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00:00:00,000 --> 00:00:05,000

2
00:00:05,000 --> 00:00:09,330
By the way, is this OK for--

3
00:00:09,330 --> 00:00:10,140
Change film.

4
00:00:10,140 --> 00:00:12,480
Camera [? alt 10 ?] is up,
[INAUDIBLE] take 11 is up.

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00:00:12,480 --> 00:00:29,280

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00:00:29,280 --> 00:00:32,400
When you gave your
interview to the Museum,

7
00:00:32,400 --> 00:00:36,240
you said by the
time of liberation

8
00:00:36,240 --> 00:00:39,090
you couldn't be trusted because
you weren't human anymore.

9
00:00:39,090 --> 00:00:42,450
What did you mean by that?

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00:00:42,450 --> 00:00:50,850
For instance, we were so used
to take things in order--

11
00:00:50,850 --> 00:00:54,030
I mean, to eat, what
had to do with food.

12
00:00:54,030 --> 00:00:58,740
And being that we had

absolutely nothing--

13
00:00:58,740 --> 00:01:01,440
so I will demonstrate to you.

14
00:01:01,440 --> 00:01:06,630
And when we were liberated,
and the English people--

15
00:01:06,630 --> 00:01:10,020
the English set up
a kitchen for us.

16
00:01:10,020 --> 00:01:12,660
And we were given
very good food.

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00:01:12,660 --> 00:01:17,550
And I mean the food that
was agreeable to us,

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00:01:17,550 --> 00:01:21,570
because we couldn't be fed
right away everything and having

19
00:01:21,570 --> 00:01:24,780
food because of the way our--

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00:01:24,780 --> 00:01:29,550
when you starve, then you cannot
start eating at one time a lot.

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00:01:29,550 --> 00:01:34,440
So after we would be
finished with the food,

22
00:01:34,440 --> 00:01:38,370
and we had one bowl, we
would take the bowl with us,

23
00:01:38,370 --> 00:01:39,660
and we would want to walk out.

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00:01:39,660 --> 00:01:43,650

And they would beg us,
please, you're coming back.

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00:01:43,650 --> 00:01:47,370

It's only today, you're
coming back for lunch.

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00:01:47,370 --> 00:01:48,280

You come back.

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00:01:48,280 --> 00:01:54,180

You're going to-- we need you
should leave the utensils,

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00:01:54,180 --> 00:01:57,720

the dishes, because if not, we
won't have left to give you.

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00:01:57,720 --> 00:02:02,280

They could not persuade us,
because our security was such

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00:02:02,280 --> 00:02:04,920

that we thought if
we walk out of there

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00:02:04,920 --> 00:02:10,830

and we don't have in
what to take food,

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00:02:10,830 --> 00:02:12,420

then we wouldn't be able to eat.

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00:02:12,420 --> 00:02:15,300

And I also thought,
if we have this bowl,

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00:02:15,300 --> 00:02:17,970

we can go and beg for food.

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00:02:17,970 --> 00:02:22,290

So they had to stand by the
door every time we are finished

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00:02:22,290 --> 00:02:26,040
with a meal, and they understood
us, and they would nicely--

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00:02:26,040 --> 00:02:29,370
they would take it away from us.

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00:02:29,370 --> 00:02:31,320
And another thing
that we couldn't

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00:02:31,320 --> 00:02:33,630
be trusted because when--

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00:02:33,630 --> 00:02:37,770
and I was-- because we
had absolutely no sense

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00:02:37,770 --> 00:02:40,110
of right or wrong.

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00:02:40,110 --> 00:02:45,000
For us, everything was right
as long as we can take it.

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00:02:45,000 --> 00:02:46,875
It was not, this is yours.

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00:02:46,875 --> 00:02:49,650

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00:02:49,650 --> 00:02:52,920
And being that I
came from a family

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00:02:52,920 --> 00:02:56,040
that there was no
such a thing as ever

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00:02:56,040 --> 00:03:01,320
to take anything without
asking, that was a very--

48
00:03:01,320 --> 00:03:03,630
that this is what
shocked me, that I

49
00:03:03,630 --> 00:03:06,810
could have changed that much.

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00:03:06,810 --> 00:03:10,750
Because when I was in
recuperating place,

51
00:03:10,750 --> 00:03:15,030
and I was there in Prague--

52
00:03:15,030 --> 00:03:18,360
because at the train
station the Red Cross

53
00:03:18,360 --> 00:03:20,820
was handing out
sandwiches in Prague.

54
00:03:20,820 --> 00:03:23,160
I was on my way to
Budapest because this

55
00:03:23,160 --> 00:03:24,720
was our meeting place.

56
00:03:24,720 --> 00:03:27,630
And somebody recognized me,
a friend of my husband's,

57
00:03:27,630 --> 00:03:29,850
of my late husband's,
recognized me,

58
00:03:29,850 --> 00:03:33,630
that I'm the fiancee

of this Joe Klein.

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00:03:33,630 --> 00:03:35,260

He recognized me,
so he came over.

