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00:00:00,000 --> 00:00:48,804
[TEST TONE]

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00:00:48,804 --> 00:00:53,784

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00:00:53,784 --> 00:00:55,320
Rose, I want to
go back a little,

4
00:00:55,320 --> 00:01:00,450
because we forgot a very
sweet story about Irena

5
00:01:00,450 --> 00:01:02,970
and milk and a cow.

6
00:01:02,970 --> 00:01:04,290
Can you tell us that story?

7
00:01:04,290 --> 00:01:05,850
Yes.

8
00:01:05,850 --> 00:01:08,790
You know, the ghetto,
when it was established,

9
00:01:08,790 --> 00:01:13,890
and they calmed down a little
bit, they settled down,

10
00:01:13,890 --> 00:01:19,830
there were places
where they had cows.

11
00:01:19,830 --> 00:01:23,400
They took them to the field
during the day, close by,

12
00:01:23,400 --> 00:01:25,116
and then, you know.

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00:01:25,116 --> 00:01:29,060

Some never went out
of the ghetto, too.

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00:01:29,060 --> 00:01:33,500

And that I couldn't--

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00:01:33,500 --> 00:01:37,630

I was breast feeding her,
but not all of us had enough.

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00:01:37,630 --> 00:01:39,810

And so once, she needed milk.

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00:01:39,810 --> 00:01:44,730

And my doctors, they believed
very much in fresh milk.

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00:01:44,730 --> 00:01:49,740

So my mother-in-law found
out where the cows are.

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00:01:49,740 --> 00:01:53,020

They weren't too far
from where we lived.

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00:01:53,020 --> 00:01:56,340

And we decided to
buy milk, fresh milk,

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00:01:56,340 --> 00:01:59,830

because she was
selling a lot of things

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00:01:59,830 --> 00:02:02,410

to have money for every day.

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00:02:02,410 --> 00:02:12,180

So we took-- we went the first
time, I went, and bought milk.

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00:02:12,180 --> 00:02:14,750
And she asked me,
which cow do you want?

25
00:02:14,750 --> 00:02:16,770
To me, they look all the same.

26
00:02:16,770 --> 00:02:19,050
But I said, this cow.

27
00:02:19,050 --> 00:02:22,470
So she gave me
milk from this cow.

28
00:02:22,470 --> 00:02:26,310
And from then on,
I was always buying

29
00:02:26,310 --> 00:02:29,040
from the same cow
the milk, because I

30
00:02:29,040 --> 00:02:33,000
was afraid maybe another
cow could get sick,

31
00:02:33,000 --> 00:02:35,790
or something will happen
to her, and then it will

32
00:02:35,790 --> 00:02:37,710
be a reflection on my Irena.

33
00:02:37,710 --> 00:02:41,850
So we had the milk all the
time, whenever I bought,

34
00:02:41,850 --> 00:02:43,050
from the same cow.

35
00:02:43,050 --> 00:02:47,820

36

00:02:47,820 --> 00:02:49,830

Was Irena hungry?

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00:02:49,830 --> 00:02:52,680

Irena was never hungry.

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00:02:52,680 --> 00:02:55,590

Maybe was in the
orphanage, but I

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00:02:55,590 --> 00:02:57,960

don't think the children
were hungry in the orphanage,

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00:02:57,960 --> 00:03:00,070

because they got some food.

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00:03:00,070 --> 00:03:03,840

Whether it was good food
or bad food, I don't know.

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00:03:03,840 --> 00:03:08,190

But I'm sure that
she was never hungry.

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00:03:08,190 --> 00:03:10,980

She needed a lot of,
let's say, other things,

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00:03:10,980 --> 00:03:15,200

like fruit or chocolate,
which I always sent in.

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00:03:15,200 --> 00:03:18,420

And Dr. Zachert
used to give her.

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00:03:18,420 --> 00:03:23,970

Even my husband Michal, he went
a few times to the orphanage

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00:03:23,970 --> 00:03:28,620

and brought the chocolate and
good things to Dr. Zachert

48
00:03:28,620 --> 00:03:30,250
so she can give it to her.

49
00:03:30,250 --> 00:03:31,500
And she was giving to her.

50
00:03:31,500 --> 00:03:35,050
I gave it to her, and she
was giving very quietly

51
00:03:35,050 --> 00:03:37,680
to Irena something special.

52
00:03:37,680 --> 00:03:42,340
But when he went there,
she was screaming at him.

53
00:03:42,340 --> 00:03:45,930
She said to never show
up again, because it's

54
00:03:45,930 --> 00:03:47,600
very dangerous for the child.

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00:03:47,600 --> 00:03:48,930
Nobody should know.

56
00:03:48,930 --> 00:03:51,270
Only the director
of the orphanage

57
00:03:51,270 --> 00:03:55,470
knew, the woman, that
she's a Jewish child.

58
00:03:55,470 --> 00:03:59,640
And I can-- only the
mother can pick her up.

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00:03:59,640 --> 00:04:02,280

This was her restriction,
Dr. Zachert's,

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00:04:02,280 --> 00:04:04,620

when Irena came
to the orphanage.

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00:04:04,620 --> 00:04:07,680

She said only I can
pick her up and not

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00:04:07,680 --> 00:04:10,800

to give the child to anybody,
because people adopt,

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00:04:10,800 --> 00:04:11,830

you know how it is.

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00:04:11,830 --> 00:04:14,610

She looked as a
very Aryan child.

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00:04:14,610 --> 00:04:16,140

She was blonde.

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00:04:16,140 --> 00:04:21,160

You'll see the photographs of
her when she's a little child.

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00:04:21,160 --> 00:04:25,230

So this is-- but I don't
think Irena was hungry.

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00:04:25,230 --> 00:04:26,970

So even in the ghetto,
she wasn't hungry?

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00:04:26,970 --> 00:04:28,470

I don't think so.

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00:04:28,470 --> 00:04:29,670

No.

71
00:04:29,670 --> 00:04:33,270
And that-- look, she was the
only child in our family,

72
00:04:33,270 --> 00:04:34,410
you know?

73
00:04:34,410 --> 00:04:36,980
And we could be hungry.

74
00:04:36,980 --> 00:04:39,930
I was not ever-- not
all the time, you know.

75
00:04:39,930 --> 00:04:42,390
I had enough, believe me.

76
00:04:42,390 --> 00:04:47,310
But Irena, Irena had even
fresh milk from the same cow.

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00:04:47,310 --> 00:04:50,640

78
00:04:50,640 --> 00:04:52,980
No, she wasn't hungry.

79
00:04:52,980 --> 00:04:57,150
Later on also she got--

80
00:04:57,150 --> 00:04:58,770
I would have very
difficult time.

81
00:04:58,770 --> 00:05:01,840
But Irena usually had--

82
00:05:01,840 --> 00:05:06,790
everything comes to
food, even clothes.

83

00:05:06,790 --> 00:05:09,385

Later on, you
know, I was sewing,

84

00:05:09,385 --> 00:05:11,590

and [? Anka ?] was
sewing for her.

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00:05:11,590 --> 00:05:13,120

So we had.

86

00:05:13,120 --> 00:05:15,070

She was-- I don't
think Irena suffered.

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00:05:15,070 --> 00:05:19,060

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00:05:19,060 --> 00:05:23,920

When you described
the deportation

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00:05:23,920 --> 00:05:25,930

of your mother and
your mother-in-law

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00:05:25,930 --> 00:05:29,880

and father-in-law, there's
a piece of the story

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00:05:29,880 --> 00:05:32,910

that I think you didn't
tell us about Gina

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00:05:32,910 --> 00:05:34,990

seeing them at the
umschlagplatz [INAUDIBLE]..

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00:05:34,990 --> 00:05:35,770

Yes.

94

00:05:35,770 --> 00:05:39,700

Gina wasn't there when the
raid was in the building.

95
00:05:39,700 --> 00:05:44,260
But she was the umschlagplatz,
so she was in the hospital.

96
00:05:44,260 --> 00:05:49,960
But she saw them later
on, on the umschlagplatz.

97
00:05:49,960 --> 00:05:54,580
And Maria was carrying her
father's, with Miss Irena's

98
00:05:54,580 --> 00:06:00,250
great-grandfather, a golden
watch, which the men always

99
00:06:00,250 --> 00:06:05,320
carried in the breast, with
the chains, the golden chains.

100
00:06:05,320 --> 00:06:10,900
And she took this watch, and
she gave it to Gina and said,

101
00:06:10,900 --> 00:06:14,620
this watch, this golden
watch is for Irena,

102
00:06:14,620 --> 00:06:19,210
whenever she will need
to have it to buy her out

103
00:06:19,210 --> 00:06:20,920
of whatever happens.

104
00:06:20,920 --> 00:06:24,790
But this is for this child.

105
00:06:24,790 --> 00:06:26,410
And she gave it to Irena.

106
00:06:26,410 --> 00:06:29,480
And then Gina-- and
she gave it to Gina,

107
00:06:29,480 --> 00:06:32,860
and Gina gave it to me.

108
00:06:32,860 --> 00:06:37,780
And later on, I gave it
to Dr. Zachert for her,

109
00:06:37,780 --> 00:06:41,650
when she was in the orphanage,
with the address of the aunt

110
00:06:41,650 --> 00:06:43,990
here in the States.

111
00:06:43,990 --> 00:06:47,950
Inside the watch, I
put in a little card

112
00:06:47,950 --> 00:06:54,310
with the address of Irena's
grandmother's sister

113
00:06:54,310 --> 00:06:55,165
here in the States.

114
00:06:55,165 --> 00:06:57,880

115
00:06:57,880 --> 00:07:03,160
But she was killed
by the Ukrainians

116
00:07:03,160 --> 00:07:05,120
in the Polish uprising.

117
00:07:05,120 --> 00:07:06,420
Dr. Zachert was?

118
00:07:06,420 --> 00:07:07,480
With her husband.

119
00:07:07,480 --> 00:07:09,850
Yes.

120
00:07:09,850 --> 00:07:10,390
Yes.

121
00:07:10,390 --> 00:07:11,988
Hold on for a second.

122
00:07:11,988 --> 00:07:18,280

123
00:07:18,280 --> 00:07:21,750
Rose, can you tell us how
Dr. Zachert and her husband

124
00:07:21,750 --> 00:07:23,575
were killed?

125
00:07:23,575 --> 00:07:25,590
In the Polish uprising.

126
00:07:25,590 --> 00:07:29,674
It was 1944, you know?

127
00:07:29,674 --> 00:07:32,530
The Ukrainians were there.

128
00:07:32,530 --> 00:07:35,710
The Latvians were
there, the Lithuanians,

129
00:07:35,710 --> 00:07:37,780
on the side of Germany.

130
00:07:37,780 --> 00:07:41,680
And they were behaving terrible.

131
00:07:41,680 --> 00:07:44,950
They were drinking and killing.

132
00:07:44,950 --> 00:07:47,590
And this was the case
with Dr. Zachert,

133
00:07:47,590 --> 00:07:51,670
because somebody told us
what happened at the time.

134
00:07:51,670 --> 00:07:53,890
They took all the people down--

135
00:07:53,890 --> 00:07:55,910
they lived in a very
fine neighborhood.

