

1  
00:00:00,000 --> 00:00:00,900  
[INAUDIBLE]

2  
00:00:00,900 --> 00:00:01,530  
Camera speed.

3  
00:00:01,530 --> 00:00:05,420

4  
00:00:05,420 --> 00:00:09,140  
This is a United States  
Holocaust Memorial Museum

5  
00:00:09,140 --> 00:00:16,309  
interview with Mrs. Elizabeth  
Sandy on January 15, 2020,

6  
00:00:16,309 --> 00:00:18,770  
in Boca Raton, Florida.

7  
00:00:18,770 --> 00:00:21,400  
Thank you very, very  
much, Mrs. Sandy--

8  
00:00:21,400 --> 00:00:22,280  
You're welcome.

9  
00:00:22,280 --> 00:00:26,810  
--for agreeing to meet with us,  
to share what experiences you

10  
00:00:26,810 --> 00:00:27,807  
and your family had--

11  
00:00:27,807 --> 00:00:28,640  
You're very welcome.

12  
00:00:28,640 --> 00:00:33,740  
--during the war, and  
how you survived it.

13  
00:00:33,740 --> 00:00:37,400  
I'm going to start with

the most basic questions,

14

00:00:37,400 --> 00:00:40,640  
and we develop  
everything from there.

15

00:00:40,640 --> 00:00:42,650  
So the very first  
question is, can you

16

00:00:42,650 --> 00:00:45,620  
tell me the date of your birth?

17

00:00:45,620 --> 00:00:49,250  
May 19, 1923.

18

00:00:49,250 --> 00:00:52,310  
May 19th, 1923.

19

00:00:52,310 --> 00:00:53,390  
And where were you born?

20

00:00:53,390 --> 00:00:54,930  
In Budapest, Hungary.

21

00:00:54,930 --> 00:00:56,070  
OK.

22

00:00:56,070 --> 00:00:58,950  
And what was your name at birth?

23

00:00:58,950 --> 00:01:01,310  
Garbovits was the family name--

24

00:01:01,310 --> 00:01:02,350  
Garbovits.

25

00:01:02,350 --> 00:01:04,069  
Garbovits?

26

00:01:04,069 --> 00:01:07,090  
Elizabeth is Erzsebet  
in Hungarian.

27

00:01:07,090 --> 00:01:08,530  
Elizabeth is Erzsebet?

28

00:01:08,530 --> 00:01:10,250  
Erzsebet, in Hungarian.

29

00:01:10,250 --> 00:01:10,950  
I see.

30

00:01:10,950 --> 00:01:12,500  
Erzsebet Garbovits.

31

00:01:12,500 --> 00:01:14,300  
Erzsebet Garbovits.

32

00:01:14,300 --> 00:01:16,010  
Did you have any  
brothers and sisters?

33

00:01:16,010 --> 00:01:18,120  
Yes, I had one brother.

34

00:01:18,120 --> 00:01:22,300  
His name was Istvan, which  
means Stephen, Garbovits.

35

00:01:22,300 --> 00:01:24,150  
Stephen Garbovits--  
Istvan Garbovits?

36

00:01:24,150 --> 00:01:25,320  
Istvan Garbovits.

37

00:01:25,320 --> 00:01:27,230  
Which was he, younger  
or older than you?

38

00:01:27,230 --> 00:01:31,790  
He was-- not quite four  
years younger than me.

39

00:01:31,790 --> 00:01:33,580  
So you were the  
eldest in the family?

40  
00:01:33,580 --> 00:01:34,430  
I was the oldest.

41  
00:01:34,430 --> 00:01:35,820  
OK.

42  
00:01:35,820 --> 00:01:38,890  
And your mother and father--

43  
00:01:38,890 --> 00:01:41,810  
let me ask you a  
little bit about them.

44  
00:01:41,810 --> 00:01:43,450  
We'll start with your mother.

45  
00:01:43,450 --> 00:01:45,650  
What was her maiden name?

46  
00:01:45,650 --> 00:01:48,140  
Her name was Carolina Drach

47  
00:01:48,140 --> 00:01:48,640  
Drach?

48  
00:01:48,640 --> 00:01:49,510  
Drach.

49  
00:01:49,510 --> 00:01:51,060  
C-H.

50  
00:01:51,060 --> 00:01:53,650  
D-R-O-C-H?

51  
00:01:53,650 --> 00:01:55,730  
D-R-A-C-H.

52  
00:01:55,730 --> 00:01:57,090  
Carolina Drach.

53  
00:01:57,090 --> 00:01:58,450  
Drach, OK.

54  
00:01:58,450 --> 00:02:02,900  
And do you know about  
when she was born?

55  
00:02:02,900 --> 00:02:05,440  
I am not sure.

56  
00:02:05,440 --> 00:02:06,630  
I'm not sure.

57  
00:02:06,630 --> 00:02:07,530  
That's OK.

58  
00:02:07,530 --> 00:02:09,160  
That's OK.

59  
00:02:09,160 --> 00:02:11,780  
Did she have  
brothers and sisters?

60  
00:02:11,780 --> 00:02:18,005  
She had four sisters  
and one brother.

61  
00:02:18,005 --> 00:02:20,380  
And was she the oldest or the  
youngest, or in the middle?

62  
00:02:20,380 --> 00:02:21,233  
In the middle.

63  
00:02:21,233 --> 00:02:22,150  
She was in the middle.

64  
00:02:22,150 --> 00:02:22,900  
In the middle.

65  
00:02:22,900 --> 00:02:24,490  
Did you know your  
aunts and uncle?

66  
00:02:24,490 --> 00:02:26,030  
I knew them all.

67

00:02:26,030 --> 00:02:29,620

Not only knew them, we  
were very close with them.

68

00:02:29,620 --> 00:02:33,010

We all lived in  
the same vicinity.

69

00:02:33,010 --> 00:02:34,540

Can you tell me their names?

70

00:02:34,540 --> 00:02:36,250

OK.

71

00:02:36,250 --> 00:02:40,090

Their only brother-- oh  
my god, what was his name?

72

00:02:40,090 --> 00:02:43,860

73

00:02:43,860 --> 00:02:44,455

That's OK.

74

00:02:44,455 --> 00:02:44,955

I forget.

75

00:02:44,955 --> 00:02:46,087

It'll come to you later.

76

00:02:46,087 --> 00:02:48,180

It'll come, it'll come back.

77

00:02:48,180 --> 00:02:51,210

One was the name Rosa.

78

00:02:51,210 --> 00:02:52,620

Rosa.

79

00:02:52,620 --> 00:02:54,370

Cataline-- Cottie.

80

00:02:54,370 --> 00:02:56,040  
Cottie, so Cataline, yeah?

81  
00:02:56,040 --> 00:02:57,000  
Yeah.

82  
00:02:57,000 --> 00:02:57,820  
Sarah.

83  
00:02:57,820 --> 00:03:00,140  
Sarah.

84  
00:03:00,140 --> 00:03:02,020  
I think Jóska was his name.

85  
00:03:02,020 --> 00:03:02,640  
Jóska?

86  
00:03:02,640 --> 00:03:03,580  
Uh-huh.

87  
00:03:03,580 --> 00:03:05,680  
And [? Beshke. ?] [? Beshke? ?]

88  
00:03:05,680 --> 00:03:09,980  
[? Beshke, ?] which Elizabeth--  
it's a nickname for Elizabeth.

89  
00:03:09,980 --> 00:03:10,750  
[? Beshke. ?]

90  
00:03:10,750 --> 00:03:11,450  
[? Beshke. ?]

91  
00:03:11,450 --> 00:03:12,140  
[? Beshke. ?]

92  
00:03:12,140 --> 00:03:12,780  
OK.

93  
00:03:12,780 --> 00:03:13,712  
And--

94

00:03:13,712 --> 00:03:15,400  
And your mother Carolina.

95  
00:03:15,400 --> 00:03:17,060  
My mother is Carolina.

96  
00:03:17,060 --> 00:03:19,830  
So I count six people.

97  
00:03:19,830 --> 00:03:22,050  
Rosa.

98  
00:03:22,050 --> 00:03:22,900  
Sarah.

99  
00:03:22,900 --> 00:03:23,430  
Sarah.

100  
00:03:23,430 --> 00:03:24,200  
[? Beshke. ?]

101  
00:03:24,200 --> 00:03:25,750  
[? Beshke. ?]

102  
00:03:25,750 --> 00:03:27,116  
Jóska.

103  
00:03:27,116 --> 00:03:28,760  
Jóska.

104  
00:03:28,760 --> 00:03:32,075  
And the first one that  
you mentioned to me.

105  
00:03:32,075 --> 00:03:33,840  
Jóska, [? Beshke. ?]

106  
00:03:33,840 --> 00:03:35,980  
Cataline.

107  
00:03:35,980 --> 00:03:36,480  
Cottie.

108



00:03:36,480 --> 00:03:36,980  
Yes.

109  
00:03:36,980 --> 00:03:42,180  
Cottie [? Nanny. ?]

110  
00:03:42,180 --> 00:03:45,870  
Did you know your grandparents  
on your mother's side as well?

111  
00:03:45,870 --> 00:03:48,930  
My mother's mother,  
I knew very well.

112  
00:03:48,930 --> 00:03:53,700  
She lived close, a couple  
houses away from us.

113  
00:03:53,700 --> 00:03:57,900  
The father passed away,  
my grandfather passed away

114  
00:03:57,900 --> 00:04:01,630  
before I was born, so  
I did not know him.

115  
00:04:01,630 --> 00:04:04,880  
And what was your  
grandmother's name?

116  
00:04:04,880 --> 00:04:05,440  
First name.

117  
00:04:05,440 --> 00:04:08,460

118  
00:04:08,460 --> 00:04:09,030  
That's OK.

119  
00:04:09,030 --> 00:04:10,020  
I [? cannot ?] [? remember. ?]

120  
00:04:10,020 --> 00:04:10,390  
Grandma.

121  
00:04:10,390 --> 00:04:10,890  
Yeah.

122  
00:04:10,890 --> 00:04:12,300  
She was grandma.

123  
00:04:12,300 --> 00:04:13,410  
I can't.

124  
00:04:13,410 --> 00:04:14,630  
I can't remember.

125  
00:04:14,630 --> 00:04:15,130  
It's OK.

126  
00:04:15,130 --> 00:04:19,220  
It was at least 75 years ago.

127  
00:04:19,220 --> 00:04:21,500  
The questions that  
we ask sometimes,

128  
00:04:21,500 --> 00:04:24,860  
that I ask, are so ridiculous,  
asking someone to remember--

129  
00:04:24,860 --> 00:04:25,730  
It'll come back.

130  
00:04:25,730 --> 00:04:27,310  
It could come back.

131  
00:04:27,310 --> 00:04:28,280  
Yeah.

132  
00:04:28,280 --> 00:04:31,670  
But we will see  
how it goes, then.

133  
00:04:31,670 --> 00:04:34,940  
Now let's turn to your  
father's side of the family.

134

00:04:34,940 --> 00:04:36,890

Your father's first  
name was what?

135

00:04:36,890 --> 00:04:37,970

Arnold.

136

00:04:37,970 --> 00:04:38,860

Arnold Garbovits?

137

00:04:38,860 --> 00:04:39,750

Garbovits.

138

00:04:39,750 --> 00:04:41,300

Garbovits.

139

00:04:41,300 --> 00:04:42,830

Did he have brothers  
and sisters?

140

00:04:42,830 --> 00:04:43,730

Yes.

141

00:04:43,730 --> 00:04:44,862

How many did he have?

142

00:04:44,862 --> 00:04:53,600

He had two or three brothers,  
and Caroline Nanny--

143

00:04:53,600 --> 00:04:56,130

144

00:04:56,130 --> 00:04:58,290

three sisters.

145

00:04:58,290 --> 00:04:59,590

What were their names?

146

00:04:59,590 --> 00:05:00,780

OK.

147

00:05:00,780 --> 00:05:02,270

One was Rosie.

148  
00:05:02,270 --> 00:05:03,060  
Rosie.

149  
00:05:03,060 --> 00:05:04,590  
One was Szidi.

150  
00:05:04,590 --> 00:05:05,130  
Siggy?

151  
00:05:05,130 --> 00:05:05,880  
Szidi.

152  
00:05:05,880 --> 00:05:08,340  
S-Z is Szidi.

153  
00:05:08,340 --> 00:05:10,250  
Bertha.

154  
00:05:10,250 --> 00:05:11,640  
And Irenka.

155  
00:05:11,640 --> 00:05:12,300  
Irenka?

156  
00:05:12,300 --> 00:05:13,180  
Irenka, Irene.

157  
00:05:13,180 --> 00:05:13,830  
Irene.

158  
00:05:13,830 --> 00:05:14,870  
Irene.

159  
00:05:14,870 --> 00:05:16,940  
Those were the sisters.

160  
00:05:16,940 --> 00:05:19,070  
And the brothers were Imre.

161  
00:05:19,070 --> 00:05:20,020  
Imre.

162  
00:05:20,020 --> 00:05:21,263  
Sándor.

163  
00:05:21,263 --> 00:05:22,189  
Sándor.

164  
00:05:22,189 --> 00:05:26,820

165  
00:05:26,820 --> 00:05:29,960  
I'm not sure if that's a  
brother or a brother-in-law.

166  
00:05:29,960 --> 00:05:30,780  
OK.

167  
00:05:30,780 --> 00:05:31,760  
I'm not sure.

168  
00:05:31,760 --> 00:05:32,380  
OK.

169  
00:05:32,380 --> 00:05:33,010  
Yeah.

170  
00:05:33,010 --> 00:05:34,820  
And your father's  
first name was?

171  
00:05:34,820 --> 00:05:35,370  
Arnold.

172  
00:05:35,370 --> 00:05:36,600  
Arnold-- you told me that.

173  
00:05:36,600 --> 00:05:37,790  
Sorry.

174  
00:05:37,790 --> 00:05:40,530  
And had your-- both  
sides of the family,

175  
00:05:40,530 --> 00:05:42,160

had they lived in Budapest?

176

00:05:42,160 --> 00:05:42,680

No.

177

00:05:42,680 --> 00:05:43,180

No?

178

00:05:43,180 --> 00:05:44,055

Where were they from?

179

00:05:44,055 --> 00:05:44,850

No.

180

00:05:44,850 --> 00:05:50,460

My father's side was about 30 kilometers south of Budapest.

181

00:05:50,460 --> 00:05:57,150

My grandfather was a main cantor in a temple there,

182

00:05:57,150 --> 00:06:00,240

and that's where they raised the children.

183

00:06:00,240 --> 00:06:02,310

That's my father's side.

184

00:06:02,310 --> 00:06:07,350

My mother's side was from the west side of Hungary,

185

00:06:07,350 --> 00:06:09,540

close to Vienna--

186

00:06:09,540 --> 00:06:12,120

close to Vienna,  
and I don't know

187

00:06:12,120 --> 00:06:15,540

when they came to Budapest.

188

00:06:15,540 --> 00:06:18,780

I wasn't born there yet.

189

00:06:18,780 --> 00:06:21,960

But it sounds that  
your family then

190

00:06:21,960 --> 00:06:27,450

had been really  
centered in what was

191

00:06:27,450 --> 00:06:29,090

the Austro-Hungarian empire.

192

00:06:29,090 --> 00:06:30,090

Yes.

193

00:06:30,090 --> 00:06:36,015

My grandparents and the  
younger age of my parents.

194

00:06:36,015 --> 00:06:40,050

195

00:06:40,050 --> 00:06:42,770

What was the language  
that you spoke at home?

196

00:06:42,770 --> 00:06:44,142

Always Hungarian.

197

00:06:44,142 --> 00:06:44,850

Always Hungarian?

198

00:06:44,850 --> 00:06:46,320

Always Hungarian.

199

00:06:46,320 --> 00:06:47,770

They spoke German.

200

00:06:47,770 --> 00:06:48,270

OK.

201

00:06:48,270 --> 00:06:49,940

That was another

question that I had.

202

00:06:49,940 --> 00:06:50,880

Yes.

203

00:06:50,880 --> 00:06:52,650

So you learned German?

204

00:06:52,650 --> 00:06:53,460

At home.

205

00:06:53,460 --> 00:06:54,040

At home?

206

00:06:54,040 --> 00:06:54,540

Yes.

207

00:06:54,540 --> 00:06:55,620

OK.

208

00:06:55,620 --> 00:06:57,520

Now was any Yiddish  
spoken at all?

209

00:06:57,520 --> 00:06:59,410

No, never.

210

00:06:59,410 --> 00:07:00,310

Never.

211

00:07:00,310 --> 00:07:01,380

Interesting.

212

00:07:01,380 --> 00:07:03,090

Never, not in Budapest.

213

00:07:03,090 --> 00:07:04,110

Not in Budapest.

214

00:07:04,110 --> 00:07:08,430

Because I've interviewed people  
who were from outside Budapest,

215



00:07:08,430 --> 00:07:12,240  
but in Hungary, and many  
of them spoke Yiddish.

216  
00:07:12,240 --> 00:07:16,080  
They were from very  
religious families, and so.

217  
00:07:16,080 --> 00:07:17,700  
Not in-- not my family.

218  
00:07:17,700 --> 00:07:18,490  
Not your family?

219  
00:07:18,490 --> 00:07:19,350  
No.

220  
00:07:19,350 --> 00:07:22,620  
Would you have said that your  
family was very assimilated?

221  
00:07:22,620 --> 00:07:24,590  
Very assimilated.

222  
00:07:24,590 --> 00:07:25,440  
OK.

223  
00:07:25,440 --> 00:07:27,570  
First, they were Hungarian.

224  
00:07:27,570 --> 00:07:29,790  
Second, they were Hungarian.

225  
00:07:29,790 --> 00:07:31,650  
And after that,  
they were Jewish.

226  
00:07:31,650 --> 00:07:34,320

227  
00:07:34,320 --> 00:07:36,150  
Well, from the  
first names that you

228

00:07:36,150 --> 00:07:39,260  
mentioned of your  
aunts and your uncles,

229  
00:07:39,260 --> 00:07:40,470  
they're very Hungarian names.

230  
00:07:40,470 --> 00:07:41,760  
All Hungarian, very Hungarian.

231  
00:07:41,760 --> 00:07:42,450  
Yes.

232  
00:07:42,450 --> 00:07:42,950  
Yes.

233  
00:07:42,950 --> 00:07:45,570

234  
00:07:45,570 --> 00:07:50,560  
And on your father's side,  
were they very observant?

235  
00:07:50,560 --> 00:07:52,310  
Because your grandfather  
was a cantor.

236  
00:07:52,310 --> 00:07:52,810  
Yes.

237  
00:07:52,810 --> 00:07:57,130  
Yes, my grandfather  
actually came--

238  
00:07:57,130 --> 00:07:58,720  
I'm not sure when--

239  
00:07:58,720 --> 00:08:00,430  
somewhere from Poland.

240  
00:08:00,430 --> 00:08:01,040  
Oh, really?

241  
00:08:01,040 --> 00:08:01,540

Yes.

242

00:08:01,540 --> 00:08:02,040  
OK.

243

00:08:02,040 --> 00:08:08,890  
Maybe the First World War,  
or maybe before, as a cantor,

244

00:08:08,890 --> 00:08:13,660  
and he settled in a little town  
30 miles south of Budapest,

245

00:08:13,660 --> 00:08:19,540  
and he became a well-known  
cantor, beautiful voice he had.

246

00:08:19,540 --> 00:08:22,990  
And did he remain in 30  
miles south of Budapest?

247

00:08:22,990 --> 00:08:23,540  
Always.

248

00:08:23,540 --> 00:08:26,800  
They lived there,  
they had all their--

249

00:08:26,800 --> 00:08:31,120  
practically, all  
the children there.

250

00:08:31,120 --> 00:08:36,010  
I remember them telling  
us a story about that,

251

00:08:36,010 --> 00:08:39,100  
at the one time, for I  
don't know how long--

252

00:08:39,100 --> 00:08:43,600  
in fact, my father was born  
in this Slovakian place

253

00:08:43,600 --> 00:08:47,220

where my grandparents  
were at the time.

254  
00:08:47,220 --> 00:08:50,690  
Then they moved down  
to that small town.

255  
00:08:50,690 --> 00:08:52,540  
And what was it  
called, the small town?

256  
00:08:52,540 --> 00:08:53,830  
Aszod.

257  
00:08:53,830 --> 00:08:54,430  
Aszod?

258  
00:08:54,430 --> 00:08:55,823  
Aszod.

259  
00:08:55,823 --> 00:08:56,550  
OK.

260  
00:08:56,550 --> 00:08:57,540  
Aszod.

261  
00:08:57,540 --> 00:08:59,300  
Aszod, OK.

262  
00:08:59,300 --> 00:09:00,760  
Not a-sowed.

263  
00:09:00,760 --> 00:09:02,480  
Aszod.

264  
00:09:02,480 --> 00:09:03,460  
How do you spell it?

265  
00:09:03,460 --> 00:09:06,250  
A-S-Z-O-D.

266  
00:09:06,250 --> 00:09:08,060  
I didn't pronounce it properly.

267

00:09:08,060 --> 00:09:08,700

Yeah.

268

00:09:08,700 --> 00:09:10,140

That's the American way.

269

00:09:10,140 --> 00:09:12,748

Yeah.

270

00:09:12,748 --> 00:09:13,540

I'm sorry for that.

271

00:09:13,540 --> 00:09:16,080

That's OK.

272

00:09:16,080 --> 00:09:21,620

And your mother's then family  
came from Western Hungary,

273

00:09:21,620 --> 00:09:22,120

near Vienna?

274

00:09:22,120 --> 00:09:22,620

Yeah.

275

00:09:22,620 --> 00:09:23,310

Yes.

276

00:09:23,310 --> 00:09:24,390

OK.

277

00:09:24,390 --> 00:09:28,770

And was it her parents who  
moved to Budapest, or was it?

278

00:09:28,770 --> 00:09:30,840

It wasn't my time.

279

00:09:30,840 --> 00:09:33,780

I'm not sure who  
really moved, but I

280

00:09:33,780 --> 00:09:36,720

do remember very  
well my grandmother

281  
00:09:36,720 --> 00:09:39,040  
who lived not far from us.

282  
00:09:39,040 --> 00:09:39,540  
OK.

283  
00:09:39,540 --> 00:09:41,670  
But I don't know  
when they moved.

284  
00:09:41,670 --> 00:09:43,440  
I wasn't alive.

285  
00:09:43,440 --> 00:09:44,630  
OK.

286  
00:09:44,630 --> 00:09:47,580  
And do you know how  
your parents met?

287  
00:09:47,580 --> 00:09:50,880

288  
00:09:50,880 --> 00:09:52,840  
I'm not sure.

289  
00:09:52,840 --> 00:09:54,010  
I'm not sure.

290  
00:09:54,010 --> 00:09:56,550  
So you don't know how  
their paths crossed?

291  
00:09:56,550 --> 00:09:58,820  
I have-- I really don't know.

292  
00:09:58,820 --> 00:09:59,590  
It's OK.

293  
00:09:59,590 --> 00:10:00,410  
I don't know.

294

00:10:00,410 --> 00:10:01,190

That's OK.

295

00:10:01,190 --> 00:10:01,840

That's OK.

296

00:10:01,840 --> 00:10:04,360

Sometimes people tell  
their children stories

297

00:10:04,360 --> 00:10:07,580

about their early lives,  
and sometimes not so much.

298

00:10:07,580 --> 00:10:10,880

I don't know if-- maybe they did  
tell me, but I can't remember.

299

00:10:10,880 --> 00:10:11,380

OK.

300

00:10:11,380 --> 00:10:17,180

301

00:10:17,180 --> 00:10:18,930

How did your father--

302

00:10:18,930 --> 00:10:21,170

and I assume it was your  
father, but sometimes it's

303

00:10:21,170 --> 00:10:23,450

also one's mother--

304

00:10:23,450 --> 00:10:25,640

how did he put  
food on the table?

305

00:10:25,640 --> 00:10:27,350

What did you do to  
support the family?

306

00:10:27,350 --> 00:10:27,850

Oh.

307

00:10:27,850 --> 00:10:32,960  
[CHUCKLES] I didn't  
know what it meant.

308

00:10:32,960 --> 00:10:34,410  
To put food on the table?

309

00:10:34,410 --> 00:10:36,110  
No man ever put  
food on the table.

310

00:10:36,110 --> 00:10:36,887  
[LAUGHTER]

311

00:10:36,887 --> 00:10:38,220  
Yeah, they don't really cook it.

312

00:10:38,220 --> 00:10:39,278  
Not in our day.

313

00:10:39,278 --> 00:10:40,320  
Yeah, they don't cook it.

314

00:10:40,320 --> 00:10:43,170  
No.

315

00:10:43,170 --> 00:10:47,690  
My father started as a  
young man from Aszod.

316

00:10:47,690 --> 00:10:54,140  
He went up to Budapest, and he  
opened himself a hat factory.

317

00:10:54,140 --> 00:10:55,490  
I don't know how you call that.

318

00:10:55,490 --> 00:10:56,600  
It's not a hat--

319

00:10:56,600 --> 00:10:57,910  
It's millinery.



320  
00:10:57,910 --> 00:10:58,640  
Millinery?

321  
00:10:58,640 --> 00:11:03,290  
Millinery is the term for  
all kinds of hat production.

322  
00:11:03,290 --> 00:11:03,790  
OK.

323  
00:11:03,790 --> 00:11:06,290  
And sales, and things like that.

324  
00:11:06,290 --> 00:11:09,776  
That's what he did.

325  
00:11:09,776 --> 00:11:13,060  
I remembered the  
place where he--

326  
00:11:13,060 --> 00:11:19,420  
well, he owned, not far  
from where we lived.

327  
00:11:19,420 --> 00:11:24,340  
And then after that, he,  
with his brother and sister,

328  
00:11:24,340 --> 00:11:27,150  
opened a hat factory.

329  
00:11:27,150 --> 00:11:28,600  
OK.

330  
00:11:28,600 --> 00:11:30,170  
So at first, what did he do?

331  
00:11:30,170 --> 00:11:34,260  
And then he-- for himself,  
what did he start?

332  
00:11:34,260 --> 00:11:35,270  
A hat factory?

333  
00:11:35,270 --> 00:11:35,770  
No.

334  
00:11:35,770 --> 00:11:38,180  
It was-- it's not a hat.

335  
00:11:38,180 --> 00:11:39,840  
It's-- what is  
that, what you said?

336  
00:11:39,840 --> 00:11:40,780  
Millinery?

337  
00:11:40,780 --> 00:11:46,240  
Where you have a man who  
has not a hat, but a--

338  
00:11:46,240 --> 00:11:47,890  
I don't know what they call it.

339  
00:11:47,890 --> 00:11:49,280  
How do you say it in Hungarian?

340  
00:11:49,280 --> 00:11:50,520  
Sapka.

341  
00:11:50,520 --> 00:11:51,020  
Ah.

342  
00:11:51,020 --> 00:11:52,655  
A cap?

343  
00:11:52,655 --> 00:11:55,210  
[INAUDIBLE] with a shield.

344  
00:11:55,210 --> 00:11:57,010  
An old kind of [INAUDIBLE] cap.

345  
00:11:57,010 --> 00:11:59,980  
Is it a [? cap? ?]  
I didn't know.

346

00:11:59,980 --> 00:12:00,547  
Yes, that's--

347  
00:12:00,547 --> 00:12:01,630  
Well, we think it's a cap.

348  
00:12:01,630 --> 00:12:06,335  
I mean, I've heard the  
word sapka and sapka,

349  
00:12:06,335 --> 00:12:10,700  
I always assumed not so much  
a hat that a man would wear.

350  
00:12:10,700 --> 00:12:11,200  
No.

351  
00:12:11,200 --> 00:12:12,255  
But one with the bill.

352  
00:12:12,255 --> 00:12:13,050  
With the shield.

353  
00:12:13,050 --> 00:12:13,550  
Yeah.

354  
00:12:13,550 --> 00:12:14,380  
Yeah.

355  
00:12:14,380 --> 00:12:16,700  
That was the beginning.

356  
00:12:16,700 --> 00:12:17,200  
OK.

357  
00:12:17,200 --> 00:12:20,740  
Then the brothers and  
sisters got together

358  
00:12:20,740 --> 00:12:23,800  
and they opened  
the factory with--

359  
00:12:23,800 --> 00:12:26,630

360

00:12:26,630 --> 00:12:29,010

I don't know how you  
call that, where they

361

00:12:29,010 --> 00:12:32,100

made the basic for the hat.

362

00:12:32,100 --> 00:12:36,230

It was like a big felt.

363

00:12:36,230 --> 00:12:36,910

Felt?

364

00:12:36,910 --> 00:12:37,910

Yeah, felt.

365

00:12:37,910 --> 00:12:39,510

Felt. Yeah.

366

00:12:39,510 --> 00:12:42,098

300 people were  
working for them.

367

00:12:42,098 --> 00:12:42,640

That's a lot.

368

00:12:42,640 --> 00:12:45,180

It was-- that, in  
Hungary was a lot.

369

00:12:45,180 --> 00:12:45,820

Yeah.

370

00:12:45,820 --> 00:12:51,150

So-- they were very, very  
successful in business.

371

00:12:51,150 --> 00:12:56,010

So was this mostly then ladies'  
hats, or both men and women?

372

00:12:56,010 --> 00:12:58,290

Mostly ladies.

373

00:12:58,290 --> 00:13:05,460

Mostly ladies, then they had  
a place where they worked out

374

00:13:05,460 --> 00:13:09,460

some of the hats for women.

375

00:13:09,460 --> 00:13:10,660

I don't understand that.

376

00:13:10,660 --> 00:13:17,230

Some of those things, what they  
manufactured in the factory,

377

00:13:17,230 --> 00:13:20,980

then they had to work it out  
for regular hats for women.

378

00:13:20,980 --> 00:13:23,020

Oh, so in other words,  
they would not only

379

00:13:23,020 --> 00:13:24,365

make the base of the hat.

380

00:13:24,365 --> 00:13:27,250

Yeah, they had the  
factory working--

381

00:13:27,250 --> 00:13:29,590

I don't know how many girls--

382

00:13:29,590 --> 00:13:33,718

designing the hat  
and selling it.

383

00:13:33,718 --> 00:13:35,760

Did they also have a shop  
as well as the factory?

384

00:13:35,760 --> 00:13:37,560

Yeah, they had a shop too.

385

00:13:37,560 --> 00:13:38,560

OK.

386

00:13:38,560 --> 00:13:41,380

And did they sell  
through the shop mostly,

387

00:13:41,380 --> 00:13:43,360

or were they more  
wholesalers that

388

00:13:43,360 --> 00:13:47,080

sold to others, who  
then sold to the public?

389

00:13:47,080 --> 00:13:54,640

I think they had men who were  
traveling around the country

390

00:13:54,640 --> 00:14:01,710

and sold it to hat  
stores, and also in the--

391

00:14:01,710 --> 00:14:06,060

they had a special store  
where they had only

392

00:14:06,060 --> 00:14:10,750

selling the readymade hats.

393

00:14:10,750 --> 00:14:12,110

Did you visit that store?

394

00:14:12,110 --> 00:14:13,280

All the time.

395

00:14:13,280 --> 00:14:15,610

I can imagine for a  
little girl it's fun.

396

00:14:15,610 --> 00:14:18,840

[CHUCKLES] Yeah,  
I visited a lot.

397

00:14:18,840 --> 00:14:19,460  
Yeah?

398  
00:14:19,460 --> 00:14:20,460  
Yeah.

399  
00:14:20,460 --> 00:14:22,810  
That's another story.

400  
00:14:22,810 --> 00:14:24,370  
Well, what would that story be?

401  
00:14:24,370 --> 00:14:29,610  
The story would be that when  
I wasn't allowed anymore

402  
00:14:29,610 --> 00:14:34,510  
to go to school, I went  
to business school,

403  
00:14:34,510 --> 00:14:37,110  
and the second grade,  
I had to finish

404  
00:14:37,110 --> 00:14:39,960  
because the law  
said no Jews were

405  
00:14:39,960 --> 00:14:42,190  
allowed to go to the school.

406  
00:14:42,190 --> 00:14:43,770  
So what was the next step?

