

1
00:00:00,000 --> 00:00:00,960
OK.

2
00:00:00,960 --> 00:00:02,880
Can I speak?

3
00:00:02,880 --> 00:00:03,840
You got it?

4
00:00:03,840 --> 00:00:04,830
OK.

5
00:00:04,830 --> 00:00:08,220
This is a United States
Holocaust Memorial Museum

6
00:00:08,220 --> 00:00:12,990
interview with Mr. David
Wolnerman on May 9,

7
00:00:12,990 --> 00:00:17,460
2016 in Washington, DC.

8
00:00:17,460 --> 00:00:22,140
Mr. Wolnerman is the
last surviving Auschwitz

9
00:00:22,140 --> 00:00:25,830
former prisoner in
Iowa who has traveled

10
00:00:25,830 --> 00:00:30,210
from Iowa to be with us
today and to share his story.

11
00:00:30,210 --> 00:00:34,200
So we're very, very grateful
to you that you have done so.

12
00:00:34,200 --> 00:00:35,880
And thank you.

13
00:00:35,880 --> 00:00:37,710

Welcome to the museum.

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00:00:37,710 --> 00:00:43,590
And thank you for agreeing to
share your story with us today.

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00:00:43,590 --> 00:00:48,230
I'm going to start with
the most basic questions

16

00:00:48,230 --> 00:00:52,620
about your early life, and
we'll take things from there.

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00:00:52,620 --> 00:00:56,030
So can you tell me, what
was the date of your birth?

18

00:00:56,030 --> 00:00:58,800

19

00:00:58,800 --> 00:00:59,850
Modzhev, Modrzejów.

20

00:00:59,850 --> 00:01:01,290
That's the town you were born In

21

00:01:01,290 --> 00:01:01,940
Right.

22

00:01:01,940 --> 00:01:02,440
OK.

23

00:01:02,440 --> 00:01:03,100
Modrzejów.

24

00:01:03,100 --> 00:01:05,010
Modrzejów.

25

00:01:05,010 --> 00:01:08,550
We'll talk about that
in a minute, Modrzejów.

26

00:01:08,550 --> 00:01:11,400

And tell me when were you born?

27

00:01:11,400 --> 00:01:14,490
May 9, 1927.

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00:01:14,490 --> 00:01:15,330
May 9--

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00:01:15,330 --> 00:01:17,620
May 9, 1927.

30

00:01:17,620 --> 00:01:19,040
1927.

31

00:01:19,040 --> 00:01:19,550
Right.

32

00:01:19,550 --> 00:01:20,880
OK.

33

00:01:20,880 --> 00:01:23,640
And you were born in
Modrzejów you say?

34

00:01:23,640 --> 00:01:24,420
Right.

35

00:01:24,420 --> 00:01:26,340
And what country
is Modrzejów in?

36

00:01:26,340 --> 00:01:27,050
Poland.

37

00:01:27,050 --> 00:01:28,090
In Poland.

38

00:01:28,090 --> 00:01:30,000
Close to the German border.

39

00:01:30,000 --> 00:01:32,010
Aha, so on the Western side.

40

00:01:32,010 --> 00:01:32,760
Right.

41
00:01:32,760 --> 00:01:34,000
OK.

42
00:01:34,000 --> 00:01:36,720
And what was your name at birth?

43
00:01:36,720 --> 00:01:40,470
When you were born,
what was your name?

44
00:01:40,470 --> 00:01:41,010
David.

45
00:01:41,010 --> 00:01:42,170
The same as today?

46
00:01:42,170 --> 00:01:43,020
It's the same.

47
00:01:43,020 --> 00:01:44,970
Sometimes it's changed
for some people?

48
00:01:44,970 --> 00:01:46,250
I didn't change.

49
00:01:46,250 --> 00:01:47,460
OK.

50
00:01:47,460 --> 00:01:49,950
So you were David Wolnerman
when you were born?

51
00:01:49,950 --> 00:01:50,520
Right.

52
00:01:50,520 --> 00:01:52,140
In 1927?

53
00:01:52,140 --> 00:01:53,510
1927.

54
00:01:53,510 --> 00:01:54,930
OK.

55
00:01:54,930 --> 00:01:59,320
And can you tell me, did you
have brothers and sisters?

56
00:01:59,320 --> 00:02:01,515
I have one brother.

57
00:02:01,515 --> 00:02:06,300
And once there were four,
two brothers and two sisters,

58
00:02:06,300 --> 00:02:09,660
me and my brother
and two sisters.

59
00:02:09,660 --> 00:02:10,750
And where were you?

60
00:02:10,750 --> 00:02:12,780
Were you the
youngest, the oldest?

61
00:02:12,780 --> 00:02:13,980
I was the youngest.

62
00:02:13,980 --> 00:02:15,750
You were the youngest?

63
00:02:15,750 --> 00:02:18,720
So tell me the names of your
brothers and your sisters?

64
00:02:18,720 --> 00:02:20,690
My brother's name was Abraham.

65
00:02:20,690 --> 00:02:22,220
Mm-hmm.

66
00:02:22,220 --> 00:02:23,145
And your sisters?

67
00:02:23,145 --> 00:02:26,340
And my sister's
name was Gertrude.

68
00:02:26,340 --> 00:02:27,870
Gertrude.

69
00:02:27,870 --> 00:02:29,130
And another sister you say?

70
00:02:29,130 --> 00:02:29,810
Bluma.

71
00:02:29,810 --> 00:02:30,390
Bluma?

72
00:02:30,390 --> 00:02:30,890
Yes.

73
00:02:30,890 --> 00:02:33,960
So Abraham, David,
Gertrude, and Bluma?

74
00:02:33,960 --> 00:02:38,940
Abraham, Gertrude,
Bluma, and Dave.

75
00:02:38,940 --> 00:02:40,060
I was the youngest.

76
00:02:40,060 --> 00:02:40,560
All right.

77
00:02:40,560 --> 00:02:42,120
So Abraham was the oldest?

78
00:02:42,120 --> 00:02:42,780
Right.

79
00:02:42,780 --> 00:02:45,360
What year was he born?

80

00:02:45,360 --> 00:02:51,320
You know what, he was born,
I think, Second World--

81
00:02:51,320 --> 00:02:53,155
the First World War or
something like this.

82
00:02:53,155 --> 00:02:54,030
You know what I mean?

83
00:02:54,030 --> 00:02:54,530
OK.

84
00:02:54,530 --> 00:02:56,910
So in the 1918, 1919?

85
00:02:56,910 --> 00:02:57,780
Something like this.

86
00:02:57,780 --> 00:02:59,250
OK.

87
00:02:59,250 --> 00:03:02,760
And then your sisters
were born in the '20s.

88
00:03:02,760 --> 00:03:03,420
Yeah.

89
00:03:03,420 --> 00:03:05,250
OK.

90
00:03:05,250 --> 00:03:10,130
And what were the
names of your parents?

91
00:03:10,130 --> 00:03:12,950
My father's name was
Pinchas, Pinchas, Pinchas.

92
00:03:12,950 --> 00:03:14,340
Pinchas?

93

00:03:14,340 --> 00:03:16,440
And my mother's name was Chana.

94
00:03:16,440 --> 00:03:18,720
Chana, OK.

95
00:03:18,720 --> 00:03:22,930
And the town or the place
you were born, tell me again?

96
00:03:22,930 --> 00:03:24,070
Modrzejów.

97
00:03:24,070 --> 00:03:24,810
Modrzejów?

98
00:03:24,810 --> 00:03:25,860
Modrzejów.

99
00:03:25,860 --> 00:03:28,380
What kind of a
place was Modrzejów?

100
00:03:28,380 --> 00:03:32,950
Very small town, close to the
bigger town was Sosnowiec.

101
00:03:32,950 --> 00:03:37,630
Or Będzin, Katowice, Kraków,
you know what I mean?

102
00:03:37,630 --> 00:03:39,900
This was a very small
town, two streets.

103
00:03:39,900 --> 00:03:40,560
Two streets?

104
00:03:40,560 --> 00:03:41,250
That's it.

105
00:03:41,250 --> 00:03:44,520
One policeman, one
doctor, and one car.

106

00:03:44,520 --> 00:03:45,270

One car?

107

00:03:45,270 --> 00:03:45,780

That's it.

108

00:03:45,780 --> 00:03:47,910

You know something, that's
a question that I often

109

00:03:47,910 --> 00:03:51,240

ask people from small
towns, did they have cars?

110

00:03:51,240 --> 00:03:52,240

Were their cars in the--

111

00:03:52,240 --> 00:03:54,270

One car.

112

00:03:54,270 --> 00:03:56,320

Were the roads paved?

113

00:03:56,320 --> 00:03:59,560

Well, we had only one
main street, that's all.

114

00:03:59,560 --> 00:04:00,060

OK.

115

00:04:00,060 --> 00:04:02,040

We had two streets
in the whole town.

116

00:04:02,040 --> 00:04:04,980

Did you know everybody in town?

117

00:04:04,980 --> 00:04:07,680

Almost, yes.

118

00:04:07,680 --> 00:04:09,900

About how many people do
you think lived in it?

119

00:04:09,900 --> 00:04:17,760

Well, maybe a thousand Jews
and a thousand Christians.

120

00:04:17,760 --> 00:04:18,260

OK.

121

00:04:18,260 --> 00:04:19,700

Well, half and half.

122

00:04:19,700 --> 00:04:21,630

It was about half and half?

123

00:04:21,630 --> 00:04:22,860

Yes.

124

00:04:22,860 --> 00:04:23,910

Was there a synagogue?

125

00:04:23,910 --> 00:04:24,810

Pardon me?

126

00:04:24,810 --> 00:04:26,880

Was there a synagogue?

127

00:04:26,880 --> 00:04:27,665

A few.

128

00:04:27,665 --> 00:04:28,490

There were a few.

129

00:04:28,490 --> 00:04:31,490

A small stable.

130

00:04:31,490 --> 00:04:32,760

OK.

131

00:04:32,760 --> 00:04:36,520

And was your family religious?

132

00:04:36,520 --> 00:04:38,200

Yes.

133

00:04:38,200 --> 00:04:41,060

And what, very religious
or just sort of?

134

00:04:41,060 --> 00:04:41,980

Religious.

135

00:04:41,980 --> 00:04:42,520

Religious?

136

00:04:42,520 --> 00:04:44,520

Never worked on Saturdays,
you know what I mean?

137

00:04:44,520 --> 00:04:45,540

Mm-hmm.

138

00:04:45,540 --> 00:04:49,470

In this town, the Jewish
stores were closed.

139

00:04:49,470 --> 00:04:53,190

Nothing was open and everything,
you know what I mean?

140

00:04:53,190 --> 00:04:55,080

Did you go to
synagogue every week?

141

00:04:55,080 --> 00:04:56,850

I used to go--

142

00:04:56,850 --> 00:05:01,310

you see my father died
six months before the war.

143

00:05:01,310 --> 00:05:02,430

In 1939?

144

00:05:02,430 --> 00:05:07,260

In 19-- 1939, yes.

145

00:05:07,260 --> 00:05:11,130

So he died six months before

the Germans took over.

146

00:05:11,130 --> 00:05:12,310
OK.

147

00:05:12,310 --> 00:05:15,180
We'll talk about that,
but let's go back

148

00:05:15,180 --> 00:05:17,865
to when you're still
young and a small child.

149

00:05:17,865 --> 00:05:20,670

150

00:05:20,670 --> 00:05:23,385
How did your father and
mother support the family?

151

00:05:23,385 --> 00:05:26,490

152

00:05:26,490 --> 00:05:29,260
We were very poor, I mean poor.

153

00:05:29,260 --> 00:05:31,260
We didn't stay and
beg on the street,

154

00:05:31,260 --> 00:05:33,230
you know what I mean,
but we were poor,

155

00:05:33,230 --> 00:05:35,190
you know what I mean?

156

00:05:35,190 --> 00:05:38,340
So my father barely
make a living.

157

00:05:38,340 --> 00:05:39,600
What was he doing?

158

00:05:39,600 --> 00:05:46,430
He was buying some bags,
the bags from floured bags,

159
00:05:46,430 --> 00:05:47,280
and sell it.

160
00:05:47,280 --> 00:05:48,970
I see.

161
00:05:48,970 --> 00:05:50,550
So he would buy, and he would--

162
00:05:50,550 --> 00:05:51,475
was he a peddler?

163
00:05:51,475 --> 00:05:52,100
Could one say--

164
00:05:52,100 --> 00:05:53,650
A peddler, yes.

165
00:05:53,650 --> 00:05:55,420
Did he travel or did he--

166
00:05:55,420 --> 00:05:56,750
Walking, not traveling.

167
00:05:56,750 --> 00:05:57,250
Uh-huh.

168
00:05:57,250 --> 00:06:00,430

169
00:06:00,430 --> 00:06:02,500
So he walked around the town?

170
00:06:02,500 --> 00:06:07,130
He walked out the town, too,
the bakeries, the stores

171
00:06:07,130 --> 00:06:09,910
with some bags.

172

00:06:09,910 --> 00:06:12,540

That sounds like it
was a hard living.

173

00:06:12,540 --> 00:06:13,960

Yes, yes, yes.

174

00:06:13,960 --> 00:06:17,550

Did he come from a large family?

175

00:06:17,550 --> 00:06:19,040

I think so.

176

00:06:19,040 --> 00:06:20,170

I think so.

177

00:06:20,170 --> 00:06:22,760

I didn't know too much
because I was young,

178

00:06:22,760 --> 00:06:24,220

you know what I mean?

179

00:06:24,220 --> 00:06:26,770

Did you have grandmothers--
grandparents?

180

00:06:26,770 --> 00:06:28,690

One grandma and one grandpa.

181

00:06:28,690 --> 00:06:31,240

From your mother's?

182

00:06:31,240 --> 00:06:33,430

My mother's parents.

183

00:06:33,430 --> 00:06:34,090

OK.

184

00:06:34,090 --> 00:06:36,490

So you didn't know much
about your grandfather

185

00:06:36,490 --> 00:06:38,470
on your father's side?

186
00:06:38,470 --> 00:06:42,522
No, no, no because he didn't
live in the same town.

187
00:06:42,522 --> 00:06:43,480
Where had he come from?

188
00:06:43,480 --> 00:06:47,800
I mean, he came from not too far
away from Kraków, a small town,

189
00:06:47,800 --> 00:06:49,700
too, you know what I mean?

190
00:06:49,700 --> 00:06:50,410
I see.

191
00:06:50,410 --> 00:06:53,080
Do you know how
your parents met?

192
00:06:53,080 --> 00:06:54,170
No.

193
00:06:54,170 --> 00:06:55,120
OK.

194
00:06:55,120 --> 00:07:00,690
In Europe when you're 10
years old, 12 years old,

195
00:07:00,690 --> 00:07:01,920
you don't mix up.

196
00:07:01,920 --> 00:07:03,160
It's not like now in America.

197
00:07:03,160 --> 00:07:04,240
No.

198
00:07:04,240 --> 00:07:07,210

And then some people told
stories and some people

199
00:07:07,210 --> 00:07:10,120
didn't tell stories
to their children?

200
00:07:10,120 --> 00:07:18,120
Well, no, they didn't--

201
00:07:18,120 --> 00:07:20,880
no, they didn't talk
too much stories.

202
00:07:20,880 --> 00:07:21,550
OK.

203
00:07:21,550 --> 00:07:25,360
Did your father
fight in World War I?

204
00:07:25,360 --> 00:07:27,950
Was he in any army
in World War I?

205
00:07:27,950 --> 00:07:29,780
I'll be honest with
you, I don't know.

206
00:07:29,780 --> 00:07:31,810
OK, all right.

207
00:07:31,810 --> 00:07:34,895
I know the little
town where we lived,

208
00:07:34,895 --> 00:07:37,630
my mother used to say
it was always changing,

209
00:07:37,630 --> 00:07:42,400
one time Russian, one time
German, one time Polish,

210
00:07:42,400 --> 00:07:44,320

the First World War or
something like this.

211
00:07:44,320 --> 00:07:45,010
Yeah.

212
00:07:45,010 --> 00:07:50,550
Because my mother speaks fluent
German, very little Polish,

213
00:07:50,550 --> 00:07:51,680
and Jewish.

214
00:07:51,680 --> 00:07:52,180
OK.

215
00:07:52,180 --> 00:07:53,920
So it was Yiddish and--

216
00:07:53,920 --> 00:07:54,640
Yiddish, right.

217
00:07:54,640 --> 00:07:57,355
--Yiddish and German, which
are not so far from each other.

218
00:07:57,355 --> 00:07:58,760
And a little bit Russian, too.

219
00:07:58,760 --> 00:08:01,575
And a little bit-- well, yeah.

220
00:08:01,575 --> 00:08:05,800
Was this part, I think, of
the Austro-Hungarian Empire?

221
00:08:05,800 --> 00:08:06,300
No.

222
00:08:06,300 --> 00:08:07,250
No.

223
00:08:07,250 --> 00:08:08,680
See, over there it was changing.

224

00:08:08,680 --> 00:08:11,270

One time it was Polish,
one time it was German,

225

00:08:11,270 --> 00:08:14,110

one time it's Russian.

226

00:08:14,110 --> 00:08:17,710

Finally at the end,
it was Polish, Poland.

227

00:08:17,710 --> 00:08:18,430

Got it.

228

00:08:18,430 --> 00:08:19,630

Got it.

229

00:08:19,630 --> 00:08:23,640

And tell me about
your mother's family.

230

00:08:23,640 --> 00:08:25,870

Did she have
brothers and sisters?

231

00:08:25,870 --> 00:08:30,490

Yes, she had two brothers
and one more sister.

232

00:08:30,490 --> 00:08:32,159

OK, so also--

233

00:08:32,159 --> 00:08:34,000

There were two sisters
and two brothers.

234

00:08:34,000 --> 00:08:35,240

Like yours?

235

00:08:35,240 --> 00:08:35,890

Yeah.

236

00:08:35,890 --> 00:08:36,760

OK.

237

00:08:36,760 --> 00:08:38,350
And did they live
in the same place?

238

00:08:38,350 --> 00:08:39,760
In the same town.

239

00:08:39,760 --> 00:08:41,130
Did you know them much?

240

00:08:41,130 --> 00:08:43,870
Because they live
in the same house.

241

00:08:43,870 --> 00:08:45,790
You see, grandpa had a house.

242

00:08:45,790 --> 00:08:48,040
My grandpa was our
mayor over there.

243

00:08:48,040 --> 00:08:48,700
Was he?

244

00:08:48,700 --> 00:08:51,970
Didn't know how to read,
didn't know how to write,

245

00:08:51,970 --> 00:08:53,050
but he knew how to drink?

246

00:08:53,050 --> 00:08:55,080
[LAUGHING]

247

00:08:55,080 --> 00:08:58,840
Sometimes, that's the most
important part of politics.

248

00:08:58,840 --> 00:09:00,850
What can we say?

249

00:09:00,850 --> 00:09:02,110

Did you--

250

00:09:02,110 --> 00:09:05,110

He was collecting
taxes, not too much.

251

00:09:05,110 --> 00:09:06,460

[LAUGHING]

252

00:09:06,460 --> 00:09:09,160

253

00:09:09,160 --> 00:09:11,710

So he was the mayor of--

254

00:09:11,710 --> 00:09:13,730

The little town, Modrzejów, yes.

255

00:09:13,730 --> 00:09:15,550

Modrzejów.

256

00:09:15,550 --> 00:09:18,520

And did you know him
well, your grandfather?

257

00:09:18,520 --> 00:09:24,640

Well, as long as I
lived, yes, I know him.

258

00:09:24,640 --> 00:09:27,550

And you were all
in the same house?

259

00:09:27,550 --> 00:09:29,040

Not in the same house.

260

00:09:29,040 --> 00:09:32,695

In the same house was the
family, my mother, my brother,

261

00:09:32,695 --> 00:09:34,180

and my uncle.

262

00:09:34,180 --> 00:09:35,710

Uh-huh.

263

00:09:35,710 --> 00:09:38,895

And he had a house
himself with his wife.

264

00:09:38,895 --> 00:09:40,190

Oh, your grandfather?

265

00:09:40,190 --> 00:09:40,720

Right.

266

00:09:40,720 --> 00:09:41,470

I see.

267

00:09:41,470 --> 00:09:42,670

I see.

268

00:09:42,670 --> 00:09:44,950

And was he well-off?

269

00:09:44,950 --> 00:09:45,700

Was he well-to-do?

270

00:09:45,700 --> 00:09:46,560

No.

271

00:09:46,560 --> 00:09:47,890

No.

272

00:09:47,890 --> 00:09:50,320

Made a living, not--

273

00:09:50,320 --> 00:09:51,590

but no, no.

274

00:09:51,590 --> 00:09:55,270

OK but aside from
knowing how to drink,

275

00:09:55,270 --> 00:09:57,400

I bet you he had some
other qualities that

276

00:09:57,400 --> 00:10:00,160
made him the mayor?

277

00:10:00,160 --> 00:10:07,510
Well, a small town, you had to
have a good name, that's it.

278

00:10:07,510 --> 00:10:09,040
OK.

279

00:10:09,040 --> 00:10:10,780
What was his name?

280

00:10:10,780 --> 00:10:11,710
Abraham.

281

00:10:11,710 --> 00:10:13,300
And his last name?

282

00:10:13,300 --> 00:10:13,990
Nyer.

283

00:10:13,990 --> 00:10:16,260
Nyer, Abraham Nyer.

284

00:10:16,260 --> 00:10:19,420

285

00:10:19,420 --> 00:10:26,850
And how did he made his
living, your mother's father?

286

00:10:26,850 --> 00:10:28,400
What do you mean?

287

00:10:28,400 --> 00:10:29,520
Well, he was a mayor.

288

00:10:29,520 --> 00:10:30,020
Yes.

289

00:10:30,020 --> 00:10:32,992
But is that how he had

supported his family,

290

00:10:32,992 --> 00:10:34,450

or had he had a
professional trade?

291

00:10:34,450 --> 00:10:35,600

No, not from this.

292

00:10:35,600 --> 00:10:37,860

He had a cow, milk.

293

00:10:37,860 --> 00:10:38,400

Got it.

294

00:10:38,400 --> 00:10:39,920

He made butter.

295

00:10:39,920 --> 00:10:41,645

I remember we were
kids, we had to--

296

00:10:41,645 --> 00:10:43,170

You have to do that.

297

00:10:43,170 --> 00:10:45,020

The one, the old-fashioned way.

298

00:10:45,020 --> 00:10:45,830

Yep.

299

00:10:45,830 --> 00:10:47,090

He churned the butter.

300

00:10:47,090 --> 00:10:47,890

Yes.

301

00:10:47,890 --> 00:10:48,680

OK.

302

00:10:48,680 --> 00:10:50,150

He used to do that.

303

00:10:50,150 --> 00:10:50,650
Really?

304
00:10:50,650 --> 00:10:51,150
Yeah.

305
00:10:51,150 --> 00:10:52,640
I bet you it took a long time.

306
00:10:52,640 --> 00:10:54,716
Well, he worked around with his
fingers, steal a little bit.

307
00:10:54,716 --> 00:10:55,216
You know.

308
00:10:55,216 --> 00:11:02,090

309
00:11:02,090 --> 00:11:02,802
Yes.

310
00:11:02,802 --> 00:11:07,900
Your own family, tell
me about your home.

311
00:11:07,900 --> 00:11:11,110
What did it look like, where
you lived with your brothers,

312
00:11:11,110 --> 00:11:12,820
and sisters, and parents?

313
00:11:12,820 --> 00:11:14,290
We had two rooms--

314
00:11:14,290 --> 00:11:16,385
Two rooms, OK.

315
00:11:16,385 --> 00:11:17,260
And was it a single--

316
00:11:17,260 --> 00:11:22,240
--a kitchen, and our bedroom,

and a living together.

317

00:11:22,240 --> 00:11:24,290

Living room,
kitchen, everything.

318

00:11:24,290 --> 00:11:24,790

All right.

319

00:11:24,790 --> 00:11:26,500

And six people--

320

00:11:26,500 --> 00:11:27,280

Six people.

321

00:11:27,280 --> 00:11:28,390

--in two rooms?

322

00:11:28,390 --> 00:11:29,110

Yes.

323

00:11:29,110 --> 00:11:32,230

Was this part of an
apartment building?

324

00:11:32,230 --> 00:11:35,890

No, it was grandpa's building.

325

00:11:35,890 --> 00:11:38,440

And he give us to
live over there.

326

00:11:38,440 --> 00:11:39,880

OK.

327

00:11:39,880 --> 00:11:43,690

And were you next to other
houses, or did you have--

328

00:11:43,690 --> 00:11:45,010

Yes, oh yeah.

329

00:11:45,010 --> 00:11:46,780

So you lived in the town?

330
00:11:46,780 --> 00:11:48,370
Yes.

331
00:11:48,370 --> 00:11:50,080
Did you have any animals?

332
00:11:50,080 --> 00:11:51,560
I mean a cow or
anything like that?

333
00:11:51,560 --> 00:11:52,060
No?

334
00:11:52,060 --> 00:11:55,960
Did anybody keep
any chickens or--

335
00:11:55,960 --> 00:11:56,730
No.

336
00:11:56,730 --> 00:11:57,230
Not really.

337
00:11:57,230 --> 00:11:58,060
Maybe-- I didn't--

338
00:11:58,060 --> 00:12:00,720
I don't-- I didn't see it.

339
00:12:00,720 --> 00:12:01,600
OK.

340
00:12:01,600 --> 00:12:02,440
OK.

341
00:12:02,440 --> 00:12:05,950
How did you heat the place?

342
00:12:05,950 --> 00:12:08,000
Very, very clean.

343
00:12:08,000 --> 00:12:08,500

OK.

344

00:12:08,500 --> 00:12:12,310

My mother worked all
the time in the house--

345

00:12:12,310 --> 00:12:13,420

Yeah.

346

00:12:13,420 --> 00:12:16,000

--because we didn't
have no electric stoves

347

00:12:16,000 --> 00:12:18,700

and all this kind of stuff,
you know what I mean?

348

00:12:18,700 --> 00:12:20,540

What did you have?

349

00:12:20,540 --> 00:12:25,930

Oven, with wood or coal,
cooked and everything.

350

00:12:25,930 --> 00:12:27,730

OK.

351

00:12:27,730 --> 00:12:31,525

So in the two rooms, no
electricity and coal heating?

352

00:12:31,525 --> 00:12:36,250

And electricity we had maybe
six months before the war.

353

00:12:36,250 --> 00:12:37,000

Really?

354

00:12:37,000 --> 00:12:38,190

One light bulb.

355

00:12:38,190 --> 00:12:39,670

Oh, this was something.

356

00:12:39,670 --> 00:12:40,780
Was this a big thing?

357
00:12:40,780 --> 00:12:42,100
Oh!

358
00:12:42,100 --> 00:12:45,700
This was something because
you used to have the kerosene.

359
00:12:45,700 --> 00:12:46,770
Uh-huh.

360
00:12:46,770 --> 00:12:49,585
Well, tell us, how
do you use kerosene?

361
00:12:49,585 --> 00:12:52,320
What do you have to do in order
to make light from kerosene

362
00:12:52,320 --> 00:12:56,446
With kerosene,
you just start it.

363
00:12:56,446 --> 00:13:01,290
It's like gasoline, like
oil, you know what I mean,

364
00:13:01,290 --> 00:13:03,640
you had to fill it up.

365
00:13:03,640 --> 00:13:06,040
You poured kerosene
into something,

366
00:13:06,040 --> 00:13:07,630
and then you light
it like a candle?

367
00:13:07,630 --> 00:13:09,040
Right.

368
00:13:09,040 --> 00:13:11,275
Were there fires?

369

00:13:11,275 --> 00:13:12,520

Not too much because--

370

00:13:12,520 --> 00:13:15,200

371

00:13:15,200 --> 00:13:18,485

they always had Christmas trees.

372

00:13:18,485 --> 00:13:21,940

We didn't have no fire
department, nothing,

373

00:13:21,940 --> 00:13:25,750

but was no fires because
everybody's into their room,

374

00:13:25,750 --> 00:13:27,160

you know what I mean?

375

00:13:27,160 --> 00:13:28,912

You didn't have no six rooms.

376

00:13:28,912 --> 00:13:30,695

So you [INAUDIBLE].

377

00:13:30,695 --> 00:13:31,570

So you would find it.

378

00:13:31,570 --> 00:13:34,260

If something starts,
you find it very fast.

379

00:13:34,260 --> 00:13:35,860

Right.

380

00:13:35,860 --> 00:13:36,490

OK.

381

00:13:36,490 --> 00:13:37,660

Did you have plumbing?

382

00:13:37,660 --> 00:13:38,530
Pardon me?

383
00:13:38,530 --> 00:13:40,770
Did you have plumbing?

384
00:13:40,770 --> 00:13:42,700
No.

385
00:13:42,700 --> 00:13:43,690
OK.

386
00:13:43,690 --> 00:13:46,470
So where did you get water?

387
00:13:46,470 --> 00:13:47,950
We have to buy water.

388
00:13:47,950 --> 00:13:49,000
You'd have to buy it?

389
00:13:49,000 --> 00:13:49,960
Yes.

390
00:13:49,960 --> 00:13:52,920
So it wasn't like you had a
well that you could go to?

391
00:13:52,920 --> 00:13:54,430
Well, no.

392
00:13:54,430 --> 00:13:55,180
We have to buy it.

393
00:13:55,180 --> 00:13:59,470
It was like two pennies
a bucket of water.

394
00:13:59,470 --> 00:14:00,460
Really!

395
00:14:00,460 --> 00:14:03,540
This is the first time I heard
that somebody had to buy water.

396
00:14:03,540 --> 00:14:05,360
Right.

397
00:14:05,360 --> 00:14:06,010
Wow!

398
00:14:06,010 --> 00:14:07,940
I used to go.

399
00:14:07,940 --> 00:14:10,110
I couldn't handle a whole one.

400
00:14:10,110 --> 00:14:12,690
I used to buy a
half for one penny.

401
00:14:12,690 --> 00:14:15,520
OK.

402
00:14:15,520 --> 00:14:17,835
And would that be
like a half a bucket?

403
00:14:17,835 --> 00:14:19,630
Right.

404
00:14:19,630 --> 00:14:23,710
And half a bucket would be about
how many gallons do you think?

405
00:14:23,710 --> 00:14:26,080
Maybe three gallons and
something like this.

406
00:14:26,080 --> 00:14:28,480
And how many
buckets did you need

407
00:14:28,480 --> 00:14:31,790
for a family of six per day?

408
00:14:31,790 --> 00:14:34,480
First of all, you

didn't took no showers

409

00:14:34,480 --> 00:14:37,180
because you didn't
have no shower.

410

00:14:37,180 --> 00:14:39,970
You took a bath you
know what I mean?

411

00:14:39,970 --> 00:14:48,082
And the men used to go to the
city every Friday take a bath.

412

00:14:48,082 --> 00:14:49,540
Oh, so there was
like a bath house?

413

00:14:49,540 --> 00:14:51,310
And when you don't
need it, you'd--

414

00:14:51,310 --> 00:14:53,250
if you need it or not,
you took our bath.

415

00:14:53,250 --> 00:14:56,320

416

00:14:56,320 --> 00:15:01,780
And what did the
women do, at home?

417

00:15:01,780 --> 00:15:03,170
No showers, no bath houses?

418

00:15:03,170 --> 00:15:03,670
No.

419

00:15:03,670 --> 00:15:04,180
No showers.

420

00:15:04,180 --> 00:15:07,040

421
00:15:07,040 --> 00:15:08,350
OK.

422
00:15:08,350 --> 00:15:11,070
OK.

423
00:15:11,070 --> 00:15:16,540
How many rooms were in this
building that you lived in?

424
00:15:16,540 --> 00:15:20,070
The rooms 2, 4, about 6.

425
00:15:20,070 --> 00:15:20,580
OK.

426
00:15:20,580 --> 00:15:22,620
Everybody, three families.

427
00:15:22,620 --> 00:15:23,460
Three families?

428
00:15:23,460 --> 00:15:24,060
Yes.

429
00:15:24,060 --> 00:15:26,150
One lived in the penthouse.

430
00:15:26,150 --> 00:15:28,070
So you couldn't straighten out.

431
00:15:28,070 --> 00:15:31,110
You have to go like this
because it was too close.

432
00:15:31,110 --> 00:15:32,000
OK.

433
00:15:32,000 --> 00:15:33,785
And which one did you live in?

434
00:15:33,785 --> 00:15:34,890
The first floor.

435
00:15:34,890 --> 00:15:35,640
The first floor.

436
00:15:35,640 --> 00:15:37,560
That's all we had, two floors.

437
00:15:37,560 --> 00:15:39,555
OK, two floors and a penthouse.

438
00:15:39,555 --> 00:15:43,330
Two and one, one penthouse.

439
00:15:43,330 --> 00:15:47,190
The penthouse was-- when
you do tall, you had to--

440
00:15:47,190 --> 00:15:48,750
Who lived there?

441
00:15:48,750 --> 00:15:50,250
Well.

442
00:15:50,250 --> 00:15:50,910
OK.

443
00:15:50,910 --> 00:15:52,860
Did anybody live there in the--

444
00:15:52,860 --> 00:15:54,180
it's the attic space then.

445
00:15:54,180 --> 00:15:55,680
Like an attic space.

446
00:15:55,680 --> 00:15:56,250
OK.

447
00:15:56,250 --> 00:15:57,750
My uncle was living over there.

448
00:15:57,750 --> 00:15:59,100
I see.

449

00:15:59,100 --> 00:16:00,310

OK.

450

00:16:00,310 --> 00:16:00,840

Can we cut?

451

00:16:00,840 --> 00:16:05,840

452

00:16:05,840 --> 00:16:09,170

So we were talking
about where you lived.

453

00:16:09,170 --> 00:16:11,030

Can you describe
the house to me?

454

00:16:11,030 --> 00:16:13,100

Was it next to other houses?

455

00:16:13,100 --> 00:16:14,150

Yes.

456

00:16:14,150 --> 00:16:15,970

Was it wooden or of stone?

457

00:16:15,970 --> 00:16:19,090

Stone, but old.

458

00:16:19,090 --> 00:16:19,880

Old.

459

00:16:19,880 --> 00:16:22,955

So you think it was maybe
built in the 19th century?

460

00:16:22,955 --> 00:16:25,490

461

00:16:25,490 --> 00:16:26,540

Maybe before--

462

00:16:26,540 --> 00:16:28,460
Maybe before, OK.

463
00:16:28,460 --> 00:16:29,630
OK.

464
00:16:29,630 --> 00:16:31,750
--because when the
time I remember.

465
00:16:31,750 --> 00:16:36,320
You used to put sand
by the windows--

466
00:16:36,320 --> 00:16:37,610
Sand?

467
00:16:37,610 --> 00:16:40,370
--so they covered
up for the snow,

468
00:16:40,370 --> 00:16:42,050
for the winter and everything.

469
00:16:42,050 --> 00:16:43,650
Oh, I see so that's how you--

470
00:16:43,650 --> 00:16:46,770
The house was not
young but older.

471
00:16:46,770 --> 00:16:50,810
Do you remember it
being cold inside?

472
00:16:50,810 --> 00:16:56,360
We had a stove, a
round one for winter.

473
00:16:56,360 --> 00:16:57,590
Like a cold stove?

474
00:16:57,590 --> 00:16:58,700
Right.

475

00:16:58,700 --> 00:17:01,970

And was it in the corner of
the house, or corner of a room,

476

00:17:01,970 --> 00:17:03,700

or in the middle of the room?

477

00:17:03,700 --> 00:17:04,540

In the house.

478

00:17:04,540 --> 00:17:05,359

I know.

479

00:17:05,359 --> 00:17:06,879

Where was it in the room?

480

00:17:06,879 --> 00:17:08,780

In the middle the house
in the living room.

481

00:17:08,780 --> 00:17:11,420

Really, in the middle?

482

00:17:11,420 --> 00:17:14,699

And your mother cooked
on a coal or a wood--

483

00:17:14,699 --> 00:17:15,440

A stove.

484

00:17:15,440 --> 00:17:16,380

--stove.

485

00:17:16,380 --> 00:17:18,109

OK.

486

00:17:18,109 --> 00:17:19,339

She didn't bake.

487

00:17:19,339 --> 00:17:21,010

She didn't have for baking.

488

00:17:21,010 --> 00:17:24,940

For baking we used to go every
Friday or so to a bakery,

489

00:17:24,940 --> 00:17:28,339
you know what I mean,
and bake in the bakery.

490

00:17:28,339 --> 00:17:31,640
So in other words, not only at
a bakery could you buy bread,

491

00:17:31,640 --> 00:17:35,240
but you could bake
your own bread?

492

00:17:35,240 --> 00:17:37,220
Bread, not too many made it.

493

00:17:37,220 --> 00:17:37,720
OK.

494

00:17:37,720 --> 00:17:41,540
We make challah, you know
what I mean, for Friday.

495

00:17:41,540 --> 00:17:42,380
I see.

496

00:17:42,380 --> 00:17:44,480
And would she bake other things?

497

00:17:44,480 --> 00:17:46,310
And a cake sometimes.

498

00:17:46,310 --> 00:17:48,000
OK.

499

00:17:48,000 --> 00:17:52,940
Was there a particular food
she made that you really liked?

500

00:17:52,940 --> 00:18:00,380
I liked everything, but she
cooked for six people a pound

501
00:18:00,380 --> 00:18:02,660
and a have of beef.

502
00:18:02,660 --> 00:18:05,720
So if you get the bone,
you don't get no meat.

503
00:18:05,720 --> 00:18:08,280
If you get the carrots,
you don't get meat

504
00:18:08,280 --> 00:18:12,230
because my father got to get
a little piece, my brother

505
00:18:12,230 --> 00:18:14,190
and my sister both, too.

506
00:18:14,190 --> 00:18:20,008
And we were the youngest,
so we didn't have too much.

507
00:18:20,008 --> 00:18:20,675
Were you hungry?

508
00:18:20,675 --> 00:18:25,190

509
00:18:25,190 --> 00:18:26,940
Bread we got plenty,
you know what I mean?

510
00:18:26,940 --> 00:18:29,250
Mm-hmm

511
00:18:29,250 --> 00:18:30,960
A little bit sugar
on top or something,

512
00:18:30,960 --> 00:18:35,970
you know I mean, not
butter, once in a while.

513
00:18:35,970 --> 00:18:38,820

So butter you could churn
for your grandfather,

514
00:18:38,820 --> 00:18:41,380
but you didn't get
much of it at home?

515
00:18:41,380 --> 00:18:45,790
No because he sold
it, you know I mean?

516
00:18:45,790 --> 00:18:47,900
And it was different.

517
00:18:47,900 --> 00:18:50,730
Like eggs, you
wanted to the store

518
00:18:50,730 --> 00:18:52,970
to buy two eggs, one
eggs, and something

519
00:18:52,970 --> 00:18:54,210
like this, not a dozen.

520
00:18:54,210 --> 00:18:56,790

521
00:18:56,790 --> 00:18:58,750
Was there only one
store you would go to?

522
00:18:58,750 --> 00:19:00,270
No, you had a few stores.

523
00:19:00,270 --> 00:19:00,840
Yeah?

524
00:19:00,840 --> 00:19:02,410
Little stores, you
know what I mean.

525
00:19:02,410 --> 00:19:05,700
And who would do the
shopping, the food shopping?

526

00:19:05,700 --> 00:19:08,280

I go with them my
mother or something.

527

00:19:08,280 --> 00:19:10,970

Most the time for
Friday we shopped,

528

00:19:10,970 --> 00:19:12,872

Thursday for Sabbath,
you know I mean.

529

00:19:12,872 --> 00:19:13,372

Mm-hmm.

530

00:19:13,372 --> 00:19:16,680

531

00:19:16,680 --> 00:19:19,230

So because you
were the youngest,

532

00:19:19,230 --> 00:19:22,020

did you accompany
her everywhere?

533

00:19:22,020 --> 00:19:24,650

Did you go with her
when she went shopping?

534

00:19:24,650 --> 00:19:26,380

Yeah, sometimes.

535

00:19:26,380 --> 00:19:26,880

OK.

536

00:19:26,880 --> 00:19:27,588

And your sisters?

537

00:19:27,588 --> 00:19:30,120

538

00:19:30,120 --> 00:19:32,540

You have the one sister, the
older sister was working,

539
00:19:32,540 --> 00:19:33,410
you know I mean?

540
00:19:33,410 --> 00:19:34,680
What was she doing?

541
00:19:34,680 --> 00:19:37,210
She worked in a printing.

542
00:19:37,210 --> 00:19:40,400
And my brother was the
foreman over there.

543
00:19:40,400 --> 00:19:44,240
The foreman made \$25 a week.

544
00:19:44,240 --> 00:19:47,420
Well, it was in
Polish money, was it?

545
00:19:47,420 --> 00:19:48,830
In Polish money, right.

546
00:19:48,830 --> 00:19:50,780
And so would it
have been 25 zloty?

547
00:19:50,780 --> 00:19:52,470
25 zloty, right.

548
00:19:52,470 --> 00:19:53,210
OK.

549
00:19:53,210 --> 00:19:55,730
Was that considered
a lot of money?

550
00:19:55,730 --> 00:19:59,060
He was a foreman already.

551
00:19:59,060 --> 00:20:00,470

And what about--

552

00:20:00,470 --> 00:20:03,720
Because it was, I think, cheap
because you had no money.

553

00:20:03,720 --> 00:20:05,570
You didn't buy a dozen
eggs or something,

554

00:20:05,570 --> 00:20:08,880
you know what I mean?

555

00:20:08,880 --> 00:20:12,480
Which of your siblings
were you closest to?

556

00:20:12,480 --> 00:20:16,292

557

00:20:16,292 --> 00:20:17,310
We were together.

558

00:20:17,310 --> 00:20:18,840
We were living close.

559

00:20:18,840 --> 00:20:19,500
All of you?

560

00:20:19,500 --> 00:20:20,320
Yes.

561

00:20:20,320 --> 00:20:20,820
OK.

562

00:20:20,820 --> 00:20:23,070
The mother and
father was the tops.

563

00:20:23,070 --> 00:20:24,270
Really?

564

00:20:24,270 --> 00:20:24,862
That's it.

565

00:20:24,862 --> 00:20:25,570

Tell me about it.

566

00:20:25,570 --> 00:20:27,330

We didn't sit down
at a table tell

567

00:20:27,330 --> 00:20:30,990

my father and mother was there.

568

00:20:30,990 --> 00:20:33,615

It sounds like you
had a lot of respect.

569

00:20:33,615 --> 00:20:35,640

Nothing but respect.

570

00:20:35,640 --> 00:20:36,990

OK.

571

00:20:36,990 --> 00:20:42,240

Tell me a little bit about
your parents' personalities.

572

00:20:42,240 --> 00:20:44,070

What kind of a person
was your father?

573

00:20:44,070 --> 00:20:45,600

Let's start with your father.

574

00:20:45,600 --> 00:20:48,840

Very, very Yiddish,
you know I mean.

575

00:20:48,840 --> 00:20:52,800

He had to have a
paper every day.

576

00:20:52,800 --> 00:20:53,430

He reads.

577

00:20:53,430 --> 00:20:54,930

He would read the
paper every day.

578
00:20:54,930 --> 00:20:56,420
The Jewish paper.

579
00:20:56,420 --> 00:20:57,795
Do you remember
the name of the--

580
00:20:57,795 --> 00:20:58,680
The Forverts.

581
00:20:58,680 --> 00:20:59,490
The Forverts.

582
00:20:59,490 --> 00:21:00,260
Right.

583
00:21:00,260 --> 00:21:01,050
OK.

584
00:21:01,050 --> 00:21:05,470
Did it have a political
leaning, The Forverts?

585
00:21:05,470 --> 00:21:06,055
This I don't--

586
00:21:06,055 --> 00:21:06,680
You don't know.

587
00:21:06,680 --> 00:21:07,930
I was too young to--

588
00:21:07,930 --> 00:21:10,120
Because there is a
Forverts in New York City.

589
00:21:10,120 --> 00:21:10,690
Oh, yeah.

590
00:21:10,690 --> 00:21:12,400
And that's a different--

591
00:21:12,400 --> 00:21:13,825
that had a political leaning.

592
00:21:13,825 --> 00:21:17,720
And look, Michael get paper,
Forverts, but in English.

593
00:21:17,720 --> 00:21:18,220
Yeah.

