00:00:02,980 --> 00:00:03,480
And--

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3
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00:00:03,480 --> 00:00:06,710

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4
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00:00:06,710 --> 00:00:10,280
This is a United States
Holocaust Memorial Museum

## 5

00:00:10,280 --> 00:00:17,390 interview with Mrs. Edith
Hollender on December 6, 2018,

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6
00:00:17,390 --> 00:00:20,060
in Newton, Massachusetts.
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7
00:00:20,060 --> 00:00:24,620
Thank you, Mrs. Hollender, for
agreeing to speak with us today
8
00:00:24,620 --> 00:00:26,512
and to share something
of your story.
9
00:00:26,512 --> 00:00:28,700
Put it a little bit higher.
10
00:00:28,700 --> 00:00:30,840
Higher so I can--
11
00:00:30,840 --> 00:00:32,270
Can you hear me?
12
00:00:32,270 --> 00:00:33,360
If I speak like this--

I can hear you a little
bit but not as much.

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14
00:00:37,310 --> 00:00:40,220
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I will try to speak
louder like this, OK?
15
00:00:40,220 --> 00:00:41,990
Is this better?

## 16

00:00:41,990 --> 00:00:45,080
If I speak like this, can you hear me better?

17
00:00:45,080 --> 00:00:46,870
That is a little better.
18
00:00:46,870 --> 00:00:50,510
OK, I'll speak louder, and so maybe it will work.

## 19

00:00:50,510 --> 00:00:52,910
Tell me, what's your birth date?
20
00:00:52,910 --> 00:00:55,820
What is the date of your birth?

## 21 <br> 00:00:55,820 --> 00:01:00,260

January 9, 1927.
22
00:01:00,260 --> 00:01:02,120
Where were you born?
23
00:01:02,120 --> 00:01:03,890 In Luchinets.

24
00:01:03,890 --> 00:01:04,840
Luchinets?
25
00:01:04,840 --> 00:01:07,540
Luchinets in Czechoslovakia.

## 26

00:01:07,540 --> 00:01:09,560 It's in Slovakia.

27
00:01:09,560 --> 00:01:10,130 Uh huh.

28
00:01:10,130 --> 00:01:15,350
And we talked Hungarian most of that time.

## 29

00:01:15,350 --> 00:01:22,640
And when-- in 1918, we came Czechoslovakia,

30
00:01:22,640 --> 00:01:26,360 the place that I was born.

31
00:01:26,360 --> 00:01:33,110
My father put me in the Slovak school

32
00:01:33,110 --> 00:01:39,560 so I could speak Slovak, not just Hungarian.

## 33

00:01:39,560 --> 00:01:41,810
Well, that's interesting
because that's
34
00:01:41,810 --> 00:01:46,310
a part of the world that
changed borders many times.
35
00:01:46,310 --> 00:01:48,710
This would have been
Eastern Slovakia.
36
00:01:48,710 --> 00:01:49,940
Is that correct?
37
00:01:49,940 --> 00:01:51,980

## Eastern Slovakia.

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38
00:01:51,980 --> 00:01:57,170
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Not eastern that
much as my husband.
39
00:01:57,170 --> 00:02:03,020
My husband was really in
Eastern Czechoslovakia.
40
00:02:03,020 --> 00:02:07,280
I was in Slovakia, not eastern.
41
00:02:07,280 --> 00:02:07,940
Got it.
42
00:02:07,940 --> 00:02:08,930
Got it.
43
00:02:08,930 --> 00:02:12,170
Tell me, what was
your name when you
44
00:02:12,170 --> 00:02:14,850
were born, your maiden name?
45
00:02:14,850 --> 00:02:17,410
My maiden name, Grossmann.
46
00:02:17,410 --> 00:02:18,140
Grossmann.
47
00:02:18,140 --> 00:02:19,640
Edith Grossmann.
48
00:02:19,640 --> 00:02:21,350
Edith Grossmann.
49
00:02:21,350 --> 00:02:24,950

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5 0
00:02:24,950 --> 00:02:27,890
5 1
00:02:27,890 --> 00:02:36,140
It's-- it's--
5 2
00:02:36,140 --> 00:02:37,134
5 3
00:02:37,134 --> 00:02:38,630
[GIGGLING]
5 4
00:02:38,630 --> 00:02:39,890
Luchinets.
5 5
00:02:39,890 --> 00:02:42,830
Luchinets, Luchinets.
5 6
00:02:42,830 --> 00:02:45,170
Was it a big town?
5 7
00:02:45,170 --> 00:02:48,290
Was it a big place
or a small place?
58
00:02:48,290 --> 00:02:55,160
It's not so big but not small
because we lived in a smaller
59
00:02:55,160 --> 00:03:02,390
place about 16 miles away,
and that was Fil'akovo.
6 0
00:03:02,390 --> 00:03:03,380
Fil'akovo?
6 1
00:03:03,380 --> 00:03:04,120
Yes.
6 2
00:03:04,120 --> 00:03:05,390
OK.
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00:03:05,390 --> 00:03:08,420
Did you have
brothers and sisters?
64
00:03:08,420 --> 00:03:10,670
Did you have
brothers and sisters?
65
00:03:10,670 --> 00:03:12,680
I had a sister.

## 66

00:03:12,680 --> 00:03:22,460
And sister was just 12 years
old when we came to Auschwitz.
67
00:03:22,460 --> 00:03:24,450
What was her name?
68
00:03:24,450 --> 00:03:26,960
Her name is [INAUDIBLE] Judith.

## 69

00:03:26,960 --> 00:03:28,110
Woljudith or--
70
00:03:28,110 --> 00:03:28,640
Judith.
71
00:03:28,640 --> 00:03:29,380
Judith?
72
00:03:29,380 --> 00:03:30,040
Judith.
73
00:03:30,040 --> 00:03:31,850
Judith.
74
00:03:31,850 --> 00:03:34,610
And she was younger than you?

00:03:34,610 --> 00:03:38,270

Yes, she was only 12 years old.

00:03:38,270 --> 00:03:45,290
I was already 16 , maybe
17 years old that time

## 77

00:03:45,290 --> 00:03:48,350
when we went to Auschwitz.

## 78

00:03:48,350 --> 00:03:52,230 Was she born in 1931?

79
00:03:52,230 --> 00:03:55,080
I think in 1932.

## 80

00:03:55,080 --> 00:03:55,990 OK.

81
00:03:55,990 --> 00:03:57,960 I am not sure.

82
00:03:57,960 --> 00:03:58,560 OK.

83
00:03:58,560 --> 00:04:02,970
Let's talk a little bit
about life before the war,

## 84

00:04:02,970 --> 00:04:05,815
before all these
things happened.
85
00:04:05,815 --> 00:04:06,315
I want--

## 86

00:04:06,315 --> 00:04:11,430
Yes. we were-- my
father had a store.

## 87

00:04:11,430 --> 00:04:12,000
OK.

00:04:12,000 --> 00:04:21,779
We had a nice place where we lived and we had--

## 89

00:04:21,779 --> 00:04:29,100
that place was I'm in our house.

## 90

00:04:29,100 --> 00:04:37,470
And we also rented one of the places.

## 91

00:04:37,470 --> 00:04:45,880
It was not so big that time, but that time it was not like today

92
00:04:45,880 --> 00:04:52,740 where we had a kitchen.

93
00:04:52,740 --> 00:05:00,930
We had one room and then another room that we slept.

94
00:05:00,930 --> 00:05:04,710
Did you have electricity?
95
00:05:04,710 --> 00:05:07,440
No-- yeah, that time we had.
96
00:05:07,440 --> 00:05:11,220
We started to have
electricity there.
97
00:05:11,220 --> 00:05:12,800
How did you heat the place?

## 98

00:05:12,800 --> 00:05:15,540
How was it kept warm?
99
00:05:15,540 --> 00:05:26,440
We got-- we had a
place where we put in--
00:05:27,550 --> 00:05:31,250
And-- how is called--
102
00:05:31,250 --> 00:05:40,370
wood that be put in
wood in the warm--
103
00:05:40,370 --> 00:05:42,350
In the oven?
104
00:05:42,350 --> 00:05:43,070
Yeah.
105
00:05:43,070 --> 00:05:43,850
OK.
106
00:05:43,850 --> 00:05:46,220
Did you heat by coal as well?
107
00:05:46,220 --> 00:05:48,800
Did you have a coal
heating system or not?
108
00:05:48,800 --> 00:05:53,900
If we had coal, we had--
109
00:05:53,900 --> 00:06:00,890
not coal because we had
just a place where we
110
00:06:00,890 --> 00:06:09,450
had put in our food that is--
111
00:06:09,450 --> 00:06:13,820
we did not put warm.
112
00:06:13,820 --> 00:06:18,550
So it was a cold place.

## 113

00:06:18,550 --> 00:06:21,730
And did you have
indoor plumbing?
114
00:06:21,730 --> 00:06:25,910
Did you have running water in the house?

## 115

00:06:25,910 --> 00:06:28,070 If we had in our house?

## 116

00:06:28,070 --> 00:06:29,130
Plumbing.
117
00:06:29,130 --> 00:06:29,630 Water.

## 118

00:06:29,630 --> 00:06:33,370 Could you turn the faucet on, or did you have a well?

## 119

00:06:33,370 --> 00:06:35,050
Plumbing, no.

## 120

00:06:35,050 --> 00:06:36,430 I don't think--

121
00:06:36,430 --> 00:06:39,550
I don't remember that--
122
00:06:39,550 --> 00:06:45,940
we had a girl who was working for my house--

123
00:06:45,940 --> 00:06:53,200
for my mother cleaning the house and doing [INAUDIBLE]

124
00:06:53,200 --> 00:06:57,550
And she was sleeping in the kitchen.

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125
00:06:57,550 --> 00:06:59,320
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OK.
126
00:06:59,320 --> 00:07:00,430
Yes.
127
00:07:00,430 --> 00:07:06,550
Was your house in the center of
town, or was it further away?
128
00:07:06,550 --> 00:07:08,110
Did you live in the center--
129
00:07:08,110 --> 00:07:17,440
It was in the middle of the
town because we had the store
130
00:07:17,440 --> 00:07:24,580
and my father bought
things that people
131
00:07:24,580 --> 00:07:29,450
was doing things with it.
132
00:07:29,450 --> 00:07:33,530
133
00:07:33,530 --> 00:07:36,980
I cannot say--
134
00:07:36,980 --> 00:07:48,260
I was still a girl and also
in until the fifth grade,
135
00:07:48,260 --> 00:08:00,195
we had over there and
then I had to take place--
136
00:08:00,195 --> 00:08:02,740

## 139

00:08:11,590 --> 00:08:13,720
How it's called then?

## 140

00:08:13,720 --> 00:08:16,435 I just-- I was in--

141
00:08:16,435 --> 00:08:24,520

## 142

00:08:24,520 --> 00:08:30,040
Maybe seven class or so.
143
00:08:30,040 --> 00:08:38,380
In Fil'akovo where we lived, I had just a few maybe five

## 144

00:08:38,380 --> 00:08:39,792 grades.

145
00:08:39,792 --> 00:08:40,750
So you went to school--
146
00:08:40,750 --> 00:08:45,400
And then I had to
go to Luchinets,
147
00:08:45,400 --> 00:08:48,910
which is 60 miles away.
148
00:08:48,910 --> 00:08:52,720
Did you travel every
day back and forth?
149
00:08:52,720 --> 00:08:53,740
Yes.

## 150

00:08:53,740 --> 00:09:03,780
When I-- I go to school
every day even Saturday.

## 151

00:09:03,780 --> 00:09:15,456
Saturday I had to leave through Friday night because we don't--

## 152

00:09:15,456 --> 00:09:22,510 it didn't go on the train.

## 153

00:09:22,510 --> 00:09:23,350
That's right.
154
00:09:23,350 --> 00:09:31,540
We had to-- and I lived there for Saturday.

## 155

00:09:31,540 --> 00:09:37,150
Saturday but we had
Saturday also school.
156
00:09:37,150 --> 00:09:41,230
That's why I stayed over there.
157
00:09:41,230 --> 00:09:46,510
So you slept from Friday night 'til Saturday-- you slept at--

158
00:09:46,510 --> 00:09:48,850
I slept in--
159
00:09:48,850 --> 00:09:50,770
Luchinets?
160
00:09:50,770 --> 00:09:59,635
That is also somebody
who was our--
161
00:09:59,635 --> 00:10:02,630

00:10:02,630 --> 00:10:06,150 cousin or somebody like that.

00:10:06,150 --> 00:10:10,590 OK, so that means you were-were you a religious family?

00:10:10,590 --> 00:10:12,060
Was your family religious?
165
00:10:12,060 --> 00:10:16,470 We were in Jewish family.

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166
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00:10:16,470 --> 00:10:18,610
And my--
167
00:10:18,610 --> 00:10:23,535

168
00:10:23,535 --> 00:10:30,020
My father went to the synagogue every Saturday.

169
00:10:30,020 --> 00:10:33,010
What was your
father's first name?
170
00:10:33,010 --> 00:10:35,090
What was your father's name?

## 171

00:10:35,090 --> 00:10:39,850
My father Joseph,
Joseph Grossmann.
172
00:10:39,850 --> 00:10:41,825
And your mother, what was her name?

173
00:10:41,825 --> 00:10:43,760
Mother was Irene.

00:10:44,620 --> 00:10:45,120
Yes.

## 176

00:10:45,120 --> 00:10:48,025
And what was her maiden name?
177
00:10:48,025 --> 00:10:49,130
Horowitz.
178
00:10:49,130 --> 00:10:51,100
Horowitz.

## 179

00:10:51,100 --> 00:10:53,740
Did she have
brothers and sisters?

## 180

00:10:53,740 --> 00:11:02,740
She had my-- she
had six brothers--
181
00:11:02,740 --> 00:11:03,250
Wow.

182
00:11:03,250 --> 00:11:05,230
And three sisters.
183
00:11:05,230 --> 00:11:07,090
Wow, a big family.
184
00:11:07,090 --> 00:11:10,135
Yes, nine in the family.
185
00:11:10,135 --> 00:11:14,470

186
00:11:14,470 --> 00:11:16,420
Did you know them?

00:11:16,420 --> 00:11:18,760
Did you know your
aunts and uncles?

## 188

00:11:18,760 --> 00:11:20,290 Yes, I know.

## 189

00:11:20,290 --> 00:11:23,860
Were they-- did they also live in the same area?

## 190

00:11:23,860 --> 00:11:24,920
Yes.
191
00:11:24,920 --> 00:11:25,990 OK.

192
00:11:25,990 --> 00:11:27,310
What about your father?
193
00:11:27,310 --> 00:11:30,520
Did he have brothers and sisters?

194
00:11:30,520 --> 00:11:40,440
My father-- my father had one sister who lived nearby,

## 195

00:11:40,440 --> 00:11:43,440 and they did not
have any children.
196
00:11:43,440 --> 00:11:48,120
She was married, but they didn't have any children.