136
00:07:55,910 --> 00:07:59,110
This is where I was,
not far from them.

137
00:07:59,110 --> 00:08:03,100
And they took them down
to the court and just

138
00:08:03,100 --> 00:08:04,710
killed them and robbed them.

139
00:08:04,710 --> 00:08:08,205

140
00:08:08,205 --> 00:08:10,330
And it's a time also when
they, the watch was them.

141
00:08:10,330 --> 00:08:11,710
But this is what
they were doing.

142
00:08:11,710 --> 00:08:14,800

143
00:08:14,800 --> 00:08:16,210
OK.

144
00:08:16,210 --> 00:08:20,410
Before, I wanted to tell
you about going back,

145
00:08:20,410 --> 00:08:23,710
my life is the [? Robas ?].

146
00:08:23,710 --> 00:08:27,350
That Helena Ellenbogen
used to come up to me.

147
00:08:27,350 --> 00:08:29,770
Did I tell you that?

148
00:08:29,770 --> 00:08:31,726
She was the one who
was living in the--

149
00:08:31,726 --> 00:08:32,559
she was [INAUDIBLE].

150
00:08:32,559 --> 00:08:33,059
Yes.

151
00:08:33,059 --> 00:08:35,500
I told you about
that, that she was--

152
00:08:35,500 --> 00:08:37,840
I gave her the job
in the [INAUDIBLE]..

153
00:08:37,840 --> 00:08:42,789
And at that time also, during
that time, we used to go--

154
00:08:42,789 --> 00:08:44,169

meeting.

155
00:08:44,169 --> 00:08:47,950
Then I met Maria and
Blanca, Maria Rosenbloom

156
00:08:47,950 --> 00:08:51,100
and Blanca Rosenberg.

157
00:08:51,100 --> 00:08:53,170
And how did you meet them?

158
00:08:53,170 --> 00:08:55,580
It was by pure accident.

159
00:08:55,580 --> 00:08:59,395
Helena Ellenbogen was
before Medem Sanitorium.

160
00:08:59,395 --> 00:09:02,320
A sanitorium for
children, sick children,

161
00:09:02,320 --> 00:09:04,690
under the auspices of Bund.

162
00:09:04,690 --> 00:09:07,750
Medem was one of the leaders,
great leaders, from the Bund,

163
00:09:07,750 --> 00:09:12,290
really the theoretician
of the Bund.

164
00:09:12,290 --> 00:09:16,810
And so there was a
sanatorium named in his name,

165
00:09:16,810 --> 00:09:18,400
was the sanatorium.

166
00:09:18,400 --> 00:09:22,270

And during the
war, she was there.

167
00:09:22,270 --> 00:09:24,580
[? Perelka ?] is
really her name,

168
00:09:24,580 --> 00:09:29,650
Ellenbogen. It was also Bolek
Ellenbogen and Anya Ellenbogen.

169
00:09:29,650 --> 00:09:31,840
This was the family.

170
00:09:31,840 --> 00:09:38,800
And after the liquidation
of the Medem Sanatorium,

171
00:09:38,800 --> 00:09:44,170
in fact, Michal came there
and told them one night

172
00:09:44,170 --> 00:09:46,900
that they can go out, but
they didn't hear them.

173
00:09:46,900 --> 00:09:48,700
They were on another
side of the--

174
00:09:48,700 --> 00:09:52,900
and this was, from
Warsaw, quite a few miles.

175
00:09:52,900 --> 00:09:57,520
You know, about 10 or 15
miles they had to go by train.

176
00:09:57,520 --> 00:10:00,610
And they didn't hear him,
but he went at night.

177
00:10:00,610 --> 00:10:04,120

Helena said that she
heard him, but they

178
00:10:04,120 --> 00:10:07,570
couldn't come to that point,
because they were afraid.

179
00:10:07,570 --> 00:10:11,950
So they came to
Warsaw, you know?

180
00:10:11,950 --> 00:10:17,740
There was one woman, also a
teacher in Medem Sanatorium,

181
00:10:17,740 --> 00:10:22,150
which was Helena was also
young, and she took care of her.

182
00:10:22,150 --> 00:10:24,350
And she came to look for work.

183
00:10:24,350 --> 00:10:26,980
And at that time, Blanca
and Maria were working

184
00:10:26,980 --> 00:10:28,330
at the Germans'.

185
00:10:28,330 --> 00:10:30,040
She probably told you.

186
00:10:30,040 --> 00:10:34,600
And she came to ask for work.

187
00:10:34,600 --> 00:10:39,130
There were Volksdeutsche, or
Germans, the real Germans.

188
00:10:39,130 --> 00:10:44,980
And so she, Blanca,
was the head maid

189

00:10:44,980 --> 00:10:47,980
over the housekeeper
for the Germans.

190

00:10:47,980 --> 00:10:49,810
And she looked at
her, and she says,

191

00:10:49,810 --> 00:10:52,630
my name is [? Sielizka, ?]
which is a Polish name.

192

00:10:52,630 --> 00:10:53,990
So Blanca answered her.

193

00:10:53,990 --> 00:10:57,400
We had a lot of [? Sielizka ?]
like that, you know?

194

00:10:57,400 --> 00:11:02,650
And through her, Helena
came to Blanca and Maria.

195

00:11:02,650 --> 00:11:05,140
And as we were
meeting constantly,

196

00:11:05,140 --> 00:11:09,865
you know, Sundays
we-- we had all off.

197

00:11:09,865 --> 00:11:13,900
So we were meeting in one
place, either Anya Ellenbogen,

198

00:11:13,900 --> 00:11:15,610
but she was working.

199

00:11:15,610 --> 00:11:18,950
Her mistress was going out.

200

00:11:18,950 --> 00:11:22,840

So we brought in Blanca
and Maria also there.

201
00:11:22,840 --> 00:11:24,460
And sometimes we
were going there

202
00:11:24,460 --> 00:11:26,650
because they could
listen to the radio,

203
00:11:26,650 --> 00:11:29,800
to the-- you know,
Germans could have radio.

204
00:11:29,800 --> 00:11:33,100
So we could listen
to what's going on.

205
00:11:33,100 --> 00:11:35,050
So this is how I got--

206
00:11:35,050 --> 00:11:38,920
we were-- I want to tell
you that during that time,

207
00:11:38,920 --> 00:11:41,500
we were meeting
all these friends,

208
00:11:41,500 --> 00:11:43,670
and we were meeting
Maria Sawicka,

209
00:11:43,670 --> 00:11:47,290
you know, who does the
Anna Wachalska, who gave us

210
00:11:47,290 --> 00:11:50,710
a lot, a lot of help,
particularly to Michal

211
00:11:50,710 --> 00:11:54,130

and Gina, when they--
when I was sick,

212
00:11:54,130 --> 00:11:56,080
they were taking care of her.

213
00:11:56,080 --> 00:11:59,320
But this was during
the Aryan side,

214
00:11:59,320 --> 00:12:02,535
until the Polish uprising, '44.

215
00:12:02,535 --> 00:12:05,050

216
00:12:05,050 --> 00:12:09,200
And during the Polish uprising--

217
00:12:09,200 --> 00:12:10,240
Could we go back?

218
00:12:10,240 --> 00:12:14,620
Because in some ways,
we're moving faster.

219
00:12:14,620 --> 00:12:17,590
There's a period between
October and November

220
00:12:17,590 --> 00:12:20,740
when Irena goes
into the orphanage,

221
00:12:20,740 --> 00:12:23,920
and you're working
at that house.

222
00:12:23,920 --> 00:12:27,490
Between that time and then the
uprising in the Warsaw Ghetto,

223

00:12:27,490 --> 00:12:29,770
the Jewish uprising.

224
00:12:29,770 --> 00:12:33,610
And how much you're
seeing Michal.

225
00:12:33,610 --> 00:12:35,890
Oh, the Jewish uprising,
you're talking.

226
00:12:35,890 --> 00:12:38,050
There was a ghetto uprising.

227
00:12:38,050 --> 00:12:39,075
How much I was seeing--

228
00:12:39,075 --> 00:12:39,760
Seeing him.

229
00:12:39,760 --> 00:12:43,240
What did you know about what
he was doing at that point.

230
00:12:43,240 --> 00:12:45,550
At that point, I knew
already what he was doing.

231
00:12:45,550 --> 00:12:47,740
We were meeting constantly.

232
00:12:47,740 --> 00:12:52,000
We were meeting, and let's say
sometimes I was staying there

233
00:12:52,000 --> 00:12:56,020
overnight too, that worker
who met him in the street

234
00:12:56,020 --> 00:12:57,850
and said what are
you doing here,

235

00:12:57,850 --> 00:12:59,650
he gave him shelter there.

236

00:12:59,650 --> 00:13:04,210
It was a basement or
something like that, maybe.

237

00:13:04,210 --> 00:13:08,230
A low, you know,
ground floor apartment.

238

00:13:08,230 --> 00:13:10,870
So he slept there.

239

00:13:10,870 --> 00:13:13,610
This was his place at that time.

240

00:13:13,610 --> 00:13:18,040
And we were meeting either
there or other places,

241

00:13:18,040 --> 00:13:20,380
sometimes in a coffee
shop, you know,

242

00:13:20,380 --> 00:13:24,940
which he knew was safe to go
in a certain room or whatever.

243

00:13:24,940 --> 00:13:29,010
And he was writing a
lot what's going on.

244

00:13:29,010 --> 00:13:35,020
And he was meeting with the
leaders from the underground.

245

00:13:35,020 --> 00:13:38,860
And there was a special
place also from the Bundist

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00:13:38,860 --> 00:13:41,200

on [ʔ Åšrawia ʔ] Street.

247

00:13:41,200 --> 00:13:46,510

And he was leaving there
the happenings, the events,

248

00:13:46,510 --> 00:13:49,370

which he was writing
down every day.

249

00:13:49,370 --> 00:13:51,650

And I remember sitting
once with him at a cafe.

250

00:13:51,650 --> 00:13:52,840

He was writing.

251

00:13:52,840 --> 00:13:54,160

I said, aren't you afraid?

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00:13:54,160 --> 00:13:55,060

He said, no.

253

00:13:55,060 --> 00:13:57,190

This is-- you know.

254

00:13:57,190 --> 00:14:01,370

Have to leave something,
what's happening now.

255

00:14:01,370 --> 00:14:02,920

He wrote every day.

256

00:14:02,920 --> 00:14:05,320

He was very, very--

257

00:14:05,320 --> 00:14:08,590

he started to mind
that and to let

258

00:14:08,590 --> 00:14:11,210

people know what's happening.

259
00:14:11,210 --> 00:14:15,520
So we were meeting, I would
say, once a week, for sure.

260
00:14:15,520 --> 00:14:17,080
When Mrs. [? Roba ?]
thought that I

261
00:14:17,080 --> 00:14:19,300
am very depressed
or something, she

262
00:14:19,300 --> 00:14:21,370
says, why don't you
go meet her husband.

263
00:14:21,370 --> 00:14:24,760
Because whenever I come
back from these meetings,

264
00:14:24,760 --> 00:14:26,050
I was elated.

265
00:14:26,050 --> 00:14:30,550
I was-- started to believe
it will be the end of it.

266
00:14:30,550 --> 00:14:35,260
He always could put me
in such mood, really.

