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00:00:00,000 --> 00:00:57,890

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00:00:57,890 --> 00:01:00,565

You said you were really  
miserable during your time--

3

00:01:00,565 --> 00:01:01,440

When I was in Moscow.

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00:01:01,440 --> 00:01:02,510

When you were in Moscow--

5

00:01:02,510 --> 00:01:03,350

Right

6

00:01:03,350 --> 00:01:05,660

Did you have friends at all.

7

00:01:05,660 --> 00:01:08,000

Were the other children helpful?

8

00:01:08,000 --> 00:01:11,120

All the girls who lived  
with me in the dorm

9

00:01:11,120 --> 00:01:16,220

were, maybe, if not my age  
maybe a couple years older.

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00:01:16,220 --> 00:01:20,780

There were three other girls,  
who were also partisans, who

11

00:01:20,780 --> 00:01:24,830

were also flown in to Moscow.

12

00:01:24,830 --> 00:01:26,780

And this is how I ended  
up in this school,

13

00:01:26,780 --> 00:01:29,213

because I met them  
somewhere in Moscow.

14

00:01:29,213 --> 00:01:30,380

We said, what are you doing?

15

00:01:30,380 --> 00:01:32,280

They say, well, we  
go to school in here.

16

00:01:32,280 --> 00:01:32,780

We work.

17

00:01:32,780 --> 00:01:34,490

Oh, great, we'll be together.

18

00:01:34,490 --> 00:01:36,950

So there were four of us.

19

00:01:36,950 --> 00:01:40,988

And we aroused a lot of  
interest on the outside.

20

00:01:40,988 --> 00:01:42,530

They didn't know  
how starved we were.

21

00:01:42,530 --> 00:01:47,710

But one painter from the--

22

00:01:47,710 --> 00:01:50,080

it's called  
TretyĀkovskaya Galereya--

23

00:01:50,080 --> 00:01:52,740

it's a very famous  
museum in Moscow--

24

00:01:52,740 --> 00:01:54,820

it's the equivalent  
of our East Wing,

25  
00:01:54,820 --> 00:01:59,710  
or whatever-- came and had  
us pose for a painting.

26  
00:01:59,710 --> 00:02:02,150  
And they called us  
the three partisans.

27  
00:02:02,150 --> 00:02:04,840  
And we were three girls.

28  
00:02:04,840 --> 00:02:07,390  
And we were sitting for her.

29  
00:02:07,390 --> 00:02:10,090  
And we never saw the  
finished product.

30  
00:02:10,090 --> 00:02:15,450  
But apparently people did  
see it in the gallery.

31  
00:02:15,450 --> 00:02:16,520  
We just posed.

32  
00:02:16,520 --> 00:02:20,320  
And I don't know how she found  
out about us, or who told her--

33  
00:02:20,320 --> 00:02:23,650  
in the middle of all this  
[INAUDIBLE] the head there.

34  
00:02:23,650 --> 00:02:29,410  
He was sitting-- we posed  
for her for the portrait.

35  
00:02:29,410 --> 00:02:33,730  
And apparently it did  
end up in the gallery.

36

00:02:33,730 --> 00:02:37,180  
You see on one side, you had  
this very deep gratitude--

37  
00:02:37,180 --> 00:02:38,950  
patriotism--

38  
00:02:38,950 --> 00:02:44,530  
and willing to make  
your life a success

39  
00:02:44,530 --> 00:02:47,740  
and see the Germans  
you know, do away.

40  
00:02:47,740 --> 00:02:51,580  
But the conditions, you  
had to be very hearty.

41  
00:02:51,580 --> 00:02:55,960  
Like in Moscow, it was very--

42  
00:02:55,960 --> 00:02:57,700  
for breakfast, they  
would give me--

43  
00:02:57,700 --> 00:03:00,820  
after working a whole night  
[? at least ?], I would come.

44  
00:03:00,820 --> 00:03:06,430  
And they'd give me 200 grams of  
bread, which was like a slice.

45  
00:03:06,430 --> 00:03:09,760  
And then a bowl, which  
they called it soup.

46  
00:03:09,760 --> 00:03:11,860  
It's more like  
[INAUDIBLE] or something.

47  
00:03:11,860 --> 00:03:13,485

And then you take  
this hot thing,

48  
00:03:13,485 --> 00:03:14,860  
and then you went  
another window.

49  
00:03:14,860 --> 00:03:17,950  
And there was a girl  
standing there with a bowl.

50  
00:03:17,950 --> 00:03:19,060  
She had oil in it.

51  
00:03:19,060 --> 00:03:21,520  
And she would take one  
little teaspoon of the oil

52  
00:03:21,520 --> 00:03:22,780  
and pour it into your soup.

53  
00:03:22,780 --> 00:03:24,340  
This was the fact.

54  
00:03:24,340 --> 00:03:26,290  
So you had the 200  
grams of bread,

55  
00:03:26,290 --> 00:03:29,980  
and you had that so-called soup.

56  
00:03:29,980 --> 00:03:34,585  
And because of that--  
of malnutrition--

57  
00:03:34,585 --> 00:03:36,617  
this is why I had  
all the illnesses.

58  
00:03:36,617 --> 00:03:38,950  
If I lived at this country,  
I probably wouldn't make it.

59

00:03:38,950 --> 00:03:42,700

There was no lack of,  
probably, vitamins.

60

00:03:42,700 --> 00:03:46,150

Whatever it is, I had  
all these illnesses.

61

00:03:46,150 --> 00:03:49,300

So I didn't have it  
in the partisans,

62

00:03:49,300 --> 00:03:51,070

because we were never hungry.

63

00:03:51,070 --> 00:03:53,010

Food was constantly [INAUDIBLE].

64

00:03:53,010 --> 00:03:56,410

But here-- and I had  
nobody to complain.

65

00:03:56,410 --> 00:04:00,180

Because you don't  
complain during the war.

66

00:04:00,180 --> 00:04:03,640

They would tell you, how  
dare you to complain?

67

00:04:03,640 --> 00:04:06,960

Look at this, people  
are dying on the front.

68

00:04:06,960 --> 00:04:12,460

And we did you a favor,  
and we saved your life.

69

00:04:12,460 --> 00:04:14,460

And we brought you  
to this country.

70

00:04:14,460 --> 00:04:16,600  
And you don't have to fight.

71  
00:04:16,600 --> 00:04:19,420  
How can you even  
ask for anything?

72  
00:04:19,420 --> 00:04:21,140  
They would turn around  
psychologically.

