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00:00:00,000 --> 00:00:03,526
Do you need anything
before we start?

2
00:00:03,526 --> 00:00:06,220
No?

3
00:00:06,220 --> 00:00:07,400
OK.

4
00:00:07,400 --> 00:00:09,460
Rolling.

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00:00:09,460 --> 00:00:12,730
This is a United States
Holocaust Memorial Museum

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00:00:12,730 --> 00:00:17,800
interview with Lily
Kalman on August 2, 2016

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00:00:17,800 --> 00:00:20,440
Benicia, California.

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00:00:20,440 --> 00:00:22,830
Thank you, again, for agreeing
to an interview today.

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00:00:22,830 --> 00:00:25,460
It's very much appreciated.

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00:00:25,460 --> 00:00:29,980
So we'll start talking
about your family first.

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00:00:29,980 --> 00:00:33,920
Speak louder because this--

12
00:00:33,920 --> 00:00:36,760
my ear isn't so good.

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00:00:36,760 --> 00:00:40,750

Could you please tell
us your date of birth?

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00:00:40,750 --> 00:00:44,560

January 27, 1929.

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00:00:44,560 --> 00:00:47,500

And where were you born?

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00:00:47,500 --> 00:00:54,630

In Hungary, in a small
town called Berettyóújfalú.

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00:00:54,630 --> 00:00:57,870

And was your name
always Lily, or did you

18

00:00:57,870 --> 00:01:00,690

have a different name?

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00:01:00,690 --> 00:01:08,790

They called me Lily,
actually, I'm Livia, name.

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00:01:08,790 --> 00:01:14,850

But I don't remember, I ever
said here's the name of Livia.

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00:01:14,850 --> 00:01:17,700

I came here as Lily.

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00:01:17,700 --> 00:01:21,490

And what was your maiden name?

23

00:01:21,490 --> 00:01:22,760

Schwartz.

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00:01:22,760 --> 00:01:24,132

Schwartz.

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00:01:24,132 --> 00:01:26,910
OK.

26
00:01:26,910 --> 00:01:28,890
So you were born in Hungary.

27
00:01:28,890 --> 00:01:30,390
I born in Hungary.

28
00:01:30,390 --> 00:01:33,540
Were your parents as well?

29
00:01:33,540 --> 00:01:39,990
I lost my father when
I was seven years old.

30
00:01:39,990 --> 00:01:42,280
Was he also Hungarian?

31
00:01:42,280 --> 00:01:42,960
What?

32
00:01:42,960 --> 00:01:45,070
Was he also born in Hungary?

33
00:01:45,070 --> 00:01:45,983
Yes.

34
00:01:45,983 --> 00:01:46,650
And your mother?

35
00:01:46,650 --> 00:01:48,420
The whole family
born in [INAUDIBLE]..

36
00:01:48,420 --> 00:01:48,990
Whole family.

37
00:01:48,990 --> 00:01:51,320
OK.

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00:01:51,320 --> 00:01:54,110

So what was your hometown like?

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00:01:54,110 --> 00:01:57,050

Was it a village or a town?

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00:01:57,050 --> 00:01:59,190

How big was it?

41

00:01:59,190 --> 00:02:01,770

The name--

42

00:02:01,770 --> 00:02:05,400

What, was it a
town or a village?

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00:02:05,400 --> 00:02:07,900

It was a small town.

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00:02:07,900 --> 00:02:09,720

It was more than a village.

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00:02:09,720 --> 00:02:14,350

But it was actually
a small town.

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00:02:14,350 --> 00:02:16,960

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00:02:16,960 --> 00:02:19,820

Were your parents
from that town also?

48

00:02:19,820 --> 00:02:21,857

My parents was [INAUDIBLE].

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00:02:21,857 --> 00:02:25,340

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00:02:25,340 --> 00:02:26,780

And what were your
parents' names?

51
00:02:26,780 --> 00:02:31,000

52
00:02:31,000 --> 00:02:35,636
Ignatz Schwartz
was my father name.

53
00:02:35,636 --> 00:02:40,750
And my mother name
Regina Steiner.

54
00:02:40,750 --> 00:02:41,317
Steiner.

55
00:02:41,317 --> 00:02:41,817
OK.

56
00:02:41,817 --> 00:02:44,620

57
00:02:44,620 --> 00:02:47,110
And what were your parents like?

58
00:02:47,110 --> 00:02:50,020
Were they-- were
you close to them?

59
00:02:50,020 --> 00:02:54,830
My father died when I
was seven years old.

60
00:02:54,830 --> 00:02:58,410

61
00:02:58,410 --> 00:03:06,360
And I had two brothers.

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00:03:06,360 --> 00:03:09,360

63

00:03:09,360 --> 00:03:23,440
And I was-- she put me in the
Jewish orphanage in Budapest.

64
00:03:23,440 --> 00:03:26,970

65
00:03:26,970 --> 00:03:31,450
And before we go there, what
were your brothers' names?

66
00:03:31,450 --> 00:03:32,620
Who is there?

67
00:03:32,620 --> 00:03:33,190
My mother?

68
00:03:33,190 --> 00:03:34,690
Your brothers, yeah.

69
00:03:34,690 --> 00:03:37,120
My mother's name Regina.

70
00:03:37,120 --> 00:03:38,350
Your brothers.

71
00:03:38,350 --> 00:03:39,250
Oh, brothers.

72
00:03:39,250 --> 00:03:40,270
Yes, ma'am.

73
00:03:40,270 --> 00:03:41,580
Paul.

74
00:03:41,580 --> 00:03:44,260
The older on is Paul.

75
00:03:44,260 --> 00:03:48,250
And the younger one is Leslie.

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00:03:48,250 --> 00:03:53,590

Actually, it's

László, Hungarian.

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00:03:53,590 --> 00:03:55,740

But it means Leslie here.

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00:03:55,740 --> 00:03:59,240

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00:03:59,240 --> 00:04:03,920

And how far apart in age

were you and your brothers?

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00:04:03,920 --> 00:04:04,980

Were you the oldest?

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00:04:04,980 --> 00:04:10,910

The older brother,

we have about two

82

00:04:10,910 --> 00:04:13,970

and a half years difference.

83

00:04:13,970 --> 00:04:19,870

And from the younger brother,

it was one and a half years.

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00:04:19,870 --> 00:04:21,445

And you were the oldest?

85

00:04:21,445 --> 00:04:22,600

No.

86

00:04:22,600 --> 00:04:25,810

I have an older brother

and a younger brother.

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00:04:25,810 --> 00:04:27,390

I was in the middle.

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00:04:27,390 --> 00:04:28,340

I see, I see.

89
00:04:28,340 --> 00:04:30,940

90
00:04:30,940 --> 00:04:35,830
Did you have grandparents
or aunts and uncles?

91
00:04:35,830 --> 00:04:39,040
I remember my grandmother.

92
00:04:39,040 --> 00:04:42,130
She was deported with the rest--

93
00:04:42,130 --> 00:04:48,690
my brother and the other
Jewish people from the town.

94
00:04:48,690 --> 00:04:56,760
And I hardly remember
from my father's side.

95
00:04:56,760 --> 00:05:03,660
I was maybe five, four years
old when my grandfather

96
00:05:03,660 --> 00:05:07,530
from the father's side died.

97
00:05:07,530 --> 00:05:14,660
So I-- a little but I
remember, but not much of it.

98
00:05:14,660 --> 00:05:17,040
But your mother's
family lived in town?

99
00:05:17,040 --> 00:05:19,610
My mother's family, yes.

100
00:05:19,610 --> 00:05:20,760

My grandmother.

101
00:05:20,760 --> 00:05:23,715

102
00:05:23,715 --> 00:05:28,010
I think my grandfather
from my mother's side

103
00:05:28,010 --> 00:05:32,450
died long before
I was born, even

104
00:05:32,450 --> 00:05:34,970
when my mother was younger.

105
00:05:34,970 --> 00:05:39,210

106
00:05:39,210 --> 00:05:43,260
And what languages
did you speak at home?

107
00:05:43,260 --> 00:05:44,565
What name?

108
00:05:44,565 --> 00:05:45,420
What languages?

109
00:05:45,420 --> 00:05:46,820
What language?

110
00:05:46,820 --> 00:05:48,880
Hungarian.

111
00:05:48,880 --> 00:05:49,380
Just--

112
00:05:49,380 --> 00:05:52,170
They all speak Hungarian.

113

00:05:52,170 --> 00:05:56,140
My grandmother
speak some Jewish.

114
00:05:56,140 --> 00:05:59,790
But I don't think my mother did.

115
00:05:59,790 --> 00:06:05,600

116
00:06:05,600 --> 00:06:07,835
Was your family middle class?

117
00:06:07,835 --> 00:06:10,420

118
00:06:10,420 --> 00:06:12,670
What was your family like?

119
00:06:12,670 --> 00:06:13,700
Were they middle class?

120
00:06:13,700 --> 00:06:16,280

121
00:06:16,280 --> 00:06:21,070
Well, it was middle
class, I guess, yes.

122
00:06:21,070 --> 00:06:25,730

123
00:06:25,730 --> 00:06:28,270
And what religion
was your family?

124
00:06:28,270 --> 00:06:28,770
Jewish.

125
00:06:28,770 --> 00:06:32,220
Everybody is Jewish.

126

00:06:32,220 --> 00:06:36,700

And did you celebrate
all of the holidays?

127

00:06:36,700 --> 00:06:42,810

Well, actually, my grandmother,
she was very religious.

128

00:06:42,810 --> 00:06:48,150

She wears all those scarf.

129

00:06:48,150 --> 00:06:51,890

And she has no hair,
I mean, very little.

130

00:06:51,890 --> 00:06:56,770

131

00:06:56,770 --> 00:07:02,360

My mother, she
never cut her hair.

132

00:07:02,360 --> 00:07:06,620

But they keep the
holidays, definitely.

133

00:07:06,620 --> 00:07:10,180

134

00:07:10,180 --> 00:07:13,270

And did you live in a
house or an apartment?

135

00:07:13,270 --> 00:07:18,850

Well, they lived
in a small town.

136

00:07:18,850 --> 00:07:21,820

They lived in the house.

137

00:07:21,820 --> 00:07:25,000

But I wasn't lived there.

138
00:07:25,000 --> 00:07:32,233
After my father died, they
put me and my younger brother

139
00:07:32,233 --> 00:07:37,955
into the Jewish
orphanage in Budapest.

140
00:07:37,955 --> 00:07:40,840

141
00:07:40,840 --> 00:07:49,990
He's-- my younger brother
was in the boys' orphanage.

142
00:07:49,990 --> 00:07:51,970
And I in the girls.

143
00:07:51,970 --> 00:08:01,330
So it was a different place
and different organization.

144
00:08:01,330 --> 00:08:06,270
Where I was it was organized
with the Jewish women.

145
00:08:06,270 --> 00:08:17,420
And where my brother was, it
was in the Jewish organization,

146
00:08:17,420 --> 00:08:19,116
I don't know what.

147
00:08:19,116 --> 00:08:22,860

148
00:08:22,860 --> 00:08:26,850
And why did your mother decide
to put you and your younger

149
00:08:26,850 --> 00:08:28,200

brother in the orphanage?

150
00:08:28,200 --> 00:08:29,820
I cannot hear you.

151
00:08:29,820 --> 00:08:33,090
Why did your mother decide
to put you and your younger

152
00:08:33,090 --> 00:08:36,520
brother in orphanages?

153
00:08:36,520 --> 00:08:37,600
I don't know.

154
00:08:37,600 --> 00:08:39,610
I don't know that, actually.

155
00:08:39,610 --> 00:08:44,210

156
00:08:44,210 --> 00:08:45,500
Why?

157
00:08:45,500 --> 00:08:47,520
I don't know.

158
00:08:47,520 --> 00:08:50,610
That was a decision.

159
00:08:50,610 --> 00:08:51,180
I don't know.

160
00:08:51,180 --> 00:08:53,810

161
00:08:53,810 --> 00:08:57,220
So many family matters.

162
00:08:57,220 --> 00:09:03,230
They did agree with

her for this decision.

163
00:09:03,230 --> 00:09:04,555
But that was her decision.

164
00:09:04,555 --> 00:09:08,560

165
00:09:08,560 --> 00:09:10,940
And did your older
brother stay at home?

166
00:09:10,940 --> 00:09:13,334
Yes.

167
00:09:13,334 --> 00:09:16,790
He lived with my
mother and grandmother.

168
00:09:16,790 --> 00:09:20,035
They lived together
in the house.

169
00:09:20,035 --> 00:09:22,850

170
00:09:22,850 --> 00:09:25,140
And you were seven years old?

171
00:09:25,140 --> 00:09:25,640
What?

172
00:09:25,640 --> 00:09:27,780
You were seven years old?

173
00:09:27,780 --> 00:09:29,350
My brother?

174
00:09:29,350 --> 00:09:29,960
You.

175

00:09:29,960 --> 00:09:31,832
How old were you?

176
00:09:31,832 --> 00:09:35,490
When my father died, yes,
I was seven years old.

177
00:09:35,490 --> 00:09:39,640

178
00:09:39,640 --> 00:09:43,100
And so how far away was
Budapest from your hometown?

179
00:09:43,100 --> 00:09:47,190

180
00:09:47,190 --> 00:09:52,040
I think 200 kilometers.

181
00:09:52,040 --> 00:09:52,540
So that's--

182
00:09:52,540 --> 00:09:53,490
I don't know miles.

183
00:09:53,490 --> 00:09:56,050
I don't know.

184
00:09:56,050 --> 00:10:02,800
You know, the European
measure, kilometers.

185
00:10:02,800 --> 00:10:05,310

186
00:10:05,310 --> 00:10:08,011
That's a very long way to be
away from your mother and older

187
00:10:08,011 --> 00:10:08,511
brother.

188
00:10:08,511 --> 00:10:14,492
Yes, it took-- by train,
it took four or five hours.

189
00:10:14,492 --> 00:10:18,590

190
00:10:18,590 --> 00:10:21,540
The town was near to
the Romanian border.

191
00:10:21,540 --> 00:10:28,780

192
00:10:28,780 --> 00:10:35,050
And so what was it like moving
into the orphanage by yourself?

193
00:10:35,050 --> 00:10:39,310
It wasn't bad, but wasn't home.

194
00:10:39,310 --> 00:10:46,550
It wasn't a bad thing, but when
you are far away from home,

195
00:10:46,550 --> 00:10:49,150
you don't satisfied.

196
00:10:49,150 --> 00:10:51,820
You don't like the place.

197
00:10:51,820 --> 00:10:52,840
So I wasn't--

198
00:10:52,840 --> 00:10:54,407
I wasn't happy in there.

199
00:10:54,407 --> 00:10:57,390

200

00:10:57,390 --> 00:11:01,430
And how many other
girls were there?

201
00:11:01,430 --> 00:11:03,540
In that orphanage?

202
00:11:03,540 --> 00:11:04,040
Oh.

203
00:11:04,040 --> 00:11:10,600
I think it was more than 100.

204
00:11:10,600 --> 00:11:11,890
And what--

205
00:11:11,890 --> 00:11:18,320
It was established by the
Hungarian Jewish woman.

206
00:11:18,320 --> 00:11:24,130

207
00:11:24,130 --> 00:11:26,350
And what was it
like living there?

208
00:11:26,350 --> 00:11:30,640
How many girls did
you share a room with?

209
00:11:30,640 --> 00:11:33,130
What was--

210
00:11:33,130 --> 00:11:35,110
It wasn't bad at all.

211
00:11:35,110 --> 00:11:37,170
But wasn't home.

212
00:11:37,170 --> 00:11:40,570
So I always wish to be home.

213
00:11:40,570 --> 00:11:41,730
But it wasn't bad.

214
00:11:41,730 --> 00:11:50,760
They give us all the
things that we needed.

215
00:11:50,760 --> 00:11:53,490
It wasn't bad.

216
00:11:53,490 --> 00:12:01,230
Just the fact that you
are separated with you--

217
00:12:01,230 --> 00:12:04,410
I separated with my
mother and family.

218
00:12:04,410 --> 00:12:08,210
So that was the problem.

219
00:12:08,210 --> 00:12:11,880
Otherwise, there was
no problem there.

220
00:12:11,880 --> 00:12:15,350

221
00:12:15,350 --> 00:12:18,020
Were you able to make
friends in the orphanage?

222
00:12:18,020 --> 00:12:18,520
Oh, sure.

223
00:12:18,520 --> 00:12:19,710
Sure, we were friends.

224
00:12:19,710 --> 00:12:24,970

225

00:12:24,970 --> 00:12:29,790
And so what kind of things did
you do for fun while you were--

226

00:12:29,790 --> 00:12:31,920
while you were there
with your friends,

227

00:12:31,920 --> 00:12:33,597
these girls you met in--

228

00:12:33,597 --> 00:12:38,710
In that orphanage
you mean, or what--

229

00:12:38,710 --> 00:12:39,210
Sure.

230

00:12:39,210 --> 00:12:40,580
--but, or when?

231

00:12:40,580 --> 00:12:41,080
Sure.

232

00:12:41,080 --> 00:12:43,890
Let's talk about your
friends in the orphanage.

233

00:12:43,890 --> 00:12:44,390
Oh.

234

00:12:44,390 --> 00:12:45,470
What did you--

235

00:12:45,470 --> 00:12:47,130
Well, I went to school.

236

00:12:47,130 --> 00:12:49,840
It's not was in orphanage.

237

00:12:49,840 --> 00:12:51,570

I went to the public school.

238
00:12:51,570 --> 00:12:57,640

239
00:12:57,640 --> 00:13:04,200
And since it was a
Jewish organization,

240
00:13:04,200 --> 00:13:06,210
we kept the holidays.

241
00:13:06,210 --> 00:13:09,810
And sometimes we
were off from school.

242
00:13:09,810 --> 00:13:14,080
They let us off from school,
although the school bus

243
00:13:14,080 --> 00:13:20,280
was the city school.

244
00:13:20,280 --> 00:13:26,390
But they accepted
holiday was when

245
00:13:26,390 --> 00:13:28,320
we stayed in the Institution.

246
00:13:28,320 --> 00:13:30,660
We didn't go to school.

247
00:13:30,660 --> 00:13:37,830
And there was a synagogue
in the orphanage.

248
00:13:37,830 --> 00:13:44,530
So we get a Jewish life there.

249
00:13:44,530 --> 00:13:46,610
But it wasn't home.

250
00:13:46,610 --> 00:13:49,270
And it was good,
but it wasn't home.

251
00:13:49,270 --> 00:13:59,570
So you cannot-- cannot get
anything better than home.

252
00:13:59,570 --> 00:14:06,280
So that's what I always
wish to get home, get home.

253
00:14:06,280 --> 00:14:19,840
And then the war came, and
the Germans occupied Hungary,

254
00:14:19,840 --> 00:14:24,310
and they occupied
the building too.

255
00:14:24,310 --> 00:14:29,230
So the orphanage was no more.

256
00:14:29,230 --> 00:14:32,470
They let the girls--

257
00:14:32,470 --> 00:14:37,250
all those girls who
has any place to go,

258
00:14:37,250 --> 00:14:39,300
they had to go out.

259
00:14:39,300 --> 00:14:44,840
And those who has no parents
at all and no place to go,

260
00:14:44,840 --> 00:14:53,140
they went to the Jewish boy
orphanage where my brother was.

261

00:14:53,140 --> 00:14:55,640
But my brother came
out from there.

262
00:14:55,640 --> 00:15:03,340
So everybody who has a
chance to get out from there,

263
00:15:03,340 --> 00:15:07,705
they let them out because they
need that because the two--

264
00:15:07,705 --> 00:15:12,490
the boys and the girls
orphanage was only one.

265
00:15:12,490 --> 00:15:21,863
And there was not much place for
both organizations, the girls

266
00:15:21,863 --> 00:15:22,405
and the boys.

267
00:15:22,405 --> 00:15:25,570

268
00:15:25,570 --> 00:15:29,800
And so before we get
to the occupation,

269
00:15:29,800 --> 00:15:31,390
can I ask you some
more questions

270
00:15:31,390 --> 00:15:35,430
about what it was like
before the war started?

271
00:15:35,430 --> 00:15:37,180
And what?

272
00:15:37,180 --> 00:15:41,990
So let's talk more about

school before the war started.

273

00:15:41,990 --> 00:15:42,680

The school?

274

00:15:42,680 --> 00:15:43,180

Yeah.

275

00:15:43,180 --> 00:15:43,915

So you--

276

00:15:43,915 --> 00:15:46,950

We went to public school--

277

00:15:46,950 --> 00:15:49,675

With Jewish and
non-Jewish students?

278

00:15:49,675 --> 00:15:50,440

What?

279

00:15:50,440 --> 00:15:52,060

With Jewish and non-Jewish?

280

00:15:52,060 --> 00:15:53,570

Not Jewish.

281

00:15:53,570 --> 00:15:54,850

Not Jewish.

282

00:15:54,850 --> 00:15:56,270

Public school.

283

00:15:56,270 --> 00:15:57,990

Was not Jewish.

284

00:15:57,990 --> 00:15:58,840

But it was a mix.

285

00:15:58,840 --> 00:16:01,390

286
00:16:01,390 --> 00:16:07,960
All kind of religious
girls' school there.

287
00:16:07,960 --> 00:16:12,530
It's a public school
like anywhere.

288
00:16:12,530 --> 00:16:19,890
Like here, so it doesn't
matter what was their religion.

289
00:16:19,890 --> 00:16:24,080
They reach the age, you
have to go to the school.

290
00:16:24,080 --> 00:16:25,630
So it was a public school.

291
00:16:25,630 --> 00:16:33,430
So it was Jewish girls, was
non-Jewish girls, all mixed.

292
00:16:33,430 --> 00:16:35,370
But it was all girls?

293
00:16:35,370 --> 00:16:36,090
What?

294
00:16:36,090 --> 00:16:39,922
It was all girls
or girls and boys?

295
00:16:39,922 --> 00:16:41,910
What?

296
00:16:41,910 --> 00:16:44,067
Was it girls and boys?

297
00:16:44,067 --> 00:16:44,650
Or just girls?

298
00:16:44,650 --> 00:16:45,560
Oh, just girls.

299
00:16:45,560 --> 00:16:49,040
The school was just girls.

300
00:16:49,040 --> 00:16:52,620
Even if it's public
school, it was different.

301
00:16:52,620 --> 00:16:56,520
Girls' school and boys' school.

302
00:16:56,520 --> 00:17:02,050
In Hungary, at least,
there wasn't together.

303
00:17:02,050 --> 00:17:05,520
Maybe you go to college,
they were together.

304
00:17:05,520 --> 00:17:11,700
But not in lower school.

305
00:17:11,700 --> 00:17:13,829
And what subjects did you learn?

306
00:17:13,829 --> 00:17:17,760

307
00:17:17,760 --> 00:17:27,280
Just the regular--
but we have to--

308
00:17:27,280 --> 00:17:28,780
So kind of the same.

309
00:17:28,780 --> 00:17:29,750
We cannot choose.

310

00:17:29,750 --> 00:17:31,960
It was a different--

311
00:17:31,960 --> 00:17:34,060
It wasn't college.

312
00:17:34,060 --> 00:17:38,340
So we have to do what--

313
00:17:38,340 --> 00:17:46,280
but they had it in place.

314
00:17:46,280 --> 00:17:49,970
So just kind of the
standard history, science--

315
00:17:49,970 --> 00:17:50,470
Everything.

316
00:17:50,470 --> 00:17:51,650
--math, all that.

317
00:17:51,650 --> 00:17:53,460
Everything.

318
00:17:53,460 --> 00:17:56,660
Did you learn any
foreign languages?

319
00:17:56,660 --> 00:17:59,420
Did you learn any
foreign languages?

320
00:17:59,420 --> 00:18:00,170
No.

321
00:18:00,170 --> 00:18:01,130
Not in school.

322
00:18:01,130 --> 00:18:04,670

323

00:18:04,670 --> 00:18:06,500

What were the teachers like?

324

00:18:06,500 --> 00:18:08,360

Do you remember any favorites

325

00:18:08,360 --> 00:18:13,670

Well, most of them wasn't
like the Jewish girls.