267
00:14:35,260 --> 00:14:36,545
Don't-- be patient.

268
00:14:36,545 --> 00:14:37,045
You'll see.

269
00:14:37,045 --> 00:14:38,350
We will come through.

270
00:14:38,350 --> 00:14:39,580

We will take Irena.

271

00:14:39,580 --> 00:14:42,020

You know, these kinds of things.

272

00:14:42,020 --> 00:14:46,310

And I was always looking forward
to the weekend, to see him.

273

00:14:46,310 --> 00:14:48,770

We used to meet constantly.

274

00:14:48,770 --> 00:14:51,460

And he used to tell
me what's going on,

275

00:14:51,460 --> 00:14:54,190

what he is doing at that time.

276

00:14:54,190 --> 00:14:56,768

So did you know
that he was creating

277

00:14:56,768 --> 00:14:58,060

the explosives and [INAUDIBLE].

278

00:14:58,060 --> 00:14:58,720

I knew that.

279

00:14:58,720 --> 00:14:59,710

--[INAUDIBLE] people.

280

00:14:59,710 --> 00:15:03,040

I knew that, yeah.

281

00:15:03,040 --> 00:15:05,470

I knew that.

282

00:15:05,470 --> 00:15:08,632

Were you torn about
what he was doing?

283

00:15:08,632 --> 00:15:13,180

[SIGHS] Yes.

284

00:15:13,180 --> 00:15:16,600

I had a big conflict.

285

00:15:16,600 --> 00:15:19,000

Because this was very
dangerous, what he's

286

00:15:19,000 --> 00:15:21,430

doing, that he was exposed.

287

00:15:21,430 --> 00:15:25,150

He was going in and out,
because he looked well.

288

00:15:25,150 --> 00:15:27,700

But there are always those--

289

00:15:27,700 --> 00:15:30,270

they're called the [POLISH]
Szmalcownik you know?

290

00:15:30,270 --> 00:15:33,280

They take money.

291

00:15:33,280 --> 00:15:37,960

And they can always spot you.

292

00:15:37,960 --> 00:15:41,770

And they even did Stefan
that I am talking about--

293

00:15:41,770 --> 00:15:42,340

was sleeping.

294

00:15:42,340 --> 00:15:46,690

He later on started to get
money from other people

295

00:15:46,690 --> 00:15:50,800
and were telling all
kinds of stories.

296
00:15:50,800 --> 00:15:53,320
And he just cut off with him.

297
00:15:53,320 --> 00:15:54,070
He wouldn't have--

298
00:15:54,070 --> 00:15:55,362
He was living with [INAUDIBLE].

299
00:15:55,362 --> 00:15:58,630
He wouldn't harm Michal, but
other people were coming.

300
00:15:58,630 --> 00:16:03,220
[NON-ENGLISH] was coming
in there too sometimes.

301
00:16:03,220 --> 00:16:06,940
Because the connections
with all that.

302
00:16:06,940 --> 00:16:13,310
So the big conflict was that.

303
00:16:13,310 --> 00:16:17,930
What is more important,
I and the child or this?

304
00:16:17,930 --> 00:16:21,810
Had a tremendous conflict.

305
00:16:21,810 --> 00:16:24,080
But for him it was important.

306
00:16:24,080 --> 00:16:26,060
He couldn't do otherwise.

307
00:16:26,060 --> 00:16:27,990

Did you talk about
the conflict together,

308
00:16:27,990 --> 00:16:30,920
or did you not feel
able to do that?

309
00:16:30,920 --> 00:16:31,755
No.

310
00:16:31,755 --> 00:16:33,980
No.

311
00:16:33,980 --> 00:16:35,100
I couldn't do it to him.

312
00:16:35,100 --> 00:16:37,640

313
00:16:37,640 --> 00:16:40,130
And the last time
he called me, we

314
00:16:40,130 --> 00:16:43,880
had a telephone when I-- the
[? Robas ?] had a telephone.

315
00:16:43,880 --> 00:16:44,690
He called me.

316
00:16:44,690 --> 00:16:48,360
This was before the seventh.

317
00:16:48,360 --> 00:16:50,090
It was about the 16th of April.

318
00:16:50,090 --> 00:16:53,120
It was Irena's birthday and his.

319
00:16:53,120 --> 00:16:57,810
And he called me,
and he said that he

320
00:16:57,810 --> 00:17:01,760
is going back into the
ghetto, because they

321
00:17:01,760 --> 00:17:03,680
know that we'll be coming.

322
00:17:03,680 --> 00:17:07,460
The Germans will come and
surrounded the ghetto.

323
00:17:07,460 --> 00:17:09,045
And the fights will start.

324
00:17:09,045 --> 00:17:12,740

325
00:17:12,740 --> 00:17:15,829
And I said at that time,
maybe you want to go.

326
00:17:15,829 --> 00:17:17,960
He said, I must go.

327
00:17:17,960 --> 00:17:20,990
I didn't say anything anymore.

328
00:17:20,990 --> 00:17:24,089
This was it.

329
00:17:24,089 --> 00:17:28,920
And he wished me, you
know, Irena and that.

330
00:17:28,920 --> 00:17:31,100
Was his birthday, 30th birthday.

331
00:17:31,100 --> 00:17:34,670

332

00:17:34,670 --> 00:17:36,130
And Irena was how much?

333
00:17:36,130 --> 00:17:37,020
Two years old.

334
00:17:37,020 --> 00:17:40,080

335
00:17:40,080 --> 00:17:46,410
I had a tremendous conflict
for a long, long time,

336
00:17:46,410 --> 00:17:47,430
maybe up till now.

337
00:17:47,430 --> 00:17:48,030
Who knows?

338
00:17:48,030 --> 00:17:50,874

339
00:17:50,874 --> 00:17:54,701
But what's more important?

340
00:17:54,701 --> 00:17:57,370
I cannot judge.

341
00:17:57,370 --> 00:17:59,060
We were very important to him.

342
00:17:59,060 --> 00:17:59,870
I know that.

343
00:17:59,870 --> 00:18:02,460

344
00:18:02,460 --> 00:18:04,350
He left Irena.

345
00:18:04,350 --> 00:18:07,620

He felt when she was
born that there's

346
00:18:07,620 --> 00:18:10,710
no other child who is more
educated, more intelligent,

347
00:18:10,710 --> 00:18:13,640
than she is, or
prettier than she is.

348
00:18:13,640 --> 00:18:19,470
So he was very proud,
very proud of her.

349
00:18:19,470 --> 00:18:27,510
So this was-- we were meeting
constantly in different places.

350
00:18:27,510 --> 00:18:30,360
You know, we were meeting.

351
00:18:30,360 --> 00:18:39,126
And later on, after the Warsaw
Ghetto uprising, [SIGHS]

352
00:18:39,126 --> 00:18:43,380
we started to meet
with other people.

353
00:18:43,380 --> 00:18:47,070
And they stay with
Blanca and Maria

354
00:18:47,070 --> 00:18:50,010
and Anya Ellenbogen,
Bolek Ellenbogen,

355
00:18:50,010 --> 00:18:54,000
and Helena Ellenbogen.
Helena is also not her name,

356
00:18:54,000 --> 00:18:55,740

but Pearl is her name.

357

00:18:55,740 --> 00:18:59,040

358

00:18:59,040 --> 00:19:03,150

And Helena was
nearby me over there.

359

00:19:03,150 --> 00:19:04,230

She got a job.

360

00:19:04,230 --> 00:19:08,130

And Anya was still
working as a maid.

361

00:19:08,130 --> 00:19:15,960

And Bolek was working in
the construction business.

362

00:19:15,960 --> 00:19:18,780

So we used to meet.

363

00:19:18,780 --> 00:19:22,560

Sometimes we went to
Maria Sawicka home

364

00:19:22,560 --> 00:19:23,900

and Anna Wachalska.

365

00:19:23,900 --> 00:19:26,790

366

00:19:26,790 --> 00:19:34,170

And there was a time when
Michal was grabbed in the street

367

00:19:34,170 --> 00:19:36,690

and going to Treblinka.

368

00:19:36,690 --> 00:19:40,980

He was in the train already.

369
00:19:40,980 --> 00:19:42,960
And he jumped.

370
00:19:42,960 --> 00:19:45,480

371
00:19:45,480 --> 00:19:51,210
He jumped from the train,
and the Germans shot.

372
00:19:51,210 --> 00:19:58,200
And it was-- he got it
in his leg, the bullet.

373
00:19:58,200 --> 00:20:02,320
And he was-- couldn't walk.

374
00:20:02,320 --> 00:20:08,280
But he hid someplace in the
field where he jumped from.

375
00:20:08,280 --> 00:20:12,190
And the first place, he
waited till the morning.

376
00:20:12,190 --> 00:20:16,580
This was closer to the evening.

377
00:20:16,580 --> 00:20:18,150
Middle of the-- something.

378
00:20:18,150 --> 00:20:22,590
In the morning, he
went to Maria Sawicka.

379
00:20:22,590 --> 00:20:24,685
And Anna Wachalska,
they lived together.

380
00:20:24,685 --> 00:20:28,530

381
00:20:28,530 --> 00:20:36,720
And they took him in, of course.

382
00:20:36,720 --> 00:20:40,500
Underneath, Gestapo lived.

383
00:20:40,500 --> 00:20:43,320
They had a big
apartment, Gestapo.

384
00:20:43,320 --> 00:20:50,190
And there was no toilets
there, that were there,

385
00:20:50,190 --> 00:20:52,960
so they had to carry
out everything.

386
00:20:52,960 --> 00:20:55,830
But they did it.

387
00:20:55,830 --> 00:20:57,390
They were marvelous.

388
00:20:57,390 --> 00:21:00,150
They were really marvelous.

389
00:21:00,150 --> 00:21:04,260
They helped a lot to give
such a shelter, you know?

390
00:21:04,260 --> 00:21:06,570
To many people.

391
00:21:06,570 --> 00:21:07,950
Particularly Gina.

392
00:21:07,950 --> 00:21:13,530
When Gina got sick, Gina got
sick, and she died, you know?

393

00:21:13,530 --> 00:21:21,240

[SIGHS] Before the
Polish uprising.

394

00:21:21,240 --> 00:21:24,030

She died in '42.

395

00:21:24,030 --> 00:21:29,710

She felt she had ulcers,
and she couldn't function.

396

00:21:29,710 --> 00:21:32,700

She was very sick.

397

00:21:32,700 --> 00:21:36,000

And I wasn't from
the strongest either.

398

00:21:36,000 --> 00:21:37,570

I had a small child.

399

00:21:37,570 --> 00:21:40,360

So she felt that she
has to take care of us.

400

00:21:40,360 --> 00:21:43,440

The only way, being a nurse,
knowing what's the matter,

401

00:21:43,440 --> 00:21:45,790

she can go for an operation.

402

00:21:45,790 --> 00:21:49,560

But this was a Polish hospital.

403

00:21:49,560 --> 00:21:50,610

How much care she--

404

00:21:50,610 --> 00:21:51,960

Michal didn't tell me.

405

00:21:51,960 --> 00:21:54,030

She talked to me about
going for an operation.

406

00:21:54,030 --> 00:21:55,230

I said, never.

