

1  
00:00:00,000 --> 00:01:00,230

2  
00:01:00,230 --> 00:01:01,280  
Good morning.

3  
00:01:01,280 --> 00:01:02,032  
Good morning

4  
00:01:02,032 --> 00:01:03,490  
It's very nice to  
see you, Rosette.

5  
00:01:03,490 --> 00:01:04,500  
Thanks for coming.

6  
00:01:04,500 --> 00:01:06,095  
And I'm very pleased to be here.

7  
00:01:06,095 --> 00:01:06,970  
Thank you very much--

8  
00:01:06,970 --> 00:01:07,803  
You're very welcome.

9  
00:01:07,803 --> 00:01:08,710  
--for inviting me.

10  
00:01:08,710 --> 00:01:11,210  
Tell me what was  
your name at birth?

11  
00:01:11,210 --> 00:01:17,830  
My name at birth was  
[? Reizl Scheinbein ?]

12  
00:01:17,830 --> 00:01:21,130  
And the Hebrew  
name was Shoshana.

13

00:01:21,130 --> 00:01:23,950  
And this is the name I went  
by when I was in Poland

14  
00:01:23,950 --> 00:01:26,020  
on all my report cards.

15  
00:01:26,020 --> 00:01:30,670  
They used the name of  
[? Reizl Scheinbein ?]..

16  
00:01:30,670 --> 00:01:31,870  
I see.

17  
00:01:31,870 --> 00:01:34,980  
And later as years  
went on, you'll

18  
00:01:34,980 --> 00:01:37,780  
see I had a lot of different  
versions of my name,

19  
00:01:37,780 --> 00:01:40,060  
depending which  
country I lived in.

20  
00:01:40,060 --> 00:01:42,370  
But [? Reizl ?] was  
the Jewish name.

21  
00:01:42,370 --> 00:01:45,130  
I was named after some  
grandma or something.

22  
00:01:45,130 --> 00:01:47,500  
And Shoshana, I don't know.

23  
00:01:47,500 --> 00:01:49,870  
I never used it, but  
they told me this would

24  
00:01:49,870 --> 00:01:52,160  
be the equivalent of Shoshana.

25  
00:01:52,160 --> 00:01:53,800  
And your name now?

26  
00:01:53,800 --> 00:01:57,190  
My name is now Rosette Konick.

27  
00:01:57,190 --> 00:01:58,460  
Want me to spell it for you?

28  
00:01:58,460 --> 00:01:58,960  
Yes.

29  
00:01:58,960 --> 00:02:07,610  
K-O-N-I-C-K, and my first  
name is R-O-S-E-T-T-E.

30  
00:02:07,610 --> 00:02:09,300  
And when were you born?

31  
00:02:09,300 --> 00:02:16,400  
I was born January 17,  
1929, in Rovno, Poland,

32  
00:02:16,400 --> 00:02:19,370  
which is now the Ukraine.

33  
00:02:19,370 --> 00:02:23,090  
And we lived in Malyn's'k.

34  
00:02:23,090 --> 00:02:28,130  
It's a small town, 60  
kilometers from Rovno.

35  
00:02:28,130 --> 00:02:31,000  
And it's north of  
Rovno, is that right?

36  
00:02:31,000 --> 00:02:33,380  
It is north, yes.

37

00:02:33,380 --> 00:02:38,900

It's on a railroad track  
between Rovno and Sarny.

38

00:02:38,900 --> 00:02:41,090

And the reason why they  
have a station there,

39

00:02:41,090 --> 00:02:45,410

because they had a lumber mill,  
so they had the trains coming

40

00:02:45,410 --> 00:02:49,370

with nothing particular  
but Malyns'k--

41

00:02:49,370 --> 00:02:51,350

we didn't have  
electricity or anything.

42

00:02:51,350 --> 00:02:56,420

But because they cut down a  
lot of lumber and mill them,

43

00:02:56,420 --> 00:02:57,380

so it stopped.

44

00:02:57,380 --> 00:03:01,100

And as far as the  
Jewish population,

45

00:03:01,100 --> 00:03:04,010

we were only about  
maybe 10 families.

46

00:03:04,010 --> 00:03:04,760

In Malyns'k?

47

00:03:04,760 --> 00:03:05,600

In Malyns'k.

48

00:03:05,600 --> 00:03:10,625

They were essentially just for

surviving the Jewish culture

49

00:03:10,625 --> 00:03:11,465  
or something.

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00:03:11,465 --> 00:03:12,340  
There was the shohet.

51

00:03:12,340 --> 00:03:14,150  
And then there was the--

52

00:03:14,150 --> 00:03:16,040  
what you call it, a teacher--

53

00:03:16,040 --> 00:03:17,150  
and all of this in here.

54

00:03:17,150 --> 00:03:20,240  
And basically 10 families--

55

00:03:20,240 --> 00:03:29,160  
about 10, 12-- and that's  
how it stayed until the war.

56

00:03:29,160 --> 00:03:29,990  
Tell me something.

57

00:03:29,990 --> 00:03:32,710  
Why were you born in Rovno,  
and then you were raised

58

00:03:32,710 --> 00:03:33,210  
in Malyns'k?

59

00:03:33,210 --> 00:03:34,400  
Do you know?

60

00:03:34,400 --> 00:03:36,800  
Oh yes, I do know.

61

00:03:36,800 --> 00:03:41,960

Malyns'k had no doctors, had  
no hospital-- it was nothing.

62  
00:03:41,960 --> 00:03:45,320  
Rovno was a city with  
electricity and doctors.

63  
00:03:45,320 --> 00:03:48,830  
And whenever I would be sick or  
anyone need medical attention,

64  
00:03:48,830 --> 00:03:50,570  
we would go to Rovno.

65  
00:03:50,570 --> 00:03:56,060  
So my mother knew  
that I would go--

66  
00:03:56,060 --> 00:03:58,490  
this is where-- in fact,  
I had a little brother who

67  
00:03:58,490 --> 00:03:59,420  
died at birth.

68  
00:03:59,420 --> 00:04:03,890  
But Rovno is our center  
of culture, of family,

69  
00:04:03,890 --> 00:04:06,410  
and any other  
assistance we needed.

70  
00:04:06,410 --> 00:04:08,090  
We would go to Rovno.

71  
00:04:08,090 --> 00:04:11,125  
So your mother went  
to Rovno order to--

72  
00:04:11,125 --> 00:04:12,500  
did she have you  
in the hospital?

73  
00:04:12,500 --> 00:04:13,292  
Or she had you at--

74  
00:04:13,292 --> 00:04:13,830  
Yes, it--

75  
00:04:13,830 --> 00:04:14,000  
She did.

76  
00:04:14,000 --> 00:04:14,870  
--was a hospital.