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00:03:35,260 --> 00:03:37,470

And he said, you
know, Joe is alive,

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00:03:37,470 --> 00:03:41,850

and he is here in a
recuperating place.

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00:03:41,850 --> 00:03:43,080

Come, I'll take you to him.

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00:03:43,080 --> 00:03:48,600

So I ran into the train, I
told my sister, and we got out.

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00:03:48,600 --> 00:03:52,590

And we came to
this [PLACE NAME]..

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00:03:52,590 --> 00:03:55,290

[PLACE NAME] was the name
of this recuperating place.

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00:03:55,290 --> 00:04:01,530

And as this man who was
in charge is writing in--

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00:04:01,530 --> 00:04:04,320

I had my maiden name,
[? Goldensile ?] He's writing

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00:04:04,320 --> 00:04:06,540

[? Goldensile, ?] he tells me--

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00:04:06,540 --> 00:04:08,790

you know, he said,
I had a friend--

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00:04:08,790 --> 00:04:13,620
I've been to law school
with a [? Goldensile. ?]

71
00:04:13,620 --> 00:04:17,100
I asked-- there was very few
[? Goldensile, ?] I said, who?

72
00:04:17,100 --> 00:04:18,600
And he tells my brother's name.

73
00:04:18,600 --> 00:04:20,940
I said, this is my brother.

74
00:04:20,940 --> 00:04:21,690
He said, oh.

75
00:04:21,690 --> 00:04:23,310
He said, you-- this
is your brother.

76
00:04:23,310 --> 00:04:23,820
Where is he?

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00:04:23,820 --> 00:04:25,150
And I told him, he's in--

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00:04:25,150 --> 00:04:26,730
at that time, it was Palestine.

79
00:04:26,730 --> 00:04:27,540
He said, oh.

80
00:04:27,540 --> 00:04:30,370
He said, everybody can
stay here only two weeks.

81
00:04:30,370 --> 00:04:32,790
But you can stay as
long as you want,

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00:04:32,790 --> 00:04:35,430

because he-- and he didn't
know what to do with us.

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00:04:35,430 --> 00:04:38,790

He bought us the
best food and made

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00:04:38,790 --> 00:04:41,760

us toast and bought us cake.

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00:04:41,760 --> 00:04:46,470

And he was so nice to us, and
he was absolutely marvelous.

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00:04:46,470 --> 00:04:49,830

And then four weeks
later, my sister said,

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00:04:49,830 --> 00:04:52,500

look, I want to-- maybe
I can find my husband,

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00:04:52,500 --> 00:04:54,960

because she was looking
for her husband.

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00:04:54,960 --> 00:04:59,280

The child, we knew already
that it couldn't have survived.

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00:04:59,280 --> 00:05:01,090

So she said, we want--

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00:05:01,090 --> 00:05:02,790

let's go to Budapest.

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00:05:02,790 --> 00:05:04,110

So I said, OK.

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00:05:04,110 --> 00:05:09,090

Then I see this wonderful

blanket on the bed.

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00:05:09,090 --> 00:05:10,350

I said, you know what?

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00:05:10,350 --> 00:05:12,250

When you go outside,
you will stay

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00:05:12,250 --> 00:05:15,660

in the front of the building,
and my husband also,

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00:05:15,660 --> 00:05:19,440

and I'll throw down
the two blankets.

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00:05:19,440 --> 00:05:22,020

And we'll take it
with us on the train.

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00:05:22,020 --> 00:05:24,120

I didn't go to say
goodbye to this man,

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00:05:24,120 --> 00:05:26,190

because I was afraid
if he wants to come

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00:05:26,190 --> 00:05:29,370

with us to the station he's
going to see me walking out

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00:05:29,370 --> 00:05:31,770

with these two blankets.

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00:05:31,770 --> 00:05:33,780

So I didn't say goodbye.

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00:05:33,780 --> 00:05:34,950

I didn't say thank you.

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00:05:34,950 --> 00:05:36,890
I stole those two--

106
00:05:36,890 --> 00:05:38,190
to us, this wasn't--

107
00:05:38,190 --> 00:05:39,820
we called it organizing.

108
00:05:39,820 --> 00:05:43,470
We took those two
blankets with us to the--

109
00:05:43,470 --> 00:05:45,960
we got on a train.

110
00:05:45,960 --> 00:05:50,730
These blankets lasted exactly
until we didn't fall asleep.

111
00:05:50,730 --> 00:05:53,550
By the time we woke
up, those blankets

112
00:05:53,550 --> 00:05:56,520
were gone because there
were other survivors

113
00:05:56,520 --> 00:06:00,120
that meantime took them,
took them away from us.

114
00:06:00,120 --> 00:06:02,010
So this is a kind--

115
00:06:02,010 --> 00:06:06,570
it took a while just to
become normal, to realize,

116
00:06:06,570 --> 00:06:10,110
to know that what's yours is
yours, what's mine is mine,

117
00:06:10,110 --> 00:06:13,800
that there is--

118
00:06:13,800 --> 00:06:17,850
it's now a normal world, that
you have to have manners again.

119
00:06:17,850 --> 00:06:20,870
But you didn't have this.