594
00:21:18,220 --> 00:21:20,290
You can get it in
Yiddish, you can get it

595
00:21:20,290 --> 00:21:24,490
in English, the same thing.

596
00:21:24,490 --> 00:21:26,230
So he would read
the paper, which

597
00:21:26,230 --> 00:21:29,090
meant that he went to school,
and he knew how to read.

598
00:21:29,090 --> 00:21:29,590
Yes.

599
00:21:29,590 --> 00:21:32,170
Oh, especially Yiddish.

600
00:21:32,170 --> 00:21:33,160
OK.

601
00:21:33,160 --> 00:21:37,150
And your grandfather,
the mayor, didn't.

602
00:21:37,150 --> 00:21:39,070
He didn't, no.

603
00:21:39,070 --> 00:21:41,890
Interesting, interesting.

604
00:21:41,890 --> 00:21:44,320
Did he like your father?

605
00:21:44,320 --> 00:21:47,620
My father was very, very--

606
00:21:47,620 --> 00:21:50,440

607
00:21:50,440 --> 00:21:54,650
everything what
he said had to be.

608
00:21:54,650 --> 00:21:55,150
OK.

609
00:21:55,150 --> 00:21:55,692
So he had a--

610
00:21:55,692 --> 00:21:59,280
Very good man, very good
father, and the mother, too.

611
00:21:59,280 --> 00:22:00,790
Old-fashioned.

612
00:22:00,790 --> 00:22:05,090
Matter of fact, I am a
little bit with my two boys

613
00:22:05,090 --> 00:22:06,490
the same thing almost.

614
00:22:06,490 --> 00:22:07,070
Really?

615
00:22:07,070 --> 00:22:07,570
Yes.

616
00:22:07,570 --> 00:22:08,487
So you learnt how to--

617

00:22:08,487 --> 00:22:11,410
Because my wife was Polish,
too, a survivor, too.

618
00:22:11,410 --> 00:22:12,010
Oh, I see.

619
00:22:12,010 --> 00:22:13,885
She was five years in
the concentration camp,

620
00:22:13,885 --> 00:22:16,150
too, but in different camps.

621
00:22:16,150 --> 00:22:17,320
Yeah.

622
00:22:17,320 --> 00:22:20,270
They wanted to write a book
from her, too, but a difference.

623
00:22:20,270 --> 00:22:20,770
Yeah.

624
00:22:20,770 --> 00:22:22,670
She had a different story.

625
00:22:22,670 --> 00:22:24,850
But I didn't let her
because she was sick.

626
00:22:24,850 --> 00:22:26,052
Yeah.

627
00:22:26,052 --> 00:22:27,760
I can understand that
these are not easy.

628
00:22:27,760 --> 00:22:28,990
But they want it badly.

629
00:22:28,990 --> 00:22:33,160
This would be a tremendous book
because she was difference.

630

00:22:33,160 --> 00:22:35,110

Do you know her story?

631

00:22:35,110 --> 00:22:36,400

Yes, a little.

632

00:22:36,400 --> 00:22:39,050

So maybe when we
finish talking--

633

00:22:39,050 --> 00:22:39,550

Well--

634

00:22:39,550 --> 00:22:42,820

--about yours, you can tell
us a little bit about her.

635

00:22:42,820 --> 00:22:44,850

--it's too much
to talk about it.

636

00:22:44,850 --> 00:22:45,350

OK.

637

00:22:45,350 --> 00:22:47,860

Well, maybe a little bit
private or something I

638

00:22:47,860 --> 00:22:49,430

can give you a little bit.

639

00:22:49,430 --> 00:22:50,710

OK.

640

00:22:50,710 --> 00:22:54,010

But I know that
we're talking now

641

00:22:54,010 --> 00:22:57,250

about your family
before the war.

642

00:22:57,250 --> 00:23:02,940

I want to get a sense of,

what did you parents--

643

00:23:02,940 --> 00:23:05,460

644

00:23:05,460 --> 00:23:08,160

how did they inspire
this kind of respect?

645

00:23:08,160 --> 00:23:11,976

Were they warm people to you?

646

00:23:11,976 --> 00:23:15,570

We were brought up
like this, respect.

647

00:23:15,570 --> 00:23:17,160

OK.

648

00:23:17,160 --> 00:23:19,320

My mother used to
say, nobody looks

649

00:23:19,320 --> 00:23:22,080

in the stomach what do you
eat, but you dressed up

650

00:23:22,080 --> 00:23:24,390

a little bit is difference.

651

00:23:24,390 --> 00:23:26,110

Ah.

652

00:23:26,110 --> 00:23:26,610

That's it.

653

00:23:26,610 --> 00:23:28,370

That you would be presentable?

654

00:23:28,370 --> 00:23:29,160

Yes.

655

00:23:29,160 --> 00:23:30,330

OK.

656

00:23:30,330 --> 00:23:34,500
You wanted to be representable,
especially in a small town.

657

00:23:34,500 --> 00:23:36,810
If you neglect,
nobody looked on you.

658

00:23:36,810 --> 00:23:41,417

659

00:23:41,417 --> 00:23:42,500
It's different in America.

660

00:23:42,500 --> 00:23:45,920
You don't look who your
mother was, who your grandpa,

661

00:23:45,920 --> 00:23:47,795
as long as you're both
happy with each other,

662

00:23:47,795 --> 00:23:48,670
you know what I mean?

663

00:23:48,670 --> 00:23:50,470
Over there is difference.

664

00:23:50,470 --> 00:23:53,780
If they asked me, you
don't see your name.

665

00:23:53,780 --> 00:23:56,715
I have to say, I'm
the son from Pinchas.

666

00:23:56,715 --> 00:24:01,280

667

00:24:01,280 --> 00:24:02,472
So you know it.

668

00:24:02,472 --> 00:24:03,930

Because in a little
town, everybody

669
00:24:03,930 --> 00:24:06,420
knows each other, but not
a little baby like me,

670
00:24:06,420 --> 00:24:07,500
you know what I mean?

671
00:24:07,500 --> 00:24:10,050
Yeah.

672
00:24:10,050 --> 00:24:12,600
I went to camp when
I was 13 years old--

673
00:24:12,600 --> 00:24:14,050
Mm-hmm .

674
00:24:14,050 --> 00:24:17,820
--and I went by myself
because they told him,

675
00:24:17,820 --> 00:24:20,916
if you go, your mother
going to be saved.

676
00:24:20,916 --> 00:24:23,800
So I said, OK, I'm going.

677
00:24:23,800 --> 00:24:25,390
Wow.

678
00:24:25,390 --> 00:24:26,950
Wow.

679
00:24:26,950 --> 00:24:28,000
We'll come to that.

680
00:24:28,000 --> 00:24:29,170
We'll come to that.

681
00:24:29,170 --> 00:24:31,330

We're going to still
talk about life prewar.

682
00:24:31,330 --> 00:24:34,780

683
00:24:34,780 --> 00:24:36,880
So your mother kept
a very clean house?

684
00:24:36,880 --> 00:24:40,338

685
00:24:40,338 --> 00:24:42,130
It's majestic, again,
you know what I mean?

686
00:24:42,130 --> 00:24:43,330
Of course, it's not easy.

687
00:24:43,330 --> 00:24:46,926
No, because we had wooden
floors a little bit.

688
00:24:46,926 --> 00:24:49,900
You didn't have no carpets.

689
00:24:49,900 --> 00:24:51,430
But you had wooden floors?

690
00:24:51,430 --> 00:24:52,180
Wooden floors.

691
00:24:52,180 --> 00:24:52,880
Wooden floors.

692
00:24:52,880 --> 00:24:53,770
Pieces.

693
00:24:53,770 --> 00:24:56,110
Some of them we
had to fix it, too.

694
00:24:56,110 --> 00:24:58,390

Yeah.

695

00:24:58,390 --> 00:25:00,100

Did you have cousins?

696

00:25:00,100 --> 00:25:01,270

Yes.

697

00:25:01,270 --> 00:25:03,535

Who did you play with the
most when you were little?

698

00:25:03,535 --> 00:25:05,510

The cousins lived
in the same house--

699

00:25:05,510 --> 00:25:06,730

Ah!

700

00:25:06,730 --> 00:25:09,290

--because it was the family.

701

00:25:09,290 --> 00:25:09,940

OK.

702

00:25:09,940 --> 00:25:11,040

Your mother's brother?

703

00:25:11,040 --> 00:25:11,868

Right.

704

00:25:11,868 --> 00:25:14,160

OK.

705

00:25:14,160 --> 00:25:16,560

So was it a happy time
having so many kids?

706

00:25:16,560 --> 00:25:18,820

Yes, yes.

707

00:25:18,820 --> 00:25:21,020

OK.

708

00:25:21,020 --> 00:25:22,860

Did you go to school?

709

00:25:22,860 --> 00:25:24,638

Yes, was only one school.

710

00:25:24,638 --> 00:25:25,430

In the whole place?

711

00:25:25,430 --> 00:25:26,790

In the whole place.

712

00:25:26,790 --> 00:25:27,660

So was it both--

713

00:25:27,660 --> 00:25:28,460

For both.

714

00:25:28,460 --> 00:25:30,110

--for both Poles and Jews?

715

00:25:30,110 --> 00:25:33,810

Christian, Catholic,
Protestant, and Jewish.

716

00:25:33,810 --> 00:25:34,310

OK.

717

00:25:34,310 --> 00:25:41,250

So we had one hour a week Hebrew
or Jewish, and one hour a week

718

00:25:41,250 --> 00:25:44,190

Catholic, and one
hour Protestant.

719

00:25:44,190 --> 00:25:44,690

Oh.

720

00:25:44,690 --> 00:25:46,740

If you wanted, you could stay.

721

00:25:46,740 --> 00:25:48,920

If not, you don't walk
out, you know what I mean.

722
00:25:48,920 --> 00:25:49,880
OK.

723
00:25:49,880 --> 00:25:51,890
Did you ever stay
for the others?

724
00:25:51,890 --> 00:25:54,110
Sometime I stayed
on the Catholic one.

725
00:25:54,110 --> 00:25:54,620
Did you?

726
00:25:54,620 --> 00:25:56,120
I just wanted to know.

727
00:25:56,120 --> 00:25:59,330
Sometime I know sometimes
more than some Catholics

728
00:25:59,330 --> 00:26:00,110
in this country.

729
00:26:00,110 --> 00:26:01,210
[INTERVIEWER LAUGHS]

730
00:26:01,210 --> 00:26:01,710

731
00:26:01,710 --> 00:26:05,397
Well, when you get an
education like that, then--

732
00:26:05,397 --> 00:26:06,230
what stays with you?

733
00:26:06,230 --> 00:26:08,063
I just wanted to know,
you know what I mean,

734

00:26:08,063 --> 00:26:11,210
not that I'm
perfect, everything.

735
00:26:11,210 --> 00:26:14,690
But is there
anything you remember

736
00:26:14,690 --> 00:26:18,350
from any of those lessons?

737
00:26:18,350 --> 00:26:21,260
Not too much because
there was that I was

738
00:26:21,260 --> 00:26:23,550
12 years old, 11, 12 years old.

739
00:26:23,550 --> 00:26:24,080
OK.

740
00:26:24,080 --> 00:26:27,560
Did you ever go inside a church?

741
00:26:27,560 --> 00:26:28,710
After the war.

742
00:26:28,710 --> 00:26:29,210
OK.

743
00:26:29,210 --> 00:26:30,400
Before the war--

744
00:26:30,400 --> 00:26:31,010
No.

745
00:26:31,010 --> 00:26:33,500
--the anti-Semitic was
a little bit in Poland.

746
00:26:33,500 --> 00:26:35,392
It was very, very strong.

747
00:26:35,392 --> 00:26:36,475

I want to talk about that.

748

00:26:36,475 --> 00:26:40,190
So you didn't go to the church
then, you know what I mean.

749

00:26:40,190 --> 00:26:42,170
OK.

750

00:26:42,170 --> 00:26:45,500
So since you were all
in school together--

751

00:26:45,500 --> 00:26:48,440
In school together, yes, girls
and boys together, everything,

752

00:26:48,440 --> 00:26:49,670
you know what I mean.

753

00:26:49,670 --> 00:26:54,880
--did you ever have any of the
Christian kids make fun of you

754

00:26:54,880 --> 00:26:55,645
or tease you?

755

00:26:55,645 --> 00:26:59,305
Well, I tell you one
thing, I was lucky.

756

00:26:59,305 --> 00:27:00,740
OK.

757

00:27:00,740 --> 00:27:05,065
I had some friends, Gentiles,
went to school together

758

00:27:05,065 --> 00:27:05,690
and everything.

759

00:27:05,690 --> 00:27:06,190
Mm-hmm.

760

00:27:06,190 --> 00:27:09,560

761
00:27:09,560 --> 00:27:12,140
For the age, I was not bad.

762
00:27:12,140 --> 00:27:13,640
I wasn't fighting.

763
00:27:13,640 --> 00:27:15,800
But I act like a big fighter.

764
00:27:15,800 --> 00:27:17,870
I never fight.

765
00:27:17,870 --> 00:27:20,870
I never remember having
a fight or something.

766
00:27:20,870 --> 00:27:22,200
OK.

767
00:27:22,200 --> 00:27:26,680
So are you saying that the kids
that you knew who were Gentiles

768
00:27:26,680 --> 00:27:27,560
were friends?

769
00:27:27,560 --> 00:27:28,970
Oh yeah, yes.

770
00:27:28,970 --> 00:27:29,810
Not bad?

771
00:27:29,810 --> 00:27:30,890
Everything was OK?

772
00:27:30,890 --> 00:27:33,580
Till-- Hitler took over,
it was a different story.

773
00:27:33,580 --> 00:27:36,050
Yeah, of course, of course.

774

00:27:36,050 --> 00:27:39,080

But did your parents
or did anybody

775

00:27:39,080 --> 00:27:42,350

you knew experience any
kind of discrimination?

776

00:27:42,350 --> 00:27:44,936

777

00:27:44,936 --> 00:27:46,330

They didn't like a Jew.

778

00:27:46,330 --> 00:27:50,560

779

00:27:50,560 --> 00:27:53,490

They like some of me,
you know what I mean.

780

00:27:53,490 --> 00:27:57,240

Let's say like my wife, my
mother, she had a neighbor,

781

00:27:57,240 --> 00:27:58,260

she loved her.

782

00:27:58,260 --> 00:27:59,730

That's it.

783

00:27:59,730 --> 00:28:02,570

Maybe second Jew, she
didn't, you know what I mean.

784

00:28:02,570 --> 00:28:04,470

OK.

785

00:28:04,470 --> 00:28:06,860

So you're saying a neighbor
lady who was Gentile--

786

00:28:06,860 --> 00:28:09,480

Some of them, right.

787

00:28:09,480 --> 00:28:12,880

But if your grandfather
was mayor of the town--

788

00:28:12,880 --> 00:28:14,872

Yeah, but--

789

00:28:14,872 --> 00:28:16,080

It doesn't make a difference?

790

00:28:16,080 --> 00:28:19,470

You collect half a dollar tax.

791

00:28:19,470 --> 00:28:20,340

OK.

792

00:28:20,340 --> 00:28:26,755

Well, a tax collector is never
popular no matter who they are.

793

00:28:26,755 --> 00:28:27,920

No money--

794

00:28:27,920 --> 00:28:28,710

Yeah.

795

00:28:28,710 --> 00:28:31,140

--a little town like this.

796

00:28:31,140 --> 00:28:32,940

What did the little
town-- what was

797

00:28:32,940 --> 00:28:35,335

the main economy in this town?

798

00:28:35,335 --> 00:28:36,690

A coal mine.

799

00:28:36,690 --> 00:28:37,620

There was a coal mine.

800

00:28:37,620 --> 00:28:39,390

There was a coal
mine over there,

801

00:28:39,390 --> 00:28:42,170

and owned by the
French government.

802

00:28:42,170 --> 00:28:42,680

Really?

803

00:28:42,680 --> 00:28:44,930

Yes, this I remember.

804

00:28:44,930 --> 00:28:46,590

They were talking about this.

805

00:28:46,590 --> 00:28:50,585

But Jews didn't work in
the coal mine at all.

806

00:28:50,585 --> 00:28:51,085

Why?

807

00:28:51,085 --> 00:28:54,760

808

00:28:54,760 --> 00:28:57,640

Some of them was a shame.

809

00:28:57,640 --> 00:28:58,140

OK.

810

00:28:58,140 --> 00:28:59,105

So it was dirty work?

811

00:28:59,105 --> 00:29:00,660

See like us, example--

812

00:29:00,660 --> 00:29:01,840

Yeah.

813

00:29:01,840 --> 00:29:04,080

--we didn't stay outside
and beg for a piece

814
00:29:04,080 --> 00:29:05,070
of bread or something.

815
00:29:05,070 --> 00:29:08,010
We were hungry, but I mean,
not to stay on the street

816
00:29:08,010 --> 00:29:15,695
or something because my mother
and father had too much shame,

817
00:29:15,695 --> 00:29:16,570
you know what I mean.

818
00:29:16,570 --> 00:29:19,150
They had too much pride
to do something like that.

819
00:29:19,150 --> 00:29:20,430
Right.

820
00:29:20,430 --> 00:29:21,070
OK.

821
00:29:21,070 --> 00:29:23,020
So it was mostly--

822
00:29:23,020 --> 00:29:26,380
it was mostly the Gentiles
who worked in the coal mine?

823
00:29:26,380 --> 00:29:30,590
Yes, maybe a few Jews and
maybe in the office, maybe.

824
00:29:30,590 --> 00:29:34,960
In the war time, all the
Jews worked in the coal mine.

825
00:29:34,960 --> 00:29:35,738
OK.

826

00:29:35,738 --> 00:29:37,030

I didn't work in the coal mine.

827

00:29:37,030 --> 00:29:38,290

I was lucky.

828

00:29:38,290 --> 00:29:39,250

OK.

829

00:29:39,250 --> 00:29:44,170

My sister, the older one,
she was a tough girl,

830

00:29:44,170 --> 00:29:47,080

a good-looking girl.

831

00:29:47,080 --> 00:29:48,820

If you don't let her
in from the front,

832

00:29:48,820 --> 00:29:51,810

she come through the windows.

833

00:29:51,810 --> 00:29:53,380

And she got a job for me.

834

00:29:53,380 --> 00:29:57,610

I was an engineer
sweeping the street.

835

00:29:57,610 --> 00:29:59,470

This is during the war?

836

00:29:59,470 --> 00:30:01,720

This better than coal mine.

837

00:30:01,720 --> 00:30:03,910

You come out, you
know what I mean?

838

00:30:03,910 --> 00:30:05,160

We'll talk about those things.

839

00:30:05,160 --> 00:30:06,220
So she got me the job.

840
00:30:06,220 --> 00:30:06,720
OK.

841
00:30:06,720 --> 00:30:10,300

842
00:30:10,300 --> 00:30:14,380
So were there people who--
was it a farming area as well?

843
00:30:14,380 --> 00:30:16,280
Were there people who had farms?

844
00:30:16,280 --> 00:30:17,500
Farms, yes.

845
00:30:17,500 --> 00:30:19,430
But not so much
as the coal mine?

846
00:30:19,430 --> 00:30:20,370
No.

847
00:30:20,370 --> 00:30:20,870
OK.

848
00:30:20,870 --> 00:30:24,700

849
00:30:24,700 --> 00:30:27,910
You said that electricity,
the first light bulb,

850
00:30:27,910 --> 00:30:32,200
was six months before
the war started.

851
00:30:32,200 --> 00:30:33,628
What about a radio?

852
00:30:33,628 --> 00:30:34,670

Did anybody have a radio?

853

00:30:34,670 --> 00:30:36,520

In my town was one radio.

854

00:30:36,520 --> 00:30:37,240

One radio?

855

00:30:37,240 --> 00:30:37,910

Right.

856

00:30:37,910 --> 00:30:41,710

Because I remember we used
to listen to the soccer game

857

00:30:41,710 --> 00:30:44,050

because in Europe,
that's all you had.

858

00:30:44,050 --> 00:30:46,870

You didn't know about football,
baseball, or something

859

00:30:46,870 --> 00:30:50,010

like this, nothing like this.

860

00:30:50,010 --> 00:30:50,770

OK.

861

00:30:50,770 --> 00:30:53,980

So who owned the radio?

862

00:30:53,980 --> 00:30:57,400

Some-- maybe he was a
little bit richer than me.

863

00:30:57,400 --> 00:30:58,810

OK.

864

00:30:58,810 --> 00:31:01,450

So you open the window,
and the whole town--

865

00:31:01,450 --> 00:31:01,990

Really?

866

00:31:01,990 --> 00:31:03,480
--listen to the game--

867

00:31:03,480 --> 00:31:04,930
OK.

868

00:31:04,930 --> 00:31:06,780
--the soccer game, football.

869

00:31:06,780 --> 00:31:10,480
Well, tell me, who was the
richest person in town?

870

00:31:10,480 --> 00:31:14,320
Not too many, a few over there.

871

00:31:14,320 --> 00:31:16,810
If you need a few
dollars, he borrowed you.

872

00:31:16,810 --> 00:31:20,110
But you have to have something,
like a piece of silver

873

00:31:20,110 --> 00:31:24,280
or something, gold, for
guarantee, you know I mean.

874

00:31:24,280 --> 00:31:25,330
OK.

875

00:31:25,330 --> 00:31:30,070
So it was a business.

876

00:31:30,070 --> 00:31:31,890
Was there a bank?

877

00:31:31,890 --> 00:31:32,830
In my town?

878

00:31:32,830 --> 00:31:34,600
No, no bank.

879
00:31:34,600 --> 00:31:36,790
No bank.

880
00:31:36,790 --> 00:31:39,760
We had a bank for the water.

881
00:31:39,760 --> 00:31:40,690
That kind of a bank.

882
00:31:40,690 --> 00:31:41,780
[LAUGHTER]

883
00:31:41,780 --> 00:31:42,280

884
00:31:42,280 --> 00:31:47,690
That's a time V.I.P.
call yourself [INAUDIBLE]

885
00:31:47,690 --> 00:31:49,860
So you used to play big shot.

886
00:31:49,860 --> 00:31:53,320
We used to say, oh,
we used to own a bank.

887
00:31:53,320 --> 00:31:55,800
So after that, he say, yes,
the bank for the water.

888
00:31:55,800 --> 00:32:00,730

889
00:32:00,730 --> 00:32:05,500
So you had one
policeman in the town.

890
00:32:05,500 --> 00:32:07,870
What did you say
before, one doctor--

891
00:32:07,870 --> 00:32:10,780
One doctor, one

policeman, and one car.

892

00:32:10,780 --> 00:32:11,620
--and one car.

893

00:32:11,620 --> 00:32:12,940
Who had the car?

894

00:32:12,940 --> 00:32:13,840
The doctor.

895

00:32:13,840 --> 00:32:14,500
The doctor.

896

00:32:14,500 --> 00:32:15,070
That's it.

897

00:32:15,070 --> 00:32:16,540
Was the doctor a Jewish doctor?

898

00:32:16,540 --> 00:32:17,440
No.

899

00:32:17,440 --> 00:32:18,790
Did everybody go to him?

900

00:32:18,790 --> 00:32:19,960
Yes.

901

00:32:19,960 --> 00:32:20,890
What was he like?

902

00:32:20,890 --> 00:32:21,460
Was he--

903

00:32:21,460 --> 00:32:22,120
Very good.

904

00:32:22,120 --> 00:32:23,920
Well, for over there,
he was a good doctor,

905

00:32:23,920 --> 00:32:25,030

you know what I mean.

906

00:32:25,030 --> 00:32:31,040
When you had a headache, they
used to put the one their back.

907

00:32:31,040 --> 00:32:32,080
Leeches?

908

00:32:32,080 --> 00:32:33,040
Not leeches.

909

00:32:33,040 --> 00:32:34,660
Oh, these little--

910

00:32:34,660 --> 00:32:35,600
Little--

911

00:32:35,600 --> 00:32:36,100
--cups.

912

00:32:36,100 --> 00:32:37,050
--cups, right.

913

00:32:37,050 --> 00:32:38,572
Now you know.

914

00:32:38,572 --> 00:32:39,564
OK.

915

00:32:39,564 --> 00:32:42,250
But you explain it
because many people do not

916

00:32:42,250 --> 00:32:44,270
know what that means.

917

00:32:44,270 --> 00:32:46,097
This is when you had
a cold or something.

918

00:32:46,097 --> 00:32:46,930
Yeah, like the flu--

919

00:32:46,930 --> 00:32:49,000

So this takes off--

920

00:32:49,000 --> 00:32:51,688

the darker they come

out, you know I mean?

921

00:32:51,688 --> 00:32:53,230

This is what they

said, you know what

922

00:32:53,230 --> 00:32:55,330

I mean, because no medication.

923

00:32:55,330 --> 00:32:56,305

My father passed away.

924

00:32:56,305 --> 00:32:59,950

He had asthma, no medication.

925

00:32:59,950 --> 00:33:01,930

He was 47 years old.

926

00:33:01,930 --> 00:33:03,460

He was young.

927

00:33:03,460 --> 00:33:04,130

He was young.

928

00:33:04,130 --> 00:33:05,590

That's it.

929

00:33:05,590 --> 00:33:06,890

Tell me about that.

930

00:33:06,890 --> 00:33:08,740

Tell me about your

father's illness.

931

00:33:08,740 --> 00:33:10,032

When did he start getting sick?

932

00:33:10,032 --> 00:33:12,340

He got sick, he was
in the hospital.

933
00:33:12,340 --> 00:33:14,350
Every time I come
home from school,

934
00:33:14,350 --> 00:33:16,600
my mother used to
give me a little bag,

935
00:33:16,600 --> 00:33:21,260
a little jar with soup.

936
00:33:21,260 --> 00:33:23,987
I used to walk four miles
in and four miles back--

937
00:33:23,987 --> 00:33:24,945
Where was the hospital?

938
00:33:24,945 --> 00:33:26,870
--at the hospital.

939
00:33:26,870 --> 00:33:27,920
What town was it in?

940
00:33:27,920 --> 00:33:31,110
This was Sosnicowice, a
little bigger town the next

941
00:33:31,110 --> 00:33:33,230
to Muenchen.

942
00:33:33,230 --> 00:33:35,340
And how long was your
father in the hospital for?

943
00:33:35,340 --> 00:33:37,598
He was maybe six months
in the hospital--

944
00:33:37,598 --> 00:33:38,390
That's a long time.

945

00:33:38,390 --> 00:33:40,440
--and no medication.

946

00:33:40,440 --> 00:33:41,600
No medication?

947

00:33:41,600 --> 00:33:42,530
He had asthma.

948

00:33:42,530 --> 00:33:44,630
Over here, asthma, if
you watch yourself,

949

00:33:44,630 --> 00:33:48,800
you can live 120 years.

950

00:33:48,800 --> 00:33:50,735
And how did he get this?

951

00:33:50,735 --> 00:33:53,510
Was it because he was
outside all the time in the--

952

00:33:53,510 --> 00:33:55,560
He smoked cigarettes.

953

00:33:55,560 --> 00:33:59,420
In Europe, you used to have
different kind of cigarettes,

954

00:33:59,420 --> 00:34:00,540
over here, the same thing.

955

00:34:00,540 --> 00:34:03,260
You like Lucky, Camels, or
something, you know I mean?

956

00:34:03,260 --> 00:34:06,415
Over there, you had to have two,
three, different kind of price.

957

00:34:06,415 --> 00:34:10,179
And he used to buy the cheaper
ones because he had no money.

958

00:34:10,179 --> 00:34:13,340

And he smoked.

959

00:34:13,340 --> 00:34:15,960

And we didn't know
it, you know I mean.

960

00:34:15,960 --> 00:34:17,550

Yeah.

961

00:34:17,550 --> 00:34:20,449

So was he in the
hospital when he died?

962

00:34:20,449 --> 00:34:22,685

Six months the last time.

963

00:34:22,685 --> 00:34:24,435

And is that where he
died in the hospital?

964

00:34:24,435 --> 00:34:25,820

He died in there, yeah.

965

00:34:25,820 --> 00:34:28,130

Was anybody with him
when that happened?

966

00:34:28,130 --> 00:34:29,300

No.

967

00:34:29,300 --> 00:34:33,880

But we had to bring him from
this town to a little town

968

00:34:33,880 --> 00:34:35,170

to us.

969

00:34:35,170 --> 00:34:39,380

The same date was the burial.

970

00:34:39,380 --> 00:34:41,358

The funeral was the same night.

971
00:34:41,358 --> 00:34:42,650
That must have been very hard--

972
00:34:42,650 --> 00:34:46,500
He was laying in the living
room on the floor all day

973
00:34:46,500 --> 00:34:48,260
till they wash him
and everything,

974
00:34:48,260 --> 00:34:50,960
you know, the Jewish thing.

975
00:34:50,960 --> 00:34:52,460
And who did that?

976
00:34:52,460 --> 00:34:55,774
Explain to me what
the process is

977
00:34:55,774 --> 00:35:00,140
when you have to bury somebody
because many people won't know.

978
00:35:00,140 --> 00:35:06,670
How do you bury your father
if you do it the proper way?

979
00:35:06,670 --> 00:35:09,500
They had people who
worked for this.

980
00:35:09,500 --> 00:35:10,090
OK.

981
00:35:10,090 --> 00:35:13,508
They don't charge from the
city, from this synagogue

982
00:35:13,508 --> 00:35:15,050
and everything, you
know what I mean.

983

00:35:15,050 --> 00:35:16,765

So it wasn't the
family that did this?

984

00:35:16,765 --> 00:35:17,640

It was somebody else?

985

00:35:17,640 --> 00:35:18,260

No, no.

986

00:35:18,260 --> 00:35:22,029

This was some people who donate
this, you know what I mean.

987

00:35:22,029 --> 00:35:23,112

They did it as volunteers.

988

00:35:23,112 --> 00:35:25,450

They used to wash
it and everything.

989

00:35:25,450 --> 00:35:29,610

And they put you in linen,
and no suits, no nothing.

990

00:35:29,610 --> 00:35:32,370

OK.

991

00:35:32,370 --> 00:35:35,310

And the cof-- cof--

992

00:35:35,310 --> 00:35:35,900

Coffin?

993

00:35:35,900 --> 00:35:37,100

How you call?

994

00:35:37,100 --> 00:35:38,420

The coffin.

995

00:35:38,420 --> 00:35:41,180

Had to be made
different with no nails.

996

00:35:41,180 --> 00:35:41,840

Really?

997

00:35:41,840 --> 00:35:42,390

Right.

998

00:35:42,390 --> 00:35:47,660

The real religious one, no
nails, no nothing, cheap.

999

00:35:47,660 --> 00:35:49,970

Was your father's
done that way as well?

1000

00:35:49,970 --> 00:35:50,540

Yes.

1001

00:35:50,540 --> 00:35:52,130

I was-- yes.

1002

00:35:52,130 --> 00:35:54,860

He was buried.

1003

00:35:54,860 --> 00:35:56,660

But I was there after the war--

1004

00:35:56,660 --> 00:35:59,360

1005

00:35:59,360 --> 00:36:01,840

well, I'm going
without question.

1006

00:36:01,840 --> 00:36:03,040

I leave it to the question.

1007

00:36:03,040 --> 00:36:07,750

Later on, I can tell
you different things.

1008

00:36:07,750 --> 00:36:12,340

What do you remember most
about when that happened,

1009

00:36:12,340 --> 00:36:14,890
when your father passed away?

1010

00:36:14,890 --> 00:36:16,180
Where were you in the home?

1011

00:36:16,180 --> 00:36:17,310
Who came and told you?

1012

00:36:17,310 --> 00:36:19,970
How did you find out?

1013

00:36:19,970 --> 00:36:22,460
It's a small town,
you know what I mean.

1014

00:36:22,460 --> 00:36:26,800
They heard it at some
place because it was only

1015

00:36:26,800 --> 00:36:30,470
on the post office, one radio,
one telephone, that's all.

1016

00:36:30,470 --> 00:36:31,780
OK.

1017

00:36:31,780 --> 00:36:33,910
So somebody called
from the hospital?

1018

00:36:33,910 --> 00:36:36,635
Because somebody or somebody
was there close or something,

1019

00:36:36,635 --> 00:36:37,510
you know what I mean?

1020

00:36:37,510 --> 00:36:38,995
Mm-hmm.

1021

00:36:38,995 --> 00:36:44,080
And they brought
him, not with a car--

1022
00:36:44,080 --> 00:36:45,120
No, no.

1023
00:36:45,120 --> 00:36:50,290
--with a-- they used to
have a horse and a buggy.

1024
00:36:50,290 --> 00:36:54,220
Like over here, you're
going for sport to look.

1025
00:36:54,220 --> 00:36:57,852
Over there, if you
got a few pennies,

1026
00:36:57,852 --> 00:36:59,310
you don't have to
take the bus, you

1027
00:36:59,310 --> 00:37:01,480
know what I mean, to
go to the little town.

1028
00:37:01,480 --> 00:37:03,760
Did your father have a--

1029
00:37:03,760 --> 00:37:08,812
do you think he knew that he
was not going to get better?

1030
00:37:08,812 --> 00:37:09,490
You don't know.

1031
00:37:09,490 --> 00:37:12,880
We didn't have no
medication or nothing.

1032
00:37:12,880 --> 00:37:14,650
When you visited
him in the hospital,

1033
00:37:14,650 --> 00:37:16,590
did he ever talk to
you about anything?

1034
00:37:16,590 --> 00:37:21,040
Yes, the foot, it's swollen.

1035
00:37:21,040 --> 00:37:24,270
Every time before I
come, he cover it up

1036
00:37:24,270 --> 00:37:27,247
because my mother always
ask him, how is the--

1037
00:37:27,247 --> 00:37:27,955
How are the feet?

1038
00:37:27,955 --> 00:37:29,650
--the swelling, you
know what I mean?

1039
00:37:29,650 --> 00:37:32,600
And I think the swelling go
to the heart and that's it.

1040
00:37:32,600 --> 00:37:37,730
Because when he died,
the mouth was open.

1041
00:37:37,730 --> 00:37:41,155
They had to put a handkerchief
to close the mouth,

1042
00:37:41,155 --> 00:37:42,030
you know what I mean.

1043
00:37:42,030 --> 00:37:43,050
Oh, I see.

1044
00:37:43,050 --> 00:37:45,730

1045
00:37:45,730 --> 00:37:47,230
What was the hospital like?

1046
00:37:47,230 --> 00:37:48,950

What did it look like?

1047

00:37:48,950 --> 00:37:51,110

A regular hospital, cheap,
you know what I mean.

1048

00:37:51,110 --> 00:37:52,788

It was nice.

1049

00:37:52,788 --> 00:37:53,830

Was it a wooden building?

1050

00:37:53,830 --> 00:37:54,940

Was it a stone building?

1051

00:37:54,940 --> 00:37:58,240

No, it was a building.

1052

00:37:58,240 --> 00:38:02,230

Did it have-- you see,
hospitals in Europe

1053

00:38:02,230 --> 00:38:05,075

are different than hospitals
here, and certainly hospitals

1054

00:38:05,075 --> 00:38:05,700

before the war.

1055

00:38:05,700 --> 00:38:08,070

They didn't have no
private rooms yet.

1056

00:38:08,070 --> 00:38:11,305

As much rooms they have,
bed they can put in.

1057

00:38:11,305 --> 00:38:14,650

Was it a big place?

1058

00:38:14,650 --> 00:38:18,140

For the town, it was nice
size, you know what I mean?

1059

00:38:18,140 --> 00:38:19,000
All right.

1060
00:38:19,000 --> 00:38:20,350
Stone building?

1061
00:38:20,350 --> 00:38:21,940
Stone building, yes.

1062
00:38:21,940 --> 00:38:23,810
Two floors, three floors?

1063
00:38:23,810 --> 00:38:25,390
No three floors, no.

1064
00:38:25,390 --> 00:38:28,420
Maybe two floors
because no elevators.

1065
00:38:28,420 --> 00:38:30,220
OK.

1066
00:38:30,220 --> 00:38:33,940
And did you visit him every day?

1067
00:38:33,940 --> 00:38:34,690
You mean?

1068
00:38:34,690 --> 00:38:37,240
To his father when, he was in
the hospital and you brought

1069
00:38:37,240 --> 00:38:38,930
soup --Right. or something--

1070
00:38:38,930 --> 00:38:39,860
Every day.

1071
00:38:39,860 --> 00:38:44,030
Every day I come up from
school, my mother got,

1072
00:38:44,030 --> 00:38:46,270
and I used to walk every day.

1073
00:38:46,270 --> 00:38:49,000
Did they feed him
there, or did it mean--

1074
00:38:49,000 --> 00:38:50,110
Well, they feed you.

1075
00:38:50,110 --> 00:38:54,370
But I mean, my mother.

1076
00:38:54,370 --> 00:38:55,690
OK.

1077
00:38:55,690 --> 00:38:57,790
Did any of the other
children go with you?

1078
00:38:57,790 --> 00:39:00,125
Because the two older
ones was working,

1079
00:39:00,125 --> 00:39:04,030
you know what I mean because
they were the breadwinner,

1080
00:39:04,030 --> 00:39:07,680
you know what I mean because
we didn't have like over

1081
00:39:07,680 --> 00:39:11,530
here food stamps and
everything like this, nothing,

1082
00:39:11,530 --> 00:39:12,490
no insurance, nothing.

1083
00:39:12,490 --> 00:39:16,040
So when your father wasn't able
to work, it went your brother?

1084
00:39:16,040 --> 00:39:17,900
A little when he was OK.

1085

00:39:17,900 --> 00:39:21,010

So he used to go
and buy the bags

1086

00:39:21,010 --> 00:39:23,380

and had to handle by himself,
you know what I mean?

1087

00:39:23,380 --> 00:39:25,130

How much can you do,
you know what I mean?

1088

00:39:25,130 --> 00:39:25,630

Of course.

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00:39:25,630 --> 00:39:29,150

Some of them with a
horse, with a wagon,

1090

00:39:29,150 --> 00:39:32,510

so it's a little different,
you know what I mean.

1091

00:39:32,510 --> 00:39:34,660

This is just like a car,
you know what I mean.

1092

00:39:34,660 --> 00:39:40,500

1093

00:39:40,500 --> 00:39:42,100

So it was a tough life.

1094

00:39:42,100 --> 00:39:45,400

It was a tough life it
sounds like for your father.

1095

00:39:45,400 --> 00:39:48,520

Yes, he had a tough life.

1096

00:39:48,520 --> 00:39:54,680

I mean, I never knew how a
hot dog could taste in my life

1097

00:39:54,680 --> 00:39:55,180

ever.

1098

00:39:55,180 --> 00:39:57,900

1099

00:39:57,900 --> 00:40:01,270

I never eat a banana, only
for the kids, the richer

1100

00:40:01,270 --> 00:40:04,840

people a little bit
for the baby a banana.

1101

00:40:04,840 --> 00:40:09,540

Matter of fact, it's true when
us [INAUDIBLE] come to this

1102

00:40:09,540 --> 00:40:12,150

country, they eat
a banana with the--

1103

00:40:12,150 --> 00:40:13,620

they didn't know how to--

1104

00:40:13,620 --> 00:40:15,020

You eat it with the skin?

1105

00:40:15,020 --> 00:40:15,660

That's right.

1106

00:40:15,660 --> 00:40:18,912

1107

00:40:18,912 --> 00:40:19,412

Yeah.

1108

00:40:19,412 --> 00:40:23,170

1109

00:40:23,170 --> 00:40:25,270

Now I go tell you
a little bit story.

1110

00:40:25,270 --> 00:40:25,910

Sure.

1111

00:40:25,910 --> 00:40:29,400
I went to the doctor a few
months ago for the cataracts

1112

00:40:29,400 --> 00:40:32,710
or something in the
morning, so the doctor

1113

00:40:32,710 --> 00:40:35,920
was a head doctor,
nice doctor, nice.

1114

00:40:35,920 --> 00:40:38,650
And he said to me, you cannot
take a shower for two or three

1115

00:40:38,650 --> 00:40:40,690
days because--

1116

00:40:40,690 --> 00:40:41,810
Of the-- mm-hmm.

1117

00:40:41,810 --> 00:40:46,100
So I say, doctor, I didn't
took a shower for five years.

1118

00:40:46,100 --> 00:40:48,800
So he got scared to touch
me, you know what I mean?

1119

00:40:48,800 --> 00:40:49,390
Yeah.

1120

00:40:49,390 --> 00:40:51,782
So finally, I told him the
story, you know what I mean.

1121

00:40:51,782 --> 00:40:53,130
Oh, it's different.

1122

00:40:53,130 --> 00:40:54,880
And it's true.

1123

00:40:54,880 --> 00:40:56,740

So I didn't took
it for five years.

1124

00:40:56,740 --> 00:40:57,490

I can't imagine--

1125

00:40:57,490 --> 00:41:00,150

I didn't even know what
a shower looks like.

1126

00:41:00,150 --> 00:41:02,720

1127

00:41:02,720 --> 00:41:04,970

But some people,
our people, they

1128

00:41:04,970 --> 00:41:06,650

try to show off
a little bit more

1129

00:41:06,650 --> 00:41:10,010

than that because nobody
knows, you know what I mean?

1130

00:41:10,010 --> 00:41:14,240

To me, no, I like to eat steak.

1131

00:41:14,240 --> 00:41:17,990

Now, you said that
earlier that the men would

1132

00:41:17,990 --> 00:41:22,970

go every week to a bath house.

1133

00:41:22,970 --> 00:41:26,250

And what did that
place look like?

1134

00:41:26,250 --> 00:41:29,030

Was it like a sauna, like
the old-fashioned saunas

1135

00:41:29,030 --> 00:41:30,620
that you'd steam?

1136
00:41:30,620 --> 00:41:32,320
You had the sauna on the steps.

1137
00:41:32,320 --> 00:41:34,400
Uh-huh.

1138
00:41:34,400 --> 00:41:38,210
From the leaves, you
handle, you wash.

1139
00:41:38,210 --> 00:41:39,730
So you would hit yourself with--

1140
00:41:39,730 --> 00:41:40,760
Right.

1141
00:41:40,760 --> 00:41:41,760
--a branch or something.

1142
00:41:41,760 --> 00:41:45,670
And you had a shower a little
bit, a little bit water coming.

1143
00:41:45,670 --> 00:41:48,660

1144
00:41:48,660 --> 00:41:51,000
So as kids, we go walk in.

1145
00:41:51,000 --> 00:41:54,970
And the end, he let us go in
free, you know what I mean.

1146
00:41:54,970 --> 00:41:55,470
Yeah.

1147
00:41:55,470 --> 00:41:58,290

1148
00:41:58,290 --> 00:42:01,300
That's it.

1149
00:42:01,300 --> 00:42:01,840
Now--

1150
00:42:01,840 --> 00:42:05,350
It's unbelievable,
you know what I mean?

1151
00:42:05,350 --> 00:42:05,850
Yeah.

1152
00:42:05,850 --> 00:42:09,060
It's hard for people
like me to imagine it

1153
00:42:09,060 --> 00:42:11,100
because we grew up
in a different way.

1154
00:42:11,100 --> 00:42:15,100
But lots of people,
our people, are.

1155
00:42:15,100 --> 00:42:18,300
They like to show off a little
bit because I could tell you

1156
00:42:18,300 --> 00:42:20,900
I had a factory, you
wouldn't believe it,

1157
00:42:20,900 --> 00:42:22,950
you know what I mean?

1158
00:42:22,950 --> 00:42:24,785
I don't like to do this.

1159
00:42:24,785 --> 00:42:28,980
And I brought up the kids
the same way, only the truth.

1160
00:42:28,980 --> 00:42:34,020
For lying to me was like you
would take a knife and hit me.

1161
00:42:34,020 --> 00:42:35,280
Lying is stealing.

1162
00:42:35,280 --> 00:42:36,960
Stealing is lying.

1163
00:42:36,960 --> 00:42:39,420
If you do both, you can kill.

1164
00:42:39,420 --> 00:42:43,230
And to me, this is
the worst thing.

1165
00:42:43,230 --> 00:42:45,040
Where did you get those values?

1166
00:42:45,040 --> 00:42:45,810
Pardon me?

1167
00:42:45,810 --> 00:42:47,580
Where did you get those values?

1168
00:42:47,580 --> 00:42:49,530
What do you mean?

1169
00:42:49,530 --> 00:42:52,500
These are very important to you,
that you taught your children

1170
00:42:52,500 --> 00:42:54,180
such a thing.

