

1
00:00:00,000 --> 00:00:02,470

2
00:00:02,470 --> 00:00:03,730
Speed.

3
00:00:03,730 --> 00:00:07,540
This is a United States
Holocaust Memorial Museum

4
00:00:07,540 --> 00:00:14,170
interview with Mr. Harold
Schindler on January 18, 2019

5
00:00:14,170 --> 00:00:16,730
in Delray Beach, Florida.

6
00:00:16,730 --> 00:00:19,760
Thank you, Mr.
Schindler for agreeing

7
00:00:19,760 --> 00:00:21,050
to speak with us today--

8
00:00:21,050 --> 00:00:21,620
Thank you.

9
00:00:21,620 --> 00:00:25,730
--to share your story, to
share some of your experiences

10
00:00:25,730 --> 00:00:28,560
during the war and after.

11
00:00:28,560 --> 00:00:31,890
I'm going to start with
the most basic questions,

12
00:00:31,890 --> 00:00:35,050
and from there we'll
develop things.

13
00:00:35,050 --> 00:00:38,340
So my very first
question is, can you

14
00:00:38,340 --> 00:00:41,790
tell me the date of your birth?

15
00:00:41,790 --> 00:00:44,700
March 1, 1936.

16
00:00:44,700 --> 00:00:47,190
March 1, 1936.

17
00:00:47,190 --> 00:00:51,500
And what was your name
when you were born?

18
00:00:51,500 --> 00:00:54,470
They used to call me
Heniek, what is in Polish.

19
00:00:54,470 --> 00:00:57,200
In Hebrew, it's Channoch.

20
00:00:57,200 --> 00:00:58,010
Channoch.

21
00:00:58,010 --> 00:01:04,670
And I'm calling myself now
Harold, because in English you

22
00:01:04,670 --> 00:01:06,860
do not have a "cha."

23
00:01:06,860 --> 00:01:09,500
So they could not
pronounce "Channoch."

24
00:01:09,500 --> 00:01:12,870
They pronounce "Chanoak"
or something like this.

25
00:01:12,870 --> 00:01:15,770
So did you legally change
your name to Harold?

26
00:01:15,770 --> 00:01:16,820
Yes.

27
00:01:16,820 --> 00:01:17,610
OK.

28
00:01:17,610 --> 00:01:19,220
About when was that?

29
00:01:19,220 --> 00:01:22,040
When I became a citizen
of the United States.

30
00:01:22,040 --> 00:01:25,820
And that would have
been what year?

31
00:01:25,820 --> 00:01:28,300
About '71, '72.

32
00:01:28,300 --> 00:01:29,180
OK.

33
00:01:29,180 --> 00:01:31,170
So for the
English-speaking world,

34
00:01:31,170 --> 00:01:33,080
you are Harold Schindler.

35
00:01:33,080 --> 00:01:33,980
Correct.

36
00:01:33,980 --> 00:01:40,310
For a Yiddish-speaking world,
you were Channoch or Heni?

37

00:01:40,310 --> 00:01:41,060

Hainach.

38

00:01:41,060 --> 00:01:42,860

My father used to
call me Hainach.

39

00:01:42,860 --> 00:01:45,300

Hainach Schindler, yes?

40

00:01:45,300 --> 00:01:45,800

Correct.

41

00:01:45,800 --> 00:01:46,910

OK.

42

00:01:46,910 --> 00:01:48,350

Where were you born?

43

00:01:48,350 --> 00:01:51,620

In Zgierz, which
is close to Lodz.

44

00:01:51,620 --> 00:01:54,710

About how far from
Lodz would Zgierz be?

45

00:01:54,710 --> 00:01:59,330

I would say about 5 miles?

46

00:01:59,330 --> 00:02:00,290

OK.

47

00:02:00,290 --> 00:02:01,970

And what was Zgierz?

48

00:02:01,970 --> 00:02:03,500

Was it a town, was it a city?

49

00:02:03,500 --> 00:02:04,400

It's a town.

50
00:02:04,400 --> 00:02:04,910
It's a town.

51
00:02:04,910 --> 00:02:06,590
Was it a large town?

52
00:02:06,590 --> 00:02:10,310
A pretty nice size, yeah.

53
00:02:10,310 --> 00:02:12,650
Do you have memories of Zgierz?

54
00:02:12,650 --> 00:02:16,810
The only memory what
I have from Zgierz

55
00:02:16,810 --> 00:02:22,120
is when one morning
when they knocked

56
00:02:22,120 --> 00:02:26,220
on our window, and they--

57
00:02:26,220 --> 00:02:28,060
somebody who knocked
on the window

58
00:02:28,060 --> 00:02:31,915
said the synagogue was on fire.

59
00:02:31,915 --> 00:02:33,220
Ah.

60
00:02:33,220 --> 00:02:34,480
And you remember hearing that.

61
00:02:34,480 --> 00:02:38,830
I was, I think, about
three or four years old.

62

00:02:38,830 --> 00:02:45,370
What I remember from this is,
when we all run out and see

63
00:02:45,370 --> 00:02:49,940
the building-- the synagogue
was a two-story building--

64
00:02:49,940 --> 00:02:50,440
Wood?

65
00:02:50,440 --> 00:02:53,410

66
00:02:53,410 --> 00:02:54,040
I don't know.

67
00:02:54,040 --> 00:02:56,200
I think it's wood, yes.

68
00:02:56,200 --> 00:03:00,720
And we saw the fire coming
out from the windows.

69
00:03:00,720 --> 00:03:02,080
Ah.

70
00:03:02,080 --> 00:03:05,140
Was Zgierz also a
very Jewish town?

71
00:03:05,140 --> 00:03:06,340
Excuse us for a second.

72
00:03:06,340 --> 00:03:07,740
I'm sorry, one quick second.

73
00:03:07,740 --> 00:03:12,080
I've just got to drop this down.

74
00:03:12,080 --> 00:03:13,970
I'm getting excited

when I'm talking

75

00:03:13,970 --> 00:03:17,450
about it, because I feel
like a [INAUDIBLE],, you know.

76

00:03:17,450 --> 00:03:19,015
Oh, I know.

77

00:03:19,015 --> 00:03:19,870
OK, set.

78

00:03:19,870 --> 00:03:20,370
OK.

79

00:03:20,370 --> 00:03:21,440
Were we still rolling?

80

00:03:21,440 --> 00:03:22,200
Yes.

81

00:03:22,200 --> 00:03:22,700
OK.

82

00:03:22,700 --> 00:03:26,500

83

00:03:26,500 --> 00:03:28,570
We'll talk about these things--

84

00:03:28,570 --> 00:03:31,510
you know, about what did that
mean that the synagogue was

85

00:03:31,510 --> 00:03:33,940
burning, and what time--

86

00:03:33,940 --> 00:03:36,470
you know, what was
going on at the time.

87

00:03:36,470 --> 00:03:41,200
But right now I'd like to
focus more on your family,

88
00:03:41,200 --> 00:03:43,750
because we don't know
about your family.

89
00:03:43,750 --> 00:03:46,690
So tell me, did you have
brothers and sisters?

90
00:03:46,690 --> 00:03:49,600
We were five children.

91
00:03:49,600 --> 00:03:55,630
I had an older sister,
then another sister,

92
00:03:55,630 --> 00:03:58,060
and then the three
brothers, three boys.

93
00:03:58,060 --> 00:03:59,940
I'm the youngest
one in my family.

94
00:03:59,940 --> 00:04:01,080
You're the youngest one.

95
00:04:01,080 --> 00:04:02,320
I'm the baby of the family.

96
00:04:02,320 --> 00:04:03,550
Ah.

97
00:04:03,550 --> 00:04:07,120
So tell me, what were your
siblings' names, starting

98
00:04:07,120 --> 00:04:08,410
from the oldest?

99

00:04:08,410 --> 00:04:09,310

Henye.

100

00:04:09,310 --> 00:04:10,840

Henye was the oldest sister.

101

00:04:10,840 --> 00:04:12,850

Henye is oldest sister.

102

00:04:12,850 --> 00:04:13,750

Linda.

103

00:04:13,750 --> 00:04:15,070

Linda.

104

00:04:15,070 --> 00:04:16,209

Shraga.

105

00:04:16,209 --> 00:04:17,290

Shraga.

106

00:04:17,290 --> 00:04:18,070

Dubi.

107

00:04:18,070 --> 00:04:18,765

Dubi.

108

00:04:18,765 --> 00:04:19,640

And myself, Channoch.

109

00:04:19,640 --> 00:04:20,500

And you.

110

00:04:20,500 --> 00:04:22,320

Now, are these nicknames?

111

00:04:22,320 --> 00:04:22,820

Or--

112

00:04:22,820 --> 00:04:24,310

No, no, no, this
is their name by--

113
00:04:24,310 --> 00:04:25,018
Their real names.

114
00:04:25,018 --> 00:04:31,810
So Henye, Linda, Shraga,
Dubi, and Channoch.

115
00:04:31,810 --> 00:04:32,310
Right.

116
00:04:32,310 --> 00:04:33,490
Heni.

117
00:04:33,490 --> 00:04:36,640
And when was your oldest
sister Henye born?

118
00:04:36,640 --> 00:04:37,210
Do you know?

119
00:04:37,210 --> 00:04:40,330
In 1926.

120
00:04:40,330 --> 00:04:41,350
OK.

121
00:04:41,350 --> 00:04:44,800
So there's a 10-year
difference between the oldest

122
00:04:44,800 --> 00:04:45,850
and the youngest.

123
00:04:45,850 --> 00:04:46,640
Right.

124
00:04:46,640 --> 00:04:47,680
OK.

125

00:04:47,680 --> 00:04:50,200

And do you remember
the dates of birth--

126

00:04:50,200 --> 00:04:54,160

the years that your other
sisters and brothers were born?

127

00:04:54,160 --> 00:04:56,710

Another sister '28.

128

00:04:56,710 --> 00:04:58,790

OK, Linda.

129

00:04:58,790 --> 00:05:08,300

And Shraga, my oldest
brother, is 1932.

130

00:05:08,300 --> 00:05:11,070

Dubi, '34, and I'm '36.

131

00:05:11,070 --> 00:05:11,570

OK.

132

00:05:11,570 --> 00:05:13,090

So every two years.

133

00:05:13,090 --> 00:05:13,590

Pardon me?

134

00:05:13,590 --> 00:05:14,440

Every two years.

135

00:05:14,440 --> 00:05:15,060

Correct.

136

00:05:15,060 --> 00:05:17,210

Yeah.

137

00:05:17,210 --> 00:05:20,060

Let's talk about your

mother and your father.

138
00:05:20,060 --> 00:05:23,390
What was your
mother's first name?

139
00:05:23,390 --> 00:05:24,100
Gila

140
00:05:24,100 --> 00:05:25,745
Gila.

141
00:05:25,745 --> 00:05:28,670
And my father used
to call her Giela.

142
00:05:28,670 --> 00:05:29,920
But this is Gila.

143
00:05:29,920 --> 00:05:30,770
Gila.

144
00:05:30,770 --> 00:05:34,415
And what was her maiden name?

145
00:05:34,415 --> 00:05:35,780
I don't remember.

146
00:05:35,780 --> 00:05:37,850
That's OK.

147
00:05:37,850 --> 00:05:39,090
I know what--

148
00:05:39,090 --> 00:05:42,710
I have some-- it's somewhere
written, but I don't remember.

149
00:05:42,710 --> 00:05:45,570
And your father's first name?

150

00:05:45,570 --> 00:05:46,710
Jonah.

151
00:05:46,710 --> 00:05:47,250
Jonah.

152
00:05:47,250 --> 00:05:47,750
Right.

153
00:05:47,750 --> 00:05:51,060
Jonah Schindler-- Jonah
and Gila Schindler.

154
00:05:51,060 --> 00:05:51,840
Correct.

155
00:05:51,840 --> 00:05:53,690
All right.

156
00:05:53,690 --> 00:05:57,170
In Zgierz, were there
many Jews in the town?

157
00:05:57,170 --> 00:05:58,700
Yes.

158
00:05:58,700 --> 00:06:01,698
About how large a
community was it?

159
00:06:01,698 --> 00:06:02,240
I don't know.

160
00:06:02,240 --> 00:06:05,780
Like I said, it was
pretty nice community.

161
00:06:05,780 --> 00:06:12,612
But like, I left Poland, I
was, I think, four years old.

162
00:06:12,612 --> 00:06:13,820

So you wouldn't know it was--

163
00:06:13,820 --> 00:06:14,380
OK.

164
00:06:14,380 --> 00:06:16,040
That's OK.

165
00:06:16,040 --> 00:06:18,560
How did your father
make a living?

166
00:06:18,560 --> 00:06:20,656
He was a shoemaker.

167
00:06:20,656 --> 00:06:22,420
Aha.

168
00:06:22,420 --> 00:06:25,790
And did he have his own shop?

169
00:06:25,790 --> 00:06:27,110
Yes.

170
00:06:27,110 --> 00:06:30,830
And he made custom made shoes?

171
00:06:30,830 --> 00:06:33,230
At that time, only
makers make shoes.

172
00:06:33,230 --> 00:06:36,740
We did not have
factories like this.

173
00:06:36,740 --> 00:06:43,580
So did he have any
help in his shop?

174
00:06:43,580 --> 00:06:44,080
No.

175

00:06:44,080 --> 00:06:45,190

It was all his own.

176

00:06:45,190 --> 00:06:47,550

All his own.

177

00:06:47,550 --> 00:06:54,450

And your parents, had
they been born in Zgierz?

178

00:06:54,450 --> 00:06:56,700

My mother yes.

179

00:06:56,700 --> 00:06:59,490

And my father was
not far from Zgierz.

180

00:06:59,490 --> 00:07:02,180

181

00:07:02,180 --> 00:07:03,650

I know the name,
but I don't know--

182

00:07:03,650 --> 00:07:05,070

it is very close to Zgierz.

183

00:07:05,070 --> 00:07:05,570

OK.

184

00:07:05,570 --> 00:07:06,560

So it's close by.

185

00:07:06,560 --> 00:07:07,760

It might come to you.

186

00:07:07,760 --> 00:07:09,920

It might come to you.

187

00:07:09,920 --> 00:07:11,920

How did they meet?

188
00:07:11,920 --> 00:07:13,130
Do you know?

189
00:07:13,130 --> 00:07:14,330
Matchmaker.

190
00:07:14,330 --> 00:07:16,670
So it was an arranged marriage.

191
00:07:16,670 --> 00:07:18,920
At that time-- you
know, you're talking--

192
00:07:18,920 --> 00:07:21,740

193
00:07:21,740 --> 00:07:23,240
We're talking a
hundred years ago.

194
00:07:23,240 --> 00:07:24,300
That's right.

195
00:07:24,300 --> 00:07:25,310
Yeah.

196
00:07:25,310 --> 00:07:29,570
So were both families
very religious--

197
00:07:29,570 --> 00:07:31,340
your mother's family
and your father's?

198
00:07:31,340 --> 00:07:34,580
My mother was very religious.

199
00:07:34,580 --> 00:07:36,570
My father was also, but not--

200

00:07:36,570 --> 00:07:37,580
Not that much.

201
00:07:37,580 --> 00:07:38,620
Right.

202
00:07:38,620 --> 00:07:41,900
Did they both have lots
of brothers and sisters?

203
00:07:41,900 --> 00:07:47,050
My father had one
brother and two sisters.

204
00:07:47,050 --> 00:07:48,130
Did you know them?

205
00:07:48,130 --> 00:07:48,660
No.

206
00:07:48,660 --> 00:07:49,660
Do you know their names?

207
00:07:49,660 --> 00:07:53,230

208
00:07:53,230 --> 00:07:58,500
My uncle, my father's
brother, Zalman.

209
00:07:58,500 --> 00:07:59,200
Zalman.

210
00:07:59,200 --> 00:08:00,810
The sisters I don't remember.

211
00:08:00,810 --> 00:08:02,190
OK.

212
00:08:02,190 --> 00:08:05,170
And on your mother's side?

213

00:08:05,170 --> 00:08:08,410

She's, I think, the only child.

214

00:08:08,410 --> 00:08:08,980

Really?

215

00:08:08,980 --> 00:08:09,480

Yeah.

216

00:08:09,480 --> 00:08:13,270

That's unusual for those days.

217

00:08:13,270 --> 00:08:18,872

Well, when I was born, I
did not have no grandfather

218

00:08:18,872 --> 00:08:20,260

or grandmother.

219

00:08:20,260 --> 00:08:21,520

On either side?

220

00:08:21,520 --> 00:08:22,690

On either side.

221

00:08:22,690 --> 00:08:25,270

So they had already passed away?

222

00:08:25,270 --> 00:08:27,380

Correct.

223

00:08:27,380 --> 00:08:34,970

What my father told me, that his
father died when my father was

224

00:08:34,970 --> 00:08:37,590

about 12 or 14 years old.

225

00:08:37,590 --> 00:08:38,299

OK.

226

00:08:38,299 --> 00:08:42,698

So he was still just
reaching teenage-hood.

227

00:08:42,698 --> 00:08:44,990

He was still in many ways a
child when his father died.

228

00:08:44,990 --> 00:08:46,310

He was a child, correct.

229

00:08:46,310 --> 00:08:47,810

Yeah.

230

00:08:47,810 --> 00:08:51,950

And on your mother's side,
when did her parents die?

231

00:08:51,950 --> 00:08:53,690

I don't know when.

232

00:08:53,690 --> 00:09:00,140

Because my name is after
my mother's father.

233

00:09:00,140 --> 00:09:05,480

Even when my older brother, he
did not have any grandparents

234

00:09:05,480 --> 00:09:08,510

at all, like me.

235

00:09:08,510 --> 00:09:10,223

They died very young.

236

00:09:10,223 --> 00:09:12,340

OK.

237

00:09:12,340 --> 00:09:16,690

And do you know anything about
your parents' early years

238

00:09:16,690 --> 00:09:17,950
and their childhoods?

239

00:09:17,950 --> 00:09:22,210
Did they tell you any stories
of what their experiences were

240

00:09:22,210 --> 00:09:23,390
growing up?

241

00:09:23,390 --> 00:09:26,140
Well, like I said,
my father was,

242

00:09:26,140 --> 00:09:28,990
I think, between 12 and 14.

243

00:09:28,990 --> 00:09:33,020
He had to go out right away
to work to help my mother--

244

00:09:33,020 --> 00:09:35,575
to help-- yeah, my mother.

245

00:09:35,575 --> 00:09:36,700
Your grandmother, you mean?

246

00:09:36,700 --> 00:09:40,090

247

00:09:40,090 --> 00:09:43,640
Yeah, my-- no.

248

00:09:43,640 --> 00:09:46,520
If his father died when
he was 14 years old--

249

00:09:46,520 --> 00:09:47,060
Yeah.

250

00:09:47,060 --> 00:09:48,900

Yeah, to his mother, correct.

251

00:09:48,900 --> 00:09:49,540

To his mother.

252

00:09:49,540 --> 00:09:50,930

He had to help his mother.

253

00:09:50,930 --> 00:09:51,800

Right.

254

00:09:51,800 --> 00:09:54,680

Had he been an oldest
son, or was he--

255

00:09:54,680 --> 00:09:56,120

He's the oldest one.

256

00:09:56,120 --> 00:09:57,800

He was the oldest one.

257

00:09:57,800 --> 00:09:59,150

OK.

258

00:09:59,150 --> 00:10:06,780

And did you know--

259

00:10:06,780 --> 00:10:11,850

so you didn't know either
grandparents nor aunts, uncles

260

00:10:11,850 --> 00:10:13,800

from your father's side?

261

00:10:13,800 --> 00:10:14,630

No.

262

00:10:14,630 --> 00:10:15,480

OK.

263

00:10:15,480 --> 00:10:16,890

OK.

264

00:10:16,890 --> 00:10:21,120

And had his father been
a shoemaker as well?

265

00:10:21,120 --> 00:10:22,860

I guess so.

266

00:10:22,860 --> 00:10:24,390

Yes, I guess so.

267

00:10:24,390 --> 00:10:25,690

You don't really know for sure.

268

00:10:25,690 --> 00:10:27,500

I'm not so sure,
but I think so, yes.

269

00:10:27,500 --> 00:10:28,000

OK.

270

00:10:28,000 --> 00:10:30,910

271

00:10:30,910 --> 00:10:34,810

Would you say that your family
was well-off or not well-off?

272

00:10:34,810 --> 00:10:37,300

No-- well, it was--

273

00:10:37,300 --> 00:10:41,740

they were not really poor,
but not really wealthy.

274

00:10:41,740 --> 00:10:47,350

Because what I remember,
every summer my father

275

00:10:47,350 --> 00:10:52,990

used to rent in the mountains a

place for, I know, a few weeks.

276

00:10:52,990 --> 00:10:54,886

And we always used to go there.

277

00:10:54,886 --> 00:10:55,740

Mm-hmm.

278

00:10:55,740 --> 00:10:58,750

Well, that's-- that means that
there was enough money to do

279

00:10:58,750 --> 00:10:59,420

that.

280

00:10:59,420 --> 00:11:01,940

Well, he worked-- he
was a hard worker.

281

00:11:01,940 --> 00:11:02,860

Yeah.

282

00:11:02,860 --> 00:11:04,630

Do you-- even though
you were little,

283

00:11:04,630 --> 00:11:07,780

do you remember seeing
him in his shop?

284

00:11:07,780 --> 00:11:09,520

Well, he worked from home.

285

00:11:09,520 --> 00:11:11,080

He did not have a shop.

286

00:11:11,080 --> 00:11:13,060

He worked from home.

287

00:11:13,060 --> 00:11:15,280

And no, I don't remember.

288

00:11:15,280 --> 00:11:16,420

OK.

289

00:11:16,420 --> 00:11:20,650

So people would come to your home in order to get shoes.

290

00:11:20,650 --> 00:11:21,350

Right.

291

00:11:21,350 --> 00:11:23,470

Repair, new ones, everything.

292

00:11:23,470 --> 00:11:27,040

And do you remember any of that, of people coming to your home?

293

00:11:27,040 --> 00:11:29,020

No, nah.

294

00:11:29,020 --> 00:11:33,397

Do you remember anything of what your house looked like?

295

00:11:33,397 --> 00:11:34,864

No.

296

00:11:34,864 --> 00:11:35,831

OK.

297

00:11:35,831 --> 00:11:36,331

No.

298

00:11:36,331 --> 00:11:37,310

OK.

299

00:11:37,310 --> 00:11:41,888

So most, aside from that image of the synagogue burning--

300

00:11:41,888 --> 00:11:43,680

Right, synagogue, I
don't remember nothing.

301
00:11:43,680 --> 00:11:44,900
You don't remember anything.

302
00:11:44,900 --> 00:11:45,170
Right.

303
00:11:45,170 --> 00:11:47,840
So it would be everything that
somebody would have told you.

304
00:11:47,840 --> 00:11:49,490
What my father used to tell me.

305
00:11:49,490 --> 00:11:50,970
Was he a storyteller?

306
00:11:50,970 --> 00:11:51,470
Pardon me?

307
00:11:51,470 --> 00:11:54,020
Was he somebody who
told stories, that he--

308
00:11:54,020 --> 00:11:59,560
was he someone who shared
his stories, his experiences?

309
00:11:59,560 --> 00:12:00,530
Only my father.

310
00:12:00,530 --> 00:12:01,430
Only your father.

311
00:12:01,430 --> 00:12:02,120
Right.

312
00:12:02,120 --> 00:12:05,710
Your mother did not?

313
00:12:05,710 --> 00:12:06,210
Yeah.

314
00:12:06,210 --> 00:12:08,610
I lost my-- [CLEARS THROAT]

315
00:12:08,610 --> 00:12:10,020

316
00:12:10,020 --> 00:12:10,740
It's OK.

317
00:12:10,740 --> 00:12:14,230
We can cut for a second.

318
00:12:14,230 --> 00:12:17,490
I lost my mother, I
was five years old.

319
00:12:17,490 --> 00:12:19,860
We will have to film that.

320
00:12:19,860 --> 00:12:22,400
We will have to film
that, but here is--

321
00:12:22,400 --> 00:12:23,400
here you go.

322
00:12:23,400 --> 00:12:25,250
It's OK, it's OK.

323
00:12:25,250 --> 00:12:26,070
For right now.

324
00:12:26,070 --> 00:12:29,910

325
00:12:29,910 --> 00:12:31,260
Let's start again.

326
00:12:31,260 --> 00:12:32,130
Continue.

327
00:12:32,130 --> 00:12:33,510
I will ask, and we'll move on.

328
00:12:33,510 --> 00:12:37,980

329
00:12:37,980 --> 00:12:38,750
Are we filming?

330
00:12:38,750 --> 00:12:39,250
Mm-hmm.

331
00:12:39,250 --> 00:12:40,720
OK.

332
00:12:40,720 --> 00:12:43,380
So we paused for a
moment, because I

333
00:12:43,380 --> 00:12:45,240
asked about these things.

334
00:12:45,240 --> 00:12:51,970
And why is it that your
mother never told you stories?

335
00:12:51,970 --> 00:12:54,900
Because like I said,
I was five years old.

336
00:12:54,900 --> 00:12:57,450
She died in Siberia in Russia.

337
00:12:57,450 --> 00:12:58,860
Ah.

338
00:12:58,860 --> 00:12:59,640
OK.

339
00:12:59,640 --> 00:13:02,870
So you hardly knew her.

340
00:13:02,870 --> 00:13:04,250
Correct.

341
00:13:04,250 --> 00:13:13,010
Because we never-- my father
went after the war in Moskva.

342
00:13:13,010 --> 00:13:16,460
And somebody stole
everything, all the pictures

343
00:13:16,460 --> 00:13:17,990
and everything.

344
00:13:17,990 --> 00:13:26,200
After the war, we met
somebody from our town,

345
00:13:26,200 --> 00:13:28,400
and they had a
picture of my mother.

346
00:13:28,400 --> 00:13:29,200
Oh, my goodness.

347
00:13:29,200 --> 00:13:32,230
And that's why I
still have a picture.

348
00:13:32,230 --> 00:13:34,840
And then we made the
picture together,

349
00:13:34,840 --> 00:13:36,340
my father and my mother.

350
00:13:36,340 --> 00:13:37,165
From that picture.

351
00:13:37,165 --> 00:13:41,857

352
00:13:41,857 --> 00:13:42,843
Thank you.

353
00:13:42,843 --> 00:13:48,770

354
00:13:48,770 --> 00:13:52,980
Do you remember leaving Zgierz?

355
00:13:52,980 --> 00:13:54,680
Yes.

356
00:13:54,680 --> 00:13:59,330
Tell me, from your child's
eyes, what happened?

357
00:13:59,330 --> 00:14:01,520
When you-- as a
child, what do you

358
00:14:01,520 --> 00:14:05,690
remember happening
when you left Zgierz?

359
00:14:05,690 --> 00:14:06,890
OK.

360
00:14:06,890 --> 00:14:11,510
I have to go back
about my father.

361
00:14:11,510 --> 00:14:12,890
Then tell us about that.

362
00:14:12,890 --> 00:14:16,090

363

00:14:16,090 --> 00:14:22,680
When the war broke out,
all the people from Zgierz

364
00:14:22,680 --> 00:14:29,990
went to the mayor of the town
and said that we want to fight.

365
00:14:29,990 --> 00:14:34,970
And so the mayor said
there's nothing to do.

366
00:14:34,970 --> 00:14:38,930
The only thing what you
can do, go to Warschau

367
00:14:38,930 --> 00:14:42,320
and over there they
will give you uniforms,

368
00:14:42,320 --> 00:14:46,520
because the Germans did not
invade Warschau at the time.

369
00:14:46,520 --> 00:14:50,870
And they will give you a weapon.

370
00:14:50,870 --> 00:14:58,120
So my father and the rest of
the people went to Warschau.

371
00:14:58,120 --> 00:15:00,940
But it was already too late.

372
00:15:00,940 --> 00:15:02,140
Germany already invaded.

373
00:15:02,140 --> 00:15:06,790
The only thing what I know
is they went in a bunker,

374
00:15:06,790 --> 00:15:11,320
because the Germany had

still bombed Warschau.

375

00:15:11,320 --> 00:15:17,070

After this, when they invaded
Warsaw, they took all the--

376

00:15:17,070 --> 00:15:20,190

they released all
the Polish citizens.

377

00:15:20,190 --> 00:15:25,560

But the Jewish people,
they marched them back

378

00:15:25,560 --> 00:15:29,520

from the town where they came.

379

00:15:29,520 --> 00:15:35,330

Now, the Jewish people,
they went by foot.

380

00:15:35,330 --> 00:15:41,630

The Germans eventually went
on motorcycles or on vehicles.

381

00:15:41,630 --> 00:15:48,020

And anybody who did not go
as not fast, they hit them.

382

00:15:48,020 --> 00:15:51,610

At the time, it was not
so bad with the Germans

383

00:15:51,610 --> 00:15:53,700

that right away they shoot.

384

00:15:53,700 --> 00:16:00,630

So after a few weeks, OK,
they came back to the town.

385

00:16:00,630 --> 00:16:04,550

My father also came
back to Zgierz to see--

386
00:16:04,550 --> 00:16:05,830
to the family.

387
00:16:05,830 --> 00:16:06,470
I see.

388
00:16:06,470 --> 00:16:07,460
OK.

