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00:00:00,000 --> 00:00:55,080

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00:00:55,080 --> 00:00:58,560

Rose, before we start
with after you came out

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00:00:58,560 --> 00:01:02,820

of the hospital,
July 20, 21, 1942,

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00:01:02,820 --> 00:01:06,250

I wanted to ask you some
questions about [INAUDIBLE]..

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00:01:06,250 --> 00:01:07,680

OK.

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00:01:07,680 --> 00:01:09,900

Was there an argument
in your family

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00:01:09,900 --> 00:01:12,030

about whether you should
learn the Polish language

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00:01:12,030 --> 00:01:15,390

and where you should learn it?

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00:01:15,390 --> 00:01:17,040

It wasn't a matter of learning.

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00:01:17,040 --> 00:01:19,380

My Polish language
just came naturally.

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00:01:19,380 --> 00:01:26,580

From the moment I was born
and raised, we spoke Polish.

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00:01:26,580 --> 00:01:29,550

It was the parents
who spoke Yiddish.

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00:01:29,550 --> 00:01:33,330
But the main, really,
conversations was among us.

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00:01:33,330 --> 00:01:35,250
It was always in Polish.

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00:01:35,250 --> 00:01:36,690
And when I went to school--

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00:01:36,690 --> 00:01:38,610
I supposed to go to school--

17
00:01:38,610 --> 00:01:41,820
there was a question.

18
00:01:41,820 --> 00:01:45,780
Should I go to a Folkshul,
which is in Yiddish,

19
00:01:45,780 --> 00:01:51,570
or should I go to a
public school in Polish?

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00:01:51,570 --> 00:01:57,150
And my sister-- the oldest one,
who was a teacher herself--

21
00:01:57,150 --> 00:02:01,620
said, absolutely
to a Polish school,

22
00:02:01,620 --> 00:02:03,840
because I don't want her
to go into the street

23
00:02:03,840 --> 00:02:06,090
and be afraid that somebody
is going to beat her up

24

00:02:06,090 --> 00:02:08,190
when she speaks Yiddish.

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00:02:08,190 --> 00:02:11,130
And this was the
general atmosphere.

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00:02:11,130 --> 00:02:13,680
But some people--
the Folkshul was

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00:02:13,680 --> 00:02:19,560
very popular among the workers,
the Bundists, particular.

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00:02:19,560 --> 00:02:25,080
There was also the Paole
Zion schools in Yiddish.

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00:02:25,080 --> 00:02:30,030
[? Nellie's ?] mother was a
teacher in the Paole Zion.

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00:02:30,030 --> 00:02:33,720
But in my family,
they said, absolutely.

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00:02:33,720 --> 00:02:37,110
My sister said-- the
oldest one-- absolutely.

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00:02:37,110 --> 00:02:42,960
And my mother and father
went along with my sister.

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00:02:42,960 --> 00:02:43,950
She was a teacher.

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00:02:43,950 --> 00:02:47,340
She knew what's going on
in the schools, and so on.

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00:02:47,340 --> 00:02:52,410
And I went to a public
school in Polish,

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00:02:52,410 --> 00:02:54,810
because this was--
if you speak Yiddish,

37
00:02:54,810 --> 00:02:57,870
you are always in risk.

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00:02:57,870 --> 00:03:01,005
And they didn't want me to
have this as a main language.

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00:03:01,005 --> 00:03:04,620

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00:03:04,620 --> 00:03:06,720
When you were working
in the library,

41
00:03:06,720 --> 00:03:11,460
you were given an assignment
to create a list of 100 books.

42
00:03:11,460 --> 00:03:13,650
Could you tell us that story?

43
00:03:13,650 --> 00:03:16,290
Yes.

44
00:03:16,290 --> 00:03:22,890
As I told you before, I
was cataloging and putting

45
00:03:22,890 --> 00:03:26,280
in categories different books.

46
00:03:26,280 --> 00:03:29,670
And the workers came
and always asked,

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00:03:29,670 --> 00:03:33,100

could you give me a good
book, something to read?

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00:03:33,100 --> 00:03:38,610

And when I spoke to the
director of the library,

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00:03:38,610 --> 00:03:43,530

he said to me,
Rozka why won't you

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00:03:43,530 --> 00:03:48,150

write down a list of 100
books so, when the people come

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00:03:48,150 --> 00:03:52,590

in and want to take
a book out, they

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00:03:52,590 --> 00:03:57,210

could see on the list
what they should take?

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00:03:57,210 --> 00:04:01,140

And I decided to do that.

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00:04:01,140 --> 00:04:05,610

So I put down on the
list of 103 books--

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00:04:05,610 --> 00:04:13,020

I know exactly-- from different
categories and countries.

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00:04:13,020 --> 00:04:16,890

And there was the
Scandinavian countries,

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00:04:16,890 --> 00:04:24,720

and American literature, and
of course Polish literature,

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00:04:24,720 --> 00:04:26,850

French, all kind--

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00:04:26,850 --> 00:04:29,910

everything in translation,
of course, into Polish,

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00:04:29,910 --> 00:04:32,610

not in the original languages.

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00:04:32,610 --> 00:04:34,980

So I put down a
list of 103 books.

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00:04:34,980 --> 00:04:38,730

And Russian literature
was a very, very modern

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00:04:38,730 --> 00:04:41,880

at the time to read the
Russian literature translated

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00:04:41,880 --> 00:04:43,200

into Polish.

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00:04:43,200 --> 00:04:48,690

And I went to a
Mrs. Dubnow Erlich.

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00:04:48,690 --> 00:04:53,970

Dubnow is a daughter
of a famous historian.

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00:04:53,970 --> 00:04:59,190

Dubnow wrote the
history of the Jews.

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00:04:59,190 --> 00:05:03,580

And she was, herself, a poet.

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00:05:03,580 --> 00:05:07,260

She was writing poetry

in still Russian

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00:05:07,260 --> 00:05:10,770
and knew excellent Polish
literature-- all together,

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00:05:10,770 --> 00:05:16,500
very intelligent and
very well educated.

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00:05:16,500 --> 00:05:18,930
Her two sons were
professors, one at Columbia,

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00:05:18,930 --> 00:05:20,520
the one who passed away.

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00:05:20,520 --> 00:05:22,110
And then one is in Yale.

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00:05:22,110 --> 00:05:23,385
And she was there.

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00:05:23,385 --> 00:05:25,540
And I made an
appointment with her.

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00:05:25,540 --> 00:05:30,180
And I said, Mrs. Dubnow, I want
to come and have your opinion,

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00:05:30,180 --> 00:05:34,770
because I didn't want to rely
on myself that this is right.

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00:05:34,770 --> 00:05:38,940
So I left with her
the list of 100 books.

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00:05:38,940 --> 00:05:40,560
And she studied it.

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00:05:40,560 --> 00:05:43,410

Then I called her.

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00:05:43,410 --> 00:05:45,510

And she said, would you come up?

83

00:05:45,510 --> 00:05:47,890

Let's have a
discussion about it.

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00:05:47,890 --> 00:05:55,020

And then she accepted
the 100 books, but one,

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00:05:55,020 --> 00:05:58,440

which was called
Człowiek zmienia skórę™.

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00:05:58,440 --> 00:06:02,700

In English, would it be A
Person Changes His Skin.

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00:06:02,700 --> 00:06:06,480

It was written by
Bruno Jasienski,

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00:06:06,480 --> 00:06:08,640

who was a communist once.

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00:06:08,640 --> 00:06:13,320

And it means that becoming--

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00:06:13,320 --> 00:06:17,070

changing his ideas, ideology.

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00:06:17,070 --> 00:06:20,920

That's what he meant-- that
the person changes his skin.

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00:06:20,920 --> 00:06:23,880

She didn't want to put it in.

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00:06:23,880 --> 00:06:28,020

She didn't want-- she
was a little bit--

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00:06:28,020 --> 00:06:31,500

she was a Bundist,
but she didn't want

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00:06:31,500 --> 00:06:33,390

to start with the Communist.

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00:06:33,390 --> 00:06:37,290

This was my feeling at that
time, as young as I was.

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00:06:37,290 --> 00:06:39,690

And I felt it should be there.

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00:06:39,690 --> 00:06:42,660

And we had a big
discussion about it.

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00:06:42,660 --> 00:06:45,870

And she told me, if you
feel so strongly about it,

100

00:06:45,870 --> 00:06:47,970

let's leave it.

101

00:06:47,970 --> 00:06:51,540

The funniest thing was, when
I came to the United States

102

00:06:51,540 --> 00:06:55,380

and I came to visit
her, she says to me,

103

00:06:55,380 --> 00:07:01,470

Rozka I remember how you
argued with me about that book,

104

00:07:01,470 --> 00:07:04,080

that we had the

discussion about the book.

105

00:07:04,080 --> 00:07:05,980

I was beside myself.

106

00:07:05,980 --> 00:07:09,190

How could she remember
such a stupid thing?

107

00:07:09,190 --> 00:07:12,810

And the chutzpah of
me to argue with her--

108

00:07:12,810 --> 00:07:15,090

but she says, let's take it out.

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00:07:15,090 --> 00:07:18,120

I had three other books in case.

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00:07:18,120 --> 00:07:19,920

But this was--

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00:07:19,920 --> 00:07:22,830

I was glad that she remembered.

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00:07:22,830 --> 00:07:24,230

So you did leave it in.

113

00:07:24,230 --> 00:07:25,110

True, yeah.

114

00:07:25,110 --> 00:07:28,350

She says, if you feel
so strongly about it,

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00:07:28,350 --> 00:07:29,520

she let me in.

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00:07:29,520 --> 00:07:31,680

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00:07:31,680 --> 00:07:35,170
Nothing would happen, but
she wanted to make her point.

118
00:07:35,170 --> 00:07:37,110
And I stood up.

119
00:07:37,110 --> 00:07:41,340

120
00:07:41,340 --> 00:07:44,400
I wanted to ask you a couple
of questions about Michal--

121
00:07:44,400 --> 00:07:46,830
this is before the war--
and your relationship.

122
00:07:46,830 --> 00:07:50,820
You used to help him
with his homework?

123
00:07:50,820 --> 00:07:55,440
You see, they had
project for their exams--

124
00:07:55,440 --> 00:07:56,670
to make a project.

125
00:07:56,670 --> 00:07:59,160
He was an engineer.

126
00:07:59,160 --> 00:08:03,020
And they made-- a
mechanical engineer.

127
00:08:03,020 --> 00:08:10,010
They used to make all
kind of machines and--

128
00:08:10,010 --> 00:08:12,440
what is it called,
what they have

129
00:08:12,440 --> 00:08:17,360
when they build the buildings,
and they have the big--

130
00:08:17,360 --> 00:08:18,050
The crane?

