

1
00:00:00,000 --> 00:00:01,680

2
00:00:01,680 --> 00:00:02,910
We have to put another--

3
00:00:02,910 --> 00:00:04,300
I get upset about it.

4
00:00:04,300 --> 00:00:04,800
You know?

5
00:00:04,800 --> 00:00:05,970
I just --

6
00:00:05,970 --> 00:00:06,900
Changing film.

7
00:00:06,900 --> 00:00:08,910
Camera four is up.

8
00:00:08,910 --> 00:00:10,381
Scene take six is up.

9
00:00:10,381 --> 00:00:18,740

10
00:00:18,740 --> 00:00:21,620
OK, Mrs. Page, can
you just back up

11
00:00:21,620 --> 00:00:27,620
to where Margot said, oh, no,
where you saw the chimney?

12
00:00:27,620 --> 00:00:30,930
We saw the chimneys.

13
00:00:30,930 --> 00:00:34,890
And Margot said,

look at the chimneys.

14
00:00:34,890 --> 00:00:36,780
Now I'm sure they
going to kill us.

15
00:00:36,780 --> 00:00:37,530
Look at them.

16
00:00:37,530 --> 00:00:42,390
And I said to her, Margot,
I'm positive they won't do it.

17
00:00:42,390 --> 00:00:44,040
Because if they
wanted to kill us,

18
00:00:44,040 --> 00:00:48,540
why transport us to
Brännlitz, bring us here?

19
00:00:48,540 --> 00:00:50,790
And I'm sure they
won't to do it.

20
00:00:50,790 --> 00:00:51,720
And we marched.

21
00:00:51,720 --> 00:00:56,050
We kept on marching until we
arrived at the destination,

22
00:00:56,050 --> 00:00:58,020
which was Schindler's factory.

23
00:00:58,020 --> 00:00:59,670
It was kind of a--

24
00:00:59,670 --> 00:01:03,850
we saw a building, which
was a two-story building,

25

00:01:03,850 --> 00:01:08,870
the lower floor, and
then the upper was all--

26
00:01:08,870 --> 00:01:12,720
it had balconies all through
the width of the building.

27
00:01:12,720 --> 00:01:15,640
And the door was open.

28
00:01:15,640 --> 00:01:17,970
The gates, rather, were open.

29
00:01:17,970 --> 00:01:19,860
And we marched in.

30
00:01:19,860 --> 00:01:28,080
And as we marched in, I saw men
in the striped suits, you know,

31
00:01:28,080 --> 00:01:31,470
which they didn't
wear in Plaszow.

32
00:01:31,470 --> 00:01:37,920
Because in Plaszow, one still
could wear their own clothes.

33
00:01:37,920 --> 00:01:41,820
But all, everybody was shaven,
a group of men standing

34
00:01:41,820 --> 00:01:46,050
on the balcony with shaven
heads with the so-called "lausen

35
00:01:46,050 --> 00:01:49,140
promenade," which
means a lice promenade,

36
00:01:49,140 --> 00:01:54,600
a shaved strip of hair--

37
00:01:54,600 --> 00:01:58,500

38
00:01:58,500 --> 00:02:01,560
of skin, rather,
completely shaved.

39
00:02:01,560 --> 00:02:05,940
And they were waving to us,
and then crying, and laughing.

40
00:02:05,940 --> 00:02:08,850
First, they thought that
we are in a terrible shape

41
00:02:08,850 --> 00:02:12,420
because we wore those rags,
first of all, in which they

42
00:02:12,420 --> 00:02:13,980
never saw us before.

43
00:02:13,980 --> 00:02:18,030
And before we left Birkenau,
they painted us with paint,

44
00:02:18,030 --> 00:02:22,320
like red, yellow, whatever,
in order so we would not

45
00:02:22,320 --> 00:02:26,790
escape during our journey.

46
00:02:26,790 --> 00:02:29,910
And I saw among
those men my husband.

47
00:02:29,910 --> 00:02:34,560
And of course, my
happiness had no--

48

00:02:34,560 --> 00:02:36,420
you know, no limits.

49
00:02:36,420 --> 00:02:41,850
And then, but downstairs,
we saw a group of SS men.