197
00:11:48,120 --> 00:11:57,140
And her husband was
selling kosher meat.
198
00:11:57,140 --> 00:11:59,880

00:11:59,880 --> 00:12:03,330
That was his--
200
00:12:03,330 --> 00:12:04,500
Occupation?
201
00:12:04,500 --> 00:12:08,760
Occupation, what he was doing.
202
00:12:08,760 --> 00:12:11,110
And so--
203
00:12:11,110 --> 00:12:13,950

204
00:12:13,950 --> 00:12:19,250
Tell me, what kind of things did your father sell in his store?

205
00:12:19,250 --> 00:12:21,080
What did your father
sell in the store?
206
00:12:21,080 --> 00:12:26,240
My father was selling all kinds of stuff

207
00:12:26,240 --> 00:12:37,550
that people were sewing, and he was selling the material--

208
00:12:37,550 --> 00:12:38,810
Fabric?
209
00:12:38,810 --> 00:12:41,520
Yeah.
210
00:12:41,520 --> 00:12:48,780
Also he was selling like newspapers,

00:12:48,780 --> 00:13:00,840 and he was selling also stamps and so many things.

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212
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00:13:00,840 --> 00:13:10,090
And we had the store in the middle of the Main Street.

213
00:13:10,090 --> 00:13:13,830
What was the name
of the main street?
214
00:13:13,830 --> 00:13:14,697
Main Street.
215
00:13:14,697 --> 00:13:15,780
It was called Main Street?
216
00:13:15,780 --> 00:13:16,816
It was Main--

217
00:13:16,816 --> 00:13:17,318
Main Street?
218
00:13:17,318 --> 00:13:19,800
Main Street, Fil'akovo.
219
00:13:19,800 --> 00:13:25,320
And in Fil'akovo, they had a big factory.

220
00:13:25,320 --> 00:13:31,860
They did all kind for the--

## 221

00:13:31,860 --> 00:13:45,020
what in-- in the kitchen, they did maybe all kinds--

222
00:13:45,020 --> 00:13:46,220
Pots and pans?

00:13:46,220 --> 00:13:47,930 Did they make pots and pans?

## 224

00:13:47,930 --> 00:13:49,880
Yes, yes, yes.
225
00:13:49,880 --> 00:13:51,410
Like a metal fabric or something?

226
00:13:51,410 --> 00:13:52,660
Yes.
227
00:13:52,660 --> 00:13:56,850
All kinds of stuff and--

## 228

00:13:56,850 --> 00:13:58,575
So that was the-- that was--
229
00:13:58,575 --> 00:14:00,810 It's a big factory.

230
00:14:00,810 --> 00:14:04,020
Did many people work there?

## 231

00:14:04,020 --> 00:14:09,130
Across to the factory
was a Jewish cemetery.
232
00:14:09,130 --> 00:14:13,830
And there was a
woman who was living
233
00:14:13,830 --> 00:14:20,990
there that was a
nice house and living
234
00:14:20,990 --> 00:14:23,640
there and in the cemetery.

## 235

00:14:23,640 --> 00:14:26,440
Why would somebody
live in the cemetery?

00:14:26,440 --> 00:14:27,300
I don't know.
237
00:14:27,300 --> 00:14:30,870
This is close to that factory.
238
00:14:30,870 --> 00:14:34,450
Do you remember the name of the factory?

239
00:14:34,450 --> 00:14:34,950
That's OK.

## 240

00:14:34,950 --> 00:14:38,080 I don't think it has a name.

241
00:14:38,080 --> 00:14:39,270
I don't know.
242
00:14:39,270 --> 00:14:40,110
That's OK.
243
00:14:40,110 --> 00:14:42,590 That's OK.

244
00:14:42,590 --> 00:14:46,680
In Fil'akovo, were there
many Jewish people?
245
00:14:46,680 --> 00:14:48,690
This is the Fil'akovo.
246
00:14:48,690 --> 00:14:56,010
And there were about I don't
know, maybe 20 Jewish family.

00:14:56,010 --> 00:14:58,320
And were there--

And they had a cemetery.

00:15:01,020 --> 00:15:02,280
And they had a cemetery.
250
00:15:02,280 --> 00:15:09,960
And they had my grandmother had a nice grave,

251
00:15:09,960 --> 00:15:12,910 and I made a picture of it.

252
00:15:12,910 --> 00:15:13,770
I see.
253
00:15:13,770 --> 00:15:14,430
I see.
254
00:15:14,430 --> 00:15:16,890
Did you know your grandmother?
255
00:15:16,890 --> 00:15:19,140
Did you know her
when she was alive?
256
00:15:19,140 --> 00:15:24,180
Grossmann but I don't
know her first name.
257
00:15:24,180 --> 00:15:25,880
Was she alive when you were born.

258
00:15:25,880 --> 00:15:32,560
But she was Grossmann because her husband was Grossmann.

259
00:15:32,560 --> 00:15:33,060
Yeah.

00:15:33,060 --> 00:15:39,900

## And her husband didn't

 die before the war, 26100:15:39,900 --> 00:15:44,940 and we went together to Auschwitz. 262
00:15:44,940 --> 00:15:49,920
And he was not in the cemetery.
263
00:15:49,920 --> 00:15:51,400
Yeah.
264
00:15:51,400 --> 00:15:54,727
He-- so this was
your grandfather?
265
00:15:54,727 --> 00:15:55,435
Your grandfather?
266
00:15:55,435 --> 00:15:57,100
That was my grandfather.
267
00:15:57,100 --> 00:15:57,760
Yes.
268
00:15:57,760 --> 00:15:59,290
OK.
269
00:15:59,290 --> 00:16:03,370
Were there many non-Jews in Fil'akovo?

270
00:16:03,370 --> 00:16:07,540
Were there many people who were not Jewish who lived there?

271
00:16:07,540 --> 00:16:08,680
Of course.
272
00:16:08,680 --> 00:16:09,490
Of course.

00:16:13,655 --> 00:16:14,155 I see.

275
00:16:14,155 --> 00:16:20,140
The others, 200
families are not Jewish.
276
00:16:20,140 --> 00:16:21,682
OK.
277
00:16:21,682 --> 00:16:22,265
Did you have--
278
00:16:22,265 --> 00:16:26,770
And they were working in the factory.

279
00:16:26,770 --> 00:16:27,490
I see.
280
00:16:27,490 --> 00:16:32,800
And near to that
factory, my grandfather
281
00:16:32,800 --> 00:16:39,970
used to live there, but then
before the war, he sold--
282
00:16:39,970 --> 00:16:46,870
I mean-- he rented
his house there.
283
00:16:46,870 --> 00:16:51,450
Did anybody in town have a car?
284
00:16:51,450 --> 00:16:57,810
Did anyone have a

00:16:57,810 --> 00:16:59,670
The Fil'akovo what?
286
00:16:59,670 --> 00:17:01,470
Did anyone have an automobile?
287
00:17:01,470 --> 00:17:03,690
Did your father have an automobile?

288
00:17:03,690 --> 00:17:04,599
No.
289
00:17:04,599 --> 00:17:05,609
OK.
290
00:17:05,609 --> 00:17:08,069
My father did not have--
291
00:17:08,069 --> 00:17:09,780
did not drive.
292
00:17:09,780 --> 00:17:10,560 OK.

293
00:17:10,560 --> 00:17:15,990
How did you travel between
Fil'akovo and where you went
294
00:17:15,990 --> 00:17:18,200
to school later, Luchinets?
295
00:17:18,200 --> 00:17:18,700
It's--

296
00:17:18,700 --> 00:17:23,160

Not the bus but a train ride.

00:17:28,260 --> 00:17:29,670 By train, yes.

300
00:17:29,670 --> 00:17:30,180
OK.
301
00:17:30,180 --> 00:17:35,490
So I went by train.
302
00:17:35,490 --> 00:17:39,540
Did many people have horses and wagons in town?

303
00:17:39,540 --> 00:17:42,340
Did many people have horses?
304
00:17:42,340 --> 00:17:43,320
Horses?
305
00:17:43,320 --> 00:17:44,040 Yeah.

306
00:17:44,040 --> 00:17:45,580
They had some.
307
00:17:45,580 --> 00:17:46,080
OK.
308
00:17:46,080 --> 00:17:54,000
Not-- even my uncle had a horse.
309
00:17:54,000 --> 00:17:55,440
Even your uncle had a horse?
310
00:17:55,440 --> 00:17:56,370
Yes.

00:17:59,010 --> 00:18:03,150
That's my father's brother.

## 313

00:18:03,150 --> 00:18:04,198
Your father-- aha.
314
00:18:04,198 --> 00:18:04,740
Your father--

315
00:18:04,740 --> 00:18:07,200
My father's sister--

## 316

00:18:07,200 --> 00:18:12,240

317
00:18:12,240 --> 00:18:14,220
Your father's sister.

318
00:18:14,220 --> 00:18:18,440
That's sister's husband.
319
00:18:18,440 --> 00:18:20,820
Aha, OK.
320
00:18:20,820 --> 00:18:24,450
They had a horse.
321
00:18:24,450 --> 00:18:26,130
They had a horse.
322
00:18:26,130 --> 00:18:32,130
In your father-- did your
father inherit his store
323
00:18:32,130 --> 00:18:35,370
from your grandfather, or
did he start it himself?

00:18:35,370 --> 00:18:43,890
[INAUDIBLE] my grand-- when my grandmother passed away,

325
00:18:43,890 --> 00:18:49,240
my grandfather
didn't stay alone.

## 326

00:18:49,240 --> 00:19:00,030
So he came and he was
living with my uncle.
327
00:19:00,030 --> 00:19:00,780
OK.
328
00:19:00,780 --> 00:19:02,310 I understand.

329
00:19:02,310 --> 00:19:05,480
I understand.

## 330

00:19:05,480 --> 00:19:05,980
Let me see--
331
00:19:05,980 --> 00:19:08,460
My uncle, his brother.
332
00:19:08,460 --> 00:19:09,450
That's right.
333
00:19:09,450 --> 00:19:10,230
That's right.
334
00:19:10,230 --> 00:19:13,110
Your sister-- his
sister's husband?
335
00:19:13,110 --> 00:19:13,730
Yes.

OK.
337
00:19:14,820 --> 00:19:17,550
What was his sister's name?

## 338

00:19:17,550 --> 00:19:21,860
Your father's sister, what was her name?

339
00:19:21,860 --> 00:19:23,979
My father's sister?
340
00:19:23,979 --> 00:19:24,479
Mmm hmm.
341
00:19:24,479 --> 00:19:30,840

342
00:19:30,840 --> 00:19:32,830 I don't know.

343
00:19:32,830 --> 00:19:33,330
OK.
344
00:19:33,330 --> 00:19:34,710
I forgot.
345
00:19:34,710 --> 00:19:35,970 It's OK.

346
00:19:35,970 --> 00:19:38,250
Do you remember your--
347
00:19:38,250 --> 00:19:43,890
her husband's name, the one who had the horse?

348
00:19:43,890 --> 00:19:45,160
They had a horse.

00:19:45,690 --> 00:19:46,290
What was his--
351
00:19:46,290 --> 00:19:48,010 But I don't know his name.

352
00:19:48,010 --> 00:19:49,630
You don't know his name.
353
00:19:49,630 --> 00:19:53,060 I don't know but--

354
00:19:53,060 --> 00:19:54,320
It's OK.
355
00:19:54,320 --> 00:19:58,330
Did anybody speak
Yiddish at home?
356
00:19:58,330 --> 00:20:01,360
Did anyone speak
Yiddish at home?
357
00:20:01,360 --> 00:20:05,050
Maybe they spoke, but I don't know.

## 358

00:20:05,050 --> 00:20:08,650
I remember when I--
359
00:20:08,650 --> 00:20:11,920
my mother took--
360
00:20:11,920 --> 00:20:16,400

361
00:20:16,400 --> 00:20:17,710
How it's called?

How it's called, that?

## 376

00:21:02,960 --> 00:21:09,650
And I went there with him.
377
00:21:09,650 --> 00:21:14,750
He passed away that--
378
00:21:14,750 --> 00:21:15,620
Oh, so you mean--

## 379

00:21:15,620 --> 00:21:17,120 are you saying you--

380
00:21:17,120 --> 00:21:18,950
when somebody died--
381
00:21:18,950 --> 00:21:20,820
Not-- he died.
382
00:21:20,820 --> 00:21:21,320
No.
383
00:21:21,320 --> 00:21:23,210 It's not somebody.

384
00:21:23,210 --> 00:21:26,880
Is it something what you eat.
385
00:21:26,880 --> 00:21:28,310 Oh, OK.

386
00:21:28,310 --> 00:21:31,820
So you were-- it's
some bread or some--
387
00:21:31,820 --> 00:21:36,500
Not the bread but some--
388
00:21:36,500 --> 00:21:39,160 he cut his--

00:21:39,160 --> 00:21:40,682
Oh-- for kosher!
390
00:21:40,682 --> 00:21:41,265
It was kosher.

## 391

00:21:41,265 --> 00:21:42,370 Oh, yeah, the kosher.

392
00:21:42,370 --> 00:21:44,010 Oh, yes.

393
00:21:44,010 --> 00:21:45,610 And I bring--

## 394

00:21:45,610 --> 00:21:49,630 I brought it, and he did it.

395
00:21:49,630 --> 00:21:54,910 And I had to wait until he passed away,

396
00:21:54,910 --> 00:22:02,740 and I can put on all the and bring to my mother.

397
00:22:02,740 --> 00:22:04,720
So was this a chicken or was--
398
00:22:04,720 --> 00:22:05,670
Chicken, yeah.
399
00:22:05,670 --> 00:22:06,260
Chicken.

400
00:22:06,260 --> 00:22:06,760
The chicken.
401
00:22:06,760 --> 00:22:08,200
OK, good OK

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00:22:08,200 --> 00:22:14,440
And those people,
they're talking Yiddish.
403
00:22:14,440 --> 00:22:21,720
And I was learning some, a few--
404
00:22:21,720 --> 00:22:22,800
Few words?
405
00:22:22,800 --> 00:22:25,090
Words from them.
406
00:22:25,090 --> 00:22:25,960
OK.
407
00:22:25,960 --> 00:22:26,920
Yes.
408
00:22:26,920 --> 00:22:34,840
They were-- I mean who was
doing this with the chicken.
409
00:22:34,840 --> 00:22:35,830
Yeah.
410
00:22:35,830 --> 00:22:39,748
His-- two--
411
00:22:39,748 --> 00:22:42,736
[COUGHING]
412
00:22:42,736 --> 00:22:44,230
413
00:22:44,230 --> 00:22:46,900
Sons were talking.
414
00:22:46,900 --> 00:22:55,185
And they were talking Yiddish,
and I was learning something.

## 415

00:22:55,185 --> 00:22:56,185
Well, it's interesting--
416
00:22:56,185 --> 00:23:03,310
But I'm-- I took it every week because we needed something

417
00:23:03,310 --> 00:23:04,300 to eat.

## 418

00:23:04,300 --> 00:23:05,740
Of course.
419
00:23:05,740 --> 00:23:06,670 Of course.

