

1
00:00:00,000 --> 00:00:01,470

2
00:00:01,470 --> 00:00:04,530
And I'm spelling B-R-A-U-N.

3
00:00:04,530 --> 00:00:06,660
OK, we're going to start that.

4
00:00:06,660 --> 00:00:08,260
As soon as I give
an introduction,

5
00:00:08,260 --> 00:00:10,060
we'll start with that.

6
00:00:10,060 --> 00:00:13,620
So this is a United States
Holocaust Memorial Museum

7
00:00:13,620 --> 00:00:17,525
interview with Mr. Leslie
Braun on September--

8
00:00:17,525 --> 00:00:18,400
Come a little closer.

9
00:00:18,400 --> 00:00:25,320
Excuse me-- on June 30, 2018
in Manhattan in New York City.

10
00:00:25,320 --> 00:00:26,340
City, yes.

11
00:00:26,340 --> 00:00:30,540
And tell me Mr. Braun, what
was your name at birth?

12
00:00:30,540 --> 00:00:32,775
When you were born,
what were you called?

13
00:00:32,775 --> 00:00:35,710
Well, it was
Hungarian, you know.

14
00:00:35,710 --> 00:00:36,860
OK.

15
00:00:36,860 --> 00:00:37,560
Laci

16
00:00:37,560 --> 00:00:38,060
Laci

17
00:00:38,060 --> 00:00:40,310
They calling me still Laci

18
00:00:40,310 --> 00:00:42,730
Laci is that a nickname
or a full name?

19
00:00:42,730 --> 00:00:43,230
Like--

20
00:00:43,230 --> 00:00:43,920
Full name.

21
00:00:43,920 --> 00:00:45,900
Full name is Laci
not Laslo or some--

22
00:00:45,900 --> 00:00:47,250
Laslo, yeah.

23
00:00:47,250 --> 00:00:48,060
It's Laslo.

24
00:00:48,060 --> 00:00:49,630
Laslo.

25
00:00:49,630 --> 00:00:50,130

Yeah.

26
00:00:50,130 --> 00:00:55,840
But at home, they
calling me Leslie.

27
00:00:55,840 --> 00:00:56,340
OK.

28
00:00:56,340 --> 00:00:59,730
But otherwise, they
were calling me Laslo.

29
00:00:59,730 --> 00:01:00,540
OK.

30
00:01:00,540 --> 00:01:03,120
And Laci was your nickname?

31
00:01:03,120 --> 00:01:08,280
Well, it's not a nickname,
because that's the--

32
00:01:08,280 --> 00:01:12,960
if you turn it around, you know
it's, you know, your family.

33
00:01:12,960 --> 00:01:16,500
In the family, they not
going to tell me Laslo.

34
00:01:16,500 --> 00:01:18,650
They're going to tell me Laci

35
00:01:18,650 --> 00:01:19,450
Yeah.

36
00:01:19,450 --> 00:01:19,950
Yeah.

37
00:01:19,950 --> 00:01:20,530
It's closer.

38
00:01:20,530 --> 00:01:21,030
It's more--

39
00:01:21,030 --> 00:01:24,480
Closer, yeah, the same
[INAUDIBLE] outside.

40
00:01:24,480 --> 00:01:27,060
Matter of fact, they
still calling me Laci

41
00:01:27,060 --> 00:01:27,640
Are they?

42
00:01:27,640 --> 00:01:28,140
Yeah?

43
00:01:28,140 --> 00:01:28,980
Yeah.

44
00:01:28,980 --> 00:01:31,140
And when you came to
the United States,

45
00:01:31,140 --> 00:01:34,170
did you change Laslo to Leslie?

46
00:01:34,170 --> 00:01:35,030
Yes.

47
00:01:35,030 --> 00:01:36,540
OK.

48
00:01:36,540 --> 00:01:39,650
Tell me, what was the
date of your birth?

49
00:01:39,650 --> 00:01:43,020
8/8/1926.

50

00:01:43,020 --> 00:01:46,230

So you were born August 8, 1926?

51

00:01:46,230 --> 00:01:46,800

Yes.

52

00:01:46,800 --> 00:01:48,680

And where were you born?

53

00:01:48,680 --> 00:01:49,850

Where I was born?

54

00:01:49,850 --> 00:01:51,790

In Czechoslovakia.

55

00:01:51,790 --> 00:01:52,560

What town?

56

00:01:52,560 --> 00:01:53,130

What city?

57

00:01:53,130 --> 00:01:57,070

The name is Vel'ke KapuÅ;any.

58

00:01:57,070 --> 00:01:58,740

Vel'ke KapuÅ;any?

59

00:01:58,740 --> 00:01:59,760

Yeah.

60

00:01:59,760 --> 00:02:03,480

And isn't that in the-- what
part of Czechoslovakia was it

61

00:02:03,480 --> 00:02:05,170

in, Vel'ke KapuÅ;any?

62

00:02:05,170 --> 00:02:08,070

It was on Slovakia side.

63

00:02:08,070 --> 00:02:08,880

OK.

64

00:02:08,880 --> 00:02:11,655

Was it in the western or the eastern part of the country?

65

00:02:11,655 --> 00:02:15,760

66

00:02:15,760 --> 00:02:17,150

It's eastern part.

67

00:02:17,150 --> 00:02:18,060

OK.

68

00:02:18,060 --> 00:02:20,860

Was the Hungarian border far away?

69

00:02:20,860 --> 00:02:22,110

The Hungarian border?

70

00:02:22,110 --> 00:02:22,650

No.

71

00:02:22,650 --> 00:02:24,642

Matter of fact, they took it.

72

00:02:24,642 --> 00:02:26,030

Ah, OK.

73

00:02:26,030 --> 00:02:28,170

They took it, you know, during the war.

74

00:02:28,170 --> 00:02:31,260

75

00:02:31,260 --> 00:02:37,400

The Germans, they gave them over, my part, to the--

76

00:02:37,400 --> 00:02:38,060

Hungarians?

77

00:02:38,060 --> 00:02:39,520

--Hungarians.

78

00:02:39,520 --> 00:02:42,780

And the city alone,

it's Hungarian.

79

00:02:42,780 --> 00:02:45,240

Ah, OK.

80

00:02:45,240 --> 00:02:47,880

Were there many

Hungarians living in--

81

00:02:47,880 --> 00:02:49,000

Pardon me?

82

00:02:49,000 --> 00:02:52,830

Was there a lot of Hungarian

people in Vel'ke KapuĀjany?

83

00:02:52,830 --> 00:02:53,330

Yeah.

84

00:02:53,330 --> 00:02:53,830

Yeah.

85

00:02:53,830 --> 00:02:56,180

I would say 99%.

86

00:02:56,180 --> 00:02:56,680

Oh, wow.

87

00:02:56,680 --> 00:02:57,180

Yeah.

88

00:02:57,180 --> 00:02:58,510

It really was a Hungarian city.

89
00:02:58,510 --> 00:02:59,730
Hungarian.

90
00:02:59,730 --> 00:03:01,090
OK.

91
00:03:01,090 --> 00:03:07,290
And tell me a little bit
about your father and mother.

92
00:03:07,290 --> 00:03:09,460
What was your father's name?

93
00:03:09,460 --> 00:03:12,860
My father's name was Ferdinand.

94
00:03:12,860 --> 00:03:13,860
Ferdinand?

95
00:03:13,860 --> 00:03:15,210
Yeah, Braun.

96
00:03:15,210 --> 00:03:16,890
OK, Braun.

97
00:03:16,890 --> 00:03:19,755
And your last name
is spelled B-R-A-U-N.

98
00:03:19,755 --> 00:03:22,200
A-U-N.

99
00:03:22,200 --> 00:03:24,420
And it was always
spelt like that?

100
00:03:24,420 --> 00:03:25,370
Always.

101
00:03:25,370 --> 00:03:26,670

OK.

102

00:03:26,670 --> 00:03:29,610

And do you know when
your father was born?

103

00:03:29,610 --> 00:03:38,030

My father was born
[? as ?] 1898.

104

00:03:38,030 --> 00:03:38,530

OK.

105

00:03:38,530 --> 00:03:40,770

And what was your mother's name?

106

00:03:40,770 --> 00:03:42,090

Charlotte.

107

00:03:42,090 --> 00:03:43,050

Charlotte.

108

00:03:43,050 --> 00:03:43,620

Yeah.

109

00:03:43,620 --> 00:03:44,750

That's a lovely name.

110

00:03:44,750 --> 00:03:45,440

Chari.

111

00:03:45,440 --> 00:03:45,940

Chari.

112

00:03:45,940 --> 00:03:46,580

Chari.

113

00:03:46,580 --> 00:03:47,730

OK.

114

00:03:47,730 --> 00:03:49,750

And when was she born?

115
00:03:49,750 --> 00:03:52,080
1903.

116
00:03:52,080 --> 00:03:55,740
And were they both
from Vel'ke KapuÅ;any?

117
00:03:55,740 --> 00:04:03,800
My father was born there, but
my mother was born in the--

118
00:04:03,800 --> 00:04:05,370
it's a different town.

119
00:04:05,370 --> 00:04:09,370
Close or not so close to it?

120
00:04:09,370 --> 00:04:12,220
You know, over there,
every thing is far.

121
00:04:12,220 --> 00:04:12,720
Yeah.

122
00:04:12,720 --> 00:04:14,920
In 10 minutes,
you could make it.

123
00:04:14,920 --> 00:04:15,420
Oh, really.

124
00:04:15,420 --> 00:04:16,100
So it's close?

125
00:04:16,100 --> 00:04:18,420
10, 15 minutes by car.

126
00:04:18,420 --> 00:04:20,610
OK.

127

00:04:20,610 --> 00:04:24,090

What was the name of the
place she was born in?

128

00:04:24,090 --> 00:04:27,010

The name of the
place was Szerednye.

129

00:04:27,010 --> 00:04:28,120

Szerednye.

130

00:04:28,120 --> 00:04:28,620

Yeah.

131

00:04:28,620 --> 00:04:30,480

That also sounds Hungarian.

132

00:04:30,480 --> 00:04:31,420

Yeah, Hungarian.

133

00:04:31,420 --> 00:04:31,920

Yeah.

134

00:04:31,920 --> 00:04:32,850

OK.

135

00:04:32,850 --> 00:04:34,890

But it was part
of Czechoslovakia?

136

00:04:34,890 --> 00:04:35,610

Yeah, yeah.

137

00:04:35,610 --> 00:04:36,810

OK.

138

00:04:36,810 --> 00:04:39,090

But when she was born,
it probably was part

139

00:04:39,090 --> 00:04:41,610

of the Austro-Hungarian Empire--

140
00:04:41,610 --> 00:04:42,297
Exactly.

141
00:04:42,297 --> 00:04:43,755
--when your parents
were both born.

142
00:04:43,755 --> 00:04:44,450
Yeah.

143
00:04:44,450 --> 00:04:45,360
OK.

144
00:04:45,360 --> 00:04:48,220
Did your father
serve in World War I?

145
00:04:48,220 --> 00:04:48,720
What?

146
00:04:48,720 --> 00:04:53,130
Did your father serve in
the Austro-Hungarian army

147
00:04:53,130 --> 00:04:54,780
in World War I?

148
00:04:54,780 --> 00:05:02,420
He was in the Hungarian army
during the First World War.

149
00:05:02,420 --> 00:05:06,180

150
00:05:06,180 --> 00:05:09,710
It was, at that time,
Hungary's already.

151
00:05:09,710 --> 00:05:10,210
OK.

152
00:05:10,210 --> 00:05:13,900
So he was called in.

153
00:05:13,900 --> 00:05:14,980
Do you know what he did?

154
00:05:14,980 --> 00:05:17,740

155
00:05:17,740 --> 00:05:20,290
They release him, you know?

156
00:05:20,290 --> 00:05:24,340
Because he wasn't 100%.

157
00:05:24,340 --> 00:05:25,440
He was sick.

158
00:05:25,440 --> 00:05:26,500
OK.

159
00:05:26,500 --> 00:05:27,340
OK.

160
00:05:27,340 --> 00:05:32,020
So he was about to be drafted,
but his health was not good.

161
00:05:32,020 --> 00:05:32,890
Which one?

162
00:05:32,890 --> 00:05:34,180
His health was not good.

163
00:05:34,180 --> 00:05:35,620
No, no, not good.

164
00:05:35,620 --> 00:05:37,810
OK.

165

00:05:37,810 --> 00:05:39,890

Did you have
brothers and sisters?

166

00:05:39,890 --> 00:05:40,390

Pardon me?

167

00:05:40,390 --> 00:05:42,590

Do you have brothers
and sisters?

168

00:05:42,590 --> 00:05:44,710

I have only one brother.

169

00:05:44,710 --> 00:05:47,560

And he's got blind now.

170

00:05:47,560 --> 00:05:48,640

Oh, dear.

171

00:05:48,640 --> 00:05:49,150

Yeah.

172

00:05:49,150 --> 00:05:51,540

Is he younger or older than you?

173

00:05:51,540 --> 00:05:53,500

Younger, much younger.

174

00:05:53,500 --> 00:05:55,780

I had a sister between.

175

00:05:55,780 --> 00:06:00,850

I had a sister, but she
died a couple years ago.

176

00:06:00,850 --> 00:06:02,720

What was her name?

177

00:06:02,720 --> 00:06:04,840

Her name was Elizabeth.

178
00:06:04,840 --> 00:06:06,920
And when was she born?

179
00:06:06,920 --> 00:06:17,370
She was born-- she was
younger for me two years.

180
00:06:17,370 --> 00:06:18,160
OK.

181
00:06:18,160 --> 00:06:18,700
'28.

182
00:06:18,700 --> 00:06:20,400
So she's 1928.

183
00:06:20,400 --> 00:06:21,460
'28, yes.

184
00:06:21,460 --> 00:06:23,460
OK, Elizabeth Braun.

185
00:06:23,460 --> 00:06:24,250
Braun.

186
00:06:24,250 --> 00:06:26,140
And your brother's name?

187
00:06:26,140 --> 00:06:28,780
My brother is Alan Braun.

188
00:06:28,780 --> 00:06:30,550
And when was he born?

189
00:06:30,550 --> 00:06:33,880
He was born in--

190
00:06:33,880 --> 00:06:37,070
six years younger than I am.

191
00:06:37,070 --> 00:06:38,890
So 1932?

192
00:06:38,890 --> 00:06:40,080
1932.

193
00:06:40,080 --> 00:06:40,880
OK.

194
00:06:40,880 --> 00:06:41,380
OK.

195
00:06:41,380 --> 00:06:43,220
So you were the
oldest in the family.

196
00:06:43,220 --> 00:06:43,720
Pardon me?

197
00:06:43,720 --> 00:06:45,137
You were the oldest
in the family.

198
00:06:45,137 --> 00:06:46,470
I was the old.

199
00:06:46,470 --> 00:06:48,450
We were three kids.

200
00:06:48,450 --> 00:06:50,400
And we came home.

201
00:06:50,400 --> 00:06:53,320
The three of us, we came home.

202
00:06:53,320 --> 00:06:58,930
And we tried to
come here, you know.

203
00:06:58,930 --> 00:07:02,470
We had family here, and

they were bringing us out.

204

00:07:02,470 --> 00:07:05,030

So this is after all these
bad things had happened.

205

00:07:05,030 --> 00:07:07,150

All after everything.

206

00:07:07,150 --> 00:07:10,660

We'll talk now about
before everything.

207

00:07:10,660 --> 00:07:14,620

I want to get a sense of what
your childhood was like, what

208

00:07:14,620 --> 00:07:19,450

it was like growing up in
Czechoslovakia in the 1920s

209

00:07:19,450 --> 00:07:21,290

and 1930s.

210

00:07:21,290 --> 00:07:23,530

So I'll ask a lot of
questions about that.

211

00:07:23,530 --> 00:07:30,100

Well, under the Czechoslovakia,
the Jews were all right.

212

00:07:30,100 --> 00:07:30,670

Yeah?

213

00:07:30,670 --> 00:07:31,850

Yeah.

214

00:07:31,850 --> 00:07:34,190

We had a good business.

215

00:07:34,190 --> 00:07:40,330

And everything was perfect

216

00:07:40,330 --> 00:07:44,170

Tell me, what kind of
business did your father have?

217

00:07:44,170 --> 00:07:48,000

He had a restaurant
and a nightclub.

218

00:07:48,000 --> 00:07:51,460

Yeah, was very, very--

219

00:07:51,460 --> 00:07:54,130

we had a couple clubs there.

220

00:07:54,130 --> 00:08:02,220

And they belong there,
you know, from sports club

221

00:08:02,220 --> 00:08:04,780

and another club.

222

00:08:04,780 --> 00:08:10,310

And it was beautiful,
very nice, big business.

223

00:08:10,310 --> 00:08:13,450

It also sounds like a fun
business to be in, you know,

224

00:08:13,450 --> 00:08:15,190

entertainment business.

225

00:08:15,190 --> 00:08:16,090

Oh, it was.

226

00:08:16,090 --> 00:08:17,620

[INAUDIBLE] every day.

227

00:08:17,620 --> 00:08:18,120

Yeah?

228
00:08:18,120 --> 00:08:18,720
Yeah.

229
00:08:18,720 --> 00:08:20,440
Beautiful was, yeah.

230
00:08:20,440 --> 00:08:23,350
Did your father
founded the business,

231
00:08:23,350 --> 00:08:25,120
or did he inherited it?

232
00:08:25,120 --> 00:08:31,950
My father inherited from the
father, from my [INAUDIBLE]..

233
00:08:31,950 --> 00:08:35,140
It goes down from generation.

234
00:08:35,140 --> 00:08:37,610
Was he the oldest in the family?

235
00:08:37,610 --> 00:08:38,110
Who?

236
00:08:38,110 --> 00:08:40,175
Your father, did he have
brothers and sisters?

237
00:08:40,175 --> 00:08:43,260

238
00:08:43,260 --> 00:08:44,380
I [INAUDIBLE].

239
00:08:44,380 --> 00:08:48,100
It's a mix business.

240
00:08:48,100 --> 00:08:51,920

You know, my father was
the youngest I know.

241
00:08:51,920 --> 00:08:52,970
He was the youngest.

242
00:08:52,970 --> 00:08:57,690
But some of them died, you know.

243
00:08:57,690 --> 00:09:00,210

244
00:09:00,210 --> 00:09:05,200
And you know, I mean,
the father died.

245
00:09:05,200 --> 00:09:06,570
And then they married.

246
00:09:06,570 --> 00:09:08,795
The Jews could marry--

247
00:09:08,795 --> 00:09:12,620

248
00:09:12,620 --> 00:09:18,170
how I said, marry the sister.

249
00:09:18,170 --> 00:09:19,080
You know what I mean?

250
00:09:19,080 --> 00:09:19,850
Yeah.

251
00:09:19,850 --> 00:09:22,760
So when the grandmother
died, your grandfather

252
00:09:22,760 --> 00:09:23,552
married her sister?

253

00:09:23,552 --> 00:09:24,593

Married her sister, yeah.

254

00:09:24,593 --> 00:09:25,480

OK.

255

00:09:25,480 --> 00:09:29,900

So this is the way it
was going on in Europe.

256

00:09:29,900 --> 00:09:33,440

I mean, not only,
but that's the way.

257

00:09:33,440 --> 00:09:38,000

So did your father have
half-brothers and half-sisters

258

00:09:38,000 --> 00:09:38,720

from--

259

00:09:38,720 --> 00:09:41,240

Yes, yes.

260

00:09:41,240 --> 00:09:44,240

But they didn't come home.

261

00:09:44,240 --> 00:09:46,070

Did you know them growing up?

262

00:09:46,070 --> 00:09:46,880

Oh, yes.

263

00:09:46,880 --> 00:09:48,590

Very nice, yeah.

264

00:09:48,590 --> 00:09:52,190

Well, what were their names
of all the half-brothers

265

00:09:52,190 --> 00:09:53,570

and sisters that he had?

266
00:09:53,570 --> 00:09:54,510
What was the--

267
00:09:54,510 --> 00:09:58,480
I remember the last name,
because they were married.

268
00:09:58,480 --> 00:09:59,140
OK.

269
00:09:59,140 --> 00:10:04,005
But you know, well, every
one of them had a name.

270
00:10:04,005 --> 00:10:05,630
But you don't remember
their names yet?

271
00:10:05,630 --> 00:10:06,280
No.

272
00:10:06,280 --> 00:10:07,070
OK.

273
00:10:07,070 --> 00:10:08,750
Do you know about how many?

274
00:10:08,750 --> 00:10:09,380
Who?

275
00:10:09,380 --> 00:10:13,770
About how many brothers and
sisters he had, your father?

276
00:10:13,770 --> 00:10:16,340

277
00:10:16,340 --> 00:10:20,820
He had, I think, about three.

278

00:10:20,820 --> 00:10:21,500
OK.

279
00:10:21,500 --> 00:10:22,340
Yeah.

280
00:10:22,340 --> 00:10:24,020
OK.

281
00:10:24,020 --> 00:10:28,060
And what was the name
of the restaurant?

282
00:10:28,060 --> 00:10:33,460
The restaurant was
just Braun, you know--

283
00:10:33,460 --> 00:10:37,600
and big name.

284
00:10:37,600 --> 00:10:38,680
And the nightclub?

285
00:10:38,680 --> 00:10:45,710
It's a nice [INAUDIBLE],,
a big, big, big place.

286
00:10:45,710 --> 00:10:46,970
Did you visit it?

287
00:10:46,970 --> 00:10:47,470
Pardon me?

288
00:10:47,470 --> 00:10:50,060
Did you go to it?

289
00:10:50,060 --> 00:10:51,440
Yeah, I lived there.

290
00:10:51,440 --> 00:10:53,990
You know, you live
in the business.

291
00:10:53,990 --> 00:10:57,185
Oh, so did you live at the same
place where the restaurant was?

292
00:10:57,185 --> 00:10:58,651
Yeah, exactly.

293
00:10:58,651 --> 00:11:00,860
Ah.

294
00:11:00,860 --> 00:11:02,620
Above the restaurant?

295
00:11:02,620 --> 00:11:04,040
No, no, no.

296
00:11:04,040 --> 00:11:07,100
They walk down.

297
00:11:07,100 --> 00:11:10,730
Not too many high
rises they had.

298
00:11:10,730 --> 00:11:12,240
No high rises there?

299
00:11:12,240 --> 00:11:12,740
[LAUGHTER]

300
00:11:12,740 --> 00:11:14,450
No, those years.

301
00:11:14,450 --> 00:11:15,970
But now they have.

302
00:11:15,970 --> 00:11:18,050
Well, describe it
for me a little bit.

303
00:11:18,050 --> 00:11:21,400

Was it in the center of town,
or was it in the outskirts?

304
00:11:21,400 --> 00:11:22,280
Where was it?

305
00:11:22,280 --> 00:11:24,950
It was in the center,
right in the center.

306
00:11:24,950 --> 00:11:25,880
Oh, wow.

307
00:11:25,880 --> 00:11:27,230
Very nice, yeah.

308
00:11:27,230 --> 00:11:28,770
What was the address?

309
00:11:28,770 --> 00:11:29,270
Pardon me?

310
00:11:29,270 --> 00:11:31,010
What was the address?

311
00:11:31,010 --> 00:11:33,620
The address is Main Street.

312
00:11:33,620 --> 00:11:36,080
And how would you say
it in Czechoslovak?

313
00:11:36,080 --> 00:11:37,430
Main Street.

314
00:11:37,430 --> 00:11:40,850
How would it be in
Slovak or in Hungarian?

315
00:11:40,850 --> 00:11:43,280
Same way, Main Street.

316

00:11:43,280 --> 00:11:44,230

Hungaria you mean?

317

00:11:44,230 --> 00:11:47,600

318

00:11:47,600 --> 00:11:50,250

Main Street.

319

00:11:50,250 --> 00:11:51,440

No, OK.

320

00:11:51,440 --> 00:11:54,680

So you don't remember how
you called it when you

321

00:11:54,680 --> 00:11:57,050

were growing up, the street?

322

00:11:57,050 --> 00:11:57,890

The street?

323

00:11:57,890 --> 00:11:59,360

Yeah, in the other language.

324

00:11:59,360 --> 00:12:02,160

325

00:12:02,160 --> 00:12:03,760

You don't have to call.

326

00:12:03,760 --> 00:12:04,260

OK.

327

00:12:04,260 --> 00:12:07,490

328

00:12:07,490 --> 00:12:11,690

And were there other
businesses in the same building

329

00:12:11,690 --> 00:12:12,830
as the restaurant?

330

00:12:12,830 --> 00:12:13,740
No.

331

00:12:13,740 --> 00:12:14,270
OK.

332

00:12:14,270 --> 00:12:15,710
Only we were there.

333

00:12:15,710 --> 00:12:16,730
OK.

334

00:12:16,730 --> 00:12:20,390
And you say you lived
at the same place?

335

00:12:20,390 --> 00:12:21,140
Yeah.

336

00:12:21,140 --> 00:12:24,170
Was it a house that was
separate from the rest?

337

00:12:24,170 --> 00:12:27,740
It was attached.

338

00:12:27,740 --> 00:12:30,990
And was it behind
the restaurant?

339

00:12:30,990 --> 00:12:31,610
Pardon me?

340

00:12:31,610 --> 00:12:33,290
Was it behind the restaurant?

341

00:12:33,290 --> 00:12:34,460
Yeah.

342
00:12:34,460 --> 00:12:35,270
OK.

343
00:12:35,270 --> 00:12:37,910
What did it look
like, your home?

344
00:12:37,910 --> 00:12:42,050
Very nice everything,
you know, very nice--

345
00:12:42,050 --> 00:12:44,110
big garden.

346
00:12:44,110 --> 00:12:47,760
You know, summertime
they dancing outside.

347
00:12:47,760 --> 00:12:48,260
Yeah.

348
00:12:48,260 --> 00:12:50,610
It was beautiful.

349
00:12:50,610 --> 00:12:55,640
They were coming not only from
the city, but from outside.

350
00:12:55,640 --> 00:12:56,240
Oh, really?

351
00:12:56,240 --> 00:13:01,250
Yeah, the sports club,
you know, they had games.

352
00:13:01,250 --> 00:13:05,510
All kind of games they had.

353
00:13:05,510 --> 00:13:08,960
Was the sports club at the
same place as the restaurant?

354
00:13:08,960 --> 00:13:10,220
Yeah.

355
00:13:10,220 --> 00:13:11,300
OK.

356
00:13:11,300 --> 00:13:13,460
Was it separate
from the restaurant?

357
00:13:13,460 --> 00:13:14,240
Separate, yeah.

358
00:13:14,240 --> 00:13:17,120
Separate, OK.

359
00:13:17,120 --> 00:13:24,280
And did your father
have many employees?

360
00:13:24,280 --> 00:13:25,411
A couple.

361
00:13:25,411 --> 00:13:27,810
A couple, not that many?

362
00:13:27,810 --> 00:13:34,780
I don't remember how many,
but there was a good couple.

363
00:13:34,780 --> 00:13:37,630
They had waiters and, you know.

364
00:13:37,630 --> 00:13:40,110
Yeah.

365
00:13:40,110 --> 00:13:43,160
Now, if you lived
behind the restaurant,

366

00:13:43,160 --> 00:13:45,720
tell me what did
the house look like.

367
00:13:45,720 --> 00:13:46,910
Was it made of stone?

368
00:13:46,910 --> 00:13:49,100
Was it made of wood?

369
00:13:49,100 --> 00:13:49,790
Stone.

370
00:13:49,790 --> 00:13:50,810
Stone.

371
00:13:50,810 --> 00:13:55,010
And was it built
in the 20th century

372
00:13:55,010 --> 00:13:57,620
or built in the 19th century?