77  
00:04:14,870 --> 00:04:15,890  
We had relatives.

78  
00:04:15,890 --> 00:04:17,010  
We had cousins.

79  
00:04:17,010 --> 00:04:20,870  
And then apparently, she went  
there earlier before the date,

80  
00:04:20,870 --> 00:04:22,340  
and she just waited there.

81  
00:04:22,340 --> 00:04:25,060  
And I don't remember  
much about my birth.

82  
00:04:25,060 --> 00:04:25,810  
I cannot tell you.

83  
00:04:25,810 --> 00:04:26,750  
[LAUGHTER]

84  
00:04:26,750 --> 00:04:29,270  
But I know when my  
little brother was born,

85  
00:04:29,270 --> 00:04:34,040

and I was there  
with her, and this

86  
00:04:34,040 --> 00:04:36,200  
is where they'd use the  
hospital, definitely.

87  
00:04:36,200 --> 00:04:40,130  
When I used to get sick,  
she dragged me to Rovno.

88  
00:04:40,130 --> 00:04:43,520  
And how old were you when  
your little brother was born?

89  
00:04:43,520 --> 00:04:44,810  
Or do you remember?

90  
00:04:44,810 --> 00:04:47,750  
Yes, maybe just a few years.

91  
00:04:47,750 --> 00:04:50,150  
He died there because  
my mother complained

92  
00:04:50,150 --> 00:04:51,830  
the nurses neglected him.

93  
00:04:51,830 --> 00:04:53,780  
But I was maybe 3 years old.

94  
00:04:53,780 --> 00:04:54,500  
That's all.

95  
00:04:54,500 --> 00:04:57,470  
And then there were  
no other siblings.

96  
00:04:57,470 --> 00:04:58,790  
So you became the only child.

97  
00:04:58,790 --> 00:05:00,050



I am the only child--

98

00:05:00,050 --> 00:05:01,550  
very pampered.

99

00:05:01,550 --> 00:05:02,790  
Yes, were you spoiled?

100

00:05:02,790 --> 00:05:05,300  
Yes, very spoiled too.

101

00:05:05,300 --> 00:05:07,910  
Were you in some way glad  
to be the only child?

102

00:05:07,910 --> 00:05:08,780  
Miserable.

103

00:05:08,780 --> 00:05:09,770  
You were miserable?

104

00:05:09,770 --> 00:05:10,430  
Miserable.

105

00:05:10,430 --> 00:05:13,340  
I used to cry and  
tell my parents,

106

00:05:13,340 --> 00:05:17,690  
I would say, Mom, go ahead and  
eat a lot of food and get fat,

107

00:05:17,690 --> 00:05:20,420  
so you will have me a  
brother or a sister.

108

00:05:20,420 --> 00:05:23,270  
I assumed by being  
fat, this is how

109

00:05:23,270 --> 00:05:25,970  
you give birth the children.

110  
00:05:25,970 --> 00:05:29,060  
And I used to go away from the  
house, run away way where there

111  
00:05:29,060 --> 00:05:32,810  
would be other children,  
and I envied my friends

112  
00:05:32,810 --> 00:05:36,230  
who would say, guess what,  
my sister does broke my this,

113  
00:05:36,230 --> 00:05:38,150  
or my sister did this to me.

114  
00:05:38,150 --> 00:05:40,310  
And I thought to  
myself, gee, I wish

115  
00:05:40,310 --> 00:05:45,140  
I could say I had a  
brother or a sister who

116  
00:05:45,140 --> 00:05:46,820  
I could share something with.

117  
00:05:46,820 --> 00:05:49,180  
But my cousins were  
very close to me.

118  
00:05:49,180 --> 00:05:51,920  
We lived almost  
in the same house,

119  
00:05:51,920 --> 00:05:53,510  
like my surrogate brother.

120  
00:05:53,510 --> 00:05:56,180  
But no, I did not like the idea.

121  
00:05:56,180 --> 00:05:57,560

And what did your mother say?

122

00:05:57,560 --> 00:05:59,870

Did she say anything  
to you when you

123

00:05:59,870 --> 00:06:02,150

said you wanted to have  
a brother or sister?

124

00:06:02,150 --> 00:06:03,050

She couldn't.

125

00:06:03,050 --> 00:06:03,800

She just couldn't?

126

00:06:03,800 --> 00:06:08,000

She needed some kind of a  
special operations surgery.

127

00:06:08,000 --> 00:06:10,940

And I know a little  
bit of details.

128

00:06:10,940 --> 00:06:14,810

But anyhow she couldn't  
conceive unless she

129

00:06:14,810 --> 00:06:16,550

would have this procedure.

130

00:06:16,550 --> 00:06:20,870

And then the wars came,  
just one after another.

131

00:06:20,870 --> 00:06:24,420

They abandoned the idea.

132

00:06:24,420 --> 00:06:27,630

So is there a point at which  
you were not miserable?

133

00:06:27,630 --> 00:06:29,130  
As far as being single?

134  
00:06:29,130 --> 00:06:29,700  
Yeah.

135  
00:06:29,700 --> 00:06:33,930  
No, from that point of  
view, I still carry now.

136  
00:06:33,930 --> 00:06:37,950  
Even when I tell my son who  
has only one little girl,

137  
00:06:37,950 --> 00:06:41,280  
and I said to him, I shouldn't  
be giving you advice,

138  
00:06:41,280 --> 00:06:44,430  
but you do a disservice  
to your child

139  
00:06:44,430 --> 00:06:46,980  
if you don't have a  
brother or sister.

140  
00:06:46,980 --> 00:06:49,020  
And that's where it  
stayed, of course.

141  
00:06:49,020 --> 00:06:54,360  
I think it's such a-- there's  
nothing can replace a sibling

142  
00:06:54,360 --> 00:06:57,300  
love, no matter how many good  
friends you have or something.

143  
00:06:57,300 --> 00:07:00,780  
The sitting around the table  
during the holiday, the sharing

144  
00:07:00,780 --> 00:07:03,240

and leaning on them  
when you get older--

145  
00:07:03,240 --> 00:07:06,730  
I don't have to tell you all  
the benefits of the [INAUDIBLE]..

146  
00:07:06,730 --> 00:07:09,720  
So I'm all for family.

147  
00:07:09,720 --> 00:07:11,190  
So you miss it?

148  
00:07:11,190 --> 00:07:12,670  
Oh yes, I missed it.

149  
00:07:12,670 --> 00:07:14,580  
Yeah, I missed it.

150  
00:07:14,580 --> 00:07:17,020  
And tell me about your parents.

151  
00:07:17,020 --> 00:07:19,600  
Your father, what did  
he-- his name was Abraham?