131
00:08:18,050 --> 00:08:18,740
The crane.

132
00:08:18,740 --> 00:08:20,780
Yeah, the cranes.

133
00:08:20,780 --> 00:08:24,530
All kind of things, which
is connected with force,

134
00:08:24,530 --> 00:08:27,450
with pressure, so on, so on.

135
00:08:27,450 --> 00:08:31,970
And he used to
make on big paper--

136
00:08:31,970 --> 00:08:38,840
he used to make all
these kinds of drawings.

137
00:08:38,840 --> 00:08:41,390
But he made it in pencil.

138
00:08:41,390 --> 00:08:46,670
And this had to be done in ink.

139
00:08:46,670 --> 00:08:50,390
So when he did it, I was
very scrupulous, very

140
00:08:50,390 --> 00:08:52,310
always detailed.

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00:08:52,310 --> 00:08:57,080

So he said, why don't you do it
in ink, because I have to do--

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00:08:57,080 --> 00:09:00,740

I have to study for my exam,
or something like that.

143

00:09:00,740 --> 00:09:02,180

And I did it.

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00:09:02,180 --> 00:09:06,410

So I was working very
diligently and very accurately.

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00:09:06,410 --> 00:09:08,360

And he was very happy about it.

146

00:09:08,360 --> 00:09:10,400

He had help.

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00:09:10,400 --> 00:09:14,030

Other students who had
to work, make a living,

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00:09:14,030 --> 00:09:17,930

they had to give it to somebody.

149

00:09:17,930 --> 00:09:22,670

And interesting-- they
were called-- you know how?

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00:09:22,670 --> 00:09:28,700

Negroes, [POLISH] in
Polish, because [POLISH]----

151

00:09:28,700 --> 00:09:33,410

it means to do it in black.

152

00:09:33,410 --> 00:09:34,920

This is what they called it.

153

00:09:34,920 --> 00:09:38,300

And they had to pay for
that a lot of money.

154

00:09:38,300 --> 00:09:42,170

But I wasn't paid.

155

00:09:42,170 --> 00:09:44,330

But I helped him a lot in that.

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00:09:44,330 --> 00:09:47,190

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00:09:47,190 --> 00:09:50,040

Rose, I asked you, when
you were growing up,

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00:09:50,040 --> 00:09:52,710

whether you had Polish
friends, or whether you

159

00:09:52,710 --> 00:09:55,110

were involved in any way.

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00:09:55,110 --> 00:09:56,640

And you said, no.

161

00:09:56,640 --> 00:09:59,670

But was there a change in
your life in that respect when

162

00:09:59,670 --> 00:10:00,720

you met Michal?

163

00:10:00,720 --> 00:10:04,320

Oh, yes, because
Michal was already--

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00:10:04,320 --> 00:10:06,630

he went at that time
to the university.

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00:10:06,630 --> 00:10:09,540

And he belonged to the Bund.

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00:10:09,540 --> 00:10:13,560

And they had a very close
relationship with the PPS.

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00:10:13,560 --> 00:10:16,560

This is Polska Partia
Socjalistyczna.

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00:10:16,560 --> 00:10:20,700

This is like the
Bund in the Jewish.

169

00:10:20,700 --> 00:10:27,300

And this is the Polska, this
Polish party, Socjalistyczna.

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00:10:27,300 --> 00:10:33,300

And over there, there
was also a sports club

171

00:10:33,300 --> 00:10:43,220

called Skra where the Jutrznia
and Skra used to meet.

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00:10:43,220 --> 00:10:48,550

And Gina, Michal's sister,
had a lot of friends

173

00:10:48,550 --> 00:10:51,130

because she was also
an athlete, Gina,

174

00:10:51,130 --> 00:10:53,380

in the sport club in Jutrznia.

175

00:10:53,380 --> 00:11:00,010

And they had all kind
of sport games together.

176

00:11:00,010 --> 00:11:06,370

And she had very close
friends in the Polish club.

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00:11:06,370 --> 00:11:09,370

And among them was
one Marysia Sawicka,

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00:11:09,370 --> 00:11:17,020

who was a tremendous help to us
later on on the Aryan side when

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00:11:17,020 --> 00:11:19,780

we went out.

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00:11:19,780 --> 00:11:22,900

And Michal also had a
lot of friends there.

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00:11:22,900 --> 00:11:25,810

And he had a contact
later on when

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00:11:25,810 --> 00:11:29,440

he was going out from the ghetto
for ammunition, and so on.

183

00:11:29,440 --> 00:11:32,440

It was the Polish
friend from the PPS.

184

00:11:32,440 --> 00:11:36,910

So it wasn't-- at my
age, at that time,

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00:11:36,910 --> 00:11:40,210

my contacts wasn't the
same as theirs were.

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00:11:40,210 --> 00:11:41,740

And then we were all--

187

00:11:41,740 --> 00:11:44,170

we had a very good
contact with them.

188
00:11:44,170 --> 00:11:46,810
And they helped us tremendously.

189
00:11:46,810 --> 00:11:49,450
Were you surprised at his--

190
00:11:49,450 --> 00:11:49,960
No.

191
00:11:49,960 --> 00:11:50,460
No?

192
00:11:50,460 --> 00:11:52,570
Not at all, no,
because we always

193
00:11:52,570 --> 00:11:57,710
felt that we have to be
brothers, whoever you are.

194
00:11:57,710 --> 00:11:59,410
There even was a song about it--

195
00:11:59,410 --> 00:12:03,100
Black and white,
all kinds of colors.

196
00:12:03,100 --> 00:12:05,090
You should be brothers.

197
00:12:05,090 --> 00:12:06,520
No, absolutely not.

198
00:12:06,520 --> 00:12:08,680
This was our idea.

199
00:12:08,680 --> 00:12:09,910
[INAUDIBLE]

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00:12:09,910 --> 00:12:12,592

So not only because
it helped you,

201

00:12:12,592 --> 00:12:14,300

but you thought it
was important that you

202

00:12:14,300 --> 00:12:16,330

would be able to have
this kind of relationship.

203

00:12:16,330 --> 00:12:18,700

Of course, yeah.

204

00:12:18,700 --> 00:12:20,050

Of course.

205

00:12:20,050 --> 00:12:25,990

And frankly, also when I
went to the Aryan side,

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00:12:25,990 --> 00:12:31,930

I contacted a woman whom
I knew, a Polish woman,

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00:12:31,930 --> 00:12:36,580

and asked her where
to go, where to be.

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00:12:36,580 --> 00:12:38,470

And she helped us also.

209

00:12:38,470 --> 00:12:41,380

And there was a place-- a
friend of [Wnorowska. ?]

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00:12:41,380 --> 00:12:43,630

She was a seamstress.

211

00:12:43,630 --> 00:12:45,070

And we used to work there.

212
00:12:45,070 --> 00:12:46,240
And we used to meet there.

213
00:12:46,240 --> 00:12:50,300
And even [? Vladka ?] was coming
there also, a lot of people.

214
00:12:50,300 --> 00:12:55,510
This was my contribution,
this address.

215
00:12:55,510 --> 00:12:57,670
[? Samarch ?] was
a marvelous person.

216
00:12:57,670 --> 00:12:59,290
No, on the contrary.

217
00:12:59,290 --> 00:13:01,810
But as a child,
as a youngster, I

218
00:13:01,810 --> 00:13:04,660
didn't have the
contact was them.

219
00:13:04,660 --> 00:13:07,840
But it wasn't, though,
that I would separate.

220
00:13:07,840 --> 00:13:09,790
It just was coincidental then?

221
00:13:09,790 --> 00:13:11,290
Coincidental, that's right.

222
00:13:11,290 --> 00:13:13,960
Yeah, absolutely.

223
00:13:13,960 --> 00:13:16,690
OK.

224
00:13:16,690 --> 00:13:19,900
When we ended the
last tape, we ended

225
00:13:19,900 --> 00:13:24,880
where you were taken out of
the hospital by Gina and Michal

226
00:13:24,880 --> 00:13:27,940
because there was
going to be an Aktion.

227
00:13:27,940 --> 00:13:30,060
And it was the huge
deportation, the beginning

228
00:13:30,060 --> 00:13:31,060
of the huge deportation.

229
00:13:31,060 --> 00:13:31,990
Yes.

230
00:13:31,990 --> 00:13:34,660
Were you still very
sick when they took you?

231
00:13:34,660 --> 00:13:36,670
No, I was better already.

232
00:13:36,670 --> 00:13:37,990
I could walk.

233
00:13:37,990 --> 00:13:38,710
I could walk.

234
00:13:38,710 --> 00:13:39,430
It was still--

235
00:13:39,430 --> 00:13:42,670

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00:13:42,670 --> 00:13:45,220

I was very weak,
but I could walk.

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00:13:45,220 --> 00:13:49,990

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00:13:49,990 --> 00:13:52,900

Not that I could be on
my own, but I could walk,

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00:13:52,900 --> 00:13:56,200

and I could do certain things.

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00:13:56,200 --> 00:14:00,520

But the raids were
constantly terrible.

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00:14:00,520 --> 00:14:04,320

In one of the raids, we
all had to come down.

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00:14:04,320 --> 00:14:07,210

Michal got some
kind of an Ausweis.

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00:14:07,210 --> 00:14:08,810

You know what's an Ausweis?

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00:14:08,810 --> 00:14:12,742

It is some kind of a permit
from a certain place.

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00:14:12,742 --> 00:14:13,950

This is through the Judenrat.

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00:14:13,950 --> 00:14:15,970

We had somebody there.

247

00:14:15,970 --> 00:14:18,610

And he got it that he is
working here and there,

248
00:14:18,610 --> 00:14:20,090
which wasn't true.

249
00:14:20,090 --> 00:14:21,220
He wasn't working there.

250
00:14:21,220 --> 00:14:22,720
But that he's working--

251
00:14:22,720 --> 00:14:25,510
he's needed as an
engineer, and so on.

252
00:14:25,510 --> 00:14:30,310
So we all had to go down.

253
00:14:30,310 --> 00:14:39,010
And my in-laws-- and there was
her sister also, Guta Schulman,

254
00:14:39,010 --> 00:14:40,390
as I said--

255
00:14:40,390 --> 00:14:47,890
and my mother, myself and
Irena, holding her, and Michal.

256
00:14:47,890 --> 00:14:51,370
We all were standing
in the court there.

257
00:14:51,370 --> 00:14:57,130
But they said who has Ausweis
could take out his wife,

258
00:14:57,130 --> 00:15:00,430
or a child, whatever it is.

