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00:00:00,000 --> 00:00:01,650

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00:00:01,650 --> 00:00:05,520
This is a United States
Holocaust Memorial Museum

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00:00:05,520 --> 00:00:11,920
interview with Mrs. Katalin
Fried Braun on June 30,

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00:00:11,920 --> 00:00:16,170
2018 in Manhattan, New York.

5
00:00:16,170 --> 00:00:17,010
Thank you.

6
00:00:17,010 --> 00:00:19,850
Thank you for agreeing
to speak with us today--

7
00:00:19,850 --> 00:00:20,350
Let's see.

8
00:00:20,350 --> 00:00:21,971
Let's see.

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00:00:21,971 --> 00:00:25,380
--and to share your story.

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00:00:25,380 --> 00:00:26,880
I appreciate it.

11
00:00:26,880 --> 00:00:29,410
And I look forward
to hearing it.

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00:00:29,410 --> 00:00:33,000
So we'll start from the
very simplest questions

13
00:00:33,000 --> 00:00:34,920
and then go from there.

14
00:00:34,920 --> 00:00:37,410
Tell me what was the
date of your birth.

15
00:00:37,410 --> 00:00:40,230
May 16, 1938.

16
00:00:40,230 --> 00:00:42,660
May 16, 1938.

17
00:00:42,660 --> 00:00:44,880
And where were you born?

18
00:00:44,880 --> 00:00:49,230
In Hungary in a
town called Karcag.

19
00:00:49,230 --> 00:00:50,030
How do I say that?

20
00:00:50,030 --> 00:00:50,820
Karcag.

21
00:00:50,820 --> 00:00:51,820
In Karcag.

22
00:00:51,820 --> 00:00:52,320
Yes.

23
00:00:52,320 --> 00:00:54,010
Is that a large city or a town?

24
00:00:54,010 --> 00:00:54,860
Medium.

25
00:00:54,860 --> 00:00:56,040
Medium.

26

00:00:56,040 --> 00:00:58,500

And what was your name
when you were born?

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00:00:58,500 --> 00:00:59,860

Katalin Fried.

28

00:00:59,860 --> 00:01:01,440

F-R-I-E-D.

29

00:01:01,440 --> 00:01:02,460

OK.

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00:01:02,460 --> 00:01:06,000

And Katalin, is that
a Hungarian name?

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00:01:06,000 --> 00:01:08,160

It's a Hungarian
name but I was named

32

00:01:08,160 --> 00:01:10,500

after my German grandmother.

33

00:01:10,500 --> 00:01:12,330

Did you have a German
grandmother then?

34

00:01:12,330 --> 00:01:12,900

Yes.

35

00:01:12,900 --> 00:01:13,590

OK.

36

00:01:13,590 --> 00:01:14,580

German-Jewish?

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00:01:14,580 --> 00:01:15,530

Of course.

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00:01:15,530 --> 00:01:16,800

OK.

39

00:01:16,800 --> 00:01:21,160

So your family was not only from
Hungary but from other places

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00:01:21,160 --> 00:01:21,660

too?

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00:01:21,660 --> 00:01:22,860

Yes.

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00:01:22,860 --> 00:01:25,300

So let's hear about
them a little bit.

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00:01:25,300 --> 00:01:29,670

Tell me about your father
and what his name was.

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00:01:29,670 --> 00:01:32,550

My dear father was Imre Fried.

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00:01:32,550 --> 00:01:33,750

Imre Fried.

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00:01:33,750 --> 00:01:36,300

And he was an accountant.

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00:01:36,300 --> 00:01:41,880

He worked in a bank in Karcag
he was the head bookkeeper

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00:01:41,880 --> 00:01:43,290

or whatever it would translate.

49

00:01:43,290 --> 00:01:45,180

Bookkeeper or something?

50

00:01:45,180 --> 00:01:46,650

He was running the show.

51
00:01:46,650 --> 00:01:47,160
OK.

52
00:01:47,160 --> 00:01:48,660
So he was the
director of the bank.

53
00:01:48,660 --> 00:01:48,970
Yes.

54
00:01:48,970 --> 00:01:49,840
Something like that.

55
00:01:49,840 --> 00:01:50,340
Yes.

56
00:01:50,340 --> 00:01:50,840
OK.

57
00:01:50,840 --> 00:01:55,620
And he was one of the
most wonderful people.

58
00:01:55,620 --> 00:01:57,470
When was he born?

59
00:01:57,470 --> 00:02:01,500
1903, February 12.

60
00:02:01,500 --> 00:02:03,330
February 12, 1903.

61
00:02:03,330 --> 00:02:09,120
So that made him 35, 36
years old when you were born.

62
00:02:09,120 --> 00:02:09,960
Correct.

63
00:02:09,960 --> 00:02:11,100
OK.

64
00:02:11,100 --> 00:02:14,490
And was it his mother
who came from Germany

65
00:02:14,490 --> 00:02:15,460
or is that your mother?

66
00:02:15,460 --> 00:02:15,960
No.

67
00:02:15,960 --> 00:02:18,150
That's his father
and his mother.

68
00:02:18,150 --> 00:02:19,710
Ah.

69
00:02:19,710 --> 00:02:22,350
And how did that happen?

70
00:02:22,350 --> 00:02:28,800
My dear grandfather was
a cultured, educated man.

71
00:02:28,800 --> 00:02:33,090
And he used to take his
books and go to the park

72
00:02:33,090 --> 00:02:36,090
where they used to have
music in the afternoon,

73
00:02:36,090 --> 00:02:40,590
and read in the park, and
have sometimes meet friends,

74
00:02:40,590 --> 00:02:42,510
and have a cup of coffee.

75
00:02:42,510 --> 00:02:47,340
And one day, this young

gentleman arrives in the park.

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00:02:47,340 --> 00:02:50,970

And he immediately jumps
up on the park bench

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00:02:50,970 --> 00:02:53,910

and he makes a speech.

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00:02:53,910 --> 00:02:59,880

And the speech was not too much
liking to my dear grandfather.

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00:02:59,880 --> 00:03:04,210

He went home to the family
that was in Germany.

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00:03:04,210 --> 00:03:08,760

And he said, "Mama, we
are leaving Germany."

81

00:03:08,760 --> 00:03:10,590

What year was this?

82

00:03:10,590 --> 00:03:18,600

It had to be in the '30s, early
part, mid-part of the '30s.

83

00:03:18,600 --> 00:03:21,360

So do you think that
it was a Nazi speaker?

84

00:03:21,360 --> 00:03:22,258

Absolutely.

85

00:03:22,258 --> 00:03:23,550

It could have been even Hitler.

86

00:03:23,550 --> 00:03:24,540

Who knows?

87

00:03:24,540 --> 00:03:25,620

They were not one.

88

00:03:25,620 --> 00:03:27,210

There were a lot
of these people.

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00:03:27,210 --> 00:03:28,200

That's right.

90

00:03:28,200 --> 00:03:31,440

So what town in Germany
did he come from?

91

00:03:31,440 --> 00:03:38,250

I'm not sure exactly, but
they came from near Nuremberg.

92

00:03:38,250 --> 00:03:40,310

I'm not sure at all anymore.

93

00:03:40,310 --> 00:03:40,950

OK.

94

00:03:40,950 --> 00:03:42,840

Well, if it's from
near Nuremberg,

95

00:03:42,840 --> 00:03:45,210

we're talking Bavaria in--

96

00:03:45,210 --> 00:03:46,060

Yeah.

97

00:03:46,060 --> 00:03:46,560

Yes.

98

00:03:46,560 --> 00:03:48,820

--in that part of the country.

99

00:03:48,820 --> 00:03:51,180

So was your father born there?

100
00:03:51,180 --> 00:03:52,350
Yes.

101
00:03:52,350 --> 00:03:52,980
All right.

102
00:03:52,980 --> 00:03:55,230
And so was German
his first language?

103
00:03:55,230 --> 00:03:55,740
No.

104
00:03:55,740 --> 00:03:59,130
Hungarian, because he was--

105
00:03:59,130 --> 00:04:02,550
I'm not sure of where he
was when they went there,

106
00:04:02,550 --> 00:04:07,140
but his first language-- but
they spoke fluent German.

107
00:04:07,140 --> 00:04:09,160
They spoke fluent.

108
00:04:09,160 --> 00:04:12,360
And Hungarian, as you know.

109
00:04:12,360 --> 00:04:16,610
So if they came to Hungary--

110
00:04:16,610 --> 00:04:17,130
OK.

111
00:04:17,130 --> 00:04:18,550
I'm a little confused already.

112
00:04:18,550 --> 00:04:19,050
Good.

113
00:04:19,050 --> 00:04:20,220
But we can clean it up.

114
00:04:20,220 --> 00:04:21,240
Why did they go--

115
00:04:21,240 --> 00:04:23,370
why did they go to Hungary?

116
00:04:23,370 --> 00:04:25,740
Or how did they have
Hungarian-- or how

117
00:04:25,740 --> 00:04:28,920
did he know Hungarian
when he was from Germany?

118
00:04:28,920 --> 00:04:33,600
I have no idea if my grandfather
at all spoke real Hungarian.

119
00:04:33,600 --> 00:04:35,550
But my parents did.

120
00:04:35,550 --> 00:04:37,500
And how was it then
that they chose,

121
00:04:37,500 --> 00:04:43,260
of places to leave from Germany,
why did they choose Hungary?

122
00:04:43,260 --> 00:04:44,970
Beyond me.

123
00:04:44,970 --> 00:04:48,840
I thought that this was
just where they probably

124
00:04:48,840 --> 00:04:52,200
had a population

from someplace else,

125
00:04:52,200 --> 00:04:55,710
I don't know the names of the
places, that they spoke German.

126
00:04:55,710 --> 00:04:57,060
OK.

127
00:04:57,060 --> 00:04:59,760
And did your father have
brothers and sisters?

128
00:04:59,760 --> 00:05:00,510
Yes.

129
00:05:00,510 --> 00:05:02,050
There were seven of them.

130
00:05:02,050 --> 00:05:02,550
Oh, wow.

131
00:05:02,550 --> 00:05:03,270
That's a lot.

132
00:05:03,270 --> 00:05:03,880
Yes.

133
00:05:03,880 --> 00:05:04,380
OK.

134
00:05:04,380 --> 00:05:07,380
Did you know your
aunts and uncles?

135
00:05:07,380 --> 00:05:10,240
As a little girl,
I remember them.

136
00:05:10,240 --> 00:05:12,220
They were real fun.

137

00:05:12,220 --> 00:05:14,520

They had bicycles for me.

138

00:05:14,520 --> 00:05:16,950

And they had taken
me, of course,

139

00:05:16,950 --> 00:05:21,330

places in Miskolc
and Lillafőred.

140

00:05:21,330 --> 00:05:23,925

And they came to
visit us in Karcag.

141

00:05:23,925 --> 00:05:26,105

But they were gone way too soon.

142

00:05:26,105 --> 00:05:28,230

So then in other words,
they died in the Holocaust.

143

00:05:28,230 --> 00:05:29,647

They were killed
in the Holocaust.

144

00:05:29,647 --> 00:05:35,270

Well, the men, they were called
in just the same as my dear

145

00:05:35,270 --> 00:05:37,010

father when--

146

00:05:37,010 --> 00:05:39,460

for serve in the army.

147

00:05:39,460 --> 00:05:40,710

We'll come to that point then.

148

00:05:40,710 --> 00:05:42,540

Well, let's leave that
part of the sorry.

149
00:05:42,540 --> 00:05:43,040
OK.

150
00:05:43,040 --> 00:05:45,810
My apologies, because
I'm interrupting it.

151
00:05:45,810 --> 00:05:48,930
And the ladies were
taken to Auschwitz.

152
00:05:48,930 --> 00:05:50,760
OK.

153
00:05:50,760 --> 00:05:51,940
And then perished there.

154
00:05:51,940 --> 00:05:56,830

155
00:05:56,830 --> 00:06:02,260
Did all seven brothers then
come from Germany to Hungary?

156
00:06:02,260 --> 00:06:05,470
I'm not certain
who was born where,

157
00:06:05,470 --> 00:06:09,880
but I had an uncle
in this country who

158
00:06:09,880 --> 00:06:11,820
I visited after I came here.

159
00:06:11,820 --> 00:06:16,902
But he really didn't
want to know much.

160
00:06:16,902 --> 00:06:19,800
Uh huh.

161
00:06:19,800 --> 00:06:20,660
You ready?

162
00:06:20,660 --> 00:06:21,270
OK.

163
00:06:21,270 --> 00:06:25,740
I was off camera asking
a little bit about what

164
00:06:25,740 --> 00:06:27,180
I was confused about.

165
00:06:27,180 --> 00:06:28,710
And I'll repeat it back.

166
00:06:28,710 --> 00:06:31,860
And you tell me whether or
not I've understood it now.

167
00:06:31,860 --> 00:06:36,390
In truth, it's not only your
grandmother who was German

168
00:06:36,390 --> 00:06:39,270
but your whole side of
your father's family

169
00:06:39,270 --> 00:06:43,020
came from Germany from
someplace around Nuremberg.

170
00:06:43,020 --> 00:06:45,360
You don't know the exact town.

171
00:06:45,360 --> 00:06:49,260
That there were seven siblings.

172
00:06:49,260 --> 00:06:51,420
And that it was
your grandfather who

173
00:06:51,420 --> 00:06:56,820
was in the park who
heard this speaker of we

174
00:06:56,820 --> 00:06:59,220
must take it to be
Nazi persuasion--

175
00:06:59,220 --> 00:07:00,060
Absolutely.

176
00:07:00,060 --> 00:07:02,520
--and who comes
home and says it's

177
00:07:02,520 --> 00:07:04,590
time for us to leave Germany.

178
00:07:04,590 --> 00:07:07,860
And what you're not clear
about is about what year

179
00:07:07,860 --> 00:07:09,240
that might have been.

180
00:07:09,240 --> 00:07:12,390
But it had to either
be mid to late '20s

181
00:07:12,390 --> 00:07:15,870
at the earliest or
sometime in the 1930s.

182
00:07:15,870 --> 00:07:16,475
Early 1930s.

183
00:07:16,475 --> 00:07:21,350
It had to be most
probably late 1920s,

184
00:07:21,350 --> 00:07:26,550

because some of the documents,
the graduation from schools

185
00:07:26,550 --> 00:07:29,530
and things, would be already
in Hungary for my parents.

186
00:07:29,530 --> 00:07:32,100
So your father attended school--

187
00:07:32,100 --> 00:07:32,610
In Hungary.

188
00:07:32,610 --> 00:07:33,810
--in Hungary.

189
00:07:33,810 --> 00:07:35,640
And he would have
done it as an adult

190
00:07:35,640 --> 00:07:38,830
because if he was born in 1903--

191
00:07:38,830 --> 00:07:40,340
No, no, no, no, no.

192
00:07:40,340 --> 00:07:43,260
I don't know the exact
date when he was born,

193
00:07:43,260 --> 00:07:46,320
but something 1903 or 1913.

194
00:07:46,320 --> 00:07:47,360
I'm not sure.

195
00:07:47,360 --> 00:07:48,420
Aha.

196
00:07:48,420 --> 00:07:51,580
Even 1913, he is 20 years old--

197
00:07:51,580 --> 00:07:52,080
Yes.

198
00:07:52,080 --> 00:07:54,000
An adult.

199
00:07:54,000 --> 00:07:56,520
--when he comes to Hungary.

200
00:07:56,520 --> 00:07:58,380
Can we stop for a second?

201
00:07:58,380 --> 00:08:00,400
What is that?

202
00:08:00,400 --> 00:08:00,900
Yep.

203
00:08:00,900 --> 00:08:01,800
OK.

204
00:08:01,800 --> 00:08:05,640
So you're not sure whether your
father is born 1903 or 1913.

205
00:08:05,640 --> 00:08:06,240
Not at all.

206
00:08:06,240 --> 00:08:06,960
Not at all.

207
00:08:06,960 --> 00:08:08,400
OK.

208
00:08:08,400 --> 00:08:10,620
Let's turn to your mother.

209
00:08:10,620 --> 00:08:12,060
What was her name?

210

00:08:12,060 --> 00:08:13,940
Brody, Rozsa.

211
00:08:13,940 --> 00:08:14,870
Brody?

212
00:08:14,870 --> 00:08:15,650
Rozsa.

213
00:08:15,650 --> 00:08:16,470
Rozsa.

214
00:08:16,470 --> 00:08:17,810
So that means--

215
00:08:17,810 --> 00:08:18,840
Rozsa was Rose?

216
00:08:18,840 --> 00:08:19,760
Yes.

217
00:08:19,760 --> 00:08:21,880
And so her first name was
Rose, if we'd say it--

218
00:08:21,880 --> 00:08:22,400
Rose Brody.

219
00:08:22,400 --> 00:08:22,900
OK.

220
00:08:22,900 --> 00:08:24,390
Rose Brody.

221
00:08:24,390 --> 00:08:26,130
And is she from Hungary?

222
00:08:26,130 --> 00:08:26,760
Yes.

223
00:08:26,760 --> 00:08:28,410

She was born in Hungary.

224

00:08:28,410 --> 00:08:30,630

Did she have
brothers and sisters?

225

00:08:30,630 --> 00:08:31,929

12 of them.

226

00:08:31,929 --> 00:08:32,429

No.

227

00:08:32,429 --> 00:08:32,760

Really?

228

00:08:32,760 --> 00:08:33,260

Yes.

229

00:08:33,260 --> 00:08:37,110

230

00:08:37,110 --> 00:08:38,250

OK.

231

00:08:38,250 --> 00:08:40,289

So your mother's
name is Rose Brody.

232

00:08:40,289 --> 00:08:42,689

And she has 12?

233

00:08:42,689 --> 00:08:43,409

Yes.

234

00:08:43,409 --> 00:08:44,910

12 brothers and sisters.

235

00:08:44,910 --> 00:08:48,990

Did you know your aunts and
uncles from your mother's side?

236

00:08:48,990 --> 00:08:53,280
Some of them, I knew
prior to the war,

237
00:08:53,280 --> 00:08:58,320
and there was one
sister who escaped

238
00:08:58,320 --> 00:09:00,330
the Holocaust in Budapest.

239
00:09:00,330 --> 00:09:02,470
And we knew her after the war.

240
00:09:02,470 --> 00:09:02,970
OK.

241
00:09:02,970 --> 00:09:05,610

242
00:09:05,610 --> 00:09:08,310
You said your father went
to school in Hungary.

243
00:09:08,310 --> 00:09:08,850
Yes.

244
00:09:08,850 --> 00:09:11,130
Do you know what kind
of school this was?

245
00:09:11,130 --> 00:09:11,970
Yes.

246
00:09:11,970 --> 00:09:15,750
Both my parents went to
the same school in Hungary,

247
00:09:15,750 --> 00:09:21,540
and they graduated from a
so-called Kaddish Academy.

248

00:09:21,540 --> 00:09:23,970
Probably, like,
today, it would be

249
00:09:23,970 --> 00:09:27,030
a school where you go
on the college level

250
00:09:27,030 --> 00:09:29,790
to learn accounting.

251
00:09:29,790 --> 00:09:32,380
And they had, both
of them, degrees.

252
00:09:32,380 --> 00:09:32,880
OK.

253
00:09:32,880 --> 00:09:35,490
Is that where they
met at school?

254
00:09:35,490 --> 00:09:36,270
No.

255
00:09:36,270 --> 00:09:36,770
No.

256
00:09:36,770 --> 00:09:40,020
They lived close by each
other, and the families

257
00:09:40,020 --> 00:09:41,400
knew each other.

258
00:09:41,400 --> 00:09:42,390
OK.

259
00:09:42,390 --> 00:09:45,660
Do you know of how
your parents really met

260

00:09:45,660 --> 00:09:48,750
and how they fell in love
or anything like that?

261
00:09:48,750 --> 00:09:50,180
No.

262
00:09:50,180 --> 00:09:54,430
No, my dear father passed
away during the war.

263
00:09:54,430 --> 00:09:58,890
And speaking to my
dear mom was taboo.

264
00:09:58,890 --> 00:09:59,560
About him?

265
00:09:59,560 --> 00:10:00,060
Yeah.

266
00:10:00,060 --> 00:10:00,900
About, yeah.

267
00:10:00,900 --> 00:10:06,500
A lot about the earlier
part of their life.

268
00:10:06,500 --> 00:10:07,000
OK.

269
00:10:07,000 --> 00:10:10,260

270
00:10:10,260 --> 00:10:12,690
That presents its
own difficulties

271
00:10:12,690 --> 00:10:14,640
when you know you
have curiosity,

272

00:10:14,640 --> 00:10:17,350
and you want to know more.

273
00:10:17,350 --> 00:10:22,200
So tell me what are some
of your earliest memories?

274
00:10:22,200 --> 00:10:23,280
From my childhood?

275
00:10:23,280 --> 00:10:24,580
Mm-hmm.

276
00:10:24,580 --> 00:10:28,830
I do remember when my
baby brother was born.

277
00:10:28,830 --> 00:10:33,230
He was the most adorable baby,
and I was the meanest sister.

278
00:10:33,230 --> 00:10:33,900
Really?

279
00:10:33,900 --> 00:10:34,680
Really.

280
00:10:34,680 --> 00:10:40,350
And we were walking by
the river in Miskolc,

281
00:10:40,350 --> 00:10:44,190
and I was walking by my tanta.

282
00:10:44,190 --> 00:10:48,200
And I had a great suggestion
to throw him in the river.

283
00:10:48,200 --> 00:10:52,200

284
00:10:52,200 --> 00:10:54,850

Well, he had a nerve
appearing, you know.

285
00:10:54,850 --> 00:10:55,350
Yes.

286
00:10:55,350 --> 00:10:57,120
But.

287
00:10:57,120 --> 00:10:58,710
She didn't follow
your suggestion?

288
00:10:58,710 --> 00:10:59,210
No.

289
00:10:59,210 --> 00:11:01,600
But I'm so ever so grateful.

290
00:11:01,600 --> 00:11:03,880
He is the best thing in my life.

291
00:11:03,880 --> 00:11:04,910
What's his name?

292
00:11:04,910 --> 00:11:07,170
Paul Zoltan Fried.

293
00:11:07,170 --> 00:11:09,360
Paul Zoltan Fried.

294
00:11:09,360 --> 00:11:11,040
And how much younger
than you is he?

295
00:11:11,040 --> 00:11:12,240
20 months.

296
00:11:12,240 --> 00:11:13,740
So he was born in what year?

297

00:11:13,740 --> 00:11:14,720
1940.

298
00:11:14,720 --> 00:11:15,480
1940.

299
00:11:15,480 --> 00:11:17,050
February 12th.

300
00:11:17,050 --> 00:11:18,460
1940.

301
00:11:18,460 --> 00:11:25,060
And what kind of home did you
live in in your childhood?

302
00:11:25,060 --> 00:11:26,890
Tell me about it.

303
00:11:26,890 --> 00:11:30,370
We lived in Karcag,
in a home that

304
00:11:30,370 --> 00:11:34,720
had four or five
rooms or maybe more.

305
00:11:34,720 --> 00:11:40,210
And there was a room for
what they called a bedroom,

306
00:11:40,210 --> 00:11:43,030
and there was a day room, and
there was a children's room,

307
00:11:43,030 --> 00:11:47,980
and there was a dining room,
and there was a kitchen.

308
00:11:47,980 --> 00:11:49,910
Was it an apartment?

309

00:11:49,910 --> 00:11:50,410
No.

310
00:11:50,410 --> 00:11:51,650
It was a private house.

311
00:11:51,650 --> 00:11:52,150
OK.

312
00:11:52,150 --> 00:11:56,590
But my dear parents
did not own this house

313
00:11:56,590 --> 00:11:59,740
because it wasn't for sale,
but they got another home

314
00:11:59,740 --> 00:12:00,960
elsewhere.

315
00:12:00,960 --> 00:12:03,180
But this is where
we were living.

316
00:12:03,180 --> 00:12:04,450
OK.

317
00:12:04,450 --> 00:12:06,765
Would you say your
parents were well-to-do?

318
00:12:06,765 --> 00:12:07,890
Your family was well-to-do?

319
00:12:07,890 --> 00:12:10,060
They were doing fine.

320
00:12:10,060 --> 00:12:10,960
Thank you.

321
00:12:10,960 --> 00:12:12,640
OK.

322
00:12:12,640 --> 00:12:16,360
So, you know, you heard me
in another interview ask,

323
00:12:16,360 --> 00:12:17,770
did you have electricity?