50
00:02:41,850 --> 00:02:45,120
But in the middle of
them, Mr. Schindler,

51
00:02:45,120 --> 00:02:50,460
with his little Tyrolean
hat with a little feather,

52
00:02:50,460 --> 00:02:56,190
and completely ignoring
the Lagerführer--

53
00:02:56,190 --> 00:02:58,680
that means the
head of our camp--

54
00:02:58,680 --> 00:03:04,050
and all the SS men and
woman, he said, I greet you.

55
00:03:04,050 --> 00:03:05,100
Don't worry.

56
00:03:05,100 --> 00:03:09,660
Now you're going to
be well taken care of.

57
00:03:09,660 --> 00:03:12,120
There is hot soup
waiting for you.

58
00:03:12,120 --> 00:03:13,150
And don't worry.

59
00:03:13,150 --> 00:03:16,600
You are with me now.

60
00:03:16,600 --> 00:03:22,620
So then we proceeded
to go to the big halls

61
00:03:22,620 --> 00:03:25,290
of the factory itself.

62
00:03:25,290 --> 00:03:27,420
And of course,
there was hot soup,

63
00:03:27,420 --> 00:03:29,580
and a pretty good hot soup.

64
00:03:29,580 --> 00:03:35,440
And we somehow, subconsciously,
we are not afraid anymore.

65
00:03:35,440 --> 00:03:38,280
Our living quarters
were not ready yet.

66
00:03:38,280 --> 00:03:39,510
There were no bunks.

67
00:03:39,510 --> 00:03:42,120
Everybody slept on straw.

68
00:03:42,120 --> 00:03:45,990
But nothing mattered
anymore because we

69
00:03:45,990 --> 00:03:48,930
knew that he will not--

70
00:03:48,930 --> 00:03:50,490
he will do everything.

71
00:03:50,490 --> 00:03:53,160
It was not absolutely sure.

72

00:03:53,160 --> 00:03:55,860

But we believed that
he will do everything

73

00:03:55,860 --> 00:04:02,445

in his power to let-- to
help us survive the war.

74

00:04:02,445 --> 00:04:02,945

OK.

75

00:04:02,945 --> 00:04:10,020

76

00:04:10,020 --> 00:04:10,740

Tell me about--

77

00:04:10,740 --> 00:04:11,240

Seven.

78

00:04:11,240 --> 00:04:14,040

--some of the things that
Schindler did for you,

79

00:04:14,040 --> 00:04:17,399

like getting fabrics at the
end and then maybe getting even

80

00:04:17,399 --> 00:04:18,480

weapons.

81

00:04:18,480 --> 00:04:20,190

Yes.

82

00:04:20,190 --> 00:04:22,320

From the beginning,
Schindler tried

83

00:04:22,320 --> 00:04:26,250

to do everything
possible for us to make

84

00:04:26,250 --> 00:04:28,380
our life more comfortable.

85

00:04:28,380 --> 00:04:31,380
We didn't have
very many clothes.

86

00:04:31,380 --> 00:04:34,800
I mean, we didn't have any
clothes, only what we had on.

87

00:04:34,800 --> 00:04:37,020
So he managed--

88

00:04:37,020 --> 00:04:41,610
I think he allowed
our men to steal

89

00:04:41,610 --> 00:04:45,670
some wool from a
neighboring factory, which

90

00:04:45,670 --> 00:04:48,650
was kind of already empty.

91

00:04:48,650 --> 00:04:52,990
And I mean, they were
not working anymore.

92

00:04:52,990 --> 00:04:56,000
Probably people left it.

93

00:04:56,000 --> 00:05:00,340
And so our men got that
wool, and they made also

94

00:05:00,340 --> 00:05:03,610
on the machines and the
factory knitting needles,

95

00:05:03,610 --> 00:05:09,400
and the women started to knit

sweaters, and little mufflers,

96

00:05:09,400 --> 00:05:11,830
and so on.

97

00:05:11,830 --> 00:05:17,080
So then men wanted to smoke.

98

00:05:17,080 --> 00:05:21,370
I don't know how, but they got
hold of some, next door also,

99

00:05:21,370 --> 00:05:25,810
from some onions, and
they were really smoking

100

00:05:25,810 --> 00:05:27,785
the onion leaves, skins.