73  
00:04:21,140 --> 00:04:24,310  
They would make you feel guilty,  
and you apologize to them,

74  
00:04:24,310 --> 00:04:27,110  
rather than them  
apologizing to you-- sorry,

75  
00:04:27,110 --> 00:04:29,320  
we cannot accommodate you.

76  
00:04:29,320 --> 00:04:32,230  
This is typical  
propaganda, that they

77  
00:04:32,230 --> 00:04:35,620  
make you feel like,  
you know, how dare you?

78  
00:04:35,620 --> 00:04:38,950  
s so this was, like, one side--

79  
00:04:38,950 --> 00:04:40,570  
you felt happy being there.

80  
00:04:40,570 --> 00:04:46,300  
But I could not handle the  
loneliness and the uncertainty,

81  
00:04:46,300 --> 00:04:47,200  
and also the work.

82

00:04:47,200 --> 00:04:51,568

12 hours for a 14, 15-year-old  
kid with a stint on their leg.

83

00:04:51,568 --> 00:04:53,110

You know, we didn't  
having a breaks--

84

00:04:53,110 --> 00:04:54,700

like coffee, or something.

85

00:04:54,700 --> 00:04:58,960

The only place we could rest,  
we would go to the ladies room.

86

00:04:58,960 --> 00:05:01,210

And a lot of the girls  
would come there.

87

00:05:01,210 --> 00:05:05,910

And then we'd sit on the  
floor and fall asleep,

88

00:05:05,910 --> 00:05:08,230

until I our  
supervisor would come.

89

00:05:08,230 --> 00:05:08,950

And she'd come--

90

00:05:08,950 --> 00:05:10,400

I remember her face.

91

00:05:10,400 --> 00:05:12,280

Oh, what do you think  
you're doing in here?

92

00:05:12,280 --> 00:05:12,520

You know.

93

00:05:12,520 --> 00:05:13,100

Get to work.

94  
00:05:13,100 --> 00:05:13,600  
Get to work.

95  
00:05:13,600 --> 00:05:14,830  
And then get all up.

96  
00:05:14,830 --> 00:05:17,710  
This is where we sneak  
in a little sleep.

97  
00:05:17,710 --> 00:05:22,330  
And then when the session  
was over and the [INAUDIBLE],,

98  
00:05:22,330 --> 00:05:25,600  
we would trudge through  
this very heavy snow.

99  
00:05:25,600 --> 00:05:28,050  
And Russian snow  
is not our snow.

100  
00:05:28,050 --> 00:05:30,460  
I had to walk back to the dorm.

101  
00:05:30,460 --> 00:05:31,550  
I don't know how much.

102  
00:05:31,550 --> 00:05:33,280  
It was a mile, or something.

103  
00:05:33,280 --> 00:05:35,930  
You put your foot in,  
you had to drag it out.

104  
00:05:35,930 --> 00:05:37,588  
I had a hard time getting out.

105  
00:05:37,588 --> 00:05:39,130  
And there was nothing  
waiting for you

106  
00:05:39,130 --> 00:05:42,190  
in the dorm-- not  
like something hot.

107  
00:05:42,190 --> 00:05:45,820  
But you kept quiet, because  
you do not complain.

108  
00:05:45,820 --> 00:05:47,350  
They brought you here.

109  
00:05:47,350 --> 00:05:50,290  
They giving you your  
life, in a sense.

110  
00:05:50,290 --> 00:05:52,210  
And everybody suffers.

111  
00:05:52,210 --> 00:05:54,330  
Everybody suffered in Moscow.

112  
00:05:54,330 --> 00:05:58,340  
And if you were starving--

113  
00:05:58,340 --> 00:06:01,300  
anyhow, that's a  
story all by itself.

114  
00:06:01,300 --> 00:06:07,410  
But the surprise of my mother  
coming without any warning--

115  
00:06:07,410 --> 00:06:10,200  
no letters, or something.

116  
00:06:10,200 --> 00:06:13,020  
One very pleasant thing  
happened when I was--

117  
00:06:13,020 --> 00:06:14,160  
no, two things happened.

118  
00:06:14,160 --> 00:06:15,870  
When I was once  
walking to Moscow,

119  
00:06:15,870 --> 00:06:19,010  
I was walking down the  
street and very depressed.

120  
00:06:19,010 --> 00:06:22,442  
And I hear ahead of me a  
few people are walking.

121  
00:06:22,442 --> 00:06:23,400  
And they speak Yiddish.

122  
00:06:23,400 --> 00:06:25,920

123  
00:06:25,920 --> 00:06:27,510  
And I followed them.

124  
00:06:27,510 --> 00:06:31,790  
I didn't have the nerve to go  
up and say, I am Jewish, too.

125  
00:06:31,790 --> 00:06:33,540  
And I don't know what  
they were talking.

126  
00:06:33,540 --> 00:06:38,590  
But just to hear  
the Jewish thing--

127  
00:06:38,590 --> 00:06:43,280  
voice-- Jewish words--  
got me all choked up.

128  
00:06:43,280 --> 00:06:47,210  
And I was feeling,  
well, maybe there

129

00:06:47,210 --> 00:06:49,340  
are some other people like me.

130  
00:06:49,340 --> 00:06:51,810  
I don't know where it came from.

131  
00:06:51,810 --> 00:06:58,520  
And another thing is also the  
head of our partisans sent--

132  
00:06:58,520 --> 00:07:02,060  
Medvedev gave his  
address of his wife

133  
00:07:02,060 --> 00:07:07,220  
in Moscow, to give to  
me to go visit her.

134  
00:07:07,220 --> 00:07:09,110  
And I did go to see her--

135  
00:07:09,110 --> 00:07:10,188  
Oh, you did.

136  
00:07:10,188 --> 00:07:10,980  
--to her apartment.

137  
00:07:10,980 --> 00:07:12,500  
It was very nice place.

138  
00:07:12,500 --> 00:07:13,310  
I met his wife.

139  
00:07:13,310 --> 00:07:17,450  
And then she gave-- she saw how  
probably dehydrated and hungry.

140  
00:07:17,450 --> 00:07:22,070  
She served me  
borscht, from beets.

141  
00:07:22,070 --> 00:07:24,550

And she says, would  
you like to eat some?

142  
00:07:24,550 --> 00:07:25,950  
I'd say yeah, yeah, yeah.

143  
00:07:25,950 --> 00:07:27,500  
She gives me the borscht to eat.

144  
00:07:27,500 --> 00:07:28,790  
And I eat and eat.

145  
00:07:28,790 --> 00:07:32,170  
But then there were still  
pieces of beets left.

146  
00:07:32,170 --> 00:07:34,910  
And I remember my  
mother telling me,

147  
00:07:34,910 --> 00:07:39,020  
it's not good manners  
to clean a plate up.