389
00:16:07,460 --> 00:16:21,390
And then my father and about
another 40 or so Jewish men

390
00:16:21,390 --> 00:16:27,570
left Zgierz, because they want
to see how to save themselves

391
00:16:27,570 --> 00:16:29,260
and, you know.

392
00:16:29,260 --> 00:16:32,120
And they got to Bialystok.

393
00:16:32,120 --> 00:16:35,230
OK, that's in Eastern Poland.

394
00:16:35,230 --> 00:16:41,350
Bialystok was already
under the Russian control.

395
00:16:41,350 --> 00:16:42,690
OK.

396
00:16:42,690 --> 00:16:45,240
Was Zgierz under Russian
or under German--

397
00:16:45,240 --> 00:16:46,115
No, German.

398

00:16:46,115 --> 00:16:46,740
German control.

399
00:16:46,740 --> 00:16:48,660
Right.

400
00:16:48,660 --> 00:16:53,090
They came to Bialystok.

401
00:16:53,090 --> 00:16:58,430
And they went-- it was night.

402
00:16:58,430 --> 00:17:01,250
They went to eat
something, you know.

403
00:17:01,250 --> 00:17:08,040
Next morning my father said,
I'm going back to Zgierz.

404
00:17:08,040 --> 00:17:10,650
The guys, all is
friends said, what for?

405
00:17:10,650 --> 00:17:16,030
He said, well, I have
a wife, five kids.

406
00:17:16,030 --> 00:17:17,980
They said, so what?

407
00:17:17,980 --> 00:17:19,390
You left over there.

408
00:17:19,390 --> 00:17:21,670
You saw like is hell.

409
00:17:21,670 --> 00:17:27,500
You're going back for
your wife and the kids?

410
00:17:27,500 --> 00:17:30,620

He said, without the wife
and kids, what is life?

411
00:17:30,620 --> 00:17:34,250
They said we have over here
a bunch of women and this.

412
00:17:34,250 --> 00:17:38,560
My father said, no,
I have to go back.

413
00:17:38,560 --> 00:17:40,935
So here he start to go back.

414
00:17:40,935 --> 00:17:44,030

415
00:17:44,030 --> 00:17:51,830
And at that time, Jews could not
be outside from 10:00 to 5:00.

416
00:17:51,830 --> 00:17:54,470
So this is a curfew.

417
00:17:54,470 --> 00:17:55,200
Correct.

418
00:17:55,200 --> 00:17:57,650
And this was in the Russian
part or in the German part?

419
00:17:57,650 --> 00:17:58,730
German.

420
00:17:58,730 --> 00:18:01,042
He went back to Zgierz.

421
00:18:01,042 --> 00:18:02,000
He went back to Zgierz.

422
00:18:02,000 --> 00:18:03,770
Back to Zgierz, all right.

423
00:18:03,770 --> 00:18:06,790
For the family.

424
00:18:06,790 --> 00:18:12,330
He got stopped by a German
patrol what was over there, now

425
00:18:12,330 --> 00:18:17,110
that they had quite a
few troops with them.

426
00:18:17,110 --> 00:18:20,440
And they took him--

427
00:18:20,440 --> 00:18:21,220
They arrested him.

428
00:18:21,220 --> 00:18:22,840
Right.

429
00:18:22,840 --> 00:18:28,270
So the way-- he knew that
if he is going with them,

430
00:18:28,270 --> 00:18:30,390
he's finished.

431
00:18:30,390 --> 00:18:32,880
So he had an idea what to do.

432
00:18:32,880 --> 00:18:36,660
They went-- when they
passed like a forest,

433
00:18:36,660 --> 00:18:41,430
he made himself like he
wanted to tie his shoes.

434
00:18:41,430 --> 00:18:43,290
The patrol went through,
and he jumped away.

435
00:18:43,290 --> 00:18:45,820

436
00:18:45,820 --> 00:18:46,450
OK.

437
00:18:46,450 --> 00:18:46,945
So he ran away.

438
00:18:46,945 --> 00:18:47,695
Between the trees.

439
00:18:47,695 --> 00:18:49,000
He ran away.

440
00:18:49,000 --> 00:18:55,260
Somehow, he managed
to come home.

441
00:18:55,260 --> 00:18:56,880
It was at night.

442
00:18:56,880 --> 00:18:58,438
Do you remember any of that?

443
00:18:58,438 --> 00:18:59,730
This is what my father told me.

444
00:18:59,730 --> 00:19:02,340
This is what my father tells me.

445
00:19:02,340 --> 00:19:06,270
What is not over here
is already-- you know.

446
00:19:06,270 --> 00:19:10,700
When he came home, he
knocked on the door.

447
00:19:10,700 --> 00:19:15,860

My mother opened the door, and
she said, where have you been?

448
00:19:15,860 --> 00:19:19,310
And he said, I was in Bialystok

449
00:19:19,310 --> 00:19:22,610
So why you come back?

450
00:19:22,610 --> 00:19:25,700
He said, well, if not
you, what is life?

451
00:19:25,700 --> 00:19:27,210
Oh.

452
00:19:27,210 --> 00:19:30,050
She-- [SCOFFS] so
she said, what?

453
00:19:30,050 --> 00:19:31,130
I'm a queen?

454
00:19:31,130 --> 00:19:34,010
I have star on my head?

455
00:19:34,010 --> 00:19:35,210
You coming back for me?

456
00:19:35,210 --> 00:19:38,890
You already out over here.

457
00:19:38,890 --> 00:19:40,540
You know.

458
00:19:40,540 --> 00:19:42,430
He said, hey, that--

459
00:19:42,430 --> 00:19:45,880
you know, I'm coming back
for you and the kids.

460

00:19:45,880 --> 00:19:50,520

This is my family,
this is my life.

461

00:19:50,520 --> 00:19:54,150

Next morning, eventually, we
were all very happy and et

462

00:19:54,150 --> 00:19:55,860

cetera.

463

00:19:55,860 --> 00:20:00,470

And next morning, all
the women come in who

464

00:20:00,470 --> 00:20:02,870

heard that my father's there.

465

00:20:02,870 --> 00:20:07,970

And they want to know what is
happening to their husbands.

466

00:20:07,970 --> 00:20:10,070

Well, he said, they're
still over there.

467

00:20:10,070 --> 00:20:17,070

Meantime, a patrol came by and
saw so many people over there.

468

00:20:17,070 --> 00:20:19,520

They came in and said,
what's going on over here?

469

00:20:19,520 --> 00:20:22,280

470

00:20:22,280 --> 00:20:27,680

My father said, well, the
women have left their shoes.

471

00:20:27,680 --> 00:20:28,400

I'm a shoemaker.

472
00:20:28,400 --> 00:20:32,880
And they left this, and
they come to pick it up.

473
00:20:32,880 --> 00:20:33,870
Come with us.

474
00:20:33,870 --> 00:20:37,460
They arrested him eventually.

475
00:20:37,460 --> 00:20:42,410
They took him in a
school, a big school,

476
00:20:42,410 --> 00:20:49,230
where the German army made
over there their headquarters.

477
00:20:49,230 --> 00:20:51,630
He worked the whole
day, both-- my father

478
00:20:51,630 --> 00:20:54,500
was very strong, strong man.

479
00:20:54,500 --> 00:20:56,780
He worked very hard.

480
00:20:56,780 --> 00:20:59,320
And thought, [INAUDIBLE]
thought to himself, how

481
00:20:59,320 --> 00:21:02,910
will I escape from here?

482
00:21:02,910 --> 00:21:07,890
So he went-- after
he finished the work,

483
00:21:07,890 --> 00:21:10,020

he told the guard--
you know, the guard

484
00:21:10,020 --> 00:21:14,040
was over here watching
everything what he is doing.

485
00:21:14,040 --> 00:21:18,660
And he told him the story--
you know, he made up a story.

486
00:21:18,660 --> 00:21:21,630
My father made up a story.

487
00:21:21,630 --> 00:21:25,080
He said to him, my wife is sick.

488
00:21:25,080 --> 00:21:26,230
I have five kids.

489
00:21:26,230 --> 00:21:28,950
I need to take
her to a hospital.

490
00:21:28,950 --> 00:21:31,530
He said-- he was a nice person.

491
00:21:31,530 --> 00:21:33,000
He said, I cannot do nothing.

492
00:21:33,000 --> 00:21:34,460
I'm a private.

493
00:21:34,460 --> 00:21:40,094
I'll take you to the officer.

494
00:21:40,094 --> 00:21:41,930
He said OK.

495
00:21:41,930 --> 00:21:48,480
My father, he went with
the guard to the officer.

496

00:21:48,480 --> 00:21:51,720

I know he was a general
or something, you know.

497

00:21:51,720 --> 00:21:56,250

And he told the story,
that his wife is sick,

498

00:21:56,250 --> 00:21:58,000

and he got five kids.

499

00:21:58,000 --> 00:22:01,110

I would like take
them to hospital--

500

00:22:01,110 --> 00:22:04,030

to take her to the hospital.

501

00:22:04,030 --> 00:22:07,620

So the German officer
looked at him and said,

502

00:22:07,620 --> 00:22:10,330

how long do you need?

503

00:22:10,330 --> 00:22:14,140

My father did not
want to answer.

504

00:22:14,140 --> 00:22:17,700

He said, how about if
I give you three days?

505

00:22:17,700 --> 00:22:20,780

Oh, yeah, thank you.

506

00:22:20,780 --> 00:22:24,810

I believe-- maybe
it's not quite--

507

00:22:24,810 --> 00:22:27,840

that he knew that my
father wants to escape.

508
00:22:27,840 --> 00:22:28,530
I think so.

509
00:22:28,530 --> 00:22:29,250
I don't know.

510
00:22:29,250 --> 00:22:31,608
Maybe.

511
00:22:31,608 --> 00:22:32,900
He said, I give you three days.

512
00:22:32,900 --> 00:22:36,170
So he gave a pass.

513
00:22:36,170 --> 00:22:40,220
This man worked for the
high command German army.

514
00:22:40,220 --> 00:22:41,840
Nobody can stop him.

515
00:22:41,840 --> 00:22:43,460
Nobody can bother him.

516
00:22:43,460 --> 00:22:46,750

517
00:22:46,750 --> 00:22:51,500
He's on leave and so-and-so.

518
00:22:51,500 --> 00:22:57,120
So next morning, he took
everything, all kind of bags,

519
00:22:57,120 --> 00:23:02,730
so, you know, and put
everything inside.

520

00:23:02,730 --> 00:23:12,270

And he hired a person
with a horse and a buggy.

521

00:23:12,270 --> 00:23:15,540

He left-- he put
everything over there.

522

00:23:15,540 --> 00:23:17,890

And "everything"
meaning your home--

523

00:23:17,890 --> 00:23:19,200

your items from your home?

524

00:23:19,200 --> 00:23:20,910

Everything from home, right.

525

00:23:20,910 --> 00:23:25,720

All the clothes, all the
blankets, everything.

526

00:23:25,720 --> 00:23:28,000

And we went.

527

00:23:28,000 --> 00:23:35,890

On the way, the owner of
the house and the baggy,

528

00:23:35,890 --> 00:23:43,030

he was not a very nice man,
because we went to a forest,

529

00:23:43,030 --> 00:23:48,040

bandits came and beat up
my father and my cousin--

530

00:23:48,040 --> 00:23:50,290

so my father took
his cousin, too--

531

00:23:50,290 --> 00:23:53,770

532

00:23:53,770 --> 00:23:58,870
and took everything
what we had, you know.

533

00:23:58,870 --> 00:24:00,550
And they left.

534

00:24:00,550 --> 00:24:02,320
But they did not touch us.

535

00:24:02,320 --> 00:24:04,620
They didn't-- you know.

536

00:24:04,620 --> 00:24:06,660
And we went.

537

00:24:06,660 --> 00:24:13,190
We came to the border
between German and Bialystok.

538

00:24:13,190 --> 00:24:17,210
So here I have a few questions.

539

00:24:17,210 --> 00:24:21,070
You say that the driver of the
buggy was not a very nice man.

540

00:24:21,070 --> 00:24:22,000
Correct.

541

00:24:22,000 --> 00:24:25,080
And why do you say that?

542

00:24:25,080 --> 00:24:29,180
Because the bandits
were his friends.

543

00:24:29,180 --> 00:24:30,060
Ah.

544

00:24:30,060 --> 00:24:31,770

So he told them.

545

00:24:31,770 --> 00:24:35,460

He told them that
he has this family,

546

00:24:35,460 --> 00:24:40,200

and that this is a
good and easy mark.

547

00:24:40,200 --> 00:24:40,850

Right.

548

00:24:40,850 --> 00:24:42,240

OK.

549

00:24:42,240 --> 00:24:45,990

And do you remember
that happening?

550

00:24:45,990 --> 00:24:47,835

A little bit, I do remember.

551

00:24:47,835 --> 00:24:49,110

Right.

552

00:24:49,110 --> 00:24:52,170

What do you remember
in your mind's eye

553

00:24:52,170 --> 00:24:54,300

of what was going on?

554

00:24:54,300 --> 00:24:57,760

Well, they attacked us.

555

00:24:57,760 --> 00:25:01,100

And I know they
did not touch us.

556

00:25:01,100 --> 00:25:07,870
But they beat up my
father and the cousin.

557
00:25:07,870 --> 00:25:10,540
And how old was the cousin?

558
00:25:10,540 --> 00:25:12,340
Was the cousin an adult?

559
00:25:12,340 --> 00:25:13,626
Yeah.

560
00:25:13,626 --> 00:25:15,360
OK.

561
00:25:15,360 --> 00:25:17,580
And what was his name?

562
00:25:17,580 --> 00:25:18,480
Isaac.

563
00:25:18,480 --> 00:25:19,560
Isaac.

564
00:25:19,560 --> 00:25:21,270
And his last name?

565
00:25:21,270 --> 00:25:22,650
Goldberg.

566
00:25:22,650 --> 00:25:23,640
Isaac Goldberg.

567
00:25:23,640 --> 00:25:24,330
Right.

568
00:25:24,330 --> 00:25:27,510
He was related to my mother.

569
00:25:27,510 --> 00:25:32,770

My mother's-- my grandmother--

570

00:25:32,770 --> 00:25:38,080

if I'm mistaken, his
grandmother were sisters.

571

00:25:38,080 --> 00:25:42,020

And his mother died.

572

00:25:42,020 --> 00:25:44,750

So your mother's
mother, your grandmother

573

00:25:44,750 --> 00:25:48,140

that you didn't
know, was his aunt.

574

00:25:48,140 --> 00:25:49,090

Right.

575

00:25:49,090 --> 00:25:49,900

OK.

576

00:25:49,900 --> 00:25:50,900

OK.

577

00:25:50,900 --> 00:25:53,180

So she did have some family.

578

00:25:53,180 --> 00:26:02,030

My mother has a cousin,
but not sister or brother.

579

00:26:02,030 --> 00:26:02,530

OK.

580

00:26:02,530 --> 00:26:09,110

581

00:26:09,110 --> 00:26:11,700

So you have a memory.

582

00:26:11,700 --> 00:26:14,250

Did you see them
beat up your father?

583

00:26:14,250 --> 00:26:15,840

Yes.

584

00:26:15,840 --> 00:26:20,647

With a bayonet, like--

585

00:26:20,647 --> 00:26:21,480

I don't know, what--

586

00:26:21,480 --> 00:26:22,140

bayonet.

587

00:26:22,140 --> 00:26:25,680

It is like a big
knife, you know.

588

00:26:25,680 --> 00:26:31,050

And-- not sharp end,
this hit on their head.

589

00:26:31,050 --> 00:26:32,960

Well, that's still
pretty frightening.

590

00:26:32,960 --> 00:26:35,370

Well, there's a
lot of times what

591

00:26:35,370 --> 00:26:36,940

I want through is frightening.

592

00:26:36,940 --> 00:26:38,020

Yeah.

593

00:26:38,020 --> 00:26:38,680

Yeah.

594

00:26:38,680 --> 00:26:39,180
Yeah.

595
00:26:39,180 --> 00:26:41,970

596
00:26:41,970 --> 00:26:45,090
And what-- do you
remember whether or not

597
00:26:45,090 --> 00:26:46,920
your brothers and
sisters, what they

598
00:26:46,920 --> 00:26:48,580
were doing when
this was going on?

599
00:26:48,580 --> 00:26:49,080
Nothing.

600
00:26:49,080 --> 00:26:50,300
We were small.

601
00:26:50,300 --> 00:26:51,390
Yeah.

602
00:26:51,390 --> 00:26:52,720
Yeah.

603
00:26:52,720 --> 00:26:55,360
We could not fight
them, you know.

604
00:26:55,360 --> 00:26:56,620
Of course not.

605
00:26:56,620 --> 00:26:59,470
Do you know about how many
of these people there were?

606
00:26:59,470 --> 00:27:00,620

No, we don't know.

607
00:27:00,620 --> 00:27:01,630
I don't know.

608
00:27:01,630 --> 00:27:03,160
A few guys.

609
00:27:03,160 --> 00:27:04,660
But they did let you go.

610
00:27:04,660 --> 00:27:05,590
Yes.

611
00:27:05,590 --> 00:27:06,490
All right.

612
00:27:06,490 --> 00:27:08,980
And what about the
horse and the buggy?

613
00:27:08,980 --> 00:27:10,390
They continue.

614
00:27:10,390 --> 00:27:14,980
So he told his
friends about this.

615
00:27:14,980 --> 00:27:18,290
And was he the man
who owned the buggy?

616
00:27:18,290 --> 00:27:18,910
Right.

617
00:27:18,910 --> 00:27:20,230
Was he driving it?

618
00:27:20,230 --> 00:27:22,520
Yeah.

619

00:27:22,520 --> 00:27:23,180
Yeah.

620
00:27:23,180 --> 00:27:24,680
So he continued to drive it?

621
00:27:24,680 --> 00:27:26,060
Correct.

622
00:27:26,060 --> 00:27:27,890
That sounds so strange.

623
00:27:27,890 --> 00:27:33,710
Well, no, because we did
not know that it is his--

624
00:27:33,710 --> 00:27:36,590
later on we found out.

625
00:27:36,590 --> 00:27:37,410
Ah.

626
00:27:37,410 --> 00:27:38,610
OK.

627
00:27:38,610 --> 00:27:40,740
So he brings you to where the--

628
00:27:40,740 --> 00:27:41,310
The border.

629
00:27:41,310 --> 00:27:42,420
The border.

630
00:27:42,420 --> 00:27:48,180
And do you remember what
that looked like, that area?

631
00:27:48,180 --> 00:27:49,340
No.

632

00:27:49,340 --> 00:27:49,890
No.

633
00:27:49,890 --> 00:27:51,040
OK.

634
00:27:51,040 --> 00:27:51,540
All right.

635
00:27:51,540 --> 00:27:52,860
And then what happened?

636
00:27:52,860 --> 00:27:54,990
We came to the border.

637
00:27:54,990 --> 00:28:01,890
And my father told the
German guards what happened.

638
00:28:01,890 --> 00:28:05,560
They sent a patrol
and caught them.

639
00:28:05,560 --> 00:28:06,220
Really?

640
00:28:06,220 --> 00:28:06,880
Right.

641
00:28:06,880 --> 00:28:09,910
And they brought everything
what they took from us.

642
00:28:09,910 --> 00:28:11,970
And they gave it us back.

643
00:28:11,970 --> 00:28:13,190
Oh, my goodness.

644
00:28:13,190 --> 00:28:14,370
Right.

645

00:28:14,370 --> 00:28:16,680

That's surprising
on many counts.

646

00:28:16,680 --> 00:28:19,680

Well, like I said,
in the beginning

647

00:28:19,680 --> 00:28:23,430

of the war the
German army, as much

648

00:28:23,430 --> 00:28:28,230

as what I had my experience
is, as a child even,

649

00:28:28,230 --> 00:28:34,490

were not brutal like the
SS or Gestapo, you know.

650

00:28:34,490 --> 00:28:37,580

So we went, came over
there, like number one they

651

00:28:37,580 --> 00:28:39,860

sent the patrol and got them.

652

00:28:39,860 --> 00:28:48,760

Number two, us, the children,
they put us in a barn,

653

00:28:48,760 --> 00:28:51,970

gave us not bread and
butter but butter and bread.

654

00:28:51,970 --> 00:28:57,700

They put-- piece bread and
a lot of butter, you know.

655

00:28:57,700 --> 00:28:59,800

But the adults, they--

656

00:28:59,800 --> 00:29:03,130
I don't know what they
gave them, but it was OK.

657
00:29:03,130 --> 00:29:08,810
And then they told
my family, why are

658
00:29:08,810 --> 00:29:10,210
you going to the Bolsheviks?

659
00:29:10,210 --> 00:29:11,310
Stay over here in Germany.

660
00:29:11,310 --> 00:29:14,000
You'll see where
everything is OK.

661
00:29:14,000 --> 00:29:16,450
My father said no.

662
00:29:16,450 --> 00:29:18,610
So they let us go.

663
00:29:18,610 --> 00:29:19,900
So they let you go?

664
00:29:19,900 --> 00:29:20,800
Right.

665
00:29:20,800 --> 00:29:21,610
OK.

666
00:29:21,610 --> 00:29:24,160
But we could not--

667
00:29:24,160 --> 00:29:27,940
we get to Bialystok.

668
00:29:27,940 --> 00:29:32,620
We were over there,
and it is like a border

669
00:29:32,620 --> 00:29:36,060
between Russia and Germany.

670
00:29:36,060 --> 00:29:40,270
The Russian army was over
there already in Bialystok.

671
00:29:40,270 --> 00:29:42,190
And over there is a river.

672
00:29:42,190 --> 00:29:44,500
I have it over here
the name of the river.

673
00:29:44,500 --> 00:29:46,460
I don't remember.

674
00:29:46,460 --> 00:29:52,150
And we were over there,
maybe thousands of people.

675
00:29:52,150 --> 00:29:57,640
They did not let us go
through to Russia safe.

676
00:29:57,640 --> 00:30:01,390
We were-- it is
like Eastern Poland.

677
00:30:01,390 --> 00:30:04,060
So if I understand
this correctly,

678
00:30:04,060 --> 00:30:05,995
this was before the war--

679
00:30:05,995 --> 00:30:07,030
No, no, during the war.

680
00:30:07,030 --> 00:30:07,660
I know.

681
00:30:07,660 --> 00:30:09,860
But before the war, this
had all been Poland.

682
00:30:09,860 --> 00:30:10,930
Correct.

683
00:30:10,930 --> 00:30:15,550
And when the war started,
when the Germans marched in,

684
00:30:15,550 --> 00:30:19,640
they occupied one part of
Poland, where your home was.

685
00:30:19,640 --> 00:30:20,140
Correct.

686
00:30:20,140 --> 00:30:23,770
And Bialystok was in the
other part of Poland that

687
00:30:23,770 --> 00:30:25,930
was occupied by the Soviets.

688
00:30:25,930 --> 00:30:26,620
Right.

689
00:30:26,620 --> 00:30:27,400
OK.

690
00:30:27,400 --> 00:30:32,710
Before you got to Bialystok, was
there a Soviet border patrol,

691
00:30:32,710 --> 00:30:36,230
or were there Soviet
officials that

692
00:30:36,230 --> 00:30:40,460
allowed you into the territory

that they controlled?

693

00:30:40,460 --> 00:30:47,920

They let us go through
the border before the war,

694

00:30:47,920 --> 00:30:51,120

not after.

695

00:30:51,120 --> 00:30:53,040

They let you go--

696

00:30:53,040 --> 00:31:01,770

In that territory in Bialystok,
where it used to be Poland.

697

00:31:01,770 --> 00:31:03,360

Yeah.

698

00:31:03,360 --> 00:31:05,940

But they did not
let us go further

699

00:31:05,940 --> 00:31:07,150

where it's really Russia.

700

00:31:07,150 --> 00:31:07,650

Ah.

701

00:31:07,650 --> 00:31:11,820

So you were able to stay within
the former Polish territory.

702

00:31:11,820 --> 00:31:13,110

Right, correct.

703

00:31:13,110 --> 00:31:15,040

But not go further.

704

00:31:15,040 --> 00:31:15,540

Right.

705
00:31:15,540 --> 00:31:16,740
OK.

706
00:31:16,740 --> 00:31:21,770
And why had your father
wanted to go further?

707
00:31:21,770 --> 00:31:23,810
Because he didn't want
to be with the-- he

708
00:31:23,810 --> 00:31:26,460
saw what the German is doing.

709
00:31:26,460 --> 00:31:31,040
So even though they were not
as brutal as later, he didn't--

710
00:31:31,040 --> 00:31:33,110
he was more fearful
of the Germans.

711
00:31:33,110 --> 00:31:34,170
Correct.

712
00:31:34,170 --> 00:31:34,940
OK.

713
00:31:34,940 --> 00:31:38,160
Was he fearful of
the Soviets at all?

714
00:31:38,160 --> 00:31:39,596
No.

715
00:31:39,596 --> 00:31:42,590
OK.

716
00:31:42,590 --> 00:31:44,780
So there you are in Bialystok.

717

00:31:44,780 --> 00:31:46,040
Correct.

718
00:31:46,040 --> 00:31:48,710
Which is in Northeastern Poland.

719
00:31:48,710 --> 00:31:49,710
Right.

720
00:31:49,710 --> 00:31:53,690
And tell me, what do
you remember seeing?

721
00:31:53,690 --> 00:31:54,680
You said there were--

722
00:31:54,680 --> 00:31:56,090
many people there?

723
00:31:56,090 --> 00:31:59,750
Was thousands of
refugees over there.

724
00:31:59,750 --> 00:32:02,930
But they did not
let them in Poland--

725
00:32:02,930 --> 00:32:13,300
to Russia, until they made a
pact, agreement, with Germany

726
00:32:13,300 --> 00:32:16,570
that, oh, they will
all go to Russia,

727
00:32:16,570 --> 00:32:19,980
or they take them
back to Poland.

728
00:32:19,980 --> 00:32:22,430
Ah, to the part that
Germany is controlling.

729

00:32:22,430 --> 00:32:23,730

Right.

730

00:32:23,730 --> 00:32:25,620

OK.

731

00:32:25,620 --> 00:32:29,970

So there was-- I know
that before the war--

732

00:32:29,970 --> 00:32:34,140

but this is a week
before the war--

733

00:32:34,140 --> 00:32:37,270

Molotov and Ribbentrop
made a pact.

734

00:32:37,270 --> 00:32:37,890

Right.

735

00:32:37,890 --> 00:32:39,660

And that divided Eastern Europe.

736

00:32:39,660 --> 00:32:40,440

Right, correct.

737

00:32:40,440 --> 00:32:42,960

What you are talking
now is a second kind

738

00:32:42,960 --> 00:32:46,710

of agreement, because
then there are refugees,

739

00:32:46,710 --> 00:32:51,930

and they have to resolve,
what about all these refugees?

740

00:32:51,930 --> 00:32:54,004

Can we cut for a second?

741
00:32:54,004 --> 00:32:55,450
Cutting.

742
00:32:55,450 --> 00:32:57,700
We can continue.

743
00:32:57,700 --> 00:32:58,530
Speed.

744
00:32:58,530 --> 00:33:00,990
OK.

745
00:33:00,990 --> 00:33:05,048
So this was another agreement
between Germany and Russia

746
00:33:05,048 --> 00:33:06,340
what to do with these refugees.

747
00:33:06,340 --> 00:33:07,660
Refugees, correct.

748
00:33:07,660 --> 00:33:08,160
All right.

749
00:33:08,160 --> 00:33:11,100
So then what happened?

750
00:33:11,100 --> 00:33:16,920
We got over there to
that border, correct.

751
00:33:16,920 --> 00:33:24,230
And my father said, we're
not going back to Germany,

752
00:33:24,230 --> 00:33:26,520
whatever it takes.

753
00:33:26,520 --> 00:33:28,050
To where the Germans

control Poland.

754
00:33:28,050 --> 00:33:29,040
Right.

755
00:33:29,040 --> 00:33:30,870
Was over there a river also.

756
00:33:30,870 --> 00:33:36,000
We was over there place pretty
long time, even in the winter.

757
00:33:36,000 --> 00:33:39,040
And under the blue sky.

758
00:33:39,040 --> 00:33:41,590
So you had no home, no
building to live in.

759
00:33:41,590 --> 00:33:42,510
No, no, no.

760
00:33:42,510 --> 00:33:43,840
Under blue sky.

761
00:33:43,840 --> 00:33:45,510
So what about the cart?

762
00:33:45,510 --> 00:33:46,170
Pardon me?

763
00:33:46,170 --> 00:33:49,050
What about the
buggy and the horse?

764
00:33:49,050 --> 00:33:50,710
Did the man go back with them?

765
00:33:50,710 --> 00:33:54,690
Oh, the minute we
went to Russia, they--

766

00:33:54,690 --> 00:33:59,670
the minute we came to the
border, you know, he went back.

767

00:33:59,670 --> 00:34:01,470
But you have all your things.

768

00:34:01,470 --> 00:34:02,220
Correct.

769

00:34:02,220 --> 00:34:03,810
How did you handle them?

770

00:34:03,810 --> 00:34:05,850
Did you have a new
buggy, new cart?

771

00:34:05,850 --> 00:34:06,750
This I don't know.

772

00:34:06,750 --> 00:34:11,040
But between my father and
my uncle and all this,

773

00:34:11,040 --> 00:34:13,679
we all carry somehow, manage.

774

00:34:13,679 --> 00:34:15,909
OK.