326

00:18:13,670 --> 00:18:14,670

Most of them.

327

00:18:14,670 --> 00:18:20,640

But there was a few
who was all right.

328

00:18:20,640 --> 00:18:23,950

329

00:18:23,950 --> 00:18:27,820

And how did you know that
they didn't like the--

330

00:18:27,820 --> 00:18:29,380

how did you know
that they didn't

331

00:18:29,380 --> 00:18:31,730

like the Jewish students?

332

00:18:31,730 --> 00:18:37,750

Well, when you go there, you
have to tell you religion.

333

00:18:37,750 --> 00:18:42,440

They were in the book,
what religion you are.

334

00:18:42,440 --> 00:18:44,990

So they knew.

335

00:18:44,990 --> 00:18:46,400

They have to do it.

336

00:18:46,400 --> 00:18:50,270

In Hungary, wherever
you go, you have

337

00:18:50,270 --> 00:18:57,000

to tell what your religion is.

338

00:18:57,000 --> 00:19:04,260

So it wasn't that
[? like that. ?]

339

00:19:04,260 --> 00:19:09,840

They never was [? sympathetic ?]
to the Jewish people.

340

00:19:09,840 --> 00:19:13,300

Maybe long, long
before because so many

341

00:19:13,300 --> 00:19:16,090

Jewish people lived in Hungary.

342

00:19:16,090 --> 00:19:20,980

So probably that's why they went
there because they were allowed

343

00:19:20,980 --> 00:19:23,490

and they were--

344

00:19:23,490 --> 00:19:31,990

and many of them, for example,
the richest people were Jewish.

345

00:19:31,990 --> 00:19:33,100

That was the trouble.

346

00:19:33,100 --> 00:19:35,740

347

00:19:35,740 --> 00:19:41,880

Big factory over there
was Jewish in Hungary.

348

00:19:41,880 --> 00:19:48,670

But they build up the
factory and everything.

349

00:19:48,670 --> 00:19:54,010

But Jewish people
[INAUDIBLE] Hungary.

350

00:19:54,010 --> 00:20:01,090

It was an agricultural country.

351

00:20:01,090 --> 00:20:04,420

And when the Jewish
people went there,

352

00:20:04,420 --> 00:20:07,975

it's getting a
little more like--

353

00:20:07,975 --> 00:20:11,260

354

00:20:11,260 --> 00:20:13,680

get factories.

355

00:20:13,680 --> 00:20:15,110

More industrialized.

356

00:20:15,110 --> 00:20:17,220

Yeah.

357

00:20:17,220 --> 00:20:17,720

Yeah.

358

00:20:17,720 --> 00:20:19,600

They did a lot.

359

00:20:19,600 --> 00:20:26,740
So most of the big factories
was before the war.

360
00:20:26,740 --> 00:20:31,870
The Jewish owned
them and build them.

361
00:20:31,870 --> 00:20:33,280
Actually, they build them.

362
00:20:33,280 --> 00:20:36,830

363
00:20:36,830 --> 00:20:40,910
So you think this was the
reason that a lot of people

364
00:20:40,910 --> 00:20:42,850
didn't like Jews?

365
00:20:42,850 --> 00:20:45,080
I cannot hear you.

366
00:20:45,080 --> 00:20:48,770
So you think that this was the
reason that a lot of people

367
00:20:48,770 --> 00:20:53,600
didn't like Jews, because
they owned the factories and--

368
00:20:53,600 --> 00:20:57,460

369
00:20:57,460 --> 00:20:58,520
I don't know.

370
00:20:58,520 --> 00:21:00,630
It wasn't good.

371
00:21:00,630 --> 00:21:07,680

It wasn't good for some people,
somehow Hungarians that--

372

00:21:07,680 --> 00:21:14,200
knowing that most of the richest
people was Jewish except,

373

00:21:14,200 --> 00:21:19,780
you know, except landowners.

374

00:21:19,780 --> 00:21:22,710
They don't let
Jewish landowners.

375

00:21:22,710 --> 00:21:31,440
So all the land in Hungary
was in the Christians hand.

376

00:21:31,440 --> 00:21:35,590
All of the-- later,
maybe a little, a small.

377

00:21:35,590 --> 00:21:40,660
But big, big lands is all--

378

00:21:40,660 --> 00:21:44,020
was a Jewish, wasn't
in Jewish hand.

379

00:21:44,020 --> 00:21:47,000

380

00:21:47,000 --> 00:21:50,520
And so with your
teachers, how did you

381

00:21:50,520 --> 00:21:55,062
know that they didn't
like the Jewish students?

382

00:21:55,062 --> 00:22:02,420
Well, sometime when they
call you, you know, you can--

383
00:22:02,420 --> 00:22:06,710
and their voice and their--

384
00:22:06,710 --> 00:22:10,107
not all of them,
but some them was,

385
00:22:10,107 --> 00:22:17,742
yeah, antisemite, some of them.

386
00:22:17,742 --> 00:22:19,950
So it was the way they talked
to the Jewish students.

387
00:22:19,950 --> 00:22:21,000
Yeah.

388
00:22:21,000 --> 00:22:28,005
They way you have to be extra
smart to get a good mark.

389
00:22:28,005 --> 00:22:36,600

390
00:22:36,600 --> 00:22:39,100
And did you have
friends at school?

391
00:22:39,100 --> 00:22:42,710
Maybe some girls that
were not in the orphanage?

392
00:22:42,710 --> 00:22:52,860
I had friends in the Institute,
the orphanage where I lived.

393
00:22:52,860 --> 00:23:01,380
We were all friends, especially
in the same age as I was.

394
00:23:01,380 --> 00:23:04,430

Sure, we were friends.

395
00:23:04,430 --> 00:23:07,650
Were any of your
classmates friends?

396
00:23:07,650 --> 00:23:08,610
What?

397
00:23:08,610 --> 00:23:12,700
Did you become friends with
any of your classmates?

398
00:23:12,700 --> 00:23:13,590
Girls that weren't--

399
00:23:13,590 --> 00:23:15,220
With wasn't Jewish?

400
00:23:15,220 --> 00:23:18,050
No.

401
00:23:18,050 --> 00:23:20,550
No.

402
00:23:20,550 --> 00:23:23,550
So you and the girls
from the Institute

403
00:23:23,550 --> 00:23:26,580
stuck together even at school?

404
00:23:26,580 --> 00:23:27,260
Yes.

405
00:23:27,260 --> 00:23:27,760
Yes.

406
00:23:27,760 --> 00:23:34,360
We were-- they don't--

407

00:23:34,360 --> 00:23:41,340
not because the Jewish girls,
but because the Christian,

408
00:23:41,340 --> 00:23:46,200
they don't want to
be friendly with us.

409
00:23:46,200 --> 00:23:51,840
So it's not-- that was
our fault or our choose.

410
00:23:51,840 --> 00:23:52,830
They have to choose.

411
00:23:52,830 --> 00:23:57,720

412
00:23:57,720 --> 00:24:02,550
So even though the Jewish
girls and the non-Jewish girls

413
00:24:02,550 --> 00:24:05,370
were in the same class,
you didn't really

414
00:24:05,370 --> 00:24:07,360
talk to each other?

415
00:24:07,360 --> 00:24:08,700
Well, we talked.

416
00:24:08,700 --> 00:24:12,550
But it's just a different group.

417
00:24:12,550 --> 00:24:24,960

418
00:24:24,960 --> 00:24:31,740
So at school or at the
Institute, were politics ever--

419

00:24:31,740 --> 00:24:32,970
In the Institute--

420
00:24:32,970 --> 00:24:33,470
Were--

421
00:24:33,470 --> 00:24:35,470
--that was Jewish.

422
00:24:35,470 --> 00:24:38,940
It was only Jewish girls there.

423
00:24:38,940 --> 00:24:43,170
Were politics ever discussed?

424
00:24:43,170 --> 00:24:44,350
I don't think so.

425
00:24:44,350 --> 00:24:47,320
We were children over there.

426
00:24:47,320 --> 00:24:47,820
No.

427
00:24:47,820 --> 00:24:53,880
I don't think they
discussed politics with us.

428
00:24:53,880 --> 00:24:56,310
So you don't
remember them talking

429
00:24:56,310 --> 00:25:01,040
about what was happening in
Germany or anything like that?

430
00:25:01,040 --> 00:25:02,830
Well, you knew that--

431
00:25:02,830 --> 00:25:04,320
yeah.

432

00:25:04,320 --> 00:25:09,740

You heard about it,
and you were in the--

433

00:25:09,740 --> 00:25:15,190

news, you heard, you can
read in the newspapers.

434

00:25:15,190 --> 00:25:16,210

So sure.

435

00:25:16,210 --> 00:25:19,090

436

00:25:19,090 --> 00:25:21,670

If I remember,
probably, they told us

437

00:25:21,670 --> 00:25:25,910

to-- but I'm not sure
about it anymore.

438

00:25:25,910 --> 00:25:31,190

Well, children doesn't get much.

439

00:25:31,190 --> 00:25:35,850

And there was only
Jewish children in there.

440

00:25:35,850 --> 00:25:42,950

So we didn't discuss
any politics or any--

441

00:25:42,950 --> 00:25:48,090

in the school, we
felt the antisemitism

442

00:25:48,090 --> 00:25:50,350

because it was public school.

443

00:25:50,350 --> 00:25:53,820

But in the Institute,

was only Jewish girls.

444
00:25:53,820 --> 00:25:59,730

445
00:25:59,730 --> 00:26:05,580
And so when you
were going to school

446
00:26:05,580 --> 00:26:07,327
outside of the Institute--

447
00:26:07,327 --> 00:26:08,700
What?

448
00:26:08,700 --> 00:26:13,080
So when you were not at
school or the Institute,

449
00:26:13,080 --> 00:26:14,490
what did you--

450
00:26:14,490 --> 00:26:16,590
what was Budapest like?

451
00:26:16,590 --> 00:26:20,580
Well, we studied.

452
00:26:20,580 --> 00:26:23,100
We did homework,
what we had to do.

453
00:26:23,100 --> 00:26:26,730
And there was a--

454
00:26:26,730 --> 00:26:32,270

455
00:26:32,270 --> 00:26:37,510
played together when we
don't have schoolwork

456

00:26:37,510 --> 00:26:41,650

or we finished our
homework or something.

457

00:26:41,650 --> 00:26:46,070

But not special.

458

00:26:46,070 --> 00:26:50,540

Well, there was special
because something

459

00:26:50,540 --> 00:26:56,555

because they made some
class like English language.

460

00:26:56,555 --> 00:26:59,130

461

00:26:59,130 --> 00:27:06,550

But we were too young,
and wasn't so interested.

462

00:27:06,550 --> 00:27:13,780

But because we had to do,
we have to go, so we do it.

463

00:27:13,780 --> 00:27:15,730

But we had English.

464

00:27:15,730 --> 00:27:17,460

I think German too.

465

00:27:17,460 --> 00:27:21,750

But I don't remember
exactly if it was true.

466

00:27:21,750 --> 00:27:26,430

But English I remember.

467

00:27:26,430 --> 00:27:29,250

We were taught.

468

00:27:29,250 --> 00:27:34,250

There was a teacher
who come and taught us

469

00:27:34,250 --> 00:27:37,290
to the English [INAUDIBLE].

470

00:27:37,290 --> 00:27:39,840
We wasn't too much
interested in it.

471

00:27:39,840 --> 00:27:47,000
So I didn't learn much
of the English language.

472

00:27:47,000 --> 00:27:48,590
But I learned this--

473

00:27:48,590 --> 00:27:52,570
I learned it here when
we came to the United

474

00:27:52,570 --> 00:28:00,100
States, only a few words
I remember, but not much.

475

00:28:00,100 --> 00:28:03,220
And this was a class
that the Institute had?

476

00:28:03,220 --> 00:28:03,960
What?

477

00:28:03,960 --> 00:28:06,360
This was a class
at the Institute,

478

00:28:06,360 --> 00:28:08,950
kind of an after
school activity?

479

00:28:08,950 --> 00:28:10,100

After school?

480
00:28:10,100 --> 00:28:12,900
Well, we were in the
Institute day and night

481
00:28:12,900 --> 00:28:16,260
except when we go to
the public school.

482
00:28:16,260 --> 00:28:16,890
Oh, I see.

483
00:28:16,890 --> 00:28:22,460
We went to the public school
and lived in the Institute.

484
00:28:22,460 --> 00:28:25,990
So this English class
was at the Institute?

485
00:28:25,990 --> 00:28:26,880
What?

486
00:28:26,880 --> 00:28:30,510
The English class
was at the Institute?

487
00:28:30,510 --> 00:28:32,400
Yes, that's in the Institute.

488
00:28:32,400 --> 00:28:35,035
That's not in the public school.

489
00:28:35,035 --> 00:28:38,420
There was only
German they taught.

490
00:28:38,420 --> 00:28:45,770
And also no public school
you can learn English.

491

00:28:45,770 --> 00:28:51,190
Only if you take it as a
special something, somewhere.

492
00:28:51,190 --> 00:28:53,990
But not in the public school.

493
00:28:53,990 --> 00:28:58,610
But German, it was required.

494
00:28:58,610 --> 00:29:01,050
It has to.

495
00:29:01,050 --> 00:29:02,680
Everyone had to learn German.

496
00:29:02,680 --> 00:29:07,980
Yeah, that wasn't so good.

497
00:29:07,980 --> 00:29:12,210
You cannot learn the
language from that school.

498
00:29:12,210 --> 00:29:14,730
You have to go special in the--

499
00:29:14,730 --> 00:29:19,840

500
00:29:19,840 --> 00:29:30,220
German teacher to get learn the
German or English or anything.

501
00:29:30,220 --> 00:29:34,660
But English, they learned,
I mean, they taught.

502
00:29:34,660 --> 00:29:41,530
But very few-- very few
words remained in my mind

503
00:29:41,530 --> 00:29:44,020

when I came to
the United States.

504
00:29:44,020 --> 00:29:52,770
I couldn't speak English
from that learning.

505
00:29:52,770 --> 00:29:54,485
I learned English here actually.

506
00:29:54,485 --> 00:29:58,870

507
00:29:58,870 --> 00:30:03,050
And so how far away was
school from the Institute?

508
00:30:03,050 --> 00:30:04,010
Not far.

509
00:30:04,010 --> 00:30:08,730
Maybe less than
five minutes walk.

510
00:30:08,730 --> 00:30:10,350
Oh, so very close.

511
00:30:10,350 --> 00:30:11,310
Yeah.

512
00:30:11,310 --> 00:30:14,320
It wasn't far.

513
00:30:14,320 --> 00:30:18,250
And in these walks,
as the years go by,

514
00:30:18,250 --> 00:30:22,710
did you ever see any
discrimination against Jews

515
00:30:22,710 --> 00:30:23,210

or any--

516
00:30:23,210 --> 00:30:24,220
In the public school?

517
00:30:24,220 --> 00:30:24,860
Yes.

518
00:30:24,860 --> 00:30:25,360
At--

519
00:30:25,360 --> 00:30:28,150
From some teacher,
not all of them.

520
00:30:28,150 --> 00:30:35,030
But some teacher was
very big German friend.

521
00:30:35,030 --> 00:30:39,280
And yes, we had--

522
00:30:39,280 --> 00:30:42,910
but others doesn't care.

523
00:30:42,910 --> 00:30:45,460

524
00:30:45,460 --> 00:30:47,540
What about around Budapest?

525
00:30:47,540 --> 00:30:48,220
What?

526
00:30:48,220 --> 00:30:52,640
Did you see discrimination
elsewhere in Budapest?

527
00:30:52,640 --> 00:30:59,770
Well, I cannot actually say
because I lived in that Jewish

528

00:30:59,770 --> 00:31:00,800
orphanage.

529

00:31:00,800 --> 00:31:06,870
So only in school, what
I tight experienced.

530

00:31:06,870 --> 00:31:09,610
I cannot experience otherwise.

531

00:31:09,610 --> 00:31:16,650
We cannot just go out without
permission from that building--

532

00:31:16,650 --> 00:31:19,980
Oh, I see.

533

00:31:19,980 --> 00:31:23,780
--except if some relatives
comes and take us out.

534

00:31:23,780 --> 00:31:31,570
But we just cannot leave
the building by ourselves.

535

00:31:31,570 --> 00:31:35,765
So it was pretty much, you were
at school or at the orphanage?

536

00:31:35,765 --> 00:31:37,280
Oh, we went to school.

537

00:31:37,280 --> 00:31:38,740
That was a public school.

538

00:31:38,740 --> 00:31:48,650
Then go back home, back to the
Institute, orphanage, actually.

539

00:31:48,650 --> 00:31:51,150
It was an orphanage for girls.

540

00:31:51,150 --> 00:31:56,570

And there was my younger
brother was in orphanage, boys.

541

00:31:56,570 --> 00:32:00,170

That was a different place.

542

00:32:00,170 --> 00:32:01,910

Did they have the
same arrangement

543

00:32:01,910 --> 00:32:07,560

where they just went to school
and were at the orphanage?

544

00:32:07,560 --> 00:32:10,100

Same arrangement, like what?

545

00:32:10,100 --> 00:32:16,980

I guess-- so he also went to
school or was at the orphanage?

546

00:32:16,980 --> 00:32:18,560

He couldn't go out either?

547

00:32:18,560 --> 00:32:19,060

No.

548

00:32:19,060 --> 00:32:20,400

You cannot get out.

549

00:32:20,400 --> 00:32:21,270

No.

550

00:32:21,270 --> 00:32:24,070

You cannot get out or leave.

551

00:32:24,070 --> 00:32:30,290

If they let you out,
told you to go somewhere.

552

00:32:30,290 --> 00:32:30,790
No.

553
00:32:30,790 --> 00:32:36,480
You cannot get out
just by leaving.

554
00:32:36,480 --> 00:32:40,810
but when I get a
little older, then I

555
00:32:40,810 --> 00:32:46,210
sneak out and run
to my aunt's house

556
00:32:46,210 --> 00:32:51,520
and got some food from
her and then run back.

557
00:32:51,520 --> 00:32:55,720
She didn't like it
too much that nobody

558
00:32:55,720 --> 00:33:00,920
knows because if they knew
in the Institute, sometimes

559
00:33:00,920 --> 00:33:01,790
I was--

560
00:33:01,790 --> 00:33:11,740
that I came back to the
classroom and my friend told me

561
00:33:11,740 --> 00:33:15,490
the teacher was looking
for me or something.

562
00:33:15,490 --> 00:33:20,660
But one time, the teacher
looked up and see me over there

563
00:33:20,660 --> 00:33:26,550

and told the class,
you see, stupid.

564
00:33:26,550 --> 00:33:27,655
He's not lost.

565
00:33:27,655 --> 00:33:30,760

566
00:33:30,760 --> 00:33:38,270
They don't even think
that I left the Institute

567
00:33:38,270 --> 00:33:39,570
without permission.

568
00:33:39,570 --> 00:33:42,950

569
00:33:42,950 --> 00:33:46,360
It was not allowed,
but I did it.

570
00:33:46,360 --> 00:33:55,450
Not too often, but sometimes
that I was so full of it.

571
00:33:55,450 --> 00:33:57,480
I feel I have to get away.

572
00:33:57,480 --> 00:34:00,050

573
00:34:00,050 --> 00:34:06,110
Then I sneak out and run to
my aunt's house or running,

574
00:34:06,110 --> 00:34:06,610
running.

575
00:34:06,610 --> 00:34:09,275
And she doesn't live very close.

576
00:34:09,275 --> 00:34:12,170

577
00:34:12,170 --> 00:34:17,000
When I ran there, I only spent
maybe four or five minutes.

578
00:34:17,000 --> 00:34:22,219
I eat something and then
run back to the Institute

579
00:34:22,219 --> 00:34:27,920
because they can asked for
me like they did sometimes.

580
00:34:27,920 --> 00:34:32,020

581
00:34:32,020 --> 00:34:35,330
How old were you when
you started sneaking out?

582
00:34:35,330 --> 00:34:37,020
How?

583
00:34:37,020 --> 00:34:40,026
How old were you when
you first snuck out to go

584
00:34:40,026 --> 00:34:40,693
to your aunt's--

585
00:34:40,693 --> 00:34:43,304

586
00:34:43,304 --> 00:34:48,950
I was really 13
or 14, not before.

587
00:34:48,950 --> 00:34:51,620

588

00:34:51,620 --> 00:34:55,659

And every once in a while you
would do this just to get away?

589

00:34:55,659 --> 00:34:58,750

Not very often because
it was very risky.

590

00:34:58,750 --> 00:35:02,060

591

00:35:02,060 --> 00:35:06,940

But sometimes I was so
full of all this life,

592

00:35:06,940 --> 00:35:09,470

feel I broke out.

593

00:35:09,470 --> 00:35:15,060

And then I run, run, and
went to the aunt's house.

594

00:35:15,060 --> 00:35:26,750

She didn't like it too much, but
I was then 13 or 14 years old,

595

00:35:26,750 --> 00:35:27,360

not before.

596

00:35:27,360 --> 00:35:31,880

597

00:35:31,880 --> 00:35:34,070

So at that point,
you would have been--

598

00:35:34,070 --> 00:35:36,890

at that point, you would
have been in the orphanage

599

00:35:36,890 --> 00:35:39,410

for about six years?

600
00:35:39,410 --> 00:35:41,270
[INAUDIBLE]

601
00:35:41,270 --> 00:35:44,145
I cannot get your answer.

602
00:35:44,145 --> 00:35:46,400
I mean the question.

603
00:35:46,400 --> 00:35:50,940
So you went to the orphanage
when you were seven.

604
00:35:50,940 --> 00:35:54,090
And so you had been
there six years?

605
00:35:54,090 --> 00:36:00,510
I went to the orphanage
when I was eight years old.

606
00:36:00,510 --> 00:36:09,100
And I came out when I
was 15 because that time,

607
00:36:09,100 --> 00:36:15,400
the Germans occupied Hungary,
and they wanted the building,

608
00:36:15,400 --> 00:36:17,450
the orphanage building.

609
00:36:17,450 --> 00:36:24,240
And all the girls has to leave.

610
00:36:24,240 --> 00:36:30,230
And some girls who has no
parents or nobody to go,

611
00:36:30,230 --> 00:36:32,790

they went to the
boys' orphanage--

612
00:36:32,790 --> 00:36:35,100
Jewish boys orphanage.

613
00:36:35,100 --> 00:36:40,740
And the other girls has
to go either parent--

614
00:36:40,740 --> 00:36:42,090
mother.

615
00:36:42,090 --> 00:36:45,150
They don't have parents,
just mother or father.

616
00:36:45,150 --> 00:36:48,350

617
00:36:48,350 --> 00:36:50,770
And what relatives [INAUDIBLE].

618
00:36:50,770 --> 00:36:54,380

619
00:36:54,380 --> 00:36:58,150
And of those who
absolute know nobody,

620
00:36:58,150 --> 00:37:02,270
they went to the
boys' orphanage.

621
00:37:02,270 --> 00:37:06,660

622
00:37:06,660 --> 00:37:10,560
During this time that you
were at the orphanage, what

623
00:37:10,560 --> 00:37:14,496

were your mother and
older brother doing?

624
00:37:14,496 --> 00:37:18,010

Well, my older brother
went to school.

625
00:37:18,010 --> 00:37:22,270

And my mother has a--

626
00:37:22,270 --> 00:37:25,580

made his own business.

627
00:37:25,580 --> 00:37:36,290

He bought poultry and
take it to Budapest

628
00:37:36,290 --> 00:37:39,050

and sold these to stores.

629
00:37:39,050 --> 00:37:41,630

630
00:37:41,630 --> 00:37:46,270

And then she bought
some candy or chocolate

631
00:37:46,270 --> 00:37:57,810

in a factory in Budapest and
sold it in the town to stores--

632
00:37:57,810 --> 00:38:00,460

probably stores.

633
00:38:00,460 --> 00:38:02,660

So your mother went
back and forth--

634
00:38:02,660 --> 00:38:03,160

Yes--

635
00:38:03,160 --> 00:38:06,370

--with the goods.
--back and forth.