148  
00:07:39,020 --> 00:07:41,360  
You must leave  
something in the plate.

149  
00:07:41,360 --> 00:07:42,890  
It's not nice.

150  
00:07:42,890 --> 00:07:43,970  
Oh, this is strict.

151  
00:07:43,970 --> 00:07:46,670  
So I left a little bit of  
the borscht on the plate,

152  
00:07:46,670 --> 00:07:49,160  
even though I was  
dying to eat it.

153

00:07:49,160 --> 00:07:53,180  
But this is how my  
mother taught me.

154  
00:07:53,180 --> 00:07:57,290  
And the upbringing I got at  
home wasn't prepared for war,

155  
00:07:57,290 --> 00:08:00,160  
and it wasn't prepared  
for something like this.

156  
00:08:00,160 --> 00:08:05,540  
But it was very uplifting  
to talk to his wife.

157  
00:08:05,540 --> 00:08:08,770  
And she wanted to know  
how things are doing

158  
00:08:08,770 --> 00:08:10,860  
in the partisans and what was.

159  
00:08:10,860 --> 00:08:12,620  
So there were  
little things, which

160  
00:08:12,620 --> 00:08:16,500  
were like pleasant things,  
happen, if you can say.

161  
00:08:16,500 --> 00:08:23,360  
But as I think back, I  
consider it the hardest for me

162  
00:08:23,360 --> 00:08:25,400  
because I was alone.

163  
00:08:25,400 --> 00:08:26,540  
I had no family.

164  
00:08:26,540 --> 00:08:27,450  
I didn't have p--.

165  
00:08:27,450 --> 00:08:30,350  
I wasn't prepared  
for it with all the--

166  
00:08:30,350 --> 00:08:33,367  
And the uncertainty--

167  
00:08:33,367 --> 00:08:35,159  
Because you didn't know  
what was happening.

168  
00:08:35,159 --> 00:08:37,669  
I didn't know what was  
happening with the partisans.

169  
00:08:37,669 --> 00:08:41,120  
Because just because they  
felt secure when I was there,

170  
00:08:41,120 --> 00:08:45,440  
they were always subject  
to bombing, or somebody

171  
00:08:45,440 --> 00:08:52,160  
could turn them in and bring  
the Germans there-- the Nazis.

172  
00:08:52,160 --> 00:08:56,360  
And this guy, Kuznetsov, even  
though he impersonated a Nazi--

173  
00:08:56,360 --> 00:08:58,120  
and he felt very secure.

174  
00:08:58,120 --> 00:09:00,830  
If they would have  
caught him earlier,

175  
00:09:00,830 --> 00:09:02,700  
and they would  
torture him, he could

176

00:09:02,700 --> 00:09:04,190  
have told a story about us.

177

00:09:04,190 --> 00:09:08,810  
They had to be very careful  
about how to get around.

178

00:09:08,810 --> 00:09:11,720  
So I didn't if I was going  
to see my parents or not.

179

00:09:11,720 --> 00:09:14,590  
It was very difficult. But  
everyone suffered in Moscow

180

00:09:14,590 --> 00:09:15,800  
at that time.

181

00:09:15,800 --> 00:09:16,790  
It wasn't just me.

182

00:09:16,790 --> 00:09:18,710  
This was the time.

183

00:09:18,710 --> 00:09:22,050

184

00:09:22,050 --> 00:09:27,360  
So when my mother  
brought me back here--

185

00:09:27,360 --> 00:09:30,960  
back to this  
Ukrainian territory--

186

00:09:30,960 --> 00:09:33,870  
and we met some other  
survivor relatives.

187

00:09:33,870 --> 00:09:36,910  
We got together  
and were overjoyed.

188  
00:09:36,910 --> 00:09:39,240  
We went to Rovno.

189  
00:09:39,240 --> 00:09:45,480  
We waited there for a year, and  
I enrolled to a regular school.

190  
00:09:45,480 --> 00:09:47,610  
And it's a Russian school.

191  
00:09:47,610 --> 00:09:51,360  
And we were getting help--

192  
00:09:51,360 --> 00:09:52,830  
I don't know which  
organization--

193  
00:09:52,830 --> 00:09:56,160  
with food in Rovno,  
because nobody worked.

194  
00:09:56,160 --> 00:09:58,440  
And my father and  
my uncle, they would

195  
00:09:58,440 --> 00:10:00,750  
go in the streets of Rovno.

196  
00:10:00,750 --> 00:10:06,570  
And if they would hear somebody  
talking Jewish, or something,

197  
00:10:06,570 --> 00:10:09,930  
they would come up and say  
to them, [NON-ENGLISH]..

198  
00:10:09,930 --> 00:10:12,450  
You know what that means, right?

199  
00:10:12,450 --> 00:10:14,700  
[NON-ENGLISH] means,

are you Jewish?

200

00:10:14,700 --> 00:10:17,660

if the person said,  
yeah, because--

201

00:10:17,660 --> 00:10:20,840

so they would right away  
bring them to our house,

202

00:10:20,840 --> 00:10:24,120

because they knew he's a  
survivor alone, and feed them.

203

00:10:24,120 --> 00:10:27,510

And said, if you don't  
mind sleeping on the floor,

204

00:10:27,510 --> 00:10:29,460

you can share our house.

205

00:10:29,460 --> 00:10:30,412

It was constantly.

206

00:10:30,412 --> 00:10:31,620

They would go on the streets.

207

00:10:31,620 --> 00:10:36,180

And you'd see somebody who  
was alone and a survivor.

208

00:10:36,180 --> 00:10:38,690

They would try to help them.

209

00:10:38,690 --> 00:10:40,440

So were you able to  
go back to your house?

210

00:10:40,440 --> 00:10:43,710

211

00:10:43,710 --> 00:10:45,150

No, that wasn't ours.

212

00:10:45,150 --> 00:10:47,385

We never went back to Malinsk.

213

00:10:47,385 --> 00:10:48,630

You went to Rovno?

214

00:10:48,630 --> 00:10:49,560

We went to Rovno.

215

00:10:49,560 --> 00:10:51,180

Because, Malinsk,  
first of all, there

216

00:10:51,180 --> 00:10:52,800

were all the families killed.

217

00:10:52,800 --> 00:10:55,080

We wouldn't go back there.

218

00:10:55,080 --> 00:10:57,660

I wouldn't even go even today.

219

00:10:57,660 --> 00:10:59,950

Basically, the  
people down there,

220

00:10:59,950 --> 00:11:01,110

they were very antisemitic.