1171
00:42:54,180 --> 00:42:57,730
You know what, I come
to this country with--

1172
00:42:57,730 --> 00:42:59,430
I don't have no education.

1173
00:42:59,430 --> 00:43:01,230
I got three and 1/2--

1174
00:43:01,230 --> 00:43:04,910

I didn't finish third
grade regular school.

1175
00:43:04,910 --> 00:43:10,230
I am very good with a pencil,
very good, better than college.

1176
00:43:10,230 --> 00:43:12,180
I don't have no computers.

1177
00:43:12,180 --> 00:43:13,860
I could have lots of computers.

1178
00:43:13,860 --> 00:43:16,050
The kids wanted to give me.

1179
00:43:16,050 --> 00:43:21,250
I got two boys, one of
the best in the world.

1180
00:43:21,250 --> 00:43:27,222
Especially Michael, you
cannot find better than this.

1181
00:43:27,222 --> 00:43:27,930
That's wonderful.

1182
00:43:27,930 --> 00:43:29,760
Especially for the mother.

1183
00:43:29,760 --> 00:43:33,660
I just lost my wife
four months ago.

1184
00:43:33,660 --> 00:43:34,770
I'm so sorry.

1185
00:43:34,770 --> 00:43:40,650
She was a-- she was
really, really a good woman

1186
00:43:40,650 --> 00:43:43,230
to everybody.

1187

00:43:43,230 --> 00:43:45,030
We live that time
in Gary, Indiana.

1188
00:43:45,030 --> 00:43:48,180

1189
00:43:48,180 --> 00:43:53,100
Gary, Indiana was the first
black mayor in America

1190
00:43:53,100 --> 00:43:54,810
was Gary, Indiana.

1191
00:43:54,810 --> 00:43:57,780
And my wife made it
for him for the ladies

1192
00:43:57,780 --> 00:44:01,950
to come in for the
election and everything.

1193
00:44:01,950 --> 00:44:02,980
He got elected.

1194
00:44:02,980 --> 00:44:05,250
Every day, he used to call.

1195
00:44:05,250 --> 00:44:06,900
Ma, you need something?

1196
00:44:06,900 --> 00:44:07,980
Can I help you something?

1197
00:44:07,980 --> 00:44:10,010
Can I bring you something?

1198
00:44:10,010 --> 00:44:14,545
Every day, the
mayor never forgot

1199
00:44:14,545 --> 00:44:15,420
That means something.

1200

00:44:15,420 --> 00:44:18,000
--because my wife didn't care.

1201
00:44:18,000 --> 00:44:21,330
She didn't know color
or something like this.

1202
00:44:21,330 --> 00:44:24,960
She used to bake sponge cake,
the real one, professional one.

1203
00:44:24,960 --> 00:44:30,010
Everybody know it, the whole
town because she always

1204
00:44:30,010 --> 00:44:31,360
made for everybody.

1205
00:44:31,360 --> 00:44:32,350
Even she don't know it.

1206
00:44:32,350 --> 00:44:35,410
Somebody pass her
way, she baked this.

1207
00:44:35,410 --> 00:44:39,150
This how kind person she was.

1208
00:44:39,150 --> 00:44:41,020
I was married 67 years.

1209
00:44:41,020 --> 00:44:44,030

1210
00:44:44,030 --> 00:44:45,120
A lifetime.

1211
00:44:45,120 --> 00:44:47,260
I married in 1949.

1212
00:44:47,260 --> 00:44:47,760
Wow.

1213
00:44:47,760 --> 00:44:50,730

1214
00:44:50,730 --> 00:44:52,920
Thank you for sharing that.

1215
00:44:52,920 --> 00:44:55,350
I can't imagine how
difficult it must

1216
00:44:55,350 --> 00:45:00,830
be after so many years
and such a life together.

1217
00:45:00,830 --> 00:45:03,320
Yes.

1218
00:45:03,320 --> 00:45:04,420
Old-fashioned mother.

1219
00:45:04,420 --> 00:45:08,060

1220
00:45:08,060 --> 00:45:13,610
Let's go back to your
town before the war

1221
00:45:13,610 --> 00:45:14,900
in the late '30s.

1222
00:45:14,900 --> 00:45:16,640
You don't mind a
little bit louder.

1223
00:45:16,640 --> 00:45:20,150
OK, I'll speak a
little bit louder.

1224
00:45:20,150 --> 00:45:22,850
I'd like to find
out how much people

1225
00:45:22,850 --> 00:45:29,840
knew in this town of what was
going on in Poland politically.

1226

00:45:29,840 --> 00:45:34,220

Did you know about Pilsudski,
about his death in 1935?

1227

00:45:34,220 --> 00:45:36,710

You mean about the concentration
camps or just the people?

1228

00:45:36,710 --> 00:45:39,980

I'm talking just about
Poland before the war.

1229

00:45:39,980 --> 00:45:41,810

Anti-Semitic.

1230

00:45:41,810 --> 00:45:43,417

OK, in what way?

1231

00:45:43,417 --> 00:45:44,250

Tell me in what way.

1232

00:45:44,250 --> 00:45:48,410

Well, Jewish
especially because they

1233

00:45:48,410 --> 00:45:50,720

didn't have no black people--

1234

00:45:50,720 --> 00:45:51,260

OK.

1235

00:45:51,260 --> 00:45:54,230

--you know what I mean?

1236

00:45:54,230 --> 00:45:56,030

If they were to
have black people,

1237

00:45:56,030 --> 00:45:58,730

maybe it would be different, you
know what I mean, a little bit.

1238

00:45:58,730 --> 00:46:01,020

Mm-hmm.

1239
00:46:01,020 --> 00:46:05,250
So the only one is the Jews.

1240
00:46:05,250 --> 00:46:06,360
I understand.

1241
00:46:06,360 --> 00:46:12,930
But I'd like to find out how
this showed up in your life,

1242
00:46:12,930 --> 00:46:13,860
and how you see--

1243
00:46:13,860 --> 00:46:16,670
In my life, I was too
young, you know what I mean?

1244
00:46:16,670 --> 00:46:17,580
OK.

1245
00:46:17,580 --> 00:46:19,460
So I didn't--

1246
00:46:19,460 --> 00:46:21,730
In my parents' lives,
did they experience--

1247
00:46:21,730 --> 00:46:27,030
I didn't-- I mean, having real
close friends, Gentiles, no.

1248
00:46:27,030 --> 00:46:30,140
Friendly from school, going
together, you know what I mean?

1249
00:46:30,140 --> 00:46:32,610
OK.

1250
00:46:32,610 --> 00:46:37,410
But to say I come to his house,
and he come to my house, no.

1251
00:46:37,410 --> 00:46:42,240

In school, everything
fine to some people,

1252
00:46:42,240 --> 00:46:43,510
you know what I mean.

1253
00:46:43,510 --> 00:46:44,690
What about teachers?

1254
00:46:44,690 --> 00:46:45,440
How did teachers--

1255
00:46:45,440 --> 00:46:50,130
The teachers, we didn't
have no Jewish teachers.

1256
00:46:50,130 --> 00:46:51,780
Mm-hmm.

1257
00:46:51,780 --> 00:46:55,007
Well, if you're
good, you're good.

1258
00:46:55,007 --> 00:46:55,590
Were you good?

1259
00:46:55,590 --> 00:46:58,338

1260
00:46:58,338 --> 00:46:59,880
They were nice, you
know what I mean.

1261
00:46:59,880 --> 00:47:01,338
Some of them, you
know what I mean.

1262
00:47:01,338 --> 00:47:02,880
I was lucky.

1263
00:47:02,880 --> 00:47:06,950
I had a teacher,
she used to like me.

1264

00:47:06,950 --> 00:47:08,690
Do you remember her name?

1265
00:47:08,690 --> 00:47:09,190
No.

1266
00:47:09,190 --> 00:47:12,080

1267
00:47:12,080 --> 00:47:13,650
OK.

1268
00:47:13,650 --> 00:47:17,250
In that small town,
you don't have no name.

1269
00:47:17,250 --> 00:47:22,380
In a small town, you have to
tell you my father's name, this

1270
00:47:22,380 --> 00:47:23,490
how they know.

1271
00:47:23,490 --> 00:47:26,580
Oh, I am Pinchas' son,
you know what I mean?

1272
00:47:26,580 --> 00:47:28,770
That's it.

1273
00:47:28,770 --> 00:47:32,280
Do you remember how many
people came to his funeral?

1274
00:47:32,280 --> 00:47:33,210
To this what?

1275
00:47:33,210 --> 00:47:35,760
Your father, when he
died, did many people

1276
00:47:35,760 --> 00:47:37,440
come to the funeral?

1277

00:47:37,440 --> 00:47:38,232
A couple hundred.

1278
00:47:38,232 --> 00:47:38,732
Wow!

1279
00:47:38,732 --> 00:47:44,100
Almost the whole-- because
a small town, and my father

1280
00:47:44,100 --> 00:47:46,800
was very likable,
you know what I mean?

1281
00:47:46,800 --> 00:47:50,940
He was religious, but not so
crazy, you know what I mean?

1282
00:47:50,940 --> 00:47:54,300
Not a big beard, no payos,
nothing, a little bit.

1283
00:47:54,300 --> 00:47:56,220
He didn't shave, you
know what I mean.

1284
00:47:56,220 --> 00:48:00,900
But I mean-- and he wore
the Jewish hat, but I mean,

1285
00:48:00,900 --> 00:48:01,770
he was modern.

1286
00:48:01,770 --> 00:48:03,780
He was modern.

1287
00:48:03,780 --> 00:48:06,410
Compared to over
here, he was modern.

1288
00:48:06,410 --> 00:48:07,770
Got it.

1289
00:48:07,770 --> 00:48:09,930
Over here like this,

he would have been big,

1290

00:48:09,930 --> 00:48:12,390
you know what I mean, Jewish.

1291

00:48:12,390 --> 00:48:17,380
I got a grandson
a rabbi in Canada.

1292

00:48:17,380 --> 00:48:19,840
Ah!

1293

00:48:19,840 --> 00:48:24,340
So when you went--

1294

00:48:24,340 --> 00:48:27,310
he read the newspaper,
The Forverts,

1295

00:48:27,310 --> 00:48:30,440
and you listened to the
radio for the soccer games.

1296

00:48:30,440 --> 00:48:31,480
Only soccer games.

1297

00:48:31,480 --> 00:48:34,300
Only soccer games.

1298

00:48:34,300 --> 00:48:35,650
That's all we had over there.

1299

00:48:35,650 --> 00:48:36,400
You never had no--

1300

00:48:36,400 --> 00:48:39,160
Did you ever hear of
a person named Hitler

1301

00:48:39,160 --> 00:48:42,480
when you were growing up?

1302

00:48:42,480 --> 00:48:43,360
Person what?

1303
00:48:43,360 --> 00:48:44,400
Named Hitler?

1304
00:48:44,400 --> 00:48:44,940
Hitler?

1305
00:48:44,940 --> 00:48:45,580
Yeah.

1306
00:48:45,580 --> 00:48:46,790
We know of Hitler.

1307
00:48:46,790 --> 00:48:50,140
But we didn't know about
Auschwitz, about Birkenau.

1308
00:48:50,140 --> 00:48:52,870
I lived five miles
from Auschwitz.

1309
00:48:52,870 --> 00:48:54,160
Nobody knew it.

1310
00:48:54,160 --> 00:48:57,310
Nothing, nothing.

1311
00:48:57,310 --> 00:49:02,810
Was there talk-- when your
father was dying in 1939,

1312
00:49:02,810 --> 00:49:05,800
it was the last year of peace.

1313
00:49:05,800 --> 00:49:10,540
Was there talk in the town
that things aren't very stable,

1314
00:49:10,540 --> 00:49:11,485
there will be a war?

1315
00:49:11,485 --> 00:49:14,390

1316

00:49:14,390 --> 00:49:17,082

The town was too poor.

1317

00:49:17,082 --> 00:49:19,165

You didn't have money to
go to Israel or someplace

1318

00:49:19,165 --> 00:49:20,860

or to America.

1319

00:49:20,860 --> 00:49:23,980

To America, if you
had family, maybe.

1320

00:49:23,980 --> 00:49:26,200

This why it took me
almost five years

1321

00:49:26,200 --> 00:49:28,720

till I could come
over here because I

1322

00:49:28,720 --> 00:49:29,740

didn't have no family.

1323

00:49:29,740 --> 00:49:32,472

Maybe if you had, but I did
not know, you know what I mean?

1324

00:49:32,472 --> 00:49:32,972

OK.

1325

00:49:32,972 --> 00:49:35,350

And my older brother
and older sister,

1326

00:49:35,350 --> 00:49:38,170

maybe they would know
it, so they passed away.

1327

00:49:38,170 --> 00:49:44,020

My sister died two weeks before
in Auschwitz before liberation.

1328

00:49:44,020 --> 00:49:45,280
Oh!

1329
00:49:45,280 --> 00:49:47,350
Two weeks before.

1330
00:49:47,350 --> 00:49:50,560
She had diarrhea and
everything and that's it.

1331
00:49:50,560 --> 00:49:51,520
Your older sister?

1332
00:49:51,520 --> 00:49:52,560
Right.

1333
00:49:52,560 --> 00:49:53,650
Gerta, was it?

1334
00:49:53,650 --> 00:49:54,700
What was her name?

1335
00:49:54,700 --> 00:49:55,340
Gertrude.

1336
00:49:55,340 --> 00:49:55,840
Gertrude.

1337
00:49:55,840 --> 00:49:59,274
Gutshe.

1338
00:49:59,274 --> 00:50:09,420
She educate herself,
intelligent, good looking,

1339
00:50:09,420 --> 00:50:12,210
dressed up nice because
my mother always say,

1340
00:50:12,210 --> 00:50:13,530
food is not important.

1341
00:50:13,530 --> 00:50:16,410
It's important, but this--

1342
00:50:16,410 --> 00:50:19,650
I want my dress for, you know.

1343
00:50:19,650 --> 00:50:20,710
Do you have pride--

1344
00:50:20,710 --> 00:50:21,930
In a small town--

1345
00:50:21,930 --> 00:50:23,370
Yeah.

1346
00:50:23,370 --> 00:50:26,610
--they look a little bit
different than a big town.

1347
00:50:26,610 --> 00:50:28,770
Especially like in
America, they don't

1348
00:50:28,770 --> 00:50:31,290
care who you are as long
as they love each other,

1349
00:50:31,290 --> 00:50:32,476
you know what I mean?

1350
00:50:32,476 --> 00:50:32,976
Yeah.

1351
00:50:32,976 --> 00:50:34,400
Over there, it's different.

1352
00:50:34,400 --> 00:50:37,530
Sometimes you get married, you
don't know to who you marry.

1353
00:50:37,530 --> 00:50:40,860
Was your parents' an
arranged marriage?

1354
00:50:40,860 --> 00:50:44,520
Was your mother and father's

marriage an arranged marriage?

1355

00:50:44,520 --> 00:50:47,454

I think so because
that's all they had.

1356

00:50:47,454 --> 00:50:49,110

OK.

1357

00:50:49,110 --> 00:50:53,040

So let's go now, again, to 1939.

1358

00:50:53,040 --> 00:50:55,920

You knew that there was
someone named Hitler.

1359

00:50:55,920 --> 00:50:57,240

Oh, yeah.

1360

00:50:57,240 --> 00:50:58,920

How did you find out about him?

1361

00:50:58,920 --> 00:51:01,320

Well, they were talking.

1362

00:51:01,320 --> 00:51:07,440

Hitler was one of the best
speakers in the world, the best

1363

00:51:07,440 --> 00:51:09,930

one speaker in the world.

1364

00:51:09,930 --> 00:51:13,590

Same thing like Dr. Mengele,
one of the best doctors

1365

00:51:13,590 --> 00:51:18,030

in the world, not just
in Germany or something.

1366

00:51:18,030 --> 00:51:21,580

But you see what he did.

1367

00:51:21,580 --> 00:51:26,140

Mengele, 21 million
people went to him dead

1368
00:51:26,140 --> 00:51:28,400
because only six
Jews, and the rest

1369
00:51:28,400 --> 00:51:33,780
was Gentiles, not just
Gentiles, Protestants,

1370
00:51:33,780 --> 00:51:37,875
six different
sections, different--

1371
00:51:37,875 --> 00:51:39,857
all kind of people,
different kind.

1372
00:51:39,857 --> 00:51:41,940
You're talking about the
experiments that he made?

1373
00:51:41,940 --> 00:51:42,990
Right.

1374
00:51:42,990 --> 00:51:45,450
But I'm talking beforehand.

1375
00:51:45,450 --> 00:51:48,450
Did you ever hear Hitler's
speeches over that radio?

1376
00:51:48,450 --> 00:51:52,000

1377
00:51:52,000 --> 00:51:58,030
I saw him personally when I
was in camp, the first camp.

1378
00:51:58,030 --> 00:52:05,320
They was making the snow for
the soccer game clean, clear.

1379
00:52:05,320 --> 00:52:06,760

He was up sitting over there.

1380

00:52:06,760 --> 00:52:10,780

I couldn't go close to him, you know what I mean, but far away.

1381

00:52:10,780 --> 00:52:11,920

You saw Hitler?

1382

00:52:11,920 --> 00:52:12,530

Yes--

1383

00:52:12,530 --> 00:52:13,030

Wow.

1384

00:52:13,030 --> 00:52:15,190

--because we cleaned up for the game.

1385

00:52:15,190 --> 00:52:16,360

And what camp was this?

1386

00:52:16,360 --> 00:52:20,185

This was not too far away, a small camp.

1387

00:52:20,185 --> 00:52:22,210

What was it called?

1388

00:52:22,210 --> 00:52:23,970

This was in Oberschlesien.

1389

00:52:23,970 --> 00:52:24,830

Oberschlesien?

1390

00:52:24,830 --> 00:52:26,950

Yes, a small camp.

1391

00:52:26,950 --> 00:52:29,895

I was maybe in 10, 12 camps.

1392

00:52:29,895 --> 00:52:30,520

Oh my goodness!

1393

00:52:30,520 --> 00:52:32,025

I was all over.

1394

00:52:32,025 --> 00:52:32,650

Oh my goodness.

1395

00:52:32,650 --> 00:52:39,940

I was in Dachau, Birkenau,
Auschwitz, Theresienstadt

1396

00:52:39,940 --> 00:52:41,380

and lots of smaller ones.

1397

00:52:41,380 --> 00:52:45,560

1398

00:52:45,560 --> 00:52:46,760

We'll come to these.

1399

00:52:46,760 --> 00:52:49,700

And I will want to
talk about them.

1400

00:52:49,700 --> 00:52:53,450

I'd like to find out
now, what was that time

1401

00:52:53,450 --> 00:52:57,560

like before the war starts?

1402

00:52:57,560 --> 00:53:00,650

And were there
people in your town

1403

00:53:00,650 --> 00:53:03,980

saying, we're going to leave,
we're going to go to America,

1404

00:53:03,980 --> 00:53:05,990

we're going to try to get away?

1405

00:53:05,990 --> 00:53:08,630

Or was it pretty much
nobody had the belief

1406
00:53:08,630 --> 00:53:13,200
that there's anything that's
going to change in 1939?

1407
00:53:13,200 --> 00:53:15,480
No.

1408
00:53:15,480 --> 00:53:19,490
I never believe I
will be freed someday.

1409
00:53:19,490 --> 00:53:22,580
In 1939, the war hadn't started.

1410
00:53:22,580 --> 00:53:28,700
Did you ever-- was there talk
going on of things happening?

1411
00:53:28,700 --> 00:53:31,760
Nobody knew it about so
bad, you know what I mean?

1412
00:53:31,760 --> 00:53:34,575
Maybe the older people
thought a little bit more,

1413
00:53:34,575 --> 00:53:35,450
you know what I mean?

1414
00:53:35,450 --> 00:53:36,740
But the young ones--

1415
00:53:36,740 --> 00:53:38,300
OK.

1416
00:53:38,300 --> 00:53:41,540
Do you remember where
you were when you learned

1417
00:53:41,540 --> 00:53:43,430
that the war is starting?

1418
00:53:43,430 --> 00:53:44,900

It was September 1.

1419
00:53:44,900 --> 00:53:45,740
Yes.

1420
00:53:45,740 --> 00:53:50,050
I was home-- not home.

1421
00:53:50,050 --> 00:53:52,480
We used to go in a different
town, you know what I mean?

1422
00:53:52,480 --> 00:53:56,590
They thought maybe over there
it's going to be better,

1423
00:53:56,590 --> 00:53:58,280
but it just--

1424
00:53:58,280 --> 00:54:00,890
What, you had left your own
home to go somewhere else?

1425
00:54:00,890 --> 00:54:02,890
You left this town to
go a different town,

1426
00:54:02,890 --> 00:54:05,200
maybe it's going to get
better or something.

1427
00:54:05,200 --> 00:54:07,640
We didn't know, you
know what I mean.

1428
00:54:07,640 --> 00:54:09,490
Do you remember
where you went to?

1429
00:54:09,490 --> 00:54:11,420
It was in a small town, too.

1430
00:54:11,420 --> 00:54:13,820
I don't remember even.

1431
00:54:13,820 --> 00:54:16,070
And your whole family had
left, that is, your mother--

1432
00:54:16,070 --> 00:54:16,820
Yes.

1433
00:54:16,820 --> 00:54:17,840
We want, you know.

1434
00:54:17,840 --> 00:54:18,770
OK.

1435
00:54:18,770 --> 00:54:21,230
What month did your father die?

1436
00:54:21,230 --> 00:54:23,780
He died six months before.

1437
00:54:23,780 --> 00:54:25,430
So he died in April?

1438
00:54:25,430 --> 00:54:26,640
Something like this.

1439
00:54:26,640 --> 00:54:39,060
This was-- this was
after Yom Kippur, Sukkot,

1440
00:54:39,060 --> 00:54:41,370
something like
this, in that time--

1441
00:54:41,370 --> 00:54:43,050
OK.

1442
00:54:43,050 --> 00:54:45,130
--he died.

1443
00:54:45,130 --> 00:54:45,910
So who was left?

1444
00:54:45,910 --> 00:54:50,480

Your older brother, Abraham,
your mother, Hannah--

1445
00:54:50,480 --> 00:54:52,220
And Gutshe.

1446
00:54:52,220 --> 00:54:54,105
They both worked there.

1447
00:54:54,105 --> 00:54:58,080
And they give us the few dollars
to live because we didn't

1448
00:54:58,080 --> 00:55:00,600
have over there Medicare.

1449
00:55:00,600 --> 00:55:02,750
You don't have nothing
or something like this.

1450
00:55:02,750 --> 00:55:05,190
Nothing, nothing, nothing.

1451
00:55:05,190 --> 00:55:08,330
You could be brains
like Einstein,

1452
00:55:08,330 --> 00:55:10,680
but you wouldn't have no
money to go to the college,

1453
00:55:10,680 --> 00:55:11,630
you couldn't go.

1454
00:55:11,630 --> 00:55:12,600
Yeah.

1455
00:55:12,600 --> 00:55:13,900
Yeah.

1456
00:55:13,900 --> 00:55:17,310
From my town, I remember
one went to college.

1457

00:55:17,310 --> 00:55:18,210
One person?

1458
00:55:18,210 --> 00:55:21,150
One person because he had
a little bit of money.

1459
00:55:21,150 --> 00:55:23,760

1460
00:55:23,760 --> 00:55:27,420
My mother, my father, my
brother, and my sister

1461
00:55:27,420 --> 00:55:30,840
was very, very smart,
very intelligent,

1462
00:55:30,840 --> 00:55:32,955
but no money to go to college.

1463
00:55:32,955 --> 00:55:34,260
OK.

1464
00:55:34,260 --> 00:55:39,052
You could be Einstein, but
if you don't have no money--

1465
00:55:39,052 --> 00:55:40,260
You don't have possibilities.

1466
00:55:40,260 --> 00:55:42,910
No.

1467
00:55:42,910 --> 00:55:46,890
So, did you come back home from
that town that you had run to

1468
00:55:46,890 --> 00:55:49,140
or gone to?

1469
00:55:49,140 --> 00:55:51,600
When the war started, you
were not in your own town.

1470

00:55:51,600 --> 00:55:55,090
You were someplace else.

1471

00:55:55,090 --> 00:55:56,110
What do you mean?

1472

00:55:56,110 --> 00:56:00,230
I mean, the war started
on September 1, 1939.

1473

00:56:00,230 --> 00:56:01,660
Right.

1474

00:56:01,660 --> 00:56:04,080
And you said you were
in another place.

1475

00:56:04,080 --> 00:56:05,590
Later on we come back--

1476

00:56:05,590 --> 00:56:07,180
To your own town?

1477

00:56:07,180 --> 00:56:10,310
--because he come all
over, you know what I mean?

1478

00:56:10,310 --> 00:56:11,430
Mm-hmm.

1479

00:56:11,430 --> 00:56:14,860
We thought he wouldn't come
over here and not over there.

1480

00:56:14,860 --> 00:56:16,242
OK.

1481

00:56:16,242 --> 00:56:17,950
And what did you find
when you came back?

1482

00:56:17,950 --> 00:56:22,050
And I stayed over
there at home till--

1483
00:56:22,050 --> 00:56:22,630
Till when?

1484
00:56:22,630 --> 00:56:25,330
--he come in and say,
if you go to work,

1485
00:56:25,330 --> 00:56:27,130
you're mother'
going to be saved.

1486
00:56:27,130 --> 00:56:32,950
Well, before that, I
want to get a sense of,

1487
00:56:32,950 --> 00:56:36,430
when was the first time
you saw a German soldier?

1488
00:56:36,430 --> 00:56:37,840
The first time I saw what?

1489
00:56:37,840 --> 00:56:39,400
A German soldier.

1490
00:56:39,400 --> 00:56:40,920
In 1939--

1491
00:56:40,920 --> 00:56:41,830
OK.

1492
00:56:41,830 --> 00:56:42,645
And--

1493
00:56:42,645 --> 00:56:44,740
--on their motorcycles
and everything.

1494
00:56:44,740 --> 00:56:48,310
On the motorcycles,
they drove through town?

1495
00:56:48,310 --> 00:56:49,540

Did they stay?

1496

00:56:49,540 --> 00:56:51,660
Some of them stayed
over there, too.

1497

00:56:51,660 --> 00:56:53,520
And they had a dog, too.

1498

00:56:53,520 --> 00:56:55,165
They had a German shepherd.

1499

00:56:55,165 --> 00:56:58,450
The German shepherd killed
a dozen people right away.

1500

00:56:58,450 --> 00:56:59,320
Really!

1501

00:56:59,320 --> 00:57:01,930
Yes because Saturday
you couldn't

1502

00:57:01,930 --> 00:57:06,970
go to the synagogues,
no churches, nothing.

1503

00:57:06,970 --> 00:57:12,020
So the Jews went
private, they found out.

1504

00:57:12,020 --> 00:57:15,010
So they brought the dog,
they took of the leash,

1505

00:57:15,010 --> 00:57:21,830
and the dog killed all of them,
all of them, all 12, 15 people.

1506

00:57:21,830 --> 00:57:23,250
Who had gathered together?

1507

00:57:23,250 --> 00:57:24,590
Right.

1508

00:57:24,590 --> 00:57:29,168
And this was somebody who
would become the administrator,

1509

00:57:29,168 --> 00:57:30,210
the German administrator?

1510

00:57:30,210 --> 00:57:35,600
The dog, with Kommando,
with the soldier.

1511

00:57:35,600 --> 00:57:36,440
I see.

1512

00:57:36,440 --> 00:57:40,250
So that means there was
a curfew established?

1513

00:57:40,250 --> 00:57:41,330
I guess.

1514

00:57:41,330 --> 00:57:43,170
Yes, yes.

1515

00:57:43,170 --> 00:57:44,420
OK.

1516

00:57:44,420 --> 00:57:47,490
Did you continue
going to school?

1517

00:57:47,490 --> 00:57:48,380
No.

1518

00:57:48,380 --> 00:57:50,570
No school?

1519

00:57:50,570 --> 00:57:53,040
The minute they
come in, no school.

1520

00:57:53,040 --> 00:57:53,540
OK.

1521

00:57:53,540 --> 00:57:55,460

What else changed the
minute they came in?

1522

00:57:55,460 --> 00:57:58,400

1523

00:57:58,400 --> 00:58:02,300

You see, I left to concentration
camp right after the war,

1524

00:58:02,300 --> 00:58:04,580

not too far out long the war.

1525

00:58:04,580 --> 00:58:05,940

After the war starts?

1526

00:58:05,940 --> 00:58:09,440

In 1939, I was in camp
already, in a small camp.

1527

00:58:09,440 --> 00:58:13,090

1528

00:58:13,090 --> 00:58:18,160

So let me get a sense of this.

1529

00:58:18,160 --> 00:58:24,840

The war starts, soldiers
drive through on motorcycles,

1530

00:58:24,840 --> 00:58:26,800

there are German
shepherd dogs that are

1531

00:58:26,800 --> 00:58:30,580

used to attack and kill people.

1532

00:58:30,580 --> 00:58:33,540

1533

00:58:33,540 --> 00:58:42,060

And does your brother continue
working in the printing office?

1534
00:58:42,060 --> 00:58:44,630
Well, he worked for a while.

1535
00:58:44,630 --> 00:58:46,140
OK.

1536
00:58:46,140 --> 00:58:47,490
For a while.

1537
00:58:47,490 --> 00:58:51,060
And he want to camp, too.

1538
00:58:51,060 --> 00:58:55,970
So tell me about
this, does something--

1539
00:58:55,970 --> 00:58:59,520
it's something that's
not very clear to me.

1540
00:58:59,520 --> 00:59:04,540
The Germans come, they
establish themselves,

1541
00:59:04,540 --> 00:59:08,140
at least the army
does and so on.

1542
00:59:08,140 --> 00:59:12,280
What happens to most
of the Jews in town?

1543
00:59:12,280 --> 00:59:15,460
The ones who could
go to work, I mean,

1544
00:59:15,460 --> 00:59:20,320
older or something,
they took them to work.

1545
00:59:20,320 --> 00:59:22,900
He left home, took him to work.

1546

00:59:22,900 --> 00:59:23,680
OK.

1547
00:59:23,680 --> 00:59:26,800
In the coal mine?

1548
00:59:26,800 --> 00:59:28,720
Sometimes to the coal mine.

1549
00:59:28,720 --> 00:59:31,400
So you stayed home, and
you went to the coal mine.

1550
00:59:31,400 --> 00:59:31,900
Got it.

1551
00:59:31,900 --> 00:59:36,500
My sister worked, but
she worked in printing.

1552
00:59:36,500 --> 00:59:39,450
And the Germans owned that.

1553
00:59:39,450 --> 00:59:41,680
So she stayed over there,
and she worked over there.

1554
00:59:41,680 --> 00:59:44,830
But she was going home
and back all the time,

1555
00:59:44,830 --> 00:59:45,790
you know what I mean?

1556
00:59:45,790 --> 00:59:48,520
She was lucky to have
the job for a while,

1557
00:59:48,520 --> 00:59:52,000
until it was
Judenrein, take away,

1558
00:59:52,000 --> 00:59:53,260
and everything was different.

1559
00:59:53,260 --> 00:59:54,310
OK.

1560
00:59:54,310 --> 00:59:58,390
I was the last one
because they come down,

1561
00:59:58,390 --> 01:00:01,690
they say, we need to so many
people, hundred or something.

1562
01:00:01,690 --> 01:00:05,370
If you go by yourself, your
mother going to be saved.

1563
01:00:05,370 --> 01:00:08,080
I said, OK, I am going.

1564
01:00:08,080 --> 01:00:09,440
What happened with Bluma?

1565
01:00:09,440 --> 01:00:11,900
Where was Bluma?

1566
01:00:11,900 --> 01:00:15,070
Bluma was in camp already.

1567
01:00:15,070 --> 01:00:17,140
I was the only one left at home.

1568
01:00:17,140 --> 01:00:17,710
OK.

1569
01:00:17,710 --> 01:00:20,310
So when you're at home,
it's your mother--

1570
01:00:20,310 --> 01:00:20,920
Right.

1571
01:00:20,920 --> 01:00:23,230
--your sister is working
in the printing place--

1572

01:00:23,230 --> 01:00:23,980

Right.

1573

01:00:23,980 --> 01:00:25,240

--Abraham is--

1574

01:00:25,240 --> 01:00:26,260

In a camp already.

1575

01:00:26,260 --> 01:00:28,480

--in a camp already.

1576

01:00:28,480 --> 01:00:31,220

And Bluma just got
to be in a camp, too.

1577

01:00:31,220 --> 01:00:31,720

OK.

1578

01:00:31,720 --> 01:00:35,590

And so why-- did
they volunteer to go,

1579

01:00:35,590 --> 01:00:38,560

or were they forced to go?

1580

01:00:38,560 --> 01:00:40,670

How did this happen?

1581

01:00:40,670 --> 01:00:42,780

Sometimes they
went by themselves.

1582

01:00:42,780 --> 01:00:45,400

They promise them, you know
what I mean, if you go,

1583

01:00:45,400 --> 01:00:48,580

your parents are going to be
safe, and everything, and this

1584

01:00:48,580 --> 01:00:50,500

and this.

1585

01:00:50,500 --> 01:00:54,320

So you wanted to try to
save the parents because we

1586

01:00:54,320 --> 01:00:58,840

thought eventually we're
going to come home.

1587

01:00:58,840 --> 01:00:59,510

Got it.

1588

01:00:59,510 --> 01:01:01,240

OK.

1589

01:01:01,240 --> 01:01:03,730

So does this mean this
was the last time--

1590

01:01:03,730 --> 01:01:05,920

when you left to
go to a camp, it

1591

01:01:05,920 --> 01:01:08,050

was the last time
you saw your mother?

1592

01:01:08,050 --> 01:01:09,580

That's it.

1593

01:01:09,580 --> 01:01:11,770

What about Abraham and Bluma?

1594

01:01:11,770 --> 01:01:13,000

Did you ever see them again?

1595

01:01:13,000 --> 01:01:13,730

I did not.

1596

01:01:13,730 --> 01:01:16,810

With Abraham, with my brother,
I couldn't find out at all.

1597

01:01:16,810 --> 01:01:18,116

He died in camp.

1598
01:01:18,116 --> 01:01:19,740
OK.

1599
01:01:19,740 --> 01:01:23,950
Bluma, she made it
through the camp.

1600
01:01:23,950 --> 01:01:26,912
Gutshe, she died two
weeks before the Russians

1601
01:01:26,912 --> 01:01:27,745
took over Auschwitz.

1602
01:01:27,745 --> 01:01:28,690
Got it.

1603
01:01:28,690 --> 01:01:31,150
Auschwitz was
occupied by Russian

1604
01:01:31,150 --> 01:01:37,030
because Auschwitz was Poland,
and the Russians come in.

1605
01:01:37,030 --> 01:01:39,640
So she had diarrhea
and everything.

1606
01:01:39,640 --> 01:01:41,170
How did I find out?

1607
01:01:41,170 --> 01:01:46,510
Some friend of hers
could make it through.

1608
01:01:46,510 --> 01:01:50,500
And I saw him, and he told me.

1609
01:01:50,500 --> 01:01:52,950
And did you ever find out
what happened to your mother?

1610

01:01:52,950 --> 01:01:53,530
Pardon me?

1611
01:01:53,530 --> 01:01:56,480
Did you ever find out what
happened to your mother?

1612
01:01:56,480 --> 01:02:00,090
My mother right away, want to
take to the oven right away

1613
01:02:00,090 --> 01:02:02,080
because she wasn't--

1614
01:02:02,080 --> 01:02:04,270
they looked, and
wouldn't go for work.

1615
01:02:04,270 --> 01:02:06,400
She couldn't go to work,
you know what I mean.

1616
01:02:06,400 --> 01:02:09,160
She was 47, 48 years old.

1617
01:02:09,160 --> 01:02:13,270
For them, she was too old for
them, you know what I mean?

1618
01:02:13,270 --> 01:02:16,660
Same thing with me, if I
were to say I'm 13 years old,

1619
01:02:16,660 --> 01:02:21,325
I would go right straight
to the oven because--

1620
01:02:21,325 --> 01:02:23,070
How old did you say you were?

1621
01:02:23,070 --> 01:02:26,530
And I was 13, but
I say I was 18.

1622
01:02:26,530 --> 01:02:29,000

Mengele asks me,
how old are you?

1623
01:02:29,000 --> 01:02:32,590
So I lied to him, and I say 18.

1624
01:02:32,590 --> 01:02:34,330
Why did I say 18?

1625
01:02:34,330 --> 01:02:35,590
I don't know.

1626
01:02:35,590 --> 01:02:37,600
God had to give me
some brains to say

1627
01:02:37,600 --> 01:02:45,470
it, that's all, because I wasn't
so smart to think, to tell him,

1628
01:02:45,470 --> 01:02:46,360
you know what I mean.

1629
01:02:46,360 --> 01:02:49,330
So from your life,
Abraham disappeared?

1630
01:02:49,330 --> 01:02:50,050
Right.

1631
01:02:50,050 --> 01:02:54,070
And you never really found
out what happened to him?

1632
01:02:54,070 --> 01:02:57,700
And your mother disappears?

1633
01:02:57,700 --> 01:03:00,125
We found out right away she
went to the gas chamber,

1634
01:03:00,125 --> 01:03:01,000
you know what I mean.

1635

01:03:01,000 --> 01:03:03,070
Yeah.

1636
01:03:03,070 --> 01:03:08,065
So when you left,
where were you taken?

1637
01:03:08,065 --> 01:03:11,560

1638
01:03:11,560 --> 01:03:14,170
At that time, I
was in Auschwitz.

1639
01:03:14,170 --> 01:03:15,880
The very first place
you were taken?

1640
01:03:15,880 --> 01:03:16,480
No, no, no.

1641
01:03:16,480 --> 01:03:18,890
I was before in smaller camps.

1642
01:03:18,890 --> 01:03:19,630
OK.

1643
01:03:19,630 --> 01:03:21,220
I'd like to find out--

1644
01:03:21,220 --> 01:03:25,740
do you remember what month
you were taken to the camps?

1645
01:03:25,740 --> 01:03:29,190
In 1939, end of the months,
you know what I mean, maybe

1646
01:03:29,190 --> 01:03:30,835
two months before.

1647
01:03:30,835 --> 01:03:33,240
So, it would have been
like November, October?

1648

01:03:33,240 --> 01:03:34,210

Something like that.

1649

01:03:34,210 --> 01:03:35,180

Something like that?

1650

01:03:35,180 --> 01:03:35,680

Yes.

1651

01:03:35,680 --> 01:03:36,890

I went early.

1652

01:03:36,890 --> 01:03:37,990

OK.

1653

01:03:37,990 --> 01:03:39,970

And so, which is the small camp?

1654

01:03:39,970 --> 01:03:42,530

Do you remember the name of it?

1655

01:03:42,530 --> 01:03:46,255

Oberschlesien in Germany,
close, you know what I mean.

1656

01:03:46,255 --> 01:03:46,885

Oberschlesien--

1657

01:03:46,885 --> 01:03:50,270

Breslau, like this.

1658

01:03:50,270 --> 01:03:50,770

OK.

1659

01:03:50,770 --> 01:03:52,740

So it's further north.

1660

01:03:52,740 --> 01:03:55,040

It's still between Germany
and Poland, that area,

1661

01:03:55,040 --> 01:03:57,100

but it's further north.

1662
01:03:57,100 --> 01:03:59,060
Not too far away from Auschwitz.

1663
01:03:59,060 --> 01:04:01,500
But Auschwitz, nobody knows.

1664
01:04:01,500 --> 01:04:02,080
Of course.

1665
01:04:02,080 --> 01:04:02,920
I didn't know it.

1666
01:04:02,920 --> 01:04:04,728
Maybe some older
people, maybe they

1667
01:04:04,728 --> 01:04:06,770
were thinking or something,
you know what I mean.

1668
01:04:06,770 --> 01:04:10,650
Well, the first camp
that you went to,

1669
01:04:10,650 --> 01:04:13,630
do you remember how
long you stayed there?

1670
01:04:13,630 --> 01:04:14,260
In Auschwitz?

1671
01:04:14,260 --> 01:04:15,040
No, no, no.

1672
01:04:15,040 --> 01:04:17,020
The very first place
in Oberschlesien?

1673
01:04:17,020 --> 01:04:18,940
Maybe I stayed six
months or something.

1674
01:04:18,940 --> 01:04:21,820

It was 120 people,
the whole camp.

1675
01:04:21,820 --> 01:04:22,480
So not many.

1676
01:04:22,480 --> 01:04:23,020
No.

1677
01:04:23,020 --> 01:04:23,520
Not many.

1678
01:04:23,520 --> 01:04:25,760
So later on, he didn't want it.

1679
01:04:25,760 --> 01:04:28,320
So he put us in
a different camp,

1680
01:04:28,320 --> 01:04:30,070
a little bit bigger,
you know what I mean.

1681
01:04:30,070 --> 01:04:31,487
What did you do
in the first camp?

1682
01:04:31,487 --> 01:04:33,890
And finally, he put
us to Auschwitz.

1683
01:04:33,890 --> 01:04:34,390
OK.

1684
01:04:34,390 --> 01:04:35,135
We'll get to Auschwitz.

1685
01:04:35,135 --> 01:04:35,720
Yes.

1686
01:04:35,720 --> 01:04:38,820
But in the first camp,
what were you doing?

1687

01:04:38,820 --> 01:04:43,398
Work, labor, make
holes for protection

1688
01:04:43,398 --> 01:04:45,565
for the soldiers or something,
you know what I mean.

1689
01:04:45,565 --> 01:04:47,200
You were digging trenches?

1690
01:04:47,200 --> 01:04:48,940
Right.

1691
01:04:48,940 --> 01:04:53,650
Some of them said I am a
shoemaker or something,

1692
01:04:53,650 --> 01:04:54,645
you know what I mean.

1693
01:04:54,645 --> 01:04:57,700
So he could get a little
bit different work.

1694
01:04:57,700 --> 01:05:01,240
I didn't-- first of all,
I didn't know how to lie,

1695
01:05:01,240 --> 01:05:03,800
and I didn't know,
you know what I mean?

1696
01:05:03,800 --> 01:05:06,790
So--

1697
01:05:06,790 --> 01:05:09,770
So I didn't say nothing.

1698
01:05:09,770 --> 01:05:12,340
To Mengele, I lied.

1699
01:05:12,340 --> 01:05:13,390
I wouldn't lie.

1700

01:05:13,390 --> 01:05:17,020

But something God give
me to lie because I

1701

01:05:17,020 --> 01:05:19,000

wasn't so bright, so smart.

1702

01:05:19,000 --> 01:05:21,865

1703

01:05:21,865 --> 01:05:25,090

In that first camp,
how were you treated?

1704

01:05:25,090 --> 01:05:27,850

In the very first
camp in Oberschlesien,

1705

01:05:27,850 --> 01:05:29,800

how were you treated?

1706

01:05:29,800 --> 01:05:30,530

How many people?

1707

01:05:30,530 --> 01:05:31,030

No.

1708

01:05:31,030 --> 01:05:32,050

How were you treated?

1709

01:05:32,050 --> 01:05:34,600

1710

01:05:34,600 --> 01:05:36,650

A little bit better
than Auschwitz and big,

1711

01:05:36,650 --> 01:05:37,840

you know what I mean.

1712

01:05:37,840 --> 01:05:39,820

Not too much better,
you know what I mean.

1713

01:05:39,820 --> 01:05:40,810

Were you fed?

1714

01:05:40,810 --> 01:05:44,200

You didn't get three meals
a day, you know what I mean.

1715

01:05:44,200 --> 01:05:47,800

You was getting the
same thing almost, maybe

1716

01:05:47,800 --> 01:05:49,370

a little piece of bread--

1717

01:05:49,370 --> 01:05:52,930

a little bigger piece of bread
or something, not too much, no.

1718

01:05:52,930 --> 01:05:55,180

Did it feel like prison?

1719

01:05:55,180 --> 01:05:55,810

Prison?

1720

01:05:55,810 --> 01:05:57,940

Did it feel like a
prison in that camp?

1721

01:05:57,940 --> 01:06:02,380

It was, not like a regular
prison, but barracks.

1722

01:06:02,380 --> 01:06:02,880

Mm-hmm.

1723

01:06:02,880 --> 01:06:04,600

Could you leave it
if you wanted to?