373
00:13:57,620 --> 00:14:01,370
Can you describe it for me?

374
00:14:01,370 --> 00:14:02,680
You mean the restaurant?

375
00:14:02,680 --> 00:14:04,180
The house, the house
that you grew--

376
00:14:04,180 --> 00:14:05,120
The house?

377
00:14:05,120 --> 00:14:07,420
It was from stone, you know.

378
00:14:07,420 --> 00:14:08,060
OK.

379

00:14:08,060 --> 00:14:09,670

Yeah.

380

00:14:09,670 --> 00:14:15,650

And did you have
indoor plumbing?

381

00:14:15,650 --> 00:14:16,700

Indoor plumbing?

382

00:14:16,700 --> 00:14:20,330

Like water, facilities,
kitchen sink?

383

00:14:20,330 --> 00:14:20,960

Yeah.

384

00:14:20,960 --> 00:14:21,680

Toilet?

385

00:14:21,680 --> 00:14:22,610

Yeah, yeah.

386

00:14:22,610 --> 00:14:23,420

You had that.

387

00:14:23,420 --> 00:14:25,850

Did you have electricity?

388

00:14:25,850 --> 00:14:26,700

Yes, sure.

389

00:14:26,700 --> 00:14:27,200

Yeah.

390

00:14:27,200 --> 00:14:29,450

OK.

391

00:14:29,450 --> 00:14:31,370

How did you--

392

00:14:31,370 --> 00:14:33,530

Cathy is laughing.

393

00:14:33,530 --> 00:14:35,780

Well, a lot of places didn't.

394

00:14:35,780 --> 00:14:38,280

A lot of places
didn't, you know?

395

00:14:38,280 --> 00:14:39,550

[INAUDIBLE]

396

00:14:39,550 --> 00:14:40,050

OK.

397

00:14:40,050 --> 00:14:43,370

398

00:14:43,370 --> 00:14:45,710

Was your family very well-to-do?

399

00:14:45,710 --> 00:14:47,850

Would you say that they
were a rich family?

400

00:14:47,850 --> 00:14:49,550

Very good, it was very good.

401

00:14:49,550 --> 00:14:52,700

But not on the last,
on the last that

402

00:14:52,700 --> 00:14:57,140

they took away license,
the Hungarians.

403

00:14:57,140 --> 00:14:58,160

We'll come to that.

404

00:14:58,160 --> 00:14:59,090

We'll come to that.

405

00:14:59,090 --> 00:15:03,020

Before we come to that,
I want to find out more

406

00:15:03,020 --> 00:15:04,910

about what your life was like.

407

00:15:04,910 --> 00:15:10,250

Before it all changed, I
want to know, you know,

408

00:15:10,250 --> 00:15:13,520

what was the world that you had.

409

00:15:13,520 --> 00:15:17,420

So that's why I'm
asking so many details.

410

00:15:17,420 --> 00:15:19,580

Did your father have a car?

411

00:15:19,580 --> 00:15:20,320

No.

412

00:15:20,320 --> 00:15:20,820

OK.

413

00:15:20,820 --> 00:15:22,553

No, he didn't.

414

00:15:22,553 --> 00:15:23,720

Did he have a radio at home?

415

00:15:23,720 --> 00:15:26,650

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416

00:15:26,650 --> 00:15:30,470

You know, those years, it was--

417

00:15:30,470 --> 00:15:36,035
but, anyway, I mean to
have a radio you mean?

418
00:15:36,035 --> 00:15:37,160
Yeah, did you have a radio?

419
00:15:37,160 --> 00:15:38,120
Oh, of course.

420
00:15:38,120 --> 00:15:38,660
Yeah.

421
00:15:38,660 --> 00:15:39,650
OK.

422
00:15:39,650 --> 00:15:42,420
Did he have live bands
playing at the restaurant?

423
00:15:42,420 --> 00:15:43,280
Pardon me?

424
00:15:43,280 --> 00:15:46,790
Did he have-- excuse
me, can we cut the tape?

425
00:15:46,790 --> 00:15:48,680
He went back with Cathy.

426
00:15:48,680 --> 00:15:50,420
OK.

427
00:15:50,420 --> 00:15:53,650
And the whole thing
is disappeared.

428
00:15:53,650 --> 00:15:54,440
Really?

429
00:15:54,440 --> 00:15:57,610
They made there a hospital--

430
00:15:57,610 --> 00:15:58,110
Really?

431
00:15:58,110 --> 00:15:59,900
--regular hospital.

432
00:15:59,900 --> 00:16:03,350
And they build there
a building there,

433
00:16:03,350 --> 00:16:08,430
another building
with two story high.

434
00:16:08,430 --> 00:16:11,465
And so there's no trace then
of that it was a restaurant.

435
00:16:11,465 --> 00:16:12,560
No, no.

436
00:16:12,560 --> 00:16:13,800
It's all gone.

437
00:16:13,800 --> 00:16:14,300
All gone.

438
00:16:14,300 --> 00:16:15,920
It's all gone.

439
00:16:15,920 --> 00:16:18,920
When did you go back?

440
00:16:18,920 --> 00:16:20,390
A couple years ago.

441
00:16:20,390 --> 00:16:22,490
Oh, so not that long ago.

442
00:16:22,490 --> 00:16:24,010

No, not long ago.

443
00:16:24,010 --> 00:16:24,860
OK.

444
00:16:24,860 --> 00:16:28,320
Was this the first
time you had been back?

445
00:16:28,320 --> 00:16:32,350
I was there-- twice I was there.

446
00:16:32,350 --> 00:16:33,580
OK, OK.

447
00:16:33,580 --> 00:16:38,300

448
00:16:38,300 --> 00:16:41,180
Did your mother-- was
she involved in any

449
00:16:41,180 --> 00:16:42,650
of your father's business?

450
00:16:42,650 --> 00:16:44,300
Yes, yes.

451
00:16:44,300 --> 00:16:45,920
How was she involved in it?

452
00:16:45,920 --> 00:16:47,180
What did she do?

453
00:16:47,180 --> 00:16:51,890
Well, you know, there is a
lot of things to do there,

454
00:16:51,890 --> 00:16:56,600
because you have to watch
the people, taking care.

455

00:16:56,600 --> 00:17:05,329

And you know, they were drinking
and registered, you know.

456

00:17:05,329 --> 00:17:06,910

It was a lot of work.

457

00:17:06,910 --> 00:17:09,260

OK.

458

00:17:09,260 --> 00:17:12,160

And then who minded
the children?

459

00:17:12,160 --> 00:17:14,540

If she helped out there
in the restaurant,

460

00:17:14,540 --> 00:17:16,940

who took care of you and
your brother and sister?

461

00:17:16,940 --> 00:17:24,290

Oh, well, what I remember,
I was the oldest.

462

00:17:24,290 --> 00:17:26,240

I was going to
school already, you

463

00:17:26,240 --> 00:17:28,490

know And my sister was going.

464

00:17:28,490 --> 00:17:30,840

But my brother didn't go.

465

00:17:30,840 --> 00:17:34,720

So we had a maid
who was watching.

466

00:17:34,720 --> 00:17:35,870

OK.

467
00:17:35,870 --> 00:17:39,380
Did you also have people
help with the housework?

468
00:17:39,380 --> 00:17:43,220
Did you have other
hired help at home?

469
00:17:43,220 --> 00:17:44,120
Yeah.

470
00:17:44,120 --> 00:17:45,440
OK.

471
00:17:45,440 --> 00:17:46,781
Who?

472
00:17:46,781 --> 00:17:47,760
Who?

473
00:17:47,760 --> 00:17:50,540
Like, what other
servants were there?

474
00:17:50,540 --> 00:17:51,740
Was there only one maid?

475
00:17:51,740 --> 00:17:52,700
Or was there a cook?

476
00:17:52,700 --> 00:17:53,800
Was there-- you know?

477
00:17:53,800 --> 00:17:55,823
Was a cook, was, yeah.

478
00:17:55,823 --> 00:17:56,740
There was also a cook?

479
00:17:56,740 --> 00:17:57,350

Yeah.

480
00:17:57,350 --> 00:17:59,180
OK.

481
00:17:59,180 --> 00:18:04,010
And did you eat at
home, or did you

482
00:18:04,010 --> 00:18:07,066
go to the restaurant to eat?

483
00:18:07,066 --> 00:18:08,570
That was our home.

484
00:18:08,570 --> 00:18:12,050
So you know, what are--

485
00:18:12,050 --> 00:18:16,850
they don't make a big
deal of eating, you know.

486
00:18:16,850 --> 00:18:25,170
They give the child some bread,
something on it, and that's it.

487
00:18:25,170 --> 00:18:25,670
OK.

488
00:18:25,670 --> 00:18:28,280
So when you wanted a snack,
you could go to the restaurant

489
00:18:28,280 --> 00:18:28,780
easily.

490
00:18:28,780 --> 00:18:29,420
Yeah, yeah.

491
00:18:29,420 --> 00:18:29,920
OK.

492
00:18:29,920 --> 00:18:33,050

493
00:18:33,050 --> 00:18:35,150
What language did
you speak at home?

494
00:18:35,150 --> 00:18:36,180
Hungarian.

495
00:18:36,180 --> 00:18:37,310
Hungarian.

496
00:18:37,310 --> 00:18:39,230
Did you learn Czech?

497
00:18:39,230 --> 00:18:42,650
Yeah, I went to
school to Slovak.

498
00:18:42,650 --> 00:18:44,770
Slovak, did you learn Slovak?

499
00:18:44,770 --> 00:18:45,920
Yeah, yeah.

500
00:18:45,920 --> 00:18:47,990
OK.

501
00:18:47,990 --> 00:18:51,950
Tell me a little bit about
your mother's family.

502
00:18:51,950 --> 00:18:54,140
How many brothers and
sisters did she have?

503
00:18:54,140 --> 00:18:59,270

504
00:18:59,270 --> 00:19:02,750

They were religious.

505

00:19:02,750 --> 00:19:06,000

And over there, you know,
the religious people,

506

00:19:06,000 --> 00:19:09,530

they had a lot of kids.

507

00:19:09,530 --> 00:19:14,870

So my mother had
a couple sisters.

508

00:19:14,870 --> 00:19:18,950

509

00:19:18,950 --> 00:19:23,900

I remember about three sisters.

510

00:19:23,900 --> 00:19:30,110

And they had brothers,
couple brothers, about eight.

511

00:19:30,110 --> 00:19:30,890

That's a lot.

512

00:19:30,890 --> 00:19:32,000

Yeah, a lot.

513

00:19:32,000 --> 00:19:32,942

Yeah.

514

00:19:32,942 --> 00:19:33,692

Did you know them?

515

00:19:33,692 --> 00:19:36,750

The grandmother worked hard.

516

00:19:36,750 --> 00:19:37,250

Yeah.

517

00:19:37,250 --> 00:19:43,380

And where they lived,
they had a maid

518

00:19:43,380 --> 00:19:45,920

that was cooking
for the poor people.

519

00:19:45,920 --> 00:19:47,680

They were going through there.

520

00:19:47,680 --> 00:19:51,500

The poor people, it
was a stop there.

521

00:19:51,500 --> 00:19:55,380

And they ate, and
then they go further.

522

00:19:55,380 --> 00:19:56,500

That's really nice.

523

00:19:56,500 --> 00:19:58,855

That's the way they
lived, the old time.

524

00:19:58,855 --> 00:20:01,370

525

00:20:01,370 --> 00:20:04,020

That's a very kind thing to do--

526

00:20:04,020 --> 00:20:04,520

Yeah.

527

00:20:04,520 --> 00:20:04,940

That was--

528

00:20:04,940 --> 00:20:06,310

--for a private family to feed.

529

00:20:06,310 --> 00:20:08,720

And they were happy to
give them, you know?

530
00:20:08,720 --> 00:20:13,880
They feed them and
come the next time.

531
00:20:13,880 --> 00:20:15,795
Did you visit them
often, your grandparent

532
00:20:15,795 --> 00:20:16,670
on you mother's side?

533
00:20:16,670 --> 00:20:17,170
Yes.

534
00:20:17,170 --> 00:20:18,770
Yes, I did, summertime.

535
00:20:18,770 --> 00:20:19,880
Yeah?

536
00:20:19,880 --> 00:20:22,500
And they were in
Szerednye, right?

537
00:20:22,500 --> 00:20:23,030
Pardon me?

538
00:20:23,030 --> 00:20:25,320
They are in Szerednye,
is that right?

539
00:20:25,320 --> 00:20:25,820
Szerednye.

540
00:20:25,820 --> 00:20:27,620
[PLACE NAME]

541
00:20:27,620 --> 00:20:31,220
Was Szerednye a bigger

place or a smaller place

542
00:20:31,220 --> 00:20:33,880
than your hometown?

543
00:20:33,880 --> 00:20:40,580
Oh, where I was born,
it's much bigger.

544
00:20:40,580 --> 00:20:45,540
It belonged there to small
towns to that town, you know.

545
00:20:45,540 --> 00:20:47,330
OK, so it was a center.

546
00:20:47,330 --> 00:20:48,040
Center, yeah.

547
00:20:48,040 --> 00:20:49,070
It was a center.

548
00:20:49,070 --> 00:20:51,390
And Szerednye, was
it a small place?

549
00:20:51,390 --> 00:20:51,890
Who?

550
00:20:51,890 --> 00:20:53,390
Szerednye, was that a small--

551
00:20:53,390 --> 00:20:58,820
A smaller place, you know,
it was busses stopped there.

552
00:20:58,820 --> 00:21:01,900
And that's how I remember.

553
00:21:01,900 --> 00:21:07,520
And the taxis there and they
went to another town, you know?

554
00:21:07,520 --> 00:21:10,920
Did you go to visit
there by bus or by taxi?

555
00:21:10,920 --> 00:21:11,420
Who?

556
00:21:11,420 --> 00:21:15,050
When you went to Szerednye to
visit your mother's family--

557
00:21:15,050 --> 00:21:15,560
Yeah.

558
00:21:15,560 --> 00:21:17,770
--did you travel by bus or by--

559
00:21:17,770 --> 00:21:22,240
By train and bus.

560
00:21:22,240 --> 00:21:23,570
Ah, OK.

561
00:21:23,570 --> 00:21:26,830
How long would it
take you to get there?

562
00:21:26,830 --> 00:21:28,060
A couple hours.

563
00:21:28,060 --> 00:21:29,550
A couple of hours, OK.

564
00:21:29,550 --> 00:21:35,000
But it's nothing 15,
20 minutes to now.

565
00:21:35,000 --> 00:21:35,510
Yeah.

566

00:21:35,510 --> 00:21:37,220
Now, it's different.

567
00:21:37,220 --> 00:21:39,150
Now, it would be closer.

568
00:21:39,150 --> 00:21:42,110
That is easier to get to.

569
00:21:42,110 --> 00:21:48,820
And was Szerednye also
99% Hungarian, like--

570
00:21:48,820 --> 00:21:56,570
Not 99, it's was
already about 40%.

571
00:21:56,570 --> 00:21:57,210
OK.

572
00:21:57,210 --> 00:22:02,300
Because they spoke
there already Russian.

573
00:22:02,300 --> 00:22:03,020
Really?

574
00:22:03,020 --> 00:22:04,820
Yeah.

575
00:22:04,820 --> 00:22:06,920
Russian as well as Hungarian?

576
00:22:06,920 --> 00:22:07,520
Yeah.

577
00:22:07,520 --> 00:22:10,130
What about Slovak or--

578
00:22:10,130 --> 00:22:15,590
That wasn't Slovak, but
the border wasn't far away.

579
00:22:15,590 --> 00:22:18,770
So [INAUDIBLE] was
within Hungary,

580
00:22:18,770 --> 00:22:20,370
and you lived in Czechoslovakia.

581
00:22:20,370 --> 00:22:20,870
Yeah.

582
00:22:20,870 --> 00:22:26,030
But the Jews mostly
spoke Hungarian.

583
00:22:26,030 --> 00:22:28,090
Ah, OK.

584
00:22:28,090 --> 00:22:29,740
They had a school.

585
00:22:29,740 --> 00:22:30,680
OK.

586
00:22:30,680 --> 00:22:36,132
Was it a large Jewish
population in Szerednye?

587
00:22:36,132 --> 00:22:38,790

588
00:22:38,790 --> 00:22:40,910
Yes, I would say so.

589
00:22:40,910 --> 00:22:41,810
OK.

590
00:22:41,810 --> 00:22:43,280
What about your hometown?

591
00:22:43,280 --> 00:22:47,630

I forget how to call
it where you were from.

592
00:22:47,630 --> 00:22:50,180
How do we call the
town you were born in?

593
00:22:50,180 --> 00:22:51,280
KapuÅ¸.

594
00:22:51,280 --> 00:22:53,400
KapuÅ¸.

595
00:22:53,400 --> 00:22:54,330
Vel'kÃ© KapuÅ¸any.

596
00:22:54,330 --> 00:22:55,200
Kapus, yeah.

597
00:22:55,200 --> 00:22:55,930
Yeah.

598
00:22:55,930 --> 00:23:01,610
Vel'kÃ© KapuÅ¸, did that have
a large Jewish population?

599
00:23:01,610 --> 00:23:03,200
Not so big.

600
00:23:03,200 --> 00:23:04,370
Not so big.

601
00:23:04,370 --> 00:23:07,360
But it was all right.

602
00:23:07,360 --> 00:23:08,180
OK.

603
00:23:08,180 --> 00:23:11,210
Now, was your mother
very religious?

604

00:23:11,210 --> 00:23:13,490

Your mother, was
she very religious?

605

00:23:13,490 --> 00:23:14,240

Yeah.

606

00:23:14,240 --> 00:23:15,500

OK.

607

00:23:15,500 --> 00:23:17,360

And your father?

608

00:23:17,360 --> 00:23:18,450

My-- I--

609

00:23:18,450 --> 00:23:22,130

Your father, was
he very religious?

610

00:23:22,130 --> 00:23:24,600

Your father, was he a
very religious person?

611

00:23:24,600 --> 00:23:25,580

No, he [INAUDIBLE].

612

00:23:25,580 --> 00:23:30,590

My mother was more
religious than my father.

613

00:23:30,590 --> 00:23:33,410

My father was--

614

00:23:33,410 --> 00:23:34,580

More secular?

615

00:23:34,580 --> 00:23:39,020

Well, you know, not
too much, you know?

616

00:23:39,020 --> 00:23:41,190
OK.

617
00:23:41,190 --> 00:23:50,470
And was the restaurant
a kosher restaurant?

618
00:23:50,470 --> 00:23:51,580
No.

619
00:23:51,580 --> 00:23:52,840
OK.

620
00:23:52,840 --> 00:23:55,480
Did you eat kosher at home?

621
00:23:55,480 --> 00:23:57,170
Strictly kosher, yeah.

622
00:23:57,170 --> 00:23:57,670
OK.

623
00:23:57,670 --> 00:24:00,040
My mother was very religious.

624
00:24:00,040 --> 00:24:01,420
OK.

625
00:24:01,420 --> 00:24:04,060
So did you ever eat any
food that you couldn't

626
00:24:04,060 --> 00:24:07,090
get at home at the restaurant?

627
00:24:07,090 --> 00:24:08,110
I ate.

628
00:24:08,110 --> 00:24:08,650
Yeah?

629

00:24:08,650 --> 00:24:11,300
So you had ham sometimes?

630
00:24:11,300 --> 00:24:13,900
Sometimes, yeah.

631
00:24:13,900 --> 00:24:16,390
Did you tell your mother?

632
00:24:16,390 --> 00:24:18,240
No.

633
00:24:18,240 --> 00:24:20,500
OK.

634
00:24:20,500 --> 00:24:23,590
Let's go back to
your mother's family.

635
00:24:23,590 --> 00:24:26,560
You say they were
a lot of children.

636
00:24:26,560 --> 00:24:30,170
She had many sisters
and many brothers.

637
00:24:30,170 --> 00:24:30,940
Yeah.

638
00:24:30,940 --> 00:24:32,550
Did you know them well?

639
00:24:32,550 --> 00:24:33,490
Well, yes.

640
00:24:33,490 --> 00:24:35,980
Do you remember their names?

641
00:24:35,980 --> 00:24:37,600
Yeah, I would say so.

642

00:24:37,600 --> 00:24:40,300

Tell me what their names were.

643

00:24:40,300 --> 00:24:42,160

The name from my--

644

00:24:42,160 --> 00:24:43,750

Mother's family?

645

00:24:43,750 --> 00:24:44,700

[INAUDIBLE]

646

00:24:44,700 --> 00:24:45,820

Rosica.

647

00:24:45,820 --> 00:24:47,190

Rosica.

648

00:24:47,190 --> 00:24:47,810

[? Etu. ?]

649

00:24:47,810 --> 00:24:49,720

[? Etu. ?]

650

00:24:49,720 --> 00:24:51,110

[? Janui. ?] [INAUDIBLE].

651

00:24:51,110 --> 00:24:53,590

[? Janui. ?]

652

00:24:53,590 --> 00:25:02,160

And then there was one
sister was in Slovakia

653

00:25:02,160 --> 00:25:05,620

who I didn't know so well.

654

00:25:05,620 --> 00:25:21,600

And was the uncles, you
know, [INAUDIBLE] uncles,

655

00:25:21,600 --> 00:25:24,150

one was Nandor.

656

00:25:24,150 --> 00:25:25,320

Nandor, OK.

657

00:25:25,320 --> 00:25:26,970

Nandor Isidor.

658

00:25:26,970 --> 00:25:28,000

Isidor.

659

00:25:28,000 --> 00:25:28,500

Yeah.

660

00:25:28,500 --> 00:25:39,625

And Nandor, Isidor, and Frank.

661

00:25:39,625 --> 00:25:42,370

662

00:25:42,370 --> 00:25:43,700

Was he known as Frank?

663

00:25:43,700 --> 00:25:44,950

Frank, yeah.

664

00:25:44,950 --> 00:25:47,360

He came out to this country.

665

00:25:47,360 --> 00:25:50,120

He was the first one who
came out to this country.

666

00:25:50,120 --> 00:25:51,870

Oh, to the United States?

667

00:25:51,870 --> 00:25:53,890

United States.

668

00:25:53,890 --> 00:25:57,280
And he made a family here.

669
00:25:57,280 --> 00:26:00,100
But they were in
touch, always in touch.

670
00:26:00,100 --> 00:26:01,450
OK.

671
00:26:01,450 --> 00:26:04,240
Eti, was her full name Eszter

672
00:26:04,240 --> 00:26:05,760
Yeah.

673
00:26:05,760 --> 00:26:06,610
OK.

674
00:26:06,610 --> 00:26:09,940
And so the other sister, what
did you say her name was?

675
00:26:09,940 --> 00:26:10,930
RÃ³zsi.

676
00:26:10,930 --> 00:26:11,440
RÃ³zsi.

677
00:26:11,440 --> 00:26:13,460
So was that RÃ³zsa?

678
00:26:13,460 --> 00:26:13,960
Yeah.

679
00:26:13,960 --> 00:26:15,400
We call her RÃ³zsi.

680
00:26:15,400 --> 00:26:17,190
Rosie, OK.

681

00:26:17,190 --> 00:26:18,280
Rachel.

682
00:26:18,280 --> 00:26:18,850
OK.

683
00:26:18,850 --> 00:26:22,600
And what was their last name?

684
00:26:22,600 --> 00:26:30,190
The last name was
Braun, Braun family.

685
00:26:30,190 --> 00:26:32,860
Your mother's was also Braun?

686
00:26:32,860 --> 00:26:35,050
My mother was [? Herschkovic. ?]

687
00:26:35,050 --> 00:26:38,500
[? Herschkovic. ?] So
[? RÃ³zsi ?] and Eszter,

688
00:26:38,500 --> 00:26:40,330
were they also
[? Herschkovic? ?]

689
00:26:40,330 --> 00:26:41,620
[? Herschkovic, ?] yeah.

690
00:26:41,620 --> 00:26:42,820
OK, OK.

691
00:26:42,820 --> 00:26:45,760

692
00:26:45,760 --> 00:26:49,070
And you say you spent
the summers there?

693
00:26:49,070 --> 00:26:49,570
Who?

694

00:26:49,570 --> 00:26:52,750

You spent the summer with
your mother's family?

695

00:26:52,750 --> 00:26:54,880

You would visit your
mother's family in the--

696

00:26:54,880 --> 00:26:55,780

Yeah, every summer.

697

00:26:55,780 --> 00:26:57,010

Every summer.

698

00:26:57,010 --> 00:27:00,730

How did her grandfather
feed all those children?

699

00:27:00,730 --> 00:27:03,100

How did he support his children?

700

00:27:03,100 --> 00:27:04,800

Well, I tell you.

701

00:27:04,800 --> 00:27:11,140

See, my grandmother
had brothers here.

702

00:27:11,140 --> 00:27:14,230

They lived in Pittsburgh.

703

00:27:14,230 --> 00:27:17,980

And they were very wealthy.

704

00:27:17,980 --> 00:27:23,860

And what was going on
there, you know, every girl,

705

00:27:23,860 --> 00:27:27,360

every girl got--

706

00:27:27,360 --> 00:27:29,700

how they call it, [NON-ENGLISH].

707

00:27:29,700 --> 00:27:30,490

A dowry?

708

00:27:30,490 --> 00:27:31,370

Dowry.

709

00:27:31,370 --> 00:27:32,110

OK.

710

00:27:32,110 --> 00:27:34,390

Every girl had dowry.

711

00:27:34,390 --> 00:27:39,190

And the sister, my
grandmother, was a sister.

712

00:27:39,190 --> 00:27:41,350

They gave her money.

713

00:27:41,350 --> 00:27:44,770

You know, there was,
I think, two brothers,

714

00:27:44,770 --> 00:27:47,320

but they were very wealthy.

715

00:27:47,320 --> 00:27:50,710

Do you know what business
they had in Pittsburgh?

716

00:27:50,710 --> 00:27:52,300

I have no idea.

717

00:27:52,300 --> 00:27:53,060

OK.

718

00:27:53,060 --> 00:27:53,560

OK.

719
00:27:53,560 --> 00:27:57,110
But you know that from that
family the two brothers--

720
00:27:57,110 --> 00:28:06,280
Matter of fact, we called up
the consul when we came home

721
00:28:06,280 --> 00:28:09,320
from camp, concentration.

722
00:28:09,320 --> 00:28:12,940
We called up the
consul in Pittsburgh.

723
00:28:12,940 --> 00:28:22,260
And I had 300 numbers to come
out here in this country,

724
00:28:22,260 --> 00:28:23,740
so fast.

725
00:28:23,740 --> 00:28:27,120
Oh, so you were
like in the 300--

726
00:28:27,120 --> 00:28:29,910
in line, on the list of
people who could come here--

727
00:28:29,910 --> 00:28:30,580
Yeah, yeah.

728
00:28:30,580 --> 00:28:32,450
--you were like number 300?

729
00:28:32,450 --> 00:28:32,950
Yeah.

730
00:28:32,950 --> 00:28:34,120
That is fast.

731
00:28:34,120 --> 00:28:35,350
Yeah, it was fast.

732
00:28:35,350 --> 00:28:36,310
That's very fast, yeah.

733
00:28:36,310 --> 00:28:36,810
Yeah.

734
00:28:36,810 --> 00:28:39,160
So he had influence.

735
00:28:39,160 --> 00:28:41,790
Not only did he have
wealth, he had influence.

736
00:28:41,790 --> 00:28:43,630
We came out, was 1, 2, 3.

737
00:28:43,630 --> 00:28:46,430

738
00:28:46,430 --> 00:28:50,150
1946.