775

00:34:15,909 --> 00:34:18,469
But then you're
sleeping out outside.

776

00:34:18,469 --> 00:34:19,219
Right.

777

00:34:19,219 --> 00:34:23,290
And my father took a few
blankets and made like a tent,

778

00:34:23,290 --> 00:34:26,700
you know, for the
snow, and et cetera.

779
00:34:26,700 --> 00:34:30,570

780
00:34:30,570 --> 00:34:36,340
After a while, before the
German and the Russian

781
00:34:36,340 --> 00:34:41,210
made the agreement again
what to do with them--

782
00:34:41,210 --> 00:34:43,570
so was over there a river.

783
00:34:43,570 --> 00:34:47,679
And only two people could
cross from family the river,

784
00:34:47,679 --> 00:34:52,310
bring water, and come back.

785
00:34:52,310 --> 00:34:59,590
So what we did, my father
went with my oldest sister

786
00:34:59,590 --> 00:35:01,450
to get water.

787
00:35:01,450 --> 00:35:02,590
They went over there.

788
00:35:02,590 --> 00:35:06,910
My sister stayed,
my father came back.

789
00:35:06,910 --> 00:35:10,600
Then he took one child,
went there, and then

790

00:35:10,600 --> 00:35:12,582
my sister came back.

791

00:35:12,582 --> 00:35:18,350
And this we go few times until
he took the whole family.

792

00:35:18,350 --> 00:35:19,520
At once?

793

00:35:19,520 --> 00:35:21,590
No, I said one by one by one.

794

00:35:21,590 --> 00:35:22,310
One at a time.

795

00:35:22,310 --> 00:35:25,190
Only two people could
cross the river.

796

00:35:25,190 --> 00:35:28,130
The patrol or the
border patrol there,

797

00:35:28,130 --> 00:35:32,270
would not let more than two
people from a family to go--

798

00:35:32,270 --> 00:35:33,140
to pass, to cross.

799

00:35:33,140 --> 00:35:35,660
So what he would do is
he'd bring one child

800

00:35:35,660 --> 00:35:36,560
and leave them there.

801

00:35:36,560 --> 00:35:37,490
Right.

802

00:35:37,490 --> 00:35:39,680
Come back, bring
the other child.

803
00:35:39,680 --> 00:35:40,930
Right.

804
00:35:40,930 --> 00:35:41,930
Back and forth.

805
00:35:41,930 --> 00:35:43,090
Back and forth.

806
00:35:43,090 --> 00:35:50,940
And so that marked the territory
between what had been Poland

807
00:35:50,940 --> 00:35:53,130
and what was actually
the Soviet Union?

808
00:35:53,130 --> 00:35:53,950
Correct.

809
00:35:53,950 --> 00:35:54,880
OK.

810
00:35:54,880 --> 00:35:56,320
Interesting.

811
00:35:56,320 --> 00:35:59,590
So was this Belarus,
or was this Ukraine?

812
00:35:59,590 --> 00:36:04,120

813
00:36:04,120 --> 00:36:04,820
I don't know.

814
00:36:04,820 --> 00:36:06,190
Probably Belarus.

815
00:36:06,190 --> 00:36:07,460
OK.

816
00:36:07,460 --> 00:36:09,290
We can always look
on a map, but it

817
00:36:09,290 --> 00:36:13,640
would have been close to
be Bialystok by a river,

818
00:36:13,640 --> 00:36:14,970
and then it's the Soviet Union.

819
00:36:14,970 --> 00:36:15,470
Correct.

820
00:36:15,470 --> 00:36:15,970
OK.

821
00:36:15,970 --> 00:36:18,680
So do you remember crossing
that bridge with your father?

822
00:36:18,680 --> 00:36:19,760
Yes.

823
00:36:19,760 --> 00:36:20,633
OK.

824
00:36:20,633 --> 00:36:25,760
Because-- and then after
he moved everybody,

825
00:36:25,760 --> 00:36:30,175
my cousin stayed
watching our belongings.

826
00:36:30,175 --> 00:36:31,960
Mm-hmm, your belongings.

827

00:36:31,960 --> 00:36:41,080

And when a train came to
take all the refugees back

828

00:36:41,080 --> 00:36:50,470

to Germany, my cousin sneaked
away, and he came with us.

829

00:36:50,470 --> 00:36:55,480

Then after everybody
left, my family went--

830

00:36:55,480 --> 00:36:57,400

my father and my cousin went--

831

00:36:57,400 --> 00:37:02,170

and picked up all our
belongings and moved it over

832

00:37:02,170 --> 00:37:04,500

to the Russian side.

833

00:37:04,500 --> 00:37:05,760

Wow.

834

00:37:05,760 --> 00:37:07,620

So if I can--

835

00:37:07,620 --> 00:37:11,250

I'm trying to picture
what it looked like.

836

00:37:11,250 --> 00:37:14,340

There's this big open field.

837

00:37:14,340 --> 00:37:16,230

And there are lots of refugees.

838

00:37:16,230 --> 00:37:16,950

Right.

839

00:37:16,950 --> 00:37:20,330
And your father built a
tent out of a few blankets.

840
00:37:20,330 --> 00:37:21,450
Blankets.

841
00:37:21,450 --> 00:37:22,050
Right.

842
00:37:22,050 --> 00:37:25,150
And within there, the
whole family lives.

843
00:37:25,150 --> 00:37:26,010
Correct.

844
00:37:26,010 --> 00:37:28,260
And that's where you
have all your belongings,

845
00:37:28,260 --> 00:37:29,460
within that two tent.

846
00:37:29,460 --> 00:37:30,420
Right.

847
00:37:30,420 --> 00:37:34,830
When he brings one person
over and another person over,

848
00:37:34,830 --> 00:37:37,500
do they take a little
something with them,

849
00:37:37,500 --> 00:37:39,960
or do they just walk over
themselves with nothing?

850
00:37:39,960 --> 00:37:41,190
They walk over themselves.

851

00:37:41,190 --> 00:37:41,940
With nothing?

852
00:37:41,940 --> 00:37:42,570
With nothing.

853
00:37:42,570 --> 00:37:46,170
Just like a bottle or
something, like it's for water.

854
00:37:46,170 --> 00:37:48,110
OK.

855
00:37:48,110 --> 00:37:50,300
And so all the belongings stay.

856
00:37:50,300 --> 00:37:51,650
Stayed, correct.

857
00:37:51,650 --> 00:37:59,630
And your cousin, or your uncle,
stays to guard the belongings.

858
00:37:59,630 --> 00:38:04,250
And he slips away when he's
supposed to go on the train.

859
00:38:04,250 --> 00:38:05,450
Right.

860
00:38:05,450 --> 00:38:08,930
Then he goes across the river?

861
00:38:08,930 --> 00:38:09,560
Yeah.

862
00:38:09,560 --> 00:38:11,090
And he meets your father?

863
00:38:11,090 --> 00:38:11,630
Right.

864

00:38:11,630 --> 00:38:12,860

And they both come back.

865

00:38:12,860 --> 00:38:15,030

And picked everything up.

866

00:38:15,030 --> 00:38:18,200

Now, was there a
danger of somebody

867

00:38:18,200 --> 00:38:21,500

having stolen all those
belongings while there

868

00:38:21,500 --> 00:38:23,740

was nobody watching them?

869

00:38:23,740 --> 00:38:27,400

I don't know it was because
everybody has his own problem.

870

00:38:27,400 --> 00:38:31,550

They didn't watch it, you know,
to try to steal or something.

871

00:38:31,550 --> 00:38:32,410

OK.

872

00:38:32,410 --> 00:38:33,670

OK.

873

00:38:33,670 --> 00:38:37,930

So in other words, when
you're on the Soviet side,

874

00:38:37,930 --> 00:38:39,290

the whole family is there?

875

00:38:39,290 --> 00:38:39,790

Correct.

876

00:38:39,790 --> 00:38:41,620
The uncle is there.

877
00:38:41,620 --> 00:38:43,270
And your belongings are there.

878
00:38:43,270 --> 00:38:44,140
Right.

879
00:38:44,140 --> 00:38:46,810
Then what happened?

880
00:38:46,810 --> 00:38:52,910
Then it came-- was a train over
there what is going to Russia,

881
00:38:52,910 --> 00:38:54,400
you know.

882
00:38:54,400 --> 00:38:57,340
I don't know how,
but my father--

883
00:38:57,340 --> 00:39:02,490

884
00:39:02,490 --> 00:39:07,740
my father and the uncle managed
to take all our belongings,

885
00:39:07,740 --> 00:39:14,830
put it on the train, and
we went with the train.

886
00:39:14,830 --> 00:39:25,040
The train-- on the way back, my
uncle got stopped by, I think,

887
00:39:25,040 --> 00:39:26,650
a Russian patrol.

888
00:39:26,650 --> 00:39:30,120

And they took him to the army.

889
00:39:30,120 --> 00:39:35,060
So here we're only my father,
my mother, and the five, five

890
00:39:35,060 --> 00:39:35,930
kids.

891
00:39:35,930 --> 00:39:37,010
On the train.

892
00:39:37,010 --> 00:39:38,330
On the train.

893
00:39:38,330 --> 00:39:42,860
How my father managed to do
it, because the last part what

894
00:39:42,860 --> 00:39:48,020
he put on the train, the
train started to move.

895
00:39:48,020 --> 00:39:49,430
Oh, my goodness.

896
00:39:49,430 --> 00:39:52,320
It was that close.

897
00:39:52,320 --> 00:39:54,120
And it was freezing.

898
00:39:54,120 --> 00:39:57,720
So he stopped-- he
got on the train,

899
00:39:57,720 --> 00:39:59,170
but he could not go inside.

900
00:39:59,170 --> 00:40:03,100

901
00:40:03,100 --> 00:40:07,150
So what he did, he took
some shirt or something.

902
00:40:07,150 --> 00:40:10,150

903
00:40:10,150 --> 00:40:13,570
Somehow he managed to
put it around his hand

904
00:40:13,570 --> 00:40:19,720
and hold it on the train.

905
00:40:19,720 --> 00:40:23,500
And that's how he went for
hours in this cold weather.

906
00:40:23,500 --> 00:40:28,920
Because if he would hold
it by hand, it would froze.

907
00:40:28,920 --> 00:40:30,060
The hand would froze.

908
00:40:30,060 --> 00:40:31,710
It would freeze on the handle.

909
00:40:31,710 --> 00:40:32,440
Oh, yeah.

910
00:40:32,440 --> 00:40:33,330
Yes.

911
00:40:33,330 --> 00:40:36,570
So how-- somehow, the
train after a wild

912
00:40:36,570 --> 00:40:38,370
stopped, for water, whatever.

913

00:40:38,370 --> 00:40:41,470
Then he was inside.

914
00:40:41,470 --> 00:40:43,390
OK.

915
00:40:43,390 --> 00:40:49,510
And we went on the train, I
don't know how long, for weeks.

916
00:40:49,510 --> 00:40:54,100
We went-- we really
were not in Siberia.

917
00:40:54,100 --> 00:40:57,910
We were in Syktyvkar,
Komi [NON-ENGLISH]..

918
00:40:57,910 --> 00:40:59,760
It's Ural.

919
00:40:59,760 --> 00:41:01,050
Where is it?

920
00:41:01,050 --> 00:41:03,750
Syktyvkar, Komi.

921
00:41:03,750 --> 00:41:04,410
Komi.

922
00:41:04,410 --> 00:41:06,280
Komi-- SR-- you know, Russia.

923
00:41:06,280 --> 00:41:06,780
SSR.

924
00:41:06,780 --> 00:41:08,395
Right.

925
00:41:08,395 --> 00:41:10,530
It is in Ural.

926
00:41:10,530 --> 00:41:11,940
Over there is a--

927
00:41:11,940 --> 00:41:14,520
I told somebody where we was.

928
00:41:14,520 --> 00:41:19,470
He said, Siberia is summer
compared to where we were.

929
00:41:19,470 --> 00:41:22,030
Very cold, very cold.

930
00:41:22,030 --> 00:41:24,150
So you were in the
Ural Mountains.

931
00:41:24,150 --> 00:41:27,090
You were somewhere close
to the Ural Mountains

932
00:41:27,090 --> 00:41:30,360
in the Komi region of the SSR.

933
00:41:30,360 --> 00:41:34,290
Do you remember anything
from that train ride?

934
00:41:34,290 --> 00:41:36,040
Yes.

935
00:41:36,040 --> 00:41:42,320
It was-- it was huge.

936
00:41:42,320 --> 00:41:43,190
It was big.

937
00:41:43,190 --> 00:41:44,770
OK.

938
00:41:44,770 --> 00:41:47,560

And there were a lot
of families there.

939
00:41:47,560 --> 00:41:48,790
A lot of families inside?

940
00:41:48,790 --> 00:41:50,140
Right.

941
00:41:50,140 --> 00:41:53,950
They made their hole in
the train with a blanket.

942
00:41:53,950 --> 00:41:55,510
So everybody needs to do--

943
00:41:55,510 --> 00:41:56,440
you know.

944
00:41:56,440 --> 00:41:59,440
So that was their
sanitary facilities.

945
00:41:59,440 --> 00:42:00,910
Correct.

946
00:42:00,910 --> 00:42:06,070
Because it was not a
train for civilians.

947
00:42:06,070 --> 00:42:11,140
This is a train for cows, you
know, animals, whatever is.

948
00:42:11,140 --> 00:42:12,750
For--

949
00:42:12,750 --> 00:42:14,560
It was a cattle car.

950
00:42:14,560 --> 00:42:17,450
I-- it was not really--

either it was a cattle car,

951
00:42:17,450 --> 00:42:24,970
or it is for moving
things, you know.

952
00:42:24,970 --> 00:42:25,720
Freight cars.

953
00:42:25,720 --> 00:42:27,270
Freight car, correct.

954
00:42:27,270 --> 00:42:28,840
OK.

955
00:42:28,840 --> 00:42:31,180
And did it have bunks in there?

956
00:42:31,180 --> 00:42:32,830
Or was everyone on the floor?

957
00:42:32,830 --> 00:42:34,290
On the floor.

958
00:42:34,290 --> 00:42:36,060
And there were many families?

959
00:42:36,060 --> 00:42:37,650
Correct.

960
00:42:37,650 --> 00:42:42,780
Now, one question that
is kind of crucial.

961
00:42:42,780 --> 00:42:45,900
These were all people who
wanted to be on the train?

962
00:42:45,900 --> 00:42:46,650
Correct.

963

00:42:46,650 --> 00:42:50,730

It wasn't anybody that
was taken forcibly.

964

00:42:50,730 --> 00:42:51,880

No, no, no.

965

00:42:51,880 --> 00:42:52,710

OK.

966

00:42:52,710 --> 00:42:53,640

OK.

967

00:42:53,640 --> 00:42:58,420

How did you-- were
there Soviet guards

968

00:42:58,420 --> 00:43:02,660

guarding the train, or
soldiers with the train?

969

00:43:02,660 --> 00:43:04,860

No, I don't think-- no, I
didn't see any soldiers.

970

00:43:04,860 --> 00:43:08,390

What I remember, I don't
remember any soldiers.

971

00:43:08,390 --> 00:43:10,520

Did you stop often?

972

00:43:10,520 --> 00:43:12,260

Did the train stop in any place?

973

00:43:12,260 --> 00:43:15,440

The train stopped often for--

974

00:43:15,440 --> 00:43:20,840

you know, you have to fill up
the train with water and coal,

975

00:43:20,840 --> 00:43:22,850
whatever they're using.

976
00:43:22,850 --> 00:43:24,390
OK.

977
00:43:24,390 --> 00:43:27,980
Did it have any windows to it?

978
00:43:27,980 --> 00:43:29,390
No.

979
00:43:29,390 --> 00:43:30,830
I don't remember any windows.

980
00:43:30,830 --> 00:43:32,720
So you couldn't
see on the outside.

981
00:43:32,720 --> 00:43:34,200
No.

982
00:43:34,200 --> 00:43:39,800
And what was-- was it a
wooden kind of freight car?

983
00:43:39,800 --> 00:43:40,860
Yes, yes.

984
00:43:40,860 --> 00:43:42,880
OK.

985
00:43:42,880 --> 00:43:46,810
Do you remember, when it would
stop did you look outside?

986
00:43:46,810 --> 00:43:47,560
Yeah.

987
00:43:47,560 --> 00:43:48,460
What did you see?

988

00:43:48,460 --> 00:43:52,720

Do you remember what kind
of landscape it looked like?

989

00:43:52,720 --> 00:43:54,520

Well, it was winter.

990

00:43:54,520 --> 00:43:56,900

Everything is white.

991

00:43:56,900 --> 00:43:58,470

Everything is white.

992

00:43:58,470 --> 00:44:01,120

So this also tells me--

993

00:44:01,120 --> 00:44:04,290

I'll try to place it in
chronological context.

994

00:44:04,290 --> 00:44:06,520

You tell me if I'm right or not.

995

00:44:06,520 --> 00:44:11,390

The war starts
September 1, 1939.

996

00:44:11,390 --> 00:44:18,370

And your father has all of
these different experiences.

997

00:44:18,370 --> 00:44:20,910

He goes to Warsaw,
he comes back.

998

00:44:20,910 --> 00:44:23,830

He's picked up by a
patrol, he escapes.

999

00:44:23,830 --> 00:44:26,150

He goes to Bialystok,
he comes back.

1000
00:44:26,150 --> 00:44:27,520
He brings the family, yadada.

1001
00:44:27,520 --> 00:44:29,320
Right.

1002
00:44:29,320 --> 00:44:31,720
This all takes several months.

1003
00:44:31,720 --> 00:44:32,350
Correct.

1004
00:44:32,350 --> 00:44:33,130
OK.

1005
00:44:33,130 --> 00:44:36,730
So by the time that
you are in Bialystok,

1006
00:44:36,730 --> 00:44:42,770
waiting to try to get to the
Soviet side, it's winter time.

1007
00:44:42,770 --> 00:44:45,250
So that would make
it five or six months

1008
00:44:45,250 --> 00:44:47,410
after the war starts.

1009
00:44:47,410 --> 00:44:48,640
At least.

1010
00:44:48,640 --> 00:44:50,160
Something like that, yeah?

1011
00:44:50,160 --> 00:44:50,800
Right.

1012
00:44:50,800 --> 00:44:52,960

And then when you're
on that train,

1013
00:44:52,960 --> 00:44:54,790
that takes so much longer.

1014
00:44:54,790 --> 00:44:55,840
Right.

1015
00:44:55,840 --> 00:45:00,520
So we're still within half a
year of when the war starts.

1016
00:45:00,520 --> 00:45:03,820
It's the winter of 1940.

1017
00:45:03,820 --> 00:45:04,510
'40.

1018
00:45:04,510 --> 00:45:08,530
1940, that you get to
the Ural Mountains.

1019
00:45:08,530 --> 00:45:10,130
Is that correct?

1020
00:45:10,130 --> 00:45:10,910
Yes.

1021
00:45:10,910 --> 00:45:11,470
OK.

1022
00:45:11,470 --> 00:45:13,270
It's not like it's a year later.

1023
00:45:13,270 --> 00:45:14,500
It's not a year and a half.

1024
00:45:14,500 --> 00:45:15,000
No.

1025

00:45:15,000 --> 00:45:17,320
It's the winter of 1940.

1026
00:45:17,320 --> 00:45:17,950
Correct.

1027
00:45:17,950 --> 00:45:18,480
OK.

1028
00:45:18,480 --> 00:45:22,650
When you get to the Ural
Mountains, what kind of-- what

1029
00:45:22,650 --> 00:45:24,030
do you find there?

1030
00:45:24,030 --> 00:45:25,880
What happens?

1031
00:45:25,880 --> 00:45:30,630
Well, they gave us like--

1032
00:45:30,630 --> 00:45:33,450
it's like a house, but
a big house, what--

1033
00:45:33,450 --> 00:45:37,350
every family got its own place.

1034
00:45:37,350 --> 00:45:39,240
And own room or--

1035
00:45:39,240 --> 00:45:44,040
A kitchen-- what I
remember, the kitchen

1036
00:45:44,040 --> 00:45:49,090
was for the whole apartment.

1037
00:45:49,090 --> 00:45:50,340
It was big--

1038

00:45:50,340 --> 00:45:51,390

For all the families.

1039

00:45:51,390 --> 00:45:54,250

All the families-- or the
few, for a few families.

1040

00:45:54,250 --> 00:45:56,860

And was it a single home?

1041

00:45:56,860 --> 00:45:57,360

No.

1042

00:45:57,360 --> 00:45:58,860

Or was it a barracks?

1043

00:45:58,860 --> 00:46:00,720

Was a barrack, like a barrack.

1044

00:46:00,720 --> 00:46:01,380

Correct.

1045

00:46:01,380 --> 00:46:02,100

OK.

1046

00:46:02,100 --> 00:46:06,140

And about how many families
were in one barrack?

1047

00:46:06,140 --> 00:46:07,105

I don't know.

1048

00:46:07,105 --> 00:46:07,730

You don't know.

1049

00:46:07,730 --> 00:46:08,462

I don't know that.

1050

00:46:08,462 --> 00:46:09,087

You don't know.

1051

00:46:09,087 --> 00:46:10,820

OK.

1052

00:46:10,820 --> 00:46:15,080

But did you have your own
corner or your own room?

1053

00:46:15,080 --> 00:46:18,350

Each family has his
own room, corner also.

1054

00:46:18,350 --> 00:46:19,430

Their own corner.

1055

00:46:19,430 --> 00:46:19,940

Right.

1056

00:46:19,940 --> 00:46:22,310

Do you remember
blankets being hung,

1057

00:46:22,310 --> 00:46:24,410

or do you-- was it all open?

1058

00:46:24,410 --> 00:46:25,130

No.

1059

00:46:25,130 --> 00:46:29,315

Every family had like
a room, you know.

1060

00:46:29,315 --> 00:46:30,050

A room.

1061

00:46:30,050 --> 00:46:30,800

Correct.

1062

00:46:30,800 --> 00:46:32,060

OK.

1063

00:46:32,060 --> 00:46:33,860

But the kitchen was for--

1064
00:46:33,860 --> 00:46:34,550
Everybody.

1065
00:46:34,550 --> 00:46:35,690
Right.

1066
00:46:35,690 --> 00:46:36,890
And did it have--

1067
00:46:36,890 --> 00:46:40,690
do you remember, was
there electricity?

1068
00:46:40,690 --> 00:46:43,238
No electricity, no water.

1069
00:46:43,238 --> 00:46:44,280
No electricity, no water?

1070
00:46:44,280 --> 00:46:46,130
No water, no.

1071
00:46:46,130 --> 00:46:47,840
OK.

1072
00:46:47,840 --> 00:46:50,420
How was the place heated?

1073
00:46:50,420 --> 00:46:51,740
By wood.

1074
00:46:51,740 --> 00:46:52,940
By wood?

1075
00:46:52,940 --> 00:46:54,560
Was it cold in those--

1076
00:46:54,560 --> 00:46:56,300
in that barracks?

1077
00:46:56,300 --> 00:47:02,650
Well, when it is 40 or 50 below
0, I imagine it's a bit cool.

1078
00:47:02,650 --> 00:47:06,090
[LAUGHTER]

1079
00:47:06,090 --> 00:47:08,330
A little bit.

1080
00:47:08,330 --> 00:47:11,900
And did you still have all
of your belongings with you?

1081
00:47:11,900 --> 00:47:12,830
Yes.

1082
00:47:12,830 --> 00:47:15,020
And so you had
your own blankets?

1083
00:47:15,020 --> 00:47:16,010
yes

1084
00:47:16,010 --> 00:47:17,510
Pillows?

1085
00:47:17,510 --> 00:47:18,480
Yes.

1086
00:47:18,480 --> 00:47:18,980
OK.

1087
00:47:18,980 --> 00:47:20,990
I ask because that
makes a difference.

1088
00:47:20,990 --> 00:47:22,175
Of course.

1089

00:47:22,175 --> 00:47:23,970
If some people don't have it--

1090
00:47:23,970 --> 00:47:26,170
Then you freeze.

1091
00:47:26,170 --> 00:47:27,370
--they're in tough shape.

1092
00:47:27,370 --> 00:47:27,935
You freeze.

1093
00:47:27,935 --> 00:47:29,210
Yeah, you freeze.

1094
00:47:29,210 --> 00:47:30,860
Correct.

1095
00:47:30,860 --> 00:47:34,700
And what other
kinds of belongings

1096
00:47:34,700 --> 00:47:41,030
had you managed to bring
from Zgierz to the Urals?

1097
00:47:41,030 --> 00:47:42,030
I really don't know.

1098
00:47:42,030 --> 00:47:45,830
But we had our blanket--

1099
00:47:45,830 --> 00:47:47,720
it was not blankets
that you use over here.

1100
00:47:47,720 --> 00:47:49,347
But they were like this from--

1101
00:47:49,347 --> 00:47:50,180
what do you call it?

1102

00:47:50,180 --> 00:47:53,690

From-- not chicken, but--

1103

00:47:53,690 --> 00:47:54,520

Goose feathers.

1104

00:47:54,520 --> 00:47:55,130

Right.

1105

00:47:55,130 --> 00:47:57,410

So there was down blankets.

1106

00:47:57,410 --> 00:47:58,950

Those are warm.

1107

00:47:58,950 --> 00:48:00,530

Yes, very warm.

1108

00:48:00,530 --> 00:48:01,850

OK.

1109

00:48:01,850 --> 00:48:08,752

And did you have your own
pots and pans to cook on?

1110

00:48:08,752 --> 00:48:09,710

Honestly, I don't know.

1111

00:48:09,710 --> 00:48:10,780

But I think so, yes.

1112

00:48:10,780 --> 00:48:12,354

We took it with us.

1113

00:48:12,354 --> 00:48:13,970

OK.

1114

00:48:13,970 --> 00:48:17,390

In the journey-- which doesn't
sound like it was an easy

1115
00:48:17,390 --> 00:48:18,800
journey--

1116
00:48:18,800 --> 00:48:20,000
did anybody get sick?

1117
00:48:20,000 --> 00:48:22,830

1118
00:48:22,830 --> 00:48:24,920
What I know, what
I remember, no.

1119
00:48:24,920 --> 00:48:26,880
No, OK.

1120
00:48:26,880 --> 00:48:27,380
All right.

1121
00:48:27,380 --> 00:48:29,300
So you're in the barracks.

1122
00:48:29,300 --> 00:48:32,540
They're shared by many families.

1123
00:48:32,540 --> 00:48:34,400
Was this in a town?

1124
00:48:34,400 --> 00:48:37,280
Or was this in the
middle of nowhere?

1125
00:48:37,280 --> 00:48:39,320
Well, it was in a town.

1126
00:48:39,320 --> 00:48:41,940
Was over there
factories and et cetera.

1127
00:48:41,940 --> 00:48:45,130
Do you know the

name of the town?

1128
00:48:45,130 --> 00:48:49,000
It is in Komi--

1129
00:48:49,000 --> 00:48:50,442
no, I don't.

1130
00:48:50,442 --> 00:48:51,190
You don't.

1131
00:48:51,190 --> 00:48:53,310
You don't.

1132
00:48:53,310 --> 00:48:55,783
Did you stay there
for a long time?

1133
00:48:55,783 --> 00:48:57,635
Yes.

1134
00:48:57,635 --> 00:49:01,040
Did you stay there for years?

1135
00:49:01,040 --> 00:49:02,820
Yes.

1136
00:49:02,820 --> 00:49:03,320
OK.

1137
00:49:03,320 --> 00:49:05,300
So did you ever move from there?

1138
00:49:05,300 --> 00:49:06,150
No.

1139
00:49:06,150 --> 00:49:06,650
OK.

1140
00:49:06,650 --> 00:49:11,240
So you were in this place

for the length of the war.

1141
00:49:11,240 --> 00:49:13,100
We were there for
about four years.

1142
00:49:13,100 --> 00:49:14,970
Four years.

1143
00:49:14,970 --> 00:49:23,240
Because when Russia
invaded Poland,

1144
00:49:23,240 --> 00:49:27,890
they let all the Polish citizen
move out from over there

1145
00:49:27,890 --> 00:49:28,980
to go to Russia.

1146
00:49:28,980 --> 00:49:31,540

1147
00:49:31,540 --> 00:49:35,590
To Russia, you know, we
were like 300 kilometers

1148
00:49:35,590 --> 00:49:36,690
from Moskva.

1149
00:49:36,690 --> 00:49:40,140
What it calls the place
where we were was Kursk.

1150
00:49:40,140 --> 00:49:41,020
Kursk.

1151
00:49:41,020 --> 00:49:42,130
OK.

1152
00:49:42,130 --> 00:49:45,100
And Kursk was the name

of the region or the--

1153
00:49:45,100 --> 00:49:45,790
Correct.

1154
00:49:45,790 --> 00:49:46,960
All right.

1155
00:49:46,960 --> 00:49:50,270
But you don't know
the town in Kursk?

1156
00:49:50,270 --> 00:49:51,260
No.

1157
00:49:51,260 --> 00:49:51,900
OK.

1158
00:49:51,900 --> 00:49:53,630
By the way, Kursk is--

1159
00:49:53,630 --> 00:49:58,040
what I know, what I read not
too long ago, a few years ago--

1160
00:49:58,040 --> 00:50:04,800
is a big-- today, I think it's
a big Russian navy over there,

1161
00:50:04,800 --> 00:50:05,300
Kursk.