1724

01:06:04,600 --> 01:06:05,530

No.

1725

01:06:05,530 --> 01:06:07,330

No, OK.

1726
01:06:07,330 --> 01:06:09,550
OK.

1727
01:06:09,550 --> 01:06:11,340
So it was guarded.

1728
01:06:11,340 --> 01:06:12,270
Of course.

1729
01:06:12,270 --> 01:06:14,170
All right.

1730
01:06:14,170 --> 01:06:15,760
And you say from
this camp, where

1731
01:06:15,760 --> 01:06:19,270
they were about
120 people, you're

1732
01:06:19,270 --> 01:06:21,040
then moved to another one.

1733
01:06:21,040 --> 01:06:22,300
Not everybody moved.

1734
01:06:22,300 --> 01:06:25,860
Some of them went right straight
to Auschwitz to the crematorium

1735
01:06:25,860 --> 01:06:27,730
or something because
the small camps

1736
01:06:27,730 --> 01:06:29,070
didn't have no crematoriums--

1737
01:06:29,070 --> 01:06:29,570
OK.

1738
01:06:29,570 --> 01:06:30,670
--you know what I mean.

1739

01:06:30,670 --> 01:06:32,740

Were there older people
in these first camps?

1740

01:06:32,740 --> 01:06:34,480

Sometimes older,
sometimes younger.

1741

01:06:34,480 --> 01:06:35,700

They look.

1742

01:06:35,700 --> 01:06:40,090

Mengele said if they like
you, God have to be with you.

1743

01:06:40,090 --> 01:06:41,510

This is the only thing.

1744

01:06:41,510 --> 01:06:42,010

Right.

1745

01:06:42,010 --> 01:06:44,410

Before we get to Auschwitz,
in the small camp

1746

01:06:44,410 --> 01:06:46,840

in Oberschlesien,
were there are people

1747

01:06:46,840 --> 01:06:48,910

who were dying in the camp?

1748

01:06:48,910 --> 01:06:50,564

Of course.

1749

01:06:50,564 --> 01:06:51,560

OK.

1750

01:06:51,560 --> 01:06:55,740

Some people, a little
bit richer people,

1751

01:06:55,740 --> 01:07:01,640

they die like flies because they

wasn't used to it like this.

1752

01:07:01,640 --> 01:07:03,560

I didn't have too
much soup in home.

1753

01:07:03,560 --> 01:07:06,290

I didn't have too
much that I can eat.

1754

01:07:06,290 --> 01:07:10,950

Like I told you, I never
know how a hot dog taste.

1755

01:07:10,950 --> 01:07:11,810

Yeah.

1756

01:07:11,810 --> 01:07:13,520

Yeah.

1757

01:07:13,520 --> 01:07:15,530

So these kind of people--

1758

01:07:15,530 --> 01:07:20,510

like I was in camp with Italian
Jews, French Jews, Holland

1759

01:07:20,510 --> 01:07:23,840

Jews, they were not used to
the cold weather and something,

1760

01:07:23,840 --> 01:07:24,720

you know what I mean.

1761

01:07:24,720 --> 01:07:27,540

So they sit in a little
bed, and they died--

1762

01:07:27,540 --> 01:07:28,220

Yeah.

1763

01:07:28,220 --> 01:07:31,996

--not laying down,
sitting like this.

1764

01:07:31,996 --> 01:07:34,850

Well, the Polish ones, we
always had winter time.

1765

01:07:34,850 --> 01:07:42,220

We tried to work a little
bit, and God, that's it.

1766

01:07:42,220 --> 01:07:43,034

Got it.

1767

01:07:43,034 --> 01:07:44,850

Got it.

1768

01:07:44,850 --> 01:07:50,640

So from the first camp, you went
to a second one, not Auschwitz.

1769

01:07:50,640 --> 01:07:51,690

No.

1770

01:07:51,690 --> 01:07:53,570

And where was this place?

1771

01:07:53,570 --> 01:07:55,037

In Oberschlesien .

1772

01:07:55,037 --> 01:07:56,620

Again, another place
in Oberschlesien?

1773

01:07:56,620 --> 01:07:58,180

Yes, yes.

1774

01:07:58,180 --> 01:08:00,230

They had lots in small places.

1775

01:08:00,230 --> 01:08:05,290

But later on, they make
it a little bit together.

1776

01:08:05,290 --> 01:08:08,850

And so when you went
to the second camp,

1777
01:08:08,850 --> 01:08:11,490
was the work different?

1778
01:08:11,490 --> 01:08:13,140
Same thing.

1779
01:08:13,140 --> 01:08:17,235
In Auschwitz I used
to work by the oven.

1780
01:08:17,235 --> 01:08:18,960
But we're not talking
about Auschwitz.

1781
01:08:18,960 --> 01:08:21,740
I'm talking about
before Auschwitz.

1782
01:08:21,740 --> 01:08:25,529
Labor, labor work, streets,
something, give water,

1783
01:08:25,529 --> 01:08:28,880
give sand, something, stones.

1784
01:08:28,880 --> 01:08:32,350
So lifting, carrying
stones, and bringing water.

1785
01:08:32,350 --> 01:08:33,590
Right.

1786
01:08:33,590 --> 01:08:37,590
Labor camp, nothing special,
you know what I mean.

1787
01:08:37,590 --> 01:08:39,120
You had to be no--

1788
01:08:39,120 --> 01:08:42,120
you didn't have
to be intelligent.

1789

01:08:42,120 --> 01:08:44,640
But the manual labor
is what you were doing?

1790
01:08:44,640 --> 01:08:46,200
Right.

1791
01:08:46,200 --> 01:08:49,540
And you were 13 years old?

1792
01:08:49,540 --> 01:08:50,750
13, 14.

1793
01:08:50,750 --> 01:08:51,689
OK.

1794
01:08:51,689 --> 01:08:55,120
13 years old, yeah,
before leaving.

1795
01:08:55,120 --> 01:09:01,830
And from the second
camp in Oberschlesien,

1796
01:09:01,830 --> 01:09:03,779
where were you taken from there?

1797
01:09:03,779 --> 01:09:05,100
I was in Breslau.

1798
01:09:05,100 --> 01:09:06,720
This was already--

1799
01:09:06,720 --> 01:09:09,600
German took over.

1800
01:09:09,600 --> 01:09:10,800
Now it's Poland.

1801
01:09:10,800 --> 01:09:12,670
What's it called in Polish?

1802
01:09:12,670 --> 01:09:14,109
Breslau.

1803
01:09:14,109 --> 01:09:14,880
Uh-huh.

1804
01:09:14,880 --> 01:09:15,569
OK.

1805
01:09:15,569 --> 01:09:18,120
Does it have a Polish name, too?

1806
01:09:18,120 --> 01:09:20,420
Everybody know
Breslau, that's all.

1807
01:09:20,420 --> 01:09:21,750
OK.

1808
01:09:21,750 --> 01:09:26,609
And in the city of
Breslau or outside?

1809
01:09:26,609 --> 01:09:27,390
A little outside.

1810
01:09:27,390 --> 01:09:30,870

1811
01:09:30,870 --> 01:09:33,359
And how long did you stay there?

1812
01:09:33,359 --> 01:09:36,140
Maybe a year or so,
and later on again.

1813
01:09:36,140 --> 01:09:40,130

1814
01:09:40,130 --> 01:09:43,680
And from Breslau,
where were you taken?

1815
01:09:43,680 --> 01:09:52,229
From Breslau I was
taken to Oberammergau,

1816
01:09:52,229 --> 01:09:54,120
a small town in Germany.

1817
01:09:54,120 --> 01:09:56,150
OK.

1818
01:09:56,150 --> 01:09:59,130
Oberammergau, I
believe, is in Bavaria.

1819
01:09:59,130 --> 01:10:00,410
Bavaria, yes.

1820
01:10:00,410 --> 01:10:00,910
OK.

1821
01:10:00,910 --> 01:10:03,180
Everything was in Bavaria.

1822
01:10:03,180 --> 01:10:07,050
Later on, they took
me to Theresienstadt.

1823
01:10:07,050 --> 01:10:08,647
This was close to
Czechoslovakia.

1824
01:10:08,647 --> 01:10:09,855
Yeah, it's in Czechoslovakia.

1825
01:10:09,855 --> 01:10:11,260
Right.

1826
01:10:11,260 --> 01:10:15,730
And I was in lots
of different camps.

1827
01:10:15,730 --> 01:10:17,820
I don't even remember the names.

1828
01:10:17,820 --> 01:10:20,040
I was at least 10, 12
camps different kind.

1829
01:10:20,040 --> 01:10:21,070
That's amazing.

1830
01:10:21,070 --> 01:10:21,630
Yes.

1831
01:10:21,630 --> 01:10:24,255
That's amazing that
you went so many.

1832
01:10:24,255 --> 01:10:27,420
I had typhus.

1833
01:10:27,420 --> 01:10:28,770
Where did you have typhus?

1834
01:10:28,770 --> 01:10:30,990
In one camp.

1835
01:10:30,990 --> 01:10:32,340
Do you remember which one?

1836
01:10:32,340 --> 01:10:34,080
In Warsaw.

1837
01:10:34,080 --> 01:10:40,410
Warsaw was uptight long,
how you say, from Auschwitz.

1838
01:10:40,410 --> 01:10:43,410
It was within--

1839
01:10:43,410 --> 01:10:46,150
Auschwitz had like a
part of its campus--

1840
01:10:46,150 --> 01:10:47,525
Warsaw belonged
to our Auschwitz,

1841
01:10:47,525 --> 01:10:48,880
you know what I mean?

1842

01:10:48,880 --> 01:10:50,670

Though it's very far
away over Auschwitz.

1843

01:10:50,670 --> 01:10:53,670

Over there, we had
lice, from lice.

1844

01:10:53,670 --> 01:10:56,790

You see, typhus, there's
two kinds of typhus,

1845

01:10:56,790 --> 01:10:59,810

high fever and stomach.

1846

01:10:59,810 --> 01:11:00,660

OK.

1847

01:11:00,660 --> 01:11:03,720

We had high fever from the lice.

1848

01:11:03,720 --> 01:11:05,230

We had lice.

1849

01:11:05,230 --> 01:11:07,740

We just throw it,
not just one lice.

1850

01:11:07,740 --> 01:11:08,240

OK.

1851

01:11:08,240 --> 01:11:13,220

1852

01:11:13,220 --> 01:11:16,610

And was that in all of the
camps, that they were lice?

1853

01:11:16,610 --> 01:11:23,780

Even SS got sick, too, with lice
because it was terrible camp.

1854

01:11:23,780 --> 01:11:26,780

Not too much water to

wash, a little bit.

1855

01:11:26,780 --> 01:11:29,080
I don't mean a shower
or something, just

1856

01:11:29,080 --> 01:11:30,710
[INAUDIBLE] a little bit.

1857

01:11:30,710 --> 01:11:32,300
No, no.

1858

01:11:32,300 --> 01:11:35,060
This was after they
bombed the ghetto.

1859

01:11:35,060 --> 01:11:37,700
We were there to clean up.

1860

01:11:37,700 --> 01:11:41,225
So this is after the uprising,
the Warsaw uprising--

1861

01:11:41,225 --> 01:11:41,870
Right.

1862

01:11:41,870 --> 01:11:42,810
--ghetto uprising?

1863

01:11:42,810 --> 01:11:43,310
Right.

1864

01:11:43,310 --> 01:11:45,144
So that would have been 1940--

1865

01:11:45,144 --> 01:11:46,520
'43, 42.

1866

01:11:46,520 --> 01:11:48,770
Right, '43 I think it was.

1867

01:11:48,770 --> 01:11:51,560
And later on from
Auschwitz, they took us--

1868
01:11:51,560 --> 01:11:54,360
from Warsaw, they took
us back to Auschwitz.

1869
01:11:54,360 --> 01:11:54,860
OK.

1870
01:11:54,860 --> 01:11:56,660
But let's talk about
this a little bit.

1871
01:11:56,660 --> 01:12:03,650
And from Auschwitz, I went
to Dachau, Germany, Munich.

1872
01:12:03,650 --> 01:12:04,530
Yeah.

1873
01:12:04,530 --> 01:12:07,520
And this was already '44, '45.

1874
01:12:07,520 --> 01:12:09,440
OK.

1875
01:12:09,440 --> 01:12:15,270
But you say that it was in
Warsaw that you got typhus?

1876
01:12:15,270 --> 01:12:16,490
Right.

1877
01:12:16,490 --> 01:12:22,590
And is this after you were
cleaning up the ghetto?

1878
01:12:22,590 --> 01:12:27,380
This was after the cleanup the
ghettos, the steel, stones,

1879
01:12:27,380 --> 01:12:28,870
something like this.

1880
01:12:28,870 --> 01:12:29,370

All right.

1881
01:12:29,370 --> 01:12:33,570
Tell me when you
were taken to Warsaw,

1882
01:12:33,570 --> 01:12:35,760
and it was to clean
up this ghetto--

1883
01:12:35,760 --> 01:12:37,240
We didn't know nothing.

1884
01:12:37,240 --> 01:12:37,910
OK.

1885
01:12:37,910 --> 01:12:41,330
We going to Warsaw, we didn't
know what kind of work.

1886
01:12:41,330 --> 01:12:44,100
But it was a labor
camp, that's all.

1887
01:12:44,100 --> 01:12:49,110
So when you got to Warsaw and
they put you to work, tell me,

1888
01:12:49,110 --> 01:12:52,080
what did you see?

1889
01:12:52,080 --> 01:12:54,570
Nothing too much.

1890
01:12:54,570 --> 01:12:56,890
This was in the place
where the ghetto had been?

1891
01:12:56,890 --> 01:12:58,830
Right, everything, yes.

1892
01:12:58,830 --> 01:13:00,450
Were there still
buildings standing?

1893

01:13:00,450 --> 01:13:02,370

Nothing, nothing, nothing.

1894

01:13:02,370 --> 01:13:04,920

One building, the jail.

1895

01:13:04,920 --> 01:13:05,620

That stood?

1896

01:13:05,620 --> 01:13:06,480

Sent.

1897

01:13:06,480 --> 01:13:12,690

They went over there
to the jail once a week

1898

01:13:12,690 --> 01:13:15,430

to clean up the
lice, I remember.

1899

01:13:15,430 --> 01:13:20,820

Used to put us some stuff,
burning and everything,

1900

01:13:20,820 --> 01:13:21,390

once a week.

1901

01:13:21,390 --> 01:13:23,950

But it was to take
the lice off of you?

1902

01:13:23,950 --> 01:13:26,340

To kill the lice or
something, but didn't

1903

01:13:26,340 --> 01:13:29,730

help too much because it was
so many, you know what I mean.

1904

01:13:29,730 --> 01:13:31,770

You didn't have no
one lice or something,

1905

01:13:31,770 --> 01:13:36,310

you had pick it
up, throw it away.

1906
01:13:36,310 --> 01:13:39,960
And what were you supposed to
do in this bombed-out ghetto?

1907
01:13:39,960 --> 01:13:42,007
What was supposed to be
done by the prisoners?

1908
01:13:42,007 --> 01:13:43,590
This was after they
bombed the ghetto.

1909
01:13:43,590 --> 01:13:44,700
OK.

1910
01:13:44,700 --> 01:13:47,990
And so afterwards, what were
you supposed to do there?

1911
01:13:47,990 --> 01:13:50,890
We cleaned up the
buildings half way,

1912
01:13:50,890 --> 01:13:53,240
you know what I mean,
separate the stones,

1913
01:13:53,240 --> 01:13:56,580
separate the steels,
something like this.

1914
01:13:56,580 --> 01:13:57,750
I see, the rubble.

1915
01:13:57,750 --> 01:14:02,280
Basically you put the rubble
in one pile and the steel

1916
01:14:02,280 --> 01:14:03,145
in another pile.

1917
01:14:03,145 --> 01:14:04,180

Right.

1918

01:14:04,180 --> 01:14:07,070
Labor, real labor,
you know what I mean.

1919

01:14:07,070 --> 01:14:08,580
Did you see anything else?

1920

01:14:08,580 --> 01:14:09,840
Were there furniture?

1921

01:14:09,840 --> 01:14:11,150
Was there--

1922

01:14:11,150 --> 01:14:14,880
We had a few people
who was hiding.

1923

01:14:14,880 --> 01:14:17,280
And it was cold.

1924

01:14:17,280 --> 01:14:19,200
And the chimney was out.

1925

01:14:19,200 --> 01:14:22,250
That's how they found out
they were hiding over there.

1926

01:14:22,250 --> 01:14:25,450
So they took him
out from the hiding

1927

01:14:25,450 --> 01:14:29,005
and hang him or something,
or they send him away.

1928

01:14:29,005 --> 01:14:30,630
Did you ever see
anybody who had been--

1929

01:14:30,630 --> 01:14:32,365
I saw them taking
out, but I don't

1930

01:14:32,365 --> 01:14:34,740

know what they did with the
people, you know what I mean.

1931

01:14:34,740 --> 01:14:36,390

Maybe they send
them to Auschwitz,

1932

01:14:36,390 --> 01:14:39,510

or maybe they killed
him over there.

1933

01:14:39,510 --> 01:14:40,800

OK.

1934

01:14:40,800 --> 01:14:44,730

So whether or not these had
been people hiding in the ghetto

1935

01:14:44,730 --> 01:14:47,190

or they were other people
who came into the ghetto

1936

01:14:47,190 --> 01:14:48,070

we don't know.

1937

01:14:48,070 --> 01:14:50,490

Well, this was the people who
used to live in the ghetto.

1938

01:14:50,490 --> 01:14:51,590

Oh, so it was Jews?

1939

01:14:51,590 --> 01:14:52,170

Jews.

1940

01:14:52,170 --> 01:14:52,830

It was Jews.

1941

01:14:52,830 --> 01:14:55,110

Jews, Jews, only Jews.

1942

01:14:55,110 --> 01:15:00,570

OK I worked with Pollacks.

1943

01:15:00,570 --> 01:15:04,350

The Polish people, they used
to come to work from home,

1944

01:15:04,350 --> 01:15:06,750

you know what I mean.

1945

01:15:06,750 --> 01:15:07,560

In Warsaw?

1946

01:15:07,560 --> 01:15:08,550

In Warsaw.

1947

01:15:08,550 --> 01:15:12,000

But they didn't
give you nothing.

1948

01:15:12,000 --> 01:15:14,940

I asked him to give me a
piece of bread, they asked me,

1949

01:15:14,940 --> 01:15:16,530

you've got blood?

1950

01:15:16,530 --> 01:15:18,040

I say, what do you mean blood?

1951

01:15:18,040 --> 01:15:19,140

You got gold?

1952

01:15:19,140 --> 01:15:23,250

I didn't even know if I find
a piece of gold the difference

1953

01:15:23,250 --> 01:15:26,100

because I don't know nothing
about gold or something

1954

01:15:26,100 --> 01:15:30,060

like this, no.

1955

01:15:30,060 --> 01:15:33,870

And I speak Polish

because in Warsaw, they

1956

01:15:33,870 --> 01:15:36,160
had Jews over there from
all over the world--

1957

01:15:36,160 --> 01:15:39,460
Italian Jews, French Jews,
Holland Jews, because they

1958

01:15:39,460 --> 01:15:41,680
didn't want the Polish Jews--

1959

01:15:41,680 --> 01:15:46,120
some of them maybe hide or
go another way or something.

1960

01:15:46,120 --> 01:15:49,040
But they need a
hundred people or more.

1961

01:15:49,040 --> 01:15:52,870
And we went over there.

1962

01:15:52,870 --> 01:15:53,370
OK.

1963

01:15:53,370 --> 01:15:54,620
I didn't understand that part.

1964

01:15:54,620 --> 01:15:57,485
They took the Polish
just to make the--

1965

01:15:57,485 --> 01:16:00,240
because they had to have a
thousand, and they had 900.

1966

01:16:00,240 --> 01:16:01,080
Ah, I see.

1967

01:16:01,080 --> 01:16:03,068
And they were short 100
people, so they took--

1968

01:16:03,068 --> 01:16:05,360

They took Polish Jews, even though they didn't want to.

1969

01:16:05,360 --> 01:16:05,950

Right.

1970

01:16:05,950 --> 01:16:06,820

Got it.

1971

01:16:06,820 --> 01:16:07,830

Got it.

1972

01:16:07,830 --> 01:16:09,205

So it was about a thousand people

1973

01:16:09,205 --> 01:16:10,180

who were sent from Auschwitz--

1974

01:16:10,180 --> 01:16:11,330

Oh yeah, this is nothing.

1975

01:16:11,330 --> 01:16:12,623

--to clean up the ghetto.

1976

01:16:12,623 --> 01:16:14,290

And Auschwitz had thousands of thousands

1977

01:16:14,290 --> 01:16:16,290

of people, Birkenau and everything.

1978

01:16:16,290 --> 01:16:18,210

OK.

1979

01:16:18,210 --> 01:16:20,920

And as you were cleaning up the ghetto,

1980

01:16:20,920 --> 01:16:25,290

about how long did you do this job of cleaning up?

1981
01:16:25,290 --> 01:16:28,650
Till the Russians
come closer to Warsaw.

1982
01:16:28,650 --> 01:16:29,560
Yeah.

1983
01:16:29,560 --> 01:16:33,070
So we worked three
days back to Auschwitz.

1984
01:16:33,070 --> 01:16:33,810
By foot?

1985
01:16:33,810 --> 01:16:36,435
And we worked a few
years in Auschwitz.

1986
01:16:36,435 --> 01:16:39,670
Later, the Russians
come and close it.

1987
01:16:39,670 --> 01:16:43,083
We went back to Germany, Munich.

1988
01:16:43,083 --> 01:16:43,750
We'll get there.

1989
01:16:43,750 --> 01:16:45,580
Yes.

1990
01:16:45,580 --> 01:16:51,610
Let me think more about
the ghetto in Warsaw.

1991
01:16:51,610 --> 01:16:56,110
Did you ever find
dead people when you

1992
01:16:56,110 --> 01:16:59,620
were cleaning up the ghetto?

1993
01:16:59,620 --> 01:17:00,520

No.

1994
01:17:00,520 --> 01:17:04,890
So all the bodies
had been taken away?

1995
01:17:04,890 --> 01:17:06,000
No skeletons?

1996
01:17:06,000 --> 01:17:08,460
No, no, no.

1997
01:17:08,460 --> 01:17:09,690
No goods in other words?

1998
01:17:09,690 --> 01:17:10,590
No.

1999
01:17:10,590 --> 01:17:12,810
Some people found
maybe a piece of gold

2000
01:17:12,810 --> 01:17:16,245
where they hide it in the
basements or something,

2001
01:17:16,245 --> 01:17:17,220
you know what I mean.

2002
01:17:17,220 --> 01:17:20,100
To me, even if I saw it, I
wouldn't know what it is--

2003
01:17:20,100 --> 01:17:20,600
I see.

2004
01:17:20,600 --> 01:17:21,600
--you know what I mean.

2005
01:17:21,600 --> 01:17:25,281
The one thing, even if I see,
I wouldn't know what to do,

2006
01:17:25,281 --> 01:17:26,156

you know what I mean.

2007

01:17:26,156 --> 01:17:29,160
OK So it's just hard
for me to picture

2008

01:17:29,160 --> 01:17:32,820
that when it's bombed
out that all that is left

2009

01:17:32,820 --> 01:17:36,130
is bricks and steel.

2010

01:17:36,130 --> 01:17:37,710
Only the ghetto--

2011

01:17:37,710 --> 01:17:38,210
OK.

2012

01:17:38,210 --> 01:17:40,850

2013

01:17:40,850 --> 01:17:43,210
--not the rest, you
know what I mean.

2014

01:17:43,210 --> 01:17:46,790
And lucky to be the
[INAUDIBLE],, the Auschwitz--

2015

01:17:46,790 --> 01:17:51,140
I mean, in Warsaw is
the jail, the big jail

2016

01:17:51,140 --> 01:17:52,460
in the ghetto site.

2017

01:17:52,460 --> 01:17:55,260
But they didn't bomb to ghetto.

2018

01:17:55,260 --> 01:17:55,760
OK.

2019

01:17:55,760 --> 01:17:56,900

They didn't bomb that jail.

2020

01:17:56,900 --> 01:17:57,730

This jail, no.

2021

01:17:57,730 --> 01:17:58,700

OK.

2022

01:17:58,700 --> 01:18:01,400

But you got sick in Warsaw.

2023

01:18:01,400 --> 01:18:02,510

Because of the lice.

2024

01:18:02,510 --> 01:18:03,890

Because of the lice.

2025

01:18:03,890 --> 01:18:08,150

And so what happened to you?

2026

01:18:08,150 --> 01:18:09,590

Did you go to an infirmary?

2027

01:18:09,590 --> 01:18:13,550

Well, they took us-- and that's supposed to be like a hospital.

2028

01:18:13,550 --> 01:18:16,970

First of all, they took away the straws.

2029

01:18:16,970 --> 01:18:19,670

We had straws, no mattresses.

2030

01:18:19,670 --> 01:18:21,180

Because in the straws--

2031

01:18:21,180 --> 01:18:22,340

There's the lice.

2032

01:18:22,340 --> 01:18:23,450

--too much lice.

2033

01:18:23,450 --> 01:18:25,960
And they had small--

2034
01:18:25,960 --> 01:18:29,720
two in a bed, the small ones.

2035
01:18:29,720 --> 01:18:32,760
If I had to turn,
he had to turn.

2036
01:18:32,760 --> 01:18:34,985
If he turned, I had to turn.

2037
01:18:34,985 --> 01:18:36,120
That small.

2038
01:18:36,120 --> 01:18:39,020
And he had typhus, I had typhus.

2039
01:18:39,020 --> 01:18:43,880
No medication, no water, no
medication, no bread, nothing,

2040
01:18:43,880 --> 01:18:46,080
nothing at all.

2041
01:18:46,080 --> 01:18:48,140
So it sounds like he
was just left to die.

2042
01:18:48,140 --> 01:18:50,010
Nothing at all.

2043
01:18:50,010 --> 01:18:52,640
The only thing we had is God.

2044
01:18:52,640 --> 01:18:55,497
Matter of fact, he
was dead two weeks,

2045
01:18:55,497 --> 01:18:57,080
I didn't know if he
was sleeping or he

2046

01:18:57,080 --> 01:18:59,213
thought because the
Kommando, they throw him out

2047
01:18:59,213 --> 01:19:00,005
through the window.

2048
01:19:00,005 --> 01:19:05,330

2049
01:19:05,330 --> 01:19:07,810
When I come out,
I couldn't walk.

2050
01:19:07,810 --> 01:19:08,950
I was like a baby.

2051
01:19:08,950 --> 01:19:12,590
Like a little step,
I couldn't go.

2052
01:19:12,590 --> 01:19:18,910
I had to just like a baby, I
had to lay down and go to step.

2053
01:19:18,910 --> 01:19:22,320
It's unbelievable.

2054
01:19:22,320 --> 01:19:23,750
It's a miracle, that's it.

2055
01:19:23,750 --> 01:19:25,760
Was this an infirmary?

2056
01:19:25,760 --> 01:19:26,600
Pardon me?

2057
01:19:26,600 --> 01:19:28,625
Was this an infirmary?

2058
01:19:28,625 --> 01:19:30,620
Was this in Warsaw?

2059
01:19:30,620 --> 01:19:32,010

This is in Warsaw.

2060

01:19:32,010 --> 01:19:34,760

So, it wasn't in
the ghetto, and it

2061

01:19:34,760 --> 01:19:36,770

wasn't in the police station.

2062

01:19:36,770 --> 01:19:37,790

Well, where were you?

2063

01:19:37,790 --> 01:19:38,600

When you got sick--

2064

01:19:38,600 --> 01:19:40,100

I was in the camp.

2065

01:19:40,100 --> 01:19:44,900

They had a barrack only for
the sick people, for dying.

2066

01:19:44,900 --> 01:19:46,100

Yeah, for dying.

2067

01:19:46,100 --> 01:19:49,220

They didn't want-- because
the mayor from over there

2068

01:19:49,220 --> 01:19:53,000

didn't allow them to kill
nobody if they don't have to.

2069

01:19:53,000 --> 01:19:56,300

If they die, they die,
you know what I mean.

2070

01:19:56,300 --> 01:20:00,350

Because they wanted to
kill everybody, so he said,

2071

01:20:00,350 --> 01:20:03,470

no, you can take them out.

2072

01:20:03,470 --> 01:20:06,200
But don't kill him over here
because he knows already

2073
01:20:06,200 --> 01:20:09,465
that Russia was close, so he
didn't want to be the bad man,

2074
01:20:09,465 --> 01:20:10,340
you know what I mean.

2075
01:20:10,340 --> 01:20:10,765
Was this in Germany?

2076
01:20:10,765 --> 01:20:12,050
Later on, they found out.

2077
01:20:12,050 --> 01:20:15,350
They didn't know right away.

2078
01:20:15,350 --> 01:20:18,610
So nothing happened, but
they die on the work.

2079
01:20:18,610 --> 01:20:21,220
We had to work three days.

2080
01:20:21,220 --> 01:20:28,915
Less than half died, you know
what I mean, no water, nothing.

2081
01:20:28,915 --> 01:20:31,880
I saw what I never believed it.

2082
01:20:31,880 --> 01:20:32,600
What did you see?

2083
01:20:32,600 --> 01:20:39,310
They were drinking their own
urine for water because--

2084
01:20:39,310 --> 01:20:41,190
There was none.

2085

01:20:41,190 --> 01:20:42,640
Oh yey.

2086
01:20:42,640 --> 01:20:44,460
Oh yey.

2087
01:20:44,460 --> 01:20:46,800
It's unbelievable,
you know what I mean.

2088
01:20:46,800 --> 01:20:47,482
Oh yey.

2089
01:20:47,482 --> 01:20:51,100

2090
01:20:51,100 --> 01:20:52,800
I want to pause here
just for a second.

2091
01:20:52,800 --> 01:20:55,702

2092
01:20:55,702 --> 01:20:56,202
OK.

2093
01:20:56,202 --> 01:20:59,120
OK.

2094
01:20:59,120 --> 01:21:00,770
You were all alone.

2095
01:21:00,770 --> 01:21:04,490
Once you left home and
you go to the first camp

2096
01:21:04,490 --> 01:21:07,250
in Oberschlesien, and
then the second one,

2097
01:21:07,250 --> 01:21:14,600
and then after that, did you
make any friends along the way?

2098

01:21:14,600 --> 01:21:18,120

You see, we can
talk about friends.

2099

01:21:18,120 --> 01:21:19,890

OK, I give you the example.

2100

01:21:19,890 --> 01:21:20,870

OK.

2101

01:21:20,870 --> 01:21:24,050

Wiesenthal-- what's the name?

2102

01:21:24,050 --> 01:21:27,860

Not Wiesenthal, the one who--

2103

01:21:27,860 --> 01:21:30,230

I know who you mean.

2104

01:21:30,230 --> 01:21:34,040

Blitz-- not I was with
Blitzer, you know,

2105

01:21:34,040 --> 01:21:37,900

John [=Wolf] Blitzer
from the television?

2106

01:21:37,900 --> 01:21:38,470

No.

2107

01:21:38,470 --> 01:21:40,455

With his father I
was in camp, too.

2108

01:21:40,455 --> 01:21:40,955

Mm-hmm.

2109

01:21:40,955 --> 01:21:46,510

2110

01:21:46,510 --> 01:21:48,000

No friends.

2111

01:21:48,000 --> 01:21:50,550

Hello, hello, or
something, but everybody

2112
01:21:50,550 --> 01:21:52,100
got their own problem.

2113
01:21:52,100 --> 01:21:54,827
Bread, bread, bread, that's it.

2114
01:21:54,827 --> 01:21:56,160
By friend I mean something else.

2115
01:21:56,160 --> 01:22:00,050
Never talked about being
free someday, never, never.

2116
01:22:00,050 --> 01:22:01,010
Really?

2117
01:22:01,010 --> 01:22:03,840
The brains was like a cow.

2118
01:22:03,840 --> 01:22:05,190
Your brain was like a cow?

2119
01:22:05,190 --> 01:22:08,100
Nothing, nothing, no
brains, nothing, nothing.

2120
01:22:08,100 --> 01:22:10,370
Didn't talk about the
father, and mother, politics.

2121
01:22:10,370 --> 01:22:11,760
We didn't nothing, nothing.

2122
01:22:11,760 --> 01:22:14,220
People said, well, we
didn't know what day.

2123
01:22:14,220 --> 01:22:16,880
We never saw a paper
and never saw nothing,

2124

01:22:16,880 --> 01:22:19,230
you know what I mean.

2125
01:22:19,230 --> 01:22:21,600
So it was survival mode?

2126
01:22:21,600 --> 01:22:23,400
That's it.

2127
01:22:23,400 --> 01:22:26,790
Nobody thought
everybody survived.

2128
01:22:26,790 --> 01:22:30,600

2129
01:22:30,600 --> 01:22:32,610
When did you first
get that sense

2130
01:22:32,610 --> 01:22:38,020
that I may not survive, from
the first camp or from before?

2131
01:22:38,020 --> 01:22:41,830
We didn't see nothing,
you know what I mean.

2132
01:22:41,830 --> 01:22:44,180
We didn't see nothing.

2133
01:22:44,180 --> 01:22:50,224
Same thing, get up, go, wait
for the little piece of bread.

2134
01:22:50,224 --> 01:22:50,724
Mm-hmm.

2135
01:22:50,724 --> 01:22:54,063

2136
01:22:54,063 --> 01:22:55,920
You have to hide it so
they don't steal it,

2137

01:22:55,920 --> 01:22:58,420
too, your own people.

2138

01:22:58,420 --> 01:23:01,780

2139

01:23:01,780 --> 01:23:06,850
It's difficult-- many times
I've heard that the way a person

2140

01:23:06,850 --> 01:23:13,660
survived in a camp was when they
had someone close by, that is,

2141

01:23:13,660 --> 01:23:17,890
either a brother, or a
sister, or even a cousin,

2142

01:23:17,890 --> 01:23:21,340
or somebody where you would
watch out for one another.

2143

01:23:21,340 --> 01:23:24,370
You'd help one another
try and survive.

2144

01:23:24,370 --> 01:23:26,650
Did you ever have
someone like that?

2145

01:23:26,650 --> 01:23:32,140
I tell you what, when you was
in camp, you didn't have--

2146

01:23:32,140 --> 01:23:33,490
you don't have nothing to help.

2147

01:23:33,490 --> 01:23:37,420
Even if you wanted to help
him, you didn't have nothing.

2148

01:23:37,420 --> 01:23:40,540
If you wasn't some
older smart one

2149

01:23:40,540 --> 01:23:43,350

who was a little bit in camp
before, jails or something

2150

01:23:43,350 --> 01:23:46,420

so that you know a little
bit how to run, how to hide,

2151

01:23:46,420 --> 01:23:48,670

how to do, you
couldn't help him.

2152

01:23:48,670 --> 01:23:50,860

You didn't have
nothing to help them.

2153

01:23:50,860 --> 01:23:52,630

You had a little piece of bread.

2154

01:23:52,630 --> 01:23:53,860

You couldn't give them--

2155

01:23:53,860 --> 01:23:54,520

That's right.

2156

01:23:54,520 --> 01:23:55,882

--your own.

2157

01:23:55,882 --> 01:23:57,690

OK.

2158

01:23:57,690 --> 01:24:01,240

So there was nothing.

2159

01:24:01,240 --> 01:24:04,350

2160

01:24:04,350 --> 01:24:10,110

But it's amazing that you
went through so many of them

2161

01:24:10,110 --> 01:24:13,210

and you survived them.

2162

01:24:13,210 --> 01:24:15,490

It's unbelievable.

2163

01:24:15,490 --> 01:24:18,210

But we didn't think
about nothing.

2164

01:24:18,210 --> 01:24:20,610

He didn't think about the
mother, about the father,

2165

01:24:20,610 --> 01:24:24,300

about the brother, about
this, nothing, nada, nothing,

2166

01:24:24,300 --> 01:24:26,260

nothing, nothing, nothing.

2167

01:24:26,260 --> 01:24:31,252

Never talk about ending
the war or something.

2168

01:24:31,252 --> 01:24:33,700

We didn't know what it
was, nothing, nothing.

2169

01:24:33,700 --> 01:24:34,930

OK.

2170

01:24:34,930 --> 01:24:37,070

Did you speak German?

2171

01:24:37,070 --> 01:24:37,810

Yeah.

2172

01:24:37,810 --> 01:24:38,640

I had to speak.

2173

01:24:38,640 --> 01:24:40,200

I speak fluent--

2174

01:24:40,200 --> 01:24:41,060

OK.

2175

01:24:41,060 --> 01:24:41,560

Bayerisch.

2176

01:24:41,560 --> 01:24:44,220

I learned it because

most of them--

2177

01:24:44,220 --> 01:24:46,380

Muenchen close.

2178

01:24:46,380 --> 01:24:48,340

And Frankfort the

different dialect

2179

01:24:48,340 --> 01:24:50,320

and Muenchen a

different dialect.

2180

01:24:50,320 --> 01:24:51,290

Yeah.

2181

01:24:51,290 --> 01:24:55,470

Bavarian is a difficult

dialect to understand.

2182

01:24:55,470 --> 01:24:57,460

Well, you learn.

2183

01:24:57,460 --> 01:25:00,030

Now you forget, you know what

I mean, after so many years.

2184

01:25:00,030 --> 01:25:02,220

Yeah.

2185

01:25:02,220 --> 01:25:05,900

Were you in Oberammergau

before you got to Auschwitz?

2186

01:25:05,900 --> 01:25:06,400

Yes.

2187

01:25:06,400 --> 01:25:07,970

Were you there before Auschwitz?

2188
01:25:07,970 --> 01:25:12,890
Before, Oberammergau was
Oberschlesien, very close.

2189
01:25:12,890 --> 01:25:13,390
Uh-huh.

2190
01:25:13,390 --> 01:25:15,080
A small camp.

2191
01:25:15,080 --> 01:25:15,580
OK.

2192
01:25:15,580 --> 01:25:17,970
And do you remember what
that place looked like,

2193
01:25:17,970 --> 01:25:19,660
that small camp?

2194
01:25:19,660 --> 01:25:22,600
Was no good.

2195
01:25:22,600 --> 01:25:26,020
I mean, they didn't kill
you like in the big ones,

2196
01:25:26,020 --> 01:25:27,740
you know what I mean.

2197
01:25:27,740 --> 01:25:33,640
You didn't see no furnaces,
no gas chambers, nothing,

2198
01:25:33,640 --> 01:25:34,967
you know what I mean.

2199
01:25:34,967 --> 01:25:36,550
You just watch
yourself that you don't

2200
01:25:36,550 --> 01:25:40,020
do nothing wrong to

the watchers, the SS,

2201

01:25:40,020 --> 01:25:42,406
they don't hit you,
you know what I mean.

2202

01:25:42,406 --> 01:25:44,560
And this what I was
watching very close

2203

01:25:44,560 --> 01:25:49,300
not to get hurt because if
you get hurt, not too good.

2204

01:25:49,300 --> 01:25:51,370
Three days later, you're dead.

2205

01:25:51,370 --> 01:25:55,600
You die because you forget, you
don't want to wash yourself,

2206

01:25:55,600 --> 01:25:57,090
you didn't care.

2207

01:25:57,090 --> 01:25:58,590
You could see, you
know what I mean.

2208

01:25:58,590 --> 01:25:59,480
OK.

2209

01:25:59,480 --> 01:26:01,034
Three days.

2210

01:26:01,034 --> 01:26:03,250
OK.

2211

01:26:03,250 --> 01:26:06,550
Was the work different
in Oberammergau?

2212

01:26:06,550 --> 01:26:08,230
The work is everything labor.

2213

01:26:08,230 --> 01:26:10,010

It was nothing, you
know what I mean.

2214

01:26:10,010 --> 01:26:10,722

OK.

2215

01:26:10,722 --> 01:26:12,910

All right.

2216

01:26:12,910 --> 01:26:15,010

This was the labor camp,
you know what I mean.

2217

01:26:15,010 --> 01:26:16,300

These are labor camps.

2218

01:26:16,300 --> 01:26:17,060

Right.

2219

01:26:17,060 --> 01:26:19,210

See, there's a difference
between labor camps

2220

01:26:19,210 --> 01:26:20,520

and concentration camps.

2221

01:26:20,520 --> 01:26:21,060

Right.

2222

01:26:21,060 --> 01:26:24,220

Because after labor camps
were the concentration camp

2223

01:26:24,220 --> 01:26:27,100

come in because they
got bigger, no more

2224

01:26:27,100 --> 01:26:28,660

the small ones and everything.

2225

01:26:28,660 --> 01:26:29,920

OK.

2226

01:26:29,920 --> 01:26:35,120
So at first you were sent to
labor camps in Oberschlesien

2227
01:26:35,120 --> 01:26:39,080
near Breslau,
Oberammergau, and so on.

2228
01:26:39,080 --> 01:26:41,470
But these aren't
concentration camps.

2229
01:26:41,470 --> 01:26:43,360
These are for work.

2230
01:26:43,360 --> 01:26:45,520
This was all--
right, labor camp.

2231
01:26:45,520 --> 01:26:48,610
Do you know was it for
a particular industry

2232
01:26:48,610 --> 01:26:51,080
that you were working
in Oberammergau?

2233
01:26:51,080 --> 01:26:51,580
No.

2234
01:26:51,580 --> 01:26:54,250
People on the street outside,
you know what I mean,

2235
01:26:54,250 --> 01:26:57,990
loading the little train,
loading the little thing,

2236
01:26:57,990 --> 01:27:02,860
the small trains with the
sand, or stones, or something,

2237
01:27:02,860 --> 01:27:03,850
you know what I mean.

2238

01:27:03,850 --> 01:27:04,943
Everything labor camp.

2239
01:27:04,943 --> 01:27:05,860
Everything labor camp.

2240
01:27:05,860 --> 01:27:06,910
OK.

2241
01:27:06,910 --> 01:27:09,160
Now in the places
before Auschwitz,

2242
01:27:09,160 --> 01:27:12,400
did you meet Jews from
different countries?

2243
01:27:12,400 --> 01:27:14,310
Even in Auschwitz, yeah.

2244
01:27:14,310 --> 01:27:17,470
All over I've met
different people,

2245
01:27:17,470 --> 01:27:22,680
homosexuals and everything,
[NON-ENGLISH SPEECH],,

2246
01:27:22,680 --> 01:27:30,750
mafias and everything, gypsies,
Jehovah's Witness, everything,

2247
01:27:30,750 --> 01:27:33,710
Catholic priests, rabbis,
everything, everything,

2248
01:27:33,710 --> 01:27:37,590
everything because you
always had a different thing,

2249
01:27:37,590 --> 01:27:40,620
you know what I mean, a little--

2250
01:27:40,620 --> 01:27:42,090
You had a different label.

2251
01:27:42,090 --> 01:27:43,740
Not a label, the
name of something,

2252
01:27:43,740 --> 01:27:45,870
but a little picture
like this so you

2253
01:27:45,870 --> 01:27:50,425
can see if he is a mafia, or
he is a this, or he is this,

2254
01:27:50,425 --> 01:27:51,300
you know what I mean.

2255
01:27:51,300 --> 01:27:52,680
What did you have on yours?

2256
01:27:52,680 --> 01:27:54,120
I think blue and
white, something

2257
01:27:54,120 --> 01:27:57,350
like Jewish or something
because I was too--

2258
01:27:57,350 --> 01:27:59,580
OK.

2259
01:27:59,580 --> 01:28:05,620
Did you ever feel afraid
of other prisoners?

2260
01:28:05,620 --> 01:28:06,745
Afraid for other prisoners?

2261
01:28:06,745 --> 01:28:08,120
No, of other prisoners.

2262
01:28:08,120 --> 01:28:10,457
You mean the kapos,
for the kapos?

2263

01:28:10,457 --> 01:28:11,040
Well, for you.

2264
01:28:11,040 --> 01:28:12,160
They're called the kapos?

2265
01:28:12,160 --> 01:28:14,130
Yeah, tell me about them.

2266
01:28:14,130 --> 01:28:18,570
The kapos, you see, you
had to be a big man,

2267
01:28:18,570 --> 01:28:21,510
first of all, strong.

2268
01:28:21,510 --> 01:28:29,340
And if you took it, you had to
be sometimes tough because they

2269
01:28:29,340 --> 01:28:31,280
had to show it, you
know what I mean.