636
00:38:06,370 --> 00:38:11,380
Actually, they say-- I
don't know-- that relatives

637
00:38:11,380 --> 00:38:13,790
say she was a rich woman.

638
00:38:13,790 --> 00:38:15,280
But I don't think so.

639
00:38:15,280 --> 00:38:19,130

640
00:38:19,130 --> 00:38:20,490
She worked very hard.

641
00:38:20,490 --> 00:38:24,990

642
00:38:24,990 --> 00:38:28,770
Did you-- did she ever come
to visit you or your younger

643
00:38:28,770 --> 00:38:29,270
brother?

644
00:38:29,270 --> 00:38:31,930

645
00:38:31,930 --> 00:38:33,240
Sometimes.

646
00:38:33,240 --> 00:38:42,730
My mother felt because when
she comes up to Budapest,

647
00:38:42,730 --> 00:38:44,620
they stays with my aunt.

648

00:38:44,620 --> 00:38:51,090

And usually, we're not
allowed to get visitors,

649

00:38:51,090 --> 00:38:59,740

just only when the time
was every month on Sunday

650

00:38:59,740 --> 00:39:00,720

I remember.

651

00:39:00,720 --> 00:39:05,570

That was the time when
visitors was able to come--

652

00:39:05,570 --> 00:39:06,900

relatives.

653

00:39:06,900 --> 00:39:13,290

But my aunt used to come
because she lived in Budapest.

654

00:39:13,290 --> 00:39:15,140

But my mother, no.

655

00:39:15,140 --> 00:39:21,750

But in the Institute
has a synagogue.

656

00:39:21,750 --> 00:39:25,980

And when my mother
came up to Budapest,

657

00:39:25,980 --> 00:39:32,700

she stays for the Shabbos
and came to the synagogue,

658

00:39:32,700 --> 00:39:34,890

to the Institute.

659

00:39:34,890 --> 00:39:37,410

So I can see--

660
00:39:37,410 --> 00:39:39,890
we can see each other
for a few minutes.

661
00:39:39,890 --> 00:39:46,800

662
00:39:46,800 --> 00:39:50,890
And she also visited
your younger brother once

663
00:39:50,890 --> 00:39:51,390
in a while?

664
00:39:51,390 --> 00:39:54,050

665
00:39:54,050 --> 00:39:56,600
Sometimes to the
younger brother.

666
00:39:56,600 --> 00:39:59,056
Sometimes me.

667
00:39:59,056 --> 00:39:59,556
Yeah.

668
00:39:59,556 --> 00:40:02,950

669
00:40:02,950 --> 00:40:06,070
What was it like seeing her?

670
00:40:06,070 --> 00:40:09,190
What was it like when
she came to visit?

671
00:40:09,190 --> 00:40:14,320
It was a wonderful
feeling, when you like--

672
00:40:14,320 --> 00:40:20,440
when you love your mother
and you cannot see her,

673
00:40:20,440 --> 00:40:23,760
just occasionally.

674
00:40:23,760 --> 00:40:30,240
It was very, very,
very good feeling.

675
00:40:30,240 --> 00:40:36,660
Besides, she always
bring some good--

676
00:40:36,660 --> 00:40:41,580
either candy or cake or
something she brought me.

677
00:40:41,580 --> 00:40:48,060
So that cheered a child,
it's very good thing,

678
00:40:48,060 --> 00:40:50,160
the extra things like that.

679
00:40:50,160 --> 00:40:56,020

680
00:40:56,020 --> 00:40:58,460
Did your grandmother
ever come to visit you?

681
00:40:58,460 --> 00:40:58,960
No.

682
00:40:58,960 --> 00:41:01,690
No, no.

683
00:41:01,690 --> 00:41:03,165
She didn't come.

684

00:41:03,165 --> 00:41:06,960

Very seldom come out to--

685

00:41:06,960 --> 00:41:15,670

Well, sometimes she went
to the spa in some place.

686

00:41:15,670 --> 00:41:20,410

It wasn't so far from the town.

687

00:41:20,410 --> 00:41:26,030

There was a lot of [INAUDIBLE].

688

00:41:26,030 --> 00:41:27,630

He went there sometime.

689

00:41:27,630 --> 00:41:34,530

It went two weeks because
he had very bad legs.

690

00:41:34,530 --> 00:41:39,230

691

00:41:39,230 --> 00:41:44,795

She used to go there, and we
saw her at least two weeks.

692

00:41:44,795 --> 00:41:48,500

693

00:41:48,500 --> 00:41:51,830

When you were in
Budapest, did you

694

00:41:51,830 --> 00:41:56,560

know what was going
on in your hometown?

695

00:41:56,560 --> 00:41:57,290

Any news or--

696

00:41:57,290 --> 00:42:00,310

Actually, only when
I got the letter

697

00:42:00,310 --> 00:42:07,240

from my mother or a special
thing happening, I get letter.

698

00:42:07,240 --> 00:42:08,860

Otherwise, I don't
know anything.

699

00:42:08,860 --> 00:42:14,030

700

00:42:14,030 --> 00:42:15,680

Did you know about--

701

00:42:15,680 --> 00:42:21,200

did you know any men that
were taken to forced labor?

702

00:42:21,200 --> 00:42:22,970

Men who what?

703

00:42:22,970 --> 00:42:27,045

Did you know about any men who
were taken to forced labor?

704

00:42:27,045 --> 00:42:31,070

705

00:42:31,070 --> 00:42:34,430

My brother was in forced labor.

706

00:42:34,430 --> 00:42:44,090

And both my uncle and both,
they took them both to Ukraine.

707

00:42:44,090 --> 00:42:48,580

And they died over
there during the war.

708

00:42:48,580 --> 00:42:53,240

You know, they [INAUDIBLE] that
they killed them or the court

709

00:42:53,240 --> 00:42:55,710

killed them because they don't--

710

00:42:55,710 --> 00:42:57,610

they cannot leave.

711

00:42:57,610 --> 00:43:00,350

[INAUDIBLE] Hungarian uniform.

712

00:43:00,350 --> 00:43:06,920

Because they were Jewish, they
had to leave their old clothes.

713

00:43:06,920 --> 00:43:10,220

And when they are
[INAUDIBLE],, they

714

00:43:10,220 --> 00:43:13,070

are not allowed to get packages.

715

00:43:13,070 --> 00:43:17,000

So sometimes it [? tears ?]
them of all the time,

716

00:43:17,000 --> 00:43:19,010

you know, they worked hard.

717

00:43:19,010 --> 00:43:27,320

And the hard winter in Ukraine.

718

00:43:27,320 --> 00:43:30,410

They perished.

719

00:43:30,410 --> 00:43:37,690

Besides, they were killed
by the Hungarian soldiers

720

00:43:37,690 --> 00:43:41,100
who will take care of them.

721
00:43:41,100 --> 00:43:44,910
It was easy to shot a Jew.

722
00:43:44,910 --> 00:43:47,770

723
00:43:47,770 --> 00:43:55,090
They never have to be
responsible for that, nobody.

724
00:43:55,090 --> 00:43:57,165
Jewish life means nothing.

725
00:43:57,165 --> 00:44:01,600

726
00:44:01,600 --> 00:44:06,510
When were they taken
for forced labor?

727
00:44:06,510 --> 00:44:08,180
When was--

728
00:44:08,180 --> 00:44:10,400
When were your brother
and uncle sent?

729
00:44:10,400 --> 00:44:14,240
My brother was--

730
00:44:14,240 --> 00:44:19,100
1944.

731
00:44:19,100 --> 00:44:20,230
And how old--

732
00:44:20,230 --> 00:44:34,370
My uncle, one of them
I this is 1940 or '41.

733
00:44:34,370 --> 00:44:44,090
When the war started, they
were involved with Russia.

734
00:44:44,090 --> 00:44:53,090
And then the Hungarians were
Axis part there to the Germans.

735
00:44:53,090 --> 00:44:59,720
So when they were involved
with the Russian, the Germans,

736
00:44:59,720 --> 00:45:05,040
and the Hungarians too
because the Germans was so--

737
00:45:05,040 --> 00:45:12,680
there was Hungarian soldiers,
and there was Hungarian labor

738
00:45:12,680 --> 00:45:17,970
camp person also in Ukraine.

739
00:45:17,970 --> 00:45:22,050
Ukraine mostly, not the
other part of Russia.

740
00:45:22,050 --> 00:45:25,500
Mostly Ukraine.

741
00:45:25,500 --> 00:45:30,380
And both of my uncles
died over there.

742
00:45:30,380 --> 00:45:31,770
Both of them.

743
00:45:31,770 --> 00:45:33,140
They never came back.

744
00:45:33,140 --> 00:45:36,720

745
00:45:36,720 --> 00:45:37,780
And your brother?

746
00:45:37,780 --> 00:45:38,700
It was Paul?

747
00:45:38,700 --> 00:45:40,800
My brother wasn't in the--

748
00:45:40,800 --> 00:45:49,260
it was-- when he reached
the age and [INAUDIBLE],,

749
00:45:49,260 --> 00:45:53,030
he was in labor service.

750
00:45:53,030 --> 00:45:58,440
He was in Hungary.

751
00:45:58,440 --> 00:46:04,450
And one time he was
transferred near to Budapest,

752
00:46:04,450 --> 00:46:07,560
in the outskirts of Budapest.

753
00:46:07,560 --> 00:46:12,110
And that was in 1944.

754
00:46:12,110 --> 00:46:22,430
He even hide me over there with
the Jewish labor servicemen

755
00:46:22,430 --> 00:46:28,065
because they were
[? mechanics ?] work

756
00:46:28,065 --> 00:46:33,390
in the airport--

757

00:46:33,390 --> 00:46:35,490
the Hungarian airport.

758

00:46:35,490 --> 00:46:36,910
There was something there.

759

00:46:36,910 --> 00:46:39,840

760

00:46:39,840 --> 00:46:44,820
As [? mechanics, ?] they
were work in that place.

761

00:46:44,820 --> 00:46:53,040
And they had a building, a
school building, a school.

762

00:46:53,040 --> 00:46:55,900
There was no school
there at that time.

763

00:46:55,900 --> 00:47:00,730
And they occupied one
of the school room

764

00:47:00,730 --> 00:47:08,100
near to the village,
a village near

765

00:47:08,100 --> 00:47:12,970
to the airport,
Budapest airport.

766

00:47:12,970 --> 00:47:16,280

767

00:47:16,280 --> 00:47:18,670
And they were
snatched somewhere.

768

00:47:18,670 --> 00:47:20,360
I don't know where.

769
00:47:20,360 --> 00:47:26,480
But they worked over
there as [? mechanics. ?]

770
00:47:26,480 --> 00:47:31,310
And why-- this was
your brother Paul?

771
00:47:31,310 --> 00:47:32,170
I can't--

772
00:47:32,170 --> 00:47:37,780
Was this Paul, your brother,
who was in forced labor?

773
00:47:37,780 --> 00:47:41,000

774
00:47:41,000 --> 00:47:42,930
What in forced labor?

775
00:47:42,930 --> 00:47:44,250
Which brother?

776
00:47:44,250 --> 00:47:47,390
Was it Paul or L̃szl̃?

777
00:47:47,390 --> 00:47:48,440
Which brother?

778
00:47:48,440 --> 00:47:48,950
Yes.

779
00:47:48,950 --> 00:47:50,390
Oh, the older.

780
00:47:50,390 --> 00:47:55,310
The younger brother
was younger than I was.

781

00:47:55,310 --> 00:47:57,330
He was 13 years old.

782
00:47:57,330 --> 00:47:58,880
No, he wasn't [INAUDIBLE].

783
00:47:58,880 --> 00:48:03,240
So it was Paul that
was in forced labor?

784
00:48:03,240 --> 00:48:06,930
My older brother
was in forced labor.

785
00:48:06,930 --> 00:48:08,030
Yeah.

786
00:48:08,030 --> 00:48:12,485
He was 18 years old.

787
00:48:12,485 --> 00:48:16,990
And he called up as a--

788
00:48:16,990 --> 00:48:19,530
usually, they would go--

789
00:48:19,530 --> 00:48:23,980
the Christians called
up for the army.

790
00:48:23,980 --> 00:48:27,640
They were called up
for labor service.

791
00:48:27,640 --> 00:48:29,915
Jewish was called up
for labor service.

792
00:48:29,915 --> 00:48:35,100

793
00:48:35,100 --> 00:48:37,965

Why did he take you and
hide you near the airport?

794
00:48:37,965 --> 00:48:41,960

795
00:48:41,960 --> 00:48:47,000
Because they were mechanic,
and they worked in the airport,

796
00:48:47,000 --> 00:48:50,000
someplace in the airport.

797
00:48:50,000 --> 00:48:54,770
And it was a unit.

798
00:48:54,770 --> 00:48:56,070
Not all of them mechanic.

799
00:48:56,070 --> 00:49:01,070
There was a rich,
rich Jewish man

800
00:49:01,070 --> 00:49:10,230
who paid to get
into that company

801
00:49:10,230 --> 00:49:12,450
because they didn't wear--

802
00:49:12,450 --> 00:49:16,040
they don't have to
wear the yellow band

803
00:49:16,040 --> 00:49:19,610
like all the Jewish soldiers--

804
00:49:19,610 --> 00:49:22,530
Jewish people.

805
00:49:22,530 --> 00:49:28,372
They only wear a

Hungarian color--

806
00:49:28,372 --> 00:49:33,000

807
00:49:33,000 --> 00:49:35,510
red, white, and green.

808
00:49:35,510 --> 00:49:40,390

809
00:49:40,390 --> 00:49:43,200
So because I don't know why.

810
00:49:43,200 --> 00:49:45,060
Because probably,
they don't want

811
00:49:45,060 --> 00:49:52,030
to show that the Jews work in
the airport, in such place,

812
00:49:52,030 --> 00:49:52,530
you know?

813
00:49:52,530 --> 00:49:54,880
I don't know why they did it.

814
00:49:54,880 --> 00:50:00,980
But there was only
a very small unit.

815
00:50:00,980 --> 00:50:05,690
So the forced laborers had to
wear the red, green, and white.

816
00:50:05,690 --> 00:50:11,330
The forced labor has
to wear yellow band.

817
00:50:11,330 --> 00:50:17,950
But they don't want to

show that the Jews worked

818
00:50:17,950 --> 00:50:22,580
in the airport some
important place--

819
00:50:22,580 --> 00:50:24,790
because they were
all [? mechanic ?]..

820
00:50:24,790 --> 00:50:26,750
They needed them.

821
00:50:26,750 --> 00:50:31,280
So they let them red,
white, and blue--

822
00:50:31,280 --> 00:50:33,470
red, white, and green.

823
00:50:33,470 --> 00:50:34,950
Instead of the yellow--

824
00:50:34,950 --> 00:50:38,200
The Hungarian color.

825
00:50:38,200 --> 00:50:38,700
OK.

826
00:50:38,700 --> 00:50:48,390

827
00:50:48,390 --> 00:50:52,620
And you were able to see him
while he was near Budapest?

828
00:50:52,620 --> 00:50:53,350
Yes.

829
00:50:53,350 --> 00:50:56,110
Yes.

830

00:50:56,110 --> 00:51:02,580

Actually, because they
were a special unit, so

831

00:51:02,580 --> 00:51:10,570

they were allowed to go
out when they did work.

832

00:51:10,570 --> 00:51:13,120

So he visit us.

833

00:51:13,120 --> 00:51:20,110

I was then in a
Jewish house that

834

00:51:20,110 --> 00:51:30,020

was marked by a star of David.

835

00:51:30,020 --> 00:51:33,710

And the Jewish
people lived there.

836

00:51:33,710 --> 00:51:37,390

Although, there
lived not Jewish,

837

00:51:37,390 --> 00:51:40,730

Christian people
also who doesn't want

838

00:51:40,730 --> 00:51:42,770

to leave their home.

839

00:51:42,770 --> 00:51:43,980

They stayed there.

840

00:51:43,980 --> 00:51:46,880

But they don't have to.

841

00:51:46,880 --> 00:51:47,980

They can.

842

00:51:47,980 --> 00:51:51,210

843

00:51:51,210 --> 00:51:54,160

But they don't care
leaving the Jewish--

844

00:51:54,160 --> 00:51:59,430

Jews so they stayed
there in their home.

845

00:51:59,430 --> 00:52:02,790

But most of them moved out.

846

00:52:02,790 --> 00:52:08,040

So the Jewish
people can go in who

847

00:52:08,040 --> 00:52:15,310

lost their home because they
weren't allowed to leave them.

848

00:52:15,310 --> 00:52:20,480

It wasn't marked for the Jews.

849

00:52:20,480 --> 00:52:25,380

850

00:52:25,380 --> 00:52:30,140

And what was it like seeing
him after so many years?

851

00:52:30,140 --> 00:52:33,980

Well, it was
wonderful to see him.

852

00:52:33,980 --> 00:52:43,490

That time, by the rest of the
family was already deported.

853

00:52:43,490 --> 00:52:47,412

He was still in Budapest,

in the labor camp.

854
00:52:47,412 --> 00:52:50,760

855
00:52:50,760 --> 00:52:52,990
But because he was
a [? mechanic ?],,

856
00:52:52,990 --> 00:53:01,400
he [? was ?] allowed
to things like--

857
00:53:01,400 --> 00:53:05,900
that no other labor
serviceman was allowed.

858
00:53:05,900 --> 00:53:08,750

859
00:53:08,750 --> 00:53:14,010
That's why they let them
wear not the yellow armband

860
00:53:14,010 --> 00:53:17,370
but the Hungarian color.

861
00:53:17,370 --> 00:53:20,180
And what is "may-ha-nic?"

862
00:53:20,180 --> 00:53:22,270
What does that mean?

863
00:53:22,270 --> 00:53:27,160
Red, white, and green.

864
00:53:27,160 --> 00:53:27,660
Oh.

865
00:53:27,660 --> 00:53:29,340
It means red, white, and green?

866
00:53:29,340 --> 00:53:30,150
Yes.

867
00:53:30,150 --> 00:53:32,470
And this is the special group?

868
00:53:32,470 --> 00:53:32,970
Yeah.

869
00:53:32,970 --> 00:53:33,956
OK.

870
00:53:33,956 --> 00:53:35,180
OK.

871
00:53:35,180 --> 00:53:38,990
They're very small-- small unit.

872
00:53:38,990 --> 00:53:41,210
They [? don't ?] [? want ?] to--

873
00:53:41,210 --> 00:53:45,050
the Hungarians don't want
to embarrass themselves

874
00:53:45,050 --> 00:53:54,690
to get some smart
and Jewish workers.

875
00:53:54,690 --> 00:53:58,090
There so work for
them, so they let

876
00:53:58,090 --> 00:54:04,080
them wear the Hungarian
color, not the Jewish yellow.

877
00:54:04,080 --> 00:54:08,430

878
00:54:08,430 --> 00:54:15,120

So let's jump back a
little bit to 1939.

879
00:54:15,120 --> 00:54:21,490
Do you remember hearing about
Germany invading Poland?

880
00:54:21,490 --> 00:54:22,720
Yes.

881
00:54:22,720 --> 00:54:23,700
Yes.

882
00:54:23,700 --> 00:54:28,450
We heard in the radio
when the newspaper--

883
00:54:28,450 --> 00:54:29,260
yes.

884
00:54:29,260 --> 00:54:30,150
We knew about it.

885
00:54:30,150 --> 00:54:33,030

886
00:54:33,030 --> 00:54:35,296
First Austria.

887
00:54:35,296 --> 00:54:46,180
Then Poland, Czechoslovakia, all
those places, and then Hungary.

888
00:54:46,180 --> 00:54:49,810

889
00:54:49,810 --> 00:54:53,110
And you heard about
this both on the radio

890
00:54:53,110 --> 00:54:54,640
and in the newspapers?

891
00:54:54,640 --> 00:54:56,110
What?

892
00:54:56,110 --> 00:54:59,920
You heard about all of
these things on the radio

893
00:54:59,920 --> 00:55:02,100
and in the newspapers?

894
00:55:02,100 --> 00:55:04,980
What do you mean,
all those things?

895
00:55:04,980 --> 00:55:08,660
So when Germany
annexed Austria--

896
00:55:08,660 --> 00:55:09,160
Yes.

897
00:55:09,160 --> 00:55:10,650
Sure, sure.

898
00:55:10,650 --> 00:55:11,520
Yeah.

899
00:55:11,520 --> 00:55:12,690
And what was--

900
00:55:12,690 --> 00:55:17,040
There was a big celebration.

901
00:55:17,040 --> 00:55:19,110
They took Austria.

902
00:55:19,110 --> 00:55:24,420
And even when they took Hungary,
some people was celebrate it.

903

00:55:24,420 --> 00:55:27,580

904

00:55:27,580 --> 00:55:30,970

So for each of these things, some Hungarians

905

00:55:30,970 --> 00:55:32,650

had big celebrations.

906

00:55:32,650 --> 00:55:33,490

Yes.

907

00:55:33,490 --> 00:55:36,245

They liked-- they loved the Germans.

908

00:55:36,245 --> 00:55:41,250

909

00:55:41,250 --> 00:55:45,060

So each of these times, they're thinking, this is great news.

910

00:55:45,060 --> 00:55:47,430

And you saw people celebrating.

911

00:55:47,430 --> 00:55:50,310

912

00:55:50,310 --> 00:55:52,340

You cannot do anything.

913

00:55:52,340 --> 00:55:58,770

You just accept it as it is because you cannot do anything.

914

00:55:58,770 --> 00:56:07,360

915

00:56:07,360 --> 00:56:12,190

Do you remember anything

changing after the war started?

916

00:56:12,190 --> 00:56:14,630

Was school any different?

917

00:56:14,630 --> 00:56:17,160

918

00:56:17,160 --> 00:56:21,440

Well, there was
antisemitism because I

919

00:56:21,440 --> 00:56:22,880

went to public school.

920

00:56:22,880 --> 00:56:26,070

There was a big--

921

00:56:26,070 --> 00:56:27,960

well, not all of them.

922

00:56:27,960 --> 00:56:32,510

But some teachers,
even, they made

923

00:56:32,510 --> 00:56:38,180

difference between the Jewish
student and the non-Jewish.

924

00:56:38,180 --> 00:56:42,710

They never give good
marks to Jewish student

925

00:56:42,710 --> 00:56:44,150

even if they were the best.

926

00:56:44,150 --> 00:56:46,780

927

00:56:46,780 --> 00:56:51,470

And after the war started, there
was even more antisemitism?

928
00:56:51,470 --> 00:56:54,340

929
00:56:54,340 --> 00:56:57,970
It was always
antisemitism in Hungary.

930
00:56:57,970 --> 00:56:59,020
There was always.

931
00:56:59,020 --> 00:57:04,980
But wasn't showed that much
as when the Germans came.

932
00:57:04,980 --> 00:57:08,210

933
00:57:08,210 --> 00:57:12,120
And what was it like for
you and the other girls

934
00:57:12,120 --> 00:57:16,260
from the orphanage seeing
the Hungarians celebrate

935
00:57:16,260 --> 00:57:19,370
Nazi Germany?

936
00:57:19,370 --> 00:57:20,780
We were children.

937
00:57:20,780 --> 00:57:24,640
So what?

938
00:57:24,640 --> 00:57:27,760
We have to accept what is it.

939
00:57:27,760 --> 00:57:30,340
We cannot do anything.

940

00:57:30,340 --> 00:57:33,340
Even adult can-- adult can do.

941
00:57:33,340 --> 00:57:36,830
How could the
children do anything?

942
00:57:36,830 --> 00:57:39,580

943
00:57:39,580 --> 00:57:41,780
It wasn't happy.

944
00:57:41,780 --> 00:57:44,165
But that's how it was.

945
00:57:44,165 --> 00:57:51,230

946
00:57:51,230 --> 00:57:57,880
After the war started, was
there any rationing of food?

947
00:57:57,880 --> 00:57:58,830
Any what?

948
00:57:58,830 --> 00:58:00,650
Rationing?

949
00:58:00,650 --> 00:58:02,130
Rationing?

950
00:58:02,130 --> 00:58:03,560
[INAUDIBLE] food rationing?