420
00:23:06,670 --> 00:23:11,290
Did you have some kind of refrigerator at home?

421
00:23:11,290 --> 00:23:13,360
Did you have a refrigerator at home?

422
00:23:13,360 --> 00:23:14,500
How did you keep food cold.
423
00:23:14,500 --> 00:23:16,780 Refrigerator, no.

424
00:23:16,780 --> 00:23:17,470 OK.

## 425

00:23:17,470 --> 00:23:19,870
That's why we had to--
426
00:23:19,870 --> 00:23:27,100
we put it in the cellar where it was a little bit colder.

00:23:27,100 --> 00:23:34,300
And we did it in-- on
Friday and we cooked it
428
00:23:34,300 --> 00:23:37,270 and we ate it all weekend.

## 429

00:23:37,270 --> 00:23:39,190
I understand.
430
00:23:39,190 --> 00:23:45,001
Did anybody in
Fil'akovo have a radio?
431
00:23:45,001 --> 00:23:46,320
A radio?

432
00:23:46,320 --> 00:23:46,920
Yeah.
433
00:23:46,920 --> 00:23:48,607
We had radio.
434
00:23:48,607 --> 00:23:49,274
You had a radio.

435
00:23:49,274 --> 00:23:54,450
We did not have
anything, just a radio.
436
00:23:54,450 --> 00:23:59,940
And we heard the--
437
00:23:59,940 --> 00:24:04,500
what is going on in the world.
438
00:24:04,500 --> 00:24:05,843
That is where you got news--

00:24:05,843 --> 00:24:10,170
But otherwise we did
not have anything.

## 440

00:24:10,170 --> 00:24:19,740
Like we did not have like today we see things--

## 441

00:24:19,740 --> 00:24:20,820
On TV?
442
00:24:20,820 --> 00:24:21,575
Nothing like that.
443
00:24:21,575 --> 00:24:22,244
That time, no.
444
00:24:22,244 --> 00:24:26,370
That time, it was no.
445
00:24:26,370 --> 00:24:29,400 Just radio, yeah.

446
00:24:29,400 --> 00:24:31,830
Did you get newspapers?
447
00:24:31,830 --> 00:24:34,470
Yes, we had newspapers.
448
00:24:34,470 --> 00:24:38,070
Every day, they
brought the newspaper.

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00:24:38,070 --> 00:24:39,660
And your father sold them?
450
00:24:39,660 --> 00:24:40,500
Yeah.
451
00:24:40,500 --> 00:24:44,030
Did he read any newspapers?

I was a child.

00:24:46,920 --> 00:24:50,690
I did not read the newspaper.
454
00:24:50,690 --> 00:24:53,385
But we had the newspaper.
455
00:24:53,385 --> 00:24:54,770
Did your father?
456
00:24:54,770 --> 00:24:56,990
Did your father read newspapers?
457
00:24:56,990 --> 00:24:57,890
Of course.
458
00:24:57,890 --> 00:25:04,880
That's why they voted
because he was reading it.
459
00:25:04,880 --> 00:25:06,170
OK.
460
00:25:06,170 --> 00:25:08, 150
Because we had to re--
461
00:25:08,150 --> 00:25:14,330
do something because we did not have just the radio

00:25:14,330 --> 00:25:17,060 and the newspaper.

463
00:25:17,060 --> 00:25:22,780
We did not have that
time that was no--
464
00:25:22,780 --> 00:25:26,105
you could not see like today.

00:25:28,890 --> 00:25:29,390
Yeah.
467
00:25:29,390 --> 00:25:31,400
You were-- it was--
there was no--
468
00:25:31,400 --> 00:25:32,990
it was isolated?
469
00:25:32,990 --> 00:25:35,290
The place was--
things were far away.
470
00:25:35,290 --> 00:25:38,180
Yeah.
471
00:25:38,180 --> 00:25:41,720
I want to ask about Hungary.
472
00:25:41,720 --> 00:25:47,180
Why is it that you learned
Hungarian because--
473
00:25:47,180 --> 00:25:47,990
I don't know.
474
00:25:47,990 --> 00:25:57,470
Before it was Hungarian, before
[INAUDIBLE] it was Hungarian.
475
00:25:57,470 --> 00:26:02,210
And before it was
Czechoslovakia--
476
00:26:02,210 --> 00:26:06,140
Czechoslovakia started in 1918.

00:26:06,740 --> 00:26:10,850
And before that, it was--
479
00:26:10,850 --> 00:26:16,890 this place was part of Hungary.

480
00:26:16,890 --> 00:26:18,490
So it was part of
Austria Hungary--
481
00:26:18,490 --> 00:26:20,166
Austria, yes, Austria.
482
00:26:20,166 --> 00:26:20,900 Hungarian Empire.

483
00:26:20,900 --> 00:26:22,220 Hungary.

00:26:22,220 --> 00:26:23,150 Yeah.

485
00:26:23,150 --> 00:26:26,450
And was your father and mother's families, had they

486
00:26:26,450 --> 00:26:28,880
lived there for a long time?
487
00:26:28,880 --> 00:26:31,880
Had they lived there
for generations?
488
00:26:31,880 --> 00:26:39,690
My father's family was not
living in [INAUDIBLE]----
489
00:26:39,690 --> 00:26:44,870
my mother's family lived in Rimavska Sobota.

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00:26:44,870 --> 00:26:45,760
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## Rimavska Sobota?

491
00:26:45,760 --> 00:26:48,290
That's a different town.
492
00:26:48,290 --> 00:26:49,160 OK.

493
00:26:49,160 --> 00:26:54,930
And they were living there.
494
00:26:54,930 --> 00:26:58,620
Sometimes we were very--
495
00:26:58,620 --> 00:27:03,150
we come for--
496
00:27:03,150 --> 00:27:09,810
I have some pictures where somebody was married,

497
00:27:09,810 --> 00:27:15,640
and they came and make pictures.
498
00:27:15,640 --> 00:27:19,240
Did you have-- in
your house where
499
00:27:19,240 --> 00:27:23,000
you lived, were your
neighbors Jewish,
500
00:27:23, 000 --> 00:27:25,940
or were they not Jewish?
501
00:27:25,940 --> 00:27:29,060
Most of them are not Jewish.
502
00:27:29,060 --> 00:27:29,720

00:27:29,720 --> 00:27:33,900
Jewish, maybe 20 families.
504
00:27:33,900 --> 00:27:39,140
And it was not far
away because they--
505
00:27:39,140 --> 00:27:45,560
Saturday they did not drive or they did not--

506
00:27:45,560 --> 00:27:49,280

## 507

00:27:49,280 --> 00:27:52,820
Who were-- did you have
friends as you were growing up?
508
00:27:52,820 --> 00:27:55,460
As you were a girl,
did you have friends?
509
00:27:55,460 --> 00:27:56,830
I had friends.
510
00:27:56,830 --> 00:27:57,330
Yeah.
511
00:27:57,330 --> 00:27:59,180
I had-- yes.
512
00:27:59,180 --> 00:28:07,160
And also I heard that
when came back to--
513
00:28:07,160 --> 00:28:13,010
one of them, my friends
came to America.

## 521

00:28:33,960 --> 00:28:36,410
Do you remember the name of the friend?

## 522

00:28:36,410 --> 00:28:37,880 Blumenthal.

00:28:37,880 --> 00:28:39,120
Blumenthal.

## 524

00:28:39,120 --> 00:28:39,620
Yeah.
525
00:28:39,620 --> 00:28:42,620
And the first name?

526
00:28:42,620 --> 00:28:44,570
I forgot.

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528
00:28:45,590 --> 00:28:47,870
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It's OK.
529
00:28:47,870 --> 00:28:51,100
Barbara was [INAUDIBLE]
one of the--
530
00:28:51,100 --> 00:28:51,600
Barbara?
531
00:28:51,600 --> 00:28:53,600
My friend was Barbara.
532
00:28:53,600 --> 00:28:54,570
OK.
533
00:28:54,570 --> 00:28:55,070
Yeah.
534
00:28:55,070 --> 00:29:00,440

Did you have much contact with people who weren't Jewish?

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00:29:00,440 --> 00:29:03,530
Did you have-- did you
talk or have friends
536
00:29:03,530 --> 00:29:06,850
with people who weren't Jewish?
537
00:29:06,850 --> 00:29:07,870
Over here?
538
00:29:07,870 --> 00:29:10,280
No, back there, Fil'akovo.
539
00:29:10,280 --> 00:29:14,080

There were some--
541
00:29:17,035 --> 00:29:27,350
I had two friends who were Jewish and they had also-542
00:29:27,350 --> 00:29:32,250
the fathers had some--
543
00:29:32,250 --> 00:29:40,450
one also was selling
Christmas trees.
544
00:29:40,450 --> 00:29:44,940
That is also a Jewish man who was, yeah.

545
00:29:44,940 --> 00:29:47,410
Who was selling the Christmas trees?

## 546

00:29:47,410 --> 00:29:53,320
Christmas trees just
once a year that he
547
00:29:53,320 --> 00:29:56,560
was selling something else.
548
00:29:56,560 --> 00:30:01,790
But once a year, he was
selling Christmas trees.
549
00:30:01,790 --> 00:30:02,582
That's interesting.

## 550

00:30:02,582 --> 00:30:12,310
Because he was with somebody who was selling the Christmas

00:30:12,310 --> 00:30:13,720 trees.

00:30:19,450 --> 00:30:23,440 we bought a Christmas
tree to that woman
554
00:30:23,440 --> 00:30:26,440
who was helping my mother.
555
00:30:26,440 --> 00:30:28,510
Ahh, the lady-- yeah.
556
00:30:28,510 --> 00:30:34,645
We bought a little tree for her because she was not Jewish.

557
00:30:34,645 --> 00:30:38,630

## 558

00:30:38,630 --> 00:30:40,970
Was it a pretty town?
559
00:30:40,970 --> 00:30:42,500
Was it a pretty place?
560
00:30:42,500 --> 00:30:43,230
Did it look nice?
561
00:30:43,230 --> 00:30:45,620
Yes.

562
00:30:45,620 --> 00:30:49,160
And so--

563
00:30:49,160 --> 00:30:52,840
Well, tell me this then.
564
00:30:52,840 --> 00:30:59,170
Did you-- did you get
news about Czechoslovakia

## 565

00:30:59,170 --> 00:31:02,560
when Hitler took
over Czechoslovakia?
566
00:31:02,560 --> 00:31:05,290
Do you remember that event?
567
00:31:05,290 --> 00:31:10,990
You would have been 11 or 12 years old when Munich--

00:31:10,990 --> 00:31:13,960
there was an agreement in
Munich and Hitler invaded

## 569

00:31:13,960 --> 00:31:15,640 Czechoslovakia.

570
00:31:15,640 --> 00:31:17,560
Do you remember that?
571
00:31:17,560 --> 00:31:18,920
No.

## 572

00:31:18,920 --> 00:31:23,570
Do you remember anybody
talking about politics
573
00:31:23,570 --> 00:31:27,114 in Fil'akovo, no?

574
00:31:27,114 --> 00:31:27,950
No.
575
00:31:27,950 --> 00:31:29,470
OK.
576
00:31:29,470 --> 00:31:31,460
No.

When World War II
happened, did--
578
00:31:35,420 --> 00:31:39,350
were you still part of
Czechoslovakia or were you
579
00:31:39,350 --> 00:31:41,700
then again part of Hungary?
580
00:31:41,700 --> 00:31:50,640
What-- you mean when Hitler came, that's different.

581
00:31:50,640 --> 00:31:51,380
Yeah.
582
00:31:51,380 --> 00:31:52,400 Yeah.

583
00:31:52,400 --> 00:31:55,130
Of course, we put it--
584
00:31:55,130 --> 00:31:59,260
they put it in the ghetto--
585
00:31:59,260 --> 00:32:00,890
Let's talk before then.

## 586

00:32:00,890 --> 00:32:08,630
And we were-- they took us
from there to the Auschwitz.
though, when the war--
590
00:32:18,560 --> 00:32:21,890
when did life change in--
591
00:32:21,890 --> 00:32:26,600
when did your life
change when the war came?
592
00:32:26,600 --> 00:32:31,340
Tell me what happened to the very first things that happened

593
00:32:31,340 --> 00:32:32,675
that showed life is changing.
594
00:32:32,675 --> 00:32:34,520
It was very bad.
595
00:32:34,520 --> 00:32:37,800
Very bad things happened.
596
00:32:37,800 --> 00:32:38,367
Such as?
597
00:32:38,367 --> 00:32:42,280
But we could not
change anything.
598
00:32:42,280 --> 00:32:42,780
Yeah.
599
00:32:42,780 --> 00:32:44,210
I don't know.
600
00:32:44,210 --> 00:32:53,840
I was a girl, and we
came to Auschwitz.
601
00:32:53,840 --> 00:32:57,230
Then I came to Auschwitz.

00:33:15,880 --> 00:33:24,790
And the German took us--
look us without clothes.
607
00:33:24,790 --> 00:33:28,540
We should not wear anything.
608
00:33:28,540 --> 00:33:34,290
And they-- I send me--
609
00:33:34,290 --> 00:33:41,050
they sent me to a
place where they are--
610
00:33:41,050 --> 00:33:45,998

## 611

00:33:45,998 --> 00:33:48,260
You die.
612
00:33:48,260 --> 00:33:57,890
And I was waiting there, and then the next day, they

613
00:33:57,890 --> 00:34:04,040
took me the place where I am going to die.

And I come down
and out, and I took
615
00:34:11,440 --> 00:34:20,719
two women who were doing this job, talking Slovak.

## 616

00:34:20,719 --> 00:34:27,300
And I said, oh, I
have to talk to them.
617
00:34:27,300 --> 00:34:32,510
Maybe we'll see what happens.
618
00:34:32,510 --> 00:34:36,980
And I came there, and I talk Slovak.

619
00:34:36,980 --> 00:34:40,300
And they were,
oh, what happened.
620
00:34:40,300 --> 00:34:43,999
Do you just came
from Czechoslovakia.

## 621

00:34:43,999 --> 00:34:47,449

622
00:34:47,449 --> 00:34:57,170
And I told them what happened and that they pushed me

623
00:34:57,170 --> 00:34:59,510 that I am going to die.

## 624

00:34:59,510 --> 00:35:04,480
And they said we are
going to save your life.
625
00:35:04,480 --> 00:35:14,450
And these two women who were
working, they said go back.

## 626

00:35:14,450 --> 00:35:20,300
Tomorrow morning, we'll come and give you some clothes

627
00:35:20,300 --> 00:35:26,360
because we were without
clothes if you die.
628
00:35:26,360 --> 00:35:34,360
And go back and tomorrow we come and bring you some clothes

629
00:35:34,360 --> 00:35:38,110 and take you to the barrack.

630
00:35:38,110 --> 00:35:45,140
And they came the next day, and they gave me some clothes.

## 631

00:35:45,140 --> 00:35:49,490
They took me back, and they told me

632
00:35:49,490 --> 00:35:57,000
if they ask you to work, tell that you would like to work.

