

1
00:00:00,000 --> 00:00:09,690

2
00:00:09,690 --> 00:00:10,600
Were you-- OK.

3
00:00:10,600 --> 00:00:13,414

4
00:00:13,414 --> 00:00:15,760
[BEEP]

5
00:00:15,760 --> 00:00:19,840
Explain to me what happened to
the people who were hiding you

6
00:00:19,840 --> 00:00:22,090
when you were arrested.

7
00:00:22,090 --> 00:00:27,615
Now, the woman
whose house this was

8
00:00:27,615 --> 00:00:32,390
was not seen after the man
must have been downstairs.

9
00:00:32,390 --> 00:00:33,610
I did not see her.

10
00:00:33,610 --> 00:00:36,040
She and her children
were not there.

11
00:00:36,040 --> 00:00:38,440
She never said
goodbye or anything.

12
00:00:38,440 --> 00:00:43,850
The only one who came
was the seamstress.

13
00:00:43,850 --> 00:00:50,060
And I had a pin, a coral pin
I was very much attached to.

14
00:00:50,060 --> 00:00:54,320
And I put it in her hand
when we said goodbye.

15
00:00:54,320 --> 00:00:56,730
So she was gone.

16
00:00:56,730 --> 00:01:00,470
But I went to her with my
daughter after the war--

17
00:01:00,470 --> 00:01:06,350
was one of my first visits to go
there with the train and visit.

18
00:01:06,350 --> 00:01:13,000
And the first thing
she said, I'm sorry,

19
00:01:13,000 --> 00:01:16,030
but the Germans told me I
could use all your things--

20
00:01:16,030 --> 00:01:25,420
that means bedding and
blankets and everything

21
00:01:25,420 --> 00:01:29,380
we left there, because
we went without anything.

22
00:01:29,380 --> 00:01:31,220
We knew we would be killed.

23
00:01:31,220 --> 00:01:35,350
So why should we take something
with us we would not need?

24

00:01:35,350 --> 00:01:37,960

And maybe one day we could get--

25

00:01:37,960 --> 00:01:41,530

some way escape, and this
would be just not necessary.

26

00:01:41,530 --> 00:01:43,730

So we went without anything.

27

00:01:43,730 --> 00:01:45,710

So she-- that's
what she said to me.

28

00:01:45,710 --> 00:01:47,890

And at that moment I was so--

29

00:01:47,890 --> 00:01:50,350

it was so upsetting to see
the house and all again.

30

00:01:50,350 --> 00:01:52,420

I forgot that she said--

31

00:01:52,420 --> 00:01:53,630

I said, forget about it.

32

00:01:53,630 --> 00:01:54,970

I had no bed.

33

00:01:54,970 --> 00:01:57,880

We had-- my daughter
and I, we had nothing.

34

00:01:57,880 --> 00:02:00,160

But I said, it's OK.

35

00:02:00,160 --> 00:02:03,550

Afterwards I thought,
why would the Germans

36

00:02:03,550 --> 00:02:07,030
say that she could
take all that?

37
00:02:07,030 --> 00:02:11,060
The only reason could
be that she told them,

38
00:02:11,060 --> 00:02:14,360
and that she got money for it.

39
00:02:14,360 --> 00:02:17,990
Because that's why [INAUDIBLE]
take all your children

40
00:02:17,990 --> 00:02:22,820
because they got the
money for each head.

41
00:02:22,820 --> 00:02:26,390
But I don't have any proof.

42
00:02:26,390 --> 00:02:30,390
I only didn't go any
more there, not ever.

43
00:02:30,390 --> 00:02:36,220
But that I think that
they would give it to her.

44
00:02:36,220 --> 00:02:39,280

45
00:02:39,280 --> 00:02:42,400
Sometimes I think maybe
it wasn't even true.

46
00:02:42,400 --> 00:02:46,750
Maybe she used it and it
was gone in the meantime,

47
00:02:46,750 --> 00:02:47,710
or she stole it.

48
00:02:47,710 --> 00:02:48,640
I don't know.

49
00:02:48,640 --> 00:02:52,180
But I didn't go there anymore.

50
00:02:52,180 --> 00:02:53,490
OK.

51
00:02:53,490 --> 00:02:58,170
Now, describe for me the
transport to Auschwitz,

52
00:02:58,170 --> 00:03:01,410
and also the things that
you and your husband did,

53
00:03:01,410 --> 00:03:04,800
the cutting up of the money,
the little bits of resistance

54
00:03:04,800 --> 00:03:06,240
that you did.

55
00:03:06,240 --> 00:03:14,960
I like to talk about this
experience with the students.

56
00:03:14,960 --> 00:03:15,890
Because I most--

57
00:03:15,890 --> 00:03:19,910
I always go to
universities, and sometimes

58
00:03:19,910 --> 00:03:30,340
to schools who are just next
year going to the University.