120
00:06:20,870 --> 00:06:22,770
We completely changed.

121
00:06:22,770 --> 00:06:27,487
I didn't-- if I'm telling
you couldn't trust me,

122
00:06:27,487 --> 00:06:28,320
you couldn't trust--

123
00:06:28,320 --> 00:06:32,910
you couldn't trust for no
survivor for quite a while,

124
00:06:32,910 --> 00:06:34,530
until we became--

125
00:06:34,530 --> 00:06:36,240
we were not human.

126
00:06:36,240 --> 00:06:37,920
We were completely dehumanized.

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00:06:37,920 --> 00:06:42,240

128
00:06:42,240 --> 00:06:43,560
And what is--

129
00:06:43,560 --> 00:06:47,940
You can change a person

to whatever you want.

130
00:06:47,940 --> 00:06:54,790

131
00:06:54,790 --> 00:06:56,490
Tell me about being a survivor.

132
00:06:56,490 --> 00:07:01,220

133
00:07:01,220 --> 00:07:08,160
You see, I want
that when everybody

134
00:07:08,160 --> 00:07:13,110
will come to the
Museum and will look

135
00:07:13,110 --> 00:07:19,900
at those pictures of
our murdered families,

136
00:07:19,900 --> 00:07:26,320
I want you to know also how the
survivor felt all these years.

137
00:07:26,320 --> 00:07:30,510
First, I want you to think
back just for one minute

138
00:07:30,510 --> 00:07:35,850
how you feel when you
lose one loved one.

139
00:07:35,850 --> 00:07:41,610
You mourn him, and you suffer
if you lose one loved one.

140
00:07:41,610 --> 00:07:45,660
But you have at least
the satisfaction

141

00:07:45,660 --> 00:07:49,590
of telling yourself
you did everything

142

00:07:49,590 --> 00:07:52,710
you could for your loved ones.

143

00:07:52,710 --> 00:07:55,950
You were there to console him.

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00:07:55,950 --> 00:08:00,030
You were there to give him
aid, to bring a doctor,

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00:08:00,030 --> 00:08:03,510
to hold his hand.

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00:08:03,510 --> 00:08:13,830
You were there to hug him
and to give him comfort.

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00:08:13,830 --> 00:08:26,040
Now think how do we feel when
we lost so many at one time.

148

00:08:26,040 --> 00:08:31,800
When we lost so many family,
sisters, brothers, children,

149

00:08:31,800 --> 00:08:36,659
mothers, how can we feel?

150

00:08:36,659 --> 00:08:40,409
The rest of our
lives, no matter what

151

00:08:40,409 --> 00:08:49,560
we do, no matter what
we have in our lives,

152

00:08:49,560 --> 00:08:53,310
the void can never be filled.

153
00:08:53,310 --> 00:08:56,580
Our pain can never be healed.

154
00:08:56,580 --> 00:08:59,310

155
00:08:59,310 --> 00:09:12,990
Because when I made all
my happy occasion and I

156
00:09:12,990 --> 00:09:19,820
invited so many people, the ones
I wanted most never arrived.

157
00:09:19,820 --> 00:09:23,900

158
00:09:23,900 --> 00:09:31,340
And when we even go
to parties, I always

159
00:09:31,340 --> 00:09:37,560
felt alone, no matter how
many people were there,

160
00:09:37,560 --> 00:09:45,750
because I could really not
relate completely to anybody

161
00:09:45,750 --> 00:09:50,840
except to other survivors.

162
00:09:50,840 --> 00:09:55,580
No matter even if
I reach out to you,

163
00:09:55,580 --> 00:10:01,710
I couldn't get that close
because you reminded

164
00:10:01,710 --> 00:10:09,040

me too much of what I could have
been, and that I will never be.

165
00:10:09,040 --> 00:10:11,750

166
00:10:11,750 --> 00:10:20,710
And when I go on vacation, I
take along my whole family.

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00:10:20,710 --> 00:10:23,330

168
00:10:23,330 --> 00:10:29,810
I even feel guilty for
enjoying, because I always

169
00:10:29,810 --> 00:10:30,800
say, how can I do this?

170
00:10:30,800 --> 00:10:31,910
How can I still do that?

171
00:10:31,910 --> 00:10:38,336
How can I have joy and they
suffered such a terrible death?

172
00:10:38,336 --> 00:10:49,100
We even envied you, your grace,
because you at least have

173
00:10:49,100 --> 00:10:52,920
where to go and bow your head.

174
00:10:52,920 --> 00:10:57,110
But what do we have?

175
00:10:57,110 --> 00:11:01,850
If my children ever ask
me, when they was small,

176
00:11:01,850 --> 00:11:05,810

where are my grandfather,
my grandparents, my mother,

177
00:11:05,810 --> 00:11:10,130
my uncles, my aunts,
I always told them

178
00:11:10,130 --> 00:11:13,190
that I have in Czechoslovakia.

179
00:11:13,190 --> 00:11:17,040
I couldn't tell them,
there, they were buried.