324
00:12:17,770 --> 00:12:19,090
Did you have plumbing?

325
00:12:19,090 --> 00:12:20,990
Did you have all these things?

326
00:12:20,990 --> 00:12:24,192
So that is an indication,
let's say, of I had material--

327
00:12:24,192 --> 00:12:24,900
I had everything.

328
00:12:24,900 --> 00:12:25,810
--well being.

329
00:12:25,810 --> 00:12:26,920
We had everything.

330
00:12:26,920 --> 00:12:28,210
You had everything.

331
00:12:28,210 --> 00:12:30,850
Did you have a telephone?

332
00:12:30,850 --> 00:12:32,260
Not before the war.

333
00:12:32,260 --> 00:12:35,110
Just in the bank that
my dear father worked,

334
00:12:35,110 --> 00:12:36,580

they had a telephone.

335

00:12:36,580 --> 00:12:39,010

Was the bank far from your home?

336

00:12:39,010 --> 00:12:42,040

Walking distance

many times everyday.

337

00:12:42,040 --> 00:12:42,910

Yeah?

338

00:12:42,910 --> 00:12:44,960

So would you visit him there?

339

00:12:44,960 --> 00:12:48,790

I was taken with my

nanny and my dear father

340

00:12:48,790 --> 00:12:52,380

every single morning

to my kindergarten.

341

00:12:52,380 --> 00:12:54,020

OK.

342

00:12:54,020 --> 00:12:57,640

And the kindergarten

wasn't far then either.

343

00:12:57,640 --> 00:12:59,140

It was walking distance.

344

00:12:59,140 --> 00:13:00,490

Walking distance.

345

00:13:00,490 --> 00:13:01,330

OK.

346

00:13:01,330 --> 00:13:04,960

Can you paint a picture

for me with words of what

347
00:13:04,960 --> 00:13:07,200
your neighborhood looked like?

348
00:13:07,200 --> 00:13:11,665
Where I was born and reared
it was mostly nice homes.

349
00:13:11,665 --> 00:13:14,380

350
00:13:14,380 --> 00:13:15,240
Residential?

351
00:13:15,240 --> 00:13:16,510
Only residential.

352
00:13:16,510 --> 00:13:23,860
This was a relatively small
town, and it was lovely.

353
00:13:23,860 --> 00:13:25,840
Our home was very beautiful.

354
00:13:25,840 --> 00:13:28,780
Did you have a back
garden or front garden?

355
00:13:28,780 --> 00:13:33,700
We had a garden which
was all green grass where

356
00:13:33,700 --> 00:13:36,580
we used to picnic.

357
00:13:36,580 --> 00:13:39,190
And did you have any pets?

358
00:13:39,190 --> 00:13:42,600
We had a dog by
the name of Bodri.

359

00:13:42,600 --> 00:13:43,440

Bodri?

360

00:13:43,440 --> 00:13:46,990

Bodri [? Kutya. ?] And he
was a beautiful, tall dog.

361

00:13:46,990 --> 00:13:50,110

362

00:13:50,110 --> 00:13:52,930

Did your mother
work in accounting

363

00:13:52,930 --> 00:13:56,800

as well having gone
to school for it?

364

00:13:56,800 --> 00:14:01,750

She worked before
the war in Miskolc.

365

00:14:01,750 --> 00:14:07,720

And after liberation she was
our breadwinner in Budapest.

366

00:14:07,720 --> 00:14:10,570

But while you were-- when you
were born and your brother

367

00:14:10,570 --> 00:14:11,180

was born.

368

00:14:11,180 --> 00:14:11,740

No.

369

00:14:11,740 --> 00:14:12,730

She stayed at home.

370

00:14:12,730 --> 00:14:13,930

Yes.

371

00:14:13,930 --> 00:14:16,310

Did she have anybody help her?

372

00:14:16,310 --> 00:14:16,810

Yes.

373

00:14:16,810 --> 00:14:17,310

OK.

374

00:14:17,310 --> 00:14:17,830

We had help.

375

00:14:17,830 --> 00:14:18,460

Yes.

376

00:14:18,460 --> 00:14:21,520

Tell me about how about how many
people would that have been.

377

00:14:21,520 --> 00:14:25,375

From what I remember,
there was our lady

378

00:14:25,375 --> 00:14:29,150

that I call it a nanny,
but she was doing also

379

00:14:29,150 --> 00:14:32,590

housework because we were
taken away to the schools

380

00:14:32,590 --> 00:14:34,120

and kindergartens.

381

00:14:34,120 --> 00:14:38,090

And there was a lady who
was doing everything--

382

00:14:38,090 --> 00:14:41,650

cleaning, cooking,
washing, whatever.

383

00:14:41,650 --> 00:14:44,890

And your mother, how
did she occupy herself?

384

00:14:44,890 --> 00:14:48,280

By raising two kids,
and entertaining,

385

00:14:48,280 --> 00:14:52,150

and having, I guess
it was called,

386

00:14:52,150 --> 00:14:54,050

a civic life at the time.

387

00:14:54,050 --> 00:14:54,565

OK.

388

00:14:54,565 --> 00:14:57,460

I mean, but it was--

389

00:14:57,460 --> 00:14:59,700

she had the home
life to take care of.

390

00:14:59,700 --> 00:15:00,200

Yes.

391

00:15:00,200 --> 00:15:03,040

OK.

392

00:15:03,040 --> 00:15:07,030

What language did your parents
speak with one another?

393

00:15:07,030 --> 00:15:08,860

I'm not sure.

394

00:15:08,860 --> 00:15:12,700

But I do know they both
were German, but front of us

395

00:15:12,700 --> 00:15:14,240
it was all Hungarian.

396

00:15:14,240 --> 00:15:15,200
All Hungarian.

397

00:15:15,200 --> 00:15:17,230
All.

398

00:15:17,230 --> 00:15:19,870
Your parents come
from large families.

399

00:15:19,870 --> 00:15:20,950
Yes.

400

00:15:20,950 --> 00:15:23,350
What was the reason for that?

401

00:15:23,350 --> 00:15:27,700
I guess it was in
style at the time.

402

00:15:27,700 --> 00:15:29,650
I think so.

403

00:15:29,650 --> 00:15:33,580
I'm not sure, but my
father comes with seven.

404

00:15:33,580 --> 00:15:35,530
And my dear mother has 12.

405

00:15:35,530 --> 00:15:36,580
That's a lot of kids.

406

00:15:36,580 --> 00:15:37,080
Yes.

407

00:15:37,080 --> 00:15:38,140
That's a lot of kids.

408
00:15:38,140 --> 00:15:40,690
Did you know your
mother's parents?

409
00:15:40,690 --> 00:15:41,930
I knew my grandmother.

410
00:15:41,930 --> 00:15:42,430
OK.

411
00:15:42,430 --> 00:15:43,180
What was her name?

412
00:15:43,180 --> 00:15:48,330
And I-- my grandmother.

413
00:15:48,330 --> 00:15:50,250
Oh, god.

414
00:15:50,250 --> 00:15:51,550
Hanna.

415
00:15:51,550 --> 00:15:52,680
Hanna.

416
00:15:52,680 --> 00:15:53,460
Hannela.

417
00:15:53,460 --> 00:15:54,380
Hannela.

418
00:15:54,380 --> 00:15:56,220
Do you know her last name?

419
00:15:56,220 --> 00:15:59,990
She was at that time Fried.

420
00:15:59,990 --> 00:16:03,860
F-R-I-E-D. That was going
back to the other five.

421
00:16:03,860 --> 00:16:05,930
So that your father's mother.

422
00:16:05,930 --> 00:16:08,555
No, that was my grandmother.

423
00:16:08,555 --> 00:16:09,430
Your mother's mother?

424
00:16:09,430 --> 00:16:10,670
There were Frieds and Frieds.

425
00:16:10,670 --> 00:16:11,130
Yes.

426
00:16:11,130 --> 00:16:11,260
Oh.

427
00:16:11,260 --> 00:16:12,427
There were different Frieds.

428
00:16:12,427 --> 00:16:14,960
Yes.

429
00:16:14,960 --> 00:16:16,280
OK.

430
00:16:16,280 --> 00:16:21,530
And did you know
your grandfather

431
00:16:21,530 --> 00:16:23,510
on your mother's side?

432
00:16:23,510 --> 00:16:24,410
Yes.

433
00:16:24,410 --> 00:16:29,080
I remember him, and I
remember when he died.

434

00:16:29,080 --> 00:16:33,980

I had to go and see him
because he wanted to see me.

435

00:16:33,980 --> 00:16:37,340

And I remember when he
was very, very young.

436

00:16:37,340 --> 00:16:38,140

How old were you?

437

00:16:38,140 --> 00:16:41,740

438

00:16:41,740 --> 00:16:43,430

Probably five.

439

00:16:43,430 --> 00:16:44,350

OK.

440

00:16:44,350 --> 00:16:47,050

Was this the first time in
your life that a person had

441

00:16:47,050 --> 00:16:48,610

died that you knew?

442

00:16:48,610 --> 00:16:50,230

Yes.

443

00:16:50,230 --> 00:16:52,590

Were you allowed to
go to the funeral?

444

00:16:52,590 --> 00:16:53,440

No.

445

00:16:53,440 --> 00:16:54,790

No, no, no.

446

00:16:54,790 --> 00:16:58,420
He was ill that time, and
that's the last time I saw him.

447
00:16:58,420 --> 00:17:00,970

448
00:17:00,970 --> 00:17:05,079
Was your mother's side of
the family very religious?

449
00:17:05,079 --> 00:17:09,520
Somewhat religious not as
religious as my father's side.

450
00:17:09,520 --> 00:17:12,880
So your father's side from
Germany were more religious?

451
00:17:12,880 --> 00:17:14,410
Extremely so.

452
00:17:14,410 --> 00:17:15,460
Really?

453
00:17:15,460 --> 00:17:18,810
Would they have been orthodox?

454
00:17:18,810 --> 00:17:19,859
Yes.

455
00:17:19,859 --> 00:17:22,420
OK.

456
00:17:22,420 --> 00:17:25,480
And so it was your mother's
Hungarian side that

457
00:17:25,480 --> 00:17:28,240
was more assimilated,
could I say,

458

00:17:28,240 --> 00:17:30,280
or more modern, more secular?

459
00:17:30,280 --> 00:17:31,420
More secular.

460
00:17:31,420 --> 00:17:33,160
More secular.

461
00:17:33,160 --> 00:17:35,620
And if the town--

462
00:17:35,620 --> 00:17:38,110
forgive me that I'm not
good with Hungarian name.

463
00:17:38,110 --> 00:17:39,460
That's fine.

464
00:17:39,460 --> 00:17:40,690
The town was Karcag?

465
00:17:40,690 --> 00:17:41,370
Karcag.

466
00:17:41,370 --> 00:17:43,120
Karcag.

467
00:17:43,120 --> 00:17:48,060
About how many inhabitants
did Karcag have?

468
00:17:48,060 --> 00:17:49,470
No clue.

469
00:17:49,470 --> 00:17:52,455
But there was a nice size
of Jewish population.

470
00:17:52,455 --> 00:17:53,580
That's one of my questions.

471
00:17:53,580 --> 00:17:56,620
There was orthodox
Jew and Neolog.

472
00:17:56,620 --> 00:17:57,320
OK.

473
00:17:57,320 --> 00:17:57,945
What is Neolog?

474
00:17:57,945 --> 00:17:59,130
[INAUDIBLE]

475
00:17:59,130 --> 00:18:00,420
OK.

476
00:18:00,420 --> 00:18:03,630
And your family belonged to?

477
00:18:03,630 --> 00:18:04,140
Both.

478
00:18:04,140 --> 00:18:06,820
But we went to the
Neolog Sure, because that

479
00:18:06,820 --> 00:18:09,770
was more beautiful
and more modern,

480
00:18:09,770 --> 00:18:15,960
and the services were more easy
for us, you know, as a family.

481
00:18:15,960 --> 00:18:17,790
Did you go regularly?

482
00:18:17,790 --> 00:18:22,810
My dear father went every single
morning 5:30 in the morning.

483

00:18:22,810 --> 00:18:23,310

Wow.

484

00:18:23,310 --> 00:18:24,930

He was very observant.

485

00:18:24,930 --> 00:18:27,100

Yes.

486

00:18:27,100 --> 00:18:28,860

He used to wake up the whole neighborhood.

487

00:18:28,860 --> 00:18:31,590

Did he really?

488

00:18:31,590 --> 00:18:34,950

Because his walks, they used to go in at 5:30.

489

00:18:34,950 --> 00:18:37,170

Wow.

490

00:18:37,170 --> 00:18:41,160

And what do you remember of him?

491

00:18:41,160 --> 00:18:43,020

What do you remember from your father?

492

00:18:43,020 --> 00:18:45,870

493

00:18:45,870 --> 00:18:49,770

Well, I do remember him.

494

00:18:49,770 --> 00:18:53,120

From the beginning of the day he would be davening.

495

00:18:53,120 --> 00:18:53,620

Praying.

496
00:18:53,620 --> 00:18:54,450
With the twillum.

497
00:18:54,450 --> 00:18:55,110
Yes.

498
00:18:55,110 --> 00:18:55,850
Praying.

499
00:18:55,850 --> 00:19:00,960
twillum, every single morning.

500
00:19:00,960 --> 00:19:02,640
And then he would be shaving.

501
00:19:02,640 --> 00:19:06,990
I remember that was a
big production number.

502
00:19:06,990 --> 00:19:11,610
And I do remember
him walking with me

503
00:19:11,610 --> 00:19:15,880
and taking me to school
every single morning.

504
00:19:15,880 --> 00:19:20,760
And the most vivid
memory that I have of him

505
00:19:20,760 --> 00:19:25,530
is when he was called in
for service to the army.

506
00:19:25,530 --> 00:19:29,640
He got an invitation,
and this was--

507
00:19:29,640 --> 00:19:31,650
we took him to

the train station.

508

00:19:31,650 --> 00:19:35,040

And this was the
first day of Passover.

509

00:19:35,040 --> 00:19:38,250

And you were how
old at this time?

510

00:19:38,250 --> 00:19:42,390

I had to be between
five and six somewhere.

511

00:19:42,390 --> 00:19:43,650

OK.

512

00:19:43,650 --> 00:19:46,560

Normally, I would be asking
these kinds of questions

513

00:19:46,560 --> 00:19:47,610

later on.

514

00:19:47,610 --> 00:19:48,300

That's fine.

515

00:19:48,300 --> 00:19:50,700

But it sounds to me that you--

516

00:19:50,700 --> 00:19:53,780

it sounds to me you lost
him very early in your life.

517

00:19:53,780 --> 00:19:55,050

Yes.

518

00:19:55,050 --> 00:19:56,280

Yes.

519

00:19:56,280 --> 00:19:59,250

When you took him to

the train station,

520

00:19:59,250 --> 00:20:02,310

what was the mood
like in your family?

521

00:20:02,310 --> 00:20:04,000

Sad.

522

00:20:04,000 --> 00:20:05,130

Very, very sad.

523

00:20:05,130 --> 00:20:11,040

But at that time
already, I think

524

00:20:11,040 --> 00:20:14,580

they had an inclination
of what to come.

525

00:20:14,580 --> 00:20:18,800

But, of course, as kids,
we had no knowledge of it.

526

00:20:18,800 --> 00:20:22,440

But I did know that
he's going away.

527

00:20:22,440 --> 00:20:26,220

We took him to a train
station, and there was

528

00:20:26,220 --> 00:20:29,010

no answer or question about it.

529

00:20:29,010 --> 00:20:32,370

When is he coming back?

530

00:20:32,370 --> 00:20:35,940

Oh, that was what
we were taught.

531

00:20:35,940 --> 00:20:36,510
Remind me.

532
00:20:36,510 --> 00:20:37,900
You were five years old?

533
00:20:37,900 --> 00:20:38,400
Yes.

534
00:20:38,400 --> 00:20:40,770
So this would have been 1943?

535
00:20:40,770 --> 00:20:41,270
No.

536
00:20:41,270 --> 00:20:42,640
This would have been '44.

537
00:20:42,640 --> 00:20:43,640
So this would have been.

538
00:20:43,640 --> 00:20:47,670
I was-- it was early part of
'44 when they took him away.

539
00:20:47,670 --> 00:20:50,130
And so that means that
the Germans had just

540
00:20:50,130 --> 00:20:51,540
marched into Hungary.

541
00:20:51,540 --> 00:20:53,150
Correct.

542
00:20:53,150 --> 00:20:54,840
OK.

543
00:20:54,840 --> 00:20:57,360
You're a little girl,
and I know that I'm

544

00:20:57,360 --> 00:21:01,260

asking your questions
about the time when

545

00:21:01,260 --> 00:21:03,060

you were a little girl.

546

00:21:03,060 --> 00:21:07,350

Did you remember seeing
any Germans in town?

547

00:21:07,350 --> 00:21:12,720

I do remember that they
came in, but I don't

548

00:21:12,720 --> 00:21:14,250

recall but they looked like.

549

00:21:14,250 --> 00:21:17,100

I knew there were
in, but I remember

550

00:21:17,100 --> 00:21:19,960

that the Hungarian,
whatever they call it--

551

00:21:19,960 --> 00:21:23,280

army or whatever--
they were very open.

552

00:21:23,280 --> 00:21:25,140

Everybody was open
and running around

553

00:21:25,140 --> 00:21:28,140

with the big hat and the
big feather in the hat.

554

00:21:28,140 --> 00:21:30,510

That's the Arrow Cross?

555

00:21:30,510 --> 00:21:31,140

Arrow Cross.

556
00:21:31,140 --> 00:21:33,140
The Hungarians.

557
00:21:33,140 --> 00:21:34,440
That I recall.

558
00:21:34,440 --> 00:21:36,570
And there were the most--

559
00:21:36,570 --> 00:21:39,600
they were the meanest bunch.

560
00:21:39,600 --> 00:21:41,685
Did you experience
that directly?

561
00:21:41,685 --> 00:21:44,270

562
00:21:44,270 --> 00:21:45,780
I mean, I was very, very young.

563
00:21:45,780 --> 00:21:48,270
And my dear mother
and grandmother

564
00:21:48,270 --> 00:21:50,280
protected us from everything.

565
00:21:50,280 --> 00:21:54,510
But, I mean, leaving
our lovely home.

566
00:21:54,510 --> 00:21:55,800
Did you have to do that?

567
00:21:55,800 --> 00:21:56,820
Absolutely.

568

00:21:56,820 --> 00:22:03,180
We were told this was
just Passover-- right

569
00:22:03,180 --> 00:22:04,370
after Passover.

570
00:22:04,370 --> 00:22:05,910
So your father has left?

571
00:22:05,910 --> 00:22:06,780
Yes.

572
00:22:06,780 --> 00:22:11,190
And it was grandmother, and my
dear mother, and the two kids.

573
00:22:11,190 --> 00:22:14,000

574
00:22:14,000 --> 00:22:17,300
And you remember being told
that you have to leave.

575
00:22:17,300 --> 00:22:22,030
I remember that was very vivid.

576
00:22:22,030 --> 00:22:26,990
We were taken out of our homes
standing in front of the house

577
00:22:26,990 --> 00:22:31,400
and waiting for us
to be taken away.

578
00:22:31,400 --> 00:22:33,610
And where were you taken to?

579
00:22:33,610 --> 00:22:41,060
It was a gathering place
for the local people.

580

00:22:41,060 --> 00:22:46,700
They examined us, and they
basically cleaned us out

581
00:22:46,700 --> 00:22:50,420
to come out with most
of our possessions.

582
00:22:50,420 --> 00:22:54,440
And then from here,
I don't remember

583
00:22:54,440 --> 00:22:58,170
how long we were there,
but it was a short couple

584
00:22:58,170 --> 00:22:59,360
weeks or something.

585
00:22:59,360 --> 00:23:02,600
From there, we
were taken by train

586
00:23:02,600 --> 00:23:05,690
to Szolnok, which was
a gathering place.

587
00:23:05,690 --> 00:23:06,680
What's the name again?

588
00:23:06,680 --> 00:23:07,610
Szolnok.

589
00:23:07,610 --> 00:23:09,470
How do I spell that?

590
00:23:09,470 --> 00:23:15,240
S-Z-O-L-N-O-K.

591
00:23:15,240 --> 00:23:16,190
OK.

592

00:23:16,190 --> 00:23:17,300
Thank you.

593
00:23:17,300 --> 00:23:19,700
So it was another
gathering place.

594
00:23:19,700 --> 00:23:21,800
It was more of a
gathering place.

595
00:23:21,800 --> 00:23:22,700
So more people?

596
00:23:22,700 --> 00:23:26,840
More people and from
surrounding towns or cities.

597
00:23:26,840 --> 00:23:28,320
That were others, as well.

598
00:23:28,320 --> 00:23:29,510
OK.

599
00:23:29,510 --> 00:23:37,520
And from here we were
going to be taken away.

600
00:23:37,520 --> 00:23:41,192
So you had just said
goodbye to your father.

601
00:23:41,192 --> 00:23:44,520
A couple of weeks or
a couple of months.

602
00:23:44,520 --> 00:23:45,710
Yeah.

603
00:23:45,710 --> 00:23:48,530
And did you ever see him again?

604

00:23:48,530 --> 00:23:49,890
No.

605
00:23:49,890 --> 00:23:50,390
Never.

606
00:23:50,390 --> 00:24:01,420

607
00:24:01,420 --> 00:24:04,760
Did any letters come from him?

608
00:24:04,760 --> 00:24:05,654
I don't know.

609
00:24:05,654 --> 00:24:10,680

610
00:24:10,680 --> 00:24:11,180
Thanks.

611
00:24:11,180 --> 00:24:12,074
You're welcome.

612
00:24:12,074 --> 00:24:19,310

613
00:24:19,310 --> 00:24:24,500
When you were taken to the
second gathering place,

614
00:24:24,500 --> 00:24:28,580
it was two women then who
are running, you know,

615
00:24:28,580 --> 00:24:31,010
the heads of the family--
your grandmother,

616
00:24:31,010 --> 00:24:31,927
your mother's mother--

617

00:24:31,927 --> 00:24:32,427

Yes.

618

00:24:32,427 --> 00:24:33,280

And your own mother.

619

00:24:33,280 --> 00:24:35,660

And my dear mother.

620

00:24:35,660 --> 00:24:39,770

What about all of these
extended aunts and uncles?

621

00:24:39,770 --> 00:24:41,730

Did they cross your
path at this time?

622

00:24:41,730 --> 00:24:42,230

No.

623

00:24:42,230 --> 00:24:45,920

Because they lived
in Miskolc, and they

624

00:24:45,920 --> 00:24:48,900

were taken away from Miskolc.

625

00:24:48,900 --> 00:24:50,350

And excuse me.

626

00:24:50,350 --> 00:24:50,850

It's OK.

627

00:24:50,850 --> 00:24:56,240

And from Miskolc, they were
directly taken to Auschwitz,

628

00:24:56,240 --> 00:25:00,910

and they made big [INAUDIBLE].

629

00:25:00,910 --> 00:25:05,240

And Miskolc was how far
from where you lived?

630
00:25:05,240 --> 00:25:08,760
In today's world, nothing.

631
00:25:08,760 --> 00:25:10,650
And, you know, nice ride.

632
00:25:10,650 --> 00:25:13,700
But when we used to
go there after the war

633
00:25:13,700 --> 00:25:18,380
we had to change trains
two or three times.

634
00:25:18,380 --> 00:25:21,030
And it would have been like
a two hour or a three hour?

635
00:25:21,030 --> 00:25:21,650
No.

636
00:25:21,650 --> 00:25:24,810
This would have taken about
more than the whole day.

637
00:25:24,810 --> 00:25:25,380
Really?

638
00:25:25,380 --> 00:25:26,990
More than-- yes.

639
00:25:26,990 --> 00:25:31,340
Because we had to get off the
train and wait for another

640
00:25:31,340 --> 00:25:33,860
train to come.

641
00:25:33,860 --> 00:25:37,940

And it was Tiszafüred
and Füzesabony,

642
00:25:37,940 --> 00:25:41,150
and then Miskolc from Karcag.

643
00:25:41,150 --> 00:25:46,040
And each station, we had to wait
for the trains when they come

644
00:25:46,040 --> 00:25:48,200
and board again and so on.

645
00:25:48,200 --> 00:25:53,480

646
00:25:53,480 --> 00:25:57,920
And in today's time, how many
kilometers apart would that be?