259
00:15:00,430 --> 00:15:03,580
And Michal approached
one of these.

260
00:15:03,580 --> 00:15:06,850
And they let me out with Irena.

261
00:15:06,850 --> 00:15:12,280
And the rest went to
the Umschlagplatz.

262
00:15:12,280 --> 00:15:15,160
And this was-- my mother
was standing with me.

263
00:15:15,160 --> 00:15:20,240
And I knew this is the end.

264
00:15:20,240 --> 00:15:23,510

265
00:15:23,510 --> 00:15:27,080
I knew this is the end.

266
00:15:27,080 --> 00:15:27,590
It was.

267
00:15:27,590 --> 00:15:33,000

268
00:15:33,000 --> 00:15:38,820
And we went back
upstairs with Irena.

269
00:15:38,820 --> 00:15:42,270
Gina wasn't there.

270
00:15:42,270 --> 00:15:45,260
Gina that was very often
in the Umschlagplatz

271
00:15:45,260 --> 00:15:50,570
going with her
uniform as a nurse,

272

00:15:50,570 --> 00:15:54,290

smuggling out people
whom she knew.

273

00:15:54,290 --> 00:15:56,520

She wasn't there.

274

00:15:56,520 --> 00:16:02,260

And then, when she found out
that our area was raided,

275

00:16:02,260 --> 00:16:06,470

she came running,
and she found us.

276

00:16:06,470 --> 00:16:08,140

She was beside herself.

277

00:16:08,140 --> 00:16:09,575

Her parents were gone.

278

00:16:09,575 --> 00:16:11,314

And my mother was gone.

279

00:16:11,314 --> 00:16:14,160

280

00:16:14,160 --> 00:16:16,460

Rose, did you know then
where they were going?

281

00:16:16,460 --> 00:16:19,320

282

00:16:19,320 --> 00:16:20,500

We knew already--

283

00:16:20,500 --> 00:16:21,000

You did?

284

00:16:21,000 --> 00:16:22,260

--because they was here.

285

00:16:22,260 --> 00:16:28,200

There was a friend of ours,
Friedrich, Sigmund Friedrich.

286

00:16:28,200 --> 00:16:30,600

He went with the train.

287

00:16:30,600 --> 00:16:33,810

He got attached to
the train somehow.

288

00:16:33,810 --> 00:16:37,230

And he went up to Treblinka.

289

00:16:37,230 --> 00:16:39,660

And he saw what's happening.

290

00:16:39,660 --> 00:16:44,670

And he came back with
this news that everybody's

291

00:16:44,670 --> 00:16:47,670

being gassed over there.

292

00:16:47,670 --> 00:16:48,840

He knew all right.

293

00:16:48,840 --> 00:16:51,500

So we knew already.

294

00:16:51,500 --> 00:16:57,380

The 22nd of July, we
knew already what it is.

295

00:16:57,380 --> 00:17:00,780

There were times when they
were promising before that,

296

00:17:00,780 --> 00:17:06,079

we'll give you a few pounds

of bread, and then something--

297

00:17:06,079 --> 00:17:08,119
sugar, or whatever it is--

298

00:17:08,119 --> 00:17:10,800
and come to another place.

299

00:17:10,800 --> 00:17:12,109
And some people went for it.

300

00:17:12,109 --> 00:17:17,109
They were hungry, and
they went for that.

301

00:17:17,109 --> 00:17:20,599
But we knew already.

302

00:17:20,599 --> 00:17:25,849
Had you all heard about
the Einsatzgruppen in 1941

303

00:17:25,849 --> 00:17:28,970
when they started the
war against Russia--

304

00:17:28,970 --> 00:17:31,070
that they were mass shootings?

305

00:17:31,070 --> 00:17:32,150
Did you hear about that?

306

00:17:32,150 --> 00:17:33,233
Of course we knew already.

307

00:17:33,233 --> 00:17:35,000
We knew about it, yeah.

308

00:17:35,000 --> 00:17:35,990
We knew about it.

309

00:17:35,990 --> 00:17:38,380

So you knew this was all a
death sentence in some way?

310

00:17:38,380 --> 00:17:39,060

Oh, we knew.

311

00:17:39,060 --> 00:17:39,845

Yeah.

312

00:17:39,845 --> 00:17:41,540

Yeah.

313

00:17:41,540 --> 00:17:43,490

And then was the other time.

314

00:17:43,490 --> 00:17:51,140

After that, I was only with
Michal, Gina, and the baby.

315

00:17:51,140 --> 00:17:52,430

That's it.

316

00:17:52,430 --> 00:17:57,290

Another raid of the
building, and they

317

00:17:57,290 --> 00:17:59,960

were running, the
Jewish policemen.

318

00:17:59,960 --> 00:18:02,990

They were running up to
look into the apartments

319

00:18:02,990 --> 00:18:06,060

whether somebody
was hidden or not.

320

00:18:06,060 --> 00:18:08,880

And they would take
down, because if they'll

321
00:18:08,880 --> 00:18:13,140
bring people, his
family will be saved.

322
00:18:13,140 --> 00:18:16,520
This is how they
brought the people.

323
00:18:16,520 --> 00:18:21,590
And we heard this, and we
decided not to go down--

324
00:18:21,590 --> 00:18:22,460
Michal.

325
00:18:22,460 --> 00:18:27,410
And to keep Irena quiet, we
went in a very far corner

326
00:18:27,410 --> 00:18:28,850
of the apartment.

327
00:18:28,850 --> 00:18:29,960
They cannot see us.

328
00:18:29,960 --> 00:18:34,520
And we left the
doors open so they'll

329
00:18:34,520 --> 00:18:36,500
think that nobody's there.

330
00:18:36,500 --> 00:18:37,890
And we heard them running up.

331
00:18:37,890 --> 00:18:39,590
There was another floor--

332
00:18:39,590 --> 00:18:41,600
running up, and
down, and opening

333

00:18:41,600 --> 00:18:43,790

the doors, and [? heaved ?]
around, and looked in.

334

00:18:43,790 --> 00:18:46,640

And I was keeping Irena
on a table, dressed.

335

00:18:46,640 --> 00:18:48,590

We were all dressed to go.

336

00:18:48,590 --> 00:18:52,190

I was keeping her on the table
the pushing into her mouth

337

00:18:52,190 --> 00:18:56,750

candies so she cannot
scream, she cannot talk,

338

00:18:56,750 --> 00:19:00,120

she cannot do anything.

339

00:19:00,120 --> 00:19:04,930

And I was pushing and
pushing in her mouth.

340

00:19:04,930 --> 00:19:07,400

She didn't-- not a sound.

341

00:19:07,400 --> 00:19:10,400

And they just
glanced in and went.

342

00:19:10,400 --> 00:19:11,510

They didn't anything?

343

00:19:11,510 --> 00:19:12,080

No.

344

00:19:12,080 --> 00:19:13,160

They didn't see us.

345

00:19:13,160 --> 00:19:14,480

Of course not.

346

00:19:14,480 --> 00:19:17,510

And Gina heard again that--

347

00:19:17,510 --> 00:19:21,600

she came in, and

she was frantic.

348

00:19:21,600 --> 00:19:25,260

She started to cry,

[? It's ?] time [? now. ?]

349

00:19:25,260 --> 00:19:29,410

It must have been terrifying.

350

00:19:29,410 --> 00:19:32,506

There is no expression for that.

351

00:19:32,506 --> 00:19:35,710

And then, when we decided--

352

00:19:35,710 --> 00:19:40,275

353

00:19:40,275 --> 00:19:43,070

I'll tell you,

there came a point

354

00:19:43,070 --> 00:19:47,690

when I couldn't make

any more decisions.

355

00:19:47,690 --> 00:19:50,310

I didn't have the strength.

356

00:19:50,310 --> 00:19:54,800

Michal was doing all the

decisions, all the time.

357

00:19:54,800 --> 00:19:58,200
I couldn't do that.

358
00:19:58,200 --> 00:19:59,780
And it was a raid.

359
00:19:59,780 --> 00:20:02,680

360
00:20:02,680 --> 00:20:03,880
This was the last time.

361
00:20:03,880 --> 00:20:06,400

362
00:20:06,400 --> 00:20:08,410
And there were columns
going the street.

363
00:20:08,410 --> 00:20:09,490
And we had to go.

364
00:20:09,490 --> 00:20:10,960
It was the column.

365
00:20:10,960 --> 00:20:13,430
We couldn't already get out.

366
00:20:13,430 --> 00:20:18,070
And there was a wide
street, the Zamenhof Street,

367
00:20:18,070 --> 00:20:19,840
going to the Umschlagplatz.

368
00:20:19,840 --> 00:20:22,650

369
00:20:22,650 --> 00:20:33,090
And there was one Jewish militia
man who was once in the Bund.

370

00:20:33,090 --> 00:20:34,230

I knew him, too.

371

00:20:34,230 --> 00:20:35,080

Michal knew him.

372

00:20:35,080 --> 00:20:37,230

I knew him.

373

00:20:37,230 --> 00:20:39,570

And we were in the back.

374

00:20:39,570 --> 00:20:41,160

And he came over to us.

375

00:20:41,160 --> 00:20:43,860

He was watching so that
nobody should escape.

376

00:20:43,860 --> 00:20:47,130

He came over to us and said,
Michal, go to the front,

377

00:20:47,130 --> 00:20:53,370

to the very front,
and I'll watch.

378

00:20:53,370 --> 00:20:56,370

And somehow, he
got to the very--

379

00:20:56,370 --> 00:20:59,010

Michal was carrying Irena.

380

00:20:59,010 --> 00:21:01,170

And I was walking--

381

00:21:01,170 --> 00:21:03,150

hardly walking, but walking.

382

00:21:03,150 --> 00:21:04,110

And we came to it.

383

00:21:04,110 --> 00:21:07,710

And Michal told me, you see on
that corner, the [? Kupiecka ?]

384

00:21:07,710 --> 00:21:08,490

Street?

385

00:21:08,490 --> 00:21:12,210

There is a tremendous--

386

00:21:12,210 --> 00:21:18,960

what's it called-- kiosk,
a round one, but very wide.

387

00:21:18,960 --> 00:21:21,270

He said, when we
come to that kiosk--

388

00:21:21,270 --> 00:21:23,580

I was the first one
on the sidewalk--

389

00:21:23,580 --> 00:21:25,890

you go to the right.

390

00:21:25,890 --> 00:21:29,175

I said, I'm-- in the back,
the Germans were standing

391

00:21:29,175 --> 00:21:30,330

and shooting.