180
00:11:17,040 --> 00:11:19,220
I couldn't even
talk to them, what

181
00:11:19,220 --> 00:11:26,690
happened to them, because I
wanted my children to grow up--

182
00:11:26,690 --> 00:11:33,800

183
00:11:33,800 --> 00:11:38,090
How would you like those
you lost to be remembered?

184
00:11:38,090 --> 00:11:43,900

185
00:11:43,900 --> 00:11:46,710
Not only the ones I
lost I want to be--

186
00:11:46,710 --> 00:11:48,850
they should be remembered.

187
00:11:48,850 --> 00:11:55,440
I want the six million
to be remembered

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00:11:55,440 --> 00:12:04,560
as brave, courageous people
who died only for one reason,

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00:12:04,560 --> 00:12:11,120
because they were born
of a different race.

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00:12:11,120 --> 00:12:21,380
They were heroes in every
way, because while they lived,

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00:12:21,380 --> 00:12:27,470
they did some wonderful
things that made this world

192

00:12:27,470 --> 00:12:33,610
a wonderful place to live in.

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00:12:33,610 --> 00:12:39,450
Their loss is a loss
for all humanity.

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00:12:39,450 --> 00:12:44,130

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00:12:44,130 --> 00:12:53,870
And if anybody
comes to the Museum

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00:12:53,870 --> 00:13:02,530
and they'll see the mementos
that we left behind,

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00:13:02,530 --> 00:13:05,890
whether it's a little
shoe, whether it's

198

00:13:05,890 --> 00:13:11,660
a letter, whether it's a
[? Torah, ?] prayer book,

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00:13:11,660 --> 00:13:22,300
remember these are our
precious, precious valuables.

200
00:13:22,300 --> 00:13:27,025
Remember that from these
books, these children studied.

201
00:13:27,025 --> 00:13:29,620

202
00:13:29,620 --> 00:13:36,220
From these prayer books, our
families chanted their prayers.

203
00:13:36,220 --> 00:13:39,460

204
00:13:39,460 --> 00:13:43,260
And remember them
when we are gone.

205
00:13:43,260 --> 00:13:45,880

206
00:13:45,880 --> 00:13:54,170
And remember the agony
of the survivors that

207
00:13:54,170 --> 00:14:03,290
had to live with these memories,
and could never touch them,

208
00:14:03,290 --> 00:14:04,530
could never have them back.

209
00:14:04,530 --> 00:14:07,900

210
00:14:07,900 --> 00:14:15,130
And we hope that future
generations will never

211
00:14:15,130 --> 00:14:17,700
know of our pain.

212
00:14:17,700 --> 00:14:26,400
And that everybody will stand
up to any form of persecution.

213
00:14:26,400 --> 00:14:32,330
I taught my children
love and not hate,

214
00:14:32,330 --> 00:14:37,430
but I could never forget.

215
00:14:37,430 --> 00:14:38,630
I could never forgive.

216
00:14:38,630 --> 00:14:43,770

217
00:14:43,770 --> 00:14:48,630
Why don't you tell me what kind
of a person your mother was?

218
00:14:48,630 --> 00:14:51,150
Why don't you get your
letter so that you

219
00:14:51,150 --> 00:14:53,010
can read it when you want to.

220
00:14:53,010 --> 00:14:54,960
First of all, this--

221
00:14:54,960 --> 00:14:58,950
I am very grateful that
you're giving me a chance

222
00:14:58,950 --> 00:15:00,025
to tell about my mother.

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00:15:00,025 --> 00:15:03,350

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00:15:03,350 --> 00:15:09,480

My mother-- [INAUDIBLE].

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00:15:09,480 --> 00:15:15,090

My mother was one of
the kindest people.

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00:15:15,090 --> 00:15:18,000

She was loved not
only by the children,

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00:15:18,000 --> 00:15:19,410

but by the whole town.

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00:15:19,410 --> 00:15:22,290

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00:15:22,290 --> 00:15:28,240

We were not rich.

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00:15:28,240 --> 00:15:32,110

For American
standards, we would be

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00:15:32,110 --> 00:15:39,110

considered poor, for European
standards, middle-class.

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00:15:39,110 --> 00:15:39,790

We had a house.

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00:15:39,790 --> 00:15:42,490

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00:15:42,490 --> 00:15:48,120

And we had three tenants,
which we needed, really,

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00:15:48,120 --> 00:15:50,700

to sustain ourselves
with that rent.

236
00:15:50,700 --> 00:15:56,970
But my mother rented them
to hopelessly poor people.

237
00:15:56,970 --> 00:16:00,010
And she never collected rent.

238
00:16:00,010 --> 00:16:06,210
She used to cook twice as
much what we needed in order

239
00:16:06,210 --> 00:16:11,100
to bring down to those
children of the tenants.

240
00:16:11,100 --> 00:16:15,720
And we as children wanted
always to have the nice things

241
00:16:15,720 --> 00:16:20,890
that our friends had, and my
mother couldn't afford them.

242
00:16:20,890 --> 00:16:25,560
We would always ask her,
why doesn't [? Rosenthal, ?]