951
00:58:03,560 --> 00:58:06,920
Food or any other things?

952
00:58:06,920 --> 00:58:07,420
Yeah.

953

00:58:07,420 --> 00:58:10,052
There was.

954
00:58:10,052 --> 00:58:10,552
Yeah.

955
00:58:10,552 --> 00:58:13,060

956
00:58:13,060 --> 00:58:14,360
You have some--

957
00:58:14,360 --> 00:58:17,006

958
00:58:17,006 --> 00:58:18,440
I don't know what you call--

959
00:58:18,440 --> 00:58:26,270

960
00:58:26,270 --> 00:58:31,700
some coupon or something
that you have to use to buy.

961
00:58:31,700 --> 00:58:35,130
Otherwise, you cannot buy it.

962
00:58:35,130 --> 00:58:38,910
Did everyone get these
ration coupons or cards?

963
00:58:38,910 --> 00:58:41,680

964
00:58:41,680 --> 00:58:43,610
Did everyone get a ration card?

965
00:58:43,610 --> 00:58:44,110
Yes.

966

00:58:44,110 --> 00:58:45,220
Everyone.

967
00:58:45,220 --> 00:58:45,720
Everyone.

968
00:58:45,720 --> 00:58:46,390
You--

969
00:58:46,390 --> 00:58:48,970
That is Jews, non-Jews, anybody.

970
00:58:48,970 --> 00:58:52,260

971
00:58:52,260 --> 00:58:56,795
Did this give you enough to eat?

972
00:58:56,795 --> 00:58:58,570
Well, yes.

973
00:58:58,570 --> 00:58:59,070
Yes.

974
00:58:59,070 --> 00:59:00,780
There was no problem.

975
00:59:00,780 --> 00:59:06,000
Well, there was certain
food that cannot be get.

976
00:59:06,000 --> 00:59:13,870
But definitely, you cannot
get anything that came from

977
00:59:13,870 --> 00:59:17,750
the West or the United
States or things like that.

978
00:59:17,750 --> 00:59:18,860
There was no such thing.

979

00:59:18,860 --> 00:59:24,510

980

00:59:24,510 --> 00:59:28,170

Do you remember any of the
foods that you couldn't get?

981

00:59:28,170 --> 00:59:32,875

982

00:59:32,875 --> 00:59:33,375

Mostly.

983

00:59:33,375 --> 00:59:37,590

984

00:59:37,590 --> 00:59:45,930

But you have get in Hungary
what they grew over there,

985

00:59:45,930 --> 00:59:47,500

that you get.

986

00:59:47,500 --> 00:59:58,220

But what is imported
from outside,

987

00:59:58,220 --> 01:00:04,430

then it to was hard, especially
when it comes from the West.

988

01:00:04,430 --> 01:00:08,870

If it comes from the
East, it was much easier.

989

01:00:08,870 --> 01:00:13,520

But from the West, there was--

990

01:00:13,520 --> 01:00:16,550

you cannot get
anything from the West.

991

01:00:16,550 --> 01:00:19,200

992

01:00:19,200 --> 01:00:22,410

Do you remember
anything specific

993

01:00:22,410 --> 01:00:24,060

that you couldn't get any more?

994

01:00:24,060 --> 01:00:27,920

995

01:00:27,920 --> 01:00:43,630

For example, I think there was
like orange or fig or things

996

01:00:43,630 --> 01:00:44,720

like that.

997

01:00:44,720 --> 01:00:51,290

But sometimes it
wasn't easy to get,

998

01:00:51,290 --> 01:00:54,520

but still there is a little.

999

01:00:54,520 --> 01:01:01,010

So who has enough money,
they can bought it.

1000

01:01:01,010 --> 01:01:07,580

But it wasn't as it
was before the war,

1001

01:01:07,580 --> 01:01:09,455

but you can get all things.

1002

01:01:09,455 --> 01:01:24,530

1003

01:01:24,530 --> 01:01:27,380
Did anything change
at the orphanage

1004
01:01:27,380 --> 01:01:30,790
after the war started?

1005
01:01:30,790 --> 01:01:35,972
Before the Germans came,
did anything change?

1006
01:01:35,972 --> 01:01:38,080
In what way?

1007
01:01:38,080 --> 01:01:43,860
Did you still just go to school
or were at the orphanage?

1008
01:01:43,860 --> 01:01:47,520
The orphanage, not much.

1009
01:01:47,520 --> 01:01:48,810
Not much in the orphanage.

1010
01:01:48,810 --> 01:01:53,860
In school, there was
a big antisemitism

1011
01:01:53,860 --> 01:01:58,800
because we went
to public school.

1012
01:01:58,800 --> 01:02:03,876
So some teacher, not all
of them, but most teacher,

1013
01:02:03,876 --> 01:02:07,600
even the smartest Jewish--

1014
01:02:07,600 --> 01:02:12,110
I wasn't one-- but there
was one Jewish girl,

1015

01:02:12,110 --> 01:02:15,920
but they couldn't--

1016

01:02:15,920 --> 01:02:18,100
wouldn't be able
to get a good mark.

1017

01:02:18,100 --> 01:02:24,350

1018

01:02:24,350 --> 01:02:28,400
When did you first
hear about ghettos?

1019

01:02:28,400 --> 01:02:29,175
About what?

1020

01:02:29,175 --> 01:02:29,675
Ghettos?

1021

01:02:29,675 --> 01:02:33,860

1022

01:02:33,860 --> 01:02:34,810
Or deportations.

1023

01:02:34,810 --> 01:02:37,370

1024

01:02:37,370 --> 01:02:40,880
I cannot guess you
[INAUDIBLE] what.

1025

01:02:40,880 --> 01:02:44,570
Do you remember when you
first heard about ghettos--

1026

01:02:44,570 --> 01:02:45,220
Oh, ghettos.

1027

01:02:45,220 --> 01:02:45,970

--or deportations?

1028
01:02:45,970 --> 01:02:46,470
Ghettos.

1029
01:02:46,470 --> 01:02:49,990

1030
01:02:49,990 --> 01:02:52,050
In Hungary?

1031
01:02:52,050 --> 01:02:53,077
Anywhere.

1032
01:02:53,077 --> 01:02:56,000

1033
01:02:56,000 --> 01:03:00,820
I don't remember except
when Hungary get it.

1034
01:03:00,820 --> 01:03:04,910
I was too young to heard
about those things.

1035
01:03:04,910 --> 01:03:07,750

1036
01:03:07,750 --> 01:03:12,260
But when it happened in
Hungary, then I knew.

1037
01:03:12,260 --> 01:03:22,760
Maybe I knew a little from the
[? chair ?] at the Yugoslav.

1038
01:03:22,760 --> 01:03:26,580

1039
01:03:26,580 --> 01:03:31,540
It started there earlier for
the Jews than in Hungary.

1040
01:03:31,540 --> 01:03:37,450

1041
01:03:37,450 --> 01:03:46,890
And the Ukraine, yeah, that
was a big antisemitism.

1042
01:03:46,890 --> 01:03:48,830
It's always had been.

1043
01:03:48,830 --> 01:03:52,690

1044
01:03:52,690 --> 01:03:54,760
When did the Nazis
arrive in Hungary?

1045
01:03:54,760 --> 01:03:57,350

1046
01:03:57,350 --> 01:04:01,420
When did the occupation
start in Hungary?

1047
01:04:01,420 --> 01:04:02,390
Which occupation?

1048
01:04:02,390 --> 01:04:03,150
The Germans?

1049
01:04:03,150 --> 01:04:06,850

1050
01:04:06,850 --> 01:04:16,828
it started in March 1944.

1051
01:04:16,828 --> 01:04:17,370
How did you--

1052
01:04:17,370 --> 01:04:19,742

I never forget that.

1053

01:04:19,742 --> 01:04:24,470

I never forget that
because that time,

1054

01:04:24,470 --> 01:04:30,170

my mother came to Budapest.

1055

01:04:30,170 --> 01:04:32,970

It was a weekend.

1056

01:04:32,970 --> 01:04:40,550

And he took me out from the
Institute and my brother too,

1057

01:04:40,550 --> 01:04:46,730

and we went to visit our
father's grave in Hungary.

1058

01:04:46,730 --> 01:04:59,910

And when we came back, we
have to change street cars

1059

01:04:59,910 --> 01:05:05,970

at the front of the station--

1060

01:05:05,970 --> 01:05:08,670

the railroad station.

1061

01:05:08,670 --> 01:05:16,610

And anyway, we had to escort
our brother to the train

1062

01:05:16,610 --> 01:05:19,460

to get back home.

1063

01:05:19,460 --> 01:05:27,860

And when we came out,
I heard the newsboys

1064

01:05:27,860 --> 01:05:34,450

crying that the German
army occupied Hungary--

1065

01:05:34,450 --> 01:05:38,340

Germany army occupied Hungary.

1066

01:05:38,340 --> 01:05:47,140

That was a Sunday
afternoon when I heard it.

1067

01:05:47,140 --> 01:05:49,740

1068

01:05:49,740 --> 01:05:52,620

But they did it in
the morning what,

1069

01:05:52,620 --> 01:06:01,350

you know, people started to know
about it, that it was later.

1070

01:06:01,350 --> 01:06:06,340

And the newspaper and
the radio and things

1071

01:06:06,340 --> 01:06:10,940

like that you can hear from.

1072

01:06:10,940 --> 01:06:15,180

1073

01:06:15,180 --> 01:06:16,690

It was so sad.

1074

01:06:16,690 --> 01:06:22,100

I never forget
because my brother--

1075

01:06:22,100 --> 01:06:26,400

we just came from the
cemetery, because when

1076

01:06:26,400 --> 01:06:32,700
my mother was up there, we
took us to the father grave.

1077
01:06:32,700 --> 01:06:36,510
And we just came back,
and we escorted her

1078
01:06:36,510 --> 01:06:39,460
to the railway station.

1079
01:06:39,460 --> 01:06:46,060
And he would get
on the railroad--

1080
01:06:46,060 --> 01:06:48,310
I mean the train.

1081
01:06:48,310 --> 01:06:53,740
And we get out from the
station, my brother and I,

1082
01:06:53,740 --> 01:07:02,650
and we heard the newspaper boy
who's selling the paper crying,

1083
01:07:02,650 --> 01:07:06,030
German army occupied Hungary.

1084
01:07:06,030 --> 01:07:09,818
German army occupied Hungary.

1085
01:07:09,818 --> 01:07:12,300
Yes.

1086
01:07:12,300 --> 01:07:14,110
That's how we knew.

1087
01:07:14,110 --> 01:07:16,310
And then the radio
and everything

1088

01:07:16,310 --> 01:07:22,880
was saying that the
Germans occupied Hungary.

1089
01:07:22,880 --> 01:07:26,740

1090
01:07:26,740 --> 01:07:28,280
And what did you think--

1091
01:07:28,280 --> 01:07:30,464
what did you think when
you first heard that?

1092
01:07:30,464 --> 01:07:38,030
Well, we was surprised
because the Hungarians was

1093
01:07:38,030 --> 01:07:40,670
a big friend for the Germans.

1094
01:07:40,670 --> 01:07:46,250
So we were surprised,
why did German army has

1095
01:07:46,250 --> 01:07:47,410
to occupy Hungary?

1096
01:07:47,410 --> 01:07:53,800

1097
01:07:53,800 --> 01:07:57,362
Because Hungary was already
so close to Germany,

1098
01:07:57,362 --> 01:07:58,570
why did they have to come in?

1099
01:07:58,570 --> 01:08:00,560
Well, it was close
[? you know. ?]

1100

01:08:00,560 --> 01:08:02,210
We have border to--

1101
01:08:02,210 --> 01:08:05,440
Hungary has border to Austria.

1102
01:08:05,440 --> 01:08:11,080
And Austria was
already in Germany.

1103
01:08:11,080 --> 01:08:13,030
They wasn't Austria that time.

1104
01:08:13,030 --> 01:08:15,310
It was Germany.

1105
01:08:15,310 --> 01:08:21,429
So actually, Hungary was
border to the Germans.

1106
01:08:21,429 --> 01:08:31,540

1107
01:08:31,540 --> 01:08:38,060
So earlier you mentioned
the starred houses.

1108
01:08:38,060 --> 01:08:43,590
Houses marked with Jewish stars.

1109
01:08:43,590 --> 01:08:44,090
Yes.

1110
01:08:44,090 --> 01:08:46,658

1111
01:08:46,658 --> 01:08:49,390
What about them?

1112
01:08:49,390 --> 01:08:51,914
When did you first
start seeing these?

1113
01:08:51,914 --> 01:08:52,914
When did they mark them?

1114
01:08:52,914 --> 01:08:56,319
We lived in that area
Jews has to move.

1115
01:08:56,319 --> 01:09:04,090
Every Jew has to leave their
home and move to the place

1116
01:09:04,090 --> 01:09:14,810
where there was allowed
to move, that houses which

1117
01:09:14,810 --> 01:09:16,790
marked with the Jewish star.

1118
01:09:16,790 --> 01:09:19,310

1119
01:09:19,310 --> 01:09:22,189
When did this first happen?

1120
01:09:22,189 --> 01:09:24,550
It was in March.

1121
01:09:24,550 --> 01:09:28,490
I think it March 1944.

1122
01:09:28,490 --> 01:09:32,479
Not March, a little later.

1123
01:09:32,479 --> 01:09:37,819
April or May, sometimes, 1944.

1124
01:09:37,819 --> 01:09:39,800
So right after the
occupation started.

1125

01:09:39,800 --> 01:09:44,899
After the German occupation,
yeah, definitely.

1126
01:09:44,899 --> 01:09:49,149
And how were people notified
that they had to move?

1127
01:09:49,149 --> 01:09:54,100

1128
01:09:54,100 --> 01:10:02,910
By radio, by newspaper,
and the wall in the street,

1129
01:10:02,910 --> 01:10:07,570
and so many houses there was--

1130
01:10:07,570 --> 01:10:08,850
A poster?

1131
01:10:08,850 --> 01:10:16,020
Yeah, which said every
Jew has to go and live

1132
01:10:16,020 --> 01:10:22,380
in the house which
was allowed to live,

1133
01:10:22,380 --> 01:10:24,770
in which they had
allowed to live.

1134
01:10:24,770 --> 01:10:31,170

1135
01:10:31,170 --> 01:10:40,690
Every corner and
between that was a wall.

1136
01:10:40,690 --> 01:10:44,380
And the radio, probably,
and the newspaper.

1137
01:10:44,380 --> 01:10:49,030

1138
01:10:49,030 --> 01:10:51,560
And was a date, you have to--

1139
01:10:51,560 --> 01:10:53,600
[? was ?] [? rather ?]
very short,

1140
01:10:53,600 --> 01:11:01,310
very short time to make the
move and leave their home.

1141
01:11:01,310 --> 01:11:05,190

1142
01:11:05,190 --> 01:11:11,010
How did you know which
house you had to go to?

1143
01:11:11,010 --> 01:11:18,910
They know because
they had to put out--

1144
01:11:18,910 --> 01:11:22,130
on the house, they have
to put out the star

1145
01:11:22,130 --> 01:11:25,970
of David or some sign to--

1146
01:11:25,970 --> 01:11:28,700
I don't remember
exactly, but I know

1147
01:11:28,700 --> 01:11:37,610
that the stat has to be on
the front door of the house.

1148
01:11:37,610 --> 01:11:41,910

But did they have
lists of people?

1149
01:11:41,910 --> 01:11:46,240
Like how did you know
which house to go to?

1150
01:11:46,240 --> 01:11:46,960
Newspaper.

1151
01:11:46,960 --> 01:11:54,050

1152
01:11:54,050 --> 01:11:57,810
They put somethings out--

1153
01:11:57,810 --> 01:12:00,271
I forgot how to
call it in English.

1154
01:12:00,271 --> 01:12:03,220

1155
01:12:03,220 --> 01:12:09,980
On the walls, in almost
every corner and between

1156
01:12:09,980 --> 01:12:14,270
there was a sign that--

1157
01:12:14,270 --> 01:12:18,080
I mean writing that
what do you have to do,

1158
01:12:18,080 --> 01:12:21,960
what the Jews have to do.

1159
01:12:21,960 --> 01:12:24,370
Did they have everyone's names?

1160
01:12:24,370 --> 01:12:25,240
Not names.

1161
01:12:25,240 --> 01:12:31,170
Just Jewish people,
[? was ?] Jews has to do.

1162
01:12:31,170 --> 01:12:33,450
But not special name, every Jew.

1163
01:12:33,450 --> 01:12:38,280

1164
01:12:38,280 --> 01:12:44,450
I guess, what I want to
know is were people--

1165
01:12:44,450 --> 01:12:48,200
were people assigned a
certain starred house

1166
01:12:48,200 --> 01:12:50,200
that they had to go to?

1167
01:12:50,200 --> 01:12:54,870
Like how did you know which
starred house to go to?

1168
01:12:54,870 --> 01:12:59,720
We have to put out the star
of David on the front door--

1169
01:12:59,720 --> 01:13:03,350
front gate.

1170
01:13:03,350 --> 01:13:14,240
So probably they had to
tell the superintendent

1171
01:13:14,240 --> 01:13:18,300
whatever which house it is.

1172
01:13:18,300 --> 01:13:22,950
And then there was--

1173
01:13:22,950 --> 01:13:31,390
the newspaper is, I thing, said
you can read it or on the wall,

1174
01:13:31,390 --> 01:13:32,500
you can read that.

1175
01:13:32,500 --> 01:13:39,690
So there was plenty of
things that you can find out.

1176
01:13:39,690 --> 01:13:42,320

1177
01:13:42,320 --> 01:13:47,520
And there was a date that
you must do within that date.

1178
01:13:47,520 --> 01:13:50,480

1179
01:13:50,480 --> 01:13:53,810
So by a certain date, you
had to go to a starred house.

1180
01:13:53,810 --> 01:13:59,090
You have to leave your
place and move the houses.

1181
01:13:59,090 --> 01:14:07,900
And I moved with my aunt.

1182
01:14:07,900 --> 01:14:16,970
And her husband was already
called in the labor service.

1183
01:14:16,970 --> 01:14:23,040
And he had a stepson
who lived with her.

1184
01:14:23,040 --> 01:14:30,940

He was a 17-year-old, I
guess, 16 or 17 years old.

1185
01:14:30,940 --> 01:14:32,946
I'm not sure.

1186
01:14:32,946 --> 01:14:37,040
And that was her stepson.

1187
01:14:37,040 --> 01:14:39,440
He wasn't her son.

1188
01:14:39,440 --> 01:14:42,760
She doesn't have any children.

1189
01:14:42,760 --> 01:14:51,670
And so her husband has
to leave to the service.

1190
01:14:51,670 --> 01:14:57,800
And I had to leave the
Institute because the Institute

1191
01:14:57,800 --> 01:15:02,170
building was occupied
by the German army.

1192
01:15:02,170 --> 01:15:09,370
So German soldiers
moved into that building

1193
01:15:09,370 --> 01:15:13,180
that I was before.

1194
01:15:13,180 --> 01:15:23,160
So the girls who was
anybody mother or father

1195
01:15:23,160 --> 01:15:28,590
alive or anybody else who
was able to take them out

1196

01:15:28,590 --> 01:15:30,690
has to take them out.

1197
01:15:30,690 --> 01:15:34,140
And those who has
nobody, they had

1198
01:15:34,140 --> 01:15:38,620
to move to the boy orphanage--

1199
01:15:38,620 --> 01:15:41,370
Jewish boy orphanage.

1200
01:15:41,370 --> 01:15:44,190
And from the Jewish
boys orphanage,

1201
01:15:44,190 --> 01:15:51,000
the boys who has any place
to go, they have to go out.

1202
01:15:51,000 --> 01:16:00,270
And so make room for those
girls who has no place to go.

1203
01:16:00,270 --> 01:16:05,690
So my brother came out
from the boy orphanage.

1204
01:16:05,690 --> 01:16:12,030
And there was a
restriction for the Jews

1205
01:16:12,030 --> 01:16:18,010
to use the railroad
without any permit.

1206
01:16:18,010 --> 01:16:25,820
And you have get permit in
the district police station.

1207
01:16:25,820 --> 01:16:33,850
And since my address was

different than my brothers

1208
01:16:33,850 --> 01:16:39,160
address, so he went to
the other police station.

1209
01:16:39,160 --> 01:16:44,470
And he got the permit to travel.

1210
01:16:44,470 --> 01:16:50,380
And the police station
where I had to go,

1211
01:16:50,380 --> 01:16:55,630
they refused me
to get the permit.

1212
01:16:55,630 --> 01:16:59,770
I was so, so sad.

1213
01:16:59,770 --> 01:17:05,750
I cried and cried because
they refused me to go home.

1214
01:17:05,750 --> 01:17:14,360
But actually, that man, that
policeman who I had to go to,

1215
01:17:14,360 --> 01:17:17,760
he said, you better stay here.

1216
01:17:17,760 --> 01:17:21,240
Do you have a
place to live here?

1217
01:17:21,240 --> 01:17:23,160
And I said, yes.

1218
01:17:23,160 --> 01:17:25,860
I lived with my aunt.

1219
01:17:25,860 --> 01:17:28,420

And she said, don't go anywhere.

1220

01:17:28,420 --> 01:17:30,270

Stay here.

1221

01:17:30,270 --> 01:17:32,480

And I was cried.

1222

01:17:32,480 --> 01:17:38,630

I was so unhappy that I cannot
go home with my brother.

1223

01:17:38,630 --> 01:17:42,770

And I never forget,
I never forget

1224

01:17:42,770 --> 01:17:48,550

when I went with him to
the railroad station.

1225

01:17:48,550 --> 01:17:55,048

And I cried, and he said,
you want me to stay with you?

1226

01:17:55,048 --> 01:17:56,590

And I said, no.

1227

01:17:56,590 --> 01:18:05,590

But you go home because you
may have mother and grandmother

1228

01:18:05,590 --> 01:18:09,050

because my brother
wasn't twelve already.

1229

01:18:09,050 --> 01:18:11,440

So he said, you are right.

1230

01:18:11,440 --> 01:18:23,570

And he went to the
train and went home.

1231

01:18:23,570 --> 01:18:26,310
And I never forget--

1232
01:18:26,310 --> 01:18:30,780
forgive myself to do
this because if he

1233
01:18:30,780 --> 01:18:37,650
would stayed with me in
Budapest he would survive.

1234
01:18:37,650 --> 01:18:45,430
So I feel very guilty
for that to let him go.

1235
01:18:45,430 --> 01:18:56,730

1236
01:18:56,730 --> 01:18:59,060
And so you stayed?

1237
01:18:59,060 --> 01:19:00,545
So you stayed in Budapest?

1238
01:19:00,545 --> 01:19:01,837
You moved to the starred house?

1239
01:19:01,837 --> 01:19:05,030
I stayed in Budapest
with my aunt--

1240
01:19:05,030 --> 01:19:06,020
And where--

1241
01:19:06,020 --> 01:19:09,500
--because I had to leave
the Institute anyway

1242
01:19:09,500 --> 01:19:14,600
because I told you the
Germans took the building.

1243

01:19:14,600 --> 01:19:21,670
And the boy orphanage was
not enough for the girls

1244
01:19:21,670 --> 01:19:25,880
and the boys, so many
girls and so many boys.

1245
01:19:25,880 --> 01:19:31,780
So everybody who
has somebody can go.

1246
01:19:31,780 --> 01:19:35,300
They let them go.

1247
01:19:35,300 --> 01:19:36,950
Where in Budapest--

1248
01:19:36,950 --> 01:19:38,150
In Budapest.

1249
01:19:38,150 --> 01:19:41,894
--where in Budapest
was the starred house?

1250
01:19:41,894 --> 01:19:50,420
Where was the-- they
called the [NON-ENGLISH]..

1251
01:19:50,420 --> 01:19:59,450
It's a boys orphanage you mean?

1252
01:19:59,450 --> 01:20:03,040
So you moved to
the starred house?

1253
01:20:03,040 --> 01:20:04,490
A starred house.

1254
01:20:04,490 --> 01:20:07,490
That was later.