392

00:21:30,330 --> 00:21:32,940

Whoever would move, they shoot.

393

00:21:32,940 --> 00:21:35,210

I said, Michal,
I cannot do that.

394

00:21:35,210 --> 00:21:37,060

He said, you're
going to do that.

395
00:21:37,060 --> 00:21:40,860
And when we came to the
corner, he gave me such a push.

396
00:21:40,860 --> 00:21:44,880
And I went to the
front of that kiosk,

397
00:21:44,880 --> 00:21:48,810
because it was hidden a
little bit for the column.

398
00:21:48,810 --> 00:21:50,890
And then Michal
came with the baby.

399
00:21:50,890 --> 00:21:54,630
And we're standing until
everybody passed by.

400
00:21:54,630 --> 00:21:58,970

401
00:21:58,970 --> 00:22:01,520
It's hard to describe.

402
00:22:01,520 --> 00:22:04,340
When they passed by,
we cross the street.

403
00:22:04,340 --> 00:22:06,470
And there was an empty
building already.

404
00:22:06,470 --> 00:22:08,450
Everything was open.

405
00:22:08,450 --> 00:22:11,310
And we hid there for awhile.

406

00:22:11,310 --> 00:22:13,790

And then we passed.

407

00:22:13,790 --> 00:22:17,210

We came home, back.

408

00:22:17,210 --> 00:22:22,820

But this was already about two blocks from the Umschlagplatz.

409

00:22:22,820 --> 00:22:24,900

But if he wouldn't then--

410

00:22:24,900 --> 00:22:27,440

but he made all the decisions at that time.

411

00:22:27,440 --> 00:22:29,660

I couldn't anymore.

412

00:22:29,660 --> 00:22:35,250

And then he decided that we're going out after that,

413

00:22:35,250 --> 00:22:41,100

and that we're going to our ex-mate, who

414

00:22:41,100 --> 00:22:47,590

was the living in Prague.

415

00:22:47,590 --> 00:22:54,880

The Vistula divided Prague like Bronx, let's say, in Manhattan.

416

00:22:54,880 --> 00:22:56,130

And she live in there.

417

00:22:56,130 --> 00:22:58,540

And she was like--

418

00:22:58,540 --> 00:23:01,840
in French, they
have the concierge.

419
00:23:01,840 --> 00:23:05,170
So she was taking care of
the buildings, cleaning

420
00:23:05,170 --> 00:23:05,980
and everything.

421
00:23:05,980 --> 00:23:09,730
And she knew everybody
who comes in and who goes.

422
00:23:09,730 --> 00:23:10,690
She had no husband.

423
00:23:10,690 --> 00:23:11,950
She has a daughter.

424
00:23:11,950 --> 00:23:13,800
And we decided to go there.

425
00:23:13,800 --> 00:23:18,080

426
00:23:18,080 --> 00:23:21,260
And how we went there--

427
00:23:21,260 --> 00:23:24,590
we went with the
so-called plac³wka.

428
00:23:24,590 --> 00:23:27,530

429
00:23:27,530 --> 00:23:32,780
They were collecting people for
work in different directions

430
00:23:32,780 --> 00:23:37,670

coming out of the ghetto,
going to that place,

431
00:23:37,670 --> 00:23:40,320
and then coming back.

432
00:23:40,320 --> 00:23:43,820
So we took the baby.

433
00:23:43,820 --> 00:23:48,710
And you could take the baby at
that time to different places

434
00:23:48,710 --> 00:23:49,230
to work.

435
00:23:49,230 --> 00:23:50,330
And we went out.

436
00:23:50,330 --> 00:23:52,790
And on the other side,
on the Aryan side,

437
00:23:52,790 --> 00:23:59,660
we stepped again away from the
column in a certain moment.

438
00:23:59,660 --> 00:24:01,640
And did he pick the moment?

439
00:24:01,640 --> 00:24:02,690
Always.

440
00:24:02,690 --> 00:24:04,820
I never did anything.

441
00:24:04,820 --> 00:24:07,670
I was very passive at that time.

442
00:24:07,670 --> 00:24:08,510
I had the baby.

443

00:24:08,510 --> 00:24:09,830

I was thinking about the baby.

444

00:24:09,830 --> 00:24:12,860

I wasn't too well, and so on.

445

00:24:12,860 --> 00:24:14,660

He always picked this.

446

00:24:14,660 --> 00:24:16,460

He always made all the--

447

00:24:16,460 --> 00:24:21,470

since that moment, he made
always all the decisions.

448

00:24:21,470 --> 00:24:30,860

And we got into a
streetcar and went there.

449

00:24:30,860 --> 00:24:34,540

When she looked
at us, she paled.

450

00:24:34,540 --> 00:24:36,295

She was pale.

451

00:24:36,295 --> 00:24:36,920

She was afraid.

452

00:24:36,920 --> 00:24:39,800

453

00:24:39,800 --> 00:24:44,150

And we told her that
it's only for a few days

454

00:24:44,150 --> 00:24:46,030

until we find something.

455

00:24:46,030 --> 00:24:48,430

Didn't have any papers, nothing.

456

00:24:48,430 --> 00:24:53,510

We took off all the armbands,
and this is how we did.

457

00:24:53,510 --> 00:24:55,970

In the column, as
we were marching,

458

00:24:55,970 --> 00:24:58,880

we took off the bands.

459

00:24:58,880 --> 00:25:03,540

And this is how we got there.

460

00:25:03,540 --> 00:25:08,936

So she said that she'll find--

461

00:25:08,936 --> 00:25:13,850

he was running around with
different paper, no paper,

462

00:25:13,850 --> 00:25:18,560

and said, I'll get
a birth certificate

463

00:25:18,560 --> 00:25:22,040

of her sister,
who was in Germany

464

00:25:22,040 --> 00:25:23,240

working for the Germans.

465

00:25:23,240 --> 00:25:24,950

She was taken by the Germans.

466

00:25:24,950 --> 00:25:27,080

So there is no reason.

467

00:25:27,080 --> 00:25:27,830

She wasn't afraid.

468
00:25:27,830 --> 00:25:29,390
She went over there.

469
00:25:29,390 --> 00:25:30,210
It was in a--

470
00:25:30,210 --> 00:25:33,330

471
00:25:33,330 --> 00:25:38,042
it was a country there, a
village called Gleboczyce.

472
00:25:38,042 --> 00:25:40,820

473
00:25:40,820 --> 00:25:43,730
And she got me the paper there.

474
00:25:43,730 --> 00:25:52,010
And she said that I can
go there to this village.

475
00:25:52,010 --> 00:25:56,180
And I can stay with so-and-so.

476
00:25:56,180 --> 00:26:00,710
The name of that peasant
was [? Patoka, ?]

477
00:26:00,710 --> 00:26:04,730
a tall, old man, gray.

478
00:26:04,730 --> 00:26:08,570
She was very
vivacious-- with a son.

479
00:26:08,570 --> 00:26:11,130
And I went there with Irena.

480

00:26:11,130 --> 00:26:12,430
I stayed.

481
00:26:12,430 --> 00:26:15,210
Michal took me there.

482
00:26:15,210 --> 00:26:17,750
And he left for Warsaw.

483
00:26:17,750 --> 00:26:19,010
He couldn't stay there.

484
00:26:19,010 --> 00:26:20,330
Michal couldn't stay there.

485
00:26:20,330 --> 00:26:24,635
He shouldn't have, because
the less people, the better.

486
00:26:24,635 --> 00:26:27,990

487
00:26:27,990 --> 00:26:30,030
And I was staying
there for awhile.

488
00:26:30,030 --> 00:26:33,740
This is how we got
out on the Aryan side.

489
00:26:33,740 --> 00:26:36,800
I was staying there for awhile.

490
00:26:36,800 --> 00:26:37,980
How did you get there?

491
00:26:37,980 --> 00:26:38,960
Did you walk?

492
00:26:38,960 --> 00:26:39,770
No, by train.

493

00:26:39,770 --> 00:26:40,610

By train.

494

00:26:40,610 --> 00:26:42,860

Yeah, was all a risk.

495

00:26:42,860 --> 00:26:45,498

This is all a risk.

496

00:26:45,498 --> 00:26:45,998

Every--

497

00:26:45,998 --> 00:26:48,650

Did Michal have papers
now, too, or not?

498

00:26:48,650 --> 00:26:49,760

Not yet.

499

00:26:49,760 --> 00:26:51,410

Not yet, yeah.

500

00:26:51,410 --> 00:26:56,120

He had the Ausweis
that he is working.

501

00:26:56,120 --> 00:26:59,180

This was so he
looked as an Aryan.

502

00:26:59,180 --> 00:27:01,880

So there was no
problem with him.

503

00:27:01,880 --> 00:27:04,340

No problem-- it was
always a problem.

504

00:27:04,340 --> 00:27:07,970

Then, one time, one of the
workers from his factory

505

00:27:07,970 --> 00:27:08,990
met him in the street.

506

00:27:08,990 --> 00:27:13,790
They said, Mr. Engineer,
what are you doing here?

507

00:27:13,790 --> 00:27:15,890
He knew that he is Jewish.

508

00:27:15,890 --> 00:27:17,780
And he gave him
shelter later on.

509

00:27:17,780 --> 00:27:21,590
He was-- well, this
is another story.

510

00:27:21,590 --> 00:27:25,880
But this is how we got
into the country with Irena

511

00:27:25,880 --> 00:27:27,755
for a few days.

512

00:27:27,755 --> 00:27:31,565
We were there for a few weeks.

513

00:27:31,565 --> 00:27:32,065
And--

514

00:27:32,065 --> 00:27:34,690

515

00:27:34,690 --> 00:27:37,920
How were you at that time
during those few weeks?

516

00:27:37,920 --> 00:27:39,480
Did Michal come back and forth?

517

00:27:39,480 --> 00:27:39,980

Yes.

518

00:27:39,980 --> 00:27:42,410

Yes, he came back and forth.

519

00:27:42,410 --> 00:27:43,540

Yeah.

520

00:27:43,540 --> 00:27:45,010

Every few days or--

521

00:27:45,010 --> 00:27:47,230

No, every week,
something like that.

522

00:27:47,230 --> 00:27:49,710

Yeah, for a week,
whenever he could.

523

00:27:49,710 --> 00:27:55,210

He had things to do also in
Warsaw, preparing for whatever.

524

00:27:55,210 --> 00:28:00,760

He was very active with
the fighting organization.

525

00:28:00,760 --> 00:28:03,040

He was very active there.

526

00:28:03,040 --> 00:28:05,620

Did you know what he
was doing at that time?

527

00:28:05,620 --> 00:28:07,600

Not exactly.