407  
00:14:43,770 --> 00:14:48,750  
All the Jewish girls from  
very wealthy families

408  
00:14:48,750 --> 00:14:50,980  
went to learn a trade.

409  
00:14:50,980 --> 00:14:56,561  
So I went back to our own hat  
factory, and learned how to--

410

00:14:56,561 --> 00:14:57,270

The trade.

411

00:14:57,270 --> 00:14:59,040

Yes.

412

00:14:59,040 --> 00:15:00,670

That's very ironic, isn't it?

413

00:15:00,670 --> 00:15:03,810

[CHUCKLES]

414

00:15:03,810 --> 00:15:04,310

415

00:15:04,310 --> 00:15:07,530

Did your father have any  
university education?

416

00:15:07,530 --> 00:15:10,160

No, no.

417

00:15:10,160 --> 00:15:13,130

Anybody on his  
side of the family?

418

00:15:13,130 --> 00:15:14,690

No.

419

00:15:14,690 --> 00:15:20,000

Nobody had university education,  
but all the children--

420

00:15:20,000 --> 00:15:28,040

every one of my cousin were  
either doctors or architects,

421

00:15:28,040 --> 00:15:29,860

or lawyers.

422

00:15:29,860 --> 00:15:36,000

And everybody, every cousin of  
mine who were older than me.



423

00:15:36,000 --> 00:15:37,060

That's quite impressive.

424

00:15:37,060 --> 00:15:37,560

Yes.

425

00:15:37,560 --> 00:15:40,720

426

00:15:40,720 --> 00:15:44,490

Did your father-- had he served  
in the Austro-Hungarian army?

427

00:15:44,490 --> 00:15:45,058

No.

428

00:15:45,058 --> 00:15:45,850

During World War I?

429

00:15:45,850 --> 00:15:48,640

I don't know how  
he got out of it.

430

00:15:48,640 --> 00:15:51,900

If I would know, then I'm  
going to have to tell it.

431

00:15:51,900 --> 00:15:52,600

That's OK.

432

00:15:52,600 --> 00:15:55,060

Maybe they told me,  
but I can't remember.

433

00:15:55,060 --> 00:15:56,080

That's OK.

434

00:15:56,080 --> 00:15:57,640

That's OK.

435

00:15:57,640 --> 00:16:02,510

As I say, sometimes  
people have--

436

00:16:02,510 --> 00:16:05,450

people tell their  
children their own lives,

437

00:16:05,450 --> 00:16:08,450

and sometimes they tell it  
once, and sometimes it's just

438

00:16:08,450 --> 00:16:09,740

part of family conversation.

439

00:16:09,740 --> 00:16:11,900

Yeah, I'm sure it was.

440

00:16:11,900 --> 00:16:14,200

But I was too young,  
and I didn't--

441

00:16:14,200 --> 00:16:18,080

it went into one ear and  
went out of the other.

442

00:16:18,080 --> 00:16:19,320

Who cares what they were--

443

00:16:19,320 --> 00:16:19,820

Of course.

444

00:16:19,820 --> 00:16:21,940

--my great-grandparents  
were doing?

445

00:16:21,940 --> 00:16:28,120

446

00:16:28,120 --> 00:16:31,280

But what it speaks then,  
too, is that your father

447

00:16:31,280 --> 00:16:33,110

had business sense.

448

00:16:33,110 --> 00:16:36,860

If he didn't have a

university education,

449

00:16:36,860 --> 00:16:39,620  
if he didn't have an  
apprenticeship, or shall

450

00:16:39,620 --> 00:16:42,320  
we say, it wasn't  
in the family--

451

00:16:42,320 --> 00:16:45,930  
he had started this business,  
and he made it successful.

452

00:16:45,930 --> 00:16:46,430  
He had--

453

00:16:46,430 --> 00:16:48,080  
With his siblings.

454

00:16:48,080 --> 00:16:52,430  
With his siblings, a  
sister and a brother--

455

00:16:52,430 --> 00:16:54,640  
three of them were  
in the business.

456

00:16:54,640 --> 00:16:57,520  
What was the name of the  
business, of the factory?

457

00:16:57,520 --> 00:17:00,330  
Garbovits and Nánási.

458

00:17:00,330 --> 00:17:06,430  
Nánási was my father's  
sister's husband.

459

00:17:06,430 --> 00:17:07,380  
OK.

460

00:17:07,380 --> 00:17:09,335  
Did he work in there too?

461  
00:17:09,335 --> 00:17:11,119  
He never worked in his life.

462  
00:17:11,119 --> 00:17:12,670  
He sat in the office.

463  
00:17:12,670 --> 00:17:14,930  
Sat in the office, never worked.

464  
00:17:14,930 --> 00:17:17,200  
Yeah, yeah.

465  
00:17:17,200 --> 00:17:19,280  
Yeah, but he had  
his name up there?

466  
00:17:19,280 --> 00:17:20,060  
Oh, god.

467  
00:17:20,060 --> 00:17:21,410  
[CHUCKLING]

468  
00:17:21,410 --> 00:17:23,930  
Yes.

469  
00:17:23,930 --> 00:17:28,720  
And do you remember the address  
of where the factory was?

470  
00:17:28,720 --> 00:17:32,995  
One factory was in the  
tenth district of Budapest.

471  
00:17:32,995 --> 00:17:35,500

472  
00:17:35,500 --> 00:17:38,962  
The name of the  
district was Kobanya.

473  
00:17:38,962 --> 00:17:42,530  
Kobanya, and that's  
where the factory was.

474

00:17:42,530 --> 00:17:43,900

OK.

475

00:17:43,900 --> 00:17:46,510

And then there was the--

476

00:17:46,510 --> 00:17:51,810

where they made out  
from the hat into--

477

00:17:51,810 --> 00:17:55,570

whatever the women said.

478

00:17:55,570 --> 00:18:01,070

And there was a different  
store in Hajó utca.

479

00:18:01,070 --> 00:18:02,230

Hajó utca?

480

00:18:02,230 --> 00:18:03,820

Hajó utca, yes.

481

00:18:03,820 --> 00:18:06,100

Which would mean Hajó Street?

482

00:18:06,100 --> 00:18:08,260

Hajó Street, yes.

483

00:18:08,260 --> 00:18:10,200

Do you remember the number?

484

00:18:10,200 --> 00:18:10,980

No.

485

00:18:10,980 --> 00:18:11,860

OK.

486

00:18:11,860 --> 00:18:13,310

No.

487

00:18:13,310 --> 00:18:14,290

OK.

488

00:18:14,290 --> 00:18:15,270

That's OK.

489

00:18:15,270 --> 00:18:17,020

Do you remember  
what it looked like?

490

00:18:17,020 --> 00:18:18,510

Yes, definitely.

491

00:18:18,510 --> 00:18:19,030

OK.

492

00:18:19,030 --> 00:18:21,040

I remember, definitely.

493

00:18:21,040 --> 00:18:31,610

It was a small street, small  
street, and there were--

494

00:18:31,610 --> 00:18:34,660

I don't know how many houses.

495

00:18:34,660 --> 00:18:40,240

The houses were three,  
four, five stories high.

496

00:18:40,240 --> 00:18:41,550

Were they apartments?

497

00:18:41,550 --> 00:18:45,580

On the top floors were  
all the apartments.

498

00:18:45,580 --> 00:18:49,300

On the ground floor  
were the businesses.

499

00:18:49,300 --> 00:18:51,760

That's where the store was.

500

00:18:51,760 --> 00:18:54,420

Have you ever been there?

501  
00:18:54,420 --> 00:18:54,920  
No.

502  
00:18:54,920 --> 00:18:56,794  
I never [INAUDIBLE].

503  
00:18:56,794 --> 00:18:59,245  
But now that we  
interrupted, tell the story

504  
00:18:59,245 --> 00:19:04,000  
about making hats for  
Hollywood actresses.

505  
00:19:04,000 --> 00:19:04,500  
Oh, yeah.

506  
00:19:04,500 --> 00:19:05,450  
[INAUDIBLE]

507  
00:19:05,450 --> 00:19:08,660  
They were famous  
for high fashion.

508  
00:19:08,660 --> 00:19:10,290  
OK, hang on a second.

509  
00:19:10,290 --> 00:19:15,230  
What I'm going to say is  
that Mrs. Sandy's son is here

510  
00:19:15,230 --> 00:19:17,600  
with us as well,  
off camera, and he

511  
00:19:17,600 --> 00:19:19,160  
asked you to tell  
us a little bit

512  
00:19:19,160 --> 00:19:25,350  
about the clientele of your  
father's factory and store.

513

00:19:25,350 --> 00:19:27,080  
And so let's hear it.

514  
00:19:27,080 --> 00:19:30,890  
They had a few--

515  
00:19:30,890 --> 00:19:33,170  
they call it a saloon--

516  
00:19:33,170 --> 00:19:36,890  
where they worked out--

517  
00:19:36,890 --> 00:19:39,720  
what they made in the factory.

518  
00:19:39,720 --> 00:19:43,100  
And they-- out front  
on the store was--

519  
00:19:43,100 --> 00:19:45,710

520  
00:19:45,710 --> 00:19:49,000  
the back of the store  
was the people working,

521  
00:19:49,000 --> 00:19:51,690  
girls working making hats.

522  
00:19:51,690 --> 00:19:56,330  
There were a lot of famous  
actresses coming in,

523  
00:19:56,330 --> 00:19:58,700  
and they made hats for them.

524  
00:19:58,700 --> 00:20:00,640  
From Hungarian films?

525  
00:20:00,640 --> 00:20:01,660  
Hungarian.

526  
00:20:01,660 --> 00:20:02,160  
Yeah?



527

00:20:02,160 --> 00:20:03,770

Hungarian, yes.

528

00:20:03,770 --> 00:20:10,730

My family also went to  
special hat shows in Vienna,

529

00:20:10,730 --> 00:20:14,990

and they copied  
the newest style,

530

00:20:14,990 --> 00:20:18,440

and they brought  
it back to Hungary.

531

00:20:18,440 --> 00:20:22,700

Yes, they were very  
successful in business.

532

00:20:22,700 --> 00:20:26,360

And do you remember any of  
the names of the actresses

533

00:20:26,360 --> 00:20:27,830

who got hats?

534

00:20:27,830 --> 00:20:29,130

No?

535

00:20:29,130 --> 00:20:30,510

No.

536

00:20:30,510 --> 00:20:33,730

No, we are talking  
about 70 years.

537

00:20:33,730 --> 00:20:34,750

No idea.

538

00:20:34,750 --> 00:20:36,910

No idea.

539

00:20:36,910 --> 00:20:41,270

Now before you yourself  
went there as a teenager,

540  
00:20:41,270 --> 00:20:44,270  
under very difficult  
circumstances,

541  
00:20:44,270 --> 00:20:48,250  
to learn the trade, did you ever  
go there as a little girl just

542  
00:20:48,250 --> 00:20:48,750  
to visit?

543  
00:20:48,750 --> 00:20:50,200  
Always, always.

544  
00:20:50,200 --> 00:20:50,700  
Yeah?

545  
00:20:50,700 --> 00:20:51,200  
Yeah.

546  
00:20:51,200 --> 00:20:54,420  
My parents took me there  
and sat in the office,

547  
00:20:54,420 --> 00:20:59,550  
or in the cashier, where  
they have a cashier girl,

548  
00:20:59,550 --> 00:21:01,850  
and I knew the people.

549  
00:21:01,850 --> 00:21:05,200  
I knew many of the people  
who were working there.

550  
00:21:05,200 --> 00:21:10,070  
In fact, after a while, when I  
couldn't go to school anymore,

551  
00:21:10,070 --> 00:21:14,480  
had to learn the trade, I  
got involved with the people

552

00:21:14,480 --> 00:21:16,100  
who were working there.

553

00:21:16,100 --> 00:21:18,090  
I knew them very well.

554

00:21:18,090 --> 00:21:19,250  
I see.

555

00:21:19,250 --> 00:21:21,320  
Did your mother also work?

556

00:21:21,320 --> 00:21:22,220  
No, never.

557

00:21:22,220 --> 00:21:23,630  
Never worked in her life.

558

00:21:23,630 --> 00:21:24,130  
OK.

559

00:21:24,130 --> 00:21:27,910

560

00:21:27,910 --> 00:21:29,290  
Would you say then--

561

00:21:29,290 --> 00:21:31,930  
it suggests that your family  
was pretty well-to-do.

562

00:21:31,930 --> 00:21:33,940  
Yes, the whole family.

563

00:21:33,940 --> 00:21:37,030  
OK, so at least your  
brother, your mother--

564

00:21:37,030 --> 00:21:41,920  
your father's brother, his  
sister, and yourselves.

565

00:21:41,920 --> 00:21:43,950  
Yeah, they were a company.

566  
00:21:43,950 --> 00:21:45,460  
OK

567  
00:21:45,460 --> 00:21:49,000  
And the rest of the  
family were well off too.

568  
00:21:49,000 --> 00:21:51,700  
What kind of work or  
businesses did they

569  
00:21:51,700 --> 00:21:55,810  
have, the rest of the family,  
his brothers and sisters--

570  
00:21:55,810 --> 00:21:56,710  
or your mother's?

571  
00:21:56,710 --> 00:22:08,590  
One sister had a hat store also  
where we supplied the material,

572  
00:22:08,590 --> 00:22:09,690  
and she sold--

573  
00:22:09,690 --> 00:22:14,370  
she was very successful.

574  
00:22:14,370 --> 00:22:20,970  
One sister married out  
of town and had two boys

575  
00:22:20,970 --> 00:22:23,460  
who I was very close with.

576  
00:22:23,460 --> 00:22:27,540  
Then after a while, they  
all moved up to Budapest.

577  
00:22:27,540 --> 00:22:30,890  
The guy was working  
for the railroad.

578

00:22:30,890 --> 00:22:32,520

I don't know what he did.

579

00:22:32,520 --> 00:22:35,880

I know that they were  
able to travel free.

580

00:22:35,880 --> 00:22:37,020

Yes.

581

00:22:37,020 --> 00:22:44,290

And one sister whose  
husband passed away--

582

00:22:44,290 --> 00:22:49,600

he had tuberculosis, had a  
son who is eight years younger

583

00:22:49,600 --> 00:22:50,230

than I am.

584

00:22:50,230 --> 00:22:54,460

He is in his Israel, and  
I'm very close with him.

585

00:22:54,460 --> 00:22:58,390

And I can't think  
of anybody else.

586

00:22:58,390 --> 00:23:00,220

That's OK, that's OK.

587

00:23:00,220 --> 00:23:02,990

It is whatever comes to mind.

588

00:23:02,990 --> 00:23:09,020

And can you describe to me  
your home that you lived in?

589

00:23:09,020 --> 00:23:12,350

That you-- did you  
live in the same place?

590

00:23:12,350 --> 00:23:16,070  
Yeah, to the end of the--

591  
00:23:16,070 --> 00:23:17,570  
So what was that like?

592  
00:23:17,570 --> 00:23:21,200  
It was like a foyer when  
you walk in like that.

593  
00:23:21,200 --> 00:23:22,220  
Was it an apartment?

594  
00:23:22,220 --> 00:23:23,300  
In a--

595  
00:23:23,300 --> 00:23:24,770  
Or was it a house?

596  
00:23:24,770 --> 00:23:26,420  
Apartment building.

597  
00:23:26,420 --> 00:23:28,030  
In an apartment building.

598  
00:23:28,030 --> 00:23:28,650  
OK.

599  
00:23:28,650 --> 00:23:33,560  
And I took my son there, but we  
didn't go into the apartment,

600  
00:23:33,560 --> 00:23:35,480  
because I don't know  
how many family moved

601  
00:23:35,480 --> 00:23:37,470  
in there after the war.

602  
00:23:37,470 --> 00:23:38,510  
Yeah.

603  
00:23:38,510 --> 00:23:43,300  
So as we moved in,

it was a foyer.

604

00:23:43,300 --> 00:23:46,720

605

00:23:46,720 --> 00:23:50,740

Then-- I can't remember it  
was left or right, the kitchen

606

00:23:50,740 --> 00:23:54,340

and the maid's quarter.

607

00:23:54,340 --> 00:24:02,100

And then to the other side,  
there was two or three rooms,

608

00:24:02,100 --> 00:24:03,250

and that's all.

609

00:24:03,250 --> 00:24:04,470

OK.

610

00:24:04,470 --> 00:24:08,580

And the bathroom, and  
the bedroom, bathroom.

611

00:24:08,580 --> 00:24:10,350

Did you have your own bedroom?

612

00:24:10,350 --> 00:24:12,100

Yes, I had my own bedroom.

613

00:24:12,100 --> 00:24:13,510

And so did your brother?

614

00:24:13,510 --> 00:24:14,880

So did my brother.

615

00:24:14,880 --> 00:24:16,602

So you had at least  
three bedrooms-- one

616

00:24:16,602 --> 00:24:17,950

for the parents, one for you.

617  
00:24:17,950 --> 00:24:18,450  
Yes.

618  
00:24:18,450 --> 00:24:19,500  
One for your brother.

619  
00:24:19,500 --> 00:24:20,375  
Yes.

620  
00:24:20,375 --> 00:24:21,650  
OK.

621  
00:24:21,650 --> 00:24:24,050  
And this will sound  
a little bit weird,

622  
00:24:24,050 --> 00:24:26,630  
but I will ask this  
anyway, because I

623  
00:24:26,630 --> 00:24:28,680  
anticipate the answers.

624  
00:24:28,680 --> 00:24:30,830  
Did you have modern  
conveniences?

625  
00:24:30,830 --> 00:24:31,626  
Yes.

626  
00:24:31,626 --> 00:24:32,300  
OK.

627  
00:24:32,300 --> 00:24:32,800  
Did you--

628  
00:24:32,800 --> 00:24:33,980  
Very modern.

629  
00:24:33,980 --> 00:24:35,140  
Oh my god.

630



00:24:35,140 --> 00:24:36,740  
OK.

631  
00:24:36,740 --> 00:24:39,370  
And how was the place heated?

632  
00:24:39,370 --> 00:24:44,230  
We had-- what do you call  
that under the window?

633  
00:24:44,230 --> 00:24:44,735  
A radiator.

634  
00:24:44,735 --> 00:24:45,715  
A radiator.

635  
00:24:45,715 --> 00:24:46,215  
OK.

636  
00:24:46,215 --> 00:24:48,140  
So no coal ovens or  
anything like that?

637  
00:24:48,140 --> 00:24:48,640  
No.

638  
00:24:48,640 --> 00:24:49,490  
[CHUCKLES] No.

639  
00:24:49,490 --> 00:24:50,930  
OK, OK.

640  
00:24:50,930 --> 00:24:53,150  
So there was indoor plumbing,  
there was radiators.

641  
00:24:53,150 --> 00:24:53,770  
Oh my god.

642  
00:24:53,770 --> 00:24:54,470  
[CHUCKLES]

643  
00:24:54,470 --> 00:24:56,660  
There was-- did you

have a telephone?

644

00:24:56,660 --> 00:24:58,100

Yes we had a telephone.

645

00:24:58,100 --> 00:24:59,480

Did you have a radio?

646

00:24:59,480 --> 00:25:01,280

Yes, we had a radio.

647

00:25:01,280 --> 00:25:03,170

Did you have an automobile?

648

00:25:03,170 --> 00:25:04,510

Yes, they had an automobile.

649

00:25:04,510 --> 00:25:05,995

OK, OK.

650

00:25:05,995 --> 00:25:07,120

And where did they keep it?

651

00:25:07,120 --> 00:25:11,130

652

00:25:11,130 --> 00:25:13,690

I don't think they had a garage.

653

00:25:13,690 --> 00:25:15,470

Must have been on the street.

654

00:25:15,470 --> 00:25:17,160

OK, OK.

655

00:25:17,160 --> 00:25:19,640

I don't remember having--

656

00:25:19,640 --> 00:25:23,680

you know, it was a high  
rise building, and--

657

00:25:23,680 --> 00:25:26,760

Yeah, so where did one keep  
the cars in those days?

658  
00:25:26,760 --> 00:25:28,140  
Yeah.

659  
00:25:28,140 --> 00:25:31,080  
Was it unusual for people  
in your neighborhood

660  
00:25:31,080 --> 00:25:32,580  
to have an automobile?

661  
00:25:32,580 --> 00:25:33,630  
No.

662  
00:25:33,630 --> 00:25:35,220  
So it was a well-to-do  
neighborhood?

663  
00:25:35,220 --> 00:25:36,670  
Well-to-do neighborhood.

664  
00:25:36,670 --> 00:25:37,470  
OK.

665  
00:25:37,470 --> 00:25:38,928  
Do you remember  
the street address?

666  
00:25:38,928 --> 00:25:42,460

667  
00:25:42,460 --> 00:25:46,270  
Four Huszar utca.

668  
00:25:46,270 --> 00:25:46,882  
Huszar.

669  
00:25:46,882 --> 00:25:47,590  
Yeah, I remember.

670  
00:25:47,590 --> 00:25:52,180  
So Four Huszar utca. would

be Number Four Huszar Street.

671  
00:25:52,180 --> 00:25:53,010  
Street.

672  
00:25:53,010 --> 00:25:56,360  
And Huszar meaning, H-U-S-S-A-R?

673  
00:25:56,360 --> 00:25:57,990  
S-Z-A-R.

674  
00:25:57,990 --> 00:26:00,300  
S-Z-A-R, OK.

675  
00:26:00,300 --> 00:26:02,570  
Z-A-R, yes.

676  
00:26:02,570 --> 00:26:03,940  
And--

677  
00:26:03,940 --> 00:26:05,640  
Remember, [? Opa ?].

678  
00:26:05,640 --> 00:26:07,380  
I don't remember the address.

679  
00:26:07,380 --> 00:26:09,156  
But you remember  
[? the ?] [? house. ?]

680  
00:26:09,156 --> 00:26:09,989  
[INTERPOSING VOICES]

681  
00:26:09,989 --> 00:26:12,630  
We took them-- I took them.

682  
00:26:12,630 --> 00:26:16,550  
The word "apartment--"  
it would be more

683  
00:26:16,550 --> 00:26:18,180  
accurate to call it a condo.

684

00:26:18,180 --> 00:26:19,210  
They owned it.

685  
00:26:19,210 --> 00:26:20,150  
OK.

686  
00:26:20,150 --> 00:26:26,540  
And it was a pretty fancy place.

687  
00:26:26,540 --> 00:26:27,200  
OK.

688  
00:26:27,200 --> 00:26:28,865  
So your son says--

689  
00:26:28,865 --> 00:26:31,730  
and his name is Robert--

690  
00:26:31,730 --> 00:26:35,780  
that it was not so much an  
apartment as in you rented it,

691  
00:26:35,780 --> 00:26:40,110  
but more what we would have as a  
condo, which your family owned.

692  
00:26:40,110 --> 00:26:40,610  
Yes.

693  
00:26:40,610 --> 00:26:42,430  
At that time.

694  
00:26:42,430 --> 00:26:44,920  
I'm not sure if they owned it.

695  
00:26:44,920 --> 00:26:46,970  
They paid rent.

696  
00:26:46,970 --> 00:26:47,540  
Oh, they did?

697  
00:26:47,540 --> 00:26:48,040  
Yes.

698

00:26:48,040 --> 00:26:48,700

They paid rent.

699

00:26:48,700 --> 00:26:50,650

I don't think they own-- no.

700

00:26:50,650 --> 00:26:52,990

They did not own  
that the apartment.

701

00:26:52,990 --> 00:26:53,620

I see.

702

00:26:53,620 --> 00:26:54,130

No.

703

00:26:54,130 --> 00:26:55,150

OK.

704

00:26:55,150 --> 00:26:58,060

About how many other apartments  
were in the building?

705

00:26:58,060 --> 00:26:58,710

Oh, god.

706

00:26:58,710 --> 00:27:01,580

707

00:27:01,580 --> 00:27:05,960

Well, it was four story,  
[? Opa? ?] And every store--

708

00:27:05,960 --> 00:27:07,270

every floor--

709

00:27:07,270 --> 00:27:08,380

Every floor, yeah.

710

00:27:08,380 --> 00:27:12,610

--had about maybe 10 apartments.

711

00:27:12,610 --> 00:27:13,580

Oh, that's a lot.

712

00:27:13,580 --> 00:27:14,080

Yes.

713

00:27:14,080 --> 00:27:14,950

That's an awful lot.

714

00:27:14,950 --> 00:27:15,880

It's a big building.

715

00:27:15,880 --> 00:27:16,840

Yeah.

716

00:27:16,840 --> 00:27:20,020

And was it built-- it sounds  
with modern conveniences,

717

00:27:20,020 --> 00:27:23,020

that it was a rather new  
building at the time.

718

00:27:23,020 --> 00:27:25,420

Was that the case, or  
is it an older building,

719

00:27:25,420 --> 00:27:29,300

let's say from the 19th century?

720

00:27:29,300 --> 00:27:33,770

I'm not sure how old was the  
building when I lived there,

721

00:27:33,770 --> 00:27:36,050

but it was old.

722

00:27:36,050 --> 00:27:37,430

Was it a stone building?

723

00:27:37,430 --> 00:27:38,328

Yes.

724

00:27:38,328 --> 00:27:39,732

OK, OK.

725

00:27:39,732 --> 00:27:43,560

All these houses were stone.

726

00:27:43,560 --> 00:27:46,870

Was there a lift?

727

00:27:46,870 --> 00:27:47,632

Elevator.

728

00:27:47,632 --> 00:27:48,340

Was an elevator--

729

00:27:48,340 --> 00:27:49,650

I know what a lift--

730

00:27:49,650 --> 00:27:52,555

[LAUGHS] I'm not sure if it was.

731

00:27:52,555 --> 00:27:53,430

Robbie, wasn't there?

732

00:27:53,430 --> 00:27:54,828

I don't remember one.

733

00:27:54,828 --> 00:27:55,760

Don't remember?

734

00:27:55,760 --> 00:27:57,720

And what floor were they on?

735

00:27:57,720 --> 00:28:00,630

Your parents.

736

00:28:00,630 --> 00:28:04,650

It's the first floor, but  
not the ground floor--

737

00:28:04,650 --> 00:28:05,800

the first floor.

738

00:28:05,800 --> 00:28:07,560

What we would call the second



floor in the United States.

739

00:28:07,560 --> 00:28:08,260

Yes, that's it.

740

00:28:08,260 --> 00:28:09,480

Is that second floor?

741

00:28:09,480 --> 00:28:12,090

In the United States, but in Europe, it's the first floor.

742

00:28:12,090 --> 00:28:12,590

First floor.

743

00:28:12,590 --> 00:28:13,090

[CHUCKLES]

744

00:28:13,090 --> 00:28:13,620

Yeah.

745

00:28:13,620 --> 00:28:15,930

Because in Europe, it is-- the ground floor

746

00:28:15,930 --> 00:28:17,260

is at the level of the street?

747

00:28:17,260 --> 00:28:17,760

Yes.

748

00:28:17,760 --> 00:28:20,470

And then one flight up, it's the first floor.

749

00:28:20,470 --> 00:28:20,970

First floor.

750

00:28:20,970 --> 00:28:21,690

OK.

751

00:28:21,690 --> 00:28:23,150

Yes.

752

00:28:23,150 --> 00:28:26,610

And did your windows  
look out on the street?

753

00:28:26,610 --> 00:28:28,840

Yes, many windows.

754

00:28:28,840 --> 00:28:29,560

OK.

755

00:28:29,560 --> 00:28:32,570

And did you have a balcony?

756

00:28:32,570 --> 00:28:33,783

I don't think so.

757

00:28:33,783 --> 00:28:34,530

OK.

758

00:28:34,530 --> 00:28:36,310

I don't think we had a balcony.

759

00:28:36,310 --> 00:28:36,810

None--

760

00:28:36,810 --> 00:28:39,410

There was that inner  
courtyard with a balcony.

761

00:28:39,410 --> 00:28:43,100

Yeah, inner courtyard, a big  
inner courtyard, but nobody

762

00:28:43,100 --> 00:28:45,390

had a balcony in that building.

763

00:28:45,390 --> 00:28:46,670

OK.

764

00:28:46,670 --> 00:28:51,180

And was it in the city center?

765

00:28:51,180 --> 00:28:52,640

It is a city center.

766

00:28:52,640 --> 00:28:53,730

It was in the city center?

767

00:28:53,730 --> 00:28:55,100

And what side of the river--

768

00:28:55,100 --> 00:28:56,460

the Buda or the Pest?

769

00:28:56,460 --> 00:28:57,130

Pest.

770

00:28:57,130 --> 00:28:57,630

Pest?

771

00:28:57,630 --> 00:28:58,466

Pest.

772

00:28:58,466 --> 00:29:00,900

OK, OK.

773

00:29:00,900 --> 00:29:05,850

And did you-- when I asked  
earlier about whether

774

00:29:05,850 --> 00:29:08,830

your mother worked with your  
father, you said she didn't--

775

00:29:08,830 --> 00:29:10,970

Never worked in her life.

776

00:29:10,970 --> 00:29:13,110

As far I remember.

777

00:29:13,110 --> 00:29:16,050

Does this mean that she  
also had household help?

778

00:29:16,050 --> 00:29:17,310

Yes.

779

00:29:17,310 --> 00:29:19,890

How many-- what kind  
of help was this?

780

00:29:19,890 --> 00:29:23,820

Well, I don't know how  
you call them-- a maid.

781

00:29:23,820 --> 00:29:25,970

[INAUDIBLE] was the  
maid also a cook?

782

00:29:25,970 --> 00:29:28,680

783

00:29:28,680 --> 00:29:30,180

I don't remember.

784

00:29:30,180 --> 00:29:31,620

Did your mother ever cook?

785

00:29:31,620 --> 00:29:32,260

All the time.

786

00:29:32,260 --> 00:29:32,760

OK.

787

00:29:32,760 --> 00:29:36,140

788

00:29:36,140 --> 00:29:37,840

And the maid did the housework?

789

00:29:37,840 --> 00:29:39,880

Yes, suppose.

790

00:29:39,880 --> 00:29:40,740

And--

791

00:29:40,740 --> 00:29:44,361

If I would know, then I  
would have to tell you.

792

00:29:44,361 --> 00:29:47,590  
[CHUCKLES]

793  
00:29:47,590 --> 00:29:49,990  
Not to worry, not to worry.

794  
00:29:49,990 --> 00:29:53,230  
You see, what I'm doing with  
all of these questions is,

795  
00:29:53,230 --> 00:29:57,530  
I'm trying to paint a picture  
with words of what your life--

796  
00:29:57,530 --> 00:29:58,030  
Was.

797  
00:29:58,030 --> 00:30:00,610  
--would have been  
like before the war,

798  
00:30:00,610 --> 00:30:04,810  
you know, to get a sense to  
get a context of the world

799  
00:30:04,810 --> 00:30:09,130  
that you had, and I do  
it through various types

800  
00:30:09,130 --> 00:30:10,560  
of questions.

801  
00:30:10,560 --> 00:30:12,550  
So some of it is about  
your home, some of it

802  
00:30:12,550 --> 00:30:15,670  
is about how your  
family supported itself,

803  
00:30:15,670 --> 00:30:17,150  
things like that.

804  
00:30:17,150 --> 00:30:19,000  
So if you don't know

something, it's OK.

805

00:30:19,000 --> 00:30:19,530

Yes.

806

00:30:19,530 --> 00:30:20,030

It's OK.

807

00:30:20,030 --> 00:30:23,370

808

00:30:23,370 --> 00:30:24,110

Oh.

809

00:30:24,110 --> 00:30:25,693

Do you want a break  
just for a second?

810

00:30:25,693 --> 00:30:26,360

Yes.

811

00:30:26,360 --> 00:30:27,250

Cutting.

812

00:30:27,250 --> 00:30:28,660

Camera rolling.

813

00:30:28,660 --> 00:30:30,440

Sound speeds.

814

00:30:30,440 --> 00:30:30,940

OK.

815

00:30:30,940 --> 00:30:33,940

816

00:30:33,940 --> 00:30:36,220

Your neighbors, did  
you know your neighbors

817

00:30:36,220 --> 00:30:38,600

in your building?