221

00:11:01,110 --> 00:11:06,240

And they were so glad to  
get some of the property,

222

00:11:06,240 --> 00:11:08,610

or something from the Jews.

223

00:11:08,610 --> 00:11:11,440

And they were certainly not  
going to try to save us.

224

00:11:11,440 --> 00:11:13,450

They were sorry we  
survived, probably.

225

00:11:13,450 --> 00:11:14,640

No, we never went back.

226

00:11:14,640 --> 00:11:16,050

We went to Rovno.

227

00:11:16,050 --> 00:11:17,790

Rovno had a bigger population.

228

00:11:17,790 --> 00:11:20,430

It had more people.

229

00:11:20,430 --> 00:11:23,370

230

00:11:23,370 --> 00:11:24,510

It was more modern.

231

00:11:24,510 --> 00:11:26,460

It was not Malinsk.

232

00:11:26,460 --> 00:11:29,520

So your mother rented a place?

233

00:11:29,520 --> 00:11:32,020

Did your father come soon?

234

00:11:32,020 --> 00:11:34,890

Oh, you mean after my mother  
brought me back from Moscow.

235

00:11:34,890 --> 00:11:39,060

She brought me right back to  
my father, who was already in--

236

00:11:39,060 --> 00:11:41,910

it's near Rovno--

[? Kostopol ?]..

237

00:11:41,910 --> 00:11:44,300

And from there we  
decided to go to Rovno,

238

00:11:44,300 --> 00:11:46,260

because Rovno was a bigger city.

239

00:11:46,260 --> 00:11:48,000

And we felt safer.

240

00:11:48,000 --> 00:11:50,490

There shouldn't be any pogroms.

241

00:11:50,490 --> 00:11:51,790

We will be more protected.

242

00:11:51,790 --> 00:11:55,630

Yeah, we were reunited after  
my mother brought me back.

243

00:11:55,630 --> 00:11:57,900

And you said that  
the Russians said

244

00:11:57,900 --> 00:11:59,602

that your mother had  
to promise that you

245

00:11:59,602 --> 00:12:00,560

would go to the school?

246

00:12:00,560 --> 00:12:01,350

Yes.

247

00:12:01,350 --> 00:12:02,130

Yeah.

248

00:12:02,130 --> 00:12:03,300

But there was no school.

249

00:12:03,300 --> 00:12:04,290

There was no school.

250

00:12:04,290 --> 00:12:06,820

I think it was just propaganda.

251

00:12:06,820 --> 00:12:09,280

They had a good  
excuse to let me go.

252

00:12:09,280 --> 00:12:11,850

The Russians are soft hearted.

253

00:12:11,850 --> 00:12:17,140

And they weren't going to deny a  
mother to reunite with a child.

254

00:12:17,140 --> 00:12:19,950

But the same, they did train me.

255

00:12:19,950 --> 00:12:21,300

I was starving.

256

00:12:21,300 --> 00:12:24,990

And they had to show some kind  
of precedent-- say, oh, you

257

00:12:24,990 --> 00:12:27,030

are going, but under  
this condition--

258

00:12:27,030 --> 00:12:29,160

so other people  
wouldn't take off.

259

00:12:29,160 --> 00:12:31,200

I don't know what was  
the reasoning behind,

260

00:12:31,200 --> 00:12:33,900

but they let Mom take me home.

261

00:12:33,900 --> 00:12:35,620  
Did you go to school there also?

262

00:12:35,620 --> 00:12:36,236  
Yeah.

263

00:12:36,236 --> 00:12:37,580  
When I came to Rovno.

264

00:12:37,580 --> 00:12:38,180  
No, no.

265

00:12:38,180 --> 00:12:40,830  
I mean when you went to Moscow.

266

00:12:40,830 --> 00:12:41,550  
Yeah.

267

00:12:41,550 --> 00:12:42,767  
It wasn't the regular school.

268

00:12:42,767 --> 00:12:43,850  
It was a technical school.

269

00:12:43,850 --> 00:12:46,050  
It was called a Tekhnikum  
in other words, everything

270

00:12:46,050 --> 00:12:51,570  
we studied had to do pertaining  
to machinery and metal

271

00:12:51,570 --> 00:12:53,280  
melting and stuff like that.

272

00:12:53,280 --> 00:12:57,030  
We all hated it, because  
we were sitting hungry.

273

00:12:57,030 --> 00:13:02,760  
And we learned how to

get around our teacher.

274

00:13:02,760 --> 00:13:04,290

He was hungry, too.

275

00:13:04,290 --> 00:13:06,170

And we were all  
sitting at the tables.

276

00:13:06,170 --> 00:13:10,370

And somebody would bring a piece  
of bread, or a slice of bread.

277

00:13:10,370 --> 00:13:13,160

And he would come into  
classroom and look at it.

278

00:13:13,160 --> 00:13:16,640

And this would completely  
change his mind another way.

279

00:13:16,640 --> 00:13:17,750

Oh, you got bread.

280

00:13:17,750 --> 00:13:19,130

So where did you buy bread?

281

00:13:19,130 --> 00:13:22,040

And you would spend a whole  
lot talking about food--

282

00:13:22,040 --> 00:13:23,980

forgot about  
lecturing [INAUDIBLE]..

283

00:13:23,980 --> 00:13:27,950

That's why we played  
tricks on him, because food

284

00:13:27,950 --> 00:13:30,530

was the primary concern.

285

00:13:30,530 --> 00:13:34,400

But this was what you  
call technical school,

286

00:13:34,400 --> 00:13:40,540

to prepare us to go work  
on the factory 12 hours.

287

00:13:40,540 --> 00:13:42,666

This is it.

288

00:13:42,666 --> 00:13:45,760

And your mother knew  
where to find you?

289

00:13:45,760 --> 00:13:46,720

I didn't know how.

290

00:13:46,720 --> 00:13:51,010

She knew by word of  
mouth where we are.

291

00:13:51,010 --> 00:13:54,140

But the fact that we  
know-- she knew it.

292

00:13:54,140 --> 00:13:54,640

She knew it.

293

00:13:54,640 --> 00:13:58,020

Because some people would come  
from the Party zones and maybe

294

00:13:58,020 --> 00:13:58,900

fly back.

295

00:13:58,900 --> 00:14:02,498

I don't know how she knew,  
and even find the factory.

296

00:14:02,498 --> 00:14:03,040

I don't know.

297

00:14:03,040 --> 00:14:04,560

Yeah, because

Moscow is not small.

298

00:14:04,560 --> 00:14:05,560

Well, this is not small.

299

00:14:05,560 --> 00:14:08,530

It was a town called Lublino.