407

00:21:55,230 --> 00:21:59,220

I said, over my dead body
you're going to go the hospital.

408

00:21:59,220 --> 00:22:05,630

Because I'm afraid they
might not give too good care.

409

00:22:05,630 --> 00:22:10,460

And Michal didn't tell me
that she went to the hospital.

410

00:22:10,460 --> 00:22:13,970

But I found out that
she died in the hospital

411

00:22:13,970 --> 00:22:15,080

after the operation.

412

00:22:15,080 --> 00:22:17,804

413

00:22:17,804 --> 00:22:26,450

And this was in December 1942.

414

00:22:26,450 --> 00:22:31,150

So another link of
the family went.

415

00:22:31,150 --> 00:22:34,820

Can you tell me a little bit
more of what she was doing?

416

00:22:34,820 --> 00:22:37,570

She seems to have been
helping an awful lot of people

417
00:22:37,570 --> 00:22:39,160
in the umschlagplatz.

418
00:22:39,160 --> 00:22:41,470
And she was working
in the hospital, too.

419
00:22:41,470 --> 00:22:44,850
It's that stupid hospital,
you know, created.

420
00:22:44,850 --> 00:22:48,700
It wasn't a real hospital,
it was just a made hospital.

421
00:22:48,700 --> 00:22:50,980
She was working
there as a nurse.

422
00:22:50,980 --> 00:22:53,890
This is why I had the privilege
of being in the nursing

423
00:22:53,890 --> 00:22:56,770
room and the nurses'
room, you know,

424
00:22:56,770 --> 00:23:02,890
and having these
doctors operating on me.

425
00:23:02,890 --> 00:23:05,320
But how did she have--

426
00:23:05,320 --> 00:23:09,190
who granted her the privilege
of being at the umschlagplatz,

427
00:23:09,190 --> 00:23:10,900
and how did she start--

428

00:23:10,900 --> 00:23:11,680
On her own.

429
00:23:11,680 --> 00:23:12,280
On her own.

430
00:23:12,280 --> 00:23:13,360
This is on her own.

431
00:23:13,360 --> 00:23:16,480
Of course she put in
her uniform, you know?

432
00:23:16,480 --> 00:23:21,910
It's a special uniform and
such, on her own, with her hat.

433
00:23:21,910 --> 00:23:23,530
You will see it.

434
00:23:23,530 --> 00:23:24,790
You will see her hat.

435
00:23:24,790 --> 00:23:27,550
This is as a nurse.

436
00:23:27,550 --> 00:23:29,350
This was on her own.

437
00:23:29,350 --> 00:23:31,240
And the Germans [INAUDIBLE].

438
00:23:31,240 --> 00:23:33,770
At this time, they let
in, you know, still

439
00:23:33,770 --> 00:23:36,880
this was the beginning of this.

440
00:23:36,880 --> 00:23:41,090
They let in at that time.

441

00:23:41,090 --> 00:23:45,700

So and she took them out
for this case, this case.

442

00:23:45,700 --> 00:23:50,500

You know, they always could
find some kind of excuse

443

00:23:50,500 --> 00:23:51,980

for the official people.

444

00:23:51,980 --> 00:23:53,475

She was like an official person.

445

00:23:53,475 --> 00:23:57,450

446

00:23:57,450 --> 00:24:01,510

Gina was a marvelous
person, really.

447

00:24:01,510 --> 00:24:03,220

She loved this baby like--

448

00:24:03,220 --> 00:24:06,790

449

00:24:06,790 --> 00:24:10,246

she was a joy for the whole
family in those circumstances.

450

00:24:10,246 --> 00:24:13,450

[INAUDIBLE]

451

00:24:13,450 --> 00:24:15,800

[SIGHS]

452

00:24:15,800 --> 00:24:17,680

453

00:24:17,680 --> 00:24:24,910

You know, we've talked privately
about luck and about how

454
00:24:24,910 --> 00:24:26,470
everything was so arbitrary.

455
00:24:26,470 --> 00:24:28,690
One didn't know from
one moment to the next

456
00:24:28,690 --> 00:24:29,950
if one would be alive.

457
00:24:29,950 --> 00:24:30,580
That's right.

458
00:24:30,580 --> 00:24:36,040
This was, for example, you know,
as I was going to meet Michal,

459
00:24:36,040 --> 00:24:37,120
let's say.

460
00:24:37,120 --> 00:24:39,220
And we always waited
till the last moment,

461
00:24:39,220 --> 00:24:43,750
before the police
time to get home.

462
00:24:43,750 --> 00:24:46,410
He was on one side of the
city, I was on the other side,

463
00:24:46,410 --> 00:24:48,400
and I wanted to take the tram.

464
00:24:48,400 --> 00:24:53,020
And then I see that
the street is empty.

465

00:24:53,020 --> 00:24:55,840
I was walking on the street.

466
00:24:55,840 --> 00:25:02,335
And then from afar, I seen an
SS man walking, with his arm.

467
00:25:02,335 --> 00:25:05,340

468
00:25:05,340 --> 00:25:08,350
And I don't know to pass or
to cross to the other side.

469
00:25:08,350 --> 00:25:11,560
If I cross, it
will be suspicious.

470
00:25:11,560 --> 00:25:14,200
I probably should go straight.

471
00:25:14,200 --> 00:25:19,990
And I went marching through
him, straight, and I passed.

472
00:25:19,990 --> 00:25:25,360
Behind me, about
20 yards behind me,

473
00:25:25,360 --> 00:25:29,380
was I heard somebody walking.

474
00:25:29,380 --> 00:25:32,560
There's another woman.

475
00:25:32,560 --> 00:25:33,670
And he stopped her.

476
00:25:33,670 --> 00:25:36,260

477
00:25:36,260 --> 00:25:42,440

Why not me, but her,
who was probably Polish?

478
00:25:42,440 --> 00:25:46,240
Because who would risk
these kind of things.

479
00:25:46,240 --> 00:25:47,930
He stopped her.

480
00:25:47,930 --> 00:25:51,440
I don't know what happened,
but he stopped her.

481
00:25:51,440 --> 00:25:55,340
If he would stop me, it
would be the end of me.

482
00:25:55,340 --> 00:26:00,440
With all my knowledge that
the prayers and all that,

483
00:26:00,440 --> 00:26:01,220
I wouldn't pass.

484
00:26:01,220 --> 00:26:03,740

485
00:26:03,740 --> 00:26:07,760
Because they can always
hook up to something which

486
00:26:07,760 --> 00:26:12,020
I couldn't answer
or be not true.

487
00:26:12,020 --> 00:26:14,240
Did you look Jewish
in [INAUDIBLE]??

488
00:26:14,240 --> 00:26:15,440
I looked like nothing.

489

00:26:15,440 --> 00:26:17,960

I told you, I
looked like nothing.

490

00:26:17,960 --> 00:26:19,400

Not this way, not this way.

491

00:26:19,400 --> 00:26:23,730

I looked like somebody
doesn't matter,

492

00:26:23,730 --> 00:26:26,160

doesn't pay attention to me.

493

00:26:26,160 --> 00:26:27,290

I was wearing a hat.

494

00:26:27,290 --> 00:26:30,430

I was wearing a black coat.

495

00:26:30,430 --> 00:26:32,565

To look like nothing, you know.

496

00:26:32,565 --> 00:26:34,190

So you also tried to
look like nothing.

497

00:26:34,190 --> 00:26:35,150

Of course.

498

00:26:35,150 --> 00:26:36,650

Of course, yes.

499

00:26:36,650 --> 00:26:38,030

Not to pay it--

500

00:26:38,030 --> 00:26:41,195

not to call attention to myself.

501

00:26:41,195 --> 00:26:43,900

502
00:26:43,900 --> 00:26:46,750
I was dressed normally.

503
00:26:46,750 --> 00:26:48,760
Then Sundays, it
was the main thing,

504
00:26:48,760 --> 00:26:53,770
when I was going out to
meet this one or this one.

505
00:26:53,770 --> 00:26:54,777
This was that.

506
00:26:54,777 --> 00:26:58,593

507
00:26:58,593 --> 00:27:01,290
Can you tell us about
this dream that you have?

508
00:27:01,290 --> 00:27:06,040

509
00:27:06,040 --> 00:27:06,750
Yes.

510
00:27:06,750 --> 00:27:13,510
When Michal was still alive,
we were getting The Bulletin.

511
00:27:13,510 --> 00:27:18,010
It's called the Informative
Bulletin, from London,

512
00:27:18,010 --> 00:27:19,060
we used to get.

513
00:27:19,060 --> 00:27:21,640
And I was-- this
was underground.

514
00:27:21,640 --> 00:27:24,100
And I was picking
it up some place,

515
00:27:24,100 --> 00:27:26,830
on a certain street,
for the whole building.

516
00:27:26,830 --> 00:27:29,640
It was a co-op building for
the engineers, architects

517
00:27:29,640 --> 00:27:30,950
and engineers.

518
00:27:30,950 --> 00:27:34,930
And they were all
patriots, Polish patriots.

519
00:27:34,930 --> 00:27:41,960
So only the concierge was
a little shaky for me.

520
00:27:41,960 --> 00:27:43,150
And he didn't know.

521
00:27:43,150 --> 00:27:45,950
If he would know, I
wouldn't be there.

522
00:27:45,950 --> 00:27:49,360
If he would guess,
even, I wouldn't be.

523
00:27:49,360 --> 00:27:52,570
He would finish with me to get
some money from the Gestapo.

524
00:27:52,570 --> 00:27:55,150

525

00:27:55,150 --> 00:27:58,630
And Michal was still alive.

526
00:27:58,630 --> 00:28:01,090
And I was--

527
00:28:01,090 --> 00:28:02,080
I had a dream.

528
00:28:02,080 --> 00:28:05,050
I woke up, and I was all wet.

529
00:28:05,050 --> 00:28:09,340
I dreamed that I see--
in that bulletin,

530
00:28:09,340 --> 00:28:17,530
I see a news item about Michal
Klepfisz this year was caught

531
00:28:17,530 --> 00:28:22,090
while making arms and it was--

532
00:28:22,090 --> 00:28:26,200
and was killed,
something like that.

533
00:28:26,200 --> 00:28:29,340
And I remember,
it was page three.

534
00:28:29,340 --> 00:28:34,360
One, two, you know, the
first page, number three.

535
00:28:34,360 --> 00:28:35,470
I couldn't believe it.

536
00:28:35,470 --> 00:28:38,500

537
00:28:38,500 --> 00:28:46,108

And truly enough, it was 19--

538
00:28:46,108 --> 00:28:47,780
late '43.

539
00:28:47,780 --> 00:28:50,740

540
00:28:50,740 --> 00:28:52,170
I get The Bulletin.

541
00:28:52,170 --> 00:28:54,530
Michal was already dead.

542
00:28:54,530 --> 00:28:56,320
It was the end of the year.

543
00:28:56,320 --> 00:28:59,080
I don't remember which month.

544
00:28:59,080 --> 00:29:05,170
It was the same news item.

545
00:29:05,170 --> 00:29:10,690
And he was awarded with the
medal of Virtuti Militari,

546
00:29:10,690 --> 00:29:16,480
the only medal given
to a Jew at the time

547
00:29:16,480 --> 00:29:21,780
of the Nazi occupation.