818

00:30:38,600 --> 00:30:40,100  
Not much.

819  
00:30:40,100 --> 00:30:47,740  
We were not-- it wasn't  
in style to be friends

820  
00:30:47,740 --> 00:30:51,700  
with the neighbors, but there  
was one on the other side,

821  
00:30:51,700 --> 00:30:56,100  
of the back side of  
the house, who actually

822  
00:30:56,100 --> 00:30:59,320  
was working for us, and yeah.

823  
00:30:59,320 --> 00:31:02,730

824  
00:31:02,730 --> 00:31:08,470  
I don't remember very well,  
except that at the end,

825  
00:31:08,470 --> 00:31:12,310  
she refused to work, yes.

826  
00:31:12,310 --> 00:31:16,790  
When I think-- if I  
would know, then I'm

827  
00:31:16,790 --> 00:31:19,630  
going to tell you that,  
I would think about it.

828  
00:31:19,630 --> 00:31:22,190

829  
00:31:22,190 --> 00:31:24,690  
She was pretty nasty.

830  
00:31:24,690 --> 00:31:26,680  
At the end or throughout?

831  
00:31:26,680 --> 00:31:28,490  
No.

832  
00:31:28,490 --> 00:31:29,400  
Not to work.

833  
00:31:29,400 --> 00:31:32,400  
To work, she was  
very good, yeah.

834  
00:31:32,400 --> 00:31:34,470  
But then she showed--

835  
00:31:34,470 --> 00:31:35,820  
what is, the skin of her?

836  
00:31:35,820 --> 00:31:39,000

837  
00:31:39,000 --> 00:31:43,570  
The real herself, that she  
was practically a Nazi.

838  
00:31:43,570 --> 00:31:47,100  
And after the war, when  
I took my children home,

839  
00:31:47,100 --> 00:31:52,480  
I saw her coming down the steps,  
yes, and I turned my face.

840  
00:31:52,480 --> 00:31:53,780  
I didn't want to talk to her.

841  
00:31:53,780 --> 00:31:59,550  
She never, ever  
offered anything to us.

842  
00:31:59,550 --> 00:32:00,980  
OK.

843  
00:32:00,980 --> 00:32:04,040  
So that was at least one person.



844

00:32:04,040 --> 00:32:05,450

One person in the building.

845

00:32:05,450 --> 00:32:06,200

Yeah.

846

00:32:06,200 --> 00:32:07,280

Yeah.

847

00:32:07,280 --> 00:32:09,770

Was the building-- was  
it a Jewish neighborhood

848

00:32:09,770 --> 00:32:12,850

or a mixed neighborhood?

849

00:32:12,850 --> 00:32:15,150

Mixed, but mostly Jewish.

850

00:32:15,150 --> 00:32:17,350

OK.

851

00:32:17,350 --> 00:32:18,910

Was your family--

852

00:32:18,910 --> 00:32:21,280

I mean, not your  
grandparents' generation,

853

00:32:21,280 --> 00:32:23,350

but your mother  
and your father--

854

00:32:23,350 --> 00:32:24,183

were they observant?

855

00:32:24,183 --> 00:32:25,308

Were they religious people?

856

00:32:25,308 --> 00:32:26,080

No, not at all.

857

00:32:26,080 --> 00:32:26,800

Not at all?

858

00:32:26,800 --> 00:32:31,510

My father actually was  
from a religious family,

859

00:32:31,510 --> 00:32:35,080

but my mother on  
the opposite, she

860

00:32:35,080 --> 00:32:40,030

didn't care to hold  
any [INAUDIBLE]..

861

00:32:40,030 --> 00:32:44,570

Maybe the major  
holidays they observed,

862

00:32:44,570 --> 00:32:49,210

and went to the temple, the  
main temple, in Budapest.

863

00:32:49,210 --> 00:32:51,850

But she wasn't religious at all.

864

00:32:51,850 --> 00:32:54,370

None of her family was.

865

00:32:54,370 --> 00:32:56,010

So did she keep a kosher--

866

00:32:56,010 --> 00:32:56,600

No.

867

00:32:56,600 --> 00:32:57,700

No, no.

868

00:32:57,700 --> 00:32:58,200

OK.

869

00:32:58,200 --> 00:32:58,810

No.

870

00:32:58,810 --> 00:33:00,250

None of those types of things?

871

00:33:00,250 --> 00:33:01,060

No.

872

00:33:01,060 --> 00:33:01,560

OK.

873

00:33:01,560 --> 00:33:05,740

874

00:33:05,740 --> 00:33:08,620

Did your school, when  
you were going to school

875

00:33:08,620 --> 00:33:11,930

as a young girl, was it  
in your neighborhood?

876

00:33:11,930 --> 00:33:12,430

Yes.

877

00:33:12,430 --> 00:33:13,513

Or did you have to travel?

878

00:33:13,513 --> 00:33:15,500

No, it was in my neighborhood.

879

00:33:15,500 --> 00:33:17,490

And how far was  
it from your home?

880

00:33:17,490 --> 00:33:19,110

A couple blocks away.

881

00:33:19,110 --> 00:33:20,380

OK, let's cut.

882

00:33:20,380 --> 00:33:21,820

Cutting.

883

00:33:21,820 --> 00:33:23,244

Camera rolling.

884

00:33:23,244 --> 00:33:24,600  
Sound speed.

885

00:33:24,600 --> 00:33:26,710  
OK.

886

00:33:26,710 --> 00:33:29,200  
So we were talking  
about your school,

887

00:33:29,200 --> 00:33:32,430  
and how far away from  
your house was it?

888

00:33:32,430 --> 00:33:37,160  
The elementary  
school was about--

889

00:33:37,160 --> 00:33:39,260  
mostly three blocks away.

890

00:33:39,260 --> 00:33:42,250  
Did you walk there by  
yourself every day?

891

00:33:42,250 --> 00:33:44,960  
When I was younger,  
if I remember,

892

00:33:44,960 --> 00:33:46,950  
I was taken to school.

893

00:33:46,950 --> 00:33:48,890  
Then I went by myself.

894

00:33:48,890 --> 00:33:51,440  
I was able to go by myself.

895

00:33:51,440 --> 00:33:54,440  
Were you close to  
the maid or nanny--

896

00:33:54,440 --> 00:33:56,980  
did you have a nanny

as you were growing up?

897

00:33:56,980 --> 00:33:59,150

Someone just to  
watch the children?

898

00:33:59,150 --> 00:34:01,020

No, I don't think  
we had a nanny.

899

00:34:01,020 --> 00:34:02,050

We had a maid.

900

00:34:02,050 --> 00:34:02,675

You had a maid?

901

00:34:02,675 --> 00:34:03,030

Yeah.

902

00:34:03,030 --> 00:34:03,530

OK.

903

00:34:03,530 --> 00:34:05,940

904

00:34:05,940 --> 00:34:09,770

And did you have  
friends at school?

905

00:34:09,770 --> 00:34:11,466

Yes.

906

00:34:11,466 --> 00:34:12,174

I can't remember.

907

00:34:12,174 --> 00:34:15,840

908

00:34:15,840 --> 00:34:19,610

Were they from part of your  
family's circle of people?

909

00:34:19,610 --> 00:34:20,110

No.

910  
00:34:20,110 --> 00:34:21,199  
Or was it-- OK.

911  
00:34:21,199 --> 00:34:27,790  
There were a part of my family  
going to the same school,

912  
00:34:27,790 --> 00:34:29,440  
but mostly strangers.

913  
00:34:29,440 --> 00:34:30,100  
OK.

914  
00:34:30,100 --> 00:34:32,199  
Mostly strangers.

915  
00:34:32,199 --> 00:34:35,110  
And your girlfriends  
or your friends

916  
00:34:35,110 --> 00:34:37,510  
from school, were they  
Jewish or were they Gentile,

917  
00:34:37,510 --> 00:34:40,159  
or were they both?

918  
00:34:40,159 --> 00:34:43,830  
You know those days,  
we never cared.

919  
00:34:43,830 --> 00:34:44,989  
We never ask.

920  
00:34:44,989 --> 00:34:49,010  
I have no idea what religion.

921  
00:34:49,010 --> 00:34:50,810  
I have no idea.

922  
00:34:50,810 --> 00:34:53,060  
Well, that's actually  
a very nice answer--

923  
00:34:53,060 --> 00:34:54,260  
it means it didn't matter.

924  
00:34:54,260 --> 00:34:55,633  
It didn't matter.

925  
00:34:55,633 --> 00:34:56,133  
You know?

926  
00:34:56,133 --> 00:35:01,490

927  
00:35:01,490 --> 00:35:03,920  
I don't know how to  
phrase this question,

928  
00:35:03,920 --> 00:35:07,640  
but it suggests to  
me, did you have

929  
00:35:07,640 --> 00:35:11,930  
an idea of what it meant  
to be Jewish as a child?

930  
00:35:11,930 --> 00:35:14,120  
Did you have an identity that--

931  
00:35:14,120 --> 00:35:16,730  
you said earlier that  
first you were Hungarian;

932  
00:35:16,730 --> 00:35:18,290  
second, you were Hungarian.

933  
00:35:18,290 --> 00:35:19,180  
That's right.

934  
00:35:19,180 --> 00:35:20,360  
Only third you were Jewish.

935  
00:35:20,360 --> 00:35:20,860  
Yes.

936

00:35:20,860 --> 00:35:23,700

When I went down to  
that little town,

937

00:35:23,700 --> 00:35:29,330

also to my grandparents' house,  
then I found out my background

938

00:35:29,330 --> 00:35:31,130

from my father's side.

939

00:35:31,130 --> 00:35:33,500

They were religious  
people, you know.

940

00:35:33,500 --> 00:35:37,380

Not on the Budapest side,  
on my mother's side.

941

00:35:37,380 --> 00:35:41,860

No, they didn't want to  
hear anything about Judaism.

942

00:35:41,860 --> 00:35:44,440

Very assimilated.

943

00:35:44,440 --> 00:35:50,970

Were they-- was anybody in your  
family political in the sense--

944

00:35:50,970 --> 00:35:53,550

was there anybody  
who, let's say,

945

00:35:53,550 --> 00:35:55,710

liked the socialists a lot?

946

00:35:55,710 --> 00:35:58,463

Or was progressive in any way?

947

00:35:58,463 --> 00:35:59,546

Or interested [INAUDIBLE]?

948

00:35:59,546 --> 00:36:00,440



Nothing.

949

00:36:00,440 --> 00:36:02,790

I don't remember as a child.

950

00:36:02,790 --> 00:36:06,570

I have no idea if  
they were in politics.

951

00:36:06,570 --> 00:36:08,470

I don't think so.

952

00:36:08,470 --> 00:36:09,440

I don't think so.

953

00:36:09,440 --> 00:36:16,140

954

00:36:16,140 --> 00:36:19,760

Now in the '30s, you're  
already becoming a teenager.

955

00:36:19,760 --> 00:36:21,240

Yes.

956

00:36:21,240 --> 00:36:26,380

Do you remember-- now 1933, you  
would have been 10 years old.

957

00:36:26,380 --> 00:36:26,880

Yes.

958

00:36:26,880 --> 00:36:30,720

And 1933 is when  
Hitler comes to power.

959

00:36:30,720 --> 00:36:33,600

Do you remember  
your parents ever

960

00:36:33,600 --> 00:36:38,030

talking about what's going on in  
Germany, about what this means?

961

00:36:38,030 --> 00:36:40,080  
It was top secret.

962  
00:36:40,080 --> 00:36:43,830  
They would never talk in  
front of all their children

963  
00:36:43,830 --> 00:36:47,150  
what was going on,  
even if they know.

964  
00:36:47,150 --> 00:36:49,380  
I don't know how much  
they knew, you know,

965  
00:36:49,380 --> 00:36:54,510  
but later on when  
they occupied Austria,

966  
00:36:54,510 --> 00:36:58,440  
they had a lot of people  
coming in to Hungary

967  
00:36:58,440 --> 00:37:01,990  
and working for the hat factory.

968  
00:37:01,990 --> 00:37:06,270  
And they told us these stories,  
but we just didn't want

969  
00:37:06,270 --> 00:37:07,620  
to believe in it. .

970  
00:37:07,620 --> 00:37:08,740  
It cannot happen.

971  
00:37:08,740 --> 00:37:11,840  
It cannot happen anywhere,  
especially in Hungary.

972  
00:37:11,840 --> 00:37:14,680  
We were so Hungarians, you know.

973  
00:37:14,680 --> 00:37:17,790  
So-- but [INAUDIBLE].

974

00:37:17,790 --> 00:37:19,980

Tell me, in the hat factory--

975

00:37:19,980 --> 00:37:23,260

again, it's a question of,  
were most of the employees?

976

00:37:23,260 --> 00:37:24,695

Were Christians.

977

00:37:24,695 --> 00:37:25,570

They were Christians?

978

00:37:25,570 --> 00:37:26,640

They were Christians.

979

00:37:26,640 --> 00:37:27,460

OK.

980

00:37:27,460 --> 00:37:29,280

Yeah, most of them--

981

00:37:29,280 --> 00:37:31,190

most of the people, yeah.

982

00:37:31,190 --> 00:37:33,910

983

00:37:33,910 --> 00:37:37,130

And so when there are people  
coming from Austria, and that--

984

00:37:37,130 --> 00:37:39,770

I think that annexation  
happened in--

985

00:37:39,770 --> 00:37:40,500

'38.

986

00:37:40,500 --> 00:37:41,310

'38?

987

00:37:41,310 --> 00:37:42,650  
38, yes.

988  
00:37:42,650 --> 00:37:45,150  
And so then an influx  
came to Budapest?

989  
00:37:45,150 --> 00:37:48,050  
Yes, a lot of people came.

990  
00:37:48,050 --> 00:37:51,590  
There were a lot of Hungarian  
who lived in Vienna,

991  
00:37:51,590 --> 00:37:58,130  
and I do remember people coming  
and working in the hat store,

992  
00:37:58,130 --> 00:38:01,880  
and they told us what happened.

993  
00:38:01,880 --> 00:38:05,870  
But it went into one ear  
and out of the other.

994  
00:38:05,870 --> 00:38:08,540  
We just couldn't believe that.

995  
00:38:08,540 --> 00:38:11,360  
It could never  
happen in Hungary.

996  
00:38:11,360 --> 00:38:13,730  
We were so Hungarians.

997  
00:38:13,730 --> 00:38:15,200  
So much Hungarians.

998  
00:38:15,200 --> 00:38:17,960

999  
00:38:17,960 --> 00:38:21,890  
And it was-- the sense  
of, is it close or is

1000

00:38:21,890 --> 00:38:24,320

it far away, is  
different when you

1001

00:38:24,320 --> 00:38:28,040

feel like it hasn't to do  
with your country, you know?

1002

00:38:28,040 --> 00:38:29,735

Vienna's not that far.

1003

00:38:29,735 --> 00:38:31,940

That's right.

1004

00:38:31,940 --> 00:38:33,500

But it's not the same country.

1005

00:38:33,500 --> 00:38:34,060

I know.

1006

00:38:34,060 --> 00:38:34,840

Yeah.

1007

00:38:34,840 --> 00:38:36,530

Yeah.

1008

00:38:36,530 --> 00:38:41,370

Do you remember-- did you ever  
hear any speeches of Hitler

1009

00:38:41,370 --> 00:38:42,750

over the radio?

1010

00:38:42,750 --> 00:38:44,310

Was there any broadcast?

1011

00:38:44,310 --> 00:38:45,900

Yes.

1012

00:38:45,900 --> 00:38:49,590

If I could-- if I would  
know, I talk to you of them,

1013

00:38:49,590 --> 00:38:52,620  
would think of it more.

1014  
00:38:52,620 --> 00:38:59,350  
A lot of speeches, constantly  
putting down the Jews,

1015  
00:38:59,350 --> 00:39:02,860  
and they don't deserve to live.

1016  
00:39:02,860 --> 00:39:06,280  
They are the burden  
of the country,

1017  
00:39:06,280 --> 00:39:10,570  
and don't try to have them.

1018  
00:39:10,570 --> 00:39:13,340  
If you would do any  
kind of a help for them,

1019  
00:39:13,340 --> 00:39:16,660  
we're going to arrest  
you with them together.

1020  
00:39:16,660 --> 00:39:23,560  
And I had a girlfriend  
who wasn't Jewish.

1021  
00:39:23,560 --> 00:39:26,470

1022  
00:39:26,470 --> 00:39:29,620  
I was very close, not close.

1023  
00:39:29,620 --> 00:39:34,480  
But when we went to  
a summer vacation--

1024  
00:39:34,480 --> 00:39:37,190  
we had a summer home, like.

1025  
00:39:37,190 --> 00:39:39,600  
We took her, too.

1026

00:39:39,600 --> 00:39:47,190  
And when that Hitler time came,  
she said that, you dirty Jew.

1027

00:39:47,190 --> 00:39:49,680  
I don't want to be  
friends with you.

1028

00:39:49,680 --> 00:39:53,820  
And her sister was  
married already,

1029

00:39:53,820 --> 00:39:58,860  
lived far away to the  
east side of the country.

1030

00:39:58,860 --> 00:40:03,450  
She came in with her  
husband and children.

1031

00:40:03,450 --> 00:40:08,110  
And I went down  
and visited them.

1032

00:40:08,110 --> 00:40:13,540  
And they were very  
antisemite, very antisemite.

1033

00:40:13,540 --> 00:40:18,650  
And after the war, she  
disappeared, that girlfriend.

1034

00:40:18,650 --> 00:40:20,300  
She just disappeared.

1035

00:40:20,300 --> 00:40:25,460  
She went with the  
Hungarian army into Germany

1036

00:40:25,460 --> 00:40:27,305  
and served the Germans.

1037

00:40:27,305 --> 00:40:31,189

1038

00:40:31,189 --> 00:40:33,940

Well, I was thinking  
of something.

1039

00:40:33,940 --> 00:40:34,760

I forget.

1040

00:40:34,760 --> 00:40:39,010

Anyway, after the  
war, she came back.

1041

00:40:39,010 --> 00:40:40,890

Oh, the father.

1042

00:40:40,890 --> 00:40:44,910

After the war, he asked  
me to come into the house.

1043

00:40:44,910 --> 00:40:47,190

He opened the linen closet.

1044

00:40:47,190 --> 00:40:52,311

And he said, whatever you  
would like, please take it.

1045

00:40:52,311 --> 00:40:53,780

So I said--

1046

00:40:53,780 --> 00:40:55,980

Mr. Kovács was his name--

1047

00:40:55,980 --> 00:40:56,910

it is too late.

1048

00:40:56,910 --> 00:40:58,890

I don't need anything.

1049

00:40:58,890 --> 00:41:04,030

And then the daughter  
came back from Germany.

1050

00:41:04,030 --> 00:41:09,400

She was-- how do you say that?



1051  
00:41:09,400 --> 00:41:14,560  
She went volunteerly to  
Germany with a group of people.

1052  
00:41:14,560 --> 00:41:18,515  
She came back, and she  
married a Jew after the war.

1053  
00:41:18,515 --> 00:41:20,370  
[LAUGHS] Go figure.

1054  
00:41:20,370 --> 00:41:20,870  
Yeah.

1055  
00:41:20,870 --> 00:41:22,320  
But I never seen her.

1056  
00:41:22,320 --> 00:41:23,900  
I never talked to her.

1057  
00:41:23,900 --> 00:41:30,550  
I have no idea if she's alive  
or what's happening with her.

1058  
00:41:30,550 --> 00:41:34,220  
But what a personal betrayal.

1059  
00:41:34,220 --> 00:41:35,950  
That was a slap.

1060  
00:41:35,950 --> 00:41:37,460  
That was a slap in the face.

1061  
00:41:37,460 --> 00:41:39,110  
But I had other friends.

1062  
00:41:39,110 --> 00:41:42,440  
I had a lot of  
Christian friends.

1063  
00:41:42,440 --> 00:41:46,400  
And when I was in the  
[? barge, ?] one of them

1064

00:41:46,400 --> 00:41:50,850  
came from the sidewalk where  
the people were working,

1065

00:41:50,850 --> 00:41:54,780  
and we were marching in  
the middle of the road.

1066

00:41:54,780 --> 00:41:58,050  
And she ran into me, and  
she said, it cannot be--

1067

00:41:58,050 --> 00:41:59,640  
you cannot be here.

1068

00:41:59,640 --> 00:42:01,580  
And she called me Rebecca.

1069

00:42:01,580 --> 00:42:04,050  
Never, ever would  
she call me that.

1070

00:42:04,050 --> 00:42:06,770  
And then they told  
her, if you not

1071

00:42:06,770 --> 00:42:10,370  
going to stop that, you're  
going to go in the group.

1072

00:42:10,370 --> 00:42:18,340  
We were going that time already  
to Germany for whatever.

1073

00:42:18,340 --> 00:42:19,830  
So anyways.

1074

00:42:19,830 --> 00:42:22,540  
OK, we'll come to these things.

1075

00:42:22,540 --> 00:42:27,780  
But right now, I still want  
to step back to the '30s.

1076

00:42:27,780 --> 00:42:32,130

So I wanted to get a sense of how much Hitler

1077

00:42:32,130 --> 00:42:37,740

and the Nazi Party was in your, I guess, consciousness.

1078

00:42:37,740 --> 00:42:41,100

And from what you told me, it was not that much.

1079

00:42:41,100 --> 00:42:41,880

No.

1080

00:42:41,880 --> 00:42:43,770

I was a young kid first.

1081

00:42:43,770 --> 00:42:46,110

I had everything in the world.

1082

00:42:46,110 --> 00:42:54,620

And I can't remember anything really, really bad,

1083

00:42:54,620 --> 00:42:58,630

except when I went to business school.

1084

00:42:58,630 --> 00:43:04,440

The second year, they said that you don't belong here anymore.

1085

00:43:04,440 --> 00:43:07,140

What year was that?

1086

00:43:07,140 --> 00:43:09,900

That was in the '40s.

1087

00:43:09,900 --> 00:43:13,930

OK, I'll get to that.

1088

00:43:13,930 --> 00:43:15,130

Let's turn to your brother.

1089

00:43:15,130 --> 00:43:16,840

What was his name?

1090

00:43:16,840 --> 00:43:17,500

Istvan.

1091

00:43:17,500 --> 00:43:18,190

Istvan.

1092

00:43:18,190 --> 00:43:20,000

Istvan is Stephen.

1093

00:43:20,000 --> 00:43:21,750

Right, you mentioned  
that earlier.

1094

00:43:21,750 --> 00:43:22,250

Yes.

1095

00:43:22,250 --> 00:43:24,790

And he was born four years--

1096

00:43:24,790 --> 00:43:27,730

About four years younger.

1097

00:43:27,730 --> 00:43:30,340

I remember-- that, I  
remember like today.

1098

00:43:30,340 --> 00:43:33,820

My father took me to  
my grandmother's house,

1099

00:43:33,820 --> 00:43:40,120

which was across the street  
on the fourth floor apartment.

1100

00:43:40,120 --> 00:43:44,330

And he says that, I  
take you here today.

1101

00:43:44,330 --> 00:43:47,440

You're going to sleep here  
at your grandma's house

1102  
00:43:47,440 --> 00:43:50,890  
because tomorrow, you're  
going to have a brother.

1103  
00:43:50,890 --> 00:43:56,500  
I still have no idea how  
they knew that it was a boy.

1104  
00:43:56,500 --> 00:43:57,180  
Yeah.

1105  
00:43:57,180 --> 00:43:57,680  
Yes.

1106  
00:43:57,680 --> 00:43:59,320  
That was the first  
thought that I have.

1107  
00:43:59,320 --> 00:43:59,820  
Yeah.

1108  
00:43:59,820 --> 00:44:01,270  
I don't know how it was.

1109  
00:44:01,270 --> 00:44:03,400  
But maybe they guessed.

1110  
00:44:03,400 --> 00:44:05,700  
Maybe they guessed,  
and it came through.

1111  
00:44:05,700 --> 00:44:06,200  
That's true.

1112  
00:44:06,200 --> 00:44:07,210  
Yeah.

1113  
00:44:07,210 --> 00:44:09,010  
So my brother was born.

1114  
00:44:09,010 --> 00:44:09,970  
At home?

1115  
00:44:09,970 --> 00:44:10,520  
No.

1116  
00:44:10,520 --> 00:44:11,830  
No, no.

1117  
00:44:11,830 --> 00:44:14,320  
In a special clinic.

1118  
00:44:14,320 --> 00:44:15,780  
They called it a clinic.

1119  
00:44:15,780 --> 00:44:17,800  
A special hospital.

1120  
00:44:17,800 --> 00:44:20,950  
And I don't know how  
long I was staying

1121  
00:44:20,950 --> 00:44:22,960  
in my grandmother's house.

1122  
00:44:22,960 --> 00:44:26,260  
Then when I went  
home, I had a brother,

1123  
00:44:26,260 --> 00:44:28,610  
about four years younger.

1124  
00:44:28,610 --> 00:44:30,450  
Beautiful, great.

1125  
00:44:30,450 --> 00:44:33,370  
You see the picture.

1126  
00:44:33,370 --> 00:44:35,170  
When you were growing  
up with this kind

1127  
00:44:35,170 --> 00:44:36,340  
of age difference in the--

1128  
00:44:36,340 --> 00:44:37,900

With my brother?

1129  
00:44:37,900 --> 00:44:38,470  
Yeah.

1130  
00:44:38,470 --> 00:44:40,450  
Did you hang out together or--

1131  
00:44:40,450 --> 00:44:43,540  
Yes, we hang out  
together because we

1132  
00:44:43,540 --> 00:44:47,080  
had a family, my  
mother's sister, who

1133  
00:44:47,080 --> 00:44:49,290  
lived across the street  
in the same house

1134  
00:44:49,290 --> 00:44:51,290  
where my grandmother lived.

1135  
00:44:51,290 --> 00:44:53,800  
She had four children.

1136  
00:44:53,800 --> 00:44:57,160  
And we were very close  
with the four children.

1137  
00:44:57,160 --> 00:45:00,130  
So my brother was  
close with her--

1138  
00:45:00,130 --> 00:45:03,340  
with his cousin,  
who the same age.

1139  
00:45:03,340 --> 00:45:07,930  
And I was close with my  
cousins, three girls who were

1140  
00:45:07,930 --> 00:45:10,090  
about my age, a year younger--

1141  
00:45:10,090 --> 00:45:13,950  
a year, the same year,  
and a little older.

1142  
00:45:13,950 --> 00:45:15,280  
What were their names?

1143  
00:45:15,280 --> 00:45:16,450  
OK.

1144  
00:45:16,450 --> 00:45:22,410  
The three girls was  
Magda, Edith, and Ibi.

1145  
00:45:22,410 --> 00:45:23,090  
Ibi?

1146  
00:45:23,090 --> 00:45:23,885  
Ibi.

1147  
00:45:23,885 --> 00:45:27,040  
Yeah, Violet is Ibi.

1148  
00:45:27,040 --> 00:45:29,217  
And the boy's name was--

1149  
00:45:29,217 --> 00:45:32,810  
I think he was Stephen.

1150  
00:45:32,810 --> 00:45:34,032  
Also Istvan.

1151  
00:45:34,032 --> 00:45:35,090  
Also Istvan.

1152  
00:45:35,090 --> 00:45:36,780  
I'm not sure.

1153  
00:45:36,780 --> 00:45:40,440  
And that he and my  
brother were very close.

1154  
00:45:40,440 --> 00:45:44,190



So we were practically  
living in their house.

1155  
00:45:44,190 --> 00:45:45,440  
This was your mother's sister.

1156  
00:45:45,440 --> 00:45:47,220  
Mother's sister, yes.

1157  
00:45:47,220 --> 00:45:48,670  
And what was their last name?

1158  
00:45:48,670 --> 00:45:51,480

1159  
00:45:51,480 --> 00:45:52,410  
Spiegel.

1160  
00:45:52,410 --> 00:45:53,190  
Spiegel.

1161  
00:45:53,190 --> 00:45:54,310  
Spiegel.

1162  
00:45:54,310 --> 00:45:58,608  
[LAUGHS] We're talking  
about 70 years.

1163  
00:45:58,608 --> 00:46:00,100  
I know.

1164  
00:46:00,100 --> 00:46:00,990  
I know.

1165  
00:46:00,990 --> 00:46:02,300  
Spiegel, yeah.

1166  
00:46:02,300 --> 00:46:03,940  
Edith Spiegel.

1167  
00:46:03,940 --> 00:46:05,010  
Yeah, you remember them.

1168

00:46:05,010 --> 00:46:08,340  
We visited them,  
whoever remained alive.

1169  
00:46:08,340 --> 00:46:11,760  
They were living in London.

1170  
00:46:11,760 --> 00:46:14,460  
After the war, they came.

1171  
00:46:14,460 --> 00:46:16,280  
And we visited them, yeah.

1172  
00:46:16,280 --> 00:46:19,990  
And the whole family  
didn't like London.

1173  
00:46:19,990 --> 00:46:21,750  
So they've went to Australia.

1174  
00:46:21,750 --> 00:46:23,340  
They didn't like Australia.

1175  
00:46:23,340 --> 00:46:25,040  
They went back to London.

1176  
00:46:25,040 --> 00:46:27,450  
Remember?

1177  
00:46:27,450 --> 00:46:31,710  
Well, when you're kind of  
thrown out into the world,

1178  
00:46:31,710 --> 00:46:35,070  
until you find your  
place, it takes awhile.

1179  
00:46:35,070 --> 00:46:36,060  
If you ever.

1180  
00:46:36,060 --> 00:46:36,750  
Yeah.

1181  
00:46:36,750 --> 00:46:38,695

If you ever find your place.

1182  
00:46:38,695 --> 00:46:39,195  
Yeah.

1183  
00:46:39,195 --> 00:46:40,590  
Yeah.

1184  
00:46:40,590 --> 00:46:41,580  
OK.

1185  
00:46:41,580 --> 00:46:46,120  
So let me bring it up to 1939.

1186  
00:46:46,120 --> 00:46:51,690  
And 1939, you are  
16 years old, yes?

1187  
00:46:51,690 --> 00:46:52,190  
Yeah.

1188  
00:46:52,190 --> 00:46:53,400  
15, 16.

1189  
00:46:53,400 --> 00:46:53,970  
Yeah.

1190  
00:46:53,970 --> 00:46:58,530  
And on September 1,  
Hitler invades Poland,

1191  
00:46:58,530 --> 00:47:01,380  
and World War II starts.

1192  
00:47:01,380 --> 00:47:06,570  
Do you remember where you  
were when it happened?

1193  
00:47:06,570 --> 00:47:10,130  
I was in Budapest, in  
our own home, yeah.

1194  
00:47:10,130 --> 00:47:11,910  
And do you remember

hearing about it?

1195

00:47:11,910 --> 00:47:14,680

I do remember on the radio.

1196

00:47:14,680 --> 00:47:16,970

And not only on the radio.

1197

00:47:16,970 --> 00:47:20,630

They don't have that in  
America or anywhere anymore.

1198

00:47:20,630 --> 00:47:24,420

They were big-- how  
do you call that--

1199

00:47:24,420 --> 00:47:28,050

things written on the  
middle of the street.

1200

00:47:28,050 --> 00:47:30,540

So people who didn't  
have radio, they

1201

00:47:30,540 --> 00:47:34,345

were reading what was  
the news on the street.

1202

00:47:34,345 --> 00:47:36,220

Ah, so you know like  
those circular columns--

1203

00:47:36,220 --> 00:47:37,595

Yes, yes, yes.

1204

00:47:37,595 --> 00:47:38,970

--in Europe  
sometimes you'd have.

1205

00:47:38,970 --> 00:47:40,470

And you'd have  
posters pasted there.

1206

00:47:40,470 --> 00:47:41,935

Yes, yes.

1207  
00:47:41,935 --> 00:47:43,590  
That's how are they--

1208  
00:47:43,590 --> 00:47:44,940  
most people knew.

1209  
00:47:44,940 --> 00:47:48,160  
But we had a radio, and  
we knew what happened.

1210  
00:47:48,160 --> 00:47:54,720  
And so that was horrible  
from one minute to another.

1211  
00:47:54,720 --> 00:48:00,820  
And we did have many Polish  
people coming to Hungary.