152  
00:07:19,600 --> 00:07:20,760  
Abraham, yeah.

153  
00:07:20,760 --> 00:07:23,550  
And what does he  
do for a living?

154  
00:07:23,550 --> 00:07:25,590  
We lived on a farm.

155  
00:07:25,590 --> 00:07:28,070  
On that farm there  
were three families.

156  
00:07:28,070 --> 00:07:31,740  
There was my grandfather,

who had still grown

157

00:07:31,740 --> 00:07:35,280  
children who were not married.

158

00:07:35,280 --> 00:07:37,800  
There was an uncle,  
my father's brother,

159

00:07:37,800 --> 00:07:40,420  
who had three children.

160

00:07:40,420 --> 00:07:42,090  
And then my father.

161

00:07:42,090 --> 00:07:44,400  
The three of them, the  
father and two sons,

162

00:07:44,400 --> 00:07:46,290  
owned the property.

163

00:07:46,290 --> 00:07:47,760  
They owned the mill.

164

00:07:47,760 --> 00:07:51,360  
They owned also the--

165

00:07:51,360 --> 00:07:55,630  
what you could make  
from wool to make cloth.

166

00:07:55,630 --> 00:07:57,940  
The peasants used to cut--

167

00:07:57,940 --> 00:08:03,520  
they sheered their lambs or  
something and bring it to us,

168

00:08:03,520 --> 00:08:06,370  
and then by the time they  
left, they had it all

169

00:08:06,370 --> 00:08:11,380  
converted to material, so they  
can make coats or something.

170

00:08:11,380 --> 00:08:15,340  
We also were involved in  
making some kind of a oil,

171

00:08:15,340 --> 00:08:17,690  
I don't know--  
from press it down.

172

00:08:17,690 --> 00:08:19,960  
So there was a lot of  
enterprises on our--

173

00:08:19,960 --> 00:08:23,890  
plus we had our own  
cows and horses.

174

00:08:23,890 --> 00:08:28,720  
And we grew our own  
vegetables and garden.

175

00:08:28,720 --> 00:08:32,380  
And it was a big--  
people used to come to us

176

00:08:32,380 --> 00:08:34,780  
and spend the whole  
summer because they

177

00:08:34,780 --> 00:08:40,700  
had all the luxuries of  
fresh air and lots of food.

178

00:08:40,700 --> 00:08:43,840  
And I don't know if you're  
familiar with Poland or Europe.

179

00:08:43,840 --> 00:08:49,750  
In Poland your health was

defined by how fat you were.

180

00:08:49,750 --> 00:08:54,982

So when somebody came to visit  
us and was going back to Rovno,

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00:08:54,982 --> 00:08:56,690

they would go on the  
scale and say, well,

182

00:08:56,690 --> 00:08:58,210

how many pounds did you gain?

183

00:08:58,210 --> 00:09:00,835

This was the measure  
of the success.

184

00:09:00,835 --> 00:09:04,210

185

00:09:04,210 --> 00:09:11,860

But basically we were in the  
business of producing flour

186

00:09:11,860 --> 00:09:16,210

and producing cloth  
from wool, making oil,

187

00:09:16,210 --> 00:09:19,730

and I'm trying to  
think of other things.

188

00:09:19,730 --> 00:09:22,030

And we were really  
self supporting

189

00:09:22,030 --> 00:09:23,530

because we had the vegetables.

190

00:09:23,530 --> 00:09:24,940

We had all this in here.

191



00:09:24,940 --> 00:09:26,260  
And--

192  
00:09:26,260 --> 00:09:29,210  
Where did people stay when  
people stayed for the summer?

193  
00:09:29,210 --> 00:09:33,030  
Was there little  
dormitories or something?

194  
00:09:33,030 --> 00:09:34,130  
No, nothing like this.

195  
00:09:34,130 --> 00:09:36,700  
You stretch your house.

196  
00:09:36,700 --> 00:09:37,930  
You stretch your house.

197  
00:09:37,930 --> 00:09:41,000  
You put two people in one bed.

198  
00:09:41,000 --> 00:09:42,370  
We had a sofa.

199  
00:09:42,370 --> 00:09:45,760  
And then we made--

200  
00:09:45,760 --> 00:09:48,910  
they would take me out of my bed  
and put me in my parents' bed.

201  
00:09:48,910 --> 00:09:52,300  
It never was any  
problem as far as space.

202  
00:09:52,300 --> 00:09:54,190  
It was never any problem.

203  
00:09:54,190 --> 00:10:01,000  
And we only had a room,

bedroom, living room,

204

00:10:01,000 --> 00:10:03,030  
and then the kitchen.

205

00:10:03,030 --> 00:10:06,820  
There was supposed to be  
temporary quarters until they

206

00:10:06,820 --> 00:10:07,900  
built something more.

207

00:10:07,900 --> 00:10:09,610  
And of course the war came.

208

00:10:09,610 --> 00:10:13,930  
But we had people  
coming and staying--

209

00:10:13,930 --> 00:10:14,875  
they managed somehow.

210

00:10:14,875 --> 00:10:18,700  
Also we had little couches  
they could put down--

211

00:10:18,700 --> 00:10:20,680  
pillows and something to sleep.

212

00:10:20,680 --> 00:10:22,020  
They had fun.

213

00:10:22,020 --> 00:10:22,780  
And they had--

214

00:10:22,780 --> 00:10:23,620  
Did you like it?

215

00:10:23,620 --> 00:10:24,740  
I loved it.

216

00:10:24,740 --> 00:10:25,960  
I loved people.

217  
00:10:25,960 --> 00:10:27,910  
And I loved all my relatives.

218  
00:10:27,910 --> 00:10:31,780  
And we would go  
walking into the forest

219  
00:10:31,780 --> 00:10:34,660  
and collect berries  
and mushrooms.

220  
00:10:34,660 --> 00:10:39,190  
And all the gaiety,  
the singing--

221  
00:10:39,190 --> 00:10:45,460  
Saturday after eating the big  
meal, we would sing songs.

222  
00:10:45,460 --> 00:10:49,090  
And they brought with them  
the city flavor of Rovno,

223  
00:10:49,090 --> 00:10:52,120  
which we in Malyn'sk  
didn't have.

224  
00:10:52,120 --> 00:10:57,160  
They had their [INAUDIBLE] and  
we were just country people

225  
00:10:57,160 --> 00:10:59,350  
there until we left Malyn'sk.

226  
00:10:59,350 --> 00:11:02,350  
So it's a very nice contrast  
and very educational.

227  
00:11:02,350 --> 00:11:03,670  
I loved them.

228  
00:11:03,670 --> 00:11:06,430  
And what sort of  
songs did you sing?