300

00:14:08,530 --> 00:14:11,270

You had to take a

train to get there--

301

00:14:11,270 --> 00:14:13,730

like a streetcar.

302

00:14:13,730 --> 00:14:15,820

And we lived in that city--

303

00:14:15,820 --> 00:14:18,730

Lublino-- where

the factories were.

304

00:14:18,730 --> 00:14:21,310

Moscow, used to go in

down there for just

305

00:14:21,310 --> 00:14:26,390

maybe sightseeing, or if

I had some business to do.

306

00:14:26,390 --> 00:14:30,730

But basically the city I

stayed in was called Lublino.

307

00:14:30,730 --> 00:14:33,280

And I know somebody

who went back there.

308

00:14:33,280 --> 00:14:35,900

And they say, there's

nothing left there anymore,

309

00:14:35,900 --> 00:14:37,020  
where the Tekhnikum was.

310

00:14:37,020 --> 00:14:39,490  
There's no more where the  
dorm was, or something.

311

00:14:39,490 --> 00:14:40,642  
I didn't cry.

312

00:14:40,642 --> 00:14:42,250  
[LAUGHS]

313

00:14:42,250 --> 00:14:44,920  
And how did your mother  
get from the partisan group

314

00:14:44,920 --> 00:14:47,500  
to where you were?

315

00:14:47,500 --> 00:14:48,460  
By train?

316

00:14:48,460 --> 00:14:49,480  
Yeah.

317

00:14:49,480 --> 00:14:51,740  
She had a lot hutzpah.

318

00:14:51,740 --> 00:14:56,680  
And she had a medal that says  
that she was a partisan--

319

00:14:56,680 --> 00:14:58,180  
a recognition.

320

00:14:58,180 --> 00:14:59,580  
And my mother was very fiesty.

321

00:14:59,580 --> 00:15:04,420  
She went to a military train,  
that was going to Moscow.

322  
00:15:04,420 --> 00:15:07,250  
And there was nothing  
but for military people.

323  
00:15:07,250 --> 00:15:08,170  
And she went in.

324  
00:15:08,170 --> 00:15:12,370  
She says, I was a par-- and  
I have to go see my daughter.

325  
00:15:12,370 --> 00:15:15,970  
And she went to talk to somebody  
up high there-- whoever it is.

326  
00:15:15,970 --> 00:15:18,610  
And they let her  
get on the truth.

327  
00:15:18,610 --> 00:15:20,050  
There was a military train.

328  
00:15:20,050 --> 00:15:22,588  
If anybody could do it,  
my mother could do it.

329  
00:15:22,588 --> 00:15:23,380  
That's [INAUDIBLE].

330  
00:15:23,380 --> 00:15:26,110  
So she got on the  
train, and I didn't even

331  
00:15:26,110 --> 00:15:27,967  
know she was coming.

332  
00:15:27,967 --> 00:15:28,550  
I didn't know.

333

00:15:28,550 --> 00:15:31,810

She had to get special  
permission from Rovno

334

00:15:31,810 --> 00:15:35,780

to be able-- who went  
to Moscow after the war.

335

00:15:35,780 --> 00:15:37,700

It was forbidden.

336

00:15:37,700 --> 00:15:40,250

So she knew how to get around.

337

00:15:40,250 --> 00:15:42,080

And they respected  
her-- whatever.

338

00:15:42,080 --> 00:15:45,020

339

00:15:45,020 --> 00:15:46,400

This may sound silly.

340

00:15:46,400 --> 00:15:48,560

As much as I  
promised my mother--

341

00:15:48,560 --> 00:15:53,660

to myself I was saying, if  
we ever are reunited, Mom,

342

00:15:53,660 --> 00:15:55,790

I will do everything  
you want me to do.

343

00:15:55,790 --> 00:15:57,270

And within an hour--

344

00:15:57,270 --> 00:15:59,936

[LAUGHS] You weren't.

345

00:15:59,936 --> 00:16:02,540

My mother says to me,  
what are you, complaining?

346

00:16:02,540 --> 00:16:04,105

Look, you've got  
the bed and this.

347

00:16:04,105 --> 00:16:05,980

I said, Mom, wait till  
you stay here a couple

348

00:16:05,980 --> 00:16:08,090

and you see what  
they give us to eat.

349

00:16:08,090 --> 00:16:11,720

And she lavished  
on her the praise.

350

00:16:11,720 --> 00:16:13,700

She was in the  
partisan, you know?

351

00:16:13,700 --> 00:16:17,010

But anyhow, I wasn't  
very easy child.

352

00:16:17,010 --> 00:16:19,550

353

00:16:19,550 --> 00:16:21,680

So you started  
complaining right away?

354

00:16:21,680 --> 00:16:23,900

It didn't last very long--

355

00:16:23,900 --> 00:16:25,490

the truce.

356

00:16:25,490 --> 00:16:26,150

Truth, truce.

357

00:16:26,150 --> 00:16:26,970

Right.

358

00:16:26,970 --> 00:16:28,880

And your prayer to God  
didn't last too long?

359

00:16:28,880 --> 00:16:29,690

You [? didn't ?] [INAUDIBLE].

360

00:16:29,690 --> 00:16:30,190

Yeah.

361

00:16:30,190 --> 00:16:31,670

But then when I came home--

362

00:16:31,670 --> 00:16:35,640

363

00:16:35,640 --> 00:16:39,050

if you want me to tell you  
about how the war finish.

364

00:16:39,050 --> 00:16:41,130

We leave Rovno.

365

00:16:41,130 --> 00:16:43,530

I was going to Russian school.

366

00:16:43,530 --> 00:16:45,450

And we knew that  
the war wasn't over.

367

00:16:45,450 --> 00:16:48,998

This must've been maybe in the  
spring or something of '44.

368

00:16:48,998 --> 00:16:51,990

369

00:16:51,990 --> 00:16:57,000

And then during the  
night, we hear shooting.

370

00:16:57,000 --> 00:16:59,150

We heard shooting going  
gone and all this.

371

00:16:59,150 --> 00:17:03,580

And we said, oh, boy, apparently  
the Nazis are coming back.

372

00:17:03,580 --> 00:17:06,240

The front turned around,  
and they're coming back.

373

00:17:06,240 --> 00:17:10,355

So we jumped out of the bed  
and laid down on the floor,

374

00:17:10,355 --> 00:17:11,980

because we were afraid  
the bullets will

375

00:17:11,980 --> 00:17:12,855

come from the window.

376

00:17:12,855 --> 00:17:16,560

And we lay there until daybreak.