647
00:25:57,920 --> 00:25:59,120
I have no idea.

648
00:25:59,120 --> 00:26:04,890
But I could tell you that
one of our visits from here,

649
00:26:04,890 --> 00:26:08,540
of course, we were taking a car.

650
00:26:08,540 --> 00:26:12,700
And we went to Miskolc, and
Lillafüred and Diósgyőr.

651
00:26:12,700 --> 00:26:15,980
And I went in between
the cemeteries.

652
00:26:15,980 --> 00:26:20,360
And we stopped probably for
lunch, or dinner, or whatever.

653

00:26:20,360 --> 00:26:23,330
And then we drove
back to Budapest.

654
00:26:23,330 --> 00:26:24,380
In one day?

655
00:26:24,380 --> 00:26:25,840
All in one day.

656
00:26:25,840 --> 00:26:28,210
It was not too far.

657
00:26:28,210 --> 00:26:31,505
And so Budapest was not
that far from either place.

658
00:26:31,505 --> 00:26:33,000
Is that true?

659
00:26:33,000 --> 00:26:34,220
Exactly.

660
00:26:34,220 --> 00:26:37,100
The reason I ask this
is so that people

661
00:26:37,100 --> 00:26:40,455
would have some orientation
in what part of Hungary

662
00:26:40,455 --> 00:26:41,330
you would have lived.

663
00:26:41,330 --> 00:26:44,930
Some people from Hungary will,
of course, know immediately.

664
00:26:44,930 --> 00:26:47,000
But those who aren't--

665
00:26:47,000 --> 00:26:48,800

to kind of get the
sense of the distance.

666
00:26:48,800 --> 00:26:50,300
Yes, I understand.

667
00:26:50,300 --> 00:26:54,770
And also it's
interesting to know--

668
00:26:54,770 --> 00:27:00,440
you see, if you were taken so
soon after the Germans arrived

669
00:27:00,440 --> 00:27:02,075
that seems to support.

670
00:27:02,075 --> 00:27:05,750

671
00:27:05,750 --> 00:27:08,270
What I've read, and
what I've been told

672
00:27:08,270 --> 00:27:13,010
is that Jews from the
surrounding towns and villages

673
00:27:13,010 --> 00:27:16,700
outside of Budapest were
the first to be taken.

674
00:27:16,700 --> 00:27:19,040
That's my understanding also.

675
00:27:19,040 --> 00:27:20,180
OK.

676
00:27:20,180 --> 00:27:22,620
Of course, I don't
have memory about it.

677

00:27:22,620 --> 00:27:25,910
But from speaking to
other people, yes.

678
00:27:25,910 --> 00:27:33,410
We were gathered up and
shipped off like animals.

679
00:27:33,410 --> 00:27:36,620
So the people who were-- your
family who were in Miskolc?

680
00:27:36,620 --> 00:27:37,190
Yes.

681
00:27:37,190 --> 00:27:39,320
Mother's side or father's side?

682
00:27:39,320 --> 00:27:42,090
For LillafÅ¼red, which
is also Miskolc,

683
00:27:42,090 --> 00:27:45,170
that was my dear
father's family.

684
00:27:45,170 --> 00:27:49,200
And DiÅ³sgyÅ‘r Miskolc, that
was my dear mother's family.

685
00:27:49,200 --> 00:27:52,940
We were all very close.

686
00:27:52,940 --> 00:27:57,380
But none of them crossed your
path after this time when?

687
00:27:57,380 --> 00:27:58,910
Well, after the war.

688
00:27:58,910 --> 00:28:00,140
Different story?

689

00:28:00,140 --> 00:28:04,130

But at this point, it's
just the four of you--

690

00:28:04,130 --> 00:28:06,800

grandma, mama, yourself,
and your brother?

691

00:28:06,800 --> 00:28:07,730

Yes.

692

00:28:07,730 --> 00:28:09,020

OK.

693

00:28:09,020 --> 00:28:09,860

So you're taken.

694

00:28:09,860 --> 00:28:13,130

You're at the second
holding place.

695

00:28:13,130 --> 00:28:16,520

You've gone on to the first
one, then you go to another one.

696

00:28:16,520 --> 00:28:18,210

What happens then?

697

00:28:18,210 --> 00:28:21,170

Well, when we
reached from Szolnok,

698

00:28:21,170 --> 00:28:28,430

we reached in to
Austria and Strasshof.

699

00:28:28,430 --> 00:28:31,520

And this was also
another gathering place.

700

00:28:31,520 --> 00:28:32,430

Strasshof?

701
00:28:32,430 --> 00:28:33,070
Strasshof.

702
00:28:33,070 --> 00:28:33,570
Strasshof--

703
00:28:33,570 --> 00:28:34,070
Hoff.

704
00:28:34,070 --> 00:28:34,850
Yes.

705
00:28:34,850 --> 00:28:35,690
--is in Austria?

706
00:28:35,690 --> 00:28:37,790
Austria.

707
00:28:37,790 --> 00:28:40,950
And that was another
big gathering place.

708
00:28:40,950 --> 00:28:48,290
And we were sort of cleansed
or whatever you call it.

709
00:28:48,290 --> 00:28:53,996
And this is the place where my
brother and myself got sick.

710
00:28:53,996 --> 00:28:55,590
Do you remember the--

711
00:28:55,590 --> 00:29:00,268
do you remember the trip
from Hungary to Austria?

712
00:29:00,268 --> 00:29:01,310
Do you remember anything?

713

00:29:01,310 --> 00:29:02,540
It was in a wagon.

714
00:29:02,540 --> 00:29:07,260
It was in a wagon, and there
was lots of people in there.

715
00:29:07,260 --> 00:29:11,180
And I don't really
remember if we ate,

716
00:29:11,180 --> 00:29:12,620
or we didn't have any food.

717
00:29:12,620 --> 00:29:14,690
I don't recall any of it.

718
00:29:14,690 --> 00:29:15,490
OK.

719
00:29:15,490 --> 00:29:16,280
OK.

720
00:29:16,280 --> 00:29:18,050
So you and your
brother get sick.

721
00:29:18,050 --> 00:29:18,550
Yes.

722
00:29:18,550 --> 00:29:20,230
He is four years old.

723
00:29:20,230 --> 00:29:21,310
You are six years old.

724
00:29:21,310 --> 00:29:22,390
Yes.

725
00:29:22,390 --> 00:29:25,020
What kind of sickness was this?

726

00:29:25,020 --> 00:29:26,210
[NON-ENGLISH SPEECH].

727

00:29:26,210 --> 00:29:30,190
That's both contagious
German measles.

728

00:29:30,190 --> 00:29:31,010
German measles?

729

00:29:31,010 --> 00:29:32,520
Yes.

730

00:29:32,520 --> 00:29:34,000
In Strasshof.

731

00:29:34,000 --> 00:29:34,780
What happened?

732

00:29:34,780 --> 00:29:36,760
In Strasshof, we got this.

733

00:29:36,760 --> 00:29:37,360
Yes.

734

00:29:37,360 --> 00:29:39,670
So what did they do with you?

735

00:29:39,670 --> 00:29:44,740
They immediately, when they
identified the problem they

736

00:29:44,740 --> 00:29:48,400
dealing with, the gentlemen
who was handling the camp

737

00:29:48,400 --> 00:29:50,680
called in the Red Cross.

738

00:29:50,680 --> 00:29:51,710
The real Red Cross?

739
00:29:51,710 --> 00:29:56,420
The real Red Cross because
they were afraid that now here

740
00:29:56,420 --> 00:29:56,920
we go.

741
00:29:56,920 --> 00:29:59,270
The whole camp is going to be.

742
00:29:59,270 --> 00:30:02,180
And the Red Cross came in--

743
00:30:02,180 --> 00:30:06,800
a gentlemen with
the Red Cross wagon.

744
00:30:06,800 --> 00:30:10,570
And they took us away
from my dear mother,

745
00:30:10,570 --> 00:30:15,260
and they didn't even stop
till they reached Vienna--

746
00:30:15,260 --> 00:30:17,870
the other side of Vienna.

747
00:30:17,870 --> 00:30:19,420
But actually he made stops--

748
00:30:19,420 --> 00:30:22,990
I'm sorry-- to try
to get rid of us.

749
00:30:22,990 --> 00:30:23,500
Really?

750
00:30:23,500 --> 00:30:25,150
Yes.

751
00:30:25,150 --> 00:30:26,920
Who would take
these Jewish kids?

752
00:30:26,920 --> 00:30:28,300
And nobody wanted us.

753
00:30:28,300 --> 00:30:29,380
Absolutely no one.

754
00:30:29,380 --> 00:30:32,020
So you stopped at
individual private homes?

755
00:30:32,020 --> 00:30:33,040
No.

756
00:30:33,040 --> 00:30:36,170
He stopped at
hospitals and schools.

757
00:30:36,170 --> 00:30:40,080
I can't tell you exactly,
but we made several stops.

758
00:30:40,080 --> 00:30:43,630
And he was very anxious
at this point too.

759
00:30:43,630 --> 00:30:44,290
He had enough.

760
00:30:44,290 --> 00:30:47,490

761
00:30:47,490 --> 00:30:50,625
And we reached the other
crossed side of Vienna.

762
00:30:50,625 --> 00:30:53,850

763

00:30:53,850 --> 00:31:03,180

Well, he was able to find a
hospital that was run by nuns,

764

00:31:03,180 --> 00:31:06,330

and they accepted us.

765

00:31:06,330 --> 00:31:08,910

766

00:31:08,910 --> 00:31:12,180

They took us in.

767

00:31:12,180 --> 00:31:15,360

And what do you remember
from being in that hospital?

768

00:31:15,360 --> 00:31:18,170

769

00:31:18,170 --> 00:31:23,780

I was very scared at first, and
we wanted to sleep in one bed--

770

00:31:23,780 --> 00:31:26,060

a little girl and a little boy.

771

00:31:26,060 --> 00:31:31,470

They agreed because they just
didn't know what else to do.

772

00:31:31,470 --> 00:31:35,240

And then they brought in
a little boy who was also

773

00:31:35,240 --> 00:31:39,500

contagious who was from Vienna.

774

00:31:39,500 --> 00:31:42,710

And he had his
parents visiting him.

775
00:31:42,710 --> 00:31:43,310
Jewish?

776
00:31:43,310 --> 00:31:43,810
Non-Jewish.

777
00:31:43,810 --> 00:31:45,560
Not Jewish.

778
00:31:45,560 --> 00:31:48,890
Everything from here
on, it's non-Jews.

779
00:31:48,890 --> 00:31:54,350
And the parents came, and
they tried to find that.

780
00:31:54,350 --> 00:31:56,900
I spoke very, very
few words from German

781
00:31:56,900 --> 00:31:58,670
because I went to
the kindergarten,

782
00:31:58,670 --> 00:32:02,090
so I had a bit of a
knowledge very tiny.

783
00:32:02,090 --> 00:32:03,380
And they were very nice.

784
00:32:03,380 --> 00:32:05,820
And one time they
brought us an apple.

785
00:32:05,820 --> 00:32:10,170
They brought us something,
but they were very kind to us.

786
00:32:10,170 --> 00:32:16,430
And after, we were there

for a pretty long time.

787

00:32:16,430 --> 00:32:21,410

But during this time my
dear mother was transferred.

788

00:32:21,410 --> 00:32:23,900

She spoke fluent German.

789

00:32:23,900 --> 00:32:27,620

And she somehow convinced
everybody with her beauty

790

00:32:27,620 --> 00:32:32,390

and with her charm that she
really wants to go to Vienna.

791

00:32:32,390 --> 00:32:37,250

She had a feeling that's
how she's going to find us.

792

00:32:37,250 --> 00:32:41,300

And they put her into
work in a factory

793

00:32:41,300 --> 00:32:45,020

where they were making
parts for ammunition.

794

00:32:45,020 --> 00:32:47,330

There were such
factories around Vienna.

795

00:32:47,330 --> 00:32:49,130

Yes.

796

00:32:49,130 --> 00:32:51,770

And my dear mother
worked double shifts

797

00:32:51,770 --> 00:32:54,350

because she also
worked for her mother.

798
00:32:54,350 --> 00:32:55,850
So they were together?

799
00:32:55,850 --> 00:32:58,040
Yes.

800
00:32:58,040 --> 00:33:03,230
And my dear mother
had this mantra.

801
00:33:03,230 --> 00:33:05,090
And every single
day, this gentleman

802
00:33:05,090 --> 00:33:08,720
who was the former
owner of this factory

803
00:33:08,720 --> 00:33:13,340
had a full speech from
her about her children.

804
00:33:13,340 --> 00:33:16,060
And she would tell
him, I lost them.

805
00:33:16,060 --> 00:33:19,280
You know, whole
story from A to Z.

806
00:33:19,280 --> 00:33:25,070
And this gentleman was
attending a Christmas party.

807
00:33:25,070 --> 00:33:28,460
And at that point there is
conversation and everything

808
00:33:28,460 --> 00:33:30,140
at the Christmas party.

809

00:33:30,140 --> 00:33:33,980
And one of his friends
was a doctor at the time.

810
00:33:33,980 --> 00:33:37,220
And somehow the
other gentleman who

811
00:33:37,220 --> 00:33:40,340
was from the place
from the factory

812
00:33:40,340 --> 00:33:42,590
overheard the conversation.

813
00:33:42,590 --> 00:33:48,290
I have two Jewish kids that
I don't know what to do with.

814
00:33:48,290 --> 00:33:51,290
And he was telling the story.

815
00:33:51,290 --> 00:33:51,990
One is a boy.

816
00:33:51,990 --> 00:33:53,060
One is a girl.

817
00:33:53,060 --> 00:33:57,650
And this gentleman from the
factory went over and asked,

818
00:33:57,650 --> 00:34:00,200
you know, what age were they?

819
00:34:00,200 --> 00:34:04,440
And he says, I'll take
them off from your hands.

820
00:34:04,440 --> 00:34:09,659
And during that night he
went back to the factory.

821

00:34:09,659 --> 00:34:14,870

He picked up my dear mother
and brought my mother

822

00:34:14,870 --> 00:34:17,120

to the hospital to get us.

823

00:34:17,120 --> 00:34:19,500

That's amazing.

824

00:34:19,500 --> 00:34:21,170

That's amazing.

825

00:34:21,170 --> 00:34:25,550

We were in an OR some
operating room with lights.

826

00:34:25,550 --> 00:34:28,290

Not like this, but huge ones.

827

00:34:28,290 --> 00:34:33,590

And when my dear mother came
in, we flew off the table.

828

00:34:33,590 --> 00:34:36,679

And so there we were reunited.

829

00:34:36,679 --> 00:34:41,540

But the circumstances
of that happening,

830

00:34:41,540 --> 00:34:43,920

you could have really
been lost for good.

831

00:34:43,920 --> 00:34:45,500

Oh, absolutely.

832

00:34:45,500 --> 00:34:49,820

You're so little that you could
forget what your names are.

833
00:34:49,820 --> 00:34:51,040
You could forget.

834
00:34:51,040 --> 00:34:52,429
Not me.

835
00:34:52,429 --> 00:34:53,310
You couldn't have?

836
00:34:53,310 --> 00:34:55,940
No, never.

837
00:34:55,940 --> 00:35:03,890
I was brought up with
a certain discipline.

838
00:35:03,890 --> 00:35:09,090
I had to know the name,
address, names from everybody.

839
00:35:09,090 --> 00:35:09,590
Really?

840
00:35:09,590 --> 00:35:10,850
Mm-hmm.

841
00:35:10,850 --> 00:35:12,080
Even as a little girl?

842
00:35:12,080 --> 00:35:14,720
Oh, I was-- yes.

843
00:35:14,720 --> 00:35:17,660
That's how I remember
some of the stuff.

844
00:35:17,660 --> 00:35:20,300
Do you remember the address
from which you were taken

845
00:35:20,300 --> 00:35:21,630

where you had the lovely home?

846

00:35:21,630 --> 00:35:24,770

[? Madarasi utca ?]

847

00:35:24,770 --> 00:35:26,030

Number?

848

00:35:26,030 --> 00:35:27,470

20 something.

849

00:35:27,470 --> 00:35:29,120

I don't exactly know.

850

00:35:29,120 --> 00:35:30,290

Pretty good.

851

00:35:30,290 --> 00:35:32,370

Pretty good.

852

00:35:32,370 --> 00:35:38,420

And so you knew that
you are Katalin Fried.

853

00:35:38,420 --> 00:35:39,770

Oh, absolutely.

854

00:35:39,770 --> 00:35:41,930

And I knew my brother's name.

855

00:35:41,930 --> 00:35:44,188

I knew our Hebrew name.

856

00:35:44,188 --> 00:35:45,230

What is your Hebrew name?

857

00:35:45,230 --> 00:35:46,220

Gitele.

858

00:35:46,220 --> 00:35:47,030

Gitele.

859
00:35:47,030 --> 00:35:47,600
Yes.

860
00:35:47,600 --> 00:35:50,495
And his Hebrew name?

861
00:35:50,495 --> 00:35:51,890
Oh, God.

862
00:35:51,890 --> 00:35:53,290
[INAUDIBLE]

863
00:35:53,290 --> 00:35:54,080
That's OK.

864
00:35:54,080 --> 00:35:55,300
No, it's not OK.

865
00:35:55,300 --> 00:35:57,170
It's a mental block.

866
00:35:57,170 --> 00:35:58,150
But it happens.

867
00:35:58,150 --> 00:35:58,980
It happens.

868
00:35:58,980 --> 00:36:00,260
Naftoli Avrohom.

869
00:36:00,260 --> 00:36:01,650
Naftoli Avrohom.

870
00:36:01,650 --> 00:36:02,150
OK.

871
00:36:02,150 --> 00:36:05,020

872

00:36:05,020 --> 00:36:07,630
Do you remember your mother
coming to the hospital?

873
00:36:07,630 --> 00:36:09,760
Absolutely.

874
00:36:09,760 --> 00:36:11,020
How could you forget?

875
00:36:11,020 --> 00:36:14,160
I flew up the table
from where we were.

876
00:36:14,160 --> 00:36:18,970
Yeah I can't imagine--

877
00:36:18,970 --> 00:36:23,970
I mean, a little girl separated,
it's a childhood trauma,

878
00:36:23,970 --> 00:36:24,640
you know.

879
00:36:24,640 --> 00:36:26,420
That's why I'm so cuckoo.

880
00:36:26,420 --> 00:36:26,920
No.

881
00:36:26,920 --> 00:36:28,550
I don't believe that.

882
00:36:28,550 --> 00:36:34,240
But these things leave
their marks on children.

883
00:36:34,240 --> 00:36:36,830

884
00:36:36,830 --> 00:36:39,430
So she's able to take you back.

885
00:36:39,430 --> 00:36:40,870
Yes.

886
00:36:40,870 --> 00:36:45,370
What were the circumstances
to which you all went then?

887
00:36:45,370 --> 00:36:48,940
Oh, it was very--

888
00:36:48,940 --> 00:36:52,390
this was the place
where the factory was.

889
00:36:52,390 --> 00:36:54,220
Downstairs was a factory.

890
00:36:54,220 --> 00:37:00,310
And upper floor there was
the slave labor as the Jews.

891
00:37:00,310 --> 00:37:02,080
That's where they lived.

892
00:37:02,080 --> 00:37:04,960
And when we went back,
my brother and myself,

893
00:37:04,960 --> 00:37:08,020
during the day we
lived under the bed

894
00:37:08,020 --> 00:37:10,450
because we were not
supposed to be there.

895
00:37:10,450 --> 00:37:12,580
So they weren't supposed
to be any children there?

896
00:37:12,580 --> 00:37:13,880

Absolutely.

897
00:37:13,880 --> 00:37:15,830
So after, you
know, when people--

898
00:37:15,830 --> 00:37:16,600
we knew already.

899
00:37:16,600 --> 00:37:20,500
We heard-- under the bed.

900
00:37:20,500 --> 00:37:24,850
So this man who had been
the former owner to whom she

901
00:37:24,850 --> 00:37:29,080
complained every day, who must
have still had some authority,

902
00:37:29,080 --> 00:37:33,430
knew she was taking
children back and allowing

903
00:37:33,430 --> 00:37:34,820
her to have those children.

904
00:37:34,820 --> 00:37:35,580
Absolutely.

905
00:37:35,580 --> 00:37:38,600

906
00:37:38,600 --> 00:37:40,380
Did you ever hear his name?

907
00:37:40,380 --> 00:37:41,270
No.

908
00:37:41,270 --> 00:37:44,200
Even if I did, it's very,
very, very [INAUDIBLE]..

909
00:37:44,200 --> 00:37:45,980
OK.

910
00:37:45,980 --> 00:37:49,730
That was a godsend.

911
00:37:49,730 --> 00:37:52,310
Yes, of course.

912
00:37:52,310 --> 00:37:55,910
And so you spent your
days under the bed?

913
00:37:55,910 --> 00:38:01,660
We helped when we had to, and
we made toys out of tissue paper

914
00:38:01,660 --> 00:38:05,900
that was from the roll
and things like that.

915
00:38:05,900 --> 00:38:08,900
And somehow we were fed.

916
00:38:08,900 --> 00:38:12,740
My dear grandma sold her
handkerchiefs for bread,

917
00:38:12,740 --> 00:38:16,070
and that's how we were
fed because legally we

918
00:38:16,070 --> 00:38:17,400
were not even there.

919
00:38:17,400 --> 00:38:19,970
So you're not supposed to have--
you don't get any rations.

920
00:38:19,970 --> 00:38:23,570
We're not supposed

to be down there.

921
00:38:23,570 --> 00:38:25,940
And do you remember
about how large

922
00:38:25,940 --> 00:38:28,370
a space this was
that everybody slept

923
00:38:28,370 --> 00:38:30,470
in where the slave labor is?

924
00:38:30,470 --> 00:38:35,000
This was a very large
floor of a factory,

925
00:38:35,000 --> 00:38:37,760
and there were many people
who were working there.

926
00:38:37,760 --> 00:38:39,680
Women only?

927
00:38:39,680 --> 00:38:42,770
I don't remember.

928
00:38:42,770 --> 00:38:43,730
I couldn't tell you.

929
00:38:43,730 --> 00:38:48,782
I only remember
being with my family.

930
00:38:48,782 --> 00:38:50,240
Would you have
known whether there,

931
00:38:50,240 --> 00:38:53,720
like, 10 more people in the room
or 100 more people in the room?

932

00:38:53,720 --> 00:38:56,570

It was in between
somewhere, I'm sure.

933

00:38:56,570 --> 00:38:57,290

OK.

934

00:38:57,290 --> 00:39:00,270

So it's more than just a little.

935

00:39:00,270 --> 00:39:01,100

Yes.

936

00:39:01,100 --> 00:39:05,630

These were all workers because
this was a morning shift,

937

00:39:05,630 --> 00:39:09,230

during the day shift, night
shift because the ammunition,

938

00:39:09,230 --> 00:39:11,120

they had to produce.

939

00:39:11,120 --> 00:39:14,180

And my dear mother
stole ammunition

940

00:39:14,180 --> 00:39:19,010

a little bullet which
we had all the way

941

00:39:19,010 --> 00:39:20,330

till I came to this country.

942

00:39:20,330 --> 00:39:21,920

I left it in a hurry.

943

00:39:21,920 --> 00:39:22,580

No kidding.

944

00:39:22,580 --> 00:39:23,080

Yeah.

945

00:39:23,080 --> 00:39:25,540

Which was, how much can I carry?

946

00:39:25,540 --> 00:39:29,830

Now it was just by accident.

947

00:39:29,830 --> 00:39:31,660

Did you play, you
and your brother,

948

00:39:31,660 --> 00:39:34,540

was it something you
could use as a toy?

949

00:39:34,540 --> 00:39:36,910

The toilet paper.

950

00:39:36,910 --> 00:39:40,930

And I don't remember
anything else.

951

00:39:40,930 --> 00:39:43,120

But we did play.

952

00:39:43,120 --> 00:39:48,030

And when the sirens were gone
off, then everybody goes.

953

00:39:48,030 --> 00:39:50,920

They had to run
down to the basement

954

00:39:50,920 --> 00:39:53,800

or whatever it was protected.

955

00:39:53,800 --> 00:39:55,540

So people saw you.

956

00:39:55,540 --> 00:39:56,560

Yes.

957
00:39:56,560 --> 00:39:59,680
But those were all Jews.