739
00:28:50,150 --> 00:28:53,080
But before then,
before you came out,

740
00:28:53,080 --> 00:28:56,770
before the war when your
mother was a little girl

741
00:28:56,770 --> 00:29:00,670
and she lived there,
how did her father

742
00:29:00,670 --> 00:29:03,970
support your mother and all
of her brothers and sisters?

743

00:29:03,970 --> 00:29:04,930

What was his business?

744

00:29:04,930 --> 00:29:09,050

No, they wasn't living together.

745

00:29:09,050 --> 00:29:12,880

They had their own
home in Szerednye.

746

00:29:12,880 --> 00:29:15,090

Mostly they live in Szerednye.

747

00:29:15,090 --> 00:29:16,120

OK.

748

00:29:16,120 --> 00:29:18,750

But I'm talking
before you were born.

749

00:29:18,750 --> 00:29:20,380

Before I was born?

750

00:29:20,380 --> 00:29:23,590

Before you were born and
your mother was young,

751

00:29:23,590 --> 00:29:24,940

you know, not yet married--

752

00:29:24,940 --> 00:29:25,900

Yeah.

753

00:29:25,900 --> 00:29:28,510

--what kind of business
did her father have?

754

00:29:28,510 --> 00:29:30,010

What did he do?

755

00:29:30,010 --> 00:29:30,920

My father?

756

00:29:30,920 --> 00:29:33,040

Your grandfather,
your mother's father.

757

00:29:33,040 --> 00:29:35,560

758

00:29:35,560 --> 00:29:40,510

They were handling with cows.

759

00:29:40,510 --> 00:29:49,190

They had-- how they call it,
the [NON-ENGLISH SPEECH]..

760

00:29:49,190 --> 00:29:50,920

Were they cattle dealers?

761

00:29:50,920 --> 00:29:51,490

What kind?

762

00:29:51,490 --> 00:29:54,730

Was it cattle
dealer, like someone

763

00:29:54,730 --> 00:29:56,430

who buys and sells cows?

764

00:29:56,430 --> 00:30:07,870

Every month the people were
coming there to make business.

765

00:30:07,870 --> 00:30:11,920

How they call it, [NON-ENGLISH]?

766

00:30:11,920 --> 00:30:13,660

Was it cattle dealing?

767

00:30:13,660 --> 00:30:15,220

That is you buy a cow.

768

00:30:15,220 --> 00:30:16,220

You sell a cow.

769

00:30:16,220 --> 00:30:18,310

Yeah, yeah.

770

00:30:18,310 --> 00:30:19,000

OK.

771

00:30:19,000 --> 00:30:21,160

Was it a good business?

772

00:30:21,160 --> 00:30:21,660

Yeah.

773

00:30:21,660 --> 00:30:23,040

It was pretty good.

774

00:30:23,040 --> 00:30:23,560

OK.

775

00:30:23,560 --> 00:30:24,130

Yeah.

776

00:30:24,130 --> 00:30:25,880

OK.

777

00:30:25,880 --> 00:30:29,000

And that's the environment
that your mother grew up in--

778

00:30:29,000 --> 00:30:29,500

Yeah.

779

00:30:29,500 --> 00:30:31,240

--and Charlotte grew up in.

780

00:30:31,240 --> 00:30:33,706

Did she go to school?

781

00:30:33,706 --> 00:30:37,070

Oh, matter of fact,
you know, I've--

782

00:30:37,070 --> 00:30:39,520

Excuse me, can we
cut the camera?

783

00:30:39,520 --> 00:30:40,860

I--

784

00:30:40,860 --> 00:30:41,716

Wait a minute.

785

00:30:41,716 --> 00:30:42,630

Yeah.

786

00:30:42,630 --> 00:30:43,720

Are we running?

787

00:30:43,720 --> 00:30:44,380

OK.

788

00:30:44,380 --> 00:30:45,790

Matter of fact, when you--

789

00:30:45,790 --> 00:30:47,740

Matter of fact,
when we came home,

790

00:30:47,740 --> 00:30:52,420

I went back to
see who came home.

791

00:30:52,420 --> 00:30:58,990

And on the bus, there
was nuns, a couple nuns.

792

00:30:58,990 --> 00:31:02,560

And so they started
to talk to me.

793

00:31:02,560 --> 00:31:05,200
And then they said,
oh, I know her.

794
00:31:05,200 --> 00:31:07,540
She was my student.

795
00:31:07,540 --> 00:31:10,750
And she was beautiful.

796
00:31:10,750 --> 00:31:17,320
Really they were praying for
her, you know, very nice.

797
00:31:17,320 --> 00:31:18,710
For your mother?

798
00:31:18,710 --> 00:31:19,490
My mother, yeah.

799
00:31:19,490 --> 00:31:20,500
Yeah.

800
00:31:20,500 --> 00:31:21,070
So she had--

801
00:31:21,070 --> 00:31:25,390
She went to the nun's school.

802
00:31:25,390 --> 00:31:32,710
The better people was, I mean,
the Jewish people went to non--

803
00:31:32,710 --> 00:31:33,940
Catholic school?

804
00:31:33,940 --> 00:31:35,668
--Gentile school.

805
00:31:35,668 --> 00:31:36,460
That's interesting.

806

00:31:36,460 --> 00:31:37,540

Yeah, yeah.

807

00:31:37,540 --> 00:31:43,180

That's interesting that, from
a very religious Jewish family,

808

00:31:43,180 --> 00:31:45,160

they sent the girls to--

809

00:31:45,160 --> 00:31:45,900

Over there, yeah.

810

00:31:45,900 --> 00:31:46,720

OK.

811

00:31:46,720 --> 00:31:49,720

And why?

812

00:31:49,720 --> 00:31:51,900

You know, the difference
between the other people,

813

00:31:51,900 --> 00:31:54,910

they is very poorly--

814

00:31:54,910 --> 00:31:57,070

poor people was.

815

00:31:57,070 --> 00:31:58,580

And they were trying--

816

00:31:58,580 --> 00:32:01,170

817

00:32:01,170 --> 00:32:01,720

OK.

818

00:32:01,720 --> 00:32:03,160

Can I understand it this way?

819

00:32:03,160 --> 00:32:07,030

That if you send your
girls to a Catholic school

820

00:32:07,030 --> 00:32:10,900

at that time in Szerednye,
it meant that the girls

821

00:32:10,900 --> 00:32:12,710

would have a better education?

822

00:32:12,710 --> 00:32:15,460

Yeah, it was a better.

823

00:32:15,460 --> 00:32:19,150

And they picked out the
better ones, better students.

824

00:32:19,150 --> 00:32:20,290

I see.

825

00:32:20,290 --> 00:32:24,250

And your mother, Charlotte,
attended that school?

826

00:32:24,250 --> 00:32:25,180

Yeah.

827

00:32:25,180 --> 00:32:27,465

But did she have to go
to religious classes

828

00:32:27,465 --> 00:32:28,090

in that school?

829

00:32:28,090 --> 00:32:29,660

No, no, no, no, no.

830

00:32:29,660 --> 00:32:30,160

No.

831

00:32:30,160 --> 00:32:33,340
OK, OK.

832
00:32:33,340 --> 00:32:35,260
I just never heard
of that before.

833
00:32:35,260 --> 00:32:37,830
No, but this is the way it was.

834
00:32:37,830 --> 00:32:40,340
I remember, you know.

835
00:32:40,340 --> 00:32:46,550
This I saw it myself that
they were praying, you know.

836
00:32:46,550 --> 00:32:52,520
Because they liked her so
much, my mother, that they

837
00:32:52,520 --> 00:32:55,190
started to cry.

838
00:32:55,190 --> 00:32:58,480
How did that make you feel
when you saw that, when you saw

839
00:32:58,480 --> 00:33:02,660
that reaction from these nuns?

840
00:33:02,660 --> 00:33:05,830
Well, you know, how is it.

841
00:33:05,830 --> 00:33:08,730
I was crying myself.

842
00:33:08,730 --> 00:33:09,230
Of course.

843
00:33:09,230 --> 00:33:12,730
She was a very respectful woman.

844
00:33:12,730 --> 00:33:13,500
Your mama?

845
00:33:13,500 --> 00:33:14,396
Mama, yeah.

846
00:33:14,396 --> 00:33:14,896
Yeah.

847
00:33:14,896 --> 00:33:18,320

848
00:33:18,320 --> 00:33:25,280
You see-- what's her name?

849
00:33:25,280 --> 00:33:31,004
[INAUDIBLE] how you say it--

850
00:33:31,004 --> 00:33:31,840
Hungarian?

851
00:33:31,840 --> 00:33:33,380
[HUNGARIAN]

852
00:33:33,380 --> 00:33:40,690

853
00:33:40,690 --> 00:33:41,840
Oh, [HUNGARINA].

854
00:33:41,840 --> 00:33:42,340
I mean--

855
00:33:42,340 --> 00:33:43,520
[HUNGARIAN]?

856
00:33:43,520 --> 00:33:44,560
Peter.

857

00:33:44,560 --> 00:33:45,650
Peter is coming home.

858
00:33:45,650 --> 00:33:46,550
[HUNGARIAN]

859
00:33:46,550 --> 00:33:48,520
[? Peter ?] and [? Marina. ?]

860
00:33:48,520 --> 00:33:49,920
[HUNGARIAN]

861
00:33:49,920 --> 00:33:54,105

862
00:33:54,105 --> 00:33:55,560
I don't know what you mean.

863
00:33:55,560 --> 00:33:57,030
[HUNGARIAN]

864
00:33:57,030 --> 00:33:58,140
Oh, Szilvia

865
00:33:58,140 --> 00:33:58,740
Yeah.

866
00:33:58,740 --> 00:33:59,320
OK, Szilvia

867
00:33:59,320 --> 00:34:00,440
Szilvia

868
00:34:00,440 --> 00:34:01,810
Your relative, Szilvia yes.

869
00:34:01,810 --> 00:34:02,710
The mother, Szilvia--

870
00:34:02,710 --> 00:34:04,043
She's the one who arranged this.

871
00:34:04,043 --> 00:34:06,245
--was very close to my mother.

872
00:34:06,245 --> 00:34:08,300
Ah, Eszter.

873
00:34:08,300 --> 00:34:09,880
Szilvia's Mother Eszter--

874
00:34:09,880 --> 00:34:10,429
Eszter.

875
00:34:10,429 --> 00:34:11,389
--was close to yours.

876
00:34:11,389 --> 00:34:13,650
Close to my mother.

877
00:34:13,650 --> 00:34:14,719
OK.

878
00:34:14,719 --> 00:34:18,590
Was Charlotte older
than Eszter or younger?

879
00:34:18,590 --> 00:34:19,190
My mother?

880
00:34:19,190 --> 00:34:19,690
Yeah.

881
00:34:19,690 --> 00:34:21,150
Older, much older.

882
00:34:21,150 --> 00:34:22,400
Ah, OK.

883
00:34:22,400 --> 00:34:22,900
Yeah.

884
00:34:22,900 --> 00:34:23,400
OK.

885
00:34:23,400 --> 00:34:26,449

886
00:34:26,449 --> 00:34:30,880
So let me go back.

887
00:34:30,880 --> 00:34:34,090
You say that your mother
went to Catholic school.

888
00:34:34,090 --> 00:34:37,270
What about your father?

889
00:34:37,270 --> 00:34:40,659
Did he have a higher education?

890
00:34:40,659 --> 00:34:41,610
Did he go to school?

891
00:34:41,610 --> 00:34:43,540
You mean higher education?

892
00:34:43,540 --> 00:34:45,772
High school, gymnasium?

893
00:34:45,772 --> 00:34:47,480
I don't think so.

894
00:34:47,480 --> 00:34:48,280
OK.

895
00:34:48,280 --> 00:34:49,790
I don't think so.

896
00:34:49,790 --> 00:34:51,130
OK.

897

00:34:51,130 --> 00:34:53,679

He was the only one.

898

00:34:53,679 --> 00:34:58,240

He was the only one
left from the family.

899

00:34:58,240 --> 00:35:03,562

Before he got married,
you know, they all died.

900

00:35:03,562 --> 00:35:04,895

So all his brothers and sisters?

901

00:35:04,895 --> 00:35:05,950

They died.

902

00:35:05,950 --> 00:35:09,123

This is from the First
World War, you know?

903

00:35:09,123 --> 00:35:11,710

Wife, yeah.

904

00:35:11,710 --> 00:35:15,880

So did they die, because
of the First World War?

905

00:35:15,880 --> 00:35:17,290

I wouldn't say.

906

00:35:17,290 --> 00:35:18,570

OK.

907

00:35:18,570 --> 00:35:19,410

OK.

908

00:35:19,410 --> 00:35:21,910

And is that why he
got the restaurant,

909

00:35:21,910 --> 00:35:23,860

because he was the youngest?

910

00:35:23,860 --> 00:35:26,070

And he got the restaurant
from his father?

911

00:35:26,070 --> 00:35:27,500

You mean my mother?

912

00:35:27,500 --> 00:35:28,330

Your father.

913

00:35:28,330 --> 00:35:30,780

My father, yeah, he
was the youngest.

914

00:35:30,780 --> 00:35:33,460

Yeah.

915

00:35:33,460 --> 00:35:38,590

I don't think that
anybody left, only

916

00:35:38,590 --> 00:35:42,550

was close to my mother's side.

917

00:35:42,550 --> 00:35:46,990

There was quite a few.

918

00:35:46,990 --> 00:35:49,570

How did your parents meet?

919

00:35:49,570 --> 00:35:51,910

How did they get
to know each other?

920

00:35:51,910 --> 00:35:52,570

Oh.

921

00:35:52,570 --> 00:35:58,050

Well, you know, my mother
was living in Szerednye.

922
00:35:58,050 --> 00:36:01,740
And my father was
a little far away.

923
00:36:01,740 --> 00:36:12,910
But he used to go there
because their family,

924
00:36:12,910 --> 00:36:16,080
also, they had a
restaurant business.

925
00:36:16,080 --> 00:36:17,600
In Szerednye?

926
00:36:17,600 --> 00:36:20,020
In Szerednye, yeah.

927
00:36:20,020 --> 00:36:25,450
They used to take care
on him, my father.

928
00:36:25,450 --> 00:36:28,810
So that is when your father
would go to his family business

929
00:36:28,810 --> 00:36:33,460
in Szerednye, that your mother's
family would take care of him.

930
00:36:33,460 --> 00:36:34,450
Is that right?

931
00:36:34,450 --> 00:36:35,170
Yeah.

932
00:36:35,170 --> 00:36:36,220
OK.

933
00:36:36,220 --> 00:36:40,580
So was it a love match,

or was it a matchmaker?

934

00:36:40,580 --> 00:36:42,800

I don't know.

935

00:36:42,800 --> 00:36:43,640

That I don't know.

936

00:36:43,640 --> 00:36:46,720

You don't know.

937

00:36:46,720 --> 00:36:50,020

No, they probably matchmaker.

938

00:36:50,020 --> 00:36:50,770

OK.

939

00:36:50,770 --> 00:36:55,270

Because it seems so different
if he was from a secular--

940

00:36:55,270 --> 00:36:56,860

I know.

941

00:36:56,860 --> 00:37:03,400

I know one thing
that my grandmother,

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00:37:03,400 --> 00:37:06,310

we call her grandmother.

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00:37:06,310 --> 00:37:12,370

My father's side, the
mother, we call grandmother.

944

00:37:12,370 --> 00:37:17,770

And from my mother's side,
we used to call her bubbe.

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00:37:17,770 --> 00:37:18,400

Bubbe?

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00:37:18,400 --> 00:37:18,900

Yeah.

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00:37:18,900 --> 00:37:22,850

OK, so who were you
closer, grandma or bubbe?

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00:37:22,850 --> 00:37:23,350

Who was--

949

00:37:23,350 --> 00:37:24,400

Grandma.

950

00:37:24,400 --> 00:37:24,970

Yeah.

951

00:37:24,970 --> 00:37:26,190

You were closer to grandma?

952

00:37:26,190 --> 00:37:30,520

I was closer, because
she lives with us.

953

00:37:30,520 --> 00:37:32,680

OK.

954

00:37:32,680 --> 00:37:33,470

Did I ask you?

955

00:37:33,470 --> 00:37:38,050

Did you know your grandfather,
your father's father?

956

00:37:38,050 --> 00:37:40,520

Your father's father,
did you know him?

957

00:37:40,520 --> 00:37:41,020

No.

958

00:37:41,020 --> 00:37:42,390

Or had he died?

959

00:37:42,390 --> 00:37:42,890

He had died.

960

00:37:42,890 --> 00:37:43,960

Long time he died.

961

00:37:43,960 --> 00:37:46,030

OK.

962

00:37:46,030 --> 00:37:47,700

He took over the business.

963

00:37:47,700 --> 00:37:48,610

OK.

964

00:37:48,610 --> 00:37:52,930

Your grandmother who lived with
you was actually your father's

965

00:37:52,930 --> 00:37:55,110

stepmother, is that right?

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00:37:55,110 --> 00:37:57,340

Not stepmother.

967

00:37:57,340 --> 00:37:58,410

Real mother?

968

00:37:58,410 --> 00:38:00,850

It was from her.

969

00:38:00,850 --> 00:38:01,610

Yeah.

970

00:38:01,610 --> 00:38:07,630

I used to hear that my
grandmother couldn't

971

00:38:07,630 --> 00:38:13,250

feed my father, because
there wasn't enough milk.

972
00:38:13,250 --> 00:38:14,720
Milk.

973
00:38:14,720 --> 00:38:20,760
And so what she had,
she had a woman.

974
00:38:20,760 --> 00:38:23,960
And the woman was a gypsy.

975
00:38:23,960 --> 00:38:27,070
And she was feeding him.

976
00:38:27,070 --> 00:38:28,440
When he was a baby?

977
00:38:28,440 --> 00:38:31,150
Yeah.

978
00:38:31,150 --> 00:38:34,950
This is the life
was goes on in ...

979
00:38:34,950 --> 00:38:37,750
That was the old
years, you know?

980
00:38:37,750 --> 00:38:40,420
Of course.

981
00:38:40,420 --> 00:38:43,630
Was your father a storyteller?

982
00:38:43,630 --> 00:38:47,380
Does your father tell you
stories about his own life,

983
00:38:47,380 --> 00:38:51,550
about his war years,

about growing up himself?

984
00:38:51,550 --> 00:38:53,740
Did he share much of
his young life with you?

985
00:38:53,740 --> 00:38:54,940
No.

986
00:38:54,940 --> 00:38:58,210
When we grow up already
we started have trouble,

987
00:38:58,210 --> 00:39:02,620
you know, with the Jews
and non-Jews, you know.

988
00:39:02,620 --> 00:39:09,830
So there was not too
much talking about that.

989
00:39:09,830 --> 00:39:10,330
Yeah.

990
00:39:10,330 --> 00:39:12,640
And you had to watch
what you saying.

991
00:39:12,640 --> 00:39:20,030
Because if somebody else
heard that, we're in trouble.

992
00:39:20,030 --> 00:39:23,740
So you're saying that by the
time you would be old enough

993
00:39:23,740 --> 00:39:26,350
to want to know
about those stories,

994
00:39:26,350 --> 00:39:29,200
the atmosphere had changed.

995
00:39:29,200 --> 00:39:30,090
Yeah.

996
00:39:30,090 --> 00:39:30,930
OK.

997
00:39:30,930 --> 00:39:33,570
Every day different way.

998
00:39:33,570 --> 00:39:37,350
What kind of a personality
did your father have?

999
00:39:37,350 --> 00:39:41,520
Was he very extroverted
and friendly,

1000
00:39:41,520 --> 00:39:42,950
or was he reserved and quiet?

1001
00:39:42,950 --> 00:39:45,730
No, very friendly,
very friendly.

1002
00:39:45,730 --> 00:39:48,080
You had to be in that business.

1003
00:39:48,080 --> 00:39:52,200
Otherwise, you can-- everybody
knows, you know, knew him.

1004
00:39:52,200 --> 00:39:54,150
Yeah.

1005
00:39:54,150 --> 00:39:58,680
He was well-known in
town, in your town?

1006
00:39:58,680 --> 00:40:01,540
Your father, was he
well-known in town?

1007

00:40:01,540 --> 00:40:02,040

No.

1008

00:40:02,040 --> 00:40:06,190

No, there was other
one, some cousins.

1009

00:40:06,190 --> 00:40:07,920

I don't know.

1010

00:40:07,920 --> 00:40:10,358

But there was other one, too.

1011

00:40:10,358 --> 00:40:11,150

Another restaurant?

1012

00:40:11,150 --> 00:40:13,860

Yeah, but they were
friends, you know?

1013

00:40:13,860 --> 00:40:15,120

OK.

1014

00:40:15,120 --> 00:40:18,980

Was there a large
Jewish community in--

1015

00:40:18,980 --> 00:40:20,640

Not too big.

1016

00:40:20,640 --> 00:40:25,520

I mean, comparing now what's
going on, not too big.

1017

00:40:25,520 --> 00:40:26,340

OK.

1018

00:40:26,340 --> 00:40:27,665

Was there a synagogue?

1019

00:40:27,665 --> 00:40:29,160

Oh, yeah.

1020
00:40:29,160 --> 00:40:31,700
There was a synagogue.

1021
00:40:31,700 --> 00:40:33,540
They had a rabbi.

1022
00:40:33,540 --> 00:40:35,695
They had assistant rabbi.

1023
00:40:35,695 --> 00:40:39,060

1024
00:40:39,060 --> 00:40:43,560
The family was
more rabbis there.

1025
00:40:43,560 --> 00:40:44,290
OK.

1026
00:40:44,290 --> 00:40:47,610
Oh, so it was families
of rabbis lived there.

1027
00:40:47,610 --> 00:40:49,050
Yeah.

1028
00:40:49,050 --> 00:40:51,630
Did you go to synagogue?

1029
00:40:51,630 --> 00:40:52,890
Yes.

1030
00:40:52,890 --> 00:40:54,630
We had to go.

1031
00:40:54,630 --> 00:40:55,350
Every week?

1032
00:40:55,350 --> 00:40:58,860

1033
00:40:58,860 --> 00:41:01,890
Yeah, every week and
every day sometimes.

1034
00:41:01,890 --> 00:41:02,640
Really?

1035
00:41:02,640 --> 00:41:04,440
Yeah.

1036
00:41:04,440 --> 00:41:07,160
And was this because
of your mother?

1037
00:41:07,160 --> 00:41:09,840
Yeah, my mother never.

1038
00:41:09,840 --> 00:41:15,750
My mother went only New Years,
Rosh ha-Shanah and Yom Kippur.

1039
00:41:15,750 --> 00:41:17,030
On Yom Kippur?

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00:41:17,030 --> 00:41:17,640
Pardon me?

1041
00:41:17,640 --> 00:41:19,170
Did she go on Yom Kippur?

1042
00:41:19,170 --> 00:41:19,740
Yeah.

1043
00:41:19,740 --> 00:41:21,270
Oh, yes.

1044
00:41:21,270 --> 00:41:27,320
The business was closed only
two days, Rosh ha-Shanah,

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00:41:27,320 --> 00:41:29,090

Yom Kippur.

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00:41:29,090 --> 00:41:30,630

OK.

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00:41:30,630 --> 00:41:32,610

So who would take
you to the synagogue?

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00:41:32,610 --> 00:41:33,930

Who did you go with?

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00:41:33,930 --> 00:41:37,230

When you went to the
synagogue, who from the family

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00:41:37,230 --> 00:41:39,510

would take you there?

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00:41:39,510 --> 00:41:41,700

What, the family?

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00:41:41,700 --> 00:41:44,550

I'm saying you used to
go sometimes every day

1053

00:41:44,550 --> 00:41:47,610

to the synagogue or every week.

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00:41:47,610 --> 00:41:50,320

Who would you go
with, by yourself?

1055

00:41:50,320 --> 00:41:52,260

Well, I had friends.

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00:41:52,260 --> 00:41:53,370

OK.

1057

00:41:53,370 --> 00:41:56,670

You know, they sticking
together, the friends.

1058
00:41:56,670 --> 00:42:00,390
And I had to go
to Jewish school.

1059
00:42:00,390 --> 00:42:01,950
Did you go to Jewish school?

1060
00:42:01,950 --> 00:42:03,120
Yes.

1061
00:42:03,120 --> 00:42:06,300
I had to go.

1062
00:42:06,300 --> 00:42:08,970
So you went to public school.

1063
00:42:08,970 --> 00:42:09,900
You went to--

1064
00:42:09,900 --> 00:42:12,960
Public school and
the Jewish school.

1065
00:42:12,960 --> 00:42:14,940
OK.

1066
00:42:14,940 --> 00:42:17,910
In public school,
you learned Slovak?

1067
00:42:17,910 --> 00:42:21,210
In public school,
you spoke in Slovak?

1068
00:42:21,210 --> 00:42:26,360
Public school, well,
it was a Slovak school.

1069
00:42:26,360 --> 00:42:27,270

Yeah.

1070
00:42:27,270 --> 00:42:30,300
But inside, we spoke Slovak.

1071
00:42:30,300 --> 00:42:33,420
But otherwise, we
spoke Hungarian.

1072
00:42:33,420 --> 00:42:37,440
The family was
speaking Hungarian.

1073
00:42:37,440 --> 00:42:40,570
Did anybody in the
family know Yiddish?

1074
00:42:40,570 --> 00:42:41,710
The family?

1075
00:42:41,710 --> 00:42:43,500
Yeah, most of them.

1076
00:42:43,500 --> 00:42:44,100
OK.

1077
00:42:44,100 --> 00:42:47,040
But nobody spoke Yiddish.

1078
00:42:47,040 --> 00:42:48,720
Very seldom.

1079
00:42:48,720 --> 00:42:50,050
Did you know Yiddish?

1080
00:42:50,050 --> 00:42:50,940
Could you understand?

1081
00:42:50,940 --> 00:42:55,500
Yeah, I knew, but not so well.

1082

00:42:55,500 --> 00:42:58,750

I learned Yiddish
here in this country.

1083

00:42:58,750 --> 00:42:59,740

In the United States?

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00:42:59,740 --> 00:43:02,790

United States, I was working
in the garment center.

1085

00:43:02,790 --> 00:43:03,780

Well, of course.

1086

00:43:03,780 --> 00:43:04,280

Yeah.

1087

00:43:04,280 --> 00:43:06,080

Of course.

1088

00:43:06,080 --> 00:43:08,580

They used to tell me
that I'm not Jewish.

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00:43:08,580 --> 00:43:09,080

Really?

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00:43:09,080 --> 00:43:11,190

Because I didn't speak.

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00:43:11,190 --> 00:43:12,420

Because you didn't speak.

1092

00:43:12,420 --> 00:43:14,790

But I picked it up.

1093

00:43:14,790 --> 00:43:15,800

OK.

1094

00:43:15,800 --> 00:43:18,160

OK.

1095

00:43:18,160 --> 00:43:24,690

Well, that suggests that
your family partly was modern

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00:43:24,690 --> 00:43:26,910

and partly was traditional.

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00:43:26,910 --> 00:43:30,960

Because if you're very
traditional, most likely

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00:43:30,960 --> 00:43:32,970

would speak Yiddish only.

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00:43:32,970 --> 00:43:35,070

Yeah.

1100

00:43:35,070 --> 00:43:38,550

And who was the greatest
influence for you

1101

00:43:38,550 --> 00:43:42,270

to go to synagogue?

1102

00:43:42,270 --> 00:43:45,480

Who was the force in the family
that says you have to go?

1103

00:43:45,480 --> 00:43:48,540

Well, from my mother's side.

1104

00:43:48,540 --> 00:43:49,560

OK.

1105

00:43:49,560 --> 00:43:51,840

OK.

1106

00:43:51,840 --> 00:43:53,760

And tell me, what
kind of a personality

1107

00:43:53,760 --> 00:43:58,350
did your mother have for you?