1255

01:20:07,490 --> 01:20:09,650
Where in the city was that?

1256
01:20:09,650 --> 01:20:10,340
In Budapest.

1257
01:20:10,340 --> 01:20:17,770

1258
01:20:17,770 --> 01:20:22,390
I think it's called
Dembinszky utca 34.

1259
01:20:22,390 --> 01:20:24,480
I remember.

1260
01:20:24,480 --> 01:20:26,605
That was where it was a Jewish--

1261
01:20:26,605 --> 01:20:30,401

1262
01:20:30,401 --> 01:20:33,140
where Jewish can lived.

1263
01:20:33,140 --> 01:20:37,090
There was very few
Christian people

1264
01:20:37,090 --> 01:20:44,110
who didn't want to leave their
home and stays with the Jews.

1265
01:20:44,110 --> 01:20:45,640
But not many.

1266
01:20:45,640 --> 01:20:48,470

1267
01:20:48,470 --> 01:20:51,500
How many people lived
in the starred house?

1268
01:20:51,500 --> 01:20:56,055
Oh I don't know the whole house.

1269
01:20:56,055 --> 01:20:58,930
It was so crowded.

1270
01:20:58,930 --> 01:21:04,070
In the apartment
where I lived, there

1271
01:21:04,070 --> 01:21:09,975
lived an old couple,
very old man and woman.

1272
01:21:09,975 --> 01:21:12,560

1273
01:21:12,560 --> 01:21:17,530
And there was who
owned the place,

1274
01:21:17,530 --> 01:21:24,330
there were somewhat
younger man and the wife.

1275
01:21:24,330 --> 01:21:34,040
And there was also her sister
and the sister's two kids

1276
01:21:34,040 --> 01:21:41,250
and then another couple
and the owner's daughter

1277
01:21:41,250 --> 01:21:47,160
and the grandson
and another man.

1278
01:21:47,160 --> 01:21:52,290
So nine people lived
in that place where

1279

01:21:52,290 --> 01:21:57,430
before there only
lived two or three.

1280
01:21:57,430 --> 01:21:59,580
How many rooms was
it, this little--

1281
01:21:59,580 --> 01:22:00,425
How many rooms?

1282
01:22:00,425 --> 01:22:09,580
It was three rooms, and
there was a little room too

1283
01:22:09,580 --> 01:22:10,510
that was--

1284
01:22:10,510 --> 01:22:15,130
they called the maid
room, room for the maids.

1285
01:22:15,130 --> 01:22:20,600
But that was occupied
for the old couple.

1286
01:22:20,600 --> 01:22:23,445
So nine people
crowded into this--

1287
01:22:23,445 --> 01:22:26,120
Yes, yes, yes.

1288
01:22:26,120 --> 01:22:34,350
Well, the owners, the
couple, the man and woman who

1289
01:22:34,350 --> 01:22:42,270
were the owner of the
apartment and their daughter

1290
01:22:42,270 --> 01:22:46,680
whose husband was in

the labor service,

1291

01:22:46,680 --> 01:22:52,210

but she has a
six-month-old child.

1292

01:22:52,210 --> 01:23:01,460

And there was a owner's sister,
I mean the woman's sister

1293

01:23:01,460 --> 01:23:05,350

and their two kids, two girls.

1294

01:23:05,350 --> 01:23:12,290

And I mentioned the
old couple I think.

1295

01:23:12,290 --> 01:23:14,470

And another.

1296

01:23:14,470 --> 01:23:19,850

So it was about people.

1297

01:23:19,850 --> 01:23:25,320

And my aunt, me, and
my aunt's stepson.

1298

01:23:25,320 --> 01:23:28,470

1299

01:23:28,470 --> 01:23:33,070

It was completely,
completely crowded.

1300

01:23:33,070 --> 01:23:40,920

And it was before lived
only the owner and wife

1301

01:23:40,920 --> 01:23:45,510

and I think her daughter.

1302

01:23:45,510 --> 01:23:51,758

Well, no, it's nine people
lived in that house--

1303
01:23:51,758 --> 01:23:54,630

1304
01:23:54,630 --> 01:23:55,670
So very cramped--

1305
01:23:55,670 --> 01:23:59,030
--in that apartment, I mean.

1306
01:23:59,030 --> 01:24:00,870
So it was uncomfortable.

1307
01:24:00,870 --> 01:24:01,730
What?

1308
01:24:01,730 --> 01:24:03,650
It was uncomfortable
with that many people?

1309
01:24:03,650 --> 01:24:07,100
Well, it wasn't very
comfortable, especially

1310
01:24:07,100 --> 01:24:13,970
when you have to use
the bathroom, wash up

1311
01:24:13,970 --> 01:24:19,270
or because it was--

1312
01:24:19,270 --> 01:24:21,575
toilet was separate place.

1313
01:24:21,575 --> 01:24:28,810
And the bathtub and the
shower wasn't different.

1314
01:24:28,810 --> 01:24:36,130
So it was write

down who can went,

1315

01:24:36,130 --> 01:24:41,210

go to and use things like that.

1316

01:24:41,210 --> 01:24:42,620

You came up with a list of--

1317

01:24:42,620 --> 01:24:43,580

Yeah.

1318

01:24:43,580 --> 01:24:44,160

Lily uses--

1319

01:24:44,160 --> 01:24:50,140

You can go now, this
time and this time.

1320

01:24:50,140 --> 01:24:50,866

Yes.

1321

01:24:50,866 --> 01:24:54,880

Otherwise, it would
be very terrible.

1322

01:24:54,880 --> 01:25:00,330

Yes, so you can use the
shower or take a bath,

1323

01:25:00,330 --> 01:25:03,420

just where you allowed to--

1324

01:25:03,420 --> 01:25:05,735

when you times comes.

1325

01:25:05,735 --> 01:25:08,810

1326

01:25:08,810 --> 01:25:11,690

Was there still enough food?

1327

01:25:11,690 --> 01:25:16,310
Was there still enough
to eat during this time?

1328
01:25:16,310 --> 01:25:17,220
Eat.

1329
01:25:17,220 --> 01:25:26,240
Well, there was a restriction
of movement for the Jews.

1330
01:25:26,240 --> 01:25:32,740
They can only go out
from their houses

1331
01:25:32,740 --> 01:25:38,710
I think it was 11
o'clock to 2 o'clock

1332
01:25:38,710 --> 01:25:42,600
that the Jews goes
out from the houses.

1333
01:25:42,600 --> 01:25:49,400
And it was very, very hard to
get food or anything like that

1334
01:25:49,400 --> 01:25:51,740
because it was--

1335
01:25:51,740 --> 01:25:55,370
especially when
part of the country

1336
01:25:55,370 --> 01:26:08,040
was occupied by the Russian
army who moved to take Hungary.

1337
01:26:08,040 --> 01:26:17,150
And it was very, very hard
to get the food or anything

1338
01:26:17,150 --> 01:26:21,100

from the outside the city.

1339
01:26:21,100 --> 01:26:27,250
So it was very hard by the
time the Jewish people was

1340
01:26:27,250 --> 01:26:33,030
able to go out, they can
maybe get some dry beans.

1341
01:26:33,030 --> 01:26:35,515
That was all that they can get.

1342
01:26:35,515 --> 01:26:42,930

1343
01:26:42,930 --> 01:26:46,890
Did you ever have to move
from the starred house?

1344
01:26:46,890 --> 01:26:47,970
Have to move?

1345
01:26:47,970 --> 01:26:51,205
Have to-- yes.

1346
01:26:51,205 --> 01:26:55,470

1347
01:26:55,470 --> 01:27:00,850
You have to move to
the ghetto from this

1348
01:27:00,850 --> 01:27:08,240
because they wanted the Jews to
get more closely to each other

1349
01:27:08,240 --> 01:27:10,795
so they can easily kill.

1350
01:27:10,795 --> 01:27:14,080

1351
01:27:14,080 --> 01:27:15,850
They had to go to the ghetto.

1352
01:27:15,850 --> 01:27:21,590
And from the ghetto every night,
they took a group of Jews,

1353
01:27:21,590 --> 01:27:28,780
then take them to the bank of
the Danube river and kill them,

1354
01:27:28,780 --> 01:27:33,520
and the bodies float
into the river.

1355
01:27:33,520 --> 01:27:36,940
Every night that's
what the fascists did.

1356
01:27:36,940 --> 01:27:39,970

1357
01:27:39,970 --> 01:27:42,866
Was this the Germans or
the Hungarian fascists?

1358
01:27:42,866 --> 01:27:43,720
The Hungarian.

1359
01:27:43,720 --> 01:27:46,090
The Arrow Cross?

1360
01:27:46,090 --> 01:27:48,465
This was a Hungarian,
not the German.

1361
01:27:48,465 --> 01:27:52,780

1362
01:27:52,780 --> 01:27:54,880
And this was every night?

1363
01:27:54,880 --> 01:27:55,380
What?

1364
01:27:55,380 --> 01:27:56,340
Every night?

1365
01:27:56,340 --> 01:27:57,190
Every night.

1366
01:27:57,190 --> 01:27:59,383
Every day, every night, yes.

1367
01:27:59,383 --> 01:28:03,250

1368
01:28:03,250 --> 01:28:08,560
When the Russians was
closer, getting closer,

1369
01:28:08,560 --> 01:28:10,900
then it getting very bad.

1370
01:28:10,900 --> 01:28:16,210

1371
01:28:16,210 --> 01:28:17,530
Did you see this?

1372
01:28:17,530 --> 01:28:20,140
Did you see people
being taken away?

1373
01:28:20,140 --> 01:28:22,320
Or how did you know about this?

1374
01:28:22,320 --> 01:28:23,930
I heard it.

1375
01:28:23,930 --> 01:28:30,240
I read it, read about

it I read about it.

1376

01:28:30,240 --> 01:28:31,880

I didn't see the [INAUDIBLE].

1377

01:28:31,880 --> 01:28:35,190

But I read about it.

1378

01:28:35,190 --> 01:28:37,580

And where did you read about it?

1379

01:28:37,580 --> 01:28:41,860

1380

01:28:41,860 --> 01:28:43,140

I think a paper.

1381

01:28:43,140 --> 01:28:49,410

But mostly from
books, what the--

1382

01:28:49,410 --> 01:28:53,604

1383

01:28:53,604 --> 01:28:56,760

and so memorandum or
something, you know,

1384

01:28:56,760 --> 01:29:01,660

that people did or left.

1385

01:29:01,660 --> 01:29:03,860

So after the war--

1386

01:29:03,860 --> 01:29:06,410

after the war, you found
out about the Danube.

1387

01:29:06,410 --> 01:29:09,153

After the war,
yes, after the war.

1388

01:29:09,153 --> 01:29:10,119

After the war.

1389

01:29:10,119 --> 01:29:16,120

1390

01:29:16,120 --> 01:29:21,910

There was some-- the
people say things,

1391

01:29:21,910 --> 01:29:25,540

but it was only just whispering.

1392

01:29:25,540 --> 01:29:29,950

It wasn't really believe it.

1393

01:29:29,950 --> 01:29:31,420

You know, it was like a gossip.

1394

01:29:31,420 --> 01:29:34,120

1395

01:29:34,120 --> 01:29:34,620

You mean--

1396

01:29:34,620 --> 01:29:37,600

But it was happened.

1397

01:29:37,600 --> 01:29:41,290

You mean during the war, there
were whispering or rumors

1398

01:29:41,290 --> 01:29:41,920

about this?

1399

01:29:41,920 --> 01:29:42,730

Yeah.

1400

01:29:42,730 --> 01:29:43,230

Yeah.

1401

01:29:43,230 --> 01:29:46,830

And it's doesn't--
not the Germans.

1402

01:29:46,830 --> 01:29:49,300

It's the Hungarian
fascists did it.

1403

01:29:49,300 --> 01:29:50,230

The Arrow Cross.

1404

01:29:50,230 --> 01:29:57,260

1405

01:29:57,260 --> 01:30:01,360

Miss Kalman, would you like
to take a break at all?

1406

01:30:01,360 --> 01:30:02,620

Doesn't matter for me.

1407

01:30:02,620 --> 01:30:05,688

1408

01:30:05,688 --> 01:30:08,050

I'm not tired of it.

1409

01:30:08,050 --> 01:30:12,870

You know, it is
in my mind anyway.

1410

01:30:12,870 --> 01:30:16,770

So many times I think about it.

1411

01:30:16,770 --> 01:30:23,660

Especially lately, when I got
old, things comes back to me.

1412

01:30:23,660 --> 01:30:27,630

Before, it was so
much in my mind.

1413

01:30:27,630 --> 01:30:31,615

Then I have it in lately.

1414

01:30:31,615 --> 01:30:35,500

1415

01:30:35,500 --> 01:30:37,910

We can take a break,
or we can keep--

1416

01:30:37,910 --> 01:30:40,060

we can take a break,
or we can keep going.

1417

01:30:40,060 --> 01:30:42,910

Well, I'm comfortable.

1418

01:30:42,910 --> 01:30:45,950

If you need a
break, take a break.

1419

01:30:45,950 --> 01:30:50,950

But I not tired of it.

1420

01:30:50,950 --> 01:30:55,260

You know, it's sometimes
good to get out

1421

01:30:55,260 --> 01:30:57,750

from you things like that.

1422

01:30:57,750 --> 01:31:00,870

Yes, ma'am.

1423

01:31:00,870 --> 01:31:02,990

Let's keep going then.

1424

01:31:02,990 --> 01:31:05,960

1425

01:31:05,960 --> 01:31:08,275

So when did you leave
the starred house?

1426
01:31:08,275 --> 01:31:15,300

1427
01:31:15,300 --> 01:31:20,020
It stopped being
the [? starred ?]

1428
01:31:20,020 --> 01:31:23,680
house because the Jews
has to go to the ghettos.

1429
01:31:23,680 --> 01:31:26,480

1430
01:31:26,480 --> 01:31:36,390
And my aunt, her
husband, my uncle, he

1431
01:31:36,390 --> 01:31:42,420
has a friend who was in
the fascist government.

1432
01:31:42,420 --> 01:31:46,350
He has a position in
the fascist government.

1433
01:31:46,350 --> 01:31:54,730
And he likes my uncle.

1434
01:31:54,730 --> 01:31:57,670
They were colleagues,
work together.

1435
01:31:57,670 --> 01:31:58,850
I don't know.

1436
01:31:58,850 --> 01:32:04,180
So he had a big position
in the government.

1437

01:32:04,180 --> 01:32:13,910

And he offered my uncle that
he's willing to hide them,

1438

01:32:13,910 --> 01:32:16,070

and don't go anywhere.

1439

01:32:16,070 --> 01:32:21,480

They will hide he
and wife and the son.

1440

01:32:21,480 --> 01:32:25,210

But he didn't know about me.

1441

01:32:25,210 --> 01:32:29,470

So my brother took me.

1442

01:32:29,470 --> 01:32:32,056

So they went to his house.

1443

01:32:32,056 --> 01:32:38,890

And my brother took
me to the labor camp.

1444

01:32:38,890 --> 01:32:46,460

And the labor servicemen hide me
over there with the other labor

1445

01:32:46,460 --> 01:32:50,000

servicemen who
has two daughters,

1446

01:32:50,000 --> 01:32:52,340

and their mothers died.

1447

01:32:52,340 --> 01:32:57,380

So the labor
servicemen doesn't know

1448

01:32:57,380 --> 01:33:00,430

where to put their daughters.

1449

01:33:00,430 --> 01:33:03,090

So they took it with--

1450

01:33:03,090 --> 01:33:08,260

them with him in
the labor company.

1451

01:33:08,260 --> 01:33:16,450

They can do that
because there was

1452

01:33:16,450 --> 01:33:24,550

no Hungarian soldiers who was
in that group where they were.

1453

01:33:24,550 --> 01:33:29,310

So they were their own actually.

1454

01:33:29,310 --> 01:33:34,090

Every morning, because
they were mechanic,

1455

01:33:34,090 --> 01:33:43,390

they went to the airport
where they had worked.

1456

01:33:43,390 --> 01:33:47,590

And they had other privileges.

1457

01:33:47,590 --> 01:33:54,610

For example, they don't
have to wear the yellow star

1458

01:33:54,610 --> 01:33:56,230

on their arm.

1459

01:33:56,230 --> 01:34:02,090

But they can wear
the Hungarian color--

1460

01:34:02,090 --> 01:34:04,390

red, white, and blue--

1461
01:34:04,390 --> 01:34:06,430
red, white, and green.

1462
01:34:06,430 --> 01:34:09,880
That was a Hungarian color.

1463
01:34:09,880 --> 01:34:18,750
So that only wear
those Christian people

1464
01:34:18,750 --> 01:34:25,120
who has not born in Hungary.

1465
01:34:25,120 --> 01:34:26,860
They had to wear--

1466
01:34:26,860 --> 01:34:30,580
wasn't Jewish, but not
Hungarians actually.

1467
01:34:30,580 --> 01:34:32,320
So they had to wear that.

1468
01:34:32,320 --> 01:34:35,060

1469
01:34:35,060 --> 01:34:42,710
Then, because of their special
unit, they let them to wear it.

1470
01:34:42,710 --> 01:35:00,170
But my brother has a
colleague, the other serviceman

1471
01:35:00,170 --> 01:35:03,170
whose wife was Christian.

1472
01:35:03,170 --> 01:35:07,820
I mean, they weren't married
because they couldn't married.

1473

01:35:07,820 --> 01:35:11,000

But they were live together.

1474

01:35:11,000 --> 01:35:19,850

So the wife let
me go to his place

1475

01:35:19,850 --> 01:35:27,010

and hide me in her apartment.

1476

01:35:27,010 --> 01:35:35,860

So he hide me over there until
that was very, very, very

1477

01:35:35,860 --> 01:35:38,030

hard to--

1478

01:35:38,030 --> 01:35:44,440

they had to go to the bunker
because the Russians was

1479

01:35:44,440 --> 01:35:49,000

already at the
border of Budapest.

1480

01:35:49,000 --> 01:35:57,040

So it's always fire and bombing
and fires and everything.

1481

01:35:57,040 --> 01:36:01,030

So people had to go
down to the bunker

1482

01:36:01,030 --> 01:36:03,550

and live there all the time.

1483

01:36:03,550 --> 01:36:08,920

So that time I had to leave
because he cannot take me.

1484

01:36:08,920 --> 01:36:15,220

I don't have any paper to

show I am a Christian girl.

1485
01:36:15,220 --> 01:36:17,140
So they cannot take me.

1486
01:36:17,140 --> 01:36:19,030
So I had to leave.

1487
01:36:19,030 --> 01:36:23,690

1488
01:36:23,690 --> 01:36:27,660
And so this woman was the--

1489
01:36:27,660 --> 01:36:34,970
This woman was pregnant,
and she survived.

1490
01:36:34,970 --> 01:36:40,820
She bore a child
which was half Jewish.

1491
01:36:40,820 --> 01:36:42,620
Her father was Jewish.

1492
01:36:42,620 --> 01:36:47,260
And then I don't know
what happened with her

1493
01:36:47,260 --> 01:36:50,920
because after the
war, I left Budapest.

1494
01:36:50,920 --> 01:36:54,320
And when I get back
and I try to find her,

1495
01:36:54,320 --> 01:36:56,760
I couldn't find
her in that place

1496
01:36:56,760 --> 01:36:59,650

where she lived
before because she

1497
01:36:59,650 --> 01:37:03,700
lived in her sister
or brother or I

1498
01:37:03,700 --> 01:37:08,750
don't know whose apartment.

1499
01:37:08,750 --> 01:37:11,020
They were not living there.

1500
01:37:11,020 --> 01:37:16,090
So she lived there alone.

1501
01:37:16,090 --> 01:37:19,240
And that's how she
was able to hide me

1502
01:37:19,240 --> 01:37:25,550
until I couldn't stay
the apartment anymore

1503
01:37:25,550 --> 01:37:31,040
because the Russian was already
at the border of Budapest.

1504
01:37:31,040 --> 01:37:36,230
And it was a big fight there.

1505
01:37:36,230 --> 01:37:41,170
So nobody can stay in
the apartment anymore.

1506
01:37:41,170 --> 01:37:45,830
And so because you didn't
have papers, like you said,

1507
01:37:45,830 --> 01:37:50,760
did you ever leave the apartment
when you were in hiding?

1508

01:37:50,760 --> 01:37:54,450
Sometimes, I went, sometimes.

1509

01:37:54,450 --> 01:38:00,440
Even once, I even
visited the ghetto.

1510

01:38:00,440 --> 01:38:05,700
It was very, very stupid
thing and very strange thing

1511

01:38:05,700 --> 01:38:11,880
because if I have no paper
to show I'm not Jewish.

1512

01:38:11,880 --> 01:38:22,610
And I just getting to and
visit those people who I knew

1513

01:38:22,610 --> 01:38:27,420
and lived with before.

1514

01:38:27,420 --> 01:38:32,435
And I was able to get out.

1515

01:38:32,435 --> 01:38:34,500
But that was so risky.

1516

01:38:34,500 --> 01:38:41,880
I wouldn't again because you
can go in, but cannot go out.

1517

01:38:41,880 --> 01:38:45,390

1518

01:38:45,390 --> 01:38:48,130
So this was a stupid thing.

1519

01:38:48,130 --> 01:38:54,060
But I got help to
get out from there--

1520

01:38:54,060 --> 01:38:55,500
get out from the ghetto.

1521

01:38:55,500 --> 01:38:58,440

1522

01:38:58,440 --> 01:39:04,320
Did you did you use a fake name
when you left the apartment?

1523

01:39:04,320 --> 01:39:05,640
Whose name?

1524

01:39:05,640 --> 01:39:10,890
Did you use a fake name when you
left the apartment or did you

1525

01:39:10,890 --> 01:39:14,140
just not talk to anyone?

1526

01:39:14,140 --> 01:39:18,250
I don't even hear
what you ask me.

1527

01:39:18,250 --> 01:39:19,830
Yeah.

1528

01:39:19,830 --> 01:39:22,320
So did you use a fake name--

1529

01:39:22,320 --> 01:39:23,070
Fake name?

1530

01:39:23,070 --> 01:39:23,810
--during hiding?

1531

01:39:23,810 --> 01:39:27,800

1532

01:39:27,800 --> 01:39:30,790
I don't use any name, actually.

1533
01:39:30,790 --> 01:39:34,390
I don't use any name.

1534
01:39:34,390 --> 01:39:36,510
I tried to avoid it.

1535
01:39:36,510 --> 01:39:41,970
I was 13 years old.

1536
01:39:41,970 --> 01:39:48,070
But I was always short, and
I was very, very skinny.

1537
01:39:48,070 --> 01:39:51,750
And I didn't look more
than 10 or 11 years old.

1538
01:39:51,750 --> 01:39:54,550
So who would ask--

1539
01:39:54,550 --> 01:40:01,600
small child to go alone on the
street already where what--

1540
01:40:01,600 --> 01:40:04,860
show your identification.

1541
01:40:04,860 --> 01:40:06,540
So nobody ever asked me.

1542
01:40:06,540 --> 01:40:10,640

1543
01:40:10,640 --> 01:40:14,780
And you were the only
person this woman hid?

1544
01:40:14,780 --> 01:40:15,290
Yes.

1545

01:40:15,290 --> 01:40:15,820
By yourself?

1546
01:40:15,820 --> 01:40:20,890

1547
01:40:20,890 --> 01:40:23,860
Did the woman ever
tell anyone that she

1548
01:40:23,860 --> 01:40:26,450
was hiding a Jewish girl?

1549
01:40:26,450 --> 01:40:33,890
Well, once I was
able to see her.

1550
01:40:33,890 --> 01:40:39,800
But then she moved away because
the apartment was actually

1551
01:40:39,800 --> 01:40:41,990
not hers.

1552
01:40:41,990 --> 01:40:46,730
But some of the relatives I
don't know, sister, brother,

1553
01:40:46,730 --> 01:40:47,540
or whatever.

1554
01:40:47,540 --> 01:40:50,000
I don't remember.

1555
01:40:50,000 --> 01:40:51,380
She just lived there.