101

00:05:27,785 --> 00:05:31,210

102

00:05:31,210 --> 00:05:34,600
Schindler, as far as
food is concerned,

103

00:05:34,600 --> 00:05:38,830
all the surrounding areas
were being slowly evacuated,

104

00:05:38,830 --> 00:05:41,770
so it was very difficult
even for the Germans to get

105

00:05:41,770 --> 00:05:44,740
the food, but
somehow, he got food.

106

00:05:44,740 --> 00:05:49,180
We were not-- we were
always hungry, but not

107

00:05:49,180 --> 00:05:50,350
like in Auschwitz.

108
00:05:50,350 --> 00:05:51,100
You know?

109
00:05:51,100 --> 00:05:56,520
We were hungry but with
hope for a better tomorrow.

110
00:05:56,520 --> 00:06:00,130
He tried to always give us
a little piece of bread.

111
00:06:00,130 --> 00:06:03,610
I had a bunkmate who
was really a master

112
00:06:03,610 --> 00:06:05,470
in cutting the pieces of bread.

113
00:06:05,470 --> 00:06:11,260
She cut it, I believe,
in 13 very thin slices.

114
00:06:11,260 --> 00:06:12,910
The piece was like this.

115
00:06:12,910 --> 00:06:15,160
So I used to give my
husband about eight,

116
00:06:15,160 --> 00:06:16,360
and I ate the five.

117
00:06:16,360 --> 00:06:17,920
Because for me, it was enough.

118
00:06:17,920 --> 00:06:20,530
He was bigger than I was.

119
00:06:20,530 --> 00:06:30,640

And then when the surrounding areas were getting evacuated,

120
00:06:30,640 --> 00:06:34,870
the factories were empty,
he took a few men with him

121
00:06:34,870 --> 00:06:40,240
in a truck, and they went
to a neighboring town

122
00:06:40,240 --> 00:06:44,590
and got some fabrics from
an empty factory, which

123
00:06:44,590 --> 00:06:47,440
he put in our
warehouse in our camp,

124
00:06:47,440 --> 00:06:51,700
and told the men who were in
charge of the warehouse, when

125
00:06:51,700 --> 00:06:57,310
the war is over, remember to
distribute these fabrics evenly

126
00:06:57,310 --> 00:07:00,400
so the people will
have something

127
00:07:00,400 --> 00:07:01,990
to start their lives with.

128
00:07:01,990 --> 00:07:02,990
They can sell it.

129
00:07:02,990 --> 00:07:04,090
They can barter it.

130
00:07:04,090 --> 00:07:08,380
They can do something for them
and then sell some clothes.

131
00:07:08,380 --> 00:07:12,570
But let's wait till
the end of the war.

132
00:07:12,570 --> 00:07:17,220
Then also, without
the majority of us

133
00:07:17,220 --> 00:07:24,000
knowing until the very end,
he acquired some guns, a big--

134
00:07:24,000 --> 00:07:26,580
again, my husband can give
you because he knew more

135
00:07:26,580 --> 00:07:28,180
about guns than I--

136
00:07:28,180 --> 00:07:33,420
a big, I think it was a
machine gun, and some handguns,

137
00:07:33,420 --> 00:07:39,390
and some other
arms, so we would be

138
00:07:39,390 --> 00:07:43,470
prepared if the Germans
would try to kill us

139
00:07:43,470 --> 00:07:45,300
at the very end of the war.

140
00:07:45,300 --> 00:07:47,730
Because this is what
they tried to do.

141
00:07:47,730 --> 00:07:53,890
We had a Lagerführer,
the head of our camp,

142

00:07:53,890 --> 00:07:55,620

his name was Leipold.

143

00:07:55,620 --> 00:07:59,250

And he was already started--

144

00:07:59,250 --> 00:08:03,200

gave orders to dig
trenches for us

145

00:08:03,200 --> 00:08:08,600

to be put and shut in
case of the Russians

146

00:08:08,600 --> 00:08:11,180

approaching closer.

147

00:08:11,180 --> 00:08:16,970

And somehow, Schindler
realized what's happening

148

00:08:16,970 --> 00:08:19,280

and ask Moshe Bejski--

149

00:08:19,280 --> 00:08:24,810

Moshe Bejski today is
the Supreme Court justice

150

00:08:24,810 --> 00:08:26,830

in Israel.

151

00:08:26,830 --> 00:08:29,010

And at the time,
he was a young man,

152

00:08:29,010 --> 00:08:31,920

very good in forging documents.