1108
00:43:58,350 --> 00:44:04,420
Very nice, she was
very intelligent.

1109
00:44:04,420 --> 00:44:07,680
With the schooling,
she was very good.

1110
00:44:07,680 --> 00:44:09,880
Yeah?

1111
00:44:09,880 --> 00:44:16,110
Matter of fact, you know,
she sit down with my brother

1112
00:44:16,110 --> 00:44:20,160
and teach him the
lessons from school.

1113
00:44:20,160 --> 00:44:22,890

1114
00:44:22,890 --> 00:44:29,780
She took more care on us with
the school than my father.

1115
00:44:29,780 --> 00:44:31,620
Yeah.

1116
00:44:31,620 --> 00:44:33,240
And why would that be?

1117
00:44:33,240 --> 00:44:33,750
Pardon me?

1118
00:44:33,750 --> 00:44:35,700
Why?

1119
00:44:35,700 --> 00:44:38,280

My father never had time.

1120
00:44:38,280 --> 00:44:39,330
OK.

1121
00:44:39,330 --> 00:44:41,340
Did you see much of him?

1122
00:44:41,340 --> 00:44:41,850
Pardon me?

1123
00:44:41,850 --> 00:44:45,360
Did you see much of your father?

1124
00:44:45,360 --> 00:44:47,360
Oh, yes, every day.

1125
00:44:47,360 --> 00:44:48,270
OK.

1126
00:44:48,270 --> 00:44:51,030
But it was that,
if you saw him, he

1127
00:44:51,030 --> 00:44:52,530
was working in the restaurant.

1128
00:44:52,530 --> 00:44:54,520
Yeah.

1129
00:44:54,520 --> 00:44:55,145
The nightclub--

1130
00:44:55,145 --> 00:44:55,950

1131
00:44:55,950 --> 00:44:57,090
Excuse me, can we cut?

1132
00:44:57,090 --> 00:44:59,520
What is it?

1133
00:44:59,520 --> 00:45:06,180
So we were talking about your
father and when did you see him

1134
00:45:06,180 --> 00:45:10,650
and who took a greater interest
in the children's education.

1135
00:45:10,650 --> 00:45:13,290
And you said it was your mother,
because your father was busy.

1136
00:45:13,290 --> 00:45:14,790
This always was.

1137
00:45:14,790 --> 00:45:16,920
Every family had the same way.

1138
00:45:16,920 --> 00:45:17,540
Yeah?

1139
00:45:17,540 --> 00:45:22,170
The mother was more interested
to take care of the children

1140
00:45:22,170 --> 00:45:24,210
than the father, every family.

1141
00:45:24,210 --> 00:45:27,840

1142
00:45:27,840 --> 00:45:29,670
Did she tell you stories?

1143
00:45:29,670 --> 00:45:32,520
Did she tell you
about her childhood?

1144
00:45:32,520 --> 00:45:34,470
Did she talk to
you about how life

1145
00:45:34,470 --> 00:45:37,540
was when she was growing up?

1146
00:45:37,540 --> 00:45:38,040
No.

1147
00:45:38,040 --> 00:45:39,040
No.

1148
00:45:39,040 --> 00:45:40,260
No.

1149
00:45:40,260 --> 00:45:43,360
Who were you closer
to in your family?

1150
00:45:43,360 --> 00:45:46,770
Family, me?

1151
00:45:46,770 --> 00:45:54,930
Well, naturally the mother, my
mother and father, you know.

1152
00:45:54,930 --> 00:45:57,940
I was together in the
concentration camp

1153
00:45:57,940 --> 00:45:59,027
with my father.

1154
00:45:59,027 --> 00:45:59,527
OK.

1155
00:45:59,527 --> 00:46:02,450

1156
00:46:02,450 --> 00:46:05,700
I want to ask you something that
sounds a little bit strange,

1157

00:46:05,700 --> 00:46:07,700
but there is a reason for it.

1158
00:46:07,700 --> 00:46:11,000

1159
00:46:11,000 --> 00:46:13,820
What were the values
that your father

1160
00:46:13,820 --> 00:46:17,540
had and the values
that your mother had

1161
00:46:17,540 --> 00:46:20,000
that they kind of
gave to you as things

1162
00:46:20,000 --> 00:46:22,940
that are important for life?

1163
00:46:22,940 --> 00:46:25,250
Were there things
that they thought

1164
00:46:25,250 --> 00:46:30,440
you need to live like this
in order to have a good life?

1165
00:46:30,440 --> 00:46:32,285
Did your father
have such values?

1166
00:46:32,285 --> 00:46:34,970

1167
00:46:34,970 --> 00:46:43,290
Well, you know, she was very
close to my father, my mother.

1168
00:46:43,290 --> 00:46:49,160
And this was all right.

1169

00:46:49,160 --> 00:46:51,045

I really don't know what.

1170

00:46:51,045 --> 00:46:53,120

You don't know what I'm asking?

1171

00:46:53,120 --> 00:46:55,610

Yeah, I know what you're asking.

1172

00:46:55,610 --> 00:47:00,890

1173

00:47:00,890 --> 00:47:07,760

I was afraid, more afraid
from my father than my mother.

1174

00:47:07,760 --> 00:47:10,580

You understand what?

1175

00:47:10,580 --> 00:47:12,620

Was he a strict person?

1176

00:47:12,620 --> 00:47:13,190

Who?

1177

00:47:13,190 --> 00:47:15,455

Your father, was he
a very strict person?

1178

00:47:15,455 --> 00:47:18,020

1179

00:47:18,020 --> 00:47:19,130

He was.

1180

00:47:19,130 --> 00:47:20,530

He was, OK.

1181

00:47:20,530 --> 00:47:25,050

You know, the life
was turned around.

1182
00:47:25,050 --> 00:47:31,550
And then when we became big, you
know, I came out from school,

1183
00:47:31,550 --> 00:47:40,670
and it was hard to get a
job, to become something,

1184
00:47:40,670 --> 00:47:42,710
to take a trade then.

1185
00:47:42,710 --> 00:47:46,640
Because everybody's was
running for our trade.

1186
00:47:46,640 --> 00:47:48,170
Yeah.

1187
00:47:48,170 --> 00:47:52,400
The kids were running for
a trade, to learn a trade.

1188
00:47:52,400 --> 00:47:56,390
And that was my father involved.

1189
00:47:56,390 --> 00:47:59,330
My mother wasn't involved
with this kind of business.

1190
00:47:59,330 --> 00:48:05,170
But anyway, she was a hard
working woman, very hard

1191
00:48:05,170 --> 00:48:06,480
working.

1192
00:48:06,480 --> 00:48:06,980
OK.

1193
00:48:06,980 --> 00:48:11,270

1194
00:48:11,270 --> 00:48:15,500
Did your parents, did they
ever talk about politics

1195
00:48:15,500 --> 00:48:18,680
when you were growing up,
about the political life

1196
00:48:18,680 --> 00:48:19,650
in Czechoslovakia?

1197
00:48:19,650 --> 00:48:21,050
No, not with us.

1198
00:48:21,050 --> 00:48:24,740

1199
00:48:24,740 --> 00:48:28,000
They don't have to talk
to us from politic.

1200
00:48:28,000 --> 00:48:29,300
We knew.

1201
00:48:29,300 --> 00:48:32,240
I was already getting older.

1202
00:48:32,240 --> 00:48:37,500
And it was a different
thing going on.

1203
00:48:37,500 --> 00:48:41,480

1204
00:48:41,480 --> 00:48:44,640
Before the war--

1205
00:48:44,640 --> 00:48:45,800
Yeah?

1206

00:48:45,800 --> 00:48:48,440
--was there ever talk
about what's going on

1207
00:48:48,440 --> 00:48:51,210
in Germany, about Hitler?

1208
00:48:51,210 --> 00:48:51,710
Did people--

1209
00:48:51,710 --> 00:48:53,530
Never anything.

1210
00:48:53,530 --> 00:48:54,230
Never anything.

1211
00:48:54,230 --> 00:48:56,240
That was the problem.

1212
00:48:56,240 --> 00:48:58,960
That was the problem
with the Jews.

1213
00:48:58,960 --> 00:49:03,420
The whole Europe, they couldn't
believe it what they doing.

1214
00:49:03,420 --> 00:49:11,740
You know, I remember a
boy when it was going on.

1215
00:49:11,740 --> 00:49:18,530
The Jews, they were taking Jews
first from Poland and Russia

1216
00:49:18,530 --> 00:49:19,400
and all over.

1217
00:49:19,400 --> 00:49:21,796
They were taking away.

1218
00:49:21,796 --> 00:49:27,310

They couldn't believe that
there was a young man a now.

1219
00:49:27,310 --> 00:49:30,160
And he came to the synagogue.

1220
00:49:30,160 --> 00:49:32,360
And he's telling
the stories, what's

1221
00:49:32,360 --> 00:49:38,040
happened, how did he's alive.

1222
00:49:38,040 --> 00:49:44,120
So he was telling the story that
they was lined up, you know,

1223
00:49:44,120 --> 00:49:47,550
all about a couple
hundred people.

1224
00:49:47,550 --> 00:49:51,260
And they were shooting
into the grave.

1225
00:49:51,260 --> 00:49:57,440
And he managed to walk out,
and somehow he disappeared.

1226
00:49:57,440 --> 00:49:59,540
And he was alive.

1227
00:49:59,540 --> 00:50:00,650
He came that.

1228
00:50:00,650 --> 00:50:02,480
They couldn't believe him.

1229
00:50:02,480 --> 00:50:05,360
They could not believe
him what happened.

1230

00:50:05,360 --> 00:50:07,040
Did you hear him talk?

1231
00:50:07,040 --> 00:50:07,580
Pardon me?

1232
00:50:07,580 --> 00:50:09,480
Did you hear this
young man talk?

1233
00:50:09,480 --> 00:50:09,980
Yeah.

1234
00:50:09,980 --> 00:50:10,522
I hear, yeah.

1235
00:50:10,522 --> 00:50:13,400
So you were there?

1236
00:50:13,400 --> 00:50:17,870
The boy wasn't sure what to
do over there, because they

1237
00:50:17,870 --> 00:50:22,200
were so dumb, so couldn't
believe it what's going on.

1238
00:50:22,200 --> 00:50:24,220
He disappeared from there.

1239
00:50:24,220 --> 00:50:24,720
Did he?

1240
00:50:24,720 --> 00:50:25,430
So he came.

1241
00:50:25,430 --> 00:50:26,180
He said something.

1242
00:50:26,180 --> 00:50:29,390
He went somewhere else.

1243

00:50:29,390 --> 00:50:30,520

Was your father there?

1244

00:50:30,520 --> 00:50:33,450

Did he hear the same
thing that you did?

1245

00:50:33,450 --> 00:50:36,770

You mean, he
couldn't believe it?

1246

00:50:36,770 --> 00:50:37,490

Yeah.

1247

00:50:37,490 --> 00:50:38,760

Yeah, the same way.

1248

00:50:38,760 --> 00:50:45,010

Every Jew, the [INAUDIBLE] said,
it's a lie, a lie, a lie, says,

1249

00:50:45,010 --> 00:50:47,744

laddie, not true.

1250

00:50:47,744 --> 00:50:48,244

OK.

1251

00:50:48,244 --> 00:50:51,580

1252

00:50:51,580 --> 00:50:56,830

And that was probably in the
'40s already, probably in 1940,

1253

00:50:56,830 --> 00:50:59,760

1941, '42, something like that?

1254

00:50:59,760 --> 00:51:01,510

Because that's when
those things happened.

1255

00:51:01,510 --> 00:51:03,240
Yeah, '43.

1256
00:51:03,240 --> 00:51:04,360
Yeah.

1257
00:51:04,360 --> 00:51:10,720
So tell me, do you remember
hearing about the war starting?

1258
00:51:10,720 --> 00:51:14,110
Do you remember hearing
when the war started,

1259
00:51:14,110 --> 00:51:16,215
when Germany attacked Poland--

1260
00:51:16,215 --> 00:51:16,715
Yeah.

1261
00:51:16,715 --> 00:51:18,300
--on September 1st, '39?

1262
00:51:18,300 --> 00:51:19,480
Yeah.

1263
00:51:19,480 --> 00:51:23,440
Do you remember where you
were when that happened?

1264
00:51:23,440 --> 00:51:28,500
Well, that time, they
were with the Germans.

1265
00:51:28,500 --> 00:51:29,590
No, I'm asking were you--

1266
00:51:29,590 --> 00:51:32,860
You know, the mind
was with the Germans.

1267
00:51:32,860 --> 00:51:34,930

They were so stupid.

1268

00:51:34,930 --> 00:51:38,350

They were saying it's good
that Germany attacked Poland?

1269

00:51:38,350 --> 00:51:39,010

Yeah.

1270

00:51:39,010 --> 00:51:40,350

The local Jewish people?

1271

00:51:40,350 --> 00:51:42,670

Yeah, yeah.

1272

00:51:42,670 --> 00:51:43,980

They stupid was.

1273

00:51:43,980 --> 00:51:47,000

They couldn't believe it.

1274

00:51:47,000 --> 00:51:48,630

Oh my goodness.

1275

00:51:48,630 --> 00:51:50,970

Yeah.

1276

00:51:50,970 --> 00:51:52,720

That was a problem.

1277

00:51:52,720 --> 00:51:53,980

That was the problem.

1278

00:51:53,980 --> 00:51:56,590

Because if they would
have believe it,

1279

00:51:56,590 --> 00:52:02,598

they would have more
Jews stay alive.

1280

00:52:02,598 --> 00:52:03,526
Yeah, yeah.

1281
00:52:03,526 --> 00:52:06,310

1282
00:52:06,310 --> 00:52:10,330
Did your life change
after the war started?

1283
00:52:10,330 --> 00:52:12,420
After 1939--

1284
00:52:12,420 --> 00:52:13,570
Yeah.

1285
00:52:13,570 --> 00:52:17,590
--did circumstances
in your family change?

1286
00:52:17,590 --> 00:52:21,160
Change, of course-- they
took away their license.

1287
00:52:21,160 --> 00:52:26,980
[INAUDIBLE] [? one. ?]

1288
00:52:26,980 --> 00:52:32,750
So when Germany attacked
Poland in 1939--

1289
00:52:32,750 --> 00:52:33,790
Yeah.

1290
00:52:33,790 --> 00:52:38,530
--before that, they had
taken over Czechoslovakia.

1291
00:52:38,530 --> 00:52:43,450
When they took over
Czechoslovakia,

1292

00:52:43,450 --> 00:52:45,618
did that change your life?

1293
00:52:45,618 --> 00:52:46,160
Because you--

1294
00:52:46,160 --> 00:52:48,130
Oh, it started, yeah.

1295
00:52:48,130 --> 00:52:48,760
OK.

1296
00:52:48,760 --> 00:52:50,230
What happened?

1297
00:52:50,230 --> 00:52:54,640
First of all, the
business disappeared.

1298
00:52:54,640 --> 00:52:58,870
No more Jews can
have any business.

1299
00:52:58,870 --> 00:53:01,950
The Hungarians, were they
there yet or not yet?

1300
00:53:01,950 --> 00:53:08,280
The Hungarians, they
came in right there.

1301
00:53:08,280 --> 00:53:15,680
Hitler gave to the Hungarians
to go into the group.

1302
00:53:15,680 --> 00:53:17,300
You mean to be part of Hungary?

1303
00:53:17,300 --> 00:53:24,340
Yeah, part of they
gave to Hungarias.

1304

00:53:24,340 --> 00:53:25,680
OK.

1305
00:53:25,680 --> 00:53:28,000
OK.

1306
00:53:28,000 --> 00:53:32,530
And so your father's
business, what happened to it?

1307
00:53:32,530 --> 00:53:34,120
They close up.

1308
00:53:34,120 --> 00:53:35,140
The restaurant closes?

1309
00:53:35,140 --> 00:53:39,950
Everything close up,
you know, disappeared.

1310
00:53:39,950 --> 00:53:42,880
So did he get any money for it?

1311
00:53:42,880 --> 00:53:44,740
Nothing, are you kidding?

1312
00:53:44,740 --> 00:53:46,120
Nothing.

1313
00:53:46,120 --> 00:53:52,270
They were giving away the
jewelry, a lot of money,

1314
00:53:52,270 --> 00:53:54,460
just to stay alive.

1315
00:53:54,460 --> 00:53:57,275
And nothing helped.

1316
00:53:57,275 --> 00:54:02,950
You know, another week,
another week, and then they--

1317
00:54:02,950 --> 00:54:06,670
So your father, after
that's taken away,

1318
00:54:06,670 --> 00:54:09,070
after his businesses
are taken away,

1319
00:54:09,070 --> 00:54:12,870
what year was this that his
businesses were taken away?

1320
00:54:12,870 --> 00:54:19,060
It started 1942 I think.

1321
00:54:19,060 --> 00:54:23,530
OK, in 1942.

1322
00:54:23,530 --> 00:54:25,600
How did he put
food on the table?

1323
00:54:25,600 --> 00:54:26,110
Who?

1324
00:54:26,110 --> 00:54:29,590
After his business was
closed, how did your father

1325
00:54:29,590 --> 00:54:31,990
put food on the table?

1326
00:54:31,990 --> 00:54:34,260
Well, it was tough.

1327
00:54:34,260 --> 00:54:35,050
It was tough.

1328
00:54:35,050 --> 00:54:43,090
I remember my mother used to
go to the mill to get bread,

1329
00:54:43,090 --> 00:54:45,640
you know?

1330
00:54:45,640 --> 00:54:50,170
She worked so hard at night, you
know, they shouldn't see him--

1331
00:54:50,170 --> 00:54:53,100
see her when she's going.

1332
00:54:53,100 --> 00:54:54,250
Oh, I see.

1333
00:54:54,250 --> 00:54:57,520
It was very bad, very bad.

1334
00:54:57,520 --> 00:55:05,650
And I remember I had an
uncle, my father's sister.

1335
00:55:05,650 --> 00:55:06,260
OK.

1336
00:55:06,260 --> 00:55:08,620
Your sister's husband,
or your father's--

1337
00:55:08,620 --> 00:55:14,200
Sister's husband, but the
sister wasn't alive anymore.

1338
00:55:14,200 --> 00:55:15,640
And he was ...

1339
00:55:15,640 --> 00:55:17,650
big business hero.

1340
00:55:17,650 --> 00:55:24,550
And they brought
some mill, you know.

1341

00:55:24,550 --> 00:55:29,440

And there was no
bread on the table.

1342

00:55:29,440 --> 00:55:33,920

So she had to do something.

1343

00:55:33,920 --> 00:55:38,080

So this is the way it was life.

1344

00:55:38,080 --> 00:55:43,900

Did any of the people who
had worked for your father,

1345

00:55:43,900 --> 00:55:47,050

did they help your family?

1346

00:55:47,050 --> 00:55:49,810

Well, it was a mix up,
because they took him

1347

00:55:49,810 --> 00:55:55,070

into the army, all those
people who was working for us.

1348

00:55:55,070 --> 00:56:02,380

And we had to let them
go, you know, the orders.

1349

00:56:02,380 --> 00:56:04,630

So it was very hard.

1350

00:56:04,630 --> 00:56:08,050

I remember it was very hard.

1351

00:56:08,050 --> 00:56:11,080

Were there any of
your neighbors--

1352

00:56:11,080 --> 00:56:14,910

were there any non-Jews who took
advantage of your situation?

1353
00:56:14,910 --> 00:56:20,830

1354
00:56:20,830 --> 00:56:23,730
There was not too many.

1355
00:56:23,730 --> 00:56:25,030
OK.

1356
00:56:25,030 --> 00:56:27,410
Not too many.

1357
00:56:27,410 --> 00:56:30,100
So they there wasn't anybody
who helped, but there anybody--

1358
00:56:30,100 --> 00:56:34,120
You know, I remember
I had a cousin.

1359
00:56:34,120 --> 00:56:37,870
And he was in Budapest.

1360
00:56:37,870 --> 00:56:43,180
And he was coming home, because
he was afraid to stay there.

1361
00:56:43,180 --> 00:56:46,060
He was coming home
to the mother.

1362
00:56:46,060 --> 00:56:52,290
And on the train, he
met a couple people

1363
00:56:52,290 --> 00:56:54,610
that we went to school together.

1364
00:56:54,610 --> 00:57:01,030
And they hide him on
the train, you know?

1365
00:57:01,030 --> 00:57:02,030
They help him out.

1366
00:57:02,030 --> 00:57:05,180

1367
00:57:05,180 --> 00:57:08,890
Some of them they
were honest, you know.

1368
00:57:08,890 --> 00:57:11,720
Were there any who
hurt your family?

1369
00:57:11,720 --> 00:57:12,220
Who?

1370
00:57:12,220 --> 00:57:14,890
Were there any
neighbors or any people

1371
00:57:14,890 --> 00:57:20,170
that you knew from the town
who hurt your family when

1372
00:57:20,170 --> 00:57:25,720
these anti-Jewish types
of things were going on?

1373
00:57:25,720 --> 00:57:27,400
Any of--

1374
00:57:27,400 --> 00:57:33,460
I'm saying, when
you had no money

1375
00:57:33,460 --> 00:57:35,080
and the restaurants are closed--

1376
00:57:35,080 --> 00:57:36,760
Yeah.

1377
00:57:36,760 --> 00:57:38,530
--were there any
people who would take

1378
00:57:38,530 --> 00:57:41,020
advantage of your situation?

1379
00:57:41,020 --> 00:57:45,040

1380
00:57:45,040 --> 00:57:47,870
You didn't trust nobody.

1381
00:57:47,870 --> 00:57:52,870
Could have sell it, you know,
or rented or something, but you

1382
00:57:52,870 --> 00:57:57,040
don't trust nobody, you
know, what's going to happen.

1383
00:57:57,040 --> 00:58:00,300
So it was tough.

1384
00:58:00,300 --> 00:58:04,330
It was close already that
they going to take us away.

1385
00:58:04,330 --> 00:58:09,030
So did people start believing
what that young man had said?

1386
00:58:09,030 --> 00:58:11,860
When it got bad--

1387
00:58:11,860 --> 00:58:12,420
Yeah.

1388
00:58:12,420 --> 00:58:17,520
They started believe already
that they taking us away, yeah.

1389
00:58:17,520 --> 00:58:20,830
We went to a ghetto.

1390
00:58:20,830 --> 00:58:25,510
And from the ghetto,
we went, you know.

1391
00:58:25,510 --> 00:58:30,250
They were taking to the
ghetto people, you know.

1392
00:58:30,250 --> 00:58:33,250
And they was standing outside.

1393
00:58:33,250 --> 00:58:37,900
People were standing outside
and seeing how they go,

1394
00:58:37,900 --> 00:58:40,630
how they take away the Jews.

1395
00:58:40,630 --> 00:58:42,520
Tell me about the day.

1396
00:58:42,520 --> 00:58:43,660
Who?

1397
00:58:43,660 --> 00:58:46,750
Tell me about the day
they took you away.

1398
00:58:46,750 --> 00:58:49,240
When they came to your
home, did you still

1399
00:58:49,240 --> 00:58:52,460
live behind the restaurant?

1400
00:58:52,460 --> 00:58:53,530
Oh, yeah, yeah.

1401

00:58:53,530 --> 00:58:56,320

So what was that like,
the day that they came?

1402

00:58:56,320 --> 00:58:56,905

Yeah, nothing.

1403

00:58:56,905 --> 00:58:57,488

What happened?

1404

00:58:57,488 --> 00:58:58,930

It's closed up, was ...

1405

00:58:58,930 --> 00:59:00,220

Yeah.

1406

00:59:00,220 --> 00:59:07,930

So who came to take you away
when it was time for you?

1407

00:59:07,930 --> 00:59:08,500

What is it?

1408

00:59:08,500 --> 00:59:11,860

What I'm saying,
when it was time

1409

00:59:11,860 --> 00:59:15,220

that they were going to take
you and your family away--

1410

00:59:15,220 --> 00:59:17,080

They took us to the ghetto.

1411

00:59:17,080 --> 00:59:17,710

Yes.

1412

00:59:17,710 --> 00:59:18,730

Who did?

1413

00:59:18,730 --> 00:59:20,770

And when did they do it?

1414
00:59:20,770 --> 00:59:24,810
You know, what
time of day was it?

1415
00:59:24,810 --> 00:59:26,470
Like daytime.

1416
00:59:26,470 --> 00:59:27,220
Daytime.

1417
00:59:27,220 --> 00:59:29,290
Daytime, yeah.

1418
00:59:29,290 --> 00:59:30,390
Were there many soldiers?

1419
00:59:30,390 --> 00:59:34,240
Some people were happy
that they were taking us.

1420
00:59:34,240 --> 00:59:37,990
Some people wasn't
happy, you know.

1421
00:59:37,990 --> 00:59:40,570
But most of them
they were happy.

1422
00:59:40,570 --> 00:59:44,410
You know, right away they
went into the houses.

1423
00:59:44,410 --> 00:59:50,680
And they took away for themselves
furniture and all those things,

1424
00:59:50,680 --> 00:59:51,490
you know.

1425
00:59:51,490 --> 00:59:55,330

Because we left everything
there, nothing, nothing came.

1426
00:59:55,330 --> 01:00:01,840
When I came out from the
camp, I heard that one family

1427
01:00:01,840 --> 01:00:03,520
took the bedroom.

1428
01:00:03,520 --> 01:00:07,090
So I took it back.

1429
01:00:07,090 --> 01:00:08,140
I took it back.

1430
01:00:08,140 --> 01:00:10,270
That's all, terrible.

1431
01:00:10,270 --> 01:00:13,000

1432
01:00:13,000 --> 01:00:16,990
Do you remember, when
you left for the ghetto,

1433
01:00:16,990 --> 01:00:18,730
did you take anything with you?

1434
01:00:18,730 --> 01:00:21,820

1435
01:00:21,820 --> 01:00:23,890
What could you take?

1436
01:00:23,890 --> 01:00:25,060
Nothing.

1437
01:00:25,060 --> 01:00:27,550
OK.

1438

01:00:27,550 --> 01:00:28,120
Nothing.

1439
01:00:28,120 --> 01:00:30,445
I could have run away.

1440
01:00:30,445 --> 01:00:32,470
You know, I could have.

1441
01:00:32,470 --> 01:00:35,890
I had a friend, and we
were planning to go.

1442
01:00:35,890 --> 01:00:42,580
But then we going to
leave here the parents?

1443
01:00:42,580 --> 01:00:45,850
It wasn't so easy.

1444
01:00:45,850 --> 01:00:49,000
What time of year did
they come to take you?

1445
01:00:49,000 --> 01:00:49,830
Was it spring?

1446
01:00:49,830 --> 01:00:51,040
Was it fall?

1447
01:00:51,040 --> 01:00:52,990
Was it summertime?

1448
01:00:52,990 --> 01:00:54,610
Summertime.

1449
01:00:54,610 --> 01:01:02,120
It was, I tell you,
[NON-ENGLISH SPEECH]..

1450
01:01:02,120 --> 01:01:03,475
Pesach.

1451
01:01:03,475 --> 01:01:04,650
Pesach, Easter?

1452
01:01:04,650 --> 01:01:05,280
When?

1453
01:01:05,280 --> 01:01:05,865
Pesach.

1454
01:01:05,865 --> 01:01:06,365
What?

1455
01:01:06,365 --> 01:01:07,420
It was at Passover?

1456
01:01:07,420 --> 01:01:08,050
Yes.

1457
01:01:08,050 --> 01:01:09,130
Was it Passover?

1458
01:01:09,130 --> 01:01:10,280
Passover.

1459
01:01:10,280 --> 01:01:10,920
OK.