1556
01:40:51,380 --> 01:40:56,270
And when they came back to
the apartment, she moved away.

1557
01:40:56,270 --> 01:40:59,380

So after that, I
cannot find her.

1558
01:40:59,380 --> 01:41:02,010

1559
01:41:02,010 --> 01:41:05,580
I know she borne a child.

1560
01:41:05,580 --> 01:41:09,670
But I don't even
remember what girl

1561
01:41:09,670 --> 01:41:15,560
or boy that was half
Jewish, the child.

1562
01:41:15,560 --> 01:41:19,560

1563
01:41:19,560 --> 01:41:20,870
The husband didn't go.

1564
01:41:20,870 --> 01:41:27,220

1565
01:41:27,220 --> 01:41:31,765
But while you were in hiding,
did she tell anyone about you?

1566
01:41:31,765 --> 01:41:32,695
What?

1567
01:41:32,695 --> 01:41:34,240
When I hiding what?

1568
01:41:34,240 --> 01:41:37,450
When you were in hiding
at the apartment,

1569
01:41:37,450 --> 01:41:41,430
did she tell anyone

that she was hiding you?

1570

01:41:41,430 --> 01:41:42,280

No.

1571

01:41:42,280 --> 01:41:44,170

No, no, no.

1572

01:41:44,170 --> 01:41:52,000

She said, she is my cousin
or daughter of my brother

1573

01:41:52,000 --> 01:41:55,330

or somebody who lives.

1574

01:41:55,330 --> 01:41:57,430

That was her story.

1575

01:41:57,430 --> 01:42:03,160

She lives in the town or place.

1576

01:42:03,160 --> 01:42:09,780

And the Russians occupied as
she escaped from the Russian,

1577

01:42:09,780 --> 01:42:11,170

and she gave to me.

1578

01:42:11,170 --> 01:42:15,160

That was the story she told.

1579

01:42:15,160 --> 01:42:16,240

No, they don't--

1580

01:42:16,240 --> 01:42:20,280

1581

01:42:20,280 --> 01:42:28,210

She had some neighbors or things
that often came into the house.

1582

01:42:28,210 --> 01:42:39,170
And one of them has a daughter
who was 18 year old or some.

1583
01:42:39,170 --> 01:42:47,480
And she lived with
a German soldier.

1584
01:42:47,480 --> 01:42:51,310
So what I don't know.

1585
01:42:51,310 --> 01:43:03,020
And she always try
to find out who I am.

1586
01:43:03,020 --> 01:43:07,010
And she said, if
she wouldn't have

1587
01:43:07,010 --> 01:43:12,690
such a nice Christian face, I
would say you were hiding her.

1588
01:43:12,690 --> 01:43:16,800

1589
01:43:16,800 --> 01:43:18,430
So she was always
trying to find out--

1590
01:43:18,430 --> 01:43:18,930
Yes.

1591
01:43:18,930 --> 01:43:20,670
[? That ?] was the girls.

1592
01:43:20,670 --> 01:43:23,855
She has a boyfriend,
a German soldier.

1593
01:43:23,855 --> 01:43:29,520

1594

01:43:29,520 --> 01:43:32,490

But you and the woman
always stuck to the story

1595

01:43:32,490 --> 01:43:35,270

that you were a family
member who had escaped.

1596

01:43:35,270 --> 01:43:43,290

Well, she didn't-- when her
boyfriend kicked her out,

1597

01:43:43,290 --> 01:43:47,510

he wrote to her mother
who was a neighbor also.

1598

01:43:47,510 --> 01:43:57,700

And then she come visit
that woman who I lived with.

1599

01:43:57,700 --> 01:44:06,760

1600

01:44:06,760 --> 01:44:16,710

So since you were able to
leave the apartment sometimes,

1601

01:44:16,710 --> 01:44:21,480

what was Budapest like in those
last few months before the war

1602

01:44:21,480 --> 01:44:23,130

ended?

1603

01:44:23,130 --> 01:44:26,840

First, it was cold
because it was December.

1604

01:44:26,840 --> 01:44:30,010

It was very, very cold.

1605

01:44:30,010 --> 01:44:35,570

And you cannot see.

1606
01:44:35,570 --> 01:44:40,720
Well, once I saw
a terrible thing.

1607
01:44:40,720 --> 01:44:48,460
An old Jewish woman who
wear the star in her chest,

1608
01:44:48,460 --> 01:44:49,740
she came somehow--

1609
01:44:49,740 --> 01:44:53,820
she came out from the
ghetto or somewhere.

1610
01:44:53,820 --> 01:45:01,740
And then some Christian men,
some fascist or probably, they

1611
01:45:01,740 --> 01:45:05,580
started to hit and kick her.

1612
01:45:05,580 --> 01:45:10,738
It was a terrible,
terrible sight for me.

1613
01:45:10,738 --> 01:45:12,280
And these were
Hungarians that were--

1614
01:45:12,280 --> 01:45:13,284
The Hungarians.

1615
01:45:13,284 --> 01:45:13,784
Yes.

1616
01:45:13,784 --> 01:45:17,660

1617
01:45:17,660 --> 01:45:20,800

What did you do
when you saw that?

1618
01:45:20,800 --> 01:45:21,650
Nothing.

1619
01:45:21,650 --> 01:45:23,020
What can you do?

1620
01:45:23,020 --> 01:45:28,510
You cannot-- first of all,
I was a 14-year-old girl.

1621
01:45:28,510 --> 01:45:31,590
What can a 14-year-old girl do?

1622
01:45:31,590 --> 01:45:33,630
Nothing.

1623
01:45:33,630 --> 01:45:34,640
You just ran home?

1624
01:45:34,640 --> 01:45:36,010
But there was other people.

1625
01:45:36,010 --> 01:45:42,980
Some people was so
happy and even tell him

1626
01:45:42,980 --> 01:45:46,270
to hit-- hit her more and more.

1627
01:45:46,270 --> 01:45:52,190

1628
01:45:52,190 --> 01:45:55,150
And you just went home?

1629
01:45:55,150 --> 01:45:56,400
You ran away when you saw--

1630

01:45:56,400 --> 01:45:56,900
No.

1631
01:45:56,900 --> 01:45:58,650
I just walked away.

1632
01:45:58,650 --> 01:46:06,440
Running, it wasn't
so good to run.

1633
01:46:06,440 --> 01:46:09,740
It wasn't so good to
run because they can--

1634
01:46:09,740 --> 01:46:12,630

1635
01:46:12,630 --> 01:46:20,225
[INAUDIBLE] some suspicion
that I am some, if not Jewish,

1636
01:46:20,225 --> 01:46:22,590
at least a sympathizer.

1637
01:46:22,590 --> 01:46:28,385
So it was better not
to show anything.

1638
01:46:28,385 --> 01:46:34,600

1639
01:46:34,600 --> 01:46:42,620
And there was things that I
had a little difficulty for.

1640
01:46:42,620 --> 01:46:45,790
I didn't know about
my brother, what they

1641
01:46:45,790 --> 01:46:49,750
happened with him in the camp.

1642

01:46:49,750 --> 01:46:56,750
And I decide that one day,
I will go back and find out.

1643
01:46:56,750 --> 01:47:06,450
So I went back to that school
building where they were lived.

1644
01:47:06,450 --> 01:47:13,960
And there was filled with German
soldiers, the whole school

1645
01:47:13,960 --> 01:47:18,030
building because that
time, the Russian soldier,

1646
01:47:18,030 --> 01:47:21,680
they come nearer, and
the front was near,

1647
01:47:21,680 --> 01:47:25,350
and the Germans go back.

1648
01:47:25,350 --> 01:47:29,040
And it was full, full
of-- the whole building

1649
01:47:29,040 --> 01:47:32,090
was full of Germans.

1650
01:47:32,090 --> 01:47:37,790
So I went to the school
superintendent who

1651
01:47:37,790 --> 01:47:42,980
was a super in that building.

1652
01:47:42,980 --> 01:47:48,280
And she said, go
away, go away fast--

1653
01:47:48,280 --> 01:47:50,710
as fast as you can.

1654
01:47:50,710 --> 01:47:55,274
So they told me, they are left.

1655
01:47:55,274 --> 01:48:05,870
One early morning, the fascists
came and took them away.

1656
01:48:05,870 --> 01:48:17,850
And my brother was unfortunately
just arrive back to the camp.

1657
01:48:17,850 --> 01:48:22,200
And they took him too.

1658
01:48:22,200 --> 01:48:26,850
So that's how I knew
that they were taken.

1659
01:48:26,850 --> 01:48:29,902
But where, they don't know.

1660
01:48:29,902 --> 01:48:33,750

1661
01:48:33,750 --> 01:48:39,540
And since then, I never,
never saw him again.

1662
01:48:39,540 --> 01:48:44,160

1663
01:48:44,160 --> 01:48:47,232
And what about your mother?

1664
01:48:47,232 --> 01:48:48,900
They were deported.

1665
01:48:48,900 --> 01:48:51,790
So they went to the
gas chamber probably

1666

01:48:51,790 --> 01:48:55,500
because she never came back.

1667

01:48:55,500 --> 01:48:59,140
I guess she went
to the gas chamber

1668

01:48:59,140 --> 01:49:04,170
because she didn't want to leave
my grandmother who was old.

1669

01:49:04,170 --> 01:49:11,430
And if you don't want to leave
somebody and went to the gas

1670

01:49:11,430 --> 01:49:14,560
chamber, they don't--

1671

01:49:14,560 --> 01:49:17,290
they let-- the
Germans let them go.

1672

01:49:17,290 --> 01:49:22,600
Go if you want to go, go
because she wasn't so old.

1673

01:49:22,600 --> 01:49:25,390
She could survive maybe.

1674

01:49:25,390 --> 01:49:30,100

1675

01:49:30,100 --> 01:49:34,090
When did you find out that
they had been deported?

1676

01:49:34,090 --> 01:49:42,620
I had relatives
[? about ?] my best friend.

1677

01:49:42,620 --> 01:49:46,770
They lived the next house to me.

1678
01:49:46,770 --> 01:49:49,490
And we were very close friends.

1679
01:49:49,490 --> 01:49:55,710
And her whole family
was killed too.

1680
01:49:55,710 --> 01:49:58,890
She was the only
one who came back.

1681
01:49:58,890 --> 01:50:02,300
She was a half year
older than I was.

1682
01:50:02,300 --> 01:50:05,840
But since childhood,
we were friends.

1683
01:50:05,840 --> 01:50:08,510

1684
01:50:08,510 --> 01:50:13,620
And what I heard, I heard
from her who went through,

1685
01:50:13,620 --> 01:50:18,340
it was in Auschwitz, who
survived and came back.

1686
01:50:18,340 --> 01:50:22,560
And then after he
came back, he said,

1687
01:50:22,560 --> 01:50:25,440
I don't want to live in
this country anymore.

1688
01:50:25,440 --> 01:50:27,350
I just want to leave.

1689

01:50:27,350 --> 01:50:34,400

And she went to
Israel where she died.

1690

01:50:34,400 --> 01:50:42,430

She got married there and then
had two children and then died.

1691

01:50:42,430 --> 01:50:46,790

1692

01:50:46,790 --> 01:50:48,400

But she said, I don't want to--

1693

01:50:48,400 --> 01:50:51,572

I don't want to live in
this country anymore.

1694

01:50:51,572 --> 01:50:54,950

1695

01:50:54,950 --> 01:50:57,773

And she had been deported
with your family?

1696

01:50:57,773 --> 01:50:58,560

What?

1697

01:50:58,560 --> 01:51:00,770

She had been deported
with your family?

1698

01:51:00,770 --> 01:51:01,287

Yes.

1699

01:51:01,287 --> 01:51:02,120

That's how she knew?

1700

01:51:02,120 --> 01:51:04,520

She was deported,
the whole the family.

1701

01:51:04,520 --> 01:51:09,750
She has two sisters younger than
her and a mother and father.

1702
01:51:09,750 --> 01:51:10,660
They all killed.

1703
01:51:10,660 --> 01:51:14,060

1704
01:51:14,060 --> 01:51:18,470
She was the only
one who got back.

1705
01:51:18,470 --> 01:51:22,500
And she said, I don't want to
live in this country anymore.

1706
01:51:22,500 --> 01:51:31,570
So the first chance she can
get, she went to Israel.

1707
01:51:31,570 --> 01:51:32,590
Then she married.

1708
01:51:32,590 --> 01:51:33,640
She had two children.

1709
01:51:33,640 --> 01:51:39,910
Then she died unfortunately
with sickness, what

1710
01:51:39,910 --> 01:51:42,880
she get from the deportation.

1711
01:51:42,880 --> 01:51:51,780

1712
01:51:51,780 --> 01:51:54,900
So at this point,
you're in hiding

1713

01:51:54,900 --> 01:51:57,280
with the Christian woman.

1714
01:51:57,280 --> 01:51:58,540
Yes.

1715
01:51:58,540 --> 01:52:02,977
But you have to leave
when the siege or--

1716
01:52:02,977 --> 01:52:09,010
When my aunt and
my uncle, he was

1717
01:52:09,010 --> 01:52:19,940
hide somebody who was in
the fascist government,

1718
01:52:19,940 --> 01:52:22,570
some position in the
fascist government.

1719
01:52:22,570 --> 01:52:24,200
He was a fascist, actually.

1720
01:52:24,200 --> 01:52:27,115

1721
01:52:27,115 --> 01:52:30,790
But he liked my uncle.

1722
01:52:30,790 --> 01:52:37,720
So he said he can go
and move to his house.

1723
01:52:37,720 --> 01:52:47,060
He had a house built
and has a place,

1724
01:52:47,060 --> 01:52:50,880
like a room which
was actually would

1725

01:52:50,880 --> 01:52:55,250

be a washing room where they
do the washing and everything.

1726

01:52:55,250 --> 01:52:58,410

But it wasn't
completely finished.

1727

01:52:58,410 --> 01:53:07,160

So my uncle and my aunt
and his son, my uncle's son

1728

01:53:07,160 --> 01:53:14,430

because my aunt has no children,
they move to this place.

1729

01:53:14,430 --> 01:53:20,170

1730

01:53:20,170 --> 01:53:25,380

And I was hiding over there,
at that Christian woman

1731

01:53:25,380 --> 01:53:32,380

who has a Jewish husband
yet but supposed to.

1732

01:53:32,380 --> 01:53:41,600

And then the Russian came,
but was very, very close

1733

01:53:41,600 --> 01:53:43,860

to the city.

1734

01:53:43,860 --> 01:53:47,730

And you can hear,
mostly at night,

1735

01:53:47,730 --> 01:54:00,980

but sometimes daytime too, the
firing, the noise of the front.

1736

01:54:00,980 --> 01:54:07,720
And they have to--

1737
01:54:07,720 --> 01:54:13,030
everybody in the city had
to go down to the bunker

1738
01:54:13,030 --> 01:54:18,620
because it was already
the Russian at the--

1739
01:54:18,620 --> 01:54:21,550
surrounded the city.

1740
01:54:21,550 --> 01:54:28,680
And was fire.

1741
01:54:28,680 --> 01:54:33,470
And so everybody-- nobody
can stayed in their house

1742
01:54:33,470 --> 01:54:38,240
except go to the bunker.

1743
01:54:38,240 --> 01:54:40,820

1744
01:54:40,820 --> 01:54:48,490
And I have no paper, so she
cannot take me to the bunker

1745
01:54:48,490 --> 01:54:51,500
down there.

1746
01:54:51,500 --> 01:54:59,460
And I cannot stay in the
apartment alone because it was

1747
01:54:59,460 --> 01:55:00,990
always checked.

1748
01:55:00,990 --> 01:55:03,520

Apartment was checked.

1749
01:55:03,520 --> 01:55:06,050
So I had to leave.

1750
01:55:06,050 --> 01:55:12,200
I went to my aunt's
where my aunt and uncle

1751
01:55:12,200 --> 01:55:16,670
with their stepson was hiding.

1752
01:55:16,670 --> 01:55:23,510
And it was a good
thing that the wife

1753
01:55:23,510 --> 01:55:32,040
of the man who's
owned that place he

1754
01:55:32,040 --> 01:55:35,830
was a very friend of the Jews.

1755
01:55:35,830 --> 01:55:44,740
But he with her
daughter went to Austria

1756
01:55:44,740 --> 01:55:51,330
because they don't want to
get liberated by the Russian.

1757
01:55:51,330 --> 01:55:55,390
So went with the German place.

1758
01:55:55,390 --> 01:55:59,090
Austria was still
in German hands.

1759
01:55:59,090 --> 01:56:03,190

1760
01:56:03,190 --> 01:56:04,770

They went there.

1761
01:56:04,770 --> 01:56:10,314
And the Russian came
close to Budapest.

1762
01:56:10,314 --> 01:56:21,400
And then I was able to go to
my aunt's and uncle's place

1763
01:56:21,400 --> 01:56:24,770
because there was
a husband who was

1764
01:56:24,770 --> 01:56:29,170
in a big position in
the fascist government.

1765
01:56:29,170 --> 01:56:31,000
She hardly came home.

1766
01:56:31,000 --> 01:56:36,390
But he said he knew about
me, but after the war,

1767
01:56:36,390 --> 01:56:37,890
he said he knew about me.

1768
01:56:37,890 --> 01:56:40,790
But I don't think he did.

1769
01:56:40,790 --> 01:56:50,290
So I went and stayed with my
aunt and uncle and his son

1770
01:56:50,290 --> 01:56:52,680
in that place.

1771
01:56:52,680 --> 01:57:01,840
And then when the
fighting was in the city

1772

01:57:01,840 --> 01:57:05,590
because there was no
bunker in that house,

1773
01:57:05,590 --> 01:57:11,620
so we have to move to
a neighbors who lived

1774
01:57:11,620 --> 01:57:15,050
opposite who has a bunker.

1775
01:57:15,050 --> 01:57:18,650
And they let us in.

1776
01:57:18,650 --> 01:57:22,550
They didn't know we are
Jewish or non-Jewish.

1777
01:57:22,550 --> 01:57:26,620
They don't anything
about it but knew that we

1778
01:57:26,620 --> 01:57:29,320
are staying with that house.

1779
01:57:29,320 --> 01:57:31,920
So they let us in.

1780
01:57:31,920 --> 01:57:40,430
And that's when the Russian
liberated us in this house.

1781
01:57:40,430 --> 01:57:44,410
And after the
Russian liberated us,

1782
01:57:44,410 --> 01:57:50,970
then since it was
shortage for everything,

1783
01:57:50,970 --> 01:57:55,680
even water was hard
to get in Budapest

1784
01:57:55,680 --> 01:58:00,140
which was able to drink.

1785
01:58:00,140 --> 01:58:07,730
And my uncle decided we should
go back to Berettyófalva,

1786
01:58:07,730 --> 01:58:09,100
you know where I born.

1787
01:58:09,100 --> 01:58:13,850

1788
01:58:13,850 --> 01:58:26,030
And so it was very hard
because the railroads running,

1789
01:58:26,030 --> 01:58:34,240
but you cannot get
a seat in there.

1790
01:58:34,240 --> 01:58:43,820
So you have to go to the rail,
which not for passenger but--

1791
01:58:43,820 --> 01:58:46,900
I forgot the name--

1792
01:58:46,900 --> 01:58:52,490
that railcar which not
for passenger but--

1793
01:58:52,490 --> 01:58:53,940
Freight cars or--

1794
01:58:53,940 --> 01:58:54,440
Yes.

1795
01:58:54,440 --> 01:58:55,530
--with materials and--

1796

01:58:55,530 --> 01:58:56,330

Yeah.

1797

01:58:56,330 --> 01:59:01,800

So we were able to
get in one of them.

1798

01:59:01,800 --> 01:59:06,950

And after changing cars
and changing because

1799

01:59:06,950 --> 01:59:11,890

from every bigger town
or bigger village just

1800

01:59:11,890 --> 01:59:18,600

there was always something
that car doesn't go there.

1801

01:59:18,600 --> 01:59:20,180

This car goes there.

1802

01:59:20,180 --> 01:59:27,350

So we have to change and change
until we were able to get back

1803

01:59:27,350 --> 01:59:28,100

to my hometown.

1804

01:59:28,100 --> 01:59:33,070

1805

01:59:33,070 --> 01:59:39,060

That was already in the Russian
occupation at that time.

1806

01:59:39,060 --> 01:59:41,230

It was a long, long time.

1807

01:59:41,230 --> 01:59:47,480

And also there was no
fighting there anymore.

1808
01:59:47,480 --> 01:59:51,460
And what did it like
to be liberated?

1809
01:59:51,460 --> 01:59:54,520
What did it feel like to be
liberated and to be able to--

1810
01:59:54,520 --> 01:59:55,756
What is it feel?

1811
01:59:55,756 --> 01:59:57,700
Yeah.

1812
01:59:57,700 --> 01:59:59,530
It was a good thing.

1813
01:59:59,530 --> 02:00:03,250
But you cannot even--

1814
02:00:03,250 --> 02:00:05,620
you didn't feel safe.

1815
02:00:05,620 --> 02:00:10,420
You didn't feel safe
even from the Russian.

1816
02:00:10,420 --> 02:00:12,580
They came and they--

1817
02:00:12,580 --> 02:00:17,200
it was a good thing I was
very skinny and very short,

1818
02:00:17,200 --> 02:00:19,690
and I didn't look like my age.

1819
02:00:19,690 --> 02:00:23,560
I looked like more than
11 or 12 years old,

1820
02:00:23,560 --> 02:00:25,030
so they don't bother me.

1821
02:00:25,030 --> 02:00:33,560
But I know a young woman was
in the place where I live.

1822
02:00:33,560 --> 02:00:36,170
They took it and raped them.

1823
02:00:36,170 --> 02:00:38,690
And the mother they raped.

1824
02:00:38,690 --> 02:00:42,560
[? They raped all of them. ?]
I don't

1825
02:00:42,560 --> 02:00:46,820
know how my aunt was
able to escape them.

1826
02:00:46,820 --> 02:00:49,600
But she did, and I did too.

1827
02:00:49,600 --> 02:00:51,340
We hide.

1828
02:00:51,340 --> 02:00:54,500
They took all the--

1829
02:00:54,500 --> 02:01:02,720
either they raped and stole
everything they fancied,

1830
02:01:02,720 --> 02:01:04,020
they wanted.

1831
02:01:04,020 --> 02:01:12,232
So your life wasn't in much
danger anymore as a Jew.

1832

02:01:12,232 --> 02:01:24,340
But still, it wasn't
without danger as a woman

1833
02:01:24,340 --> 02:01:26,120
or as a young girl.

1834
02:01:26,120 --> 02:01:30,440

1835
02:01:30,440 --> 02:01:34,820
So your uncle decided we need
to go back to your hometown.

1836
02:01:34,820 --> 02:01:37,390
Yeah, we went back
to our hometown,

1837
02:01:37,390 --> 02:01:40,150
and this was nobody there.

1838
02:01:40,150 --> 02:01:44,840
I mean, I had an aunt who
married a Christian man

1839
02:01:44,840 --> 02:01:46,100
long time ago.

1840
02:01:46,100 --> 02:01:48,410
And she has a family.

1841
02:01:48,410 --> 02:01:54,060
So I went to live with
her for a short while.

1842
02:01:54,060 --> 02:01:58,360

1843
02:01:58,360 --> 02:01:58,870
What--

1844
02:01:58,870 --> 02:02:04,720

When my aunt had their old
apartment, then everything

1845
02:02:04,720 --> 02:02:07,630
I moved back with them.

1846
02:02:07,630 --> 02:02:13,520

1847
02:02:13,520 --> 02:02:17,020
Was it easier to
get food and water?

1848
02:02:17,020 --> 02:02:17,520
[INAUDIBLE]?

1849
02:02:17,520 --> 02:02:22,360
Was it easier to get food
and water in your hometown?

1850
02:02:22,360 --> 02:02:22,860
Yes.

1851
02:02:22,860 --> 02:02:25,920
It was already liberated.

1852
02:02:25,920 --> 02:02:34,920
So it was more normal than
other places where we came from.

1853
02:02:34,920 --> 02:02:42,500

1854
02:02:42,500 --> 02:02:48,290
And you mentioned your friend
who survived Auschwitz and came

1855
02:02:48,290 --> 02:02:49,880
back.