1162
00:50:05,300 --> 00:50:05,925
So was it all--

1163
00:50:05,925 --> 00:50:12,830
What I know what something
was with the big ships

1164
00:50:12,830 --> 00:50:14,450
come to Kursk.

1165
00:50:14,450 --> 00:50:16,490
So it was fairly far north.

1166
00:50:16,490 --> 00:50:17,490
Right.

1167
00:50:17,490 --> 00:50:18,890
Aha.

1168
00:50:18,890 --> 00:50:22,190
So was it on the Arctic Ocean?

1169
00:50:22,190 --> 00:50:23,540
No.

1170
00:50:23,540 --> 00:50:25,740
Was it near a river?

1171
00:50:25,740 --> 00:50:27,840
I guess so, yes.

1172
00:50:27,840 --> 00:50:28,470
I don't know.

1173
00:50:28,470 --> 00:50:30,025
This, I don't-- you know.

1174
00:50:30,025 --> 00:50:30,900
OK, that's all right.

1175
00:50:30,900 --> 00:50:31,590
I don't know.

1176
00:50:31,590 --> 00:50:32,090
All right.

1177
00:50:32,090 --> 00:50:34,950

1178
00:50:34,950 --> 00:50:38,120

Let's go back.

1179
00:50:38,120 --> 00:50:39,530
You arrive.

1180
00:50:39,530 --> 00:50:40,820
This is your new home.

1181
00:50:40,820 --> 00:50:42,360
Correct.

1182
00:50:42,360 --> 00:50:43,400
What happens then?

1183
00:50:43,400 --> 00:50:45,140
How does life go on?

1184
00:50:45,140 --> 00:50:46,160
OK.

1185
00:50:46,160 --> 00:50:51,860
Was over there a big factory
of shoes, making shoes.

1186
00:50:51,860 --> 00:50:53,760
OK.

1187
00:50:53,760 --> 00:50:56,910
So my father worked over there.

1188
00:50:56,910 --> 00:51:09,560
And then he was in charge of the
ready of the shoes are finished

1189
00:51:09,560 --> 00:51:12,770
and all the material.

1190
00:51:12,770 --> 00:51:18,130
My mother was
working in a laundry.

1191

00:51:18,130 --> 00:51:20,220
OK.

1192
00:51:20,220 --> 00:51:22,860
This was winter.

1193
00:51:22,860 --> 00:51:27,450
And she had to every
time to take out

1194
00:51:27,450 --> 00:51:29,400
a blanket or something.

1195
00:51:29,400 --> 00:51:31,080
You do not cook over there.

1196
00:51:31,080 --> 00:51:34,110
You do not boil the clothes.

1197
00:51:34,110 --> 00:51:37,110
Because you take out the
clothes or the sheets,

1198
00:51:37,110 --> 00:51:40,860
you know, you hang up outside.

1199
00:51:40,860 --> 00:51:48,050
After 10, 20 minutes, it's like
a piece of ice, it's so cold.

1200
00:51:48,050 --> 00:51:50,390
And my mother got sick.

1201
00:51:50,390 --> 00:51:52,040
From doing this work.

1202
00:51:52,040 --> 00:51:53,060
Right.

1203
00:51:53,060 --> 00:51:55,040
Because it was wet and--

1204

00:51:55,040 --> 00:52:00,790

So cold, frozen, you
had from the laundry.

1205

00:52:00,790 --> 00:52:02,740

She went to hospital
in December--

1206

00:52:02,740 --> 00:52:06,310

I think she had like
tuberculosis, I think so.

1207

00:52:06,310 --> 00:52:07,360

OK.

1208

00:52:07,360 --> 00:52:13,570

And I had-- the second sister,
the number two sister--

1209

00:52:13,570 --> 00:52:14,170

Linda.

1210

00:52:14,170 --> 00:52:15,340

Linda.

1211

00:52:15,340 --> 00:52:17,560

She was sick, too.

1212

00:52:17,560 --> 00:52:19,290

OK.

1213

00:52:19,290 --> 00:52:23,400

After a while, my sister died.

1214

00:52:23,400 --> 00:52:24,420

Linda died.

1215

00:52:24,420 --> 00:52:26,650

Right.

1216

00:52:26,650 --> 00:52:33,190

And my mother was the
same time in the hospital.

1217
00:52:33,190 --> 00:52:35,790
And she felt better.

1218
00:52:35,790 --> 00:52:36,720
And she came home.

1219
00:52:36,720 --> 00:52:42,320

1220
00:52:42,320 --> 00:52:48,150
A neighbor came in
and said to my mother,

1221
00:52:48,150 --> 00:52:51,800
I'm sorry to hear
about your daughter.

1222
00:52:51,800 --> 00:52:54,080
This was the end of my mother.

1223
00:52:54,080 --> 00:52:56,040
She didn't know
that Linda had died.

1224
00:52:56,040 --> 00:52:56,540
Correct.

1225
00:52:56,540 --> 00:52:57,540
She was in the hospital.

1226
00:52:57,540 --> 00:53:01,390

1227
00:53:01,390 --> 00:53:07,750
We took her right away to
the hospital, and that's it,

1228
00:53:07,750 --> 00:53:10,120
she couldn't take anymore.

1229
00:53:10,120 --> 00:53:13,500
And there my mother died.

1230
00:53:13,500 --> 00:53:15,270
Were you there at the hospital?

1231
00:53:15,270 --> 00:53:17,900
No.

1232
00:53:17,900 --> 00:53:21,380
I was, I think,
that time in school.

1233
00:53:21,380 --> 00:53:24,440
Did you see that neighbor
come in and say--

1234
00:53:24,440 --> 00:53:26,870
and talk to your mother or not?

1235
00:53:26,870 --> 00:53:29,450
No, I don't remember.

1236
00:53:29,450 --> 00:53:33,530
So this was something that
your father told you later?

1237
00:53:33,530 --> 00:53:34,580
Or the other brothers--

1238
00:53:34,580 --> 00:53:36,320
No, I know that--

1239
00:53:36,320 --> 00:53:38,280
you know, when
she died, we knew.

1240
00:53:38,280 --> 00:53:38,780
No, no, no.

1241

00:53:38,780 --> 00:53:43,710
I'm talking about how she
found out about your sister.

1242
00:53:43,710 --> 00:53:45,390
You were not there when--

1243
00:53:45,390 --> 00:53:47,140
No, I was not there.

1244
00:53:47,140 --> 00:53:50,010
Yeah, my father told me, you
know, the neighbor came, so

1245
00:53:50,010 --> 00:53:52,910
and so and so.

1246
00:53:52,910 --> 00:53:54,336
What a loss.

1247
00:53:54,336 --> 00:53:56,320
What a loss.

1248
00:53:56,320 --> 00:53:58,794
And was there a funeral?

1249
00:53:58,794 --> 00:54:00,648
Well, there you don't--

1250
00:54:00,648 --> 00:54:01,940
you know, it was not a funeral.

1251
00:54:01,940 --> 00:54:06,500
They take, you
know, and they bury.

1252
00:54:06,500 --> 00:54:08,150
You were still very little.

1253
00:54:08,150 --> 00:54:09,350
Correct.

1254

00:54:09,350 --> 00:54:12,490

Did you go to any
of that or not?

1255

00:54:12,490 --> 00:54:13,420

No.

1256

00:54:13,420 --> 00:54:15,814

My father would not take me.

1257

00:54:15,814 --> 00:54:18,590

OK.

1258

00:54:18,590 --> 00:54:21,860

So that's two people
out of the family.

1259

00:54:21,860 --> 00:54:22,760

Right.

1260

00:54:22,760 --> 00:54:24,335

In time of three, four weeks.

1261

00:54:24,335 --> 00:54:27,110

1262

00:54:27,110 --> 00:54:33,740

Was this in the winter of 1941?

1263

00:54:33,740 --> 00:54:36,380

I don't know, but I
would think so, yes.

1264

00:54:36,380 --> 00:54:38,230

So it's not when
you first arrived.

1265

00:54:38,230 --> 00:54:38,990

No, no.

1266

00:54:38,990 --> 00:54:40,390

It's a year later.

1267
00:54:40,390 --> 00:54:42,390
No, no.

1268
00:54:42,390 --> 00:54:45,330
No.

1269
00:54:45,330 --> 00:54:49,120
Did you learn Russian quickly?

1270
00:54:49,120 --> 00:54:50,170
No.

1271
00:54:50,170 --> 00:54:54,694
But we all spoke
later on Russian.

1272
00:54:54,694 --> 00:54:55,194
OK.

1273
00:54:55,194 --> 00:55:00,190

1274
00:55:00,190 --> 00:55:03,700
During that first
year, did your parents

1275
00:55:03,700 --> 00:55:06,940
talk much about these
new circumstances,

1276
00:55:06,940 --> 00:55:10,060
and the conditions
in the factory,

1277
00:55:10,060 --> 00:55:13,805
and the conditions in the
house and town and food,

1278
00:55:13,805 --> 00:55:14,680
and things like that?

1279
00:55:14,680 --> 00:55:18,460
Did they talk about this new
environment that they were in?

1280
00:55:18,460 --> 00:55:19,883
No.

1281
00:55:19,883 --> 00:55:20,383
No.

1282
00:55:20,383 --> 00:55:23,270
OK.

1283
00:55:23,270 --> 00:55:26,780
Were they happy to be there?

1284
00:55:26,780 --> 00:55:31,400
Well, in a way yes,
because they knew--

1285
00:55:31,400 --> 00:55:35,390
they heard what is
going on in Germany.

1286
00:55:35,390 --> 00:55:41,590
So we'd better work in
Russia, where we are.

1287
00:55:41,590 --> 00:55:43,400
OK.

1288
00:55:43,400 --> 00:55:48,860
And how did local people and
the local officials treat them?

1289
00:55:48,860 --> 00:55:52,260
Treat all of you?

1290
00:55:52,260 --> 00:55:54,870
The officials were OK.

1291

00:55:54,870 --> 00:56:00,332

But the children, the boys,
you know, was not very nice.

1292

00:56:00,332 --> 00:56:01,160

Also--

1293

00:56:01,160 --> 00:56:03,500

The children in-- the
local children in--

1294

00:56:03,500 --> 00:56:04,740

Right, right, right.

1295

00:56:04,740 --> 00:56:05,240

OK.

1296

00:56:05,240 --> 00:56:07,130

In what way were
they not very nice?

1297

00:56:07,130 --> 00:56:10,310

Calling names, beating,
fighting, you know.

1298

00:56:10,310 --> 00:56:11,720

Were they antisemitic?

1299

00:56:11,720 --> 00:56:13,106

Yes.

1300

00:56:13,106 --> 00:56:15,390

OK.

1301

00:56:15,390 --> 00:56:19,920

Were most of the other families
that were on that train

1302

00:56:19,920 --> 00:56:24,420

going from Bialystok to Russia,
where they almost all Jewish?

1303

00:56:24,420 --> 00:56:25,770
Or were there some non-Jewish?

1304

00:56:25,770 --> 00:56:26,340
No, no.

1305

00:56:26,340 --> 00:56:27,750
It was also Poles.

1306

00:56:27,750 --> 00:56:29,930
There were also Poles.

1307

00:56:29,930 --> 00:56:31,010
And did the Poles--

1308

00:56:31,010 --> 00:56:33,860
were they settled in
this area as well,

1309

00:56:33,860 --> 00:56:35,840
in that barracks
that you lived in?

1310

00:56:35,840 --> 00:56:37,550
Yes.

1311

00:56:37,550 --> 00:56:38,360
It was a big town.

1312

00:56:38,360 --> 00:56:39,540
It was a big town.

1313

00:56:39,540 --> 00:56:40,580
OK.

1314

00:56:40,580 --> 00:56:42,560
It was factories and et cetera.

1315

00:56:42,560 --> 00:56:47,490
It was not, you know, somewhere
nowhere in the Sahara,

1316
00:56:47,490 --> 00:56:47,990
you know.

1317
00:56:47,990 --> 00:56:48,710
OK.

1318
00:56:48,710 --> 00:56:49,840
OK.

1319
00:56:49,840 --> 00:56:56,660
And how were relations with your
non-Jewish, Polish neighbors,

1320
00:56:56,660 --> 00:56:59,180
or Poles who were with you?

1321
00:56:59,180 --> 00:57:00,050
OK.

1322
00:57:00,050 --> 00:57:00,890
It was normal?

1323
00:57:00,890 --> 00:57:01,430
All right.

1324
00:57:01,430 --> 00:57:02,400
No, right.

1325
00:57:02,400 --> 00:57:03,440
OK.

1326
00:57:03,440 --> 00:57:09,540
So if it was young boys
who were name calling,

1327
00:57:09,540 --> 00:57:13,930
they would have been young
Russian boys or whoever?

1328
00:57:13,930 --> 00:57:14,430

No.

1329
00:57:14,430 --> 00:57:16,310
Russian, the Polish, you know.

1330
00:57:16,310 --> 00:57:17,630
Doesn't matter.

1331
00:57:17,630 --> 00:57:18,420
Correct.

1332
00:57:18,420 --> 00:57:18,920
OK.

1333
00:57:18,920 --> 00:57:22,240

1334
00:57:22,240 --> 00:57:24,870
When did you start school?

1335
00:57:24,870 --> 00:57:35,180
Well, over there, until
when you start school,

1336
00:57:35,180 --> 00:57:40,910
when the weather is below
like 50 degrees, the school--

1337
00:57:40,910 --> 00:57:42,140
you're not going to school.

1338
00:57:42,140 --> 00:57:42,800
OK.

1339
00:57:42,800 --> 00:57:43,820
There is no school.

1340
00:57:43,820 --> 00:57:44,970
There's no school.

1341
00:57:44,970 --> 00:57:45,540

Number one.

1342
00:57:45,540 --> 00:57:49,500
Number two, the snow is
higher than the building.

1343
00:57:49,500 --> 00:57:52,460

1344
00:57:52,460 --> 00:57:58,830
And, you know, you go a day
in school, and then two,

1345
00:57:58,830 --> 00:58:02,280
three days you're
not going, you know.

1346
00:58:02,280 --> 00:58:10,305
And after my mother died, OK--

1347
00:58:10,305 --> 00:58:14,520

1348
00:58:14,520 --> 00:58:16,380
no, this is way after.

1349
00:58:16,380 --> 00:58:23,210
But as long my mother was
alive, we stayed all together.

1350
00:58:23,210 --> 00:58:25,575
We went in school.

1351
00:58:25,575 --> 00:58:33,180
And then-- and my
father and my sister

1352
00:58:33,180 --> 00:58:35,100
were working in
the same factory.

1353
00:58:35,100 --> 00:58:36,738

Gila?

1354

00:58:36,738 --> 00:58:37,530

Your oldest sister.

1355

00:58:37,530 --> 00:58:38,900

My older-- Henye.

1356

00:58:38,900 --> 00:58:39,907

Henye, excuse me.

1357

00:58:39,907 --> 00:58:40,407

Henye.

1358

00:58:40,407 --> 00:58:41,015

Gila is-- your mom was Gila

1359

00:58:41,015 --> 00:58:41,870

My mother was Gila.

1360

00:58:41,870 --> 00:58:42,370

Yeah.

1361

00:58:42,370 --> 00:58:45,140

1362

00:58:45,140 --> 00:58:46,820

She was a bookkeeper over there.

1363

00:58:46,820 --> 00:58:47,900

And she was only--

1364

00:58:47,900 --> 00:58:52,680

and over then in Russia,
where we were living,

1365

00:58:52,680 --> 00:58:55,700

you go to school until age 12.

1366

00:58:55,700 --> 00:58:58,940

By age 12 you're going to work.

1367
00:58:58,940 --> 00:59:05,810
My sister was a good
student, especially in math.

1368
00:59:05,810 --> 00:59:09,520
And she was working in the
factory as a bookkeeper.

1369
00:59:09,520 --> 00:59:11,200
That's a fairly good job.

1370
00:59:11,200 --> 00:59:13,940
Yeah.

1371
00:59:13,940 --> 00:59:20,990
My father was working
over there and he

1372
00:59:20,990 --> 00:59:25,560
was in charge of the product.

1373
00:59:25,560 --> 00:59:28,770
He was in charge of the
final quality control?

1374
00:59:28,770 --> 00:59:31,080
Right, correct.

1375
00:59:31,080 --> 00:59:43,510
And one day, he went
to the market with her,

1376
00:59:43,510 --> 00:59:50,350
and he saw shoes from the
factory where he's working.

1377
00:59:50,350 --> 00:59:53,808
And what does that mean when
he saw shoes from the factory

1378
00:59:53,808 --> 00:59:54,600

at the marketplace.

1379
00:59:54,600 --> 00:59:57,030
That somebody is stealing.

1380
00:59:57,030 --> 01:00:00,150
Now, in Russia or
in Siberia, you

1381
01:00:00,150 --> 01:00:03,780
have three kinds of citizens--

1382
01:00:03,780 --> 01:00:08,100
one who is in jail, one
who is going to jail,

1383
01:00:08,100 --> 01:00:10,680
and one who used to be in jail.

1384
01:00:10,680 --> 01:00:13,300
So one who's in jail, one who's
going, and one who used to be.

1385
01:00:13,300 --> 01:00:13,800
Yeah.

1386
01:00:13,800 --> 01:00:21,760
Because if you want to make
a living, what you get--

1387
01:00:21,760 --> 01:00:27,960
used to get from the government,
let's say, half a pound

1388
01:00:27,960 --> 01:00:33,250
or quarter pound of bread for
the whole day long, you know.

1389
01:00:33,250 --> 01:00:38,260
The soup what we ate,
take little bit no water.

1390

01:00:38,260 --> 01:00:41,440
You go out, take a pat
of snow, you melt it,

1391
01:00:41,440 --> 01:00:43,768
you put a few piece of bread.

1392
01:00:43,768 --> 01:00:44,560
This was your soup.

1393
01:00:44,560 --> 01:00:49,210

1394
01:00:49,210 --> 01:00:56,440
So because of my father was
in charge of the product,

1395
01:00:56,440 --> 01:00:59,860
he went to the black
market and saw the shoes.

1396
01:00:59,860 --> 01:01:03,910
So he called the police officer
and said, they arrested him.

1397
01:01:03,910 --> 01:01:06,490

1398
01:01:06,490 --> 01:01:13,810
And then there is the
manager of the factory

1399
01:01:13,810 --> 01:01:20,630
came out and said my father,
he is a hero, he found it.

1400
01:01:20,630 --> 01:01:22,370
And there are two ladies.

1401
01:01:22,370 --> 01:01:26,490
A woman get to him and
cursed him out and said,

1402

01:01:26,490 --> 01:01:28,140
you're going to jail.

1403

01:01:28,140 --> 01:01:35,290
Because the old lady who sold
the shoes was her mother.

1404

01:01:35,290 --> 01:01:39,830
And this woman was a member
of the Komsomolskaya,

1405

01:01:39,830 --> 01:01:41,980
the Russian party.

1406

01:01:41,980 --> 01:01:44,020
So the woman who
cursed out your father

1407

01:01:44,020 --> 01:01:46,030
was a member of the Komsomol.

1408

01:01:46,030 --> 01:01:48,130
Right.

1409

01:01:48,130 --> 01:01:49,645
And the lady was her mother.

1410

01:01:49,645 --> 01:01:52,240

1411

01:01:52,240 --> 01:01:59,530
They NKVD, the police,
came to our house

1412

01:01:59,530 --> 01:02:00,820
and searched everything.

1413

01:02:00,820 --> 01:02:03,050
They found nothing.

1414

01:02:03,050 --> 01:02:06,020

So the NKVD is
the secret police.

1415
01:02:06,020 --> 01:02:07,160
Right.

1416
01:02:07,160 --> 01:02:07,970
OK.

1417
01:02:07,970 --> 01:02:09,080
They found nothing.

1418
01:02:09,080 --> 01:02:16,122
But anyway, because that woman
said and my father that bah!

1419
01:02:16,122 --> 01:02:18,380
they arrested him.

1420
01:02:18,380 --> 01:02:22,050
When they arrested him--

1421
01:02:22,050 --> 01:02:27,360
so we were kids, and my
sister was still working,

1422
01:02:27,360 --> 01:02:31,450
and we the three
brothers, we went to--

1423
01:02:31,450 --> 01:02:33,870
my father sent us to an
[NON-ENGLISH],, you know,

1424
01:02:33,870 --> 01:02:35,580
where children without parents--

1425
01:02:35,580 --> 01:02:37,158
An orphanage.

1426
01:02:37,158 --> 01:02:38,200
You want to an orphanage.

1427
01:02:38,200 --> 01:02:39,030
Correct, correct.

1428
01:02:39,030 --> 01:02:41,460
It's a Polish one.

1429
01:02:41,460 --> 01:02:43,550
OK.

1430
01:02:43,550 --> 01:02:45,725
We over there stayed until--

1431
01:02:45,725 --> 01:02:49,710

1432
01:02:49,710 --> 01:02:52,550
until Russia invaded Poland.

1433
01:02:52,550 --> 01:02:55,250
So you were in the orphanage
for two or three years?

1434
01:02:55,250 --> 01:02:55,750
Pardon me?

1435
01:02:55,750 --> 01:02:58,010
Were you in the orphanage
for two or three years?

1436
01:02:58,010 --> 01:03:00,680
Right, correct, correct.

1437
01:03:00,680 --> 01:03:04,518
And did your father, was he
continued to be arrested,

1438
01:03:04,518 --> 01:03:05,310
or was he released?

1439
01:03:05,310 --> 01:03:05,810

Right.

1440
01:03:05,810 --> 01:03:09,280
No, he was not released.

1441
01:03:09,280 --> 01:03:10,120
So he was--

1442
01:03:10,120 --> 01:03:16,810
He was only released when
we could go back to Russia.

1443
01:03:16,810 --> 01:03:17,690
You mean to Poland?

1444
01:03:17,690 --> 01:03:18,190
No.

1445
01:03:18,190 --> 01:03:19,210
To Russia.

1446
01:03:19,210 --> 01:03:22,120
To Kursk, when after--

1447
01:03:22,120 --> 01:03:27,870
excuse me-- after
Russia invaded Poland,

1448
01:03:27,870 --> 01:03:33,600
they let all the Polish citizens
go to inside Russia, where--

1449
01:03:33,600 --> 01:03:36,360
to Kursk, where I said before.

1450
01:03:36,360 --> 01:03:41,280
So then they released my father,
and then we all went to Kursk.

1451
01:03:41,280 --> 01:03:46,260
But for-- now, when
this incident happened,

1452
01:03:46,260 --> 01:03:48,360
that he saw shoes
from the factory--

1453
01:03:48,360 --> 01:03:48,930
[PHONE RINGS]

1454
01:03:48,930 --> 01:03:50,460
Let's cut for a minute.

1455
01:03:50,460 --> 01:03:51,100
Cutting.

1456
01:03:51,100 --> 01:03:51,600
OK.

1457
01:03:51,600 --> 01:03:52,770
When--

1458
01:03:52,770 --> 01:03:54,210
OK.

1459
01:03:54,210 --> 01:03:55,620
We were interrupted
a little bit.

1460
01:03:55,620 --> 01:03:58,380
But now I was asking
a few questions.

1461
01:03:58,380 --> 01:03:59,760
Go ahead.

1462
01:03:59,760 --> 01:04:02,850
When your father had gone
to the marketplace and

1463
01:04:02,850 --> 01:04:04,230
found this person--

1464

01:04:04,230 --> 01:04:05,220
Shoes, right.

1465
01:04:05,220 --> 01:04:08,685
--the shoes from there, do
you know about when that was?

1466
01:04:08,685 --> 01:04:10,800
Was that in 1941?

1467
01:04:10,800 --> 01:04:12,240
No, way later.

1468
01:04:12,240 --> 01:04:14,280
Was it in '42?

1469
01:04:14,280 --> 01:04:19,630
Probably '42 or-- '42,
'43, something like this.

1470
01:04:19,630 --> 01:04:21,780
So it's well after--
it's like a year

1471
01:04:21,780 --> 01:04:24,850
or almost two years
after your mother dies.

1472
01:04:24,850 --> 01:04:25,560
Right.

1473
01:04:25,560 --> 01:04:28,830
So for those two years, you're
still together as a family.

1474
01:04:28,830 --> 01:04:29,880
Right.

1475
01:04:29,880 --> 01:04:30,930
OK.

1476
01:04:30,930 --> 01:04:34,470

And then he is arrested.

1477

01:04:34,470 --> 01:04:36,240

He's kept in prison.

1478

01:04:36,240 --> 01:04:38,410

And you were sent
to an orphanage.

1479

01:04:38,410 --> 01:04:39,192

We all three.

1480

01:04:39,192 --> 01:04:39,900

The three of you.

1481

01:04:39,900 --> 01:04:40,930

All three brothers.

1482

01:04:40,930 --> 01:04:43,740

So the three brothers,
but your sister no.

1483

01:04:43,740 --> 01:04:45,390

No, because she was working.

1484

01:04:45,390 --> 01:04:47,865

Does she stay in
the same barracks

1485

01:04:47,865 --> 01:04:48,880

that you were in before?

1486

01:04:48,880 --> 01:04:49,870

Correct, right.

1487

01:04:49,870 --> 01:04:52,350

So instead of having
her whole family there--

1488

01:04:52,350 --> 01:04:53,560

Yeah, she was by herself.

1489

01:04:53,560 --> 01:04:54,470

She was by herself.

1490

01:04:54,470 --> 01:04:54,990

Correct.

1491

01:04:54,990 --> 01:04:55,620

OK.

1492

01:04:55,620 --> 01:04:59,130

Until that time, you
mentioned this a little bit--

1493

01:04:59,130 --> 01:05:02,160

let's talk about food.

1494

01:05:02,160 --> 01:05:04,530

Was it easy to get food?

1495

01:05:04,530 --> 01:05:07,420

And what kind of food was there?

1496

01:05:07,420 --> 01:05:10,660

Whatever you could
put the hand on.

1497

01:05:10,660 --> 01:05:14,980

If I have found, for instance,
a rotten potato in the ground,

1498

01:05:14,980 --> 01:05:16,030

I would eat it.

1499

01:05:16,030 --> 01:05:17,260

Not cooked.

1500

01:05:17,260 --> 01:05:18,220

Really?

1501

01:05:18,220 --> 01:05:19,930

So you were hungry?

1502
01:05:19,930 --> 01:05:21,750
I don't remember when I was--

1503
01:05:21,750 --> 01:05:24,730
[LAUGHS] --not hungry.

1504
01:05:24,730 --> 01:05:27,490
Whenever-- I don't
remember when I went

1505
01:05:27,490 --> 01:05:30,880
to sleep with a full stomach.

1506
01:05:30,880 --> 01:05:32,510
From the time you got there?

1507
01:05:32,510 --> 01:05:34,910
Yes.

1508
01:05:34,910 --> 01:05:35,570
Wow.

1509
01:05:35,570 --> 01:05:37,130
We were always hungry.

1510
01:05:37,130 --> 01:05:39,665
We never had enough food.

1511
01:05:39,665 --> 01:05:41,000
OK.

1512
01:05:41,000 --> 01:05:45,320
And were you given food or
did you have to buy food?

1513
01:05:45,320 --> 01:05:48,920
Some of them you get
from the government.

1514
01:05:48,920 --> 01:05:51,890

Some of them you buy
it on the market.

1515
01:05:51,890 --> 01:05:54,790
And by the "market," do you
mean like the black market?

1516
01:05:54,790 --> 01:05:57,610
Yes.

1517
01:05:57,610 --> 01:06:03,940
What farmers used to
bring to market, right.

1518
01:06:03,940 --> 01:06:08,665
I don't know if it's black
market or market, because, you

1519
01:06:08,665 --> 01:06:14,380
know, some farmers used to bring
their food what the crops, you

1520
01:06:14,380 --> 01:06:18,850
know, and they sell it.

1521
01:06:18,850 --> 01:06:20,320
And that was allowed?

1522
01:06:20,320 --> 01:06:21,250
Yeah.

1523
01:06:21,250 --> 01:06:22,000
That was allowed.

1524
01:06:22,000 --> 01:06:22,570
Correct.

1525
01:06:22,570 --> 01:06:31,750
But selling production made in
a state factory was not allowed.

1526
01:06:31,750 --> 01:06:33,400

Well, this means you sold it.

1527
01:06:33,400 --> 01:06:34,373
[LAUGHS]

1528
01:06:34,373 --> 01:06:34,873
Yeah.

1529
01:06:34,873 --> 01:06:35,373
Yeah.

1530
01:06:35,373 --> 01:06:43,220

1531
01:06:43,220 --> 01:06:49,460
I want to still talk about
how people fed themselves

1532
01:06:49,460 --> 01:06:52,590
and how your family fed itself.

1533
01:06:52,590 --> 01:06:54,360
Did you-- and what kind of food?

1534
01:06:54,360 --> 01:07:00,420
Did you-- you said a person who
worked got 1/2 pound of bread

1535
01:07:00,420 --> 01:07:01,410
a day.

1536
01:07:01,410 --> 01:07:02,070
No.

1537
01:07:02,070 --> 01:07:08,730
A person who's working, he get
one hot meal in the factory.

1538
01:07:08,730 --> 01:07:10,420
OK.

1539

01:07:10,420 --> 01:07:11,230
And--

1540
01:07:11,230 --> 01:07:16,390
But the rest of the
family, everybody gets--

1541
01:07:16,390 --> 01:07:20,470
I don't know, 1/2 pound or
1/4 pound of bread a day.