548
00:29:21,780 --> 00:29:25,210

549
00:29:25,210 --> 00:29:26,290
How would this happen?

550
00:29:26,290 --> 00:29:28,550

I don't know.

551
00:29:28,550 --> 00:29:29,415
But this is a fact.

552
00:29:29,415 --> 00:29:33,400

553
00:29:33,400 --> 00:29:39,950
Being still on the Aryan side,
I had to have my Kennkarte.

554
00:29:39,950 --> 00:29:42,610
Let me-- can I stop
you for a moment?

555
00:29:42,610 --> 00:29:44,830
How did you find out
that he was killed?

556
00:29:44,830 --> 00:29:46,216
When did you find out?

557
00:29:46,216 --> 00:29:54,720
[SIGHS] I found out two weeks
later, about 10 days later.

558
00:29:54,720 --> 00:29:56,230
Vladka came to tell me.

559
00:29:56,230 --> 00:30:02,770

560
00:30:02,770 --> 00:30:05,860
It was a little unfortunate,
the way she did it.

561
00:30:05,860 --> 00:30:10,720
But she wanted the best,
probably, but she told me.

562
00:30:10,720 --> 00:30:15,520

We met Sunday, on my free day.

563

00:30:15,520 --> 00:30:18,360

She called me and--

564

00:30:18,360 --> 00:30:21,370

because I didn't

hear from him at all.

565

00:30:21,370 --> 00:30:24,280

And the fighting was going on.

566

00:30:24,280 --> 00:30:28,230

And she got the contact

from the ghetto.

567

00:30:28,230 --> 00:30:34,600

Marek Edelman was in his

group with Michal with the--

568

00:30:34,600 --> 00:30:37,300

the whole group was there.

569

00:30:37,300 --> 00:30:39,400

And she found out.

570

00:30:39,400 --> 00:30:41,350

They let her know.

571

00:30:41,350 --> 00:30:43,390

But she didn't tell

me for a little while.

572

00:30:43,390 --> 00:30:47,860

And she also-- probably it was

difficult for her to tell me.

573

00:30:47,860 --> 00:30:51,970

And we met in the

street, in the park.

574

00:30:51,970 --> 00:30:56,280

And she told me about that.

575

00:30:56,280 --> 00:30:58,310

So she knew longer than--

576

00:30:58,310 --> 00:31:00,320

for a longer time

than she told you.

577

00:31:00,320 --> 00:31:02,120

For days longer.

578

00:31:02,120 --> 00:31:05,120

I don't know how many days.

579

00:31:05,120 --> 00:31:08,510

But it was later on.

580

00:31:08,510 --> 00:31:12,370

What did you mean it was

unfortunate how she told you?

581

00:31:12,370 --> 00:31:15,860

She started to talk about other

things, tried to make me laugh,

582

00:31:15,860 --> 00:31:16,940

this--

583

00:31:16,940 --> 00:31:20,120

you know, but forget about it.

584

00:31:20,120 --> 00:31:26,650

This is what I couldn't come

to myself for a long time.

585

00:31:26,650 --> 00:31:33,930

586

00:31:33,930 --> 00:31:35,638

This was the end.

587

00:31:35,638 --> 00:31:38,060

Right.

588

00:31:38,060 --> 00:31:40,436

Yes.

589

00:31:40,436 --> 00:31:44,360

Did the family help that
you were staying with when

590

00:31:44,360 --> 00:31:48,290

you were-- did you tell them?

591

00:31:48,290 --> 00:31:50,900

Yes.

592

00:31:50,900 --> 00:31:54,320

Because they knew
I am beside myself.

593

00:31:54,320 --> 00:31:56,840

They were very warm,
very sympathetic.

594

00:31:56,840 --> 00:31:59,210

The children didn't know.

595

00:31:59,210 --> 00:32:01,140

So [INAUDIBLE] the children.

596

00:32:01,140 --> 00:32:03,020

[INAUDIBLE] my best
friend, I'll tell you.

597

00:32:03,020 --> 00:32:05,060

You know what?

598

00:32:05,060 --> 00:32:09,935

So the children
never knew who I was.

599

00:32:09,935 --> 00:32:10,435
Right.

600
00:32:10,435 --> 00:32:13,180

601
00:32:13,180 --> 00:32:19,240
And so this was then.

602
00:32:19,240 --> 00:32:25,250

603
00:32:25,250 --> 00:32:28,300
So then you had to start
again, in a way, [? we know ?]..

604
00:32:28,300 --> 00:32:38,410
On my own, without any advice,
to make my own decisions.

605
00:32:38,410 --> 00:32:42,250
And how to deal with the rest.

606
00:32:42,250 --> 00:32:47,896
And then came the offer, after
a while, for the Hotel Polski.

607
00:32:47,896 --> 00:32:53,170
The director of that, you know,
Guzik he was very well known.

608
00:32:53,170 --> 00:32:54,330
He was in the Judenrat.

609
00:32:54,330 --> 00:32:58,530
He was a persona grata.

610
00:32:58,530 --> 00:33:02,010
Said I can go to
France with Irena.

611
00:33:02,010 --> 00:33:05,730

We were-- you know, the Jews
paid thousands and thousands

612
00:33:05,730 --> 00:33:08,160
of dollars to get out.

613
00:33:08,160 --> 00:33:11,430
And they could-- they were
all in that Hotel Polski.

614
00:33:11,430 --> 00:33:13,170
You know, the Hotel Polski.

615
00:33:13,170 --> 00:33:15,420
It was a hotel.

616
00:33:15,420 --> 00:33:20,340
Whoever paid was in
this hotel, the Jews.

617
00:33:20,340 --> 00:33:23,850
And I went there
twice, I remember,

618
00:33:23,850 --> 00:33:29,676
to visit some people to find
out what it is and how it is.

619
00:33:29,676 --> 00:33:32,580
Who are going, who
paid in and are going.

620
00:33:32,580 --> 00:33:37,440
And there was a
woman, [NON-ENGLISH],,

621
00:33:37,440 --> 00:33:42,270
her husband was also a very
famous Bundist and activist.

622
00:33:42,270 --> 00:33:49,545
And she had a son and
a daughter overseas.

623
00:33:49,545 --> 00:33:53,100

624
00:33:53,100 --> 00:33:55,560
And she was going.

625
00:33:55,560 --> 00:33:57,750
She paid in, because she sold--

626
00:33:57,750 --> 00:33:59,370
she was a dentist.

627
00:33:59,370 --> 00:34:05,340
She sold everything,
her cabinet, this is--

628
00:34:05,340 --> 00:34:06,960
everything.

629
00:34:06,960 --> 00:34:07,950
And she had the money.

630
00:34:07,950 --> 00:34:11,580
She paid in, and she was going.

631
00:34:11,580 --> 00:34:13,380
So I came there, and she saw me.

632
00:34:13,380 --> 00:34:15,800
She says, look, I
have two children.

633
00:34:15,800 --> 00:34:16,830
I'm not afraid.

634
00:34:16,830 --> 00:34:17,760
I'm going there.

635
00:34:17,760 --> 00:34:19,690
I want to be together.

636
00:34:19,690 --> 00:34:22,489
And I told her that I
had the offer from Guzik.

637
00:34:22,489 --> 00:34:27,389
She says, why don't you
take your child and go?

638
00:34:27,389 --> 00:34:29,590
[SIGHS] I said, I'm scared.

639
00:34:29,590 --> 00:34:31,440
I don't know.

640
00:34:31,440 --> 00:34:33,270
I cannot make this
kind of decision.

641
00:34:33,270 --> 00:34:34,520
Now she's in the orphanage.

642
00:34:34,520 --> 00:34:36,190
She's safe.

643
00:34:36,190 --> 00:34:38,699
I don't know what's
going to happen.

644
00:34:38,699 --> 00:34:44,190
She's safe now, and the
main thing is her safe.

645
00:34:44,190 --> 00:34:46,170
I went once.

646
00:34:46,170 --> 00:34:49,920
I looked around, that
people who were going there

647
00:34:49,920 --> 00:34:50,940
were mostly Jews.

648
00:34:50,940 --> 00:34:54,480
So it was dangerous,
but I took the risk.

649
00:34:54,480 --> 00:34:56,070
I wanted to know.

650
00:34:56,070 --> 00:35:00,090
Then I went the second time, and
I remember that I met, I think,

651
00:35:00,090 --> 00:35:01,170
meet.

652
00:35:01,170 --> 00:35:04,035
His brother, I think,
was there also.

653
00:35:04,035 --> 00:35:07,920

654
00:35:07,920 --> 00:35:09,750
I think so.

655
00:35:09,750 --> 00:35:10,915
I think it was his brother.

656
00:35:10,915 --> 00:35:13,500

657
00:35:13,500 --> 00:35:16,530
And I spoke again, and I still--

658
00:35:16,530 --> 00:35:17,850
I couldn't make the decision.

659
00:35:17,850 --> 00:35:26,560
Because Irena was safe, I felt.
Whether it was true or not,

660

00:35:26,560 --> 00:35:27,150
I don't know.

661
00:35:27,150 --> 00:35:31,020
But this is how I
felt at the time.

662
00:35:31,020 --> 00:35:35,820
And I came back, and I had to
give an answer, because Guzik

663
00:35:35,820 --> 00:35:39,270
had to know the amount
of people to get out

664
00:35:39,270 --> 00:35:42,600
from Warsaw to France.

665
00:35:42,600 --> 00:35:46,770
Vittel, this was the
town Vittel was going.

666
00:35:46,770 --> 00:35:50,940
The famous town, Vittel.

667
00:35:50,940 --> 00:35:55,680
And I spoke to Mrs. [? Roba ?].

668
00:35:55,680 --> 00:36:02,770
And her-- and they said to me,
we don't trust the Germans.

669
00:36:02,770 --> 00:36:09,390
If you want to go, go,
but we don't trust them.

670
00:36:09,390 --> 00:36:14,490
And this was somehow
my point, decision.

671
00:36:14,490 --> 00:36:16,740
They helped me to
decide not to go.

672
00:36:16,740 --> 00:36:19,380
And I did a good thing,
because all the people went

673
00:36:19,380 --> 00:36:22,250
to Auschwitz from Hotel Polski.

674
00:36:22,250 --> 00:36:25,080

675
00:36:25,080 --> 00:36:26,130
So how do you know?

676
00:36:26,130 --> 00:36:28,590
This is luck.

677
00:36:28,590 --> 00:36:34,080
Do you-- you make a decision,
you don't know right or wrong.

678
00:36:34,080 --> 00:36:36,960

679
00:36:36,960 --> 00:36:41,870
And I didn't have anybody
close to find out,

680
00:36:41,870 --> 00:36:45,710
to ask what should I do.

681
00:36:45,710 --> 00:36:47,870
But this was my decision.

682
00:36:47,870 --> 00:36:51,260
They helped me to do it.

683
00:36:51,260 --> 00:36:53,060
And this is how it was.

684
00:36:53,060 --> 00:36:58,450

685
00:36:58,450 --> 00:37:01,130
So then came the--

686
00:37:01,130 --> 00:37:06,820
so we met with friends of
mine, as I told you, was home.