153

00:08:31,920 --> 00:08:33,600

He was kind of an artist.

154

00:08:33,600 --> 00:08:36,870
He knew how to forge documents.

155
00:08:36,870 --> 00:08:44,820
And he forged a telegram to
Leipold telling him to go,

156
00:08:44,820 --> 00:08:49,290
calling him to the front, which
Leipold very reluctantly did.

157
00:08:49,290 --> 00:08:51,450
But we got rid of Leipold.

158
00:08:51,450 --> 00:08:57,970
And we had another man who
became the head of our camp.

159
00:08:57,970 --> 00:08:59,970
But he was a lower
rank than Leipold,

160
00:08:59,970 --> 00:09:01,530
and he was not too bad.

161
00:09:01,530 --> 00:09:03,360
Because the Germans,
at that time,

162
00:09:03,360 --> 00:09:05,700
realized the end of
the war was near,

163
00:09:05,700 --> 00:09:09,210
and they knew they will be--

164
00:09:09,210 --> 00:09:12,750
they will have to
account for their deeds.

165
00:09:12,750 --> 00:09:14,250
So that one was not too bad.

166

00:09:14,250 --> 00:09:16,710

But Leipold disappeared.

167

00:09:16,710 --> 00:09:18,300

And we had the guns.

168

00:09:18,300 --> 00:09:26,800

When Schindler wanted us to be prepared if the German either

169

00:09:26,800 --> 00:09:30,010

tried to kill us or retreating Germans would

170

00:09:30,010 --> 00:09:32,680

try to overpower us and also kill us,

171

00:09:32,680 --> 00:09:34,150

he wanted us to be prepared.

172

00:09:34,150 --> 00:09:37,750

173

00:09:37,750 --> 00:09:42,640

Tell me about his birthday on April 28.

174

00:09:42,640 --> 00:09:47,620

On April 28, because May 8 was the end

175

00:09:47,620 --> 00:09:53,260

of the war, the liberation day, but April 28 was his birthday,

176

00:09:53,260 --> 00:09:58,290

and we wanted to do something for him for his birthday.

177

00:09:58,290 --> 00:10:02,490

So each one of us,

of the prisoners,

178
00:10:02,490 --> 00:10:07,170
gave a little portion of their--
our bread and a little portion

179
00:10:07,170 --> 00:10:10,740
of our terrible
jam or marmalade,

180
00:10:10,740 --> 00:10:16,020
whatever it was, and margarine.

181
00:10:16,020 --> 00:10:20,040
And someone who must have been
very, very handy among us--

182
00:10:20,040 --> 00:10:21,090
I don't remember.

183
00:10:21,090 --> 00:10:22,620
I don't know who it was--

184
00:10:22,620 --> 00:10:24,750
made him a birthday cake.

185
00:10:24,750 --> 00:10:27,060
I mean, they didn't bake
it but just make it out

186
00:10:27,060 --> 00:10:28,890
of the bread and this.

187
00:10:28,890 --> 00:10:32,070
And we all gathered
in the big hall.

188
00:10:32,070 --> 00:10:35,110
And Schindler spoke to us.

189
00:10:35,110 --> 00:10:41,170
He told us-- and again, all

the camp staff was there,

190
00:10:41,170 --> 00:10:44,875
all the woman SS, and
the men SS, and the head,

191
00:10:44,875 --> 00:10:48,130
the commandant,
and the commandant

192
00:10:48,130 --> 00:10:51,880
of the camp, the new
one, everybody was there.

193
00:10:51,880 --> 00:10:56,670
But he was absolutely
not afraid of them.

194
00:10:56,670 --> 00:11:00,780
And he told us, the
end of the war is near.

195
00:11:00,780 --> 00:11:06,060
Please, think good thoughts.

196
00:11:06,060 --> 00:11:07,910
Because you will
survive the war.

197
00:11:07,910 --> 00:11:12,320
But as you survive the war,
try to be human beings.

198
00:11:12,320 --> 00:11:19,600

199
00:11:19,600 --> 00:11:22,060
And that's how he--

200
00:11:22,060 --> 00:11:22,746
and, you know--

201

00:11:22,746 --> 00:11:23,246
Wait.

202
00:11:23,246 --> 00:11:24,160
Wait a minute.