1212  
00:48:00,820 --> 00:48:05,150  
And I remember one thing.

1213  
00:48:05,150 --> 00:48:08,010  
There was a young boy coming--

1214  
00:48:08,010 --> 00:48:10,020  
I don't know how  
on earth he came--

1215  
00:48:10,020 --> 00:48:13,260  
and rang the bell on our door.

1216  
00:48:13,260 --> 00:48:16,950  
And he hardly spoke Hungarian.

1217  
00:48:16,950 --> 00:48:21,330  
But we understood that he's  
one of those Polish people who

1218  
00:48:21,330 --> 00:48:25,120  
evacuated from  
Poland into Hungary.

1219  
00:48:25,120 --> 00:48:27,670

And he was begging.

1220  
00:48:27,670 --> 00:48:30,550  
So I don't know what  
my parents gave him.

1221  
00:48:30,550 --> 00:48:34,570  
But I was so independent.

1222  
00:48:34,570 --> 00:48:38,200  
I said, I have to take  
you to my uncle's house.

1223  
00:48:38,200 --> 00:48:41,140  
So I took him  
practically by hand.

1224  
00:48:41,140 --> 00:48:43,830  
And I don't know if  
he told me this story,

1225  
00:48:43,830 --> 00:48:46,040  
I understood him at all.

1226  
00:48:46,040 --> 00:48:51,170  
I went up with him to my uncle's  
house, my mother's sister's--

1227  
00:48:51,170 --> 00:48:51,830  
Husband.

1228  
00:48:51,830 --> 00:48:55,030  
--husband, and went in.

1229  
00:48:55,030 --> 00:48:59,820  
And I told him that this  
kid is a Polish refugee.

1230  
00:48:59,820 --> 00:49:02,470  
And I want you to help him.

1231  
00:49:02,470 --> 00:49:07,660  
And he said, if you don't want  
me to report you to the police,

1232

00:49:07,660 --> 00:49:10,930

to get out of here with  
him, and don't ever

1233

00:49:10,930 --> 00:49:13,840

think that this is true.

1234

00:49:13,840 --> 00:49:15,370

It cannot be true.

1235

00:49:15,370 --> 00:49:17,650

They're making up  
stories like that.

1236

00:49:17,650 --> 00:49:19,930

And never-- nobody believed it.

1237

00:49:19,930 --> 00:49:22,820

They just plain  
don't believe that.

1238

00:49:22,820 --> 00:49:24,280

So that you're--

1239

00:49:24,280 --> 00:49:28,820

My mother's sister's husband.

1240

00:49:28,820 --> 00:49:29,320

Yeah.

1241

00:49:29,320 --> 00:49:30,460

Wow.

1242

00:49:30,460 --> 00:49:34,404

What an unexpected  
kind of harsh reaction.

1243

00:49:34,404 --> 00:49:35,880

I don't know.

1244

00:49:35,880 --> 00:49:39,070

But that was probably the truth.

1245

00:49:39,070 --> 00:49:40,530  
They couldn't believe it.

1246  
00:49:40,530 --> 00:49:42,920  
You just could not  
believe the stories

1247  
00:49:42,920 --> 00:49:46,690  
of what they were telling us.

1248  
00:49:46,690 --> 00:49:53,070  
At that point in 1939,  
were you still in school?

1249  
00:49:53,070 --> 00:49:53,730  
Yes.

1250  
00:49:53,730 --> 00:49:54,520  
Oh, yeah.

1251  
00:49:54,520 --> 00:49:55,020  
OK.

1252  
00:49:55,020 --> 00:49:55,950  
I was still in school.

1253  
00:49:55,950 --> 00:49:56,450  
I was--

1254  
00:49:56,450 --> 00:49:59,646  
So that would've been  
gymnasium or not?

1255  
00:49:59,646 --> 00:50:03,584

1256  
00:50:03,584 --> 00:50:05,440  
'39.

1257  
00:50:05,440 --> 00:50:09,740  
I'm thinking of the special  
school where I went to.

1258  
00:50:09,740 --> 00:50:16,400



But that was later than '39  
when I couldn't go in anymore.

1259  
00:50:16,400 --> 00:50:20,408  
It just-- from one day, no  
Jews were allowed to go.

1260  
00:50:20,408 --> 00:50:21,200  
What year was that?

1261  
00:50:21,200 --> 00:50:24,490

1262  
00:50:24,490 --> 00:50:26,180  
It must have been in the '40s.

1263  
00:50:26,180 --> 00:50:27,050  
OK.

1264  
00:50:27,050 --> 00:50:29,286  
It must have in the '40s.

1265  
00:50:29,286 --> 00:50:31,160  
See, I'm trying at  
this point to get

1266  
00:50:31,160 --> 00:50:35,090  
a trace of how things change  
and what point do they change.

1267  
00:50:35,090 --> 00:50:36,470  
Doesn't have to be precise.

1268  
00:50:36,470 --> 00:50:37,220  
Yes.

1269  
00:50:37,220 --> 00:50:39,900  
But it is just to get a sense.

1270  
00:50:39,900 --> 00:50:42,780  
So in '39, the war happens.

1271  
00:50:42,780 --> 00:50:46,730  
And from what you remember

and what you see and stays

1272

00:50:46,730 --> 00:50:50,760  
there is that a lot of people  
from Poland come to Hungary.

1273

00:50:50,760 --> 00:50:52,760  
And you remember this boy  
knocking at your door.

1274

00:50:52,760 --> 00:50:54,570  
Yes, definitely.

1275

00:50:54,570 --> 00:50:58,880  
And a lot of people came from  
Slovakia, a lot of people

1276

00:50:58,880 --> 00:51:02,390  
from Slovakia to Budapest.

1277

00:51:02,390 --> 00:51:05,030  
Was this when  
Czechoslovakia was annexed?

1278

00:51:05,030 --> 00:51:06,130  
I suppose.

1279

00:51:06,130 --> 00:51:06,680  
OK.

1280

00:51:06,680 --> 00:51:07,180  
Yeah.

1281

00:51:07,180 --> 00:51:08,850  
OK.

1282

00:51:08,850 --> 00:51:11,990  
So that would also have  
been, I think, '38.

1283

00:51:11,990 --> 00:51:13,920  
But it may have been '39.

1284

00:51:13,920 --> 00:51:15,815

I mean, Austria was '38.

1285  
00:51:15,815 --> 00:51:16,440  
I believe was--

1286  
00:51:16,440 --> 00:51:17,710  
Maybe '39.

1287  
00:51:17,710 --> 00:51:18,210  
Maybe '39.

1288  
00:51:18,210 --> 00:51:18,690  
Huh?

1289  
00:51:18,690 --> 00:51:19,170  
'38.

1290  
00:51:19,170 --> 00:51:19,670  
'38--

1291  
00:51:19,670 --> 00:51:20,610  
'38?

1292  
00:51:20,610 --> 00:51:22,480  
--was Czechoslovakia?

1293  
00:51:22,480 --> 00:51:23,400  
Yeah, that's when--

1294  
00:51:23,400 --> 00:51:24,713  
The Munich pact?

1295  
00:51:24,713 --> 00:51:25,600  
The Munich pact.

1296  
00:51:25,600 --> 00:51:26,140  
OK.

1297  
00:51:26,140 --> 00:51:28,510  
I thought it was, but I don't  
remember the exact date.

1298  
00:51:28,510 --> 00:51:29,080

OK.

1299

00:51:29,080 --> 00:51:31,330

So then you have a lot of  
people from Slovakia coming.

1300

00:51:31,330 --> 00:51:33,670

Yes, yes, yes.

1301

00:51:33,670 --> 00:51:35,930

If I remember correctly.

1302

00:51:35,930 --> 00:51:37,970

I was a young girl.

1303

00:51:37,970 --> 00:51:39,450

They were begging.

1304

00:51:39,450 --> 00:51:44,500

They were standing on the  
street and begging for things.

1305

00:51:44,500 --> 00:51:49,870

Whoever had relatives, if they  
were willing to take them in,

1306

00:51:49,870 --> 00:51:52,090

it was another story.

1307

00:51:52,090 --> 00:51:58,840

But it was a very hard life for  
them, even in a free country.

1308

00:51:58,840 --> 00:52:02,220

1309

00:52:02,220 --> 00:52:04,710

So it seems it comes  
wave after wave.

1310

00:52:04,710 --> 00:52:06,930

First come those from Austria--

1311

00:52:06,930 --> 00:52:07,430

Yes, in '39.

1312  
00:52:07,430 --> 00:52:09,960  
--then form Czechoslovakia,  
then Poland.

1313  
00:52:09,960 --> 00:52:10,770  
Poland.

1314  
00:52:10,770 --> 00:52:12,120  
Yeah.

1315  
00:52:12,120 --> 00:52:18,810  
And at that point, what kind  
of government did Hungary have?

1316  
00:52:18,810 --> 00:52:20,650  
The same government.

1317  
00:52:20,650 --> 00:52:23,640  
Horthy was the-- what was he?

1318  
00:52:23,640 --> 00:52:26,280

1319  
00:52:26,280 --> 00:52:26,960  
OK, it was the--

1320  
00:52:26,960 --> 00:52:27,840  
He was an admiral.

1321  
00:52:27,840 --> 00:52:28,775  
Yeah.

1322  
00:52:28,775 --> 00:52:30,400  
So it was the Horthy  
government in '39.

1323  
00:52:30,400 --> 00:52:31,250  
Horthy government.

1324  
00:52:31,250 --> 00:52:31,770  
OK.

1325

00:52:31,770 --> 00:52:32,940

Oh, yeah.

1326

00:52:32,940 --> 00:52:35,600

At that point, did  
your parents start

1327

00:52:35,600 --> 00:52:39,770

talking about politics in front  
of kids and what's going on?

1328

00:52:39,770 --> 00:52:43,140

Or was it still quiet?

1329

00:52:43,140 --> 00:52:47,060

If I would know that I  
would have to talk to you 70

1330

00:52:47,060 --> 00:52:49,850

years after, I would remember.

1331

00:52:49,850 --> 00:52:50,800

Yeah.

1332

00:52:50,800 --> 00:52:51,890

Not to worry about that.

1333

00:52:51,890 --> 00:52:53,060

I don't know.

1334

00:52:53,060 --> 00:52:55,120

I don't know what  
they were talking

1335

00:52:55,120 --> 00:53:00,550

or it was not allowed  
to talk about, not

1336

00:53:00,550 --> 00:53:03,239

in front of the children.

1337

00:53:03,239 --> 00:53:04,660

Yeah.

1338

00:53:04,660 --> 00:53:07,780

And your father  
continued in the factory.

1339

00:53:07,780 --> 00:53:12,170

Yeah, the factory  
was still very well.

1340

00:53:12,170 --> 00:53:13,255

But the woman--

1341

00:53:13,255 --> 00:53:16,000

1342

00:53:16,000 --> 00:53:17,890

I don't know what year--

1343

00:53:17,890 --> 00:53:24,160

she took over just namely.

1344

00:53:24,160 --> 00:53:25,490

In name only, you mean?

1345

00:53:25,490 --> 00:53:26,610

In name.

1346

00:53:26,610 --> 00:53:27,110

Yeah.

1347

00:53:27,110 --> 00:53:27,950

OK.

1348

00:53:27,950 --> 00:53:29,630

In name only, yeah.

1349

00:53:29,630 --> 00:53:34,610

But she became a real Nazi.

1350

00:53:34,610 --> 00:53:38,780

When my parents sent  
me up to her house

1351

00:53:38,780 --> 00:53:44,630

for the monthly whatever we were  
supposed to have, she told me,

1352  
00:53:44,630 --> 00:53:47,360  
it's not you people anymore.

1353  
00:53:47,360 --> 00:53:50,480  
Never come here in  
my house anymore,

1354  
00:53:50,480 --> 00:53:52,940  
and I'm not giving you anything.

1355  
00:53:52,940 --> 00:53:55,760  
So I don't know what  
exactly the amount

1356  
00:53:55,760 --> 00:53:58,790  
it was from the business.

1357  
00:53:58,790 --> 00:54:00,320  
She took over.

1358  
00:54:00,320 --> 00:54:04,460  
So did she take over after the  
Germans marched in or before?

1359  
00:54:04,460 --> 00:54:06,200  
After the German marched in.

1360  
00:54:06,200 --> 00:54:08,363  
OK, so this is '44.

1361  
00:54:08,363 --> 00:54:09,030  
This is in 1944.

1362  
00:54:09,030 --> 00:54:10,620  
No, marched in in Hungary.

1363  
00:54:10,620 --> 00:54:13,310  
Yeah.

1364  
00:54:13,310 --> 00:54:15,200  
Yeah, that must be.



1365  
00:54:15,200 --> 00:54:15,740  
OK.

1366  
00:54:15,740 --> 00:54:16,810  
That must be.

1367  
00:54:16,810 --> 00:54:17,310  
OK.

1368  
00:54:17,310 --> 00:54:19,130  
I was still trying  
to concentrate on--

1369  
00:54:19,130 --> 00:54:20,360  
I'm not sure.

1370  
00:54:20,360 --> 00:54:22,260  
That's OK.

1371  
00:54:22,260 --> 00:54:26,000  
I was still trying to get more  
sense of what was going on

1372  
00:54:26,000 --> 00:54:29,990  
in your life before the Germans  
arrived because that is crucial

1373  
00:54:29,990 --> 00:54:30,730  
when they arrive.

1374  
00:54:30,730 --> 00:54:31,940  
But before--

1375  
00:54:31,940 --> 00:54:34,120  
I had a beautiful life.

1376  
00:54:34,120 --> 00:54:37,130  
I had a perfect life,  
beautiful family.

1377  
00:54:37,130 --> 00:54:39,290  
I never had any worries.

1378

00:54:39,290 --> 00:54:44,900

I never thought of what  
could happen tomorrow.

1379

00:54:44,900 --> 00:54:51,145

And everything was normal,  
just like you people over here.

1380

00:54:51,145 --> 00:54:53,710

Yeah.

1381

00:54:53,710 --> 00:54:58,010

And when the war started,  
did life change at all

1382

00:54:58,010 --> 00:55:00,410

in any way for your family?

1383

00:55:00,410 --> 00:55:02,660

Well, the war started in--

1384

00:55:02,660 --> 00:55:05,240

In '39.

1385

00:55:05,240 --> 00:55:08,690

1939, I don't remember changing.

1386

00:55:08,690 --> 00:55:10,100

OK, what about school?

1387

00:55:10,100 --> 00:55:11,720

You continued in  
your school until--

1388

00:55:11,720 --> 00:55:17,980

I continued my school  
in the business school.

1389

00:55:17,980 --> 00:55:20,280

I'm not sure any  
more of the year.

1390

00:55:20,280 --> 00:55:22,115

It was '39.

1391  
00:55:22,115 --> 00:55:25,720  
How old were you when you  
were in business school?

1392  
00:55:25,720 --> 00:55:29,950  
I must have been 18.

1393  
00:55:29,950 --> 00:55:32,750  
So that would have  
brought us up to '41.

1394  
00:55:32,750 --> 00:55:33,955  
'41 already?

1395  
00:55:33,955 --> 00:55:36,750  
Yeah.

1396  
00:55:36,750 --> 00:55:42,310  
There is a point where I read  
from some of the information

1397  
00:55:42,310 --> 00:55:47,260  
that I was provided that you had  
desires to be an opera singer.

1398  
00:55:47,260 --> 00:55:52,180  
[LAUGHS] Yes.

1399  
00:55:52,180 --> 00:55:54,890  
And how did that go?

1400  
00:55:54,890 --> 00:55:57,542  
Were you able to pursue that?

1401  
00:55:57,542 --> 00:56:03,370  
Well, it's a horrible memory.

1402  
00:56:03,370 --> 00:56:05,305  
There was a very famous--

1403  
00:56:05,305 --> 00:56:09,950

1404

00:56:09,950 --> 00:56:10,880  
how do you call it--

1405

00:56:10,880 --> 00:56:16,930  
movie director whose  
mother was a piano teacher.

1406

00:56:16,930 --> 00:56:20,520  
And I went up to her  
house and asked her

1407

00:56:20,520 --> 00:56:27,680  
if she would ever  
teach me to sing.

1408

00:56:27,680 --> 00:56:33,790  
And she said-- oh, before I  
had to go and report to her,

1409

00:56:33,790 --> 00:56:40,010  
I had to fill out a paper who  
I am, what my religion is.

1410

00:56:40,010 --> 00:56:42,260  
And I went into her house.

1411

00:56:42,260 --> 00:56:47,260  
The living room had I don't  
know how many grand pianos.

1412

00:56:47,260 --> 00:56:49,360  
And she was the teacher.

1413

00:56:49,360 --> 00:56:55,680  
And she sat at the piano,  
and she played [? scales ?]..

1414

00:56:55,680 --> 00:56:59,910  
And she couldn't believe  
that I went so high.

1415

00:56:59,910 --> 00:57:08,620  
And she said, my dear, you  
would be a excellent student

1416

00:57:08,620 --> 00:57:13,150

to become an opera singer,  
but I cannot take you

1417

00:57:13,150 --> 00:57:15,355

because you're Jewish.

1418

00:57:15,355 --> 00:57:18,880

So that was such  
a slap in my face.

1419

00:57:18,880 --> 00:57:20,570

That was a crushing.

1420

00:57:20,570 --> 00:57:23,780

So crushing that I  
wanted to kill myself.

1421

00:57:23,780 --> 00:57:27,740

I went down to the  
Danube River, and I

1422

00:57:27,740 --> 00:57:30,340

wanted to jump into the river.

1423

00:57:30,340 --> 00:57:36,490

And I walked up and down and  
up and down and decided not to.

1424

00:57:36,490 --> 00:57:42,600

So I went back home and gave up  
my career as an opera singer.

1425

00:57:42,600 --> 00:57:44,720

So that was the end of that.

1426

00:57:44,720 --> 00:57:52,640

By the way, this lady's son is  
a famous man here in America.

1427

00:57:52,640 --> 00:57:55,490

He came to America  
after the war.

1428

00:57:55,490 --> 00:57:57,530  
And I don't know where he--

1429  
00:57:57,530 --> 00:58:00,850  
hasn't cannot be alive anymore.

1430  
00:58:00,850 --> 00:58:02,750  
But I've heard about him.

1431  
00:58:02,750 --> 00:58:05,210  
He was an American--  
can't remember the name.

1432  
00:58:05,210 --> 00:58:08,352

1433  
00:58:08,352 --> 00:58:09,060  
I can't remember.

1434  
00:58:09,060 --> 00:58:09,870  
It's OK.

1435  
00:58:09,870 --> 00:58:10,720  
I can't remember.

1436  
00:58:10,720 --> 00:58:11,490  
It's OK.

1437  
00:58:11,490 --> 00:58:13,710  
It'll come.

1438  
00:58:13,710 --> 00:58:14,300  
It happens.

1439  
00:58:14,300 --> 00:58:17,623  
It happens to the best of us.

1440  
00:58:17,623 --> 00:58:19,540  
Did you tell your parents  
about this incident?

1441  
00:58:19,540 --> 00:58:20,810  
I told my parents.

1442  
00:58:20,810 --> 00:58:22,700  
And they weren't for it anyway.

1443  
00:58:22,700 --> 00:58:27,730  
They didn't want me  
to be a singer at all.

1444  
00:58:27,730 --> 00:58:34,110  
So [? that was ?] [? all. ?] My  
life went on from there, yeah.

1445  
00:58:34,110 --> 00:58:37,820  
So how old were you  
when you finished

1446  
00:58:37,820 --> 00:58:40,950  
what would have been the  
equivalent of high school?

1447  
00:58:40,950 --> 00:58:42,300  
How old were you?

1448  
00:58:42,300 --> 00:58:43,758  
Regular high school?

1449  
00:58:43,758 --> 00:58:46,626  
I don't know.

1450  
00:58:46,626 --> 00:58:49,670  
I could've been 18.

1451  
00:58:49,670 --> 00:58:53,080  
And did you want to  
go to university?

1452  
00:58:53,080 --> 00:58:57,040  
Well, the business school  
was like university.

1453  
00:58:57,040 --> 00:58:57,630  
OK.

1454  
00:58:57,630 --> 00:59:01,690  
And I went there

for two years, and I

1455

00:59:01,690 --> 00:59:05,290  
couldn't attend it anymore.

1456

00:59:05,290 --> 00:59:07,090  
And why was that?

1457

00:59:07,090 --> 00:59:09,120  
Because I was a Jew.

1458

00:59:09,120 --> 00:59:14,080  
No Jew was allowed to go  
into the school anymore.

1459

00:59:14,080 --> 00:59:15,080  
OK.

1460

00:59:15,080 --> 00:59:20,730  
So let's say if you start  
at age 18, this is 1941.

1461

00:59:20,730 --> 00:59:23,000  
And you go to the  
business school.

1462

00:59:23,000 --> 00:59:24,230  
And you go for two years.

1463

00:59:24,230 --> 00:59:24,800  
Two years.

1464

00:59:24,800 --> 00:59:26,980  
The second year,  
I had to finish.

1465

00:59:26,980 --> 00:59:27,720  
OK.

1466

00:59:27,720 --> 00:59:28,400  
Yeah.

1467

00:59:28,400 --> 00:59:30,140  
Were you allowed



to finish the year,

1468

00:59:30,140 --> 00:59:33,160  
or it was don't  
come back tomorrow?

1469

00:59:33,160 --> 00:59:34,700  
I don't know how it was.

1470

00:59:34,700 --> 00:59:35,500  
OK.

1471

00:59:35,500 --> 00:59:36,730  
I don't know.

1472

00:59:36,730 --> 00:59:39,690  
So in other words, you were only  
in this school for two years,

1473

00:59:39,690 --> 00:59:41,440  
and you weren't allowed  
to go any further?

1474

00:59:41,440 --> 00:59:46,700  
No, I never finished, and I  
couldn't go back to school.

1475

00:59:46,700 --> 00:59:48,710  
So that's sort of  
like a second blow.

1476

00:59:48,710 --> 00:59:49,210  
Oh, yeah.

1477

00:59:49,210 --> 00:59:51,790

1478

00:59:51,790 --> 00:59:54,330  
Was this becoming more common?

1479

00:59:54,330 --> 00:59:54,830  
Yes.

1480

00:59:54,830 --> 00:59:56,475

This is before the  
Germans march in.

1481  
00:59:56,475 --> 00:59:57,100  
This is still--

1482  
00:59:57,100 --> 00:59:59,560  
It's before the  
Germans march in.

1483  
00:59:59,560 --> 01:00:06,940  
Yeah, there were a lot, a lot  
of very antisemitic Hungarians.

1484  
01:00:06,940 --> 01:00:10,060  
But what about the  
laws and the rules?

1485  
01:00:10,060 --> 01:00:12,040  
Were they changing?

1486  
01:00:12,040 --> 01:00:15,880  
Because there could be  
people who are antisemitic.

1487  
01:00:15,880 --> 01:00:19,390  
But if the law is the law and  
it doesn't allow for that--

1488  
01:00:19,390 --> 01:00:26,890  
Yeah, then in '38, wasn't really  
allowed the [? diverse-- ?]

1489  
01:00:26,890 --> 01:00:32,980  
like, what happened in '44 when  
the Nazis really took over.

1490  
01:00:32,980 --> 01:00:37,420  
But it wasn't easy  
to be a Jew, even

1491  
01:00:37,420 --> 01:00:40,680  
in the peacetime in Hungary.

1492  
01:00:40,680 --> 01:00:43,660

OK.

1493

01:00:43,660 --> 01:00:45,770

Were people  
starting-- by the time

1494

01:00:45,770 --> 01:00:48,890

you're not allowed to go to  
university or to the business

1495

01:00:48,890 --> 01:00:51,410

school anymore,  
are people started

1496

01:00:51,410 --> 01:00:54,350

to believe the stories that  
they hear from other countries?

1497

01:00:54,350 --> 01:00:55,050

No.

1498

01:00:55,050 --> 01:00:56,300

They still don't believe them.

1499

01:00:56,300 --> 01:00:57,260

No.

1500

01:00:57,260 --> 01:00:58,835

They did not believe them.

1501

01:00:58,835 --> 01:01:04,310

In fact, I had a few  
cousins who weren't allowed

1502

01:01:04,310 --> 01:01:07,820

to attend university anymore.

1503

01:01:07,820 --> 01:01:10,715

So they went--  
one went to Spain.

1504

01:01:10,715 --> 01:01:13,480

1505

01:01:13,480 --> 01:01:16,580  
Two went to Italy.

1506  
01:01:16,580 --> 01:01:22,010  
And one were somehow  
staying in Budapest

1507  
01:01:22,010 --> 01:01:28,100  
going to the university, knowing  
the topnotch Christian people,

1508  
01:01:28,100 --> 01:01:32,960  
helping out their children  
who went to the same class.

1509  
01:01:32,960 --> 01:01:35,780  
And they were able  
somehow to finish.

1510  
01:01:35,780 --> 01:01:39,790  
There was a certain  
percentage still was allowed.

1511  
01:01:39,790 --> 01:01:41,550  
So it was a numerus clausus.

1512  
01:01:41,550 --> 01:01:43,520  
It was numerus clausus.

1513  
01:01:43,520 --> 01:01:45,860  
But then it came numerus nullus.

1514  
01:01:45,860 --> 01:01:46,430  
[LAUGHS]

1515  
01:01:46,430 --> 01:01:46,930  
Yeah.

1516  
01:01:46,930 --> 01:01:47,860  
Yeah.

1517  
01:01:47,860 --> 01:01:48,855  
What?

1518

01:01:48,855 --> 01:01:51,680  
Numerus no clausus.

1519  
01:01:51,680 --> 01:01:52,725  
Numerus nullus.

1520  
01:01:52,725 --> 01:01:53,225  
Yeah.

1521  
01:01:53,225 --> 01:01:53,725  
Yeah.

1522  
01:01:53,725 --> 01:01:54,662  
[INAUDIBLE]

1523  
01:01:54,662 --> 01:01:56,586

1524  
01:01:56,586 --> 01:01:57,550  
What?

1525  
01:01:57,550 --> 01:01:59,026  
Sure, let's cut for a second.

1526  
01:01:59,026 --> 01:01:59,526  
Cutting.

1527  
01:01:59,526 --> 01:02:01,270  
Camera speeding.

1528  
01:02:01,270 --> 01:02:03,830  
OK.

1529  
01:02:03,830 --> 01:02:08,480  
Before we cut for a second,  
we were talking about the fact

1530  
01:02:08,480 --> 01:02:12,990  
that the university also  
became closed to Jews,

1531  
01:02:12,990 --> 01:02:16,530  
at first after being limited  
with a limited number,

1532  
01:02:16,530 --> 01:02:17,850  
then totally.

1533  
01:02:17,850 --> 01:02:18,980  
Totally.

1534  
01:02:18,980 --> 01:02:21,320  
And you mentioned that  
some of your cousins

1535  
01:02:21,320 --> 01:02:24,860  
left for other countries,  
Italy and Spain, which then

1536  
01:02:24,860 --> 01:02:26,180  
raises a question in my mind.

1537  
01:02:26,180 --> 01:02:28,760  
Does that mean the  
borders for Hungary

1538  
01:02:28,760 --> 01:02:33,110  
were open to those countries  
because they were Axis powers?

1539  
01:02:33,110 --> 01:02:34,070  
It must be.

1540  
01:02:34,070 --> 01:02:35,600  
It must be.

1541  
01:02:35,600 --> 01:02:36,350  
OK.

1542  
01:02:36,350 --> 01:02:38,420  
Did you hear of other  
people leaving Hungary?

1543  
01:02:38,420 --> 01:02:42,980  
Yes, many, many, many people  
left Hungary who were able to.

1544  
01:02:42,980 --> 01:02:46,540

And it cost a lot  
of money to travel.

1545  
01:02:46,540 --> 01:02:47,040  
Yeah.

1546  
01:02:47,040 --> 01:02:48,152  
And so that must have--

1547  
01:02:48,152 --> 01:02:50,360  
I mean, this would've been  
Jews, I would have taken--

1548  
01:02:50,360 --> 01:02:51,000  
Jews, Jews.

1549  
01:02:51,000 --> 01:02:52,340  
--who were leaving Hungary.

1550  
01:02:52,340 --> 01:02:53,730  
Yes.

1551  
01:02:53,730 --> 01:02:55,610  
And Hungarian Jews.

1552  
01:02:55,610 --> 01:02:56,420  
Hungarian Jews.

1553  
01:02:56,420 --> 01:02:58,020  
Christian didn't have to leave.

1554  
01:02:58,020 --> 01:02:59,200  
OK.

1555  
01:02:59,200 --> 01:03:02,410  
So that means that  
some of those folks

1556  
01:03:02,410 --> 01:03:07,180  
were believing the stories and  
were getting more frightened

1557  
01:03:07,180 --> 01:03:11,580  
about what the situation

in Hungary itself was like.

1558

01:03:11,580 --> 01:03:14,900  
I don't know how much  
they believed the story.

1559

01:03:14,900 --> 01:03:19,230  
But the law came  
out black and white.

1560

01:03:19,230 --> 01:03:25,930  
They didn't want the Jews to be  
in school, in the universities.

1561

01:03:25,930 --> 01:03:26,430  
OK.

1562

01:03:26,430 --> 01:03:27,930  
Yes.

1563

01:03:27,930 --> 01:03:30,030  
And was your father--

1564

01:03:30,030 --> 01:03:33,240  
was there any question or  
discussion at your home

1565

01:03:33,240 --> 01:03:35,520  
that any one of your  
family would just leave?

1566

01:03:35,520 --> 01:03:37,070  
Yes.

1567

01:03:37,070 --> 01:03:37,570  
Yes.

1568

01:03:37,570 --> 01:03:45,080  
We also-- I don't know why they  
got the paper to go to Turkey.

1569

01:03:45,080 --> 01:03:47,500  
It cost a fortune.

1570



01:03:47,500 --> 01:03:50,120  
And my mother refused.

1571  
01:03:50,120 --> 01:03:51,590  
It couldn't happen here.

1572  
01:03:51,590 --> 01:03:54,700  
It could not ever,  
ever happened to us.

1573  
01:03:54,700 --> 01:03:57,860  
So why should I leave the  
place where I was born,

1574  
01:03:57,860 --> 01:03:59,170  
where everybody--

1575  
01:03:59,170 --> 01:04:00,608  
we didn't go.

1576  
01:04:00,608 --> 01:04:01,150  
We didn't go.

1577  
01:04:01,150 --> 01:04:01,650  
I see.

1578  
01:04:01,650 --> 01:04:02,370  
I see.

1579  
01:04:02,370 --> 01:04:03,130  
Yeah.

1580  
01:04:03,130 --> 01:04:07,350  
And whoever went to Turkey,  
they remained alive.

1581  
01:04:07,350 --> 01:04:10,730

1582  
01:04:10,730 --> 01:04:12,520  
Not all the doors will open.

1583  
01:04:12,520 --> 01:04:18,070

1584  
01:04:18,070 --> 01:04:19,790  
Did your mother survive the war?

1585  
01:04:19,790 --> 01:04:20,590  
No.

1586  
01:04:20,590 --> 01:04:22,270  
Not my mother.

1587  
01:04:22,270 --> 01:04:25,650  
Not my 16-year-old brother.

1588  
01:04:25,650 --> 01:04:27,700  
Not my father.

1589  
01:04:27,700 --> 01:04:28,790  
So you're the only one.

1590  
01:04:28,790 --> 01:04:29,640  
I'm the only one.

1591  
01:04:29,640 --> 01:04:32,690

1592  
01:04:32,690 --> 01:04:35,280  
I'm the only one.

1593  
01:04:35,280 --> 01:04:40,484  
She paid a high price for  
saying, I want to stay home.

1594  
01:04:40,484 --> 01:04:41,840  
Yes.

1595  
01:04:41,840 --> 01:04:42,340  
Yes.

1596  
01:04:42,340 --> 01:04:45,270

1597  
01:04:45,270 --> 01:04:46,520  
OK.

1598  
01:04:46,520 --> 01:04:51,450  
Let's go now to March 1944.

1599  
01:04:51,450 --> 01:04:52,250  
When they came in.