229  
00:11:06,430 --> 00:11:07,990  
We used to sing--

230  
00:11:07,990 --> 00:11:08,890  
what you call it--

231  
00:11:08,890 --> 00:11:13,570  
Hebrew songs, Yiddish,  
and Polish, of course,

232  
00:11:13,570 --> 00:11:16,120  
but mostly Yiddish.

233  
00:11:16,120 --> 00:11:17,620  
The ones would always--

234  
00:11:17,620 --> 00:11:23,515  
and the next year in  
Jerusalem, Hebrew themed--

235  
00:11:23,515 --> 00:11:26,950  
Was there a particular song  
you liked more than others?

236  
00:11:26,950 --> 00:11:29,830  
No, each of them had  
its own character.

237  
00:11:29,830 --> 00:11:35,260  
And its own-- my-- but we  
would start singing songs

238  
00:11:35,260 --> 00:11:36,790  
and get up and  
make a whole ring,

239  
00:11:36,790 --> 00:11:41,710

clap your hands, [HUMMING]  
something like that.

240  
00:11:41,710 --> 00:11:43,330  
Everybody could sing.

241  
00:11:43,330 --> 00:11:45,610  
My mother was singing very well.

242  
00:11:45,610 --> 00:11:49,030  
And she would stand up like  
this after a meal in front

243  
00:11:49,030 --> 00:11:54,220  
of everybody and sing a song,  
which was her specialty,

244  
00:11:54,220 --> 00:12:01,780  
[SINGING IN YIDDISH] I don't  
know the words anymore.

245  
00:12:01,780 --> 00:12:04,930  
But the story told,  
in this Yiddish,

246  
00:12:04,930 --> 00:12:09,310  
how we were burned with  
fire, and all this in here.

247  
00:12:09,310 --> 00:12:11,740  
And everybody applauded her.

248  
00:12:11,740 --> 00:12:14,680  
Everybody who wanted  
got up and sang a song.

249  
00:12:14,680 --> 00:12:20,610  
It was a make your  
own entertainment.

250  
00:12:20,610 --> 00:12:22,210  
And you were a  
little kid, right?

251  
00:12:22,210 --> 00:12:23,260  
I was a little kid.

252  
00:12:23,260 --> 00:12:26,170  
And people treated you well?

253  
00:12:26,170 --> 00:12:28,130  
My family-- of course,  
I was pampered.

254  
00:12:28,130 --> 00:12:30,070  
As I said, I was an only child.

255  
00:12:30,070 --> 00:12:33,700  
And I had bad tonsils.

256  
00:12:33,700 --> 00:12:38,260  
And in Poland they didn't  
know what tonsils even are.

257  
00:12:38,260 --> 00:12:42,340  
I used to be sick a lot because  
I used to get tonsillitis.

258  
00:12:42,340 --> 00:12:45,550  
So my neck-- my  
glands would swell.

259  
00:12:45,550 --> 00:12:51,100  
And my mother-- the only  
medicine we had was--

260  
00:12:51,100 --> 00:12:53,140  
other medicine, we  
would take a compress.

261  
00:12:53,140 --> 00:12:54,820  
And my mother had  
her own remedy.

262  
00:12:54,820 --> 00:12:58,815

She would take a towel  
and dip it in alcohol.

263  
00:12:58,815 --> 00:13:01,060  
Some would put garlic.

264  
00:13:01,060 --> 00:13:04,810  
I smelled with garlic a lot  
because this was the old cure

265  
00:13:04,810 --> 00:13:06,880  
to bring the temperature down.

266  
00:13:06,880 --> 00:13:11,680  
And I sometimes missed a  
month and a half of school

267  
00:13:11,680 --> 00:13:13,990  
because I used to be so sick.

268  
00:13:13,990 --> 00:13:18,160  
And finally she took me  
to a bigger city, Lvov.

269  
00:13:18,160 --> 00:13:21,340  
And went to see a doctor--  
ear, nose, and throat--

270  
00:13:21,340 --> 00:13:25,420  
and he said, you know your  
daughter has bad tonsils?

271  
00:13:25,420 --> 00:13:27,640  
They're all inflamed.

272  
00:13:27,640 --> 00:13:28,660  
They have to go.

273  
00:13:28,660 --> 00:13:30,160  
They're so bad.

274  
00:13:30,160 --> 00:13:32,680

Take her home and fatten her--

275

00:13:32,680 --> 00:13:34,940  
because she had to be  
fat to be healthy--

276

00:13:34,940 --> 00:13:36,490  
and then bring her back to Lvov.

277

00:13:36,490 --> 00:13:39,250  
And we're going to  
take her tonsils out.

278

00:13:39,250 --> 00:13:40,510  
And that's what happened.

279

00:13:40,510 --> 00:13:44,440  
I came home, about a  
week, nothing with eating,

280

00:13:44,440 --> 00:13:48,010  
and then they brought  
me back to Lvov.

281

00:13:48,010 --> 00:13:50,230  
And the doctor took  
out my tonsils.

282

00:13:50,230 --> 00:13:51,970  
And they said they  
were very inflamed.

283

00:13:51,970 --> 00:13:54,310  
Rovno, they didn't even  
know about tonsils.

284

00:13:54,310 --> 00:13:56,320  
Tonsils was a modern disease.

285

00:13:56,320 --> 00:13:58,845  
Everything the called  
in Polish, [POLISH]..



286

00:13:58,845 --> 00:14:02,420

It means-- I don't  
know how to translate.

287

00:14:02,420 --> 00:14:04,540

But the glands  
used to be smaller.

288

00:14:04,540 --> 00:14:07,420

And then it was  
an accepted thing

289

00:14:07,420 --> 00:14:09,190

that people had sore throats.

290

00:14:09,190 --> 00:14:13,570

And you just sweated it out.

291

00:14:13,570 --> 00:14:17,170

And one thing that was very  
common in Europe, and then

292

00:14:17,170 --> 00:14:21,040

later on we used that in  
the partisans, cupping.

293

00:14:21,040 --> 00:14:22,525

You know what that is?

294

00:14:22,525 --> 00:14:24,940

You put bankes they  
called it in Yiddish.

295

00:14:24,940 --> 00:14:27,160

It's those little glass cups.

296

00:14:27,160 --> 00:14:29,620

You lay down on your stomach.

297

00:14:29,620 --> 00:14:34,030

And on your back, they would  
take put it on your back.

298  
00:14:34,030 --> 00:14:35,980  
First they had to  
get rid of the air

299  
00:14:35,980 --> 00:14:37,930  
and then put them  
all over your back.

300  
00:14:37,930 --> 00:14:40,420  
And you lay for 10 minutes.

301  
00:14:40,420 --> 00:14:46,440  
And when they took them  
off, it left circles.