528

00:28:07,600 --> 00:28:08,440

Not exactly.

529

00:28:08,440 --> 00:28:11,180

I knew that he is
involved, but not exact.

530
00:28:11,180 --> 00:28:12,170
He didn't tell me.

531
00:28:12,170 --> 00:28:15,130

532
00:28:15,130 --> 00:28:20,590
So over there, it
was interesting.

533
00:28:20,590 --> 00:28:24,490
They loved Irena,
the little baby.

534
00:28:24,490 --> 00:28:29,800
And he sometimes took her
on his knee, the peasant.

535
00:28:29,800 --> 00:28:33,100
Mr. [? Patoka ?]
took her on her knee.

536
00:28:33,100 --> 00:28:36,730
And they were
eating potato balls

537
00:28:36,730 --> 00:28:40,060
made like matzah
balls, potato balls.

538
00:28:40,060 --> 00:28:42,430
So he took a piece
into his mouth.

539
00:28:42,430 --> 00:28:44,770
He made it soft, and
he gave it to her.

540
00:28:44,770 --> 00:28:48,880
I was looking at

it, and I was dying,

541
00:28:48,880 --> 00:28:52,570
but didn't say a word about it.

542
00:28:52,570 --> 00:28:56,950
There was a little
wooden thing for them

543
00:28:56,950 --> 00:28:59,230
to give food to the pigs.

544
00:28:59,230 --> 00:29:00,610
They brought it in.

545
00:29:00,610 --> 00:29:01,630
So I washed it.

546
00:29:01,630 --> 00:29:04,420
I put it in water,
and I bathed Irena.

547
00:29:04,420 --> 00:29:06,160
I took her to the fields.

548
00:29:06,160 --> 00:29:08,590
And I could pick the--

549
00:29:08,590 --> 00:29:11,752

550
00:29:11,752 --> 00:29:12,460
what's it called?

551
00:29:12,460 --> 00:29:17,290

552
00:29:17,290 --> 00:29:20,080
Peas-- the green peas in this.

553
00:29:20,080 --> 00:29:22,000

I took it out, and I gave it.

554

00:29:22,000 --> 00:29:23,050

I took carrots.

555

00:29:23,050 --> 00:29:27,670

I graded them.

556

00:29:27,670 --> 00:29:33,790

I squeezed out juice to have
for her, the juice, the carrot

557

00:29:33,790 --> 00:29:37,090

juice, some vitamins.

558

00:29:37,090 --> 00:29:41,170

And when the woman, the
peasant, she saw this, she says,

559

00:29:41,170 --> 00:29:45,880

we give it to the pigs, why
do you give it to the baby?

560

00:29:45,880 --> 00:29:50,380

These kind of things--
very primitive, but kind.

561

00:29:50,380 --> 00:29:52,585

And I think that the soltys--

562

00:29:52,585 --> 00:29:53,710

you know what's the soltys?

563

00:29:53,710 --> 00:29:59,080

The elders of the village who
was carrying on everything.

564

00:29:59,080 --> 00:30:02,560

I think that he
guessed who I am.

565

00:30:02,560 --> 00:30:03,940

But he never said anything.

566

00:30:03,940 --> 00:30:08,080

But the one day, he came.

567

00:30:08,080 --> 00:30:14,575

And he said, the Germans are
coming for the boys and girls.

568

00:30:14,575 --> 00:30:16,720

It would be good
for you to disappear

569

00:30:16,720 --> 00:30:19,850

from here with the child.

570

00:30:19,850 --> 00:30:21,400

I think I wrote about it.

571

00:30:21,400 --> 00:30:22,120

You read it.

572

00:30:22,120 --> 00:30:26,050

573

00:30:26,050 --> 00:30:27,230

Michal isn't here.

574

00:30:27,230 --> 00:30:29,960

I have no address for Michal.

575

00:30:29,960 --> 00:30:31,866

He was one here,
and one night there.

576

00:30:31,866 --> 00:30:33,470

I didn't know what to do.

577

00:30:33,470 --> 00:30:38,750

I had a few Polish zlotys,
but I didn't know what to do.

578

00:30:38,750 --> 00:30:42,350

And I had to go,
because if he came to me

579

00:30:42,350 --> 00:30:50,300

and said it in a nice way
that he didn't want me to--

580

00:30:50,300 --> 00:30:53,900

he knew that I wouldn't
survive with the child.

581

00:30:53,900 --> 00:30:58,920

He said I have to disappear,
I have to disappear.

582

00:30:58,920 --> 00:31:06,130

And he said, that peasant,
that there is a brother

583

00:31:06,130 --> 00:31:10,360

of his wife near Tluszcz.

584

00:31:10,360 --> 00:31:15,610

Tluszcz was the
station where the train

585

00:31:15,610 --> 00:31:17,900

stopped for Treblinka.

586

00:31:17,900 --> 00:31:22,910

Tluszcz, Malkinia, and
Treblinka-- this was the route.

587

00:31:22,910 --> 00:31:26,440

588

00:31:26,440 --> 00:31:38,800

He is a smith, and so we can
take you there, and maybe

589

00:31:38,800 --> 00:31:40,255

until your husband will come.

590

00:31:40,255 --> 00:31:42,900

591

00:31:42,900 --> 00:31:43,830

He'll find you.

592

00:31:43,830 --> 00:31:46,690

593

00:31:46,690 --> 00:31:50,750

Well, it was quite a few miles.

594

00:31:50,750 --> 00:31:59,170

I was carrying Irena with
the rest of my strengths.

595

00:31:59,170 --> 00:32:02,410

He was carrying a little
package-- what I had.

596

00:32:02,410 --> 00:32:07,060

I had [? parcels. ?]
And we came there.

597

00:32:07,060 --> 00:32:11,740

598

00:32:11,740 --> 00:32:14,725

Well, they were very
nice to us, because he

599

00:32:14,725 --> 00:32:17,930

says my husband should come,
and they'll take me away.

600

00:32:17,930 --> 00:32:20,510

It's only a matter
of a few days.

601

00:32:20,510 --> 00:32:22,030

So she was very nice.

602

00:32:22,030 --> 00:32:24,280

But somebody passed
by from the village

603

00:32:24,280 --> 00:32:30,490

where I was before in the
[? Gleboczyce ?] who said,

604

00:32:30,490 --> 00:32:32,830

she was there.

605

00:32:32,830 --> 00:32:34,150

Why is she here?

606

00:32:34,150 --> 00:32:35,230

She is probably Jewish.

607

00:32:35,230 --> 00:32:39,430

608

00:32:39,430 --> 00:32:41,320

This was it.

609

00:32:41,320 --> 00:32:42,760

So she came in--

610

00:32:42,760 --> 00:32:46,260

the wife-- and said, you
cannot stay here anymore,

611

00:32:46,260 --> 00:32:49,026

you have to go.

612

00:32:49,026 --> 00:32:52,130

And then I decided
to go to Warsaw.

613

00:32:52,130 --> 00:32:53,540

What do I do?

614

00:32:53,540 --> 00:32:54,830

I don't know where--

615

00:32:54,830 --> 00:32:57,420

no address, no nothing.

616

00:32:57,420 --> 00:32:59,710

And Michal wouldn't

know where I am.

617

00:32:59,710 --> 00:33:02,990

618

00:33:02,990 --> 00:33:08,220

So I said, OK, tomorrow I'll go.

619

00:33:08,220 --> 00:33:11,003

You'll take me there to

the station, and I'll go.

620

00:33:11,003 --> 00:33:24,044

621

00:33:24,044 --> 00:33:36,140

So then I put Irena to sleep

for a nap before the trip.

622

00:33:36,140 --> 00:33:38,650

Trip's supposed to be

1 O'clock, 2 O'clock.

623

00:33:38,650 --> 00:33:41,140

I don't remember.

624

00:33:41,140 --> 00:33:42,675

And she slept.

625

00:33:42,675 --> 00:33:44,050

And I was standing

at the window.

626

00:33:44,050 --> 00:33:44,815
And I was crying.

627
00:33:44,815 --> 00:33:47,570

628
00:33:47,570 --> 00:33:52,120
And suddenly, I see
somebody passing by--

629
00:33:52,120 --> 00:33:54,340
Michal.

630
00:33:54,340 --> 00:33:56,320
And I started to run after him.

631
00:33:56,320 --> 00:34:00,010
Until I came out, he
was very fast walking.

632
00:34:00,010 --> 00:34:02,890
He didn't know anything.

633
00:34:02,890 --> 00:34:06,710
And he didn't hear me.

634
00:34:06,710 --> 00:34:09,580
He didn't hear me
screaming, Michal.

635
00:34:09,580 --> 00:34:10,585
So I took a stone.

636
00:34:10,585 --> 00:34:12,880
I threw at him.

637
00:34:12,880 --> 00:34:17,248
So then he turned around,
said, what are you doing here?

638
00:34:17,248 --> 00:34:18,540
And I told him the whole story.

639
00:34:18,540 --> 00:34:21,070

640
00:34:21,070 --> 00:34:25,420
This was a miracle,
complete miracle.

641
00:34:25,420 --> 00:34:31,090
So he came into the apartment
and then met the smiths.

642
00:34:31,090 --> 00:34:34,690
He said-- he was talking
to him and just looking him

643
00:34:34,690 --> 00:34:36,670
up and down.

644
00:34:36,670 --> 00:34:38,810
And he said, what are you doing?

645
00:34:38,810 --> 00:34:42,219
He said, oh, I am a
mechanic, this, that.

646
00:34:42,219 --> 00:34:46,719
So he looks at his hand and
said, you are not a mechanic.

647
00:34:46,719 --> 00:34:47,940
Doesn't look like it.

648
00:34:47,940 --> 00:34:50,820

649
00:34:50,820 --> 00:34:51,915
We left.

650
00:34:51,915 --> 00:34:54,159
With Michal, we left.

651

00:34:54,159 --> 00:34:59,010

And he took me to--

652

00:34:59,010 --> 00:35:01,770

We're afraid of the train.

653

00:35:01,770 --> 00:35:05,670

People were-- this was
a station that everybody

654

00:35:05,670 --> 00:35:07,140

was running here and there.

655

00:35:07,140 --> 00:35:10,080

656

00:35:10,080 --> 00:35:11,320

So he took me there.

657

00:35:11,320 --> 00:35:12,960

And he took me to Warsaw.

658

00:35:12,960 --> 00:35:17,820

We took a carriage.

659

00:35:17,820 --> 00:35:22,050

The same is standing
in Central Park.