203
00:11:24,160 --> 00:11:24,940
We have to reload.

204
00:11:24,940 --> 00:11:30,200

205
00:11:30,200 --> 00:11:31,550
Let's back up.

206
00:11:31,550 --> 00:11:33,500
Talk a little bit
about the speech,

207
00:11:33,500 --> 00:11:35,630
and then tell me
about the present

208
00:11:35,630 --> 00:11:38,520
that you gave to Schindler on
that birthday, that all of you

209
00:11:38,520 --> 00:11:39,020
gave.

210
00:11:39,020 --> 00:11:40,720
About the ring, right?

211
00:11:40,720 --> 00:11:43,400
OK.

212
00:11:43,400 --> 00:11:44,270
Go ahead.

213
00:11:44,270 --> 00:11:46,370
OK.

214
00:11:46,370 --> 00:11:49,430
We also gave Schindler,
on his birthday,

215
00:11:49,430 --> 00:11:51,770
we gave him a present.

216
00:11:51,770 --> 00:11:57,400
One of our prisoners
had some tooth, a tooth

217
00:11:57,400 --> 00:11:58,510
or two extracted.

218
00:11:58,510 --> 00:12:01,810
We had a couple of
doctors in our--

219
00:12:01,810 --> 00:12:06,200
among us, and more than
two I think, and a dentist.

220
00:12:06,200 --> 00:12:10,150
And he donated the
gold from his tooth

221
00:12:10,150 --> 00:12:13,680
to make a ring for Schindler.

222
00:12:13,680 --> 00:12:17,100
And on it there was an
inscription, "He who saved"--

223
00:12:17,100 --> 00:12:22,770

224
00:12:22,770 --> 00:12:23,840
now, let me see.

225
00:12:23,840 --> 00:12:28,880
I don't want to make a mistake.

226

00:12:28,880 --> 00:12:33,550

He who saved a Jew, I think--

227

00:12:33,550 --> 00:12:34,750

One Jewish soul.

228

00:12:34,750 --> 00:12:37,510

"--one Jewish soul
saved the world."

229

00:12:37,510 --> 00:12:41,220

OK, tell me that story again.

230

00:12:41,220 --> 00:12:43,440

Tell me about the ring.

231

00:12:43,440 --> 00:12:46,020

Just tell me that you--
he gave you a speech.

232

00:12:46,020 --> 00:12:48,420

So tell me--

233

00:12:48,420 --> 00:12:50,520

He gave us a speech.

234

00:12:50,520 --> 00:12:53,750

And also, we gave him--

235

00:12:53,750 --> 00:12:56,580

do you want me to talk
about the speech itself?

236

00:12:56,580 --> 00:12:57,960

Yeah, tell me.

237

00:12:57,960 --> 00:12:59,460

Well, he told us to--

238

00:12:59,460 --> 00:13:02,370

239

00:13:02,370 --> 00:13:05,880

that he assured us that
we would be liberated.

240

00:13:05,880 --> 00:13:10,530

He assured us that we
will survive the war.

241

00:13:10,530 --> 00:13:16,770

And as we survive the war, he
asked us to be human beings,

242

00:13:16,770 --> 00:13:19,470

to behave like human beings.

243

00:13:19,470 --> 00:13:21,450

You know, he probably
wanted to avoid

244

00:13:21,450 --> 00:13:32,000

the actions of people who
were desperate, and so long

245

00:13:32,000 --> 00:13:34,540

in prison, and so on.

246

00:13:34,540 --> 00:13:40,160

So he asked us to behave like
human beings, which we always

247

00:13:40,160 --> 00:13:41,270

remembered anyway.

248

00:13:41,270 --> 00:13:43,830

249

00:13:43,830 --> 00:13:51,210

And also, one of our
people donated gold

250

00:13:51,210 --> 00:13:57,450

from his extracted tooth to a
jeweler who was in our camp,

251

00:13:57,450 --> 00:14:02,220
and he made a ring for Schindler
which bore the inscription,

252

00:14:02,220 --> 00:14:08,640
"He who saves a Jewish soul
saves the whole world," which

253

00:14:08,640 --> 00:14:13,830
is an old Talmudic,
I think, saying.

254

00:14:13,830 --> 00:14:16,140
You one time said
that you thought

255

00:14:16,140 --> 00:14:19,950
Schindler was trying to save
a cross section of Jewish--

256

00:14:19,950 --> 00:14:21,060
Absolutely.