1460
01:01:10,920 --> 01:01:15,820
My mother couldn't bake nothing.

1461
01:01:15,820 --> 01:01:21,490
They were baking themself
the bread and everything--

1462
01:01:21,490 --> 01:01:23,550
couldn't.

1463
01:01:23,550 --> 01:01:26,880
Right, Passover was--
they didn't do nothing.

1464
01:01:26,880 --> 01:01:29,540

1465
01:01:29,540 --> 01:01:34,690
And so you were taken
Passover what year?

1466
01:01:34,690 --> 01:01:35,600
What year?

1467
01:01:35,600 --> 01:01:40,620
1943 or '44.

1468
01:01:40,620 --> 01:01:41,350
OK.

1469
01:01:41,350 --> 01:01:42,063
Had the Germans--

1470
01:01:42,063 --> 01:01:42,563
'43.

1471
01:01:42,563 --> 01:01:43,600
'43.

1472
01:01:43,600 --> 01:01:44,100
Yeah.

1473
01:01:44,100 --> 01:01:45,850
In 1943.

1474
01:01:45,850 --> 01:01:49,440
So the Germans had not
come to Hungary yet?

1475
01:01:49,440 --> 01:01:52,550
No, not the Germans,
but the Hungarians

1476
01:01:52,550 --> 01:01:55,470

did the same thing
what the Germans did.

1477
01:01:55,470 --> 01:01:58,740
OK, so it was Hungarians
who came to take you away?

1478
01:01:58,740 --> 01:02:00,260
The Hungarian.

1479
01:02:00,260 --> 01:02:01,490
OK.

1480
01:02:01,490 --> 01:02:05,410
The ghetto they took you
to, where was it located?

1481
01:02:05,410 --> 01:02:07,060
Where was?

1482
01:02:07,060 --> 01:02:07,920
The ghetto.

1483
01:02:07,920 --> 01:02:11,020
The ghetto they call it Ungvar.

1484
01:02:11,020 --> 01:02:11,760
Ungvar.

1485
01:02:11,760 --> 01:02:12,400
Yeah.

1486
01:02:12,400 --> 01:02:15,130
Was that far?

1487
01:02:15,130 --> 01:02:26,360
Well, I would say 30 miles, 30,
40 miles, something like this.

1488
01:02:26,360 --> 01:02:28,990
And what kind of a house
or what kind of a place

1489
01:02:28,990 --> 01:02:30,190
did they take you to?

1490
01:02:30,190 --> 01:02:32,170
The ghetto?

1491
01:02:32,170 --> 01:02:36,760
The ghetto was [HUNGARIAN].

1492
01:02:36,760 --> 01:02:39,054
Stone.

1493
01:02:39,054 --> 01:02:39,970
Stone.

1494
01:02:39,970 --> 01:02:41,560
[HUNGARIAN]

1495
01:02:41,560 --> 01:02:43,790
They make the stones.

1496
01:02:43,790 --> 01:02:44,540
The stone factory.

1497
01:02:44,540 --> 01:02:46,030
I want to know what
the place looked like.

1498
01:02:46,030 --> 01:02:47,200
Did they live in little houses?

1499
01:02:47,200 --> 01:02:48,460
Did they live in big houses?

1500
01:02:48,460 --> 01:02:48,820
Did they--

1501
01:02:48,820 --> 01:02:49,320
OK.

1502
01:02:49,320 --> 01:02:50,390
[HUNGARIAN]?

1503
01:02:50,390 --> 01:02:53,310

1504
01:02:53,310 --> 01:02:54,880
You know, it's brick.

1505
01:02:54,880 --> 01:02:57,220
They were building brick there.

1506
01:02:57,220 --> 01:02:59,680
That's how, it's very big was.

1507
01:02:59,680 --> 01:03:01,048
It was a factory?

1508
01:03:01,048 --> 01:03:01,840
Did they take you--

1509
01:03:01,840 --> 01:03:02,548
It was a factory.

1510
01:03:02,548 --> 01:03:04,780
But as soon as we
came in there, they

1511
01:03:04,780 --> 01:03:06,860
stopped doing
anything like that.

1512
01:03:06,860 --> 01:03:07,360
OK.

1513
01:03:07,360 --> 01:03:13,000
So it's not like you were taken
to a poor section of town.

1514
01:03:13,000 --> 01:03:16,360
You were taken actually to a

place that had been a factory?

1515

01:03:16,360 --> 01:03:17,200

Yeah.

1516

01:03:17,200 --> 01:03:19,790

And the factory used
to make bricks before?

1517

01:03:19,790 --> 01:03:20,870

Bricks, yeah.

1518

01:03:20,870 --> 01:03:21,610

OK.

1519

01:03:21,610 --> 01:03:25,210

So where did you sleep?

1520

01:03:25,210 --> 01:03:26,650

On the floor.

1521

01:03:26,650 --> 01:03:27,670

Of the factory?

1522

01:03:27,670 --> 01:03:28,330

Yeah.

1523

01:03:28,330 --> 01:03:29,530

Inside a building?

1524

01:03:29,530 --> 01:03:32,140

Everybody was-- yeah.

1525

01:03:32,140 --> 01:03:33,860

My name was Braun.

1526

01:03:33,860 --> 01:03:36,910

The other one was Abraham.

1527

01:03:36,910 --> 01:03:41,020

And this is the way they were

sleeping, crying at night

1528
01:03:41,020 --> 01:03:43,540
[INAUDIBLE] and terrible.

1529
01:03:43,540 --> 01:03:45,780
So everybody in this
one big factory?

1530
01:03:45,780 --> 01:03:46,280
Yeah.

1531
01:03:46,280 --> 01:03:49,010

1532
01:03:49,010 --> 01:03:52,910
And was there any food?

1533
01:03:52,910 --> 01:03:57,560
They didn't give food,
but we find food.

1534
01:03:57,560 --> 01:03:58,913
How?

1535
01:03:58,913 --> 01:03:59,413
Yeah.

1536
01:03:59,413 --> 01:04:00,160
How?

1537
01:04:00,160 --> 01:04:02,050
How?

1538
01:04:02,050 --> 01:04:10,490
You know, people here, there,
and they still had money.

1539
01:04:10,490 --> 01:04:12,590
How much money they
had, but they--

1540

01:04:12,590 --> 01:04:15,520

1541

01:04:15,520 --> 01:04:20,690

anyway, nobody had their head.

1542

01:04:20,690 --> 01:04:24,110

Because they could have saved
their lives a lot of things.

1543

01:04:24,110 --> 01:04:27,910

1544

01:04:27,910 --> 01:04:31,570

Did you stay at this place long?

1545

01:04:31,570 --> 01:04:36,970

Till we went to
Auschwitz on transport,

1546

01:04:36,970 --> 01:04:39,250

we are waiting
for the transport.

1547

01:04:39,250 --> 01:04:40,080

OK.

1548

01:04:40,080 --> 01:04:42,340

But nobody knew from Auschwitz.

1549

01:04:42,340 --> 01:04:45,215

1550

01:04:45,215 --> 01:04:48,410

We wouldn't have go so fast.

1551

01:04:48,410 --> 01:04:49,470

Yeah.

1552

01:04:49,470 --> 01:04:50,480

Yeah.

1553
01:04:50,480 --> 01:04:55,760
Were you there more than
a month in this factory?

1554
01:04:55,760 --> 01:04:57,440
Approximately a month.

1555
01:04:57,440 --> 01:05:00,070
Approximately a month.

1556
01:05:00,070 --> 01:05:01,370
OK.

1557
01:05:01,370 --> 01:05:04,280
And did anybody try to escape?

1558
01:05:04,280 --> 01:05:10,520
I'm sure they did,
but we didn't leave.

1559
01:05:10,520 --> 01:05:12,320
That was a mistake.

1560
01:05:12,320 --> 01:05:16,330
So it was your mother,
your father, your--

1561
01:05:16,330 --> 01:05:18,590
My father was separated.

1562
01:05:18,590 --> 01:05:19,550
Already?

1563
01:05:19,550 --> 01:05:23,180
Already there my
father was separated,

1564
01:05:23,180 --> 01:05:25,440
because they didn't trust them.

1565

01:05:25,440 --> 01:05:28,290
They made him a communist.

1566
01:05:28,290 --> 01:05:28,790
He wasn't.

1567
01:05:28,790 --> 01:05:30,180
They said he was a communist?

1568
01:05:30,180 --> 01:05:30,680
Yeah.

1569
01:05:30,680 --> 01:05:34,880
They said, ah, who
called for communist.

1570
01:05:34,880 --> 01:05:36,990
They made him communist.

1571
01:05:36,990 --> 01:05:37,880
OK.

1572
01:05:37,880 --> 01:05:39,050
And where did they take him?

1573
01:05:39,050 --> 01:05:42,310

1574
01:05:42,310 --> 01:05:43,550
Another place.

1575
01:05:43,550 --> 01:05:44,570
OK.

1576
01:05:44,570 --> 01:05:47,330
So it was just
you, your mother--

1577
01:05:47,330 --> 01:05:48,110
Mother, yeah.

1578

01:05:48,110 --> 01:05:49,580
--your grandmother?

1579
01:05:49,580 --> 01:05:52,670
No, no grandmother--
a long time died.

1580
01:05:52,670 --> 01:05:53,660
OK.

1581
01:05:53,660 --> 01:05:57,860
So it's you, your mother,
your younger sister,

1582
01:05:57,860 --> 01:05:59,210
and your younger brother?

1583
01:05:59,210 --> 01:06:00,710
Yeah.

1584
01:06:00,710 --> 01:06:02,910
The four of you together?

1585
01:06:02,910 --> 01:06:03,410
Yeah.

1586
01:06:03,410 --> 01:06:05,330
And your father
is someplace else?

1587
01:06:05,330 --> 01:06:07,220
Yeah.

1588
01:06:07,220 --> 01:06:12,800
When they took your father
away, was it still at your home?

1589
01:06:12,800 --> 01:06:17,300
Or was it when you reached this
ghetto that you were separated?

1590
01:06:17,300 --> 01:06:19,670

Yeah.

1591
01:06:19,670 --> 01:06:20,510
My--

1592
01:06:20,510 --> 01:06:24,290
When your father was taken
away, where did that happen?

1593
01:06:24,290 --> 01:06:25,440
Right there.

1594
01:06:25,440 --> 01:06:26,460
In the ghetto?

1595
01:06:26,460 --> 01:06:27,230
Ghetto.

1596
01:06:27,230 --> 01:06:28,190
OK.

1597
01:06:28,190 --> 01:06:29,870
OK.

1598
01:06:29,870 --> 01:06:34,050
And how did your mother--

1599
01:06:34,050 --> 01:06:38,690
what did she do when
you're in that factory?

1600
01:06:38,690 --> 01:06:39,620
What was she doing?

1601
01:06:39,620 --> 01:06:43,520
Nothing, nothing,
we waiting there.

1602
01:06:43,520 --> 01:06:48,660
The head was working how to
get some food, nothing else.

1603

01:06:48,660 --> 01:06:50,110

OK.

1604

01:06:50,110 --> 01:06:51,140

OK.

1605

01:06:51,140 --> 01:06:52,070

OK.

1606

01:06:52,070 --> 01:06:56,900

So then in about a

month, what happens?

1607

01:06:56,900 --> 01:06:59,720

Then they put us on the train.

1608

01:06:59,720 --> 01:07:02,140

And they took us to Auschwitz.

1609

01:07:02,140 --> 01:07:06,490

The first stop was KoÅ¡ice.

1610

01:07:06,490 --> 01:07:09,590

The first stop was

KoÅ¡ice with the train.

1611

01:07:09,590 --> 01:07:18,440

And they let out everybody to

stretch out and the toilet.

1612

01:07:18,440 --> 01:07:23,140

And that time I

could have run away.

1613

01:07:23,140 --> 01:07:25,670

And so I didn't.

1614

01:07:25,670 --> 01:07:28,880

So KoÅ¡ice is still in Slovakia.

1615

01:07:28,880 --> 01:07:31,040

Is KoÅ;ice in Slovakia?

1616

01:07:31,040 --> 01:07:33,560

That was Hungary already.

1617

01:07:33,560 --> 01:07:34,580

It was Hungary.

1618

01:07:34,580 --> 01:07:37,130

It was Hungary, OK.

1619

01:07:37,130 --> 01:07:41,840

And what did the
train look like?

1620

01:07:41,840 --> 01:07:42,530

The train?

1621

01:07:42,530 --> 01:07:43,940

The train, the car, the people?

1622

01:07:43,940 --> 01:07:49,550

Wagon, wagon, like
cows you throw in.

1623

01:07:49,550 --> 01:07:53,420

For, it wasn't made for people.

1624

01:07:53,420 --> 01:07:55,850

How long was the trip?

1625

01:07:55,850 --> 01:07:57,950

How long?

1626

01:07:57,950 --> 01:08:00,410

One night.

1627

01:08:00,410 --> 01:08:03,760

Did everybody know
where you were going?

1628

01:08:03,760 --> 01:08:05,930
They know already.

1629
01:08:05,930 --> 01:08:06,660
Yeah?

1630
01:08:06,660 --> 01:08:10,580
Yeah, the Germans talk it over.

1631
01:08:10,580 --> 01:08:15,350
KoÅ¸ice, they took it over.

1632
01:08:15,350 --> 01:08:18,140
So until KoÅ¸ice,
it was Hungarians.

1633
01:08:18,140 --> 01:08:18,920
Yeah.

1634
01:08:18,920 --> 01:08:21,410
And then from KoÅ¸ice,
it was Germans?

1635
01:08:21,410 --> 01:08:22,430
German, yeah.

1636
01:08:22,430 --> 01:08:24,000
They took it over.

1637
01:08:24,000 --> 01:08:26,060
OK.

1638
01:08:26,060 --> 01:08:29,810
And it was a one night trip?

1639
01:08:29,810 --> 01:08:33,700
What do you remember seeing
when you get to Auschwitz?

1640
01:08:33,700 --> 01:08:34,939
I tell you.

1641

01:08:34,939 --> 01:08:40,250

We came down from the train,
everybody out of the train

1642

01:08:40,250 --> 01:08:45,470

yelling and you know,
and all kind of--

1643

01:08:45,470 --> 01:08:49,490

and over there was, when
we came down, Mengele.

1644

01:08:49,490 --> 01:08:51,529

You heard from Mengele?

1645

01:08:51,529 --> 01:08:52,270

Yeah.

1646

01:08:52,270 --> 01:08:52,770

OK.

1647

01:08:52,770 --> 01:08:53,700

Yeah.

1648

01:08:53,700 --> 01:08:59,840

So they were separating
people, you know,

1649

01:08:59,840 --> 01:09:03,439

strong people,
poor people, kids.

1650

01:09:03,439 --> 01:09:06,050

They were separating.

1651

01:09:06,050 --> 01:09:08,220

How was your family separated?

1652

01:09:08,220 --> 01:09:13,490

It was separated my father,
and me, and my brother.

1653

01:09:13,490 --> 01:09:24,270

And my brother was with us,
but he was a kid yet, you know?

1654

01:09:24,270 --> 01:09:28,000

He was 12 years old.

1655

01:09:28,000 --> 01:09:32,810

And he was separated.

1656

01:09:32,810 --> 01:09:35,550

And he was coming with us.

1657

01:09:35,550 --> 01:09:39,200

And I said, why don't
you go to my mother?

1658

01:09:39,200 --> 01:09:42,710

And there was a
guard, a German guard,

1659

01:09:42,710 --> 01:09:46,410

but he had a little heart.

1660

01:09:46,410 --> 01:09:50,850

And he says to him,
go to your father,

1661

01:09:50,850 --> 01:09:54,720

because this goes
into the gas chamber.

1662

01:09:54,720 --> 01:09:57,930

He said that?

1663

01:09:57,930 --> 01:09:58,920

In German?

1664

01:09:58,920 --> 01:09:59,420

Yeah.

1665

01:09:59,420 --> 01:10:02,500
It was a German soldier.

1666
01:10:02,500 --> 01:10:04,690
OK.

1667
01:10:04,690 --> 01:10:05,190
OK.

1668
01:10:05,190 --> 01:10:06,480
Yeah.

1669
01:10:06,480 --> 01:10:08,760
So it's at that
point that you're

1670
01:10:08,760 --> 01:10:13,900
separated from your
mother and your sister?

1671
01:10:13,900 --> 01:10:18,540
My mother was together
with my sister for a while.

1672
01:10:18,540 --> 01:10:22,300
And then they were separated.

1673
01:10:22,300 --> 01:10:24,225
My mother was very skinny.

1674
01:10:24,225 --> 01:10:27,200

1675
01:10:27,200 --> 01:10:30,480
And they threw her in.

1676
01:10:30,480 --> 01:10:33,750
But your sister
was not thrown in?

1677
01:10:33,750 --> 01:10:38,740
My older sister, they

sent her away to work,

1678
01:10:38,740 --> 01:10:41,610
to a working lager.

1679
01:10:41,610 --> 01:10:44,130
She was working there.

1680
01:10:44,130 --> 01:10:45,760
But you didn't see her?

1681
01:10:45,760 --> 01:10:46,260
No.

1682
01:10:46,260 --> 01:10:50,240
Because you were-- your sister
was how old at this time?

1683
01:10:50,240 --> 01:10:54,210
Well, I was 17--

1684
01:10:54,210 --> 01:10:58,470
was 2 years younger than
I was, about 16 years old.

1685
01:10:58,470 --> 01:11:01,480
OK, so she's old
enough to be a worker.

1686
01:11:01,480 --> 01:11:01,980
Yeah.

1687
01:11:01,980 --> 01:11:04,440
In other words, they could
get some value out of her.

1688
01:11:04,440 --> 01:11:05,750
Yeah, right.

1689
01:11:05,750 --> 01:11:06,250
OK.

1690

01:11:06,250 --> 01:11:11,060

1691

01:11:11,060 --> 01:11:13,470

Yeah.

1692

01:11:13,470 --> 01:11:16,070

That's life.

1693

01:11:16,070 --> 01:11:17,690

And what happened with you?

1694

01:11:17,690 --> 01:11:22,160

How did your father come to
be together with you again?

1695

01:11:22,160 --> 01:11:27,370

Well, we tried to
help each other.

1696

01:11:27,370 --> 01:11:28,040

No, no, no.

1697

01:11:28,040 --> 01:11:30,890

I'm talking, when
you got to Auschwitz,

1698

01:11:30,890 --> 01:11:32,600

your family was separated?

1699

01:11:32,600 --> 01:11:33,440

Yeah.

1700

01:11:33,440 --> 01:11:35,960

But you say your
father was with you.

1701

01:11:35,960 --> 01:11:38,840

The last time you spoke of
him, he was somewhere else.

1702

01:11:38,840 --> 01:11:40,910

Because they called
him a communist.

1703

01:11:40,910 --> 01:11:42,160

When did he come back?

1704

01:11:42,160 --> 01:11:43,570

Oh.

1705

01:11:43,570 --> 01:11:45,240

You forgot about that.

1706

01:11:45,240 --> 01:11:47,310

When we were in
Auschwitz, you forgot

1707

01:11:47,310 --> 01:11:49,250

about what happened before.

1708

01:11:49,250 --> 01:11:49,820

I know.

1709

01:11:49,820 --> 01:11:53,000

What I'm trying to
find out is, when

1710

01:11:53,000 --> 01:11:55,020

you got to the brick factory--

1711

01:11:55,020 --> 01:11:55,520

Yeah.

1712

01:11:55,520 --> 01:11:57,370

--your father was sent away.

1713

01:11:57,370 --> 01:11:57,870

No.

1714

01:11:57,870 --> 01:11:58,790

He was separated?

1715
01:11:58,790 --> 01:11:59,290
Yeah.

1716
01:11:59,290 --> 01:12:02,770
But he's right there
in the same camp--

1717
01:12:02,770 --> 01:12:03,270
Ah.

1718
01:12:03,270 --> 01:12:04,230
--same camp.

1719
01:12:04,230 --> 01:12:07,950
But soon as they were
taking out people,

1720
01:12:07,950 --> 01:12:10,070
so my father came to us--

1721
01:12:10,070 --> 01:12:12,250
I see, OK.

1722
01:12:12,250 --> 01:12:14,640
--till we went to Auschwitz.

1723
01:12:14,640 --> 01:12:16,580
OK, OK, OK.

1724
01:12:16,580 --> 01:12:17,660
Now, it's clear.

1725
01:12:17,660 --> 01:12:18,680
Now, it's clear.

1726
01:12:18,680 --> 01:12:20,960
So you, your father,
and your brother

1727
01:12:20,960 --> 01:12:22,970
are together in Auschwitz.

1728
01:12:22,970 --> 01:12:27,500
What happens to you
after that separation?

1729
01:12:27,500 --> 01:12:31,340
After the separation,
they took away my brother,

1730
01:12:31,340 --> 01:12:32,930
because he was very young.

1731
01:12:32,930 --> 01:12:35,450

1732
01:12:35,450 --> 01:12:43,910
And he was trying to
manage with the youngsters.

1733
01:12:43,910 --> 01:12:46,100
And they picked him out.

1734
01:12:46,100 --> 01:12:48,260
You want me I should
tell his story?

1735
01:12:48,260 --> 01:12:48,960
Yes, please.

1736
01:12:48,960 --> 01:12:49,460
Yeah.

1737
01:12:49,460 --> 01:12:54,060

1738
01:12:54,060 --> 01:12:56,810
They pick him out
like a youngsters.

1739
01:12:56,810 --> 01:13:01,850
He didn't catch the height.

1740

01:13:01,850 --> 01:13:08,240

And they gave him a number,
and they separated him.

1741

01:13:08,240 --> 01:13:13,000

But he was very smart boy.

1742

01:13:13,000 --> 01:13:22,718

And soon as, you know, the
blockalteste, you know, the--

1743

01:13:22,718 --> 01:13:23,510

who takes care of--

1744

01:13:23,510 --> 01:13:26,480

The leader of the block.

1745

01:13:26,480 --> 01:13:28,460

He took care on
him, you know, so

1746

01:13:28,460 --> 01:13:32,430

gave him a little more bread.

1747

01:13:32,430 --> 01:13:41,150

And as soon as came
the Red Cross truck,

1748

01:13:41,150 --> 01:13:43,050

he knew that is problem.

1749

01:13:43,050 --> 01:13:45,110

They going to take him away.

1750

01:13:45,110 --> 01:13:49,040

So he went out in the back.

1751

01:13:49,040 --> 01:13:51,430

He hide himself.

1752

01:13:51,430 --> 01:13:54,470

And they were looking
for him, looking for him.

1753
01:13:54,470 --> 01:13:56,660
And they couldn't find him.

1754
01:13:56,660 --> 01:14:00,120
And this is the
way he came back.

1755
01:14:00,120 --> 01:14:03,746
When the truck went away,
they took somebody else.

1756
01:14:03,746 --> 01:14:05,840
Ah, OK.

1757
01:14:05,840 --> 01:14:08,930
And he stayed there.

1758
01:14:08,930 --> 01:14:14,210
And they gave him another
number, the blockalteste.

1759
01:14:14,210 --> 01:14:15,230
OK.

1760
01:14:15,230 --> 01:14:17,420
Did you get tattooed when
you were in Auschwitz?

1761
01:14:17,420 --> 01:14:20,390
I don't have, but my
brother has two numbers.

1762
01:14:20,390 --> 01:14:21,350
Two numbers?

1763
01:14:21,350 --> 01:14:24,010
One number, the guy was--

1764
01:14:24,010 --> 01:14:29,810

that boychik, another boy,
who went into the gas chamber.

1765
01:14:29,810 --> 01:14:35,028
They took him away first, and
they experimenting with him.

1766
01:14:35,028 --> 01:14:36,320
They made experiments with him.

1767
01:14:36,320 --> 01:14:37,935
Yeah, that's what
they were doing.

1768
01:14:37,935 --> 01:14:42,330

1769
01:14:42,330 --> 01:14:44,510
But anyhow--

1770
01:14:44,510 --> 01:14:46,500
So your brother saved himself--

1771
01:14:46,500 --> 01:14:47,000
Yeah.

1772
01:14:47,000 --> 01:14:50,120
--by going out of the barracks.

1773
01:14:50,120 --> 01:14:52,940
Back door [INAUDIBLE],,
then disappeared.

1774
01:14:52,940 --> 01:14:56,840
And they were looking for
him, couldn't find him.

1775
01:14:56,840 --> 01:15:00,470
Now, you and your father, what
was going on with you two?

1776
01:15:00,470 --> 01:15:04,800

What were you doing with
your father together?

1777
01:15:04,800 --> 01:15:06,960
Your brother had
been taken away.

1778
01:15:06,960 --> 01:15:07,460
Yeah.

1779
01:15:07,460 --> 01:15:09,980
It's you and your father
then who are left.

1780
01:15:09,980 --> 01:15:11,827
What happens to you?

1781
01:15:11,827 --> 01:15:12,410
What happened?

1782
01:15:12,410 --> 01:15:14,180
We were together with my father.

1783
01:15:14,180 --> 01:15:17,120
Yeah, but were you put to work?

1784
01:15:17,120 --> 01:15:18,590
Were you taken somewhere else?

1785
01:15:18,590 --> 01:15:21,080
Yeah, to work, they
took us to work.

1786
01:15:21,080 --> 01:15:28,340
They were taking us to,
like, mechanics, you know?

1787
01:15:28,340 --> 01:15:34,610
They were taking us to
France, Longwy-Thil, Longwy.

1788
01:15:34,610 --> 01:15:36,350

Did you hear from Longwy?

1789

01:15:36,350 --> 01:15:36,980

No.

1790

01:15:36,980 --> 01:15:38,670

It's French.

1791

01:15:38,670 --> 01:15:41,180

So they took you from
Auschwitz to France?

1792

01:15:41,180 --> 01:15:43,550

Yeah.

1793

01:15:43,550 --> 01:15:47,320

They took us like mechanics.

1794

01:15:47,320 --> 01:15:52,200

And they didn't take us like--

1795

01:15:52,200 --> 01:15:57,200

hard work we were getting
all kind of heavy wood

1796

01:15:57,200 --> 01:15:58,640

on the shoulder, you know.

1797

01:15:58,640 --> 01:15:59,790

We were kids.

1798

01:15:59,790 --> 01:16:00,440

Yeah.

1799

01:16:00,440 --> 01:16:01,580

I was a kid.

1800

01:16:01,580 --> 01:16:06,770

And I was short, so I was lucky.

1801

01:16:06,770 --> 01:16:11,520

Because there was boys,
you know, they were tall.

1802
01:16:11,520 --> 01:16:16,410
And they were carrying
the short people, shorter.

1803
01:16:16,410 --> 01:16:18,230
That is when there
was a tall boy

1804
01:16:18,230 --> 01:16:20,750
and then there was a
short one, the tall ones

1805
01:16:20,750 --> 01:16:22,430
had more weight on
their shoulders.

1806
01:16:22,430 --> 01:16:24,670
Because they had to--
because they were taller.

1807
01:16:24,670 --> 01:16:26,150
Yeah.

1808
01:16:26,150 --> 01:16:27,160
OK.

1809
01:16:27,160 --> 01:16:31,520
Was rough, rough thing.

1810
01:16:31,520 --> 01:16:36,210
At night, it was--

1811
01:16:36,210 --> 01:16:38,880
once they [INAUDIBLE] took--

1812
01:16:38,880 --> 01:16:41,210
there was a guard, you know.

1813
01:16:41,210 --> 01:16:46,085

I was picked out
for work in a house.

1814
01:16:46,085 --> 01:16:48,860

1815
01:16:48,860 --> 01:16:51,230
It belongs to people,
the French people.

1816
01:16:51,230 --> 01:16:53,850
And they took away that house.