2270
01:28:31,280 --> 01:28:34,530
So they got a little bit
more food and everything.

2271
01:28:34,530 --> 01:28:37,620
But after the war, sometimes
the kapos got killed.

2272
01:28:37,620 --> 01:28:40,050
We killed him
ourselves because they

2273
01:28:40,050 --> 01:28:45,060
were no good because he
thought the same thing,

2274
01:28:45,060 --> 01:28:46,690
he will never be free.

2275
01:28:46,690 --> 01:28:51,120
Now in the meantime, he got

a little bit food to eat.

2276

01:28:51,120 --> 01:28:55,290

So for that, he agrees
to become a kapo.

2277

01:28:55,290 --> 01:29:00,445

Did you ever feel danger from
other normal prisoners, not

2278

01:29:00,445 --> 01:29:00,945

kapos?

2279

01:29:00,945 --> 01:29:03,660

2280

01:29:03,660 --> 01:29:06,760

No, because he was the
same, you know what I mean.

2281

01:29:06,760 --> 01:29:07,260

OK.

2282

01:29:07,260 --> 01:29:09,752

He didn't have no
business to do something,

2283

01:29:09,752 --> 01:29:12,210

you know what I mean, if he
didn't steal the piece of bread

2284

01:29:12,210 --> 01:29:14,970

from somebody else.

2285

01:29:14,970 --> 01:29:18,720

Stealing bread was
death, your own death.

2286

01:29:18,720 --> 01:29:21,620

2287

01:29:21,620 --> 01:29:24,650

I was there in a
camp, the father

2288

01:29:24,650 --> 01:29:27,950

stole from his son,
the father from his son

2289

01:29:27,950 --> 01:29:31,070

the piece of bread,
and he found out.

2290

01:29:31,070 --> 01:29:31,930

They killed him.

2291

01:29:31,930 --> 01:29:32,880

You know how?

2292

01:29:32,880 --> 01:29:36,060

You take a pieces
from the shovel,

2293

01:29:36,060 --> 01:29:41,645

they put it over here, one on
this side, one on this side.

2294

01:29:41,645 --> 01:29:47,730

And if you still alive, they do
it one more time, our people.

2295

01:29:47,730 --> 01:29:53,570

This was death because you take
away the piece of bread, this,

2296

01:29:53,570 --> 01:29:54,636

you know what I mean.

2297

01:29:54,636 --> 01:29:56,004

Wow.

2298

01:29:56,004 --> 01:29:59,375

This is unbelievable.

2299

01:29:59,375 --> 01:29:59,875

Wow.

2300

01:29:59,875 --> 01:30:07,420

2301
01:30:07,420 --> 01:30:11,260
How did things change when
you went from a labor camp

2302
01:30:11,260 --> 01:30:15,450
to a concentration camp?

2303
01:30:15,450 --> 01:30:20,230
We didn't know too much
before, you know what I mean.

2304
01:30:20,230 --> 01:30:23,320
And was different.

2305
01:30:23,320 --> 01:30:26,882
You come into
Auschwitz in the music.

2306
01:30:26,882 --> 01:30:29,000
Really?

2307
01:30:29,000 --> 01:30:29,500
OK.

2308
01:30:29,500 --> 01:30:32,220
You're going to want
to work with the music.

2309
01:30:32,220 --> 01:30:36,240
And to be in the music,
you had a good job.

2310
01:30:36,240 --> 01:30:38,980
You had a piece of bread more,
you had a little soup more,

2311
01:30:38,980 --> 01:30:39,930
you know what I mean.

2312
01:30:39,930 --> 01:30:41,860
You was like a big shot,
you know what I mean.

2313

01:30:41,860 --> 01:30:42,740
If you play music?

2314
01:30:42,740 --> 01:30:43,240
Yes.

2315
01:30:43,240 --> 01:30:44,573
But you had to know how to play.

2316
01:30:44,573 --> 01:30:47,410

2317
01:30:47,410 --> 01:30:48,310
Yes.

2318
01:30:48,310 --> 01:30:52,510
So when you got to Auschwitz,
did you already know

2319
01:30:52,510 --> 01:30:53,630
what Auschwitz was?

2320
01:30:53,630 --> 01:30:58,780
No, nothing at all,
nothing at all.

2321
01:30:58,780 --> 01:31:02,167
Did you know that people
were being gassed there?

2322
01:31:02,167 --> 01:31:03,620
No.

2323
01:31:03,620 --> 01:31:07,760
When I was in
Auschwitz, you didn't

2324
01:31:07,760 --> 01:31:12,710
know how to hide a little bit
of something, so I went to work.

2325
01:31:12,710 --> 01:31:14,470
Where did I want to work?

2326

01:31:14,470 --> 01:31:15,250
To Birkenau.

2327
01:31:15,250 --> 01:31:18,360
This was a four-kilometer
walk and everything.

2328
01:31:18,360 --> 01:31:21,560
Birkenau was the biggest one,
the ovens and everything.

2329
01:31:21,560 --> 01:31:23,110
And I worked by the ovens.

2330
01:31:23,110 --> 01:31:26,740
First of all, I had the wooden
shoes, like Holland does.

2331
01:31:26,740 --> 01:31:28,590
Yeah.

2332
01:31:28,590 --> 01:31:33,100
I come over there to Birkenau,
was a big pile of dead people.

2333
01:31:33,100 --> 01:31:36,610
I took a jacket because
we had the pajama stripes.

2334
01:31:36,610 --> 01:31:40,530
It took a jacket, I took a
pair of shoes from the dead.

2335
01:31:40,530 --> 01:31:42,130
But it didn't take
long till I come

2336
01:31:42,130 --> 01:31:46,270
to the camp they took it away.

2337
01:31:46,270 --> 01:31:52,300
I saw Russians cut pieces,
meat from the dead,

2338
01:31:52,300 --> 01:31:53,860

took it home to cook and eat.

2339

01:31:53,860 --> 01:31:57,010

2340

01:31:57,010 --> 01:31:59,430

Being in Auschwitz, in Dachau--

2341

01:31:59,430 --> 01:32:03,880

Birkenau, our group from
number 10 walked out,

2342

01:32:03,880 --> 01:32:08,316

was maybe a dozen
boys, big ones.

2343

01:32:08,316 --> 01:32:10,420

And one was my brother's friend.

2344

01:32:10,420 --> 01:32:12,100

He recognized me.

2345

01:32:12,100 --> 01:32:13,480

I wouldn't recognize him.

2346

01:32:13,480 --> 01:32:16,030

He recognized me as a baby.

2347

01:32:16,030 --> 01:32:18,530

So he told me they castrate me.

2348

01:32:18,530 --> 01:32:20,080

I didn't know what it is.

2349

01:32:20,080 --> 01:32:21,683

I didn't understand.

2350

01:32:21,683 --> 01:32:23,350

He had to tell me the
old fashioned way.

2351

01:32:23,350 --> 01:32:25,930

2352

01:32:25,930 --> 01:32:27,790

Oh my goodness!

2353

01:32:27,790 --> 01:32:29,710

He had been castrated?

2354

01:32:29,710 --> 01:32:31,400

Yes.

2355

01:32:31,400 --> 01:32:36,652

He made out no shots, no
extra thing, everything.

2356

01:32:36,652 --> 01:32:39,860

And he did the ladies
the same thing.

2357

01:32:39,860 --> 01:32:46,430

But you had to be beautiful,
tall, and everything.

2358

01:32:46,430 --> 01:32:48,690

Was this medical
experimentation?

2359

01:32:48,690 --> 01:32:49,190

Right.

2360

01:32:49,190 --> 01:32:52,370

This was him, with Dr.
Mengele experience, right.

2361

01:32:52,370 --> 01:32:55,860

2362

01:32:55,860 --> 01:32:58,200

Oh my goodness.

2363

01:32:58,200 --> 01:33:00,930

Well, this was in the
papers, too, and everything,

2364

01:33:00,930 --> 01:33:02,100

you know what I mean.

2365
01:33:02,100 --> 01:33:06,810
But lots of time wasn't in the
paper if they were, let's say,

2366
01:33:06,810 --> 01:33:10,580
blonde and blue eyes,
but he was Jewish.

2367
01:33:10,580 --> 01:33:14,100
So there's lots of time you
had to take off the pants

2368
01:33:14,100 --> 01:33:16,920
because most the Jews
were circumcised.

2369
01:33:16,920 --> 01:33:19,530

2370
01:33:19,530 --> 01:33:23,635
But they don't see this
in papers too much.

2371
01:33:23,635 --> 01:33:24,135
Yeah.

2372
01:33:24,135 --> 01:33:28,410

2373
01:33:28,410 --> 01:33:32,490
When you got to Auschwitz,
what was the very first image

2374
01:33:32,490 --> 01:33:34,465
you had of the place?

2375
01:33:34,465 --> 01:33:36,090
What was the first
thing that your eyes

2376
01:33:36,090 --> 01:33:37,530
saw when the train opened?

2377

01:33:37,530 --> 01:33:41,350
The first thing I saw, the
big stack of dead people.

2378
01:33:41,350 --> 01:33:44,875
It didn't bother me
because you get used to it,

2379
01:33:44,875 --> 01:33:45,750
you know what I mean.

2380
01:33:45,750 --> 01:33:50,310
So I went over there,
I picked up a jacket

2381
01:33:50,310 --> 01:33:52,500
from the dead people, I
pick up a pair of shoes

2382
01:33:52,500 --> 01:33:56,760
from the people, and I walked.

2383
01:33:56,760 --> 01:33:58,950
I thought I can get by.

2384
01:33:58,950 --> 01:34:02,160
So when I came to Auschwitz from
Birkenau, they took it away,

2385
01:34:02,160 --> 01:34:03,510
you know what I mean.

2386
01:34:03,510 --> 01:34:07,420
You cannot be different
than somebody else.

2387
01:34:07,420 --> 01:34:09,730
The train that takes
you to Auschwitz

2388
01:34:09,730 --> 01:34:12,550
stops when you're going there.

2389
01:34:12,550 --> 01:34:15,180
It lets you out at Birkenau.

2390
01:34:15,180 --> 01:34:19,420
You're at Birkenau, you
see a pile of corpses,

2391
01:34:19,420 --> 01:34:24,880
you take the jacket, you
take the shoes, and you go--

2392
01:34:24,880 --> 01:34:27,400
was there a selection
taking place

2393
01:34:27,400 --> 01:34:29,550
when you got off the train?

2394
01:34:29,550 --> 01:34:33,250
At that time already I was
in Auschwitz and Birkenau.

2395
01:34:33,250 --> 01:34:34,750
OK, you had already been there.

2396
01:34:34,750 --> 01:34:35,770
I had been there.

2397
01:34:35,770 --> 01:34:43,030
So it was news for me to have
been there because first I

2398
01:34:43,030 --> 01:34:45,350
was there in Auschwitz when
they put the number on.

2399
01:34:45,350 --> 01:34:45,850
OK.

2400
01:34:45,850 --> 01:34:47,890
I want to go from
the very beginning.

2401
01:34:47,890 --> 01:34:52,330
When you first get to Auschwitz
before coming to Birkenau,

2402
01:34:52,330 --> 01:34:53,890
what's the first
thing that happens

2403
01:34:53,890 --> 01:34:55,660
when you get off the train?

2404
01:34:55,660 --> 01:35:00,580
When we get off, I told you,
we were invited with music.

2405
01:35:00,580 --> 01:35:01,380
Right.

2406
01:35:01,380 --> 01:35:03,750
So this was something
that I never saw it.

2407
01:35:03,750 --> 01:35:04,250
I say--

2408
01:35:04,250 --> 01:35:04,750
Of course.

2409
01:35:04,750 --> 01:35:06,770
--it had to be good.

2410
01:35:06,770 --> 01:35:10,298
So what happens-- the music
is playing, you get off,

2411
01:35:10,298 --> 01:35:10,840
what happens?

2412
01:35:10,840 --> 01:35:13,890

2413
01:35:13,890 --> 01:35:18,620
So I was not lucky enough, I
didn't know how to hide this.

2414
01:35:18,620 --> 01:35:21,290
They took me to
work to Birkenau.

2415
01:35:21,290 --> 01:35:23,110
So in other words, you
were in a selection.

2416
01:35:23,110 --> 01:35:24,152
A selection had happened.

2417
01:35:24,152 --> 01:35:27,740
The selection, I was already--
this was to the selection.

2418
01:35:27,740 --> 01:35:28,593
OK.

2419
01:35:28,593 --> 01:35:29,510
Before the selection--

2420
01:35:29,510 --> 01:35:31,350
I had gone through Mengele.

2421
01:35:31,350 --> 01:35:31,900
OK.

2422
01:35:31,900 --> 01:35:34,720
So did you know it was Mengele?

2423
01:35:34,720 --> 01:35:38,770
Because later on they
told me this was Mengele

2424
01:35:38,770 --> 01:35:41,815
because he was there, and
he told you, left or right,

2425
01:35:41,815 --> 01:35:42,760
you know what I mean.

2426
01:35:42,760 --> 01:35:45,230
And who told you this
was Mengele, in the camp?

2427
01:35:45,230 --> 01:35:47,140
In the camp later

on because I told

2428

01:35:47,140 --> 01:35:50,080
them, the one who was
there longer at the camp,

2429

01:35:50,080 --> 01:35:51,400
so they know a little bit more.

2430

01:35:51,400 --> 01:35:52,660
Oh, OK.

2431

01:35:52,660 --> 01:35:53,860
I didn't know it--

2432

01:35:53,860 --> 01:35:54,943
You didn't know who he was

2433

01:35:54,943 --> 01:35:57,975
--the doctor came till after
the selection, Dr. Mengele,

2434

01:35:57,975 --> 01:35:58,890
you know what I mean.

2435

01:35:58,890 --> 01:35:59,620
OK.

2436

01:35:59,620 --> 01:36:01,750
After coming-- when
after I got free,

2437

01:36:01,750 --> 01:36:04,750
you know what I mean because
we didn't think about it,

2438

01:36:04,750 --> 01:36:05,870
you know what I mean.

2439

01:36:05,870 --> 01:36:08,960
So at the selection, he
asks you how old you are.

2440

01:36:08,960 --> 01:36:09,460

Right.

2441

01:36:09,460 --> 01:36:11,760
And that's when you say, I'm 18.

2442

01:36:11,760 --> 01:36:12,760
Right.

2443

01:36:12,760 --> 01:36:14,000
And you were really how old?

2444

01:36:14,000 --> 01:36:21,160
Because I saw it going left was
all the people, some of them

2445

01:36:21,160 --> 01:36:24,920
a little bit not fast, nothing.

2446

01:36:24,920 --> 01:36:28,270
So I saw everything goes
straight to the oven.

2447

01:36:28,270 --> 01:36:30,210
Did you know it was the oven?

2448

01:36:30,210 --> 01:36:32,440
Well, we know it was no good.

2449

01:36:32,440 --> 01:36:34,000
We didn't know exactly the oven.

2450

01:36:34,000 --> 01:36:35,470
We didn't know.

2451

01:36:35,470 --> 01:36:41,285
So finally he asked
me, and I told him 18.

2452

01:36:41,285 --> 01:36:42,160
And you were really--

2453

01:36:42,160 --> 01:36:47,440
But why, I didn't think
I was so smart to say it.

2454
01:36:47,440 --> 01:36:51,520
So to me, it had to be God.

2455
01:36:51,520 --> 01:36:53,710
And how old were you really?

2456
01:36:53,710 --> 01:36:55,960
And I was that
time 13 years old.

2457
01:36:55,960 --> 01:36:57,920
My goodness!

2458
01:36:57,920 --> 01:36:59,080
So this is early on.

2459
01:36:59,080 --> 01:37:05,035
This is in 1940 that you
were in Auschwitz is in 1940.

2460
01:37:05,035 --> 01:37:06,960
And this was 1940?

2461
01:37:06,960 --> 01:37:08,620
Yeah, yeah.

2462
01:37:08,620 --> 01:37:09,430
OK.

2463
01:37:09,430 --> 01:37:12,880
So the other camps
you had been to,

2464
01:37:12,880 --> 01:37:15,270
you hadn't stayed there
for more than a year.

2465
01:37:15,270 --> 01:37:18,260
This they didn't ask too
much, you know what I mean--

2466
01:37:18,260 --> 01:37:18,880
OK.

2467

01:37:18,880 --> 01:37:20,672

--because it was small
ones and everything,

2468

01:37:20,672 --> 01:37:23,350

you know what I mean, you
can get by a little bit.

2469

01:37:23,350 --> 01:37:24,070

But this one?

2470

01:37:24,070 --> 01:37:27,520

2471

01:37:27,520 --> 01:37:31,835

Did you look older than
your years do you think?

2472

01:37:31,835 --> 01:37:32,930

I don't know.

2473

01:37:32,930 --> 01:37:33,650

OK.

2474

01:37:33,650 --> 01:37:36,880

I think I was a little
bit taller maybe,

2475

01:37:36,880 --> 01:37:38,410

you know what I mean.

2476

01:37:38,410 --> 01:37:42,070

Now I'm going down.

2477

01:37:42,070 --> 01:37:45,270

So you got into the
line of younger people.

2478

01:37:45,270 --> 01:37:47,530

No between different kind.

2479

01:37:47,530 --> 01:37:48,050

OK.

2480
01:37:48,050 --> 01:37:49,790
Was different, all the--

2481
01:37:49,790 --> 01:37:52,780
not all the girls, woman,
everything together,

2482
01:37:52,780 --> 01:37:54,500
everything together.

2483
01:37:54,500 --> 01:37:57,940
And after you were in this
line that got selected,

2484
01:37:57,940 --> 01:38:00,540
what happened to you then?

2485
01:38:00,540 --> 01:38:02,900
To dress went to work--

2486
01:38:02,900 --> 01:38:03,440
Right away.

2487
01:38:03,440 --> 01:38:06,010
--different places or
something, you know what I mean.

2488
01:38:06,010 --> 01:38:07,450
And you got sent to Birkenau?

2489
01:38:07,450 --> 01:38:08,170
Right.

2490
01:38:08,170 --> 01:38:10,570
And that's when you
went to Birkenau?

2491
01:38:10,570 --> 01:38:12,550
And what was your
job in Birkenau?

2492
01:38:12,550 --> 01:38:15,130
Job at the Birkenau

was a tough one.

2493

01:38:15,130 --> 01:38:16,000
What was it?

2494

01:38:16,000 --> 01:38:21,730
I used to stay by the oven and
one side and on the other side

2495

01:38:21,730 --> 01:38:22,900
to push in.

2496

01:38:22,900 --> 01:38:24,160
Oh my!

2497

01:38:24,160 --> 01:38:28,390
The worst thing was that
next to me on the other side

2498

01:38:28,390 --> 01:38:30,930
was Konos' father and mother.

2499

01:38:30,930 --> 01:38:33,320
And he had to do this to
the father and mother.

2500

01:38:33,320 --> 01:38:36,080
Oh my!

2501

01:38:36,080 --> 01:38:38,310
This is the worst thing I saw.

2502

01:38:38,310 --> 01:38:42,400
Plus when I met my brother's
friend, when he told me

2503

01:38:42,400 --> 01:38:45,360
about castrating,
because I thought maybe

2504

01:38:45,360 --> 01:38:49,090
they could do it everybody
like this, something like this.

2505

01:38:49,090 --> 01:38:49,590
Yeah.

2506
01:38:49,590 --> 01:38:53,070

2507
01:38:53,070 --> 01:38:55,040
This was the shake-up
a little bit.

2508
01:38:55,040 --> 01:38:57,130
Of course.

2509
01:38:57,130 --> 01:39:02,420
So your job in Birkenau
was to take the corpses

2510
01:39:02,420 --> 01:39:05,435
and shove them into
the crematorium?

2511
01:39:05,435 --> 01:39:07,220
This was the worst
job I ever did.

2512
01:39:07,220 --> 01:39:11,480

2513
01:39:11,480 --> 01:39:15,820
So by this point, you must
realize that people are being

2514
01:39:15,820 --> 01:39:18,355
killed, they're being gassed.

2515
01:39:18,355 --> 01:39:21,000

2516
01:39:21,000 --> 01:39:26,640
So your sent to Birkenau as
your first job in Auschwitz?

2517
01:39:26,640 --> 01:39:29,895
This was the job, the
worst one what I can say,

2518

01:39:29,895 --> 01:39:32,610

you know what I mean, something
to do something like this.

2519

01:39:32,610 --> 01:39:37,410

Special when my next one
labor on the other side, who

2520

01:39:37,410 --> 01:39:41,790

works with me, his
father and mother come.

2521

01:39:41,790 --> 01:39:42,750

What did he do?

2522

01:39:42,750 --> 01:39:44,160

The throw them in.

2523

01:39:44,160 --> 01:39:45,016

He went through.

2524

01:39:45,016 --> 01:39:46,141

He had to push everything--

2525

01:39:46,141 --> 01:39:48,240

Did he say this is my
father, this is my mother.

2526

01:39:48,240 --> 01:39:50,172

No, he had to push them in.

2527

01:39:50,172 --> 01:39:50,880

How did you know?

2528

01:39:50,880 --> 01:39:51,547

Did he tell you?

2529

01:39:51,547 --> 01:39:53,610

Because he told me.

2530

01:39:53,610 --> 01:39:55,950

He talked.

2531
01:39:55,950 --> 01:40:01,630
The same thing with my brother's
friend who they castrate.

2532
01:40:01,630 --> 01:40:03,190
I didn't know what it is.

2533
01:40:03,190 --> 01:40:06,130
I didn't know it,
you know what I mean.

2534
01:40:06,130 --> 01:40:06,630
Yeah.

2535
01:40:06,630 --> 01:40:09,570

2536
01:40:09,570 --> 01:40:12,030
How long were you doing this?

2537
01:40:12,030 --> 01:40:15,630
How long were you
doing this in Birkenau?

2538
01:40:15,630 --> 01:40:18,200
This was only medical
stuff, you know what I mean.

2539
01:40:18,200 --> 01:40:19,490
The did it to the women, too.

2540
01:40:19,490 --> 01:40:23,790
No, I'm talking about your job,
when you were pushing corpses

2541
01:40:23,790 --> 01:40:27,570
into the ovens, was it for
half a year, was it a year,

2542
01:40:27,570 --> 01:40:29,330
was it for three years?

2543
01:40:29,330 --> 01:40:29,830
No, no, no.

2544
01:40:29,830 --> 01:40:32,980
This was sometimes
it took a few days.

2545
01:40:32,980 --> 01:40:35,000
It depends what you do,
you know what I mean,

2546
01:40:35,000 --> 01:40:36,420
what they tell you to do.

2547
01:40:36,420 --> 01:40:37,770
So they switched you around?

2548
01:40:37,770 --> 01:40:39,030
Right.

2549
01:40:39,030 --> 01:40:42,490
So this wasn't the job
that you did all the time.

2550
01:40:42,490 --> 01:40:44,370
This wasn't all
the time the job--

2551
01:40:44,370 --> 01:40:45,510
OK.

2552
01:40:45,510 --> 01:40:46,965
--a few weeks, a few months.

2553
01:40:46,965 --> 01:40:50,020

2554
01:40:50,020 --> 01:40:54,220
But after a while,
you don't mind.

2555
01:40:54,220 --> 01:40:56,274
You don't think
about it anymore.

2556
01:40:56,274 --> 01:41:06,648

2557
01:41:06,648 --> 01:41:08,130
Something will bring you there.

2558
01:41:08,130 --> 01:41:08,630
OK.

2559
01:41:08,630 --> 01:41:13,520

2560
01:41:13,520 --> 01:41:17,690
What are some of the other
jobs that you had at Auschwitz?

2561
01:41:17,690 --> 01:41:23,530
In Auschwitz, same thing,
streets, he was making stones.

2562
01:41:23,530 --> 01:41:24,030
Streets?

2563
01:41:24,030 --> 01:41:27,010
Oh, cobblestones
for the streets?

2564
01:41:27,010 --> 01:41:28,730
This is one time
this, something,

2565
01:41:28,730 --> 01:41:32,480
and loading trucks with cement.

2566
01:41:32,480 --> 01:41:35,080
So you would-- like
cement bags onto trucks?

2567
01:41:35,080 --> 01:41:35,840
Right.

2568
01:41:35,840 --> 01:41:38,250
This why I got a little bit--

2569
01:41:38,250 --> 01:41:39,780

Uh-huh.

2570

01:41:39,780 --> 01:41:41,890
--because I thought this
was going to be easier.

2571

01:41:41,890 --> 01:41:46,115
In the meantime,
it wasn't so easy.

2572

01:41:46,115 --> 01:41:49,460
It was easier a little bit
then walking and going back.

2573

01:41:49,460 --> 01:41:50,360
Yeah.

2574

01:41:50,360 --> 01:41:53,750
But I couldn't straighten out.

2575

01:41:53,750 --> 01:41:54,410
Yeah.

2576

01:41:54,410 --> 01:41:58,715
Well, heavy bags all the
time, that would do it.

2577

01:41:58,715 --> 01:42:01,160
This kind of job I
did lots of time.

2578

01:42:01,160 --> 01:42:02,330
OK.

2579

01:42:02,330 --> 01:42:04,550
So it was loading
bags onto trucks?

2580

01:42:04,550 --> 01:42:05,450
And loading--

2581

01:42:05,450 --> 01:42:06,290
Unloading.

2582

01:42:06,290 --> 01:42:09,810
--you have to put on top,
somebody is working--

2583
01:42:09,810 --> 01:42:11,780
OK.

2584
01:42:11,780 --> 01:42:16,550
--because I thought maybe
it going to be easier, but.

2585
01:42:16,550 --> 01:42:20,690
Did you ever have any choice in
any of the jobs that you did?

2586
01:42:20,690 --> 01:42:21,957
Not too much.

2587
01:42:21,957 --> 01:42:23,420
OK.

2588
01:42:23,420 --> 01:42:24,920
What was your uniform?

2589
01:42:24,920 --> 01:42:28,620
Describe to me how
you got your uniform?

2590
01:42:28,620 --> 01:42:29,280
The uniforms?

2591
01:42:29,280 --> 01:42:31,160
Mm-hmm.

2592
01:42:31,160 --> 01:42:34,800
You had to take off
completely everything.

2593
01:42:34,800 --> 01:42:36,110
And they give you a uniform.

2594
01:42:36,110 --> 01:42:44,101
Sometimes they give a big tall
men shorts, short men, tall.

2595

01:42:44,101 --> 01:42:46,120

And you had to wear it.

2596

01:42:46,120 --> 01:42:50,510

They give you a pajama with
the head and everything.

2597

01:42:50,510 --> 01:42:52,640

And I made one mistake.

2598

01:42:52,640 --> 01:42:54,008

I should have saved it.

2599

01:42:54,008 --> 01:42:56,400

Ah.

2600

01:42:56,400 --> 01:42:59,510

Did you have the same
uniform the whole time?

2601

01:42:59,510 --> 01:43:01,050

It depends.

2602

01:43:01,050 --> 01:43:03,000

But it's always something.

2603

01:43:03,000 --> 01:43:07,191

Matter of fact, they used to
put a stripe in the middle.

2604

01:43:07,191 --> 01:43:08,140

A stripe?

2605

01:43:08,140 --> 01:43:09,380

They shaved it.

2606

01:43:09,380 --> 01:43:09,880

Really?

2607

01:43:09,880 --> 01:43:13,398

You didn't have no hair,
but I mean, life for me,

2608

01:43:13,398 --> 01:43:14,190
they didn't had to.

2609
01:43:14,190 --> 01:43:17,730
But, I mean, some of them
in case you run away--

2610
01:43:17,730 --> 01:43:20,260

2611
01:43:20,260 --> 01:43:21,240
OK.

2612
01:43:21,240 --> 01:43:22,900
--you can see it, too.

2613
01:43:22,900 --> 01:43:26,124
And did you get a number?

2614
01:43:26,124 --> 01:43:27,850
I got a number.

2615
01:43:27,850 --> 01:43:31,660
Do you know what your number is?

2616
01:43:31,660 --> 01:43:33,130
Can we focus on this?

2617
01:43:33,130 --> 01:43:38,010

2618
01:43:38,010 --> 01:43:42,045
Elie Wiesel got a number
18, and I got a number 18.

2619
01:43:42,045 --> 01:43:43,340
Uh-huh.

2620
01:43:43,340 --> 01:43:45,720
But there's more
to your numbers.

2621
01:43:45,720 --> 01:43:46,430
What is it?

2622
01:43:46,430 --> 01:43:50,870
So it's-- let me see here.

2623
01:43:50,870 --> 01:43:52,580
I see 1-6-0-3-4-4.

2624
01:43:52,580 --> 01:43:55,430

2625
01:43:55,430 --> 01:43:57,020
Are we able to focus in on?

2626
01:43:57,020 --> 01:44:00,860
7, 10, 14, 18.

2627
01:44:00,860 --> 01:44:03,380
Well, your number
has 1-6-0-3-4-4.

2628
01:44:03,380 --> 01:44:07,630

2629
01:44:07,630 --> 01:44:08,500
I counted.

2630
01:44:08,500 --> 01:44:10,068
1 and 6 is 7.

2631
01:44:10,068 --> 01:44:10,610
You're right.

2632
01:44:10,610 --> 01:44:12,600
7 and 3 is 10.

2633
01:44:12,600 --> 01:44:14,480
10 and 4 is 14.

2634
01:44:14,480 --> 01:44:16,250
14 and 4 is 18.

2635
01:44:16,250 --> 01:44:17,840
That's how you to 18.

2636

01:44:17,840 --> 01:44:20,690

For 47 years, I didn't
know the number.

2637

01:44:20,690 --> 01:44:23,350

2638

01:44:23,350 --> 01:44:25,090

I thought this is it.

2639

01:44:25,090 --> 01:44:28,080

So everybody asks me,
what is the number?

2640

01:44:28,080 --> 01:44:31,510

I used to tell them this is my
girlfriend's telephone number

2641

01:44:31,510 --> 01:44:33,490

because I got tired to
tell them everything,

2642

01:44:33,490 --> 01:44:35,170

you know what I mean.

2643

01:44:35,170 --> 01:44:36,820

I didn't know it for 47 years--

2644

01:44:36,820 --> 01:44:39,192

2645

01:44:39,192 --> 01:44:40,900

So you didn't counted
up that way before.

2646

01:44:40,900 --> 01:44:45,580

--because I didn't have the
brains to figure ti out.

2647

01:44:45,580 --> 01:44:47,230

I wouldn't have
thought it either.

2648

01:44:47,230 --> 01:44:49,570

I would have just read the numbers as the numbers.

2649

01:44:49,570 --> 01:44:53,650

Well, if I were to tell you twice, you would've found it.

2650

01:44:53,650 --> 01:44:56,710

But at that time, you could've told me 10 times,

2651

01:44:56,710 --> 01:45:01,480

I wouldn't think because the brains wasn't there.

2652

01:45:01,480 --> 01:45:02,860

So Elie Wiesel's--

2653

01:45:02,860 --> 01:45:05,020

Elie Wiesel, different number, but 18.

2654

01:45:05,020 --> 01:45:06,820

It comes to 18.

2655

01:45:06,820 --> 01:45:08,170

Only two numbers.

2656

01:45:08,170 --> 01:45:11,400

I was in camp with him and his father.

2657

01:45:11,400 --> 01:45:13,690

And did you know Elie Wiesel?

2658

01:45:13,690 --> 01:45:16,630

Just we know each other, hello, something,

2659

01:45:16,630 --> 01:45:17,560

you know what I mean.

2660

01:45:17,560 --> 01:45:18,060

Yeah.

2661
01:45:18,060 --> 01:45:21,240
But I didn't know he
was so smart and so

2662
01:45:21,240 --> 01:45:24,100
intelligent and everything
because I was nothing.

2663
01:45:24,100 --> 01:45:26,910

2664
01:45:26,910 --> 01:45:29,140
Well, I think everybody
there felt like they

2665
01:45:29,140 --> 01:45:32,800
were nothing in those camps.

2666
01:45:32,800 --> 01:45:36,970
Now, were your
barracks segregated?

2667
01:45:36,970 --> 01:45:40,860
Was it men segregated
from women?

2668
01:45:40,860 --> 01:45:41,650
Right.

2669
01:45:41,650 --> 01:45:42,490
OK.

2670
01:45:42,490 --> 01:45:44,920
We used to different
camps, different barracks.

2671
01:45:44,920 --> 01:45:48,910
Sometimes was maybe
the wire everything

2672
01:45:48,910 --> 01:45:50,740
separated from the
women or something

2673

01:45:50,740 --> 01:45:53,530

but you couldn't go
close or something.

2674

01:45:53,530 --> 01:45:56,000

First of all, it
was electric wires.

2675

01:45:56,000 --> 01:45:59,720

If you go close, you die,
you know what I mean.

2676

01:45:59,720 --> 01:46:02,900

In Auschwitz, Birkenau,
it was electric wires.

2677

01:46:02,900 --> 01:46:03,745

Yeah.

2678

01:46:03,745 --> 01:46:05,620

Were there some people
who committed suicide?

2679

01:46:05,620 --> 01:46:08,970

Some of them did suicide, yes.

2680

01:46:08,970 --> 01:46:12,530

2681

01:46:12,530 --> 01:46:17,630

When did you find out about
what happened to your mother?

2682

01:46:17,630 --> 01:46:23,690

Well, because everybody
know this kind of people,

2683

01:46:23,690 --> 01:46:26,675

like my mother and everything,
if they come to the camp,

2684

01:46:26,675 --> 01:46:28,990

they don't have a chance--

2685

01:46:28,990 --> 01:46:29,815
OK.

2686
01:46:29,815 --> 01:46:31,440
--because they were
looking for younger

2687
01:46:31,440 --> 01:46:33,150
ones to work and everything.

2688
01:46:33,150 --> 01:46:35,960
OK.

2689
01:46:35,960 --> 01:46:38,960
When you got to
Auschwitz, did you

2690
01:46:38,960 --> 01:46:42,995
realize that you were not
so far away from your home?

2691
01:46:42,995 --> 01:46:43,495
After.

2692
01:46:43,495 --> 01:46:48,320

2693
01:46:48,320 --> 01:46:50,210
After I found out
because I didn't

2694
01:46:50,210 --> 01:46:54,292
think that this is all
so close or something,

2695
01:46:54,292 --> 01:46:55,167
you know what I mean.

2696
01:46:55,167 --> 01:46:58,370

2697
01:46:58,370 --> 01:47:03,290
And did your sister help
you get some kind of job?

2698

01:47:03,290 --> 01:47:07,430

Earlier you mentioned to me that your sister was

2699

01:47:07,430 --> 01:47:12,980

smart and forceful Gertrude.

2700

01:47:12,980 --> 01:47:15,320

And you said that she helped you get a kind of job.

2701

01:47:15,320 --> 01:47:19,290

And I'm not very clear about that.

2702

01:47:19,290 --> 01:47:21,890

This was before she went to camps and everything.

2703

01:47:21,890 --> 01:47:22,940

Oh, OK.

2704

01:47:22,940 --> 01:47:24,360

I thought it was about--

2705

01:47:24,360 --> 01:47:24,860

No.

2706

01:47:24,860 --> 01:47:28,070

So you had started working in the printing--

2707

01:47:28,070 --> 01:47:30,380

A few weeks or something on the street.

2708

01:47:30,380 --> 01:47:32,540

And some of the work in the coal mine.

2709

01:47:32,540 --> 01:47:34,672

But she got me a job.

2710

01:47:34,672 --> 01:47:35,630

This was for the city--

2711
01:47:35,630 --> 01:47:37,370
OK

2712
01:47:37,370 --> 01:47:40,650
--to sweep the
floors, I mean, the--

2713
01:47:40,650 --> 01:47:42,200
To sweep the street
or the floors?

2714
01:47:42,200 --> 01:47:42,950
The streets.

2715
01:47:42,950 --> 01:47:44,500
The streets.

2716
01:47:44,500 --> 01:47:45,560
Oh, so I see.

2717
01:47:45,560 --> 01:47:48,230
So this was still
back in the hometown.

2718
01:47:48,230 --> 01:47:51,500
This was the home not too
long, you know what I mean.

2719
01:47:51,500 --> 01:47:54,080
Now, had she been
sent to Auschwitz?

2720
01:47:54,080 --> 01:47:58,340
She was in the Auschwitz because
when she come to Auschwitz,

2721
01:47:58,340 --> 01:48:00,750
this was already Judenrein.

2722
01:48:00,750 --> 01:48:03,870
This was the end already almost.

2723

01:48:03,870 --> 01:48:04,820
OK.

2724
01:48:04,820 --> 01:48:08,210
I mean, a few
years, but the end.

2725
01:48:08,210 --> 01:48:10,850
How many years were
you in Auschwitz?

2726
01:48:10,850 --> 01:48:14,600
I was in Auschwitz maybe a
year and a half to two years.

2727
01:48:14,600 --> 01:48:16,970
So till 1942 or '43?

2728
01:48:16,970 --> 01:48:21,920
And later on, I got
transferred to Dachau because--

2729
01:48:21,920 --> 01:48:23,420
Was that your last camp?

2730
01:48:23,420 --> 01:48:24,720
This was the last camp.

2731
01:48:24,720 --> 01:48:27,000
And General Eisenhower
liberated me.

2732
01:48:27,000 --> 01:48:27,500
OK.

2733
01:48:27,500 --> 01:48:30,890
We'll talk about that
later after lunch.

2734
01:48:30,890 --> 01:48:32,140
I got pictures, too.

2735
01:48:32,140 --> 01:48:32,640
OK.

2736

01:48:32,640 --> 01:48:36,170

Not with me, but I
have some pictures.

2737

01:48:36,170 --> 01:48:41,530

But did you ever know that
your sister was in Auschwitz

2738

01:48:41,530 --> 01:48:43,870

when you were-- did you
ever meet her in Auschwitz?

2739

01:48:43,870 --> 01:48:46,060

I knew she was in Auschwitz.

2740

01:48:46,060 --> 01:48:50,140

And I thought she will
make it sooner than anybody

2741

01:48:50,140 --> 01:48:54,820

because she was
different, stronger, speak

2742

01:48:54,820 --> 01:48:57,145

perfect German, good looking.

2743

01:48:57,145 --> 01:49:01,105

2744

01:49:01,105 --> 01:49:03,290

If she come into the door,
you don't let her in,

2745

01:49:03,290 --> 01:49:04,630

she come to the window.

2746

01:49:04,630 --> 01:49:06,070

She has to, you
know what I mean.

2747

01:49:06,070 --> 01:49:06,870

She was a--

2748

01:49:06,870 --> 01:49:08,050

That kind of person.

2749

01:49:08,050 --> 01:49:09,460
--this kind of people.

2750

01:49:09,460 --> 01:49:12,080
I thought if somebody's
going to make it,

2751

01:49:12,080 --> 01:49:14,350
she's going to make it for sure.

2752

01:49:14,350 --> 01:49:17,770
But she got sick.

2753

01:49:17,770 --> 01:49:18,340
I know.

2754

01:49:18,340 --> 01:49:21,585
My question is, when
you were in Auschwitz,

2755

01:49:21,585 --> 01:49:23,210
did you know that
she was in Auschwitz?

2756

01:49:23,210 --> 01:49:25,130
No.

2757

01:49:25,130 --> 01:49:25,630
OK.

2758

01:49:25,630 --> 01:49:35,170

2759

01:49:35,170 --> 01:49:35,670
Did you--

2760

01:49:35,670 --> 01:49:36,170
OK.

2761

01:49:36,170 --> 01:49:37,540
All right, we are rolling.

2762
01:49:37,540 --> 01:49:38,040
Yeah?

2763
01:49:38,040 --> 01:49:39,600
Mm-hmm.

2764
01:49:39,600 --> 01:49:41,160
OK.

2765
01:49:41,160 --> 01:49:43,770
Mr. Wolnerman,
before the break, we

2766
01:49:43,770 --> 01:49:49,350
were talking about your various
experiences in the labor camps

2767
01:49:49,350 --> 01:49:55,180
and in also Auschwitz
as a concentration camp.

2768
01:49:55,180 --> 01:49:57,030
There were a couple
of things that came up

2769
01:49:57,030 --> 01:49:58,950
while we were off
camera that I wanted

2770
01:49:58,950 --> 01:50:03,570
to make sure we found out about
and explored in more depth.

2771
01:50:03,570 --> 01:50:06,000
One of them was
that you mentioned

2772
01:50:06,000 --> 01:50:09,930
that when you were in Warsaw,
after the ghetto uprising

2773
01:50:09,930 --> 01:50:13,470
and cleaning up the rubble,
that part of your work

2774

01:50:13,470 --> 01:50:16,990

took place in the
Jewish cemetery.

2775

01:50:16,990 --> 01:50:18,600

You want to know
the street name?

2776

01:50:18,600 --> 01:50:19,440

Yes.

2777

01:50:19,440 --> 01:50:20,120

Geşia.

2778

01:50:20,120 --> 01:50:20,620

Geşia?

2779

01:50:20,620 --> 01:50:21,840

Geşia.

2780

01:50:21,840 --> 01:50:22,890

OK.

2781

01:50:22,890 --> 01:50:24,720

Can you tell me
what the cemetery

2782

01:50:24,720 --> 01:50:26,990

looked like when you got there?

2783

01:50:26,990 --> 01:50:31,200

Beat up, lots of thing.

2784

01:50:31,200 --> 01:50:32,600

Were there headstones still?

2785

01:50:32,600 --> 01:50:35,345

Headstones, some of them
missing, lots of them missing.

2786

01:50:35,345 --> 01:50:36,220

Lots of them missing.

2787

01:50:36,220 --> 01:50:37,620
Lots of them missing.

2788
01:50:37,620 --> 01:50:39,750
Were they bombed out
or just taken away?

2789
01:50:39,750 --> 01:50:41,970
They took it away
because they made it

2790
01:50:41,970 --> 01:50:51,330
more for storage, like stones,
steel, flames, and so on.

2791
01:50:51,330 --> 01:50:54,750
Does that mean that if
you walked into the area

2792
01:50:54,750 --> 01:50:58,050
you would be able to
recognize it was a cemetery?

2793
01:50:58,050 --> 01:51:00,150
Yes, yes, you still could have.

2794
01:51:00,150 --> 01:51:01,230
OK.

2795
01:51:01,230 --> 01:51:06,580
Could you still see stones
with Hebraic writing on it?

2796
01:51:06,580 --> 01:51:09,300
Some of them, yes.

2797
01:51:09,300 --> 01:51:10,620
OK.

2798
01:51:10,620 --> 01:51:14,640
And are you saying it
was used as a place where

2799
01:51:14,640 --> 01:51:15,633
people would store--

2800
01:51:15,633 --> 01:51:17,550
where the authorities,
the German authorities,

2801
01:51:17,550 --> 01:51:20,670
were storing things?

2802
01:51:20,670 --> 01:51:22,250
Well, I don't know
what kind else

2803
01:51:22,250 --> 01:51:25,230
they did, but this, the
storage of the stones,

2804
01:51:25,230 --> 01:51:28,240
and the steel things,
and everything.

2805
01:51:28,240 --> 01:51:33,840
So the cemetery plots
weren't kept clean.

2806
01:51:33,840 --> 01:51:37,170
And I guess what I
wanted to get a sense

2807
01:51:37,170 --> 01:51:39,600
of is, what did it look like
when you walked into this--

2808
01:51:39,600 --> 01:51:40,980
Like a warehouse.

2809
01:51:40,980 --> 01:51:42,870
Like a warehouse.

2810
01:51:42,870 --> 01:51:43,770
OK.

2811
01:51:43,770 --> 01:51:46,500
And your job in the cemetery?

2812

01:51:46,500 --> 01:51:49,260
Just to straighten out
as much as I could,

2813
01:51:49,260 --> 01:51:50,210
you know what I mean.

2814
01:51:50,210 --> 01:51:52,050
Mm-hmm.

2815
01:51:52,050 --> 01:51:53,250
Was it a large--

2816
01:51:53,250 --> 01:51:55,530
was it a large area?

2817
01:51:55,530 --> 01:51:58,950
Pretty good, pretty good,
yeah because some of them

2818
01:51:58,950 --> 01:52:02,608
still left stones
the way they were.

2819
01:52:02,608 --> 01:52:03,108
OK.

2820
01:52:03,108 --> 01:52:07,240

2821
01:52:07,240 --> 01:52:11,230
In Auschwitz-- you also
mentioned something off camera

2822
01:52:11,230 --> 01:52:15,340
about where your
barracks were located.