257

00:14:21,060 --> 00:14:24,630
He called it his Noah's Ark.

258

00:14:24,630 --> 00:14:27,750
Among us, there were doctors.

259

00:14:27,750 --> 00:14:31,020
There were teachers.

260

00:14:31,020 --> 00:14:33,240
There were locksmiths.

261

00:14:33,240 --> 00:14:34,920
There were carpenters.

262

00:14:34,920 --> 00:14:40,720

There were tailors, kind of
a cross section, men, women,

263
00:14:40,720 --> 00:14:41,920
and also children.

264
00:14:41,920 --> 00:14:43,320
We had a few children.

265
00:14:43,320 --> 00:14:49,620
Unfortunately,
some fathers, when

266
00:14:49,620 --> 00:14:53,490
they left Plaszow, a few fathers
who were on Schindler's list

267
00:14:53,490 --> 00:14:58,170
were able to get their
boys also on the list.

268
00:14:58,170 --> 00:15:00,150
And they came to BrÄ¼nnlitz.

269
00:15:00,150 --> 00:15:03,030
But the Lagercommandant,
Leipold,

270
00:15:03,030 --> 00:15:08,980
whom I mentioned before, gave
the order for those children

271
00:15:08,980 --> 00:15:13,730
to go back, to be
sent to Auschwitz.

272
00:15:13,730 --> 00:15:17,150
Of course, their fathers
refuse the chil--

273
00:15:17,150 --> 00:15:20,500
for the children to go alone,
and they all went with them.

274
00:15:20,500 --> 00:15:25,800

275
00:15:25,800 --> 00:15:29,610
What was Schindler risking
to do what-- what he do,

276
00:15:29,610 --> 00:15:31,680
and what did he risk?

277
00:15:31,680 --> 00:15:34,650
Well, first of all,
he risked his life.

278
00:15:34,650 --> 00:15:41,420
Because under the
Germans, helping a Jew,

279
00:15:41,420 --> 00:15:45,650
not saving him but giving
him bread or whatever,

280
00:15:45,650 --> 00:15:51,760
endangered his life and
also the life of his family.

281
00:15:51,760 --> 00:15:52,840
He was in danger.

282
00:15:52,840 --> 00:15:56,710
And he was arrested a
few times by Gestapo,

283
00:15:56,710 --> 00:16:00,940
one time for, I think, some
black market dealings, which

284
00:16:00,940 --> 00:16:04,460
he had to do in order
to feed his people,

285

00:16:04,460 --> 00:16:08,110
and the one time,
I think, for they

286
00:16:08,110 --> 00:16:10,390
discovered some
kind of a sabotaging

287
00:16:10,390 --> 00:16:13,430
his production,
something like that.

288
00:16:13,430 --> 00:16:16,122
But every time, he got out.

289
00:16:16,122 --> 00:16:17,100
Were you--

290
00:16:17,100 --> 00:16:18,360
That was not in BrÄ¼nnlitz.

291
00:16:18,360 --> 00:16:21,270
This was still when we
were in Plaszow, in Poland.

292
00:16:21,270 --> 00:16:24,000
Were you like a family to him?

293
00:16:24,000 --> 00:16:28,710
I think he did
not come to Krakow

294
00:16:28,710 --> 00:16:32,790
with preconceived
notions about it.

295
00:16:32,790 --> 00:16:35,190
It somehow developed.

296
00:16:35,190 --> 00:16:40,600
He formed very close
relationships with his workers.

297

00:16:40,600 --> 00:16:43,230

He realized he liked them.

298

00:16:43,230 --> 00:16:45,150

He respected them.

299

00:16:45,150 --> 00:16:48,960

And as the time
progressed and he

300

00:16:48,960 --> 00:16:51,480

realized what the
Germans were doing,

301

00:16:51,480 --> 00:16:56,250

that it was a final solution
process, that he was--

302

00:16:56,250 --> 00:16:58,930

there was-- that
his people would

303

00:16:58,930 --> 00:17:01,740

be killed sooner or
later, he decided

304

00:17:01,740 --> 00:17:07,550

he has to take some action and
do something to prevent that.

305

00:17:07,550 --> 00:17:13,310

How many people do you think he
saved in all, in rough numbers?