377

00:17:16,560 --> 00:17:23,050

Finally, when the sun came out,  
somebody in our group came out.

378

00:17:23,050 --> 00:17:25,520

They says, let me  
see what's happening.

379

00:17:25,520 --> 00:17:26,950

Are they really here?

380

00:17:26,950 --> 00:17:28,840

And he goes out  
and finds out they

381  
00:17:28,840 --> 00:17:31,230  
were shooting because  
the war was over.

382  
00:17:31,230 --> 00:17:34,690  
They're celebrating  
the end of war.

383  
00:17:34,690 --> 00:17:38,700  
And they were just shooting--  
what do you call it?

384  
00:17:38,700 --> 00:17:39,670  
What do you call it?

385  
00:17:39,670 --> 00:17:40,170  
Blanks?

386  
00:17:40,170 --> 00:17:41,950  
The bullets.

387  
00:17:41,950 --> 00:17:42,970  
Not the rockets, too.

388  
00:17:42,970 --> 00:17:45,310  
But it was a happy occasion.

389  
00:17:45,310 --> 00:17:47,440  
It wasn't to kill anyone.

390  
00:17:47,440 --> 00:17:49,770  
Well, we couldn't believe it.

391  
00:17:49,770 --> 00:17:52,105  
We couldn't believe it.

392  
00:17:52,105 --> 00:17:52,980  
We were never secure.

393

00:17:52,980 --> 00:17:55,390

We never knew when the front  
was going to turn around.

394

00:17:55,390 --> 00:17:57,098

The Germans are going  
to come right back.

395

00:17:57,098 --> 00:18:00,620

396

00:18:00,620 --> 00:18:03,200

So the war wasn't over for  
you at that point [INAUDIBLE]??

397

00:18:03,200 --> 00:18:04,580

For us it was over.

398

00:18:04,580 --> 00:18:17,510

This is was May 8, 1945 when the  
Nazis declared the war is over.

399

00:18:17,510 --> 00:18:21,810

And in the same time,  
an order came out

400

00:18:21,810 --> 00:18:24,590

in the Ukraine and Russia--

401

00:18:24,590 --> 00:18:30,850

all Polish citizens who want  
to return home may do so.

402

00:18:30,850 --> 00:18:33,990

And because we were  
Russian citizens--

403

00:18:33,990 --> 00:18:35,050

not Russian, excuse me--

404

00:18:35,050 --> 00:18:37,900

Polish citizen-- we

decided, let's go west.

405

00:18:37,900 --> 00:18:41,350

Let's go as far away  
from here as possible.

406

00:18:41,350 --> 00:18:45,600

Let's go to Lodz, which is  
in the west part of Poland.

407

00:18:45,600 --> 00:18:46,590

And we'll come there.

408

00:18:46,590 --> 00:18:49,440

We'll see where  
we go from there.

409

00:18:49,440 --> 00:18:52,380

It was on our mind to  
get out from Poland.

410

00:18:52,380 --> 00:18:55,380

It was a cemetery for  
us-- and the Ukraine.

411

00:18:55,380 --> 00:18:57,790

Everybody was killed.

412

00:18:57,790 --> 00:19:01,480

So we got on a train,  
and we came to Lodz.

413

00:19:01,480 --> 00:19:05,520

And in Lodz, we found  
an empty apartment--

414

00:19:05,520 --> 00:19:10,170

because there were a lot of  
them that the Germans left.

415

00:19:10,170 --> 00:19:11,480

They ran away.

416

00:19:11,480 --> 00:19:12,630

And I lived there.

417

00:19:12,630 --> 00:19:13,920

We lived there for a year.

418

00:19:13,920 --> 00:19:17,927

419

00:19:17,927 --> 00:19:19,885

Again I had to learn the  
language-- pass exams.

420

00:19:19,885 --> 00:19:22,760

And I went to Polish  
gymnasiums, which

421

00:19:22,760 --> 00:19:28,730

is the same like equivalent  
of a high school.

422

00:19:28,730 --> 00:19:29,990

But we felt better.

423

00:19:29,990 --> 00:19:32,630

The Germans were defeated.

424

00:19:32,630 --> 00:19:35,930

And there was already  
contact with Israel.

425

00:19:35,930 --> 00:19:39,510

And there was an  
embassy in Warsaw.

426

00:19:39,510 --> 00:19:42,640

So my parents decided  
to go to Warsaw

427

00:19:42,640 --> 00:19:48,530

and get in touch  
with the embassy,

428  
00:19:48,530 --> 00:19:50,730  
and see what they can do for us.

429  
00:19:50,730 --> 00:19:52,450  
I don't believe  
I told you what--

430  
00:19:52,450 --> 00:19:57,330  
oh yeah, I told you a thing  
about why we never got

431  
00:19:57,330 --> 00:20:00,350  
on the ship, because the war.

432  
00:20:00,350 --> 00:20:05,736  
So we thought maybe  
they'll honor papers

433  
00:20:05,736 --> 00:20:08,040  
and say, yes, you can  
go ahead to America.

434  
00:20:08,040 --> 00:20:10,430  
Well, it didn't work this way.

435  
00:20:10,430 --> 00:20:12,870  
The embassy in  
Warsaw was powerless.

436  
00:20:12,870 --> 00:20:16,160  
But they had in Poland  
at that time trains

437  
00:20:16,160 --> 00:20:19,760  
going all from Poland  
all the way to Germany.

438  
00:20:19,760 --> 00:20:22,370  
They call it the  
return home trains,

439

00:20:22,370 --> 00:20:24,810  
that people who the  
Germans took to Poland,

440  
00:20:24,810 --> 00:20:26,180  
or Polish took the Ger--.

441  
00:20:26,180 --> 00:20:29,340  
Everybody could return  
to their own country.

442  
00:20:29,340 --> 00:20:32,560  
So after living  
one year in Lodz--

443  
00:20:32,560 --> 00:20:35,150  
and when this was  
offered, we got

444  
00:20:35,150 --> 00:20:38,570  
ourselves one of those trains  
that say, let's go to Paris.

445  
00:20:38,570 --> 00:20:43,790  
Let's go as far as we  
can away from here.

446  
00:20:43,790 --> 00:20:47,030  
By then our family  
in the United States

447  
00:20:47,030 --> 00:20:52,860  
knew already that we survived,  
because of that little card

448  
00:20:52,860 --> 00:20:53,750  
I showed you--

449  
00:20:53,750 --> 00:20:58,220  
that little card, where my  
father wrote the address,

450  
00:20:58,220 --> 00:20:59,870

to let relatives know.

451

00:20:59,870 --> 00:21:02,360

So they knew it  
from [? Oscar. ?]