2823
01:52:15,340 --> 01:52:18,520
You said that your barracks
were located near a gallows.

2824
01:52:18,520 --> 01:52:21,160

2825

01:52:21,160 --> 01:52:22,400

It was a house--

2826

01:52:22,400 --> 01:52:23,195

OK.

2827

01:52:23,195 --> 01:52:26,200

--right across in the same place
where they were hanging people.

2828

01:52:26,200 --> 01:52:28,910

2829

01:52:28,910 --> 01:52:30,500

Did that happen a lot?

2830

01:52:30,500 --> 01:52:36,290

Well, it happened not every
day, you know what I mean,

2831

01:52:36,290 --> 01:52:39,405

because every day they had
the fire going all the time,

2832

01:52:39,405 --> 01:52:40,280

you know what I mean.

2833

01:52:40,280 --> 01:52:42,530

The smoke was
going all the time.

2834

01:52:42,530 --> 01:52:46,580

But this sometimes
they used to hang.

2835

01:52:46,580 --> 01:52:48,500

Were you forced to
watch these things?

2836

01:52:48,500 --> 01:52:51,320

Yes because they didn't
give us the breakfast--

2837

01:52:51,320 --> 01:52:56,090

I mean, the black chicory
coffee, you know what I mean,

2838
01:52:56,090 --> 01:52:59,300
till you go over there
first to see everything.

2839
01:52:59,300 --> 01:53:02,960
And he was hanging
at least 24 hours.

2840
01:53:02,960 --> 01:53:04,192
I see.

2841
01:53:04,192 --> 01:53:06,160
So that was the procedure?

2842
01:53:06,160 --> 01:53:06,920
Yes.

2843
01:53:06,920 --> 01:53:08,670
So before you get to eat--

2844
01:53:08,670 --> 01:53:13,670
Some of them who tried to run
away or something, they get

2845
01:53:13,670 --> 01:53:17,780
caught or something,
this how they do it.

2846
01:53:17,780 --> 01:53:23,930
Did anyone you ever know
end up being so unlucky?

2847
01:53:23,930 --> 01:53:24,980
He wasn't kin with me.

2848
01:53:24,980 --> 01:53:32,600
He was from Greek, from
Greece, good-looking guy.

2849
01:53:32,600 --> 01:53:36,295
And a Polish lady, Polish
girl, fall in love with him.

2850
01:53:36,295 --> 01:53:41,230
And she tried to get him
out, and they caught him.

2851
01:53:41,230 --> 01:53:45,710
So the best thing for them
to show the rest of us

2852
01:53:45,710 --> 01:53:48,660
if you would try what
can happen to you.

2853
01:53:48,660 --> 01:53:50,780
So they wanted everybody to see.

2854
01:53:50,780 --> 01:53:53,060
They didn't serve you the
food, the coffee, nothing.

2855
01:53:53,060 --> 01:53:56,420
You have to get out and
stay outside to watch

2856
01:53:56,420 --> 01:53:58,390
and everything.

2857
01:53:58,390 --> 01:53:59,870
Were they both hung?

2858
01:53:59,870 --> 01:54:00,370
Pardon me?

2859
01:54:00,370 --> 01:54:02,580
Were they both hung,
the lady and the man?

2860
01:54:02,580 --> 01:54:03,080
No.

2861
01:54:03,080 --> 01:54:04,565
The lady was not caught.

2862
01:54:04,565 --> 01:54:06,362

They didn't catch her.

2863

01:54:06,362 --> 01:54:07,590
Oh, they didn't catch her?

2864

01:54:07,590 --> 01:54:08,637
No.

2865

01:54:08,637 --> 01:54:09,470
But they caught him?

2866

01:54:09,470 --> 01:54:14,130

2867

01:54:14,130 --> 01:54:17,280
And was this within Auschwitz?

2868

01:54:17,280 --> 01:54:19,601
This was in Warsaw, but--

2869

01:54:19,601 --> 01:54:21,900
Ah, this was in Warsaw?

2870

01:54:21,900 --> 01:54:24,595
This was in Warsaw
after the ghetto.

2871

01:54:24,595 --> 01:54:25,470
you know what I mean.

2872

01:54:25,470 --> 01:54:27,072
After the ghetto.

2873

01:54:27,072 --> 01:54:30,060
I see.

2874

01:54:30,060 --> 01:54:32,310
I was in Auschwitz,
I saw people hanging,

2875

01:54:32,310 --> 01:54:35,020
but I didn't know the
people, you know what I mean.

2876
01:54:35,020 --> 01:54:35,550
Yeah.

2877
01:54:35,550 --> 01:54:38,640
But where you were
housed in Warsaw

2878
01:54:38,640 --> 01:54:40,140
was right next to it, huh?

2879
01:54:40,140 --> 01:54:41,160
This was next to it.

2880
01:54:41,160 --> 01:54:47,320
And I was housed next to the
hanging in Auschwitz, too.

2881
01:54:47,320 --> 01:54:47,820
Really?

2882
01:54:47,820 --> 01:54:49,710
Just happened.

2883
01:54:49,710 --> 01:54:51,480
What a charming location.

2884
01:54:51,480 --> 01:54:53,610
Yeah.

2885
01:54:53,610 --> 01:54:55,710
Tell me a little bit
about what your barracks

2886
01:54:55,710 --> 01:54:57,140
looked like in Auschwitz.

2887
01:54:57,140 --> 01:55:00,902
In Auschwitz, very poor,
you know what I mean--

2888
01:55:00,902 --> 01:55:01,860
How many people would--

2889

01:55:01,860 --> 01:55:03,420
--not like the rest of them.

2890
01:55:03,420 --> 01:55:06,780
It was brick homes,
you know what

2891
01:55:06,780 --> 01:55:11,400
I mean, a little bit
different, a little bit

2892
01:55:11,400 --> 01:55:17,130
because I used to be in the
big one, too, for the horses.

2893
01:55:17,130 --> 01:55:18,550
It was two or four stages--

2894
01:55:18,550 --> 01:55:19,050
Levels.

2895
01:55:19,050 --> 01:55:22,080
--levels high.

2896
01:55:22,080 --> 01:55:25,020
Most of the time, I
used to live on the top.

2897
01:55:25,020 --> 01:55:26,490
Which was the better location?

2898
01:55:26,490 --> 01:55:28,920
Was it the top of
the bottom location?

2899
01:55:28,920 --> 01:55:32,340
Well, you didn't
have nothing to say.

2900
01:55:32,340 --> 01:55:33,330
OK.

2901
01:55:33,330 --> 01:55:35,010
But was there a
place that people--

2902
01:55:35,010 --> 01:55:36,060
They tell you--

2903
01:55:36,060 --> 01:55:36,780
Where to go.

2904
01:55:36,780 --> 01:55:37,550
That's it.

2905
01:55:37,550 --> 01:55:38,050
OK.

2906
01:55:38,050 --> 01:55:41,970
They didn't ask you where you're
wanted, you know what I mean.

2907
01:55:41,970 --> 01:55:44,550
Was there a particular
location that people

2908
01:55:44,550 --> 01:55:45,870
would have preferred?

2909
01:55:45,870 --> 01:55:48,905
Well, the top one was a
little bit more secure,

2910
01:55:48,905 --> 01:55:52,810
you know what I mean, with
the stealing, your own people,

2911
01:55:52,810 --> 01:55:54,690
the piece of bread,
you know what I mean.

2912
01:55:54,690 --> 01:55:58,620
Lots of time, you used to take
the bread between the clothes,

2913
01:55:58,620 --> 01:56:00,120
you know what I mean.

2914
01:56:00,120 --> 01:56:02,490

And then they steel it,
too, while sleeping,

2915
01:56:02,490 --> 01:56:03,930
you know what I mean.

2916
01:56:03,930 --> 01:56:05,550
You didn't feel it.

2917
01:56:05,550 --> 01:56:08,430
Did anyone ever steal from you?

2918
01:56:08,430 --> 01:56:11,318
I was lucky, no.

2919
01:56:11,318 --> 01:56:13,230
OK.

2920
01:56:13,230 --> 01:56:17,580
I was very, very
careful not to get hurt.

2921
01:56:17,580 --> 01:56:19,800
This was my only thing.

2922
01:56:19,800 --> 01:56:22,960
I didn't try to steal, I
didn't try to run away,

2923
01:56:22,960 --> 01:56:25,110
I didn't try no little things.

2924
01:56:25,110 --> 01:56:29,930
I was straight listening,
you know what I mean.

2925
01:56:29,930 --> 01:56:37,530
And I figured maybe I will
get by, not live or something,

2926
01:56:37,530 --> 01:56:40,500
but I get by, you
know what I mean.

2927

01:56:40,500 --> 01:56:43,650
What do you think--

2928
01:56:43,650 --> 01:56:46,770
why do you think you survived?

2929
01:56:46,770 --> 01:56:54,260
Only God want me to,
this is the only one,

2930
01:56:54,260 --> 01:56:59,090
because like I told you, no
medication, no food, no water,

2931
01:56:59,090 --> 01:57:01,940
high fever, nothing.

2932
01:57:01,940 --> 01:57:03,610
You're talking when
you had typhus?

2933
01:57:03,610 --> 01:57:04,110
Right.

2934
01:57:04,110 --> 01:57:08,110

2935
01:57:08,110 --> 01:57:12,930
So, did you get better
being in that place?

2936
01:57:12,930 --> 01:57:13,960
I had to get better.

2937
01:57:13,960 --> 01:57:16,210
I am here.

2938
01:57:16,210 --> 01:57:18,580
Yeah.

2939
01:57:18,580 --> 01:57:20,860
The first when I got
out, I was like a baby.

2940

01:57:20,860 --> 01:57:23,440
I couldn't go on steps even.

2941
01:57:23,440 --> 01:57:25,100
I couldn't walk on the steps.

2942
01:57:25,100 --> 01:57:29,950
I had to crawl, you know
what I mean, for a while.

2943
01:57:29,950 --> 01:57:33,100
And they still kept you,
that is, as a worker?

2944
01:57:33,100 --> 01:57:35,355
Yes.

2945
01:57:35,355 --> 01:57:44,490
I tried-- they away a little
bit, the kapos, the foremen,

2946
01:57:44,490 --> 01:57:47,880
because they couldn't
make me die in an hour,

2947
01:57:47,880 --> 01:57:49,900
you know what I mean.

2948
01:57:49,900 --> 01:57:51,630
This was in the
place in Warsaw where

2949
01:57:51,630 --> 01:57:54,960
you said the mayor
didn't want to have

2950
01:57:54,960 --> 01:57:56,860
anybody outright killed?

2951
01:57:56,860 --> 01:57:57,360
Right.

2952
01:57:57,360 --> 01:57:59,460
The mayor didn't want
nothing to happen

2953
01:57:59,460 --> 01:58:05,530
to us because if we were dead
then the Russian came closer--

2954
01:58:05,530 --> 01:58:09,070
we were outside for three
days, no food, no water,

2955
01:58:09,070 --> 01:58:12,600
nothing to make us very
tired, not to fight

2956
01:58:12,600 --> 01:58:16,680
or something like this
because they thought maybe

2957
01:58:16,680 --> 01:58:19,470
we go fight because the
Russians are coming closer,

2958
01:58:19,470 --> 01:58:21,450
we might fight.

2959
01:58:21,450 --> 01:58:25,020
So the mayor from
the city knew it.

2960
01:58:25,020 --> 01:58:29,800
He say, I will not allow nobody
to do nothing to them, to shoot

2961
01:58:29,800 --> 01:58:31,680
them, kill him, or something.

2962
01:58:31,680 --> 01:58:33,480
Was this a Polish mayor?

2963
01:58:33,480 --> 01:58:35,040
I don't know if he
was Polish or not.

2964
01:58:35,040 --> 01:58:36,490
OK.

2965

01:58:36,490 --> 01:58:40,560
He could probably German--

2966

01:58:40,560 --> 01:58:41,450
Yeah.

2967

01:58:41,450 --> 01:58:44,490
--because a Pollack
wouldn't take a chance

2968

01:58:44,490 --> 01:58:47,110
because they could kill him,
too, you know what I mean.

2969

01:58:47,110 --> 01:58:48,260
Yeah.

2970

01:58:48,260 --> 01:58:50,900
And he was looking for
the future a little bit.

2971

01:58:50,900 --> 01:58:54,120

2972

01:58:54,120 --> 01:58:59,610
So actually you were there
before the Polish uprising.

2973

01:58:59,610 --> 01:59:01,130
He was there before, right.

2974

01:59:01,130 --> 01:59:01,950
Yeah.

2975

01:59:01,950 --> 01:59:08,030
The uprising was-- when
we left, we heard it.

2976

01:59:08,030 --> 01:59:10,560
The Pollacks made the
uprising because the Russians

2977

01:59:10,560 --> 01:59:11,270
were closer.

2978
01:59:11,270 --> 01:59:12,050
That's right.

2979
01:59:12,050 --> 01:59:14,502
But the Russians were
very mad on the Pollacks

2980
01:59:14,502 --> 01:59:15,960
because the Russians
wanted to come

2981
01:59:15,960 --> 01:59:23,980
before to go through Poland when
they occupied Czechoslovakia.

2982
01:59:23,980 --> 01:59:26,050
So the Pollacks say, no.

2983
01:59:26,050 --> 01:59:28,050
So the Russians were
very mad on them.

2984
01:59:28,050 --> 01:59:34,080
So when they make the
uprising, the Russians

2985
01:59:34,080 --> 01:59:35,760
moved back a little bit.

2986
01:59:35,760 --> 01:59:42,530
And the rumors were that maybe
100,000 Pollacks got killed.

2987
01:59:42,530 --> 01:59:43,815
It was pretty brutal.

2988
01:59:43,815 --> 01:59:44,690
It was pretty brutal.

2989
01:59:44,690 --> 01:59:45,780
This is what I heard.

2990
01:59:45,780 --> 01:59:47,280

We didn't see
nothing, you know what

2991
01:59:47,280 --> 01:59:49,230
I mean because we walked
already a few ways.

2992
01:59:49,230 --> 01:59:52,560
So when you left Warsaw,
how did you get back

2993
01:59:52,560 --> 01:59:55,450
to the actual Auschwitz camp?

2994
01:59:55,450 --> 01:59:58,290
With the trains, a
hundred people on the--

2995
01:59:58,290 --> 01:59:59,430
In a cattle car?

2996
01:59:59,430 --> 02:00:01,065
On the cattle cars, right.

2997
02:00:01,065 --> 02:00:02,070
OK.

2998
02:00:02,070 --> 02:00:07,200
This is the time when I saw
people drinking their own urine

2999
02:00:07,200 --> 02:00:09,465
because no water, nothing, hot.

3000
02:00:09,465 --> 02:00:13,530
And when you die, you couldn't
lay because everybody has

3001
02:00:13,530 --> 02:00:15,950
to stand, you know what I mean.

3002
02:00:15,950 --> 02:00:18,060
The more died, a little
bit more room you have.

3003
02:00:18,060 --> 02:00:19,810
They throw them out,
you know what I mean.

3004
02:00:19,810 --> 02:00:23,970

3005
02:00:23,970 --> 02:00:25,455
How long did it take?

3006
02:00:25,455 --> 02:00:28,020
It took us maybe three days.

3007
02:00:28,020 --> 02:00:31,050
The train goes slowly,
it stops and everything.

3008
02:00:31,050 --> 02:00:33,870
Were the doors open or closed?

3009
02:00:33,870 --> 02:00:36,910
The doors, it was--

3010
02:00:36,910 --> 02:00:39,750
nobody run away,
that's the one thing.

3011
02:00:39,750 --> 02:00:41,295
But to throw out a body?

3012
02:00:41,295 --> 02:00:42,717
They throw it away, right.

3013
02:00:42,717 --> 02:00:43,217
OK.

3014
02:00:43,217 --> 02:00:46,560

3015
02:00:46,560 --> 02:00:50,220
And had it been only young
men or men who were in the--

3016

02:00:50,220 --> 02:00:50,930
Only men.

3017
02:00:50,930 --> 02:00:52,416
Only men, OK.

3018
02:00:52,416 --> 02:00:55,140

3019
02:00:55,140 --> 02:00:58,380
So when you get back
to Auschwitz itself,

3020
02:00:58,380 --> 02:01:04,110
it's already the late
summer, early fall of '44

3021
02:01:04,110 --> 02:01:07,230
because that's when the
Warsaw uprising happened

3022
02:01:07,230 --> 02:01:12,978
is early August of 1944.

3023
02:01:12,978 --> 02:01:16,350
Well, we didn't know nothing
about the day, the month,

3024
02:01:16,350 --> 02:01:19,000
the year, or nothing,
you know what I mean.

3025
02:01:19,000 --> 02:01:22,370
You don't had no control
because you never had a paper.

3026
02:01:22,370 --> 02:01:27,800
You never saw a paper, nothing.

3027
02:01:27,800 --> 02:01:31,680
Was there a very
active rumor mill?

3028
02:01:31,680 --> 02:01:33,770
How did you get information?

3029
02:01:33,770 --> 02:01:36,000
Not too much information--

3030
02:01:36,000 --> 02:01:36,980
OK.

3031
02:01:36,980 --> 02:01:39,870
--because we didn't
never talk to each other.

3032
02:01:39,870 --> 02:01:42,530
We only talked between us.

3033
02:01:42,530 --> 02:01:47,660
Like example, we were 10 kids,
and one was the oldest one.

3034
02:01:47,660 --> 02:01:49,880
He was maybe 10, 15 years older.

3035
02:01:49,880 --> 02:01:51,020
So he was like the father.

3036
02:01:51,020 --> 02:01:53,150
If he say, sit, sit, walk, walk.

3037
02:01:53,150 --> 02:01:55,190
Everything, we listened to him.

3038
02:01:55,190 --> 02:01:57,850
So we sit one
together, if he talked.

3039
02:01:57,850 --> 02:01:59,600
And one get up, and
he say, what would you

3040
02:01:59,600 --> 02:02:02,270
do if the SS come
to you and give you

3041
02:02:02,270 --> 02:02:05,000
all the bread he wanted

and he shoots you?

3042

02:02:05,000 --> 02:02:05,750

What do you think?

3043

02:02:05,750 --> 02:02:06,583

What if you want it?

3044

02:02:06,583 --> 02:02:09,090

3045

02:02:09,090 --> 02:02:12,770

Everybody say, give me
the bread and he shoot me.

3046

02:02:12,770 --> 02:02:16,320

Not bread and butter, or steak,
or something, just bread,

3047

02:02:16,320 --> 02:02:18,000

enough.

3048

02:02:18,000 --> 02:02:21,180

Nobody, not even the
one say no or something,

3049

02:02:21,180 --> 02:02:24,280

you know what I mean, nothing.

3050

02:02:24,280 --> 02:02:26,580

And this is true.

3051

02:02:26,580 --> 02:02:28,600

And this is the one--

3052

02:02:28,600 --> 02:02:32,560

I met him 47 years later.

3053

02:02:32,560 --> 02:02:33,700

I didn't know where he was.

3054

02:02:33,700 --> 02:02:35,110

He left.

3055

02:02:35,110 --> 02:02:38,380

After we got liberated,
a week later, he said,

3056

02:02:38,380 --> 02:02:40,150

you know what, I'm going.

3057

02:02:40,150 --> 02:02:41,710

I say, where you're going?

3058

02:02:41,710 --> 02:02:45,310

Maybe I find my mother, my
father, my brother, my sister

3059

02:02:45,310 --> 02:02:47,860

because he was 15 years
older, you know what I mean.

3060

02:02:47,860 --> 02:02:50,680

I was afraid to walk out,
you know what I mean.

3061

02:02:50,680 --> 02:02:52,440

So he left.

3062

02:02:52,440 --> 02:02:54,530

And I always used
to tell my wife when

3063

02:02:54,530 --> 02:02:56,950

we got married and
everything, I wish

3064

02:02:56,950 --> 02:02:58,520

I knew what happened to him.

3065

02:02:58,520 --> 02:03:02,640

3066

02:03:02,640 --> 02:03:05,130

Two weeks later,
a friend of ours

3067

02:03:05,130 --> 02:03:09,420

made a luncheon in
Florida, and I was invited.

3068
02:03:09,420 --> 02:03:14,350
And one man comes in, a tall man
with a yarmulke and everything,

3069
02:03:14,350 --> 02:03:15,320
and he say--

3070
02:03:15,320 --> 02:03:16,980
he shakes, hello, hello.

3071
02:03:16,980 --> 02:03:18,450
I think your name is Dave.

3072
02:03:18,450 --> 02:03:21,455
I say, yeah, my name is Dave.

3073
02:03:21,455 --> 02:03:23,580
And he started to talk a
little bit and everything.

3074
02:03:23,580 --> 02:03:25,250
I say, it was nice to meet you.

3075
02:03:25,250 --> 02:03:26,370
I wanted to go.

3076
02:03:26,370 --> 02:03:29,130
He said, no, don't walk away
because I want to talk to you.

3077
02:03:29,130 --> 02:03:30,990
I say, yes, OK, we talked.

3078
02:03:30,990 --> 02:03:32,040
He talked.

3079
02:03:32,040 --> 02:03:36,590
Again, I tried to walk away.

3080
02:03:36,590 --> 02:03:41,100
So he say, let me talk

a little bit more.

3081
02:03:41,100 --> 02:03:44,250
First of all, you
got a number 18.

3082
02:03:44,250 --> 02:03:48,510
I say, Mister, I
got a number 16344.

3083
02:03:48,510 --> 02:03:50,770
You got a mistake,
you know what I mean.

3084
02:03:50,770 --> 02:03:51,840
And this happened.

3085
02:03:51,840 --> 02:03:54,390
You're going to have a
mistake, you know what I mean.

3086
02:03:54,390 --> 02:03:56,820
So I say, it was
nice to meet you.

3087
02:03:56,820 --> 02:03:59,040
He say, no stay right here.

3088
02:03:59,040 --> 02:04:01,710
He started to talk
to me and everything.

3089
02:04:01,710 --> 02:04:04,358
And he explained
to me the numbers

3090
02:04:04,358 --> 02:04:05,400
because I didn't know it.

3091
02:04:05,400 --> 02:04:08,220
I didn't have the brains to
figure, you know what I mean.

3092
02:04:08,220 --> 02:04:11,620
I always used to say after the

deliberation to everybody who

3093

02:04:11,620 --> 02:04:14,010
asked me, I say, this is my
girlfriend's telephone number

3094

02:04:14,010 --> 02:04:18,540
so I don't forget
because I didn't--

3095

02:04:18,540 --> 02:04:21,310
first of all, I didn't
know the number.

3096

02:04:21,310 --> 02:04:22,660
So he told me the number.

3097

02:04:22,660 --> 02:04:24,660
So just when he
told me the number,

3098

02:04:24,660 --> 02:04:28,510
I tried to understand
that this was him.

3099

02:04:28,510 --> 02:04:31,200
And I didn't see
him for 47 years.

3100

02:04:31,200 --> 02:04:33,210
What was his name?

3101

02:04:33,210 --> 02:04:35,170
Abraham.

3102

02:04:35,170 --> 02:04:37,920
I don't remember the second
name, you know what I mean.

3103

02:04:37,920 --> 02:04:40,810
And he lived in Canada.

3104

02:04:40,810 --> 02:04:44,310
And he had a kosher
butcher shop because he

3105
02:04:44,310 --> 02:04:47,380
wear a yarmulke and everything.

3106
02:04:47,380 --> 02:04:50,850
And so then you finally
recognized that he was--

3107
02:04:50,850 --> 02:04:52,890
I asked him, how did
you recognize me?

3108
02:04:52,890 --> 02:04:53,400
The voice.

3109
02:04:53,400 --> 02:04:58,560
Is it possible that
the voice can make you?

3110
02:04:58,560 --> 02:05:00,440
That's what he told me.

3111
02:05:00,440 --> 02:05:02,490
It was your voice?

3112
02:05:02,490 --> 02:05:03,450
Wow.

3113
02:05:03,450 --> 02:05:04,800
Well, I don't know.

3114
02:05:04,800 --> 02:05:07,740
I didn't recognize him at all.

3115
02:05:07,740 --> 02:05:09,360
And he explained to you--

3116
02:05:09,360 --> 02:05:11,670
But he explained me the
number, and he explained me

3117
02:05:11,670 --> 02:05:15,640
later on about the lady
who we live on the attic

3118
02:05:15,640 --> 02:05:20,490
when we got sick, and the
Catholics nuns saved a life

3119
02:05:20,490 --> 02:05:24,810
because they took us over
because they got lots of food

3120
02:05:24,810 --> 02:05:27,760
from the American soldiers,
the beef and everything.

3121
02:05:27,760 --> 02:05:30,145
And we got-- and this was the--

3122
02:05:30,145 --> 02:05:33,080
and we were on the
attic by farmer.

3123
02:05:33,080 --> 02:05:34,560
And it was up and down.

3124
02:05:34,560 --> 02:05:36,300
It was going all night.

3125
02:05:36,300 --> 02:05:40,080
So we were laying in very bad.

3126
02:05:40,080 --> 02:05:42,840
And we didn't have no
hospital with that small town.

3127
02:05:42,840 --> 02:05:47,370
So he had nuns big
place, Catholic nuns.

3128
02:05:47,370 --> 02:05:50,540
You're talking about Feldafing,
or you're talking about Dachau?

3129
02:05:50,540 --> 02:05:53,210
This was already
Dissen am Ammersee.

3130

02:05:53,210 --> 02:05:54,395
"Amadazay."

3131

02:05:54,395 --> 02:05:57,450
This is already when I got
liberated, the same day,

3132

02:05:57,450 --> 02:05:58,310
the next day.

3133

02:05:58,310 --> 02:05:58,810
OK.

3134

02:05:58,810 --> 02:06:03,430
Later on we went to Feldafing to
get married to get everything.

3135

02:06:03,430 --> 02:06:07,140
So after liberation, you were
in a place called "Amazay?"

3136

02:06:07,140 --> 02:06:09,010
Dissen am Ammersee.

3137

02:06:09,010 --> 02:06:09,510
This was--

3138

02:06:09,510 --> 02:06:09,948
Dissen?

3139

02:06:09,948 --> 02:06:10,448
Dissen.

3140

02:06:10,448 --> 02:06:11,262
Dissen.

3141

02:06:11,262 --> 02:06:12,570
Dissen am Ammersee.

3142

02:06:12,570 --> 02:06:15,440
This was maybe 30
miles from Munich.

3143

02:06:15,440 --> 02:06:16,920
Uh-huh.

3144
02:06:16,920 --> 02:06:18,440
So we stayed over there.

3145
02:06:18,440 --> 02:06:20,210
They took us in.

3146
02:06:20,210 --> 02:06:21,390
They cleaned us up.

3147
02:06:21,390 --> 02:06:22,830
These are Germans?

3148
02:06:22,830 --> 02:06:24,500
In Germany, the nuns.

3149
02:06:24,500 --> 02:06:25,448
The nuns, I see.

3150
02:06:25,448 --> 02:06:26,490
So this was a monastery--

3151
02:06:26,490 --> 02:06:28,133
A monastery, right

3152
02:06:28,133 --> 02:06:29,550
--a convent, excuse
me, a convent.

3153
02:06:29,550 --> 02:06:34,050
Right, with the hat, very
strong, very, very, very, very

3154
02:06:34,050 --> 02:06:35,620
strong, the religion.

3155
02:06:35,620 --> 02:06:36,120
OK.

3156
02:06:36,120 --> 02:06:38,850
And they give us, the
first day I remember,

3157
02:06:38,850 --> 02:06:42,080
was five spoons of oatmeal.

3158
02:06:42,080 --> 02:06:44,760
And I say, sister, how
about a loaf of bread?

3159
02:06:44,760 --> 02:06:46,680
No, no, nothing.

3160
02:06:46,680 --> 02:06:48,850
The next day, one more spoon.

3161
02:06:48,850 --> 02:06:50,880
Third day, another spoon.

3162
02:06:50,880 --> 02:06:53,620
Finally they give us
one slice of bread.

3163
02:06:53,620 --> 02:06:56,850
So I say, give me at least a
half a loaf of bread, sister.

3164
02:06:56,850 --> 02:06:58,620
No.

3165
02:06:58,620 --> 02:07:02,250
But later on, I got
better and everything.

3166
02:07:02,250 --> 02:07:04,410
I used to go over
there every day.

3167
02:07:04,410 --> 02:07:06,790
If I didn't go, they
was looking for me--

3168
02:07:06,790 --> 02:07:07,290
Really?

3169
02:07:07,290 --> 02:07:08,213

--for Dave.

3170
02:07:08,213 --> 02:07:10,972
First of all, I know
a few young ones.

3171
02:07:10,972 --> 02:07:12,430
They asked me for
a few cigarettes,

3172
02:07:12,430 --> 02:07:13,920
you know what I mean.

3173
02:07:13,920 --> 02:07:16,380
And they trust me a little bit.

3174
02:07:16,380 --> 02:07:17,800
And they were very strong.

3175
02:07:17,800 --> 02:07:20,100
They told me, they cannot sleep.

3176
02:07:20,100 --> 02:07:22,626
The hens have to be out.

3177
02:07:22,626 --> 02:07:26,880
They cannot sleep with
the hens underneath.

3178
02:07:26,880 --> 02:07:28,890
So they were very
strict in their habits.

3179
02:07:28,890 --> 02:07:33,090
Very strict, but I mean,
very good to me, very good.

3180
02:07:33,090 --> 02:07:36,288
For five years, I used
to go in every day

3181
02:07:36,288 --> 02:07:38,580
sometimes for breakfast,
sometimes for lunch, sometimes

3182
02:07:38,580 --> 02:07:39,980
for dinner.

3183
02:07:39,980 --> 02:07:43,260
When they saw me coming,
oh, David is coming.

3184
02:07:43,260 --> 02:07:46,510
The table was full
with food, full,

3185
02:07:46,510 --> 02:07:49,470
because they know
me for so long.

3186
02:07:49,470 --> 02:07:50,610
And I lived over there.

3187
02:07:50,610 --> 02:07:51,510
Everybody know me.

3188
02:07:51,510 --> 02:07:52,930
I got married over there.

3189
02:07:52,930 --> 02:07:54,450
So Dissen am "Amazay?"

3190
02:07:54,450 --> 02:07:55,940
Dissen am Ammersee.

3191
02:07:55,940 --> 02:07:57,780
Do you know what kind
of nuns they were,

3192
02:07:57,780 --> 02:08:00,750
what order they belonged to?

3193
02:08:00,750 --> 02:08:03,710
They always had the white
hats and everything.

3194
02:08:03,710 --> 02:08:04,310
Uh-huh.

3195
02:08:04,310 --> 02:08:06,436
Very strict, very strict--

3196
02:08:06,436 --> 02:08:07,330
OK.

3197
02:08:07,330 --> 02:08:09,562
--because was a
couple young ones,

3198
02:08:09,562 --> 02:08:11,895
they were cheating a little
bit, a couple of cigarettes,

3199
02:08:11,895 --> 02:08:14,610
you know what I mean.

3200
02:08:14,610 --> 02:08:17,940
So in other words, they
nursed you back to health

3201
02:08:17,940 --> 02:08:20,030
after you were liberated.

3202
02:08:20,030 --> 02:08:21,960
They saved our life.

3203
02:08:21,960 --> 02:08:22,665
OK.

3204
02:08:22,665 --> 02:08:29,160
And I have now nuns
who come in Florida.

3205
02:08:29,160 --> 02:08:29,840
They come over.

3206
02:08:29,840 --> 02:08:31,650
Oh, really?

3207
02:08:31,650 --> 02:08:36,900
The Catholics used from
Africa, but they speak English.

3208

02:08:36,900 --> 02:08:42,290

And the head nurse from the hospice brought them over.

3209

02:08:42,290 --> 02:08:43,840

It was three nuns.

3210

02:08:43,840 --> 02:08:45,780

And we were so close.

3211

02:08:45,780 --> 02:08:48,570

After a meal, everybody sat up and prayed

3212

02:08:48,570 --> 02:08:49,950

for us and everything.

3213

02:08:49,950 --> 02:08:54,830

Every Friday, they used to call me and wish me happy--

3214

02:08:54,830 --> 02:08:56,170

Sabbath?

3215

02:08:56,170 --> 02:08:58,260

Saturday, yeah, Shabbat.

3216

02:08:58,260 --> 02:08:59,182

Shabbat, uh-huh.

3217

02:08:59,182 --> 02:09:00,420

Right.

3218

02:09:00,420 --> 02:09:01,600

And this is in Florida?

3219

02:09:01,600 --> 02:09:02,100

Yes.

3220

02:09:02,100 --> 02:09:04,050

Yes, in Florida.

3221

02:09:04,050 --> 02:09:06,000

I still got the pictures.

3222
02:09:06,000 --> 02:09:06,540
OK.

3223
02:09:06,540 --> 02:09:10,170
So that means when your wife
and yourself retired to Florida

3224
02:09:10,170 --> 02:09:11,580
some time ago.

3225
02:09:11,580 --> 02:09:14,725
Because I used to
live in Des Moines.

3226
02:09:14,725 --> 02:09:19,420
But it was cold, you're getting
older, so I moved to Florida.

3227
02:09:19,420 --> 02:09:22,800
And I live 20 years in
Florida, a condominium.

3228
02:09:22,800 --> 02:09:26,400
I just sold it not too
long ago because Michael

3229
02:09:26,400 --> 02:09:28,470
got us a condominium.

3230
02:09:28,470 --> 02:09:33,120
He fixed up extra one bedroom
for the nurse and everything

3231
02:09:33,120 --> 02:09:34,305
because my wife--

3232
02:09:34,305 --> 02:09:35,180
She needed some help.

3233
02:09:35,180 --> 02:09:40,020
--for a while, I pushed it away.

3234

02:09:40,020 --> 02:09:41,580
Now I realize.

3235
02:09:41,580 --> 02:09:43,960
It took a couple of years.

3236
02:09:43,960 --> 02:09:45,300
We used to walk.

3237
02:09:45,300 --> 02:09:47,250
She used to walk four
or five miles a day.

3238
02:09:47,250 --> 02:09:47,940
Wow!

3239
02:09:47,940 --> 02:09:50,070
Lately she walked a little bit.

3240
02:09:50,070 --> 02:09:51,690
Let's sit down.

3241
02:09:51,690 --> 02:09:54,990
She put my head on
it, start to sleep.

3242
02:09:54,990 --> 02:09:59,100
I say, Jennie-- in
Polish, Yanka, Yanka--

3243
02:09:59,100 --> 02:10:03,090
people go through, they
go see, I'm ashamed.

3244
02:10:03,090 --> 02:10:04,650
But she couldn't.

3245
02:10:04,650 --> 02:10:05,520
She was tired.

3246
02:10:05,520 --> 02:10:09,830
And I was pushing away the--

3247
02:10:09,830 --> 02:10:12,400

You were pushing away
that she was not well?

3248
02:10:12,400 --> 02:10:16,050
--because I saw it going
down, you know what I mean.

3249
02:10:16,050 --> 02:10:19,630
How they call, not the
Alzheimer's, before

3250
02:10:19,630 --> 02:10:20,950
Alzheimer's?

3251
02:10:20,950 --> 02:10:21,850
Dementia?

3252
02:10:21,850 --> 02:10:22,750
Dementia, yeah.

3253
02:10:22,750 --> 02:10:25,780
Dementia, yeah.

3254
02:10:25,780 --> 02:10:28,110
Not easy, not easy for anybody.

3255
02:10:28,110 --> 02:10:29,920
Yes, yes.

3256
02:10:29,920 --> 02:10:35,560
Yes, I was six months in a
home with her feeding her

3257
02:10:35,560 --> 02:10:38,050
three meals a day.

3258
02:10:38,050 --> 02:10:43,240
I was there three months
all days from 7:00

3259
02:10:43,240 --> 02:10:44,600
till 8:00 at night.

3260
02:10:44,600 --> 02:10:45,400

Hard.

3261

02:10:45,400 --> 02:10:50,521
I feed her breakfast, lunch,
and dinner, three months.

3262

02:10:50,521 --> 02:10:55,330
And finally, Michael
said, no, come on.

3263

02:10:55,330 --> 02:10:56,560
Yeah.

3264

02:10:56,560 --> 02:10:57,500
It's hard.

3265

02:10:57,500 --> 02:10:58,600
It's very hard.

3266

02:10:58,600 --> 02:11:02,650
He took a plane, a private
plane, he took us over there.

3267

02:11:02,650 --> 02:11:05,320
He got fixed up the
condominium special

3268

02:11:05,320 --> 02:11:08,990
for the maid for night,
a special room with a bed

3269

02:11:08,990 --> 02:11:11,320
to take it outside
from the wall.

3270

02:11:11,320 --> 02:11:12,280
Yeah.

3271

02:11:12,280 --> 02:11:16,300
No, only one Michael
in the world.

3272

02:11:16,300 --> 02:11:17,600
You're very proud of your son.

3273

02:11:17,600 --> 02:11:19,252

Well, I give him
hell, too, sometimes.

3274

02:11:19,252 --> 02:11:20,710

Well, that's what
children are for.

3275

02:11:20,710 --> 02:11:22,510

[LAUGHTER]

3276

02:11:22,510 --> 02:11:23,010

3277

02:11:23,010 --> 02:11:24,460

He giving me, too.

3278

02:11:24,460 --> 02:11:26,290

That's also what
parents are for.

3279

02:11:26,290 --> 02:11:27,532

[LAUGHTER]

3280

02:11:27,532 --> 02:11:28,360

3281

02:11:28,360 --> 02:11:31,180

So let's go back a
little bit to Europe.

3282

02:11:31,180 --> 02:11:33,280

OK.

3283

02:11:33,280 --> 02:11:40,390

And in Auschwitz, when you
will returned after the Warsaw

3284

02:11:40,390 --> 02:11:42,370

uprising-- well,
during the first days,

3285

02:11:42,370 --> 02:11:45,730

you already noticed that the

Russians are not so far away,

3286

02:11:45,730 --> 02:11:47,110
and the uprising--

3287

02:11:47,110 --> 02:11:48,970
We saw the airplanes,
too, already.

3288

02:11:48,970 --> 02:11:50,740
OK.

3289

02:11:50,740 --> 02:11:53,470
So you all returned
to Auschwitz.

3290

02:11:53,470 --> 02:11:56,540
And that becomes-- even though
you don't know the dates,

3291

02:11:56,540 --> 02:12:00,740
it is the fall of 1944.

3292

02:12:00,740 --> 02:12:03,430
And I remember
reading at some point

3293

02:12:03,430 --> 02:12:06,550
that sometime in
November, there was

3294

02:12:06,550 --> 02:12:11,680
a kind of a revolt in
Auschwitz against--

3295

02:12:11,680 --> 02:12:12,580
We left already.

3296

02:12:12,580 --> 02:12:14,710
I heard it, that
they burned down

3297

02:12:14,710 --> 02:12:16,790
a little bit and everything.

3298

02:12:16,790 --> 02:12:21,363

But they did it a
little bit too early.

3299

02:12:21,363 --> 02:12:22,030

They got killed.

3300

02:12:22,030 --> 02:12:23,390

Lots of people got killed.

3301

02:12:23,390 --> 02:12:23,890

All right.

3302

02:12:23,890 --> 02:12:25,865

So when did you leave then?

3303

02:12:25,865 --> 02:12:26,740

You left in the fall?

3304

02:12:26,740 --> 02:12:28,430

Maybe a day or two before.

3305

02:12:28,430 --> 02:12:30,190

Uh-huh.

3306

02:12:30,190 --> 02:12:30,820

OK.

3307

02:12:30,820 --> 02:12:33,010

We was walking for three days.

3308

02:12:33,010 --> 02:12:35,740

So you were taken
out and marched out.

3309

02:12:35,740 --> 02:12:40,500

And after three days, we got on
the trains and go over there.

3310

02:12:40,500 --> 02:12:45,790

When the Russians come in
closer, we went back to Munich.

3311

02:12:45,790 --> 02:12:50,700
And over there, we got
liberated by General Eisenhower.

3312
02:12:50,700 --> 02:12:51,310
OK.

3313
02:12:51,310 --> 02:12:56,212
But that still
leaves half a year.

3314
02:12:56,212 --> 02:13:00,130
You leave Auschwitz sometime
in the fall, October, November,

3315
02:13:00,130 --> 02:13:03,790
whenever, a few days before
whatever this revolt was.

3316
02:13:03,790 --> 02:13:05,440
Because I remember
someone telling me

3317
02:13:05,440 --> 02:13:07,510
they no longer
stamped arms after

3318
02:13:07,510 --> 02:13:10,660
that revolt. Whoever was
then brought to Auschwitz

3319
02:13:10,660 --> 02:13:13,600
no longer got a number
because they stopped it.

3320
02:13:13,600 --> 02:13:16,310
Well, maybe this
is possible, yes.

3321
02:13:16,310 --> 02:13:19,540
And lots of camps, they
didn't give no numbers either.

3322
02:13:19,540 --> 02:13:21,733
Like my wife, she
didn't have no number.

3323
02:13:21,733 --> 02:13:22,480
OK.

3324
02:13:22,480 --> 02:13:23,590
But you did?

3325
02:13:23,590 --> 02:13:24,240
I have.

3326
02:13:24,240 --> 02:13:26,350
Yeah.

3327
02:13:26,350 --> 02:13:27,310
You saw it.

3328
02:13:27,310 --> 02:13:28,047
Yeah.

3329
02:13:28,047 --> 02:13:28,630
You showed it.

3330
02:13:28,630 --> 02:13:29,750
My telephone number.

3331
02:13:29,750 --> 02:13:32,900
Your telephone number,
which adds up to 18.

3332
02:13:32,900 --> 02:13:33,575
18, right.

3333
02:13:33,575 --> 02:13:34,075
Yeah.

3334
02:13:34,075 --> 02:13:35,320
And you know it by heart.

3335
02:13:35,320 --> 02:13:36,112
How about the book?

3336
02:13:36,112 --> 02:13:37,240
Did you read the book?

3337
02:13:37,240 --> 02:13:38,380
Yes.

3338
02:13:38,380 --> 02:13:39,130
You have the book?

3339
02:13:39,130 --> 02:13:40,160
Yes, I do.

3340
02:13:40,160 --> 02:13:40,660
Yes, I do.

3341
02:13:40,660 --> 02:13:43,480
The book is tremendous.

3342
02:13:43,480 --> 02:13:46,270
When we were in Texas,
we sold it right away,

3343
02:13:46,270 --> 02:13:51,010
a few hundred or something
books charging \$16 a book.

3344
02:13:51,010 --> 02:13:52,300
My goodness.

3345
02:13:52,300 --> 02:13:52,860
My goodness.

3346
02:13:52,860 --> 02:13:56,450

3347
02:13:56,450 --> 02:14:00,080
So you're taken out in
the fall, and you're

3348
02:14:00,080 --> 02:14:05,480
marched for three days, and
then you're put on a train,

3349
02:14:05,480 --> 02:14:08,270
and then you're taken
to Dachau, which

3350
02:14:08,270 --> 02:14:11,750
is where you spend the
next several months, which

3351
02:14:11,750 --> 02:14:15,720
would take us through the
winter of 1945, when it's cold.

3352
02:14:15,720 --> 02:14:17,740
We got liberated in April--

3353
02:14:17,740 --> 02:14:18,290
OK.

3354
02:14:18,290 --> 02:14:20,180
--27, 28.

3355
02:14:20,180 --> 02:14:24,226
So tell me about before
liberation in Dachau,

3356
02:14:24,226 --> 02:14:26,270
how different was
it from Auschwitz?

3357
02:14:26,270 --> 02:14:29,510
Well, it was a
little bit different

3358
02:14:29,510 --> 02:14:34,750
because, first of all, it
was not so big a crematorium

3359
02:14:34,750 --> 02:14:38,310
like in Auschwitz
and then Birkenau

3360
02:14:38,310 --> 02:14:41,450
because Dachau was the
first concentration

3361
02:14:41,450 --> 02:14:45,950
camp in the world in Germany
because this was made

3362

02:14:45,950 --> 02:14:52,040
for Germans, for the mafia, for
the rest of them, homosexuals,

3363

02:14:52,040 --> 02:14:53,310
and so on.

3364

02:14:53,310 --> 02:14:56,270
Also for people who were
political prisoners, people

3365

02:14:56,270 --> 02:14:58,280
who were different.