958
00:39:59,680 --> 00:40:05,140
There was only Jewish forced
laborers at that point.

959
00:40:05,140 --> 00:40:07,270
And it was pretty
good, you know.

960
00:40:07,270 --> 00:40:09,370
We were able to have some food.

961
00:40:09,370 --> 00:40:11,410
They were working.

962
00:40:11,410 --> 00:40:15,235
And what happened is, one
day, the bomb hit the factory.

963
00:40:15,235 --> 00:40:17,960

964
00:40:17,960 --> 00:40:20,470
And we were very lucky.

965
00:40:20,470 --> 00:40:23,270
We were on the other
side of the building

966
00:40:23,270 --> 00:40:29,000
because there was no
sirens, and my dear mother

967
00:40:29,000 --> 00:40:30,830
took us and grandma.

968
00:40:30,830 --> 00:40:32,690
And we walked down.

969

00:40:32,690 --> 00:40:34,250

Into the basement?

970

00:40:34,250 --> 00:40:39,470

To the street at that point

because, you know, we were.

971

00:40:39,470 --> 00:40:42,200

So there was chaos, and

she was able to just leave

972

00:40:42,200 --> 00:40:42,800

the building.

973

00:40:42,800 --> 00:40:43,910

Yes.

974

00:40:43,910 --> 00:40:46,640

Did she have to wear a uniform?

975

00:40:46,640 --> 00:40:47,360

I don't recall.

976

00:40:47,360 --> 00:40:48,510

I don't think so.

977

00:40:48,510 --> 00:40:49,010

OK.

978

00:40:49,010 --> 00:40:51,830

So they were wearing

civilian clothes.

979

00:40:51,830 --> 00:40:52,880

Whatever they had.

980

00:40:52,880 --> 00:40:55,750

981

00:40:55,750 --> 00:40:59,910

So in other words, if she goes

down into the street with you,

982

00:40:59,910 --> 00:41:03,120

she's not immediately
identifiable

983

00:41:03,120 --> 00:41:04,630

that she belongs
to that factory.

984

00:41:04,630 --> 00:41:06,900

But who would dare?

985

00:41:06,900 --> 00:41:08,520

Who would dare?

986

00:41:08,520 --> 00:41:09,480

Go to the street?

987

00:41:09,480 --> 00:41:10,230

Yes.

988

00:41:10,230 --> 00:41:13,740

You did what you were told.

989

00:41:13,740 --> 00:41:15,720

You remember going
down with her?

990

00:41:15,720 --> 00:41:17,430

To the basement for safety.

991

00:41:17,430 --> 00:41:18,270

Yes.

992

00:41:18,270 --> 00:41:20,610

Do you remember going
to the street with her

993

00:41:20,610 --> 00:41:21,790

after the bomb falls?

994

00:41:21,790 --> 00:41:22,680

No.

995

00:41:22,680 --> 00:41:27,690

Where we went from the basement
or whatever it is called.

996

00:41:27,690 --> 00:41:29,520

We went back there.

997

00:41:29,520 --> 00:41:33,780

And when the bomb hit that's
when they reported to the owner

998

00:41:33,780 --> 00:41:34,950

that he's--

999

00:41:34,950 --> 00:41:38,130

it's a very dangerous
situation, that he

1000

00:41:38,130 --> 00:41:40,800

needs the people to be removed.

1001

00:41:40,800 --> 00:41:44,140

And they were so nice to us.

1002

00:41:44,140 --> 00:41:45,500

They took us back to Strasshof.

1003

00:41:45,500 --> 00:41:48,150

1004

00:41:48,150 --> 00:41:50,830

So when she goes down to the
street it's not to run away?

1005

00:41:50,830 --> 00:41:51,330

No.

1006

00:41:51,330 --> 00:41:52,300

She can't run away.

1007

00:41:52,300 --> 00:41:55,090

We can't run away.

1008

00:41:55,090 --> 00:41:58,260

Who dared?

1009

00:41:58,260 --> 00:42:01,020

And she had two
kids and grandma.

1010

00:42:01,020 --> 00:42:02,240

She had no place to run.

1011

00:42:02,240 --> 00:42:05,000

1012

00:42:05,000 --> 00:42:06,620

Oh, I was assuming
that she might

1013

00:42:06,620 --> 00:42:08,450

have tried to run with you all.

1014

00:42:08,450 --> 00:42:09,590

That's why I thought.

1015

00:42:09,590 --> 00:42:12,050

I don't think so.

1016

00:42:12,050 --> 00:42:14,030

Everybody, I guess,
at that point,

1017

00:42:14,030 --> 00:42:16,060

we were threatened to be afraid.

1018

00:42:16,060 --> 00:42:16,560

Yeah.

1019

00:42:16,560 --> 00:42:19,630

1020
00:42:19,630 --> 00:42:22,500
Did you ever know the
name of that factory?

1021
00:42:22,500 --> 00:42:23,050
No.

1022
00:42:23,050 --> 00:42:27,130
I probably knew, but that's--

1023
00:42:27,130 --> 00:42:27,940
I forgot.

1024
00:42:27,940 --> 00:42:30,850
It's in Vienna.

1025
00:42:30,850 --> 00:42:34,210
Because it would be curious
to know which factory it was.

1026
00:42:34,210 --> 00:42:35,330
Yes.

1027
00:42:35,330 --> 00:42:37,950
I would have liked
to know myself

1028
00:42:37,950 --> 00:42:39,775
and to be acknowledged to be.

1029
00:42:39,775 --> 00:42:43,600

1030
00:42:43,600 --> 00:42:46,040
I have heard
stories of factories

1031
00:42:46,040 --> 00:42:54,770
in Vienna making armaments and

with forced labor and slave

1032
00:42:54,770 --> 00:42:58,250
labor, and I just don't
know whether there was one

1033
00:42:58,250 --> 00:43:00,020
or whether there was 10.

1034
00:43:00,020 --> 00:43:00,910
Not 10.

1035
00:43:00,910 --> 00:43:01,610
No.

1036
00:43:01,610 --> 00:43:05,750
It was a limited number even
if there was maybe another one.

1037
00:43:05,750 --> 00:43:09,650
Very few people I
met after the war.

1038
00:43:09,650 --> 00:43:14,070
They all came practically
from the same place.

1039
00:43:14,070 --> 00:43:16,100
So then you're taken
back to Strasshof.

1040
00:43:16,100 --> 00:43:16,850
Yes.

1041
00:43:16,850 --> 00:43:19,380
What happens then?

1042
00:43:19,380 --> 00:43:20,422
What happens then?

1043
00:43:20,422 --> 00:43:23,320

1044
00:43:23,320 --> 00:43:27,820
It was not good.

1045
00:43:27,820 --> 00:43:31,720
Not good at all because
there was not much food,

1046
00:43:31,720 --> 00:43:34,320
and there was chaos.

1047
00:43:34,320 --> 00:43:36,490
But it doesn't matter
to the Germans.

1048
00:43:36,490 --> 00:43:40,480
They, again, took us
to the train station.

1049
00:43:40,480 --> 00:43:43,000
And they told us we're
going to a wonderful place

1050
00:43:43,000 --> 00:43:45,205
now where we'll have
no more problems

1051
00:43:45,205 --> 00:43:47,620
and everything
will be wonderful.

1052
00:43:47,620 --> 00:43:51,970
And by this time my dear
grandmother was very weak.

1053
00:43:51,970 --> 00:43:57,340
And I don't know how they got a
loose stool for her to sit on.

1054
00:43:57,340 --> 00:44:01,210
And my dear mother tried
to take care of her,

1055
00:44:01,210 --> 00:44:05,120
and she fell asleep forever.

1056
00:44:05,120 --> 00:44:05,840
Didn't wake up?

1057
00:44:05,840 --> 00:44:07,970
No.

1058
00:44:07,970 --> 00:44:08,700
On the train?

1059
00:44:08,700 --> 00:44:09,200
No.

1060
00:44:09,200 --> 00:44:13,190
This was on the street in
the station at Strasshof.

1061
00:44:13,190 --> 00:44:13,770
Oh dear.

1062
00:44:13,770 --> 00:44:14,270
Yeah.

1063
00:44:14,270 --> 00:44:20,570
And a couple of Jewish
men came, and they

1064
00:44:20,570 --> 00:44:24,380
got some kind of a light cloth.

1065
00:44:24,380 --> 00:44:26,100
They put her in it.

1066
00:44:26,100 --> 00:44:28,970
And that's the last time.

1067
00:44:28,970 --> 00:44:44,900

1068

00:44:44,900 --> 00:44:47,105

And you had to then
leave on a train?

1069

00:44:47,105 --> 00:44:47,605

Oh yes.

1070

00:44:47,605 --> 00:44:58,750

1071

00:44:58,750 --> 00:44:59,750

--when you said--

1072

00:44:59,750 --> 00:45:09,850

Whoever capable at that
point to got some white--

1073

00:45:09,850 --> 00:45:12,340

today I would say a white sheet.

1074

00:45:12,340 --> 00:45:14,560

And they put her in
that, and they took her

1075

00:45:14,560 --> 00:45:17,150

to a mutual grave.

1076

00:45:17,150 --> 00:45:18,500

A common grave?

1077

00:45:18,500 --> 00:45:19,000

Yeah.

1078

00:45:19,000 --> 00:45:23,070

But they're just the
guys that took her away.

1079

00:45:23,070 --> 00:45:27,400

1080

00:45:27,400 --> 00:45:30,590

No child should
have to see that.

1081
00:45:30,590 --> 00:45:32,620
No child, you know.

1082
00:45:32,620 --> 00:45:36,920

1083
00:45:36,920 --> 00:45:40,040
What happened to you, and your
mother, and your brother then?

1084
00:45:40,040 --> 00:45:44,870
We had to get back on the train.

1085
00:45:44,870 --> 00:45:50,480
And the train went
out from Strasshof.

1086
00:45:50,480 --> 00:45:54,200
And the Russians came, and
they bombed the tracks.

1087
00:45:54,200 --> 00:45:54,700
Tracks?

1088
00:45:54,700 --> 00:45:55,280
Yes.

1089
00:45:55,280 --> 00:45:58,380
So this is so close to the end
of the war when all of this

1090
00:45:58,380 --> 00:45:58,880
is--

1091
00:45:58,880 --> 00:46:01,220
Before they took
the Hungarian Jews,

1092
00:46:01,220 --> 00:46:05,890

it was already pretty
much coming to the end.

1093
00:46:05,890 --> 00:46:06,390
Yeah.

1094
00:46:06,390 --> 00:46:09,160

1095
00:46:09,160 --> 00:46:11,585
Anyhow, they--

1096
00:46:11,585 --> 00:46:12,710
Russians bombed the tracks.

1097
00:46:12,710 --> 00:46:13,750
Bombed the tracks.

1098
00:46:13,750 --> 00:46:20,180
We got off the train and back
to the camp in Strasshof.

1099
00:46:20,180 --> 00:46:25,370
And there was everybody
who was taking care

1100
00:46:25,370 --> 00:46:27,350
of this camp at this point.

1101
00:46:27,350 --> 00:46:30,290
Basically most of them ran away.

1102
00:46:30,290 --> 00:46:32,960
We did not see any
soldiers anymore.

1103
00:46:32,960 --> 00:46:35,450
We didn't see much people.

1104
00:46:35,450 --> 00:46:39,470
There were just a few of them
who were brave enough to stay.

1105
00:46:39,470 --> 00:46:45,790
And our food came from the
train where the men or ladies--

1106
00:46:45,790 --> 00:46:48,940
they found there was food there.

1107
00:46:48,940 --> 00:46:52,200
There was jam in the
barrel and things.

1108
00:46:52,200 --> 00:46:55,720
So that's how we had a
potato peel or something.

1109
00:46:55,720 --> 00:46:57,910
I don't remember exactly.

1110
00:46:57,910 --> 00:47:00,946
Do you think it was food that
was meant for the guards?

1111
00:47:00,946 --> 00:47:03,020
There was food that
was being transported

1112
00:47:03,020 --> 00:47:06,680
because it was on
the train, so I'm

1113
00:47:06,680 --> 00:47:09,320
sure it wasn't meant for us.

1114
00:47:09,320 --> 00:47:12,320
I'm sure of that, but
that's where they went.

1115
00:47:12,320 --> 00:47:16,160
And they had gotten some
food for my dear mother.

1116

00:47:16,160 --> 00:47:21,740

At that point, there was
only the three of us then.

1117

00:47:21,740 --> 00:47:23,750

How is your mother behaving?

1118

00:47:23,750 --> 00:47:25,180

Was she crying?

1119

00:47:25,180 --> 00:47:26,240

No.

1120

00:47:26,240 --> 00:47:26,990

She probably was--

1121

00:47:26,990 --> 00:47:29,920

She was numb.

1122

00:47:29,920 --> 00:47:31,600

At that point, she
had to be numb.

1123

00:47:31,600 --> 00:47:38,400

She lost, at that
point, everything.

1124

00:47:38,400 --> 00:47:41,040

And I was-- nobody told her
there was going to be end

1125

00:47:41,040 --> 00:47:41,850

of the war--

1126

00:47:41,850 --> 00:47:44,370

there was going to
be something that's

1127

00:47:44,370 --> 00:47:48,411

going to happen that's going
to turn out to be an end.

1128

00:47:48,411 --> 00:47:52,760

It was just one thing
after another thing.

1129

00:47:52,760 --> 00:47:54,625

How long were you in Strasshof?

1130

00:47:54,625 --> 00:47:56,120

I could not tell you.

1131

00:47:56,120 --> 00:47:56,660

What?

1132

00:47:56,660 --> 00:47:59,450

I could not tell you
when we were there.

1133

00:47:59,450 --> 00:48:06,920

And the Russians came in,
and they liberated the camp.

1134

00:48:06,920 --> 00:48:09,390

And we had the yellow star.

1135

00:48:09,390 --> 00:48:11,990

And they tore it off.

1136

00:48:11,990 --> 00:48:16,250

And he said, you are free to go.

1137

00:48:16,250 --> 00:48:19,600

1138

00:48:19,600 --> 00:48:23,200

That is, everybody went
back to the barrack

1139

00:48:23,200 --> 00:48:28,690

because it was such a
horribly shock to the people

1140

00:48:28,690 --> 00:48:32,150

who now where to, how to.

1141

00:48:32,150 --> 00:48:35,110

And we went back to the barrack.

1142

00:48:35,110 --> 00:48:41,140

And during the night, the
Russian soldiers came to visit.

1143

00:48:41,140 --> 00:48:42,200

Oh no.

1144

00:48:42,200 --> 00:48:42,795

Oh yes.

1145

00:48:42,795 --> 00:48:46,500

1146

00:48:46,500 --> 00:48:49,490

They were looking for ladies.

1147

00:48:49,490 --> 00:48:53,580

And somehow she was the most
wonderful and the smartest

1148

00:48:53,580 --> 00:48:54,330

lady.

1149

00:48:54,330 --> 00:48:56,270

She went under the cover.

1150

00:48:56,270 --> 00:48:56,780

Your mama?

1151

00:48:56,780 --> 00:48:57,310

My mother.

1152

00:48:57,310 --> 00:48:58,630

My dear mother.

1153

00:48:58,630 --> 00:49:01,460

And there was only
baby brother and me.

1154
00:49:01,460 --> 00:49:05,590
And they asked for-- they said--

1155
00:49:05,590 --> 00:49:08,050
we didn't know what
they were talking about.

1156
00:49:08,050 --> 00:49:10,370
But I knew how to say no.

1157
00:49:10,370 --> 00:49:12,050
No.

1158
00:49:12,050 --> 00:49:14,650
And they went.

1159
00:49:14,650 --> 00:49:16,790
But they came back
a number of times.

1160
00:49:16,790 --> 00:49:18,370
Did they?

1161
00:49:18,370 --> 00:49:23,180
But it was, by then, my
dear mother got very clever.

1162
00:49:23,180 --> 00:49:26,730
And she had her mother's
clothing, my dear grandmother's

1163
00:49:26,730 --> 00:49:27,850
clothing.

1164
00:49:27,850 --> 00:49:32,380
She put the babushka on and
the coat with the fur collar.

1165
00:49:32,380 --> 00:49:35,320

And the whole coat
probably looked

1166
00:49:35,320 --> 00:49:38,940
like she was about 300
years old and malnourished.

1167
00:49:38,940 --> 00:49:41,470

1168
00:49:41,470 --> 00:49:44,860
Did you hear other
women being taken?

1169
00:49:44,860 --> 00:49:45,610
Yes.

1170
00:49:45,610 --> 00:49:48,460
Young ladies were taken.

1171
00:49:48,460 --> 00:49:51,100
Even if they knew that these
had come from the barrack.

1172
00:49:51,100 --> 00:49:53,860
Sorry.

1173
00:49:53,860 --> 00:49:57,790
That's why my dear
mother was smart enough.

1174
00:49:57,790 --> 00:50:01,320
By that time she must
have known about something

1175
00:50:01,320 --> 00:50:04,820
that was going on.

1176
00:50:04,820 --> 00:50:07,370
About how long do you think
you stayed in that barrack

1177

00:50:07,370 --> 00:50:09,350
after liberation?

1178
00:50:09,350 --> 00:50:10,940
I don't recall.

1179
00:50:10,940 --> 00:50:16,610
But I remember that there
was one gentleman who

1180
00:50:16,610 --> 00:50:23,270
also came from the
slaves, and he had a wagon

1181
00:50:23,270 --> 00:50:27,650
that they put the
children on the wagon.

1182
00:50:27,650 --> 00:50:30,950
And the men and
the women somehow

1183
00:50:30,950 --> 00:50:33,560
started to leave the camp.

1184
00:50:33,560 --> 00:50:37,430
And along the way,
we stopped in homes.

1185
00:50:37,430 --> 00:50:41,430
And in one home, we
even found a horse.

1186
00:50:41,430 --> 00:50:41,987
Now we were--

1187
00:50:41,987 --> 00:50:43,570
Now you had a horse
to pull the wagon.

1188
00:50:43,570 --> 00:50:44,790
Now we had a horse.

1189

00:50:44,790 --> 00:50:47,970

Now we had a wagon,
and now we are going.

1190

00:50:47,970 --> 00:50:50,500

The next night,
we stopped again.

1191

00:50:50,500 --> 00:50:53,240

Same thing.

1192

00:50:53,240 --> 00:50:56,250

We took anything and everything
we found in the house.

1193

00:50:56,250 --> 00:50:58,340

Sometimes, we find
things to eat.

1194

00:50:58,340 --> 00:50:59,940

Sometimes we didn't.

1195

00:50:59,940 --> 00:51:01,680

Was this still in
Austria or not?

1196

00:51:01,680 --> 00:51:02,440

Austria.

1197

00:51:02,440 --> 00:51:02,940

Austria.

1198

00:51:02,940 --> 00:51:04,950

Yes.

1199

00:51:04,950 --> 00:51:11,663

And what happened the next
morning, no more horsey.

1200

00:51:11,663 --> 00:51:12,330

Someone took it?

1201

00:51:12,330 --> 00:51:13,430

The Russians took it.

1202

00:51:13,430 --> 00:51:16,020

1203

00:51:16,020 --> 00:51:21,880

They liked our horsey, so
we continued with the wagon.

1204

00:51:21,880 --> 00:51:24,315

Did you see any Austrians?

1205

00:51:24,315 --> 00:51:26,190

I mean, the people who
were from those homes,

1206

00:51:26,190 --> 00:51:27,310

were they're hiding?

1207

00:51:27,310 --> 00:51:27,810

Were they?

1208

00:51:27,810 --> 00:51:29,010

It was all empty.

1209

00:51:29,010 --> 00:51:31,510

When we got in, there
it was all empty.

1210

00:51:31,510 --> 00:51:34,410

There was-- I guess
they were afraid of us

1211

00:51:34,410 --> 00:51:37,610

as much as we were
afraid of them.

1212

00:51:37,610 --> 00:51:40,290

But there was nothing.

1213

00:51:40,290 --> 00:51:42,810

So it was your mother,
your brother, you,

1214

00:51:42,810 --> 00:51:45,600

and another person?

1215

00:51:45,600 --> 00:51:49,060

Well, that time, we were
running already away from that.

1216

00:51:49,060 --> 00:51:54,850

So we met other people who were
also in the same situation.

1217

00:51:54,850 --> 00:51:57,930

So there was a bit of a
gathering, and there was a man.

1218

00:51:57,930 --> 00:52:00,990

And then we had a horse,
and then we lost the horse.

1219

00:52:00,990 --> 00:52:04,740

We lost the carriage,
but we kept on walking.

1220

00:52:04,740 --> 00:52:06,700

But you had a man with you?

1221

00:52:06,700 --> 00:52:07,620

At one point.

1222

00:52:07,620 --> 00:52:09,390

At one point, you
had a man with you,

1223

00:52:09,390 --> 00:52:11,880

which could make a difference.

1224

00:52:11,880 --> 00:52:12,620

Possible.

1225

00:52:12,620 --> 00:52:13,120

Yeah.

1226

00:52:13,120 --> 00:52:16,080

But probably he wasn't much
of a man at this point.

1227

00:52:16,080 --> 00:52:18,080

That could be too.

1228

00:52:18,080 --> 00:52:20,670

What he went through, he
couldn't have been a youngster.

1229

00:52:20,670 --> 00:52:23,580

1230

00:52:23,580 --> 00:52:25,980

So you're walking
in which direction?

1231

00:52:25,980 --> 00:52:27,510

Did you know?

1232

00:52:27,510 --> 00:52:30,180

We were trying to
get to [PLACE NAME]..

1233

00:52:30,180 --> 00:52:30,820

[PLACE NAME]

1234

00:52:30,820 --> 00:52:31,320

Yes.

1235

00:52:31,320 --> 00:52:33,190

What is [PLACE NAME]
and where is it?

1236

00:52:33,190 --> 00:52:38,610

It was-- in that time it was
Austria if I recall correctly.

1237

00:52:38,610 --> 00:52:43,620

And it was a bigger town
or city that we were hoping

1238

00:52:43,620 --> 00:52:48,300

to be able to get medical help.

1239

00:52:48,300 --> 00:52:51,810

And did you see any soldiers?

1240

00:52:51,810 --> 00:52:52,900

I don't recall.

1241

00:52:52,900 --> 00:52:53,520

So you just--

1242

00:52:53,520 --> 00:52:56,340

When we ran away, I guess
the Germans ran away.

1243

00:52:56,340 --> 00:52:59,420

And at this point the Russians
weren't occupying all,

1244

00:52:59,420 --> 00:53:01,710

but it took the time also, too.

1245

00:53:01,710 --> 00:53:03,360

So I guess I was mainly--

1246

00:53:03,360 --> 00:53:06,310

did you see Russian
soldiers on the roads?

1247

00:53:06,310 --> 00:53:07,640

I don't recall.

1248

00:53:07,640 --> 00:53:08,820

You just sort of--

1249

00:53:08,820 --> 00:53:10,530

We just saw them
in the camp where

1250
00:53:10,530 --> 00:53:14,400
we were, you know, in the
camp that we had contact.

1251
00:53:14,400 --> 00:53:16,500
They had contact with us.

1252
00:53:16,500 --> 00:53:17,460
Of a certain kind.

1253
00:53:17,460 --> 00:53:20,520

1254
00:53:20,520 --> 00:53:23,970
But it was clear that you were
in Russian-occupied territory

1255
00:53:23,970 --> 00:53:26,040
rather than American-occupied.

1256
00:53:26,040 --> 00:53:26,820
Absolutely.

1257
00:53:26,820 --> 00:53:30,530
The Russian soldiers indicated
that that's where we were.

1258
00:53:30,530 --> 00:53:32,110
I learned a few choice words.

1259
00:53:32,110 --> 00:53:32,610
Oh.

1260
00:53:32,610 --> 00:53:33,420
Did you really?

1261
00:53:33,420 --> 00:53:34,170
Absolutely.

1262
00:53:34,170 --> 00:53:35,520
At age six?

1263
00:53:35,520 --> 00:53:37,259
Well, why not if you
hear it so often?

1264
00:53:37,259 --> 00:53:41,480

1265
00:53:41,480 --> 00:53:43,148
So did you get to this place?

1266
00:53:43,148 --> 00:53:44,315
Did you get to [PLACE NAME].

1267
00:53:44,315 --> 00:53:48,510
Well, we were walking
and a train or whatever--

1268
00:53:48,510 --> 00:53:51,330
somehow we got to [PLACE NAME].