452

00:21:02,360 --> 00:21:03,600

So we got on those trains.

453

00:21:03,600 --> 00:21:05,030

They were cattle trains.

454

00:21:05,030 --> 00:21:07,700

It went from Poland  
all the way to Paris.

455

00:21:07,700 --> 00:21:10,160

Paris was much  
better in many ways.

456

00:21:10,160 --> 00:21:11,090

They had to hire us.

457

00:21:11,090 --> 00:21:14,180

They had a lot of  
Jewish organizations.

458

00:21:14,180 --> 00:21:18,750

And we lived with this family,  
which were wonderful to us--

459

00:21:18,750 --> 00:21:21,560

the Mann family.

460

00:21:21,560 --> 00:21:24,410

They were actually  
related to my uncle.

461

00:21:24,410 --> 00:21:27,780

And we stayed with them until  
we find that he did get visa

462

00:21:27,780 --> 00:21:29,600  
to come to this country.

463  
00:21:29,600 --> 00:21:31,970  
But I worship [INAUDIBLE],,  
then what do you walk around

464  
00:21:31,970 --> 00:21:34,750  
don't see anybody  
calling you names.

465  
00:21:34,750 --> 00:21:36,680  
I could go to school.

466  
00:21:36,680 --> 00:21:37,930  
I could go to the opera.

467  
00:21:37,930 --> 00:21:41,630  
I could go to culture and  
all this-- come when I want.

468  
00:21:41,630 --> 00:21:45,470  
I mean, this was  
unbelievable to me.

469  
00:21:45,470 --> 00:21:47,360  
And my father got a job, also.

470  
00:21:47,360 --> 00:21:49,820  
He worked in some organizations.

471  
00:21:49,820 --> 00:21:54,500  
But there were a lot  
of refugees in Paris.

472  
00:21:54,500 --> 00:21:57,590  
They were put up in hotels.

473  
00:21:57,590 --> 00:22:04,100  
And the joint organization,  
I think, paid for them.

474

00:22:04,100 --> 00:22:07,940  
And they had cafeterias  
where everybody could

475  
00:22:07,940 --> 00:22:10,820  
go once they get a hot meal.

476  
00:22:10,820 --> 00:22:12,800  
And guess where  
was the restaurant.

477  
00:22:12,800 --> 00:22:15,740  
It was on Rue des Oiseaux.

478  
00:22:15,740 --> 00:22:21,910  
We used to called Goldbergs or  
something now, it's called now.

479  
00:22:21,910 --> 00:22:24,720  
It's right on the corner.

480  
00:22:24,720 --> 00:22:27,110  
And we used be able to  
go and get a hot meal.

481  
00:22:27,110 --> 00:22:32,870  
And by then, once we'd got  
in touch with our family,

482  
00:22:32,870 --> 00:22:37,670  
they knew what's going, they  
could start making efforts

483  
00:22:37,670 --> 00:22:40,440  
to bring us to this country.

484  
00:22:40,440 --> 00:22:43,780  
What was it like in Lodz for  
you for that year after the war?

485  
00:22:43,780 --> 00:22:48,790  
Because a lot of survivors  
came to Lodz and registered

486  
00:22:48,790 --> 00:22:51,618  
and tried to find out what was  
going on in various places.

487  
00:22:51,618 --> 00:22:52,660  
But was that [INAUDIBLE]?

488  
00:22:52,660 --> 00:22:54,340  
It was a stepping stone.

489  
00:22:54,340 --> 00:22:55,500  
Because you came to Lodz.

490  
00:22:55,500 --> 00:22:56,200  
It was a city.

491  
00:22:56,200 --> 00:23:00,330  
It was not destroyed  
by bombs or anything.

492  
00:23:00,330 --> 00:23:04,810  
But it I helped you get  
in touch with the world.

493  
00:23:04,810 --> 00:23:07,150  
You can take a train from  
Lodz and go to Warsaw,

494  
00:23:07,150 --> 00:23:08,860  
go to Krakow, something.

495  
00:23:08,860 --> 00:23:12,250  
They were, I think,  
embassies in Warsaw.

496  
00:23:12,250 --> 00:23:15,220  
And communication was better.

497  
00:23:15,220 --> 00:23:17,250  
And there were  
Jewish organizations.

498  
00:23:17,250 --> 00:23:19,130  
And I belonged to a  
youth organization.

499  
00:23:19,130 --> 00:23:26,490  
And people were all trying  
to find ways to leave Poland.

500  
00:23:26,490 --> 00:23:27,980  
Poland was not secure.

501  
00:23:27,980 --> 00:23:32,020  
So the [INAUDIBLE] for  
us was pretty good.

502  
00:23:32,020 --> 00:23:35,860  
But we knew that, also, we  
don't want to stay here.

503  
00:23:35,860 --> 00:23:40,060  
Our goal was really  
to come to America,

504  
00:23:40,060 --> 00:23:45,190  
and once and forever be  
united with our family, who

505  
00:23:45,190 --> 00:23:48,490  
wanted us to come-- my  
mother's brothers and sisters.

506  
00:23:48,490 --> 00:23:50,707  
Is that the major  
reason why you wanted

507  
00:23:50,707 --> 00:23:51,915  
to come to the United States?

508  
00:23:51,915 --> 00:23:53,750  
Oh, no, not only for this.

509

00:23:53,750 --> 00:23:55,450  
We had a big family here.

510  
00:23:55,450 --> 00:23:56,560  
Well, the major, yes.

511  
00:23:56,560 --> 00:23:58,350  
Because some people  
went to Israel.

512  
00:23:58,350 --> 00:24:02,710  
But our relatives-- and I  
should mention the Rozanskys,

513  
00:24:02,710 --> 00:24:06,360  
the Weinstains, and  
Burkes-- they said, no, you

514  
00:24:06,360 --> 00:24:07,210  
don't go anywhere.

515  
00:24:07,210 --> 00:24:10,490  
You're coming once and  
forever to America,

516  
00:24:10,490 --> 00:24:14,500  
and so we'll be all  
together once and forever.

517  
00:24:14,500 --> 00:24:18,310  
And it took them over 10 years.

518  
00:24:18,310 --> 00:24:21,160  
It's a miracle that we survived.

519  
00:24:21,160 --> 00:24:23,320  
And then we started  
building a new life in here.

520  
00:24:23,320 --> 00:24:25,900

521

00:24:25,900 --> 00:24:27,220

It was adjustments.

522

00:24:27,220 --> 00:24:31,840

For me it was harder, I  
think, than my parents.