687
00:37:06,820 --> 00:37:14,800
And it was nice at that time
to see somebody friendly.

688
00:37:14,800 --> 00:37:18,880
And they were good
company, meaning.

689
00:37:18,880 --> 00:37:23,380
The entire room, the German,
were working for the Germans.

690
00:37:23,380 --> 00:37:26,980
They had a picture of
a Polish [? Ronsky, ?]

691
00:37:26,980 --> 00:37:29,360
you know, also very famous.

692
00:37:29,360 --> 00:37:33,490
So you can imagine,
we came in there.

693
00:37:33,490 --> 00:37:36,535
Then came the Polish uprising.

694
00:37:36,535 --> 00:37:39,140

695
00:37:39,140 --> 00:37:41,570
It's 1944.

696
00:37:41,570 --> 00:37:46,670

And they came to
our building too.

697
00:37:46,670 --> 00:37:50,240
And they took us out,
the [? Roba ?] family,

698
00:37:50,240 --> 00:37:51,710
the whole [? Roba ?] family.

699
00:37:51,710 --> 00:38:02,760
Mirek the oldest one, went
to fight with the uprising.

700
00:38:02,760 --> 00:38:04,860
He was in the uprising.

701
00:38:04,860 --> 00:38:07,620
And then one of the
days, Helena told

702
00:38:07,620 --> 00:38:13,830
me, Helena Ellenbogen, when they
were in the bunkers, hiding,

703
00:38:13,830 --> 00:38:16,950
they were going from
places to places.

704
00:38:16,950 --> 00:38:17,760
Who came there?

705
00:38:17,760 --> 00:38:18,610
Mirek.

706
00:38:18,610 --> 00:38:22,530
As Helena used to come up to me
to visit me there, Mirek came.

707
00:38:22,530 --> 00:38:25,290
And he said, what
do you do here?

708

00:38:25,290 --> 00:38:28,590

She says, the same
thing as everybody else.

709

00:38:28,590 --> 00:38:31,380

He went out, and
an hour later, he

710

00:38:31,380 --> 00:38:35,130

brought her sugar, a
whole box of sugar.

711

00:38:35,130 --> 00:38:37,110

She couldn't get over it.

712

00:38:37,110 --> 00:38:39,420

Then he was killed
in the uprising.

713

00:38:39,420 --> 00:38:42,720

Mirek was killed,
the oldest son.

714

00:38:42,720 --> 00:38:48,240

And the mother said
God gave, and God took.

715

00:38:48,240 --> 00:38:51,055

She was a very
religious Catholic.

716

00:38:51,055 --> 00:38:54,180

717

00:38:54,180 --> 00:38:59,790

Then they came to us to take us.

718

00:38:59,790 --> 00:39:06,810

And she, with her husband,
the two children, and I

719

00:39:06,810 --> 00:39:12,300

went to a camp, to
a big, big field

720
00:39:12,300 --> 00:39:16,170
where they were selling
all kinds of vegetables.

721
00:39:16,170 --> 00:39:19,158
They were coming from
countries and the villages

722
00:39:19,158 --> 00:39:19,950
to sell vegetables.

723
00:39:19,950 --> 00:39:22,260
It was a tremendous place.

724
00:39:22,260 --> 00:39:25,140
And they took us
there, Ukrainians.

725
00:39:25,140 --> 00:39:27,000
They were wild.

726
00:39:27,000 --> 00:39:30,060
They wanted to kill
us in the apartment.

727
00:39:30,060 --> 00:39:33,960
So she gave them
a bottle of vodka.

728
00:39:33,960 --> 00:39:39,060
And they started to
drink, and we went down.

729
00:39:39,060 --> 00:39:43,050
And this, we joined
the other people,

730
00:39:43,050 --> 00:39:46,310
and we were taken,
walking, to that [POLISH]

731
00:39:46,310 --> 00:39:48,230
zielinek it was called.

732
00:39:48,230 --> 00:39:50,250
The [POLISH] zielnik is a green.

733
00:39:50,250 --> 00:39:53,340
The vegetables are called
[POLISH] zielek, you know.

734
00:39:53,340 --> 00:39:57,330
And it was an open place,
with tens of thousands

735
00:39:57,330 --> 00:39:59,970
of people where they're guarded.

736
00:39:59,970 --> 00:40:02,730
We were taken to Pruszkow.

737
00:40:02,730 --> 00:40:06,570
It was a transient camp.

738
00:40:06,570 --> 00:40:10,930
There were factories,
not working factories.

739
00:40:10,930 --> 00:40:11,430
And--

740
00:40:11,430 --> 00:40:12,180
Who brought you?

741
00:40:12,180 --> 00:40:13,380
Was it the Germans
who brought you?

742
00:40:13,380 --> 00:40:13,880
Ukrainians.

743

00:40:13,880 --> 00:40:14,880
Ukrainians brought you.

744
00:40:14,880 --> 00:40:16,500
Ukrainians there, yes.

745
00:40:16,500 --> 00:40:18,534
They were the same--

746
00:40:18,534 --> 00:40:20,790
I don't know the same
people, but they're

747
00:40:20,790 --> 00:40:23,160
who killed the Zacherts,
and now they came.

748
00:40:23,160 --> 00:40:26,310
This was in our
area, over there.

749
00:40:26,310 --> 00:40:32,070
And we're there, sleeping there,
you know, just on the grass,

750
00:40:32,070 --> 00:40:34,090
with the two children.

751
00:40:34,090 --> 00:40:40,050
And then they was taken to
Pruszkow, to the factories

752
00:40:40,050 --> 00:40:41,010
there.

753
00:40:41,010 --> 00:40:45,060
So we had a roof, but
nothing else there.

754
00:40:45,060 --> 00:40:50,130
And they said that people with
children, who have children,

755

00:40:50,130 --> 00:40:52,760
can go out.

756

00:40:52,760 --> 00:40:56,370
Because they were taking
people for work to Germany.

757

00:40:56,370 --> 00:41:00,750
So people with
children can go out.

758

00:41:00,750 --> 00:41:04,790
So we have two
children over there.

759

00:41:04,790 --> 00:41:09,130
And there's he and she,
but I don't have a child.

760

00:41:09,130 --> 00:41:11,960

761

00:41:11,960 --> 00:41:12,830
So I was there.

762

00:41:12,830 --> 00:41:16,250
I saw there a nun
with a few children,

763

00:41:16,250 --> 00:41:18,170
and I asked her
whether she can give me

764

00:41:18,170 --> 00:41:26,270
a child and an address where
I can deliver the child later.

765

00:41:26,270 --> 00:41:29,690
And this way, I'll go out.

766

00:41:29,690 --> 00:41:30,320
She gave me.

767
00:41:30,320 --> 00:41:32,490
She was great.

768
00:41:32,490 --> 00:41:37,550
She was grateful that she can
get rid of one child at least.

769
00:41:37,550 --> 00:41:41,780
She gave me this child,
and we all went out,

770
00:41:41,780 --> 00:41:48,860
and we went to [? Roba's ?] an
old aunt, the next little town

771
00:41:48,860 --> 00:41:50,750
from Pruszkow.

772
00:41:50,750 --> 00:41:53,360
We walked.

773
00:41:53,360 --> 00:41:54,650
And we were there.

774
00:41:54,650 --> 00:41:57,230
And I was with this
strange little girl.

775
00:41:57,230 --> 00:41:59,210
She was four or five years old.

776
00:41:59,210 --> 00:42:03,440

777
00:42:03,440 --> 00:42:08,630
And what do we do now?

778
00:42:08,630 --> 00:42:09,647
There's no money.

779

00:42:09,647 --> 00:42:10,355
There is nothing.

780
00:42:10,355 --> 00:42:13,570

781
00:42:13,570 --> 00:42:15,250
And I don't know
what's going to happen

782
00:42:15,250 --> 00:42:18,610
to Irena, because everything
was being evacuated.

783
00:42:18,610 --> 00:42:23,800
I knew that I have to
go back and find out

784
00:42:23,800 --> 00:42:26,095
what's happening to Irena,
to Pruszkow, at least.

785
00:42:26,095 --> 00:42:28,920

786
00:42:28,920 --> 00:42:32,420
And I got the address
from another convent.

787
00:42:32,420 --> 00:42:35,580
Meanwhile-- I was
there a few days--

788
00:42:35,580 --> 00:42:40,590
I took the little girl, I
brought her to that convent,

789
00:42:40,590 --> 00:42:41,850
and I went back.

790
00:42:41,850 --> 00:42:43,827
I slept in the convent
for a whole night.

791
00:42:43,827 --> 00:42:44,910
They didn't know who I am.

792
00:42:44,910 --> 00:42:47,970
I said that the parents,
so and so and so.

793
00:42:47,970 --> 00:42:52,060

794
00:42:52,060 --> 00:42:54,370
And I went back.

795
00:42:54,370 --> 00:42:59,080
And then I told the [? Robas ?]
I'm going to Pruszkow.

796
00:42:59,080 --> 00:43:01,240
I have to find out what's
happening with Irena.

797
00:43:01,240 --> 00:43:04,334

798
00:43:04,334 --> 00:43:05,743
She says, where are you going?

799
00:43:05,743 --> 00:43:06,910
Where are you going to stay?

800
00:43:06,910 --> 00:43:11,150
She had a friend in
Pruszkow, on [POLISH] Street,

801
00:43:11,150 --> 00:43:13,270
in the [NON-ENGLISH].

802
00:43:13,270 --> 00:43:16,240
And I got the address from her.

803

00:43:16,240 --> 00:43:18,772
And one morning, she says,
but you have no money.

804
00:43:18,772 --> 00:43:19,480
You have nothing.

805
00:43:19,480 --> 00:43:22,820
I said, what can I
do, but I have to go.

806
00:43:22,820 --> 00:43:25,720
So when they were
all sleeping still,

807
00:43:25,720 --> 00:43:31,150
I left her a note that
I'm going to this address,

808
00:43:31,150 --> 00:43:32,440
that she knows where I am.

809
00:43:32,440 --> 00:43:35,830
Because she was
worried about me.

810
00:43:35,830 --> 00:43:40,630
And I have to know
what's happening to her.

811
00:43:40,630 --> 00:43:46,020
I was hungry, but I was walking
through fields with the wheat,

812
00:43:46,020 --> 00:43:50,680
so I was taking out the
kernels, and I was eating this.

813
00:43:50,680 --> 00:43:54,310
And I came to that
person, to that family.

814
00:43:54,310 --> 00:43:56,340

And I told her that I
know Mrs. [? Roba ?]..

815
00:43:56,340 --> 00:43:59,830
She didn't know anything
that I am Jewish, you know?

816
00:43:59,830 --> 00:44:01,960
And I came that I was--

817
00:44:01,960 --> 00:44:02,810
I know them.

818
00:44:02,810 --> 00:44:06,430
I didn't say that I was
working there, but I know them,

819
00:44:06,430 --> 00:44:08,780
and I met them.

820
00:44:08,780 --> 00:44:12,280
And that I was in
the Polish uprising,

821
00:44:12,280 --> 00:44:14,140
and my husband is in Germany.

822
00:44:14,140 --> 00:44:16,540
He's working.