1817
01:16:53,850 --> 01:16:58,960
And they had a garden there,
was very good [INAUDIBLE]..

1818
01:16:58,960 --> 01:17:01,860
I was there working, you know.

1819
01:17:01,860 --> 01:17:08,750
And I was taking
out the garbage.

1820
01:17:08,750 --> 01:17:13,040
And there coming a
woman with a daughter.

1821
01:17:13,040 --> 01:17:15,530
And they felt sorry
for me, you know,

1822
01:17:15,530 --> 01:17:17,900
that I took out the
garbage, you know.

1823
01:17:17,900 --> 01:17:19,050
And I made my--

1824
01:17:19,050 --> 01:17:22,290
and I said pain, pain, bread.

1825

01:17:22,290 --> 01:17:23,660
Give me bread.

1826
01:17:23,660 --> 01:17:27,140
And the little girl was running.

1827
01:17:27,140 --> 01:17:29,440
And this I will never forget.

1828
01:17:29,440 --> 01:17:33,200
These girl was
running down the hill.

1829
01:17:33,200 --> 01:17:37,310
And she brought me that
French bread, that long bread.

1830
01:17:37,310 --> 01:17:39,260
And I put it in my--

1831
01:17:39,260 --> 01:17:45,050
and soon as I came back,
the guard, my guard, he

1832
01:17:45,050 --> 01:17:48,690
says, where were you, you know?

1833
01:17:48,690 --> 01:17:51,350
And he wants to kill me.

1834
01:17:51,350 --> 01:17:53,960
But who cares he kill
me or not kill me.

1835
01:17:53,960 --> 01:17:57,650
But anyway, I went in there.

1836
01:17:57,650 --> 01:17:59,510
And I went down to the cellar.

1837
01:17:59,510 --> 01:18:00,910
And I packed it in right away.

1838
01:18:00,910 --> 01:18:03,500

1839
01:18:03,500 --> 01:18:05,050
Well, you must have
been very hungry.

1840
01:18:05,050 --> 01:18:05,550
Oh.

1841
01:18:05,550 --> 01:18:08,270
[LAUGHTER] Hungry.

1842
01:18:08,270 --> 01:18:09,620
Yeah.

1843
01:18:09,620 --> 01:18:11,590
What kind of food did you get?

1844
01:18:11,590 --> 01:18:13,730
We were working somewhere else.

1845
01:18:13,730 --> 01:18:16,080
But in France?

1846
01:18:16,080 --> 01:18:20,810
In the lager, you know, in
the lager you were together--

1847
01:18:20,810 --> 01:18:23,030
to work for here.

1848
01:18:23,030 --> 01:18:25,650
And he went to work
somewhere else.

1849
01:18:25,650 --> 01:18:30,740
OK-- the lager in France.

1850
01:18:30,740 --> 01:18:34,320

It was a working lager.

1851
01:18:34,320 --> 01:18:36,680
It didn't have a name.

1852
01:18:36,680 --> 01:18:39,510
We were in Longwy-Thil.

1853
01:18:39,510 --> 01:18:40,010
Longwy-Thil.

1854
01:18:40,010 --> 01:18:42,290
Longwy-Thil.

1855
01:18:42,290 --> 01:18:43,130
OK.

1856
01:18:43,130 --> 01:18:44,990
OK, that's French.

1857
01:18:44,990 --> 01:18:46,450
OK.

1858
01:18:46,450 --> 01:18:48,160
We were working in mines.

1859
01:18:48,160 --> 01:18:50,990

1860
01:18:50,990 --> 01:18:58,740
That was a steel
mine, very cold,

1861
01:18:58,740 --> 01:19:02,460
what used to be a
steel mine, you know.

1862
01:19:02,460 --> 01:19:06,620
And they made a
factory for aeroplanes.

1863

01:19:06,620 --> 01:19:11,690

They were making a
factory for aeroplanes.

1864

01:19:11,690 --> 01:19:16,580

And we used to go to work
in the morning and at night.

1865

01:19:16,580 --> 01:19:20,990

I was lucky to get out
from that, but only

1866

01:19:20,990 --> 01:19:23,040

just for a couple days.

1867

01:19:23,040 --> 01:19:23,720

Oh.

1868

01:19:23,720 --> 01:19:27,070

I wasn't working anymore
in that building.

1869

01:19:27,070 --> 01:19:29,450

They took somebody else.

1870

01:19:29,450 --> 01:19:32,060

And we went into the mine.

1871

01:19:32,060 --> 01:19:34,940

It was raining outside
and over there.

1872

01:19:34,940 --> 01:19:38,660

And we used to take
this cement papers.

1873

01:19:38,660 --> 01:19:42,450

You know the cement where
it was a cement [INAUDIBLE]??

1874

01:19:42,450 --> 01:19:45,260

And we put it in the back of--

1875

01:19:45,260 --> 01:19:51,110

and anybody they caught it
he has a paper in the back,

1876

01:19:51,110 --> 01:19:53,120

they gave him.

1877

01:19:53,120 --> 01:19:54,050

They hit him.

1878

01:19:54,050 --> 01:19:56,690

They hit him in the back.

1879

01:19:56,690 --> 01:19:59,010

So you're not supposed
to even take the paper.

1880

01:19:59,010 --> 01:20:00,330

No.

1881

01:20:00,330 --> 01:20:00,830

OK.

1882

01:20:00,830 --> 01:20:01,990

And the reason--

1883

01:20:01,990 --> 01:20:04,310

I mean, most people
could understand why.

1884

01:20:04,310 --> 01:20:07,250

But for those who wouldn't
understand, why would you put

1885

01:20:07,250 --> 01:20:09,560

a cement paper on your back?

1886

01:20:09,560 --> 01:20:10,260

Why?

1887

01:20:10,260 --> 01:20:11,050

Why?

1888
01:20:11,050 --> 01:20:14,180
Why I put paper in the back?

1889
01:20:14,180 --> 01:20:17,180
It was raining, and it was wet.

1890
01:20:17,180 --> 01:20:22,640
So at least had a little
bit to dry out, you know?

1891
01:20:22,640 --> 01:20:24,350
Were you cold?

1892
01:20:24,350 --> 01:20:25,280
Were you cold?

1893
01:20:25,280 --> 01:20:26,210
Was it a cold--

1894
01:20:26,210 --> 01:20:27,620
It was cold, sure.

1895
01:20:27,620 --> 01:20:28,850
It was cold.

1896
01:20:28,850 --> 01:20:32,330
The mine was cold.

1897
01:20:32,330 --> 01:20:35,590
And it was very bad.

1898
01:20:35,590 --> 01:20:38,300
And over there inside,
we were working

1899
01:20:38,300 --> 01:20:40,430
with the Polish people--

1900
01:20:40,430 --> 01:20:41,930

not Polish.

1901
01:20:41,930 --> 01:20:44,830
It was Ukraine people.

1902
01:20:44,830 --> 01:20:46,940
We were working together.

1903
01:20:46,940 --> 01:20:49,960
And one guy told me
and a young fellow,

1904
01:20:49,960 --> 01:20:55,780
he told me that, if I
want, he could hide me.

1905
01:20:55,780 --> 01:20:58,070
You know, he wanted to hide me.

1906
01:20:58,070 --> 01:21:01,000
And I was afraid.

1907
01:21:01,000 --> 01:21:03,500
But I should have take a chance.

1908
01:21:03,500 --> 01:21:06,810
Was he a guard, or was he
another prisoner there?

1909
01:21:06,810 --> 01:21:07,550
Pardon me?

1910
01:21:07,550 --> 01:21:10,285
Was this person a
guard or a prisoner?

1911
01:21:10,285 --> 01:21:13,010
No, he was working there.

1912
01:21:13,010 --> 01:21:23,000
But he wasn't like a camp.

1913

01:21:23,000 --> 01:21:25,130

He was working separate.

1914

01:21:25,130 --> 01:21:26,690

They were separate them.

1915

01:21:26,690 --> 01:21:29,470

1916

01:21:29,470 --> 01:21:33,290

They took away the
families, you know.

1917

01:21:33,290 --> 01:21:34,970

They trust them.

1918

01:21:34,970 --> 01:21:36,500

And they were separated.

1919

01:21:36,500 --> 01:21:44,850

We were prisoners, but
he wanted to help me.

1920

01:21:44,850 --> 01:21:48,650

I had a couple of
times like this.

1921

01:21:48,650 --> 01:21:52,070

Did you regret that you
didn't take these chances?

1922

01:21:52,070 --> 01:21:52,700

Which--

1923

01:21:52,700 --> 01:21:55,250

Did you think, later,
you made a mistake

1924

01:21:55,250 --> 01:21:59,270

when you wouldn't take those
chances, those opportunities

1925

01:21:59,270 --> 01:22:01,548

to--

1926

01:22:01,548 --> 01:22:08,030

You know, you blaming
everything, you know?

1927

01:22:08,030 --> 01:22:11,510

You think that it would
have been better had I gone.

1928

01:22:11,510 --> 01:22:13,070

It would have been better if I--

1929

01:22:13,070 --> 01:22:17,630

If I gone, I
would've been better.

1930

01:22:17,630 --> 01:22:20,840

They missed us, you
know, the partisans.

1931

01:22:20,840 --> 01:22:23,150

You know what is a partisan?

1932

01:22:23,150 --> 01:22:24,020

They missed us.

1933

01:22:24,020 --> 01:22:30,220

The French partisans, they
missed us with one hour.

1934

01:22:30,220 --> 01:22:32,840

One hour we could've
been liberated.

1935

01:22:32,840 --> 01:22:34,550

Really?

1936

01:22:34,550 --> 01:22:35,580

While you were there?

1937

01:22:35,580 --> 01:22:36,760

They missed us, yeah.

1938

01:22:36,760 --> 01:22:39,410

And they took us away.

1939

01:22:39,410 --> 01:22:42,140

They were shooting in the air.

1940

01:22:42,140 --> 01:22:45,530

And they took us
away in no time.

1941

01:22:45,530 --> 01:22:49,900

And then we came to
Kochendorf, to Germany.

1942

01:22:49,900 --> 01:22:52,940

So in other words, can
I understand this right,

1943

01:22:52,940 --> 01:22:57,660

that the way you left France is
because the partisans attacked?

1944

01:22:57,660 --> 01:22:58,910

The French partisans attacked?

1945

01:22:58,910 --> 01:23:04,890

French partisan, they could
liberate us in one hour.

1946

01:23:04,890 --> 01:23:07,160

And they didn't, because
they couldn't do it.

1947

01:23:07,160 --> 01:23:09,420

They took us away.

1948

01:23:09,420 --> 01:23:11,600

And we came to--

1949

01:23:11,600 --> 01:23:12,210

Kochendorf.

1950

01:23:12,210 --> 01:23:14,210

Kochendorf.

1951

01:23:14,210 --> 01:23:20,610

Kochendorf was a salt
mine, chemical mine.

1952

01:23:20,610 --> 01:23:28,730

And over there,
we had to walk, I

1953

01:23:28,730 --> 01:23:34,640

would say, about 4 miles,
5 miles every morning.

1954

01:23:34,640 --> 01:23:35,960

Wow.

1955

01:23:35,960 --> 01:23:39,950

And we went through
a trees, trees, apple

1956

01:23:39,950 --> 01:23:44,000

trees, beautiful apple trees.

1957

01:23:44,000 --> 01:23:53,270

And there was a
guy, SS, with a dog.

1958

01:23:53,270 --> 01:23:59,720

And anybody picked up an apple,
they catch them right away.

1959

01:23:59,720 --> 01:24:02,940

And we tried [INAUDIBLE].

1960

01:24:02,940 --> 01:24:04,970

Terrible it was.

1961

01:24:04,970 --> 01:24:06,455

Did you see people killed?

1962

01:24:06,455 --> 01:24:09,980

1963

01:24:09,980 --> 01:24:11,990

I don't remember, no.

1964

01:24:11,990 --> 01:24:12,710

OK.

1965

01:24:12,710 --> 01:24:20,790

So we were working in Kochendorf
in a mine there, salt mine.

1966

01:24:20,790 --> 01:24:23,060

What was your job?

1967

01:24:23,060 --> 01:24:29,180

It was warm-- doing
the work for machinery.

1968

01:24:29,180 --> 01:24:36,080

You know, they wanted
to make a factory there

1969

01:24:36,080 --> 01:24:38,240

they wanted to do.

1970

01:24:38,240 --> 01:24:39,760

What was your job?

1971

01:24:39,760 --> 01:24:43,490

In those salt mines,
what did you do?

1972

01:24:43,490 --> 01:24:46,590

To take out the--

1973

01:24:46,590 --> 01:24:52,178

going with that thing, you
know, and to take out the stone.

1974
01:24:52,178 --> 01:24:52,970
That's what we did.

1975
01:24:52,970 --> 01:24:55,580
It was very hard work.

1976
01:24:55,580 --> 01:24:58,530
Were you together with
your father there?

1977
01:24:58,530 --> 01:25:01,530
While we're there, I was
together with my father.

1978
01:25:01,530 --> 01:25:02,030
OK.

1979
01:25:02,030 --> 01:25:05,240

1980
01:25:05,240 --> 01:25:09,580
Was he strong enough to
do the work, your father?

1981
01:25:09,580 --> 01:25:11,750
Not too good.

1982
01:25:11,750 --> 01:25:13,340
It wasn't good.

1983
01:25:13,340 --> 01:25:14,870
What was going on with him?

1984
01:25:14,870 --> 01:25:18,050

1985
01:25:18,050 --> 01:25:21,110
Do you know, they
gave us cigarettes.

1986
01:25:21,110 --> 01:25:25,070
And he was a big smoker.

1987
01:25:25,070 --> 01:25:28,200
And he gave away the cigarette.

1988
01:25:28,200 --> 01:25:31,770
For cigarette, he
gave away bread.

1989
01:25:31,770 --> 01:25:34,710
It was very bad.

1990
01:25:34,710 --> 01:25:37,600
I used to fight with
people, you know, not to.

1991
01:25:37,600 --> 01:25:40,910
They shouldn't take
it away from him.

1992
01:25:40,910 --> 01:25:44,420
But all right, it's
hard to say even--

1993
01:25:44,420 --> 01:25:49,040

1994
01:25:49,040 --> 01:25:51,500
that little bread, you know?

1995
01:25:51,500 --> 01:25:54,470
I remember it was
Yom Kippur, you

1996
01:25:54,470 --> 01:25:57,800
know, the [INAUDIBLE]
day fasting.

1997
01:25:57,800 --> 01:26:02,450
And I see he has--

1998
01:26:02,450 --> 01:26:03,540
we were working together.

1999
01:26:03,540 --> 01:26:06,064

2000
01:26:06,064 --> 01:26:11,930
And I see, on the side,
he has bread there.

2001
01:26:11,930 --> 01:26:16,280

2002
01:26:16,280 --> 01:26:20,390
To my father, I said to him,
why don't you eat the bread?

2003
01:26:20,390 --> 01:26:22,850
He says, it's a holiday.

2004
01:26:22,850 --> 01:26:25,130
I said, never mind holiday.

2005
01:26:25,130 --> 01:26:28,400
You want to give it
away now for cigarettes.

2006
01:26:28,400 --> 01:26:31,910
I said, eat it now.

2007
01:26:31,910 --> 01:26:36,800
I had to give order
to him to eat it now.

2008
01:26:36,800 --> 01:26:40,250
I said, no Yom Kippur.

2009
01:26:40,250 --> 01:26:41,660
I said, eat it.

2010

01:26:41,660 --> 01:26:42,710
Did he?

2011
01:26:42,710 --> 01:26:44,010
And he ate it, yeah.

2012
01:26:44,010 --> 01:26:46,610

2013
01:26:46,610 --> 01:26:48,410
He wanted to give me a piece.

2014
01:26:48,410 --> 01:26:52,930
I said, I wouldn't
take a half a thing.

2015
01:26:52,930 --> 01:26:54,630
You eat it.

2016
01:26:54,630 --> 01:26:57,380
You know, [INAUDIBLE] poor man.

2017
01:26:57,380 --> 01:27:00,890
And he ate it.

2018
01:27:00,890 --> 01:27:02,735
It sounds like you
became the father.

2019
01:27:02,735 --> 01:27:07,820

2020
01:27:07,820 --> 01:27:10,170
It was tough.

2021
01:27:10,170 --> 01:27:10,730
Yeah.

2022
01:27:10,730 --> 01:27:11,550
It was tough.

2023

01:27:11,550 --> 01:27:13,700

You know, I was
together with him.

2024

01:27:13,700 --> 01:27:17,400

You know, it was tough.

2025

01:27:17,400 --> 01:27:18,770

There was a beating.

2026

01:27:18,770 --> 01:27:21,860

You know, they beat
him up, you know.

2027

01:27:21,860 --> 01:27:24,230

What for?

2028

01:27:24,230 --> 01:27:27,110

Why was he beaten up?

2029

01:27:27,110 --> 01:27:28,840

They beat him up.

2030

01:27:28,840 --> 01:27:29,690

OK.

2031

01:27:29,690 --> 01:27:32,180

Were you there when
he was beaten up?

2032

01:27:32,180 --> 01:27:33,260

I was there, sure.

2033

01:27:33,260 --> 01:27:35,240

You saw it?

2034

01:27:35,240 --> 01:27:39,530

And was there a reason
why he was beaten up?

2035

01:27:39,530 --> 01:27:40,500

I didn't get it.

2036
01:27:40,500 --> 01:27:41,000
OK.

2037
01:27:41,000 --> 01:27:46,190
Was there a reason
why he was beaten up?

2038
01:27:46,190 --> 01:27:51,210
I had to fight with three
people that shouldn't take away

2039
01:27:51,210 --> 01:27:53,390
the bread from him.

2040
01:27:53,390 --> 01:27:55,470
So it was other prisoners?

2041
01:27:55,470 --> 01:27:59,440
Other prisoners, you
know, they gave away

2042
01:27:59,440 --> 01:28:07,460
the cigarettes just to get the
bread, that piece of bread.

2043
01:28:07,460 --> 01:28:13,790
Oh, that was-- you know, people
become like animals sometimes.

2044
01:28:13,790 --> 01:28:15,673
I say people become
like animals.

2045
01:28:15,673 --> 01:28:17,030
Animals, yeah.

2046
01:28:17,030 --> 01:28:17,870
They were.

2047
01:28:17,870 --> 01:28:20,030
They were animals.

2048
01:28:20,030 --> 01:28:22,010
You know, that was--

2049
01:28:22,010 --> 01:28:28,100
I remember when we went
through that apple trees.

2050
01:28:28,100 --> 01:28:34,650
And then they had what they
give for the cows, big--

2051
01:28:34,650 --> 01:28:35,780
Corn?

2052
01:28:35,780 --> 01:28:37,550
Yeah.

2053
01:28:37,550 --> 01:28:38,970
--the big, big things.

2054
01:28:38,970 --> 01:28:44,240
And one guy, I remember,
poor man, they killed him.

2055
01:28:44,240 --> 01:28:51,070
He took one of the big one
in and comes that best that's

2056
01:28:51,070 --> 01:28:55,190
German maybe the dog Yeah

2057
01:28:55,190 --> 01:28:59,590
and they put him in
the mouth that thing

2058
01:28:59,590 --> 01:29:02,420
you know it's a
heavy thing and he

2059
01:29:02,420 --> 01:29:06,470
should be running into

the mine and he told him,

2060

01:29:06,470 --> 01:29:09,530

now you could eat it.

2061

01:29:09,530 --> 01:29:11,330

I don't fully understand.

2062

01:29:11,330 --> 01:29:13,040

You didn't understand.

2063

01:29:13,040 --> 01:29:16,310

They gave the piece of corn?

2064

01:29:16,310 --> 01:29:17,440

Was that what it is?

2065

01:29:17,440 --> 01:29:18,080

Yeah.

2066

01:29:18,080 --> 01:29:19,715

And they stuck it in his mouth.

2067

01:29:19,715 --> 01:29:20,740

Mouth, you know.

2068

01:29:20,740 --> 01:29:22,960

And then tells him

to run into the mine?

2069

01:29:22,960 --> 01:29:24,170

Till the mine, you know.

2070

01:29:24,170 --> 01:29:29,570

[INAUDIBLE] gave another
two mine [INAUDIBLE]..

2071

01:29:29,570 --> 01:29:32,730

Now, you could eat it, he says.

2072

01:29:32,730 --> 01:29:36,875

What mean bastards they
were, these German.

2073
01:29:36,875 --> 01:29:41,370

2074
01:29:41,370 --> 01:29:44,610
It's all forgotten, you know.

2075
01:29:44,610 --> 01:29:47,610
So how long were you
at these salt mines?

2076
01:29:47,610 --> 01:29:49,320
Salt mine, how many people?

2077
01:29:49,320 --> 01:29:49,820
Yeah.

2078
01:29:49,820 --> 01:29:50,320
How many--

2079
01:29:50,320 --> 01:29:53,040
There was people
working daytime,

2080
01:29:53,040 --> 01:29:55,500
and they were working at night.

2081
01:29:55,500 --> 01:29:57,840
We were working night.

2082
01:29:57,840 --> 01:30:06,240
And it was terrible to work at
night till you get to the mine.

2083
01:30:06,240 --> 01:30:12,690
And at night, you know, we
went to sleep a little bit,

2084
01:30:12,690 --> 01:30:13,950
you know.

2085
01:30:13,950 --> 01:30:16,350
And then to go to the
toilet every minute,

2086
01:30:16,350 --> 01:30:21,550
you know, go to the toilet,
so we couldn't sleep.

2087
01:30:21,550 --> 01:30:24,630
It was terrible.

2088
01:30:24,630 --> 01:30:27,180
Much harder work than--

2089
01:30:27,180 --> 01:30:31,080
it's much harder
than in the daytime.

2090
01:30:31,080 --> 01:30:31,580
Sure.

2091
01:30:31,580 --> 01:30:34,340
How long did you
stay at Kochendorf?

2092
01:30:34,340 --> 01:30:36,360
Kochendorf, how
long we were there?

2093
01:30:36,360 --> 01:30:38,200
Yeah.

2094
01:30:38,200 --> 01:30:42,240
A couple months, I
think we were there

2095
01:30:42,240 --> 01:30:46,880
about five months,
about five months.

2096
01:30:46,880 --> 01:30:49,680

Now, when you were
taken to Auschwitz--

2097
01:30:49,680 --> 01:30:50,700
Yeah.

2098
01:30:50,700 --> 01:30:54,790
What month was that when
you were taken to Auschwitz?

2099
01:30:54,790 --> 01:30:57,840

2100
01:30:57,840 --> 01:30:59,700
It was Pesach, you know.

2101
01:30:59,700 --> 01:31:01,350
So Easter, it was Easter.

2102
01:31:01,350 --> 01:31:06,140
Like April 1944?

2103
01:31:06,140 --> 01:31:07,470
'44, yeah.

2104
01:31:07,470 --> 01:31:09,910
OK.

2105
01:31:09,910 --> 01:31:10,890
And when you were in--

2106
01:31:10,890 --> 01:31:13,122
No, not-- it wasn't '44.

2107
01:31:13,122 --> 01:31:15,220
It was '43.

2108
01:31:15,220 --> 01:31:18,140
OK.

2109
01:31:18,140 --> 01:31:23,820

And how long had you
stayed in Auschwitz?

2110
01:31:23,820 --> 01:31:25,500
How long we stayed?

2111
01:31:25,500 --> 01:31:28,350
We were waiting
for the transports,

2112
01:31:28,350 --> 01:31:31,560
because we were mechanics.

2113
01:31:31,560 --> 01:31:33,150
OK.

2114
01:31:33,150 --> 01:31:36,360
I said I am my mechanic,
but I wasn't a mechanic.

2115
01:31:36,360 --> 01:31:40,260
But anyway, they throw us out.

2116
01:31:40,260 --> 01:31:41,410
They throw me out.

2117
01:31:41,410 --> 01:31:43,870
And my father throw me out.

2118
01:31:43,870 --> 01:31:46,990
And my father was very quick.

2119
01:31:46,990 --> 01:31:50,800
He was young yet, you know.

2120
01:31:50,800 --> 01:31:54,840
He grabbed my hand, and
we run to the other side.

2121
01:31:54,840 --> 01:31:58,710
And they put in my name
and my father's name.

2122
01:31:58,710 --> 01:32:02,580
And that's how we went
to the mechanics then.

2123
01:32:02,580 --> 01:32:08,310
And we were so happy
that we are mechanics.

2124
01:32:08,310 --> 01:32:10,885
The rest went into
the gas chamber.

2125
01:32:10,885 --> 01:32:11,385
Really?

2126
01:32:11,385 --> 01:32:15,090

2127
01:32:15,090 --> 01:32:20,100
So I'm trying to get a
sense of how long you

2128
01:32:20,100 --> 01:32:22,290
were in each place.

2129
01:32:22,290 --> 01:32:26,220
I'm trying to get a sense of
how long you were in each place?

2130
01:32:26,220 --> 01:32:32,700
You were taken to Auschwitz
during Passover in 1943.

2131
01:32:32,700 --> 01:32:36,330
And so about how many
months were you there?

2132
01:32:36,330 --> 01:32:38,300
In Auschwitz?

2133
01:32:38,300 --> 01:32:44,515

Auschwitz, we were waiting for
a transport to go to France.

2134
01:32:44,515 --> 01:32:45,930
Right.

2135
01:32:45,930 --> 01:32:46,980
Was that two weeks?

2136
01:32:46,980 --> 01:32:47,940
Was that three weeks?

2137
01:32:47,940 --> 01:32:52,170
No, it was about four
weeks we were waiting.

2138
01:32:52,170 --> 01:32:53,290
OK.

2139
01:32:53,290 --> 01:32:53,790
And when--

2140
01:32:53,790 --> 01:32:59,400
You know, there was
guards, you know.

2141
01:32:59,400 --> 01:33:05,850
But the guards was like
a different company.

2142
01:33:05,850 --> 01:33:09,140
And they were
watching us, you know?

2143
01:33:09,140 --> 01:33:11,190
They're kicking.

2144
01:33:11,190 --> 01:33:15,150
They were from Ukraine.

2145
01:33:15,150 --> 01:33:20,640
And they were terrible, terrible

to us, kicking all this,

2146

01:33:20,640 --> 01:33:23,490

you know, with the boots.

2147

01:33:23,490 --> 01:33:25,080

They had boots.

2148

01:33:25,080 --> 01:33:28,350

And it was terrible.

2149

01:33:28,350 --> 01:33:30,540

That's while you're
waiting for the transport?

2150

01:33:30,540 --> 01:33:31,740

Yeah.

2151

01:33:31,740 --> 01:33:37,110

And then about how long did
you spend in France in that--

2152

01:33:37,110 --> 01:33:39,020

Well, not too long.

2153

01:33:39,020 --> 01:33:45,040

We were there, I would
say, about three months.

2154

01:33:45,040 --> 01:33:46,020

OK.

2155

01:33:46,020 --> 01:33:49,770

So that brings us to
the summer of 1943.

2156

01:33:49,770 --> 01:33:51,110

'44.

2157

01:33:51,110 --> 01:33:53,340

OK.

2158

01:33:53,340 --> 01:33:59,340

OK, if it's '44, then you were
in Kochendorf for how long?

2159

01:33:59,340 --> 01:34:01,140

Five months you said?

2160

01:34:01,140 --> 01:34:03,990

I would say so, yeah.

2161

01:34:03,990 --> 01:34:06,400

Were you there during the fall?

2162

01:34:06,400 --> 01:34:06,900

Pardon me?

2163

01:34:06,900 --> 01:34:09,150

Were you there
during the fall when

2164

01:34:09,150 --> 01:34:12,510

it was already autumn
and after summer?

2165

01:34:12,510 --> 01:34:14,220

Were you there when it was cold?