1269
00:53:51,330 --> 00:53:58,560
And in [PLACE NAME] we
had a problem with our--

1270
00:53:58,560 --> 00:54:01,870
we were wearing the same
shoes for all this time.

1271
00:54:01,870 --> 00:54:04,950
And we both had-- my parents
and myself-- infection

1272
00:54:04,950 --> 00:54:06,840
in the back of the foot.

1273
00:54:06,840 --> 00:54:10,030
So we had to one end
up in an emergency cab.

1274

00:54:10,030 --> 00:54:17,160

They cut a little bit of a
bone out to stop the infection.

1275

00:54:17,160 --> 00:54:19,200

It gotten to the bone?

1276

00:54:19,200 --> 00:54:21,360

Yes.

1277

00:54:21,360 --> 00:54:24,260

And we both had the same
surgeon at the same time.

1278

00:54:24,260 --> 00:54:25,410

We went away.

1279

00:54:25,410 --> 00:54:29,790

And then up the train, off
the train, up the train,

1280

00:54:29,790 --> 00:54:30,390

off the train.

1281

00:54:30,390 --> 00:54:34,450

And somehow we got
back to Hungary.

1282

00:54:34,450 --> 00:54:38,280

And from-- don't ask me.

1283

00:54:38,280 --> 00:54:42,420

But I know that we
got back to Karcag.

1284

00:54:42,420 --> 00:54:48,125

And we, of course-- we didn't
find anything in our home.

1285

00:54:48,125 --> 00:54:51,200

It was looted totally.

1286

00:54:51,200 --> 00:54:53,730

And we couldn't even
stay in our home

1287

00:54:53,730 --> 00:54:58,800

because the Russian soldiers
also liked their comfort.

1288

00:54:58,800 --> 00:55:05,510

And they did bring the
horse in the house.

1289

00:55:05,510 --> 00:55:11,460

And they did not
like our bathroom

1290

00:55:11,460 --> 00:55:14,538

because they had gone
I don't know where.

1291

00:55:14,538 --> 00:55:15,330

They got something.

1292

00:55:15,330 --> 00:55:18,210

They got a live
fish, and they put it

1293

00:55:18,210 --> 00:55:23,460

into the base of the toilet, and
they wanted to be kind with it.

1294

00:55:23,460 --> 00:55:26,390

They pulled that thing down for
the water and the-- the fish

1295

00:55:26,390 --> 00:55:26,890

went down.

1296

00:55:26,890 --> 00:55:29,370

And the fish?

1297

00:55:29,370 --> 00:55:32,440

Of course, they were
very, very, very smart.

1298
00:55:32,440 --> 00:55:34,467
You got to be able
to catch this fish.

1299
00:55:34,467 --> 00:55:35,550
They throw the toilet out.

1300
00:55:35,550 --> 00:55:39,160

1301
00:55:39,160 --> 00:55:41,230
And there was no fishy anymore.

1302
00:55:41,230 --> 00:55:41,920
No fish.

1303
00:55:41,920 --> 00:55:44,560
No fish and no toilet.

1304
00:55:44,560 --> 00:55:46,450
Sorry.

1305
00:55:46,450 --> 00:55:51,250
And that's when my dear
mother decided this was not

1306
00:55:51,250 --> 00:55:53,470
the place for us to stay.

1307
00:55:53,470 --> 00:55:55,080
So no more home.

1308
00:55:55,080 --> 00:55:57,070
Well, there was
nothing, you know.

1309
00:55:57,070 --> 00:56:02,830
And at this point, somehow, I
don't know how, we wound end up

1310
00:56:02,830 --> 00:56:04,130
in Miskolc.

1311
00:56:04,130 --> 00:56:04,630
OK.

1312
00:56:04,630 --> 00:56:07,630
Where part of the
family had been from.

1313
00:56:07,630 --> 00:56:10,580
Both my father's side
and my mother's side,

1314
00:56:10,580 --> 00:56:15,190
they were all living there
in Di³sgy⁴r and Lillaf¹/₄red.

1315
00:56:15,190 --> 00:56:20,310
These are smaller
towns around Miskolc.

1316
00:56:20,310 --> 00:56:23,320

1317
00:56:23,320 --> 00:56:24,500
Anybody come back?

1318
00:56:24,500 --> 00:56:27,660

1319
00:56:27,660 --> 00:56:33,360
At first there was no one,
and after a little while

1320
00:56:33,360 --> 00:56:36,260
a little boy came back.

1321
00:56:36,260 --> 00:56:42,840
But I don't recall how he got
there, but he had a big horse.

1322
00:56:42,840 --> 00:56:48,570
It was, like-- and anyhow, my
dear mother took care of him

1323
00:56:48,570 --> 00:56:51,900
for a little while, but
then he had to leave.

1324
00:56:51,900 --> 00:56:57,780
And after that I had an
aunt who was from Budapest.

1325
00:56:57,780 --> 00:57:01,530
And she found out
that we are here,

1326
00:57:01,530 --> 00:57:03,780
so she decided to join us.

1327
00:57:03,780 --> 00:57:05,010
Mother's sister?

1328
00:57:05,010 --> 00:57:05,670
Yes.

1329
00:57:05,670 --> 00:57:06,720
My mother's sister.

1330
00:57:06,720 --> 00:57:07,950
What was her name?

1331
00:57:07,950 --> 00:57:10,290
Ella.

1332
00:57:10,290 --> 00:57:11,490
Ella Fried?

1333
00:57:11,490 --> 00:57:12,750
Ella Brody.

1334

00:57:12,750 --> 00:57:13,490
Ella Brody.

1335
00:57:13,490 --> 00:57:14,160
Excuse me.

1336
00:57:14,160 --> 00:57:16,520
Yes, that's OK.

1337
00:57:16,520 --> 00:57:18,090
But she was very lucky.

1338
00:57:18,090 --> 00:57:22,920
She survived
everything in Budapest.

1339
00:57:22,920 --> 00:57:25,890
Had she been in
hiding in Budapest?

1340
00:57:25,890 --> 00:57:30,090
She, I don't know how,
wound up in the hospital

1341
00:57:30,090 --> 00:57:34,200
but not as a patient, but
she was providing things

1342
00:57:34,200 --> 00:57:35,830
for the people who were there.

1343
00:57:35,830 --> 00:57:36,330
OK.

1344
00:57:36,330 --> 00:57:38,790
So she was working there?

1345
00:57:38,790 --> 00:57:40,990
She was black mailing them.

1346
00:57:40,990 --> 00:57:41,490
Whatever.

1347
00:57:41,490 --> 00:57:45,060
I buy you a food, and
I'll do your dishes.

1348
00:57:45,060 --> 00:57:47,420
She made a living for herself.

1349
00:57:47,420 --> 00:57:49,230
OK.

1350
00:57:49,230 --> 00:57:51,390
And she joins you then?

1351
00:57:51,390 --> 00:57:52,410
Yes.

1352
00:57:52,410 --> 00:57:55,470
And what kind of place
were you living in?

1353
00:57:55,470 --> 00:57:59,250
At the time, we went
back to Di³sgy³r,

1354
00:57:59,250 --> 00:58:04,095
which was my grandparents'
home from my mother's side,

1355
00:58:04,095 --> 00:58:06,040
which was very lovely.

1356
00:58:06,040 --> 00:58:08,700
The home was very lovely.

1357
00:58:08,700 --> 00:58:10,440
And your grandfather had been--

1358
00:58:10,440 --> 00:58:17,330
My grandfather died
before the Holocaust.

1359

00:58:17,330 --> 00:58:24,510

He died, I would imagine,
probably 1940, '41, '42.

1360

00:58:24,510 --> 00:58:26,020

And your grandmother
on the station.

1361

00:58:26,020 --> 00:58:28,180

My grandmother was with us.

1362

00:58:28,180 --> 00:58:28,980

And she's the one.

1363

00:58:28,980 --> 00:58:29,670

She was the one.

1364

00:58:29,670 --> 00:58:30,570

Yes.

1365

00:58:30,570 --> 00:58:36,960

And my grandparents
from my father's side,

1366

00:58:36,960 --> 00:58:43,950

they remained in LillafÅ¼red
in a home where they had--

1367

00:58:43,950 --> 00:58:48,280

it was, like, seven different
businesses in the front.

1368

00:58:48,280 --> 00:58:50,140

It was U-shaped home.

1369

00:58:50,140 --> 00:58:53,330

And then in the home, they
lived in the back of the home.

1370

00:58:53,330 --> 00:58:56,310

A very beautiful spot.

1371

00:58:56,310 --> 00:58:58,710

LillafÅ¼red is gorgeous.

1372

00:58:58,710 --> 00:59:04,230

And they lived there, and
I don't know what happened.

1373

00:59:04,230 --> 00:59:06,283

But they were
murdered in the house.

1374

00:59:06,283 --> 00:59:06,825

In the house?

1375

00:59:06,825 --> 00:59:11,760

1376

00:59:11,760 --> 00:59:13,980

How did you-- did
you ever find out

1377

00:59:13,980 --> 00:59:16,380

what happened to your father?

1378

00:59:16,380 --> 00:59:25,800

He had people from a
similar background with him.

1379

00:59:25,800 --> 00:59:27,900

So they had come from
Germany originally?

1380

00:59:27,900 --> 00:59:29,490

They came-- no, no, no.

1381

00:59:29,490 --> 00:59:31,770

I'm talking about now at
this point from Hungary

1382

00:59:31,770 --> 00:59:32,988

because we were taken--

1383
00:59:32,988 --> 00:59:33,530
From Hungary.

1384
00:59:33,530 --> 00:59:35,060
He was taken away from--

1385
00:59:35,060 --> 00:59:36,910
but they were similar places.

1386
00:59:36,910 --> 00:59:38,220
And they get through.

1387
00:59:38,220 --> 00:59:44,460
And a gentleman came to visit my
dear mother, who my father told

1388
00:59:44,460 --> 00:59:48,030
the stories about his family.

1389
00:59:48,030 --> 00:59:51,990
And he did tell us what
happened to my father.

1390
00:59:51,990 --> 00:59:54,210
What happened to him?

1391
00:59:54,210 --> 01:00:03,540
They were on a march, and
they had to cross a river.

1392
01:00:03,540 --> 01:00:07,345
But my dear father was pushing
in a man made something

1393
01:00:07,345 --> 01:00:08,370
or other.

1394
01:00:08,370 --> 01:00:11,820
A friend of his who
had a something.

1395

01:00:11,820 --> 01:00:12,450

It was like a--

1396

01:00:12,450 --> 01:00:14,520

I think it was a little
bullet or something.

1397

01:00:14,520 --> 01:00:17,160

But he could no longer walk.

1398

01:00:17,160 --> 01:00:19,980

And they made something like a--

1399

01:00:19,980 --> 01:00:21,040

Something to push it.

1400

01:00:21,040 --> 01:00:21,540

Push it.

1401

01:00:21,540 --> 01:00:22,530

Yes.

1402

01:00:22,530 --> 01:00:27,210

So everybody had-- this
was a tiny little bridge

1403

01:00:27,210 --> 01:00:32,730

of some sort where they were
crossing over and begging

1404

01:00:32,730 --> 01:00:36,060

my dear father who was
pushing this thing,

1405

01:00:36,060 --> 01:00:40,440

but he let everybody go.

1406

01:00:40,440 --> 01:00:44,190

And everybody went.

1407

01:00:44,190 --> 01:00:46,490

And he was remaining

with his friends.

1408
01:00:46,490 --> 01:00:53,260
And in the end, people who
came back heard loud shots--

1409
01:00:53,260 --> 01:00:54,630
very heavy shooting.

1410
01:00:54,630 --> 01:00:58,200

1411
01:00:58,200 --> 01:01:00,635
And this was the
Don River in Russia.

1412
01:01:00,635 --> 01:01:08,260

1413
01:01:08,260 --> 01:01:10,000
Were you there
when this gentleman

1414
01:01:10,000 --> 01:01:11,560
told your mother this?

1415
01:01:11,560 --> 01:01:14,550
I don't recall, but
I know the story.

1416
01:01:14,550 --> 01:01:16,390
It was no big deal.

1417
01:01:16,390 --> 01:01:19,510
At that point, really, I
was stronger than I am now.

1418
01:01:19,510 --> 01:01:20,980
I was a very
strong, little girl.

1419
01:01:20,980 --> 01:01:25,950

1420
01:01:25,950 --> 01:01:27,620
You do what you have to do.

1421
01:01:27,620 --> 01:01:28,840
I think so.

1422
01:01:28,840 --> 01:01:30,240
Yeah.

1423
01:01:30,240 --> 01:01:31,500
I think so.

1424
01:01:31,500 --> 01:01:32,520
Oh, thank you.

1425
01:01:32,520 --> 01:01:33,970
Just in case.

1426
01:01:33,970 --> 01:01:35,088
Do I have to return it?

1427
01:01:35,088 --> 01:01:35,588
No.

1428
01:01:35,588 --> 01:01:39,420

1429
01:01:39,420 --> 01:01:44,190
So did you ever leave
this particular town?

1430
01:01:44,190 --> 01:01:45,300
Oh yes.

1431
01:01:45,300 --> 01:01:46,440
What happened then?

1432
01:01:46,440 --> 01:01:48,180
We went back and forth.

1433

01:01:48,180 --> 01:01:54,210
We were in Karcag, and then
we decided to go to Di³sgy⁴r

1434

01:01:54,210 --> 01:02:00,870
or Lillaf¹red, where there were
more homes and stayed there

1435

01:02:00,870 --> 01:02:01,590
for a while.

1436

01:02:01,590 --> 01:02:04,790
I went to school
there for one year.

1437

01:02:04,790 --> 01:02:05,750
I finished.

1438

01:02:05,750 --> 01:02:07,780
And only your aunt
had come back?

1439

01:02:07,780 --> 01:02:08,280
Yes.

1440

01:02:08,280 --> 01:02:12,950

1441

01:02:12,950 --> 01:02:15,422
I'm not-- we're not
going to talk about it.

1442

01:02:15,422 --> 01:02:15,922
OK?

1443

01:02:15,922 --> 01:02:16,422
OK.

1444

01:02:16,422 --> 01:02:20,350

1445

01:02:20,350 --> 01:02:22,240

So you went to
school for one year?

1446

01:02:22,240 --> 01:02:24,970

One year in Miskolc.

1447

01:02:24,970 --> 01:02:28,650

And then we went back to Karcag.

1448

01:02:28,650 --> 01:02:31,780

And we lived in Karcag.

1449

01:02:31,780 --> 01:02:37,870

And my dear mother decided that
Karcag is not a place where

1450

01:02:37,870 --> 01:02:40,256

she can raise her children.

1451

01:02:40,256 --> 01:02:45,350

It was very limited in terms
of education and everything.

1452

01:02:45,350 --> 01:02:50,710

So she decided she's
going to live in Budapest,

1453

01:02:50,710 --> 01:02:54,040

so she went to Budapest alone.

1454

01:02:54,040 --> 01:02:57,760

And she had friends and family.

1455

01:02:57,760 --> 01:03:05,700

And somehow they find somebody
who wants to live in Karcag.

1456

01:03:05,700 --> 01:03:07,930

Miracles and more miracles.

1457

01:03:07,930 --> 01:03:10,840
And they'll give us an
apartment in Budapest

1458
01:03:10,840 --> 01:03:14,208
if we give them a
house in Karcag.

1459
01:03:14,208 --> 01:03:16,000
And you had owned the
house even though you

1460
01:03:16,000 --> 01:03:16,990
weren't living in it.

1461
01:03:16,990 --> 01:03:17,490
Yeah.

1462
01:03:17,490 --> 01:03:18,610
You know, the one that.

1463
01:03:18,610 --> 01:03:20,650
This was another house we had.

1464
01:03:20,650 --> 01:03:23,660
My dear father who had
another house during--

1465
01:03:23,660 --> 01:03:26,350
they stayed with a huge garden.

1466
01:03:26,350 --> 01:03:30,690
And he was going to build a
huge house and a huge garden,

1467
01:03:30,690 --> 01:03:35,150
but there was a little house
where we lived after the war.

1468
01:03:35,150 --> 01:03:36,120
I see.

1469

01:03:36,120 --> 01:03:37,960
And you were able
to exchange this.

1470
01:03:37,960 --> 01:03:41,640
That little house that
had a tremendous garden

1471
01:03:41,640 --> 01:03:44,630
with beautiful trees.

1472
01:03:44,630 --> 01:03:47,080
And we took this.

1473
01:03:47,080 --> 01:03:50,450
I mean, my dear mother
exchanged this property

1474
01:03:50,450 --> 01:03:53,510
for a small apartment
in Budapest.

1475
01:03:53,510 --> 01:03:55,730
And where was it in Budapest?

1476
01:03:55,730 --> 01:03:56,940
In a residential area?

1477
01:03:56,940 --> 01:03:57,440
Yes.

1478
01:03:57,440 --> 01:03:59,420
We were living in
an apartment house.

1479
01:03:59,420 --> 01:04:00,350
OK.

1480
01:04:00,350 --> 01:04:01,895
OK.

1481
01:04:01,895 --> 01:04:04,940

And was that your then
more permanent home?

1482
01:04:04,940 --> 01:04:09,560
We lived there till
we escaped in 1956.

1483
01:04:09,560 --> 01:04:12,620
We went to school
there in Budapest.

1484
01:04:12,620 --> 01:04:14,262
And how did your
mother make a living?

1485
01:04:14,262 --> 01:04:14,970
You said earlier.

1486
01:04:14,970 --> 01:04:16,250
She went to work.

1487
01:04:16,250 --> 01:04:17,270
What did she do?

1488
01:04:17,270 --> 01:04:18,770
She was an accountant there.

1489
01:04:18,770 --> 01:04:24,380
She had her degree, and she went
back to work as an accountant.

1490
01:04:24,380 --> 01:04:30,530
And then she was in touch
with her family in America

1491
01:04:30,530 --> 01:04:32,750
at that point.

1492
01:04:32,750 --> 01:04:38,210
And one of my uncles was
in the shipping business,

1493

01:04:38,210 --> 01:04:45,050
and he was able to send us
rice, and needles, and thread.

1494
01:04:45,050 --> 01:04:47,420
Rice, needles, and thread.

1495
01:04:47,420 --> 01:04:49,760
Which was a lifesaver.

1496
01:04:49,760 --> 01:04:50,690
In what way?

1497
01:04:50,690 --> 01:04:51,360
How was?

1498
01:04:51,360 --> 01:04:56,390
The needles and the thread
was better than cash.

1499
01:04:56,390 --> 01:04:57,560
Why?

1500
01:04:57,560 --> 01:04:59,510
Because nobody had needles.

1501
01:04:59,510 --> 01:05:01,010
It was after the war.

1502
01:05:01,010 --> 01:05:04,240
It was like unreal.

1503
01:05:04,240 --> 01:05:07,440
So does that mean there were
no consumer goods at all?

1504
01:05:07,440 --> 01:05:09,200
Probably not much.

1505
01:05:09,200 --> 01:05:12,170
Let's put it that way.

1506

01:05:12,170 --> 01:05:15,110

And this was right
after the war.

1507

01:05:15,110 --> 01:05:19,970

And he sent us rice by the
bag and sugar by the bag.

1508

01:05:19,970 --> 01:05:22,940

And this was our uncle
who was in the shipping

1509

01:05:22,940 --> 01:05:26,280

business in New York.

1510

01:05:26,280 --> 01:05:30,000

He was an uncle
to us by marriage.

1511

01:05:30,000 --> 01:05:32,760

He was a very kind, kind person.

1512

01:05:32,760 --> 01:05:36,360

And he was related to you
through your mother's.

1513

01:05:36,360 --> 01:05:36,870

Mother's.

1514

01:05:36,870 --> 01:05:38,570

My dear mother's sister--

1515

01:05:38,570 --> 01:05:40,610

the eldest got married.

1516

01:05:40,610 --> 01:05:47,060

And the families, my
grandparents and his parents,

1517

01:05:47,060 --> 01:05:49,280

were somehow--

1518

01:05:49,280 --> 01:05:51,620

I don't know the name
for it in English.

1519

01:05:51,620 --> 01:05:56,390

But when you have a bris
you taking the child

1520

01:05:56,390 --> 01:05:58,500

it's like a God
child, and they were

1521

01:05:58,500 --> 01:06:01,790

exchanging this kind of favor.

1522

01:06:01,790 --> 01:06:04,610

So it was a very
close relationship.

1523

01:06:04,610 --> 01:06:06,920

OK.

1524

01:06:06,920 --> 01:06:08,760

And he lived in New York City?

1525

01:06:08,760 --> 01:06:09,290

Yes.

1526

01:06:09,290 --> 01:06:10,000

In New York City.

1527

01:06:10,000 --> 01:06:10,500

Yes.

1528

01:06:10,500 --> 01:06:11,840

He lived in New York City.

1529

01:06:11,840 --> 01:06:15,590

He had two daughters--

1530

01:06:15,590 --> 01:06:18,380

Margie and Evelyn.

1531

01:06:18,380 --> 01:06:22,400

And I met both of the
girls and their families

1532

01:06:22,400 --> 01:06:24,370

when I came to America.

1533

01:06:24,370 --> 01:06:28,280

Now during this
time after the war

1534

01:06:28,280 --> 01:06:31,760

was there a frequent
exchange of letters?

1535

01:06:31,760 --> 01:06:33,350

There was exchange of letters.

1536

01:06:33,350 --> 01:06:33,920

Yes.

1537

01:06:33,920 --> 01:06:37,220

Was it difficult?

1538

01:06:37,220 --> 01:06:40,840

At one point, there
were people like--

1539

01:06:40,840 --> 01:06:42,740

we had a rabbi coming to visit.

1540

01:06:42,740 --> 01:06:45,680

And then he would
bring us something.

1541

01:06:45,680 --> 01:06:48,230

And he put it as
money, and he put it

1542

01:06:48,230 --> 01:06:50,330

under one of the paintings.

1543
01:06:50,330 --> 01:06:53,810
And then my mother
had a letter prepared.

1544
01:06:53,810 --> 01:06:55,910
He would take that away.

1545
01:06:55,910 --> 01:06:57,680
So this didn't go
through the post office.

1546
01:06:57,680 --> 01:06:59,370
Not the early part of it.

1547
01:06:59,370 --> 01:06:59,870
No.

1548
01:06:59,870 --> 01:07:00,510
No.

1549
01:07:00,510 --> 01:07:02,170
There was no post office.

1550
01:07:02,170 --> 01:07:04,220
There were no stamps.

1551
01:07:04,220 --> 01:07:11,370
This is the very beginning of
right after our liberation.

1552
01:07:11,370 --> 01:07:18,330
And when you were in
Budapest you continue school?

1553
01:07:18,330 --> 01:07:19,410
Yes.

1554
01:07:19,410 --> 01:07:19,910
Yes.

1555

01:07:19,910 --> 01:07:23,060

We both went to school.

1556

01:07:23,060 --> 01:07:24,760

We finished.

1557

01:07:24,760 --> 01:07:27,410

And I don't even know
what it's called.

1558

01:07:27,410 --> 01:07:28,890

It's elementary eighth grade.

1559

01:07:28,890 --> 01:07:29,930

Elementary.

1560

01:07:29,930 --> 01:07:31,250

Yeah.

1561

01:07:31,250 --> 01:07:34,910

I finished that, and my
brother also finished.

1562

01:07:34,910 --> 01:07:37,070

He was younger than I
am, so this was probably

1563

01:07:37,070 --> 01:07:39,980

fifth or sixth grade.

1564

01:07:39,980 --> 01:07:44,180

And in Hungary I
had to go to work.

1565

01:07:44,180 --> 01:07:46,190

At what age?

1566

01:07:46,190 --> 01:07:48,622

1954.

1567

01:07:48,622 --> 01:07:49,122

16.

1568

01:07:49,122 --> 01:07:50,330

16.

1569

01:07:50,330 --> 01:07:52,760

Because otherwise I
couldn't have been

1570

01:07:52,760 --> 01:07:56,420

able to live in the apartment.

1571

01:07:56,420 --> 01:07:59,580

Did you own it, or
was it state owned?

1572

01:07:59,580 --> 01:08:03,080

Well, this was the apartment
we gave a house for.

1573

01:08:03,080 --> 01:08:05,420

That's right.

1574

01:08:05,420 --> 01:08:10,622

The ownership is
now, at this point,

1575

01:08:10,622 --> 01:08:12,080

I don't even know
what to tell you.