59
00:03:30,340 --> 00:03:31,480
I don't know.

60
00:03:31,480 --> 00:03:39,990
And I tell them that, I
say that very, very clear,

61
00:03:39,990 --> 00:03:42,720
and maybe it seems not
absolutely necessary,

62
00:03:42,720 --> 00:03:46,710
but you should know,
because hardly ever anybody

63
00:03:46,710 --> 00:03:49,860
has talked about it
or has written about.

64
00:03:49,860 --> 00:03:54,630
We were arrested, and we
were brought to Amsterdam.

65
00:03:54,630 --> 00:03:57,840
That's where we
originally lived.

66
00:03:57,840 --> 00:04:01,560
And we were brought to
the Gestapo, which is

67
00:04:01,560 --> 00:04:04,920
the-- was the police of the SS.

68
00:04:04,920 --> 00:04:10,990
And we were separate,
taken into another room,

69
00:04:10,990 --> 00:04:12,850
and we were asked.

70
00:04:12,850 --> 00:04:16,870
We found both-- after we
found-- both of us did--

71

00:04:16,870 --> 00:04:19,930
what I wanted to know the most.

72

00:04:19,930 --> 00:04:21,790
Who brought us coupons?

73

00:04:21,790 --> 00:04:25,770
Because I just had got
new coupons for the food.

74

00:04:25,770 --> 00:04:31,420
And it was-- must
have been lying there.

75

00:04:31,420 --> 00:04:36,240
They did never find the
people who did every month,

76

00:04:36,240 --> 00:04:39,960
enough for the nearly
20,000 Jewish people

77

00:04:39,960 --> 00:04:44,910
who were in Holland
underground, who had to be--

78

00:04:44,910 --> 00:04:45,810
had to have it.

79

00:04:45,810 --> 00:04:48,360
Otherwise, they
couldn't have lived.

80

00:04:48,360 --> 00:04:51,420
So [? that's what they ?]
asked both of us,

81

00:04:51,420 --> 00:04:53,620
and we didn't even answer.

82

00:04:53,620 --> 00:04:55,890
And who brought us--

83
00:04:55,890 --> 00:05:00,000
who brought us the coupons,
and who looked after us,

84
00:05:00,000 --> 00:05:01,930
and who brought us
to where we are?

85
00:05:01,930 --> 00:05:04,320
Those were the questions first.

86
00:05:04,320 --> 00:05:06,270
And we didn't answer.

87
00:05:06,270 --> 00:05:10,910

88
00:05:10,910 --> 00:05:14,200
So this took a few
hours, and then we

89
00:05:14,200 --> 00:05:20,770
were brought to the
regular jail in Amsterdam,

90
00:05:20,770 --> 00:05:22,600
which doesn't exist anymore.

91
00:05:22,600 --> 00:05:23,670
We found it.

92
00:05:23,670 --> 00:05:27,180
I found it looking afterwards
that it was a very nice place.

93
00:05:27,180 --> 00:05:29,010
I could have stayed
during the whole war.

94
00:05:29,010 --> 00:05:30,930
It was clean and nice.

95

00:05:30,930 --> 00:05:32,910

But we were only there
about two nights,

96

00:05:32,910 --> 00:05:38,050

and then we went to the camp,
which did all the train--

97

00:05:38,050 --> 00:05:43,200

the trains all going
to the East went to--

98

00:05:43,200 --> 00:05:44,940

how could I ever
forget that name?

99

00:05:44,940 --> 00:05:45,690

Westerbork?

100

00:05:45,690 --> 00:05:46,440

Westerbork.

101

00:05:46,440 --> 00:05:47,850

Thank you.

102

00:05:47,850 --> 00:05:48,990

Westerbork.

103

00:05:48,990 --> 00:05:52,290

The train took us to Westerbork.

104

00:05:52,290 --> 00:05:55,410

Westerbork, when
I saw it, it was,

105

00:05:55,410 --> 00:06:03,400

as I said, in August of '44,
was not what I had expected.

106

00:06:03,400 --> 00:06:05,300

It was huge.

107
00:06:05,300 --> 00:06:06,680
It was huge.

108
00:06:06,680 --> 00:06:11,960
And I saw the Jewish
police for the first time.

109
00:06:11,960 --> 00:06:14,650
I didn't know that
something like this existed,

110
00:06:14,650 --> 00:06:19,210
and the women in greenish
uniforms, Jewish women.

111
00:06:19,210 --> 00:06:21,800

112
00:06:21,800 --> 00:06:27,780
And we were there
only three nights,

113
00:06:27,780 --> 00:06:34,020
when at the same
time in Holland,

114
00:06:34,020 --> 00:06:36,960
they know that the
Allies were trying

115
00:06:36,960 --> 00:06:41,760
to come into the
southern part of Holland

116
00:06:41,760 --> 00:06:42,960
to get the Germans out.