1542
01:07:20,470 --> 01:07:20,970
Yeah.

1543
01:07:20,970 --> 01:07:25,790
So in other words, there was a
certain limit that you would--

1544
01:07:25,790 --> 01:07:31,090
you were able to either
buy or were getting.

1545
01:07:31,090 --> 01:07:31,900
Which was it?

1546
01:07:31,900 --> 01:07:33,850
I think we were
getting from the--

1547
01:07:33,850 --> 01:07:35,410
from the government.

1548
01:07:35,410 --> 01:07:36,550
OK.

1549
01:07:36,550 --> 01:07:41,950
And did you then-- if that
was not enough, how did

1550
01:07:41,950 --> 01:07:45,010
you get other food?

1551

01:07:45,010 --> 01:07:46,780

Well, you worked
in this factory,

1552

01:07:46,780 --> 01:07:49,840

you get some pay for it.

1553

01:07:49,840 --> 01:07:55,200

So with this money, you
can buy anything what

1554

01:07:55,200 --> 01:07:56,770

you need for food [INAUDIBLE].

1555

01:07:56,770 --> 01:08:01,530

So it was-- for a while, it
was your father, your mother,

1556

01:08:01,530 --> 01:08:05,730

and your oldest sister who
were working and earning money.

1557

01:08:05,730 --> 01:08:07,170

Right.

1558

01:08:07,170 --> 01:08:11,010

Was Linda also working, or
did she simply get sick?

1559

01:08:11,010 --> 01:08:13,590

She-- no, she was not working.

1560

01:08:13,590 --> 01:08:16,170

So she was not
bringing in money.

1561

01:08:16,170 --> 01:08:17,040

No.

1562

01:08:17,040 --> 01:08:19,660

And the fact she died
very soon, you know.

1563

01:08:19,660 --> 01:08:20,160

Yeah.

1564

01:08:20,160 --> 01:08:25,060

1565

01:08:25,060 --> 01:08:27,729

When your mother
passed away, that

1566

01:08:27,729 --> 01:08:30,310

leaves two people who
are earning a salary.

1567

01:08:30,310 --> 01:08:32,359

Correct.

1568

01:08:32,359 --> 01:08:37,300

What kind of food could they buy
with the salary that they got?

1569

01:08:37,300 --> 01:08:39,430

What was available?

1570

01:08:39,430 --> 01:08:42,105

In the market,
everything is available.

1571

01:08:42,105 --> 01:08:45,020

1572

01:08:45,020 --> 01:08:46,340

But no food, I don't know.

1573

01:08:46,340 --> 01:08:50,859

But anything-- you know,
everything is available.

1574

01:08:50,859 --> 01:08:52,915

But I would like to
mention something else.

1575

01:08:52,915 --> 01:08:57,569

1576

01:08:57,569 --> 01:09:06,410

When we came to Kursk--

1577

01:09:06,410 --> 01:09:07,260

excuse me.

1578

01:09:07,260 --> 01:09:11,340

When we came to
Syktyvkar, Komi--

1579

01:09:11,340 --> 01:09:12,510

Syktyvkar?

1580

01:09:12,510 --> 01:09:13,350

Yeah.

1581

01:09:13,350 --> 01:09:15,060

Is that the name of the town?

1582

01:09:15,060 --> 01:09:15,580

No.

1583

01:09:15,580 --> 01:09:17,330

Komi is the name of the town.

1584

01:09:17,330 --> 01:09:21,779

Syktyvkar is the
area, the whole area.

1585

01:09:21,779 --> 01:09:22,560

OK?

1586

01:09:22,560 --> 01:09:23,939

OK.

1587

01:09:23,939 --> 01:09:25,825

So Syktyvkar is the area.

1588
01:09:25,825 --> 01:09:27,660
Right.

1589
01:09:27,660 --> 01:09:31,229
A lot of our friends
from our town

1590
01:09:31,229 --> 01:09:35,380
were very upset with my
father, mad at my father.

1591
01:09:35,380 --> 01:09:35,880
Why?

1592
01:09:35,880 --> 01:09:42,550
Because they-- my father,
in a way, was their leader.

1593
01:09:42,550 --> 01:09:46,870
And when they were
over there, they

1594
01:09:46,870 --> 01:09:50,365
did not really know what's
going on, really, in Poland.

1595
01:09:50,365 --> 01:09:53,340

1596
01:09:53,340 --> 01:09:57,570
And they're cold, and the
hunger, and some people died.

1597
01:09:57,570 --> 01:10:02,160
They were upset with
my father, because he

1598
01:10:02,160 --> 01:10:04,560
convinced them to go to Russia.

1599
01:10:04,560 --> 01:10:09,170
But after the war,

they were very happy.

1600
01:10:09,170 --> 01:10:13,190
So it was not easy for your
father during this time.

1601
01:10:13,190 --> 01:10:14,750
Right.

1602
01:10:14,750 --> 01:10:16,730
Now, I want to ask,
did your father

1603
01:10:16,730 --> 01:10:18,770
have any political views?

1604
01:10:18,770 --> 01:10:21,100
Did he-- was he a
political person at all?

1605
01:10:21,100 --> 01:10:23,620

1606
01:10:23,620 --> 01:10:25,080
He was a Zionist.

1607
01:10:25,080 --> 01:10:26,170
He was a Zionist.

1608
01:10:26,170 --> 01:10:26,670
Right.

1609
01:10:26,670 --> 01:10:28,770
But has nothing
to do, you know--

1610
01:10:28,770 --> 01:10:29,880
OK.

1611
01:10:29,880 --> 01:10:33,270
Did he ever-- when
he was put in charge

1612
01:10:33,270 --> 01:10:39,330
of the shoes, the production,
that's a responsible position.

1613
01:10:39,330 --> 01:10:42,650
Correct, very responsible.

1614
01:10:42,650 --> 01:10:46,850
Only trusted people would be
put in charge of such things.

1615
01:10:46,850 --> 01:10:48,220
Right.

1616
01:10:48,220 --> 01:10:50,020
Did he join the party?

1617
01:10:50,020 --> 01:10:50,820
No.

1618
01:10:50,820 --> 01:10:51,760
No.

1619
01:10:51,760 --> 01:11:00,160
Did he have any views on the
system, the Communist Party

1620
01:11:00,160 --> 01:11:02,570
beliefs, ideology?

1621
01:11:02,570 --> 01:11:04,600
Well, no.

1622
01:11:04,600 --> 01:11:13,280
But in Russia that
time, the teachers

1623
01:11:13,280 --> 01:11:15,650
used us kids, the children.

1624

01:11:15,650 --> 01:11:19,340
Did you hear anything
your parents are talking?

1625
01:11:19,340 --> 01:11:25,000
Do you hear their views,
et cetera, et cetera.

1626
01:11:25,000 --> 01:11:31,870
And if-- and over
there was expression--

1627
01:11:31,870 --> 01:11:35,770
if you are asked something,
you have one answer--

1628
01:11:35,770 --> 01:11:37,820
I don't know.

1629
01:11:37,820 --> 01:11:46,240
Because if in school
the teacher asked you,

1630
01:11:46,240 --> 01:11:48,850
where were your
parents last night?

1631
01:11:48,850 --> 01:11:52,300
And you say, let's say,
they went to friends.

1632
01:11:52,300 --> 01:11:57,508
And they check it, and he wasn't
over there by his friends,

1633
01:11:57,508 --> 01:12:00,230
watch it.

1634
01:12:00,230 --> 01:12:02,090
In trouble.

1635
01:12:02,090 --> 01:12:04,480
You or your parents?

1636
01:12:04,480 --> 01:12:07,300
Whatever we asked, I don't know.

1637
01:12:07,300 --> 01:12:10,810
How soon did you learn
that, that you didn't know?

1638
01:12:10,810 --> 01:12:11,840
Pretty soon.

1639
01:12:11,840 --> 01:12:13,090
(LAUGHING) Yeah.

1640
01:12:13,090 --> 01:12:14,840
Pretty soon.

1641
01:12:14,840 --> 01:12:16,250
OK.

1642
01:12:16,250 --> 01:12:22,890
Did your father also have
this kind of caution?

1643
01:12:22,890 --> 01:12:27,590
Was he also careful about what
he said, whom he said it to?

1644
01:12:27,590 --> 01:12:28,940
I guess so.

1645
01:12:28,940 --> 01:12:32,440
Everybody has to be
over there very careful.

1646
01:12:32,440 --> 01:12:38,520
So did he talk much to you about
what his day was like, what

1647
01:12:38,520 --> 01:12:39,215
his--

1648
01:12:39,215 --> 01:12:42,610
No, no, no, no.

1649
01:12:42,610 --> 01:12:44,610
He even didn't have
time, because they

1650
01:12:44,610 --> 01:12:47,036
were working long hours.

1651
01:12:47,036 --> 01:12:47,536
OK.

1652
01:12:47,536 --> 01:12:51,480

1653
01:12:51,480 --> 01:12:57,310
So he was not somebody who
really believed in the system?

1654
01:12:57,310 --> 01:12:58,126
No.

1655
01:12:58,126 --> 01:13:00,410
OK.

1656
01:13:00,410 --> 01:13:04,730
But had nevertheless
voluntarily gone there.

1657
01:13:04,730 --> 01:13:08,990
And because he had convinced
other people to go,

1658
01:13:08,990 --> 01:13:11,510
and they experienced
this kind of--

1659
01:13:11,510 --> 01:13:12,390
Right, life.

1660

01:13:12,390 --> 01:13:17,310
--life and circumstances,
they were not happy.

1661
01:13:17,310 --> 01:13:18,680
Correct.

1662
01:13:18,680 --> 01:13:20,930
In general, and with
him in particular.

1663
01:13:20,930 --> 01:13:22,220
Right.

1664
01:13:22,220 --> 01:13:25,750
Did you have a radio
in your barracks?

1665
01:13:25,750 --> 01:13:27,150
What is the radio?

1666
01:13:27,150 --> 01:13:29,040
OK.

1667
01:13:29,040 --> 01:13:30,180
At that time.

1668
01:13:30,180 --> 01:13:30,900
OK.

1669
01:13:30,900 --> 01:13:34,800
Where did you-- the
reason why I ask

1670
01:13:34,800 --> 01:13:38,520
is, did you get news from
some source of what's

1671
01:13:38,520 --> 01:13:42,420
going on in the world,
what's going on in the war?

1672

01:13:42,420 --> 01:13:46,600
The news what we used to
get is only from Pravda,

1673
01:13:46,600 --> 01:13:47,950
from the paper.

1674
01:13:47,950 --> 01:13:49,593
And what is Pravda, for those--

1675
01:13:49,593 --> 01:13:50,440
Newspaper.

1676
01:13:50,440 --> 01:13:50,980
OK.

1677
01:13:50,980 --> 01:13:52,240
What kind of newspaper?

1678
01:13:52,240 --> 01:13:57,060
A Russian newspaper, from
the Russian government.

1679
01:13:57,060 --> 01:13:57,940
OK.

1680
01:13:57,940 --> 01:14:00,820
And did you read
Pravda as a child?

1681
01:14:00,820 --> 01:14:01,960
No.

1682
01:14:01,960 --> 01:14:04,340
Who in your family
would read it?

1683
01:14:04,340 --> 01:14:09,270
My sister, my father.

1684
01:14:09,270 --> 01:14:10,180
No, we didn't.

1685
01:14:10,180 --> 01:14:11,410
We were-- you know.

1686
01:14:11,410 --> 01:14:12,750
And that was it.

1687
01:14:12,750 --> 01:14:14,150
That was the only news you got.

1688
01:14:14,150 --> 01:14:15,310
Right, correct.

1689
01:14:15,310 --> 01:14:16,810
But we did not discuss it.

1690
01:14:16,810 --> 01:14:19,030
I don't remember
ever we discussed

1691
01:14:19,030 --> 01:14:23,265
what's going on about the war.

1692
01:14:23,265 --> 01:14:25,470
We had other problems.

1693
01:14:25,470 --> 01:14:26,130
OK.

1694
01:14:26,130 --> 01:14:28,090
Then what were some
of those problems?

1695
01:14:28,090 --> 01:14:28,590
Pardon me?

1696
01:14:28,590 --> 01:14:30,300
What were those problems?

1697
01:14:30,300 --> 01:14:31,290
What were the problems?

1698
01:14:31,290 --> 01:14:37,306
Food, freezing, you
know, conditions of life.

1699
01:14:37,306 --> 01:14:38,930
Yeah.

1700
01:14:38,930 --> 01:14:40,468
Trying to survive.

1701
01:14:40,468 --> 01:14:42,180
That's right.

1702
01:14:42,180 --> 01:14:46,320
Because also-- I
didn't mention before,

1703
01:14:46,320 --> 01:14:50,160
my father saved quite a
few people, their life,

1704
01:14:50,160 --> 01:14:55,180
when we run away from Poland.

1705
01:14:55,180 --> 01:14:56,380
How did he do this?

1706
01:14:56,380 --> 01:14:58,790
And what were the circumstances?

1707
01:14:58,790 --> 01:15:01,330
Well, like I said
before, that he

1708
01:15:01,330 --> 01:15:06,310
convinced them to go with him.

1709
01:15:06,310 --> 01:15:11,890
If not, they would go back to
get to Lodz or somewhere else.

1710

01:15:11,890 --> 01:15:14,910

You know what
happened over there.

1711

01:15:14,910 --> 01:15:15,450

Later.

1712

01:15:15,450 --> 01:15:16,740

You find out later.

1713

01:15:16,740 --> 01:15:18,090

Correct.

1714

01:15:18,090 --> 01:15:22,540

What about your uncle
Itzhak Goldberg?

1715

01:15:22,540 --> 01:15:24,500

He was in the war.

1716

01:15:24,500 --> 01:15:27,890

He got wounded in this arm.

1717

01:15:27,890 --> 01:15:35,840

After the war, we found
out that he's alive.

1718

01:15:35,840 --> 01:15:38,540

But it's along the story
later, because when

1719

01:15:38,540 --> 01:15:41,540

we were in Germany--

1720

01:15:41,540 --> 01:15:43,520

when I say "we," not my father.

1721

01:15:43,520 --> 01:15:47,610

Just we three brothers,
he got in contact with us.

1722

01:15:47,610 --> 01:15:48,110
Aha.

1723
01:15:48,110 --> 01:15:49,805
So during the war
there was no contact.

1724
01:15:49,805 --> 01:15:50,420
Uh-uh.

1725
01:15:50,420 --> 01:15:51,680
No, not at all.

1726
01:15:51,680 --> 01:15:52,740
You didn't know.

1727
01:15:52,740 --> 01:15:55,420
OK.

1728
01:15:55,420 --> 01:15:59,020
Were you at home when
your father was arrested?

1729
01:15:59,020 --> 01:16:00,750
Yes.

1730
01:16:00,750 --> 01:16:01,860
What was that like?

1731
01:16:01,860 --> 01:16:05,220
I mean, tell me about
what happened in specific.

1732
01:16:05,220 --> 01:16:12,815
Well, like I said before,
at 12 o'clock the NKVD,

1733
01:16:12,815 --> 01:16:17,360
the police came to our house.

1734
01:16:17,360 --> 01:16:20,060
And they searched everything.

1735
01:16:20,060 --> 01:16:28,920
Now, a small incident was that
my father after World War I--

1736
01:16:28,920 --> 01:16:32,850
I think he fought with the
Polish army against Russia.

1737
01:16:32,850 --> 01:16:34,530
Oh, that's not good.

1738
01:16:34,530 --> 01:16:37,570
And he had a picture of it.

1739
01:16:37,570 --> 01:16:41,620
And he got also a
picture, he was a member

1740
01:16:41,620 --> 01:16:46,510
of the Zionist party Betar.

1741
01:16:46,510 --> 01:16:48,250
The Zionist party Betar.

1742
01:16:48,250 --> 01:16:49,510
Betar.

1743
01:16:49,510 --> 01:16:53,140
Betar is, I know Jabotinsky.

1744
01:16:53,140 --> 01:16:54,820
Maybe you heard about him.

1745
01:16:54,820 --> 01:16:55,810
Tell us who he is.

1746
01:16:55,810 --> 01:16:58,550
I've heard, but tell
us who was Jabotinsky.

1747

01:16:58,550 --> 01:17:03,540
Jabotinsky was a
right-wing leader.

1748
01:17:03,540 --> 01:17:09,730
He started with
the Betar movement,

1749
01:17:09,730 --> 01:17:12,580
what is a Zionist organization.

1750
01:17:12,580 --> 01:17:18,760
Later on they formed the
British in Israel, OK?

1751
01:17:18,760 --> 01:17:24,660
And my father was in
Poland a member of Betar.

1752
01:17:24,660 --> 01:17:25,920
OK.

1753
01:17:25,920 --> 01:17:32,730
As far for the
Russians, he was--

1754
01:17:32,730 --> 01:17:35,190
Betar they didn't like.

1755
01:17:35,190 --> 01:17:38,100
So he was he a
Bourgeois nationalist?

1756
01:17:38,100 --> 01:17:40,800
In Soviet terms, he
was somebody who was--

1757
01:17:40,800 --> 01:17:41,470
Correct.

1758
01:17:41,470 --> 01:17:42,950
Correct.

1759

01:17:42,950 --> 01:17:43,910

OK.

1760

01:17:43,910 --> 01:17:48,610

And here the picture
with the uniform.

1761

01:17:48,610 --> 01:17:56,560

One of the guys from
the NKVD who searched--

1762

01:17:56,560 --> 01:18:00,130

and the other one was
two guys, another one

1763

01:18:00,130 --> 01:18:02,500

had all the papers
and all the pictures.

1764

01:18:02,500 --> 01:18:04,980

And he found a picture.

1765

01:18:04,980 --> 01:18:06,180

He looked on the other--

1766

01:18:06,180 --> 01:18:10,500

left, right and see nobody,
throw it right in the fire.

1767

01:18:10,500 --> 01:18:14,960

Because if they
would found it, pow.

1768

01:18:14,960 --> 01:18:15,800

Really?

1769

01:18:15,800 --> 01:18:16,580

Right.

1770

01:18:16,580 --> 01:18:19,370

Fighting against
the Russian army,

1771
01:18:19,370 --> 01:18:26,100
to be a Betar Zionist,
either way death penalty.

1772
01:18:26,100 --> 01:18:27,650
So he lived your father's life.

1773
01:18:27,650 --> 01:18:28,190
Pardon me?

1774
01:18:28,190 --> 01:18:29,357
He saved your father's life.

1775
01:18:29,357 --> 01:18:30,010
Correct.

1776
01:18:30,010 --> 01:18:31,170
Correct.

1777
01:18:31,170 --> 01:18:32,700
Why do you think he did that?

1778
01:18:32,700 --> 01:18:33,200
Pardon me?

1779
01:18:33,200 --> 01:18:34,640
Why do you think he did that?

1780
01:18:34,640 --> 01:18:37,220

1781
01:18:37,220 --> 01:18:38,420
I don't know.

1782
01:18:38,420 --> 01:18:47,340
Maybe he-- he himself did
not like what is going on.

1783
01:18:47,340 --> 01:18:48,790
Maybe he was Polish.

1784
01:18:48,790 --> 01:18:50,850
Maybe he was Jewish.

1785
01:18:50,850 --> 01:18:51,680
We don't know.

1786
01:18:51,680 --> 01:18:54,260

1787
01:18:54,260 --> 01:18:58,010
But he saved my father's life.

1788
01:18:58,010 --> 01:19:02,943
Because he would-- if he would
save this picture, you bet--

1789
01:19:02,943 --> 01:19:03,930
Yeah.

1790
01:19:03,930 --> 01:19:06,570
That's immediately-- when you
said he was in the Polish army

1791
01:19:06,570 --> 01:19:08,400
against Russia, it is--

1792
01:19:08,400 --> 01:19:09,210
Correct.

1793
01:19:09,210 --> 01:19:10,480
Correct.

1794
01:19:10,480 --> 01:19:14,770
So you see your
father taken away.

1795
01:19:14,770 --> 01:19:17,040
Yes.

1796
01:19:17,040 --> 01:19:25,433

And you see-- then you are
left with your three brothers--

1797
01:19:25,433 --> 01:19:26,350
and your two brothers.

1798
01:19:26,350 --> 01:19:27,250
Two brothers.

1799
01:19:27,250 --> 01:19:28,630
And your older sister.

1800
01:19:28,630 --> 01:19:30,230
Right.

1801
01:19:30,230 --> 01:19:31,372
How are they behaving?

1802
01:19:31,372 --> 01:19:32,580
Because you are the youngest.

1803
01:19:32,580 --> 01:19:35,650
You're the baby of the family

1804
01:19:35,650 --> 01:19:36,510
It is what it is.

1805
01:19:36,510 --> 01:19:40,686
You don't have any
choice, you know.

1806
01:19:40,686 --> 01:19:47,370
we were a very united family,
and we had one another.

1807
01:19:47,370 --> 01:19:48,830
So what happens after that?

1808
01:19:48,830 --> 01:19:53,150
Do they leave you there with
all the children for a while

1809

01:19:53,150 --> 01:19:55,400
and then they take
you to the orphanage?

1810

01:19:55,400 --> 01:19:58,980
Or do they take you right away?

1811

01:19:58,980 --> 01:20:00,840
It's not what they take.

1812

01:20:00,840 --> 01:20:07,380
I remember I saw my father,
at least for three months,

1813

01:20:07,380 --> 01:20:13,150
every day going from
the jail to the factory.

1814

01:20:13,150 --> 01:20:15,580
So he's still working
in the factory.

1815

01:20:15,580 --> 01:20:16,080
No.

1816

01:20:16,080 --> 01:20:19,860
He had to give over all the--

1817

01:20:19,860 --> 01:20:22,060
all the things, you know.

1818

01:20:22,060 --> 01:20:23,550
That he was doing.

1819

01:20:23,550 --> 01:20:25,020
What he was doing.

1820

01:20:25,020 --> 01:20:26,310
OK.

1821

01:20:26,310 --> 01:20:27,060

OK.

1822

01:20:27,060 --> 01:20:29,350

So you still were
able to see him?

1823

01:20:29,350 --> 01:20:30,660

Right, for-- right.

1824

01:20:30,660 --> 01:20:34,500

And then we went--

1825

01:20:34,500 --> 01:20:39,210

I don't know if they took us or
voluntarily went to the office.

1826

01:20:39,210 --> 01:20:40,090

Orphanage.

1827

01:20:40,090 --> 01:20:41,370

Orphanage, correct.

1828

01:20:41,370 --> 01:20:42,760

OK.

1829

01:20:42,760 --> 01:20:48,010

Now, describe for me a little
bit about this orphanage.

1830

01:20:48,010 --> 01:20:50,690

What did it look like?

1831

01:20:50,690 --> 01:20:52,870

How many children were there?

1832

01:20:52,870 --> 01:20:54,250

And we'll go from there.

1833

01:20:54,250 --> 01:20:55,010

A bunch.

1834

01:20:55,010 --> 01:20:56,230
A bunch of children.

1835
01:20:56,230 --> 01:20:58,130
Right.

1836
01:20:58,130 --> 01:21:00,380
Would you say a hundred?

1837
01:21:00,380 --> 01:21:02,140
I would say a lot
more than a hundred.

1838
01:21:02,140 --> 01:21:02,640
Two?

1839
01:21:02,640 --> 01:21:04,045
But I cannot--

1840
01:21:04,045 --> 01:21:05,790
I don't know, you know.

1841
01:21:05,790 --> 01:21:06,650
OK.

1842
01:21:06,650 --> 01:21:08,525
Were most of them real orphans?

1843
01:21:08,525 --> 01:21:11,310

1844
01:21:11,310 --> 01:21:12,000
I don't know.

1845
01:21:12,000 --> 01:21:18,410
Some of them, that
the parents were--

1846
01:21:18,410 --> 01:21:22,210
could not support them.

1847

01:21:22,210 --> 01:21:25,730
Some of them, that the
parents, like I said, in jail.

1848
01:21:25,730 --> 01:21:29,440
Some of them, parents
died, you know.

1849
01:21:29,440 --> 01:21:31,490
All kind, all kind.

1850
01:21:31,490 --> 01:21:33,350
It was a Polish, not a Russian.

1851
01:21:33,350 --> 01:21:34,920
It was a Polish orphanage.

1852
01:21:34,920 --> 01:21:35,760
Right.

1853
01:21:35,760 --> 01:21:39,440
And it was allowed to operate
as a Polish orphanage then.

1854
01:21:39,440 --> 01:21:41,200
Yes.

1855
01:21:41,200 --> 01:21:42,790
Would that have
made-- did that make

1856
01:21:42,790 --> 01:21:45,280
a difference between
being a Polish orphanage

1857
01:21:45,280 --> 01:21:48,400
and a Russian orphanage?

1858
01:21:48,400 --> 01:21:50,020
No, I don't think so.

1859
01:21:50,020 --> 01:21:51,400

OK.

1860

01:21:51,400 --> 01:21:53,770

How was the food
in that orphanage?

1861

01:21:53,770 --> 01:21:55,330

At least they gave
us pretty good--

1862

01:21:55,330 --> 01:21:57,760

I mean, satisfactory food.

1863

01:21:57,760 --> 01:21:59,620

You can survive.

1864

01:21:59,620 --> 01:22:00,550

OK.

1865

01:22:00,550 --> 01:22:03,400

So it wasn't like you
were so hungry that you

1866

01:22:03,400 --> 01:22:05,620

would eat a rotten potato.

1867

01:22:05,620 --> 01:22:06,960

No.

1868

01:22:06,960 --> 01:22:07,460

No.

1869

01:22:07,460 --> 01:22:08,570

OK.

1870

01:22:08,570 --> 01:22:14,750

And how did the people who
run the orphanage treat you?

1871

01:22:14,750 --> 01:22:17,980

As much I remember, not bad.

1872

01:22:17,980 --> 01:22:21,010

The kids, you know, the
children, other children

1873

01:22:21,010 --> 01:22:23,580

called names, but it's OK.

1874

01:22:23,580 --> 01:22:25,567

So it was still the
children would call you

1875

01:22:25,567 --> 01:22:26,525

names for being Jewish.

1876

01:22:26,525 --> 01:22:27,780

Right, right.

1877

01:22:27,780 --> 01:22:29,770

OK.

1878

01:22:29,770 --> 01:22:32,170

But were there
any people who you

1879

01:22:32,170 --> 01:22:36,970

remember being particularly kind
to you, or taking care of you?

1880

01:22:36,970 --> 01:22:38,020

Not really.

1881

01:22:38,020 --> 01:22:41,710

Everybody was-- you know,
everybody had his own problems.

1882

01:22:41,710 --> 01:22:45,320

Even the teachers who
is in charge over there,

1883

01:22:45,320 --> 01:22:47,350

they had their own problems.

1884
01:22:47,350 --> 01:22:48,280
OK.

1885
01:22:48,280 --> 01:22:51,430
Were there many Jewish
children in that orphanage?

1886
01:22:51,430 --> 01:22:53,370
Was quite a few.

1887
01:22:53,370 --> 01:22:56,960
Did you kind of stick together?

1888
01:22:56,960 --> 01:23:00,020
I know I stick together
with my two brothers.

1889
01:23:00,020 --> 01:23:02,190
OK.

1890
01:23:02,190 --> 01:23:08,610
And did you-- did the three
of you share a same room,

1891
01:23:08,610 --> 01:23:12,710
or were you always sleeping in
the same area, or how as it--

1892
01:23:12,710 --> 01:23:18,250
It was a big barrack
and was a lot of beds.

1893
01:23:18,250 --> 01:23:23,980
And every morning, they pray
[NON-ENGLISH],, you know.

1894
01:23:23,980 --> 01:23:25,900
So it was a Catholic orphanage.

1895
01:23:25,900 --> 01:23:27,790
Right.

1896

01:23:27,790 --> 01:23:30,700

Or at the very least,
they were allowed

1897

01:23:30,700 --> 01:23:32,650

to pray in that orphanage.

1898

01:23:32,650 --> 01:23:35,060

Right, correct.

1899

01:23:35,060 --> 01:23:36,830

See, all of this
is very interesting

1900

01:23:36,830 --> 01:23:39,920

for me, because
the Soviet Union,

1901

01:23:39,920 --> 01:23:43,850

having an ideology
of atheism, the fact

1902

01:23:43,850 --> 01:23:47,660

that they even let the Poles
have their own orphanage,

1903

01:23:47,660 --> 01:23:50,480

and that they're
allowed to pray--

1904

01:23:50,480 --> 01:23:52,518

whereas when you went
to Russian school,

1905

01:23:52,518 --> 01:23:53,810

what they're doing is they're--

1906

01:23:53,810 --> 01:23:57,170

or Soviet school, they're asking
you, what did your parents say,

1907

01:23:57,170 --> 01:23:59,240

it sounds like a
real difference.

1908

01:23:59,240 --> 01:24:03,680

Well, I don't know why or what
is, but this what I remember.

1909

01:24:03,680 --> 01:24:06,180

OK.

1910

01:24:06,180 --> 01:24:12,660

Was there anybody Jewish who
was teaching you Hebrew prayers?

1911

01:24:12,660 --> 01:24:13,670

No.

1912

01:24:13,670 --> 01:24:16,840

No, OK.

1913

01:24:16,840 --> 01:24:20,620

And did you start-- did you go
to school at that orphanage?