306

00:17:13,310 --> 00:17:15,800

And also talk to me
about whether or not

307

00:17:15,800 --> 00:17:16,990

you feel he was a hero.

308

00:17:16,990 --> 00:17:19,579

309
00:17:19,579 --> 00:17:25,060
He saved about 1,300
people, men and women,

310
00:17:25,060 --> 00:17:27,040
and then there
were a few children

311
00:17:27,040 --> 00:17:29,950
who were a little older
than the little boys who

312
00:17:29,950 --> 00:17:32,680
were sent back to Auschwitz.

313
00:17:32,680 --> 00:17:34,270
They were maybe teenagers.

314
00:17:34,270 --> 00:17:35,350
He saved those too.

315
00:17:35,350 --> 00:17:38,800
But in the total amount,
I think, more or less,

316
00:17:38,800 --> 00:17:40,720
was 1,300 people.

317
00:17:40,720 --> 00:17:44,260
And definitely I
think he was a hero.

318
00:17:44,260 --> 00:17:48,700
Yad Vashem recognize him
as a Righteous Gentile,

319
00:17:48,700 --> 00:17:53,830
and he was one of the few
and the very first Righteous

320

00:17:53,830 --> 00:17:59,130
Gentiles whom they gave
the Medal of Yad Vashem

321
00:17:59,130 --> 00:18:05,040
and allowed him to plant a tree
in the Alley of the Righteous

322
00:18:05,040 --> 00:18:06,960
Gentiles in Jerusalem.

323
00:18:06,960 --> 00:18:10,050
And I think very few Germans--

324
00:18:10,050 --> 00:18:12,720
there are a lot, many
Poles over there,

325
00:18:12,720 --> 00:18:15,870
the Righteous Gentiles
who helped the people.

326
00:18:15,870 --> 00:18:21,360
There are many, I think,
Czech people, Swedish people,

327
00:18:21,360 --> 00:18:26,520
and so on, and Danish people,
French people, but no Germans.

328
00:18:26,520 --> 00:18:29,640
Germans are very, very
few, and Schindler

329
00:18:29,640 --> 00:18:32,610
was one of the first
ones to be recognized

330
00:18:32,610 --> 00:18:35,370
like this by Yad Vashem.

331
00:18:35,370 --> 00:18:39,510
Talk about how you feel

about how few people like him

332
00:18:39,510 --> 00:18:41,850
there were.

333
00:18:41,850 --> 00:18:44,820
Well, I feel that's why--

334
00:18:44,820 --> 00:18:48,840
I feel that the
testimony about Schindler

335
00:18:48,840 --> 00:18:56,290
should not be understood
as whitewashing

336
00:18:56,290 --> 00:18:58,510
of the rest of German people.

337
00:18:58,510 --> 00:19:02,720
Because German people as
a whole are responsible.

338
00:19:02,720 --> 00:19:06,340
There are very few
like Oskar Schindler.

339
00:19:06,340 --> 00:19:12,640
If I want to be very generous,
I will say like 10, maybe,

340
00:19:12,640 --> 00:19:14,230
on the whole.

341
00:19:14,230 --> 00:19:17,890
Maybe they helped a single
person, some of them,

342
00:19:17,890 --> 00:19:19,390
very rarely.

343
00:19:19,390 --> 00:19:24,760

But to save, to endanger your
life and save 1,300 people,

344
00:19:24,760 --> 00:19:29,170
feeding them, fighting
for their needs--

345
00:19:29,170 --> 00:19:31,660
we were talking
about glasses before.

346
00:19:31,660 --> 00:19:34,270
Some people didn't have glasses.

347
00:19:34,270 --> 00:19:39,730
He went to some town,
neighboring town,

348
00:19:39,730 --> 00:19:42,340
and got them glasses.

349
00:19:42,340 --> 00:19:45,010
So he was really very unusual.

350
00:19:45,010 --> 00:19:48,880
And the Germans,
on the whole, were

351
00:19:48,880 --> 00:19:53,080
perpetrators of the
most tragic murder

352
00:19:53,080 --> 00:19:55,390
of the history of humankind.

353
00:19:55,390 --> 00:19:57,670
And there was no
precedent of his--

354
00:19:57,670 --> 00:20:04,400
in history of something like
this on a scale like that.