633
00:35:57,000 --> 00:36:02,720
And I came to the barrack, and over there, I

634
00:36:02,720 --> 00:36:08,240
had a few people whom I knew.

## 635

00:36:08,240 --> 00:36:10,610
And I told them.
636
00:36:10,610 --> 00:36:18,290
And a few days later, they came, and they

00:36:18,290 --> 00:36:22,610 asked us do you want to work.

00:36:22,610 --> 00:36:25,360
And we said yes.

## 639

00:36:25,360 --> 00:36:32,180
And they took us with
a train to our place.
640
00:36:32,180 --> 00:36:38,880
And we came over there, and they showed us

641
00:36:38,880 --> 00:36:43,240
it was a woman's luggage.
642
00:36:43,240 --> 00:36:45,250
A woman's camp.
643
00:36:45,250 --> 00:36:49,990
They took us to a factory, and they showed us

644
00:36:49,990 --> 00:36:53,050
what to [INAUDIBLE].
645
00:36:53,050 --> 00:36:59,350
And then every day, they
brought us in the morning
646
00:36:59,350 --> 00:37:04,990
to that factory and
to take us back.
647
00:37:04,990 --> 00:37:11,510
And over there, everybody was talking Hungarian

648
00:37:11,510 --> 00:37:16,090 because these Hungarian people went there. not speak Hungarian.

650
00:37:22,110 --> 00:37:29,570 She was a Polish woman, and the Polish and the Slovak

651
00:37:29,570 --> 00:37:33,510 are a little bit close to each other.

00:37:33,510 --> 00:37:35,880
And we talked to each other.
653
00:37:35,880 --> 00:37:44,060
And she was so happy that
somebody can talk to her.
654
00:37:44,060 --> 00:37:54,920
And we were talking
together, and she told me
655
00:37:54,920 --> 00:38:00,530
she was happy that she had a friend.

656
00:38:00,530 --> 00:38:02,168
That was important.
657
00:38:02,168 --> 00:38:03,085
It was very important.
658
00:38:03,085 --> 00:38:06,540
And she was in the factory.
659
00:38:06,540 --> 00:38:10,040
And I showed her what to do.
660
00:38:10,040 --> 00:38:10,970
What did you do?

00:38:10,970 --> 00:38:12,950
What did the factory make?
662
00:38:12,950 --> 00:38:22,670
There was some-- a place
where we had to do something.
663
00:38:22,670 --> 00:38:25,860
Do you remember
what you were doing?
664
00:38:25,860 --> 00:38:27,590
I can show you--
665
00:38:27,590 --> 00:38:28,830
No, no, no.
666
00:38:28,830 --> 00:38:31,640
But do you know what they were making?

667
00:38:31,640 --> 00:38:33,620
And yes.
668
00:38:33,620 --> 00:38:43,040
Yes, there was-- something happened was I was not there,

669
00:38:43,040 --> 00:38:52,480
but across to me was a woman also about 15 years old.

00:38:52,480 --> 00:38:57,240
She was working the same thing.

## 671

00:38:57,240 --> 00:39:03,070
But she-- her--
672
00:39:03,070 --> 00:39:06,110
some way, she passed away.

00:39:06, 110 --> 00:39:10,996
She was dreaming a little bit.
674
00:39:10,996 --> 00:39:19,950
And something happened to the thing what we were working on.

675
00:39:19,950 --> 00:39:23,440

676
00:39:23,440 --> 00:39:36,360
And then when they saw it, this was something wrong with it

677
00:39:36,360 --> 00:39:42,580
because she was
not looking for--
678
00:39:42,580 --> 00:39:47,090 and then they took her down.

679
00:39:47,090 --> 00:39:49,380
It was cold.
680
00:39:49,380 --> 00:39:57,810
And they put cold water on her, and she passed away.

681
00:39:57,810 --> 00:40:06,750
And she had her mother with her, and her mother for--

682
00:40:06,750 --> 00:40:12,420
got so sick, they took
her in the hospital.
683
00:40:12,420 --> 00:40:20,130
And in that hospital over there because she passed away--

00:40:20,130 --> 00:40:25,888 did this girl because they put--

Water on her.

686
00:40:26,430 --> 00:40:29,800
Cold water on her.
687
00:40:29,800 --> 00:40:30,970
And--
688
00:40:30,970 --> 00:40:32,130
Where was your mother?
689
00:40:32,130 --> 00:40:35,050
So it's always something happen.

## 690

00:40:35,050 --> 00:40:36,730
Where was your mother?
691
00:40:36,730 --> 00:40:39,610
Where was your mother when this was happening?

692
00:40:39,610 --> 00:40:40,480
Where what?

693
00:40:40,480 --> 00:40:43,360
Where was your mother?
694
00:40:43,360 --> 00:40:44,765
Where was your-- yeah.
695
00:40:44,765 --> 00:40:45,820
Your mother--
696
00:40:45,820 --> 00:40:46,975
Your mother.
697
00:40:46,975 --> 00:40:49,270
Where my mother was die--

00:40:51,942 --> 00:40:52,525
What happened?

## 700

00:40:52,525 --> 00:40:58,660
Because my mother wanted to go visit my sister.

## 701

00:40:58,660 --> 00:41:00,322
My sister--
702
00:41:00,322 --> 00:41:00,905
What happened?
703
00:41:00,905 --> 00:41:03,700
Was 12 years old.
704
00:41:03,700 --> 00:41:06,240
And so--
705
00:41:06,240 --> 00:41:07,185
How did this happen?
706
00:41:07,185 --> 00:41:10,560
My mother died with my sister.
707
00:41:10,560 --> 00:41:20,280
They went into a place one day and give bad--

708
00:41:20,280 --> 00:41:22,158
I don't know.
709
00:41:22,158 --> 00:41:24,792
They passed away there.
710
00:41:24,792 --> 00:41:27,570

00:41:27,570 --> 00:41:31,990
Do you-- can you tell
me how this happened?
712
00:41:31,990 --> 00:41:35,280
Can you tell me how it happened that your mother went

713
00:41:35,280 --> 00:41:36,000 with your sister?

## 714

00:41:36,000 --> 00:41:37,980
What happened?
715
00:41:37,980 --> 00:41:38,860
What happened?
716
00:41:38,860 --> 00:41:39,360
Yeah.
717
00:41:39,360 --> 00:41:40,680
With my mother?
718
00:41:40,680 --> 00:41:41,466
Yeah.

719
00:41:41,466 --> 00:41:45,450
My mother wanted to go with my sister.

720
00:41:45,450 --> 00:41:46,350
OK.
721
00:41:46,350 --> 00:41:51,390
Was this at the beginning when you got to Auschwitz?

722
00:41:51,390 --> 00:41:54,090
Was this at--
723
00:41:54,090 --> 00:41:55,010

00:41:55,010 --> 00:41:56,190
It doesn't work?
725
00:41:56,190 --> 00:41:58,530
You don't hear me?
726
00:41:58,530 --> 00:42:02,700
Let me see if I can
ask about it this way.
727
00:42:02,700 --> 00:42:05,210
Let me go back a bit.

## 728

00:42:05,210 --> 00:42:08,860
When life changed in
your town in Fil'akovo.
729
00:42:08,860 --> 00:42:11,840

730
00:42:11,840 --> 00:42:13,310 I don't know why--

## 731

00:42:13,310 --> 00:42:14,300
You don't hear me?
732
00:42:14,300 --> 00:42:15,410 Can you hear me now?

733
00:42:15,410 --> 00:42:17,880
I can-- could not hear you well.

## 734

00:42:17,880 --> 00:42:19,710
I don't know what happened.
735
00:42:19,710 --> 00:42:22,700
OK, let's cut for a second.
736
00:42:22,700 --> 00:42:24,990

Let's cut.
737
00:42:24,990 --> 00:42:26,160
OK.
738
00:42:26,160 --> 00:42:31,680
So I want to learn more about what happened when you had

739
00:42:31,680 --> 00:42:34,560 to leave your home in Fil'akovo.

## 740

00:42:34,560 --> 00:42:37,275
Tell me how that happened when you had to leave.

## 741

00:42:37,275 --> 00:42:38,910
We had to leave.
742
00:42:38,910 --> 00:42:41,850
We had to go to the ghetto.
743
00:42:41,850 --> 00:42:43,185
You, your mother, your father?

## 744

00:42:43,185 --> 00:42:45,480 And we were in the ghetto.

## 745

00:42:45,480 --> 00:42:54,510
My mother, my uncle, and my aunt, and my grandfather.

746
00:42:54,510 --> 00:42:56,730
Where was your father?

## 747

00:42:56,730 --> 00:42:59,170
Where was your father?
748
00:42:59,170 --> 00:43:00,377
When [INAUDIBLE]?

00:43:00,377 --> 00:43:01,171
No.
750
00:43:01,171 --> 00:43:02,690
Where was your father?

## 751

00:43:02,690 --> 00:43:03,440
Was he there, too?
752
00:43:03,440 --> 00:43:06,010
My father was not at home.
753
00:43:06,010 --> 00:43:11,230
They already sent him to work somewhere.

## 754

00:43:11,230 --> 00:43:13,330
And my father--
755
00:43:13,330 --> 00:43:18,970
I didn't see my father
because they told me
756
00:43:18,970 --> 00:43:26,290
that he passed away,
but someone came down
757
00:43:26,290 --> 00:43:29,380 and he passed away there.

## 758

00:43:29,380 --> 00:43:30,190 OK.

759
00:43:30,190 --> 00:43:33,020
So it's always I went--
760
00:43:33,020 --> 00:43:39,940
when I-- I was working in the factory.

00:43:39,940 --> 00:43:43,330
They were not too bad.

00:43:47,290 --> 00:43:50,650
We worked 12 hours a day.

## 764

00:43:50,650 --> 00:43:52,570
In Auschwitz?
765
00:43:52,570 --> 00:43:54,250 No, not in Auschwitz.

766
00:43:54,250 --> 00:43:58,337
From Auschwitz, we went to this place.

767
00:43:58,337 --> 00:43:59,530
Factory, OK.
768
00:43:59,530 --> 00:44:00,880 After Auschwitz.

769
00:44:00,880 --> 00:44:03,370
I want to go back to the ghetto.
770
00:44:03,370 --> 00:44:04,960
The ghetto.
771
00:44:04,960 --> 00:44:07,674
Was the ghetto in Fil'akovo?
772
00:44:07,674 --> 00:44:08,560
No.
773
00:44:08,560 --> 00:44:13,420
A ghetto was in Luchinets.
774
00:44:13,420 --> 00:44:20,650
It was a bigger place, and
Fil'akovo was a small place.

00:44:26,350 --> 00:44:27,970
who-- what kind of soldiers?
778
00:44:27,970 --> 00:44:30,700
Were there soldiers
who came to your home
779
00:44:30,700 --> 00:44:32,500 and said you have to go?

780
00:44:32,500 --> 00:44:35,930
Who told you you had to leave?
781
00:44:35,930 --> 00:44:37,550
They-- I don't know.
782
00:44:37,550 --> 00:44:43,403
I was just about 15 years old.
783
00:44:43,403 --> 00:44:43,903
1942.

784
00:44:43,903 --> 00:44:44,790
14.

785
00:44:44,790 --> 00:44:45,390
Yeah.
786
00:44:45,390 --> 00:44:48,590
And then so we went.
787
00:44:48,590 --> 00:44:53,390
And when I was
about 15 that time,

00:44:53,390 --> 00:44:59,900
they already
canceled the ghetto,
789
00:44:59,900 --> 00:45:03,440 and they sent us to Auschwitz.

790
00:45:03,440 --> 00:45:06,230
I was in Auschwitz, too.
791
00:45:06,230 --> 00:45:08,930
How long were you in the ghetto?
792
00:45:08,930 --> 00:45:11,030
How long were you in the ghetto?
793
00:45:11,030 --> 00:45:12,782
Maybe half a year.
794
00:45:12,782 --> 00:45:16,070

795
00:45:16,070 --> 00:45:18,350
Maybe 10 months.
796
00:45:18,350 --> 00:45:20,480
I am not sure.
797
00:45:20,480 --> 00:45:24,770
But there was my mother.
798
00:45:24,770 --> 00:45:29,880
There was my sister.
799
00:45:29,880 --> 00:45:37,990
And there were many
people who we know.
800
00:45:37,990 --> 00:45:40,810
What kind of place did
you live in in the ghetto?

00:45:40,810 --> 00:45:45,460

802
00:45:45,460 --> 00:45:47,830 Barracks or a house or a room?

## 803

00:45:47,830 --> 00:45:50,920 In a house, yeah.

## 804

00:45:50,920 --> 00:45:52,000 Yeah.

805
00:45:52,000 --> 00:45:57,250
We try to do things, what we could.

806
00:45:57,250 --> 00:45:58,360
Yeah.

807
00:45:58,360 --> 00:45:59,620
What did you eat?
808
00:45:59,620 --> 00:46:03,070
How did you find food?
809
00:46:03,070 --> 00:46:10,810
We just-- well,
living in the ghetto.
810
00:46:10,810 --> 00:46:13,010
Was there food?
811
00:46:13,010 --> 00:46:17,010
Was there food in the ghetto?
812
00:46:17,010 --> 00:46:17,970

## Finish?

813
00:46:17,970 --> 00:46:19,800

No, no, no.
814
00:46:19,800 --> 00:46:23,980
Food, how did you
eat in the ghetto?
815
00:46:23,980 --> 00:46:26,460
Yeah, we ate something.
816
00:46:26,460 --> 00:46:27,600
But was it hard?

817
00:46:27,600 --> 00:46:29,040
We did something, yeah.
818
00:46:29,040 --> 00:46:29,790
OK.

819
00:46:29,790 --> 00:46:31,140
OK.

820
00:46:31,140 --> 00:46:32,580
Not much.

## 821

00:46:32,580 --> 00:46:38,380
And but we did what we could.
822
00:46:38,380 --> 00:46:45,055
And it was hard, very hard because we were not at home.

823
00:46:45,055 --> 00:46:48,540

824
00:46:48,540 --> 00:46:50,460
How did you get to Auschwitz?
825
00:46:50,460 --> 00:46:53,220

I think they brought me in a train.

827
00:47:00,198 --> 00:47:01,073
And was your mother--

## 828

00:47:01,073 --> 00:47:06,360
In a train and nothing
in the train was nothing.
829
00:47:06,360 --> 00:47:09,120

830
00:47:09,120 --> 00:47:12,100
Were there more
people in the train?
831
00:47:12,100 --> 00:47:14,850
Of course, a lot of people.
832
00:47:14,850 --> 00:47:18,250
We were just sitting in the--
833
00:47:18,250 --> 00:47:20,830

## 834

00:47:20,830 --> 00:47:22,940
Did it take a long time?
835
00:47:22,940 --> 00:47:25,600
They took us to Auschwitz.
836
00:47:25,600 --> 00:47:28,352
Did you know where
you were going?
837
00:47:28,352 --> 00:47:28,852
No.
838
00:47:28,852 --> 00:47:31,580
in a train.