1914

01:24:20,620 --> 01:24:22,180

Did they have their
own school there?

1915

01:24:22,180 --> 01:24:26,980

1916

01:24:26,980 --> 01:24:29,350

No, no.

1917

01:24:29,350 --> 01:24:30,910

So no, they didn't
have the school,

1918

01:24:30,910 --> 01:24:32,440

or no you didn't go to school.

1919

01:24:32,440 --> 01:24:33,767

No, was no schools.

1920
01:24:33,767 --> 01:24:34,600
There was no school.

1921
01:24:34,600 --> 01:24:37,360
I don't remember should
be over there a school.

1922
01:24:37,360 --> 01:24:38,560
How did you spend your day?

1923
01:24:38,560 --> 01:24:43,610

1924
01:24:43,610 --> 01:24:47,660
Playing around with
other kids who were nice,

1925
01:24:47,660 --> 01:24:51,710
and some work we used to do.

1926
01:24:51,710 --> 01:24:53,090
That's all.

1927
01:24:53,090 --> 01:24:55,520
I don't remember going
over there in school.

1928
01:24:55,520 --> 01:24:57,060
OK.

1929
01:24:57,060 --> 01:25:00,570
And your father was
in a local prison?

1930
01:25:00,570 --> 01:25:01,440
Correct, yeah.

1931
01:25:01,440 --> 01:25:04,780
Were you able to visit him?

1932

01:25:04,780 --> 01:25:07,150

No.

1933

01:25:07,150 --> 01:25:09,520

And your older brothers
also couldn't visit him.

1934

01:25:09,520 --> 01:25:11,490

No.

1935

01:25:11,490 --> 01:25:14,070

Did your sister visit
you at the orphanage?

1936

01:25:14,070 --> 01:25:18,210

1937

01:25:18,210 --> 01:25:20,010

Once in a blue moon.

1938

01:25:20,010 --> 01:25:23,920

Because, you know, she
had to work all the time.

1939

01:25:23,920 --> 01:25:27,195

Even on Sundays, you know, and
Saturday-- seven days a week.

1940

01:25:27,195 --> 01:25:30,170

OK.

1941

01:25:30,170 --> 01:25:35,160

And was the orphanage
in the same town?

1942

01:25:35,160 --> 01:25:36,530

Yes.

1943

01:25:36,530 --> 01:25:37,500

OK.

1944

01:25:37,500 --> 01:25:41,730

So did you know,
or was it the fact,

1945

01:25:41,730 --> 01:25:45,220

that your father was
imprisoned close by?

1946

01:25:45,220 --> 01:25:46,810

Yes.

1947

01:25:46,810 --> 01:25:48,880

And your sister is close by.

1948

01:25:48,880 --> 01:25:50,500

But you don't see her much.

1949

01:25:50,500 --> 01:25:51,550

Correct.

1950

01:25:51,550 --> 01:25:52,180

All right.

1951

01:25:52,180 --> 01:25:56,220

1952

01:25:56,220 --> 01:25:58,200

Were you able--
were you allowed out

1953

01:25:58,200 --> 01:26:01,230

of the orphanage to go
around town if you wished to?

1954

01:26:01,230 --> 01:26:03,965

No.

1955

01:26:03,965 --> 01:26:05,300

OK.

1956

01:26:05,300 --> 01:26:06,830

And your brothers, the same?

1957
01:26:06,830 --> 01:26:10,090
Yeah, no.

1958
01:26:10,090 --> 01:26:13,680
So in some ways it's a bit
like a prison, but not really.

1959
01:26:13,680 --> 01:26:18,508
Well, you're right.

1960
01:26:18,508 --> 01:26:31,490
OK Which had you preferred,
being in the barracks

1961
01:26:31,490 --> 01:26:33,850
or being in the orphanage?

1962
01:26:33,850 --> 01:26:37,240
If you had a choice.

1963
01:26:37,240 --> 01:26:37,930
Depends.

1964
01:26:37,930 --> 01:26:39,855
If with my father
and my sister, I

1965
01:26:39,855 --> 01:26:41,230
would like to be
in the barracks.

1966
01:26:41,230 --> 01:26:43,300
If not, then [INAUDIBLE].

1967
01:26:43,300 --> 01:26:45,730
Because who would
take care of us?

1968
01:26:45,730 --> 01:26:52,040
My sister was working from
early morning until late night.

1969

01:26:52,040 --> 01:26:54,180

And, you know, who
would cook for us?

1970

01:26:54,180 --> 01:26:56,450

Who would prepare
food and et cetera?

1971

01:26:56,450 --> 01:27:01,690

My oldest sister, she
was like our mother.

1972

01:27:01,690 --> 01:27:03,880

She had a lot on her shoulders.

1973

01:27:03,880 --> 01:27:04,390

Pardon me?

1974

01:27:04,390 --> 01:27:06,260

She had a lot on her shoulders.

1975

01:27:06,260 --> 01:27:06,940

Correct.

1976

01:27:06,940 --> 01:27:08,290

At a young age.

1977

01:27:08,290 --> 01:27:10,880

That's right.

1978

01:27:10,880 --> 01:27:17,630

And now my sister, even
when we went back to Poland,

1979

01:27:17,630 --> 01:27:22,460

and then when we were in
Israel, she was like our mother.

1980

01:27:22,460 --> 01:27:25,944

She was cooking and doing
the laundry and everything.

1981
01:27:25,944 --> 01:27:26,444
Mm-hmm.

1982
01:27:26,444 --> 01:27:29,260

1983
01:27:29,260 --> 01:27:33,570
So this went on
for two years or so

1984
01:27:33,570 --> 01:27:36,270
that you were in the orphanage?

1985
01:27:36,270 --> 01:27:36,960
Yes.

1986
01:27:36,960 --> 01:27:42,790
Because, like I
said, when the war--

1987
01:27:42,790 --> 01:27:49,260
when Russia invaded Poland, we
were allowed to go to Kursk--

1988
01:27:49,260 --> 01:27:51,320
Kursk embassy.

1989
01:27:51,320 --> 01:27:54,090
there is the place.

1990
01:27:54,090 --> 01:27:58,200
And then we got reunited.

1991
01:27:58,200 --> 01:27:59,160
With your father.

1992
01:27:59,160 --> 01:28:00,880
Correct.

1993
01:28:00,880 --> 01:28:03,420

What did he look like
after having been

1994
01:28:03,420 --> 01:28:07,020
in prison for such a while?

1995
01:28:07,020 --> 01:28:09,250
No-- He was working
over there, too.

1996
01:28:09,250 --> 01:28:14,430
It was not-- it's not prison
that you all the time beaten up

1997
01:28:14,430 --> 01:28:16,690
or, you know--

1998
01:28:16,690 --> 01:28:19,510
he was working over
there, what everybody was.

1999
01:28:19,510 --> 01:28:21,430
So was it like a labor camp?

2000
01:28:21,430 --> 01:28:22,915
Yes.

2001
01:28:22,915 --> 01:28:23,415
OK.

2002
01:28:23,415 --> 01:28:26,820

2003
01:28:26,820 --> 01:28:31,880
And you see, another
thing that is interesting

2004
01:28:31,880 --> 01:28:39,410
here is that in 1941, when
Germany attacked the Soviet

2005
01:28:39,410 --> 01:28:46,340

Union, Sikorski from the
government in exile in London

2006

01:28:46,340 --> 01:28:51,380

makes an agreement
with Stalin to release

2007

01:28:51,380 --> 01:28:56,360

Poles, ethnic Poles and Polish
citizens, from the gulag.

2008

01:28:56,360 --> 01:28:59,060

And there's an army
of General Anders.

2009

01:28:59,060 --> 01:29:00,070

I remember.

2010

01:29:00,070 --> 01:29:01,480

Yeah.

2011

01:29:01,480 --> 01:29:04,060

In that orphanage, had
there have been children

2012

01:29:04,060 --> 01:29:07,150

whose parents were in that
army, or whose fathers

2013

01:29:07,150 --> 01:29:07,945

were in that army?

2014

01:29:07,945 --> 01:29:10,625

2015

01:29:10,625 --> 01:29:11,595

I don't know.

2016

01:29:11,595 --> 01:29:12,565

OK.

2017

01:29:12,565 --> 01:29:14,510

I don't know.

2018

01:29:14,510 --> 01:29:17,180

And that was very early
on, because Germany

2019

01:29:17,180 --> 01:29:18,420

attacked the Soviet Union.

2020

01:29:18,420 --> 01:29:19,640

Correct.

2021

01:29:19,640 --> 01:29:24,020

So what you're
talking about sounds

2022

01:29:24,020 --> 01:29:27,560

to be like a second
kind of policy.

2023

01:29:27,560 --> 01:29:30,674

Because for three years
already, from '41, '42,

2024

01:29:30,674 --> 01:29:36,035

'43, Poles are leaving where
they had been either deported

2025

01:29:36,035 --> 01:29:39,050

or where they ended
up, and they're trying

2026

01:29:39,050 --> 01:29:41,810

to get out of the Soviet Union.

2027

01:29:41,810 --> 01:29:47,270

Did you know of any of this
when you were in your orphanage,

2028

01:29:47,270 --> 01:29:49,940

or when you were
still in the barracks?

2029

01:29:49,940 --> 01:29:51,010

No.

2030

01:29:51,010 --> 01:29:51,910

No.

2031

01:29:51,910 --> 01:29:54,940

Only what I know,
after the war--

2032

01:29:54,940 --> 01:29:58,750

after the war ended,
all the Polish citizens

2033

01:29:58,750 --> 01:30:00,340

could go back to Poland.

2034

01:30:00,340 --> 01:30:01,750

That's what you knew.

2035

01:30:01,750 --> 01:30:02,620

Right.

2036

01:30:02,620 --> 01:30:14,290

And in '44 or so, when
Russia invaded Poland,

2037

01:30:14,290 --> 01:30:15,910

then the Polish citizens--

2038

01:30:15,910 --> 01:30:26,410

I know we were allowed to leave
our place in Russia to go in--

2039

01:30:26,410 --> 01:30:28,090

in Russia, to live in Russia.

2040

01:30:28,090 --> 01:30:28,590

OK.

2041

01:30:28,590 --> 01:30:30,820

So you were allowed
to leave Komi.

2042
01:30:30,820 --> 01:30:33,250
And-- was it Sivitar, you said?

2043
01:30:33,250 --> 01:30:34,450
Syktyvkar.

2044
01:30:34,450 --> 01:30:36,130
Syktyvkar.

2045
01:30:36,130 --> 01:30:39,310
You were allowed to leave
there and go into the Russian

2046
01:30:39,310 --> 01:30:40,040
Federation.

2047
01:30:40,040 --> 01:30:41,260
Right, correct.

2048
01:30:41,260 --> 01:30:41,920
That Republic.

2049
01:30:41,920 --> 01:30:45,510

2050
01:30:45,510 --> 01:30:48,900
That's interesting,
that there was this sort

2051
01:30:48,900 --> 01:30:52,900
of two-step kind of situation.

2052
01:30:52,900 --> 01:30:57,750
And then in '46,
we went to Poland.

2053
01:30:57,750 --> 01:30:58,380
All right.

2054

01:30:58,380 --> 01:31:02,920

So you meet in Kursk
with your father.

2055

01:31:02,920 --> 01:31:07,780

No, we met together
in Syktyvkar, Komi,

2056

01:31:07,780 --> 01:31:11,380

and we went all
together to Kursk.

2057

01:31:11,380 --> 01:31:14,500

And when you get to Kursk,
what kind of living situation

2058

01:31:14,500 --> 01:31:16,640

do you have?

2059

01:31:16,640 --> 01:31:19,670

We got a barrack.

2060

01:31:19,670 --> 01:31:21,140

I think we were two families.

2061

01:31:21,140 --> 01:31:24,180

2062

01:31:24,180 --> 01:31:26,715

My father was working,
my sister was working.

2063

01:31:26,715 --> 01:31:30,000

2064

01:31:30,000 --> 01:31:32,070

And we went to--

2065

01:31:32,070 --> 01:31:34,830

2066

01:31:34,830 --> 01:31:36,510
over there in school.

2067
01:31:36,510 --> 01:31:38,730
So that was the second school.

2068
01:31:38,730 --> 01:31:41,730
The first one had been
before the orphanage,

2069
01:31:41,730 --> 01:31:43,980
and now this is the second
time you're in school.

2070
01:31:43,980 --> 01:31:44,480
Correct.

2071
01:31:44,480 --> 01:31:48,730

2072
01:31:48,730 --> 01:31:49,300
OK.

2073
01:31:49,300 --> 01:31:50,482
Let's cut a little.

2074
01:31:50,482 --> 01:31:51,278
Cutting--

2075
01:31:51,278 --> 01:31:51,778
I'm--

2076
01:31:51,778 --> 01:31:52,698
OK.

2077
01:31:52,698 --> 01:31:53,674
got speed.

2078
01:31:53,674 --> 01:31:54,650
Ready.

2079

01:31:54,650 --> 01:32:00,480
And what was school like
here when you were in Kursk?

2080
01:32:00,480 --> 01:32:04,410
Was it much different than
the school you first started

2081
01:32:04,410 --> 01:32:05,130
going to?

2082
01:32:05,130 --> 01:32:08,900

2083
01:32:08,900 --> 01:32:10,750
I don't think so.

2084
01:32:10,750 --> 01:32:12,370
Do you have any memories of it?

2085
01:32:12,370 --> 01:32:13,540
No, not too much.

2086
01:32:13,540 --> 01:32:18,730
I know they teach us about the
Communist Party and et cetera.

2087
01:32:18,730 --> 01:32:20,790
But nothing especially.

2088
01:32:20,790 --> 01:32:22,150
OK.

2089
01:32:22,150 --> 01:32:26,140
Now, the fact that your
father had been in prison,

2090
01:32:26,140 --> 01:32:29,420
did he have any special
restrictions on him?

2091
01:32:29,420 --> 01:32:29,920

No.

2092

01:32:29,920 --> 01:32:30,770

No.

2093

01:32:30,770 --> 01:32:31,270

None.

2094

01:32:31,270 --> 01:32:33,070

So now he was truly
a free person.

2095

01:32:33,070 --> 01:32:35,170

Right, correct.

2096

01:32:35,170 --> 01:32:37,930

There's another point
I want to ask about

2097

01:32:37,930 --> 01:32:40,540

that you may not
have known about

2098

01:32:40,540 --> 01:32:49,670

or maybe knew about later,
going back to Bialystok and then

2099

01:32:49,670 --> 01:32:51,710

into the Soviet Union.

2100

01:32:51,710 --> 01:32:56,540

There were many people,
Jews who had escaped

2101

01:32:56,540 --> 01:32:59,330

the German occupied
part of Poland

2102

01:32:59,330 --> 01:33:02,930

and ended up in the Russian
occupied part of Poland.

2103

01:33:02,930 --> 01:33:08,720
And their experience is that
they are brought to the NKVD,

2104
01:33:08,720 --> 01:33:13,010
and they are asked, do you
want to be a citizen of Poland,

2105
01:33:13,010 --> 01:33:15,230
do you want to go back,
or do you want to be

2106
01:33:15,230 --> 01:33:17,740
a citizen of the Soviet Union?

2107
01:33:17,740 --> 01:33:20,350
And when they say, we want
to be a citizen of Poland,

2108
01:33:20,350 --> 01:33:24,600
because they would have left
their families back there,

2109
01:33:24,600 --> 01:33:30,060
they are then taken and
involuntarily deported

2110
01:33:30,060 --> 01:33:33,060
to Siberia.

2111
01:33:33,060 --> 01:33:35,730
My question to you is,
do you think your father

2112
01:33:35,730 --> 01:33:37,015
was asked the same question?

2113
01:33:37,015 --> 01:33:42,440

2114
01:33:42,440 --> 01:33:43,640
Honestly, I don't know.

2115

01:33:43,640 --> 01:33:47,390

But what my father
said, most of the people

2116

01:33:47,390 --> 01:33:49,220

there were not
asked any questions.

2117

01:33:49,220 --> 01:33:53,340

Every day back, they
took them back to this.

2118

01:33:53,340 --> 01:33:59,270

That's why we escaped
to the Russian side.

2119

01:33:59,270 --> 01:34:00,590

That's what I remember.

2120

01:34:00,590 --> 01:34:01,370

OK.

2121

01:34:01,370 --> 01:34:01,970

OK.

2122

01:34:01,970 --> 01:34:03,650

No, but it was--

2123

01:34:03,650 --> 01:34:05,500

you know, they were told--

2124

01:34:05,500 --> 01:34:07,430

you see, the people
that I've interviewed

2125

01:34:07,430 --> 01:34:13,100

who have had that experience
were told once that they said,

2126

01:34:13,100 --> 01:34:18,340

we want to go back to Poland,
that, OK, we'll bring you back.

2127
01:34:18,340 --> 01:34:19,990
But then they're
put on the trains,

2128
01:34:19,990 --> 01:34:23,650
and they realize very quickly
they're going east not west.

2129
01:34:23,650 --> 01:34:26,600
And then their story,
you know, has its own--

2130
01:34:26,600 --> 01:34:27,308
I didn't know.

2131
01:34:27,308 --> 01:34:28,600
You don't know of those things.

2132
01:34:28,600 --> 01:34:29,740
Yeah, I didn't know.

2133
01:34:29,740 --> 01:34:33,870
Did you ever meet,
either in Syktyvkar--

2134
01:34:33,870 --> 01:34:34,720
Syktyvkar.

2135
01:34:34,720 --> 01:34:39,580
--or in Kursk, any Jews who had
been released from the gulag?

2136
01:34:39,580 --> 01:34:44,890
Had you met anybody who had
been deported to Siberia

2137
01:34:44,890 --> 01:34:45,980
and then was let go?

2138
01:34:45,980 --> 01:34:47,410
Yeah, we had a few friends.

2139
01:34:47,410 --> 01:34:49,310
I know of a few people, right.

2140
01:34:49,310 --> 01:34:50,080
OK.

2141
01:34:50,080 --> 01:34:53,230
But did you meet them
there or later on in life?

2142
01:34:53,230 --> 01:34:55,360
No, in Kursk.

2143
01:34:55,360 --> 01:34:56,120
In Kursk.

2144
01:34:56,120 --> 01:34:56,620
Right.

2145
01:34:56,620 --> 01:35:00,610
And did they tell you much about
what their experience had been?

2146
01:35:00,610 --> 01:35:02,320
I think we all were--

2147
01:35:02,320 --> 01:35:04,330
we had the same experience.

2148
01:35:04,330 --> 01:35:05,590
OK.

2149
01:35:05,590 --> 01:35:07,810
And what was that
experience then?

2150
01:35:07,810 --> 01:35:09,970
The same thing what
I had, what we had.

2151

01:35:09,970 --> 01:35:11,270
That is you're hungry.

2152
01:35:11,270 --> 01:35:12,100
Yes.

2153
01:35:12,100 --> 01:35:13,000
Freezing.

2154
01:35:13,000 --> 01:35:17,020
You're hungry, you're freezing,
and you don't talk much.

2155
01:35:17,020 --> 01:35:18,766
That's right.

2156
01:35:18,766 --> 01:35:20,520
OK.

2157
01:35:20,520 --> 01:35:22,980
How long did you stay in Kursk?

2158
01:35:22,980 --> 01:35:26,090
For about, I think,
for about two years.

2159
01:35:26,090 --> 01:35:31,480
And so when you're in Kursk,
that's when the war ends.

2160
01:35:31,480 --> 01:35:32,290
Right.

2161
01:35:32,290 --> 01:35:34,960
Do you remember where
you were when you

2162
01:35:34,960 --> 01:35:36,520
learned that the war is over?

2163
01:35:36,520 --> 01:35:37,540
Yes.

2164
01:35:37,540 --> 01:35:38,340
Tell me about it.

2165
01:35:38,340 --> 01:35:43,070

2166
01:35:43,070 --> 01:35:49,180
They made a big
parade with Germans,

2167
01:35:49,180 --> 01:35:53,080
with Germans captured prisoners.

2168
01:35:53,080 --> 01:35:59,930
They walked them to death, OK.

2169
01:35:59,930 --> 01:36:07,710
I remember they made
after the parade--

2170
01:36:07,710 --> 01:36:14,350
and by the way, my sister,
let her rest in peace,

2171
01:36:14,350 --> 01:36:18,280
she was speaking in
front of everybody

2172
01:36:18,280 --> 01:36:22,480
how great the Soviet Union is.

2173
01:36:22,480 --> 01:36:23,485
She was a good student.

2174
01:36:23,485 --> 01:36:28,240

2175
01:36:28,240 --> 01:36:39,390
And you saw thousands of
German soldiers, you know,

2176

01:36:39,390 --> 01:36:44,520

kept moving them to, I think
to Siberia, whatever it is,

2177

01:36:44,520 --> 01:36:47,560

to work over there,
to working camps.

2178

01:36:47,560 --> 01:36:48,940

That's what you
remember from it.

2179

01:36:48,940 --> 01:36:49,460

Right.

2180

01:36:49,460 --> 01:36:50,930

And it was a big--

2181

01:36:50,930 --> 01:36:56,160

you know, a big, big, big deal.

2182

01:36:56,160 --> 01:36:59,510

And everybody was
happy, you know.

2183

01:36:59,510 --> 01:37:03,620

How is it that your sister
came to make this speech,

2184

01:37:03,620 --> 01:37:05,680

this public speech?

2185

01:37:05,680 --> 01:37:08,350

Because she was chosen from--

2186

01:37:08,350 --> 01:37:11,950

2187

01:37:11,950 --> 01:37:14,710

I think my sister
was in the party.

2188

01:37:14,710 --> 01:37:15,270

I don't know.

2189

01:37:15,270 --> 01:37:17,730

I don't remember [INAUDIBLE].

2190

01:37:17,730 --> 01:37:22,690

But she was chosen to have
a speech on a platform.

2191

01:37:22,690 --> 01:37:25,830

Well, she by that
point, in 1945,

2192

01:37:25,830 --> 01:37:28,260

she's no longer a teenager.

2193

01:37:28,260 --> 01:37:30,240

She's 19 years old.

2194

01:37:30,240 --> 01:37:32,040

She's a young lady.

2195

01:37:32,040 --> 01:37:34,990

She can make up her
own mind about things.

2196

01:37:34,990 --> 01:37:35,760

Right.

2197

01:37:35,760 --> 01:37:37,440

Did she believe?

2198

01:37:37,440 --> 01:37:43,300

Was she somebody who believed in
the ideals of the Soviet Union?

2199

01:37:43,300 --> 01:37:43,940

I don't know.

2200

01:37:43,940 --> 01:37:46,320

We never spoke about it.

2201

01:37:46,320 --> 01:37:50,400

But privately we never spoke.

2202

01:37:50,400 --> 01:38:00,300

But to be with other people,
you have to play the right game,

2203

01:38:00,300 --> 01:38:01,172

you know.

2204

01:38:01,172 --> 01:38:02,648

OK.

2205

01:38:02,648 --> 01:38:04,620

OK.

2206

01:38:04,620 --> 01:38:09,510

Did you know, with your
father and your brothers,

2207

01:38:09,510 --> 01:38:11,700

though, what they really felt?

2208

01:38:11,700 --> 01:38:15,720

Did you know what the real
feelings were as opposed

2209

01:38:15,720 --> 01:38:16,890

to what you had to play?

2210

01:38:16,890 --> 01:38:20,650

2211

01:38:20,650 --> 01:38:23,960

They were not communist--

2212

01:38:23,960 --> 01:38:27,510

believe in the
communist-- you know.

2213

01:38:27,510 --> 01:38:31,260

I mean, one reason
why I ask this is not

2214

01:38:31,260 --> 01:38:34,550

so much to probe so much
about your family the way

2215

01:38:34,550 --> 01:38:36,330

I'm doing that.

2216

01:38:36,330 --> 01:38:39,750

It is to allow people
in the future who

2217

01:38:39,750 --> 01:38:45,960

will hear your interview to
have some understanding of how

2218

01:38:45,960 --> 01:38:54,980

a system, a political system,
affects the way people behave

2219

01:38:54,980 --> 01:39:00,590

in private life, and to
what limits they feel free

2220

01:39:00,590 --> 01:39:03,590

and to what limits
they don't feel free.

2221

01:39:03,590 --> 01:39:05,920

And that's one of the
reasons I'm asking this.

2222

01:39:05,920 --> 01:39:14,860

Well, you're not allowed,
at that time in Russia,

2223

01:39:14,860 --> 01:39:20,290

to express your real feeling
if you want to be alive.

2224

01:39:20,290 --> 01:39:23,170

2225

01:39:23,170 --> 01:39:25,090

OK.

2226

01:39:25,090 --> 01:39:27,555

Well, that's simply put.

2227

01:39:27,555 --> 01:39:29,880

OK.

2228

01:39:29,880 --> 01:39:33,920

So at that point,
when the war ends,

2229

01:39:33,920 --> 01:39:36,410

do you have any idea
of what has gone

2230

01:39:36,410 --> 01:39:38,660

on in Europe with
all the Jews who

2231

01:39:38,660 --> 01:39:40,055

remained under German control?

2232

01:39:40,055 --> 01:39:43,170

2233

01:39:43,170 --> 01:39:44,770

Not really.

2234

01:39:44,770 --> 01:39:46,150

No really.

2235

01:39:46,150 --> 01:39:49,580

Never-- no.

2236

01:39:49,580 --> 01:39:50,870

Not really.

2237
01:39:50,870 --> 01:39:54,730
When do you first
find out about it?

2238
01:39:54,730 --> 01:40:02,190
Well, when the war ended,
and we were-- in '46

2239
01:40:02,190 --> 01:40:07,590
we went back to Poland, OK?

2240
01:40:07,590 --> 01:40:13,980
And there we, because my father
and my sister, they worked,

2241
01:40:13,980 --> 01:40:22,020
and we were three brothers, we
went-- or my father arranged--

2242
01:40:22,020 --> 01:40:25,750
to a Jewish
organization in Poland.

2243
01:40:25,750 --> 01:40:29,070
We were in Walbrzych,
what is Poland.

2244
01:40:29,070 --> 01:40:32,430
And we went over there.

2245
01:40:32,430 --> 01:40:35,370
It's like a kibbutz, if
you know what is a kibbutz.

2246
01:40:35,370 --> 01:40:36,360
OK.

2247
01:40:36,360 --> 01:40:39,570
So yeah, it was like a
kibbutz type of place?

2248

01:40:39,570 --> 01:40:45,330
It is a Jewish organization
where they took children

2249
01:40:45,330 --> 01:40:48,960
with parents or without
parents, but just

2250
01:40:48,960 --> 01:40:51,570
the children, not the parents.

2251
01:40:51,570 --> 01:40:55,260
And we went on
that organization.

2252
01:40:55,260 --> 01:41:03,050
And after a few weeks, we
went to Germany after the war.

2253
01:41:03,050 --> 01:41:07,520
And over there we start
really to get an education.

2254
01:41:07,520 --> 01:41:11,300
But the education was,
you did not have classes.

2255
01:41:11,300 --> 01:41:13,850

2256
01:41:13,850 --> 01:41:20,420
It is classes according
more likely your knowledge,

2257
01:41:20,420 --> 01:41:23,300
your ability, OK?

2258
01:41:23,300 --> 01:41:26,780
And we start-- we learned
of the eventually Hebrew

2259
01:41:26,780 --> 01:41:31,470
and other things, math

and everything, as much.

2260

01:41:31,470 --> 01:41:36,840

And we were in Germany
for about eight months.

2261

01:41:36,840 --> 01:41:38,480

Was your father there, too?

2262

01:41:38,480 --> 01:41:39,030

No.

2263

01:41:39,030 --> 01:41:41,900

My father and my sister
stayed in Poland.

2264

01:41:41,900 --> 01:41:45,338

In what place were
they staying in Poland?

2265

01:41:45,338 --> 01:41:46,130

What was the name--

2266

01:41:46,130 --> 01:41:47,120

Walbrzych.

2267

01:41:47,120 --> 01:41:47,880

Walbrzych.

2268

01:41:47,880 --> 01:41:48,407

Right.

2269

01:41:48,407 --> 01:41:50,615

You had mentioned that, I
just didn't hear it before.

2270

01:41:50,615 --> 01:41:51,500

Right, Walbrzych.

2271

01:41:51,500 --> 01:41:54,180

And how far--
where is Walbrzych?

2272
01:41:54,180 --> 01:41:56,710

2273
01:41:56,710 --> 01:42:02,950
I cannot describe you, but it
is also a big town in Poland.

2274
01:42:02,950 --> 01:42:05,410
Was is close to Zgierz?

2275
01:42:05,410 --> 01:42:06,886
No, no, no.

2276
01:42:06,886 --> 01:42:08,770
Did anybody go back to Zgierz?

2277
01:42:08,770 --> 01:42:12,310

2278
01:42:12,310 --> 01:42:16,870
I think my father went
back, just to for visit.

2279
01:42:16,870 --> 01:42:19,720
But nobody went back, you know.

2280
01:42:19,720 --> 01:42:26,910
I have people from my
town from Zgierz, what

2281
01:42:26,910 --> 01:42:29,130
they went to see over there.

2282
01:42:29,130 --> 01:42:33,990
They're living over here
in the state, New York.

2283
01:42:33,990 --> 01:42:38,880
They went to visit
with the kids.

2284
01:42:38,880 --> 01:42:40,010
I never went back.