243
00:16:25,560 --> 00:16:29,910
who was very rich, does
all those good deeds,

244
00:16:29,910 --> 00:16:32,310
and you should rent it to
people who can pay rent?

245
00:16:32,310 --> 00:16:38,310
My mother always said,
let her learn from me.

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00:16:38,310 --> 00:16:41,280

I do not want learn from her.

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00:16:41,280 --> 00:16:46,440

They need our help, and I'm
going to give it to them.

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00:16:46,440 --> 00:16:49,050

This is the type of
person my mother was.

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00:16:49,050 --> 00:16:51,870

250

00:16:51,870 --> 00:17:00,630

My mother would have died, not
only for my sister's child.

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00:17:00,630 --> 00:17:04,200

I think she would have
died for any child

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00:17:04,200 --> 00:17:09,329

if she could help save a life.

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00:17:09,329 --> 00:17:10,349

This was my mother.

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00:17:10,349 --> 00:17:13,140

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00:17:13,140 --> 00:17:17,990

My brother that
was killed, he was

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00:17:17,990 --> 00:17:22,869

burned in a hospital
with other patients.

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00:17:22,869 --> 00:17:28,960

The whole hospital was
burned down, not by chance,

258

00:17:28,960 --> 00:17:30,880
but willfully.

259
00:17:30,880 --> 00:17:34,070
He was a dentist.

260
00:17:34,070 --> 00:17:40,640
And he treated people
who could not pay, free.

261
00:17:40,640 --> 00:17:43,990
And he would save
up the money that he

262
00:17:43,990 --> 00:17:52,720
had and would take the poor
children and take them to camp.

263
00:17:52,720 --> 00:17:56,890
But also, it wasn't a camp
as sophisticated as here.

264
00:17:56,890 --> 00:18:03,910
He would just put up a
tent, and that was a camp.

265
00:18:03,910 --> 00:18:07,450
And he would play
the guitar for them,

266
00:18:07,450 --> 00:18:16,090
and he would teach
them the Horah,

267
00:18:16,090 --> 00:18:23,110
and would tell them about our
promised land, which he never

268
00:18:23,110 --> 00:18:25,590
reached.

269
00:18:25,590 --> 00:18:28,830
And this was his

greatest desire.

270

00:18:28,830 --> 00:18:31,950

Because he gave his life for us.

271

00:18:31,950 --> 00:18:36,010

He had a certificate

to go to Palestine.

272

00:18:36,010 --> 00:18:47,592

But he forfeit his certificate

in order to help us.

273

00:18:47,592 --> 00:18:53,300

He didn't know that

he cannot help us.

274

00:18:53,300 --> 00:18:56,240

And so he died and was killed.

275

00:18:56,240 --> 00:19:02,660

276

00:19:02,660 --> 00:19:13,860

I really breakdown, but it's OK.

277

00:19:13,860 --> 00:19:17,880

278

00:19:17,880 --> 00:19:24,570

I do it because we are

the last of the survivors.

279

00:19:24,570 --> 00:19:33,830

And unless we put

this record straight,

280

00:19:33,830 --> 00:19:38,275

there will be denials,

how this never happened.

281

00:19:38,275 --> 00:19:40,940

282
00:19:40,940 --> 00:19:47,870
So you better know that
not only did it happen,

283
00:19:47,870 --> 00:19:52,130
but there aren't
any words which we

284
00:19:52,130 --> 00:20:00,750
can describe the real
agonies, the real tortures,

285
00:20:00,750 --> 00:20:04,440
and the wasted lives.

286
00:20:04,440 --> 00:20:11,500
And the ruined lives of the
families that came back.

287
00:20:11,500 --> 00:20:14,600

288
00:20:14,600 --> 00:20:21,590
I hope my children will
never feel this pain.

289
00:20:21,590 --> 00:20:24,290
I try to protect them.

290
00:20:24,290 --> 00:20:31,350
I tried not to talk about it,
but now that they are adults,

291
00:20:31,350 --> 00:20:36,540
they have to assume
the responsibility

292
00:20:36,540 --> 00:20:46,080
and pass on this sad legacy
from generation to generation.

293

00:20:46,080 --> 00:20:48,900

And it isn't only our children.

294

00:20:48,900 --> 00:20:53,850

It should be
everyone's children,

295

00:20:53,850 --> 00:20:59,450

for you must remember
them forever.

296

00:20:59,450 --> 00:21:02,140

They must not die in vain.

297

00:21:02,140 --> 00:21:04,710

298

00:21:04,710 --> 00:21:08,910

And this must never
be repeated again.

299

00:21:08,910 --> 00:21:17,950

And if you will let those
cowards that write those books,

300

00:21:17,950 --> 00:21:19,840

because they don't
want to assume

301

00:21:19,840 --> 00:21:29,425

the responsibility of what they
did to us, then we have lost.

302

00:21:29,425 --> 00:21:33,220

303

00:21:33,220 --> 00:21:38,610

They're marching again in
Austria with the swastikas.

304

00:21:38,610 --> 00:21:44,540

How does it make a survivor

feel when we see this?