00:47:36,000 --> 00:47:38,280
Not so long.

## 841

00:47:38,280 --> 00:47:40,840
I don't know.
842
00:47:40,840 --> 00:47:44,400
What happened when
you got to Auschwitz?
843
00:47:44,400 --> 00:47:45,750 What did it look like?

844
00:47:45,750 --> 00:47:52,350
They were put in some.
845
00:47:52,350 --> 00:47:57,320
They took me-- my sister away.
846
00:47:57,320 --> 00:47:58,445
They took your sister away?
847
00:47:58,445 --> 00:48:05,410
And my mother went with
her, and I was alone.

## 848

00:48:05,410 --> 00:48:06,160
I was--
849
00:48:06,160 --> 00:48:09,180

850
00:48:09,180 --> 00:48:10,640
You were left alone?
851
00:48:10,640 --> 00:48:14,470
I was-- I was alone.

00:48:22,060 --> 00:48:26,510 and they gave me something to eat.

## 855

00:48:26,510 --> 00:48:31,000
And I was so in a rush.
856
00:48:31,000 --> 00:48:35,050
And then they sent me to--
857
00:48:35,050 --> 00:48:39,500

## 858

00:48:39,500 --> 00:48:42,700 and I went to the--

859
00:48:42,700 --> 00:48:46,320

860
00:48:46,320 --> 00:48:51,860
put it in the place
where I am going to die.

## 861

00:48:51,860 --> 00:48:52,616
Did you know that?
862
00:48:52,616 --> 00:48:57,920
And then I talked to these two Slovak girls,

863
00:48:57,920 --> 00:49:02,840 and the Slovak
girls saved my life.

And they told me if they ask me to work, I should go to work.

865
00:49:11,850 --> 00:49:17,210
So I went, and that
was near to Berlin
866
00:49:17,210 --> 00:49:21,710 where I was working in a factory.

867
00:49:21,710 --> 00:49:24,440
And is that factory
the place where
868
00:49:24,440 --> 00:49:27,980
the girl had water pulled
over-- poured over her head?
869
00:49:27,980 --> 00:49:28,670
Yes.
870
00:49:28,670 --> 00:49:29,270
Yes.
871
00:49:29,270 --> 00:49:29,780
OK.
872
00:49:29,780 --> 00:49:36,160
Because she did not
do-- something happened
873
00:49:36,160 --> 00:49:40,970
to what were she was working.
874
00:49:40,970 --> 00:49:43,450
And this was near
Berlin you say?
875
00:49:43,450 --> 00:49:44,600
Near Berlin.
00:49:48,097 --> 00:49:51,620
That was far, far--

## 879

00:49:51,620 --> 00:49:56,160 Auschwitz was near to Poland. 880
00:49:56,160 --> 00:49:56,660 Yeah.

## 881

00:49:56,660 --> 00:49:59,660 And this was in Berlin.

882
00:49:59,660 --> 00:50:01,040
Yeah.
883
00:50:01,040 --> 00:50:05,000
Did you stay at this
factory the whole time?
884
00:50:05,000 --> 00:50:11,960
Yes, I was staying there for almost a year

## 885

00:50:11,960 --> 00:50:15,800 when it was the end of the war.

## 886

00:50:15,800 --> 00:50:16,940
I see.
887
00:50:16,940 --> 00:50:18,020
I see.

Do you remember how the war ended?

889
00:50:23,570 --> 00:50:28,400
Do you remember what happened when--

## 890

00:50:28,400 --> 00:50:30,830
yeah, do you remember being liberated?

## 891

00:50:30,830 --> 00:50:32,260
Do you remember the war end?
892
00:50:32,260 --> 00:50:34,160
Liberated, yes.
893
00:50:34,160 --> 00:50:35,640
You know what happened?

## 894

00:50:35,640 --> 00:50:36,890
Tell me.
895
00:50:36,890 --> 00:50:40,880
What happened when
I was liberated,
896
00:50:40,880 --> 00:50:48,200
and a Russian was liberated us.

## 897

00:50:48,200 --> 00:50:48,830 OK.

898
00:50:48,830 --> 00:50:54,680
And some Russian
came to me and said
899
00:50:54,680 --> 00:51:01,120
you know tell those
people that you are so
Youknow what happened.

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901
00:51:06,730 --> 00:51:11,660
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And because the
Russian is a little--
902
00:51:11,660 --> 00:51:14,485
903
00:51:14,485 --> 00:51:22,000
he said the Czechoslovakian
language and I said I just
904
00:51:22,000 --> 00:51:27,310
cannot say what to.
905
00:51:27,310 --> 00:51:36,130
And a Russian woman wrote
down what I can tell them
906
00:51:36,130 --> 00:51:41,174
that I am happy that they--
907
00:51:41,174 --> 00:51:42,130
Liberated you.
908
00:51:42,130 --> 00:51:44,410
Liberated me.
909
00:51:44,410 --> 00:51:53,360
And we together-- we went
together and this Russian came
910
00:51:53,360 --> 00:51:59,700
and I was ready
for myself first.
911
00:51:59,700 --> 00:52:07,460
So I knew what to
say, and I told them
912
00:52:07,460 --> 00:52:12,580
that I am glad that they liberated us.

913
00:52:12,580 --> 00:52:18,550
And it was the
Russian liberated us.

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914
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00:52:18,550 --> 00:52:20,191
And how was that?
915
00:52:20,191 --> 00:52:21,140
How was that?
916
00:52:21,140 --> 00:52:21,640
Was that--
917
00:52:21,640 --> 00:52:23,200
Was very good.
918
00:52:23,200 --> 00:52:24,790
I told them--
919
00:52:24,790 --> 00:52:30,700
I mean I read what
that woman wrote down.
920
00:52:30,700 --> 00:52:33,267
And what happened to you after that?

## 921

00:52:33,267 --> 00:52:34,142
What happened after--
922
00:52:34,142 --> 00:52:35,510
What happened?
923
00:52:35,510 --> 00:52:40,660
They took me back to Prague.
924
00:52:40,660 --> 00:52:42,280
They took you back to Prague?
Russian Hberated us.
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## 931

00:53:07,220 --> 00:53:09,155
Very nice, she.
932
00:53:09,155 --> 00:53:12,360

933
00:53:12,360 --> 00:53:17,520
And so was there anybody from your family in Fil'akovo?

## 934

00:53:17,520 --> 00:53:20,370
This is it that I was went--
935
00:53:20,370 --> 00:53:25,860
I went home, and
the house was empty.
936
00:53:25,860 --> 00:53:29,790
That was the worst thing.

How they already stolen everything they took away,

938
00:53:36,480 --> 00:53:39,600 and nobody was around.

939
00:53:39,600 --> 00:53:50,750
And then one of my uncle took me to that place to the--

940
00:53:50,750 --> 00:53:52,980
you know, sanatorium,]
941
00:53:52,980 --> 00:53:58,320
And they were nice to me, too.
942
00:53:58,320 --> 00:53:59,180
Were you sick?
943
00:53:59,180 --> 00:54:00,480
I was there.
944
00:54:00,480 --> 00:54:04,210
I didn't have anything.

## 945

00:54:04,210 --> 00:54:07,760
Were you sick when you came back from Auschwitz--

946
00:54:07,760 --> 00:54:08,860
from the labor camp?
947
00:54:08,860 --> 00:54:10,600
I was not well.
948
00:54:10,600 --> 00:54:13,960
I was not, no.
949
00:54:13,960 --> 00:54:16,412
Where was the sanatorium?

## 951

00:54:18,700 --> 00:54:24,640
It's in the Tatra
Mountains in a big place.

## 952

00:54:24,640 --> 00:54:28,280
And your mother's brothers and sisters, did many of them 953
00:54:28,280 --> 00:54:28,780 survive?

954
00:54:28,780 --> 00:54:31,500

955
00:54:31,500 --> 00:54:35,400
Your aunts and uncles from your mother's side, did they--

956
00:54:35,400 --> 00:54:39, 180
Yeah, from my mother's side, one of my uncle

957
00:54:39,180 --> 00:54:46,650
survived and went to
Israel and opened a store.
958
00:54:46,650 --> 00:54:51,510
And I remember that she--
959
00:54:51,510 --> 00:55:02,700
they invited me and I
came there and was nice.

## 960

00:55:02,700 --> 00:55:06,600
But I was already married.
961
00:55:06,600 --> 00:55:08,060
That's a lot later--
later.
963
00:55:08,902 --> 00:55:10,110 Yeah.

964
00:55:10,110 --> 00:55:13,470
So when you're at the sanatorium,

965
00:55:13,470 --> 00:55:15,240 what happened after that?

966
00:55:15,240 --> 00:55:18,350
Where did you go from there?
967
00:55:18,350 --> 00:55:25,000
We were-- I met
my husband there.
968
00:55:25,000 --> 00:55:26,180
At the sanatorium?
969
00:55:26,180 --> 00:55:27,940 At the sanatorium.

970
00:55:27,940 --> 00:55:33,530
And David, we--
971
00:55:33,530 --> 00:55:40,990

972
00:55:40,990 --> 00:55:49,110
My husband had a sister who came to America

973
00:55:49,110 --> 00:55:55,740 and left her house for us.

## 974

00:55:55,740 --> 00:56:03,660
So we went there, and we opened the door across to us

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975
00:56:03,660 --> 00:56:06,180
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was and we could--
976
00:56:06,180 --> 00:56:13,110
977
00:56:13,110 --> 00:56:27,170
School and we opened
a door and nice.
978
00:56:27,170 --> 00:56:36,135
And we had-- they came
and they were very--
979
00:56:36,135 --> 00:56:38,690
980
00:56:38,690 --> 00:56:40,140
I could not speak.
981
00:56:40,140 --> 00:56:42,870
982
00:56:42,870 --> 00:56:51,690
That was in Czech.
983
00:56:51,690 --> 00:56:55,050
And I spoke Slovak.
984
00:56:55,050 --> 00:57:01,350
And they were laughing at
me that I did not speak
985
00:57:01,350 --> 00:57:05,310
their language, but I learned.
986
00:57:05,310 --> 00:57:09,000
When you are young, you learn.
987
00:57:09,000 --> 00:57:15,180

And also when I was

988
00:57:15,180 --> 00:57:18,150
So let me see if
I understand this.
989
00:57:18,150 --> 00:57:21,240
At the sanatorium, you met your husband.

990
00:57:21,240 --> 00:57:23,050
Your husband had a sister--
991
00:57:23,050 --> 00:57:23,550 Yes.

992
00:57:23,550 --> 00:57:25,110
Who had gone to America.
993
00:57:25,110 --> 00:57:25,710
Yes.
994
00:57:25,710 --> 00:57:28,021
And she had left her house--

995
00:57:28,021 --> 00:57:28,950
She left, yeah.
996
00:57:28,950 --> 00:57:30,390
To your husband.
997
00:57:30,390 --> 00:57:33,120
And then you and he could live there.

998
00:57:33,120 --> 00:57:33,720
Yes.
999
00:57:33,720 --> 00:57:36,300
Do you remember the name of the place?

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1000
00:57:36,300 --> 00:57:37,040
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Liberec.
1001
00:57:37,040 --> 00:57:38,370
In Liberec.
1002
00:57:38,370 --> 00:57:38,910
I see.
1003
00:57:38,910 --> 00:57:40,320
In Liberec.
1004
00:57:40,320 --> 00:57:45,570
And so at first from the
sanatorium, you go to Liberec.
1005
00:57:45,570 --> 00:57:46,350
Yes.
1006
00:57:46,350 --> 00:57:46,440
Yes.
1007
00:57:46,440 --> 00:57:47,398
And you tried to live--
1008
00:57:47,398 --> 00:57:53,820
We went to Liberec and
then we open a door--
1009
00:57:53,820 --> 00:57:55,425
a store--
1010
00:57:55,425 --> 00:57:56,970
Ahh, you opened a store, OK.
1011
00:57:56,970 --> 00:57:59,910
We did something.
1012
00:57:59,910 --> 00:58:02,925
Tell me about your husband.

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1013
00:58:02,925 --> 00:58:07,040
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What was his name,
your husband's name?
1014
00:58:07,040 --> 00:58:08,425
My husband is--
1015
00:58:08,425 --> 00:58:13,780
1016
00:58:13,780 --> 00:58:17,890
What is his name,
your husband's name?
1017
00:58:17,890 --> 00:58:18,550
OK.
1018
00:58:18,550 --> 00:58:19,600
Then take a minute.
1019
00:58:19,600 --> 00:58:20,320
Take a minute.
1020
00:58:20,320 --> 00:58:21,410
It's fine.
1021
00:58:21,410 --> 00:58:22,000
Yeah.
1022
00:58:22,000 --> 00:58:24,270
I--
1023
00:58:24,270 --> 00:58:25,260
What was his name?
1024
00:58:25,260 --> 00:58:26,540
Was his name Morris?
1025
00:58:26,540 --> 00:58:27,130
Morris, yeah.

00:58:27,630 --> 00:58:29,580
Morris Hollender.
1028
00:58:29,580 --> 00:58:31,050
Morris Hollender.
1029
00:58:31,050 --> 00:58:33,890
Was he from Czechoslovakia?

## 1030

00:58:33,890 --> 00:58:42,250
He was from Czechoslovakia in the Eastern Czechoslovakia.

## 1031

00:58:42,250 --> 00:58:43,600
I see.

1032
00:58:43,600 --> 00:58:46,000
And what had happened to him?
1033
00:58:46,000 --> 00:58:48,370
Was he also Jewish?
1034
00:58:48,370 --> 00:58:52,060
He was Jewish, and
he was-- he's--
1035
00:58:52,060 --> 00:58:58,810
not just that he was Jewish, his brother was a cantor.

1036
00:58:58,810 --> 00:59:07,330
And he was learning from him, and he was--

1037
00:59:07,330 --> 00:59:10,155
well, we were in Liberec.

1039
00:59:13,120 --> 00:59:25,785
Morris saw this was like a cantor and he was--

## 1040

00:59:25,785 --> 00:59:30,330

1041
00:59:30,330 --> 00:59:33,960
Did he have-- so he had a sister, and he had a brother?

1042
00:59:33,960 --> 00:59:34,740
Did he have more--
1043
00:59:34,740 --> 00:59:42,300
He had two more brothers, and both of them were cantors.

1044
00:59:42,300 --> 00:59:49,770
And he was a younger brother, and he was learning from them.

## 1045

00:59:49,770 --> 00:59:57,185
And then when he came here into Liberec, in Liberec,

1046
00:59:57,185 --> 01:00:01,980
we went to the temple.
1047
01:00:01,980 --> 01:00:08,490
And in the temple, he was singing.

