.

348  
00:15:08,910 --> 00:15:13,320  
And then I took my  
brother to the Steyr camp

349  
00:15:13,320 --> 00:15:15,000  
to meet the family.

350  
00:15:15,000 --> 00:15:16,140  
And of course--

351  
00:15:16,140 --> 00:15:18,900  
How did you know your  
brother was in Bindermichel?

352  
00:15:18,900 --> 00:15:26,130  
Through a letter from  
my aunt from America.

353  
00:15:26,130 --> 00:15:28,770  
So you are beginning  
to make contact.

354  
00:15:28,770 --> 00:15:29,460  
Exactly.

355  
00:15:29,460 --> 00:15:33,310  
The letter came to Walbrzych.

356  
00:15:33,310 --> 00:15:34,060  
That's Waldenburg.

357  
00:15:34,060 --> 00:15:35,460  
Waldenburg, excuse me.

358  
00:15:35,460 --> 00:15:39,230  
Now, you're in Austria.

359  
00:15:39,230 --> 00:15:39,730  
Right.

360  
00:15:39,730 --> 00:15:40,920  
You discovered your brother.

361  
00:15:40,920 --> 00:15:41,640  
Right.

362  
00:15:41,640 --> 00:15:44,640  
How long did you  
remain in Austria?

363  
00:15:44,640 --> 00:15:45,690  
Four years.

364  
00:15:45,690 --> 00:15:47,410  
What did you do?

365  
00:15:47,410 --> 00:15:48,810  
I worked, like I always--

366  
00:15:48,810 --> 00:15:50,227  
Did you support  
the family again,

367  
00:15:50,227 --> 00:15:52,060  
or did your father get

something to do also?

368

00:15:52,060 --> 00:15:54,270

My father got something  
very little to do.

369

00:15:54,270 --> 00:15:58,170

They had a entertainment  
club or something.

370

00:15:58,170 --> 00:15:59,760

He was-- what should I tell you?

371

00:15:59,760 --> 00:16:01,372

Cleaning it up, OK?

372

00:16:01,372 --> 00:16:02,830

That's the best  
that we could find.

373

00:16:02,830 --> 00:16:04,800

What happened after four years?

374

00:16:04,800 --> 00:16:07,370

You're into 1950.

375

00:16:07,370 --> 00:16:07,870

1950?

376

00:16:07,870 --> 00:16:10,200

It's the end of  
1950 already, right?

377

00:16:10,200 --> 00:16:14,478

Yeah, well, I worked in  
the camp, in an office,

378

00:16:14,478 --> 00:16:15,270

in a supply office.

379

00:16:15,270 --> 00:16:16,750

Again bookkeeper position?

380  
00:16:16,750 --> 00:16:19,870  
The same position.

381  
00:16:19,870 --> 00:16:22,540  
The camp was liquidated in 1949.

382  
00:16:22,540 --> 00:16:25,120  
We went to another camp--  
the name was Ebelsberg--

383  
00:16:25,120 --> 00:16:26,600  
where I spent another year.

384  
00:16:26,600 --> 00:16:27,850  
How would you spell Ebelsberg?

385  
00:16:27,850 --> 00:16:33,670  
Ebelsberg, E-B--  
E-B-E-L-S-B-E-R-G.

386  
00:16:33,670 --> 00:16:34,630  
Also in Austria.

387  
00:16:34,630 --> 00:16:35,800  
Also in Austria.

388  
00:16:35,800 --> 00:16:38,770  
And from there, we came  
to the United States

389  
00:16:38,770 --> 00:16:41,590  
of America, November 14, 1950.

390  
00:16:41,590 --> 00:16:44,010  
How did you-- how were the  
arrangements made for you

391  
00:16:44,010 --> 00:16:45,370  
to come to the United States?

392



00:16:45,370 --> 00:16:46,940  
Through my mother's brother.

393  
00:16:46,940 --> 00:16:47,860  
Who was in America.

394  
00:16:47,860 --> 00:16:50,470  
Who was in America  
since before World War--

395  
00:16:50,470 --> 00:16:54,630  
All right, who came to the  
United States with you?

396  
00:16:54,630 --> 00:16:55,630  
My mother and my father.

397  
00:16:55,630 --> 00:16:56,290  
Your parents.

398  
00:16:56,290 --> 00:16:57,670  
And your brother?

399  
00:16:57,670 --> 00:17:02,500  
No, my brother-- and my  
brother with his wife in 1949.

400  
00:17:02,500 --> 00:17:03,250  
He married--

401  
00:17:03,250 --> 00:17:06,339  
He married in Austria  
while we were there.

402  
00:17:06,339 --> 00:17:08,910  
And before you left,  
he went to Israel.

403  
00:17:08,910 --> 00:17:09,819  
Not to Israel.

404  
00:17:09,819 --> 00:17:10,480

To America.

405

00:17:10,480 --> 00:17:11,300

To America.

406

00:17:11,300 --> 00:17:11,800

Right.

407

00:17:11,800 --> 00:17:13,240

Oh, he's in America, right.

408

00:17:13,240 --> 00:17:14,869

He went to America.

409

00:17:14,869 --> 00:17:18,010

And before the  
liquidation of the camp,

410

00:17:18,010 --> 00:17:19,329

we went to the other camp.

411

00:17:19,329 --> 00:17:23,410

And then in 1950,  
came to America.

412

00:17:23,410 --> 00:17:27,585

In America, you started where?