355

00:20:04,400 --> 00:20:05,900

This was premeditated.

356

00:20:05,900 --> 00:20:12,980

This was done accordingly
to a plan, step by step.

357

00:20:12,980 --> 00:20:18,380

Talk about resistance by
being good human beings.

358

00:20:18,380 --> 00:20:20,510

This is in various experiences.

359

00:20:20,510 --> 00:20:23,690

360

00:20:23,690 --> 00:20:26,030

You told an incident
about an egg.

361

00:20:26,030 --> 00:20:29,340

You talked about sharing
in camps and things like--

362

00:20:29,340 --> 00:20:30,360

talk to me about--

363

00:20:30,360 --> 00:20:34,180

Yeah, yeah.

364

00:20:34,180 --> 00:20:39,350

I came to the conclusion
that we were actually

365

00:20:39,350 --> 00:20:41,420

very good human beings.

366

00:20:41,420 --> 00:20:44,360

I'm talking about
people that I knew

367

00:20:44,360 --> 00:20:48,890

and in Plaszow and
in Schindler's camp.

368

00:20:48,890 --> 00:20:51,330

We were helping one another.

369

00:20:51,330 --> 00:20:52,670

We were sharing.

370

00:20:52,670 --> 00:20:54,770

We were trying to be supportive.

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00:20:54,770 --> 00:20:57,720

If somebody lost one
of their close ones,

372

00:20:57,720 --> 00:20:59,160

we were very supportive.

373

00:20:59,160 --> 00:21:03,140

We tried to really--

374

00:21:03,140 --> 00:21:06,270

because we could have, under
the treatment that we received,

375

00:21:06,270 --> 00:21:10,220

we could have very easily
have become animals.

376

00:21:10,220 --> 00:21:12,770

It was very easy to
become like this.

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00:21:12,770 --> 00:21:15,200

But we were really
very supportive.

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00:21:15,200 --> 00:21:21,410

I remember one time in Birkenau,
every morning and every night

379
00:21:21,410 --> 00:21:24,920
we had to stay not
on the upper platz

380
00:21:24,920 --> 00:21:28,280
but in front of our
barracks in the bitter cold

381
00:21:28,280 --> 00:21:30,020
and the bitter--

382
00:21:30,020 --> 00:21:34,940
and lined in fives.

383
00:21:34,940 --> 00:21:40,280
And the SS woman were going by.

384
00:21:40,280 --> 00:21:43,820
And if somebody looked a
little pale or a little--

385
00:21:43,820 --> 00:21:46,670
didn't stand very
straight or something,

386
00:21:46,670 --> 00:21:49,490
they pulled them
out and put them

387
00:21:49,490 --> 00:21:53,060
to a barrack, which was
designated to be sent

388
00:21:53,060 --> 00:21:57,060
to death in a very near future.

389
00:21:57,060 --> 00:21:58,220
So we tried to help.

390
00:21:58,220 --> 00:22:01,010
And I remember one

time, we were standing

391

00:22:01,010 --> 00:22:06,090

like this, early hours of
the morning, maybe 4 o'clock.

392

00:22:06,090 --> 00:22:09,320

And we were
standing, and I could

393

00:22:09,320 --> 00:22:14,180

feel that my knees were bending
and I would fall any time.

394

00:22:14,180 --> 00:22:15,420

My back was hurting.

395

00:22:15,420 --> 00:22:17,810

I don't know what happened
to me all of a sudden.

396

00:22:17,810 --> 00:22:23,760

So the girl in front of me
and the girl in the back of me

397

00:22:23,760 --> 00:22:25,180

kind of supported me.

398

00:22:25,180 --> 00:22:26,730

You know?

399

00:22:26,730 --> 00:22:30,870

And little things like
this, we tried to--

400

00:22:30,870 --> 00:22:32,250

I shared my toothbrush.

401

00:22:32,250 --> 00:22:36,120

When I came to Brännlitz, my
husband had a present for me,

402

00:22:36,120 --> 00:22:37,380
several presents.

403
00:22:37,380 --> 00:22:39,060
He had the little old medal.

404
00:22:39,060 --> 00:22:39,570
Wait.

405
00:22:39,570 --> 00:22:40,750
We have to reload.

406
00:22:40,750 --> 00:22:42,300
OK.

407
00:22:42,300 --> 00:22:44,331