## 1048

01:00:08,490 --> 01:00:17,385
And Mr. Netsky was
learning from him and--
1049
01:00:17,385 --> 01:00:20,750

01:00:23,650 --> 01:00:26,760

1052
01:00:26,760 --> 01:00:29,430
He was not in Auschwitz.
1053
01:00:29,430 --> 01:00:33,068
He was also some other place.
1054
01:00:33,068 --> 01:00:34,110
He was in another place--
1055
01:00:34,110 --> 01:00:39,450
Maybe he was in a few
days in Auschwitz.
1056
01:00:39,450 --> 01:00:43,530
I am not sure how long.
1057
01:00:43,530 --> 01:00:44,130
OK.
1058
01:00:44,130 --> 01:00:45,930
Can we cut for a second?
1059
01:00:45,930 --> 01:00:47,564
I think something's--
1060
01:00:47,564 --> 01:00:48,360
Recording.
1061
01:00:48,360 --> 01:00:49,530
OK.
1062
01:00:49,530 --> 01:00:50,810
Edith, I want to ask--

01:00:50,810 --> 01:00:55,540
I want to see if I understand something correctly.

1064
01:00:55,540 --> 01:01:02,270
So when you're on the train and you're coming to Auschwitz,

1065
01:01:02,270 --> 01:01:05,240
you're together with your mother and your sister

1066
01:01:05,240 --> 01:01:10,850
and your grandfather and
some other relatives, yes?
1067
01:01:10,850 --> 01:01:14,660
And when you get to
Auschwitz, the doors open,
1068
01:01:14,660 --> 01:01:19,640
and people are told to go to one side or to another side.

1069
01:01:19,640 --> 01:01:23,270
And your sister is
pointed to one side,
1070
01:01:23,270 --> 01:01:26,690
and you and your mother
are on the other side.
1071
01:01:26,690 --> 01:01:30,770
And your sister cries
from what I understood,
1072
01:01:30,770 --> 01:01:34,160
and your mother then says I want to go to my daughter.

## 1073

01:01:34,160 --> 01:01:36,280
Is this what happened?

01:01:38,150 --> 01:01:41,780
And that's when they were chosen for that side,

## 1077

01:01:41,780 --> 01:01:44,150 and you never saw them again.

1078
01:01:44,150 --> 01:01:45,990 Is that correct?

1079
01:01:45,990 --> 01:01:50,210
My mother wanted to go with my sister.

1080
01:01:50,210 --> 01:01:51,020
OK.
1081
01:01:51,020 --> 01:01:59,900
My sister, it's hard to be alone in that place.

1082
01:01:59,900 --> 01:02:01,010 Of course.

1083
01:02:01,010 --> 01:02:06,810
So my sis-- my
mother went with her.
1084
01:02:06,810 --> 01:02:10,090
And did you-- do you think they knew where they were going?

1085
01:02:10,090 --> 01:02:13,400
01:02:25,100 --> 01:02:27,710
and you were going
to go probably
1091
01:02:27,710 --> 01:02:29,810
to the gas chamber, yeah?
1092
01:02:29,810 --> 01:02:30,380
Yes.
1093
01:02:30,380 --> 01:02:35,420
And those two Slovak
girls, the guards
1094
01:02:35,420 --> 01:02:39,140
there hear that you
are speaking to them.
1095
01:02:39,140 --> 01:02:40,980
And they say go back.
1096
01:02:40,980 --> 01:02:43,340
Does that mean they hid you?
1097
01:02:43,340 --> 01:02:47,090
Did they hide you
at that moment? that I am going for to die.
or not, or everything was--
1110
01:03:57,920 --> 01:04:00,980 will be like it's supposed--

## 1111

01:04:00,980 --> 01:04:02,990
should be.
1112
01:04:02,990 --> 01:04:06,920
And I said to myself I go.
1113
01:04:06,920 --> 01:04:11,240
And then I started
to talk Slovak.
1114
01:04:11,240 --> 01:04:18,920
They were so excited
and so surprised
1115
01:04:18,920 --> 01:04:23,390
because nobody was Slovak there.
1116
01:04:23,390 --> 01:04:27,520

## 1117

01:04:27,520 --> 01:04:31,600
Most of the people
that may be Hungarian.

## 1118

01:04:31,600 --> 01:04:39,490
I talk-- I went with
these people Hungarian.
1119
01:04:39,490 --> 01:04:43,760
And the Slovak not
too many people
1120
01:04:43,760 --> 01:04:47,350
were Slovak that time, yeah.
1121
01:04:47,350 --> 01:04:53,290
And when they were so

# surprised and I told them 

1122
01:04:53,290 --> 01:05:03,620
that I just came and I ate what they gave me, those glass--

## 1123

01:05:03,620 --> 01:05:08,590
grass, what they--
they cooked the grass
1124
01:05:08,590 --> 01:05:13,020
because they didn't
have anything else.

## 1125

01:05:13,020 --> 01:05:21,010
And I told them that when I started to talk Slovak,

1126
01:05:21,010 --> 01:05:24,370 they were so surprised.

1127
01:05:24,370 --> 01:05:31,780
And they decided they are going to save my life.

1128
01:05:31,780 --> 01:05:33,760
Did they hide you?
1129
01:05:33,760 --> 01:05:35,110
Did they hide you?
1130
01:05:35,110 --> 01:05:43,060
No, they told me to go back when I was waiting that they are

## 1131

01:05:43,060 --> 01:05:47,810 going to take me to this place.

1132
01:05:47,810 --> 01:05:53,110
One thing that confuses me, were you allowed to go back?

Was you permitted to go back so that you wouldn't be taken?

1134
01:05:56,980 --> 01:06:04,360
I went back that is
in the laundry room,
1135
01:06:04,360 --> 01:06:09,100
and nobody else
asked me anything.
1136
01:06:09,100 --> 01:06:15,310
But I knew that I came and I--
1137
01:06:15,310 --> 01:06:20,578 nobody was there in that room.

1138
01:06:20,578 --> 01:06:27,790
And because they told me
tomorrow we are going to take--
1139
01:06:27,790 --> 01:06:30,280
give you some clothes--
1140
01:06:30,280 --> 01:06:30,850
Yeah.

1141
01:06:30,850 --> 01:06:38,200 I believed them, that Slovak, and they told me in Slovak.

1142
01:06:38,200 --> 01:06:44,770
And in Slovak, if they
tell they would not
1143
01:06:44,770 --> 01:06:51,400
know what they are telling, what they are saying to me.

## 1144

01:06:51,400 --> 01:06:56,090
But because of they say in Slovak,

## 1145

01:06:56,090 --> 01:06:59,720 I knew what they thought.

1146
01:06:59,720 --> 01:07:08,740
And if they told me to go back, I went back and I laid down

## 1147

01:07:08,740 --> 01:07:12,100 and nobody else was there.

## 1148

01:07:12,100 --> 01:07:15,500
But they told me I--
1149
01:07:15,500 --> 01:07:22,390
we are going to come tomorrow and take some clothes for you.

1150
01:07:22,390 --> 01:07:23,630 So you were there--

1151
01:07:23,630 --> 01:07:30,580
I believe it in Slovak that they are telling me the truth.

## 1152

01:07:30,580 --> 01:07:31,600
I see.
1153
01:07:31,600 --> 01:07:32,590 I see.

1154
01:07:32,590 --> 01:07:38,760
And I went back, and I laid down.

1155
01:07:38,760 --> 01:07:40,378
And you waited?
1156
01:07:40,378 --> 01:07:41,045
And you waited--

And the next day in the morning, they came,

1158
01:07:45,830 --> 01:07:49,130 and they brought some clothes.

1159
01:07:49,130 --> 01:07:56,420
And they tried on me and some clothes was OK

## 1160

01:07:56,420 --> 01:08:01,250
and they took me
back to the barrack.
1161
01:08:01,250 --> 01:08:02,780
OK, thank you.
1162
01:08:02,780 --> 01:08:03,410
Thank you.
1163
01:08:03,410 --> 01:08:06,050

1164
01:08:06,050 --> 01:08:10,970
Now I want to talk about the
sanatorium, the sanatorium

## 1165

01:08:10,970 --> 01:08:13,100 where you met your husband.

1166
01:08:13,100 --> 01:08:15,290
Do you remember the name of that sanatorium?

1167
01:08:15,290 --> 01:08:22,540
The sanatorium is in Slovakia.
1168
01:08:22,540 --> 01:08:23,960
Do you know the name?
1169
01:08:23,960 --> 01:08:26,439

1170
01:08:26,439 --> 01:08:27,490
Krynitza.
1171
01:08:27,490 --> 01:08:28,899
Krynitza.
1172
01:08:28,899 --> 01:08:30,939
Krynitza.
1173
01:08:30,939 --> 01:08:34,899
And from the sanatorium, you went to Liberec?

1174
01:08:34,899 --> 01:08:35,950 Is that right?

1175
01:08:35,950 --> 01:08:39,915 The Liberec is this--

## 1176

01:08:39,915 --> 01:08:45,670

1177
01:08:45,670 --> 01:08:49,210
The sanatorium is in Slovakia.
1178
01:08:49,210 --> 01:08:51,120
That's right.
1179
01:08:51,120 --> 01:08:57,090
And Liberec is in Czech.
1180
01:08:57,090 --> 01:09:02,660
And when I was in
Liberec and I go--
1181
01:09:02,660 --> 01:09:18,840
the-- I-- the store, that time across to us was a big school.

And these children
from the school, they
1183
01:09:23,340 --> 01:09:30,359 were laughing at me because I was talking Slovak, not Czech.

1184
01:09:30,359 --> 01:09:33,270 But I tried Czech.

1185
01:09:33,270 --> 01:09:35,970
I was trying.
1186
01:09:35,970 --> 01:09:37,020
And I--
1187
01:09:37,020 --> 01:09:41,189

1188
01:09:41,189 --> 01:09:51,800
And then when we got
from my sister in law
1189
01:09:51,800 --> 01:09:56,810 the papers that we can gone to America,

1190
01:09:56,810 --> 01:10:01,100 so we decided to come here.

1191
01:10:01,100 --> 01:10:01,820
OK.
1192
01:10:01,820 --> 01:10:09,110
We came-- at first
we came in New York,

## 1193

01:10:09,110 --> 01:10:17,950 and then they asked us where do you want to go in America.

01:10:17,950 --> 01:10:22,120
So we decided to come to Boston.

1195
01:10:22,120 --> 01:10:23,950
Why?
1196
01:10:23,950 --> 01:10:26,230
I don't know why.
1197
01:10:26,230 --> 01:10:32,260
I heard that Boston
is a good place.
1198
01:10:32,260 --> 01:10:34,620
I don't know.
1199
01:10:34,620 --> 01:10:42,550
But when we came here,
I started to work
1200
01:10:42,550 --> 01:10:51,760
in a factory like in Berlin.
1201
01:10:51,760 --> 01:11:01,540
And I did not like it because
I said I am still in--
1202
01:11:01,540 --> 01:11:06,190

1203
01:11:06,190 --> 01:11:07,960
How it called?
1204
01:11:07,960 --> 01:11:15,520
I am still in Auschwitz like.
1205
01:11:15,520 --> 01:11:19,690
And what can I do?
1206
01:11:19,690 --> 01:11:28,870
And we went to a Slovak club over there, Czechoslovakian,

01:11:28,870 --> 01:11:30,940 and we went there.

1208
01:11:30,940 --> 01:11:40,740
And one Czech woman told me do you want to work with us.

1209
01:11:40,740 --> 01:11:45,420
I can recommend you.
1210
01:11:45,420 --> 01:11:53,220
We have five Czech girls there.
1211
01:11:53,220 --> 01:11:56,700
And I-- they showed me.
1212
01:11:56,700 --> 01:12:03,870
It was like a computer, but that time, it was not computer yet.

## 1213

01:12:03,870 --> 01:12:11,100
But they showed me, and because they told in Czech,

1214
01:12:11,100 --> 01:12:13,950
I was understanding.
1215
01:12:13,950 --> 01:12:16,560
And I did that.
1216
01:12:16,560 --> 01:12:24,456
But there it was not
lasted too long in--

## 1217

01:12:24,456 --> 01:12:33,600
but the Harvard
recommended me another job.
1218
01:12:33,600 --> 01:12:34,650
At Harvard University?

01:12:36,360 --> 01:12:41,550
If it's Harvard, I
am going to take it.
1221
01:12:41,550 --> 01:12:46,150
So I went there, and it was--
1222
01:12:46,150 --> 01:12:49,470

1223
01:12:49,470 --> 01:12:53,730 I did that very well.

1224
01:12:53,730 --> 01:12:55,320
What was the job?
1225
01:12:55,320 --> 01:13:05,310
That was a job that from
China, they brought some--
1226
01:13:05,310 --> 01:13:08,610

1227
01:13:08,610 --> 01:13:19,180 some-- trees and some flowers what we don't have here.

1228
01:13:19,180 --> 01:13:25,141
And they just wanted to show these people that--

## 1229

01:13:25,141 --> 01:13:27,865

1230
01:13:27,865 --> 01:13:34,750
who were learning there, they showed what we have.

But we have-- we don't have it here.

1232
01:13:38,860 --> 01:13:40,045
And your job was--
1233
01:13:40,045 --> 01:13:41,950
And I made it--
1234
01:13:41,950 --> 01:13:48,060
made many, many, even
hundreds of that.
1235
01:13:48,060 --> 01:13:52,320
And they liked what I made.
1236
01:13:52,320 --> 01:13:53,940
And--
1237
01:13:53,940 --> 01:13:55,920
So did you make exhibitions?
1238
01:13:55,920 --> 01:13:59,430
Did you catalog this material?
1239
01:13:59,430 --> 01:14:00,840
Is that what you're doing?
1240
01:14:00,840 --> 01:14:07,050
I did all the
leaves, both sides,

## 1241

01:14:07,050 --> 01:14:12,360
or the flowers, both
sides here and there,
1242
01:14:12,360 --> 01:14:18,570 to show what we have, what we don't have it here.

And I have-- and many people from China who are here, 1244
01:14:27,570 --> 01:14:36,210 the doctors, and they show what we have over there

## 1245

01:14:36,210 --> 01:14:39,090 and we don't have it here.

## 1246

01:14:39,090 --> 01:14:41,580 Was this work that you liked?

## 1247

01:14:41,580 --> 01:14:44,230
Did you like this work?
1248
01:14:44,230 --> 01:14:51,480
If you want to even now, they have what I made.

1249
01:14:51,480 --> 01:14:59,870
Over there, they have it
because I just wanted to show.
1250
01:14:59,870 --> 01:15:07,350
And I wanted to show what we have there

1251
01:15:07,350 --> 01:15:10,700 and we don't have it here.

1252
01:15:10,700 --> 01:15:14,580
How long-- how many years did you work there?

1253
01:15:14,580 --> 01:15:20,480
I was working about I
don't know 20 years.
1254
01:15:20,480 --> 01:15:21,470
OK.

I was-- that's why
I have hundreds of--

1256
01:15:28,560 --> 01:15:29,210
Those examples?
1257
01:15:29,210 --> 01:15:36,200
I have a lot, and they come--
1258
01:15:36,200 --> 01:15:43,100
some professors come
and look what I made.