3366

02:14:58,280 --> 02:15:01,475
Have to be not
everything political,

3367

02:15:01,475 --> 02:15:03,064
you know what I mean.

3368

02:15:03,064 --> 02:15:05,230
Yeah.

3369

02:15:05,230 --> 02:15:07,610
Sometimes you had brown hair,
black hair, or something

3370

02:15:07,610 --> 02:15:10,480
like this, you was going
to, you know what I mean.

3371

02:15:10,480 --> 02:15:11,660
Yeah.

3372

02:15:11,660 --> 02:15:14,960
But was most of them for German.

3373

02:15:14,960 --> 02:15:16,600
Dachau was the first one.

3374

02:15:16,600 --> 02:15:18,350
Yeah.

3375

02:15:18,350 --> 02:15:20,810

So when you got to the
camp, were the conditions

3376

02:15:20,810 --> 02:15:22,750

different than in Auschwitz?

3377

02:15:22,750 --> 02:15:24,050

A little bit different.

3378

02:15:24,050 --> 02:15:24,950

In what way?

3379

02:15:24,950 --> 02:15:29,450

Because, first of all, you
didn't have the ovens so big.

3380

02:15:29,450 --> 02:15:30,890

You didn't have
nothing like this.

3381

02:15:30,890 --> 02:15:34,550

3382

02:15:34,550 --> 02:15:36,940

Did you have the
same job to put--

3383

02:15:36,940 --> 02:15:38,570

No, no.

3384

02:15:38,570 --> 02:15:40,780

I didn't have no job.

3385

02:15:40,780 --> 02:15:42,620

Any kind of job was for me.

3386

02:15:42,620 --> 02:15:45,620

Because some of them
said, they are shoemakers,

3387

02:15:45,620 --> 02:15:48,345

or one is a sewing
machines, or something,

3388
02:15:48,345 --> 02:15:49,220
you know what I mean.

3389
02:15:49,220 --> 02:15:50,660
Mm-hmm.

3390
02:15:50,660 --> 02:15:53,715
I couldn't tell him I'm somebody
because I don't know nothing,

3391
02:15:53,715 --> 02:15:54,590
you know what I mean.

3392
02:15:54,590 --> 02:15:56,390
I couldn't say I'm
an electrician.

3393
02:15:56,390 --> 02:15:56,990
Yeah.

3394
02:15:56,990 --> 02:16:00,260
Maybe somebody who know a
little bit, he could get by,

3395
02:16:00,260 --> 02:16:01,280
you know what I mean.

3396
02:16:01,280 --> 02:16:01,780
Yeah.

3397
02:16:01,780 --> 02:16:05,750
But for me, I
couldn't do nothing.

3398
02:16:05,750 --> 02:16:09,440
But what I meant
is, were you put

3399
02:16:09,440 --> 02:16:14,450
to work feeding corpses
into a crematoria in Dachau

3400
02:16:14,450 --> 02:16:16,070

like you were in Auschwitz?

3401
02:16:16,070 --> 02:16:17,210
No, no.

3402
02:16:17,210 --> 02:16:17,710
OK.

3403
02:16:17,710 --> 02:16:19,520
In Dachau, I worked
different jobs.

3404
02:16:19,520 --> 02:16:20,520
What did you do?

3405
02:16:20,520 --> 02:16:23,500
I worked a little bit farther
from Dachau in Muehldorf.

3406
02:16:23,500 --> 02:16:24,000
Muehldorf?

3407
02:16:24,000 --> 02:16:25,660
So you were outside the camp?

3408
02:16:25,660 --> 02:16:27,290
Muehldorf, not too far away.

3409
02:16:27,290 --> 02:16:28,130
Muehldorf?

3410
02:16:28,130 --> 02:16:28,770
Right.

3411
02:16:28,770 --> 02:16:32,030
But we used to go to Dachau
to sleep and everything.

3412
02:16:32,030 --> 02:16:36,860
And we had sometime
like bunkers.

3413
02:16:36,860 --> 02:16:40,408
We lived in the down,

you know what I mean.

3414
02:16:40,408 --> 02:16:41,950
Oh, you lived in
bunkers underground?

3415
02:16:41,950 --> 02:16:43,274
In bunkers like this, too.

3416
02:16:43,274 --> 02:16:45,139
Uh-huh.

3417
02:16:45,139 --> 02:16:48,770
And the bunkers were within
Dachau, within the camp?

3418
02:16:48,770 --> 02:16:51,379
Around Dachau.

3419
02:16:51,379 --> 02:16:52,760
Not in the camp itself?

3420
02:16:52,760 --> 02:16:54,405
No, no, because in
Dachau, the camps,

3421
02:16:54,405 --> 02:16:57,184
we had big buildings
and everything,

3422
02:16:57,184 --> 02:16:58,059
you know what I mean.

3423
02:16:58,059 --> 02:16:59,059
Yeah.

3424
02:16:59,059 --> 02:17:02,120
So in Muehldorf, what
were you doing there?

3425
02:17:02,120 --> 02:17:05,510
Same thing, on the railroads,
and sometimes working

3426

02:17:05,510 --> 02:17:06,440
in the streets--

3427
02:17:06,440 --> 02:17:08,650
Mm-hmm.

3428
02:17:08,650 --> 02:17:09,760
--this kind of work.

3429
02:17:09,760 --> 02:17:10,590
OK.

3430
02:17:10,590 --> 02:17:13,559
No proficient, no
special or something.

3431
02:17:13,559 --> 02:17:16,549
Did you have a different
kind of uniform on?

3432
02:17:16,549 --> 02:17:18,410
Same thing, stripes.

3433
02:17:18,410 --> 02:17:19,790
OK.

3434
02:17:19,790 --> 02:17:22,330
Stripes and the same
clothes that you

3435
02:17:22,330 --> 02:17:23,330
had gotten in Auschwitz?

3436
02:17:23,330 --> 02:17:23,920
Some of them.

3437
02:17:23,920 --> 02:17:25,503
And if not, they
give you another one,

3438
02:17:25,503 --> 02:17:26,424
you know what I mean.

3439
02:17:26,424 --> 02:17:29,180

OK.

3440

02:17:29,180 --> 02:17:31,309
Still the wooden shoes?

3441

02:17:31,309 --> 02:17:33,139
Still the wooden shoes, right.

3442

02:17:33,139 --> 02:17:36,540
Well, they wooden shoes was not
bad, especially in wintertime.

3443

02:17:36,540 --> 02:17:37,496
Mm-hmm.

3444

02:17:37,496 --> 02:17:39,469
OK.

3445

02:17:39,469 --> 02:17:42,680
You get used to
walking in them, huh?

3446

02:17:42,680 --> 02:17:45,690
You get used to everything.

3447

02:17:45,690 --> 02:17:49,549
Same like Russian, was cutting
from their people pieces

3448

02:17:49,549 --> 02:17:51,370
to cook, to eat.

3449

02:17:51,370 --> 02:17:55,570
But I never thought in my
life something like this,

3450

02:17:55,570 --> 02:17:59,930
and I saw it myself,
he was cutting.

3451

02:17:59,930 --> 02:18:01,770
Did you ever have
something like that?

3452

02:18:01,770 --> 02:18:02,270
Pardon me?

3453
02:18:02,270 --> 02:18:04,459
Did you ever do
anything like that?

3454
02:18:04,459 --> 02:18:05,010
No.

3455
02:18:05,010 --> 02:18:05,510
No.

3456
02:18:05,510 --> 02:18:08,299
This was something think--

3457
02:18:08,299 --> 02:18:11,900
of course, this is unbelievable.

3458
02:18:11,900 --> 02:18:13,760
I don't think they
even wrote too much

3459
02:18:13,760 --> 02:18:14,930
in the papers like this.

3460
02:18:14,930 --> 02:18:15,559
Yeah.

3461
02:18:15,559 --> 02:18:16,700
But this was.

3462
02:18:16,700 --> 02:18:19,580
But only the Russian did it.

3463
02:18:19,580 --> 02:18:21,440
I see.

3464
02:18:21,440 --> 02:18:25,549
In Auschwitz, going
back to Auschwitz,

3465
02:18:25,549 --> 02:18:27,230
in the time that

you were there--

3466

02:18:27,230 --> 02:18:29,480
because you were there a
couple of years, weren't you?

3467

02:18:29,480 --> 02:18:30,799
Right, all together.

3468

02:18:30,799 --> 02:18:34,610
All together a couple of years.

3469

02:18:34,610 --> 02:18:38,090
That work that you did
at the crematorium,

3470

02:18:38,090 --> 02:18:42,394
did that happen until the
time you left off and on?

3471

02:18:42,394 --> 02:18:44,170
Off and on, right.

3472

02:18:44,170 --> 02:18:45,020
OK.

3473

02:18:45,020 --> 02:18:47,690
So it wasn't one time at the
beginning and never again?

3474

02:18:47,690 --> 02:18:50,240
No, no, no.

3475

02:18:50,240 --> 02:18:53,120
Well, sometime how you used
to work over there, people

3476

02:18:53,120 --> 02:18:56,190
who used to work over there, the
next day, they want by himself.

3477

02:18:56,190 --> 02:18:57,750
They throw him, too.

3478

02:18:57,750 --> 02:19:01,059
They don't want them to
know too much, in case.

3479
02:19:01,059 --> 02:19:03,040
Yeah.

3480
02:19:03,040 --> 02:19:04,270
Yeah.

3481
02:19:04,270 --> 02:19:05,780
There was that danger.

3482
02:19:05,780 --> 02:19:06,280
Yes.

3483
02:19:06,280 --> 02:19:11,910

3484
02:19:11,910 --> 02:19:16,680
By the time you're in Dachau,
and it's winter, and it's cold,

3485
02:19:16,680 --> 02:19:19,709
and it's a little bit
different, you're in Muehldorf,

3486
02:19:19,709 --> 02:19:23,070
and so, are people getting
the sense of-- in the prison,

3487
02:19:23,070 --> 02:19:25,320
in the camp, are they
getting the sense

3488
02:19:25,320 --> 02:19:27,180
that the end of the war is near?

3489
02:19:27,180 --> 02:19:27,959
No.

3490
02:19:27,959 --> 02:19:31,469
The only thing happened,
when we saw it,

3491

02:19:31,469 --> 02:19:37,500

the soldiers tried to
run away a little bit.

3492

02:19:37,500 --> 02:19:40,540

So we started to run away, too.

3493

02:19:40,540 --> 02:19:42,990

But this was three
days too early.

3494

02:19:42,990 --> 02:19:44,250

So they had to catch us.

3495

02:19:44,250 --> 02:19:48,510

We had to get back to the
camp for three more days.

3496

02:19:48,510 --> 02:19:50,910

So this is in April,
close to liberation.

3497

02:19:50,910 --> 02:19:52,770

Right, right.

3498

02:19:52,770 --> 02:19:55,590

So German soldiers
are running away--

3499

02:19:55,590 --> 02:19:57,370

Because-- right.

3500

02:19:57,370 --> 02:19:59,610

So we'd run away, too,
you know what I mean.

3501

02:19:59,610 --> 02:20:04,650

But we had to go back
because they caught us back.

3502

02:20:04,650 --> 02:20:07,380

And some of them
there was a fight.

3503

02:20:07,380 --> 02:20:10,050
They was afraid,
so they went back.

3504
02:20:10,050 --> 02:20:11,560
Like me, I had to go--

3505
02:20:11,560 --> 02:20:13,980
I went back by myself
because I was by myself,

3506
02:20:13,980 --> 02:20:15,030
you know what I mean.

3507
02:20:15,030 --> 02:20:17,250
I didn't know what to do.

3508
02:20:17,250 --> 02:20:19,080
OK.

3509
02:20:19,080 --> 02:20:20,610
Were you afraid
that you might be

3510
02:20:20,610 --> 02:20:22,610
hung just like the people
in Auschwitz had been?

3511
02:20:22,610 --> 02:20:24,450
Well, I thought maybe--

3512
02:20:24,450 --> 02:20:26,640
we thought already
different things.

3513
02:20:26,640 --> 02:20:27,960
Maybe I could be free.

3514
02:20:27,960 --> 02:20:28,830
I wanted to be free.

3515
02:20:28,830 --> 02:20:30,872
I don't want to get killed,
you know what I mean.

3516
02:20:30,872 --> 02:20:32,370
Right.

3517
02:20:32,370 --> 02:20:35,910
So later on, three days
later, American soldiers

3518
02:20:35,910 --> 02:20:37,530
took over and everything.

3519
02:20:37,530 --> 02:20:39,720
And you were in the camp
itself when they came?

3520
02:20:39,720 --> 02:20:43,710
This was out of the
camp on the trains

3521
02:20:43,710 --> 02:20:46,692
going up and down, up and
down, you know what I mean.

3522
02:20:46,692 --> 02:20:47,400
Explain to me it.

3523
02:20:47,400 --> 02:20:52,020
--because not too far away was
like Garmisch-Partenkirchen,

3524
02:20:52,020 --> 02:20:53,447
the skiing and everything.

3525
02:20:53,447 --> 02:20:54,780
That's right, the Garmisch area.

3526
02:20:54,780 --> 02:20:55,770
Yes.

3527
02:20:55,770 --> 02:20:58,718
So you were outside the
camp when you saw Americans

3528
02:20:58,718 --> 02:20:59,510
for the first time?

3529
02:20:59,510 --> 02:21:01,140
Right, right.

3530
02:21:01,140 --> 02:21:04,020
Matter of fact, they
were the first ones

3531
02:21:04,020 --> 02:21:06,750
we saw coming into
the little town.

3532
02:21:06,750 --> 02:21:08,380
So they wasn't the--

3533
02:21:08,380 --> 02:21:09,670
they had the Jeeps open.

3534
02:21:09,670 --> 02:21:10,170
Yeah.

3535
02:21:10,170 --> 02:21:12,360
And they had the cans
stored up, everything.

3536
02:21:12,360 --> 02:21:13,480
We didn't ask no question.

3537
02:21:13,480 --> 02:21:14,820
We were just running over there.

3538
02:21:14,820 --> 02:21:17,370
We took it out, and we
took it and everything.

3539
02:21:17,370 --> 02:21:20,370
So they stopped the whole
thing, and they come over

3540
02:21:20,370 --> 02:21:26,280
with guns and everything, and
they took everything away.

3541
02:21:26,280 --> 02:21:29,100

So everybody started to
cuss in her language,

3542
02:21:29,100 --> 02:21:34,510
Yiddish, and German, and
Italian, French, everything.

3543
02:21:34,510 --> 02:21:38,616
So finally was over
there one Jewish captain.

3544
02:21:38,616 --> 02:21:44,250
And he heard Jewish, Hebrew
talking, a little bit.

3545
02:21:44,250 --> 02:21:46,770
So I still got the Chai.

3546
02:21:46,770 --> 02:21:48,780
I wear it, even.

3547
02:21:48,780 --> 02:21:51,000
So he asked me--

3548
02:21:51,000 --> 02:21:52,920
he took it out, and
he say, you Jewish?

3549
02:21:52,920 --> 02:21:53,910
Yes.

3550
02:21:53,910 --> 02:21:54,690
So he read it.

3551
02:21:54,690 --> 02:21:56,190
I told him, it's a Chai.

3552
02:21:56,190 --> 02:21:57,010
What's a Chai?

3553
02:21:57,010 --> 02:22:00,190
A Chai, this mean like--

3554
02:22:00,190 --> 02:22:01,090

let me show you.

3555

02:22:01,090 --> 02:22:14,012

3556

02:22:14,012 --> 02:22:16,000

You know you're going
to ask him about that?

3557

02:22:16,000 --> 02:22:16,994

OK, hold on.

3558

02:22:16,994 --> 02:22:25,980

3559

02:22:25,980 --> 02:22:27,950

It's like a Jesus,
something like this.

3560

02:22:27,950 --> 02:22:32,810

But if we can, we
can cut for a second.

3561

02:22:32,810 --> 02:22:34,327

I see-- well, on
the book you can--

3562

02:22:34,327 --> 02:22:34,910

--[INAUDIBLE].

3563

02:22:34,910 --> 02:22:35,860

Leave it out for right now.

3564

02:22:35,860 --> 02:22:37,370

We're going to have
to put it on record.

3565

02:22:37,370 --> 02:22:37,880

Yeah.

3566

02:22:37,880 --> 02:22:38,770

We're going to-- all right.

3567

02:22:38,770 --> 02:22:38,940

Sorry.

3568

02:22:38,940 --> 02:22:40,070

I'm glad we got to that.

3569

02:22:40,070 --> 02:22:40,827

OK.

3570

02:22:40,827 --> 02:22:41,410

We're rolling?

3571

02:22:41,410 --> 02:22:42,770

Yes, we are.

3572

02:22:42,770 --> 02:22:43,790

OK.

3573

02:22:43,790 --> 02:22:47,000

So let's talk
about this incident

3574

02:22:47,000 --> 02:22:50,240

again because I didn't
fully understand it.

3575

02:22:50,240 --> 02:22:52,100

I'll repeat what I
think I understood,

3576

02:22:52,100 --> 02:22:55,430

and you tell me if I'm right.

3577

02:22:55,430 --> 02:22:58,080

You are all former
prisoners-- you're prisoners.

3578

02:22:58,080 --> 02:22:58,580

Right.

3579

02:22:58,580 --> 02:23:00,980

And the first Americans
that you see--

3580

02:23:00,980 --> 02:23:01,520

Right.

3581

02:23:01,520 --> 02:23:07,010
--are riding on a Jeep through
town, through the small town

3582

02:23:07,010 --> 02:23:08,540
you're in.

3583

02:23:08,540 --> 02:23:12,080
And that's close to the camp
of Dachau but not in it.

3584

02:23:12,080 --> 02:23:13,070
No, right, right.

3585

02:23:13,070 --> 02:23:13,890
It's not in it.

3586

02:23:13,890 --> 02:23:14,660
Right.

3587

02:23:14,660 --> 02:23:17,630
And you see because
they have open trucks--

3588

02:23:17,630 --> 02:23:20,990
Because the Jeeps-- It
was summer or April.

3589

02:23:20,990 --> 02:23:22,020
Yeah, it's April.

3590

02:23:22,020 --> 02:23:24,110
And we saw the cans.

3591

02:23:24,110 --> 02:23:25,250
You saw cans of food?

3592

02:23:25,250 --> 02:23:26,110
Food and everything.

3593

02:23:26,110 --> 02:23:28,010
So we didn't ask no questions.

3594
02:23:28,010 --> 02:23:30,800
We just went there, and
grabbed it, and everything.

3595
02:23:30,800 --> 02:23:32,450
OK.

3596
02:23:32,450 --> 02:23:35,455
So they stopped the whole thing.

3597
02:23:35,455 --> 02:23:36,330
The soldiers stopped?

3598
02:23:36,330 --> 02:23:40,760
Stopped and they had over
there a general and everything.

3599
02:23:40,760 --> 02:23:43,670
And he come over to
our group, soldiers,

3600
02:23:43,670 --> 02:23:46,520
and they took
everything away from us

3601
02:23:46,520 --> 02:23:48,250
because they didn't
know who we are.

3602
02:23:48,250 --> 02:23:49,760
Right.

3603
02:23:49,760 --> 02:23:52,070
So finally, the captain,
the Jewish captain,

3604
02:23:52,070 --> 02:23:54,590
explained it to the
general and everything.

3605
02:23:54,590 --> 02:23:57,240
So they brought
everything back and more.

3606
02:23:57,240 --> 02:23:57,740
OK.

3607
02:23:57,740 --> 02:24:01,400
So before we get there,
this Jewish captain

3608
02:24:01,400 --> 02:24:03,240
hears you cursing in Yiddish?

3609
02:24:03,240 --> 02:24:04,610
Right.

3610
02:24:04,610 --> 02:24:07,365
Because everybody cursed
in different languages

3611
02:24:07,365 --> 02:24:08,490
because they took it away--

3612
02:24:08,490 --> 02:24:08,760
Yeah.

3613
02:24:08,760 --> 02:24:09,718
--you know what I mean.

3614
02:24:09,718 --> 02:24:11,030
What did he do?

3615
02:24:11,030 --> 02:24:13,700
After he heard you cursing,
but before he spoke to you,

3616
02:24:13,700 --> 02:24:14,690
what did he do?

3617
02:24:14,690 --> 02:24:15,720
He didn't say nothing.

3618
02:24:15,720 --> 02:24:16,880
He just went.

3619
02:24:16,880 --> 02:24:20,840

He came back and he
say, you are Jewish?

3620
02:24:20,840 --> 02:24:22,202
I say, yeah.

3621
02:24:22,202 --> 02:24:25,430
And so he took this
out, and I say, read it.

3622
02:24:25,430 --> 02:24:27,470
I say it's a Chai.

3623
02:24:27,470 --> 02:24:30,650
So he say, I am
coming from Austria.

3624
02:24:30,650 --> 02:24:33,830
I never saw no Jews or nobody.

3625
02:24:33,830 --> 02:24:37,070
You guys are the
first ones that I see.

3626
02:24:37,070 --> 02:24:40,080
And he went back to the
general and he talked to them

3627
02:24:40,080 --> 02:24:40,940
and told him.

3628
02:24:40,940 --> 02:24:42,270
So the general come over.

3629
02:24:42,270 --> 02:24:44,353
And with the soldiers,
they brought all this stuff

3630
02:24:44,353 --> 02:24:48,500
back and more to eat,
you know what I mean.

3631
02:24:48,500 --> 02:24:50,210
And did people start eating?

3632
02:24:50,210 --> 02:24:51,560
And we start to eating.

3633
02:24:51,560 --> 02:24:56,450
And I found out later
maybe 100,000 of our people

3634
02:24:56,450 --> 02:25:01,070
died from this food because
we was not used to it.

3635
02:25:01,070 --> 02:25:02,210
Yeah.

3636
02:25:02,210 --> 02:25:05,020
We was getting diarrhea
from the front and back.

3637
02:25:05,020 --> 02:25:05,930
Yeah.

3638
02:25:05,930 --> 02:25:09,950
All night we was vomiting
and doing something else--

3639
02:25:09,950 --> 02:25:11,480
Yeah.

3640
02:25:11,480 --> 02:25:15,500
--because we got-- over
there, it was curfew time.

3641
02:25:15,500 --> 02:25:17,750
So we went to a
farmer, and he give us

3642
02:25:17,750 --> 02:25:21,086
the farm upstairs on the
attic, you know what I mean.

3643
02:25:21,086 --> 02:25:25,130
With the Chai, the
straw was over there.

3644

02:25:25,130 --> 02:25:30,050
So in other words, at that
moment when the Jeeps come in,

3645
02:25:30,050 --> 02:25:32,200
you realize that you're free--

3646
02:25:32,200 --> 02:25:32,700
Right.

3647
02:25:32,700 --> 02:25:35,810
--because the Germans
are no longer in control?

3648
02:25:35,810 --> 02:25:36,680
Right.

3649
02:25:36,680 --> 02:25:37,580
OK.

3650
02:25:37,580 --> 02:25:41,150
And so the first thing is
is that you find this--

3651
02:25:41,150 --> 02:25:44,900
that you have this
contact with this soldier.

3652
02:25:44,900 --> 02:25:49,130
And what you're showing
me now, is that your

3653
02:25:49,130 --> 02:25:50,975
own Chai, or is that from him?

3654
02:25:50,975 --> 02:25:53,360
From him, this is from him.

3655
02:25:53,360 --> 02:25:54,590
This is from him.

3656
02:25:54,590 --> 02:25:55,490
This is from him?

3657

02:25:55,490 --> 02:25:56,030
Right.

3658
02:25:56,030 --> 02:25:56,780
So what did he do?

3659
02:25:56,780 --> 02:25:57,800
He took it off his neck?

3660
02:25:57,800 --> 02:26:00,290
From his neck and give it to me.

3661
02:26:00,290 --> 02:26:02,360
Do you ever-- oh my goodness!

3662
02:26:02,360 --> 02:26:04,670
And you've carried it
around all this time?

3663
02:26:04,670 --> 02:26:08,360
Since 1945.

3664
02:26:08,360 --> 02:26:11,750
So you've worn in around your
own neck for over 70 years?

3665
02:26:11,750 --> 02:26:13,760
Right.

3666
02:26:13,760 --> 02:26:15,590
Wow.

3667
02:26:15,590 --> 02:26:18,140
Did you ever learn his name?

3668
02:26:18,140 --> 02:26:21,770
Well, I tell you one thing,
I didn't think about it.

3669
02:26:21,770 --> 02:26:23,870
Later on, I worked
for the soldiers

3670
02:26:23,870 --> 02:26:26,810

after a few months liberation.

3671

02:26:26,810 --> 02:26:28,640
I used to work for the soldiers.

3672

02:26:28,640 --> 02:26:33,190
I used to go around and give the
food, breakfast, lunch, water,

3673

02:26:33,190 --> 02:26:35,470
extra water, water.

3674

02:26:35,470 --> 02:26:37,310
So I got some pictures
with their soldiers

3675

02:26:37,310 --> 02:26:39,350
when they took it,
you know what I mean.

3676

02:26:39,350 --> 02:26:42,740
And they told me the name, but
I didn't took that full name.

3677

02:26:42,740 --> 02:26:44,550
I didn't take--
they told me they

3678

02:26:44,550 --> 02:26:48,260
are from Indiana or something.

3679

02:26:48,260 --> 02:26:48,830
OK.

3680

02:26:48,830 --> 02:26:49,790
I didn't have no brain.

3681

02:26:49,790 --> 02:26:51,450
I didn't think about it.

3682

02:26:51,450 --> 02:26:51,950
OK.

3683

02:26:51,950 --> 02:26:55,290

So at one point, you knew, but
it didn't register with you.

3684
02:26:55,290 --> 02:26:55,842
No, no.

3685
02:26:55,842 --> 02:26:56,800
I didn't stay with you.

3686
02:26:56,800 --> 02:26:57,890
No, it didn't register.

3687
02:26:57,890 --> 02:26:58,670
But the Chai did?

3688
02:26:58,670 --> 02:26:59,170
Right.

3689
02:26:59,170 --> 02:26:59,990
The Chai did.

3690
02:26:59,990 --> 02:27:00,680
Right.

3691
02:27:00,680 --> 02:27:03,050
And for those of us
who aren't Jewish,

3692
02:27:03,050 --> 02:27:05,260
explain to me what is a Chai.

3693
02:27:05,260 --> 02:27:08,817
A "Chai" means 18 to life.

3694
02:27:08,817 --> 02:27:11,300
Ah, OK.

3695
02:27:11,300 --> 02:27:15,020
And is it a symbol
that men often wear?

3696
02:27:15,020 --> 02:27:16,130
Right.

3697
02:27:16,130 --> 02:27:17,420
And the ladies, too.

3698
02:27:17,420 --> 02:27:18,450
And ladies, too.

3699
02:27:18,450 --> 02:27:19,190
To life.

3700
02:27:19,190 --> 02:27:19,940
To life.

3701
02:27:19,940 --> 02:27:20,520
Yes.

3702
02:27:20,520 --> 02:27:21,890
OK.

3703
02:27:21,890 --> 02:27:25,080
In the book where they
wrote it, it's the page,

3704
02:27:25,080 --> 02:27:27,060
the first page is
this, everything.

3705
02:27:27,060 --> 02:27:27,625
Yeah.

3706
02:27:27,625 --> 02:27:30,650
The number and telling
everything what it is.

3707
02:27:30,650 --> 02:27:35,370
The Chai is-- liberation,
the whole explanation,

3708
02:27:35,370 --> 02:27:36,870
you got in the book.

3709
02:27:36,870 --> 02:27:38,190
Thank you for showing me.

3710

02:27:38,190 --> 02:27:39,330
Thank you for sharing that.

3711
02:27:39,330 --> 02:27:40,950
You still need that?

3712
02:27:40,950 --> 02:27:41,730
Pardon?

3713
02:27:41,730 --> 02:27:44,070
No, no.

3714
02:27:44,070 --> 02:27:45,270
We can put it away.

3715
02:27:45,270 --> 02:27:48,440
But thank you so much.

3716
02:27:48,440 --> 02:27:50,730
I tell you one thing,
I'll be honest with you,

3717
02:27:50,730 --> 02:27:53,430
I don't show this
not too many people

3718
02:27:53,430 --> 02:27:57,720
because, well, it's too much.

3719
02:27:57,720 --> 02:27:58,530
Of course.

3720
02:27:58,530 --> 02:27:59,610
Of course.

3721
02:27:59,610 --> 02:28:01,027
I believe in one thing now.

3722
02:28:01,027 --> 02:28:01,527
Mm-hmm.

3723
02:28:01,527 --> 02:28:09,330

3724

02:28:09,330 --> 02:28:12,200

Believe, but don't forget.

3725

02:28:12,200 --> 02:28:15,190

Forgive, but don't forget.

3726

02:28:15,190 --> 02:28:20,450

Because the SS who was,
they are not alive anymore.

3727

02:28:20,450 --> 02:28:24,100

They had to be older than me,
at least a year or two older,

3728

02:28:24,100 --> 02:28:25,630

you know what I mean.

3729

02:28:25,630 --> 02:28:28,330

So, not too many live
longer than that,

3730

02:28:28,330 --> 02:28:30,640

you know what I mean.

3731

02:28:30,640 --> 02:28:35,140

So my philosophy is
forgive, but don't forget.

3732

02:28:35,140 --> 02:28:38,680

Lots of them from my
people would hate me

3733

02:28:38,680 --> 02:28:42,940

for this saying because, how can
you forget something like this?

3734

02:28:42,940 --> 02:28:45,700

How can you forgive
something like this?

3735

02:28:45,700 --> 02:28:48,970

But I am different.

3736

02:28:48,970 --> 02:28:51,270

Were you able to forgive?

3737

02:28:51,270 --> 02:28:51,910
Pardon me?

3738

02:28:51,910 --> 02:28:53,065
Were you able to forgive?

3739

02:28:53,065 --> 02:28:55,750

3740

02:28:55,750 --> 02:29:00,510
I am thinking, because
the people who was,

3741

02:29:00,510 --> 02:29:02,340
they are not alive anymore.

3742

02:29:02,340 --> 02:29:04,570
And the younger ones--

3743

02:29:04,570 --> 02:29:07,510
you could see today, I bet
you had lots of Germans

3744

02:29:07,510 --> 02:29:10,810
over there so they're
visiting and everything.

3745

02:29:10,810 --> 02:29:13,600
And the Germans now,
everything, Germany

3746

02:29:13,600 --> 02:29:16,355
is very close friends
with Israel, very close.

3747

02:29:16,355 --> 02:29:20,790

3748

02:29:20,790 --> 02:29:25,350
So some I don't blame them
if you don't believe it.

3749

02:29:25,350 --> 02:29:28,260

I don't blame them
if they believe it.

3750

02:29:28,260 --> 02:29:33,090

You mean about what happened,
or if they believe in what?

3751

02:29:33,090 --> 02:29:34,750

I mean if they're forgiven.

3752

02:29:34,750 --> 02:29:35,460

I see.

3753

02:29:35,460 --> 02:29:37,166

I see.

3754

02:29:37,166 --> 02:29:40,508

I say forgive, but don't forget.

3755

02:29:40,508 --> 02:29:41,780

OK.

3756

02:29:41,780 --> 02:29:43,170

It's a huge thing.

3757

02:29:43,170 --> 02:29:50,220

Once a person has been
injured to such a degree,

3758

02:29:50,220 --> 02:29:55,380

once a people has been
wiped out to such a degree,

3759

02:29:55,380 --> 02:29:58,360

it's a huge challenge
to be able to do this.

3760

02:29:58,360 --> 02:29:59,880

Right, right.

3761

02:29:59,880 --> 02:30:02,980

Like I told you, I bet you
lots of from our people

3762
02:30:02,980 --> 02:30:05,570
who may be alive now,
they would hate me

3763
02:30:05,570 --> 02:30:08,760
for saying this
because I told you,

3764
02:30:08,760 --> 02:30:12,060
with a religious,
my brother's friend,

3765
02:30:12,060 --> 02:30:15,870
he was one of the top
believing in everything.

3766
02:30:15,870 --> 02:30:17,610
Tell me about this
incident again

3767
02:30:17,610 --> 02:30:20,550
because when we spoke about
it, it was off camera.

3768
02:30:20,550 --> 02:30:22,830
So tell me, this
was after the war?

3769
02:30:22,830 --> 02:30:24,940
This was after
the war in Munich.

3770
02:30:24,940 --> 02:30:25,740
OK, what happened?

3771
02:30:25,740 --> 02:30:28,830
Happened to be I was in
Munich, and he was walking,

3772
02:30:28,830 --> 02:30:30,630
and he lived in
Munich or something.

3773
02:30:30,630 --> 02:30:32,790
I didn't know about him at all.

3774
02:30:32,790 --> 02:30:34,280
I just met him now.

3775
02:30:34,280 --> 02:30:36,240
I knew him before
the war that he

3776
02:30:36,240 --> 02:30:38,055
was my older brother's friend.

3777
02:30:38,055 --> 02:30:38,710
OK.

3778
02:30:38,710 --> 02:30:42,720
So I was at that time
10, 12 years old.

3779
02:30:42,720 --> 02:30:44,580
OK.

3780
02:30:44,580 --> 02:30:45,120
I saw him.

3781
02:30:45,120 --> 02:30:47,670
He recognized me, I
recognized him a little bit.

3782
02:30:47,670 --> 02:30:48,670
On the street?

3783
02:30:48,670 --> 02:30:49,790
On the street.

3784
02:30:49,790 --> 02:30:51,960
And he was dressed
up with a nice suit,

3785
02:30:51,960 --> 02:30:53,790
with a tie and everything.

3786
02:30:53,790 --> 02:30:57,510
And at home, he was dressed
up with the black thing,

3787

02:30:57,510 --> 02:31:01,440

like the real Jewish
rabbi or something.

3788

02:31:01,440 --> 02:31:02,940

Like somebody who was Hasidic?

3789

02:31:02,940 --> 02:31:04,060

Right.

3790

02:31:04,060 --> 02:31:06,720

he was like a
rabbi or something.

3791

02:31:06,720 --> 02:31:10,560

And so I say to him,
what's happened?

3792

02:31:10,560 --> 02:31:11,970

He said, I don't believe in God.

3793

02:31:11,970 --> 02:31:13,040

You don't believe in God?

3794

02:31:13,040 --> 02:31:14,790

He was such a believer.

3795

02:31:14,790 --> 02:31:18,120

He was like God to
us and everything.

3796

02:31:18,120 --> 02:31:22,440

He say, where was God when
they throw in the kids?

3797

02:31:22,440 --> 02:31:26,430

They throw my parents in, your
parents in, maybe they can say,

3798

02:31:26,430 --> 02:31:28,980

we was against Hitler,
maybe it was a communist,

3799

02:31:28,980 --> 02:31:30,630
maybe it was that,
maybe it was that.

3800
02:31:30,630 --> 02:31:32,160
How about the young kids?

3801
02:31:32,160 --> 02:31:35,100
How about the two months, three
months, one year, two years?

3802
02:31:35,100 --> 02:31:36,480
What did they do wrong?

3803
02:31:36,480 --> 02:31:37,740
Yeah.

3804
02:31:37,740 --> 02:31:40,110
So he asked me, how about you?

3805
02:31:40,110 --> 02:31:42,915
I said, I believe God
more than I ever did.

3806
02:31:42,915 --> 02:31:44,655
And did you tell him why?

3807
02:31:44,655 --> 02:31:50,460
Because I had typhus with no
medication, with no nothing,

3808
02:31:50,460 --> 02:31:53,610
no medication, no food,
no water, high fever,

3809
02:31:53,610 --> 02:31:57,330
no water at all, and I am alive.

3810
02:31:57,330 --> 02:31:58,732
So, who was it?

3811
02:31:58,732 --> 02:31:59,232
Yeah.

3812

02:31:59,232 --> 02:32:03,500

3813

02:32:03,500 --> 02:32:10,370
So your answer to him was, you
believed in God because you

3814

02:32:10,370 --> 02:32:11,810
got better from this typhus.

3815

02:32:11,810 --> 02:32:13,100
Because this was a miracle.

3816

02:32:13,100 --> 02:32:15,875
Yes, mm-hmm.

3817

02:32:15,875 --> 02:32:18,800
And did you ever meet him again?

3818

02:32:18,800 --> 02:32:19,920
No.

3819

02:32:19,920 --> 02:32:21,290
So this was just on the street?

3820

02:32:21,290 --> 02:32:21,790
Yeah.

3821

02:32:21,790 --> 02:32:22,290
OK.

3822

02:32:22,290 --> 02:32:24,850

3823

02:32:24,850 --> 02:32:25,350
All right.

3824

02:32:25,350 --> 02:32:29,580
So I'm going to go back now
a little bit chronologically.

3825

02:32:29,580 --> 02:32:33,960
That first time that you
see these American soldiers,

3826
02:32:33,960 --> 02:32:37,530
when you get the food--
you get some food,

3827
02:32:37,530 --> 02:32:40,890
but you didn't get
sick from it, did you,

3828
02:32:40,890 --> 02:32:44,280
from the food that
they gave you?

3829
02:32:44,280 --> 02:32:48,670
Well, we eat maybe
too much and too fast.

3830
02:32:48,670 --> 02:32:49,950
It's not normal.

3831
02:32:49,950 --> 02:32:51,040
Of course not.

3832
02:32:51,040 --> 02:32:53,340
But what happened to
you when you ate it?

3833
02:32:53,340 --> 02:32:54,570
I was sick like a dog.

3834
02:32:54,570 --> 02:32:57,105
Ah.

3835
02:32:57,105 --> 02:33:01,500
I didn't think we
ever going to make it.

3836
02:33:01,500 --> 02:33:05,040
And that evening, did you go
back and sleep in the camp?

3837
02:33:05,040 --> 02:33:05,652
No.

3838

02:33:05,652 --> 02:33:06,360
Where did you go?

3839
02:33:06,360 --> 02:33:07,500
I was free.

3840
02:33:07,500 --> 02:33:09,990
I was over there by the nuns.

3841
02:33:09,990 --> 02:33:13,830
I stayed over there a week in
like a hospital or something

3842
02:33:13,830 --> 02:33:18,150
until finally they let me
go, and IO lived private.

3843
02:33:18,150 --> 02:33:21,030
But I used to go everyday
to them over there.

3844
02:33:21,030 --> 02:33:23,310
You had mentioned when
the Jeep was still there

3845
02:33:23,310 --> 02:33:26,100
that there was some
farmers that you went to,

3846
02:33:26,100 --> 02:33:29,670
or did I misunderstand that,
that the first night you spent

3847
02:33:29,670 --> 02:33:31,230
with a farmer up in the attic?

3848
02:33:31,230 --> 02:33:33,884
Because it was curfew time.

3849
02:33:33,884 --> 02:33:34,830
Ah, OK.

3850
02:33:34,830 --> 02:33:36,750
So we had to have something.

3851
02:33:36,750 --> 02:33:38,520
And the farmers let you in?

3852
02:33:38,520 --> 02:33:41,035
The farmers had to let you
in because the soldiers--

3853
02:33:41,035 --> 02:33:41,660
Forced them to?

3854
02:33:41,660 --> 02:33:44,035
--told us, you cannot stay in
the street because you have

3855
02:33:44,035 --> 02:33:45,435
to go, you know.

3856
02:33:45,435 --> 02:33:49,290
So they put us on the
attic, you know what I mean.

3857
02:33:49,290 --> 02:33:51,270
OK.

3858
02:33:51,270 --> 02:33:54,330
And they knew who you
were, these German farmers.

3859
02:33:54,330 --> 02:33:55,680
Of course.

3860
02:33:55,680 --> 02:33:59,850
And what was their
manner like to you?

3861
02:33:59,850 --> 02:34:01,990
No, they didn't say nothing.

3862
02:34:01,990 --> 02:34:04,440
They were nice.

3863
02:34:04,440 --> 02:34:05,940
They did it because
they were afraid

3864
02:34:05,940 --> 02:34:08,190
or something from the soldiers,
and they had to do it.

3865
02:34:08,190 --> 02:34:09,380
OK.

3866
02:34:09,380 --> 02:34:11,060
And the second day
is when you end up

3867
02:34:11,060 --> 02:34:12,940
with the nuns in the convent?

3868
02:34:12,940 --> 02:34:15,800
We stayed over there
maybe a week in there--

3869
02:34:15,800 --> 02:34:16,520
With this farmer?

3870
02:34:16,520 --> 02:34:21,550
--till we got a little bit
back to normal a little bit.

3871
02:34:21,550 --> 02:34:22,430
OK.

3872
02:34:22,430 --> 02:34:28,820
And then that's when you went
to where the nuns convent was?

3873
02:34:28,820 --> 02:34:32,810
Yes, I got very close with them.

3874
02:34:32,810 --> 02:34:33,590
OK.

3875
02:34:33,590 --> 02:34:35,880
They got very close with me.

3876
02:34:35,880 --> 02:34:37,380
If I didn't come

one day over there,

3877

02:34:37,380 --> 02:34:38,422
they were looking for me.

3878

02:34:38,422 --> 02:34:41,150

3879

02:34:41,150 --> 02:34:45,350
When you left the convent,
where did you go live?

3880

02:34:45,350 --> 02:34:46,520
When I left the country?

3881

02:34:46,520 --> 02:34:47,420
No, no, no.

3882

02:34:47,420 --> 02:34:49,760
The nuns, when
you left the nuns,

3883

02:34:49,760 --> 02:34:50,960
you said you lived nearby.

3884

02:34:50,960 --> 02:34:53,020
So the government,
the German government,

3885

02:34:53,020 --> 02:34:54,846
give us an apartment.

3886

02:34:54,846 --> 02:34:57,340
Ah, OK.

3887

02:34:57,340 --> 02:35:00,080
So we stayed over
there by ourselves.

3888

02:35:00,080 --> 02:35:01,130
OK.

3889

02:35:01,130 --> 02:35:02,990
And who did you live with?

3890
02:35:02,990 --> 02:35:05,810
With a few boys from
where we got liberated.

3891
02:35:05,810 --> 02:35:06,320
OK.

3892
02:35:06,320 --> 02:35:08,810
Also from Dachau?

3893
02:35:08,810 --> 02:35:11,090
This was from Dachau, yes.

3894
02:35:11,090 --> 02:35:15,730
And the apartment
was in what town?

3895
02:35:15,730 --> 02:35:16,920
In Dissen am Ammersee

3896
02:35:16,920 --> 02:35:20,180
Ah-ha, close to the
convent, Dissen am Ammersee.

3897
02:35:20,180 --> 02:35:21,110
Close to Munich.

3898
02:35:21,110 --> 02:35:21,980
Yeah.

3899
02:35:21,980 --> 02:35:23,725
How long did you stay there?

3900
02:35:23,725 --> 02:35:25,100
I stayed five
years in this town.

3901
02:35:25,100 --> 02:35:26,460
In that same apartment?

3902
02:35:26,460 --> 02:35:29,140
In the same apartment,
maybe four years.

3903
02:35:29,140 --> 02:35:30,080
OK.

3904
02:35:30,080 --> 02:35:35,030
And was the apartment part
of the Feldafing camp?

3905
02:35:35,030 --> 02:35:39,675
Well, they had rooms
where they let us use it,

3906
02:35:39,675 --> 02:35:40,550
you know what I mean.

3907
02:35:40,550 --> 02:35:42,305
Maybe they got paid
from the government,

3908
02:35:42,305 --> 02:35:43,430
from the German government.

3909
02:35:43,430 --> 02:35:44,480
I don't know.

3910
02:35:44,480 --> 02:35:48,530
But my question to you is, did
you ever end up in a DP camp,

3911
02:35:48,530 --> 02:35:50,480
in a displaced persons camp?

3912
02:35:50,480 --> 02:35:52,470
I used to come visit Feldafing.

3913
02:35:52,470 --> 02:35:54,920
Ah, OK.

3914
02:35:54,920 --> 02:35:57,200
But you were never
living in the camp?

3915
02:35:57,200 --> 02:35:58,550
No, I didn't live too much.

3916
02:35:58,550 --> 02:36:00,450
My sister lived over
there for a while,

3917
02:36:00,450 --> 02:36:04,170
before I met because
I didn't know her.

3918
02:36:04,170 --> 02:36:04,670
OK.

3919
02:36:04,670 --> 02:36:08,990
So tell me when is the first
time you met your sister?

3920
02:36:08,990 --> 02:36:13,730
I met my sister maybe after--

3921
02:36:13,730 --> 02:36:16,580
maybe a year after liberation.