823
00:44:16,540 --> 00:44:20,440
And my daughter, my
child, is in an orphanage,

824
00:44:20,440 --> 00:44:23,860
because we had to do
something to make a living,

825
00:44:23,860 --> 00:44:25,690
and she should be safe.

826
00:44:25,690 --> 00:44:28,030

It's the orphanage in
a Polish orphanage,

827
00:44:28,030 --> 00:44:29,710
a Catholic orphanage.

828
00:44:29,710 --> 00:44:30,880
So everything is kosher.

829
00:44:30,880 --> 00:44:33,680

830
00:44:33,680 --> 00:44:38,450
And I started to run around
to find out the convent.

831
00:44:38,450 --> 00:44:41,900
I found out the convent,
and I told them the story.

832
00:44:41,900 --> 00:44:44,540
I was fighting in
the Polish uprising.

833
00:44:44,540 --> 00:44:46,730
My husband is in Germany.

834
00:44:46,730 --> 00:44:51,020
And all the same story.

835
00:44:51,020 --> 00:44:54,500
And my child is
in the orphanage.

836
00:44:54,500 --> 00:44:56,600
Is Boduena coming here?

837
00:44:56,600 --> 00:44:58,130
Did you hear anything of Boduen?

838
00:44:58,130 --> 00:44:59,240
He said, yes.

839
00:44:59,240 --> 00:45:02,660
We know that they're
going to be evacuated.

840
00:45:02,660 --> 00:45:03,890
So good.

841
00:45:03,890 --> 00:45:04,400
When?

842
00:45:04,400 --> 00:45:06,080
We don't know.

843
00:45:06,080 --> 00:45:09,920
But leave me your address,
and I'll let you know.

844
00:45:09,920 --> 00:45:13,100
They were very
nice and very kind.

845
00:45:13,100 --> 00:45:16,550
So I left them the
address where I was.

846
00:45:16,550 --> 00:45:18,650
But I was going every day--

847
00:45:18,650 --> 00:45:20,630
I didn't rely on that--

848
00:45:20,630 --> 00:45:25,760
to that Pruszkow, to that camp,
the big gates were there to--

849
00:45:25,760 --> 00:45:29,060
because it was for the
factory before that.

850
00:45:29,060 --> 00:45:32,840
And the Germans were standing

there with their arms.

851

00:45:32,840 --> 00:45:35,070

And they were pushing
me all the time

852

00:45:35,070 --> 00:45:38,610

I was going close that maybe
I can take a look inside

853

00:45:38,610 --> 00:45:40,190

or whatever.

854

00:45:40,190 --> 00:45:41,940

I was running.

855

00:45:41,940 --> 00:45:44,720

One day, I came over there.

856

00:45:44,720 --> 00:45:46,880

I was almost the
whole day, because I

857

00:45:46,880 --> 00:45:49,550

was afraid they will
come, and I wouldn't

858

00:45:49,550 --> 00:45:52,850

know where they're
going or whatever.

859

00:45:52,850 --> 00:45:56,030

One day, I come, and
somebody was standing there,

860

00:45:56,030 --> 00:45:59,960

but Boduena orphanage
came already.

861

00:45:59,960 --> 00:46:02,890

862

00:46:02,890 --> 00:46:04,750

So I heard this.

863

00:46:04,750 --> 00:46:06,022

I said, this is it.

864

00:46:06,022 --> 00:46:09,466

865

00:46:09,466 --> 00:46:10,740

I was waiting.

866

00:46:10,740 --> 00:46:13,420

I was already further, a
little bit, from the gate.

867

00:46:13,420 --> 00:46:16,410

I was afraid that they
would catch me there.

868

00:46:16,410 --> 00:46:19,020

So I'm going further down.

869

00:46:19,020 --> 00:46:22,830

And I see, after maybe
an hour, one cart

870

00:46:22,830 --> 00:46:24,360

came out with children.

871

00:46:24,360 --> 00:46:25,830

You know what's a cart?

872

00:46:25,830 --> 00:46:28,110

The Polish-- the
peasants have a cart.

873

00:46:28,110 --> 00:46:33,360

It's a board in the center,
and there is two other boards,

874

00:46:33,360 --> 00:46:38,310

but a little like-- the children
were from both sides, sitting,

875
00:46:38,310 --> 00:46:40,290
the small children, you know.

876
00:46:40,290 --> 00:46:44,610
And their heads were going
like that, onto the board.

877
00:46:44,610 --> 00:46:47,640
This one cart came
out, with a horse.

878
00:46:47,640 --> 00:46:51,510
This was-- was drawn by a horse.

879
00:46:51,510 --> 00:46:54,858
And Irena wasn't there.

880
00:46:54,858 --> 00:46:56,785
There came another one.

881
00:46:56,785 --> 00:46:57,980
She wasn't there.

882
00:46:57,980 --> 00:47:00,910
The third one, I found her.

883
00:47:00,910 --> 00:47:06,600
And there is one nun there
with the children, in the cart.

884
00:47:06,600 --> 00:47:10,830
I let them go, because I
was afraid near the Germans.

885
00:47:10,830 --> 00:47:12,330
I let them go.

886
00:47:12,330 --> 00:47:16,540
And quite a while, I was running

after them on the other side,

887

00:47:16,540 --> 00:47:21,390

so nobody was suspicious.

888

00:47:21,390 --> 00:47:26,340

And then I [? protest ?]

up the cart.

889

00:47:26,340 --> 00:47:29,700

And I said to the nun,

here is my little child.

890

00:47:29,700 --> 00:47:31,590

I want to take her.

891

00:47:31,590 --> 00:47:33,000

She says, take her.

892

00:47:33,000 --> 00:47:35,775

I said, Irena, [POLISH]

chodÅ° do mamusi.

893

00:47:35,775 --> 00:47:37,410

Come-- come to Mommy.

894

00:47:37,410 --> 00:47:42,046

She stretched out her hands,

you know, and I took her.

895

00:47:42,046 --> 00:47:44,190

And I ran.

896

00:47:44,190 --> 00:47:53,040

This child, a running

nose, with the diarrhea.

897

00:47:53,040 --> 00:47:55,030

I touched her head.

898

00:47:55,030 --> 00:47:58,620

I thought that she has a fever.

899
00:47:58,620 --> 00:48:00,092
I took her home.

900
00:48:00,092 --> 00:48:01,050
I took her temperature.

901
00:48:01,050 --> 00:48:16,068
It was in Celsius, 40 degrees,
which is in Fahrenheit, 104.

902
00:48:16,068 --> 00:48:17,528
[SIGHS]

903
00:48:17,528 --> 00:48:18,570
I didn't know what to do.

904
00:48:18,570 --> 00:48:21,340
I have not a penny to my soul.

905
00:48:21,340 --> 00:48:23,730
I don't know anybody.

906
00:48:23,730 --> 00:48:24,768
What do I do?

907
00:48:24,768 --> 00:48:29,250

908
00:48:29,250 --> 00:48:35,730
Well, I ask about a doctor, the
people I lived with, you know.

909
00:48:35,730 --> 00:48:38,700
I was there already
about a week, probably.

910
00:48:38,700 --> 00:48:44,450
I asked about a doctor,
and they gave me a name

911

00:48:44,450 --> 00:48:46,890
of a doctor, a Polish doctor.

912
00:48:46,890 --> 00:48:48,840
I went there.

913
00:48:48,840 --> 00:48:50,620
I was in the uprising.

914
00:48:50,620 --> 00:48:52,230
My husband in Germany.

915
00:48:52,230 --> 00:48:54,480
You know, my child
was in the orphanage.

916
00:48:54,480 --> 00:48:56,280
I just brought her back.

917
00:48:56,280 --> 00:49:00,960
She's sick, and she
has a lot of fever.

918
00:49:00,960 --> 00:49:04,290
So he said, bring her.

919
00:49:04,290 --> 00:49:05,700
I said, I have no money.

920
00:49:05,700 --> 00:49:08,620
He said, bring her.

921
00:49:08,620 --> 00:49:14,550
And when I left to look for
the doctor, [INAUDIBLE], Irena,

922
00:49:14,550 --> 00:49:18,750
said to me, Mommy, will
you still come back?

923
00:49:18,750 --> 00:49:22,075

924
00:49:22,075 --> 00:49:23,480
I said, yes.

925
00:49:23,480 --> 00:49:24,770
I'll be back.

926
00:49:24,770 --> 00:49:26,910
I took the child.

927
00:49:26,910 --> 00:49:32,530
He said she has a
deep bronchitis.

928
00:49:32,530 --> 00:49:37,180
She has an infection
of all her intestines.

929
00:49:37,180 --> 00:49:47,020
You have to give her medication
and grind apples and make--

930
00:49:47,020 --> 00:49:51,430
grind-- take ground
meat, make balls,

931
00:49:51,430 --> 00:49:55,460
boil it without anything,
and give it to her.

932
00:49:55,460 --> 00:49:55,960
That's all.

933
00:49:55,960 --> 00:49:59,120

934
00:49:59,120 --> 00:50:02,300
I brought her back.

935
00:50:02,300 --> 00:50:08,750
And there were a lot
of fruit cartons there.

936
00:50:08,750 --> 00:50:13,170
So I used to see that
apples were on the ground.

937
00:50:13,170 --> 00:50:17,450
So one evening, I went out,
and I picked up the apples.

938
00:50:17,450 --> 00:50:19,940
I ground them, gave her.

939
00:50:19,940 --> 00:50:24,530
I borrowed money from my--

940
00:50:24,530 --> 00:50:25,250
where I lived.

941
00:50:25,250 --> 00:50:27,650
I said, I'll sew
something for you.

942
00:50:27,650 --> 00:50:32,810
I'll be sewing, you
know, and I'll return it.

943
00:50:32,810 --> 00:50:34,580
I'll return the money to you.

944
00:50:34,580 --> 00:50:39,620
And she gave me, and
I bought the meat.

945
00:50:39,620 --> 00:50:42,980
And then medication, I
said, what do I do now?

946
00:50:42,980 --> 00:50:46,450
So there was like Kupat
Cholim in Israel, you know?

947
00:50:46,450 --> 00:50:49,370

[NON-ENGLISH], it was called.

948

00:50:49,370 --> 00:50:51,810

And I went there.

949

00:50:51,810 --> 00:50:55,730

I was in the Polish uprising.

950

00:50:55,730 --> 00:50:59,630

My husband is in Germany,
and my child is very sick.

951

00:50:59,630 --> 00:51:01,790

I need-- I have no money.

952

00:51:01,790 --> 00:51:05,005

Can I get the medication.

953

00:51:05,005 --> 00:51:06,230

He said, of course.

954

00:51:06,230 --> 00:51:06,800

We'll get it.

955

00:51:06,800 --> 00:51:08,780

They gave me
themselves the money.

956

00:51:08,780 --> 00:51:10,670

The doctor didn't take money.

957

00:51:10,670 --> 00:51:12,490

They didn't take money.

958

00:51:12,490 --> 00:51:13,670

She-- I brought this.

959

00:51:13,670 --> 00:51:14,810

You know?

960

00:51:14,810 --> 00:51:15,650

She came out.

961
00:51:15,650 --> 00:51:18,830

962
00:51:18,830 --> 00:51:21,150
She came out from that.