302  
00:14:46,440 --> 00:14:48,750  
And the dark of the  
circle, we used to say,

303  
00:14:48,750 --> 00:14:51,420  
that's where the disease was.

304  
00:14:51,420 --> 00:14:54,840  
But basically this was  
the old cure, bankes].

305  
00:14:54,840 --> 00:14:58,630  
Later on I learned how to do  
it when I was in the partisans.

306  
00:14:58,630 --> 00:15:01,020  
But it's all we could  
do is the bankes

307  
00:15:01,020 --> 00:15:07,660  
and give the compresses and lots  
of tea and just sweat it out.

308  
00:15:07,660 --> 00:15:09,810  
And then when things  
were very bad,

309

00:15:09,810 --> 00:15:13,350

I could tell because my  
father would put in a tallis

310

00:15:13,350 --> 00:15:15,750

and stay by the window  
and start praying.

311

00:15:15,750 --> 00:15:22,840

Then I knew that probably my  
illness is going out of hand.

312

00:15:22,840 --> 00:15:24,960

But he always would  
go and start praying.

313

00:15:24,960 --> 00:15:27,180

When Daddy prayed, I  
knew I was very sick.

314

00:15:27,180 --> 00:15:29,070

[LAUGHTER]

315

00:15:29,070 --> 00:15:31,665

And your mother,  
her name was Fay?

316

00:15:31,665 --> 00:15:32,190

Fay.

317

00:15:32,190 --> 00:15:36,310

My mother was just  
very protective of me.

318

00:15:36,310 --> 00:15:38,670

And I remember-- it's  
a strange thing--

319

00:15:38,670 --> 00:15:43,230

in Poland you couldn't get  
fruit like oranges or anything,

320

00:15:43,230 --> 00:15:45,390  
certainly not in Malyn'sk.

321  
00:15:45,390 --> 00:15:50,190  
So she used to bring  
them in from Rovno.

322  
00:15:50,190 --> 00:15:51,330  
They were very expensive.

323  
00:15:51,330 --> 00:15:55,890  
And she kept it for  
me in the cabinet.

324  
00:15:55,890 --> 00:15:58,380  
And she didn't want  
the other children

325  
00:15:58,380 --> 00:16:01,260  
to see because we  
didn't have enough

326  
00:16:01,260 --> 00:16:03,930  
and didn't want  
them to be jealous.

327  
00:16:03,930 --> 00:16:07,000  
But she pampered me.

328  
00:16:07,000 --> 00:16:10,260  
And [INAUDIBLE]  
with the clothes.

329  
00:16:10,260 --> 00:16:12,960  
And she did such a  
point that I didn't

330  
00:16:12,960 --> 00:16:17,260  
how to wash my hair long.

331  
00:16:17,260 --> 00:16:20,310  
She was overprotective.

332

00:16:20,310 --> 00:16:22,800

And of course I  
was cream of the--

333

00:16:22,800 --> 00:16:23,430

best thing.

334

00:16:23,430 --> 00:16:25,380

She would say, my [? Reizele ?].

335

00:16:25,380 --> 00:16:27,060

This is the Jewish word.

336

00:16:27,060 --> 00:16:30,300

And she would go to the  
teachers and talk about me.

337

00:16:30,300 --> 00:16:34,980

And yes, I was very  
protected and--

338

00:16:34,980 --> 00:16:37,530

overprotective, let's  
put it this way.

339

00:16:37,530 --> 00:16:40,050

You were close to both parents?

340

00:16:40,050 --> 00:16:43,540

Yeah, but in a different way.

341

00:16:43,540 --> 00:16:49,050

My mother, I found this  
overwhelming, her constant

342

00:16:49,050 --> 00:16:51,583

worrying about my health  
because she didn't know I

343

00:16:51,583 --> 00:16:52,250

had bad tonsils.

344

00:16:52,250 --> 00:16:54,360

But I used to get so sick.

345

00:16:54,360 --> 00:16:57,690

So she would insist I  
should eat and eat and eat.

346

00:16:57,690 --> 00:17:00,817

And I found it overbearing.

347

00:17:00,817 --> 00:17:01,650

I just couldn't eat.

348

00:17:01,650 --> 00:17:02,880

I didn't like certain things.

349

00:17:02,880 --> 00:17:04,560

I would throw out  
the window something.

350

00:17:04,560 --> 00:17:06,869

In a different way--  
my father loved me,

351

00:17:06,869 --> 00:17:08,560

but it was in a different way.

352

00:17:08,560 --> 00:17:12,869

He wasn't so demonstrative,  
walking around.

353

00:17:12,869 --> 00:17:17,980

But he would also sing songs  
for me in a different way.

354

00:17:17,980 --> 00:17:19,470

He was more calm.

355

00:17:19,470 --> 00:17:23,760

Men are this way,  
probably, by nature.

356

00:17:23,760 --> 00:17:27,880

But they were in  
personality, very different.

357

00:17:27,880 --> 00:17:31,170

She was really too much.

358

00:17:31,170 --> 00:17:33,470

I was an only child.

359

00:17:33,470 --> 00:17:37,940

And she wanted me to  
be well and to live.

360

00:17:37,940 --> 00:17:40,340

But this was a burden for you?

361

00:17:40,340 --> 00:17:40,970

Very much.

362

00:17:40,970 --> 00:17:41,660

[BOTH TALKING]

363

00:17:41,660 --> 00:17:43,020

I used to run--

364

00:17:43,020 --> 00:17:44,690

I was telling my  
daughter the other day,

365

00:17:44,690 --> 00:17:46,820

I used to run away from  
home, not to run away--

366

00:17:46,820 --> 00:17:48,410

literally stay away--

367

00:17:48,410 --> 00:17:50,270

but if any opportunity  
I could, I'd

368

00:17:50,270 --> 00:17:52,670  
leave and go to  
play with my cousins

369  
00:17:52,670 --> 00:17:55,670  
because over there,  
they had more children.

370  
00:17:55,670 --> 00:18:00,680  
My aunts were not so strict  
about they eat or not.

371  
00:18:00,680 --> 00:18:03,650  
But if I was at home,  
every minute my mother

372  
00:18:03,650 --> 00:18:06,290  
was to do this,  
eat that, eat, eat,

373  
00:18:06,290 --> 00:18:09,120  
eat-- that's the  
secret of good health.

374  
00:18:09,120 --> 00:18:12,190  
And don't forget to  
put your shoes on.

375  
00:18:12,190 --> 00:18:14,360  
Don't forget to put  
your handkerchief on.

376  
00:18:14,360 --> 00:18:17,390  
And she would dress me  
so heavy in the winter

377  
00:18:17,390 --> 00:18:21,350  
because we had to walk to  
school, so snow and all.