1259
01:15:43,100 --> 01:15:49,280
Did you ever go to school again after seventh grade, after--

1260
01:15:49,280 --> 01:15:58,790
I went to school over there
because in the evening

## 1261

01:15:58,790 --> 01:16:01,300
I went to school.
1262
01:16:01,300 --> 01:16:02,740
At Harvard?

1263
01:16:02,740 --> 01:16:04,180
At Harvard.
1264
01:16:04,180 --> 01:16:05,500
OK.
1265
01:16:05,500 --> 01:16:07,690
And what did your husband do?
1266
01:16:07,690 --> 01:16:10,480
What was his job here in Boston?
1267
01:16:10,480 --> 01:16:15,520
Oh, my husband, they show--

Cut-- and I am recording.

01:17:00,250 --> 01:17:01,000 OK.

1282
01:17:01,000 --> 01:17:06,250
So tell me, Edith, tell me again how it is you came to Boston

1283
01:17:06,250 --> 01:17:09,940 and what kind of jobs you got and so on.

1284
01:17:09,940 --> 01:17:14,680
Well, I just wanted to tell you that when we came to the Boston

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1285
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01:17:14,680 --> 01:17:21,370 and we were looking for a job, so the Jewish Family Service

## 1286

01:17:21,370 --> 01:17:27,310 send us to somewhere to see a job.

## 1287

01:17:27,310 --> 01:17:31,870
And in Waltham, they had a good job.

1288
01:17:31,870 --> 01:17:40,600
But it's more this than that, and because he did not

1289
01:17:40,600 --> 01:17:50,290 speak English well yet because he just started and one man was

## 1290

01:17:50,290 --> 01:17:58,510
speaking Yiddish and Morris
was speaking, well, from home

## 1291

01:17:58,510 --> 01:18:04,030
and so they were
talking about it.

## 1292

01:18:04,030 --> 01:18:07,600
And Morris liked the job.
1293
01:18:07,600 --> 01:18:08,230
OK.
1294
01:18:08,230 --> 01:18:10,300
So he took the job.
1295
01:18:10,300 --> 01:18:10,960
OK.
1296
01:18:10,960 --> 01:18:22,870
And since then, he was going there where both--

1297
01:18:22,870 --> 01:18:30,560 over there it's not nice in the synagogue.

01:18:30,560 --> 01:18:34,120
There is a close to that.
1299
01:18:34,120 --> 01:18:38,860
There is a nice place to live.
1300
01:18:38,860 --> 01:18:42,940 And we both thought so we--

## 1301

01:18:42,940 --> 01:18:43,600
Lived there.
1302
01:18:43,600 --> 01:18:44,470
Lived there.
1303
01:18:44,470 --> 01:18:47,721
And Morris didn't have--
1304
01:18:47,721 --> 01:18:52,550
did not go any place, just walked to work.

1305
01:18:52,550 --> 01:18:53,425
Oh, that's wonderful.
1306
01:18:53,425 --> 01:19:02,470
He did not have to take the bus like me or something like that.

1307
01:19:02,470 --> 01:19:07,600
And they liked him
like an engineer.
1308
01:19:07,600 --> 01:19:08,200
OK.
1309
01:19:08,200 --> 01:19:15,290
And they were showing
what he's supposed to do.
1310
01:19:15,290 --> 01:19:17,860
And he really liked that job.
1311
01:19:17,860 --> 01:19:20,440
And that was in an engineering company?

1312
01:19:20,440 --> 01:19:21,280 Yes.

1313
01:19:21,280 --> 01:19:21,880
OK.
1314
01:19:21,880 --> 01:19:22,380
OK.
1315
01:19:22,380 --> 01:19:22,880
Yes.
1316
01:19:22,880 --> 01:19:25,660
He-- it's like an engineering.

## 1317

01:19:25,660 --> 01:19:32,320
And he just got
it You know, like.
1318
01:19:32,320 --> 01:19:35,960
And you worked in the botany department at Harvard?

1319
01:19:35,960 --> 01:19:36,460
Yes.
1320
01:19:36,460 --> 01:19:39,580
I was in the botany department.
1321
01:19:39,580 --> 01:19:48,205
I was rather doing things,
showing what I am doing.
1322
01:19:48,205 --> 01:19:50,830

1323
01:19:50,830 --> 01:19:56,500
And Morris, he did a different job.

1324
01:19:56,500 --> 01:19:57,280
Yeah.
1325
01:19:57,280 --> 01:19:58,060
Yeah.
1326
01:19:58,060 --> 01:20:00,130
Did you have children?

## 1327

01:20:00,130 --> 01:20:02,500
Did you ever have
children, you and Morris?
1328
01:20:02,500 --> 01:20:05,230
We did not have any children.

And we wanted to have and some [INAUDIBLE]..

1330
01:20:11,750 --> 01:20:17,570
They asked me to go to England.
1331
01:20:17,570 --> 01:20:25,560
They are doing a survey about this what I have.

1332
01:20:25,560 --> 01:20:29,310
I had something in some--
1333
01:20:29,310 --> 01:20:33,170

1334
01:20:33,170 --> 01:20:40,530
they need to open it, but
they could not do that.
1335
01:20:40,530 --> 01:20:44,950
And so they could not do--
1336
01:20:44,950 --> 01:20:45,830
So you couldn't?
1337
01:20:45,830 --> 01:20:48,950
What I needed to do.
1338
01:20:48,950 --> 01:20:57,040
But today if somebody
has the same problem,
1339
01:20:57,040 --> 01:21:00,850
they can do it today.
1340
01:21:00,850 --> 01:21:10,840
But I'm too old [CHUCKLING] over 90, you cannot do.

No.

1342
01:21:12,040 --> 01:21:15,940
But you also had a very hard time in Europe

## 1343

01:21:15,940 --> 01:21:17,480
during those years in Europe?
1344
01:21:17,480 --> 01:21:19,180
That doesn't help such things.
1345
01:21:19,180 --> 01:21:22,390
In Europe [INAUDIBLE]---in Europe,

1346
01:21:22,390 --> 01:21:29,230
they send me also to England, but we did not have that much

## 1347

01:21:29,230 --> 01:21:33,550 money to be in England.

## 1348

01:21:33,550 --> 01:21:41,890 And my husband is supposed to be himself in the store.

1349
01:21:41,890 --> 01:21:43,850
We could not do that.
1350
01:21:43,850 --> 01:21:44,350
Yeah.
1351
01:21:44,350 --> 01:21:52,310
So we were thinking maybe later we can do it.

1352
01:21:52,310 --> 01:21:55,850
But we could not do it.

## 1353

01:21:55,850 --> 01:21:58,880

And they knew that-1354
01:21:58,880 --> 01:22:02,480 what was the problem.

1355
01:22:02,480 --> 01:22:05,780
Did you ever go back
to Czechoslovakia?
1356
01:22:05,780 --> 01:22:08,600
Did you ever-- after
you lived in Boston,
1357
01:22:08,600 --> 01:22:11,710
did you ever travel back to--

## 1358

01:22:11,710 --> 01:22:14,290
Oh, we travel a lot.
1359
01:22:14,290 --> 01:22:14,960
Yeah.
1360
01:22:14,960 --> 01:22:18,950
We all Europe we travel.
1361
01:22:18,950 --> 01:22:22,730
Except we did not go to Spain.
1362
01:22:22,730 --> 01:22:27,080
And I was thinking how to go to Spain,

1363
01:22:27,080 --> 01:22:30,330 but I am not going alone.

1364
01:22:30,330 --> 01:22:31,190
Yeah.
1365
01:22:31,190 --> 01:22:36,290
So I'm but we did all.
1366

01:22:42,740 --> 01:22:51,170
We went everywhere in
like Finland and all this.
1369
01:22:51,170 --> 01:22:53,390
Did you go to Germany?
1370
01:22:53,390 --> 01:22:55,940
Did you ever go to Germany?

## 1371

01:22:55,940 --> 01:22:56,720
Jewelry?
1372
01:22:56,720 --> 01:22:57,337
Germany.
1373
01:22:57,337 --> 01:22:57,920
Did you ever--
1374
01:22:57,920 --> 01:22:59,090
Germany!
1375
01:22:59,090 --> 01:23:02,030
You know that we went to Germany, too.

1376
01:23:02,030 --> 01:23:02,820
You did?
1377
01:23:02,820 --> 01:23:03,320
You did?
1378
01:23:03,320 --> 01:23:09,410
Yes, we went to Germany, and we went back to Czechoslovakia.

We went to Hungary to
Budapest because we

## 1380

01:23:14,780 --> 01:23:18,360 speak also Hungarian.

1381
01:23:18,360 --> 01:23:27,510
And we've had many
places, even in Spain or--
1382
01:23:27,510 --> 01:23:29,030 not in Spain.

1383
01:23:29,030 --> 01:23:31,340
We did not go--
1384
01:23:31,340 --> 01:23:32,330
Switzerland.

## 1385

01:23:32,330 --> 01:23:33,320
Switzerland?
1386
01:23:33,320 --> 01:23:34,070
Yeah.
1387
01:23:34,070 --> 01:23:34,580
OK.
1388
01:23:34,580 --> 01:23:37,430
We went into Italy.
1389
01:23:37,430 --> 01:23:39,930
Italy is beautiful.
1390
01:23:39,930 --> 01:23:40,430
Yeah.
1391
01:23:40,430 --> 01:23:42,920
Beautiful even there.

01:23:58,050 --> 01:23:58,860
Yeah.
1397
01:23:58,860 --> 01:24:03,820
But now we are too old.

## 1398

01:24:03,820 --> 01:24:11,700
I mean I am too old and my husband is not so.

1399
01:24:11,700 --> 01:24:17,640
My husband passed away, and I'm so sorry that I'm--

1400
01:24:17,640 --> 01:24:18,930 it was.

1401
01:24:18,930 --> 01:24:27,690
And we decided to
stay in Waltham
1402
01:24:27,690 --> 01:24:34,690 because we know in Waltham in the synagogue everybody.

## 1403

01:24:34,690 --> 01:24:35,460
Yeah.

01:24:49,600 --> 01:24:58,660
And if I pass away, I have the place where to go.

1407
01:24:58,660 --> 01:25:01,810
Well, thank you, Edith.
1408
01:25:01,810 --> 01:25:05,350
We're coming close to
the end of our interview.
1409
01:25:05,350 --> 01:25:10,600
I will want to have you
explain a few pictures for me.
1410
01:25:10,600 --> 01:25:15,490
But thank you very much
for sharing your story,
1411
01:25:15,490 --> 01:25:17,740
for telling us about it.
1412
01:25:17,740 --> 01:25:18,700
Thank you.
1413
01:25:18,700 --> 01:25:20,710
Thank you for telling me this.
1414
01:25:20,710 --> 01:25:22,280
Oh, come now.
1415
01:25:22,280 --> 01:25:26,020
It's very important, and I appreciate it very, very much.

1416
01:25:26,020 --> 01:25:26,920
Thank you.
1417
01:25:26,920 --> 01:25:35,080
Thank you very much because you know it happened.

1418
01:25:35,080 --> 01:25:40,940
And it's so hard
that Hitler did this.
1419
01:25:40,940 --> 01:25:41,440
Yeah.
1420
01:25:41,440 --> 01:25:50,555
And he killed all of my family.
1421
01:25:50,555 --> 01:25:51,055
My--
1422
01:25:51,055 --> 01:25:57,561

1423
01:25:57,561 --> 01:26:00,215
We're going to film
some pictures right now.
1424
01:26:00,215 --> 01:26:02,780

1425
01:26:02,780 --> 01:26:07,130
I will say a few words, and then we'll film some pictures.

1426
01:26:07,130 --> 01:26:11,660
I will say that this concludes the formal part of the United

1427
01:26:11,660 --> 01:26:15,950
States Holocaust Memorial
Museum interview with Mrs. Edith

1428
01:26:15,950 --> 01:26:23,660
Hollender on December 6, 2018, in Newton, Massachusetts.

1429
01:26:23,660 --> 01:26:25,130 We can cut.

1430
01:26:25,130 --> 01:26:26,000
And now--
1431
01:26:26,000 --> 01:26:28,460
Mother and my sister.
1432
01:26:28,460 --> 01:26:29,630
Wait a minute.
1433
01:26:29,630 --> 01:26:31,788
And just gonna [INAUDIBLE].
1434
01:26:31,788 --> 01:26:33,150
We are recording.
1435
01:26:33,150 --> 01:26:34,970
[INAUDIBLE]
1436
01:26:34,970 --> 01:26:39,170
Tell me who is
this photograph of.
1437
01:26:39,170 --> 01:26:41,640
Who is in the picture?
1438
01:26:41,640 --> 01:26:42,750
Who made this picture?
1439
01:26:42,750 --> 01:26:44,340
No, who is in it?

## 1440

01:26:44,340 --> 01:26:45,060
Who is in it?

01:26:45,060 --> 01:26:48,340
What is it a photograph of?
1442
01:26:48,340 --> 01:26:49,550
I don't know.
1443
01:26:49,550 --> 01:26:54,730
But I know that this is my mother and this is my sister.

1444
01:26:54,730 --> 01:26:55,310 OK.

1445
01:26:55,310 --> 01:26:58,240
It says that it's actually you here,

1446
01:26:58,240 --> 01:27:00,985
but maybe it is your sister.
1447
01:27:00,985 --> 01:27:04,210

1448
01:27:04,210 --> 01:27:05,350
OK.
1449
01:27:05,350 --> 01:27:07,280
OK, thank you.
1450
01:27:07,280 --> 01:27:09,060
Did you get enough of it?
1451
01:27:09,060 --> 01:27:09,560
I did.
1452
01:27:09,560 --> 01:27:09,860
OK.
1453
01:27:09,860 --> 01:27:11,360
Do you want to cute

1454
01:27:11,360 --> 01:27:11,860
Excuse me?
1455
01:27:11,860 --> 01:27:14,152
Do you want to cut the camera and stop in between them?

1456
01:27:14,152 --> 01:27:14,880 Yes, absolutely.

1457
01:27:14,880 --> 01:27:15,440
Absolutely.
1458
01:27:15,440 --> 01:27:16,190
Hold it like this.
1459
01:27:16,190 --> 01:27:16,700 Recording.

1460
01:27:16,700 --> 01:27:17,960
OK.
1461
01:27:17,960 --> 01:27:19,080
Have you got the photo?
1462
01:27:19,080 --> 01:27:19,820 I do.

## 1463

01:27:19,820 --> 01:27:20,480
OK.
1464
01:27:20,480 --> 01:27:23,500
Tell me, Edith, who
is in this photo?
1465
01:27:23,500 --> 01:27:24,030
You can--
1466
01:27:24,030 --> 01:27:32,090

Mother-- my mother, my sister, my father, and me.

## 1467

01:27:32,090 --> 01:27:34,190
And let's take a
look at it again.

## 1468

01:27:34,190 --> 01:27:39,050
And you look like you're about 10 years old in that picture.