660

00:35:22,050 --> 00:35:27,160

And we got off about two
blocks before the destination,

661

00:35:27,160 --> 00:35:35,610

which was a very old-- she was a
concierge, that woman, for that

662

00:35:35,610 --> 00:35:37,710

building where he took me.

663

00:35:37,710 --> 00:35:42,300

And this was a very
narrow, little room

664
00:35:42,300 --> 00:35:46,810
where there were already
three women living--

665
00:35:46,810 --> 00:35:50,880
the owner, the concierge
with a little boy.

666
00:35:50,880 --> 00:35:57,720
And I come in with
Irena and Michal.

667
00:35:57,720 --> 00:35:59,340
He found it.

668
00:35:59,340 --> 00:36:01,680
Somebody told him.

669
00:36:01,680 --> 00:36:03,660
But he lived not far away.

670
00:36:03,660 --> 00:36:09,300
One block away, he lived, slept.

671
00:36:09,300 --> 00:36:15,060
This was the worker who
he met in the street.

672
00:36:15,060 --> 00:36:15,900
What are you doing?

673
00:36:15,900 --> 00:36:16,905
And he gave him--

674
00:36:16,905 --> 00:36:18,820
said that he can stay with him.

675
00:36:18,820 --> 00:36:21,510
He was very nice to him.

676
00:36:21,510 --> 00:36:24,360
He was helping for a while,
and then he changed his mind

677
00:36:24,360 --> 00:36:25,530
and started to talk.

678
00:36:25,530 --> 00:36:28,150

679
00:36:28,150 --> 00:36:30,070
So we went there.

680
00:36:30,070 --> 00:36:34,365
And I had a little, narrow
bed for Irena and myself.

681
00:36:34,365 --> 00:36:36,880

682
00:36:36,880 --> 00:36:39,790
And we contacted Gina.

683
00:36:39,790 --> 00:36:43,330
She was working in Warsaw.

684
00:36:43,330 --> 00:36:46,720
And Gina came.

685
00:36:46,720 --> 00:36:51,230
And what do we do?

686
00:36:51,230 --> 00:36:52,660
We cannot stay here.

687
00:36:52,660 --> 00:36:56,314
Everybody will know.

688
00:36:56,314 --> 00:37:00,880
And we decided to

separate Irena from us

689

00:37:00,880 --> 00:37:04,840

for her to be safe,
because we knew that we'll

690

00:37:04,840 --> 00:37:06,910

perish this way, another way.

691

00:37:06,910 --> 00:37:11,680

It's impossible to live through
the whole thing, impossible.

692

00:37:11,680 --> 00:37:14,470

So let Irena stay, at least.

693

00:37:14,470 --> 00:37:17,140

694

00:37:17,140 --> 00:37:20,650

And we talked it over with Gina.

695

00:37:20,650 --> 00:37:22,690

And Gina said, I have somebody.

696

00:37:22,690 --> 00:37:27,710

697

00:37:27,710 --> 00:37:30,890

She said, where
she gave her exam

698

00:37:30,890 --> 00:37:34,820

for nursing, which was
international-- the Ministry.

699

00:37:34,820 --> 00:37:37,520

She had to go through
the Ministry of Health

700

00:37:37,520 --> 00:37:39,770

and Education--

701
00:37:39,770 --> 00:37:42,080
Dr. Zachert.

702
00:37:42,080 --> 00:37:43,955
She seemed to me a
very nice person,

703
00:37:43,955 --> 00:37:47,720
she said, when examined me.

704
00:37:47,720 --> 00:37:50,780
I'll call her.

705
00:37:50,780 --> 00:37:51,620
She called her.

706
00:37:51,620 --> 00:37:54,150
She had already the papers.

707
00:37:54,150 --> 00:37:57,110
And she called her.

708
00:37:57,110 --> 00:38:03,500
And she said she wanted to see
her because she want advice

709
00:38:03,500 --> 00:38:04,400
from her.

710
00:38:04,400 --> 00:38:06,110
She said, of course, come--

711
00:38:06,110 --> 00:38:09,070
very nice person.

712
00:38:09,070 --> 00:38:10,480
And she went up.

713
00:38:10,480 --> 00:38:12,700
And when she told

her over the phone

714
00:38:12,700 --> 00:38:16,070
that she's on the
[? Juzwiak ?],, she said,

715
00:38:16,070 --> 00:38:18,510
you are not [? Juzwiak ?].

716
00:38:18,510 --> 00:38:21,370
You are a Gina Klepfisz.

717
00:38:21,370 --> 00:38:23,340
Please come in.

718
00:38:23,340 --> 00:38:24,680
And she told her the story.

719
00:38:24,680 --> 00:38:26,440
She has a brother,
and a sister-in-law,

720
00:38:26,440 --> 00:38:29,050
and a baby, and a sad situation.

721
00:38:29,050 --> 00:38:30,730
What can we do?

722
00:38:30,730 --> 00:38:41,270
She was also the director
of the orphanage, Boduena,

723
00:38:41,270 --> 00:38:44,650
Priest Boduen, it was called.

724
00:38:44,650 --> 00:38:50,380
She says, I can take the baby
to the orphanage as an orphan.

725
00:38:50,380 --> 00:38:57,190
But not knowing that
she's an orphan,

726
00:38:57,190 --> 00:38:59,900
she has to be left in the
street, and I'll take her over.

727
00:38:59,900 --> 00:39:06,690

728
00:39:06,690 --> 00:39:08,440
And here starts the whole thing.

729
00:39:08,440 --> 00:39:21,290

730
00:39:21,290 --> 00:39:29,060
So it was a very difficult
decision, but we have to do it.

731
00:39:29,060 --> 00:39:38,270

732
00:39:38,270 --> 00:39:40,415
Let's stop.

733
00:39:40,415 --> 00:39:42,890
All right, let's
stop for a moment.

734
00:39:42,890 --> 00:39:54,300

735
00:39:54,300 --> 00:40:01,180
So we talked with Michal
over how it was going to be.

736
00:40:01,180 --> 00:40:03,760
We have to put a name on her.

737
00:40:03,760 --> 00:40:09,610
And Dr. Zachert will wait
in the square so-and-so.

738

00:40:09,610 --> 00:40:12,730

And somebody has
to come with Irena,

739

00:40:12,730 --> 00:40:17,890

and just leave her, and go
away, and she'll pick her up.

740

00:40:17,890 --> 00:40:25,455

So I said to Michal, I'm
not going to do that.

741

00:40:25,455 --> 00:40:27,700

I can't.

742

00:40:27,700 --> 00:40:30,650

You have to do it.

743

00:40:30,650 --> 00:40:34,330

And Gina that was also
there, in the square,

744

00:40:34,330 --> 00:40:36,966

someplace with Dr. Zachert.

745

00:40:36,966 --> 00:40:42,100

746

00:40:42,100 --> 00:40:43,860

So he said, OK.

747

00:40:43,860 --> 00:40:46,305

He has to do it.

748

00:40:46,305 --> 00:40:48,866

I said good bye to Irena.

749

00:40:48,866 --> 00:40:52,020

He took her and left.

750

00:40:52,020 --> 00:40:53,660

I was beside myself.

751
00:40:53,660 --> 00:41:07,100

752
00:41:07,100 --> 00:41:18,730
So Michal went
there to the square.

753
00:41:18,730 --> 00:41:21,285
He saw, from afar, Dr. Zachert.

754
00:41:21,285 --> 00:41:25,280
And he saw Gina, too.

755
00:41:25,280 --> 00:41:27,893
And he went to Gina.

756
00:41:27,893 --> 00:41:29,310
He said, I'm not
going to do that.

757
00:41:29,310 --> 00:41:32,877
You do it.

758
00:41:32,877 --> 00:41:35,340
And Gina did it.

759
00:41:35,340 --> 00:41:40,530
She went close to Dr. Zachert,
and sit down on the bench,

760
00:41:40,530 --> 00:41:43,830
and said to [? Irka, ?]
wait here a second,

761
00:41:43,830 --> 00:41:48,360
I just go for
something, for whatever.

762
00:41:48,360 --> 00:41:50,340
But sit here.

763
00:41:50,340 --> 00:41:53,550
And she was playing
with something.

764
00:41:53,550 --> 00:41:57,090

765
00:41:57,090 --> 00:41:58,080
And she left.

766
00:41:58,080 --> 00:42:03,690
The moment she left, Dr.
Zachert came and took the baby.

767
00:42:03,690 --> 00:42:05,975
This is how she got to Boduena.

768
00:42:05,975 --> 00:42:11,100

769
00:42:11,100 --> 00:42:13,440
So at least I knew that
she was going to be

770
00:42:13,440 --> 00:42:17,255
safe over there, no raids.

771
00:42:17,255 --> 00:42:21,340

772
00:42:21,340 --> 00:42:23,340
How old was she, Rose,
when that [INAUDIBLE]??

773
00:42:23,340 --> 00:42:24,190
A year and a half.

774
00:42:24,190 --> 00:42:27,060

775

00:42:27,060 --> 00:42:28,635
But she talked already.

776
00:42:28,635 --> 00:42:33,780
She was very bright and very
bright-- musical, very bright.

777
00:42:33,780 --> 00:42:38,320
She could sing what
we're singing, melodies,

778
00:42:38,320 --> 00:42:40,410
the words sometimes.

779
00:42:40,410 --> 00:42:44,100

780
00:42:44,100 --> 00:42:52,150
Then Gina asked what's
going to happen to me.

781
00:42:52,150 --> 00:42:55,575
So she says, I have a
sister with three children.

782
00:42:55,575 --> 00:42:58,320

783
00:42:58,320 --> 00:43:04,170
That also belong to the People's
Party, the Partia Ludowa,

784
00:43:04,170 --> 00:43:13,500
which were Catholics, deep
Catholics, but believed

785
00:43:13,500 --> 00:43:18,820
in Christ, that they have
to help people, and so on.

786
00:43:18,820 --> 00:43:22,920
And she said, maybe
she'll come there and be

787
00:43:22,920 --> 00:43:26,400
the housekeeper, the maid.

788
00:43:26,400 --> 00:43:31,680
And she said, but she'll
have to be reviewed,

789
00:43:31,680 --> 00:43:33,750
to have a few
reviews with them--

790
00:43:33,750 --> 00:43:38,430
my Polish, my behavior, my
[INAUDIBLE] [? gesticulation ?]

791
00:43:38,430 --> 00:43:41,580
the Jews have all together.

792
00:43:41,580 --> 00:43:44,850
And this would be a
good place for her.

793
00:43:44,850 --> 00:43:49,200
And they have to look
at her, how she looks.

794
00:43:49,200 --> 00:43:51,960
My eyes were already
prominent at that time.