523

00:24:31,840 --> 00:24:36,550

Because when I came  
in here, it was--

524

00:24:36,550 --> 00:24:39,130

from my Paris, what was it?

525

00:24:39,130 --> 00:24:41,710

Maybe 19 or 20.

526

00:24:41,710 --> 00:24:43,990

Age wise, I wasn't  
a child any more,

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00:24:43,990 --> 00:24:46,570

even when I was in  
Paris or in Lodz.

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00:24:46,570 --> 00:24:51,700

I lost five years of life--  
no school for five years.

529

00:24:51,700 --> 00:24:53,980

And when the war was  
over, I was walking around

530

00:24:53,980 --> 00:24:55,860

with my friends-- survivors.

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00:24:55,860 --> 00:24:59,200

And we were pondering these  
very-- quite existential

532

00:24:59,200 --> 00:25:00,270

questions.

533

00:25:00,270 --> 00:25:01,760

But what is the meaning of life?

534

00:25:01,760 --> 00:25:03,020

Why did you kill those people?

535

00:25:03,020 --> 00:25:04,420

How come we survived.

536

00:25:04,420 --> 00:25:06,620

We were old, in a sense.

537

00:25:06,620 --> 00:25:11,140

We were kids, but in our  
mind we were wondering,

538

00:25:11,140 --> 00:25:13,060

is this going to be  
for good or something?

539

00:25:13,060 --> 00:25:15,340

So even when I came  
to this country,

540

00:25:15,340 --> 00:25:21,130

my contemporaries weren't  
thinking on my level.

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00:25:21,130 --> 00:25:24,280

I wanted Frank Sinatra  
and all this [INAUDIBLE]..

542

00:25:24,280 --> 00:25:26,680

And it was a different thinking.

543

00:25:26,680 --> 00:25:30,370

And it was a big adjustment,  
again, to fit in--

544

00:25:30,370 --> 00:25:32,470

into the young people in here.

545

00:25:32,470 --> 00:25:35,440  
Because they didn't understand.

546

00:25:35,440 --> 00:25:37,690  
I used to my  
cousins always, what

547

00:25:37,690 --> 00:25:40,030  
was it like in America  
here during the war?

548

00:25:40,030 --> 00:25:43,700  
Did you know what was going on?

549

00:25:43,700 --> 00:25:46,240  
And I understand that  
till the United States

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00:25:46,240 --> 00:25:50,880  
entered the war, you really  
didn't know much, do you?

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00:25:50,880 --> 00:25:51,570  
I don't know.

552

00:25:51,570 --> 00:25:53,400  
Or did people not pay attention?

553

00:25:53,400 --> 00:25:54,150  
Right.

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00:25:54,150 --> 00:25:55,620  
But later on, when they came in.

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00:25:55,620 --> 00:25:57,370  
And my cousins used to--

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00:25:57,370 --> 00:25:59,670  
I said, did you have  
the windows covered?

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00:25:59,670 --> 00:26:03,780  
Did you have bombings,  
or something like that?

558  
00:26:03,780 --> 00:26:08,850  
But nothing comparison  
with what we went through.

559  
00:26:08,850 --> 00:26:11,990  
So I had adjustments from  
the beginning, each time

560  
00:26:11,990 --> 00:26:13,350  
I come into the country.

561  
00:26:13,350 --> 00:26:15,030  
I have to learn a new language.

562  
00:26:15,030 --> 00:26:17,530  
I get this a year later, again.

563  
00:26:17,530 --> 00:26:19,140  
But the main thing  
is I just wanted

564  
00:26:19,140 --> 00:26:23,610  
to say that I feel so blessed.

565  
00:26:23,610 --> 00:26:27,660  
And I'm so full of gratitude  
that after all that,

566  
00:26:27,660 --> 00:26:30,690  
I have made it.

567  
00:26:30,690 --> 00:26:33,300  
When I look at my  
life I say to myself,

568  
00:26:33,300 --> 00:26:37,360  
I feel like I lived  
nine lives, not one.

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00:26:37,360 --> 00:26:40,230

Because each life, each  
country I lived in,

570

00:26:40,230 --> 00:26:44,940

had its separate,  
maybe, help, but also

571

00:26:44,940 --> 00:26:48,000

problems and adjustments  
and all this.

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00:26:48,000 --> 00:26:54,120

So I am happy with my family.

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00:26:54,120 --> 00:26:55,120

My husband, my children.

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00:26:55,120 --> 00:26:56,420

And they all are wonderful.

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00:26:56,420 --> 00:26:58,490

A wonderful husband.

576

00:26:58,490 --> 00:27:01,760

We're living here-- as  
I said, this summer, we

577

00:27:01,760 --> 00:27:03,793

were married 60 years.

578

00:27:03,793 --> 00:27:04,560

Wow.

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00:27:04,560 --> 00:27:06,440

And I also got my education.

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00:27:06,440 --> 00:27:11,690

And I missed five years of  
not going to school at all.

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00:27:11,690 --> 00:27:16,850  
So I was able to go to college,  
and went to the University

582  
00:27:16,850 --> 00:27:19,610  
of Maryland and got my degree.

583  
00:27:19,610 --> 00:27:22,130  
And I started going, in fact,  
for a master's degree too.

584  
00:27:22,130 --> 00:27:25,080  
But then I went  
to work for JSSA,

585  
00:27:25,080 --> 00:27:27,620  
because they needed  
people who knew Russian.

586  
00:27:27,620 --> 00:27:32,780  
And later on, I had  
two interesting jobs.

587  
00:27:32,780 --> 00:27:35,510  
But I had to wait until  
my children got bigger.

588  
00:27:35,510 --> 00:27:42,110  
And then I worked for  
JSSA as a social worker,

589  
00:27:42,110 --> 00:27:45,650  
helping to resettle the  
Russian Jews that came in here.

590  
00:27:45,650 --> 00:27:47,690  
I knew Yiddish and  
I knew Russian,

591  
00:27:47,690 --> 00:27:51,390  
so I helped resettle  
them in the area.

592

00:27:51,390 --> 00:27:54,020  
And then when they stopped  
letting the Jews out

593  
00:27:54,020 --> 00:27:57,170  
from Russia, I went to  
the Library of Congress.

594  
00:27:57,170 --> 00:28:01,640

595  
00:28:01,640 --> 00:28:02,450  
Should I stop?

596  
00:28:02,450 --> 00:28:03,172  
OK.

597  
00:28:03,172 --> 00:28:04,380  
You should pat me on my back.

598  
00:28:04,380 --> 00:28:06,990  
That's the only way you  
can stop me talking.

599  
00:28:06,990 --> 00:30:14,000