1600  
01:04:52,250 --> 01:04:53,150  
When they came in.

1601  
01:04:53,150 --> 01:04:56,870  
March 19, Sunday, Sunday.

1602  
01:04:56,870 --> 01:05:02,870  
We were-- a group of my  
friends, mostly Christians,

1603  
01:05:02,870 --> 01:05:06,590  
went climbing on the mountain.

1604  
01:05:06,590 --> 01:05:08,600  
Budapest is two city.

1605  
01:05:08,600 --> 01:05:12,780  
One is the Buda  
with the mountains.

1606  
01:05:12,780 --> 01:05:15,690  
So every Sunday, I  
was allowed to go

1607  
01:05:15,690 --> 01:05:18,180  
meet that group upon the--

1608  
01:05:18,180 --> 01:05:19,390  
if you call it a mountain.

1609  
01:05:19,390 --> 01:05:21,330  
It's little hills.

1610  
01:05:21,330 --> 01:05:26,120  
And out of the blue sky,  
we saw the sky going

1611  
01:05:26,120 --> 01:05:29,910  
black from the German planes.

1612  
01:05:29,910 --> 01:05:31,570  
The Germans came in.

1613  
01:05:31,570 --> 01:05:34,490  
We didn't know what  
was going go on.

1614  
01:05:34,490 --> 01:05:36,650  
And we saw the Hakenkreuz--

1615  
01:05:36,650 --> 01:05:37,830  
Yeah, yeah, the swastika.

1616  
01:05:37,830 --> 01:05:40,900  
--the swastika on the plane.

1617  
01:05:40,900 --> 01:05:45,170  
It darkened the sky  
there were so many.

1618  
01:05:45,170 --> 01:05:51,890  
So I don't know how I had  
any idea that I shouldn't

1619  
01:05:51,890 --> 01:05:53,670  
be up there in the mountain.

1620  
01:05:53,670 --> 01:05:57,110  
And I told my friends  
that I have to leave.

1621  
01:05:57,110 --> 01:06:01,781  
I have to go back home because  
it doesn't look too good.

1622  
01:06:01,781 --> 01:06:03,670  
And they said, don't  
worry about it.

1623  
01:06:03,670 --> 01:06:04,970  
We take care of you.

1624  
01:06:04,970 --> 01:06:06,440  
Don't make a move.

1625  
01:06:06,440 --> 01:06:08,380  
And I didn't listen to them.

1626  
01:06:08,380 --> 01:06:17,800  
I went down the hill to the  
first street car station.

1627  
01:06:17,800 --> 01:06:21,720  
There were hundreds  
and hundreds of people.

1628  
01:06:21,720 --> 01:06:24,710  
They were grabbing already.

1629  
01:06:24,710 --> 01:06:27,140  
Were these Germans who were  
grabbing them or Hungarians?

1630  
01:06:27,140 --> 01:06:29,530  
Hungarian Nazis.

1631  
01:06:29,530 --> 01:06:30,650  
Hungarian Nazis.

1632  
01:06:30,650 --> 01:06:33,670  
They were top-notch  
that time already.

1633  
01:06:33,670 --> 01:06:36,990  
Were they in government by then?

1634  
01:06:36,990 --> 01:06:38,365  
And everywhere.

1635  
01:06:38,365 --> 01:06:39,340  
OK.

1636  
01:06:39,340 --> 01:06:39,840  
OK.

1637

01:06:39,840 --> 01:06:41,510

Was this the Arrow Cross?

1638

01:06:41,510 --> 01:06:42,340

Arrow Cross.

1639

01:06:42,340 --> 01:06:44,200

The Arrow Cross, yes.

1640

01:06:44,200 --> 01:06:48,430

And the young kids, 16,  
17-year-olds kids, they

1641

01:06:48,430 --> 01:06:52,900

were carrying the  
badge that they

1642

01:06:52,900 --> 01:06:54,770  
belonged to the Arrow Crossing.

1643

01:06:54,770 --> 01:06:58,665

Wherever they  
stopped a Jew, they

1644

01:06:58,665 --> 01:07:02,500

were pulling them to  
a group of people.

1645

01:07:02,500 --> 01:07:09,310

And I saw that I was supposed  
to go by street car to go home.

1646

01:07:09,310 --> 01:07:15,730

And I was afraid that would  
be too close to people,

1647

01:07:15,730 --> 01:07:16,870

and I walked.

1648

01:07:16,870 --> 01:07:18,430

I walked home.

1649

01:07:18,430 --> 01:07:22,516

That was Sunday

morning, noon maybe.

1650  
01:07:22,516 --> 01:07:25,380  
And my parents heard  
that on the radio.

1651  
01:07:25,380 --> 01:07:27,240  
They knew what was going on.

1652  
01:07:27,240 --> 01:07:30,850  
They were worrying themself  
to dead because of me.

1653  
01:07:30,850 --> 01:07:33,600  
They didn't know  
what's happening.

1654  
01:07:33,600 --> 01:07:41,310  
And they knew that something  
is going to be terribly wrong.

1655  
01:07:41,310 --> 01:07:51,260  
And I was staying there with  
my parents till from one minute

1656  
01:07:51,260 --> 01:07:55,310  
to another, one day to another,  
they came out with new laws

1657  
01:07:55,310 --> 01:07:59,780  
like you have to  
wear the yellow star.

1658  
01:07:59,780 --> 01:08:03,450  
Then we had to  
move from our house

1659  
01:08:03,450 --> 01:08:10,040  
into sort of like a ghetto,  
into a Jewish star house

1660  
01:08:10,040 --> 01:08:14,330  
first, big, big, huge building.

1661  
01:08:14,330 --> 01:08:16,910

They put a star  
on those building,

1662  
01:08:16,910 --> 01:08:20,240  
and we had to move in.

1663  
01:08:20,240 --> 01:08:21,740  
But it wasn't that easy.

1664  
01:08:21,740 --> 01:08:26,510  
You had to hire somebody to  
take a mattress, and something--

1665  
01:08:26,510 --> 01:08:29,569  
in the middle of the  
street, the guy was--

1666  
01:08:29,569 --> 01:08:31,970  
I don't know, he had  
a horse or what--

1667  
01:08:31,970 --> 01:08:37,620  
but took our stuff  
to the certain place.

1668  
01:08:37,620 --> 01:08:39,060  
Was it a new apartment?

1669  
01:08:39,060 --> 01:08:41,910  
No, no, no, no.

1670  
01:08:41,910 --> 01:08:45,899  
I mean, was it another  
apartment you could move into?

1671  
01:08:45,899 --> 01:08:48,160  
Yes, another apartment house.

1672  
01:08:48,160 --> 01:08:51,990  
And did you share an apartment  
with anybody or a room?

1673  
01:08:51,990 --> 01:08:53,960  
Or how was your  
living situation?



1674  
01:08:53,960 --> 01:08:56,500

1675  
01:08:56,500 --> 01:09:02,680  
I figure now after the  
war that my mother--

1676  
01:09:02,680 --> 01:09:05,149  
I don't know-- talked  
to her sister, who

1677  
01:09:05,149 --> 01:09:09,830  
had the four children in the  
house where my grandmother was

1678  
01:09:09,830 --> 01:09:10,939  
staying.

1679  
01:09:10,939 --> 01:09:14,750  
And she said, this  
certain number

1680  
01:09:14,750 --> 01:09:19,580  
of a house and certain street,  
we're going to move in.

1681  
01:09:19,580 --> 01:09:21,710  
You come with-- you're  
going there, too.

1682  
01:09:21,710 --> 01:09:24,649  
So that's how we went  
to a place, and my aunt

1683  
01:09:24,649 --> 01:09:28,370  
with her four children  
and a husband.

1684  
01:09:28,370 --> 01:09:31,029  
My father was still home.

1685  
01:09:31,029 --> 01:09:36,740  
And we moved into that house.

1686

01:09:36,740 --> 01:09:41,720

Every room was  
taken by a family.

1687

01:09:41,720 --> 01:09:43,359

The kitchen was taken.

1688

01:09:43,359 --> 01:09:45,250

The maid's room was taken.

1689

01:09:45,250 --> 01:09:48,939

Everything was-- families in.

1690

01:09:48,939 --> 01:09:51,670

And we were there for a while.

1691

01:09:51,670 --> 01:09:56,440

Oh, while we were on the  
street with that horse wagon

1692

01:09:56,440 --> 01:10:00,340

or whatever it was, the  
man who took our stuff,

1693

01:10:00,340 --> 01:10:02,140

people passed by.

1694

01:10:02,140 --> 01:10:03,970

They said, where you going?

1695

01:10:03,970 --> 01:10:05,590

You're going to  
be killed, anyway.

1696

01:10:05,590 --> 01:10:08,110

It's no use for  
you to go anywhere.

1697

01:10:08,110 --> 01:10:14,090

Just stay and kill  
yourself in the Danube.

1698

01:10:14,090 --> 01:10:17,750

So we went up to this house.

1699  
01:10:17,750 --> 01:10:19,580  
We were there for a few weeks.

1700  
01:10:19,580 --> 01:10:21,870  
Every day, they came  
out with a new law.

1701  
01:10:21,870 --> 01:10:26,620

1702  
01:10:26,620 --> 01:10:30,310  
We couldn't stay--  
oh, in the meantime,

1703  
01:10:30,310 --> 01:10:34,130  
they called my  
father and my brother

1704  
01:10:34,130 --> 01:10:36,460  
to a forced labor somewhere.

1705  
01:10:36,460 --> 01:10:40,090  
So I went down the  
street with them.

1706  
01:10:40,090 --> 01:10:44,230  
And there, you could see  
hundreds and hundreds

1707  
01:10:44,230 --> 01:10:48,040  
of people my father's  
age, my brother's age.

1708  
01:10:48,040 --> 01:10:50,470  
And people said,  
don't follow him.

1709  
01:10:50,470 --> 01:10:52,600  
You're not going  
to see him anymore.

1710  
01:10:52,600 --> 01:10:54,985  
They knew better than we did.

1711

01:10:54,985 --> 01:10:57,160  
And that's what they wished for.

1712

01:10:57,160 --> 01:11:04,080  
So that was the last time I have  
seen my father and my brother.

1713

01:11:04,080 --> 01:11:05,160  
And then--

1714

01:11:05,160 --> 01:11:06,830  
What happened to them?

1715

01:11:06,830 --> 01:11:09,600  
They marched them to Germany.

1716

01:11:09,600 --> 01:11:11,740  
They killed them, both of them.

1717

01:11:11,740 --> 01:11:14,730  
Did you ever find  
out any details?

1718

01:11:14,730 --> 01:11:17,890  
After the war, I went to Vienna.

1719

01:11:17,890 --> 01:11:23,160  
And somebody sent me an  
article for a newspaper

1720

01:11:23,160 --> 01:11:26,290  
that my brother's  
name was there.

1721

01:11:26,290 --> 01:11:30,240  
So we went to Vienna  
from here, [INAUDIBLE],,

1722

01:11:30,240 --> 01:11:36,070  
long after the war, and  
didn't find out anything.

1723

01:11:36,070 --> 01:11:38,220  
So from the United States,

you went to Vienna.

1724  
01:11:38,220 --> 01:11:39,960  
Yeah, after--

1725  
01:11:39,960 --> 01:11:40,680  
Years later.

1726  
01:11:40,680 --> 01:11:42,090  
Years later.

1727  
01:11:42,090 --> 01:11:52,090  
And I was called in.

1728  
01:11:52,090 --> 01:11:55,010  
I don't know the story.

1729  
01:11:55,010 --> 01:11:56,930  
We had to go in the  
basement because it

1730  
01:11:56,930 --> 01:11:58,610  
was bombing constantly.

1731  
01:11:58,610 --> 01:12:02,810  
When the siren came up, we  
had to go in the basement,

1732  
01:12:02,810 --> 01:12:06,360  
and nobody could  
be on this street.

1733  
01:12:06,360 --> 01:12:11,760  
And there were a group of  
Jewish forced labor people.

1734  
01:12:11,760 --> 01:12:14,520  
They couldn't go into  
any of the buildings

1735  
01:12:14,520 --> 01:12:16,410  
because they were Jews.

1736  
01:12:16,410 --> 01:12:20,340

They had to find a  
house with the star on.

1737  
01:12:20,340 --> 01:12:23,760  
So they-- I don't know  
who on earth was there.

1738  
01:12:23,760 --> 01:12:24,750  
They let them.

1739  
01:12:24,750 --> 01:12:28,110  
They came down the basement.

1740  
01:12:28,110 --> 01:12:32,100  
And young boys.

1741  
01:12:32,100 --> 01:12:34,430  
And they came and said--

1742  
01:12:34,430 --> 01:12:38,300  
oh, there was a rumor  
if you're married,

1743  
01:12:38,300 --> 01:12:41,780  
you're not going to  
be taken right away.

1744  
01:12:41,780 --> 01:12:42,980  
Either man or woman?

1745  
01:12:42,980 --> 01:12:47,120  
That is, neither  
spouse would be taken.

1746  
01:12:47,120 --> 01:12:47,840  
Neither gender.

1747  
01:12:47,840 --> 01:12:48,920  
No.

1748  
01:12:48,920 --> 01:12:50,270  
No.

1749  
01:12:50,270 --> 01:12:55,690

Just the woman who is  
married to a forced laborer.

1750  
01:12:55,690 --> 01:12:59,480  
Or maybe-- that was  
a rumor, anyway.

1751  
01:12:59,480 --> 01:13:01,090  
But we believed that.

1752  
01:13:01,090 --> 01:13:07,840  
So mothers and parents  
went with their children

1753  
01:13:07,840 --> 01:13:10,970  
to the station with  
the soldiers standing.

1754  
01:13:10,970 --> 01:13:13,905  
what's the name of that?

1755  
01:13:13,905 --> 01:13:14,405  
Barracks?

1756  
01:13:14,405 --> 01:13:16,100  
A Kaserne?

1757  
01:13:16,100 --> 01:13:17,040  
Kaserne.

1758  
01:13:17,040 --> 01:13:17,840  
OK, so a barracks.

1759  
01:13:17,840 --> 01:13:20,210  
Kaserne, with  
money in their hand

1760  
01:13:20,210 --> 01:13:23,540  
to beg people to  
marry their daughter.

1761  
01:13:23,540 --> 01:13:26,900  
Because if she was married--  
that was the rumor--

1762

01:13:26,900 --> 01:13:28,580  
they wouldn't take her.

1763

01:13:28,580 --> 01:13:29,480  
For forced labor.

1764

01:13:29,480 --> 01:13:31,200  
Forced labor wherever.

1765

01:13:31,200 --> 01:13:34,010  
Now, while they're  
saying these things,

1766

01:13:34,010 --> 01:13:36,110  
are the Germans involved at all?

1767

01:13:36,110 --> 01:13:38,120  
Or is this all being  
done through Hungarians?

1768

01:13:38,120 --> 01:13:41,930  
The German was-- the  
top-notch involved

1769

01:13:41,930 --> 01:13:46,980  
was telling the Hungarian  
government what to do.

1770

01:13:46,980 --> 01:13:49,820  
And then they had  
the best friend

1771

01:13:49,820 --> 01:13:52,980  
of the Nazi, the  
Hungarian Nyilas.

1772

01:13:52,980 --> 01:13:57,790

1773

01:13:57,790 --> 01:14:01,600  
Did you ever have a  
German come to your home?

1774

01:14:01,600 --> 01:14:05,620



Or did you have ever cross  
with that of a German soldier

1775

01:14:05,620 --> 01:14:08,770  
or German authority?

1776

01:14:08,770 --> 01:14:09,860  
No, never.

1777

01:14:09,860 --> 01:14:10,360  
Never.

1778

01:14:10,360 --> 01:14:10,860  
Never.

1779

01:14:10,860 --> 01:14:12,850  
Never seen, really.

1780

01:14:12,850 --> 01:14:15,600  
So anyway, we are  
in the basement.

1781

01:14:15,600 --> 01:14:21,160  
And a group of Jewish forced  
labor people came down,

1782

01:14:21,160 --> 01:14:24,520  
and they all said  
to me, to my mother,

1783

01:14:24,520 --> 01:14:26,320  
can we marry her in name?

1784

01:14:26,320 --> 01:14:29,440  
But never saw them,  
never knew them.

1785

01:14:29,440 --> 01:14:35,740  
And the next day, a man came  
back with a paper to marry me.

1786

01:14:35,740 --> 01:14:37,150  
I never, ever seen--

1787

01:14:37,150 --> 01:14:40,400  
I never knew his name.

1788  
01:14:40,400 --> 01:14:43,480  
But I had a paper.

1789  
01:14:43,480 --> 01:14:46,490  
Oh, and you had to  
have two witnesses.

1790  
01:14:46,490 --> 01:14:52,760  
So he grabbed two people on the  
street and went into the office

1791  
01:14:52,760 --> 01:14:54,250  
and married me.

1792  
01:14:54,250 --> 01:14:57,710  
So you got married in  
an office to a stranger.

1793  
01:14:57,710 --> 01:14:59,630  
To a complete stranger.

1794  
01:14:59,630 --> 01:15:00,790  
Do you remember his name?

1795  
01:15:00,790 --> 01:15:01,420  
Oh, yeah.

1796  
01:15:01,420 --> 01:15:01,920  
What was it?

1797  
01:15:01,920 --> 01:15:03,270  
I'll tell you later.

1798  
01:15:03,270 --> 01:15:04,100  
OK.

1799  
01:15:04,100 --> 01:15:06,530  
OK.

1800  
01:15:06,530 --> 01:15:08,550  
But it didn't matter.

1801  
01:15:08,550 --> 01:15:09,425  
They took me anyway.

1802  
01:15:09,425 --> 01:15:12,020

1803  
01:15:12,020 --> 01:15:14,300  
I don't remember  
exactly the date.

1804  
01:15:14,300 --> 01:15:20,780  
17,000 girls were gathered  
together in a certain place.

1805  
01:15:20,780 --> 01:15:29,330  
And we were marching south of  
Budapest, away from Germany,

1806  
01:15:29,330 --> 01:15:31,660  
away from Austria.

1807  
01:15:31,660 --> 01:15:36,860  
And we were digging  
holes, ditches

1808  
01:15:36,860 --> 01:15:43,240  
against the Russian army, that  
we were supposed to stop them.

1809  
01:15:43,240 --> 01:15:46,440  
And we were there  
for a few weeks.

1810  
01:15:46,440 --> 01:15:53,430  
And then they decided that  
wasn't a place anymore for us.

1811  
01:15:53,430 --> 01:15:56,100  
They were taking us to Germany.

1812  
01:15:56,100 --> 01:15:57,870  
So this was in the summertime?

1813

01:15:57,870 --> 01:16:03,620  
It was-- it must have been.

1814  
01:16:03,620 --> 01:16:05,410  
They came in March.

1815  
01:16:05,410 --> 01:16:07,790  
And that could be--

1816  
01:16:07,790 --> 01:16:10,020  
that could be in May.

1817  
01:16:10,020 --> 01:16:11,140  
That soon?

1818  
01:16:11,140 --> 01:16:11,930  
Yes.

1819  
01:16:11,930 --> 01:16:14,150  
Oh, everything went very fast.

1820  
01:16:14,150 --> 01:16:17,350  
Now, your father  
lost his business

1821  
01:16:17,350 --> 01:16:20,340  
after the Germans come in or  
before the Germans come in?

1822  
01:16:20,340 --> 01:16:24,240  
Much before the Germans  
came in to this woman,

1823  
01:16:24,240 --> 01:16:27,010  
to this woman who  
took over everything.

1824  
01:16:27,010 --> 01:16:29,590  
And was she part of  
the business before?

1825  
01:16:29,590 --> 01:16:31,220  
Never was part of the business.

1826

01:16:31,220 --> 01:16:35,110  
She was a top-notch  
office worker

1827  
01:16:35,110 --> 01:16:38,410  
in the business, [INAUDIBLE]  
years, many, many years.

1828  
01:16:38,410 --> 01:16:40,450  
Oh, so she had been  
one of the employees.

1829  
01:16:40,450 --> 01:16:41,950  
She was one of the employees.

1830  
01:16:41,950 --> 01:16:43,660  
What was her name?

1831  
01:16:43,660 --> 01:16:44,680  
Mrs. Faust.

1832  
01:16:44,680 --> 01:16:45,760  
Mrs. Faust.

1833  
01:16:45,760 --> 01:16:46,650  
Faust.

1834  
01:16:46,650 --> 01:16:47,530  
Mrs. Faust.

1835  
01:16:47,530 --> 01:16:49,210  
Yeah, yeah.

1836  
01:16:49,210 --> 01:16:52,240  
So she had been an employee,  
and then she takes over.

1837  
01:16:52,240 --> 01:16:53,200  
Yes.

1838  
01:16:53,200 --> 01:16:56,980  
And she didn't want to  
give us a penny anymore.

1839

01:16:56,980 --> 01:16:57,850  
Yeah.

1840  
01:16:57,850 --> 01:17:04,900  
So anyway, we were called in,  
17,000 people marching down

1841  
01:17:04,900 --> 01:17:09,130  
south and digging, digging--

1842  
01:17:09,130 --> 01:17:09,970  
Digging ditches.

1843  
01:17:09,970 --> 01:17:11,860  
--ditches.

1844  
01:17:11,860 --> 01:17:14,470  
And then out of  
the blue sky, they

1845  
01:17:14,470 --> 01:17:19,210  
decided that Russian  
coming too fast.

1846  
01:17:19,210 --> 01:17:25,300  
We have to move the place and  
go in a big group, 17,000 girls.

1847  
01:17:25,300 --> 01:17:26,860  
Can you imagine?

1848  
01:17:26,860 --> 01:17:31,855  
Middle of the street, middle  
of these highways or whatever.

1849  
01:17:31,855 --> 01:17:35,230  
And I saw while we  
were walking there

1850  
01:17:35,230 --> 01:17:38,770  
were like little mountains  
of people laying.

1851  
01:17:38,770 --> 01:17:40,870  
They couldn't walk anymore.

1852  
01:17:40,870 --> 01:17:42,610  
Were they alive?

1853  
01:17:42,610 --> 01:17:43,910  
They were still alive.

1854  
01:17:43,910 --> 01:17:48,280  
There were policemen standing  
there and people bringing

1855  
01:17:48,280 --> 01:17:50,000  
them some food or whatever.

1856  
01:17:50,000 --> 01:17:53,070

1857  
01:17:53,070 --> 01:17:54,930  
This was outside of Budapest?

1858  
01:17:54,930 --> 01:17:56,640  
Still in Budapest.

1859  
01:17:56,640 --> 01:17:58,140  
Still in Budapest.

1860  
01:17:58,140 --> 01:18:01,290  
We became from outside  
through Budapest

1861  
01:18:01,290 --> 01:18:04,130  
to go to Vienna, to Germany.

1862  
01:18:04,130 --> 01:18:06,560  
And I had my star on.

1863  
01:18:06,560 --> 01:18:09,540  
And I started to  
chew it off because I

1864  
01:18:09,540 --> 01:18:13,530  
decided I'm going to  
go and lay down there

1865

01:18:13,530 --> 01:18:17,198

or make believe that I want  
to help them as a Christian.

1866

01:18:17,198 --> 01:18:20,180

1867

01:18:20,180 --> 01:18:22,840

Oh, I ask one of the police--

1868

01:18:22,840 --> 01:18:30,890

there were all kind of Nazis,  
Germans, policemen marching

1869

01:18:30,890 --> 01:18:34,120

with us, watching over us.

1870

01:18:34,120 --> 01:18:38,530

And policemen-- they  
said the policemen

1871

01:18:38,530 --> 01:18:42,550

you were able to talk to  
in that time in Hungary.

1872

01:18:42,550 --> 01:18:46,150

So I said, what's gonna  
be those people who

1873

01:18:46,150 --> 01:18:47,545

is laying down there?

1874

01:18:47,545 --> 01:18:49,450

He said, I don't know.

1875

01:18:49,450 --> 01:18:51,580

There probably going  
to come a truck,

1876

01:18:51,580 --> 01:18:55,610

pick them up, and take  
them to Germany by truck.

1877

01:18:55,610 --> 01:19:00,070



So I said to my three cousins  
we were staying in line.

1878  
01:19:00,070 --> 01:19:03,010  
I said, it's even going  
to be better if they're

1879  
01:19:03,010 --> 01:19:04,960  
going to take me by a truck.

1880  
01:19:04,960 --> 01:19:10,460  
I'm going to go out and lay  
down in between these people.

1881  
01:19:10,460 --> 01:19:12,890  
They beg me not to  
do it because they

1882  
01:19:12,890 --> 01:19:17,020  
said whoever escape,  
they're going

1883  
01:19:17,020 --> 01:19:20,900  
to kill every tenth of the  
people, and they were sure

1884  
01:19:20,900 --> 01:19:24,860  
they going to kill  
them, my cousins.

1885  
01:19:24,860 --> 01:19:29,910  
So I tried to chew off my star.

1886  
01:19:29,910 --> 01:19:33,400  
I don't remember  
if I did it or not.

1887  
01:19:33,400 --> 01:19:36,290  
And I stepped out.

1888  
01:19:36,290 --> 01:19:39,550  
And the first  
police, I said, can I

1889  
01:19:39,550 --> 01:19:43,420

help in any way those people?

1890

01:19:43,420 --> 01:19:46,010  
He said, listen, if you  
don't want to go back

1891

01:19:46,010 --> 01:19:48,510  
where you belong, you run.

1892

01:19:48,510 --> 01:19:51,560  
And that gave me such a boost.

1893

01:19:51,560 --> 01:19:52,790  
I just run.

1894

01:19:52,790 --> 01:19:54,930  
I didn't know where to run.

1895

01:19:54,930 --> 01:19:56,980  
All the gates were closed.

1896

01:19:56,980 --> 01:19:59,540  
You couldn't go into a house.

1897

01:19:59,540 --> 01:20:04,520  
I was running till I  
found an open gate.

1898

01:20:04,520 --> 01:20:07,280  
I went into it.

1899

01:20:07,280 --> 01:20:12,020  
I didn't want to go up to  
the high floors because--

1900

01:20:12,020 --> 01:20:15,710  
by the elevator  
because I would've

1901

01:20:15,710 --> 01:20:17,350  
been too close to people.

1902

01:20:17,350 --> 01:20:19,380  
So I started to walk upstairs.

1903  
01:20:19,380 --> 01:20:22,520  
I went all the way  
to the highest floor.

1904  
01:20:22,520 --> 01:20:26,500  
And I decided I'm going to jump  
down from there, and that's it.

1905  
01:20:26,500 --> 01:20:29,470  
I'm not going anywhere.

1906  
01:20:29,470 --> 01:20:33,720  
So I was standing  
on the rail to jump.

1907  
01:20:33,720 --> 01:20:37,820  
And I hear the noise coming in.

1908  
01:20:37,820 --> 01:20:42,060  
From that 17,000 people  
were a lot of noise.

1909  
01:20:42,060 --> 01:20:45,660  
And it came into this building.

1910  
01:20:45,660 --> 01:20:48,530  
All of a sudden,  
this noise stopped.

1911  
01:20:48,530 --> 01:20:50,990  
So I went down  
and looked around.

1912  
01:20:50,990 --> 01:20:53,180  
The people left already.

1913  
01:20:53,180 --> 01:20:57,390  
I don't know where I was  
standing in the 17,000.

1914  
01:20:57,390 --> 01:21:00,050  
But by the time I came  
down and decided to down,

1915

01:21:00,050 --> 01:21:04,980

under there was no  
marching people anymore.

1916

01:21:04,980 --> 01:21:06,110

So I started to run.

1917

01:21:06,110 --> 01:21:09,270

1918

01:21:09,270 --> 01:21:13,070

If I'm remembering correctly,  
I bought a newspaper

1919

01:21:13,070 --> 01:21:16,650

and covered my star with that.

1920

01:21:16,650 --> 01:21:23,810

And I was running,  
running till I

1921

01:21:23,810 --> 01:21:28,680

went to my [PLACE NAME],,  
the star house.

1922

01:21:28,680 --> 01:21:31,410

But you couldn't go in.

1923

01:21:31,410 --> 01:21:33,450

The gates were closed.

1924

01:21:33,450 --> 01:21:40,490

You had to-- either you had  
the key, or you called the--

1925

01:21:40,490 --> 01:21:42,957

how do you call that,  
housemaster or--

1926

01:21:42,957 --> 01:21:44,040

Oh, like a superintendent?

1927

01:21:44,040 --> 01:21:46,930

--superintendent to

come and let you in.

1928

01:21:46,930 --> 01:21:49,800  
And I was standing  
outside and waiting.

1929

01:21:49,800 --> 01:21:53,390  
Maybe somebody would  
come in, I sneak in.

1930

01:21:53,390 --> 01:21:55,550  
And somebody did come in.

1931

01:21:55,550 --> 01:21:56,420  
I snuck in.

1932

01:21:56,420 --> 01:21:59,630  
I ran up to the apartment.

1933

01:21:59,630 --> 01:22:03,170  
That was the star  
house apartment.

1934

01:22:03,170 --> 01:22:07,820  
And I went upstairs.

1935

01:22:07,820 --> 01:22:11,330  
And my aunt was  
there with her son

1936

01:22:11,330 --> 01:22:14,715  
who decided to move into that  
certain place, my mother's

1937

01:22:14,715 --> 01:22:16,220  
sister.

1938

01:22:16,220 --> 01:22:20,080  
And she said, where  
are my children?

1939

01:22:20,080 --> 01:22:21,200  
Where did you leave them?

1940

01:22:21,200 --> 01:22:22,440  
Why didn't they come?

1941  
01:22:22,440 --> 01:22:24,710  
That's all she wanted to know.

1942  
01:22:24,710 --> 01:22:27,440  
So to her, I had  
a story that they

1943  
01:22:27,440 --> 01:22:30,500  
are better off where they are.

1944  
01:22:30,500 --> 01:22:32,120  
And then my mother comes in.

1945  
01:22:32,120 --> 01:22:35,560

1946  
01:22:35,560 --> 01:22:37,660  
Something I'm missing.

1947  
01:22:37,660 --> 01:22:41,610  
And then if they are better  
off, why did you just escape?

1948  
01:22:41,610 --> 01:22:43,610  
I said, Mom, I don't  
want to tell her

1949  
01:22:43,610 --> 01:22:45,070  
they are going to be killed.

1950  
01:22:45,070 --> 01:22:49,490  
So I had to play two  
different stories.

1951  
01:22:49,490 --> 01:22:55,070  
So I'm not sure  
exactly how it was.

1952  
01:22:55,070 --> 01:22:57,770

1953

01:22:57,770 --> 01:23:01,870  
But my mother disappeared.

1954  
01:23:01,870 --> 01:23:06,970  
She went and look for  
a better star house.

1955  
01:23:06,970 --> 01:23:11,540

1956  
01:23:11,540 --> 01:23:16,460  
They allowed people who  
had connection or paper

1957  
01:23:16,460 --> 01:23:20,150  
that they are citizens  
of Australia or whatever.

1958  
01:23:20,150 --> 01:23:22,870

1959  
01:23:22,870 --> 01:23:25,780  
And all of a sudden,  
a young boy comes up

1960  
01:23:25,780 --> 01:23:29,930  
to the apartment with a  
note in his hand and said,

1961  
01:23:29,930 --> 01:23:33,500  
I'm looking for  
Elizabeth Garbovits.

1962  
01:23:33,500 --> 01:23:35,450  
So I said, that's me.

1963  
01:23:35,450 --> 01:23:40,300  
And my mother's writing a note,  
give the guy a few dollars.

1964  
01:23:40,300 --> 01:23:43,810  
I had money sewn  
into my winter coat.

1965  
01:23:43,810 --> 01:23:47,096

1966

01:23:47,096 --> 01:23:50,400

And the note says,  
come look me up.

1967

01:23:50,400 --> 01:23:53,890

I'm in this-and-this house,  
this-and-that street.

1968

01:23:53,890 --> 01:24:01,330

So till I leave, I have no  
idea how on earth was I there

1969

01:24:01,330 --> 01:24:04,630

when that guy came  
with the note.

1970

01:24:04,630 --> 01:24:07,982

It is another miracle.