795
00:43:51,960 --> 00:43:54,210
You'll see another
picture of me before that.

796
00:43:54,210 --> 00:43:56,580
It was because of thyroid.

797
00:43:56,580 --> 00:44:00,360
Gina immediately knew what it
is when I got up in the morning

798

00:44:00,360 --> 00:44:02,560
and my eyes were prominent.

799
00:44:02,560 --> 00:44:06,150
I never had these kind of eyes.

800
00:44:06,150 --> 00:44:13,608
So I went there.

801
00:44:13,608 --> 00:44:18,480
It was a three times interview.

802
00:44:18,480 --> 00:44:23,820
Meanwhile, before that,
I was in that room

803
00:44:23,820 --> 00:44:31,230
where I lived, where we came
from, with all these women.

804
00:44:31,230 --> 00:44:34,380
They were prostitutes.

805
00:44:34,380 --> 00:44:38,010
And they had all their
business in the street.

806
00:44:38,010 --> 00:44:40,870
They came in middle of
the night or whatever.

807
00:44:40,870 --> 00:44:42,150
I didn't know about it.

808
00:44:42,150 --> 00:44:43,560
I wouldn't even think about.

809
00:44:43,560 --> 00:44:47,310
Michal didn't know about it.

810
00:44:47,310 --> 00:44:57,360
And one evening,

it was very rainy.

811
00:44:57,360 --> 00:45:00,600
And they couldn't do their
business in the street.

812
00:45:00,600 --> 00:45:04,680
So they invited two men.

813
00:45:04,680 --> 00:45:10,505
And there was a
curtain over there.

814
00:45:10,505 --> 00:45:11,880
And I was sitting
there, reading.

815
00:45:11,880 --> 00:45:12,880
What do I do?

816
00:45:12,880 --> 00:45:15,820
I was reading something.

817
00:45:15,820 --> 00:45:19,086
Someone said, why
can't she give?

818
00:45:19,086 --> 00:45:20,890
Said, leave her alone,
she has a husband.

819
00:45:20,890 --> 00:45:23,151
So what's this?

820
00:45:23,151 --> 00:45:26,110
But let it go.

821
00:45:26,110 --> 00:45:28,620
So I told them that
next time, that

822
00:45:28,620 --> 00:45:32,430

when they have some guests
in their house to let me

823
00:45:32,430 --> 00:45:34,620
know, and I'll go out.

824
00:45:34,620 --> 00:45:36,330
And they did it one day.

825
00:45:36,330 --> 00:45:39,210
It was very cold, or
something like that.

826
00:45:39,210 --> 00:45:43,110
They said to take only 5,
10 minutes till come back.

827
00:45:43,110 --> 00:45:44,440
But don't go around.

828
00:45:44,440 --> 00:45:48,870
They were very good people,
very good women, really.

829
00:45:48,870 --> 00:45:50,530
They loved Irena.

830
00:45:50,530 --> 00:45:54,840
She didn't cry at
night all the time.

831
00:45:54,840 --> 00:45:58,782
So they told me to
go, and I went out.

832
00:45:58,782 --> 00:46:00,240
And I was walking
around the block.

833
00:46:00,240 --> 00:46:03,160
It was evening around
block, so I wasn't afraid

834

00:46:03,160 --> 00:46:06,070

that somebody can catch me.

835

00:46:06,070 --> 00:46:11,200

And I was walking probably for
a half an hour or more even.

836

00:46:11,200 --> 00:46:14,360

And then I hear
somebody grabs me.

837

00:46:14,360 --> 00:46:16,190

It was one of them--

838

00:46:16,190 --> 00:46:21,040

said, what do you think going
on such a cold time all around?

839

00:46:21,040 --> 00:46:22,090

Why don't you come back?

840

00:46:22,090 --> 00:46:26,200

I told you it takes only
5, 10 minutes, that's all.

841

00:46:26,200 --> 00:46:29,940

You can get pneumonia
or something like that.

842

00:46:29,940 --> 00:46:30,726

Come in.

843

00:46:30,726 --> 00:46:32,800

So these were the women.

844

00:46:32,800 --> 00:46:36,640

Then also, when I gave
away the baby, when

845

00:46:36,640 --> 00:46:40,000

I said it's going to my
cousin, [INAUDIBLE] says,

846
00:46:40,000 --> 00:46:40,905
why did you do that?

847
00:46:40,905 --> 00:46:44,710
We could take care of
her if you wouldn't.

848
00:46:44,710 --> 00:46:46,580
And we said, I'm going to work.

849
00:46:46,580 --> 00:46:48,040
He is going to work.

850
00:46:48,040 --> 00:46:50,650
If a Jew wouldn't
be able to take it,

851
00:46:50,650 --> 00:46:52,220
we would take care of them.

852
00:46:52,220 --> 00:46:54,130
They were good women.

853
00:46:54,130 --> 00:46:56,740
And they loved Irena,
because she didn't cry.

854
00:46:56,740 --> 00:46:58,900
They were afraid in
the beginning that--

855
00:46:58,900 --> 00:47:02,020
who knows-- the baby would cry.

856
00:47:02,020 --> 00:47:06,990
So this was the story before
I went for the interviews.

857
00:47:06,990 --> 00:47:09,800
How long did you stay in
that room with those women?

858
00:47:09,800 --> 00:47:11,470
Do you have any recollection?

859
00:47:11,470 --> 00:47:14,272
About two weeks, probably.

860
00:47:14,272 --> 00:47:17,170
Yeah, probably two
weeks, because we

861
00:47:17,170 --> 00:47:19,765
arranged with Irena quite fast.

862
00:47:19,765 --> 00:47:24,250
We were afraid, for every day,
somebody would say, that Jews,

863
00:47:24,250 --> 00:47:26,050
so they will take away it.

864
00:47:26,050 --> 00:47:30,040
So Gina arranged
it, and Dr. Zachert.

865
00:47:30,040 --> 00:47:34,510
And I was waiting for about
two weeks, I would say.

866
00:47:34,510 --> 00:47:37,510
And while you were waiting to
hear the news about whether you

867
00:47:37,510 --> 00:47:42,370
could go to the sister, did you
keep hearing that Irena was--

868
00:47:42,370 --> 00:47:45,410
did you get news about Irena
in the orphanage or not?

869
00:47:45,410 --> 00:47:46,870

Not at that time.

870
00:47:46,870 --> 00:47:49,180
Not at that time, no.

871
00:47:49,180 --> 00:47:51,400
No, not at that time.

872
00:47:51,400 --> 00:47:53,680
But I knew that she
will take care of her.

873
00:47:53,680 --> 00:47:54,620
I knew that.

874
00:47:54,620 --> 00:47:55,570
You trusted that.

875
00:47:55,570 --> 00:47:56,170
I trust.

876
00:47:56,170 --> 00:47:58,630
Absolutely, yeah.

877
00:47:58,630 --> 00:48:00,700
I trusted that she's safe there.

878
00:48:00,700 --> 00:48:02,200
This is why I did it.

879
00:48:02,200 --> 00:48:06,130
If I would have any
doubts, I wouldn't do it,

880
00:48:06,130 --> 00:48:08,500
because if doubts, I can
have outside too, then I

881
00:48:08,500 --> 00:48:10,010
don't have to give her away.

882

00:48:10,010 --> 00:48:12,830
But I was sure that she--

883
00:48:12,830 --> 00:48:16,546
bombing, bombardment.

884
00:48:16,546 --> 00:48:19,520
The Germans are coming.

885
00:48:19,520 --> 00:48:21,530
So I went there
for the interviews.

886
00:48:21,530 --> 00:48:24,110
And of course, I passed it.

887
00:48:24,110 --> 00:48:29,750
And I was like a mother to the
children instead of my own.

888
00:48:29,750 --> 00:48:33,350
I tutored them.

889
00:48:33,350 --> 00:48:36,020
She told me-- and her
sister, Dr. Zachert

890
00:48:36,020 --> 00:48:38,930
told me-- he was also
engineer, an architect.

891
00:48:38,930 --> 00:48:40,730
The whole building
was of architects,

892
00:48:40,730 --> 00:48:43,430
a co-op of architects--

893
00:48:43,430 --> 00:48:47,210
intelligent, nice people.

894
00:48:47,210 --> 00:48:56,720

And they said that the house
was never in such an order,

895
00:48:56,720 --> 00:48:58,160
never in their life.

896
00:48:58,160 --> 00:49:00,860
The oldest son
was 14 years old--

897
00:49:00,860 --> 00:49:03,110
Mirek, gorgeous.

898
00:49:03,110 --> 00:49:09,230
He was really
gorgeous, beautiful.

899
00:49:09,230 --> 00:49:10,820
He helped me a lot.

900
00:49:10,820 --> 00:49:12,320
He didn't know--
the children didn't

901
00:49:12,320 --> 00:49:15,980
know who I am, that I'm Jewish.

902
00:49:15,980 --> 00:49:19,620
Only the parents-- and,
of course, Zachert--

903
00:49:19,620 --> 00:49:20,120
did.

904
00:49:20,120 --> 00:49:23,620

905
00:49:23,620 --> 00:49:24,920
They come very often.

906
00:49:24,920 --> 00:49:27,070
They used to come for holidays.

907
00:49:27,070 --> 00:49:29,710
They get together,
and this and that.

908
00:49:29,710 --> 00:49:34,930
And she said-- her
name was [? Rouba. ?]

909
00:49:34,930 --> 00:49:35,860
The wife.

910
00:49:35,860 --> 00:49:36,920
The wife, yeah, yeah.

911
00:49:36,920 --> 00:49:38,020
Halina.

912
00:49:38,020 --> 00:49:38,520
Yes.

913
00:49:38,520 --> 00:49:43,000
And he was [? Yusef. ?]
And Mirek, Ewa, and Julek,

914
00:49:43,000 --> 00:49:45,880
the three children,
they loved me

915
00:49:45,880 --> 00:49:49,600
because I was constantly
spending time with them

916
00:49:49,600 --> 00:49:53,510
tutoring, because schools was--

917
00:49:53,510 --> 00:49:57,190
Mirek was going to school,
but it was underground.

918
00:49:57,190 --> 00:49:59,140
They shouldn't have schools.

919
00:49:59,140 --> 00:50:01,630
Children couldn't go to school.

920
00:50:01,630 --> 00:50:04,120
And to wash them, and sew--

921
00:50:04,120 --> 00:50:05,560
I was sewing for them.

922
00:50:05,560 --> 00:50:09,520

923
00:50:09,520 --> 00:50:12,040
When they were sick,
only they wanted me.