2285
01:42:40,010 --> 01:42:44,520

2286
01:42:44,520 --> 01:42:47,610
Over there, like you
said, then over there

2287
01:42:47,610 --> 01:42:50,890
we are start to hear
what is happening.

2288
01:42:50,890 --> 01:42:54,690
So when you are in Germany,
when you are going to school,

2289
01:42:54,690 --> 01:42:55,800
then you start to--

2290
01:42:55,800 --> 01:42:57,300
It's a Jewish organization.

2291
01:42:57,300 --> 01:42:59,370
Jewish organization, yeah.

2292
01:42:59,370 --> 01:43:02,655
That's when you start to hear
what had started to happen,

2293
01:43:02,655 --> 01:43:04,030
what had happened
during the war.

2294
01:43:04,030 --> 01:43:06,060
Right, right.

2295
01:43:06,060 --> 01:43:12,530
Because later on, what
my father told me, all

2296

01:43:12,530 --> 01:43:17,750

his friends who went
with him to Russia,

2297

01:43:17,750 --> 01:43:23,200

what got upset with
him, then they thank him

2298

01:43:23,200 --> 01:43:25,540

for this, because
they saw what happened

2299

01:43:25,540 --> 01:43:27,520

to the rest of the
people, you know.

2300

01:43:27,520 --> 01:43:28,420

Yeah.

2301

01:43:28,420 --> 01:43:30,470

Yeah.

2302

01:43:30,470 --> 01:43:32,710

When we were-- I'm
going a little bit back.

2303

01:43:32,710 --> 01:43:33,290

That's OK.

2304

01:43:33,290 --> 01:43:37,500

When we went to Kursk--

2305

01:43:37,500 --> 01:43:42,360

I don't know how, but
we got before Passover--

2306

01:43:42,360 --> 01:43:45,120

one time or twice,
I don't remember--

2307

01:43:45,120 --> 01:43:47,790

packages from UNRRA.

2308
01:43:47,790 --> 01:43:50,520

2309
01:43:50,520 --> 01:43:54,990
And with [NON-ENGLISH],, and
my father distribute this

2310
01:43:54,990 --> 01:43:57,120
to the rest of the families.

2311
01:43:57,120 --> 01:44:00,230
He was in a way their
leader over there.

2312
01:44:00,230 --> 01:44:06,018
Also in Russia, when
we were in Syktyvkar.

2313
01:44:06,018 --> 01:44:08,730
Syktyvkar, yeah.

2314
01:44:08,730 --> 01:44:13,520
We were in Germany for
about eight months.

2315
01:44:13,520 --> 01:44:18,840

2316
01:44:18,840 --> 01:44:24,707
We went then-- we went
over there then to France.

2317
01:44:24,707 --> 01:44:26,790
Do you remember what place
in Germany you were in?

2318
01:44:26,790 --> 01:44:27,450
Yeah.

2319
01:44:27,450 --> 01:44:29,160
What was it called?

2320
01:44:29,160 --> 01:44:30,940
Zeilsheim.

2321
01:44:30,940 --> 01:44:31,900
Zeilsheim.

2322
01:44:31,900 --> 01:44:32,770
Right.

2323
01:44:32,770 --> 01:44:36,820
And Ulm-Dornstadt.

2324
01:44:36,820 --> 01:44:37,780
Domstadt?

2325
01:44:37,780 --> 01:44:38,710
Right.

2326
01:44:38,710 --> 01:44:39,790
Ulm and--

2327
01:44:39,790 --> 01:44:40,540
In Dornstadt.

2328
01:44:40,540 --> 01:44:42,035
OK.

2329
01:44:42,035 --> 01:44:42,535
OK?

2330
01:44:42,535 --> 01:44:48,660

2331
01:44:48,660 --> 01:44:49,824
And we went to--

2332
01:44:49,824 --> 01:44:52,800

2333

01:44:52,800 --> 01:44:55,730
the whole organization--

2334
01:44:55,730 --> 01:44:57,260
And then you went to France.

2335
01:44:57,260 --> 01:44:57,760
Right.

2336
01:44:57,760 --> 01:44:58,260
Exactly.

2337
01:44:58,260 --> 01:45:02,720
I was in Zeilsheim,
Germany and Ulm.

2338
01:45:02,720 --> 01:45:03,643
It's Dornstadt.

2339
01:45:03,643 --> 01:45:05,490
Ulm is a small town.

2340
01:45:05,490 --> 01:45:07,100
Dornstadt is a main--

2341
01:45:07,100 --> 01:45:07,880
City.

2342
01:45:07,880 --> 01:45:09,230
Correct.

2343
01:45:09,230 --> 01:45:11,945
If it's the same one that I'm
thinking of, it's in North

2344
01:45:11,945 --> 01:45:18,170
Rhine-Westphalia, which is
near Essen and Duisburg and--

2345
01:45:18,170 --> 01:45:18,820
I think so.

2346

01:45:18,820 --> 01:45:19,580

I don't know.

2347

01:45:19,580 --> 01:45:21,470

OK, all right.

2348

01:45:21,470 --> 01:45:23,210

We went to France.

2349

01:45:23,210 --> 01:45:26,340

2350

01:45:26,340 --> 01:45:30,000

And we over there
for about 12 months--

2351

01:45:30,000 --> 01:45:31,140

14 months.

2352

01:45:31,140 --> 01:45:33,150

And your father and your
sister are still in--

2353

01:45:33,150 --> 01:45:34,358

Still in [NON-ENGLISH] right.

2354

01:45:34,358 --> 01:45:37,110

2355

01:45:37,110 --> 01:45:41,590

We again, we're starting like
in Germany, the same thing,

2356

01:45:41,590 --> 01:45:43,830

the same organization.

2357

01:45:43,830 --> 01:45:49,710

What was nice, a lot of
women from Hadassah--

2358

01:45:49,710 --> 01:45:52,050

I don't know if you heard--
you know what this is.

2359
01:45:52,050 --> 01:45:54,330
Well, tell us, for
those who will know,

2360
01:45:54,330 --> 01:45:56,730
tell us what is Hadassah.

2361
01:45:56,730 --> 01:46:00,600
A Jewish women organization
to help other people.

2362
01:46:00,600 --> 01:46:02,000
OK.

2363
01:46:02,000 --> 01:46:03,350
It's a charity organization.

2364
01:46:03,350 --> 01:46:03,920
Pardon me?

2365
01:46:03,920 --> 01:46:05,020
A charity organization.

2366
01:46:05,020 --> 01:46:05,520
Correct.

2367
01:46:05,520 --> 01:46:08,250

2368
01:46:08,250 --> 01:46:12,320
We loved it, because
they brought us chocolate

2369
01:46:12,320 --> 01:46:13,680
and all kinds of things.

2370
01:46:13,680 --> 01:46:15,630
They were so nice to us.

2371

01:46:15,630 --> 01:46:17,100

You know, we were never--

2372

01:46:17,100 --> 01:46:19,170

we never saw something
like a piece of chocolate.

2373

01:46:19,170 --> 01:46:22,380

We did not know what
this "chocolate" means.

2374

01:46:22,380 --> 01:46:25,200

Something like my
grandkids said, dad,

2375

01:46:25,200 --> 01:46:29,310

you did not have an
iPhone in Siberia?

2376

01:46:29,310 --> 01:46:30,600

You know.

2377

01:46:30,600 --> 01:46:31,320

You didn't?

2378

01:46:31,320 --> 01:46:32,610

[LAUGHTER]

2379

01:46:32,610 --> 01:46:35,340

You know, they
cannot understand,

2380

01:46:35,340 --> 01:46:41,520

my grandkids don't understand,
the way I was brought up.

2381

01:46:41,520 --> 01:46:42,850

Yeah, you know.

2382

01:46:42,850 --> 01:46:45,060

I really did not
have a childhood.

2383
01:46:45,060 --> 01:46:48,040

2384
01:46:48,040 --> 01:46:51,520
So over there was really nice.

2385
01:46:51,520 --> 01:46:58,900
We were really treated nice,
because the UNRRA helped us,

2386
01:46:58,900 --> 01:46:59,800
you know.

2387
01:46:59,800 --> 01:47:04,330
And the Hadassah women
used to come and give us

2388
01:47:04,330 --> 01:47:05,350
all their love.

2389
01:47:05,350 --> 01:47:06,135
[PHONE RINGS]

2390
01:47:06,135 --> 01:47:06,635
[GROANS]

2391
01:47:06,635 --> 01:47:07,960
OK.

2392
01:47:07,960 --> 01:47:09,530
Now, what, you know.

2393
01:47:09,530 --> 01:47:11,730
Speed.

2394
01:47:11,730 --> 01:47:19,090
Because this is only until
we went to Bialystok and not

2395
01:47:19,090 --> 01:47:20,410

after.

2396

01:47:20,410 --> 01:47:23,710

This I told you already
before, so, you know.

2397

01:47:23,710 --> 01:47:24,490

Ah, yes.

2398

01:47:24,490 --> 01:47:27,760

This is about your father's
interview you were mentioning.

2399

01:47:27,760 --> 01:47:30,890

Now, you're in France.

2400

01:47:30,890 --> 01:47:33,530

You find out what is chocolate.

2401

01:47:33,530 --> 01:47:36,080

Hadassah comes and
gives you nice things

2402

01:47:36,080 --> 01:47:38,320

and is kind to the
children, then.

2403

01:47:38,320 --> 01:47:41,570

Very nice, very kind, you know.

2404

01:47:41,570 --> 01:47:42,800

And what is the purpose?

2405

01:47:42,800 --> 01:47:46,820

Is the purpose of this
entire setup so that you

2406

01:47:46,820 --> 01:47:48,360

would go to Israel eventually?

2407

01:47:48,360 --> 01:47:50,170

Yes.

2408
01:47:50,170 --> 01:47:52,970
Because, you know--
because we could not

2409
01:47:52,970 --> 01:47:58,340
go to Israel until '48, because
the British would not let us.

2410
01:47:58,340 --> 01:48:01,136

2411
01:48:01,136 --> 01:48:05,326
If not, we would go
straight to Israel.

2412
01:48:05,326 --> 01:48:06,820
OK.

2413
01:48:06,820 --> 01:48:09,840
So you're in a camp in France.

2414
01:48:09,840 --> 01:48:10,930
Right.

2415
01:48:10,930 --> 01:48:11,490
OK.

2416
01:48:11,490 --> 01:48:12,145
Where?

2417
01:48:12,145 --> 01:48:12,645
Where?

2418
01:48:12,645 --> 01:48:14,640
Where would this be?

2419
01:48:14,640 --> 01:48:17,670
Is a town [NON-ENGLISH].

2420
01:48:17,670 --> 01:48:19,260

I don't know if it is really.

2421
01:48:19,260 --> 01:48:23,980
But it's not far
from Paris, I know.

2422
01:48:23,980 --> 01:48:27,900
So this is in 1947?

2423
01:48:27,900 --> 01:48:29,370
'48?

2424
01:48:29,370 --> 01:48:34,320
'47 and '48, because in
'48 we came to Israel.

2425
01:48:34,320 --> 01:48:37,250
So when was the first time
you stopped feeling hungry?

2426
01:48:37,250 --> 01:48:41,350

2427
01:48:41,350 --> 01:48:48,230
When I was in that organization,
the Jewish organization

2428
01:48:48,230 --> 01:48:50,240
in Poland.

2429
01:48:50,240 --> 01:48:51,350
That's the first time.

2430
01:48:51,350 --> 01:48:51,890
Right.

2431
01:48:51,890 --> 01:48:55,208
Then over there
they fed us good.

2432
01:48:55,208 --> 01:48:56,020
OK.

2433
01:48:56,020 --> 01:49:00,910
Because I was just thinking
right now, in 1947 and '48,

2434
01:49:00,910 --> 01:49:04,720
you are outside of
Paris in a camp,

2435
01:49:04,720 --> 01:49:10,510
but in France, which is known
for plentiful, good food.

2436
01:49:10,510 --> 01:49:11,090
Oh, yeah.

2437
01:49:11,090 --> 01:49:13,960
Even in Germany, too.

2438
01:49:13,960 --> 01:49:19,810
You know, because, if I'm not
mistaken, the UNRRA, United

2439
01:49:19,810 --> 01:49:20,790
States Relief--

2440
01:49:20,790 --> 01:49:21,290
you know--

2441
01:49:21,290 --> 01:49:22,300
United Nations, yeah.

2442
01:49:22,300 --> 01:49:26,380
United Nations used to supply
us with all the food and et

2443
01:49:26,380 --> 01:49:27,190
cetera.

2444
01:49:27,190 --> 01:49:28,030
I see.

2445
01:49:28,030 --> 01:49:28,530
OK.

2446
01:49:28,530 --> 01:49:30,300
If I'm not mistaken.

2447
01:49:30,300 --> 01:49:35,070
Now, when does-- who hears
from your uncle Itzhak?

2448
01:49:35,070 --> 01:49:38,580
Who hears-- who is the first
one who receives word from him,

2449
01:49:38,580 --> 01:49:42,720
that he was in the Soviet army
and that he had been wounded?

2450
01:49:42,720 --> 01:49:49,440
I think we were sending
letters to Poland, you know.

2451
01:49:49,440 --> 01:49:53,100
And I think somehow my
father and my sister

2452
01:49:53,100 --> 01:49:55,470
found out about him.

2453
01:49:55,470 --> 01:49:58,050
He was living in Germany, too.

2454
01:49:58,050 --> 01:50:01,740
So he had made it from the
Soviet Union to Germany?

2455
01:50:01,740 --> 01:50:02,490
Correct.

2456
01:50:02,490 --> 01:50:06,900
Being a former Soviet soldier.

2457

01:50:06,900 --> 01:50:07,830

Correct.

2458

01:50:07,830 --> 01:50:09,190

That's a story.

2459

01:50:09,190 --> 01:50:09,690

Right.

2460

01:50:09,690 --> 01:50:13,110

Because not every Soviet
soldier ended up in Germany.

2461

01:50:13,110 --> 01:50:17,030

Well, he is a Polish citizen,
and he went back to Poland.

2462

01:50:17,030 --> 01:50:18,440

Mm-hmm.

2463

01:50:18,440 --> 01:50:21,120

Ah, as a Polish citizen
he was able to do so.

2464

01:50:21,120 --> 01:50:21,620

Right.

2465

01:50:21,620 --> 01:50:22,120

Of course.

2466

01:50:22,120 --> 01:50:25,010

And from there he
went to Germany.

2467

01:50:25,010 --> 01:50:29,640

Now, why did your father and
your sister stay in Poland?

2468

01:50:29,640 --> 01:50:31,675

Because they did
not have a choice.

2469

01:50:31,675 --> 01:50:34,490

2470

01:50:34,490 --> 01:50:35,810

You know, where would they go?

2471

01:50:35,810 --> 01:50:39,260

Over there, they-- my father
was working wherever it--

2472

01:50:39,260 --> 01:50:43,920

And they speak the
language and et cetera.

2473

01:50:43,920 --> 01:50:45,960

So my sister, too.

2474

01:50:45,960 --> 01:50:48,545

When you were growing
up with the whole family

2475

01:50:48,545 --> 01:50:49,920

before all these
things happened,

2476

01:50:49,920 --> 01:50:52,720

what language did
you speak at home?

2477

01:50:52,720 --> 01:50:54,870

[NON-ENGLISH].

2478

01:50:54,870 --> 01:50:56,354

Yiddish.

2479

01:50:56,354 --> 01:50:57,240

OK.

2480

01:50:57,240 --> 01:51:00,170

Did anybody know Polish
from the children?

2481

01:51:00,170 --> 01:51:00,870

Yeah.

2482

01:51:00,870 --> 01:51:02,100

You all knew Polish?

2483

01:51:02,100 --> 01:51:04,590

I knew a little bit.

2484

01:51:04,590 --> 01:51:09,840

But because I was in
Russia, I forgot completely.

2485

01:51:09,840 --> 01:51:13,260

But I still speak Russian a bit.

2486

01:51:13,260 --> 01:51:16,080

So you understand, you still
have maintained Russian.

2487

01:51:16,080 --> 01:51:17,490

Right, Russian.

2488

01:51:17,490 --> 01:51:18,920

I do speak it.

2489

01:51:18,920 --> 01:51:21,120

But you still-- you
have a lot of languages.

2490

01:51:21,120 --> 01:51:25,890

You have Yiddish,
Russian, Hebrew, English.

2491

01:51:25,890 --> 01:51:27,150

At least four.

2492

01:51:27,150 --> 01:51:28,290

Any more to that?

2493

01:51:28,290 --> 01:51:32,140

Well, I used to speak a
little bit German, too.

2494
01:51:32,140 --> 01:51:33,076
That makes sense.

2495
01:51:33,076 --> 01:51:34,780
But not right now.

2496
01:51:34,780 --> 01:51:39,190
You know, a language, if you
do not use it, you lose it.

2497
01:51:39,190 --> 01:51:40,580
This is true.

2498
01:51:40,580 --> 01:51:41,230
This is true.

2499
01:51:41,230 --> 01:51:42,250
You know.

2500
01:51:42,250 --> 01:51:45,250
I spoke perfect
Russian, and now I

2501
01:51:45,250 --> 01:51:48,682
have to think what I'm
going to say in Russian.

2502
01:51:48,682 --> 01:51:51,280
Mm-hmm.

2503
01:51:51,280 --> 01:51:53,380
OK, let's go back to France.

2504
01:51:53,380 --> 01:51:57,670
We were in France until '48.

2505
01:51:57,670 --> 01:52:00,620
How did you leave France?

2506

01:52:00,620 --> 01:52:01,190

OK.

2507

01:52:01,190 --> 01:52:09,110

My two brothers were supposed
to go with the Exodus ship

2508

01:52:09,110 --> 01:52:10,820

to Israel.

2509

01:52:10,820 --> 01:52:18,580

And now, by writing back
and forth with my father,

2510

01:52:18,580 --> 01:52:22,030

he asked us, please
do not separate.

2511

01:52:22,030 --> 01:52:24,760

2512

01:52:24,760 --> 01:52:28,260

Be all time all three together.

2513

01:52:28,260 --> 01:52:35,040

So when they want to take my two
older brothers on the Exodus,

2514

01:52:35,040 --> 01:52:37,788

they did not want to take me.

2515

01:52:37,788 --> 01:52:38,580

You were too young.

2516

01:52:38,580 --> 01:52:40,230

Because I was a minor.

2517

01:52:40,230 --> 01:52:43,600

Why they needed over there my
two brothers, they are older,

2518

01:52:43,600 --> 01:52:49,490
they can hold a weapon,
you know, some gun.

2519
01:52:49,490 --> 01:52:53,550
And in 1948-- if
I'm not mistaken,

2520
01:52:53,550 --> 01:52:55,580
this was in September--

2521
01:52:55,580 --> 01:52:59,750
we all went to Israel after
Israel became a state.

2522
01:52:59,750 --> 01:53:00,770
OK.

2523
01:53:00,770 --> 01:53:02,310
By boat.

2524
01:53:02,310 --> 01:53:03,660
Of course.

2525
01:53:03,660 --> 01:53:06,340
It was in beautiful boat.

2526
01:53:06,340 --> 01:53:07,120
I think it was--

2527
01:53:07,120 --> 01:53:10,930
[LAUGHS] it was a
boat for merchandise.

2528
01:53:10,930 --> 01:53:13,510
You had bunks from
wood, you know.

2529
01:53:13,510 --> 01:53:18,250
You go, you know, like
you see in the movie,

2530

01:53:18,250 --> 01:53:20,800
like in the ghettos, you know.

2531
01:53:20,800 --> 01:53:22,450
Those kinds of bunks.

2532
01:53:22,450 --> 01:53:24,920
That's right.

2533
01:53:24,920 --> 01:53:26,840
But we came to Israel.

2534
01:53:26,840 --> 01:53:28,430
And what was that like?

2535
01:53:28,430 --> 01:53:32,030
That's certainly far
different from the snow

2536
01:53:32,030 --> 01:53:33,600
being higher than a house.

2537
01:53:33,600 --> 01:53:34,100
Right.

2538
01:53:34,100 --> 01:53:38,550
OK, in Israel, my two
brothers were older,

2539
01:53:38,550 --> 01:53:42,675
they went to a kibbutz
in [NON-ENGLISH],, OK?

2540
01:53:42,675 --> 01:53:45,410

2541
01:53:45,410 --> 01:53:54,140
It is north, northern border--

2542
01:53:54,140 --> 01:53:56,180
the northern border
with Lebanon.

2543
01:53:56,180 --> 01:53:59,630

2544
01:53:59,630 --> 01:54:06,075
And I went to a [NON-ENGLISH]
also orphans, you know,

2545
01:54:06,075 --> 01:54:13,220
for children without
parents, what is near Haifa,

2546
01:54:13,220 --> 01:54:14,660
Kiryat Bialik.

2547
01:54:14,660 --> 01:54:17,960
It was on the name--

2548
01:54:17,960 --> 01:54:20,750
I don't know if you ever
heard, Henrietta Szold.

2549
01:54:20,750 --> 01:54:21,620
No.

2550
01:54:21,620 --> 01:54:29,390
She was a Jewish woman what
she organized for children.

2551
01:54:29,390 --> 01:54:32,050

2552
01:54:32,050 --> 01:54:33,800
I don't know if she
was alive at the time,

2553
01:54:33,800 --> 01:54:36,200
but it's on her, this.

2554
01:54:36,200 --> 01:54:37,280
Henrietta--

2555

01:54:37,280 --> 01:54:39,050

Henrietta Szold.

2556

01:54:39,050 --> 01:54:40,505

Henrietta Szold.

2557

01:54:40,505 --> 01:54:42,790

Szold, correct.

2558

01:54:42,790 --> 01:54:48,040

I was over there until '51,
when my father and my sister

2559

01:54:48,040 --> 01:54:49,720

came to Israel.

2560

01:54:49,720 --> 01:54:53,320

And how were they able
to come to Israel?

2561

01:54:53,320 --> 01:54:54,700

United.

2562

01:54:54,700 --> 01:54:55,930

Reunited with family.

2563

01:54:55,930 --> 01:55:01,530

Because we were in Israel,
so they let them out.

2564

01:55:01,530 --> 01:55:05,170

And what about your uncle?

2565

01:55:05,170 --> 01:55:12,640

He came-- he got married in
Germany with a lady what--

2566

01:55:12,640 --> 01:55:14,440

I don't know if she
was married before

2567

01:55:14,440 --> 01:55:17,710
and her family got
assassinated, you know,

2568
01:55:17,710 --> 01:55:19,870
that-- or I don't know.

2569
01:55:19,870 --> 01:55:21,100
He met her there.

2570
01:55:21,100 --> 01:55:23,700
They met and they came
to Israel [INAUDIBLE]..

2571
01:55:23,700 --> 01:55:24,200
OK.

2572
01:55:24,200 --> 01:55:28,930
So he marries in Germany and
then comes with his new wife

2573
01:55:28,930 --> 01:55:30,220
to Israel.

2574
01:55:30,220 --> 01:55:32,840
Well, when Israel was
already established

2575
01:55:32,840 --> 01:55:35,190
and everybody could
come to Israel.

2576
01:55:35,190 --> 01:55:36,010
Of course.

2577
01:55:36,010 --> 01:55:36,830
Of course.

2578
01:55:36,830 --> 01:55:37,530
You know.

2579
01:55:37,530 --> 01:55:43,160

If you're not Soviet Union,
then you can come to Israel.

2580
01:55:43,160 --> 01:55:50,530
Like my father, Soviet
Union or Poland either way,

2581
01:55:50,530 --> 01:55:51,220
they did not.

2582
01:55:51,220 --> 01:55:56,170
But was a time when Poland
government let Jews out

2583
01:55:56,170 --> 01:56:00,052
of Poland if they
had family in Israel.

2584
01:56:00,052 --> 01:56:01,290
OK.

2585
01:56:01,290 --> 01:56:06,240
And the interesting thing,
and maybe the good news,

2586
01:56:06,240 --> 01:56:08,340
is that he had been
a member of Betar,

2587
01:56:08,340 --> 01:56:10,850
and he had wanted
to come to Israel--

2588
01:56:10,850 --> 01:56:14,070
My father always wanted
to come to Israel, but--

2589
01:56:14,070 --> 01:56:17,643
plus, the children
are in Israel.

2590
01:56:17,643 --> 01:56:19,370
Yeah.

2591
01:56:19,370 --> 01:56:25,140
So in 1951, is that when you'd
say the family is reunited?

2592
01:56:25,140 --> 01:56:27,060
Correct.

2593
01:56:27,060 --> 01:56:30,190
In 1951, you're 15 years old.

2594
01:56:30,190 --> 01:56:31,230
Right.

2595
01:56:31,230 --> 01:56:34,140
Do you go live with your
father and your sister?

2596
01:56:34,140 --> 01:56:35,370
Yes, of course.

2597
01:56:35,370 --> 01:56:37,290
And your brothers,
what do they do?

2598
01:56:37,290 --> 01:56:38,170
Also.

2599
01:56:38,170 --> 01:56:38,670
Also.

2600
01:56:38,670 --> 01:56:40,350
So really, you all
start living together?

2601
01:56:40,350 --> 01:56:40,850
Right.

2602
01:56:40,850 --> 01:56:43,770

2603

01:56:43,770 --> 01:56:49,980
My older brother, I think
in '52, went to the army.

2604
01:56:49,980 --> 01:56:53,130
Or maybe earlier, a little bit.

2605
01:56:53,130 --> 01:56:55,440
I went in the army in '54.

2606
01:56:55,440 --> 01:56:58,560

2607
01:56:58,560 --> 01:57:00,715
You were then 18 years old.

2608
01:57:00,715 --> 01:57:01,215
Yes.

2609
01:57:01,215 --> 01:57:03,830

2610
01:57:03,830 --> 01:57:10,020
And how long did you
serve in the army?

2611
01:57:10,020 --> 01:57:13,590
What everybody at that
time-- two and a half years.

2612
01:57:13,590 --> 01:57:16,920
It is not-- you cannot go
out whenever you wanted.

2613
01:57:16,920 --> 01:57:17,700
OK.

2614
01:57:17,700 --> 01:57:21,210
So it was-- so I didn't know
how long the service was.

2615
01:57:21,210 --> 01:57:25,260

At that time it was
two and a half years.

2616
01:57:25,260 --> 01:57:29,190
Today it's three years.

2617
01:57:29,190 --> 01:57:33,240
And in Israel, women and girls
and boys, go into same thing.

2618
01:57:33,240 --> 01:57:34,920
But the girls go in for less.

2619
01:57:34,920 --> 01:57:37,820

2620
01:57:37,820 --> 01:57:40,610
As you're talking to me,
the impression I have

2621
01:57:40,610 --> 01:57:43,520
is that a great deal
of your childhood

2622
01:57:43,520 --> 01:57:45,590
is spent in
different orphanages.

2623
01:57:45,590 --> 01:57:46,090
Correct.

2624
01:57:46,090 --> 01:57:50,440

2625
01:57:50,440 --> 01:57:54,948
Did you feel a kind
of a loss because you

2626
01:57:54,948 --> 01:57:55,990
were in those orphanages?

2627
01:57:55,990 --> 01:57:56,680

No.

2628

01:57:56,680 --> 01:57:57,180

No?

2629

01:57:57,180 --> 01:57:58,470

No.

2630

01:57:58,470 --> 01:58:01,110

And why not?

2631

01:58:01,110 --> 01:58:02,790

I mean, not like you should.

2632

01:58:02,790 --> 01:58:05,708

But many children, when you're
not within your family circle,

2633

01:58:05,708 --> 01:58:06,875

and you're in an orphanage--

2634

01:58:06,875 --> 01:58:12,580

Well, I don't want to say
we are special family,

2635

01:58:12,580 --> 01:58:18,650

but we always were
united, you know.

2636

01:58:18,650 --> 01:58:24,440

We always took care
of one another.

2637

01:58:24,440 --> 01:58:33,615

People in my situation,
or you lost, or you are--

2638

01:58:33,615 --> 01:58:36,270

how you say [NON-ENGLISH]--

2639

01:58:36,270 --> 01:58:38,190

nothing bothers you, no way.

2640
01:58:38,190 --> 01:58:41,190
And you are in which category?

2641
01:58:41,190 --> 01:58:42,780
You have to choose.

2642
01:58:42,780 --> 01:58:45,000
You have to judge this.

2643
01:58:45,000 --> 01:58:46,140
You have to judge this.

2644
01:58:46,140 --> 01:58:48,150
Well, I can have my
impression, but you're

2645
01:58:48,150 --> 01:58:50,100
the one who lived through it.

2646
01:58:50,100 --> 01:58:52,290
So my question
really is to you--

2647
01:58:52,290 --> 01:58:55,300

2648
01:58:55,300 --> 01:58:57,370
was it the first or the second?

2649
01:58:57,370 --> 01:59:00,020

2650
01:59:00,020 --> 01:59:01,580
For yourself.

2651
01:59:01,580 --> 01:59:02,450
What do you mean?

2652
01:59:02,450 --> 01:59:08,350
Well, you said either you're

lost, or nothing bothers you.

2653

01:59:08,350 --> 01:59:09,676

Nothing bothers me.

2654

01:59:09,676 --> 01:59:12,850

2655

01:59:12,850 --> 01:59:14,400

I lost all my family.

2656

01:59:14,400 --> 01:59:17,450

2657

01:59:17,450 --> 01:59:20,600

I lost my wife.