2166

01:34:14,220 --> 01:34:16,940

Yeah, it was after
summer, after.

2167

01:34:16,940 --> 01:34:17,440

OK.

2168

01:34:17,440 --> 01:34:18,190

Where did you spend the winter?

2169

01:34:18,190 --> 01:34:18,982

It was terrible.

2170

01:34:18,982 --> 01:34:20,700

You know what happened?

2171
01:34:20,700 --> 01:34:23,010
I didn't tell to say it.

2172
01:34:23,010 --> 01:34:27,460

2173
01:34:27,460 --> 01:34:32,100
When we were working in
Kochendorf in the mine,

2174
01:34:32,100 --> 01:34:34,290
you know, we didn't
sleep so long.

2175
01:34:34,290 --> 01:34:41,700
And we don't-- and one guy
went in got the wire, the wire.

2176
01:34:41,700 --> 01:34:45,000
It's a sabotage.

2177
01:34:45,000 --> 01:34:46,680
And he got the wire.

2178
01:34:46,680 --> 01:34:54,210
And right away, we went into
the camp with a barracks.

2179
01:34:54,210 --> 01:34:55,740
And we stand up.

2180
01:34:55,740 --> 01:34:58,650
And they said, every
second man will

2181
01:34:58,650 --> 01:35:03,900
be killed if you don't
tell me who did it.

2182
01:35:03,900 --> 01:35:08,050

Every second man will be killed.

2183

01:35:08,050 --> 01:35:11,220

So what he says.

2184

01:35:11,220 --> 01:35:14,820

One guy says, he did it.

2185

01:35:14,820 --> 01:35:17,010

And they took him out.

2186

01:35:17,010 --> 01:35:19,410

They feed them good.

2187

01:35:19,410 --> 01:35:22,320

And they hanged him.

2188

01:35:22,320 --> 01:35:24,690

Nobody went out to work.

2189

01:35:24,690 --> 01:35:28,590

And they pulled him out
on the hang, to hang.

2190

01:35:28,590 --> 01:35:35,450

And he was saying, yelling, tell
my family what happened to me.

2191

01:35:35,450 --> 01:35:39,240

This is and they hanged him.

2192

01:35:39,240 --> 01:35:41,800

Do you think it was the
guy who actually did it?

2193

01:35:41,800 --> 01:35:42,610

Did it, yeah.

2194

01:35:42,610 --> 01:35:45,890

2195

01:35:45,890 --> 01:35:48,800

He did it.

2196

01:35:48,800 --> 01:35:51,890

From Kochendorf, where
did they take you?

2197

01:35:51,890 --> 01:35:58,910

From Kochendorf, we were taking
and we went on a death march.

2198

01:35:58,910 --> 01:36:01,400

I went out on a death march.

2199

01:36:01,400 --> 01:36:04,850

And anybody who couldn't walk
already, they through him

2200

01:36:04,850 --> 01:36:08,010

into the wagon.

2201

01:36:08,010 --> 01:36:14,780

And the wagon over there, who
went into the wagon, they died.

2202

01:36:14,780 --> 01:36:20,720

So I had-- we were going
like this with other people.

2203

01:36:20,720 --> 01:36:24,470

And I went with a Russian.

2204

01:36:24,470 --> 01:36:27,260

He was a soldier in the army.

2205

01:36:27,260 --> 01:36:29,280

And he says to me--

2206

01:36:29,280 --> 01:36:32,900

he knew already the
tricks what to do.

2207

01:36:32,900 --> 01:36:34,650
He says, let them go.

2208
01:36:34,650 --> 01:36:36,320
We go in the back.

2209
01:36:36,320 --> 01:36:39,440
Because anybody who
falls in there--

2210
01:36:39,440 --> 01:36:41,240
finish.

2211
01:36:41,240 --> 01:36:43,580
Oh, so if anyone
falls down while there

2212
01:36:43,580 --> 01:36:48,200
are people marching behind
him, he's going to be trampled?

2213
01:36:48,200 --> 01:36:50,660
People will walk over
whoever falls down?

2214
01:36:50,660 --> 01:36:51,610
Yeah.

2215
01:36:51,610 --> 01:36:54,180
And they throw him in.

2216
01:36:54,180 --> 01:36:54,680
So--

2217
01:36:54,680 --> 01:36:56,700
[BACKGROUND NOISE]

2218
01:36:56,700 --> 01:36:57,200
Let's cut.

2219
01:36:57,200 --> 01:37:01,100

2220
01:37:01,100 --> 01:37:03,260
So anyway, you were
talking about--

2221
01:37:03,260 --> 01:37:05,980
from Kochendorf, where
did they take you?

2222
01:37:05,980 --> 01:37:06,610
Death march.

2223
01:37:06,610 --> 01:37:09,840
Death march, this
will be interested

2224
01:37:09,840 --> 01:37:11,870
what I'm going to say now.

2225
01:37:11,870 --> 01:37:15,260
That match, we came into Dachau.

2226
01:37:15,260 --> 01:37:17,630
Did you hear from Dachau?

2227
01:37:17,630 --> 01:37:19,880
Came into the Dachau--

2228
01:37:19,880 --> 01:37:26,840
and the OberscharfÄ¼rher
over there asking

2229
01:37:26,840 --> 01:37:31,640
our OberscharfÄ¼rher, [GERMAN]?

2230
01:37:31,640 --> 01:37:33,800
Where are the people?

2231
01:37:33,800 --> 01:37:35,540
Tot.

2232

01:37:35,540 --> 01:37:36,290
Dead.

2233
01:37:36,290 --> 01:37:38,450
Dead.

2234
01:37:38,450 --> 01:37:43,160
And they took us
to take a shower.

2235
01:37:43,160 --> 01:37:45,950
But everybody was
afraid from the shower,

2236
01:37:45,950 --> 01:37:49,165
because we heard
what's going on.

2237
01:37:49,165 --> 01:37:50,870
And we went to take a shower.

2238
01:37:50,870 --> 01:37:52,460
I took a shower.

2239
01:37:52,460 --> 01:37:55,550
And I had a lot
of [NON-ENGLISH]..

2240
01:37:55,550 --> 01:37:57,520
You know what this
[NON-ENGLISH]??

2241
01:37:57,520 --> 01:38:04,130
Big pimples in the back that
I couldn't move already.

2242
01:38:04,130 --> 01:38:07,010
So I washed it down.

2243
01:38:07,010 --> 01:38:10,730
And we went into the barrack.

2244

01:38:10,730 --> 01:38:18,540
And I say to the guy, I
want to go to the revier--

2245
01:38:18,540 --> 01:38:19,230
The infirmary?

2246
01:38:19,230 --> 01:38:20,420
--to the hospital.

2247
01:38:20,420 --> 01:38:22,340
OK.

2248
01:38:22,340 --> 01:38:27,570
He says to me, anybody
who goes to the hospital

2249
01:38:27,570 --> 01:38:30,020
never comes back.

2250
01:38:30,020 --> 01:38:32,010
So I said, I don't care.

2251
01:38:32,010 --> 01:38:34,440
I'm going.

2252
01:38:34,440 --> 01:38:36,470
That was so quiet there.

2253
01:38:36,470 --> 01:38:41,000
And you know, the people, the
dead people was put like this,

2254
01:38:41,000 --> 01:38:42,905
you know, in the--

2255
01:38:42,905 --> 01:38:46,350

2256
01:38:46,350 --> 01:38:48,650
[HUNGARIAN]

2257

01:38:48,650 --> 01:38:50,360

In the wood.

2258

01:38:50,360 --> 01:38:50,870

Like wood?

2259

01:38:50,870 --> 01:38:51,620

Stacked like wood?

2260

01:38:51,620 --> 01:38:52,120

Yes.

2261

01:38:52,120 --> 01:38:52,940

Yeah, like this.

2262

01:38:52,940 --> 01:38:54,320

You know how they are?

2263

01:38:54,320 --> 01:38:55,720

The wood stay put.

2264

01:38:55,720 --> 01:38:56,220

Yeah.

2265

01:38:56,220 --> 01:38:58,410

They put the people like that.

2266

01:38:58,410 --> 01:39:02,720

And I went into the hospital.

2267

01:39:02,720 --> 01:39:10,200

I couldn't hear one word, quiet,
nothing, no people, no people.

2268

01:39:10,200 --> 01:39:10,700

Wow.

2269

01:39:10,700 --> 01:39:13,130

And I'm standing there.

2270

01:39:13,130 --> 01:39:16,820
And it comes [INAUDIBLE].

2271
01:39:16,820 --> 01:39:22,590
And a big officer, a doctor,
big officer, he comes to me.

2272
01:39:22,590 --> 01:39:24,730
And he says, [GERMAN]?

2273
01:39:24,730 --> 01:39:25,458
What I want?

2274
01:39:25,458 --> 01:39:26,166
What do you want?

2275
01:39:26,166 --> 01:39:28,560
Yeah.

2276
01:39:28,560 --> 01:39:30,080
I'm showing him.

2277
01:39:30,080 --> 01:39:33,620
He says to me, stay here.

2278
01:39:33,620 --> 01:39:35,150
He went.

2279
01:39:35,150 --> 01:39:38,030
He went, and he
brought, I don't know,

2280
01:39:38,030 --> 01:39:43,130
maybe it was a spray,
some kind of spray.

2281
01:39:43,130 --> 01:39:44,440
And he brought a knife.

2282
01:39:44,440 --> 01:39:48,740
And me cut me off,
cut me off over there.

2283
01:39:48,740 --> 01:39:50,090
And he sprayed.

2284
01:39:50,090 --> 01:39:53,780
And he through me the
toilet paper, you know?

2285
01:39:53,780 --> 01:39:55,780
They didn't have anything else.

2286
01:39:55,780 --> 01:39:58,880
They throw me-- now
[NON-ENGLISH SPEECH]..

2287
01:39:58,880 --> 01:40:00,200
He threw me out.

2288
01:40:00,200 --> 01:40:02,850
He says, now I could go.

2289
01:40:02,850 --> 01:40:05,270
He let me leave.

2290
01:40:05,270 --> 01:40:08,600
He let me leave.

2291
01:40:08,600 --> 01:40:09,680
That was something.

2292
01:40:09,680 --> 01:40:10,585
Yeah.

2293
01:40:10,585 --> 01:40:13,230
You know, stories like
this you don't hear.

2294
01:40:13,230 --> 01:40:14,240
No, no.

2295
01:40:14,240 --> 01:40:15,500

OK?

2296

01:40:15,500 --> 01:40:17,210

So that was it.

2297

01:40:17,210 --> 01:40:19,760

And I came to the--

2298

01:40:19,760 --> 01:40:20,900

Did it help?

2299

01:40:20,900 --> 01:40:22,850

What he did, did it help on it?

2300

01:40:22,850 --> 01:40:24,410

Yeah, of course, it helped.

2301

01:40:24,410 --> 01:40:25,170

OK.

2302

01:40:25,170 --> 01:40:26,630

It helped.

2303

01:40:26,630 --> 01:40:28,760

I came there.

2304

01:40:28,760 --> 01:40:32,570

And he says, you lucky.

2305

01:40:32,570 --> 01:40:35,270

Nobody came back.

2306

01:40:35,270 --> 01:40:36,900

So we stayed there.

2307

01:40:36,900 --> 01:40:46,970

And after two days, they
packed us in a regular train.

2308

01:40:46,970 --> 01:40:49,580

And they took us to--

2309
01:40:49,580 --> 01:40:51,495
how they called it
[INAUDIBLE] now.

2310
01:40:51,495 --> 01:40:51,995
I forgot.

2311
01:40:51,995 --> 01:40:56,720

2312
01:40:56,720 --> 01:40:57,620
I forgot the name.

2313
01:40:57,620 --> 01:40:59,250
Swiss border, towards
the Swiss border.

2314
01:40:59,250 --> 01:41:00,350
What?

2315
01:41:00,350 --> 01:41:02,460
Towards the Swiss
border, your wife says.

2316
01:41:02,460 --> 01:41:02,960
What?

2317
01:41:02,960 --> 01:41:06,500
Were you taken towards the
Swiss border, so Switzerland?

2318
01:41:06,500 --> 01:41:10,790
Yeah, the Swiss border
they were taking us.

2319
01:41:10,790 --> 01:41:14,990
And it's a beautiful place.

2320
01:41:14,990 --> 01:41:17,240
And we came there, you know.

2321

01:41:17,240 --> 01:41:20,780

And we had to hide from
the German soldiers,

2322

01:41:20,780 --> 01:41:24,370

because they were running
away from the front line.

2323

01:41:24,370 --> 01:41:26,930

They were running already.

2324

01:41:26,930 --> 01:41:30,100

And you know, first,
they take us down

2325

01:41:30,100 --> 01:41:34,410

with a wagon to the there.

2326

01:41:34,410 --> 01:41:37,610

And they killed
people in the water.

2327

01:41:37,610 --> 01:41:38,570

They were killing.

2328

01:41:38,570 --> 01:41:41,450

I mean, we didn't go--

2329

01:41:41,450 --> 01:41:45,920

we went to up of the
hill, you know, in the--

2330

01:41:45,920 --> 01:41:51,500

and we find the
place where the--

2331

01:41:51,500 --> 01:41:58,670

you know, there are people
who works in the trees.

2332

01:41:58,670 --> 01:42:01,120

they fixing the

trees and everything.

2333

01:42:01,120 --> 01:42:02,680

They working there.

2334

01:42:02,680 --> 01:42:04,280

And he lived there.

2335

01:42:04,280 --> 01:42:08,740

And luckily, the wife
was in the hospital.

2336

01:42:08,740 --> 01:42:11,180

And we went in there.

2337

01:42:11,180 --> 01:42:14,590

And he says, let us
stay here for the night.

2338

01:42:14,590 --> 01:42:17,830

He says, ah, you have any lice?

2339

01:42:17,830 --> 01:42:21,160

I said, no, we don't have lice.

2340

01:42:21,160 --> 01:42:27,070

Soon as it gets warmer, it
was coming out like fly.

2341

01:42:27,070 --> 01:42:36,190

And over there, next day,
we hear the tanks coming.

2342

01:42:36,190 --> 01:42:37,330

I ran out, you know.

2343

01:42:37,330 --> 01:42:39,010

And I see.

2344

01:42:39,010 --> 01:42:40,300

I look at it, you know.

2345

01:42:40,300 --> 01:42:43,190

And I hear the big noise.

2346

01:42:43,190 --> 01:42:46,270

And I went in to the barrack.

2347

01:42:46,270 --> 01:42:49,010

And I said to the
people, our people,

2348

01:42:49,010 --> 01:42:53,510

that it looks like
the tanks are here.

2349

01:42:53,510 --> 01:42:57,540

So he says, let's go out.

2350

01:42:57,540 --> 01:42:58,060

Who's this?

2351

01:42:58,060 --> 01:43:05,540

And it was the tanks
with Black people.

2352

01:43:05,540 --> 01:43:06,040

Oh.

2353

01:43:06,040 --> 01:43:07,960

So this was not German tanks?

2354

01:43:07,960 --> 01:43:08,820

No, no.

2355

01:43:08,820 --> 01:43:10,060

No, not German.

2356

01:43:10,060 --> 01:43:13,420

It was already
Americans, American tanks

2357

01:43:13,420 --> 01:43:14,700

on the front line.

2358
01:43:14,700 --> 01:43:15,200
Wow.

2359
01:43:15,200 --> 01:43:16,530
And we went there.

2360
01:43:16,530 --> 01:43:17,740
And we look at it.

2361
01:43:17,740 --> 01:43:21,050
You know, I had never
seen a Black man.

2362
01:43:21,050 --> 01:43:22,820
Never seen in my
life a Black man.

2363
01:43:22,820 --> 01:43:26,520
And they laughing,
laughing, laughing.

2364
01:43:26,520 --> 01:43:30,640
And I says to him,
give me something.

2365
01:43:30,640 --> 01:43:32,470
And he took a
piece of chocolate.

2366
01:43:32,470 --> 01:43:35,080
He gave me a piece of chocolate.

2367
01:43:35,080 --> 01:43:37,960
Oh my god, chocolate.

2368
01:43:37,960 --> 01:43:40,600
So it was really good.

2369
01:43:40,600 --> 01:43:42,500
They were laughing.

2370
01:43:42,500 --> 01:43:46,290
And it comes a captain.

2371
01:43:46,290 --> 01:43:48,640
With a bicycle, he comes.

2372
01:43:48,640 --> 01:43:52,210
And he was a Jewish
guy Jewish captain.

2373
01:43:52,210 --> 01:43:56,310
And he spoke Yiddish, he spoke.

2374
01:43:56,310 --> 01:43:59,490

2375
01:43:59,490 --> 01:44:04,230
And he says, I'm going
to put you in to a place

2376
01:44:04,230 --> 01:44:06,840
where you're going to
stay there for a while.

2377
01:44:06,840 --> 01:44:08,610
And you're going to
eat what they eat.

2378
01:44:08,610 --> 01:44:11,520
And you're going to
eat the same thing.

2379
01:44:11,520 --> 01:44:14,460
So he took us there, you know?

2380
01:44:14,460 --> 01:44:15,952
Was your father with you?

2381
01:44:15,952 --> 01:44:18,780
No, my father was dead already.

2382
01:44:18,780 --> 01:44:21,520
Tell me, what happened
to your father?

2383
01:44:21,520 --> 01:44:22,020
He died.

2384
01:44:22,020 --> 01:44:22,290
He died.

2385
01:44:22,290 --> 01:44:22,790
Where?

2386
01:44:22,790 --> 01:44:23,890
How?

2387
01:44:23,890 --> 01:44:24,390
How?

2388
01:44:24,390 --> 01:44:28,260

2389
01:44:28,260 --> 01:44:28,910
Did he die in--

2390
01:44:28,910 --> 01:44:32,040
How like anybody
else died over there,

2391
01:44:32,040 --> 01:44:34,170
he couldn't take it anymore.

2392
01:44:34,170 --> 01:44:35,910
Was this in Kochendorf?

2393
01:44:35,910 --> 01:44:37,050
Yeah, in Kochendorf.

2394
01:44:37,050 --> 01:44:38,220
He died in Kochendorf.

2395

01:44:38,220 --> 01:44:38,940

Yeah.

2396

01:44:38,940 --> 01:44:43,560

I took my wife back
to see where is it,

2397

01:44:43,560 --> 01:44:46,470

where is the place where I was.

2398

01:44:46,470 --> 01:44:48,450

I went back.

2399

01:44:48,450 --> 01:44:49,350

OK.

2400

01:44:49,350 --> 01:44:51,540

So did he not wake
up one morning?

2401

01:44:51,540 --> 01:44:52,040

Pardon me?

2402

01:44:52,040 --> 01:44:54,870

Did your father not
wake up one morning?

2403

01:44:54,870 --> 01:44:56,077

No, no.

2404

01:44:56,077 --> 01:44:56,660

What happened?

2405

01:44:56,660 --> 01:44:59,100

How did he die?

2406

01:44:59,100 --> 01:45:01,440

He went into the hospital there.

2407

01:45:01,440 --> 01:45:04,310

They couldn't help him.

2408
01:45:04,310 --> 01:45:05,630
OK.

2409
01:45:05,630 --> 01:45:07,830
And was that because
he hadn't eaten?

2410
01:45:07,830 --> 01:45:08,570
Pardon me?

2411
01:45:08,570 --> 01:45:12,185
Was that because he would
not eat, but smoke instead?

2412
01:45:12,185 --> 01:45:18,650
Well, it wasn't completely
that, but it helped.

2413
01:45:18,650 --> 01:45:19,970
It helped.

2414
01:45:19,970 --> 01:45:21,110
Was he starving?

2415
01:45:21,110 --> 01:45:23,530
Did he starve to death?

2416
01:45:23,530 --> 01:45:28,060
Starving and it was
very bad, very bad.

2417
01:45:28,060 --> 01:45:31,040

2418
01:45:31,040 --> 01:45:31,540
So--

2419
01:45:31,540 --> 01:45:34,150

2420

01:45:34,150 --> 01:45:36,420
So from then,
you're on your own.

2421
01:45:36,420 --> 01:45:38,440
And we were in--

2422
01:45:38,440 --> 01:45:41,720
not Kochendorf.

2423
01:45:41,720 --> 01:45:43,710
Dachau you said.

2424
01:45:43,710 --> 01:45:45,100
How they call that place?

2425
01:45:45,100 --> 01:45:47,420
We were together there.

2426
01:45:47,420 --> 01:45:48,920
You know, it was a--

2427
01:45:48,920 --> 01:45:50,980
[PLACE NAME.]
That's [PLACE NAME.]

2428
01:45:50,980 --> 01:45:54,050
It was a beautiful
place in the Alp.

2429
01:45:54,050 --> 01:45:54,940
In the Alps, OK.

2430
01:45:54,940 --> 01:45:56,350
In the Alp, you know?

2431
01:45:56,350 --> 01:45:58,770
And we stayed there.

2432
01:45:58,770 --> 01:46:00,790
We went into the city.

2433

01:46:00,790 --> 01:46:03,260

And we had plenty food.

2434

01:46:03,260 --> 01:46:05,690

They wanted to put
me in the hospital.

2435

01:46:05,690 --> 01:46:07,660

You know, I was sick.

2436

01:46:07,660 --> 01:46:10,010

And I didn't know want to go.

2437

01:46:10,010 --> 01:46:12,610

What city was this?

2438

01:46:12,610 --> 01:46:14,300

Was it Munich?

2439

01:46:14,300 --> 01:46:15,700

Near Munich.

2440

01:46:15,700 --> 01:46:17,380

Munich was--

2441

01:46:17,380 --> 01:46:18,505

Because that's near Dachau.

2442

01:46:18,505 --> 01:46:19,780

Munich was Dachau.

2443

01:46:19,780 --> 01:46:21,580

Yeah, Munich is Dachau.

2444

01:46:21,580 --> 01:46:23,620

Well, you're talking
about other cities that

2445

01:46:23,620 --> 01:46:27,190

would be near the Swiss border?

2446
01:46:27,190 --> 01:46:29,235
This was in Tyrol.

2447
01:46:29,235 --> 01:46:31,385
Ah, OK, so in Austria.

2448
01:46:31,385 --> 01:46:33,460
Beautiful place.

2449
01:46:33,460 --> 01:46:34,390
OK.

2450
01:46:34,390 --> 01:46:37,060
Beautiful, but who could--

2451
01:46:37,060 --> 01:46:42,228
and we were there
for about five weeks.

2452
01:46:42,228 --> 01:46:43,520
Four, five weeks we were there.

2453
01:46:43,520 --> 01:46:45,380
Was this Austria already?

2454
01:46:45,380 --> 01:46:45,880
Who?

2455
01:46:45,880 --> 01:46:47,500
Were you in Austria?

2456
01:46:47,500 --> 01:46:49,635
No, no, it wasn't Austria, no.

2457
01:46:49,635 --> 01:46:50,260
It was Germany.

2458
01:46:50,260 --> 01:46:52,260
This is Tyrol.

2459

01:46:52,260 --> 01:46:55,590
You know, it's in the Alp--

2460
01:46:55,590 --> 01:46:56,160
Yeah.

2461
01:46:56,160 --> 01:47:01,630
--in the Alp near Switzerland,
not far from Switzerland.

2462
01:47:01,630 --> 01:47:06,080
Switzerland didn't want
to take us, you know?

2463
01:47:06,080 --> 01:47:08,110
We came down from the train.

2464
01:47:08,110 --> 01:47:09,160
We stopped the train.

2465
01:47:09,160 --> 01:47:12,360

2466
01:47:12,360 --> 01:47:17,020
And officer, a German
officer, stand up on a chair.

2467
01:47:17,020 --> 01:47:18,610
And he says, you're all free.

2468
01:47:18,610 --> 01:47:21,590
You could go all over.

2469
01:47:21,590 --> 01:47:23,720
And we stayed there.

2470
01:47:23,720 --> 01:47:27,490
One night, they
were taking us back.

2471
01:47:27,490 --> 01:47:28,210
Really?

2472
01:47:28,210 --> 01:47:29,710
Yeah.

2473
01:47:29,710 --> 01:47:31,570
They changed their mind.

2474
01:47:31,570 --> 01:47:33,790
Really?

2475
01:47:33,790 --> 01:47:35,030
But we didn't go.

2476
01:47:35,030 --> 01:47:38,330
I mean, my people didn't
take us, you know?

2477
01:47:38,330 --> 01:47:39,720
You didn't go?

2478
01:47:39,720 --> 01:47:41,620
I didn't want to go.

2479
01:47:41,620 --> 01:47:46,600
And we went up the
[NON-ENGLISH SPEECH]..

2480
01:47:46,600 --> 01:47:47,260
How they call?

2481
01:47:47,260 --> 01:47:48,490
I forgot the name.

2482
01:47:48,490 --> 01:47:51,560
Oh my god.

2483
01:47:51,560 --> 01:47:55,820
Anyhow, we went up there.

2484
01:47:55,820 --> 01:48:03,370
And well, a week later

came the American trucks,

2485

01:48:03,370 --> 01:48:05,020

came American trucks.

2486

01:48:05,020 --> 01:48:07,930

And they took us
to Czech Republic.

2487

01:48:07,930 --> 01:48:09,850

To the Czech border?

2488

01:48:09,850 --> 01:48:11,590

To Czech-- inside Czech.

2489

01:48:11,590 --> 01:48:13,025

Inside Czechoslovakia.

2490

01:48:13,025 --> 01:48:14,055

Yeah, Pilsen.

2491

01:48:14,055 --> 01:48:15,270

Oh, yeah, Pilsen.

2492

01:48:15,270 --> 01:48:16,990

Pilsen, yeah.

2493

01:48:16,990 --> 01:48:18,710

They went up to Pilsen.

2494

01:48:18,710 --> 01:48:20,120

And we are free already.

2495

01:48:20,120 --> 01:48:23,200

You know, we are free.

2496

01:48:23,200 --> 01:48:24,850

We took the railroad.

2497

01:48:24,850 --> 01:48:27,410

We went into Prague.

2498
01:48:27,410 --> 01:48:34,780
In Prague, we went to the YMCA.

2499
01:48:34,780 --> 01:48:40,430
And I got a nice room,
beautiful, free man.

2500
01:48:40,430 --> 01:48:43,210

2501
01:48:43,210 --> 01:48:46,650
Did you have a chance to
get different clothes?

2502
01:48:46,650 --> 01:48:48,910
You know, because you
had, up until that point--

2503
01:48:48,910 --> 01:48:50,290
Oh, yeah, we changed.

2504
01:48:50,290 --> 01:48:51,260
We changed.

2505
01:48:51,260 --> 01:48:51,760
Yeah?

2506
01:48:51,760 --> 01:48:52,480
We changed.

2507
01:48:52,480 --> 01:48:57,050
Some of the-- they
were full with lice.

2508
01:48:57,050 --> 01:48:58,080
OK.

2509
01:48:58,080 --> 01:49:01,690
So when did you get rid of the
clothes that were full of lice?

2510

01:49:01,690 --> 01:49:05,770

Was that still in
Germany when you got rid

2511

01:49:05,770 --> 01:49:06,960

of your prison clothes?

2512

01:49:06,960 --> 01:49:16,720

Yeah, we went into army base,
a big army base a German army

2513

01:49:16,720 --> 01:49:17,440

base, you know?

2514

01:49:17,440 --> 01:49:21,400

And we were looking for
some kind of clothes.

2515

01:49:21,400 --> 01:49:25,960

But the clothes wasn't good,
because full with lice was.

2516

01:49:25,960 --> 01:49:29,690

So we got the different clothes.

2517

01:49:29,690 --> 01:49:32,560

OK, OK.