1576

01:08:12,080 --> 01:08:16,340

But it doesn't matter because
we closed up the apartment,

1577

01:08:16,340 --> 01:08:20,760

gave a key to someone,
and we left it.

1578

01:08:20,760 --> 01:08:21,870

In 1954?

1579

01:08:21,870 --> 01:08:23,310
1956.

1580
01:08:23,310 --> 01:08:23,890
OK.

1581
01:08:23,890 --> 01:08:25,149
That's when you leave Hungary.

1582
01:08:25,149 --> 01:08:26,200
Oh yes.

1583
01:08:26,200 --> 01:08:32,580
But what I'm interested in is if
you have to go to work in 1954,

1584
01:08:32,580 --> 01:08:34,330
and otherwise you
wouldn't be able to live

1585
01:08:34,330 --> 01:08:36,670
in the apartment,
that means somebody

1586
01:08:36,670 --> 01:08:39,700
has rights over who lives
there, who doesn't live there.

1587
01:08:39,700 --> 01:08:40,810
Oh absolutely.

1588
01:08:40,810 --> 01:08:42,880
So it's not your ownership.

1589
01:08:42,880 --> 01:08:44,760
It means that
somebody else owns it.

1590
01:08:44,760 --> 01:08:46,689
No, no, no.

1591
01:08:46,689 --> 01:08:48,160

The government owned it.

1592
01:08:48,160 --> 01:08:50,319
There was no ownership
at that time.

1593
01:08:50,319 --> 01:08:52,689
When my dear mother
made the exchange,

1594
01:08:52,689 --> 01:08:55,720
it was I will give you
this, and you give me that.

1595
01:08:55,720 --> 01:08:56,750
And we're done.

1596
01:08:56,750 --> 01:08:57,250
Yes.

1597
01:08:57,250 --> 01:08:58,810
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1598
01:08:58,810 --> 01:09:00,279
It was a communist era.

1599
01:09:00,279 --> 01:09:01,660
I understand.

1600
01:09:01,660 --> 01:09:04,300
But if it's a
communist era, she had

1601
01:09:04,300 --> 01:09:05,950
nothing to exchange
because she doesn't

1602
01:09:05,950 --> 01:09:08,569
own her own house anymore.

1603
01:09:08,569 --> 01:09:10,215
They didn't own

their apartments.

1604
01:09:10,215 --> 01:09:12,910

1605
01:09:12,910 --> 01:09:13,899
True.

1606
01:09:13,899 --> 01:09:15,170
True.

1607
01:09:15,170 --> 01:09:16,359
So we did exchange.

1608
01:09:16,359 --> 01:09:17,370
So you did exchange.

1609
01:09:17,370 --> 01:09:18,550
We gave them a house.

1610
01:09:18,550 --> 01:09:20,740
They gave us a small
apartment in Budapest,

1611
01:09:20,740 --> 01:09:21,990
and it was perfect.

1612
01:09:21,990 --> 01:09:24,069
OK.

1613
01:09:24,069 --> 01:09:27,000
How did the new system,
the Communist system--

1614
01:09:27,000 --> 01:09:30,100
Communists.

1615
01:09:30,100 --> 01:09:35,149
--how did it influence or impact
your lives in post-war years?

1616

01:09:35,149 --> 01:09:43,840
Well, when we lived in
Miskolc, they changed the money

1617
01:09:43,840 --> 01:09:46,930
from pengo to foreign.

1618
01:09:46,930 --> 01:09:51,170
And that's when the black
business under the table

1619
01:09:51,170 --> 01:09:54,710
started because that foreign--

1620
01:09:54,710 --> 01:09:58,810
when the pengo was printed
on a big sheet of paper,

1621
01:09:58,810 --> 01:10:01,390
and let's say there
was 100 units on it.

1622
01:10:01,390 --> 01:10:03,370
And you said this is 100 units.

1623
01:10:03,370 --> 01:10:05,790
I'll give you three more.

1624
01:10:05,790 --> 01:10:08,890
So that money was
absolutely devalued.

1625
01:10:08,890 --> 01:10:13,630
So that was the money exchange.

1626
01:10:13,630 --> 01:10:17,530
And then we had the help
from my dear uncles,

1627
01:10:17,530 --> 01:10:22,580
and I think that
was our survival.

1628

01:10:22,580 --> 01:10:25,930

So that meant, for
people who will not know,

1629

01:10:25,930 --> 01:10:29,440

that you not only kept
thread, but you sold thread

1630

01:10:29,440 --> 01:10:30,910

in order to get something else.

1631

01:10:30,910 --> 01:10:31,810

Oh, absolutely.

1632

01:10:31,810 --> 01:10:33,670

But we never sold anything.

1633

01:10:33,670 --> 01:10:34,977

We exchanged.

1634

01:10:34,977 --> 01:10:35,560

You exchanged.

1635

01:10:35,560 --> 01:10:37,320

The money was nothing.

1636

01:10:37,320 --> 01:10:38,980

Who wanted more of that?

1637

01:10:38,980 --> 01:10:41,770

You got another roll
and if it's worthless.

1638

01:10:41,770 --> 01:10:43,960

That time was the
pengo, and they

1639

01:10:43,960 --> 01:10:50,200

had to exchange it somewhere
around that time to foreign.

1640

01:10:50,200 --> 01:10:52,900
So the pengo became zero.

1641
01:10:52,900 --> 01:10:55,420
OK.

1642
01:10:55,420 --> 01:11:00,160
And so with needle,
thread, and rice,

1643
01:11:00,160 --> 01:11:04,920
you were able to exchange
it for what kinds of things?

1644
01:11:04,920 --> 01:11:10,570
Like, bread and some meat.

1645
01:11:10,570 --> 01:11:13,950
I'm not certain of the exchange.

1646
01:11:13,950 --> 01:11:16,650
I know that, at one
point, my dear mother

1647
01:11:16,650 --> 01:11:21,890
got a pair of shoes for herself
and that was a big thing.

1648
01:11:21,890 --> 01:11:23,020
That was a big thing.

1649
01:11:23,020 --> 01:11:23,970
Big thing.

1650
01:11:23,970 --> 01:11:26,820

1651
01:11:26,820 --> 01:11:31,050
Well, you're a growing child,
and children outgrow shoes.

1652
01:11:31,050 --> 01:11:32,730

Doesn't matter.

1653

01:11:32,730 --> 01:11:35,310

That mattered none.

1654

01:11:35,310 --> 01:11:36,270

I had surgery.

1655

01:11:36,270 --> 01:11:39,960

We both had surgery there.

1656

01:11:39,960 --> 01:11:41,580

I have a bone missing.

1657

01:11:41,580 --> 01:11:44,610

I have a bone missing

from my foot--

1658

01:11:44,610 --> 01:11:46,260

from the back of my foot.

1659

01:11:46,260 --> 01:11:49,860

From the surgery that

you had in that place.

1660

01:11:49,860 --> 01:11:52,800

So how did you find shoes

after that in a place

1661

01:11:52,800 --> 01:11:55,320

where there's a deficit economy?

1662

01:11:55,320 --> 01:11:58,620

My dear mother was a

master of all tricks.

1663

01:11:58,620 --> 01:12:00,210

I have no idea.

1664

01:12:00,210 --> 01:12:02,920

I mean, don't forget I

was six, seven years old.

1665
01:12:02,920 --> 01:12:09,450
She did not come find all
her information or doings

1666
01:12:09,450 --> 01:12:13,785
because some of it was probably
not, let's call, it illegal.

1667
01:12:13,785 --> 01:12:17,200

1668
01:12:17,200 --> 01:12:18,710
You know, that the
money came to us.

1669
01:12:18,710 --> 01:12:21,760
It certainly wasn't a
currency of Hungary.

1670
01:12:21,760 --> 01:12:24,080
It was dollars.

1671
01:12:24,080 --> 01:12:25,010
So this was all.

1672
01:12:25,010 --> 01:12:28,170

1673
01:12:28,170 --> 01:12:31,230
Tell me now a little bit
about her personality--

1674
01:12:31,230 --> 01:12:33,150
about your mother's personality.

1675
01:12:33,150 --> 01:12:43,500
College educated, beautiful,
wonderful, and want nothing.

1676
01:12:43,500 --> 01:12:47,610
After the war, it was a

very difficult time for her

1677

01:12:47,610 --> 01:12:57,630
to adjust, but somehow because
of us she did readjust.

1678

01:12:57,630 --> 01:12:59,760
But she had gone in
to where she knew

1679

01:12:59,760 --> 01:13:03,330
that she has to leave
Karcag because that was not

1680

01:13:03,330 --> 01:13:05,160
good for the children.

1681

01:13:05,160 --> 01:13:13,410
We went up to Budapest,
and she was educated.

1682

01:13:13,410 --> 01:13:18,390
So she was able to go to
work as an accountant.

1683

01:13:18,390 --> 01:13:23,310
So she went to work almost
to the end of her life.

1684

01:13:23,310 --> 01:13:24,490
Did you feel--

1685

01:13:24,490 --> 01:13:28,380
I mean, children still
need to have a parent

1686

01:13:28,380 --> 01:13:30,430
to take care of them.

1687

01:13:30,430 --> 01:13:32,700
And in those
circumstances, I can

1688

01:13:32,700 --> 01:13:36,470

imagine that you and your
brother would have thought,

1689

01:13:36,470 --> 01:13:39,870

we'll make the least amount of
trouble for mama as possible

1690

01:13:39,870 --> 01:13:43,485

as children because she
has so much already.

1691

01:13:43,485 --> 01:13:44,110

That's correct.

1692

01:13:44,110 --> 01:13:47,520

1693

01:13:47,520 --> 01:13:53,330

I mean, we were as good
as it comes, I imagine.

1694

01:13:53,330 --> 01:13:58,860

You know, my brother befriended
friends in the building

1695

01:13:58,860 --> 01:14:03,090

where we lived-- two
boys whose parents were

1696

01:14:03,090 --> 01:14:06,230

dear friends of my mother.

1697

01:14:06,230 --> 01:14:12,430

He was a doctor, and the
wife, they were friends.

1698

01:14:12,430 --> 01:14:15,430

They were wonderful,
wonderful to us.

1699

01:14:15,430 --> 01:14:16,410

But they were non-Jews.

1700
01:14:16,410 --> 01:14:19,980

1701
01:14:19,980 --> 01:14:23,040
Did they offer a kind
of not substitution

1702
01:14:23,040 --> 01:14:26,730
but additional adult
kind of protection?

1703
01:14:26,730 --> 01:14:27,990
Not at that point.

1704
01:14:27,990 --> 01:14:31,230
At that point when my
dear mother was alive

1705
01:14:31,230 --> 01:14:34,560
they were wonderful to us
because they included us

1706
01:14:34,560 --> 01:14:36,180
in some of their events.

1707
01:14:36,180 --> 01:14:39,280
You know, Christmas
dinner or something.

1708
01:14:39,280 --> 01:14:41,940
And my mother would be
baking beautiful things,

1709
01:14:41,940 --> 01:14:44,010
and they would exchange.

1710
01:14:44,010 --> 01:14:48,575
Take this beautiful cake
to the doctor and his wife.

1711

01:14:48,575 --> 01:14:50,700

We called him [PERSONAL NAME]
and [PERSONAL NAME]..

1712

01:14:50,700 --> 01:14:55,560

I mean, it was a mutual
admiration, a love society.

1713

01:14:55,560 --> 01:14:56,730

And this was in Budapest?

1714

01:14:56,730 --> 01:14:57,230

Yes.

1715

01:14:57,230 --> 01:15:02,190

1716

01:15:02,190 --> 01:15:05,670

Did you feel comfortable
in Hungary after the war?

1717

01:15:05,670 --> 01:15:06,610

So comfortable.

1718

01:15:06,610 --> 01:15:11,280

So comfortable that soon as
I had a chance to run away.

1719

01:15:11,280 --> 01:15:12,060

Oh.

1720

01:15:12,060 --> 01:15:13,170

Well, I know.

1721

01:15:13,170 --> 01:15:15,050

It's a leading
question in that sense.

1722

01:15:15,050 --> 01:15:19,920

But here you do have
people who may not be Jews

1723

01:15:19,920 --> 01:15:20,770
but are friends.

1724
01:15:20,770 --> 01:15:21,270
Yes.

1725
01:15:21,270 --> 01:15:22,950
Wonderful friends.

1726
01:15:22,950 --> 01:15:25,860
And you're in your home country.

1727
01:15:25,860 --> 01:15:27,210
Yes.

1728
01:15:27,210 --> 01:15:29,010
Why would you run away?

1729
01:15:29,010 --> 01:15:33,150
Home country is not accurate.

1730
01:15:33,150 --> 01:15:38,280
It's not because
we were tortured

1731
01:15:38,280 --> 01:15:42,360
so much I did not feel that
if I leave this country

1732
01:15:42,360 --> 01:15:44,640
I'm leaving my home behind.

1733
01:15:44,640 --> 01:15:49,680
I felt when the revolution
came, and I told my brother

1734
01:15:49,680 --> 01:15:53,610
that we are leaving,
and then I discussed it

1735
01:15:53,610 --> 01:15:55,770
with the doctor and his wife.

1736
01:15:55,770 --> 01:15:59,200
And they gave us
their blessings.

1737
01:15:59,200 --> 01:16:03,190
I did not feel
anything that I owe

1738
01:16:03,190 --> 01:16:07,510
or any reason at all
why I should stay.

1739
01:16:07,510 --> 01:16:09,910
And what I'm trying
to find out is

1740
01:16:09,910 --> 01:16:13,420
what made you feel that
way because up until now,

1741
01:16:13,420 --> 01:16:17,590
after the war, I'm hearing
of maybe a few deficits

1742
01:16:17,590 --> 01:16:19,900
that you can't get goods.

1743
01:16:19,900 --> 01:16:23,740
But that's not-- what
was going on that

1744
01:16:23,740 --> 01:16:25,570
made you want to leave so much?

1745
01:16:25,570 --> 01:16:26,950
Misery.

1746
01:16:26,950 --> 01:16:29,890
Misery loves company.

1747
01:16:29,890 --> 01:16:34,090

It was a very difficult life
after my dear mother passed on.

1748
01:16:34,090 --> 01:16:35,890
When did she pass on?

1749
01:16:35,890 --> 01:16:40,090
1954 in September.

1750
01:16:40,090 --> 01:16:42,610
Is that why you would
have had to go to work?

1751
01:16:42,610 --> 01:16:43,750
Correct.

1752
01:16:43,750 --> 01:16:45,370
Because otherwise
we would have not

1753
01:16:45,370 --> 01:16:49,060
been able to live in that
apartment in Budapest

1754
01:16:49,060 --> 01:16:50,320
at that time.

1755
01:16:50,320 --> 01:16:56,110
If you did not have a
household who went to work--

1756
01:16:56,110 --> 01:16:59,140
I mean, we worked with the
papers and everything--

1757
01:16:59,140 --> 01:17:00,340
no apartment.

1758
01:17:00,340 --> 01:17:03,070
And the man who
collected the rent, that

1759

01:17:03,070 --> 01:17:07,540
was his position and his
job to make sure that we

1760
01:17:07,540 --> 01:17:12,030
have the red books stamped.

1761
01:17:12,030 --> 01:17:13,420
I see.

1762
01:17:13,420 --> 01:17:15,820
So you lost her at age 16.

1763
01:17:15,820 --> 01:17:17,530
Yes.

1764
01:17:17,530 --> 01:17:18,760
What happened?

1765
01:17:18,760 --> 01:17:19,260
Cancer.

1766
01:17:19,260 --> 01:17:24,000

1767
01:17:24,000 --> 01:17:25,940
She was very, very sick.

1768
01:17:25,940 --> 01:17:32,240
And there was a special
hospital in Budapest, OnkolÃ³gia,

1769
01:17:32,240 --> 01:17:39,677
and the doctor somehow made
sure that she was able to attend

1770
01:17:39,677 --> 01:17:40,260
that hospital.

1771
01:17:40,260 --> 01:17:42,950

1772

01:17:42,950 --> 01:17:45,890

But at that point,
they did not have

1773

01:17:45,890 --> 01:17:48,800

anything what we know today.

1774

01:17:48,800 --> 01:17:55,990

And she had to come home
because the hospital finished

1775

01:17:55,990 --> 01:17:57,150

[INAUDIBLE].

1776

01:17:57,150 --> 01:18:03,210

And Dr. [? Gaty ?]
he was able to--

1777

01:18:03,210 --> 01:18:06,920

or trying to keep her pain free.

1778

01:18:06,920 --> 01:18:12,620

And he was writing papers.

1779

01:18:12,620 --> 01:18:13,670

How to call it?

1780

01:18:13,670 --> 01:18:16,730

Prescriptions for morphine.

1781

01:18:16,730 --> 01:18:21,840

And I was the one who had to go
and get the morphine for her.

1782

01:18:21,840 --> 01:18:24,620

And as soon as I
brought the morphine,

1783

01:18:24,620 --> 01:18:30,060

I had to give it to the doctor
because there was no trust.

1784

01:18:30,060 --> 01:18:34,580

He was able to
get to not to keep

1785

01:18:34,580 --> 01:18:39,320

or pain free totally
but just to manage.

1786

01:18:39,320 --> 01:18:41,980

What do you mean,
there was no trust?

1787

01:18:41,980 --> 01:18:46,813

Well, how could a kid of my
age be trusted with morphine?

1788

01:18:46,813 --> 01:18:47,480

That's a killer.

1789

01:18:47,480 --> 01:18:50,130

1790

01:18:50,130 --> 01:18:51,560

I see.

1791

01:18:51,560 --> 01:18:57,360

And that came in a vial that had
to be opened end of the store,

1792

01:18:57,360 --> 01:19:02,180

and I was very well
informed about what it was.

1793

01:19:02,180 --> 01:19:05,090

Because why I had to go
personally and get it,

1794

01:19:05,090 --> 01:19:08,480

and I had lectures
from Dr. [? Gaty ?]

1795

01:19:08,480 --> 01:19:14,432

to be able to go to the
place to pick it up.

1796
01:19:14,432 --> 01:19:17,330
My goodness.

1797
01:19:17,330 --> 01:19:20,240
I'm just thinking of
a 16-year-old girl

1798
01:19:20,240 --> 01:19:22,500
having all that
on her shoulders.

1799
01:19:22,500 --> 01:19:24,110
Great.

1800
01:19:24,110 --> 01:19:26,060
No.

1801
01:19:26,060 --> 01:19:31,040
So you decide when
the revolution comes.

1802
01:19:31,040 --> 01:19:33,560
Oh, that was the best part.

1803
01:19:33,560 --> 01:19:37,220
By that time, I was
a very big girl.

1804
01:19:37,220 --> 01:19:42,230
I had friends and
definitely not my age group.

1805
01:19:42,230 --> 01:19:44,240
They were much older than I am.

1806
01:19:44,240 --> 01:19:47,810
I was-- I don't know
what to call it.

1807

01:19:47,810 --> 01:19:52,920
He was a professor of mine
that we were very friendly.

1808
01:19:52,920 --> 01:19:55,310
Were you romantic friendly?

1809
01:19:55,310 --> 01:19:55,810
No.

1810
01:19:55,810 --> 01:19:58,320
I was a baby.

1811
01:19:58,320 --> 01:19:59,560
No romance.

1812
01:19:59,560 --> 01:20:03,110
But he liked me a lot,
and he taught me a lot

1813
01:20:03,110 --> 01:20:05,030
because he was a professor.

1814
01:20:05,030 --> 01:20:06,890
He taught me to dance.

1815
01:20:06,890 --> 01:20:07,910
He taught me to curse.

1816
01:20:07,910 --> 01:20:11,030

1817
01:20:11,030 --> 01:20:17,240
And he was, at that time,
the afternoon tea 5 o'clock

1818
01:20:17,240 --> 01:20:18,900
was a popular thing.

1819
01:20:18,900 --> 01:20:20,840
We go out for the
afternoon tea where

1820
01:20:20,840 --> 01:20:24,540
we met all of my friends
which we, you know.

1821
01:20:24,540 --> 01:20:29,360
Were your friends Jewish, or
non-Jewish, or did it matter?

1822
01:20:29,360 --> 01:20:34,940
We knew who was who, but
it was mattered none.

1823
01:20:34,940 --> 01:20:37,550
But I knew that
one of my friends

1824
01:20:37,550 --> 01:20:42,250
whose father was a big shot
in the postal ministry-- he

1825
01:20:42,250 --> 01:20:44,660
was the big wig.

1826
01:20:44,660 --> 01:20:50,020
She came from a Jewish father
but not a Jewish mother.

1827
01:20:50,020 --> 01:20:51,350
So that was that.

1828
01:20:51,350 --> 01:20:54,080
And then my other friend
who was much older

1829
01:20:54,080 --> 01:20:57,560
than I am, she was all Jewish.

1830
01:20:57,560 --> 01:21:01,760
And then I had Jewish friends
that were coming and going.

1831

01:21:01,760 --> 01:21:06,010
And I was 16 years old.

1832
01:21:06,010 --> 01:21:07,580
It mattered not who was Jewish.

1833
01:21:07,580 --> 01:21:08,270
Of course.

1834
01:21:08,270 --> 01:21:11,250
That was important for
me to go to school--

1835
01:21:11,250 --> 01:21:14,870
make sure that we're
living in decent condition

1836
01:21:14,870 --> 01:21:15,770
as much as possible.

1837
01:21:15,770 --> 01:21:18,430

1838
01:21:18,430 --> 01:21:20,980
And then came the revolution.

1839
01:21:20,980 --> 01:21:24,670
And how long did
this period of time?

1840
01:21:24,670 --> 01:21:30,520
1954 September to 1956 November.

1841
01:21:30,520 --> 01:21:32,430
That's a pretty long
time for a revolution.

1842
01:21:32,430 --> 01:21:32,950
Yes.

1843
01:21:32,950 --> 01:21:33,520
Yes.

1844
01:21:33,520 --> 01:21:35,500
How did it change your life?

1845
01:21:35,500 --> 01:21:37,060
Oh, everything.

1846
01:21:37,060 --> 01:21:37,840
Tell me.

1847
01:21:37,840 --> 01:21:38,340
OK.

1848
01:21:38,340 --> 01:21:43,630
Well, at that point, I was
very friendly with people

1849
01:21:43,630 --> 01:21:46,540
definitely none of them my age.

1850
01:21:46,540 --> 01:21:52,000
And when the revolution came,
I was content with my family

1851
01:21:52,000 --> 01:21:52,750
here.

1852
01:21:52,750 --> 01:21:53,625
In the United States?

1853
01:21:53,625 --> 01:21:56,410
They supplied us
with packages, money.

1854
01:21:56,410 --> 01:21:59,770
And that's how we
were able to exist.

1855
01:21:59,770 --> 01:22:03,910
And when the revolution
came, all these people

1856

01:22:03,910 --> 01:22:06,970

who had any sense in their
head, they all wanted to leave.

1857

01:22:06,970 --> 01:22:10,420

1858

01:22:10,420 --> 01:22:17,650

So friends, we gathered up,
and we are going to America.

1859

01:22:17,650 --> 01:22:22,690

And, of course, we went to
doctor, and Mrs. [? Gaty ?]

1860

01:22:22,690 --> 01:22:28,180

and the two boys to
say what our plans was.

1861

01:22:28,180 --> 01:22:35,120

And he gave us his blessing
but not with a full heart.

1862

01:22:35,120 --> 01:22:37,840

He was very worried for us.

1863

01:22:37,840 --> 01:22:41,820

But everybody was
going everywhere,

1864

01:22:41,820 --> 01:22:46,870

and the radio called Free
Hungary, whatever the name was,

1865

01:22:46,870 --> 01:22:51,910

announced how many people
arrived in Vienna that day.

1866

01:22:51,910 --> 01:22:56,130

And why should I be left behind?

1867

01:22:56,130 --> 01:22:57,450

I had family here.

1868

01:22:57,450 --> 01:23:07,840

And I said to my brother, I
have friends, and we're leaving.

1869

01:23:07,840 --> 01:23:09,580

He wasn't happy at all.

1870

01:23:09,580 --> 01:23:13,930

He said, you go
to America, which

1871

01:23:13,930 --> 01:23:15,870

is very good and
very nice, and you

1872

01:23:15,870 --> 01:23:17,920

will send me American packages.

1873

01:23:17,920 --> 01:23:20,320

And I'm staying.

1874

01:23:20,320 --> 01:23:23,260

And I said to him, it
doesn't work that way.