2658

01:59:20,600 --> 01:59:23,500

And I'm still here.

2659

01:59:23,500 --> 01:59:25,480

And I'm always busy.

2660

01:59:25,480 --> 01:59:28,540

2661

01:59:28,540 --> 01:59:32,402

I did not have an easy life.

2662

01:59:32,402 --> 01:59:33,780

No.

2663

01:59:33,780 --> 01:59:36,870

Even the part that you've
told me about is not easy.

2664

01:59:36,870 --> 01:59:37,710

Even now.

2665

01:59:37,710 --> 01:59:46,350

Even after the army, and

after I came to the States.

2666

01:59:46,350 --> 01:59:49,660

2667

01:59:49,660 --> 01:59:56,790

When I came to the States, I
was working between 90 and 100

2668

01:59:56,790 --> 01:59:58,200

hours a week.

2669

01:59:58,200 --> 02:00:00,080

Oh, my goodness.

2670

02:00:00,080 --> 02:00:02,520

Oh, my goodness.

2671

02:00:02,520 --> 02:00:06,790

To make a living, to
give my kids education.

2672

02:00:06,790 --> 02:00:12,130

And if I had to do it again,
I'd do it again, the same thing.

2673

02:00:12,130 --> 02:00:16,680

Because I have a good family.

2674

02:00:16,680 --> 02:00:19,872

2675

02:00:19,872 --> 02:00:23,027

I have-- I don't want to
say I have good children.

2676

02:00:23,027 --> 02:00:24,110

I have excellent children.

2677

02:00:24,110 --> 02:00:30,450

2678

02:00:30,450 --> 02:00:31,470

I'm sure it means a lot.

2679

02:00:31,470 --> 02:00:34,510

They're looking after me.

2680

02:00:34,510 --> 02:00:37,030

They take care of
me, if I need it.

2681

02:00:37,030 --> 02:00:39,910

Thank God I don't
need, but, you know.

2682

02:00:39,910 --> 02:00:43,300

Like my kids, almost
every day call me.

2683

02:00:43,300 --> 02:00:46,860

2684

02:00:46,860 --> 02:00:50,430

I'm proud of my children.

2685

02:00:50,430 --> 02:00:54,150

This is my happiness.

2686

02:00:54,150 --> 02:00:55,690

That's a big one.

2687

02:00:55,690 --> 02:00:58,410

That's a big one.

2688

02:00:58,410 --> 02:01:02,310

Did they-- were
you a storyteller

2689

02:01:02,310 --> 02:01:04,150

as they were growing up?

2690

02:01:04,150 --> 02:01:07,920

Did you tell them what
your early life was like?

2691
02:01:07,920 --> 02:01:10,280
Here and there, not especially.

2692
02:01:10,280 --> 02:01:11,403
Not really, huh?

2693
02:01:11,403 --> 02:01:12,390
Not really.

2694
02:01:12,390 --> 02:01:17,010
Your late wife, was
she a survivor as well?

2695
02:01:17,010 --> 02:01:18,797
No, she born in Israel.

2696
02:01:18,797 --> 02:01:19,380
She was born--

2697
02:01:19,380 --> 02:01:20,160
She was spoiled.

2698
02:01:20,160 --> 02:01:22,020
[LAUGHTER]

2699
02:01:22,020 --> 02:01:24,660
She was spoiled.

2700
02:01:24,660 --> 02:01:25,860
No.

2701
02:01:25,860 --> 02:01:28,560
Well, she was spared as well.

2702
02:01:28,560 --> 02:01:30,720
She was spared some of the
things you went through.

2703

02:01:30,720 --> 02:01:31,860
Of course.

2704
02:01:31,860 --> 02:01:33,750
Of course.

2705
02:01:33,750 --> 02:01:39,210
And did your grandchildren
express an interest in--

2706
02:01:39,210 --> 02:01:39,750
Yes.

2707
02:01:39,750 --> 02:01:40,590
They always ask me.

2708
02:01:40,590 --> 02:01:44,010
Dad, tell us your story.

2709
02:01:44,010 --> 02:01:49,440
And they always ask me I
should write what my story is

2710
02:01:49,440 --> 02:01:52,170
for the future generations.

2711
02:01:52,170 --> 02:01:54,630
Well, that's exactly where
we want to talk to you.

2712
02:01:54,630 --> 02:01:55,380
I know.

2713
02:01:55,380 --> 02:01:56,820
I know, I know.

2714
02:01:56,820 --> 02:02:02,220
Because many of the different
parts of what you're telling

2715
02:02:02,220 --> 02:02:05,430
can only make sense if

somebody knows the context.

2716
02:02:05,430 --> 02:02:06,630
Correct.

2717
02:02:06,630 --> 02:02:08,130
Yes.

2718
02:02:08,130 --> 02:02:10,650
What was the context in Zgierz?

2719
02:02:10,650 --> 02:02:14,130
What was it-- what did it mean
that there was a part occupied

2720
02:02:14,130 --> 02:02:17,040
by Russian, a part
occupied by Germany,

2721
02:02:17,040 --> 02:02:20,340
or more accurately the Soviet
Union and Nazi Germany?

2722
02:02:20,340 --> 02:02:23,550
What was it like to live
in the Soviet Union?

2723
02:02:23,550 --> 02:02:25,750
What were the circumstances?

2724
02:02:25,750 --> 02:02:27,370
What is-- how do you survive?

2725
02:02:27,370 --> 02:02:29,610
What does it mean
when you your soup

2726
02:02:29,610 --> 02:02:33,660
is made out of bits of
bread and melted snow?

2727
02:02:33,660 --> 02:02:34,770

You know.

2728
02:02:34,770 --> 02:02:36,420
How does that happen?

2729
02:02:36,420 --> 02:02:38,640
All of that is--

2730
02:02:38,640 --> 02:02:41,520
you know, you were in so
many different worlds--

2731
02:02:41,520 --> 02:02:45,680
you know, one world,
another, a third, a fourth.

2732
02:02:45,680 --> 02:02:48,560
It takes a lot to be able
to adjust to each of them.

2733
02:02:48,560 --> 02:02:51,830

2734
02:02:51,830 --> 02:02:53,220
You don't have a lot of choices.

2735
02:02:53,220 --> 02:02:56,710

2736
02:02:56,710 --> 02:03:00,760
Or you make it or you break it.

2737
02:03:00,760 --> 02:03:05,510
Was it a help that you
had older brothers?

2738
02:03:05,510 --> 02:03:09,110
You said your father
always said, stay together,

2739
02:03:09,110 --> 02:03:09,770
stay together.

2740
02:03:09,770 --> 02:03:11,540
Right.

2741
02:03:11,540 --> 02:03:14,900
Did having older brothers
make it easier for you?

2742
02:03:14,900 --> 02:03:16,400
Of course.

2743
02:03:16,400 --> 02:03:18,062
OK.

2744
02:03:18,062 --> 02:03:19,920
Of course.

2745
02:03:19,920 --> 02:03:22,320
And did they take care of you?

2746
02:03:22,320 --> 02:03:23,760
Yes.

2747
02:03:23,760 --> 02:03:24,260
OK.

2748
02:03:24,260 --> 02:03:25,850
Any one in particular?

2749
02:03:25,850 --> 02:03:27,110
Any brother in particular?

2750
02:03:27,110 --> 02:03:28,290
The middle one.

2751
02:03:28,290 --> 02:03:29,010
The middle one?

2752
02:03:29,010 --> 02:03:29,930
Right.

2753
02:03:29,930 --> 02:03:31,340
Tell me his name again.

2754
02:03:31,340 --> 02:03:32,630
Dov-- Dubi.

2755
02:03:32,630 --> 02:03:33,290
Right.

2756
02:03:33,290 --> 02:03:34,400
Dubi, yes.

2757
02:03:34,400 --> 02:03:36,140
Right.

2758
02:03:36,140 --> 02:03:38,240
We are alike.

2759
02:03:38,240 --> 02:03:41,440
We look alike.

2760
02:03:41,440 --> 02:03:45,020
And we think alike.

2761
02:03:45,020 --> 02:03:53,710
My niece, what Dubi's
daughter, when I'm in Israel--

2762
02:03:53,710 --> 02:03:57,770
and her father passed away a
long time ago, 21 years ago--

2763
02:03:57,770 --> 02:04:00,750

2764
02:04:00,750 --> 02:04:03,670
we talk about parents and so on.

2765
02:04:03,670 --> 02:04:05,160
She said, you're my father.

2766

02:04:05,160 --> 02:04:08,800

My father is dead,
now you are my father.

2767

02:04:08,800 --> 02:04:15,550

You're the grandfather
of our children.

2768

02:04:15,550 --> 02:04:20,030

I'm the only survivor
of my whole family.

2769

02:04:20,030 --> 02:04:21,714

So all of them are gone.

2770

02:04:21,714 --> 02:04:23,450

Yeah.

2771

02:04:23,450 --> 02:04:26,630

Did any of them
have their stories

2772

02:04:26,630 --> 02:04:29,840

recorded like we're doing now?

2773

02:04:29,840 --> 02:04:35,840

In Israel, when you're going
to school, in high school,

2774

02:04:35,840 --> 02:04:44,920

everybody is writing the
story about this as a family.

2775

02:04:44,920 --> 02:04:53,120

And I have two books from
either brother what they wrote.

2776

02:04:53,120 --> 02:04:57,650

So their children wrote
about them in school?

2777

02:04:57,650 --> 02:04:58,460

Right.

2778

02:04:58,460 --> 02:05:02,900

And so that was
collected into two books.

2779

02:05:02,900 --> 02:05:07,500

Well, one brother and
another brother, the kids.

2780

02:05:07,500 --> 02:05:09,560

I have their both
books over here.

2781

02:05:09,560 --> 02:05:12,440

Those are very-- those are
very precious documents.

2782

02:05:12,440 --> 02:05:13,820

Yes.

2783

02:05:13,820 --> 02:05:15,630

OK.

2784

02:05:15,630 --> 02:05:18,210

But as far as
recorded on video--

2785

02:05:18,210 --> 02:05:19,390

It's different.

2786

02:05:19,390 --> 02:05:20,160

This is the only--

2787

02:05:20,160 --> 02:05:21,162

OK.

2788

02:05:21,162 --> 02:05:24,400

It's a little bit different.

2789

02:05:24,400 --> 02:05:25,402

Thank you.

2790
02:05:25,402 --> 02:05:26,110
It's my pleasure.

2791
02:05:26,110 --> 02:05:27,070
Thank you for doing it.

2792
02:05:27,070 --> 02:05:28,450
Thank you.

2793
02:05:28,450 --> 02:05:30,970
Are any-- are
there any questions

2794
02:05:30,970 --> 02:05:34,630
I didn't ask you, that I
didn't ask about, that you

2795
02:05:34,630 --> 02:05:36,130
want people to know about?

2796
02:05:36,130 --> 02:05:41,180

2797
02:05:41,180 --> 02:05:47,270
One thing what I
can say, it's easier

2798
02:05:47,270 --> 02:06:00,560
to survive if you have
family who stay together,

2799
02:06:00,560 --> 02:06:05,830
who have relationship, OK?

2800
02:06:05,830 --> 02:06:11,630
For instance, I'm living
in the United States.

2801
02:06:11,630 --> 02:06:13,880
My whole family is in Israel.

2802
02:06:13,880 --> 02:06:15,140
Your children, too?

2803
02:06:15,140 --> 02:06:16,250
No.

2804
02:06:16,250 --> 02:06:17,410
No.

2805
02:06:17,410 --> 02:06:25,900
But my family, even their
children, OK, anyway with me,

2806
02:06:25,900 --> 02:06:27,490
we're like this.

2807
02:06:27,490 --> 02:06:28,580
You're close.

2808
02:06:28,580 --> 02:06:31,180
We're very close, OK?

2809
02:06:31,180 --> 02:06:42,530
Even we're far away
geographically, but feeling,

2810
02:06:42,530 --> 02:06:46,530
it is like we live next door.

2811
02:06:46,530 --> 02:06:48,820
That's a wonderful thing.

2812
02:06:48,820 --> 02:06:50,330
Not everybody has that.

2813
02:06:50,330 --> 02:06:52,060
But I agree with you.

2814
02:06:52,060 --> 02:06:56,510
It is something
precious to hold on to.

2815
02:06:56,510 --> 02:06:59,380
And so many people
said that when

2816
02:06:59,380 --> 02:07:02,380
they were in such
tough circumstances,

2817
02:07:02,380 --> 02:07:05,770
and even in concentration
camps, if they

2818
02:07:05,770 --> 02:07:09,935
had a family member with them,
it was easier to survive.

2819
02:07:09,935 --> 02:07:12,450

2820
02:07:12,450 --> 02:07:14,700
Not always guaranteed,
but easier.

2821
02:07:14,700 --> 02:07:15,360
No.

2822
02:07:15,360 --> 02:07:22,430
Well, I know, for
instance I don't know,

2823
02:07:22,430 --> 02:07:25,430
some people getting--

2824
02:07:25,430 --> 02:07:26,380
you know.

2825
02:07:26,380 --> 02:07:27,805
Yeah, they lose their minds.

2826
02:07:27,805 --> 02:07:33,560
For instance, my father, let him

rest in peace, when my mother

2827

02:07:33,560 --> 02:07:45,940
died, he never remarried, OK?

2828

02:07:45,940 --> 02:07:54,010
Because he said, my
obligation is for my children.

2829

02:07:54,010 --> 02:07:57,710
If I will remarrying another
woman-- and my father

2830

02:07:57,710 --> 02:08:00,318
was about 41 42 old.

2831

02:08:00,318 --> 02:08:00,860
He was young.

2832

02:08:00,860 --> 02:08:03,700
A young man.

2833

02:08:03,700 --> 02:08:12,830
And take another woman, I have
to choose between my children

2834

02:08:12,830 --> 02:08:18,030
and my new wife, OK?

2835

02:08:18,030 --> 02:08:19,545
He said my kids come first.

2836

02:08:19,545 --> 02:08:22,375

2837

02:08:22,375 --> 02:08:23,500
And that's my feeling, too.

2838

02:08:23,500 --> 02:08:26,070

2839

02:08:26,070 --> 02:08:35,250
When he came to Israel,
the Jewish organization,

2840
02:08:35,250 --> 02:08:38,970
because my father was
coming with his daughter,

2841
02:08:38,970 --> 02:08:44,090
they took another
woman, a widow,

2842
02:08:44,090 --> 02:08:45,620
and like they got married.

2843
02:08:45,620 --> 02:08:46,820
They were married.

2844
02:08:46,820 --> 02:08:49,630
Then this way, she can
come, too, to Israel.

2845
02:08:49,630 --> 02:08:52,570

2846
02:08:52,570 --> 02:08:57,370
When they came to
Israel, my father

2847
02:08:57,370 --> 02:09:00,100
was [INAUDIBLE] you know,
she wouldn't let him.

2848
02:09:00,100 --> 02:09:02,540
But this is a different story.

2849
02:09:02,540 --> 02:09:04,420
But what I-- she
was a little bit--

2850
02:09:04,420 --> 02:09:07,770

2851
02:09:07,770 --> 02:09:08,310
you know.

2852
02:09:08,310 --> 02:09:08,850
Affected.

2853
02:09:08,850 --> 02:09:15,370
Because she saw in her own
eyes that the German took

2854
02:09:15,370 --> 02:09:19,540
her-- shot her husband,
took one of her kids--

2855
02:09:19,540 --> 02:09:22,950
she had two kids-- with the
head on the wall, you know.

2856
02:09:22,950 --> 02:09:25,596

2857
02:09:25,596 --> 02:09:27,710
very terrible story.

2858
02:09:27,710 --> 02:09:30,320
And eventually, it affected her.

2859
02:09:30,320 --> 02:09:32,510
So she didn't want your
father to leave her.

2860
02:09:32,510 --> 02:09:33,440
Correct.

2861
02:09:33,440 --> 02:09:34,680
Yeah.

2862
02:09:34,680 --> 02:09:35,180
OK.

2863
02:09:35,180 --> 02:09:38,540

2864
02:09:38,540 --> 02:09:41,240
But she went-- you know, you
have a lot of people like this

2865
02:09:41,240 --> 02:09:43,880
who really got--

2866
02:09:43,880 --> 02:09:47,120
I want to ask two other things.

2867
02:09:47,120 --> 02:09:50,780
Your father, when
he got to Israel,

2868
02:09:50,780 --> 02:09:55,850
did he then start talking
about all of those experiences

2869
02:09:55,850 --> 02:09:59,000
that he could not talk about
when he was still in the Soviet

2870
02:09:59,000 --> 02:10:00,050
Union?

2871
02:10:00,050 --> 02:10:02,540
Well, yeah and no.

2872
02:10:02,540 --> 02:10:16,560
He was talking about how he
managed to survive or to rescue

2873
02:10:16,560 --> 02:10:18,610
the whole family.

2874
02:10:18,610 --> 02:10:26,240
You know, I believe it is luck.

2875
02:10:26,240 --> 02:10:28,160
I don't want to say

that my father was

2876

02:10:28,160 --> 02:10:32,870

a hero, whether he was.

2877

02:10:32,870 --> 02:10:44,830

But after my father
escaped back to Zgierz

2878

02:10:44,830 --> 02:10:49,110

where we were living
when he went back,

2879

02:10:49,110 --> 02:10:52,680

another person saw
my father manage.

2880

02:10:52,680 --> 02:10:53,970

He tried, too.

2881

02:10:53,970 --> 02:10:56,490

But he got caught,
and he got the death--

2882

02:10:56,490 --> 02:10:57,360

terrible death.

2883

02:10:57,360 --> 02:10:59,950

2884

02:10:59,950 --> 02:11:03,090

The German caught him, they
tortured him, and so and so.

2885

02:11:03,090 --> 02:11:12,490

So, you know, one managed to
do it, and the other not, OK?

2886

02:11:12,490 --> 02:11:15,110

It is pure luck.

2887

02:11:15,110 --> 02:11:17,345

It is from the mighty.

2888
02:11:17,345 --> 02:11:21,770

2889
02:11:21,770 --> 02:11:22,760
We don't know.

2890
02:11:22,760 --> 02:11:23,920
No, we don't.

2891
02:11:23,920 --> 02:11:24,650
We don't.

2892
02:11:24,650 --> 02:11:29,690
But-- or when--

2893
02:11:29,690 --> 02:11:32,590
with a German
officer, brigadier--

2894
02:11:32,590 --> 02:11:33,710
[DOORBELL CHIME]

2895
02:11:33,710 --> 02:11:36,770
OK, let's cut for a second.

2896
02:11:36,770 --> 02:11:40,010
So when you were talking
about the German officer--

2897
02:11:40,010 --> 02:11:43,190
you say your father
managed, it was luck.

2898
02:11:43,190 --> 02:11:44,720
You don't know if
it's the Almighty,

2899
02:11:44,720 --> 02:11:46,280
and you had a thought about--

2900

02:11:46,280 --> 02:11:52,820

I told this story
to another survivor,

2901

02:11:52,820 --> 02:11:55,090

you know, from the synagogue.

2902

02:11:55,090 --> 02:12:00,310

And he mentions that,
you know, what you said,

2903

02:12:00,310 --> 02:12:04,345

I bet you the German officer
knew that your father wants

2904

02:12:04,345 --> 02:12:09,680

to escape from here, you know?

2905

02:12:09,680 --> 02:12:11,250

But we don't know.

2906

02:12:11,250 --> 02:12:20,790

Anyway, he gave-- because my
father was in the Polish army.

2907

02:12:20,790 --> 02:12:24,330

And my father, you know,
saluted the German officer.

2908

02:12:24,330 --> 02:12:27,310

2909

02:12:27,310 --> 02:12:32,140

And all of a sudden, my father
was thinking maybe a day

2910

02:12:32,140 --> 02:12:34,360

or a day and a half.

2911

02:12:34,360 --> 02:12:40,520

All of a sudden he said, you
will get three days is enough.

2912
02:12:40,520 --> 02:12:44,900
My father not know what to
answer, because he was stunned,

2913
02:12:44,900 --> 02:12:46,181
you know.

2914
02:12:46,181 --> 02:12:48,230
That's enough time to leave.

2915
02:12:48,230 --> 02:12:49,130
You know.

2916
02:12:49,130 --> 02:12:53,720
So it's a possibility that
the German officer was

2917
02:12:53,720 --> 02:13:02,420
a nice person, and he
knew what is going on,

2918
02:13:02,420 --> 02:13:04,250
and he gave him on--

2919
02:13:04,250 --> 02:13:06,260
we don't know and I don't know.

2920
02:13:06,260 --> 02:13:07,880
Nobody knows.

2921
02:13:07,880 --> 02:13:10,790
Only the German
officer, if he's alive.

2922
02:13:10,790 --> 02:13:13,760
But I don't think he's alive.

2923
02:13:13,760 --> 02:13:16,490
He knew what he's doing.

2924

02:13:16,490 --> 02:13:19,720
And this is how we managed.

2925
02:13:19,720 --> 02:13:22,520
You mentioned something
else that I want to clarify.

2926
02:13:22,520 --> 02:13:26,230

2927
02:13:26,230 --> 02:13:31,420
You said that you had
photographs of your mother,

2928
02:13:31,420 --> 02:13:33,970
and that they got lost somehow.

2929
02:13:33,970 --> 02:13:37,390
I didn't fully understand
how they got lost

2930
02:13:37,390 --> 02:13:42,040
and then again how you found
one photograph of your mother.

2931
02:13:42,040 --> 02:13:42,970
Can you explain?

2932
02:13:42,970 --> 02:13:43,660
Yeah.

2933
02:13:43,660 --> 02:13:44,800
Can we stop for a minute?

2934
02:13:44,800 --> 02:13:46,028
Sure.

2935
02:13:46,028 --> 02:13:46,896
Sure?

2936
02:13:46,896 --> 02:13:47,490
Sure, sure.

2937
02:13:47,490 --> 02:13:48,290
Wait a second.

2938
02:13:48,290 --> 02:13:51,940

2939
02:13:51,940 --> 02:13:52,810
OK.

2940
02:13:52,810 --> 02:13:56,200
So I wanted to find out
more about these photos.

2941
02:13:56,200 --> 02:13:58,600
What happened?

2942
02:13:58,600 --> 02:14:07,030
On one of the trips when we went
back from Siberia or from Ural

2943
02:14:07,030 --> 02:14:16,400
where we was, my father
was on a train in Moskva.

2944
02:14:16,400 --> 02:14:19,060
There was a lot of people.

2945
02:14:19,060 --> 02:14:22,180
Somebody with a blade or
something, with a knife,

2946
02:14:22,180 --> 02:14:26,050
cut the back of--

2947
02:14:26,050 --> 02:14:28,570

2948
02:14:28,570 --> 02:14:31,010
my father had on his back--

2949

02:14:31,010 --> 02:14:35,210
what do you call it, a backpack,
and took everything out

2950
02:14:35,210 --> 02:14:35,710
of that.

2951
02:14:35,710 --> 02:14:38,310
And my father didn't feel it.

2952
02:14:38,310 --> 02:14:42,120
All the pictures from us,
everything, everything

2953
02:14:42,120 --> 02:14:42,960
was gone.

2954
02:14:42,960 --> 02:14:44,940
We never had the picture.

2955
02:14:44,940 --> 02:14:52,470
And then when we were
in Poland, or my father

2956
02:14:52,470 --> 02:14:55,920
was in Poland with
my sister, some

2957
02:14:55,920 --> 02:15:03,290
of our neighbors from Zgierz
had a picture of my mother.

2958
02:15:03,290 --> 02:15:05,330
And so that's the only
picture you have--

2959
02:15:05,330 --> 02:15:06,830
Correct.

2960
02:15:06,830 --> 02:15:10,060
Does that mean there are no
pictures of you as a child?

2961
02:15:10,060 --> 02:15:10,580
No.

2962
02:15:10,580 --> 02:15:12,560
As a child, yes,
I have pictures.

2963
02:15:12,560 --> 02:15:15,290
But not in Zgierz.

2964
02:15:15,290 --> 02:15:17,870
This was a-- the first
picture what I have,

2965
02:15:17,870 --> 02:15:22,290
I think was in Germany
with my cousin over there

2966
02:15:22,290 --> 02:15:22,790
OK.

2967
02:15:22,790 --> 02:15:24,170
So none as a baby.

2968
02:15:24,170 --> 02:15:25,520
None of Zgierz.

2969
02:15:25,520 --> 02:15:27,240
None of anything up till then.

2970
02:15:27,240 --> 02:15:29,124
Nothing.

2971
02:15:29,124 --> 02:15:29,624
Nothing.

2972
02:15:29,624 --> 02:15:31,510
Wow.

2973
02:15:31,510 --> 02:15:35,020
And yet you have a story,

and you have a memory.

2974

02:15:35,020 --> 02:15:37,390

And now many more
people will hear it.

2975

02:15:37,390 --> 02:15:38,630

Thank you.

2976

02:15:38,630 --> 02:15:39,130

Thank you.

2977

02:15:39,130 --> 02:15:40,570

And I thank you.

2978

02:15:40,570 --> 02:15:43,360

And I will say that
with this, this

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02:15:43,360 --> 02:15:46,990

concludes the United States
Holocaust Memorial Museum

2980

02:15:46,990 --> 02:15:47,650

interview--

2981

02:15:47,650 --> 02:15:48,370

Thank you.

2982

02:15:48,370 --> 02:15:51,205

--with Mr. Harold
Channoch Schindler--

2983

02:15:51,205 --> 02:15:52,390

Schindler, correct.

2984

02:15:52,390 --> 02:15:58,335

--on January 18, 2019 in
Delray Beach, Florida.

2985

02:15:58,335 --> 02:15:58,835

Thank you.

2986
02:15:58,835 --> 02:16:00,500
Correct.

2987
02:16:00,500 --> 02:16:01,190
Thank you.

2988
02:16:01,190 --> 02:16:02,100
Thank you.

2989
02:16:02,100 --> 02:16:02,600
OK.

2990
02:16:02,600 --> 02:16:03,590
So we cut.

2991
02:16:03,590 --> 02:16:04,850
And then what we'll do--

2992
02:16:04,850 --> 02:16:05,740
Speed.

2993
02:16:05,740 --> 02:16:07,470
Whenever you're ready.

2994
02:16:07,470 --> 02:16:09,170
OK, Mr. Schindler.

2995
02:16:09,170 --> 02:16:10,970
So tell me about
this photograph.

2996
02:16:10,970 --> 02:16:13,380
Who is in that photo?

2997
02:16:13,380 --> 02:16:15,950
It is my father.

2998
02:16:15,950 --> 02:16:23,070
This picture was taken
in Poland in 1946 or '47.

2999

02:16:23,070 --> 02:16:26,045

My mother what is--

3000

02:16:26,045 --> 02:16:35,910

her picture was taken in

1938 or '37, before the war.

3001

02:16:35,910 --> 02:16:40,730

We got the picture, and

then my family in Israel

3002

02:16:40,730 --> 02:16:45,090

meant here to replace, where

they make it this one picture.

3003

02:16:45,090 --> 02:16:45,690

OK.

3004

02:16:45,690 --> 02:16:47,340

So this is what

you were referring

3005

02:16:47,340 --> 02:16:51,660

to earlier, when you say that

all the pictures were taken,

3006

02:16:51,660 --> 02:16:53,760

all the photos

were taken, stolen,

3007

02:16:53,760 --> 02:16:58,080

and your neighbors in Zgierz

gave that photo to you

3008

02:16:58,080 --> 02:16:58,980

of your mother.

3009

02:16:58,980 --> 02:16:59,670

Right, correct.

3010

02:16:59,670 --> 02:17:03,660

And then from the two separate photos, they made one couple.

3011
02:17:03,660 --> 02:17:05,174
Correct.

3012
02:17:05,174 --> 02:17:06,590
Wow.

3013
02:17:06,590 --> 02:17:07,760
Thank you.

3014
02:17:07,760 --> 02:17:08,780
Thank you very much.

3015
02:17:08,780 --> 02:17:11,870

3016
02:17:11,870 --> 02:17:15,139
Mr. Schindler, now tell us about this photograph.

3017
02:17:15,139 --> 02:17:17,000
Who is in this photograph?

3018
02:17:17,000 --> 02:17:24,590
This photograph is made in 1966 when I got married.

3019
02:17:24,590 --> 02:17:32,730
Her name is Hannah Frida [NON-ENGLISH] Katz.

3020
02:17:32,730 --> 02:17:35,940
And this is my wife and myself [INAUDIBLE]..

3021
02:17:35,940 --> 02:17:40,900
And your wedding date was what?

3022
02:17:40,900 --> 02:17:43,629
June the 6th, 1966.

3023
02:17:43,629 --> 02:17:45,590
Well, that's pretty easy
to remember, isn't it?

3024
02:17:45,590 --> 02:17:47,110
Yeah.

3025
02:17:47,110 --> 02:17:51,290
And so this is your late wife
who just recently passed away.

3026
02:17:51,290 --> 02:17:51,790
Right.

3027
02:17:51,790 --> 02:17:53,750
Two and a half months ago.

3028
02:17:53,750 --> 02:17:55,350
Thank you for
sharing that with us.

3029
02:17:55,350 --> 02:17:56,000
Thank you.

3030
02:17:56,000 --> 02:17:56,900
OK.

3031
02:17:56,900 --> 02:17:57,800
Thanks.

3032
02:17:57,800 --> 02:17:59,050
Cutting.