1856
02:02:49,880 --> 02:02:53,300
Were there are other survivors

of the camps that came back?

1857
02:02:53,300 --> 02:02:55,840

1858
02:02:55,840 --> 02:02:58,720
From Auschwitz you mean?

1859
02:02:58,720 --> 02:03:01,340
Yes, or other camps.

1860
02:03:01,340 --> 02:03:04,100
Or other camps?

1861
02:03:04,100 --> 02:03:05,220
There was.

1862
02:03:05,220 --> 02:03:08,820
But I wasn't so close with them.

1863
02:03:08,820 --> 02:03:13,940
So there was a
few, not too many.

1864
02:03:13,940 --> 02:03:23,780
Not, for example, not my
mother, not my cousin who was--

1865
02:03:23,780 --> 02:03:31,100
she was a young woman, and she
was pregnant when they took--

1866
02:03:31,100 --> 02:03:35,450
they took her with--

1867
02:03:35,450 --> 02:03:44,480
she born the child
in the railcar

1868
02:03:44,480 --> 02:03:47,390
when they took
them to Auschwitz.

1869
02:03:47,390 --> 02:03:54,650
So the mother and the child,
they went from the railcar

1870
02:03:54,650 --> 02:03:56,160
to the gas chamber.

1871
02:03:56,160 --> 02:04:07,380

1872
02:04:07,380 --> 02:04:12,632
What was it like living
in Hungary before--

1873
02:04:12,632 --> 02:04:15,180
Before or after?

1874
02:04:15,180 --> 02:04:20,250
Well, before the Soviets
officially took over?

1875
02:04:20,250 --> 02:04:22,850

1876
02:04:22,850 --> 02:04:24,700
Before communists--

1877
02:04:24,700 --> 02:04:30,510
The country, I mean, the
country, it was fascism.

1878
02:04:30,510 --> 02:04:33,650
It was fascist government.

1879
02:04:33,650 --> 02:04:38,400
But I guess what was it like
between the fascist government

1880
02:04:38,400 --> 02:04:40,920
and the communist government?

1881
02:04:40,920 --> 02:04:41,670
What was it like--

1882
02:04:41,670 --> 02:04:49,040
The fascists who wasn't
Jewish, the fascist government

1883
02:04:49,040 --> 02:04:56,090
was better for the Hungarians
than those who were Jewish.

1884
02:04:56,090 --> 02:04:59,600
The Russian wasn't
so good either.

1885
02:04:59,600 --> 02:05:07,390
But for the Jews, their
life was safe with as a Jews

1886
02:05:07,390 --> 02:05:09,300
but not as a people.

1887
02:05:09,300 --> 02:05:13,160
You know [? it ?] [? say ?]
if they don't like you,

1888
02:05:13,160 --> 02:05:15,250
Jews or not Jews, they kill you.

1889
02:05:15,250 --> 02:05:18,680

1890
02:05:18,680 --> 02:05:21,830
But they don't kill you
because you were a Jew.

1891
02:05:21,830 --> 02:05:27,140

1892
02:05:27,140 --> 02:05:30,770
Did the communists-- did
the communists target--

1893
02:05:30,770 --> 02:05:35,020
The communists, it
was much better--

1894
02:05:35,020 --> 02:05:35,520
Much--

1895
02:05:35,520 --> 02:05:36,540
--than the fascists.

1896
02:05:36,540 --> 02:05:37,040
Yeah.

1897
02:05:37,040 --> 02:05:38,864
It was much better.

1898
02:05:38,864 --> 02:05:42,910
Did the communists
target any other groups?

1899
02:05:42,910 --> 02:05:43,410
What?

1900
02:05:43,410 --> 02:05:48,900
Did the communists target
or persecute other groups?

1901
02:05:48,900 --> 02:05:50,870
Jews, no.

1902
02:05:50,870 --> 02:05:51,370
Not Jews.

1903
02:05:51,370 --> 02:05:52,590
Communists, no.

1904
02:05:52,590 --> 02:05:53,830
No.

1905
02:05:53,830 --> 02:05:56,740

Many Jews belonged to
the Communist Party.

1906
02:05:56,740 --> 02:05:59,500
No.

1907
02:05:59,500 --> 02:06:05,135
The communists was after
the fascists, not the Jews.

1908
02:06:05,135 --> 02:06:08,090

1909
02:06:08,090 --> 02:06:10,620
Did they persecute other groups?

1910
02:06:10,620 --> 02:06:13,620
So they didn't persecute Jews.

1911
02:06:13,620 --> 02:06:14,870
But did they persecute other--

1912
02:06:14,870 --> 02:06:17,450
Not because they-- they
don't persecute Jews

1913
02:06:17,450 --> 02:06:19,320
because they were Jews.

1914
02:06:19,320 --> 02:06:23,240
If they did something
against them, they persecute.

1915
02:06:23,240 --> 02:06:24,755
But not because of Jews.

1916
02:06:24,755 --> 02:06:36,420

1917
02:06:36,420 --> 02:06:40,350
Did you ever face
any discrimination

1918
02:06:40,350 --> 02:06:41,490
under the communists?

1919
02:06:41,490 --> 02:06:44,930

1920
02:06:44,930 --> 02:06:49,380
Well, not really.

1921
02:06:49,380 --> 02:06:50,375
I did not.

1922
02:06:50,375 --> 02:06:53,410

1923
02:06:53,410 --> 02:07:01,490
My husband was a Polish officer.

1924
02:07:01,490 --> 02:07:05,240
He joined the police
force after he was--

1925
02:07:05,240 --> 02:07:07,530
he was a Jewish man.

1926
02:07:07,530 --> 02:07:12,350
He joined the police
force after he

1927
02:07:12,350 --> 02:07:16,940
was liberated from the Germans.

1928
02:07:16,940 --> 02:07:25,265
So he had some rank.

1929
02:07:25,265 --> 02:07:30,220

1930
02:07:30,220 --> 02:07:35,070
So he can give

protection because he

1931
02:07:35,070 --> 02:07:40,120
was a police officer.

1932
02:07:40,120 --> 02:07:43,750
So because of his job, you
and him were protected?

1933
02:07:43,750 --> 02:07:46,270

1934
02:07:46,270 --> 02:07:56,830
We married 1948.

1935
02:07:56,830 --> 02:08:01,660
Actually, 1949.

1936
02:08:01,660 --> 02:08:06,990
1949, we married.

1937
02:08:06,990 --> 02:08:19,160
My son born in 1951, the first
one, and the second, 1955.

1938
02:08:19,160 --> 02:08:23,480
And your husband, was your
husband from your hometown?

1939
02:08:23,480 --> 02:08:24,020
No.

1940
02:08:24,020 --> 02:08:28,640
Not my hometown, but not
very far from my hometown.

1941
02:08:28,640 --> 02:08:31,040
It was a big, big town.

1942
02:08:31,040 --> 02:08:34,150
And my hometown
was a small town.

1943
02:08:34,150 --> 02:08:41,140

1944
02:08:41,140 --> 02:08:44,420
You said your husband
was also a survivor?

1945
02:08:44,420 --> 02:08:45,270
What?

1946
02:08:45,270 --> 02:08:48,830
Your husband was
also a survivor?

1947
02:08:48,830 --> 02:09:00,210
Well, he was in labor camp,
as a Jewish labor camp

1948
02:09:00,210 --> 02:09:06,780
because she can't get in the
army as a Hungarian soldier.

1949
02:09:06,780 --> 02:09:13,880
So he had to be a laborer--

1950
02:09:13,880 --> 02:09:18,495
Jewish labor
serviceman they called.

1951
02:09:18,495 --> 02:09:23,780

1952
02:09:23,780 --> 02:09:33,340
And after you got married in
1949, where did you two live?

1953
02:09:33,340 --> 02:09:33,940
What?

1954
02:09:33,940 --> 02:09:38,650
He's after '49, what

was your question?

1955

02:09:38,650 --> 02:09:41,620

Where did you live
after you got married?

1956

02:09:41,620 --> 02:09:48,240

We lived in small town--
very small town when I born.

1957

02:09:48,240 --> 02:09:48,740

Oh.

1958

02:09:48,740 --> 02:09:50,010

In your hometown.

1959

02:09:50,010 --> 02:09:52,190

Yeah, my hometown, yes.

1960

02:09:52,190 --> 02:09:56,570

He was stationed at there.

1961

02:09:56,570 --> 02:10:00,060

He was a police officer there.

1962

02:10:00,060 --> 02:10:03,270

That's how I got to know him.

1963

02:10:03,270 --> 02:10:03,870

Oh, I see.

1964

02:10:03,870 --> 02:10:09,510

1965

02:10:09,510 --> 02:10:13,960

Did you have a job
after you got married?

1966

02:10:13,960 --> 02:10:14,460

Job?

1967

02:10:14,460 --> 02:10:15,240
Mm-hmm.

1968
02:10:15,240 --> 02:10:16,230
Yes.

1969
02:10:16,230 --> 02:10:23,900
I had a job in the
Ministry of Interior

1970
02:10:23,900 --> 02:10:28,270
in Budapest when we moved there.

1971
02:10:28,270 --> 02:10:30,695
First, I had
another office jobs.

1972
02:10:30,695 --> 02:10:37,235

1973
02:10:37,235 --> 02:10:45,290
And then after that, I got the
job in the Ministry of Interior

1974
02:10:45,290 --> 02:10:47,620
where my husband worked.

1975
02:10:47,620 --> 02:10:51,620

1976
02:10:51,620 --> 02:10:54,870
And what did you do
for the Ministry--

1977
02:10:54,870 --> 02:11:02,200
Just some small
clerk-like thing.

1978
02:11:02,200 --> 02:11:10,220

1979
02:11:10,220 --> 02:11:10,720

Yes.

1980

02:11:10,720 --> 02:11:13,350

So you had two sons?

1981

02:11:13,350 --> 02:11:15,520

Yes.

1982

02:11:15,520 --> 02:11:20,600

And you said 1951 and 1955?

1983

02:11:20,600 --> 02:11:22,850

Yes.

1984

02:11:22,850 --> 02:11:26,530

And what are their names?

1985

02:11:26,530 --> 02:11:33,090

The one who lives
here is Leslie.

1986

02:11:33,090 --> 02:11:37,290

And the other one is Steven.

1987

02:11:37,290 --> 02:11:40,880

He died with heart attack.

1988

02:11:40,880 --> 02:11:46,710

1989

02:11:46,710 --> 02:11:49,500

Were they both born in Hungary?

1990

02:11:49,500 --> 02:11:51,986

They were, Hungary.

1991

02:11:51,986 --> 02:11:55,940

1992

02:11:55,940 --> 02:12:01,700

He was six months, Steven,

when we leaved Hungary.

1993

02:12:01,700 --> 02:12:05,640

So I have to carry
him all the way

1994

02:12:05,640 --> 02:12:11,900

because we have to walk
through the border from Hungary

1995

02:12:11,900 --> 02:12:13,946

to Austria.

1996

02:12:13,946 --> 02:12:18,230

And I have to carry
her all the way.

1997

02:12:18,230 --> 02:12:20,410

It was so hard at night.

1998

02:12:20,410 --> 02:12:24,245

At night, the soldiers
cannot find us.

1999

02:12:24,245 --> 02:12:28,615

2000

02:12:28,615 --> 02:12:29,115

And--

2001

02:12:29,115 --> 02:12:32,520

2002

02:12:32,520 --> 02:12:34,040

Carried him, not her.

2003

02:12:34,040 --> 02:12:38,900

2004

02:12:38,900 --> 02:12:44,250

When did you and your husband
decide to leave Hungary?

2005

02:12:44,250 --> 02:12:45,750

To leave Hungary?

2006

02:12:45,750 --> 02:12:46,885

Yes, when?

2007

02:12:46,885 --> 02:12:47,385

Where?

2008

02:12:47,385 --> 02:12:49,770

When did you decide to?

2009

02:12:49,770 --> 02:12:51,450

I didn't want to leave.

2010

02:12:51,450 --> 02:12:52,740

It was his.

2011

02:12:52,740 --> 02:12:56,550

I was so surprised
he wanted to leave

2012

02:12:56,550 --> 02:12:59,160

because he has a good position.

2013

02:12:59,160 --> 02:13:02,280

He was liked in his job.

2014

02:13:02,280 --> 02:13:05,580

He was-- I don't know
what happened with him.

2015

02:13:05,580 --> 02:13:09,420

But he decided he
wants to leave Hungary.

2016

02:13:09,420 --> 02:13:13,920

And so what can I do
with two children?

2017

02:13:13,920 --> 02:13:15,250
I followed him.

2018
02:13:15,250 --> 02:13:19,600

2019
02:13:19,600 --> 02:13:27,300
And why did he want
to come to the US?

2020
02:13:27,300 --> 02:13:28,080
Why, what?

2021
02:13:28,080 --> 02:13:31,500
Why did he want
to come to the US?

2022
02:13:31,500 --> 02:13:40,830
To the US, because his
brother-in-law and the family,

2023
02:13:40,830 --> 02:13:42,740
they want to come here.

2024
02:13:42,740 --> 02:13:45,720
And the brother-in-law,
he has a sister

2025
02:13:45,720 --> 02:13:48,670
who lived in New York City.

2026
02:13:48,670 --> 02:13:51,850
And he has connection.

2027
02:13:51,850 --> 02:14:01,090
I mean, his friend has
connection to the embassy

2028
02:14:01,090 --> 02:14:05,150
and here in some base.

2029
02:14:05,150 --> 02:14:12,440

So we can get here
in the United States

2030
02:14:12,440 --> 02:14:16,650
more easily than some of
the other people because

2031
02:14:16,650 --> 02:14:18,920
of this connection.

2032
02:14:18,920 --> 02:14:21,510
So we were almost the first--

2033
02:14:21,510 --> 02:14:28,830
second transport from Austria
who arrive in New York City.

2034
02:14:28,830 --> 02:14:32,080

2035
02:14:32,080 --> 02:14:39,230
Were you still in Hungary
for the 1956 revolution?

2036
02:14:39,230 --> 02:14:39,730
Yes.

2037
02:14:39,730 --> 02:14:43,560

2038
02:14:43,560 --> 02:14:44,500
What was that like?

2039
02:14:44,500 --> 02:14:49,540

2040
02:14:49,540 --> 02:14:58,320
It was a little scary because
you didn't know what--

2041
02:14:58,320 --> 02:15:02,820
there was groups,

which was fascist.

2042

02:15:02,820 --> 02:15:06,090

They want to kill the Jews.

2043

02:15:06,090 --> 02:15:09,800

And there was a group
who was communist who

2044

02:15:09,800 --> 02:15:12,410

want the communist regime.

2045

02:15:12,410 --> 02:15:19,270

So it was these two
groups, who was very--

2046

02:15:19,270 --> 02:15:23,080

the main things there.

2047

02:15:23,080 --> 02:15:28,090

And that's why we
leave it mostly.

2048

02:15:28,090 --> 02:15:32,547

That's why were afraid
of the fascists mostly.

2049

02:15:32,547 --> 02:15:35,530

2050

02:15:35,530 --> 02:15:40,200

And were they out in the
streets protesting or--

2051

02:15:40,200 --> 02:15:41,830

They were protesting.

2052

02:15:41,830 --> 02:15:43,410

They were, oh, sure.

2053

02:15:43,410 --> 02:15:49,200

In the 1956 revolution

that was protesting.

2054

02:15:49,200 --> 02:15:51,210

Everybody protesting.

2055

02:15:51,210 --> 02:15:53,650

There was fascist groups.

2056

02:15:53,650 --> 02:15:55,470

There was communist group.

2057

02:15:55,470 --> 02:16:01,110

Not much communist
group, but other groups.

2058

02:16:01,110 --> 02:16:06,810

Everybody was protesting
against the communist regime

2059

02:16:06,810 --> 02:16:09,790

almost, except the communist.

2060

02:16:09,790 --> 02:16:16,090

2061

02:16:16,090 --> 02:16:18,860

And it was very chaotic?

2062

02:16:18,860 --> 02:16:21,607

You just didn't-- there
was a lot going on?

2063

02:16:21,607 --> 02:16:22,690

You didn't know what was--

2064

02:16:22,690 --> 02:16:24,210

There was fighting.

2065

02:16:24,210 --> 02:16:24,710

Yes.

2066

02:16:24,710 --> 02:16:25,620
There was fighting.

2067
02:16:25,620 --> 02:16:30,770
It was scary because
sometimes you to go to street

2068
02:16:30,770 --> 02:16:34,870
and suddenly you
get into the fire

2069
02:16:34,870 --> 02:16:38,969
when this side and that side.

2070
02:16:38,969 --> 02:16:42,325
It was very, very scary period.

2071
02:16:42,325 --> 02:16:45,080

2072
02:16:45,080 --> 02:16:48,200
And how long was this going on?

2073
02:16:48,200 --> 02:16:54,694
Well, not very long because
the Russian reoccupied Hungary.

2074
02:16:54,694 --> 02:16:57,459

2075
02:16:57,459 --> 02:16:59,709
So it didn't last too long.

2076
02:16:59,709 --> 02:17:02,950

2077
02:17:02,950 --> 02:17:04,940
They sent troops in?

2078
02:17:04,940 --> 02:17:06,151
They sent soldiers in?

2079

02:17:06,151 --> 02:17:06,651

Yes.

2080

02:17:06,651 --> 02:17:14,830

2081

02:17:14,830 --> 02:17:15,879

And--

2082

02:17:15,879 --> 02:17:22,950

Because you cannot get some
group here and there to get

2083

02:17:22,950 --> 02:17:25,219

against the Russian army.

2084

02:17:25,219 --> 02:17:28,930

This was very
difficult thing to do.

2085

02:17:28,930 --> 02:17:39,030

So after a couple of days, the
Russian comes back to Hungary.

2086

02:17:39,030 --> 02:17:40,480

And it was over.

2087

02:17:40,480 --> 02:17:42,226

Everything was over.

2088

02:17:42,226 --> 02:17:43,218

[INAUDIBLE]

2089

02:17:43,218 --> 02:17:48,190

2090

02:17:48,190 --> 02:17:53,379

And so was it during
this time that you were

2091

02:17:53,379 --> 02:17:56,349

planning on leaving already?

2092

02:17:56,349 --> 02:17:59,260

What I want to leave?

2093

02:17:59,260 --> 02:18:00,740

During the revolution--

2094

02:18:00,740 --> 02:18:01,240

Yeah.

2095

02:18:01,240 --> 02:18:04,410

--were you and your husband
already planning to leave?

2096

02:18:04,410 --> 02:18:07,610

2097

02:18:07,610 --> 02:18:10,070

I cannot get the [INAUDIBLE].

2098

02:18:10,070 --> 02:18:12,677

Me and my husband, what?

2099

02:18:12,677 --> 02:18:13,635

During the revolution--

2100

02:18:13,635 --> 02:18:14,135

Yeah.

2101

02:18:14,135 --> 02:18:14,959

I know.

2102

02:18:14,959 --> 02:18:18,052

--were you already
planning to leave?

2103

02:18:18,052 --> 02:18:19,469

Plan to leave?

2104

02:18:19,469 --> 02:18:20,030

Yeah.

2105

02:18:20,030 --> 02:18:21,620

Or was it after that you said?

2106

02:18:21,620 --> 02:18:23,440

My husband wanted to leave.

2107

02:18:23,440 --> 02:18:23,940

Yes.

2108

02:18:23,940 --> 02:18:24,440

Yes.

2109

02:18:24,440 --> 02:18:26,990

I didn't want to leave at all.

2110

02:18:26,990 --> 02:18:34,959

I didn't want to because

I had a six-month-old baby

2111

02:18:34,959 --> 02:18:40,690

and a five-years-old child.

2112

02:18:40,690 --> 02:18:43,198

2113

02:18:43,198 --> 02:18:47,389

And I have an apartment over there, a nice apartment.

2114

02:18:47,389 --> 02:18:50,950

We lived in a very good place.

2115

02:18:50,950 --> 02:18:54,265

You can see, from the window, the Danube River.

2116

02:18:54,265 --> 02:18:57,040

2117

02:18:57,040 --> 02:19:02,799
And I didn't want to leave.

2118
02:19:02,799 --> 02:19:08,809
For me, my apartment and
my home was very important.

2119
02:19:08,809 --> 02:19:14,350
You can see here
too, I loved my--

2120
02:19:14,350 --> 02:19:18,610
I don't want--

2121
02:19:18,610 --> 02:19:26,240
I mean, I spent every money
if I have to make my apartment

2122
02:19:26,240 --> 02:19:32,780
and my home nice
and comfortable.

2123
02:19:32,780 --> 02:19:35,994
So this is my type.

2124
02:19:35,994 --> 02:19:48,700
I don't go to watch
movie or other places

2125
02:19:48,700 --> 02:19:53,420
to get some fun like
some people like to.

2126
02:19:53,420 --> 02:19:57,521

2127
02:19:57,521 --> 02:20:02,380
I'm satisfied what
I see from the TV.

2128
02:20:02,380 --> 02:20:09,290
And I'm satisfied when I see
my home, when I stay my home

2129
02:20:09,290 --> 02:20:14,010
and look at my home the way
I would like to have it.

2130
02:20:14,010 --> 02:20:21,680
And I was able to do it what
I like to have to be my home.

2131
02:20:21,680 --> 02:20:22,800
So I'm a home people.

2132
02:20:22,800 --> 02:20:28,790

2133
02:20:28,790 --> 02:20:32,150
So when did you leave Hungary?

2134
02:20:32,150 --> 02:20:35,460
1956.

2135
02:20:35,460 --> 02:20:45,030
In the November, 1956.

2136
02:20:45,030 --> 02:20:49,050
And you said you went
to Austria first?

2137
02:20:49,050 --> 02:20:49,890
What?

2138
02:20:49,890 --> 02:20:50,925
And you said earlier--

2139
02:20:50,925 --> 02:20:52,040
Austria.

2140
02:20:52,040 --> 02:20:52,620
Yeah.

2141
02:20:52,620 --> 02:20:53,120

Yeah.

2142
02:20:53,120 --> 02:21:04,500
Because my husband
was a police officer.

2143
02:21:04,500 --> 02:21:08,130
And he used to go--

2144
02:21:08,130 --> 02:21:12,780
he works in the Ministry
of Interior in Budapest.

2145
02:21:12,780 --> 02:21:19,300
But his job was to
see the other police

2146
02:21:19,300 --> 02:21:22,540
station all over the country.

2147
02:21:22,540 --> 02:21:29,020
So he got acquainted
with one of the policemen

2148
02:21:29,020 --> 02:21:34,060
near to the Austrian border.

2149
02:21:34,060 --> 02:21:36,760
And he was a very friendly man.

2150
02:21:36,760 --> 02:21:40,240
And most of the
people liked him.

2151
02:21:40,240 --> 02:21:47,030
So he already had
that man who he knew.

2152
02:21:47,030 --> 02:21:54,870
And he went here,
and he help us to--

2153

02:21:54,870 --> 02:22:01,010
he walks us up through
the border from Hungary

2154
02:22:01,010 --> 02:22:04,900
to the Austrian border.

2155
02:22:04,900 --> 02:22:09,240
He took us.

2156
02:22:09,240 --> 02:22:20,360
And when we leave Budapest,
my brother-in-law get a truck.

2157
02:22:20,360 --> 02:22:29,830
But since the transportation
was not ready in that time,

2158
02:22:29,830 --> 02:22:32,990
then it was a revolution.

2159
02:22:32,990 --> 02:22:40,390
So people, when they see
a vehicle go somewhere,

2160
02:22:40,390 --> 02:22:43,580
people try, especially
it was a truck.

2161
02:22:43,580 --> 02:22:47,620
People try to get some lift.

2162
02:22:47,620 --> 02:22:55,410
So the way we got almost
a truck full of people

2163
02:22:55,410 --> 02:23:03,890
when we got through from
Hungary to Austria who

2164
02:23:03,890 --> 02:23:06,140
we didn't know them.

2165

02:23:06,140 --> 02:23:08,780

They just want to
get transportation.