305
00:21:44,540 --> 00:21:50,120
We may not be here
anymore, much longer,

306
00:21:50,120 --> 00:21:53,440
but it is you that must prevent.

307
00:21:53,440 --> 00:21:57,040
And you can only
prevent if you're not

308
00:21:57,040 --> 00:22:02,650
going to be afraid to read the
books that we leave behind,

309
00:22:02,650 --> 00:22:07,060
to watch our movies
that we leave behind.

310
00:22:07,060 --> 00:22:11,460
If you are not going to be
afraid of a little sadness,

311
00:22:11,460 --> 00:22:16,510
then we have
accomplished something.

312
00:22:16,510 --> 00:22:22,660
But if I hear sometimes that
somebody comes over to me and I

313
00:22:22,660 --> 00:22:27,650
would speak in a school,
and they'll tell me proudly,

314
00:22:27,650 --> 00:22:30,350
I cannot read this book.

315
00:22:30,350 --> 00:22:32,480
I cannot go to a movie to see--

316
00:22:32,480 --> 00:22:53,730
[AUDIO OUT]

317
00:22:53,730 --> 00:22:58,830
"Dear mother, This
letter I'm writing to you

318
00:22:58,830 --> 00:23:01,650
will be placed in a museum.

319
00:23:01,650 --> 00:23:04,776
I was under the impression
that only fine art

320
00:23:04,776 --> 00:23:07,350
finds its way to museums.

321
00:23:07,350 --> 00:23:11,280
However, this is a
special kind of museum.

322
00:23:11,280 --> 00:23:15,455
You and six million like
you created this museum.

323
00:23:15,455 --> 00:23:18,480

324
00:23:18,480 --> 00:23:26,160
Mother, I always remember
your wise words when you said,

325
00:23:26,160 --> 00:23:28,920
when you cry, you cry alone.

326
00:23:28,920 --> 00:23:33,740
And if you smile, the
world smiles with you.

327
00:23:33,740 --> 00:23:39,390
Another of your wise sayings,
time is the best healer.

328
00:23:39,390 --> 00:23:45,930
Mother, I smiled and
smiled until my jaw hurt.

329
00:23:45,930 --> 00:23:50,940
I smiled when you were
absent on my wedding day.

330
00:23:50,940 --> 00:23:53,460
I smiled when I gave
birth to my children

331
00:23:53,460 --> 00:23:56,370
and you never held
them in your arms.

332
00:23:56,370 --> 00:23:59,940
I smiled when I was
for years hospitalized,

333
00:23:59,940 --> 00:24:02,580
and you could not comfort me.

334
00:24:02,580 --> 00:24:07,980
Later, when I missed
all my happy occasions,

335
00:24:07,980 --> 00:24:11,640
and you missed all
my happy occasions--

336
00:24:11,640 --> 00:24:15,600
our children's bar mitzvah,
graduations, weddings,

337
00:24:15,600 --> 00:24:17,520
I kept smiling.

338
00:24:17,520 --> 00:24:21,540
Mother dear, the world
did not smile with me.

339

00:24:21,540 --> 00:24:26,700

I felt alone, [INAUDIBLE],
because inside me, nothing ever

340

00:24:26,700 --> 00:24:28,290

smiled.

341

00:24:28,290 --> 00:24:31,980

But you were right
about the tears.

342

00:24:31,980 --> 00:24:36,560

The world did not cry with me.

343

00:24:36,560 --> 00:24:39,050

I did cry alone.

344

00:24:39,050 --> 00:24:47,210

My tears were reserved for you,
for my sister, [PERSONAL NAME],,

345

00:24:47,210 --> 00:24:52,130

for her husband Abraham,
their three children,

346

00:24:52,130 --> 00:24:57,910

[PERSONAL NAME], [? Dewy, ?]
[? Ethel, ?] for my brother

347

00:24:57,910 --> 00:25:04,670

[PERSONAL NAME], his
wife [? Shoshana, ?]

348

00:25:04,670 --> 00:25:09,870

for your grandson Danny,
whom you removed from

349

00:25:09,870 --> 00:25:17,040

my sister's arm so that she may
live, and for the six million.

350

00:25:17,040 --> 00:25:24,190

As for time, mother
dear, time did not

351
00:25:24,190 --> 00:25:27,820
work the magic of healing.

352
00:25:27,820 --> 00:25:31,570
And each phase of
my life, my pain

353
00:25:31,570 --> 00:25:37,510
was emphasized, as was the
realization of motherhood.

354
00:25:37,510 --> 00:25:47,580
For if I mourned
you as a mother,

355
00:25:47,580 --> 00:25:53,470
I mourned you later as a
mother and a grandmother.

356
00:25:53,470 --> 00:25:58,295
And if I mourn my
sister as a sister,

357
00:25:58,295 --> 00:26:03,310
I mourned her later
as a mother, for I

358
00:26:03,310 --> 00:26:08,480
knew what it meant
for you to take

359
00:26:08,480 --> 00:26:12,320
your children to die with you.