1971

01:24:07,982 --> 01:24:11,320

And that he was  
willing to do it.

1972

01:24:11,320 --> 01:24:18,880

So I went downstairs and started  
to walk toward that house, what

1973

01:24:18,880 --> 01:24:21,430

my mother wrote me the address.

1974

01:24:21,430 --> 01:24:27,610

As I'm walking in  
big, wide boulevard,

1975

01:24:27,610 --> 01:24:30,270

a German guy comes behind me.

1976

01:24:30,270 --> 01:24:34,440

And he talks to me in  
German, something--

1977

01:24:34,440 --> 01:24:36,310

he wants to take me out.



1978  
01:24:36,310 --> 01:24:37,650  
And I had--

1979  
01:24:37,650 --> 01:24:39,510  
I'm not sure if it was a star.

1980  
01:24:39,510 --> 01:24:42,850  
But anyway, I was covered.

1981  
01:24:42,850 --> 01:24:46,030  
And I saw a lot of  
people in front of me,

1982  
01:24:46,030 --> 01:24:54,000  
groups and groups of people in  
front of a hotel, Hotel Royale.

1983  
01:24:54,000 --> 01:24:57,760  
And I had a feeling I  
shouldn't go that way.

1984  
01:24:57,760 --> 01:24:59,380  
I have to cross  
the street, and I

1985  
01:24:59,380 --> 01:25:03,280  
have to leave that German guy  
by himself, wherever he is.

1986  
01:25:03,280 --> 01:25:05,440  
I went across the street.

1987  
01:25:05,440 --> 01:25:09,870  
And after the war, what I  
found out that this time

1988  
01:25:09,870 --> 01:25:13,480  
at the minute when I was  
there, all these people

1989  
01:25:13,480 --> 01:25:17,260  
were killed, taken into the  
hotel, down the basement,

1990

01:25:17,260 --> 01:25:19,950

and they were killed  
at this exact time.

1991

01:25:19,950 --> 01:25:20,650

Oh my goodness.

1992

01:25:20,650 --> 01:25:23,500

So I went on the other  
side of the street

1993

01:25:23,500 --> 01:25:29,140

and went all the way to the  
address what my mom send me to.

1994

01:25:29,140 --> 01:25:34,000

She was by the gate waiting  
probably all day, all night,

1995

01:25:34,000 --> 01:25:37,490

waiting for me to come.

1996

01:25:37,490 --> 01:25:42,360

So I went up to the  
apartment with her.

1997

01:25:42,360 --> 01:25:45,770

You can imagine an  
apartment like that,

1998

01:25:45,770 --> 01:25:47,875

a living room like that.

1999

01:25:47,875 --> 01:25:51,690

There was mattresses on  
the floor, one on top of--

2000

01:25:51,690 --> 01:25:53,160

next to others.

2001

01:25:53,160 --> 01:25:55,980

And people were laying down.

2002

01:25:55,980 --> 01:26:00,120

And my mom made it sure that  
I should be the very end

2003

01:26:00,120 --> 01:26:03,287  
so nobody should touch me.

2004

01:26:03,287 --> 01:26:04,620  
Was this men and women together?

2005

01:26:04,620 --> 01:26:06,500  
Men and women, families.

2006

01:26:06,500 --> 01:26:10,710  
All the young all  
[? crying. ?] Yes.

2007

01:26:10,710 --> 01:26:15,060  
And we were there  
for a few days.

2008

01:26:15,060 --> 01:26:17,520  
And my mother went out.

2009

01:26:17,520 --> 01:26:22,320

2010

01:26:22,320 --> 01:26:24,940  
I'm not sure if  
I told you that I

2011

01:26:24,940 --> 01:26:28,360  
was in the basement  
in our star house,

2012

01:26:28,360 --> 01:26:33,310  
and this one boy came and wanted  
to marry me, give me my name--

2013

01:26:33,310 --> 01:26:35,160  
give me his name.

2014

01:26:35,160 --> 01:26:37,440  
So we were sleeping there.

2015

01:26:37,440 --> 01:26:38,340  
I was there for--

2016  
01:26:38,340 --> 01:26:42,140  
I don't know-- a few  
days, a few weeks.

2017  
01:26:42,140 --> 01:26:48,200  
And my mom went downstairs  
and found a policeman.

2018  
01:26:48,200 --> 01:26:51,320  
He gave money to the  
policeman to take me

2019  
01:26:51,320 --> 01:26:54,581  
to the Swiss consulate house.

2020  
01:26:54,581 --> 01:26:55,760  
And he did.

2021  
01:26:55,760 --> 01:26:57,390  
He took the money.

2022  
01:26:57,390 --> 01:26:58,920  
He took me.

2023  
01:26:58,920 --> 01:27:02,710  
And when I saw what was  
going on in front of this--

2024  
01:27:02,710 --> 01:27:07,090  
oh, my mother said, you  
have to look up Dr. Gideon.

2025  
01:27:07,090 --> 01:27:10,710  
Dr. Gideon I never,  
ever heard before,

2026  
01:27:10,710 --> 01:27:13,140  
and nobody ever heard after.

2027  
01:27:13,140 --> 01:27:15,660  
I don't know who  
the Dr. Gideon was.

2028

01:27:15,660 --> 01:27:19,630  
But he must have been connected  
with the Swiss consulate.

2029

01:27:19,630 --> 01:27:23,580  
And my parents  
probably knew him.

2030

01:27:23,580 --> 01:27:30,240  
So when the policeman took me  
all the way to the Swiss house

2031

01:27:30,240 --> 01:27:32,490  
consulate--

2032

01:27:32,490 --> 01:27:35,880  
there was no such thing as  
a Swiss consulate house.

2033

01:27:35,880 --> 01:27:40,395  
The owner was-- it  
was a famous house.

2034

01:27:40,395 --> 01:27:42,630  
It was a glass house.

2035

01:27:42,630 --> 01:27:44,430  
Everything was glass.

2036

01:27:44,430 --> 01:27:47,900  
The owner was a glass--  
had a glass factory.

2037

01:27:47,900 --> 01:27:50,370  
And he built the  
house for himself.

2038

01:27:50,370 --> 01:27:54,480  
There was the steps and  
everything was glass there,

2039

01:27:54,480 --> 01:27:56,530  
that they call it a glass house.

2040

01:27:56,530 --> 01:27:58,410

I have the picture.

2041

01:27:58,410 --> 01:28:02,140

And where was I?

2042

01:28:02,140 --> 01:28:04,690

Well, the policeman was  
taking you to this place.

2043

01:28:04,690 --> 01:28:07,780

Yeah, the policeman then  
dropped me, dropped me plain.

2044

01:28:07,780 --> 01:28:11,350

And I saw hundreds  
and hundreds of people

2045

01:28:11,350 --> 01:28:15,070

in front of this  
so-called consulate house.

2046

01:28:15,070 --> 01:28:17,170

They all wanted to go in.

2047

01:28:17,170 --> 01:28:19,540

So what am I going to do?

2048

01:28:19,540 --> 01:28:21,370

I have no way to get in.

2049

01:28:21,370 --> 01:28:22,990

I don't know anybody.

2050

01:28:22,990 --> 01:28:28,030

So I phoned my own cousin,  
Edith, who was standing--

2051

01:28:28,030 --> 01:28:31,610

I was going back and  
forth to see what to do.

2052

01:28:31,610 --> 01:28:34,120

I was going to go

back to my mother.

2053

01:28:34,120 --> 01:28:43,030  
And my cousin, Edith, was  
standing by the door to get in.

2054

01:28:43,030 --> 01:28:45,760  
And I hold her hand.

2055

01:28:45,760 --> 01:28:47,710  
And she said that, hold my hand.

2056

01:28:47,710 --> 01:28:51,580  
Hold my hand, and maybe next  
time when the door is open,

2057

01:28:51,580 --> 01:28:53,695  
we could sneak in.

2058

01:28:53,695 --> 01:28:58,900  
And in the meantime, there  
were inside policemen,

2059

01:28:58,900 --> 01:29:00,580  
Jewish people.

2060

01:29:00,580 --> 01:29:02,650  
Jewish policemen?

2061

01:29:02,650 --> 01:29:04,110  
Make-believe policemen.

2062

01:29:04,110 --> 01:29:04,610  
Got it.

2063

01:29:04,610 --> 01:29:05,110  
OK.

2064

01:29:05,110 --> 01:29:10,980  
And one comes through  
the door, grabs my--

2065

01:29:10,980 --> 01:29:14,100  
Edith first, and I'm

holding Edith's hand.

2066

01:29:14,100 --> 01:29:17,610  
And pushed me  
inside the building.

2067

01:29:17,610 --> 01:29:19,560  
And who is the guy?

2068

01:29:19,560 --> 01:29:21,060  
The policeman?

2069

01:29:21,060 --> 01:29:25,010  
It's the guy who marry me.

2070

01:29:25,010 --> 01:29:26,570  
Yeah.

2071

01:29:26,570 --> 01:29:32,330  
So I had his name, but I  
never knew him in my life.

2072

01:29:32,330 --> 01:29:34,220  
So he took me.

2073

01:29:34,220 --> 01:29:37,880  
He told Edith-- opened  
some doors somewhere--

2074

01:29:37,880 --> 01:29:42,005  
you go this way, and will  
you find yourself wherever.

2075

01:29:42,005 --> 01:29:45,100  
And you stay here,  
he says to me.

2076

01:29:45,100 --> 01:29:48,470  
[INAUDIBLE] was a  
make-believe office.

2077

01:29:48,470 --> 01:29:52,330  
And there was a door he put  
up against the wall and said,



2078

01:29:52,330 --> 01:29:58,850

you stay inside that  
door by the wall.

2079

01:29:58,850 --> 01:30:01,790

And he was sitting outside--

2080

01:30:01,790 --> 01:30:05,700

he was a volunteer  
policeman in that building.

2081

01:30:05,700 --> 01:30:07,100

Yes, but this was--

2082

01:30:07,100 --> 01:30:11,650

if this was not the Swiss  
consulate, what was it?

2083

01:30:11,650 --> 01:30:14,210

The owner was a factory--

2084

01:30:14,210 --> 01:30:18,740

glass factory owners  
who bought himself

2085

01:30:18,740 --> 01:30:22,720

this opportunity to make  
believe that was a Swiss--

2086

01:30:22,720 --> 01:30:27,560

there were hundreds and hundreds  
of those houses at the end of--

2087

01:30:27,560 --> 01:30:29,530

close to end of the war.

2088

01:30:29,530 --> 01:30:40,430

So he made [? opportunity ?] he  
was able to do that, that make

2089

01:30:40,430 --> 01:30:43,940

believe it was a  
Swiss consulate house.

2090

01:30:43,940 --> 01:30:48,020

So the authorities,  
the German authorities,

2091

01:30:48,020 --> 01:30:50,390

the Hungarian authorities  
believed it was a consulate?

2092

01:30:50,390 --> 01:30:52,010

Yes.

2093

01:30:52,010 --> 01:30:57,230

No, [? wait. ?] But they came  
in at once and took me included,

2094

01:30:57,230 --> 01:30:59,950

took out, hands  
up, to the Danube

2095

01:30:59,950 --> 01:31:02,480

and killed them in the Danube.

2096

01:31:02,480 --> 01:31:06,800

So anyway, I-- where was I?

2097

01:31:06,800 --> 01:31:10,580

Well, let me ask a few  
things at this point.

2098

01:31:10,580 --> 01:31:15,020

You're at this glass  
house that is supposedly

2099

01:31:15,020 --> 01:31:19,250

the Swiss consulate and  
therefore supposedly safe.

2100

01:31:19,250 --> 01:31:20,180

Yes, for the minute.

2101

01:31:20,180 --> 01:31:24,450

2102

01:31:24,450 --> 01:31:26,690

And there are a lot of

people trying to get in?

2103

01:31:26,690 --> 01:31:27,890

Oh, god.

2104

01:31:27,890 --> 01:31:29,870

You see the picture.

2105

01:31:29,870 --> 01:31:33,680

And your cousin Edith is  
at the front of the line?

2106

01:31:33,680 --> 01:31:35,490

Front of the line somewhere.

2107

01:31:35,490 --> 01:31:38,650

And she never told us-- we  
lived in the same building.

2108

01:31:38,650 --> 01:31:42,050

And she never told us  
that she's going anywhere.

2109

01:31:42,050 --> 01:31:46,270

Everything was top secret  
in a way to save yourself.

2110

01:31:46,270 --> 01:31:48,575

Ah.

2111

01:31:48,575 --> 01:31:50,150

So there you come in.

2112

01:31:50,150 --> 01:31:51,735

I'm coming in.

2113

01:31:51,735 --> 01:31:56,000

Your husband on paper says--

2114

01:31:56,000 --> 01:32:00,830

pulls you both in, sends her in  
one direction, you in another,

2115

01:32:00,830 --> 01:32:03,140

and tells you to  
sit behind a door.

2116  
01:32:03,140 --> 01:32:09,003  
Behind a-- a door was  
leaning against the wall.

2117  
01:32:09,003 --> 01:32:09,710  
OK.

2118  
01:32:09,710 --> 01:32:11,703  
Now, was the door of glass?

2119  
01:32:11,703 --> 01:32:12,620  
Was the wall of glass?

2120  
01:32:12,620 --> 01:32:13,940  
No.

2121  
01:32:13,940 --> 01:32:15,830  
I don't remember  
what the door was.

2122  
01:32:15,830 --> 01:32:19,870  
But I remember sitting  
there and sitting outside,

2123  
01:32:19,870 --> 01:32:21,825  
and he's telling me stories.

2124  
01:32:21,825 --> 01:32:23,540  
OK.

2125  
01:32:23,540 --> 01:32:26,780  
I mean, but if  
it's a glass house,

2126  
01:32:26,780 --> 01:32:29,300  
can you see all the people  
inside of the house?

2127  
01:32:29,300 --> 01:32:34,250  
Oh, yes, did I see all the  
people, hundreds and hundreds

2128

01:32:34,250 --> 01:32:36,440  
of people hiding there.

2129

01:32:36,440 --> 01:32:39,560  
And they bought the  
next building also

2130

01:32:39,560 --> 01:32:40,900  
and made the people to--

2131

01:32:40,900 --> 01:32:43,320  
I don't know-- move  
out or whatever.

2132

01:32:43,320 --> 01:32:48,210  
And hundreds of  
people were safe there

2133

01:32:48,210 --> 01:32:51,290  
in the next door building also.

2134

01:32:51,290 --> 01:32:58,040  
So anyway, I was sitting there  
with my supposedly husband.

2135

01:32:58,040 --> 01:33:04,220  
And he tells me his life story  
and asks me my life story.

2136

01:33:04,220 --> 01:33:11,600  
And he says that, you would  
never recognize me in peacetime

2137

01:33:11,600 --> 01:33:14,150  
because I'm only  
a baker, and I'm

2138

01:33:14,150 --> 01:33:18,920  
delivering goods on a tricycle.

2139

01:33:18,920 --> 01:33:21,320  
And you're not  
this kind of a girl

2140

01:33:21,320 --> 01:33:23,570  
who would go out with a baker.

2141  
01:33:23,570 --> 01:33:25,850  
So that was the end of him.

2142  
01:33:25,850 --> 01:33:28,520  
So then he took me  
to-- it couldn't

2143  
01:33:28,520 --> 01:33:31,760  
be too long in that space.

2144  
01:33:31,760 --> 01:33:38,010  
He took me to a place up  
in the attic somewhere.

2145  
01:33:38,010 --> 01:33:41,310  
And he was working  
there as a baker.

2146  
01:33:41,310 --> 01:33:46,110  
And he was able to  
give bread to people.

2147  
01:33:46,110 --> 01:33:51,630  
He gave bread to one of his  
cousin, who made money out

2148  
01:33:51,630 --> 01:33:53,000  
of it.

2149  
01:33:53,000 --> 01:33:56,000  
This guy gave away bread.

2150  
01:33:56,000 --> 01:34:00,080  
Never, ever a penny  
he took for it.

2151  
01:34:00,080 --> 01:34:04,850  
So I said, this is  
some kind of a man

2152  
01:34:04,850 --> 01:34:07,670  
that I never seen in my life.

2153  
01:34:07,670 --> 01:34:12,762  
So anyway, he said  
he wants to marry me.

2154  
01:34:12,762 --> 01:34:13,970  
But you were already married.

2155  
01:34:13,970 --> 01:34:18,320  
[? I knew ?] we were  
married in paper.

2156  
01:34:18,320 --> 01:34:24,050  
So we were there for a few  
months in the Swiss consulate

2157  
01:34:24,050 --> 01:34:26,940  
house till the Russian came.

2158  
01:34:26,940 --> 01:34:32,510  
And he said he wants to go  
back to his village to see

2159  
01:34:32,510 --> 01:34:35,180  
what happened to his family.

2160  
01:34:35,180 --> 01:34:38,960  
And then either I  
come down, or he's

2161  
01:34:38,960 --> 01:34:43,470  
going to come back to  
Budapest so he had family

2162  
01:34:43,470 --> 01:34:46,790  
there in that Swiss  
house who decided

2163  
01:34:46,790 --> 01:34:50,471  
to follow him a few days after.

2164  
01:34:50,471 --> 01:34:53,130  
And I went down.

2165

01:34:53,130 --> 01:35:00,090  
And ever since that,  
I was Mrs. Schwarz.

2166  
01:35:00,090 --> 01:35:02,010  
This is my husband.

2167  
01:35:02,010 --> 01:35:03,630  
This is my husband.

2168  
01:35:03,630 --> 01:35:05,920  
The husband that you have  
with your whole life?

2169  
01:35:05,920 --> 01:35:07,980  
All life, all my life.

2170  
01:35:07,980 --> 01:35:14,440  
So anyway, we were  
in a little city

2171  
01:35:14,440 --> 01:35:21,290  
where, after war, he became  
a top-notch policeman.

2172  
01:35:21,290 --> 01:35:22,000  
[INAUDIBLE]

2173  
01:35:22,000 --> 01:35:25,410  
But I want to ask  
a few questions.

2174  
01:35:25,410 --> 01:35:26,910  
What was his first name?

2175  
01:35:26,910 --> 01:35:27,660  
Gabor.

2176  
01:35:27,660 --> 01:35:28,530  
Gabor.

2177  
01:35:28,530 --> 01:35:30,240  
So his first name is Gabor.

2178



01:35:30,240 --> 01:35:32,070  
His last name is Schwarz.

2179  
01:35:32,070 --> 01:35:34,550  
So now you are--

2180  
01:35:34,550 --> 01:35:35,460  
Sandy.

2181  
01:35:35,460 --> 01:35:36,450  
Sandy.

2182  
01:35:36,450 --> 01:35:41,730  
So first, you're Elizabeth--

2183  
01:35:41,730 --> 01:35:42,800  
Garbovits.

2184  
01:35:42,800 --> 01:35:45,700  
Garbovits, Schwarz, Sandy.

2185  
01:35:45,700 --> 01:35:51,240  
Not really, because at home,  
after the war from Schwarz,

2186  
01:35:51,240 --> 01:35:55,050  
he changed in Hungarian,  
which means feketete.

2187  
01:35:55,050 --> 01:35:57,240  
Fekete was our  
name after the war.

2188  
01:35:57,240 --> 01:35:57,860  
Fekete?

2189  
01:35:57,860 --> 01:35:59,010  
Fekete.

2190  
01:35:59,010 --> 01:36:00,345  
It means black.

2191  
01:36:00,345 --> 01:36:03,060  
And why did he change it?

2192  
01:36:03,060 --> 01:36:06,510  
Because Schwarz was a  
typical Jewish name.

2193  
01:36:06,510 --> 01:36:10,480  
And he couldn't exist  
anymore with that name.

2194  
01:36:10,480 --> 01:36:11,730  
Even post-war Hungary?

2195  
01:36:11,730 --> 01:36:13,950  
Oh, yeah, post-war Hungary.

2196  
01:36:13,950 --> 01:36:18,780  
Not only that, he was  
a top-notch policeman.

2197  
01:36:18,780 --> 01:36:22,270  
And one day, he got shot.

2198  
01:36:22,270 --> 01:36:24,340  
The other policeman shot him.

2199  
01:36:24,340 --> 01:36:26,020  
So he said, that's it.

2200  
01:36:26,020 --> 01:36:28,600  
I'm not staying here anymore.

2201  
01:36:28,600 --> 01:36:32,900  
We left that little  
town, went up to Budapest

2202  
01:36:32,900 --> 01:36:41,907  
to whoever was still there,  
my family, and left Budapest.

2203  
01:36:41,907 --> 01:36:43,240  
So what happened to your mother?

2204  
01:36:43,240 --> 01:36:45,520  
That's what I was going to say.

2205

01:36:45,520 --> 01:36:51,520

When we went into the house,  
in my own house, my own--

2206

01:36:51,520 --> 01:36:55,450

no, no, the star  
house, I found pictures

2207

01:36:55,450 --> 01:37:00,780

on the steps,  
letters, everything.

2208

01:37:00,780 --> 01:37:05,090

And I found a letter  
from my mother.

2209

01:37:05,090 --> 01:37:10,830

It's written from a  
wagon, from a train.

2210

01:37:10,830 --> 01:37:14,760

The number of the  
train is this-and-that.

2211

01:37:14,760 --> 01:37:18,270

Please come and  
try to pick me up.

2212

01:37:18,270 --> 01:37:20,890

I can't be here any longer.

2213

01:37:20,890 --> 01:37:25,800

So after the war, we find  
out that number of train

2214

01:37:25,800 --> 01:37:28,680

went to Bergen-Belsen.

2215

01:37:28,680 --> 01:37:33,290

So after the war,  
right after, I didn't

2216

01:37:33,290 --> 01:37:39,250

want to stay by the communists

and went to Bergen-Belsen

2217

01:37:39,250 --> 01:37:41,430  
to find my mother.

2218

01:37:41,430 --> 01:37:44,280  
And it took us  
about a half a year

2219

01:37:44,280 --> 01:37:50,240  
from Budapest to Bergen-Belsen  
on top of trains and walking

2220

01:37:50,240 --> 01:37:52,110  
barefoot, whatever.

2221

01:37:52,110 --> 01:37:56,950  
And then we find out  
what Bergen-Belsen was.

2222

01:37:56,950 --> 01:37:57,790  
You didn't know.

2223

01:37:57,790 --> 01:37:59,370  
No, no, I didn't.

2224

01:37:59,370 --> 01:38:00,660  
I couldn't imagine.

2225

01:38:00,660 --> 01:38:01,820  
I couldn't imagine.

2226

01:38:01,820 --> 01:38:06,720  
Even today, it's impossible  
to imagine what it was.

2227

01:38:06,720 --> 01:38:08,850  
So my mother--

2228

01:38:08,850 --> 01:38:12,870  
I don't know which way,  
but she passed, I suppose.

2229

01:38:12,870 --> 01:38:14,760

I don't know how  
they killed her.

2230  
01:38:14,760 --> 01:38:17,185  
So never, ever found her.

2231  
01:38:17,185 --> 01:38:19,108  
Was she on any list anywhere?

2232  
01:38:19,108 --> 01:38:20,650  
Did you ever find  
her name on a list?

2233  
01:38:20,650 --> 01:38:21,480  
No.

2234  
01:38:21,480 --> 01:38:24,030  
Never, never, never, never.

2235  
01:38:24,030 --> 01:38:28,440  
In the last minute, the  
Hungarian Jews by the thousands

2236  
01:38:28,440 --> 01:38:30,820  
were taken to different--

2237  
01:38:30,820 --> 01:38:33,296  
again, there was no--

2238  
01:38:33,296 --> 01:38:39,010  
once, I found a name in  
Vienna of my brother.

2239  
01:38:39,010 --> 01:38:42,660  
And never my father, ever.

2240  
01:38:42,660 --> 01:38:48,610  
And I have no idea where and  
how and what really killed him.

2241  
01:38:48,610 --> 01:38:54,350  
So we went to Germany and  
stayed in Bergen-Belsen

2242

01:38:54,350 --> 01:38:56,720  
for four years.

2243  
01:38:56,720 --> 01:38:59,210  
We couldn't go anywhere.

2244  
01:38:59,210 --> 01:39:02,170  
One uncle went to Israel.

2245  
01:39:02,170 --> 01:39:04,670  
And I was  
corresponding with him.

2246  
01:39:04,670 --> 01:39:08,360  
I just wanted to go to  
Israel in every way.

2247  
01:39:08,360 --> 01:39:11,010  
Never, ever any more anywhere.

2248  
01:39:11,010 --> 01:39:13,130  
And my uncle said--

2249  
01:39:13,130 --> 01:39:19,230  
oh, I told him that I have  
a chance to go to America.

2250  
01:39:19,230 --> 01:39:27,240  
There are people here, top-notch  
office workers from America.

2251  
01:39:27,240 --> 01:39:32,700  
They said they're going to  
be able to give us papers

2252  
01:39:32,700 --> 01:39:35,500  
as a refugee to go to America.

2253  
01:39:35,500 --> 01:39:38,430  
So my uncle said  
to me, if it's true

2254  
01:39:38,430 --> 01:39:42,210  
what you are writing to me,  
you better go to America.

2255

01:39:42,210 --> 01:39:44,100

But you wouldn't  
be able to take it.

2256

01:39:44,100 --> 01:39:45,270

It's very hard.

2257

01:39:45,270 --> 01:39:50,350

In the 1946 in  
Israel was very hard.

2258

01:39:50,350 --> 01:39:51,900

So we were staying--

2259

01:39:51,900 --> 01:39:53,960

I want to clarify something.

2260

01:39:53,960 --> 01:39:57,590

You were in Bergen-Belsen.

2261

01:39:57,590 --> 01:40:00,500

It was a concentration camp.

2262

01:40:00,500 --> 01:40:04,710

By the time you got there,  
what kind of a place was it?

2263

01:40:04,710 --> 01:40:12,210

Yeah, the concentration  
camp place was unimaginable.

2264

01:40:12,210 --> 01:40:13,690

It was a horror.

2265

01:40:13,690 --> 01:40:16,750

But we were staying in--

2266

01:40:16,750 --> 01:40:19,580

I think that was either  
Belsen or Bergen.

2267

01:40:19,580 --> 01:40:23,304

It's a city where the

German soldiers were,

2268

01:40:23,304 --> 01:40:26,330  
regular buildings.

2269

01:40:26,330 --> 01:40:28,680  
That's where we were  
staying for four years.

2270

01:40:28,680 --> 01:40:29,180  
Oh, I see.

2271

01:40:29,180 --> 01:40:30,570  
So you weren't in the camp area.

2272

01:40:30,570 --> 01:40:32,860  
No, no, no, no, no.

2273

01:40:32,860 --> 01:40:33,560  
OK.

2274

01:40:33,560 --> 01:40:36,380  
You were staying  
in a place called

2275

01:40:36,380 --> 01:40:40,680  
Bergen or Belsen, which  
was close by to where

2276

01:40:40,680 --> 01:40:41,430  
the camp had been.

2277

01:40:41,430 --> 01:40:42,730  
Yeah.

2278

01:40:42,730 --> 01:40:44,340  
So when you got to  
the camp, though,

2279

01:40:44,340 --> 01:40:46,640  
tell me what it is that you saw.

2280

01:40:46,640 --> 01:40:48,470  
What did you see when



you got to the camp?

2281  
01:40:48,470 --> 01:40:51,750

2282  
01:40:51,750 --> 01:40:54,770  
Just ground.

2283  
01:40:54,770 --> 01:40:56,570  
Nothing you have seen.

2284  
01:40:56,570 --> 01:40:58,310  
You couldn't see anything.

2285  
01:40:58,310 --> 01:41:00,920  
People were standing  
and looking for people

2286  
01:41:00,920 --> 01:41:05,420  
and asking or  
microphone asking if you

2287  
01:41:05,420 --> 01:41:07,280  
know this and that person.

2288  
01:41:07,280 --> 01:41:08,000  
But nothing.

2289  
01:41:08,000 --> 01:41:11,810  
It was as flat as  
anything, as far

2290  
01:41:11,810 --> 01:41:16,040  
as I remember, 70 years after.

2291  
01:41:16,040 --> 01:41:23,480  
So we were staying in  
Belsen, and that was Bergen,

2292  
01:41:23,480 --> 01:41:29,240  
I think, for four years  
till they came out

2293  
01:41:29,240 --> 01:41:34,730

with the Truman law that they  
were able to take the American

2294

01:41:34,730 --> 01:41:37,000

Jews to--

2295

01:41:37,000 --> 01:41:39,440

the Jews to America.

2296

01:41:39,440 --> 01:41:41,630

What was your husband  
doing at this time?

2297

01:41:41,630 --> 01:41:46,530

He was a chauffeur for the  
Joint Distribute Organization.

2298

01:41:46,530 --> 01:41:47,910

I see.

2299

01:41:47,910 --> 01:41:48,800

Yeah.

2300

01:41:48,800 --> 01:41:52,370

And in the meantime,  
I had my son.

2301

01:41:52,370 --> 01:41:55,300

In Bergen-Belsen, he was born.

2302

01:41:55,300 --> 01:41:55,800

Yes.

2303

01:41:55,800 --> 01:41:57,008

What's the date of his birth?

2304

01:41:57,008 --> 01:42:01,640

May-- two, three days ago.

2305

01:42:01,640 --> 01:42:04,910

January 12, 1947.

2306

01:42:04,910 --> 01:42:06,065

January 12--

2307  
01:42:06,065 --> 01:42:08,420  
January 12, 1947.

2308  
01:42:08,420 --> 01:42:09,373  
Yeah.

2309  
01:42:09,373 --> 01:42:11,910  
And I'm sorry I  
keep interrupting.

2310  
01:42:11,910 --> 01:42:12,830  
But you said that--

2311  
01:42:12,830 --> 01:42:15,590  
did you ever get  
married a second time?

2312  
01:42:15,590 --> 01:42:16,957  
Four more times.

2313  
01:42:16,957 --> 01:42:18,290  
You got married four more times?

2314  
01:42:18,290 --> 01:42:19,280  
Four more times.

2315  
01:42:19,280 --> 01:42:21,590  
I can't even remember the way.

2316  
01:42:21,590 --> 01:42:27,320  
When we had to come to  
America, we had to get married

2317  
01:42:27,320 --> 01:42:34,130  
in Germany because the  
marriage license that I had was

2318  
01:42:34,130 --> 01:42:37,610  
in Hungary, and I wasn't  
supposed to be in Hungary

2319  
01:42:37,610 --> 01:42:41,690  
in order to come to America

as a Bergen-Belsen--

2320  
01:42:41,690 --> 01:42:42,420  
Person.

2321  
01:42:42,420 --> 01:42:43,250  
--person.

2322  
01:42:43,250 --> 01:42:46,130  
It was taken there.

2323  
01:42:46,130 --> 01:42:51,360  
So I got married  
in Bergen-Belsen.

2324  
01:42:51,360 --> 01:42:58,370  
Then I got married in  
Jewish in Bergen-Belsen.

2325  
01:42:58,370 --> 01:43:04,010  
Then when we came to America,  
we had to get married over here,

2326  
01:43:04,010 --> 01:43:05,870  
regular marriage.

2327  
01:43:05,870 --> 01:43:06,680  
Civil marriage.

2328  
01:43:06,680 --> 01:43:07,850  
Civil marriage.

2329  
01:43:07,850 --> 01:43:11,270  
So I was married to the  
same guy four times.

2330  
01:43:11,270 --> 01:43:11,810  
[LAUGHS]

2331  
01:43:11,810 --> 01:43:13,040  
Yes.

2332  
01:43:13,040 --> 01:43:15,070  
Just to make sure.

2333  
01:43:15,070 --> 01:43:16,310  
It was worth it.

2334  
01:43:16,310 --> 01:43:17,660  
It was worth it.

2335  
01:43:17,660 --> 01:43:20,210  
I would do it over  
and over again.

2336  
01:43:20,210 --> 01:43:23,450  
He was a perfect,  
perfect husband.

2337  
01:43:23,450 --> 01:43:26,090  
And so how far was I?