963
00:51:21,150 --> 00:51:24,830
And she was-- she
was happy with me.

964
00:51:24,830 --> 00:51:29,300
There was a teenager, Helena.

965
00:51:29,300 --> 00:51:31,010
And I was there.

966
00:51:31,010 --> 00:51:34,670
There came a time when I needed
the papers, the Kennkarte,

967
00:51:34,670 --> 00:51:37,550
you know?

968
00:51:37,550 --> 00:51:39,980
And she got used to
it, you know, Irena.

969
00:51:39,980 --> 00:51:41,495
She settled down somehow.

970
00:51:41,495 --> 00:51:44,210

971
00:51:44,210 --> 00:51:47,330
Then I needed the
Kennkarte, the document.

972
00:51:47,330 --> 00:51:51,570
Without this, you
know, I'm nothing.

973
00:51:51,570 --> 00:51:57,410
And one winter day, I
decided to go for it.

974
00:51:57,410 --> 00:52:00,200
Because I had the
birth certificate

975
00:52:00,200 --> 00:52:04,520
of the sister of our maid.

976
00:52:04,520 --> 00:52:06,500
It was what she gave
me from the-- when

977
00:52:06,500 --> 00:52:08,210
I went to the village, there.

978
00:52:08,210 --> 00:52:10,360
On this basis, I
could get a Kennkarte.

979
00:52:10,360 --> 00:52:14,690
But the risk to go to
the official bureau

980
00:52:14,690 --> 00:52:20,270
to get a Kennkarte is like
to go on the guillotine.

981
00:52:20,270 --> 00:52:22,250
And it's far away.

982
00:52:22,250 --> 00:52:26,240
I am in Pruszkow, and
this is in another town.

983
00:52:26,240 --> 00:52:27,740
I cannot go by train.

984
00:52:27,740 --> 00:52:29,810

I have to walk on the highway.

985

00:52:29,810 --> 00:52:32,918

986

00:52:32,918 --> 00:52:34,790

[SIGHS]

987

00:52:34,790 --> 00:52:36,840

I gave her instructions.

988

00:52:36,840 --> 00:52:38,960

I said, in case maybe
something happens

989

00:52:38,960 --> 00:52:41,038

to me, this and this and this.

990

00:52:41,038 --> 00:52:44,550

991

00:52:44,550 --> 00:52:45,973

What will you do?

992

00:52:45,973 --> 00:52:47,595

I said, I don't know.

993

00:52:47,595 --> 00:52:48,720

Nothing will happen to you.

994

00:52:48,720 --> 00:52:50,840

Go.

995

00:52:50,840 --> 00:52:51,600

And I went.

996

00:52:51,600 --> 00:52:54,990

I had no instructions to give
to leave her with anybody,

997

00:52:54,990 --> 00:52:56,670

you know.

998

00:52:56,670 --> 00:52:58,755

And I went with this highway.

999

00:52:58,755 --> 00:53:02,670

It was quite a few miles.

1000

00:53:02,670 --> 00:53:03,780

I'm the only one there.

1001

00:53:03,780 --> 00:53:04,680

It's cold.

1002

00:53:04,680 --> 00:53:05,770

It's terribly cold.

1003

00:53:05,770 --> 00:53:06,900

I didn't have any--

1004

00:53:06,900 --> 00:53:10,860

something to warm,

the wear on the way.

1005

00:53:10,860 --> 00:53:15,240

And against me walks a woman.

1006

00:53:15,240 --> 00:53:17,340

And she passes me

by with-- always

1007

00:53:17,340 --> 00:53:20,820

started not to look each other

in the face, whoever I see.

1008

00:53:20,820 --> 00:53:21,390

Better not.

1009

00:53:21,390 --> 00:53:24,060

1010

00:53:24,060 --> 00:53:31,470

And I see a familiar
face, but I wasn't sure.

1011

00:53:31,470 --> 00:53:32,880

I was afraid.

1012

00:53:32,880 --> 00:53:38,880

And I go a few steps
further, quite a few steps.

1013

00:53:38,880 --> 00:53:40,590

I turned around.

1014

00:53:40,590 --> 00:53:44,140

The woman stands and
turned around too.

1015

00:53:44,140 --> 00:53:47,010

I decided to meet her.

1016

00:53:47,010 --> 00:53:49,020

And we go to each other.

1017

00:53:49,020 --> 00:53:50,580

And who is it?

1018

00:53:50,580 --> 00:53:53,310

It was Halina
[? Shefner ?],, who was

1019

00:53:53,310 --> 00:53:58,620

the professor of my husband's
gymnasium, who teaches French.

1020

00:53:58,620 --> 00:54:00,570

And I knew her.

1021

00:54:00,570 --> 00:54:02,325

I knew her husband, too.

1022

00:54:02,325 --> 00:54:05,640

He was a journalist.

1023
00:54:05,640 --> 00:54:09,960
And you can imagine.

1024
00:54:09,960 --> 00:54:12,300
I had so many
pimples on my face,

1025
00:54:12,300 --> 00:54:17,640
because I didn't eat
right and all that.

1026
00:54:17,640 --> 00:54:21,360
The first thing what she did
with me, there was a kiosk.

1027
00:54:21,360 --> 00:54:23,160
It was selling little things.

1028
00:54:23,160 --> 00:54:26,730
She bought me yeast, to eat it.

1029
00:54:26,730 --> 00:54:28,365
I get vitamins.

1030
00:54:28,365 --> 00:54:29,250
You know?

1031
00:54:29,250 --> 00:54:31,035
And the-- for the--

1032
00:54:31,035 --> 00:54:32,550
this one.

1033
00:54:32,550 --> 00:54:33,825
She gave me the contacts.

1034
00:54:33,825 --> 00:54:36,750

1035

00:54:36,750 --> 00:54:38,850
She looked like--

1036
00:54:38,850 --> 00:54:44,430
I say again, like a thousand,
like a 10, you know, going.

1037
00:54:44,430 --> 00:54:45,630
Beautiful woman.

1038
00:54:45,630 --> 00:54:48,900
I have a photograph of her.

1039
00:54:48,900 --> 00:54:50,910
She was so marvelous, really.

1040
00:54:50,910 --> 00:54:52,860
Gray hair, white hair.

1041
00:54:52,860 --> 00:54:55,470
She looked like a queen.

1042
00:54:55,470 --> 00:54:58,656
She gave me the
contact of Marek.

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00:54:58,656 --> 00:55:01,200
Marek Edelman?

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00:55:01,200 --> 00:55:02,640
Yes.

1045
00:55:02,640 --> 00:55:06,030
She gave me the contacts of
Marek and [POLISH],, you know,

1046
00:55:06,030 --> 00:55:06,875
the whole group.

1047
00:55:06,875 --> 00:55:11,280
Not [POLISH],, but
Antek, Antek and Zivia.

1048
00:55:11,280 --> 00:55:13,740
She gave me the
contacts over there.

1049
00:55:13,740 --> 00:55:20,850
And she used to come,
you know, visit me.

1050
00:55:20,850 --> 00:55:25,560
And when she looked at Irena,
she told me later, this child

1051
00:55:25,560 --> 00:55:26,970
is very sick, she thought.

1052
00:55:26,970 --> 00:55:29,640
Irena was quite well already.

1053
00:55:29,640 --> 00:55:31,250
Can you imagine how she looked?

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00:55:31,250 --> 00:55:34,120

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00:55:34,120 --> 00:55:40,400
Anyway, one day-- so I had
the contact with her already.

1056
00:55:40,400 --> 00:55:44,250
And she let them know
that I am someplace.

1057
00:55:44,250 --> 00:55:48,370
She let them know, because
she was in contact with them.

1058
00:55:48,370 --> 00:55:51,580
And one day, I took Irena--

1059
00:55:51,580 --> 00:55:54,910
first of all, I had to

take her to Boduena.

1060
00:55:54,910 --> 00:55:56,740
They were taking
all the children

1061
00:55:56,740 --> 00:55:58,810
to big factories of silk.

1062
00:55:58,810 --> 00:56:03,190
They were for sewing silk,
you know, the little things.

1063
00:56:03,190 --> 00:56:05,290
And the factories,
all the children,

1064
00:56:05,290 --> 00:56:08,560
if Irena would go there,
she wouldn't come out alive,

1065
00:56:08,560 --> 00:56:11,090
being so sick at that time.

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00:56:11,090 --> 00:56:13,240
I decided to go
tell the director

1067
00:56:13,240 --> 00:56:18,250
that I took Irena, because
it was her responsibility.

1068
00:56:18,250 --> 00:56:20,200
And I felt at that time--

1069
00:56:20,200 --> 00:56:24,280
also stupid of me-- but
this is right to do that,

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00:56:24,280 --> 00:56:26,110
because she was--
would be worried

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00:56:26,110 --> 00:56:30,490

what happened to Irena, who
took her, because she was told

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00:56:30,490 --> 00:56:35,000

not to give her to anybody.

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00:56:35,000 --> 00:56:38,140

So I went there to her.

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00:56:38,140 --> 00:56:42,940

This was the first
trip I did by train.

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00:56:42,940 --> 00:56:45,310

And I came back.

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00:56:45,310 --> 00:56:47,470

And after I met
Helena Schaffner,

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00:56:47,470 --> 00:56:50,830

I decided to go
to Marek Edelman,

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00:56:50,830 --> 00:56:56,380

with the whole group, because
they would give me help.

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00:56:56,380 --> 00:56:58,290

You know, money,
they would give me.

1080

00:56:58,290 --> 00:56:58,915

They had money.

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00:56:58,915 --> 00:57:01,510

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00:57:01,510 --> 00:57:02,680

And I went there.

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00:57:02,680 --> 00:57:05,830

I went to the train.

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00:57:05,830 --> 00:57:07,780

And who do I see?

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00:57:07,780 --> 00:57:12,940

A mother of my friend who
looks like a hundred Jews.

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00:57:12,940 --> 00:57:18,280

I made like that,
and I approached her.

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00:57:18,280 --> 00:57:20,350

So we got off.

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00:57:20,350 --> 00:57:23,200

And we went to Marek, you know.

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00:57:23,200 --> 00:57:26,380

And Ala, his wife.

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00:57:26,380 --> 00:57:31,330

And there was Tivia
and Antek together.

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00:57:31,330 --> 00:57:38,030

Well, you can imagine
that he saw us.

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00:57:38,030 --> 00:57:40,190

Mark was the last man at--

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00:57:40,190 --> 00:57:42,170

with Michal.

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00:57:42,170 --> 00:57:46,175

By the way, Michal, Marek,
Burt, Michal, and Sam

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00:57:46,175 --> 00:57:48,770
were caught where he was killed.

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00:57:48,770 --> 00:57:55,060

1097
00:57:55,060 --> 00:57:57,140
Did I tell you
how he was killed?

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00:57:57,140 --> 00:57:57,640
No.

1099
00:57:57,640 --> 00:57:59,680
Let's stop the tape,
and we'll start there.

1100
00:57:59,680 --> 00:58:01,180
OK.

1101
00:58:01,180 --> 00:58:02,680
All right.

1102
00:58:02,680 --> 00:58:05,430
Because we're at the end.

1103
00:58:05,430 --> 00:58:36,000