360
00:26:12,320 --> 00:26:15,470
And I knew, my
mother dear, what it

361
00:26:15,470 --> 00:26:22,080
meant for you to take your

grandson to die with you.

362

00:26:22,080 --> 00:26:25,110

For only when you
are a grandmother

363

00:26:25,110 --> 00:26:29,585

yourself do you
know what it means.

364

00:26:29,585 --> 00:26:36,250

365

00:26:36,250 --> 00:26:42,570

You were right,
there was no balm.

366

00:26:42,570 --> 00:26:45,230

There was no balm for my wounds.

367

00:26:45,230 --> 00:26:53,270

And you were right, my mother,
I will always cry alone.

368

00:26:53,270 --> 00:26:59,360

Please mother, implore God
that our children's laughter

369

00:26:59,360 --> 00:27:02,540

should come from their hearts.

370

00:27:02,540 --> 00:27:11,580

And let our suffering and yours
absolve all the generations

371

00:27:11,580 --> 00:27:13,260

to come.

372

00:27:13,260 --> 00:27:20,130

And may they know the inner
peace which was never mine."

373

00:27:20,130 --> 00:27:28,870

374

00:27:28,870 --> 00:27:31,272

Let's cut just for a minute.

375

00:27:31,272 --> 00:27:36,140

[AUDIO OUT]

376

00:27:36,140 --> 00:27:36,890

Yeah, sure.

377

00:27:36,890 --> 00:27:39,500

378

00:27:39,500 --> 00:27:43,580

I was in Budapest for
the last three years,

379

00:27:43,580 --> 00:27:45,710

living without papers.

380

00:27:45,710 --> 00:27:53,930

And the SS-- the Nazis
came into Budapest.

381

00:27:53,930 --> 00:27:59,540

And I wanted to by all
means to be with my family,

382

00:27:59,540 --> 00:28:02,570

because there was no where
that I could hide anymore.

383

00:28:02,570 --> 00:28:08,660

And I was determined
under any circumstances

384

00:28:08,660 --> 00:28:11,240

to reach my mother, my sister.

385

00:28:11,240 --> 00:28:14,900

And whatever will happen to
them, I wanted to be with them.

386
00:28:14,900 --> 00:28:18,230
And we knew already that
there will be a ghetto,

387
00:28:18,230 --> 00:28:24,770
and that I cannot
save myself anyway.

388
00:28:24,770 --> 00:28:27,350
And I didn't want to save
myself to begin with.

389
00:28:27,350 --> 00:28:29,330
I wanted to be with my family.

390
00:28:29,330 --> 00:28:33,920
So there was one family that--

391
00:28:33,920 --> 00:28:37,550
she was a Gentile, and
she loved me very much.

392
00:28:37,550 --> 00:28:40,820
And she even wanted to adopt me.

393
00:28:40,820 --> 00:28:47,300
But I told-- and she told me she
would get me papers so that I

394
00:28:47,300 --> 00:28:50,630
should be able to hide out.

395
00:28:50,630 --> 00:28:51,680
But I refused.

396
00:28:51,680 --> 00:28:54,680
And I told her instead that
she could do me a favor,

397

00:28:54,680 --> 00:28:58,580
and she should buy me
a first-class ticket,

398
00:28:58,580 --> 00:29:02,180
because nobody--

399
00:29:02,180 --> 00:29:06,260
no Jew could travel
on trains at all,

400
00:29:06,260 --> 00:29:08,270
not third-class,
not second-class,

401
00:29:08,270 --> 00:29:10,250
and certainly not first-class.

402
00:29:10,250 --> 00:29:14,960
And anybody that came to
the railroad station, there

403
00:29:14,960 --> 00:29:19,280
was such chaos that they were
arresting not only Jews, even

404
00:29:19,280 --> 00:29:20,120
Gentiles.

405
00:29:20,120 --> 00:29:23,355
Because first my-- this--

406
00:29:23,355 --> 00:29:24,980
Mrs. Schwartz was
her name, because she

407
00:29:24,980 --> 00:29:26,210
was a very kind lady.

408
00:29:26,210 --> 00:29:30,680
And she was married to a Jewish
man, but he had converted.

409

00:29:30,680 --> 00:29:34,350

But still her name was
her husband's name.

410

00:29:34,350 --> 00:29:39,020

So-- [INAUDIBLE].

411

00:29:39,020 --> 00:29:41,750

No, Gold-- [? Goldwald. ?]

It doesn't matter.

412

00:29:41,750 --> 00:29:43,790

I mixed up the name.

413

00:29:43,790 --> 00:29:48,590

So she went to the station and
she told me that I would come--

414

00:29:48,590 --> 00:29:53,360

I would definitely be arrested,
and that I shouldn't go.

415

00:29:53,360 --> 00:29:57,230

And she tried to persuade
me, but I was determined.

416

00:29:57,230 --> 00:30:01,100

And so when she saw that
I would not give in,

417

00:30:01,100 --> 00:30:06,620

so she bought me and also for
my fiancée a first-class ticket.