2166

02:23:08,780 --> 02:23:14,460

2167

02:23:14,460 --> 02:23:18,430

What did you do when
you got to Austria?

2168

02:23:18,430 --> 02:23:18,930

What?

2169

02:23:18,930 --> 02:23:22,290

What did you do when
you got to Austria?

2170

02:23:22,290 --> 02:23:23,640

When what?

2171

02:23:23,640 --> 02:23:25,820

When you arrived in Austria?

2172

02:23:25,820 --> 02:23:29,160

When I arrive in
the United States?

2173

02:23:29,160 --> 02:23:30,090

In Austria.

2174

02:23:30,090 --> 02:23:31,580

Oh, Austria [INAUDIBLE].

2175

02:23:31,580 --> 02:23:32,550

Yeah.

2176

02:23:32,550 --> 02:23:36,480

We went in a cab first.

2177

02:23:36,480 --> 02:23:41,160

And then my brother-in-law
has a sister

2178
02:23:41,160 --> 02:23:43,730
who lived in New York City.

2179
02:23:43,730 --> 02:23:47,310
He married here and
lived in New York City.

2180
02:23:47,310 --> 02:23:54,970
And she came to
Austria when she--

2181
02:23:54,970 --> 02:24:02,370
he [? let ?] quarter or sent
her a telegram or whatever.

2182
02:24:02,370 --> 02:24:15,550
He came, and he brought us from
the camp to a hotel in Austria.

2183
02:24:15,550 --> 02:24:24,230
And he, with a friend whose
mother was with us too,

2184
02:24:24,230 --> 02:24:30,890
they went to the American
embassy in Austria, Vienna.

2185
02:24:30,890 --> 02:24:43,270
And they took us
to the [? man ?]

2186
02:24:43,270 --> 02:24:51,300
with mother and my
brother-in-law, sister,

2187
02:24:51,300 --> 02:25:00,490
and the family, her
sister and brother.

2188
02:25:00,490 --> 02:25:08,180

So they went to the American embassy in Austria, in Vienna.

2189

02:25:08,180 --> 02:25:16,370

And they were able to get us out from Austria

2190

02:25:16,370 --> 02:25:22,640

in the second transport who came to the United States.

2191

02:25:22,640 --> 02:25:29,560

Because so many people leave Hungary,

2192

02:25:29,560 --> 02:25:32,470

and they are waited for years and years

2193

02:25:32,470 --> 02:25:34,250

to get into the country.

2194

02:25:34,250 --> 02:25:40,950

We were very lucky because we were only maybe two months

2195

02:25:40,950 --> 02:25:46,130

at all time that we had to spend in Austria because they

2196

02:25:46,130 --> 02:25:52,175

were able to get us to the airplane and come to New York.

2197

02:25:52,175 --> 02:26:01,150

2198

02:26:01,150 --> 02:26:05,966

So where in New York did you live?

2199

02:26:05,966 --> 02:26:07,870

Where?

2200
02:26:07,870 --> 02:26:16,390
My brother-in-law has
a factory in New York

2201
02:26:16,390 --> 02:26:25,060
City in jewelry casting, you
know, to cast the jewelry.

2202
02:26:25,060 --> 02:26:28,370
A big factory they have.

2203
02:26:28,370 --> 02:26:39,090
So he was able to give some job
to my husband and for me too.

2204
02:26:39,090 --> 02:26:41,260
Sometimes I work in there too.

2205
02:26:41,260 --> 02:26:45,850

2206
02:26:45,850 --> 02:26:52,420
And they have to
have a apartment.

2207
02:26:52,420 --> 02:26:57,010
I remember, it was in the Bronx.

2208
02:26:57,010 --> 02:26:59,860
That time, it wasn't so bad.

2209
02:26:59,860 --> 02:27:03,280
It's not a good
section, Bronx, anymore.

2210
02:27:03,280 --> 02:27:07,030
But that time, there were--

2211
02:27:07,030 --> 02:27:10,940
part of it, it's mostly
Jewish people live there.

2212
02:27:10,940 --> 02:27:19,170
So they get an apartment
for us, a living room,

2213
02:27:19,170 --> 02:27:22,190
bedroom in the kitchen.

2214
02:27:22,190 --> 02:27:24,270
And I was so happy.

2215
02:27:24,270 --> 02:27:29,710
After all these thing,
we have our own to live.

2216
02:27:29,710 --> 02:27:34,180
And we live there for
many years until I

2217
02:27:34,180 --> 02:27:39,850
was able to save enough money
to buy a house in Forest Hills

2218
02:27:39,850 --> 02:27:41,010
because I--

2219
02:27:41,010 --> 02:27:46,230
this is my nature to
save and put it in--

2220
02:27:46,230 --> 02:27:54,130
even my husband earned the
minimum wages for sometimes,

2221
02:27:54,130 --> 02:28:02,330
but I was able to get \$2, \$5
from it and put it in the bank.

2222
02:28:02,330 --> 02:28:07,530
And slowly, it
grow up until I was

2223

02:28:07,530 --> 02:28:11,760
able to put down the down
payment in Forest Hills,

2224
02:28:11,760 --> 02:28:18,030
New York for a house.

2225
02:28:18,030 --> 02:28:22,230

2226
02:28:22,230 --> 02:28:28,870
And then saved to pay down
the mortgage and everything.

2227
02:28:28,870 --> 02:28:32,220
And two kids, they were young.

2228
02:28:32,220 --> 02:28:35,110
And, well, it wasn't easy.

2229
02:28:35,110 --> 02:28:38,907
But it wasn't so
terrible either.

2230
02:28:38,907 --> 02:28:44,990

2231
02:28:44,990 --> 02:28:47,900
And so you mentioned
that you only

2232
02:28:47,900 --> 02:28:50,870
remembered a few
words of English

2233
02:28:50,870 --> 02:28:51,950
from the class you took?

2234
02:28:51,950 --> 02:28:52,700
Yeah.

2235
02:28:52,700 --> 02:28:55,520

What was it like
living in the US

2236
02:28:55,520 --> 02:28:57,530
and learning English
at the same time?

2237
02:28:57,530 --> 02:29:00,720

2238
02:29:00,720 --> 02:29:07,630
I went to school at evening when
my husband came home from work.

2239
02:29:07,630 --> 02:29:09,430
Then I went to a--

2240
02:29:09,430 --> 02:29:18,680
there was in the classes that
teach English to speak English.

2241
02:29:18,680 --> 02:29:25,790
And I went there to
learn every evening.

2242
02:29:25,790 --> 02:29:30,880
That's how I--
although as a child,

2243
02:29:30,880 --> 02:29:34,030
I was study English a little.

2244
02:29:34,030 --> 02:29:35,730
I forget most of it.

2245
02:29:35,730 --> 02:29:39,340

2246
02:29:39,340 --> 02:29:43,030
I remember very little from it.

2247
02:29:43,030 --> 02:29:46,740

I lived it in the United States.

2248

02:29:46,740 --> 02:29:52,430

I learned it in the United States while I lived here.

2249

02:29:52,430 --> 02:29:54,080

Did your husband speak English?

2250

02:29:54,080 --> 02:29:55,570

No.

2251

02:29:55,570 --> 02:29:56,490

He didn't either.

2252

02:29:56,490 --> 02:30:03,240

2253

02:30:03,240 --> 02:30:05,580

So what-- I guess--

2254

02:30:05,580 --> 02:30:08,260

It was-- it was hard.

2255

02:30:08,260 --> 02:30:10,620

It was hard time,
but it was good time

2256

02:30:10,620 --> 02:30:18,775

because after I got my
apartment, it was a room--

2257

02:30:18,775 --> 02:30:23,540

a kitchen, a living room,
and the one bedroom.

2258

02:30:23,540 --> 02:30:27,120

I was so happy.

2259

02:30:27,120 --> 02:30:32,180

After all these things,
I have my own home.

2260
02:30:32,180 --> 02:30:34,780
And I lived there for years.

2261
02:30:34,780 --> 02:30:40,500
But I was saved and saved and
saved, even with the small--

2262
02:30:40,500 --> 02:30:44,090
my husband only learned
the minimum wages.

2263
02:30:44,090 --> 02:30:49,600
And I was able to save
if not more than \$5

2264
02:30:49,600 --> 02:30:51,110
and put it in the bank.

2265
02:30:51,110 --> 02:30:56,480

2266
02:30:56,480 --> 02:30:58,680
And that's how I
was able to put down

2267
02:30:58,680 --> 02:31:02,540
the down payment for a
house in Forest Hills.

2268
02:31:02,540 --> 02:31:10,330
Forest Hills, this was
a very, very good place.

2269
02:31:10,330 --> 02:31:11,635
It wasn't as cheap--

2270
02:31:11,635 --> 02:31:14,280

2271
02:31:14,280 --> 02:31:15,240
cheap place.

2272
02:31:15,240 --> 02:31:20,970
But it was getting more
Jewish people there.

2273
02:31:20,970 --> 02:31:24,480
Before it was all Christians.

2274
02:31:24,480 --> 02:31:29,330
And now it's getting a
few Jewish people there.

2275
02:31:29,330 --> 02:31:34,320
And it was more expensive
than other places.

2276
02:31:34,320 --> 02:31:37,300
But I can manage it.

2277
02:31:37,300 --> 02:31:42,990

2278
02:31:42,990 --> 02:31:47,480
So what is your life like
now living in California?

2279
02:31:47,480 --> 02:31:48,600
My life?

2280
02:31:48,600 --> 02:31:51,300
Well, I saved enough money.

2281
02:31:51,300 --> 02:31:53,850
I don't have problem with--

2282
02:31:53,850 --> 02:31:57,600
financial problem at all.

2283
02:31:57,600 --> 02:32:00,190
I like this home.

2284

02:32:00,190 --> 02:32:06,160
I like my home where since my--

2285
02:32:06,160 --> 02:32:12,880
first my husband and then my
son who live with us died--

2286
02:32:12,880 --> 02:32:13,720
both died.

2287
02:32:13,720 --> 02:32:14,990
I lived alone.

2288
02:32:14,990 --> 02:32:17,260
So I got used to it.

2289
02:32:17,260 --> 02:32:18,940
It's not so good.

2290
02:32:18,940 --> 02:32:22,710
But got used to it.

2291
02:32:22,710 --> 02:32:28,174
And I'm happy with my home.

2292
02:32:28,174 --> 02:32:38,230
And thank God I don't know
any physical problem that

2293
02:32:38,230 --> 02:32:39,610
bothers me.

2294
02:32:39,610 --> 02:32:44,620
And this is a great thing
because I'm old, I'm old

2295
02:32:44,620 --> 02:32:48,920
and many old people has pain
here and there and there.

2296
02:32:48,920 --> 02:32:52,190
But thank God I--

2297
02:32:52,190 --> 02:32:54,600
God saved me from that.

2298
02:32:54,600 --> 02:32:55,550
So I'm happy.

2299
02:32:55,550 --> 02:32:57,560
I'm happy what I have.

2300
02:32:57,560 --> 02:33:01,000
I'm happy for everything.

2301
02:33:01,000 --> 02:33:04,272
I just thank God
for what I have.

2302
02:33:04,272 --> 02:33:08,128

2303
02:33:08,128 --> 02:33:11,130
Have you ever been
back to Europe?

2304
02:33:11,130 --> 02:33:12,510
Back to Europe?

2305
02:33:12,510 --> 02:33:13,500
Oh, yes.

2306
02:33:13,500 --> 02:33:16,890
Many times, many times.

2307
02:33:16,890 --> 02:33:21,600
We spent vacations together
with my husband and alone.

2308
02:33:21,600 --> 02:33:24,930
Me and my husband
went alone back.

2309

02:33:24,930 --> 02:33:27,870
So yes, we went back to Hungary.

2310
02:33:27,870 --> 02:33:38,960
We had friends over there and
knew the places and place.

2311
02:33:38,960 --> 02:33:41,940
And yes, we liked to go back.

2312
02:33:41,940 --> 02:33:43,780
visit but not live there.

2313
02:33:43,780 --> 02:33:47,190

2314
02:33:47,190 --> 02:33:48,900
Did you ever go back
to your hometown?

2315
02:33:48,900 --> 02:33:51,690

2316
02:33:51,690 --> 02:33:57,100
Yes, because one my
cousin lives there.

2317
02:33:57,100 --> 02:34:00,900
And sometimes, if
I'm in Hungary,

2318
02:34:00,900 --> 02:34:07,160
I go and visit her,
her and the family.

2319
02:34:07,160 --> 02:34:09,100
Yes, I used to go.

2320
02:34:09,100 --> 02:34:19,440
But I even go and see my
old house that I bought.

2321

02:34:19,440 --> 02:34:20,840

But that's it.

2322

02:34:20,840 --> 02:34:28,350

I have no-- no any
feeling to live there.

2323

02:34:28,350 --> 02:34:35,000

2324

02:34:35,000 --> 02:34:41,360

Have you met any other survivors
in the US when you moved here?

2325

02:34:41,360 --> 02:34:42,710

I cannot--

2326

02:34:42,710 --> 02:34:47,150

When you moved to the US, did
you meet any other Holocaust

2327

02:34:47,150 --> 02:34:49,331

survivors?

2328

02:34:49,331 --> 02:34:52,080

Yes, so many.

2329

02:34:52,080 --> 02:35:00,090

My neighbors, many neighbors
who speaks Hungarian

2330

02:35:00,090 --> 02:35:03,050

was Holocaust survivor.

2331

02:35:03,050 --> 02:35:08,010

And so many Hungarians
lived in Forest Hills.

2332

02:35:08,010 --> 02:35:12,570

2333

02:35:12,570 --> 02:35:15,956

Did you all ever talk
about your experiences?

2334
02:35:15,956 --> 02:35:17,430
Talk about what?

2335
02:35:17,430 --> 02:35:20,130
Your experiences during the war?

2336
02:35:20,130 --> 02:35:21,165
During the Holocaust?

2337
02:35:21,165 --> 02:35:22,510
Mm-hmm.

2338
02:35:22,510 --> 02:35:24,620
We try not to.

2339
02:35:24,620 --> 02:35:30,000
It's not-- that's a happy
things to talk about.

2340
02:35:30,000 --> 02:35:33,760
But I thinking about
a lots of time,

2341
02:35:33,760 --> 02:35:36,230
especially when I get older.

2342
02:35:36,230 --> 02:35:41,190
When I wasn't so old, I
did not think about it.

2343
02:35:41,190 --> 02:35:46,410
But now, since I get older, I
think about it more and more.

2344
02:35:46,410 --> 02:35:52,810

2345
02:35:52,810 --> 02:35:56,410
Is there anything you wish

people knew about living

2346

02:35:56,410 --> 02:36:00,120
in Hungary during the war?

2347

02:36:00,120 --> 02:36:01,830
Anything what?

2348

02:36:01,830 --> 02:36:03,780
Is there anything
you wish people

2349

02:36:03,780 --> 02:36:05,590
knew about living in Hungary--

2350

02:36:05,590 --> 02:36:06,090
Oh--

2351

02:36:06,090 --> 02:36:06,830
--during the war?

2352

02:36:06,830 --> 02:36:10,980
--knew about what was
in living Hungary,

2353

02:36:10,980 --> 02:36:13,470
I mean, living in Hungary?

2354

02:36:13,470 --> 02:36:14,440
During the war, yeah.

2355

02:36:14,440 --> 02:36:18,320

2356

02:36:18,320 --> 02:36:21,875
There are so many--

2357

02:36:21,875 --> 02:36:26,450
the Jewish people who
lived that day [INAUDIBLE],,

2358

02:36:26,450 --> 02:36:31,720
who survived, they all know
what is was living there.

2359
02:36:31,720 --> 02:36:36,710
So I wrote a book.

2360
02:36:36,710 --> 02:36:38,790
You saw the book.

2361
02:36:38,790 --> 02:36:42,170
And probably there
is other books that

2362
02:36:42,170 --> 02:36:46,430
was written about that subject.

2363
02:36:46,430 --> 02:36:47,420
I don't know.

2364
02:36:47,420 --> 02:36:48,955
But I guess there is.

2365
02:36:48,955 --> 02:36:55,460

2366
02:36:55,460 --> 02:37:00,180
Living in the fascist
regime, it was terrible.

2367
02:37:00,180 --> 02:37:04,590
Living in the communist
regime, it wasn't good either.

2368
02:37:04,590 --> 02:37:10,850
But it was much better than
living in a fascist regime.

2369
02:37:10,850 --> 02:37:18,650

2370
02:37:18,650 --> 02:37:24,880

Is there anything
we didn't already

2371
02:37:24,880 --> 02:37:30,500
talk about that you want
to add to your interview?

2372
02:37:30,500 --> 02:37:35,115
I think you asked me most of
the things that's important,

2373
02:37:35,115 --> 02:37:35,615
I guess.

2374
02:37:35,615 --> 02:37:39,970

2375
02:37:39,970 --> 02:37:44,710
Would you like to say why
you think it's important?

2376
02:37:44,710 --> 02:37:48,550
You told me that you thought
it was important for you

2377
02:37:48,550 --> 02:37:50,350
to do the interview.

2378
02:37:50,350 --> 02:37:53,290
Important to me for what?

2379
02:37:53,290 --> 02:37:57,850
You said it was important
to you to do the interview.

2380
02:37:57,850 --> 02:37:59,860
To do the what?

2381
02:37:59,860 --> 02:38:01,480
This interview.

2382
02:38:01,480 --> 02:38:04,630

To do the interview.

2383

02:38:04,630 --> 02:38:06,590

So why do you think it was--

2384

02:38:06,590 --> 02:38:11,680

Well, I wouldn't--

I wasn't very--

2385

02:38:11,680 --> 02:38:15,790

it wasn't very important

to me to do it.

2386

02:38:15,790 --> 02:38:18,880

But I'm glad I did it.

2387

02:38:18,880 --> 02:38:23,490

2388

02:38:23,490 --> 02:38:29,280

It's important to know history.

2389

02:38:29,280 --> 02:38:33,010

It's important to

know the human nature.

2390

02:38:33,010 --> 02:38:37,270

It's important to do

what hatred means.

2391

02:38:37,270 --> 02:38:43,540

So many things important in

my story to learn, I guess.

2392

02:38:43,540 --> 02:38:52,170

2393

02:38:52,170 --> 02:38:55,210

So is there anything

else you'd like to add?

2394

02:38:55,210 --> 02:38:55,710

Or--

2395

02:38:55,710 --> 02:38:58,520

2396

02:38:58,520 --> 02:39:00,675

Just about the past.

2397

02:39:00,675 --> 02:39:04,720

2398

02:39:04,720 --> 02:39:09,070

The most important--
the most saddening thing

2399

02:39:09,070 --> 02:39:12,020

was the Holocaust in my life.

2400

02:39:12,020 --> 02:39:14,680

That was the most
saddening thing.

2401

02:39:14,680 --> 02:39:19,780

It wasn't so good living
in the communist regime.

2402

02:39:19,780 --> 02:39:23,550

But it wasn't so bad either.

2403

02:39:23,550 --> 02:39:30,680

If you don't go
and tell you hate

2404

02:39:30,680 --> 02:39:34,230

the communists or
things like that,

2405

02:39:34,230 --> 02:39:36,720

they don't leave you alone.

2406

02:39:36,720 --> 02:39:43,930

So they don't bother you if you

don't do anything like that.

2407
02:39:43,930 --> 02:39:48,500
In a fascist regime, you don't
have to say or do anything.

2408
02:39:48,500 --> 02:39:53,285
It was enough being a Jew.

2409
02:39:53,285 --> 02:39:55,280
That's all.

2410
02:39:55,280 --> 02:40:02,950
You don't have to do anything
to kill you or do anything

2411
02:40:02,950 --> 02:40:03,830
against you.

2412
02:40:03,830 --> 02:40:13,100

2413
02:40:13,100 --> 02:40:15,830
Well, Miss Kalman, I
want to thank you again

2414
02:40:15,830 --> 02:40:16,580
for the interview.

2415
02:40:16,580 --> 02:40:23,390
Well, I thank you, too,
because it's not a good memory.

2416
02:40:23,390 --> 02:40:27,200
But I have this memory
with me all the time.

2417
02:40:27,200 --> 02:40:33,140
So it's not bother me
anymore to talk about it

2418
02:40:33,140 --> 02:40:35,270

because it's in my mind.

2419
02:40:35,270 --> 02:40:40,100
As you get older, the
old things coming to you

2420
02:40:40,100 --> 02:40:44,180
mind, the memories
of old things.

2421
02:40:44,180 --> 02:40:49,580
So speaking about it is--

2422
02:40:49,580 --> 02:40:54,677
I even write a book about it.

2423
02:40:54,677 --> 02:41:01,650
So it's good to
get out sometimes

2424
02:41:01,650 --> 02:41:04,570
because that was
such a terrible,

2425
02:41:04,570 --> 02:41:08,030
terrible, terrible
things, what they did.

2426
02:41:08,030 --> 02:41:13,450

2427
02:41:13,450 --> 02:41:24,570
So many murdering for innocent
people, children, and old,

2428
02:41:24,570 --> 02:41:28,310
and everything just
because they were Jewish.

2429
02:41:28,310 --> 02:41:32,840

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02:41:32,840 --> 02:41:34,272
It was a terrible thing.

2431
02:41:34,272 --> 02:41:38,048

2432
02:41:38,048 --> 02:41:41,920
And I have to go
through with it.

2433
02:41:41,920 --> 02:41:44,840
And I lost so many--

2434
02:41:44,840 --> 02:41:48,996
so, so, so my loved ones.

2435
02:41:48,996 --> 02:41:53,790
I lost so many of
them because of that.

2436
02:41:53,790 --> 02:41:58,350

2437
02:41:58,350 --> 02:42:00,350
But it is happened.

2438
02:42:00,350 --> 02:42:09,570
And you cannot-- cannot do
not and make yourself think

2439
02:42:09,570 --> 02:42:16,010
it's not happen because
you go through with it.

2440
02:42:16,010 --> 02:42:17,740
You never forget.

2441
02:42:17,740 --> 02:42:20,420
You never, never forget.

2442
02:42:20,420 --> 02:42:27,195
You get look back much

easier, but never forget.

2443
02:42:27,195 --> 02:42:34,210

2444
02:42:34,210 --> 02:42:36,386
Well, thank you, again.

2445
02:42:36,386 --> 02:42:39,160
Well, I thank you.

2446
02:42:39,160 --> 02:42:45,730
It's was good for me to
get out from my mind--

2447
02:42:45,730 --> 02:42:46,230
Yes, ma'am.

2448
02:42:46,230 --> 02:42:48,708
--and my system.

2449
02:42:48,708 --> 02:42:49,696
Yes, ma'am.

2450
02:42:49,696 --> 02:42:52,660

2451
02:42:52,660 --> 02:42:53,780
So--

2452
02:42:53,780 --> 02:43:02,620
I just hope that world--

2453
02:43:02,620 --> 02:43:06,465
people of the world learn
from the terrible thing

2454
02:43:06,465 --> 02:43:09,420
and try not to do it again.

2455
02:43:09,420 --> 02:43:17,540

Try not to hate and kill.

2456
02:43:17,540 --> 02:43:21,050
Well, hate, you
cannot stop hate.

2457
02:43:21,050 --> 02:43:25,595
But to kill, that
can be stopped.

2458
02:43:25,595 --> 02:43:33,230

2459
02:43:33,230 --> 02:43:35,650
Yes.

2460
02:43:35,650 --> 02:43:42,270
Well, no so many survival--
survive, I guess.

2461
02:43:42,270 --> 02:43:44,360
I'm an old woman, too.

2462
02:43:44,360 --> 02:43:50,732
And when I went through
it, I was just a teenager.

2463
02:43:50,732 --> 02:43:51,688
Yes, ma'am.

2464
02:43:51,688 --> 02:43:57,430

2465
02:43:57,430 --> 02:44:00,970
Well, if there's
nothing more, this

2466
02:44:00,970 --> 02:44:04,700
concludes the United States
Holocaust Memorial Museum

2467
02:44:04,700 --> 02:44:06,550

interview.

2468

02:44:06,550 --> 02:44:15,000