117
00:06:42,960 --> 00:06:44,050
That was known.

118
00:06:44,050 --> 00:06:46,350

We didn't know sure,
took a long time

119
00:06:46,350 --> 00:06:49,230
until I understood
what it all was.

120
00:06:49,230 --> 00:06:59,100
And the men working
on the trains

121
00:06:59,100 --> 00:07:05,320
had arranged with
whoever that they

122
00:07:05,320 --> 00:07:09,815
would start to put the
work down the moment

123
00:07:09,815 --> 00:07:13,380
they were knowing that
the Allies were coming.

124
00:07:13,380 --> 00:07:18,030
So the Germans knew that there
would be no trains going,

125
00:07:18,030 --> 00:07:25,860
[INAUDIBLE] did in three days
empty, practically, all of--

126
00:07:25,860 --> 00:07:26,490
say that again.

127
00:07:26,490 --> 00:07:26,990
Westerbork.

128
00:07:26,990 --> 00:07:27,960
Westerbork.

129
00:07:27,960 --> 00:07:28,875
Gee, I have a block.

130

00:07:28,875 --> 00:07:33,096

131

00:07:33,096 --> 00:07:37,280

In three days, there were
only about 400 people

132

00:07:37,280 --> 00:07:40,190

left from the thousands
and thousands.

133

00:07:40,190 --> 00:07:45,840

So we were in the first train
which went, as we found out,

134

00:07:45,840 --> 00:07:48,960

not when we came there, but
maybe a day or two later,

135

00:07:48,960 --> 00:07:51,200

that we were in Auschwitz.

136

00:07:51,200 --> 00:07:55,370

So the trains were the
regular, as I understand,

137

00:07:55,370 --> 00:07:58,290

the regular cattle cars.

138

00:07:58,290 --> 00:08:02,180

There were no seating
in there, nothing.

139

00:08:02,180 --> 00:08:04,120

It was naked.

140

00:08:04,120 --> 00:08:09,390

And the only thing
was a little thing

141

00:08:09,390 --> 00:08:15,100

like this for maybe

175 people to use.

142
00:08:15,100 --> 00:08:21,280
And otherwise people had a
tremendous amount of luggage.

143
00:08:21,280 --> 00:08:22,780
They took anything
with them what

144
00:08:22,780 --> 00:08:24,550
they thought--
because they had been

145
00:08:24,550 --> 00:08:28,990
quite some time in this camp.

146
00:08:28,990 --> 00:08:38,059
And they-- they took
sewing machines with them--

147
00:08:38,059 --> 00:08:39,720
everything.

148
00:08:39,720 --> 00:08:43,140
And there was-- well, really
couldn't-- you could not sit

149
00:08:43,140 --> 00:08:44,730
on the floor.

150
00:08:44,730 --> 00:08:46,760
You had to stand.

151
00:08:46,760 --> 00:08:51,990
And we had to stand three
days and four nights.

152
00:08:51,990 --> 00:08:56,860
And that little basket
where you-- for the--

153

00:08:56,860 --> 00:08:59,950
whatever had to be used
couldn't be used anymore.

154
00:08:59,950 --> 00:09:02,720
You couldn't even get to it.

155
00:09:02,720 --> 00:09:06,710
So after a few hours, it
was very, very bad already.

156
00:09:06,710 --> 00:09:09,940
But it didn't change, and
we were going and going.

157
00:09:09,940 --> 00:09:13,690
And two or three times,
they opened the doors,

158
00:09:13,690 --> 00:09:16,390
and the people all
yelled for water.

159
00:09:16,390 --> 00:09:20,900
And they didn't
understand the situation.

160
00:09:20,900 --> 00:09:24,340
They thought they
would be brought water.

161
00:09:24,340 --> 00:09:28,540
Soldiers came in and
took our whatever--

162
00:09:28,540 --> 00:09:32,320
if we had rings on or something.

163
00:09:32,320 --> 00:09:33,710
And then they wanted money.

164
00:09:33,710 --> 00:09:36,160
The second time I know

they wanted money,

165
00:09:36,160 --> 00:09:38,500
and we didn't give them money.

166
00:09:38,500 --> 00:09:41,170
We give them just some
change or whatever.

167
00:09:41,170 --> 00:09:42,620
We didn't.

168
00:09:42,620 --> 00:09:48,730
And we arrived
after all that time

169
00:09:48,730 --> 00:09:56,290
probably in physical and in
other kind of ways changed.

170
00:09:56,290 --> 00:10:00,990
We had changed into
another person.

171
00:10:00,990 --> 00:10:05,340
And when we arrived, there
was a little something

172
00:10:05,340 --> 00:10:07,080
which looked like a station.