924
00:50:12,040 --> 00:50:16,840
And whenever I was going
marketing, she said,

925
00:50:16,840 --> 00:50:21,625
[? Mireczku, ?] you always
have to go with Miss [? Pani ?]

926
00:50:21,625 --> 00:50:24,780
[? Lodziu. ?] I was
[? Lodziu ?] [? Lowakatya. ?]

927
00:50:24,780 --> 00:50:27,670
What was your new name?

928
00:50:27,670 --> 00:50:30,280
[? Lodziu ?] [? Lowakatya ?]
[? Sheletska. ?] This is what I

929
00:50:30,280 --> 00:50:32,620
got in the country that my--

930
00:50:32,620 --> 00:50:34,250
I have the Kennkarte.

931

00:50:34,250 --> 00:50:36,790

932

00:50:36,790 --> 00:50:41,290

And always go marketing with,
because it's difficult for her.

933

00:50:41,290 --> 00:50:44,520

You know she's tiny.

934

00:50:44,520 --> 00:50:46,500

And he said, yes, of course.

935

00:50:46,500 --> 00:50:49,170

Whenever he used to
leave the apartment,

936

00:50:49,170 --> 00:50:52,860

he used to bring me
coal from the cellar

937

00:50:52,860 --> 00:50:56,490

and all kinds of-- the heavy
things, he used to bring me.

938

00:50:56,490 --> 00:51:01,110

When he used to leave the
house, he used to come,

939

00:51:01,110 --> 00:51:06,120

[? Pani ?] [? Lodziu, ?]
may I go, this way.

940

00:51:06,120 --> 00:51:09,210

He was very nice.

941

00:51:09,210 --> 00:51:12,330

And the children, the
two younger children--

942

00:51:12,330 --> 00:51:16,500

she was going once a

week to another town

943

00:51:16,500 --> 00:51:22,320

where she had an uncle,
a priest, to Lowicz,

944

00:51:22,320 --> 00:51:24,810

and bring food--

945

00:51:24,810 --> 00:51:30,750

sour cream, butter,
cheeses, all kind of things.

946

00:51:30,750 --> 00:51:33,720

A lot of it, he'd have to
prepare for her when she's

947

00:51:33,720 --> 00:51:36,390

coming, because she could
sell to the neighbors,

948

00:51:36,390 --> 00:51:38,220

because we couldn't get it.

949

00:51:38,220 --> 00:51:39,900

And she didn't take much money.

950

00:51:39,900 --> 00:51:45,900

Before that, she had herself
what she made from them.

951

00:51:45,900 --> 00:51:49,870

She could pay for her own
to have for the family.

952

00:51:49,870 --> 00:51:54,150

So she was free to go for a few
days, for two days, three days,

953

00:51:54,150 --> 00:51:57,330

because I took
care of the family.

954

00:51:57,330 --> 00:52:01,800

So it was a double thing.

955

00:52:01,800 --> 00:52:08,790

And not to make me feel bad, she
was paying me 80 zlotys a month

956

00:52:08,790 --> 00:52:15,630

that I'm working for it,
not that I'm giving this.

957

00:52:15,630 --> 00:52:21,450

Through her, I had
a telephone there.

958

00:52:21,450 --> 00:52:24,660

Michal could call me.

959

00:52:24,660 --> 00:52:29,250

And I had a lot of contacts.

960

00:52:29,250 --> 00:52:32,640

Over there was living
one woman also.

961

00:52:32,640 --> 00:52:34,920

She was a teacher.

962

00:52:34,920 --> 00:52:36,470

And she was very nice.

963

00:52:36,470 --> 00:52:37,890

She probably guessed.

964

00:52:37,890 --> 00:52:40,050

We never talked about
it, but I'm sure

965

00:52:40,050 --> 00:52:44,100

she guessed who
I am, what I am--

966

00:52:44,100 --> 00:52:46,680
who I am, whatever.

967

00:52:46,680 --> 00:52:52,260
And I found another one,
also a friend of hers,

968

00:52:52,260 --> 00:52:56,220
of that woman, where
I could put my friend

969

00:52:56,220 --> 00:53:01,020
Halina [? Ellenbogen. ?] She
was also a maid someplace.

970

00:53:01,020 --> 00:53:03,390
She was always
with swollen knees,

971

00:53:03,390 --> 00:53:06,000
because she was on the
floor washing the floors.

972

00:53:06,000 --> 00:53:08,250
I never did this
kind of a thing.

973

00:53:08,250 --> 00:53:12,180
And she was crying,
and this and that.

974

00:53:12,180 --> 00:53:17,100
But she looked very
well, really Aryan.

975

00:53:17,100 --> 00:53:20,610
She was to come up to me.

976

00:53:20,610 --> 00:53:25,860
And I gave her a place
to live not far from me.

977

00:53:25,860 --> 00:53:27,960
She was also a teacher.

978
00:53:27,960 --> 00:53:34,080
And then I gave her the place
with Dr. Zachert in Boduena.

979
00:53:34,080 --> 00:53:36,150
So she saw Irena every day.

980
00:53:36,150 --> 00:53:40,590

981
00:53:40,590 --> 00:53:45,790
And so she had the apartment
I arranged for her.

982
00:53:45,790 --> 00:53:48,570
She had the books,
and French literature,

983
00:53:48,570 --> 00:53:49,590
all kinds of things.

984
00:53:49,590 --> 00:53:52,350
She was so proud
of that after being

985
00:53:52,350 --> 00:53:57,720
a maid working with
the floor and the work

986
00:53:57,720 --> 00:53:59,610
she had in Boduena.

987
00:53:59,610 --> 00:54:02,430
And she could see
Irena every day.

988
00:54:02,430 --> 00:54:06,510
And I got the reports
from her about Irena.

989

00:54:06,510 --> 00:54:09,990

But then one day,
in the beginning,

990

00:54:09,990 --> 00:54:12,990

I wanted to see Irena.

991

00:54:12,990 --> 00:54:16,770

So I started the walk there.

992

00:54:16,770 --> 00:54:18,540

It wasn't too far from me.

993

00:54:18,540 --> 00:54:21,100

It was far enough,
but not too bad.

994

00:54:21,100 --> 00:54:21,810

I could walk.

995

00:54:21,810 --> 00:54:26,580

I didn't have to take the
train, which I was avoiding.

996

00:54:26,580 --> 00:54:28,740

And the children were
going from one side

997

00:54:28,740 --> 00:54:33,870

of the street to the other
to play with a garden.

998

00:54:33,870 --> 00:54:38,550

And I knew, from afar,
I could see Irena.

999

00:54:38,550 --> 00:54:47,610

And one day, I decided to go
to Irena, to pick up her hand.

1000

00:54:47,610 --> 00:54:53,160

And I said, I'll help

you to cross the street.

1001

00:54:53,160 --> 00:54:55,380

And she gave me her hand.

1002

00:54:55,380 --> 00:54:56,910

And she looked at me.

1003

00:54:56,910 --> 00:54:59,460

And she walked with me.

1004

00:54:59,460 --> 00:55:02,430

And the nun came, and she
started screaming at me.

1005

00:55:02,430 --> 00:55:06,450

You know that you are not
allowed to touch our children.

1006

00:55:06,450 --> 00:55:11,730

You can give them some kind
of infection, which is true.

1007

00:55:11,730 --> 00:55:14,760

It was typhus in the
city, and all this kind.

1008

00:55:14,760 --> 00:55:17,710

I said, I'm sorry.

1009

00:55:17,710 --> 00:55:20,670

I'll never do it again.

1010

00:55:20,670 --> 00:55:23,970

So I left Irena,
and I walked away.

1011

00:55:23,970 --> 00:55:25,035

And she said, Mommy.

1012

00:55:25,035 --> 00:55:29,750

1013
00:55:29,750 --> 00:55:31,470
I got scared.

1014
00:55:31,470 --> 00:55:35,960
I was afraid that the nun
heard, but she didn't.

1015
00:55:35,960 --> 00:55:38,540
I never went again.

1016
00:55:38,540 --> 00:55:42,220
She recognized me.

1017
00:55:42,220 --> 00:55:43,530
It was after a few months.

1018
00:55:43,530 --> 00:55:46,700

1019
00:55:46,700 --> 00:55:49,310
She was crying the first
three months, I heard.

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00:55:49,310 --> 00:55:52,360

1021
00:55:52,360 --> 00:55:54,100
Dr. Zachert told me that.

1022
00:55:54,100 --> 00:55:58,560

1023
00:55:58,560 --> 00:56:00,300
At night, she was crying.

1024
00:56:00,300 --> 00:56:03,840

1025
00:56:03,840 --> 00:56:10,480
And then-- I have a

very sharp instinct.

1026

00:56:10,480 --> 00:56:13,480

I don't know how it
happens, but it is so.

1027

00:56:13,480 --> 00:56:18,790

I can somehow figure out things.

1028

00:56:18,790 --> 00:56:24,040

I was cooking something.

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00:56:24,040 --> 00:56:25,480

I was preparing dinner.

1030

00:56:25,480 --> 00:56:32,270

And I had a dish with peeled
potatoes to put in the water,

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00:56:32,270 --> 00:56:34,870

put into the pot.

1032

00:56:34,870 --> 00:56:38,340

And I was thinking about
[? Irka. ?] And I said,

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00:56:38,340 --> 00:56:40,960

[? Irka ?] is very sick.

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00:56:40,960 --> 00:56:42,745

And everything fell
down the floor.

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00:56:42,745 --> 00:56:47,660

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00:56:47,660 --> 00:56:53,420

I didn't understand why.

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00:56:53,420 --> 00:56:56,570

So then I called--

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00:56:56,570 --> 00:56:57,770

I didn't call.

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00:56:57,770 --> 00:57:00,770

I called Dr. Zachert.

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00:57:00,770 --> 00:57:02,660

And I said, I have a
feeling, like I said,

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00:57:02,660 --> 00:57:05,392

that Irena is very sick.

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00:57:05,392 --> 00:57:08,840

She said, yes, it's true.

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00:57:08,840 --> 00:57:11,810

She had-- she still
has a mark on her leg.

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00:57:11,810 --> 00:57:15,320

She had some kind of infection.

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00:57:15,320 --> 00:57:19,110

And even the priest
wanted to come.

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00:57:19,110 --> 00:57:21,890

But she was very sick.

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00:57:21,890 --> 00:57:28,880

And then, somehow,
she got out of it.

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00:57:28,880 --> 00:57:33,225

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00:57:33,225 --> 00:57:35,500

I'm going to have
to change the tapes,

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00:57:35,500 --> 00:57:38,610
so let's take a break, OK?

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00:57:38,610 --> 00:58:13,000