2518

01:49:32,560 --> 01:49:38,230

And so you eventually
end up in Prague free.

2519

01:49:38,230 --> 01:49:40,960

Oh, yeah.

2520

01:49:40,960 --> 01:49:44,110

I had a room in YMCA.

2521

01:49:44,110 --> 01:49:45,260

OK.

2522

01:49:45,260 --> 01:49:47,410
How long did you stay in Prague?

2523
01:49:47,410 --> 01:49:52,340
Prague, we stayed
about three weeks.

2524
01:49:52,340 --> 01:49:52,840
OK.

2525
01:49:52,840 --> 01:49:58,600
And then we went
out to the station.

2526
01:49:58,600 --> 01:49:59,100
OK.

2527
01:49:59,100 --> 01:50:01,980

2528
01:50:01,980 --> 01:50:03,050
You speak Czech?

2529
01:50:03,050 --> 01:50:05,020
No, I speak a little German.

2530
01:50:05,020 --> 01:50:06,640
What is the station?

2531
01:50:06,640 --> 01:50:09,050
What is the station called?

2532
01:50:09,050 --> 01:50:13,030
The station is [NON-ENGLISH].

2533
01:50:13,030 --> 01:50:13,840
I don't know.

2534
01:50:13,840 --> 01:50:14,620
Oh, yeah.

2535

01:50:14,620 --> 01:50:21,460
[NON-ENGLISH],, that
means the place, yeah.

2536
01:50:21,460 --> 01:50:22,910
You mean the main
central station?

2537
01:50:22,910 --> 01:50:23,410
Yeah.

2538
01:50:23,410 --> 01:50:26,280
And the people were coming.

2539
01:50:26,280 --> 01:50:30,970
And I met my sister over there.

2540
01:50:30,970 --> 01:50:32,055
Yeah.

2541
01:50:32,055 --> 01:50:32,555
It was--

2542
01:50:32,555 --> 01:50:33,080
By accident?

2543
01:50:33,080 --> 01:50:33,960
--happiness.

2544
01:50:33,960 --> 01:50:36,640
Where is my mother?

2545
01:50:36,640 --> 01:50:38,870
Where is the father?

2546
01:50:38,870 --> 01:50:40,140
Nobody.

2547
01:50:40,140 --> 01:50:42,380
It's gone.

2548

01:50:42,380 --> 01:50:45,950

So your sister was able to
tell you about your mother?

2549

01:50:45,950 --> 01:50:47,360

Yeah.

2550

01:50:47,360 --> 01:50:48,770

What did she tell you?

2551

01:50:48,770 --> 01:50:52,640

She tell me that they took her
already to the gas chamber.

2552

01:50:52,640 --> 01:50:54,440

OK.

2553

01:50:54,440 --> 01:50:57,710

What did she tell you
about her own experience?

2554

01:50:57,710 --> 01:51:00,050

What happened to your sister?

2555

01:51:00,050 --> 01:51:01,190

My sister?

2556

01:51:01,190 --> 01:51:04,548

Yeah, after your mother is
taken to the gas chamber,

2557

01:51:04,548 --> 01:51:05,840

what happened with your sister?

2558

01:51:05,840 --> 01:51:15,210

My sister went to work there
in [NON-ENGLISH SPEECH]..

2559

01:51:15,210 --> 01:51:21,270

You know, not far from
that camp near Prague

2560

01:51:21,270 --> 01:51:22,380
there is a camp there.

2561
01:51:22,380 --> 01:51:23,340
Theresienstadt.

2562
01:51:23,340 --> 01:51:25,560
Theresienstadt, yeah.

2563
01:51:25,560 --> 01:51:29,450
OK, so she was working
in Theresienstadt?

2564
01:51:29,450 --> 01:51:31,430
She was there for a while.

2565
01:51:31,430 --> 01:51:35,840
And then they gave her
another place they took her.

2566
01:51:35,840 --> 01:51:38,690
She was young yet, you know.

2567
01:51:38,690 --> 01:51:41,896
But anyway, she
ran through there.

2568
01:51:41,896 --> 01:51:42,690
OK.

2569
01:51:42,690 --> 01:51:44,930
What was your
sister's name again?

2570
01:51:44,930 --> 01:51:45,980
Your sister's name?

2571
01:51:45,980 --> 01:51:47,250
What was your--

2572
01:51:47,250 --> 01:51:47,930
Elizabeth.

2573
01:51:47,930 --> 01:51:48,680
Elizabeth.

2574
01:51:48,680 --> 01:51:50,210
Elizabeth Braun, OK.

2575
01:51:50,210 --> 01:51:51,140
Yeah.

2576
01:51:51,140 --> 01:51:55,380
And so where did you
meet her in Prague?

2577
01:51:55,380 --> 01:52:03,200
In Prague, on the [NON-ENGLISH]
is the station house.

2578
01:52:03,200 --> 01:52:05,810
You met her at the station,
the train station house?

2579
01:52:05,810 --> 01:52:07,970
The Czech station.

2580
01:52:07,970 --> 01:52:08,840
Interesting.

2581
01:52:08,840 --> 01:52:10,520
By accident?

2582
01:52:10,520 --> 01:52:11,240
Pardon me?

2583
01:52:11,240 --> 01:52:12,333
By accident?

2584
01:52:12,333 --> 01:52:13,000
Or did you know?

2585
01:52:13,000 --> 01:52:14,490

Yeah, by accident.

2586
01:52:14,490 --> 01:52:16,280
Yeah.

2587
01:52:16,280 --> 01:52:17,270
What a surprise.

2588
01:52:17,270 --> 01:52:20,000
I met my brother in Budapest.

2589
01:52:20,000 --> 01:52:22,615

2590
01:52:22,615 --> 01:52:28,220
He was standing in line
to get money for food

2591
01:52:28,220 --> 01:52:37,850
to buy food from the
Jewish agency, from UNRRA.

2592
01:52:37,850 --> 01:52:41,320
And somebody comes and
tells me your brother

2593
01:52:41,320 --> 01:52:42,290
is in the front line.

2594
01:52:42,290 --> 01:52:45,140
He's going into for money.

2595
01:52:45,140 --> 01:52:47,030
I said, where?

2596
01:52:47,030 --> 01:52:51,380
And I left the line, and
I run over to my brother.

2597
01:52:51,380 --> 01:52:52,775
Wow.

2598

01:52:52,775 --> 01:52:54,410

Wow.

2599

01:52:54,410 --> 01:52:56,320

But first, you meet
your sister in Prague.

2600

01:52:56,320 --> 01:52:56,410

Yeah.

2601

01:52:56,410 --> 01:52:58,550

And you know, the first
thing, where is my father?

2602

01:52:58,550 --> 01:53:01,895

Where is my mother?

2603

01:53:01,895 --> 01:53:02,660

It's all gone.

2604

01:53:02,660 --> 01:53:06,630

2605

01:53:06,630 --> 01:53:07,850

Yeah, yeah.

2606

01:53:07,850 --> 01:53:10,190

So this is what it is.

2607

01:53:10,190 --> 01:53:11,600

So from Prague--

2608

01:53:11,600 --> 01:53:12,320

Pardon me?

2609

01:53:12,320 --> 01:53:14,720

In Prague, you meet your sister.

2610

01:53:14,720 --> 01:53:17,990

Do you stay together
then, you and your sister?

2611
01:53:17,990 --> 01:53:19,610
We together already.

2612
01:53:19,610 --> 01:53:20,330
All right.

2613
01:53:20,330 --> 01:53:22,500
We didn't let each other away.

2614
01:53:22,500 --> 01:53:24,000
Yeah.

2615
01:53:24,000 --> 01:53:30,830
And over there, I met my
aunt, Szilvia's mother.

2616
01:53:30,830 --> 01:53:32,390
Ah, your Aunt Eszter?

2617
01:53:32,390 --> 01:53:34,310
Eszter, yeah, I met.

2618
01:53:34,310 --> 01:53:36,830
And we were together.

2619
01:53:36,830 --> 01:53:38,750
And she was, that time, single.

2620
01:53:38,750 --> 01:53:41,020
And then she got married.

2621
01:53:41,020 --> 01:53:44,630
And it was like a
station we were together.

2622
01:53:44,630 --> 01:53:48,440
And then we met my uncle.

2623
01:53:48,440 --> 01:53:51,200
He was a Czech soldier.

2624
01:53:51,200 --> 01:53:54,130
He came from the front line.

2625
01:53:54,130 --> 01:53:55,890
And he met us.

2626
01:53:55,890 --> 01:54:01,110
And he stayed near Prague.

2627
01:54:01,110 --> 01:54:10,700
Near Prague, we stayed
in a farmhouse, farm.

2628
01:54:10,700 --> 01:54:16,030
They gave him, the government
gave him, a whole farm,

2629
01:54:16,030 --> 01:54:19,700
gave it to him with
cows, with everything.

2630
01:54:19,700 --> 01:54:23,660
They took away from the
Germans, and they gave him.

2631
01:54:23,660 --> 01:54:24,840
Ah, I see.

2632
01:54:24,840 --> 01:54:25,340
I see.

2633
01:54:25,340 --> 01:54:27,440
So we were there for a while.

2634
01:54:27,440 --> 01:54:29,600
And then we came here.

2635
01:54:29,600 --> 01:54:33,230
So tell me, did you ever
go back to your hometown?

2636

01:54:33,230 --> 01:54:33,975

Yeah.

2637

01:54:33,975 --> 01:54:34,660

At that time?

2638

01:54:34,660 --> 01:54:36,320

I went there twice.

2639

01:54:36,320 --> 01:54:37,190

OK.

2640

01:54:37,190 --> 01:54:40,220

Did you go back right
after the war ended

2641

01:54:40,220 --> 01:54:42,650

when you were free or later?

2642

01:54:42,650 --> 01:54:47,230

Oh, after everything when
I was already a rich man.

2643

01:54:47,230 --> 01:54:48,100

[LAUGHTER]

2644

01:54:48,100 --> 01:54:51,780

OK, so that's after you
come to the United States.

2645

01:54:51,780 --> 01:54:55,460

I'm saying, from that time when
you meet your sister in Prague

2646

01:54:55,460 --> 01:54:57,560

and then your aunt
and your uncle,

2647

01:54:57,560 --> 01:54:59,910

did you go back
to your hometown?

2648
01:54:59,910 --> 01:55:00,410
Yeah.

2649
01:55:00,410 --> 01:55:01,430
At that time?

2650
01:55:01,430 --> 01:55:02,540
When?

2651
01:55:02,540 --> 01:55:06,980
Right when the war ends,
did you ever go back

2652
01:55:06,980 --> 01:55:11,120
to your hometown in 1945?

2653
01:55:11,120 --> 01:55:12,170
Oh, yeah, yeah.

2654
01:55:12,170 --> 01:55:13,220
I went back.

2655
01:55:13,220 --> 01:55:14,160
Yeah?

2656
01:55:14,160 --> 01:55:19,220
I had my home there,
but it was bombed down.

2657
01:55:19,220 --> 01:55:21,950
So [INAUDIBLE] nothing.

2658
01:55:21,950 --> 01:55:24,830
And then you said
you went to Szerednye

2659
01:55:24,830 --> 01:55:27,330
to see if your mother's
family was alive?

2660
01:55:27,330 --> 01:55:28,640

Yeah, yeah.

2661

01:55:28,640 --> 01:55:30,740

And that's when you met
the nuns on the bus?

2662

01:55:30,740 --> 01:55:31,450

Yeah, yeah.

2663

01:55:31,450 --> 01:55:33,040

Yeah, yeah.

2664

01:55:33,040 --> 01:55:33,980

OK.

2665

01:55:33,980 --> 01:55:38,025

And was it at that time that
you also went to Budapest

2666

01:55:38,025 --> 01:55:38,900

and met your brother?

2667

01:55:38,900 --> 01:55:41,176

No, that was before.

2668

01:55:41,176 --> 01:55:44,030

But I went to Budapest.

2669

01:55:44,030 --> 01:55:51,070

That was before,
right after the war

2670

01:55:51,070 --> 01:55:53,100

when I was liberated already.

2671

01:55:53,100 --> 01:55:58,580

You know, people was
going left or right.

2672

01:55:58,580 --> 01:56:00,110

He's going home.

2673

01:56:00,110 --> 01:56:03,030

He's going this way.

2674

01:56:03,030 --> 01:56:05,195

The train was full with people.

2675

01:56:05,195 --> 01:56:08,580

2676

01:56:08,580 --> 01:56:12,040

Did you go to

Budapest from Prague?

2677

01:56:12,040 --> 01:56:12,720

Yeah.

2678

01:56:12,720 --> 01:56:14,340

Yeah.

2679

01:56:14,340 --> 01:56:18,490

And then did you come back

to Prague with your brother?

2680

01:56:18,490 --> 01:56:19,620

With who?

2681

01:56:19,620 --> 01:56:20,740

Your brother.

2682

01:56:20,740 --> 01:56:21,460

My brother?

2683

01:56:21,460 --> 01:56:22,250

Yeah.

2684

01:56:22,250 --> 01:56:24,240

We was together.

2685

01:56:24,240 --> 01:56:33,240

But my brother

stayed with Eszter.

2686
01:56:33,240 --> 01:56:34,510
Your Aunt Eszter?

2687
01:56:34,510 --> 01:56:35,010
Yeah.

2688
01:56:35,010 --> 01:56:36,630
Your mother's youngest sister.

2689
01:56:36,630 --> 01:56:37,370
Sister, yeah.

2690
01:56:37,370 --> 01:56:38,190
Yeah.

2691
01:56:38,190 --> 01:56:40,856
And how long until you
came to the United States?

2692
01:56:40,856 --> 01:56:43,410

2693
01:56:43,410 --> 01:56:45,300
I came '46.

2694
01:56:45,300 --> 01:56:46,200
That's early.

2695
01:56:46,200 --> 01:56:46,700
Yeah.

2696
01:56:46,700 --> 01:56:47,630
That's very early.

2697
01:56:47,630 --> 01:56:50,010
1946.

2698
01:56:50,010 --> 01:56:51,840
And how did you get here?

2699

01:56:51,840 --> 01:56:53,010

Remind us again.

2700

01:56:53,010 --> 01:56:57,900

What was the way that
you got here to the US?

2701

01:56:57,900 --> 01:56:59,055

To come to the US?

2702

01:56:59,055 --> 01:57:01,950

2703

01:57:01,950 --> 01:57:04,608

1946.

2704

01:57:04,608 --> 01:57:05,650

Who helped you come here?

2705

01:57:05,650 --> 01:57:07,240

Not too long, not too long.

2706

01:57:07,240 --> 01:57:07,740

Yeah.

2707

01:57:07,740 --> 01:57:10,740

Who helped you come
to the United States?

2708

01:57:10,740 --> 01:57:20,390

My grandmother's brother,
they live in Pittsburgh

2709

01:57:20,390 --> 01:57:21,300

at that time.

2710

01:57:21,300 --> 01:57:25,040

But I don't think they
are alive anymore.

2711

01:57:25,040 --> 01:57:27,190

They were very wealthy.

2712

01:57:27,190 --> 01:57:28,440

OK.

2713

01:57:28,440 --> 01:57:30,570

Did you stay in Pittsburgh?

2714

01:57:30,570 --> 01:57:32,580

Did you stay in Pittsburgh?

2715

01:57:32,580 --> 01:57:34,020

I didn't go there.

2716

01:57:34,020 --> 01:57:35,990

Where did you go?

2717

01:57:35,990 --> 01:57:39,810

I stayed near Prague.

2718

01:57:39,810 --> 01:57:40,320

OK.

2719

01:57:40,320 --> 01:57:44,580

When you came to
the United States,

2720

01:57:44,580 --> 01:57:46,830

where did you end up living?

2721

01:57:46,830 --> 01:57:48,960

I stayed with Eszter.

2722

01:57:48,960 --> 01:57:50,130

And she lived where?

2723

01:57:50,130 --> 01:57:53,010

2724

01:57:53,010 --> 01:57:54,030

I forgot the name.

2725
01:57:54,030 --> 01:57:56,890

2726
01:57:56,890 --> 01:57:58,580
[HUNGARIAN]

2727
01:57:58,580 --> 01:57:59,358
Lower East Side.

2728
01:57:59,358 --> 01:57:59,858
Huh?

2729
01:57:59,858 --> 01:58:02,200
The Lower East Side.

2730
01:58:02,200 --> 01:58:03,770
In New York City?

2731
01:58:03,770 --> 01:58:06,190
No, that was already--

2732
01:58:06,190 --> 01:58:11,350

2733
01:58:11,350 --> 01:58:13,070
no, I don't remember really.

2734
01:58:13,070 --> 01:58:14,210
OK, OK.

2735
01:58:14,210 --> 01:58:15,890
It's all right.

2736
01:58:15,890 --> 01:58:18,830
How did you come to
the United States?

2737
01:58:18,830 --> 01:58:21,200
How did you come to
the United States?

2738

01:58:21,200 --> 01:58:25,440

When you left Prague, what was
the way that you traveled here?

2739

01:58:25,440 --> 01:58:28,750

Well, I had to get a passport.

2740

01:58:28,750 --> 01:58:30,650

OK.

2741

01:58:30,650 --> 01:58:36,140

And that was a cousin of mine
who was in the Czech army.

2742

01:58:36,140 --> 01:58:40,040

So it was nothing to get
him a passport for me,

2743

01:58:40,040 --> 01:58:43,010

got me a passport.

2744

01:58:43,010 --> 01:58:46,640

And I sent a number for my--

2745

01:58:46,640 --> 01:58:49,320

2746

01:58:49,320 --> 01:59:01,890

my uncle sent me to his
uncle and the consul.

2747

01:59:01,890 --> 01:59:05,150

I had the 350 number.

2748

01:59:05,150 --> 01:59:06,080

OK.

2749

01:59:06,080 --> 01:59:09,590

From Prague to come
to the United States,

2750

01:59:09,590 --> 01:59:11,330

did you go by train?

2751

01:59:11,330 --> 01:59:13,490

And then by-- how

did you leave Prague?

2752

01:59:13,490 --> 01:59:15,980

By what way did

you leave Prague?

2753

01:59:15,980 --> 01:59:20,270

When you were traveling to

the US, how did you get here?

2754

01:59:20,270 --> 01:59:21,340

To Prague?

2755

01:59:21,340 --> 01:59:21,980

No.

2756

01:59:21,980 --> 01:59:22,720

From--

2757

01:59:22,720 --> 01:59:26,070

From Prague to

the United States?

2758

01:59:26,070 --> 01:59:26,570

Oh.

2759

01:59:26,570 --> 01:59:34,340

2760

01:59:34,340 --> 01:59:36,440

I had a aeroplane.

2761

01:59:36,440 --> 01:59:37,860

Oh, you came by plane?

2762

01:59:37,860 --> 01:59:39,320

Plane, yeah.

2763

01:59:39,320 --> 01:59:42,770

By plane, I went to Sweden.

2764

01:59:42,770 --> 01:59:44,450

To Sweden we went.

2765

01:59:44,450 --> 01:59:45,260

By plane?

2766

01:59:45,260 --> 01:59:46,670

By plane.

2767

01:59:46,670 --> 01:59:51,120

Denmark and--

2768

01:59:51,120 --> 01:59:51,890

OK.

2769

01:59:51,890 --> 01:59:53,210

And then--

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01:59:53,210 --> 01:59:57,680

Denmark and Gothenburg.

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01:59:57,680 --> 01:59:58,540

OK.

2772

01:59:58,540 --> 01:59:59,210

OK.

2773

01:59:59,210 --> 02:00:04,700

And I didn't have
no clothes, nothing.

2774

02:00:04,700 --> 02:00:06,870

I just go in.

2775

02:00:06,870 --> 02:00:10,800

And I went into a

nice store, and I

2776

02:00:10,800 --> 02:00:12,330
couldn't handle the money.

2777

02:00:12,330 --> 02:00:16,220
And I told him to
take the money out.

2778

02:00:16,220 --> 02:00:18,850
And so they took the right
money for the clothes?

2779

02:00:18,850 --> 02:00:19,810
Yeah, yeah.

2780

02:00:19,810 --> 02:00:21,340
They were nice people.

2781

02:00:21,340 --> 02:00:28,760

2782

02:00:28,760 --> 02:00:33,600
What city in the United
States did you arrive in?

2783

02:00:33,600 --> 02:00:37,020
What city did you come
to in the United States?

2784

02:00:37,020 --> 02:00:37,730
What city?

2785

02:00:37,730 --> 02:00:38,230
Yeah?

2786

02:00:38,230 --> 02:00:39,070
Gothenburg.

2787

02:00:39,070 --> 02:00:42,270
No, no, no, no, in the
United States, here.

2788
02:00:42,270 --> 02:00:44,010
Here, New York City.

2789
02:00:44,010 --> 02:00:45,990
So you came from Gothenburg
to New York City?

2790
02:00:45,990 --> 02:00:47,340
New York City, yeah.

2791
02:00:47,340 --> 02:00:48,400
All right, by boat?

2792
02:00:48,400 --> 02:00:51,170

2793
02:00:51,170 --> 02:00:53,000
No, by boat.

2794
02:00:53,000 --> 02:00:53,500
By boat.

2795
02:00:53,500 --> 02:00:55,540
I came to Gothenburg.

2796
02:00:55,540 --> 02:01:01,370
And next day, I
had to go on the--

2797
02:01:01,370 --> 02:01:08,820

2798
02:01:08,820 --> 02:01:10,360
what was the name?

2799
02:01:10,360 --> 02:01:12,030
Stockholm?

2800
02:01:12,030 --> 02:01:13,280
Yeah, Stockholm is in Sweden.

2801
02:01:13,280 --> 02:01:13,830
Yeah.

2802
02:01:13,830 --> 02:01:14,460
Yeah.

2803
02:01:14,460 --> 02:01:16,510
And I couldn't go on it.

2804
02:01:16,510 --> 02:01:17,250
I came there.

2805
02:01:17,250 --> 02:01:22,950
And I'm standing there
where the boat goes out.

2806
02:01:22,950 --> 02:01:24,960
I'm standing there.

2807
02:01:24,960 --> 02:01:27,330
And nobody takes care of me.

2808
02:01:27,330 --> 02:01:28,380
I went over.

2809
02:01:28,380 --> 02:01:34,590
And I said to him, everybody's
out and I don't have a seat.

2810
02:01:34,590 --> 02:01:36,850
What is this?

2811
02:01:36,850 --> 02:01:40,380
I'm talking.

2812
02:01:40,380 --> 02:01:42,540
I couldn't talk to them.

2813
02:01:42,540 --> 02:01:47,760
So anyway, he says to me, stay.

2814
02:01:47,760 --> 02:01:49,290
And he made a phone call.

2815
02:01:49,290 --> 02:01:51,450
And a taxi comes.

2816
02:01:51,450 --> 02:01:56,510
And he gave me back
\$70, gave me \$70.

2817
02:01:56,510 --> 02:01:59,580
And it took the taxi.

2818
02:01:59,580 --> 02:02:02,220
He took me into the boat.

2819
02:02:02,220 --> 02:02:06,240
And as soon as I went on,
and they pulled in already

2820
02:02:06,240 --> 02:02:07,460
that, you know--

2821
02:02:07,460 --> 02:02:08,610
Oh, really?

2822
02:02:08,610 --> 02:02:09,110
The plank?

2823
02:02:09,110 --> 02:02:09,610
Yeah.

2824
02:02:09,610 --> 02:02:12,180
So it's almost like you were
the last person on the boat.

2825
02:02:12,180 --> 02:02:13,700
Last person, yeah.

2826
02:02:13,700 --> 02:02:15,330

And I came there.

2827

02:02:15,330 --> 02:02:19,560

And I have no room, no room.

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02:02:19,560 --> 02:02:21,910

You know, the
soldiers went home,

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02:02:21,910 --> 02:02:24,780

was going home from
the war, from Germany,

2830

02:02:24,780 --> 02:02:27,830

from all over,
American soldiers.

2831

02:02:27,830 --> 02:02:32,470

And they took away
the place on the boat.

2832

02:02:32,470 --> 02:02:33,600

So what happened?

2833

02:02:33,600 --> 02:02:40,250

So they gave me another \$50.

2834

02:02:40,250 --> 02:02:49,784

So the money, they gave
me about \$175 back.

2835

02:02:49,784 --> 02:02:52,240

You know where the
smoking room is?

2836

02:02:52,240 --> 02:02:52,740

Yeah.

2837

02:02:52,740 --> 02:02:55,470

There was a smoking room there.

2838

02:02:55,470 --> 02:02:57,990

I was sleeping there.

2839

02:02:57,990 --> 02:03:00,210

That's how you came
to the United States?

2840

02:03:00,210 --> 02:03:00,830

Yeah.

2841

02:03:00,830 --> 02:03:02,250

OK.

2842

02:03:02,250 --> 02:03:03,300

Listen to this.

2843

02:03:03,300 --> 02:03:14,910

When I came there, arrived here
at the boat station, came down,

2844

02:03:14,910 --> 02:03:18,250

and I didn't have no package,
nothing, just like this--

2845

02:03:18,250 --> 02:03:19,170

Wow.

2846

02:03:19,170 --> 02:03:20,880

--just like that.

2847

02:03:20,880 --> 02:03:22,680

And I go.

2848

02:03:22,680 --> 02:03:25,450

And the guy says,
where is your package?

2849

02:03:25,450 --> 02:03:26,880

Where is you--

2850

02:03:26,880 --> 02:03:27,720

Luggage.

2851

02:03:27,720 --> 02:03:29,640

Luggage, where is your luggage?

2852

02:03:29,640 --> 02:03:31,710

I said, nothing.

2853

02:03:31,710 --> 02:03:34,030

He starts to laugh.

2854

02:03:34,030 --> 02:03:37,790

And he let me go.

2855

02:03:37,790 --> 02:03:40,410

And they were waiting
already for my uncles.

2856

02:03:40,410 --> 02:03:41,310

They were waiting.

2857

02:03:41,310 --> 02:03:43,140

Oh, they were
waiting for you here.

2858

02:03:43,140 --> 02:03:44,670

Yeah.

2859

02:03:44,670 --> 02:03:46,380

That's how it was.

2860

02:03:46,380 --> 02:03:49,050

Well, you know, thank you.

2861

02:03:49,050 --> 02:03:52,410

Thank you for telling
me your story today.

2862

02:03:52,410 --> 02:03:54,390

Thank you for sharing
it, for letting us hear.

2863

02:03:54,390 --> 02:03:55,080

Thank you.

2864

02:03:55,080 --> 02:03:57,340

Thank you for listening to me.

2865

02:03:57,340 --> 02:03:57,840

Oh.

2866

02:03:57,840 --> 02:03:59,610

I gave out everything.

2867

02:03:59,610 --> 02:04:01,170

Yeah.

2868

02:04:01,170 --> 02:04:01,920

You did.

2869

02:04:01,920 --> 02:04:03,520

You did.

2870

02:04:03,520 --> 02:04:05,940

And I will say now
what I will do is

2871

02:04:05,940 --> 02:04:08,820

I will conclude our interview.

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02:04:08,820 --> 02:04:12,750

And I will say that this
concludes the United States

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02:04:12,750 --> 02:04:17,400

Holocaust Memorial Museum
interview with Mr. Leslie

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02:04:17,400 --> 02:04:18,740

Braun--

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02:04:18,740 --> 02:04:19,290

Braun.

2876

02:04:19,290 --> 02:04:27,090
--Braun on June 30, 2018
in Manhattan, New York.

2877
02:04:27,090 --> 02:04:27,630
Yeah.

2878
02:04:27,630 --> 02:04:28,570
Thank you.

2879
02:04:28,570 --> 02:04:29,470
You're welcome.

2880
02:04:29,470 --> 02:04:31,020
Yes.