1875

01:23:23,260 --> 01:23:26,230

We are going now.

1876

01:23:26,230 --> 01:23:27,700

You pulled rank.

1877

01:23:27,700 --> 01:23:29,290

Used that seniority.

1878

01:23:29,290 --> 01:23:29,860

No.

1879

01:23:29,860 --> 01:23:31,990

I just-- not seniority.

1880

01:23:31,990 --> 01:23:36,100

I wanted to make him
understand that we are leaving.

1881

01:23:36,100 --> 01:23:38,800

I saw no future for him.

1882

01:23:38,800 --> 01:23:43,090

He-- one of the
brightest people.

1883

01:23:43,090 --> 01:23:46,740

And he was not able to go
to a really good school.

1884

01:23:46,740 --> 01:23:50,920

He had to go to a school
where he was learning how

1885

01:23:50,920 --> 01:23:55,560

to grind flour from, I mean.

1886

01:23:55,560 --> 01:23:57,460

[? Vocational ?] school.

1887

01:23:57,460 --> 01:24:00,850

Totally something that he
wasn't even qualified for never

1888

01:24:00,850 --> 01:24:03,030

mind if he loved it.

1889

01:24:03,030 --> 01:24:04,180

So he will have to leave.

1890

01:24:04,180 --> 01:24:07,120

1891

01:24:07,120 --> 01:24:09,070

How did you leave then?

1892

01:24:09,070 --> 01:24:12,430
Well, my older friends.

1893
01:24:12,430 --> 01:24:17,185
At that point, I
had two boyfriends.

1894
01:24:17,185 --> 01:24:18,750
They all were lovely.

1895
01:24:18,750 --> 01:24:21,940
You know, they were
all good, good people.

1896
01:24:21,940 --> 01:24:24,790
One of them came with
a wife and a child.

1897
01:24:24,790 --> 01:24:28,240
And then we had picked up
other people along the way.

1898
01:24:28,240 --> 01:24:30,640
I mean, it was a group activity.

1899
01:24:30,640 --> 01:24:32,840
And we started to walk.

1900
01:24:32,840 --> 01:24:36,640
And they took us off
the train from Budapest.

1901
01:24:36,640 --> 01:24:39,310
We boarded the train.

1902
01:24:39,310 --> 01:24:40,930
And then they took
us off the train

1903
01:24:40,930 --> 01:24:45,370
because they realized that these
guys are into something else.

1904

01:24:45,370 --> 01:24:48,400

They're not going
to visit grandma.

1905

01:24:48,400 --> 01:24:51,160

So they took us off
the train, and then we

1906

01:24:51,160 --> 01:24:53,190

went back on another train.

1907

01:24:53,190 --> 01:24:56,410

And then somehow we got
very close to the border.

1908

01:24:56,410 --> 01:25:01,450

And we started to walk into
these smaller villages.

1909

01:25:01,450 --> 01:25:05,080

And one of the--

1910

01:25:05,080 --> 01:25:08,980

it was a guy who
said, not a problem.

1911

01:25:08,980 --> 01:25:11,735

I will help you
across the border.

1912

01:25:11,735 --> 01:25:13,670

But what do you have for me?

1913

01:25:13,670 --> 01:25:15,460

Yeah, of course.

1914

01:25:15,460 --> 01:25:19,540

So we had Omega
watch, and I had--

1915

01:25:19,540 --> 01:25:22,240

I don't remember--

a chain and a--

1916

01:25:22,240 --> 01:25:24,340

I mean, and the other
people, also, they

1917

01:25:24,340 --> 01:25:26,590

had a watch, and a
ring, and this and that.

1918

01:25:26,590 --> 01:25:28,720

But he collected everything.

1919

01:25:28,720 --> 01:25:33,190

He made sure we were
clean as a whistle.

1920

01:25:33,190 --> 01:25:41,540

And he provided for us an
overnight stay in his place

1921

01:25:41,540 --> 01:25:43,570

where the animals are staying.

1922

01:25:43,570 --> 01:25:44,090

In the barn.

1923

01:25:44,090 --> 01:25:44,590

In the hay.

1924

01:25:44,590 --> 01:25:46,120

Yes.

1925

01:25:46,120 --> 01:25:48,040

But that was fine.

1926

01:25:48,040 --> 01:25:51,970

And during the night,
he came and got us.

1927

01:25:51,970 --> 01:25:53,540

And he said, we are leaving.

1928
01:25:53,540 --> 01:25:55,360
So we left.

1929
01:25:55,360 --> 01:26:01,880
And he showed us, you know,
this is the way you go.

1930
01:26:01,880 --> 01:26:04,840
This is the way you go,
and this is the way.

1931
01:26:04,840 --> 01:26:06,820
And at one point, he stops us.

1932
01:26:06,820 --> 01:26:11,140
And he says, do you see
that light over there?

1933
01:26:11,140 --> 01:26:13,720
That one little,
tiny, little light?

1934
01:26:13,720 --> 01:26:14,510
But do you see it?

1935
01:26:14,510 --> 01:26:15,560
Of course, we see it.

1936
01:26:15,560 --> 01:26:17,246
We have good eyes.

1937
01:26:17,246 --> 01:26:19,370
He said, I'm glad you do.

1938
01:26:19,370 --> 01:26:25,460
Now I'm going to leave
you and make sure

1939
01:26:25,460 --> 01:26:28,660
that you never lose that light.

1940

01:26:28,660 --> 01:26:32,670

And once you come
to a certain point,

1941

01:26:32,670 --> 01:26:36,010

you'll have to cross a
road where automobiles

1942

01:26:36,010 --> 01:26:37,290

are going to be in--

1943

01:26:37,290 --> 01:26:38,860

cars and everything.

1944

01:26:38,860 --> 01:26:42,480

And once you on the other side
of this road, you made it.

1945

01:26:42,480 --> 01:26:45,650

1946

01:26:45,650 --> 01:26:46,640

Was it true?

1947

01:26:46,640 --> 01:26:48,620

Yes, it was true.

1948

01:26:48,620 --> 01:26:50,460

We started to walk.

1949

01:26:50,460 --> 01:26:56,360

And it was night, and I fell
in some kind of a river.

1950

01:26:56,360 --> 01:26:58,760

And everything was wet
on me, but that's OK.

1951

01:26:58,760 --> 01:26:59,570

No problem.

1952

01:26:59,570 --> 01:27:01,655
It was wintertime.

1953
01:27:01,655 --> 01:27:05,330
I felt nice and cozy.

1954
01:27:05,330 --> 01:27:09,860
And we kept on walking
till we hit a house that he

1955
01:27:09,860 --> 01:27:11,930
was describing to us.

1956
01:27:11,930 --> 01:27:14,450
But it was really far.

1957
01:27:14,450 --> 01:27:16,700
We thought we were there
already because it's dark

1958
01:27:16,700 --> 01:27:18,680
and this teeny,
weeny, little light.

1959
01:27:18,680 --> 01:27:21,790
And we kept on walking
and walking till we--

1960
01:27:21,790 --> 01:27:22,670
and it's true.

1961
01:27:22,670 --> 01:27:25,430
That house was a safe place.

1962
01:27:25,430 --> 01:27:30,680
They took us in, and they had--

1963
01:27:30,680 --> 01:27:31,850
I don't remember what.

1964
01:27:31,850 --> 01:27:37,150
They exchanged my wet

clothes for something else.

1965

01:27:37,150 --> 01:27:41,130

And we stayed there, and
they called the agencies

1966

01:27:41,130 --> 01:27:47,450

for HIAS or something
because we were mostly Jews

1967

01:27:47,450 --> 01:27:48,890

but not all of us.

1968

01:27:48,890 --> 01:27:51,730

So HIAS was a Hebrew
Immigrant Aid Society.

1969

01:27:51,730 --> 01:27:52,310

Yes.

1970

01:27:52,310 --> 01:27:53,030

OK.

1971

01:27:53,030 --> 01:27:54,540

And they called them.

1972

01:27:54,540 --> 01:27:59,600

And they suggested that
somewhere along the line

1973

01:27:59,600 --> 01:28:01,630

we will have to
make it to Vienna,

1974

01:28:01,630 --> 01:28:05,660

but that was not really what
they gave us transportation.

1975

01:28:05,660 --> 01:28:08,980

But somehow we made it to
the outskirts of Vienna.

1976

01:28:08,980 --> 01:28:10,880
There was a camp.

1977
01:28:10,880 --> 01:28:16,540
The camp was prior to our
use a military camp that was

1978
01:28:16,540 --> 01:28:19,400
the American soldier's.

1979
01:28:19,400 --> 01:28:20,840
You know, Vienna was--

1980
01:28:20,840 --> 01:28:22,570
Divided like Berlin.

1981
01:28:22,570 --> 01:28:23,870
Exactly.

1982
01:28:23,870 --> 01:28:27,590
So we were in the side when
we were on the American side

1983
01:28:27,590 --> 01:28:29,030
of that time.

1984
01:28:29,030 --> 01:28:31,130
And we were staying there.

1985
01:28:31,130 --> 01:28:37,730
And the first thing I did is
send a telegram to my family.

1986
01:28:37,730 --> 01:28:44,220
And my uncles and
my aunts, they had--

1987
01:28:44,220 --> 01:28:47,950
and my uncle married
this lady who

1988
01:28:47,950 --> 01:28:52,180

was from Vienna who
had family in Vienna.

1989

01:28:52,180 --> 01:28:57,380

And Nandor [? Batchi ?]
came one day to the camp.

1990

01:28:57,380 --> 01:29:01,760

The most handsome,
most beautiful man

1991

01:29:01,760 --> 01:29:04,670

comes to the camp.

1992

01:29:04,670 --> 01:29:10,760

And he immediately took
charge of the situation.

1993

01:29:10,760 --> 01:29:14,750

And he gave us money that
was coming from my family

1994

01:29:14,750 --> 01:29:16,460

from America.

1995

01:29:16,460 --> 01:29:22,850

And he invited us to stay
with him a couple of nights.

1996

01:29:22,850 --> 01:29:24,590

But of course, we
couldn't go together

1997

01:29:24,590 --> 01:29:27,020

because we have to keep
an eye on when are they

1998

01:29:27,020 --> 01:29:32,390

going to have some movements,
or where we received documents

1999

01:29:32,390 --> 01:29:33,830

to leave, or something.

2000
01:29:33,830 --> 01:29:35,120
So I was the big girl.

2001
01:29:35,120 --> 01:29:39,650
I had to go to with Uncle
Nandor [? Batchi ?]..

2002
01:29:39,650 --> 01:29:43,220
And he was kind and wonderful.

2003
01:29:43,220 --> 01:29:46,520
And he had a girlfriend,
[PERSONAL NAME]..

2004
01:29:46,520 --> 01:29:49,850
[PERSONAL NAME] was
very lovely, and they

2005
01:29:49,850 --> 01:29:51,200
didn't know what to do with.

2006
01:29:51,200 --> 01:29:56,250
Me they took me to the theater,
but I understood nothing.

2007
01:29:56,250 --> 01:29:59,690
They took me for
dinners, and then I

2008
01:29:59,690 --> 01:30:03,280
had to go back to exchange
place with my brother.

2009
01:30:03,280 --> 01:30:08,510
But my brother never really
did go to Vienna because he

2010
01:30:08,510 --> 01:30:09,590
didn't--

2011
01:30:09,590 --> 01:30:11,210

he was a young boy.

2012

01:30:11,210 --> 01:30:14,560

So I didn't even trust
him at that point.

2013

01:30:14,560 --> 01:30:18,920

I says if he goes to Vienna
he might never come back.

2014

01:30:18,920 --> 01:30:21,440

So I want him to the
whole space and make sure

2015

01:30:21,440 --> 01:30:23,830

that we are under
the right position.

2016

01:30:23,830 --> 01:30:28,550

We're not losing position for
the transport out of here.

2017

01:30:28,550 --> 01:30:33,370

And we were, luckily for
both of us, in this camp.

2018

01:30:33,370 --> 01:30:36,680

And something came.

2019

01:30:36,680 --> 01:30:40,100

And I did not understand
everything at that point.

2020

01:30:40,100 --> 01:30:43,280

But my brother said, we
have to leave the camp,

2021

01:30:43,280 --> 01:30:47,530

so take all your stuff.

2022

01:30:47,530 --> 01:30:55,160

So we had to go to a certain
place to report, but it was--

2023
01:30:55,160 --> 01:30:57,410
from all the people
we came with,

2024
01:30:57,410 --> 01:31:00,045
it was only my
brother and myself.

2025
01:31:00,045 --> 01:31:04,100

2026
01:31:04,100 --> 01:31:05,725
So these are the only two Jews.

2027
01:31:05,725 --> 01:31:08,570

2028
01:31:08,570 --> 01:31:11,130
There was a friend
who was half Jewish,

2029
01:31:11,130 --> 01:31:14,670
but he was stupid enough
to be not declaring it.

2030
01:31:14,670 --> 01:31:18,195

2031
01:31:18,195 --> 01:31:21,380
So that means they weren't
able to get out of Vienna?

2032
01:31:21,380 --> 01:31:21,880
No.

2033
01:31:21,880 --> 01:31:22,380
No.

2034
01:31:22,380 --> 01:31:24,240
No.

2035

01:31:24,240 --> 01:31:28,740

They were evacuated because
there was something going on

2036

01:31:28,740 --> 01:31:30,410

against--

2037

01:31:30,410 --> 01:31:34,900

our dear Hungarians started
a revolution against the Jews

2038

01:31:34,900 --> 01:31:35,400

again.

2039

01:31:35,400 --> 01:31:37,950

2040

01:31:37,950 --> 01:31:40,350

They were jealous
because the Jews were

2041

01:31:40,350 --> 01:31:44,850

evacuated by certain numbers.

2042

01:31:44,850 --> 01:31:47,040

I guess, by a bus load.

2043

01:31:47,040 --> 01:31:49,260

So you're saying within
that camp in the outskirts--

2044

01:31:49,260 --> 01:31:49,930

There was a revolution.

2045

01:31:49,930 --> 01:31:50,520

Yes.

2046

01:31:50,520 --> 01:31:51,930

At the outskirts of Vienna?

2047

01:31:51,930 --> 01:31:53,190

Yes.

2048

01:31:53,190 --> 01:31:55,440

They left during the night.

2049

01:31:55,440 --> 01:31:56,290

My goodness.

2050

01:31:56,290 --> 01:31:56,790

Yeah.

2051

01:31:56,790 --> 01:32:00,900

And we were sitting on a bus
front of the American embassy

2052

01:32:00,900 --> 01:32:07,050

waiting for clearance
to get to go to America

2053

01:32:07,050 --> 01:32:08,730

or wherever your choice was.

2054

01:32:08,730 --> 01:32:13,080

We wanted to come
to this country.

2055

01:32:13,080 --> 01:32:16,890

And when we reached
over day-- it

2056

01:32:16,890 --> 01:32:20,900

was an overnight trip
that was most magnificent

2057

01:32:20,900 --> 01:32:23,950

to the mountains and
fresh snow all over.

2058

01:32:23,950 --> 01:32:27,060

It sparkled.

2059

01:32:27,060 --> 01:32:32,970

And somewhere along the line
we got to another city--

2060
01:32:32,970 --> 01:32:34,770
Salzburg.

2061
01:32:34,770 --> 01:32:38,400
And we stayed there.

2062
01:32:38,400 --> 01:32:40,830
This was again
some army situation

2063
01:32:40,830 --> 01:32:43,980
or some camp of some sort.

2064
01:32:43,980 --> 01:32:49,200
And being, for some reason or
other, we had a preference.

2065
01:32:49,200 --> 01:32:51,900
And after a few days,
maybe less than a

2066
01:32:51,900 --> 01:32:57,140
week, the army flew
us into Camp Kilmer.

2067
01:32:57,140 --> 01:33:01,620

2068
01:33:01,620 --> 01:33:03,640
And tell me where's
Camp Kilmer located?

2069
01:33:03,640 --> 01:33:05,270
In New Jersey.

2070
01:33:05,270 --> 01:33:06,950
In New Brunswick, New Jersey.

2071
01:33:06,950 --> 01:33:10,420

2072

01:33:10,420 --> 01:33:12,500

New Brunswick, New Jersey.

2073

01:33:12,500 --> 01:33:14,650

And how long were you there?

2074

01:33:14,650 --> 01:33:18,040

Well, that was not really

long because as soon

2075

01:33:18,040 --> 01:33:25,270

as I was able to contact

my family, that was,

2076

01:33:25,270 --> 01:33:26,470

I don't know, a day or two.

2077

01:33:26,470 --> 01:33:27,460

I don't remember.

2078

01:33:27,460 --> 01:33:30,370

But, you know, everybody

wanted to do just pretty

2079

01:33:30,370 --> 01:33:33,260

much the same thing-- get

out of there because it was.

2080

01:33:33,260 --> 01:33:35,920

I was able to contact them.

2081

01:33:35,920 --> 01:33:42,760

And a day or so, whenever

it was, they came to get us.

2082

01:33:42,760 --> 01:33:48,800

My uncle, my aunt, my cousin

Margie, and her husband,

2083

01:33:48,800 --> 01:33:53,885

Harry with a huge
automobile with the tails.

2084
01:33:53,885 --> 01:33:57,650

2085
01:33:57,650 --> 01:33:59,450
Did you feel like
you were coming home

2086
01:33:59,450 --> 01:34:02,150
to family or not really?

2087
01:34:02,150 --> 01:34:02,670
No.

2088
01:34:02,670 --> 01:34:03,170
No.

2089
01:34:03,170 --> 01:34:04,730
I did not know them.

2090
01:34:04,730 --> 01:34:08,510
But I had the warmth
and the love of them.

2091
01:34:08,510 --> 01:34:12,260
So it was-- and
they spoke English,

2092
01:34:12,260 --> 01:34:14,880
and we did not understand much.

2093
01:34:14,880 --> 01:34:18,320
And at that point, they were
here for many, many years.

2094
01:34:18,320 --> 01:34:21,390
They came in the late 1920s.

2095
01:34:21,390 --> 01:34:26,000
So for them to speak

fluent Hungarian probably

2096

01:34:26,000 --> 01:34:28,730

was a stretch, but
they were kind.

2097

01:34:28,730 --> 01:34:30,860

And they were wonderful.

2098

01:34:30,860 --> 01:34:32,210

Where did you live then?

2099

01:34:32,210 --> 01:34:34,130

Within the Bronx.

2100

01:34:34,130 --> 01:34:36,260

They lived in the Bronx.

2101

01:34:36,260 --> 01:34:39,420

And I went to school from there.

2102

01:34:39,420 --> 01:34:41,600

So did my brother.

2103

01:34:41,600 --> 01:34:43,610

So you lived with
an aunt and uncle?

2104

01:34:43,610 --> 01:34:44,480

Yes.

2105

01:34:44,480 --> 01:34:49,130

My uncle, and his wife,
and the sister of hers,

2106

01:34:49,130 --> 01:34:52,340

they lived in one big apartment.

2107

01:34:52,340 --> 01:34:57,500

My aunt and her husband lived
next door to their apartment.

2108

01:34:57,500 --> 01:35:01,160

And the floor below,
their parents,

2109

01:35:01,160 --> 01:35:06,770

the mother and the father,
to my aunt by marriage.

2110

01:35:06,770 --> 01:35:08,280

So it was like a little clan.

2111

01:35:08,280 --> 01:35:09,715

Oh, it was wonderful.

2112

01:35:09,715 --> 01:35:11,080

Yes.

2113

01:35:11,080 --> 01:35:13,340

And were you able
to be a kid again?

2114

01:35:13,340 --> 01:35:14,810

No.

2115

01:35:14,810 --> 01:35:16,920

I went to school.

2116

01:35:16,920 --> 01:35:20,580

And I first become the American.

2117

01:35:20,580 --> 01:35:22,130

I knew who Elvis Presley was.

2118

01:35:22,130 --> 01:35:25,040

2119

01:35:25,040 --> 01:35:31,820

And I had a nice poodle skirt,
and I had my new clothes

2120

01:35:31,820 --> 01:35:33,920

from my cousin.

2121
01:35:33,920 --> 01:35:36,650
She was very stylish.

2122
01:35:36,650 --> 01:35:41,360
And they immediately
made sure that I am fully

2123
01:35:41,360 --> 01:35:44,540
dressed American style.

2124
01:35:44,540 --> 01:35:47,330
But it sounds like you also had
to take care of your brother.

2125
01:35:47,330 --> 01:35:49,160
Not at this point anymore.

2126
01:35:49,160 --> 01:35:49,700
No?

2127
01:35:49,700 --> 01:35:56,570
Because we were living with
my uncle at this point.

2128
01:35:56,570 --> 01:35:58,280
So it was--

2129
01:35:58,280 --> 01:36:00,080
I mean, of course, I
didn't neglect him.

2130
01:36:00,080 --> 01:36:02,240
We lived in one room.

2131
01:36:02,240 --> 01:36:06,740
But we were going
to school together.

2132
01:36:06,740 --> 01:36:10,460
And you were being then

taken into the family.

2133
01:36:10,460 --> 01:36:12,430
100%.

2134
01:36:12,430 --> 01:36:13,520
Yes.

2135
01:36:13,520 --> 01:36:16,790
They were wonderful, nice.

2136
01:36:16,790 --> 01:36:21,290
And their friends were
also very lovely to us.

2137
01:36:21,290 --> 01:36:24,860
And one of the Sundays,
it's pretty much early

2138
01:36:24,860 --> 01:36:30,470
in the whole thing, Else
calls up that, you know,

2139
01:36:30,470 --> 01:36:35,930
I have to take the kids to
meet some people from Budapest.

2140
01:36:35,930 --> 01:36:37,120
This is not fair.

2141
01:36:37,120 --> 01:36:40,550
You're keeping them home
and doing, you know.

2142
01:36:40,550 --> 01:36:42,530
They need to get
out and meet people.

2143
01:36:42,530 --> 01:36:44,840
Maybe they'll find some friends.

2144
01:36:44,840 --> 01:36:47,490

Maybe they'll know someone.

2145
01:36:47,490 --> 01:36:51,350
So she convinced my uncle,
and my aunt, and Else,

2146
01:36:51,350 --> 01:36:56,100
with the big car and
her husband, Mr. Mihály,

2147
01:36:56,100 --> 01:37:01,460
they're going to the
HIAS to meet friends.

2148
01:37:01,460 --> 01:37:06,710
So we go in, and everybody
is little clusters.

2149
01:37:06,710 --> 01:37:09,530
And everybody's
talking and everything.

2150
01:37:09,530 --> 01:37:14,240
And I had-- my aunt had
a sister who was there.

2151
01:37:14,240 --> 01:37:15,950
And she went everyone
and everything.

2152
01:37:15,950 --> 01:37:18,320
She talked, and she was busy.

2153
01:37:18,320 --> 01:37:21,545
And she met my husband.

2154
01:37:21,545 --> 01:37:24,500

2155
01:37:24,500 --> 01:37:25,880
They were talking.

2156

01:37:25,880 --> 01:37:29,030
And she said, you
know, come over.

2157
01:37:29,030 --> 01:37:33,110
I have a niece and nephew
who just came from Hungary.

2158
01:37:33,110 --> 01:37:34,780
They are kids.

2159
01:37:34,780 --> 01:37:38,420
Maybe you would
like to meet them.

2160
01:37:38,420 --> 01:37:39,430
He came over.

2161
01:37:39,430 --> 01:37:40,550
He met us.

2162
01:37:40,550 --> 01:37:44,390
And we sort of--

2163
01:37:44,390 --> 01:37:47,700
I think he took the phone number
from my aunt or something.

2164
01:37:47,700 --> 01:37:50,210
Anyway, he telephoned.

2165
01:37:50,210 --> 01:37:53,030
And he wanted to
take me someplace.

2166
01:37:53,030 --> 01:37:57,890
And I have curfew
and everything else.

2167
01:37:57,890 --> 01:37:59,370
And we met.

2168

01:37:59,370 --> 01:38:00,500
And he was very nice.

2169
01:38:00,500 --> 01:38:01,680
Everything was wonderful.

2170
01:38:01,680 --> 01:38:02,690
He even brought me home.

2171
01:38:02,690 --> 01:38:05,470
That was a big thing for them.

2172
01:38:05,470 --> 01:38:09,110
I survived because at
this point, you know,

2173
01:38:09,110 --> 01:38:11,360
I didn't speak English.