2338  
01:43:26,090 --> 01:43:30,650  
So you were saying that the  
Truman law came in that allow--

2339  
01:43:30,650 --> 01:43:33,360  
and your husband was working  
for the Joint Distribution

2340  
01:43:33,360 --> 01:43:33,860  
Committee.

2341  
01:43:33,860 --> 01:43:38,180  
And somebody said to him,  
a top-notch officer--

2342  
01:43:38,180 --> 01:43:41,980  
he says, if you  
wait long enough,

2343  
01:43:41,980 --> 01:43:44,890  
you could maybe go  
to America because

2344  
01:43:44,890 --> 01:43:48,160  
of that new law, Truman.

2345

01:43:48,160 --> 01:43:50,500

And then I wrote to  
my uncle in Israel.

2346

01:43:50,500 --> 01:43:53,450

He said, if it's true,  
what you're writing to me,

2347

01:43:53,450 --> 01:43:54,965

you better go to America.

2348

01:43:54,965 --> 01:43:58,820

Because right now in  
Israel, it's very bad.

2349

01:43:58,820 --> 01:44:01,520

So that's what we were  
waiting for four years.

2350

01:44:01,520 --> 01:44:05,920

Bobby was 2 and 1/2 years old.

2351

01:44:05,920 --> 01:44:09,460

And they brought us to New York.

2352

01:44:09,460 --> 01:44:10,360

How did you leave?

2353

01:44:10,360 --> 01:44:13,140

How did you come to America?

2354

01:44:13,140 --> 01:44:13,700

By ship?

2355

01:44:13,700 --> 01:44:14,200

By plane?

2356

01:44:14,200 --> 01:44:14,970

By ship.

2357

01:44:14,970 --> 01:44:15,480

By ship.

2358

01:44:15,480 --> 01:44:16,500

By ship.

2359

01:44:16,500 --> 01:44:17,070

By ship.

2360

01:44:17,070 --> 01:44:18,810

Definitely by ship.

2361

01:44:18,810 --> 01:44:24,490

And Bobby, we didn't  
have anything.

2362

01:44:24,490 --> 01:44:29,526

We lived after the war  
in maybe that much of a--

2363

01:44:29,526 --> 01:44:30,930

A small room.

2364

01:44:30,930 --> 01:44:34,870

A small room was my bedroom,  
my bathroom, my kitchen,

2365

01:44:34,870 --> 01:44:37,120

my toilet, everything there.

2366

01:44:37,120 --> 01:44:39,230

And Bobby was born there.

2367

01:44:39,230 --> 01:44:42,378

So I was going to say something.

2368

01:44:42,378 --> 01:44:45,870

2369

01:44:45,870 --> 01:44:50,330

And my husband made--

2370

01:44:50,330 --> 01:44:52,800

we didn't get  
money, what he was.

2371

01:44:52,800 --> 01:44:55,407

And he was never

a Schwarzhändler.

2372

01:44:55,407 --> 01:44:56,490  
Never in the black market.

2373

01:44:56,490 --> 01:44:58,290  
Never in a black market.

2374

01:44:58,290 --> 01:45:02,440  
He was too decent to  
do anything like that.

2375

01:45:02,440 --> 01:45:05,910  
So he was working there  
till we came, too.

2376

01:45:05,910 --> 01:45:09,660  
We had one suitcase for  
the three of us, one.

2377

01:45:09,660 --> 01:45:11,950  
Can you imagine?

2378

01:45:11,950 --> 01:45:14,950  
And then we had a little--

2379

01:45:14,950 --> 01:45:17,740  
like a tricycle,  
a tiny tricycle.

2380

01:45:17,740 --> 01:45:20,620  
Bobby was 2, 2 and 1/2.

2381

01:45:20,620 --> 01:45:25,100  
And we were staying in  
New York for a while.

2382

01:45:25,100 --> 01:45:28,820  
And they said that, your  
time is going to come,

2383

01:45:28,820 --> 01:45:32,030  
and you're going to go to  
Worcester, Massachusetts.



2384

01:45:32,030 --> 01:45:33,650

And they took us on a train.

2385

01:45:33,650 --> 01:45:34,675

And who was this?

2386

01:45:34,675 --> 01:45:35,665

Was this the Joint--

2387

01:45:35,665 --> 01:45:38,270

The Joint Distribution  
Committee.

2388

01:45:38,270 --> 01:45:41,630

They put us on a  
train, the three of us.

2389

01:45:41,630 --> 01:45:47,360

And somebody from the people who  
helped stole the little bicycle

2390

01:45:47,360 --> 01:45:48,740

of Bobby's.

2391

01:45:48,740 --> 01:45:55,010

And anyway, we arrived  
Worcester in 1947.

2392

01:45:55,010 --> 01:45:55,510

No.

2393

01:45:55,510 --> 01:45:58,210

In 1947 is when Bobby's born.

2394

01:45:58,210 --> 01:45:59,480

'49.

2395

01:45:59,480 --> 01:46:00,150

'49.

2396

01:46:00,150 --> 01:46:01,000

'49.

2397

01:46:01,000 --> 01:46:06,730  
[LAUGHS] And I never liked it.

2398  
01:46:06,730 --> 01:46:07,720  
I couldn't stand it.

2399  
01:46:07,720 --> 01:46:09,910  
It was a village for me.

2400  
01:46:09,910 --> 01:46:11,930  
After Budapest.

2401  
01:46:11,930 --> 01:46:13,358  
Have you been?

2402  
01:46:13,358 --> 01:46:13,900  
To Worcester?

2403  
01:46:13,900 --> 01:46:14,400  
Yeah.

2404  
01:46:14,400 --> 01:46:14,950  
No.

2405  
01:46:14,950 --> 01:46:15,370  
To Budapest?

2406  
01:46:15,370 --> 01:46:15,870  
Yes.

2407  
01:46:15,870 --> 01:46:16,600  
Yeah?

2408  
01:46:16,600 --> 01:46:19,050  
When?

2409  
01:46:19,050 --> 01:46:20,020  
Several years ago.

2410  
01:46:20,020 --> 01:46:20,906  
Several years ago.

2411  
01:46:20,906 --> 01:46:21,960

Beautiful city.

2412

01:46:21,960 --> 01:46:27,100  
It was nothing, nothing compared  
what it was before the war.

2413

01:46:27,100 --> 01:46:32,500  
Anyway, we were staying  
for five years in Worcester

2414

01:46:32,500 --> 01:46:35,440  
till somebody said,  
the best thing to stay

2415

01:46:35,440 --> 01:46:37,960  
put till you become citizens.

2416

01:46:37,960 --> 01:46:39,940  
But I was corresponding  
with the world.

2417

01:46:39,940 --> 01:46:41,950  
I couldn't stand Worcester.

2418

01:46:41,950 --> 01:46:44,830  
For me, I was choking there.

2419

01:46:44,830 --> 01:46:49,590  
So Bobby was going to school.

2420

01:46:49,590 --> 01:46:52,930  
He was already six years old.

2421

01:46:52,930 --> 01:46:59,510  
And my husband was also  
corresponding with everybody.

2422

01:46:59,510 --> 01:47:07,430  
And he found out in  
Detroit, Michigan

2423

01:47:07,430 --> 01:47:10,067  
that they looking for bakers.

2424

01:47:10,067 --> 01:47:11,900

Is that what he was  
doing in Worcester, too?

2425

01:47:11,900 --> 01:47:12,860

In Worcester, oh, yeah.

2426

01:47:12,860 --> 01:47:13,943

He was working as a baker.

2427

01:47:13,943 --> 01:47:15,890

As a baker, yeah.

2428

01:47:15,890 --> 01:47:22,950

And [LAUGHS] I went down  
with my son to the bakery,

2429

01:47:22,950 --> 01:47:25,320

and I couldn't find the place.

2430

01:47:25,320 --> 01:47:28,020

So I didn't speak English.

2431

01:47:28,020 --> 01:47:32,100

So when a man comes to me,  
I don't know what he said.

2432

01:47:32,100 --> 01:47:35,360

I said, you speak German?

2433

01:47:35,360 --> 01:47:37,230

He said no.

2434

01:47:37,230 --> 01:47:40,310

I said, are you Jewish?

2435

01:47:40,310 --> 01:47:42,470

He says, I'm sorry.

2436

01:47:42,470 --> 01:47:47,000

I thought that the end  
of the road, somebody

2437

01:47:47,000 --> 01:47:51,380

should say that he's sorry  
that he's not Jewish.

2438  
01:47:51,380 --> 01:47:54,380  
That, I never, ever  
heard in my life.

2439  
01:47:54,380 --> 01:47:57,260  
For that alone was worth  
it to come to America.

2440  
01:47:57,260 --> 01:47:59,790  
[LAUGHS]

2441  
01:47:59,790 --> 01:48:03,980  
And we found the place when  
my husband was working.

2442  
01:48:03,980 --> 01:48:05,388  
This was in Detroit or in--

2443  
01:48:05,388 --> 01:48:05,930  
In Worcester.

2444  
01:48:05,930 --> 01:48:06,618  
In Worcester.

2445  
01:48:06,618 --> 01:48:07,160  
In Worcester.

2446  
01:48:07,160 --> 01:48:08,220  
In Worcester.

2447  
01:48:08,220 --> 01:48:08,720  
No.

2448  
01:48:08,720 --> 01:48:11,420

2449  
01:48:11,420 --> 01:48:13,510  
Then we were there for--

2450  
01:48:13,510 --> 01:48:15,620  
yeah, somebody said

that the best thing

2451

01:48:15,620 --> 01:48:20,030  
to stay put for five years  
till you become citizens.

2452

01:48:20,030 --> 01:48:21,542  
So that's what we did.

2453

01:48:21,542 --> 01:48:22,526  
OK.

2454

01:48:22,526 --> 01:48:31,220  
And we were staying there till  
Carol was maybe a year old.

2455

01:48:31,220 --> 01:48:33,440  
Carol was born in Worcester.

2456

01:48:33,440 --> 01:48:34,430  
Your daughter.

2457

01:48:34,430 --> 01:48:35,090  
Yes.

2458

01:48:35,090 --> 01:48:36,480  
So you have two children?

2459

01:48:36,480 --> 01:48:37,670  
I have two children.

2460

01:48:37,670 --> 01:48:40,430  
The best, the most--

2461

01:48:40,430 --> 01:48:42,840  
nobody has children like I do.

2462

01:48:42,840 --> 01:48:46,420  
So anyway, this boy  
is something else.

2463

01:48:46,420 --> 01:48:49,240  
I cannot describe  
him, how wonderful.

2464  
01:48:49,240 --> 01:48:52,610  
He [? learned ?] that his  
sister has to go up to Atlanta.

2465  
01:48:52,610 --> 01:48:57,230  
He flew down flew down on  
a day when his daughter

2466  
01:48:57,230 --> 01:49:00,080  
had to have a mastectomy.

2467  
01:49:00,080 --> 01:49:02,750  
He came to his mother.

2468  
01:49:02,750 --> 01:49:08,210  
Anyway, that was-- we  
arrived in Detroit.

2469  
01:49:08,210 --> 01:49:09,240  
That's where I am?

2470  
01:49:09,240 --> 01:49:10,350  
Yeah.

2471  
01:49:10,350 --> 01:49:12,560  
You stayed for five  
years in Worcester.

2472  
01:49:12,560 --> 01:49:14,020  
Your daughter was born there.

2473  
01:49:14,020 --> 01:49:16,670  
Yeah, and then my  
husband left the town.

2474  
01:49:16,670 --> 01:49:18,590  
He couldn't stand it anymore.

2475  
01:49:18,590 --> 01:49:22,860  
Somebody-- we were corresponding  
with the whole America.

2476  
01:49:22,860 --> 01:49:26,720

And somebody said that in  
Detroit, they need bakers.

2477  
01:49:26,720 --> 01:49:28,563  
So he flew-- no.

2478  
01:49:28,563 --> 01:49:29,430  
I don't know.

2479  
01:49:29,430 --> 01:49:31,580  
By train, he went to--

2480  
01:49:31,580 --> 01:49:34,600

2481  
01:49:34,600 --> 01:49:35,100  
Detroit.

2482  
01:49:35,100 --> 01:49:37,220  
--Detroit.

2483  
01:49:37,220 --> 01:49:41,040  
And he found a excellent  
job for himself,

2484  
01:49:41,040 --> 01:49:44,510  
although he didn't speak  
the language practically.

2485  
01:49:44,510 --> 01:49:47,920  
And he was OK.

2486  
01:49:47,920 --> 01:49:51,270  
He said that I should  
come with the two

2487  
01:49:51,270 --> 01:49:55,620  
kids, and the apartment,  
to get rid of things.

2488  
01:49:55,620 --> 01:49:56,750  
I didn't know what to do.

2489  
01:49:56,750 --> 01:50:01,460



Carol was trained  
already, toilet trained.

2490  
01:50:01,460 --> 01:50:06,260  
And all the things, I  
forget to bring diapers.

2491  
01:50:06,260 --> 01:50:08,120  
So she went back for another--

2492  
01:50:08,120 --> 01:50:09,680  
I don't know how long.

2493  
01:50:09,680 --> 01:50:17,380  
She was not able to go anymore  
to the bathroom [INAUDIBLE]..

2494  
01:50:17,380 --> 01:50:23,270

2495  
01:50:23,270 --> 01:50:26,360  
All of this was in  
planning to go to Detroit?

2496  
01:50:26,360 --> 01:50:28,910  
All of this was how you were  
preparing to leave Worcester--

2497  
01:50:28,910 --> 01:50:29,410  
Worcester.

2498  
01:50:29,410 --> 01:50:30,950  
--by yourself with the children.

2499  
01:50:30,950 --> 01:50:34,940  
With the children and get rid  
of all this stuff, what we had.

2500  
01:50:34,940 --> 01:50:37,960  
So we arrived there, and  
my husband was waiting.

2501  
01:50:37,960 --> 01:50:43,550  
And he had an apartment  
already for us.

2502  
01:50:43,550 --> 01:50:49,600  
And we were there for '40--

2503  
01:50:49,600 --> 01:50:58,540  
no, '55 till we came to--

2504  
01:50:58,540 --> 01:50:59,480  
Florida?

2505  
01:50:59,480 --> 01:51:00,040  
--Florida.

2506  
01:51:00,040 --> 01:51:00,540  
Yeah.

2507  
01:51:00,540 --> 01:51:02,207  
And how many years  
would that have been?

2508  
01:51:02,207 --> 01:51:04,990  
[? I'd have to ask ?]  
God in heaven.

2509  
01:51:04,990 --> 01:51:09,340  
At least 25 years in Florida.

2510  
01:51:09,340 --> 01:51:10,040  
OK.

2511  
01:51:10,040 --> 01:51:13,580  
So we're talking  
till 1995 maybe?

2512  
01:51:13,580 --> 01:51:16,080  
For 40 years you  
lived in Detroit?

2513  
01:51:16,080 --> 01:51:16,580  
Oh, yeah.

2514  
01:51:16,580 --> 01:51:18,980  
It could be 40 years in Detroit.

2515

01:51:18,980 --> 01:51:19,970

Yes.

2516

01:51:19,970 --> 01:51:22,740

And he had a  
business of his own.

2517

01:51:22,740 --> 01:51:26,120

He was an excellent baker.

2518

01:51:26,120 --> 01:51:29,270

And we came down  
once in a while to--

2519

01:51:29,270 --> 01:51:31,850

2520

01:51:31,850 --> 01:51:32,460

what is the--

2521

01:51:32,460 --> 01:51:33,290

Florida.

2522

01:51:33,290 --> 01:51:34,790

--Florida.

2523

01:51:34,790 --> 01:51:36,880

And we liked it.

2524

01:51:36,880 --> 01:51:42,560

We had family-- not  
family, far from family--

2525

01:51:42,560 --> 01:51:46,310

and friends, a lot of friends.

2526

01:51:46,310 --> 01:51:47,590

So we sold everything.

2527

01:51:47,590 --> 01:51:52,830

Oh, my son moved  
down to Indianapolis.

2528

01:51:52,830 --> 01:51:59,150  
He got a job as a professor  
in the Indiana University.

2529  
01:51:59,150 --> 01:52:04,030  
And we were traveling, going  
every Monday and Tuesday

2530  
01:52:04,030 --> 01:52:06,640  
to see him and the kids.

2531  
01:52:06,640 --> 01:52:09,040  
He had a son and a daughter.

2532  
01:52:09,040 --> 01:52:11,660  
And I was there all the time.

2533  
01:52:11,660 --> 01:52:16,630  
And we bought a little  
condo in Indianapolis.

2534  
01:52:16,630 --> 01:52:20,940  
And we had to sell everything  
because we moved down

2535  
01:52:20,940 --> 01:52:22,500  
to Florida.

2536  
01:52:22,500 --> 01:52:27,150  
And my daughter decided that  
she wants to move with us.

2537  
01:52:27,150 --> 01:52:31,530  
So she came down from  
Detroit and moved in with us.

2538  
01:52:31,530 --> 01:52:38,450  
And then she got married  
and has two best children.

2539  
01:52:38,450 --> 01:52:41,160  
The son, there's  
nobody like this boy.

2540  
01:52:41,160 --> 01:52:43,896

2541  
01:52:43,896 --> 01:52:45,350  
And tell me this.

2542  
01:52:45,350 --> 01:52:47,960

2543  
01:52:47,960 --> 01:52:54,230  
We've just been introduced to  
your husband in a most unusual

2544  
01:52:54,230 --> 01:52:57,410  
way, first as the person  
who comes in the air raid

2545  
01:52:57,410 --> 01:53:00,920  
shelter who offers to  
marry you, and then

2546  
01:53:00,920 --> 01:53:02,570  
as the one who  
pulls you into what

2547  
01:53:02,570 --> 01:53:06,560  
is the false Swiss consulate,  
and then who eventually

2548  
01:53:06,560 --> 01:53:11,610  
really becomes your husband,  
and you marry him four times.

2549  
01:53:11,610 --> 01:53:12,950  
Tell me this.

2550  
01:53:12,950 --> 01:53:14,630  
What was his story?

2551  
01:53:14,630 --> 01:53:16,040  
Did he have brothers  
and sisters?

2552  
01:53:16,040 --> 01:53:16,730  
Yes.

2553

01:53:16,730 --> 01:53:19,172

Did he have anybody  
who survived the war?

2554

01:53:19,172 --> 01:53:19,880

Yes, his brother.

2555

01:53:19,880 --> 01:53:20,380

Tell me.

2556

01:53:20,380 --> 01:53:21,380

Tell me where he's from.

2557

01:53:21,380 --> 01:53:25,745

He's from a village next  
to a bigger village--

2558

01:53:25,745 --> 01:53:26,960

In Hungary.

2559

01:53:26,960 --> 01:53:28,370

--in Hungary.

2560

01:53:28,370 --> 01:53:32,450

His parents had a shah-loon.

2561

01:53:32,450 --> 01:53:33,830

I don't know if you know what--

2562

01:53:33,830 --> 01:53:34,930

where they drink.

2563

01:53:34,930 --> 01:53:35,510

Uh-huh.

2564

01:53:35,510 --> 01:53:36,480

Oh, a saloon.

2565

01:53:36,480 --> 01:53:36,980

A saloon.

2566

01:53:36,980 --> 01:53:37,310

Oh.

2567  
01:53:37,310 --> 01:53:38,060  
They had a saloon.

2568  
01:53:38,060 --> 01:53:39,080  
OK.

2569  
01:53:39,080 --> 01:53:44,260  
And the parents passed  
away he was young.

2570  
01:53:44,260 --> 01:53:48,010  
The sister got married,  
who has two children

2571  
01:53:48,010 --> 01:53:50,860  
and continued the business.

2572  
01:53:50,860 --> 01:53:55,990  
And the brother moved  
off to Budapest.

2573  
01:53:55,990 --> 01:54:00,700  
And they lived together  
once for a short time.

2574  
01:54:00,700 --> 01:54:07,150  
And they took the sister  
with the two children.

2575  
01:54:07,150 --> 01:54:14,310  
They took his brother with  
the brother-in-law to Germany.

2576  
01:54:14,310 --> 01:54:18,120  
And the brother-- they were  
liberated somewhere, the both

2577  
01:54:18,120 --> 01:54:21,690  
of them, the two  
brother-in-laws.

2578  
01:54:21,690 --> 01:54:26,970  
And the husband of  
the sister found out

2579

01:54:26,970 --> 01:54:30,350

what happened to the  
wife and the children,

2580

01:54:30,350 --> 01:54:32,700

that they took  
them to Auschwitz.

2581

01:54:32,700 --> 01:54:34,900

He didn't want to  
live any longer.

2582

01:54:34,900 --> 01:54:42,400

He was very thin already  
and not in a good health.

2583

01:54:42,400 --> 01:54:48,370

But he refused to eat,  
and he died after the war.

2584

01:54:48,370 --> 01:54:51,920

And the brother came  
back to Hungary,

2585

01:54:51,920 --> 01:54:55,440

married, had a  
beautiful daughter,

2586

01:54:55,440 --> 01:54:58,600

and a top-notch position  
by the communist.

2587

01:54:58,600 --> 01:55:03,850

He was the bigger communist  
than Stalin, I'm telling you.

2588

01:55:03,850 --> 01:55:06,830

And they all passed away.

2589

01:55:06,830 --> 01:55:10,215

Even the daughter passed  
of a early breast cancer.

2590

01:55:10,215 --> 01:55:14,850



2591  
01:55:14,850 --> 01:55:18,660  
So he stayed in Hungary  
while you and Gabor left?

2592  
01:55:18,660 --> 01:55:20,420  
Oh, he came to America.

2593  
01:55:20,420 --> 01:55:22,150  
We brought him to America.

2594  
01:55:22,150 --> 01:55:23,830  
He didn't like anything.

2595  
01:55:23,830 --> 01:55:25,090  
Did he go back?

2596  
01:55:25,090 --> 01:55:26,110  
Oh, yes.

2597  
01:55:26,110 --> 01:55:28,502  
He didn't like  
anything over here.

2598  
01:55:28,502 --> 01:55:30,570  
He went back to Budapest.

2599  
01:55:30,570 --> 01:55:32,420  
Yeah, yeah.

2600  
01:55:32,420 --> 01:55:34,210  
Tell me this part.

2601  
01:55:34,210 --> 01:55:36,490  
We didn't really  
talk about this.

2602  
01:55:36,490 --> 01:55:39,920  
When you were  
liberated, you were

2603  
01:55:39,920 --> 01:55:42,200  
liberated by the Soviet Army.

2604  
01:55:42,200 --> 01:55:43,100  
Is that right?

2605  
01:55:43,100 --> 01:55:44,150  
Yes.

2606  
01:55:44,150 --> 01:55:46,576  
What was that like?

2607  
01:55:46,576 --> 01:55:51,830  
When that happened, were you  
still in the glass house?

2608  
01:55:51,830 --> 01:55:53,210  
Yes.

2609  
01:55:53,210 --> 01:55:55,590  
I was in the glass house.

2610  
01:55:55,590 --> 01:55:58,160  
And we found out that  
we were liberated.

2611  
01:55:58,160 --> 01:56:01,630  
So we left the glass house.

2612  
01:56:01,630 --> 01:56:05,000  
In worn-torn  
Budapest, people were

2613  
01:56:05,000 --> 01:56:08,680  
laying on the middle of  
the street with horses.

2614  
01:56:08,680 --> 01:56:14,830  
People were cutting pieces from  
horses to have meat to eat.

2615  
01:56:14,830 --> 01:56:17,920  
And went back to my apartment.

2616  
01:56:17,920 --> 01:56:22,760  
I found people were living  
there who never belonged there.

2617  
01:56:22,760 --> 01:56:24,310  
And I didn't want to stay.

2618  
01:56:24,310 --> 01:56:25,840  
The apartment that you had--

2619  
01:56:25,840 --> 01:56:27,310  
in your home, your real home?

2620  
01:56:27,310 --> 01:56:29,020  
My own home, yeah.

2621  
01:56:29,020 --> 01:56:32,410  
And phoned my aunt.

2622  
01:56:32,410 --> 01:56:39,740  
I phoned a few aunts and uncles  
and cousins after the war.

2623  
01:56:39,740 --> 01:56:42,650  
They were hiding in Budapest.

2624  
01:56:42,650 --> 01:56:49,000  
And then we went  
down to this village

2625  
01:56:49,000 --> 01:56:52,628  
where my husband was born,  
stayed there for a while.

2626  
01:56:52,628 --> 01:56:53,920  
He was a policeman, I told you.

2627  
01:56:53,920 --> 01:56:56,380  
How long was he a policeman  
for in this village?

2628  
01:56:56,380 --> 01:56:57,340  
Months.

2629  
01:56:57,340 --> 01:56:58,430  
Just a few months.

2630  
01:56:58,430 --> 01:57:00,760  
Just till they found  
out that he's Jewish.

2631  
01:57:00,760 --> 01:57:02,430  
So they shot him.

2632  
01:57:02,430 --> 01:57:03,610  
Oh, yeah.

2633  
01:57:03,610 --> 01:57:04,930  
And he said that's it.

2634  
01:57:04,930 --> 01:57:05,950  
[INAUDIBLE]

2635  
01:57:05,950 --> 01:57:09,710  
He doesn't want to stay  
in Hungary anymore.

2636  
01:57:09,710 --> 01:57:13,870  
So we went-- after the war, we  
went to Bergen-Belsen to find

2637  
01:57:13,870 --> 01:57:14,410  
my--

2638  
01:57:14,410 --> 01:57:17,320  
Did you have difficulties  
leaving Hungary at that time?

2639  
01:57:17,320 --> 01:57:18,910  
It wasn't easy.

2640  
01:57:18,910 --> 01:57:23,230  
But we went by foot,  
by top of the trains,

2641  
01:57:23,230 --> 01:57:25,700  
and many different ways.

2642  
01:57:25,700 --> 01:57:26,980  
What about documents?

2643  
01:57:26,980 --> 01:57:30,310  
Did you have any documents,  
or did you need any documents?

2644  
01:57:30,310 --> 01:57:32,460  
I don't think that--

2645  
01:57:32,460 --> 01:57:33,010  
no.

2646  
01:57:33,010 --> 01:57:34,070  
I don't know if I--

2647  
01:57:34,070 --> 01:57:36,470  
I must have had papers.

2648  
01:57:36,470 --> 01:57:39,470  
But no, they didn't care.

2649  
01:57:39,470 --> 01:57:41,840  
They didn't want Jew papers.

2650  
01:57:41,840 --> 01:57:45,320  
We were illegals all  
over, all the time,

2651  
01:57:45,320 --> 01:57:48,850  
till we reached  
Bergen. And that's

2652  
01:57:48,850 --> 01:57:52,600  
where we were staying  
till we came to America.

2653  
01:57:52,600 --> 01:57:57,610  
When you were in  
Bergen-Belsen, or in Bergen,

2654  
01:57:57,610 --> 01:58:00,790  
did you get refugee status  
as displaced people?

2655  
01:58:00,790 --> 01:58:01,680  
Oh, yeah.

2656  
01:58:01,680 --> 01:58:02,440  
OK.

2657  
01:58:02,440 --> 01:58:03,010  
Oh, yeah.

2658  
01:58:03,010 --> 01:58:07,120  
We got food free,  
a little room, I

2659  
01:58:07,120 --> 01:58:14,320  
told you, in one of the barracks  
where the soldiers used to be.

2660  
01:58:14,320 --> 01:58:16,120  
But we had to wait.

2661  
01:58:16,120 --> 01:58:19,450  
And did you have any  
interaction with local people?

2662  
01:58:19,450 --> 01:58:20,810  
Never.

2663  
01:58:20,810 --> 01:58:22,690  
Never, never.

2664  
01:58:22,690 --> 01:58:26,680  
That was a separate little  
town where the German soldiers

2665  
01:58:26,680 --> 01:58:30,550  
were staying that became empty.

2666  
01:58:30,550 --> 01:58:33,010  
And we never had anything to--

2667  
01:58:33,010 --> 01:58:40,460  
one day, I remember  
I got so skinny,

2668  
01:58:40,460 --> 01:58:45,470  
and Bobby couldn't hold

his head after the war.

2669

01:58:45,470 --> 01:58:50,810  
There was no food or I didn't  
know how to feed him probably.

2670

01:58:50,810 --> 01:58:56,240  
So they send us to a resort  
place, and we were there.

2671

01:58:56,240 --> 01:58:57,440  
We had everything.

2672

01:58:57,440 --> 01:59:03,410  
Under Jewish organization, we  
were there for a while and then

2673

01:59:03,410 --> 01:59:06,810  
went back to the  
so-called camp--

2674

01:59:06,810 --> 01:59:09,020  
it wasn't a camp anymore--

2675

01:59:09,020 --> 01:59:13,070  
and stayed there and waited  
till we were allowed to come.

2676

01:59:13,070 --> 01:59:15,620  
Do you know what  
the resort name was?

2677

01:59:15,620 --> 01:59:16,460  
You don't remember.

2678

01:59:16,460 --> 01:59:17,315  
Was it by the sea?

2679

01:59:17,315 --> 01:59:18,315  
Was it in the mountains?

2680

01:59:18,315 --> 01:59:19,320  
No, no.

2681

01:59:19,320 --> 01:59:20,570  
It was-- no.

2682  
01:59:20,570 --> 01:59:23,337  
It was next the village.

2683  
01:59:23,337 --> 01:59:23,920  
I didn't know.

2684  
01:59:23,920 --> 01:59:26,210  
Oh, so it could've been like  
a sanatorium or something

2685  
01:59:26,210 --> 01:59:27,215  
like that.

2686  
01:59:27,215 --> 01:59:28,520  
I don't remember.

2687  
01:59:28,520 --> 01:59:29,390  
OK.

2688  
01:59:29,390 --> 01:59:30,715  
I don't remember.

2689  
01:59:30,715 --> 01:59:34,380  
So anyway, that's what it was.

2690  
01:59:34,380 --> 01:59:36,230  
Did you go back to Hungary ever?

2691  
01:59:36,230 --> 01:59:37,710  
Oh, many times

2692  
01:59:37,710 --> 01:59:38,210  
Yeah?

2693  
01:59:38,210 --> 01:59:39,620  
Many times we went.

2694  
01:59:39,620 --> 01:59:43,980  
I took the whole  
family to Hungary.



2695

01:59:43,980 --> 01:59:49,380

I went back with my  
husband to see his brother.

2696

01:59:49,380 --> 01:59:49,880

Yeah.

2697

01:59:49,880 --> 01:59:53,420

But I never wanted to live  
there under the communist.

2698

01:59:53,420 --> 01:59:55,270

They took away our apartment.

2699

01:59:55,270 --> 01:59:58,732

They took everything  
away, whatever I had.

2700

01:59:58,732 --> 02:00:02,390

Did you ever feel--

2701

02:00:02,390 --> 02:00:05,150

it could be a mixed  
feeling because the Soviets

2702

02:00:05,150 --> 02:00:05,990

were liberators.

2703

02:00:05,990 --> 02:00:06,860

Yes.

2704

02:00:06,860 --> 02:00:10,010

But did you ever feel fear  
from any of the soldiers?

2705

02:00:10,010 --> 02:00:12,770

Because there was talk  
also that the soldiers

2706

02:00:12,770 --> 02:00:14,680

didn't behave very well.

2707

02:00:14,680 --> 02:00:15,340

The Russian.

2708  
02:00:15,340 --> 02:00:15,840  
Yeah.

2709  
02:00:15,840 --> 02:00:16,490  
Yeah.

2710  
02:00:16,490 --> 02:00:17,610  
No, I didn't--

2711  
02:00:17,610 --> 02:00:19,120  
You didn't have any of those--

2712  
02:00:19,120 --> 02:00:25,010  
And I never had any real  
connections with the Soviets.

2713  
02:00:25,010 --> 02:00:25,940  
Yeah.

2714  
02:00:25,940 --> 02:00:28,580  
So that's the way it goes.

2715  
02:00:28,580 --> 02:00:32,510  
I have the most wonderful  
two children in the world.

2716  
02:00:32,510 --> 02:00:33,500  
I'm telling you.

2717  
02:00:33,500 --> 02:00:37,240  
Can you imagine staying  
with them for years

2718  
02:00:37,240 --> 02:00:39,410  
already, for years?