413

00:17:27,585 --> 00:17:29,120

Where did you live?

414

00:17:29,120 --> 00:17:33,040

We lived on 151st or  
152nd Street of Broadway.

415

00:17:33,040 --> 00:17:33,910

In Manhattan.

416

00:17:33,910 --> 00:17:35,140

In Manhattan.

417

00:17:35,140 --> 00:17:37,180  
How long did you live there?

418  
00:17:37,180 --> 00:17:38,350  
Until I got married--

419  
00:17:38,350 --> 00:17:39,267  
When were you married?

420  
00:17:39,267 --> 00:17:41,620  
Which was about 1956.

421  
00:17:41,620 --> 00:17:42,940  
You married in '56?

422  
00:17:42,940 --> 00:17:43,990  
1956.

423  
00:17:43,990 --> 00:17:45,580  
That means I was  
there for six years.

424  
00:17:45,580 --> 00:17:46,200  
Six years.

425  
00:17:46,200 --> 00:17:46,700  
Right.

426  
00:17:46,700 --> 00:17:48,820  
And your parents?

427  
00:17:48,820 --> 00:17:50,740  
With my parents.

428  
00:17:50,740 --> 00:17:53,800  
In '56, you moved  
where when you married?

429  
00:17:53,800 --> 00:17:55,060  
When I married, we moved--

430

00:17:55,060 --> 00:17:57,940  
I moved to New Jersey and my  
parents remained in New York.

431  
00:17:57,940 --> 00:18:00,010  
OK.

432  
00:18:00,010 --> 00:18:01,300  
You have children?

433  
00:18:01,300 --> 00:18:02,230  
I do.

434  
00:18:02,230 --> 00:18:03,460  
I have two sons.

435  
00:18:03,460 --> 00:18:05,110  
What do they do?

436  
00:18:05,110 --> 00:18:05,950  
What do they do now?

437  
00:18:05,950 --> 00:18:06,880  
Mm-hmm.

438  
00:18:06,880 --> 00:18:12,550  
The older one is a  
certified public accountant.

439  
00:18:12,550 --> 00:18:15,880  
And the younger one is a  
Assistant United States

440  
00:18:15,880 --> 00:18:18,530  
Attorney for the  
District of New Jersey.

441  
00:18:18,530 --> 00:18:19,190  
Very nice.

442  
00:18:19,190 --> 00:18:20,350  
And you have grandchildren?

443  
00:18:20,350 --> 00:18:21,250  
Yeah.

444  
00:18:21,250 --> 00:18:21,850  
How many?

445  
00:18:21,850 --> 00:18:25,510  
I have four grandchildren,  
three girls and a boy--

446  
00:18:25,510 --> 00:18:27,140  
and one on the way.

447  
00:18:27,140 --> 00:18:27,730  
Very nice.

448  
00:18:27,730 --> 00:18:29,470  
And they're divided two and two.

449  
00:18:29,470 --> 00:18:30,500  
Two and two is right.

450  
00:18:30,500 --> 00:18:31,000  
All right.

451  
00:18:31,000 --> 00:18:32,560  
I just assumed so.

452  
00:18:32,560 --> 00:18:34,570  
That's correct.

453  
00:18:34,570 --> 00:18:38,710  
Well, thank God the end  
of the story today--

454  
00:18:38,710 --> 00:18:39,540  
Is a happy story.

455  
00:18:39,540 --> 00:18:40,420  
--is an upbeat story.

456  
00:18:40,420 --> 00:18:41,530  
That's right.

457  
00:18:41,530 --> 00:18:43,420  
You went through a great deal.

458  
00:18:43,420 --> 00:18:46,840  
Your family went through  
terrible-- obviously,

459  
00:18:46,840 --> 00:18:49,550  
terrible, terrible experiences.

460  
00:18:49,550 --> 00:18:53,350  
This is a story of what Hitler  
and the Nazis wanted to do.

461  
00:18:53,350 --> 00:18:54,220  
Exactly.

462  
00:18:54,220 --> 00:18:56,710  
They really meant to  
wipe everybody out.

463  
00:18:56,710 --> 00:18:59,140  
And they could have had  
such wonderful people,

464  
00:18:59,140 --> 00:19:04,040  
professionals and people that  
want to contribute to society.

465  
00:19:04,040 --> 00:19:07,820  
So he didn't-- he and they did  
not appreciate it over there.

466  
00:19:07,820 --> 00:19:10,000  
The United States is  
the fortunate country

467  
00:19:10,000 --> 00:19:12,610

that has here with your  
children and grandchildren.

468  
00:19:12,610 --> 00:19:13,240  
That's right.

469  
00:19:13,240 --> 00:19:13,960  
And that was very nice.

470  
00:19:13,960 --> 00:19:15,430  
Thank you very much  
for coming down--

471  
00:19:15,430 --> 00:19:15,940  
Thank you.

472  
00:19:15,940 --> 00:19:18,670  
--and telling us this  
very important story

473  
00:19:18,670 --> 00:19:23,300  
of your experiences and  
your parents', especially--

474  
00:19:23,300 --> 00:19:23,800  
Thank you

475  
00:19:23,800 --> 00:19:25,330  
--during the course  
of World War II.

476  
00:19:25,330 --> 00:19:26,580  
Thank you for coming.

477  
00:19:26,580 --> 00:19:31,350  
I thank you for listening  
to me, very, very much.

478  
00:19:31,350 --> 00:19:55,000