3922
02:36:16,580 --> 02:36:18,350
And how did you get to know--

3923
02:36:18,350 --> 02:36:19,520
how did you find each other?

3924
02:36:19,520 --> 02:36:22,850
Because everybody's--
we either saw somebody.

3925
02:36:22,850 --> 02:36:23,870
Did you see my sister?

3926
02:36:23,870 --> 02:36:24,830
Did you this?

3927
02:36:24,830 --> 02:36:30,010
Somebody saw her, and talked
to her, and they told me.

3928
02:36:30,010 --> 02:36:33,380
And I got a hold of her,

and this how I know it.

3929

02:36:33,380 --> 02:36:36,870

And where was she living
when you found out about her?

3930

02:36:36,870 --> 02:36:38,390

She was living in Feldafing.

3931

02:36:38,390 --> 02:36:40,910

Oh, so, she wasn't
that far away?

3932

02:36:40,910 --> 02:36:42,140

But we did know it.

3933

02:36:42,140 --> 02:36:43,140

Yeah, OK.

3934

02:36:43,140 --> 02:36:47,720

It was a couple
thousand people or more.

3935

02:36:47,720 --> 02:36:51,170

And what camps had
she gone through?

3936

02:36:51,170 --> 02:36:53,600

She was in different
from my camp.

3937

02:36:53,600 --> 02:36:55,410

OK.

3938

02:36:55,410 --> 02:36:58,700

Did she tell you much of
what she had gone through?

3939

02:36:58,700 --> 02:37:02,150

She had not too bad.

3940

02:37:02,150 --> 02:37:04,155

Some of them, not too bad.

3941

02:37:04,155 --> 02:37:05,780

Well, what does that mean, not too bad?

3942

02:37:05,780 --> 02:37:07,080

She worked over there.

3943

02:37:07,080 --> 02:37:10,004

They were treated a little bit nicer.

3944

02:37:10,004 --> 02:37:14,510

And she worked in a factory who make the clothes--

3945

02:37:14,510 --> 02:37:17,150

not clothes, the material, you know what I mean.

3946

02:37:17,150 --> 02:37:18,200

Oh, textiles?

3947

02:37:18,200 --> 02:37:18,815

Right.

3948

02:37:18,815 --> 02:37:20,570

OK.

3949

02:37:20,570 --> 02:37:22,430

And was she in Germany?

3950

02:37:22,430 --> 02:37:24,650

This was in Germany.

3951

02:37:24,650 --> 02:37:26,510

OK.

3952

02:37:26,510 --> 02:37:29,360

And did she know what had happened to your older sister?

3953

02:37:29,360 --> 02:37:30,448

No.

3954

02:37:30,448 --> 02:37:31,115
Or your brother?

3955
02:37:31,115 --> 02:37:32,330
No.

3956
02:37:32,330 --> 02:37:33,440
Or your mother?

3957
02:37:33,440 --> 02:37:35,830
No.

3958
02:37:35,830 --> 02:37:36,330
OK.

3959
02:37:36,330 --> 02:37:42,350

3960
02:37:42,350 --> 02:37:45,320
Did you think of going back
to Poland at that time?

3961
02:37:45,320 --> 02:37:46,280
No.

3962
02:37:46,280 --> 02:37:47,360
Why not?

3963
02:37:47,360 --> 02:37:51,440
Because, first of all, all
the big concentration camps

3964
02:37:51,440 --> 02:38:00,750
was in Poland,
Auschwitz, Birkenau,

3965
02:38:00,750 --> 02:38:02,970
all the big ones anyway.

3966
02:38:02,970 --> 02:38:06,075
Lots of big ones was in Poland.

3967
02:38:06,075 --> 02:38:07,950
And you didn't want to

be anywhere near them.

3968

02:38:07,950 --> 02:38:09,300

And I didn't want to go back.

3969

02:38:09,300 --> 02:38:11,180

I didn't have nothing
to lose over there.

3970

02:38:11,180 --> 02:38:11,680

Yeah.

3971

02:38:11,680 --> 02:38:16,010

3972

02:38:16,010 --> 02:38:18,410

Were you thinking about
where you should go,

3973

02:38:18,410 --> 02:38:19,850

where you should move to?

3974

02:38:19,850 --> 02:38:22,530

3975

02:38:22,530 --> 02:38:26,530

Once you were free, where did
you want to go from there?

3976

02:38:26,530 --> 02:38:30,180

Well, when I got
free, we were thinking

3977

02:38:30,180 --> 02:38:34,660

to go to Israel,
America, and Australia--

3978

02:38:34,660 --> 02:38:35,230

OK.

3979

02:38:35,230 --> 02:38:36,408

--them three.

3980

02:38:36,408 --> 02:38:37,200

Those three places?

3981
02:38:37,200 --> 02:38:37,700
Right.

3982
02:38:37,700 --> 02:38:39,390
OK

3983
02:38:39,390 --> 02:38:45,870
So Israel was coming
late, Australia late,

3984
02:38:45,870 --> 02:38:48,870
and America come before.

3985
02:38:48,870 --> 02:38:50,335
So we went to America.

3986
02:38:50,335 --> 02:38:53,100
So when you say they came late--

3987
02:38:53,100 --> 02:38:55,670
Because you had to wait.

3988
02:38:55,670 --> 02:38:59,230
With the Jewish Federation,
you had to wait in the line.

3989
02:38:59,230 --> 02:39:02,100
It's not like Mexico, come over.

3990
02:39:02,100 --> 02:39:03,930
So tell me, what
was the process?

3991
02:39:03,930 --> 02:39:05,850
Explain to me what
the process is.

3992
02:39:05,850 --> 02:39:09,620
First of all, you had to
be the true what you are--

3993
02:39:09,620 --> 02:39:10,685

OK.

3994

02:39:10,685 --> 02:39:12,910
--telling the
truth what you are.

3995

02:39:12,910 --> 02:39:16,200
Secondly, they thought
maybe you've got relatives.

3996

02:39:16,200 --> 02:39:18,320
So the relatives can be--

3997

02:39:18,320 --> 02:39:21,520
they were afraid if you come
to this country, you get sick.

3998

02:39:21,520 --> 02:39:26,130
So the government have to pay
because we didn't have nobody.

3999

02:39:26,130 --> 02:39:30,090
So they were looking for
something who will be for you.

4000

02:39:30,090 --> 02:39:31,326
OK.

4001

02:39:31,326 --> 02:39:32,560
So you had to find sponsors?

4002

02:39:32,560 --> 02:39:33,060
Right.

4003

02:39:33,060 --> 02:39:35,850
And I didn't find
nothing because maybe we

4004

02:39:35,850 --> 02:39:39,166
had some relatives because
I was too young to know.

4005

02:39:39,166 --> 02:39:41,430
OK.

4006

02:39:41,430 --> 02:39:44,580

What about during those
years when you were waiting,

4007

02:39:44,580 --> 02:39:46,530

did you go to school?

4008

02:39:46,530 --> 02:39:48,670

What do you mean, after?

4009

02:39:48,670 --> 02:39:49,620

After the war?

4010

02:39:49,620 --> 02:39:51,690

No.

4011

02:39:51,690 --> 02:39:57,360

Because you say you finished
three grades of schooling

4012

02:39:57,360 --> 02:39:59,250

before the war.

4013

02:39:59,250 --> 02:40:02,670

First of all, in Germany,
took maybe a year

4014

02:40:02,670 --> 02:40:04,830

before they opened
up the schools.

4015

02:40:04,830 --> 02:40:06,415

OK.

4016

02:40:06,415 --> 02:40:07,770

You couldn't go to school.

4017

02:40:07,770 --> 02:40:12,630

And secondly, you didn't
think about it yet.

4018

02:40:12,630 --> 02:40:14,070

OK.

4019

02:40:14,070 --> 02:40:19,500

Well, your life--
these events all

4020

02:40:19,500 --> 02:40:23,850

happened at very crucial
parts of your life.

4021

02:40:23,850 --> 02:40:27,220

The war started when
you were 12 years old.

4022

02:40:27,220 --> 02:40:29,580

You're not even a teenager.

4023

02:40:29,580 --> 02:40:35,180

And six years later, you
were already a young man.

4024

02:40:35,180 --> 02:40:38,700

It starts out as a kid,
and then when it ends,

4025

02:40:38,700 --> 02:40:40,740

you're 18 or 19 years old.

4026

02:40:40,740 --> 02:40:43,626

4027

02:40:43,626 --> 02:40:53,000

Well, I remember I was reading
a paper after the war, doctors

4028

02:40:53,000 --> 02:40:56,220

from all over the
world come out,

4029

02:40:56,220 --> 02:40:59,840

if anybody who was more than
a year in concentration camp,

4030

02:40:59,840 --> 02:41:03,200

had to be something
wrong with him.

4031
02:41:03,200 --> 02:41:06,650
You will never be
the same like he was.

4032
02:41:06,650 --> 02:41:09,500
And I think he was right.

4033
02:41:09,500 --> 02:41:12,950
I am not the same like I was.

4034
02:41:12,950 --> 02:41:15,480
How were you before,
and what changed?

4035
02:41:15,480 --> 02:41:17,240
Well, I give you the example.

4036
02:41:17,240 --> 02:41:19,370
For 42 years, I
never had a vacation.

4037
02:41:19,370 --> 02:41:22,170
I didn't even know about the
vacation, a day or something

4038
02:41:22,170 --> 02:41:22,670
off.

4039
02:41:22,670 --> 02:41:25,430

4040
02:41:25,430 --> 02:41:27,300
So you tell me I was normal?

4041
02:41:27,300 --> 02:41:30,540

4042
02:41:30,540 --> 02:41:33,550
And did you eventually
have a vacation?

4043
02:41:33,550 --> 02:41:38,060
Not too much because
my vacation was

4044
02:41:38,060 --> 02:41:41,193
I wanted my boys
to have education.

4045
02:41:41,193 --> 02:41:41,693
Mm-hmm.

4046
02:41:41,693 --> 02:41:45,390

4047
02:41:45,390 --> 02:41:46,740
I was the old-fashioned me.

4048
02:41:46,740 --> 02:41:49,320

4049
02:41:49,320 --> 02:41:53,130
What kind of a person would--
what kind of a young child

4050
02:41:53,130 --> 02:41:55,800
were you before the war started?

4051
02:41:55,800 --> 02:41:59,000
How would you describe yourself?

4052
02:41:59,000 --> 02:42:04,860
Well, I can tell you, I know
we got respect for the mother

4053
02:42:04,860 --> 02:42:06,558
and father all the way.

4054
02:42:06,558 --> 02:42:09,250
OK.

4055
02:42:09,250 --> 02:42:13,200
We never talked about the table
something like over here, sex

4056
02:42:13,200 --> 02:42:15,520
and this or this,
nothing, nothing, nothing.

4057
02:42:15,520 --> 02:42:17,186
Nothing happened.

4058
02:42:17,186 --> 02:42:19,940
OK.

4059
02:42:19,940 --> 02:42:23,390
By the way, did you learn
about such things in the camps?

4060
02:42:23,390 --> 02:42:24,650
No.

4061
02:42:24,650 --> 02:42:26,840
No?

4062
02:42:26,840 --> 02:42:28,070
We wasn't ready for this.

4063
02:42:28,070 --> 02:42:32,880

4064
02:42:32,880 --> 02:42:41,460
And then afterwards, when
it's all over, in 1945,

4065
02:42:41,460 --> 02:42:45,040
how had this all changed you?

4066
02:42:45,040 --> 02:42:46,860
Well, it took a
little bit, a while.

4067
02:42:46,860 --> 02:42:52,075
It took us time to get a
little bit back to normal.

4068
02:42:52,075 --> 02:42:53,350
OK.

4069
02:42:53,350 --> 02:42:54,730
Can you explain that a bit?

4070

02:42:54,730 --> 02:42:56,600

What does that mean?

4071

02:42:56,600 --> 02:42:58,540

Did you have nightmares?

4072

02:42:58,540 --> 02:43:04,870

Well, normal, we
never be normal.

4073

02:43:04,870 --> 02:43:06,940

But it's better, you
know what I mean.

4074

02:43:06,940 --> 02:43:11,680

4075

02:43:11,680 --> 02:43:14,860

How did you meet your wife?

4076

02:43:14,860 --> 02:43:15,400

Pardon me?

4077

02:43:15,400 --> 02:43:17,390

How did you meet your wife?

4078

02:43:17,390 --> 02:43:22,744

I met her in the DP
camp in Feldafing.

4079

02:43:22,744 --> 02:43:24,160

OK.

4080

02:43:24,160 --> 02:43:25,420

And in what way?

4081

02:43:25,420 --> 02:43:26,620

Who brought you together?

4082

02:43:26,620 --> 02:43:29,967

No, just we were there,
something, together.

4083

02:43:29,967 --> 02:43:30,550
We were young.

4084
02:43:30,550 --> 02:43:34,580

4085
02:43:34,580 --> 02:43:37,280
And how long did you know
each other before you--

4086
02:43:37,280 --> 02:43:38,300
Six months.

4087
02:43:38,300 --> 02:43:39,080
Six months?

4088
02:43:39,080 --> 02:43:42,390

4089
02:43:42,390 --> 02:43:44,130
Can you tell me a
little bit about what

4090
02:43:44,130 --> 02:43:46,780
her experiences were?

4091
02:43:46,780 --> 02:43:47,280
Hers?

4092
02:43:47,280 --> 02:43:48,930
Mm-hmm.

4093
02:43:48,930 --> 02:43:51,960
Well, she was in camp.

4094
02:43:51,960 --> 02:43:53,505
She got one place.

4095
02:43:53,505 --> 02:43:56,420

4096
02:43:56,420 --> 02:44:00,220
The head German from
the company, I mean,

4097
02:44:00,220 --> 02:44:04,520
the real big one, she liked her.

4098
02:44:04,520 --> 02:44:07,070
She loved my wife.

4099
02:44:07,070 --> 02:44:12,200
She used to bring her everyday
soup and a sandwich every day.

4100
02:44:12,200 --> 02:44:15,750
She took her life in the
end, you know what I mean.

4101
02:44:15,750 --> 02:44:19,750
And she wanted her to take
out from concentration camp.

4102
02:44:19,750 --> 02:44:24,020
In Germany, you've been
there, every second one

4103
02:44:24,020 --> 02:44:24,890
has got a bike.

4104
02:44:24,890 --> 02:44:27,230
Everything is bikes over there.

4105
02:44:27,230 --> 02:44:30,540
And she brought a bike for her
to take her out and everything.

4106
02:44:30,540 --> 02:44:32,930
And she said, I don't
want to go because I

4107
02:44:32,930 --> 02:44:35,120
don't want to leave my friends.

4108
02:44:35,120 --> 02:44:36,300
Your wife said that?

4109
02:44:36,300 --> 02:44:39,230

He want to take her out
from the concentration camp,

4110
02:44:39,230 --> 02:44:39,980
take a chance.

4111
02:44:39,980 --> 02:44:42,080
Mm-hmm.

4112
02:44:42,080 --> 02:44:44,210
And she didn't go.

4113
02:44:44,210 --> 02:44:47,310
Secondly, they
were walking, too.

4114
02:44:47,310 --> 02:44:52,460
So the soldier had like
a bag to put the bread

4115
02:44:52,460 --> 02:44:54,410
in for them and everything.

4116
02:44:54,410 --> 02:44:57,052
So she say to the
soldier, to the German,

4117
02:44:57,052 --> 02:44:58,010
it's too heavy for you.

4118
02:44:58,010 --> 02:44:59,660
Let me carry for you.

4119
02:44:59,660 --> 02:45:01,410
So he give it to her.

4120
02:45:01,410 --> 02:45:03,930
And they open up, and
she eat with the friend

4121
02:45:03,930 --> 02:45:08,710
the whole thing, the bread
with the lunch, everything.

4122

02:45:08,710 --> 02:45:11,675

And she give it
back to him, he say,

4123

02:45:11,675 --> 02:45:13,130

you finished up everything.

4124

02:45:13,130 --> 02:45:17,810

You know I could shoot
you, but I will not do it.

4125

02:45:17,810 --> 02:45:21,580

If you've got guts and
take a chance to do this,

4126

02:45:21,580 --> 02:45:23,240

I let you go by.

4127

02:45:23,240 --> 02:45:24,750

Wow!

4128

02:45:24,750 --> 02:45:25,460

Wow!

4129

02:45:25,460 --> 02:45:28,760

She would've been dead.

4130

02:45:28,760 --> 02:45:31,460

So these are some
of her experiences?

4131

02:45:31,460 --> 02:45:34,560

4132

02:45:34,560 --> 02:45:37,980

She took a chance, and
he took a chance, too.

4133

02:45:37,980 --> 02:45:41,370

4134

02:45:41,370 --> 02:45:45,070

Did you talk much to one
another about these things?

4135
02:45:45,070 --> 02:45:47,956
Sometimes.

4136
02:45:47,956 --> 02:45:49,440
Mm-hmm.

4137
02:45:49,440 --> 02:45:51,450
Do you think she
understood you better

4138
02:45:51,450 --> 02:45:55,180
because she had been through
these same things herself?

4139
02:45:55,180 --> 02:45:57,120
Well, she understand.

4140
02:45:57,120 --> 02:45:58,410
Yeah?

4141
02:45:58,410 --> 02:46:00,990
What was your wife's name?

4142
02:46:00,990 --> 02:46:02,620
What was your wife's name?

4143
02:46:02,620 --> 02:46:03,830
Yanka in Polish.

4144
02:46:03,830 --> 02:46:04,330
Yanka.

4145
02:46:04,330 --> 02:46:06,360
Jennie in English.

4146
02:46:06,360 --> 02:46:08,160
And what was her maiden name?

4147
02:46:08,160 --> 02:46:08,970
Nyer.

4148
02:46:08,970 --> 02:46:11,250
Nyer.

4149
02:46:11,250 --> 02:46:14,080
And what town was
she from in Poland?

4150
02:46:14,080 --> 02:46:18,540
She is maybe eight
kilometers from where I

4151
02:46:18,540 --> 02:46:20,670
used to live in a bigger town.

4152
02:46:20,670 --> 02:46:21,660
Really?

4153
02:46:21,660 --> 02:46:23,130
So close.

4154
02:46:23,130 --> 02:46:25,170
So close.

4155
02:46:25,170 --> 02:46:26,420
What was the name of her town?

4156
02:46:26,420 --> 02:46:27,087
Do you remember?

4157
02:46:27,087 --> 02:46:27,640
Bingen.

4158
02:46:27,640 --> 02:46:31,443
Bingen, she was from Bingen.

4159
02:46:31,443 --> 02:46:32,610
Close to Oberschlesien, too.

4160
02:46:32,610 --> 02:46:34,980
OK.

4161
02:46:34,980 --> 02:46:40,650
So in these years after the war
when you spent them in Germany,

4162

02:46:40,650 --> 02:46:42,750
did you start working someplace?

4163
02:46:42,750 --> 02:46:47,330
Did you do anything
to earn some money?

4164
02:46:47,330 --> 02:46:51,960
Or how were you supported?

4165
02:46:51,960 --> 02:46:53,520
I worked.

4166
02:46:53,520 --> 02:46:54,450
OK.

4167
02:46:54,450 --> 02:46:55,577
What did you do?

4168
02:46:55,577 --> 02:46:56,535
Work with the soldiers.

4169
02:46:56,535 --> 02:47:01,260

4170
02:47:01,260 --> 02:47:04,840
And they pay me not with
money, but they give me

4171
02:47:04,840 --> 02:47:07,220
half the ration what the
soldiers were getting.

4172
02:47:07,220 --> 02:47:07,720
OK.

4173
02:47:07,720 --> 02:47:11,890

4174
02:47:11,890 --> 02:47:17,200
And were you able to sell some
of this to make some money?

4175
02:47:17,200 --> 02:47:18,200

Right.

4176

02:47:18,200 --> 02:47:18,790

OK.

4177

02:47:18,790 --> 02:47:19,930

On the black market.

4178

02:47:19,930 --> 02:47:21,670

I used to get a
carton of cigarettes.

4179

02:47:21,670 --> 02:47:23,440

They used to get
two cartons, and I

4180

02:47:23,440 --> 02:47:25,330

used to get the one carton.

4181

02:47:25,330 --> 02:47:27,460

And a carton of cigarettes
was lots of money.

4182

02:47:27,460 --> 02:47:29,110

Yeah, yeah.

4183

02:47:29,110 --> 02:47:33,630

Well, I mean, the black market
was thriving after the war.

4184

02:47:33,630 --> 02:47:36,610

And is this how you were
able to support yourself?

4185

02:47:36,610 --> 02:47:38,050

Right.

4186

02:47:38,050 --> 02:47:40,420

Did you get any kind
of financial support

4187

02:47:40,420 --> 02:47:44,080

from UNWRA or from--

4188

02:47:44,080 --> 02:47:45,365
No, no, no.

4189
02:47:45,365 --> 02:47:45,865
Nothing?

4190
02:47:45,865 --> 02:47:48,730
At that time, they
didn't pay nothing yet.

4191
02:47:48,730 --> 02:47:50,080
Huh.

4192
02:47:50,080 --> 02:47:51,430
Uh-huh.

4193
02:47:51,430 --> 02:47:56,080
But I worked, my wife worked.

4194
02:47:56,080 --> 02:47:58,310
What year did you get married?

4195
02:47:58,310 --> 02:48:01,810
In 1949, six months before
I came to this country.

4196
02:48:01,810 --> 02:48:02,650
OK.

4197
02:48:02,650 --> 02:48:05,950
What's your wedding date?

4198
02:48:05,950 --> 02:48:11,440
This was before Yom Kippur,
October or something like this.

4199
02:48:11,440 --> 02:48:16,690

4200
02:48:16,690 --> 02:48:17,970
You can ask me some questions.

4201
02:48:17,970 --> 02:48:18,870
OK.

4202
02:48:18,870 --> 02:48:19,890
A little bit louder

4203
02:48:19,890 --> 02:48:21,030
I will try.

4204
02:48:21,030 --> 02:48:22,515
Sometimes my voice is too soft.

4205
02:48:22,515 --> 02:48:25,650

4206
02:48:25,650 --> 02:48:30,070
So I wanted to get a sense
of what kind of training,

4207
02:48:30,070 --> 02:48:32,280
what kind of work
did you do in Germany

4208
02:48:32,280 --> 02:48:36,300
while you were waiting to get
permission to come either here,

4209
02:48:36,300 --> 02:48:38,460
or to Australia, or wherever?

4210
02:48:38,460 --> 02:48:41,640
I talked to coming to
America to a tiny place.

4211
02:48:41,640 --> 02:48:43,550
I have to have something to--

4212
02:48:43,550 --> 02:48:47,310
I have to have something to
do, you know what I mean.

4213
02:48:47,310 --> 02:48:53,130
So I had a friend who took over
from the big Germans a factory,

4214
02:48:53,130 --> 02:48:54,530

a printing factory.

4215

02:48:54,530 --> 02:48:58,350

And the printing factory
was 2,500 people working,

4216

02:48:58,350 --> 02:49:00,938

a little publishing
company in Cleveland.

4217

02:49:00,938 --> 02:49:01,980

Oh, this is in Cleveland.

4218

02:49:01,980 --> 02:49:02,480

Right.

4219

02:49:02,480 --> 02:49:03,810

I'm talking still in Germany.

4220

02:49:03,810 --> 02:49:09,420

Oh, well, in Germany,
was a big company, too--

4221

02:49:09,420 --> 02:49:11,110

OK.

4222

02:49:11,110 --> 02:49:13,890

--in printing, Hubert
Printing Company.

4223

02:49:13,890 --> 02:49:14,987

Hubert?

4224

02:49:14,987 --> 02:49:15,570

Hubert, right.

4225

02:49:15,570 --> 02:49:18,360

4226

02:49:18,360 --> 02:49:19,750

And this was my friend.

4227

02:49:19,750 --> 02:49:21,540

He was the Treuhändler.

4228
02:49:21,540 --> 02:49:24,510
He just took over because
a Nazi used to own.

4229
02:49:24,510 --> 02:49:25,200
I see.

4230
02:49:25,200 --> 02:49:27,210
And he was liberated.

4231
02:49:27,210 --> 02:49:31,770
And he used to speak English,
speak very fluent English

4232
02:49:31,770 --> 02:49:35,520
already at that time,
a very intelligent man.

4233
02:49:35,520 --> 02:49:36,390
So he took over.

4234
02:49:36,390 --> 02:49:40,070
I go to him, and I say, listen,
I wanted to be a pressman,

4235
02:49:40,070 --> 02:49:43,990
but I mean, I want you-- in
Europe, when you start to work,

4236
02:49:43,990 --> 02:49:46,407
they let you take out the
bucket first because the toilet,

4237
02:49:46,407 --> 02:49:48,365
you don't have no toilet,
you know what I mean.

4238
02:49:48,365 --> 02:49:49,810
And I say, I don't want it.

4239
02:49:49,810 --> 02:49:50,500
I want this.

4240

02:49:50,500 --> 02:49:52,125

So he talked to the
foreman over there.

4241

02:49:52,125 --> 02:49:55,090

He say, Dave coming, teach him.

4242

02:49:55,090 --> 02:49:58,620

Don't tell him to sweep the
floor first or something.

4243

02:49:58,620 --> 02:50:01,590

And I worked over there,
and I learned this job.

4244

02:50:01,590 --> 02:50:03,570

And the job was
what kind of job?

4245

02:50:03,570 --> 02:50:04,290

Printing.

4246

02:50:04,290 --> 02:50:04,860

Printing?

4247

02:50:04,860 --> 02:50:07,440

Yes, a little
publishing company,

4248

02:50:07,440 --> 02:50:10,500

one of the famous company.

4249

02:50:10,500 --> 02:50:14,070

Is it's still in business
now, do you think?

4250

02:50:14,070 --> 02:50:14,990

I worked over there.

4251

02:50:14,990 --> 02:50:15,490

OK

4252

02:50:15,490 --> 02:50:17,440

And they paid a little bit.

4253
02:50:17,440 --> 02:50:17,940
OK.

4254
02:50:17,940 --> 02:50:19,440
So you learned how
to be a pressman?

4255
02:50:19,440 --> 02:50:20,910
A pressman, right.

4256
02:50:20,910 --> 02:50:23,520
And when you came to
the United States,

4257
02:50:23,520 --> 02:50:25,950
and you lived in
Cleveland at first,

4258
02:50:25,950 --> 02:50:28,380
and you went and
found a job there,

4259
02:50:28,380 --> 02:50:30,790
was it the same technology?

4260
02:50:30,790 --> 02:50:34,116
Well, this one over here was
a little bit more modern.

4261
02:50:34,116 --> 02:50:35,340
Ah, OK.

4262
02:50:35,340 --> 02:50:38,280
They had bigger presses,
bigger everything.

4263
02:50:38,280 --> 02:50:41,070
But I had the
experience already.

4264
02:50:41,070 --> 02:50:41,620
OK.

4265
02:50:41,620 --> 02:50:43,380

And I learned quick.

4266
02:50:43,380 --> 02:50:44,383
OK.

4267
02:50:44,383 --> 02:50:45,800
And so you already
had something--

4268
02:50:45,800 --> 02:50:46,890
And I had a good job.

4269
02:50:46,890 --> 02:50:53,410

4270
02:50:53,410 --> 02:50:59,550
How was-- I want to talk
about DP life a little bit.

4271
02:50:59,550 --> 02:51:03,960
In this town where
Feldafing was so close by,

4272
02:51:03,960 --> 02:51:07,350
was it a very large camp?

4273
02:51:07,350 --> 02:51:09,020
You mean in Dissen?

4274
02:51:09,020 --> 02:51:10,050
In Dissen, yeah.

4275
02:51:10,050 --> 02:51:10,710
A small town.

4276
02:51:10,710 --> 02:51:11,610
A small town.

4277
02:51:11,610 --> 02:51:14,715
But what about the Feldafing,
was that close to Dissen?

4278
02:51:14,715 --> 02:51:15,720
Feldafing?

4279
02:51:15,720 --> 02:51:16,890
Yeah.

4280
02:51:16,890 --> 02:51:18,550
Maybe 10, 12 miles.

4281
02:51:18,550 --> 02:51:19,650
OK.

4282
02:51:19,650 --> 02:51:23,550
And how long did
that camp exist?

4283
02:51:23,550 --> 02:51:24,540
The DP camp?

4284
02:51:24,540 --> 02:51:25,110
Yeah.

4285
02:51:25,110 --> 02:51:26,170
This was quite a few--

4286
02:51:26,170 --> 02:51:26,670
No?

4287
02:51:26,670 --> 02:51:28,110
OK.

4288
02:51:28,110 --> 02:51:28,950
All right.

4289
02:51:28,950 --> 02:51:30,560
He's tired of looking at me.

4290
02:51:30,560 --> 02:51:31,060
No.

4291
02:51:31,060 --> 02:51:32,710
[INTERVIEWER LAUGHING]

4292
02:51:32,710 --> 02:51:33,210
All right.

4293
02:51:33,210 --> 02:51:36,420

4294
02:51:36,420 --> 02:51:39,810
Was Feldafing basically
a Jewish DP camp,

4295
02:51:39,810 --> 02:51:42,940
or were there other
nationalities there?

4296
02:51:42,940 --> 02:51:44,220
In the DP camp?

4297
02:51:44,220 --> 02:51:45,540
Yeah.

4298
02:51:45,540 --> 02:51:47,240
Different nationalities too.

4299
02:51:47,240 --> 02:51:47,840
OK.

4300
02:51:47,840 --> 02:51:49,110
Most of them Jewish.

4301
02:51:49,110 --> 02:51:50,340
Most of them Jewish.

4302
02:51:50,340 --> 02:51:51,570
OK.

4303
02:51:51,570 --> 02:51:57,750
And you're in Germany for quite
a few years after the war.

4304
02:51:57,750 --> 02:51:59,940
How did it feel
right after the war

4305
02:51:59,940 --> 02:52:03,130
being in a place that had been--

4306

02:52:03,130 --> 02:52:06,750

was the place where,
in a part of a country

4307

02:52:06,750 --> 02:52:10,740

that was the aggressor country
that had made war on the Jews?

4308

02:52:10,740 --> 02:52:12,510

How did it feel being
amongst Germans?

4309

02:52:12,510 --> 02:52:16,170

4310

02:52:16,170 --> 02:52:18,570

Well, it goes both ways.

4311

02:52:18,570 --> 02:52:20,520

OK.

4312

02:52:20,520 --> 02:52:24,230

You have the same thing
like being in the business.

4313

02:52:24,230 --> 02:52:25,710

I took over business,
I didn't have

4314

02:52:25,710 --> 02:52:28,020

no knowledge from business.

4315

02:52:28,020 --> 02:52:30,650

But I was kind to the customers.

4316

02:52:30,650 --> 02:52:35,330

I treat them like
they would be the top.

4317

02:52:35,330 --> 02:52:35,900

OK.

4318

02:52:35,900 --> 02:52:37,870

And this how I made it.

4319
02:52:37,870 --> 02:52:38,370
OK.

4320
02:52:38,370 --> 02:52:40,740
Same thing over there.

4321
02:52:40,740 --> 02:52:43,770
I had good neighbors,
they treat me nice,

4322
02:52:43,770 --> 02:52:45,340
so I treat them nice, too.

4323
02:52:45,340 --> 02:52:49,150
And we were friends for five
years living over there.

4324
02:52:49,150 --> 02:52:52,070
So in other words, you didn't
hold it against all Germans.

4325
02:52:52,070 --> 02:52:54,190
Not too much, no.

4326
02:52:54,190 --> 02:52:54,981
OK.

4327
02:52:54,981 --> 02:52:58,070
All right.

4328
02:52:58,070 --> 02:53:01,820
That is also something that
not everybody was able to do.

4329
02:53:01,820 --> 02:53:05,060
I told you before, some
people, my own people

4330
02:53:05,060 --> 02:53:06,530
would hate this what I say.

4331
02:53:06,530 --> 02:53:07,660
Yeah.

4332
02:53:07,660 --> 02:53:09,440
Forgive, but don't forget--

4333
02:53:09,440 --> 02:53:10,670
That's your motto.

4334
02:53:10,670 --> 02:53:12,890
That's your motto

4335
02:53:12,890 --> 02:53:14,650
--because how can you forget?

4336
02:53:14,650 --> 02:53:15,550
Yeah.

4337
02:53:15,550 --> 02:53:16,460
How can you forgive?

4338
02:53:16,460 --> 02:53:18,980

4339
02:53:18,980 --> 02:53:21,290
But you have to do it.

4340
02:53:21,290 --> 02:53:23,900
This is my opinion.

4341
02:53:23,900 --> 02:53:28,670
Did you talk much after the war
about all of the experiences

4342
02:53:28,670 --> 02:53:29,630
that you had?

4343
02:53:29,630 --> 02:53:31,640
No, not too much.

4344
02:53:31,640 --> 02:53:33,510
As your children
were growing up?

4345
02:53:33,510 --> 02:53:39,170

Well, my children, they
were too young to tell it.

4346
02:53:39,170 --> 02:53:41,570
If I tell them something,
they were laughing.

4347
02:53:41,570 --> 02:53:42,120
Really?

4348
02:53:42,120 --> 02:53:44,450
They couldn't believe.

4349
02:53:44,450 --> 02:53:47,030
When did they start believing?

4350
02:53:47,030 --> 02:53:51,560
When they got older a little
bit they got to believe.

4351
02:53:51,560 --> 02:53:55,260
Did you wait until they
started asking questions?

4352
02:53:55,260 --> 02:53:56,690
Well, not quite.

4353
02:53:56,690 --> 02:53:57,350
No.

4354
02:53:57,350 --> 02:54:00,482
You shared what you had
known before that, huh?

4355
02:54:00,482 --> 02:54:01,630
Right.

4356
02:54:01,630 --> 02:54:03,050
OK.

4357
02:54:03,050 --> 02:54:05,450
I mean, that's something also
that people are different.

4358

02:54:05,450 --> 02:54:08,480
And some people never told
their children anything

4359
02:54:08,480 --> 02:54:13,130
because they wanted to
spare them the knowledge.

4360
02:54:13,130 --> 02:54:16,110
And other people felt
that it's important.

4361
02:54:16,110 --> 02:54:22,850
Well, I think the kids should
know because our people

4362
02:54:22,850 --> 02:54:25,310
in 10 years, not
even 10 years, you

4363
02:54:25,310 --> 02:54:28,220
will have no Holocaust
survivor anymore.

4364
02:54:28,220 --> 02:54:28,720
Mm-hmm.

4365
02:54:28,720 --> 02:54:31,770

4366
02:54:31,770 --> 02:54:36,530
So the second generation
should remember more than this.

4367
02:54:36,530 --> 02:54:38,799
If not, it's going to
be finished completely.

4368
02:54:38,799 --> 02:54:43,290

4369
02:54:43,290 --> 02:54:47,800
Tell me again how many
children you have.

4370

02:54:47,800 --> 02:54:48,420
Pardon me?

4371
02:54:48,420 --> 02:54:50,290
How many children do you have?

4372
02:54:50,290 --> 02:54:51,060
How many I have?

4373
02:54:51,060 --> 02:54:51,990
Yes.

4374
02:54:51,990 --> 02:54:53,790
I have two boys.

4375
02:54:53,790 --> 02:54:56,820
And who is the older
and who's the younger?

4376
02:54:56,820 --> 02:54:58,040
The name of the older.

4377
02:54:58,040 --> 02:54:59,890
The other one is Allen.

4378
02:54:59,890 --> 02:55:00,390
Allen.

4379
02:55:00,390 --> 02:55:01,380
And the younger son?

4380
02:55:01,380 --> 02:55:02,520
Is Michael.

4381
02:55:02,520 --> 02:55:03,690
OK.

4382
02:55:03,690 --> 02:55:05,370
10 years younger
than the older one.

4383
02:55:05,370 --> 02:55:07,110
All right.

4384

02:55:07,110 --> 02:55:09,040

And they were both born
in the United States?

4385

02:55:09,040 --> 02:55:10,710

Right.

4386

02:55:10,710 --> 02:55:13,480

Have you ever been back
to Poland with them?

4387

02:55:13,480 --> 02:55:14,490

To Poland with them?

4388

02:55:14,490 --> 02:55:15,060

No.

4389

02:55:15,060 --> 02:55:17,780

Have you ever been
back to Poland?

4390

02:55:17,780 --> 02:55:19,890

I was back one time.

4391

02:55:19,890 --> 02:55:20,490

OK.

4392

02:55:20,490 --> 02:55:22,830

How many years after
the war was that?

4393

02:55:22,830 --> 02:55:27,270

Oh, at least maybe
20 years or more.

4394

02:55:27,270 --> 02:55:28,650

OK.

4395

02:55:28,650 --> 02:55:30,420

And this was already--

4396

02:55:30,420 --> 02:55:33,900

I went only because of the
neighbors and my wife--

4397
02:55:33,900 --> 02:55:34,740
They wanted to go.

4398
02:55:34,740 --> 02:55:38,430
--because they want a chaperone
because they was never

4399
02:55:38,430 --> 02:55:40,720
in Auschwitz and Birkenau.

4400
02:55:40,720 --> 02:55:42,600
And they wanted to see it.

4401
02:55:42,600 --> 02:55:44,360
So they took me.

4402
02:55:44,360 --> 02:55:47,070
And so we stopped already
in the town where I lived.

4403
02:55:47,070 --> 02:55:50,220
It took us five
minutes in the town.

4404
02:55:50,220 --> 02:55:53,170
Now, your grandfather's
name was Nyer, too,

4405
02:55:53,170 --> 02:55:56,820
wasn't it, who was the
mayor of your town?

4406
02:55:56,820 --> 02:55:58,500
Wasn't his last name Nyer?

4407
02:55:58,500 --> 02:55:59,370
Nyer, yes.

4408
02:55:59,370 --> 02:56:01,480
And your wife's
maiden name was Nyer.

4409
02:56:01,480 --> 02:56:02,940

Right.

4410
02:56:02,940 --> 02:56:06,080
And she was only eight
kilometers away from your town

4411
02:56:06,080 --> 02:56:09,600
in Bingen. Was there
a relationship there?

4412
02:56:09,600 --> 02:56:13,410
Was this a family
relative of some kind?

4413
02:56:13,410 --> 02:56:15,640
Maybe.

4414
02:56:15,640 --> 02:56:16,380
OK.

4415
02:56:16,380 --> 02:56:17,700
But you'd never were able to--

4416
02:56:17,700 --> 02:56:18,200
No.

4417
02:56:18,200 --> 02:56:19,010
--establish it?

4418
02:56:19,010 --> 02:56:21,000
OK.

4419
02:56:21,000 --> 02:56:27,600
Well, I've come to pretty
much the end of our interview.

4420
02:56:27,600 --> 02:56:29,220
Are there other
things that you would

4421
02:56:29,220 --> 02:56:33,150
want to add that you think
people should know about,

4422

02:56:33,150 --> 02:56:35,040
things that you've
thought about,

4423
02:56:35,040 --> 02:56:40,770
as well as the story that
we have explored today,

4424
02:56:40,770 --> 02:56:44,090
things you'd like to say?

4425
02:56:44,090 --> 02:56:50,440
Well, I don't have nothing
bad to say about this country.

4426
02:56:50,440 --> 02:56:51,475
About the United States?

4427
02:56:51,475 --> 02:56:53,350
Right.

4428
02:56:53,350 --> 02:56:57,970
I only have good things
to say because what's

4429
02:56:57,970 --> 02:57:01,060
happened to me and my
family, this could never

4430
02:57:01,060 --> 02:57:04,290
happen no place in the world--

4431
02:57:04,290 --> 02:57:05,330
OK.

4432
02:57:05,330 --> 02:57:08,650
--to being good friends
with the generals,

4433
02:57:08,650 --> 02:57:12,730
good friend with the governors,
good friends with senators.

4434
02:57:12,730 --> 02:57:17,020
This can only happen

in America in a town

4435

02:57:17,020 --> 02:57:21,060
like I live in Des
Moines, in Iowa.

4436

02:57:21,060 --> 02:57:21,560
OK.

4437

02:57:21,560 --> 02:57:24,400

4438

02:57:24,400 --> 02:57:27,610
Well, it's also very
heartening to know

4439

02:57:27,610 --> 02:57:33,940
that they find what you
have to tell them important,

4440

02:57:33,940 --> 02:57:37,570
that they need to know and want
to know about your experiences.

4441

02:57:37,570 --> 02:57:40,520

4442

02:57:40,520 --> 02:57:44,170
I understand you also
go to school sometimes

4443

02:57:44,170 --> 02:57:45,670
to talk to children?

4444

02:57:45,670 --> 02:57:46,860
I do this.

4445

02:57:46,860 --> 02:57:48,400
OK.

4446

02:57:48,400 --> 02:57:51,550
What are the kinds of
questions that they ask you?

4447

02:57:51,550 --> 02:57:55,030

Sometimes yes, not quite like you,

4448

02:57:55,030 --> 02:57:57,738

but yes, very good questions, too.

4449

02:57:57,738 --> 02:57:58,530

What do you think--

4450

02:57:58,530 --> 02:58:01,210

Their questions a little bit different.

4451

02:58:01,210 --> 02:58:04,610

How was your food, and how was this, how was--

4452

02:58:04,610 --> 02:58:07,930

a little bit more kids stuff.

4453

02:58:07,930 --> 02:58:09,670

Well, kids are interested in that way.

4454

02:58:09,670 --> 02:58:12,232

I mean, they have their own important things

4455

02:58:12,232 --> 02:58:13,190

that they want to know.

4456

02:58:13,190 --> 02:58:13,910

Right.

4457

02:58:13,910 --> 02:58:15,490

OK.

4458

02:58:15,490 --> 02:58:19,710

I went to churches, and they donate over \$200

4459

02:58:19,710 --> 02:58:25,970

to this Jewish

thing, their money.

4460

02:58:25,970 --> 02:58:27,610

They donate to which Jewish--

4461

02:58:27,610 --> 02:58:29,440

a charity?

4462

02:58:29,440 --> 02:58:30,140

To this.

4463

02:58:30,140 --> 02:58:30,730

To this?

4464

02:58:30,730 --> 02:58:31,680

Our museum?

4465

02:58:31,680 --> 02:58:33,830

Right.

4466

02:58:33,830 --> 02:58:37,030

Well, thank you very much for that, for the work on behalf

4467

02:58:37,030 --> 02:58:39,260

of the museum.

4468

02:58:39,260 --> 02:58:41,920

I have over 200

letters at home when

4469

02:58:41,920 --> 02:58:44,710

my wife used to go to schools.

4470

02:58:44,710 --> 02:58:46,240

I didn't go to schools before.

4471

02:58:46,240 --> 02:58:48,850

My wife used to go more than me.

4472

02:58:48,850 --> 02:58:50,906

When did you start going?

4473

02:58:50,906 --> 02:58:53,692
I started going maybe
a few years ago.

4474
02:58:53,692 --> 02:58:55,660
Uh-huh.

4475
02:58:55,660 --> 02:59:00,230
Was it difficult at first
to talk about these things?

4476
02:59:00,230 --> 02:59:03,475
Well, because I'm
not a good speaker.

4477
02:59:03,475 --> 02:59:05,548
Well, I think you've
done wonderfully.

4478
02:59:05,548 --> 02:59:08,620

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02:59:08,620 --> 02:59:11,472
But I am an honest
figure is the only thing.

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02:59:11,472 --> 02:59:14,190
Yeah.

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02:59:14,190 --> 02:59:22,680
Well, Mr Wolnerman, I
would like to thank you

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02:59:22,680 --> 02:59:27,930
for speaking with us today,
for sharing all of your stories

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02:59:27,930 --> 02:59:33,670
with us today, for
answering all my questions,

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02:59:33,670 --> 02:59:39,540
and once more, for making
the journey from Iowa to here

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02:59:39,540 --> 02:59:42,360
in Washington, DC.

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02:59:42,360 --> 02:59:47,040
And with that, I will say this
concludes the United States

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02:59:47,040 --> 02:59:50,880
Holocaust Memorial Museum
interview with Mr. David

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02:59:50,880 --> 02:59:56,190
Wolnerman on May 9, 2016.

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02:59:56,190 --> 02:59:58,560
Thank you again.

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02:59:58,560 --> 03:00:02,500
I hope I have decent job.

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03:00:02,500 --> 03:00:05,080
You did a wonderful
job, a wonderful job.

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03:00:05,080 --> 03:00:06,990
Thank you.