2719  
02:00:39,410 --> 02:00:39,960  
Yeah.

2720  
02:00:39,960 --> 02:00:43,220  
And the son-in-law and  
the daughter-in-law,

2721  
02:00:43,220 --> 02:00:45,945  
perfect, beautiful, great.

2722  
02:00:45,945 --> 02:00:48,160  
Well, it's quite a testament.

2723  
02:00:48,160 --> 02:00:50,400  
Quite a testament.

2724  
02:00:50,400 --> 02:00:51,390  
Tell me.

2725  
02:00:51,390 --> 02:00:56,850  
We've now covered  
a lot of territory.

2726  
02:00:56,850 --> 02:00:58,440  
Is there anything  
else you'd like

2727  
02:00:58,440 --> 02:01:02,910  
to add before we finish  
our interview of--

2728  
02:01:02,910 --> 02:01:04,150  
Like what?

2729  
02:01:04,150 --> 02:01:06,450  
Well, something that you  
think is important for people

2730  
02:01:06,450 --> 02:01:09,930  
to know about if  
they hear your story,

2731  
02:01:09,930 --> 02:01:12,510  
if they hear  
different parts of it,

2732  
02:01:12,510 --> 02:01:15,780  
what you'd want them to  
understand from all that you

2733  
02:01:15,780 --> 02:01:17,610

went through.

2734

02:01:17,610 --> 02:01:22,960  
I'm not sure if  
didn't who ever, never

2735

02:01:22,960 --> 02:01:25,620  
went to that could understand.

2736

02:01:25,620 --> 02:01:30,990  
There is no way for me  
to tell you this story.

2737

02:01:30,990 --> 02:01:34,190  
This is just the minimum  
what I could tell.

2738

02:01:34,190 --> 02:01:39,620  
This is nothing compared  
to the real stories.

2739

02:01:39,620 --> 02:01:43,050  
So maybe [? it's ?]  
[? was ?] [? nice. ?]

2740

02:01:43,050 --> 02:01:45,530  
Your father and your  
mother, whom you lost--

2741

02:01:45,530 --> 02:01:51,640

2742

02:01:51,640 --> 02:01:54,160  
how to put this.

2743

02:01:54,160 --> 02:01:55,570  
If you could speak  
to them today,

2744

02:01:55,570 --> 02:01:57,920  
what would you tell them?

2745

02:01:57,920 --> 02:02:00,850  
That I had a perfect,  
beautiful life.

2746  
02:02:00,850 --> 02:02:01,980  
And I miss them.

2747  
02:02:01,980 --> 02:02:06,410  
There is not a night  
that I'm not with them.

2748  
02:02:06,410 --> 02:02:10,730  
There is never a minute that  
I'm not-- that something

2749  
02:02:10,730 --> 02:02:13,160  
reminds me of my family.

2750  
02:02:13,160 --> 02:02:16,590  
And that's the way I have to go.

2751  
02:02:16,590 --> 02:02:18,920  
I have to live like that.

2752  
02:02:18,920 --> 02:02:30,482  
So I had a beautiful childhood  
and a wonderful family

2753  
02:02:30,482 --> 02:02:33,962  
after the war, really, really.

2754  
02:02:33,962 --> 02:02:38,310  
Do you ever see anybody living  
with their own children?

2755  
02:02:38,310 --> 02:02:39,170  
Many people do.

2756  
02:02:39,170 --> 02:02:39,670  
Yeah?

2757  
02:02:39,670 --> 02:02:41,100  
But not all of them are happy.

2758  
02:02:41,100 --> 02:02:41,600  
Oh.

2759  
02:02:41,600 --> 02:02:45,100

2760  
02:02:45,100 --> 02:02:49,850  
And my daughter-in-law,  
she is so good to me.

2761  
02:02:49,850 --> 02:02:53,490  
There is not a day that  
she doesn't call me

2762  
02:02:53,490 --> 02:02:55,920  
or my son, every day.

2763  
02:02:55,920 --> 02:02:56,700  
Yeah.

2764  
02:02:56,700 --> 02:02:59,780  
[INAUDIBLE]

2765  
02:02:59,780 --> 02:03:00,290  
Thank you.

2766  
02:03:00,290 --> 02:03:01,440  
[INAUDIBLE]

2767  
02:03:01,440 --> 02:03:01,940  
Thank you.

2768  
02:03:01,940 --> 02:03:05,870

2769  
02:03:05,870 --> 02:03:08,640  
It's a hard story  
that we were hearing,

2770  
02:03:08,640 --> 02:03:11,540  
and it's a hard one  
for you to share.

2771  
02:03:11,540 --> 02:03:13,970  
But I very much appreciate it.

2772

02:03:13,970 --> 02:03:17,680  
I'm so glad that you came,  
although the story, what

2773  
02:03:17,680 --> 02:03:21,590  
I am telling you, is not  
even 1% of this story.

2774  
02:03:21,590 --> 02:03:22,430  
I understand.

2775  
02:03:22,430 --> 02:03:24,950  
We can't cover--  
in a few hours--

2776  
02:03:24,950 --> 02:03:26,220  
No, no, no.

2777  
02:03:26,220 --> 02:03:29,030  
What we covered,  
it's impossible.

2778  
02:03:29,030 --> 02:03:30,530  
I want you to see the--

2779  
02:03:30,530 --> 02:03:32,100  
We will do that.

2780  
02:03:32,100 --> 02:03:33,680  
What we'll do right  
now, though, is

2781  
02:03:33,680 --> 02:03:36,080  
I'll formally end the  
interview, and then

2782  
02:03:36,080 --> 02:03:37,903  
we will film some  
of the photographs,

2783  
02:03:37,903 --> 02:03:39,320  
and you'll tell  
me what's in them.

2784  
02:03:39,320 --> 02:03:39,820

OK.

2785  
02:03:39,820 --> 02:03:40,550  
OK?

2786  
02:03:40,550 --> 02:03:43,010  
So I'll say that  
for this part, this

2787  
02:03:43,010 --> 02:03:46,700  
concludes the United States  
Holocaust Memorial Museum

2788  
02:03:46,700 --> 02:03:53,900  
interview with Mrs. Elizabeth  
Sandy on January 15, 2020

2789  
02:03:53,900 --> 02:03:55,940  
in Boca Raton, Florida.

2790  
02:03:55,940 --> 02:03:58,025  
And some photos are  
going to be following.

2791  
02:03:58,025 --> 02:03:58,630  
That's great.

2792  
02:03:58,630 --> 02:03:59,210  
Thank you.

2793  
02:03:59,210 --> 02:03:59,720  
Thank you.

2794  
02:03:59,720 --> 02:04:02,012  
Thank you very much  
for all of you.

2795  
02:04:02,012 --> 02:04:02,720  
That's beautiful.

2796  
02:04:02,720 --> 02:04:05,930  
Now stay where you  
are for right--

2797



02:04:05,930 --> 02:04:06,921  
Speed.

2798  
02:04:06,921 --> 02:04:09,230  
Sound speeds.

2799  
02:04:09,230 --> 02:04:13,050  
So Mrs. Sandy, tell me, who  
is this lovely little baby?

2800  
02:04:13,050 --> 02:04:14,630  
This isn't Mrs. Sandy.

2801  
02:04:14,630 --> 02:04:15,530  
This is Mrs. Sandy?

2802  
02:04:15,530 --> 02:04:17,330  
This is Mrs. Sandy.

2803  
02:04:17,330 --> 02:04:17,950  
Yeah.

2804  
02:04:17,950 --> 02:04:20,645  
I wasn't not a  
year old probably.

2805  
02:04:20,645 --> 02:04:23,790  
I don't know how I  
found the picture.

2806  
02:04:23,790 --> 02:04:24,420  
OK?

2807  
02:04:24,420 --> 02:04:26,540  
OK, so that was  
when you was a baby.

2808  
02:04:26,540 --> 02:04:27,050  
Yes.

2809  
02:04:27,050 --> 02:04:28,830  
1923, 1924.

2810  
02:04:28,830 --> 02:04:29,570

Yes.

2811  
02:04:29,570 --> 02:04:30,490  
Something like that.

2812  
02:04:30,490 --> 02:04:30,990  
OK.

2813  
02:04:30,990 --> 02:04:31,730  
Thank you.

2814  
02:04:31,730 --> 02:04:32,450  
Do you want me to cut or just--

2815  
02:04:32,450 --> 02:04:33,500  
And then just pan.

2816  
02:04:33,500 --> 02:04:34,635  
Just keep moving.

2817  
02:04:34,635 --> 02:04:36,415  
I'll move to these  
two [INAUDIBLE]..

2818  
02:04:36,415 --> 02:04:37,700  
Yeah, and these two.

2819  
02:04:37,700 --> 02:04:41,270  
Now this is-- tell me about  
these two photographs,

2820  
02:04:41,270 --> 02:04:45,960  
both the one where there's the  
back and in front of the car.

2821  
02:04:45,960 --> 02:04:47,180  
Standing in front of the car.

2822  
02:04:47,180 --> 02:04:50,090  
I don't know when it was taken.

2823  
02:04:50,090 --> 02:04:51,020  
I don't know the year.

2824  
02:04:51,020 --> 02:04:51,710  
Uh-huh.

2825  
02:04:51,710 --> 02:04:53,060  
But this is yourself.

2826  
02:04:53,060 --> 02:04:54,490  
Yes, that's me, both of them.

2827  
02:04:54,490 --> 02:04:56,180  
Both photos of you.

2828  
02:04:56,180 --> 02:04:59,060  
And this is the one in  
front of the family car.

2829  
02:04:59,060 --> 02:05:00,560  
Yes, I suppose.

2830  
02:05:00,560 --> 02:05:02,920  
So that would be before the war.

2831  
02:05:02,920 --> 02:05:03,860  
Before the war.

2832  
02:05:03,860 --> 02:05:04,600  
Yeah.

2833  
02:05:04,600 --> 02:05:06,170  
And this is before the war.

2834  
02:05:06,170 --> 02:05:09,680  
OK, so you're a young  
lady, a young teenage lady.

2835  
02:05:09,680 --> 02:05:10,760  
OK, fine.

2836  
02:05:10,760 --> 02:05:14,770  
Let's see what else  
we can find here.

2837  
02:05:14,770 --> 02:05:15,730

Yeah.

2838

02:05:15,730 --> 02:05:19,270

This is definitely before  
the war in our house.

2839

02:05:19,270 --> 02:05:21,230

This is also--

2840

02:05:21,230 --> 02:05:25,040

So would have this been in  
the early 1940s, that is,

2841

02:05:25,040 --> 02:05:27,610

before Germany invades Hungary?

2842

02:05:27,610 --> 02:05:29,510

Before Germany invades Hungary.

2843

02:05:29,510 --> 02:05:33,140

But would it be after 1939?

2844

02:05:33,140 --> 02:05:34,310

Oh, yeah.

2845

02:05:34,310 --> 02:05:36,730

Because it looks like  
you're a little older here,

2846

02:05:36,730 --> 02:05:39,140

like you'd be 18  
or 19 or something.

2847

02:05:39,140 --> 02:05:39,640

Could be.

2848

02:05:39,640 --> 02:05:40,340

Yeah.

2849

02:05:40,340 --> 02:05:41,030

OK.

2850

02:05:41,030 --> 02:05:42,890

And both photographs are of you.

2851  
02:05:42,890 --> 02:05:43,580  
Yes.

2852  
02:05:43,580 --> 02:05:44,080  
OK.

2853  
02:05:44,080 --> 02:05:47,981

2854  
02:05:47,981 --> 02:05:48,481  
OK.

2855  
02:05:48,481 --> 02:05:54,349

2856  
02:05:54,349 --> 02:05:57,790  
Get this thing off.

2857  
02:05:57,790 --> 02:05:58,320  
Can we cut?

2858  
02:05:58,320 --> 02:05:59,306  
Yes, cutting.

2859  
02:05:59,306 --> 02:06:00,655  
Camera speeding.

2860  
02:06:00,655 --> 02:06:02,050  
OK.

2861  
02:06:02,050 --> 02:06:05,466  
And Mrs. Sandy, who is the  
couple here to the left?

2862  
02:06:05,466 --> 02:06:08,280  
I think it's me and my husband.

2863  
02:06:08,280 --> 02:06:09,260  
Gabor?

2864  
02:06:09,260 --> 02:06:09,855  
Yes.

2865  
02:06:09,855 --> 02:06:10,867  
Uh-huh.

2866  
02:06:10,867 --> 02:06:12,450  
So this would have  
been after the war.

2867  
02:06:12,450 --> 02:06:13,710  
After the war.

2868  
02:06:13,710 --> 02:06:14,560  
After the war.

2869  
02:06:14,560 --> 02:06:16,043  
And this is before the war.

2870  
02:06:16,043 --> 02:06:16,960  
The three girls there?

2871  
02:06:16,960 --> 02:06:17,710  
Yes.

2872  
02:06:17,710 --> 02:06:21,100  
And who would have that  
been, the three girls?

2873  
02:06:21,100 --> 02:06:22,480  
Just friends.

2874  
02:06:22,480 --> 02:06:23,000  
OK.

2875  
02:06:23,000 --> 02:06:24,740  
The two of them  
are just friends.

2876  
02:06:24,740 --> 02:06:25,630  
OK.

2877  
02:06:25,630 --> 02:06:26,800  
And yourself.

2878

02:06:26,800 --> 02:06:27,800  
And myself.

2879  
02:06:27,800 --> 02:06:28,610  
OK.

2880  
02:06:28,610 --> 02:06:29,110  
Thank you.

2881  
02:06:29,110 --> 02:06:32,814  
[INAUDIBLE] There is a date.

2882  
02:06:32,814 --> 02:06:33,710  
All right.

2883  
02:06:33,710 --> 02:06:34,210  
Cool

2884  
02:06:34,210 --> 02:06:34,710  
OK.

2885  
02:06:34,710 --> 02:06:35,440  
[INAUDIBLE]

2886  
02:06:35,440 --> 02:06:37,040  
In Budapest.

2887  
02:06:37,040 --> 02:06:38,300  
Before the Germans come?

2888  
02:06:38,300 --> 02:06:39,070  
Oh, yeah.

2889  
02:06:39,070 --> 02:06:40,764  
OK.

2890  
02:06:40,764 --> 02:06:42,676  
OK.

2891  
02:06:42,676 --> 02:06:43,632  
[INAUDIBLE]

2892  
02:06:43,632 --> 02:06:46,990

2893  
02:06:46,990 --> 02:06:48,160  
Also with friends?

2894  
02:06:48,160 --> 02:06:49,575  
Yeah.

2895  
02:06:49,575 --> 02:06:50,625  
In Budapest.

2896  
02:06:50,625 --> 02:06:51,750  
In Budapest.

2897  
02:06:51,750 --> 02:06:53,920  
OK, I'm going to cut before  
moving on to that side.

2898  
02:06:53,920 --> 02:06:54,650  
OK.

2899  
02:06:54,650 --> 02:06:55,150  
Ready, John?

2900  
02:06:55,150 --> 02:06:55,600  
Cutting.

2901  
02:06:55,600 --> 02:06:55,720  
Cutting.

2902  
02:06:55,720 --> 02:06:56,220  
Speed.

2903  
02:06:56,220 --> 02:06:59,080  
--anyone tell you that  
we had to sell my home?

2904  
02:06:59,080 --> 02:07:00,880  
Oh, so this is you  
at your summer home?

2905  
02:07:00,880 --> 02:07:01,420  
Yes.



2906

02:07:01,420 --> 02:07:03,400

In the bathing suit.

2907

02:07:03,400 --> 02:07:05,830

And the one next to it looks  
like you're in a phone booth.

2908

02:07:05,830 --> 02:07:06,880

Yes.

2909

02:07:06,880 --> 02:07:07,450

All right.

2910

02:07:07,450 --> 02:07:09,195

Somebody made a picture of me.

2911

02:07:09,195 --> 02:07:10,190

OK.

2912

02:07:10,190 --> 02:07:10,690

OK.

2913

02:07:10,690 --> 02:07:15,090

2914

02:07:15,090 --> 02:07:17,750

And this is the two  
friends of mine.

2915

02:07:17,750 --> 02:07:18,740

Mm-hmm.

2916

02:07:18,740 --> 02:07:21,560

Looks like it was the same  
time as some of the others

2917

02:07:21,560 --> 02:07:23,780

were taken, same hat, I see.

2918

02:07:23,780 --> 02:07:24,770

Oh, yeah.

2919

02:07:24,770 --> 02:07:25,800

Must be.

2920

02:07:25,800 --> 02:07:28,250  
Or the same picture maybe it is.

2921

02:07:28,250 --> 02:07:29,750  
Mm-hmm.

2922

02:07:29,750 --> 02:07:33,920  
OK, and then let's  
go further down.

2923

02:07:33,920 --> 02:07:36,266  
That's me with a cousin.

2924

02:07:36,266 --> 02:07:37,177  
And it's me--

2925

02:07:37,177 --> 02:07:37,760  
And that's us.

2926

02:07:37,760 --> 02:07:38,820  
--before the war.

2927

02:07:38,820 --> 02:07:41,640  
OK.

2928

02:07:41,640 --> 02:07:44,190  
OK, we have another--

2929

02:07:44,190 --> 02:07:45,670  
thank you very much.

2930

02:07:45,670 --> 02:07:47,640  
We will now have another--

2931

02:07:47,640 --> 02:07:48,140  
cut.

2932

02:07:48,140 --> 02:07:49,650  
Cut.

2933

02:07:49,650 --> 02:07:50,610

OK.

2934

02:07:50,610 --> 02:07:52,290  
Who is this lady in  
the bathing suit?

2935

02:07:52,290 --> 02:07:54,030  
My husband's sister.

2936

02:07:54,030 --> 02:07:56,370  
What was her name, do you know?

2937

02:07:56,370 --> 02:07:57,020  
Gissy.

2938

02:07:57,020 --> 02:07:57,520  
Gissy.

2939

02:07:57,520 --> 02:07:58,410  
Giselle.

2940

02:07:58,410 --> 02:07:59,470  
Giselle Schwarz.

2941

02:07:59,470 --> 02:07:59,970  
Yes.

2942

02:07:59,970 --> 02:08:01,512  
And then she had a  
married name, too.

2943

02:08:01,512 --> 02:08:03,030  
Yes.

2944

02:08:03,030 --> 02:08:05,370  
What was her married name?

2945

02:08:05,370 --> 02:08:06,868  
I can't think of it.

2946

02:08:06,868 --> 02:08:08,160  
But she didn't survive the war.

2947

02:08:08,160 --> 02:08:09,232  
No.

2948  
02:08:09,232 --> 02:08:09,890  
OK.

2949  
02:08:09,890 --> 02:08:10,390  
And it was--

2950  
02:08:10,390 --> 02:08:11,130  
And the two kids.

2951  
02:08:11,130 --> 02:08:15,640  
They took her in the  
gas chamber right away.

2952  
02:08:15,640 --> 02:08:20,100  
And so when her husband survived  
the war, he's the one who--

2953  
02:08:20,100 --> 02:08:22,170  
Who found out what happened.

2954  
02:08:22,170 --> 02:08:23,560  
He didn't want to leave.

2955  
02:08:23,560 --> 02:08:24,540  
OK.

2956  
02:08:24,540 --> 02:08:26,540  
He never came back to Hungary.

2957  
02:08:26,540 --> 02:08:28,510  
OK.

2958  
02:08:28,510 --> 02:08:29,860  
And then let's see what the--

2959  
02:08:29,860 --> 02:08:31,930  
can we pan now to--

2960  
02:08:31,930 --> 02:08:33,460  
just below, yes.

2961  
02:08:33,460 --> 02:08:34,750  
My brother.

2962  
02:08:34,750 --> 02:08:35,890  
This is your brother.

2963  
02:08:35,890 --> 02:08:37,570  
That's my brother.

2964  
02:08:37,570 --> 02:08:39,390  
Istvan.

2965  
02:08:39,390 --> 02:08:41,270  
Garbovits.

2966  
02:08:41,270 --> 02:08:43,690  
This is-- I don't know.

2967  
02:08:43,690 --> 02:08:46,150  
On the left, it says 1943.

2968  
02:08:46,150 --> 02:08:47,600  
Yeah.

2969  
02:08:47,600 --> 02:08:50,900  
To a swimming place.

2970  
02:08:50,900 --> 02:08:53,580  
He had a season to  
get or whatever.

2971  
02:08:53,580 --> 02:08:54,540  
He could go in.

2972  
02:08:54,540 --> 02:08:56,000  
OK.

2973  
02:08:56,000 --> 02:08:57,350  
He was just a young kid.

2974  
02:08:57,350 --> 02:08:58,090  
He was.

2975

02:08:58,090 --> 02:09:00,080  
He was 16 when they took him.

2976

02:09:00,080 --> 02:09:01,780  
Yeah.

2977

02:09:01,780 --> 02:09:05,760  
So there he is, Steven  
Garbovits, Istvan Garbovits.

2978

02:09:05,760 --> 02:09:06,820  
Does it say it?

2979

02:09:06,820 --> 02:09:07,945  
Yeah, it says it.

2980

02:09:07,945 --> 02:09:09,820  
It says it.

2981

02:09:09,820 --> 02:09:11,500  
OK, and let's go further down.

2982

02:09:11,500 --> 02:09:14,916

2983

02:09:14,916 --> 02:09:16,970  
And this is Arnold Garbovits.

2984

02:09:16,970 --> 02:09:18,260  
So that's your father.

2985

02:09:18,260 --> 02:09:22,430  
My father by his father's  
grave with his brother

2986

02:09:22,430 --> 02:09:24,210  
who went to Israel.

2987

02:09:24,210 --> 02:09:28,010  
So your father is the one with  
the mustache or the father

2988

02:09:28,010 --> 02:09:28,820

is your--

2989

02:09:28,820 --> 02:09:29,960

next to him?

2990

02:09:29,960 --> 02:09:31,620

So he's on the far left?

2991

02:09:31,620 --> 02:09:33,020

This is my father.

2992

02:09:33,020 --> 02:09:33,940

This one right here?

2993

02:09:33,940 --> 02:09:34,440

Yes.

2994

02:09:34,440 --> 02:09:36,860

So first comes your  
uncle who went to Israel.

2995

02:09:36,860 --> 02:09:37,370

Yes.

2996

02:09:37,370 --> 02:09:40,640

Then the second from the  
left is your father, Arnold.

2997

02:09:40,640 --> 02:09:43,580

Then is his father's  
grave, the stone.

2998

02:09:43,580 --> 02:09:45,890

And who is the lady  
on the other side?

2999

02:09:45,890 --> 02:09:47,890

OK, this is a  
sister of my father.

3000

02:09:47,890 --> 02:09:48,920

OK.

3001

02:09:48,920 --> 02:09:50,920

I can't even see him.

3002  
02:09:50,920 --> 02:09:53,030  
OK.

3003  
02:09:53,030 --> 02:09:55,765  
And then the man next to her?

3004  
02:09:55,765 --> 02:10:01,190  
I think that's her son  
and the daughter-in-law.

3005  
02:10:01,190 --> 02:10:02,320  
OK.

3006  
02:10:02,320 --> 02:10:07,560  
So it's titled "Arnold Garbovits  
at His Parent's Grave."

3007  
02:10:07,560 --> 02:10:08,060  
OK.

3008  
02:10:08,060 --> 02:10:13,280

3009  
02:10:13,280 --> 02:10:15,720  
That's my grandmother  
from my mother's side.

3010  
02:10:15,720 --> 02:10:17,120  
We will take a look.

3011  
02:10:17,120 --> 02:10:19,500  
We will focus on  
this in a second.

3012  
02:10:19,500 --> 02:10:20,000  
All right.

3013  
02:10:20,000 --> 02:10:22,130  
And that's my husband.

3014  
02:10:22,130 --> 02:10:25,510  
Before the war,



he was a wrestler.

3015  
02:10:25,510 --> 02:10:26,270  
I see.

3016  
02:10:26,270 --> 02:10:29,750  
Yeah, in the Jewish clubhouse.

3017  
02:10:29,750 --> 02:10:31,040  
And this is him.

3018  
02:10:31,040 --> 02:10:33,920  
So your husband is  
in the second row

3019  
02:10:33,920 --> 02:10:35,810  
at the very end on the right.

3020  
02:10:35,810 --> 02:10:37,820  
Yes.

3021  
02:10:37,820 --> 02:10:38,630  
I see.

3022  
02:10:38,630 --> 02:10:39,920  
All right.

3023  
02:10:39,920 --> 02:10:41,330  
And then let's see.

3024  
02:10:41,330 --> 02:10:45,457  
Next to him is the  
gentleman in a hat.

3025  
02:10:45,457 --> 02:10:45,957  
Next.

3026  
02:10:45,957 --> 02:10:46,851  
Oh, next.

3027  
02:10:46,851 --> 02:10:47,740  
Next.

3028

02:10:47,740 --> 02:10:48,370  
Yeah.

3029  
02:10:48,370 --> 02:10:49,630  
That's my father.

3030  
02:10:49,630 --> 02:10:52,720  
That's your father,  
Arnold Garbovits.

3031  
02:10:52,720 --> 02:10:56,035  
And then it's hard to see,  
but this lady with the baby.

3032  
02:10:56,035 --> 02:11:00,030

3033  
02:11:00,030 --> 02:11:02,560  
Yeah, here we go.

3034  
02:11:02,560 --> 02:11:05,880  
This is Gizike Molnar Schwarz.

3035  
02:11:05,880 --> 02:11:08,510  
So is this your  
husband's sister?

3036  
02:11:08,510 --> 02:11:09,820  
This, you say?

3037  
02:11:09,820 --> 02:11:10,880  
Mm-hmm.

3038  
02:11:10,880 --> 02:11:13,941  
Yes, my husband's sister, Mo

3039  
02:11:13,941 --> 02:11:15,660  
Molnar was her last name.

3040  
02:11:15,660 --> 02:11:18,145  
Yeah.

3041  
02:11:18,145 --> 02:11:21,130  
OK.

3042  
02:11:21,130 --> 02:11:25,140  
And now we can go down a bit.

3043  
02:11:25,140 --> 02:11:27,200  
And this was your  
grandmother, you said?

3044  
02:11:27,200 --> 02:11:28,884  
Yeah, my mother's side.

3045  
02:11:28,884 --> 02:11:30,540  
OK.

3046  
02:11:30,540 --> 02:11:32,956  
So Drach was her name.

3047  
02:11:32,956 --> 02:11:35,820  
Drach, Drach.

3048  
02:11:35,820 --> 02:11:37,560  
Sarolta?

3049  
02:11:37,560 --> 02:11:38,950  
Sarolta?

3050  
02:11:38,950 --> 02:11:39,450  
Yeah.

3051  
02:11:39,450 --> 02:11:40,720  
Krausz Drach.

3052  
02:11:40,720 --> 02:11:42,416  
Drach.

3053  
02:11:42,416 --> 02:11:46,920  
She had a very, very  
lovely face, very friendly.

3054  
02:11:46,920 --> 02:11:49,542

3055  
02:11:49,542 --> 02:11:51,000

Did she passed away  
before the war?

3056  
02:11:51,000 --> 02:11:51,660  
Before the war.

3057  
02:11:51,660 --> 02:11:53,200  
OK.

3058  
02:11:53,200 --> 02:11:57,405  
And let's go down a bit.

3059  
02:11:57,405 --> 02:11:59,460  
Oh, that's my brother.

3060  
02:11:59,460 --> 02:12:00,060  
Your brother.

3061  
02:12:00,060 --> 02:12:01,020  
Which one is he?

3062  
02:12:01,020 --> 02:12:05,790

3063  
02:12:05,790 --> 02:12:07,230  
I can't see.

3064  
02:12:07,230 --> 02:12:08,200  
I can't see that far.

3065  
02:12:08,200 --> 02:12:08,700  
OK.

3066  
02:12:08,700 --> 02:12:12,750

3067  
02:12:12,750 --> 02:12:14,450  
This is my brother.

3068  
02:12:14,450 --> 02:12:21,290  
OK, so he's on the second  
row to the first on the left.

3069

02:12:21,290 --> 02:12:24,370  
And in front of him are  
two boys, one on each side.

3070  
02:12:24,370 --> 02:12:25,250  
This is a cousin.

3071  
02:12:25,250 --> 02:12:28,040  
And that was a cousin  
who was in the front--

3072  
02:12:28,040 --> 02:12:29,840  
in the front row.

3073  
02:12:29,840 --> 02:12:32,330  
So your brother Istvan  
is in the second row,

3074  
02:12:32,330 --> 02:12:34,230  
and there are only  
two boys there.

3075  
02:12:34,230 --> 02:12:36,320  
He's the one on the left.

3076  
02:12:36,320 --> 02:12:38,235  
OK.

3077  
02:12:38,235 --> 02:12:39,360  
Do you want me [INAUDIBLE]?

3078  
02:12:39,360 --> 02:12:40,963  
Boy, I'm going to have a night.

3079  
02:12:40,963 --> 02:12:41,630  
Can you hold it?

3080  
02:12:41,630 --> 02:12:44,965  
I'm sorry about that.

3081  
02:12:44,965 --> 02:12:46,400  
OK, we have one more photo.

3082  
02:12:46,400 --> 02:12:48,910

3083  
02:12:48,910 --> 02:12:49,526  
Oh.

3084  
02:12:49,526 --> 02:12:50,890  
I hold it here.

3085  
02:12:50,890 --> 02:12:51,390  
OK.

3086  
02:12:51,390 --> 02:12:57,000  
That is [LAUGHS] my aunt  
and uncle's 25th wedding

3087  
02:12:57,000 --> 02:12:58,080  
anniversary.

3088  
02:12:58,080 --> 02:13:02,740  
Here's my mother, and this  
is friends or relatives.

3089  
02:13:02,740 --> 02:13:04,965  
So your mother is the  
one with the glasses--

3090  
02:13:04,965 --> 02:13:05,580  
Yes.

3091  
02:13:05,580 --> 02:13:07,560  
--on the left-hand side.

3092  
02:13:07,560 --> 02:13:11,040  
And the rest is the  
anniversary party.

3093  
02:13:11,040 --> 02:13:11,940  
Yes.

3094  
02:13:11,940 --> 02:13:12,720  
25th.

3095  
02:13:12,720 --> 02:13:14,100  
25th.

3096  
02:13:14,100 --> 02:13:15,900  
All right.

3097  
02:13:15,900 --> 02:13:17,420  
Thank you.

3098  
02:13:17,420 --> 02:13:19,920  
OK.

3099  
02:13:19,920 --> 02:13:20,420  
Cut?

3100  
02:13:20,420 --> 02:13:23,128  
Cut.

3101  
02:13:23,128 --> 02:13:23,920  
Give me one second.

3102  
02:13:23,920 --> 02:13:26,527  
[INAUDIBLE] record audio.

3103  
02:13:26,527 --> 02:13:30,360  
And recording.

3104  
02:13:30,360 --> 02:13:34,382  
OK, Mrs. Sandy, this looks like  
it to your brother again, yes?

3105  
02:13:34,382 --> 02:13:35,090  
Yes, this is my--

3106  
02:13:35,090 --> 02:13:37,257  
About how old would he have  
been in this photograph?

3107  
02:13:37,257 --> 02:13:39,045  
He couldn't be more than 15.

3108  
02:13:39,045 --> 02:13:39,820  
OK.

3109  
02:13:39,820 --> 02:13:40,330

Istvan--

3110  
02:13:40,330 --> 02:13:40,830  
Istvan.

3111  
02:13:40,830 --> 02:13:43,900  
--who was taken  
with your father.

3112  
02:13:43,900 --> 02:13:45,530  
I'm not sure.

3113  
02:13:45,530 --> 02:13:48,470  
At the beginning, they  
were together, I think.

3114  
02:13:48,470 --> 02:13:53,210  
But I don't know what  
the end was, how, where.

3115  
02:13:53,210 --> 02:13:54,590  
OK.

3116  
02:13:54,590 --> 02:13:55,160  
Thank you.

3117  
02:13:55,160 --> 02:13:56,060  
OK, cutting here.

3118  
02:13:56,060 --> 02:14:02,060

3119  
02:14:02,060 --> 02:14:05,710  
And we have one left.