418

00:30:06,620 --> 00:30:09,530

And I decided that
I'm going to--

419

00:30:09,530 --> 00:30:11,450

we had to wear a
star already, so I

420

00:30:11,450 --> 00:30:13,940
put on a rain-and-shine coat.

421
00:30:13,940 --> 00:30:16,640
I sewed on the star
on my other coat,

422
00:30:16,640 --> 00:30:18,950
and I put over it a
rain-and-shine coat

423
00:30:18,950 --> 00:30:20,810
without the star.

424
00:30:20,810 --> 00:30:26,060
And I bought-- and I asked her
to buy me a anti-Semitic paper.

425
00:30:26,060 --> 00:30:29,930
And I was-- and I
laid out this plan

426
00:30:29,930 --> 00:30:33,470
that as long as we
can reach first-class,

427
00:30:33,470 --> 00:30:37,370
then nobody will think
that any Jew has a nerve

428
00:30:37,370 --> 00:30:40,535
to sit at first-class,
especially

429
00:30:40,535 --> 00:30:44,210
with having to wear a star.

430
00:30:44,210 --> 00:30:52,640
And I hope this way I will reach
undetected my family's town.

431
00:30:52,640 --> 00:30:59,700
So I put on a rain-and-shine

coat, and she came with us.

432

00:30:59,700 --> 00:31:04,970
And I just nonchalantly-- there
was lot of cars at the railroad

433

00:31:04,970 --> 00:31:05,520
station.

434

00:31:05,520 --> 00:31:06,603
And I was getting into it.

435

00:31:06,603 --> 00:31:11,090
And my fiancée, we both
carried anti-Semitic newspapers

436

00:31:11,090 --> 00:31:15,950
with those big headlines, and we
walked with a very confidently.

437

00:31:15,950 --> 00:31:18,650
And we walk straight--
with the tickets

438

00:31:18,650 --> 00:31:21,770
we had already, we walk in
straight to the first-class.

439

00:31:21,770 --> 00:31:24,890
We were not sitting together,
because in case one is caught,

440

00:31:24,890 --> 00:31:29,360
then maybe the other one
will reach the destination.

441

00:31:29,360 --> 00:31:34,370
But my fiancée also
had taught me--

442

00:31:34,370 --> 00:31:38,750
had told me-- had coached me
at home how I should jump off

443
00:31:38,750 --> 00:31:41,450
from the running train
before we push in altogether

444
00:31:41,450 --> 00:31:44,390
to the station, because once
it stops at the station,

445
00:31:44,390 --> 00:31:47,990
they were always asking for
the identification cards.

446
00:31:47,990 --> 00:31:50,510
And being that I
didn't have any,

447
00:31:50,510 --> 00:31:53,300
then I would be apprehended.

448
00:31:53,300 --> 00:31:56,270
It just so happens
that my husband had--

449
00:31:56,270 --> 00:31:58,520
my fiancee had
identification card,

450
00:31:58,520 --> 00:32:02,180
because he was there
legally in Budapest.

451
00:32:02,180 --> 00:32:05,900
But anyway, I had
this everything--

452
00:32:05,900 --> 00:32:08,760
we had just everything
worked out ahead of time.

453
00:32:08,760 --> 00:32:11,900
And then when the
conductor came,

454
00:32:11,900 --> 00:32:18,500
I was just praying silently
that he shouldn't think--

455
00:32:18,500 --> 00:32:21,260

456
00:32:21,260 --> 00:32:24,030
he shouldn't recognize
me that I'm Jewish.

457
00:32:24,030 --> 00:32:28,220
But all he was looking
is at this paper

458
00:32:28,220 --> 00:32:33,530
and gave me a very
satisfied wink.

459
00:32:33,530 --> 00:32:37,330
And then I knew
that I have made it.

460
00:32:37,330 --> 00:32:41,470
And he also did not
bother my husband,

461
00:32:41,470 --> 00:32:43,150
just ask for the tickets.

462
00:32:43,150 --> 00:32:45,340
And he saw us
reading these papers.

463
00:32:45,340 --> 00:32:48,160
And this is how
we reached Huszt.

464
00:32:48,160 --> 00:32:54,430
Before it started slowing down,
slowing down, we both jumped.

465

00:32:54,430 --> 00:32:56,890
First I jumped, then he jumped.

466

00:32:56,890 --> 00:33:00,490
And I fell, but it
was-- grass was there,

467

00:33:00,490 --> 00:33:03,460
so it was we made it.

468

00:33:03,460 --> 00:33:05,470
And we came back.

469

00:33:05,470 --> 00:33:09,340
And my family, of
course, was so ecstatic.

470

00:33:09,340 --> 00:33:14,193
But unfortunately,
not for too long.

471

00:33:14,193 --> 00:33:15,175
Thank you.

472

00:33:15,175 --> 00:33:18,130

473

00:33:18,130 --> 00:33:19,475
We need to do--

474

00:33:19,475 --> 00:33:23,410
we need to just be
quiet for 30 seconds.

475

00:33:23,410 --> 00:33:26,640
We need to record
just the sound of--

476

00:33:26,640 --> 00:33:28,000