378  
00:18:21,350 --> 00:18:24,620  
And she would bundle me up  
with so many layers of clothes.



379

00:18:24,620 --> 00:18:28,400

By the time to school, I had  
to unwind everything in here.

380

00:18:28,400 --> 00:18:33,410

But everybody knew already that  
my mother was so protective

381

00:18:33,410 --> 00:18:36,815

of me and sympathized with her.

382

00:18:36,815 --> 00:18:39,380

They sympathized with  
her, not with you?

383

00:18:39,380 --> 00:18:43,370

They sympathized  
with her because she

384

00:18:43,370 --> 00:18:45,650

had to put up with a  
child who was sick so

385

00:18:45,650 --> 00:18:47,030

much, and an only child.

386

00:18:47,030 --> 00:18:47,570

With me?

387

00:18:47,570 --> 00:18:48,320

No.

388

00:18:48,320 --> 00:18:51,622

The better the mother is, the--

389

00:18:51,622 --> 00:18:52,520

The better--

390

00:18:52,520 --> 00:18:53,120

Yes.

391

00:18:53,120 --> 00:18:54,412  
They didn't see anything wrong.

392  
00:18:54,412 --> 00:18:56,480  
But they're so protective.

393  
00:18:56,480 --> 00:19:00,470  
Even my teachers used to send  
me cards and say, remember,

394  
00:19:00,470 --> 00:19:01,460  
I am going on vacation.

395  
00:19:01,460 --> 00:19:06,170  
But when I come back, I  
wanted to see you a few pounds

396  
00:19:06,170 --> 00:19:07,160  
heavier.

397  
00:19:07,160 --> 00:19:08,510  
And that's from a teacher.

398  
00:19:08,510 --> 00:19:11,000  
That's the good  
wishes from a teacher.

399  
00:19:11,000 --> 00:19:13,640  
It's a different world.

400  
00:19:13,640 --> 00:19:15,200  
It was a different world.

401  
00:19:15,200 --> 00:19:19,400  
Did you have lunches together  
or dinners together with your--

402  
00:19:19,400 --> 00:19:20,090  
Lots.

403  
00:19:20,090 --> 00:19:20,920  
Lots?

404  
00:19:20,920 --> 00:19:23,000  
I mean, with the relatives?

405  
00:19:23,000 --> 00:19:25,620  
With your father and mother,  
or then with relatives?

406  
00:19:25,620 --> 00:19:26,120  
I mean--

407  
00:19:26,120 --> 00:19:27,003  
Yes.

408  
00:19:27,003 --> 00:19:27,545  
You did both?

409  
00:19:27,545 --> 00:19:29,900  
Yes, we did a lot.

410  
00:19:29,900 --> 00:19:34,010  
My father, because he worked  
right there on the property,

411  
00:19:34,010 --> 00:19:35,450  
he used to come for his meals.

412  
00:19:35,450 --> 00:19:36,930  
And my mother would--

413  
00:19:36,930 --> 00:19:39,680  
the table always was  
set with a tablecloth.

414  
00:19:39,680 --> 00:19:42,980  
And we always had  
the meals together.

415  
00:19:42,980 --> 00:19:46,280  
Or I would eat a long  
lunch because he was busy.

416

00:19:46,280 --> 00:19:50,030

But Saturday was beautiful  
because nobody worked.

417

00:19:50,030 --> 00:19:52,640

And everybody was going to shul.

418

00:19:52,640 --> 00:19:55,040

And after they came  
back from shul,

419

00:19:55,040 --> 00:19:58,190

there was the samovar  
sitting the middle

420

00:19:58,190 --> 00:20:02,090

of the table prepared already.

421

00:20:02,090 --> 00:20:05,010

And my mother would ask  
somebody-- some gentle person

422

00:20:05,010 --> 00:20:09,170

to light the light  
under the samovar.

423

00:20:09,170 --> 00:20:11,990

And then everybody would  
sit around the table.

424

00:20:11,990 --> 00:20:15,260

And she baked a lot  
of cakes and goodies.

425

00:20:15,260 --> 00:20:17,815

And people from  
other Jewish families

426

00:20:17,815 --> 00:20:19,190

would come because  
they knew this

427

00:20:19,190 --> 00:20:22,220  
is where we would  
have first our meal,

428  
00:20:22,220 --> 00:20:28,320  
but then sit and sing songs  
and that here, or take a walk.

429  
00:20:28,320 --> 00:20:29,900  
That's the place to go.

430  
00:20:29,900 --> 00:20:33,800  
And mom loved-- and she  
was a wonderful cook.

431  
00:20:33,800 --> 00:20:35,860  
No recipes, nothing,  
but a wonderful cook.

432  
00:20:35,860 --> 00:20:36,360  
Was she?

433  
00:20:36,360 --> 00:20:37,340  
Yes.

434  
00:20:37,340 --> 00:20:39,300  
[LAUGHTER]

435  
00:20:39,300 --> 00:20:41,360  
And so you enjoyed  
those dinners a lot?

436  
00:20:41,360 --> 00:20:43,010  
Oh yeah, I loved the people.

437  
00:20:43,010 --> 00:20:45,950  
I've always loved-- in fact, we  
used to be jealous as children.

438  
00:20:45,950 --> 00:20:51,140  
And we used to say, oh we had  
today two people for dinner.

439

00:20:51,140 --> 00:20:52,520

How many did you have?

440

00:20:52,520 --> 00:20:53,580

To have guests--

441

00:20:53,580 --> 00:20:54,080

Really?

442

00:20:54,080 --> 00:20:54,170

This was a big--

443

00:20:54,170 --> 00:20:55,070

--was an honor.

444

00:20:55,070 --> 00:20:55,580

Really?

445

00:20:55,580 --> 00:20:57,710

And everybody who  
didn't know were--

446

00:20:57,710 --> 00:21:01,460

they would pass through Malyns'k  
on the way to somewhere else.

447

00:21:01,460 --> 00:21:03,150

They didn't know where to sleep.

448

00:21:03,150 --> 00:21:08,650

They would come to  
us or to my uncle,

449

00:21:08,650 --> 00:21:11,890

till somebody would put them  
up to sleep and feed them

450

00:21:11,890 --> 00:21:14,710

until they would  
go on their house.

451

00:21:14,710 --> 00:21:18,460

My mother used to say, I  
have rubber pots and pans.

452

00:21:18,460 --> 00:21:21,700

They can stretch as  
many people as they are.

453

00:21:21,700 --> 00:21:23,110

And it was no problem.

454

00:21:23,110 --> 00:21:24,190

We always had to guests.

455

00:21:24,190 --> 00:21:27,160

It was an honor to have  
a guest at your table.