1469
01:27:39,050 --> 01:27:41,839
You look young in that picture.
1470
01:27:41,839 --> 01:27:42,339
Thank you.
1471
01:27:42,339 --> 01:27:43,880
You were a young girl, yeah.
1472
01:27:43,880 --> 01:27:45,320
Thank you.
1473
01:27:45,320 --> 01:27:46,580
Thank you.
1474
01:27:46,580 --> 01:27:47,900 OK.

1475
01:27:47,900 --> 01:27:52,040
Cut-- and we are
recording right now.
1476
01:27:52,040 --> 01:27:52,560
OK.
1477
01:27:52,560 --> 01:27:54,800
And who is this a picture of?
1478
01:27:54,800 --> 01:27:56,210
Who is there? Me.

1480
01:27:57,560 --> 01:28:02,420
And it's taken I
believe in 1943?
1481
01:28:02,420 --> 01:28:04,020
1943.

1482
01:28:04,020 --> 01:28:04,910
Yeah.
1483
01:28:04,910 --> 01:28:06,800 I don't know.

1484
01:28:06,800 --> 01:28:11,720
This-- it says Kodak.
1485
01:28:11,720 --> 01:28:14,930
It doesn't say how much.
1486
01:28:14,930 --> 01:28:15,680 OK.

1487
01:28:15,680 --> 01:28:18,500
Let me-- thank you so much.
1488
01:28:18,500 --> 01:28:19,850
Yeah, the date here--
1489
01:28:19,850 --> 01:28:21,050 let's just get the date.

1490
01:28:21,050 --> 01:28:29,860

1491
01:28:29,860 --> 01:28:30,520
OK.
1492

## 1493

01:28:31,310 --> 01:28:31,810 Yeah.

1494
01:28:31,810 --> 01:28:33,040
OK.
1495
01:28:33,040 --> 01:28:39,560
So she's-- this is
in July 19, 1943.
1496
01:28:39,560 --> 01:28:40,060
When--
1497
01:28:40,060 --> 01:28:42,430
Recording-- and any time.
1498
01:28:42,430 --> 01:28:43,360
OK.
1499
01:28:43,360 --> 01:28:45,340
Tell me again who is that.
1500
01:28:45,340 --> 01:28:47,870
Who is this?
1501
01:28:47,870 --> 01:28:48,590 When?

1502
01:28:48,590 --> 01:28:49,490
Who is this?
1503
01:28:49,490 --> 01:28:50,140
Who is it?
1504
01:28:50,140 --> 01:28:51,980
My husband.

## 1505

01:28:51,980 --> 01:28:53,630

Very good looking man.

## 1506

01:28:53,630 --> 01:28:55,700
Thank you.
1507
01:28:55,700 --> 01:28:58,230
Was looking good that time.

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1508
01:28:58,230 --> 01:28:59,120
Yeah.
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1509
01:28:59,120 --> 01:29:04,430
And it says it was taken
in 1948, after the war.
1510
01:29:04,430 --> 01:29:06,960
Thanks, we can cut.
1511
01:29:06,960 --> 01:29:08,144
OK.
1512
01:29:08,144 --> 01:29:10,810
And we're recording.
1513
01:29:10,810 --> 01:29:14,060
And tell me who is
this in that picture.
1514
01:29:14,060 --> 01:29:15,910
My husband and me.
1515
01:29:15,910 --> 01:29:18,760
Ahh, what a nice couple.
1516
01:29:18,760 --> 01:29:20,800
1950.
1517
01:29:20,800 --> 01:29:21,730
Thank you.
1518
01:29:21,730 --> 01:29:23,080

Thank you.

## 1519

01:29:23,080 --> 01:29:23,810
OK.
1520
01:29:23,810 --> 01:29:24,310
Thank you.
1521
01:29:24,310 --> 01:29:25,300
Are you recording?
1522
01:29:25,300 --> 01:29:26,170
OK.
1523
01:29:26,170 --> 01:29:29,950
Tell me-- tell me that's
you and your husband, yes?
1524
01:29:29,950 --> 01:29:30,790
Yes.
1525
01:29:30,790 --> 01:29:33,140
And where were you at this time?
1526
01:29:33, 140 --> 01:29:37,090
We were in the Tatra Mountains.
1527
01:29:37,090 --> 01:29:41,620
And the note on this photograph says it's you and Morris

1528
01:29:41,620 --> 01:29:43,930
in Krynica sanatorium.
1529
01:29:43,930 --> 01:29:47,500
That you're wearing an outfit you stitched together

1530
01:29:47,500 --> 01:29:50,770
from an old military blanket.

That is so unusual.

1532
01:29:52,197 --> 01:29:53,500
Aha.
1533
01:29:53,500 --> 01:29:56,440
Old military blanket.
1534
01:29:56,440 --> 01:29:59,110
This was made.

1535
01:29:59,110 --> 01:30:01,380
Did you make that?
1536
01:30:01,380 --> 01:30:01,880
Yeah.

1537
01:30:01,880 --> 01:30:08,380
No, I did not make it, but somebody made it from it.

1538
01:30:08,380 --> 01:30:09,070
OK.
1539
01:30:09,070 --> 01:30:09,760
Yeah.
1540
01:30:09,760 --> 01:30:11,157
All right, let's cut.
1541
01:30:11,157 --> 01:30:11,990
[HIGH-PITCHED NOISE]

## 1542

01:30:11,990 --> 01:30:12,950
Whoa.
1543
01:30:12,950 --> 01:30:14,240
Whoa.

OK, we're good.

## 1545

01:30:16,430 --> 01:30:17,020
You good.
1546
01:30:17,020 --> 01:30:17,520
Yep.
1547
01:30:17,520 --> 01:30:18,050
Recording.
1548
01:30:18,050 --> 01:30:18,950
OK.
1549
01:30:18,950 --> 01:30:20,360
Who is this?

1550
01:30:20,360 --> 01:30:21,980
He is my husband.
1551
01:30:21,980 --> 01:30:23,840
And where is it taken?
1552
01:30:23,840 --> 01:30:31,280
He was-- you know, this was where he was in the sanatorium.

01:30:31,280 --> 01:30:32,990 Yeah.

1554
01:30:32,990 --> 01:30:35,240
Someone told me-- cut.
1555
01:30:35,240 --> 01:30:36,720
Someone told me that--
1556
01:30:36,720 --> 01:30:40,610
The same picture
but most of them.
1557
01:30:40,610 --> 01:30:41,360

Both of you?
1558
01:30:41,360 --> 01:30:42,440
Both of us.
1559
01:30:42,440 --> 01:30:43,280
Yeah.
1560
01:30:43,280 --> 01:30:47,380
Someone told me you were in the sanatorium for two years.

1561
01:30:47,380 --> 01:30:48,140
Yes.
1562
01:30:48,140 --> 01:30:48,710
Why?
1563
01:30:48,710 --> 01:30:52,200
Why so long?
1564
01:30:52,200 --> 01:30:57,750
We didn't at-- first of all, we did not have where to go.

1565
01:30:57,750 --> 01:30:58,620
OK.
1566
01:30:58,620 --> 01:31:03,570
And then they were nice to us.
1567
01:31:03,570 --> 01:31:04,710
Were you sick?
1568
01:31:04,710 --> 01:31:05,980
Were you sick that long?
1569
01:31:05,980 --> 01:31:07,650
Yeah.
1570
01:31:07,650 --> 01:31:14,790

Yeah, and we were together, and it was nice.

## 1571

01:31:14,790 --> 01:31:20,730
But that time when my
sister in law gave us his--
1572
01:31:20,730 --> 01:31:24,990
her apartment, then we went out.
1573
01:31:24,990 --> 01:31:33,290
With-- otherwise we did not go where to go, what to do.

1574
01:31:33,290 --> 01:31:36,810
I also learned you had tuberculosis after the war?

1575
01:31:36,810 --> 01:31:39,325
Yes, we had tuberculosis.
1576
01:31:39,325 --> 01:31:42,210
Both of us.
1577
01:31:42,210 --> 01:31:45,150
And that was because of the war?
1578
01:31:45,150 --> 01:31:46,805
That was because of
being in Auschwitz?
1579
01:31:46,805 --> 01:31:49,080
Yeah, that's why we stayed.
1580
01:31:49,080 --> 01:31:55,380
And also until we had the tuberculosis,

1581
01:31:55,380 --> 01:31:58,890
we could not go out because we did not
01:32:03,570 --> 01:32:04,830
OK.

1584
01:32:04,830 --> 01:32:10,200
Now this-- if you
could hold this up.
1585
01:32:10,200 --> 01:32:14,850
Oh, this is where I was born.
1586
01:32:14,850 --> 01:32:18,150
This is a synagogue there.
1587
01:32:18,150 --> 01:32:20,160
In Luchin-- in Luchinets?
1588
01:32:20,160 --> 01:32:21,900
Yes.
1589
01:32:21,900 --> 01:32:24,750
[NON-ENGLISH SPEECH] Oh!
1590
01:32:24,750 --> 01:32:26,970
[NON-ENGLISH SPEECH]
1591
01:32:26,970 --> 01:33:56,500

1592
01:33:56,500 --> 01:34:04,126
And this is-- did you send that postcard to your husband?

1593
01:34:04,126 --> 01:34:06,050
This-- Liberec.
1594
01:34:06,050 --> 01:34:06,550
Yeah.

01:34:06,550 --> 01:34:09,790
To the Liberec.

1596
01:34:09,790 --> 01:34:11,380
Who wrote the postcard?
1597
01:34:11,380 --> 01:34:16,370
From Luchinets to Liberec.

1598
01:34:16,370 --> 01:34:17,050
That's right.
1599
01:34:17,050 --> 01:34:19,690
From Luchinets to Liberec and--
1600
01:34:19,690 --> 01:34:20,860
Yeah.
1601
01:34:20,860 --> 01:34:22,750
You just read the postcard.
1602
01:34:22,750 --> 01:34:27,290
Because this is Luchinets and this is Liberec.

1603
01:34:27,290 --> 01:34:27,790
Exactly.
1604
01:34:27,790 --> 01:34:34,050

1605
01:34:34,050 --> 01:34:34,800
You OK.
1606
01:34:34,800 --> 01:34:35,560
Yep.
1607
01:34:35,560 --> 01:34:36,060
OK.
1608
01:34:36,060 --> 01:34:37,393

And then I'm going to switch it.

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1609
01:34:37,393 --> 01:34:39,920
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1610
01:34:39,920 --> 01:34:49,540
In Fil'akova, it's no any more
that I have the synagogue.
1611
01:34:49,540 --> 01:34:53,200
No synagogue there.
1612
01:34:53,200 --> 01:34:55,090
Because now we're
just focusing on it.
1613
01:34:55,090 --> 01:34:59,410
1614
01:34:59,410 --> 01:35:00,940
OK.
1615
01:35:00,940 --> 01:35:05,770
I take this to be a postcard
that you sent to your husband,
1616
01:35:05,770 --> 01:35:11,260
because it's signed Edita,
when you were living in Liberec
1617
01:35:11,260 --> 01:35:13,930
but you must have
visited Luchinets
1618
01:35:13,930 --> 01:35:16,120
and you wrote something
to him and this
1619
01:35:16,120 --> 01:35:20,900
would have been in 1947 or ' 8 .
1620
01:35:20,900 --> 01:35:22,270

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1621
01:35:22,270 --> 01:35:22,960
Thank you.
1622
01:35:22,960 --> 01:35:25,150
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Let's cut.
1623
01:35:25,150 --> 01:35:34,840
In the book, what we
were thanking them
1624
01:35:34,840 --> 01:35:37,570
that they brought us.
1625
01:35:37,570 --> 01:35:39, 150
OK, so this is--
1626
01:35:39,150 --> 01:35:40,810
And over here we are--
1627
01:35:40,810 --> 01:35:43,180
That's you and your husband.
1628
01:35:43,180 --> 01:35:45,040
OK.
1629
01:35:45,040 --> 01:35:46,330
Which one?
1630
01:35:46,330 --> 01:35:47,510
The whole page.
1631
01:35:47,510 --> 01:35:48,010
Yeah?
1632
01:35:48,010 --> 01:35:50,890
OK.
1633
01:35:50,890 --> 01:35:52,375
You can read it.
OK.
1635
01:35:52,875 --> 01:35:57,730

## 1636

01:35:57,730 --> 01:36:00,700
Is there a way that you can
get all three columns, that
1637
01:36:00,700 --> 01:36:02,940
is focus on the first,
the second, and the third
1638
01:36:02,940 --> 01:36:06,250 so that it could be read?

1639
01:36:06,250 --> 01:36:07,630
I could do a pan--
1640
01:36:07,630 --> 01:36:10,205
This is it in Waltham Synagogue.
1641
01:36:10,205 --> 01:36:10,705 Yeah.

1642
01:36:10,705 --> 01:36:11,635
Right one.

## 1643

01:36:11,635 --> 01:36:29,502

1644
01:36:29,502 --> 01:36:30,180
Looks good.
1645
01:36:30,180 --> 01:36:30,680
Good.
1646
01:36:30,680 --> 01:36:31,020
Yeah?

01:36:33,305 --> 01:36:35,000 Now go to the second column.

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1651
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01:36:35,000 --> 01:36:38,496

## 1652

01:36:38,496 --> 01:36:39,662
Hold on.

1653
01:36:39,662 --> 01:36:41,138 That looks good.

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1654
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01:36:41,138 --> 01:37:01,802

1655
01:37:01,802 --> 01:37:03,080
That's the second column.
1656
01:37:03,080 --> 01:37:03,996
Right one.

## 1657

01:37:03,996 --> 01:37:36,340

1658
01:37:36,340 --> 01:37:36,840
OK.
1659
01:37:36,840 --> 01:37:38,775
And I'm going to do the front cover.

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1661
01:37:39,705 --> 01:37:40,635
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There you go.
1662
01:37:40,635 --> 01:37:43,890
1663
01:37:43,890 --> 01:37:48,620
And this is called 120
HIAS Stories, and that's--
1664
01:37:48,620 --> 01:37:51,020
HIAS stands for Hebrew
Immigrant Aid Society.
1665
01:37:51,020 --> 01:37:55,100
1666
01:37:55,100 --> 01:37:55,755
That's good.
1667
01:37:55,755 --> 01:37:57,922
You want a just a wide shot
of her holding the book.
1668
01:37:57,922 --> 01:37:59,658
Yeah.
1669
01:37:59,658 --> 01:38:01,450
We're seeing off the
screen, but that's OK.
1670
01:38:01,450 --> 01:38:01,950
It's OK.
1671
01:38:01,950 --> 01:38:05,710

You want to have her look at the camera?

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1673
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01:38:07,830 --> 01:38:08,330
That's OK.
1674
01:38:08,330 --> 01:38:08,830
No.
1675
01:38:08,830 --> 01:38:10,630 OK.

1676
01:38:10,630 --> 01:38:12,980
Very nice.
1677
01:38:12,980 --> 01:38:13,840
It's great.
1678
01:38:13,840 --> 01:38:14,340
Thank you.
1679
01:38:14,340 --> 01:38:15,070
Cut.
1680
01:38:15,070 --> 01:38:15,590
Cut.
1681
01:38:15,590 --> 01:38:17,110
Edith--