2174
01:38:11,360 --> 01:38:16,670
So then I started
to date my husband.

2175
01:38:16,670 --> 01:38:20,180
I cut my beautiful, long hair.

2176
01:38:20,180 --> 01:38:22,310
Big, big mistake.

2177
01:38:22,310 --> 01:38:27,690
But I wanted to be as American
as American can possibly be.

2178
01:38:27,690 --> 01:38:33,120
And we, both of us,
baby brother and myself,

2179
01:38:33,120 --> 01:38:38,510
we went to Morris High
School to learn English.

2180
01:38:38,510 --> 01:38:44,720

And after this, I was
no longer that age

2181
01:38:44,720 --> 01:38:48,530
where I had to go to high
school, but I have-- we

2182
01:38:48,530 --> 01:38:50,420
didn't have paper.

2183
01:38:50,420 --> 01:38:55,730
So whatever I had, whatever I
told them, that's how it was.

2184
01:38:55,730 --> 01:38:59,260
My brother continued
his education,

2185
01:38:59,260 --> 01:39:03,910
and I went to Hunter
College to learn English.

2186
01:39:03,910 --> 01:39:10,620
And I went to work, and I got
married, and I went to school.

2187
01:39:10,620 --> 01:39:14,470
And then I got to be a big girl.

2188
01:39:14,470 --> 01:39:17,800
When did you get married?

2189
01:39:17,800 --> 01:39:19,540
I was 18.

2190
01:39:19,540 --> 01:39:20,680
You were 18?

2191
01:39:20,680 --> 01:39:23,150
So very soon after
you come over.

2192

01:39:23,150 --> 01:39:24,280
Yes.

2193
01:39:24,280 --> 01:39:25,990
I was in a hurry.

2194
01:39:25,990 --> 01:39:28,690
I was going to be an old
maid, I mean, come on.

2195
01:39:28,690 --> 01:39:30,730
Were you really thinking that?

2196
01:39:30,730 --> 01:39:32,980
Absolutely not.

2197
01:39:32,980 --> 01:39:34,580
Because 18's very
young even in this--

2198
01:39:34,580 --> 01:39:35,080
Yeah.

2199
01:39:35,080 --> 01:39:36,150
But, you know, it's--

2200
01:39:36,150 --> 01:39:38,690

2201
01:39:38,690 --> 01:39:40,000
I don't even know.

2202
01:39:40,000 --> 01:39:40,720
I don't remember.

2203
01:39:40,720 --> 01:39:43,000
But this is many moons ago.

2204
01:39:43,000 --> 01:39:45,310
But it was.

2205

01:39:45,310 --> 01:39:48,070
So I have a question that--

2206
01:39:48,070 --> 01:39:48,570
Sure.

2207
01:39:48,570 --> 01:39:52,570

2208
01:39:52,570 --> 01:39:55,740
When we interview
people who were children

2209
01:39:55,740 --> 01:39:59,920
during those times, the war
times and the Holocaust times--

2210
01:39:59,920 --> 01:40:04,260
and you're not only a child
but a little child maybe

2211
01:40:04,260 --> 01:40:06,210
a little older
than your brother.

2212
01:40:06,210 --> 01:40:07,710
Yes, 20 months.

2213
01:40:07,710 --> 01:40:08,950
But that's not much.

2214
01:40:08,950 --> 01:40:09,450
Yes.

2215
01:40:09,450 --> 01:40:12,270
That's not much.

2216
01:40:12,270 --> 01:40:18,480
Well, what we find is
that those experiences

2217
01:40:18,480 --> 01:40:22,590

that the children went
through and endured

2218
01:40:22,590 --> 01:40:27,300
left marks that are much
different than those

2219
01:40:27,300 --> 01:40:29,010
that grown ups bore.

2220
01:40:29,010 --> 01:40:31,170
Absolutely.

2221
01:40:31,170 --> 01:40:34,860
And so my question to
you is, in what way

2222
01:40:34,860 --> 01:40:37,440
were those marks left on you?

2223
01:40:37,440 --> 01:40:41,580
What kind of-- how did they
affect you or change you?

2224
01:40:41,580 --> 01:40:45,860
Well, change, I don't
know what I was before,

2225
01:40:45,860 --> 01:40:49,590
but I'm ultra sensitive.

2226
01:40:49,590 --> 01:40:54,160
And I really wanted
to do a lot of things.

2227
01:40:54,160 --> 01:40:55,750
I wanted to study.

2228
01:40:55,750 --> 01:41:00,888
I wanted to do everything, learn
to cook, learn housekeeping,

2229

01:41:00,888 --> 01:41:01,680
and do everything--

2230
01:41:01,680 --> 01:41:05,580
I wanted to do everything that
was normal to the point when

2231
01:41:05,580 --> 01:41:08,430
it was no longer normal.

2232
01:41:08,430 --> 01:41:09,970
Overachiever.

2233
01:41:09,970 --> 01:41:11,520
OK.

2234
01:41:11,520 --> 01:41:12,510
I went to school.

2235
01:41:12,510 --> 01:41:15,580
I went to work.

2236
01:41:15,580 --> 01:41:18,810
I accomplished.

2237
01:41:18,810 --> 01:41:25,440
I became head accountant in
practicing Law Institute, which

2238
01:41:25,440 --> 01:41:27,690
is quite an achievement
for someone who

2239
01:41:27,690 --> 01:41:29,610
comes from the other side.

2240
01:41:29,610 --> 01:41:31,230
Yes, it is.

2241
01:41:31,230 --> 01:41:33,850
It was at that point.

2242

01:41:33,850 --> 01:41:37,860

And I was very, very lucky.

2243

01:41:37,860 --> 01:41:41,580

Did you miss your mother
during these years when you're?

2244

01:41:41,580 --> 01:41:43,710

In a different way.

2245

01:41:43,710 --> 01:41:44,690

OK.

2246

01:41:44,690 --> 01:41:48,000

It was no longer--

2247

01:41:48,000 --> 01:41:50,880

because we left her behind.

2248

01:41:50,880 --> 01:41:55,940

So I had a new life
over here, so I did not

2249

01:41:55,940 --> 01:42:01,440

miss her, like, this closeness
that the mother and a child.

2250

01:42:01,440 --> 01:42:04,950

I miss her as my dear mother.

2251

01:42:04,950 --> 01:42:08,330

I was an adult.

2252

01:42:08,330 --> 01:42:13,130

And the years before
she passed away

2253

01:42:13,130 --> 01:42:16,340

when you were growing up
with her but not your father,

2254

01:42:16,340 --> 01:42:19,520
do you remember missing him?

2255
01:42:19,520 --> 01:42:21,230
Not really.

2256
01:42:21,230 --> 01:42:23,210
Not really.

2257
01:42:23,210 --> 01:42:27,290
And that was probably
for a very short while.

2258
01:42:27,290 --> 01:42:35,030
I don't recall that I would at
that point because we had hope.

2259
01:42:35,030 --> 01:42:39,180
That was the whole big
thing at that point.

2260
01:42:39,180 --> 01:42:42,810
In the Jewish tradition,
after a dead person,

2261
01:42:42,810 --> 01:42:46,320
you go and say
yizkor or yahrzeit.

2262
01:42:46,320 --> 01:42:49,920
And you acknowledge it and
you say prayers for your dead.

2263
01:42:49,920 --> 01:42:53,640
My dear mother never
allowed it because he's

2264
01:42:53,640 --> 01:42:57,440
going to come home any minute.

2265
01:42:57,440 --> 01:43:00,160
Oh, dear.

2266

01:43:00,160 --> 01:43:00,660

Yup.

2267

01:43:00,660 --> 01:43:04,090

2268

01:43:04,090 --> 01:43:07,630

She had to have
something to go by, too.

2269

01:43:07,630 --> 01:43:10,210

One of the questions that
I hadn't asked but crossed

2270

01:43:10,210 --> 01:43:14,220

my mind is that, if after the
war, she found somebody else?

2271

01:43:14,220 --> 01:43:15,490

But it sounds like no.

2272

01:43:15,490 --> 01:43:18,220

She would never
even dream of it.

2273

01:43:18,220 --> 01:43:20,390

She was beautiful.

2274

01:43:20,390 --> 01:43:25,350

She was statuesque, and
lovely, and educated,

2275

01:43:25,350 --> 01:43:27,520

and everything you want.

2276

01:43:27,520 --> 01:43:31,630

She wasn't interested.

2277

01:43:31,630 --> 01:43:33,680

She had enough to do.

2278

01:43:33,680 --> 01:43:34,720
Certainly that.

2279
01:43:34,720 --> 01:43:35,675
Certainly that.

2280
01:43:35,675 --> 01:43:36,300
Certainly that.

2281
01:43:36,300 --> 01:43:39,170
She went back to work.

2282
01:43:39,170 --> 01:43:40,750
She had that.

2283
01:43:40,750 --> 01:43:46,900
And I think that she no
longer had the desire

2284
01:43:46,900 --> 01:43:50,470
to do anything
except the immediate

2285
01:43:50,470 --> 01:43:52,140
and that was job enough.

2286
01:43:52,140 --> 01:43:53,590
Yeah, certainly.

2287
01:43:53,590 --> 01:43:56,510
Certainly.

2288
01:43:56,510 --> 01:43:58,450
Is there something
I haven't asked you

2289
01:43:58,450 --> 01:43:59,980
that you would like to share?

2290
01:43:59,980 --> 01:44:06,090
It was a longer life in
terms of after the war

2291
01:44:06,090 --> 01:44:07,360
and before the war.

2292
01:44:07,360 --> 01:44:08,500
Let's cut for a second.

2293
01:44:08,500 --> 01:44:13,750

2294
01:44:13,750 --> 01:44:15,150
I lost my thought.

2295
01:44:15,150 --> 01:44:17,250
Yes.

2296
01:44:17,250 --> 01:44:20,610
You said that, in
one way, you became--

2297
01:44:20,610 --> 01:44:23,250
you have a sensitivity
an ultra sensitivity.

2298
01:44:23,250 --> 01:44:24,870
Absolutely.

2299
01:44:24,870 --> 01:44:26,280
And it comes from that.

2300
01:44:26,280 --> 01:44:27,750
It comes from these experience?

2301
01:44:27,750 --> 01:44:28,960
I guess so.

2302
01:44:28,960 --> 01:44:31,770
OK.

2303
01:44:31,770 --> 01:44:33,590
I should be tough.

2304
01:44:33,590 --> 01:44:34,140
Well, it's.

2305
01:44:34,140 --> 01:44:37,090
Of all these things.

2306
01:44:37,090 --> 01:44:38,700
But I think you are.

2307
01:44:38,700 --> 01:44:39,850
You think I'm tough?

2308
01:44:39,850 --> 01:44:40,350
Yes.

2309
01:44:40,350 --> 01:44:40,850
Thank you.

2310
01:44:40,850 --> 01:44:42,890
Because you're here.

2311
01:44:42,890 --> 01:44:45,870
You are here, and
you have-- and you

2312
01:44:45,870 --> 01:44:49,660
have a life and achievements.

2313
01:44:49,660 --> 01:44:51,000
Well, if that isn't it--

2314
01:44:51,000 --> 01:44:55,200
the fact that somebody might cry
doesn't mean they're not tough.

2315
01:44:55,200 --> 01:45:00,750
Well, I tend to agree
with you that I was pushy,

2316
01:45:00,750 --> 01:45:05,310

and I wanted it to be something and somebody.

2317
01:45:05,310 --> 01:45:09,260
Just staying home was never enough for me.

2318
01:45:09,260 --> 01:45:13,200
I wanted to have a career like my dear mother had.

2319
01:45:13,200 --> 01:45:17,590
I wanted to be somebody.

2320
01:45:17,590 --> 01:45:20,780
Do you think-- do you say, I've achieved that?

2321
01:45:20,780 --> 01:45:22,520
I did.

2322
01:45:22,520 --> 01:45:27,320
I went to work, and I've worked my way

2323
01:45:27,320 --> 01:45:33,080
up to be head accountant in Practicing Law Institute, which

2324
01:45:33,080 --> 01:45:42,680
is a legal firm and between 25 to 45 attorneys.

2325
01:45:42,680 --> 01:45:43,640
So that's.

2326
01:45:43,640 --> 01:45:44,550
That's quite a bit.

2327
01:45:44,550 --> 01:45:45,050
Yes.

2328

01:45:45,050 --> 01:45:51,600

That is lots of people to answer to as an accountant.

2329

01:45:51,600 --> 01:45:56,060

They all wanted to know what's going on in their little heads.

2330

01:45:56,060 --> 01:45:56,870

Of course.

2331

01:45:56,870 --> 01:45:58,730

Out of their little heads, that is.

2332

01:45:58,730 --> 01:45:59,390

Yeah.

2333

01:45:59,390 --> 01:46:02,030

That was a quite a well position.

2334

01:46:02,030 --> 01:46:07,700

But after 30 years doing it I retired.

2335

01:46:07,700 --> 01:46:09,260

You mentioned over the phone to me

2336

01:46:09,260 --> 01:46:13,170

that you do some volunteer work or some nonprofit work as well.

2337

01:46:13,170 --> 01:46:15,660

But now I don't want to talk about it.

2338

01:46:15,660 --> 01:46:17,830

OK, that's fine.

2339

01:46:17,830 --> 01:46:20,880

This is something for

another time please.

2340
01:46:20,880 --> 01:46:21,380
OK.

2341
01:46:21,380 --> 01:46:24,920

2342
01:46:24,920 --> 01:46:30,240
I'm sure your mother would
have been incredibly proud.

2343
01:46:30,240 --> 01:46:30,740
I hope so.

2344
01:46:30,740 --> 01:46:33,550

2345
01:46:33,550 --> 01:46:34,930
Is there anything
else you'd like

2346
01:46:34,930 --> 01:46:37,630
to add to what we've
talked about today?

2347
01:46:37,630 --> 01:46:39,940
Maybe one day when
I look at it I

2348
01:46:39,940 --> 01:46:41,990
will let you know
what I left out.

2349
01:46:41,990 --> 01:46:42,730
OK.

2350
01:46:42,730 --> 01:46:45,320
Because in one interview
we can never cover it all.

2351
01:46:45,320 --> 01:46:45,820

Yeah.

2352

01:46:45,820 --> 01:46:47,140

Once I'll look at this.

2353

01:46:47,140 --> 01:46:48,340

Then you can tell.

2354

01:46:48,340 --> 01:46:49,440

Maybe.

2355

01:46:49,440 --> 01:46:55,390

But I do know I'm
very grateful for life

2356

01:46:55,390 --> 01:47:00,550

to be able to get away from
where I was to be a refugee.

2357

01:47:00,550 --> 01:47:01,990

May I have one of those.

2358

01:47:01,990 --> 01:47:03,450

Absolutely.

2359

01:47:03,450 --> 01:47:04,050

Here.

2360

01:47:04,050 --> 01:47:04,840

All of them.

2361

01:47:04,840 --> 01:47:05,790

Oh.

2362

01:47:05,790 --> 01:47:06,290

Kind.

2363

01:47:06,290 --> 01:47:06,900

Very kind.

2364

01:47:06,900 --> 01:47:07,400

Thank you.

2365

01:47:07,400 --> 01:47:14,670

2366

01:47:14,670 --> 01:47:23,550

And I have my brother who
is an electronic engineer

2367

01:47:23,550 --> 01:47:30,420

and a medical with--

2368

01:47:30,420 --> 01:47:32,012

he has double degree.

2369

01:47:32,012 --> 01:47:32,970

He has a double degree.

2370

01:47:32,970 --> 01:47:33,470

Yes.

2371

01:47:33,470 --> 01:47:36,930

One is the most difficult,
electronic engineering,

2372

01:47:36,930 --> 01:47:43,230

five years, and then he
decided there was a career war.

2373

01:47:43,230 --> 01:47:49,710

And he was-- he was
less than happy.

2374

01:47:49,710 --> 01:47:54,020

Then there came the Vietnam
War and everything else.

2375

01:47:54,020 --> 01:47:57,870

I made sure that he
will not go to there.

2376

01:47:57,870 --> 01:48:07,560

I had him-- make him sick
enough that I got him forever.

2377
01:48:07,560 --> 01:48:12,180
And I said, if they take
you, they'll have to take me.

2378
01:48:12,180 --> 01:48:13,770
And that's not a
deal for the army.

2379
01:48:13,770 --> 01:48:16,470

2380
01:48:16,470 --> 01:48:20,220
They wouldn't have
approved of me.

2381
01:48:20,220 --> 01:48:24,780
So he, you know, I gave
him a we got him a 4F.

2382
01:48:24,780 --> 01:48:28,450
And he was able to go to school.

2383
01:48:28,450 --> 01:48:32,280
He was an electronic
engineer once,

2384
01:48:32,280 --> 01:48:38,370
and then he became a biomedical
engineer for the second time.

2385
01:48:38,370 --> 01:48:40,350
And he's got a gorgeous family--

2386
01:48:40,350 --> 01:48:43,080
two kids, a boy and a girl.

2387
01:48:43,080 --> 01:48:46,650

2388

01:48:46,650 --> 01:48:49,090
And let them be well.

2389
01:48:49,090 --> 01:48:50,500
Thank you.

2390
01:48:50,500 --> 01:48:53,110
Thank you very, very much.

2391
01:48:53,110 --> 01:48:54,205
This means you're welcome.

2392
01:48:54,205 --> 01:48:56,436
[LAUGHTER]

2393
01:48:56,436 --> 01:48:57,730
It's you're welcome.

2394
01:48:57,730 --> 01:48:59,160
But you know what I mean.

2395
01:48:59,160 --> 01:48:59,660
Yeah.

2396
01:48:59,660 --> 01:49:05,380

2397
01:49:05,380 --> 01:49:09,920
If any time you want to correct
anything or do something else--

2398
01:49:09,920 --> 01:49:10,740
You let me know.

2399
01:49:10,740 --> 01:49:11,240
No.

2400
01:49:11,240 --> 01:49:14,600
It's up to you because I
don't know what's in there.

2401

01:49:14,600 --> 01:49:15,470
OK.

2402
01:49:15,470 --> 01:49:16,760
I have no idea.

2403
01:49:16,760 --> 01:49:18,150
You will see it.

2404
01:49:18,150 --> 01:49:21,560
And if you have
things to add then

2405
01:49:21,560 --> 01:49:23,600
we can talk and
make that happen.

2406
01:49:23,600 --> 01:49:24,100
Thank you.

2407
01:49:24,100 --> 01:49:24,860
OK.

2408
01:49:24,860 --> 01:49:28,680
And I know I would like my
brother to be interviewed.

2409
01:49:28,680 --> 01:49:32,290
Now I have to have his OK.

2410
01:49:32,290 --> 01:49:35,505
Do I contact you?

2411
01:49:35,505 --> 01:49:37,520
We'll talk about that.

2412
01:49:37,520 --> 01:49:40,740
He needs to be in the
interview at one point.

2413
01:49:40,740 --> 01:49:43,850
But right now the summertime,

they are out on Long Island.

2414

01:49:43,850 --> 01:49:45,350

We will try to make this happen.

2415

01:49:45,350 --> 01:49:46,050

Good.

2416

01:49:46,050 --> 01:49:47,710

But he is at home
at Long Island now.

2417

01:49:47,710 --> 01:49:49,100

So I don't know.

2418

01:49:49,100 --> 01:49:51,860

Maybe during the week
they will come in.

2419

01:49:51,860 --> 01:49:53,480

OK.

2420

01:49:53,480 --> 01:49:57,740

I'm going to, at this point,
just finish our interview

2421

01:49:57,740 --> 01:49:59,440

and say the final words.

2422

01:49:59,440 --> 01:50:02,120

And we can continue
talking about your brother.

2423

01:50:02,120 --> 01:50:03,080

OK.

2424

01:50:03,080 --> 01:50:07,490

So this concludes the United
States Holocaust Memorial

2425

01:50:07,490 --> 01:50:15,510

Museum interview with Mrs.

Katalin Fried Braun on June 30,

2426

01:50:15,510 --> 01:50:19,310
2018, in Manhattan, New York.

2427

01:50:19,310 --> 01:50:20,060
Thank you.

2428

01:50:20,060 --> 01:50:20,980
Thank you.

2429

01:50:20,980 --> 01:50:23,210
OK.

2430

01:50:23,210 --> 01:50:24,260
OK.

2431

01:50:24,260 --> 01:50:27,650
Can you tell me, who is
this a photograph of?

2432

01:50:27,650 --> 01:50:30,420
My dear father Imra Fried.

2433

01:50:30,420 --> 01:50:31,200
Imra Fried.

2434

01:50:31,200 --> 01:50:32,480
Correct.

2435

01:50:32,480 --> 01:50:35,450
And about what year
would that have been?

2436

01:50:35,450 --> 01:50:43,040
This had to be, I would
imagine, late 1930s early '40s.

2437

01:50:43,040 --> 01:50:46,630
So when you were already born?

2438

01:50:46,630 --> 01:50:47,330
Maybe.

2439
01:50:47,330 --> 01:50:48,740
Yes.

2440
01:50:48,740 --> 01:50:50,510
And when you say
Imra Fried, that

2441
01:50:50,510 --> 01:50:52,520
would be his Hungarian name.

2442
01:50:52,520 --> 01:50:53,150
Yes.

2443
01:50:53,150 --> 01:50:55,010
What would have his
German name been?

2444
01:50:55,010 --> 01:50:56,210
No idea.

2445
01:50:56,210 --> 01:50:57,250
OK.

2446
01:50:57,250 --> 01:50:58,340
Thank you.

2447
01:50:58,340 --> 01:51:00,680
Thank you.

2448
01:51:00,680 --> 01:51:03,770
Tell me, and who is
this a photograph of?

2449
01:51:03,770 --> 01:51:10,090
This one is my dear
mother Rozsa Brody Fried.

2450
01:51:10,090 --> 01:51:11,330
Rozsa Brody Fried.

2451
01:51:11,330 --> 01:51:12,300
Yes.

2452
01:51:12,300 --> 01:51:14,810
And was it taken, do you
think, around the same time

2453
01:51:14,810 --> 01:51:17,870
that your father's
photo was taken?

2454
01:51:17,870 --> 01:51:19,360
Most probably.

2455
01:51:19,360 --> 01:51:19,880
OK.

2456
01:51:19,880 --> 01:51:23,720
Some of the pictures
have dates on the back.

2457
01:51:23,720 --> 01:51:24,740
This may have a date.

2458
01:51:24,740 --> 01:51:27,260

2459
01:51:27,260 --> 01:51:27,860
All right.

2460
01:51:27,860 --> 01:51:29,600
Thank you very much.

2461
01:51:29,600 --> 01:51:31,820
And what is this a picture of?

2462
01:51:31,820 --> 01:51:32,970
My parents.

2463
01:51:32,970 --> 01:51:33,470

OK.

2464

01:51:33,470 --> 01:51:35,300

It seems to be a
special occasion.

2465

01:51:35,300 --> 01:51:39,450

Their wedding picture
1935 December.

2466

01:51:39,450 --> 01:51:41,715

December 1935 is
when they're married?

2467

01:51:41,715 --> 01:51:43,100

The wedding day.

2468

01:51:43,100 --> 01:51:45,182

And you're born in 1938.

2469

01:51:45,182 --> 01:51:46,160

'38.

2470

01:51:46,160 --> 01:51:48,110

OK.

2471

01:51:48,110 --> 01:51:50,270

Thank you.

2472

01:51:50,270 --> 01:51:53,020

And tell me, who is
this a photograph of?

2473

01:51:53,020 --> 01:51:59,000

These are my grandparents
from my mother's side.

2474

01:51:59,000 --> 01:52:00,440

Their names please.

2475

01:52:00,440 --> 01:52:04,370

Sándor and Hannela, Hanni.

2476
01:52:04,370 --> 01:52:11,570
And my grandfather died
in 1941 in Hungary,

2477
01:52:11,570 --> 01:52:16,430
and my dear grandmother passed
away in a concentration camp.

2478
01:52:16,430 --> 01:52:19,550
Well, is she the
grandmother who died

2479
01:52:19,550 --> 01:52:21,350
on the platform of
the train station--

2480
01:52:21,350 --> 01:52:21,850
Yes.

2481
01:52:21,850 --> 01:52:23,170
--in Strasshof?

2482
01:52:23,170 --> 01:52:24,260
She's the one.

2483
01:52:24,260 --> 01:52:25,610
She's the one.

2484
01:52:25,610 --> 01:52:27,160
OK.