456

00:21:27,160 --> 00:21:32,560

So did you feel poor  
or wealthy or neither?

457

00:21:32,560 --> 00:21:37,240

No, in comparison with the  
people in Malyns'k, we were

458

00:21:37,240 --> 00:21:39,430

considered well-to-do.

459

00:21:39,430 --> 00:21:42,520

It depends on whose  
standards because

460

00:21:42,520 --> 00:21:45,550

we were self supporting.

461

00:21:45,550 --> 00:21:48,160

We had food and all this--

462

00:21:48,160 --> 00:21:51,780

and never were hungry.

463

00:21:51,780 --> 00:21:56,420  
But we were not on the--

464  
00:21:56,420 --> 00:21:58,430  
like in America we say, wealthy.

465  
00:21:58,430 --> 00:22:02,630

466  
00:22:02,630 --> 00:22:04,190  
If you had your own--

467  
00:22:04,190 --> 00:22:06,870  
we had our own horses,  
and we could ride around

468  
00:22:06,870 --> 00:22:08,930  
in the-- and cows and all this.

469  
00:22:08,930 --> 00:22:10,220  
We're self-sufficient.

470  
00:22:10,220 --> 00:22:14,030  
So we were considered,  
yes, well-to-do.

471  
00:22:14,030 --> 00:22:15,030  
Within that context?

472  
00:22:15,030 --> 00:22:18,110  
Within that context, yes,  
because the others were--

473  
00:22:18,110 --> 00:22:21,290  
either they were--  
one was a seamstress,

474  
00:22:21,290 --> 00:22:22,355  
and this was a shnayder.

475  
00:22:22,355 --> 00:22:25,220  
And this was a shoemaker--



they were more working

476

00:22:25,220 --> 00:22:27,800

according to their specialty.

477

00:22:27,800 --> 00:22:29,900

But they didn't

own that property

478

00:22:29,900 --> 00:22:32,750

and live on such a scale.

479

00:22:32,750 --> 00:22:34,970

Did you work at the farm at all?

480

00:22:34,970 --> 00:22:37,220

Did you help with

the animals or help

481

00:22:37,220 --> 00:22:39,500

in some of these businesses?

482

00:22:39,500 --> 00:22:42,560

My mother would give

me sometimes crumbs,

483

00:22:42,560 --> 00:22:44,780

and she says, don't

to go and spread it

484

00:22:44,780 --> 00:22:48,800

in front of the house

for the chicken.

485

00:22:48,800 --> 00:22:54,410

And I like to help

in the garden.

486

00:22:54,410 --> 00:22:56,960

We grew our own

strawberries and our corn.

487

00:22:56,960 --> 00:22:58,640

And my mother  
would say, you want

488

00:22:58,640 --> 00:23:02,450

to go ahead and pick  
some and bring it back?

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00:23:02,450 --> 00:23:06,140

I didn't have so-called chores.

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00:23:06,140 --> 00:23:11,180

But I would go there  
and tend to the yard.

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00:23:11,180 --> 00:23:15,350

Just do things if Mom  
ask me something to do.

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00:23:15,350 --> 00:23:17,420

And that's about it.

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00:23:17,420 --> 00:23:20,890

I didn't go near the cows or  
anything, just around the--

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00:23:20,890 --> 00:23:22,390

Did you like the animals?

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00:23:22,390 --> 00:23:24,320

Yeah, I loved them.

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00:23:24,320 --> 00:23:25,970

I used to observe them.

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00:23:25,970 --> 00:23:33,200

We had animals in the  
house, like dogs and cats.

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00:23:33,200 --> 00:23:40,903

But yes, I-- observing them,  
so certain personalities.

499

00:23:40,903 --> 00:23:42,320

I would see one,  
and I knew if I'm

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00:23:42,320 --> 00:23:44,737

going to bring them some food,  
that chicken or the rooster

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00:23:44,737 --> 00:23:47,510

is going to chase  
everybody away.

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00:23:47,510 --> 00:23:49,563

And he's going to take  
the food from them.

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00:23:49,563 --> 00:23:51,730

Then I used to get a kick  
out of those things, yeah.

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00:23:51,730 --> 00:23:52,662

[LAUGHS]

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00:23:52,662 --> 00:23:55,870

It was fun.

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00:23:55,870 --> 00:23:59,170

You were part of a religious  
household, I gather?

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00:23:59,170 --> 00:24:00,010

Oh, yes.

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00:24:00,010 --> 00:24:01,540

It was orthodox.

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00:24:01,540 --> 00:24:02,500

It was orthodox?

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00:24:02,500 --> 00:24:03,010

Oh, yeah.

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00:24:03,010 --> 00:24:05,290

Not just traditional, but real--

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00:24:05,290 --> 00:24:05,895

Real orthodox.

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00:24:05,895 --> 00:24:08,200

I remember we had a  
mezuzah on the door.

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00:24:08,200 --> 00:24:10,260

And we observed  
all the holidays.

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00:24:10,260 --> 00:24:14,330

And my mother kept kashrut.

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00:24:14,330 --> 00:24:17,350

And if she wanted  
to have a chicken,

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00:24:17,350 --> 00:24:18,910

we had to go to the shochet.

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00:24:18,910 --> 00:24:20,680

You know what it is, right?

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00:24:20,680 --> 00:24:22,570

It's the--

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00:24:22,570 --> 00:24:23,290

Person who--

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00:24:23,290 --> 00:24:24,760

--who cuts, yeah.

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00:24:24,760 --> 00:24:28,890

It kills the chicken  
according to the Jewish law.

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00:24:28,890 --> 00:24:32,410

But yes, we definitely had  
separate dishes and all.

524  
00:24:32,410 --> 00:24:36,850  
And my mother was  
very strict about--

525  
00:24:36,850 --> 00:24:41,080  
in fact she wanted to  
engrain this into us--

526  
00:24:41,080 --> 00:24:42,850  
into me when I came  
to this country

527  
00:24:42,850 --> 00:24:45,310  
and I was married, to carry on.

528  
00:24:45,310 --> 00:24:46,693  
But this is America.

529  
00:24:46,693 --> 00:24:48,110  
Now things a little  
bit different.

530  
00:24:48,110 --> 00:24:55,750  
But yes, she was very law  
abiding in the religious way.

531  
00:24:55,750 --> 00:24:57,280  
Did you go to school regularly?

532  
00:24:57,280 --> 00:24:58,420  
Yeah.

533  
00:24:58,420 --> 00:25:00,370  
Did you go every week?

534  
00:25:00,370 --> 00:25:05,080  
I went to what you would  
call here elementary school.

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00:25:05,080 --> 00:25:09,460  
And we started school in  
Poland at the age of 7.

536  
00:25:09,460 --> 00:25:11,830  
And then I had--

537  
00:25:11,830 --> 00:25:15,940  
all the Jewish children were  
getting instruction in Hebrew

538  
00:25:15,940 --> 00:25:18,460  
and in Jewish history.

539  
00:25:18,460 --> 00:25:22,300  
We had a teacher who used  
to come after classes when

540  
00:25:22,300 --> 00:25:25,270  
we came home, he would  
come to the house

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00:25:25,270 --> 00:25:30,040  
and teach us Hebrew,  
which we resented--

542  
00:25:30,040 --> 00:25:32,650  
the Jewish children  
resented because why do I

543  
00:25:32,650 --> 00:25:34,060  
have to sit home?

544  
00:25:34,060 --> 00:25:35,910  
And all the other  
kids are playing.

545  
00:25:35,910 --> 00:25:37,600  
We just came from  
school and all.

546  
00:25:37,600 --> 00:25:42,220  
But nevertheless this was

part of our Jewish education

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00:25:42,220 --> 00:25:44,860  
and Hebrew too.

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00:25:44,860 --> 00:25:47,710  
And otherwise we played--

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00:25:47,710 --> 00:25:51,560

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00:25:51,560 --> 00:25:55,610  
Jewish children  
tended to be together.

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00:25:55,610 --> 00:25:57,510  
Although I had a  
very good friend,

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00:25:57,510 --> 00:26:02,870  
Catholic, and she would come  
over and play with me too.

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00:26:02,870 --> 00:26:05,390  
But there was never  
a lack of fun.

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00:26:05,390 --> 00:26:07,850  
There was always  
something to do.

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00:26:07,850 --> 00:26:10,310  
And people coming  
passing through,

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00:26:10,310 --> 00:26:14,570  
happened to be in the  
neighborhood or something.

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00:26:14,570 --> 00:26:17,780  
And as I said, I  
had cousins my age.

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00:26:17,780 --> 00:26:22,580

My cousin is still alive, and  
he lives in Israel in Tel Aviv.

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00:26:22,580 --> 00:26:26,960

He was my surrogate  
brother, my protector.

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00:26:26,960 --> 00:26:30,200

And sometimes mischievous,  
but anyhow, this is

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00:26:30,200 --> 00:26:34,170

my only I could call brother--

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00:26:34,170 --> 00:26:35,630

so-called.

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00:26:35,630 --> 00:26:39,620

Were there particular games  
that you liked, that you played?

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00:26:39,620 --> 00:26:40,240

That I played?

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00:26:40,240 --> 00:26:40,740

Yeah.

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00:26:40,740 --> 00:26:43,650

Yeah, we had something--  
the rope, jumping.

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00:26:43,650 --> 00:26:45,090

Everybody did the rope.

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00:26:45,090 --> 00:26:48,430

And then we hit something  
on the ground, like squares.

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00:26:48,430 --> 00:26:49,350

Hopscotch?



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00:26:49,350 --> 00:26:51,020

Maybe this is called  
hopscotch here.

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00:26:51,020 --> 00:26:52,470

We would jump around.

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00:26:52,470 --> 00:26:56,840

And hide-and-seek, of course.

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00:26:56,840 --> 00:26:59,810

And what else did we do?

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00:26:59,810 --> 00:27:04,390

These are the most common  
ones, hide-and-seek and the--

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00:27:04,390 --> 00:27:08,780

So most of your  
friends were Jewish?

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00:27:08,780 --> 00:27:10,230

So it was a mixture.

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00:27:10,230 --> 00:27:13,640

But the closest  
ones were Jewish.

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00:27:13,640 --> 00:27:19,330

I don't know, not by  
choice, but we have

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00:27:19,330 --> 00:27:22,350

something that we could share.

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00:27:22,350 --> 00:27:25,890

We also could  
compare experiences.

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00:27:25,890 --> 00:27:28,320

If somebody beat you up  
on the way to school,

582  
00:27:28,320 --> 00:27:29,820  
and did somebody call you Å»yd?

583  
00:27:29,820 --> 00:27:31,950  
Å»yd means Jew.

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00:27:31,950 --> 00:27:35,800  
So we had experiences  
that we could share,

585  
00:27:35,800 --> 00:27:41,130  
and saying so-and-so  
wasn't nice to this--

586  
00:27:41,130 --> 00:27:45,770  
anti-Semitism was  
heavy in Poland.

587  
00:27:45,770 --> 00:27:48,710  
Poland was a very  
anti-Semitic country.

588  
00:27:48,710 --> 00:27:51,560  
And we as children  
sensed it too.

589  
00:27:51,560 --> 00:27:54,650  
So this was one reason why  
also the Jewish children

590  
00:27:54,650 --> 00:27:57,140  
tended to be together.

591  
00:27:57,140 --> 00:28:01,070  
But I did have  
Gentile friends too.

592  
00:28:01,070 --> 00:28:02,330  
And they lived by.

593  
00:28:02,330 --> 00:28:08,580

And they would come to us--

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00:28:08,580 --> 00:28:09,630

sometimes the parents.

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00:28:09,630 --> 00:28:14,110

And we played-- all kinds  
of children and things.

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00:28:14,110 --> 00:28:17,050

But the really closeness  
was with the Jewish children

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00:28:17,050 --> 00:28:20,440

because we shared  
the same anxiety.

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00:28:20,440 --> 00:28:22,330

We knew we were Jewish.

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00:28:22,330 --> 00:28:26,005

We knew that we were  
singled out as Jews.

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00:28:26,005 --> 00:28:27,490

They called us Å»yd.

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00:28:27,490 --> 00:28:35,710

And I know that Sundays  
used to be very--

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00:28:35,710 --> 00:28:40,600

we used to be very apprehensive  
because the local people would

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00:28:40,600 --> 00:28:41,410

get--

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00:28:41,410 --> 00:28:43,670

they would get the money  
by Sunday, get paid,

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00:28:43,670 --> 00:28:45,580  
so they would get drunk.

606  
00:28:45,580 --> 00:28:47,320  
And they would go in the street.

607  
00:28:47,320 --> 00:28:50,050  
They would see a Jew,  
especially the one

608  
00:28:50,050 --> 00:28:51,880  
with ear locks,  
the very Orthodox.

609  
00:28:51,880 --> 00:28:54,730  
They beat them up,  
cut the things.

610  
00:28:54,730 --> 00:29:01,630  
So fear of such things kept  
us Jewish children closer

611  
00:29:01,630 --> 00:29:04,900  
and warning, this and this.

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00:29:04,900 --> 00:29:07,140  
But we did have  
other [INAUDIBLE]..

613  
00:29:07,140 --> 00:29:09,780  
We're going to stop the tape.

614  
00:29:09,780 --> 00:31:13,000