173
00:10:07,080 --> 00:10:09,940
And there was a name of--

174
00:10:09,940 --> 00:10:11,840
not Auschwitz.

175
00:10:11,840 --> 00:10:13,700
It starts with a B.

176
00:10:13,700 --> 00:10:14,440
Birkenau.

177
00:10:14,440 --> 00:10:15,010
That's right.

178
00:10:15,010 --> 00:10:16,210
Birkenau.

179
00:10:16,210 --> 00:10:20,320
B-I-R. Birkenau-- never
heard, never seen.

180
00:10:20,320 --> 00:10:24,865
Birkenau is German, and
it's the name of a tree.

181
00:10:24,865 --> 00:10:27,820
Not "A" "U" but "Birke."

182
00:10:27,820 --> 00:10:34,180
And when we got
out, jumping down,

183
00:10:34,180 --> 00:10:37,390
the people wanted to
keep their luggage.

184
00:10:37,390 --> 00:10:39,850
And then there started
the first fighting

185
00:10:39,850 --> 00:10:44,530
between Jewish
prisoners, who had

186
00:10:44,530 --> 00:10:48,340
blue and white striped uniforms,
who took all that that they

187
00:10:48,340 --> 00:10:53,160
brought away fast-- had to
go very fast, because it

188

00:10:53,160 --> 00:10:54,990
was a very long train.

189
00:10:54,990 --> 00:10:58,950
It's impossible to think
how many people were there.

190
00:10:58,950 --> 00:11:01,710

191
00:11:01,710 --> 00:11:04,920
We asked one time one of those
prisoners who didn't even

192
00:11:04,920 --> 00:11:07,000
answer when we
asked, where are we?

193
00:11:07,000 --> 00:11:08,500
Because we had never
heard Birkenau.

194
00:11:08,500 --> 00:11:08,910
All right.

195
00:11:08,910 --> 00:11:09,430
Wait.

196
00:11:09,430 --> 00:11:10,180
We have to reload.

197
00:11:10,180 --> 00:11:17,068

198
00:11:17,068 --> 00:11:19,470
[BEEP]

199
00:11:19,470 --> 00:11:23,850
Just tell me the incident on
the train, why you did it.

200
00:11:23,850 --> 00:11:27,930

We had money in a
money belt, both of us.

201
00:11:27,930 --> 00:11:29,010
We always carried it.

202
00:11:29,010 --> 00:11:32,685
Since we went underground,
we had both half.

203
00:11:32,685 --> 00:11:34,350
You never knew.

204
00:11:34,350 --> 00:11:40,620
So we took that out at night,
and we cut bill after bill.

205
00:11:40,620 --> 00:11:42,690
I don't know anymore
how much it was,

206
00:11:42,690 --> 00:11:46,020
but it was all the money we had.

207
00:11:46,020 --> 00:11:48,940
And I don't know.

208
00:11:48,940 --> 00:11:52,420
So we tried to put it
into very small pieces.

209
00:11:52,420 --> 00:11:59,170
I don't know why we bothered,
because the floor was not good.

210
00:11:59,170 --> 00:12:00,945
So we did that all.

211
00:12:00,945 --> 00:12:02,640
It was the hardest job.

212
00:12:02,640 --> 00:12:05,820

I guess it was harder
to make the money

213
00:12:05,820 --> 00:12:10,425
with working than to get rid of
that weight, because it hurts.

214
00:12:10,425 --> 00:12:12,990

215
00:12:12,990 --> 00:12:15,210
But we thought they
shouldn't get it.

216
00:12:15,210 --> 00:12:17,460
Because the soldiers,
they kept the money.

217
00:12:17,460 --> 00:12:21,900
This was the thing they
could be allowed to keep.

218
00:12:21,900 --> 00:12:26,610
Because afterwards,
the luggage--

219
00:12:26,610 --> 00:12:28,200
that was a big thing.

220
00:12:28,200 --> 00:12:29,370
That was the biggest.

221
00:12:29,370 --> 00:12:34,050
The whole camp waited
for that for each train,

222
00:12:34,050 --> 00:12:36,570
that they got food,
and they got clothes,

223
00:12:36,570 --> 00:12:40,710
and they got jewelry
and anything.

224

00:12:40,710 --> 00:12:48,770

And the people who worked in
that department, they were--

225

00:12:48,770 --> 00:12:52,070

after a few months, they
were changed and killed.

226

00:12:52,070 --> 00:12:56,600

And when they were found selling
those things, and they did.

227

00:12:56,600 --> 00:12:58,730

I don't know how
they did it, but they

228

00:12:58,730 --> 00:13:04,220

could change it with anything,
which was some place available.

229

00:13:04,220 --> 00:13:08,450

I never knew how much was
available in Auschwitz.

230

00:13:08,450 --> 00:13:10,430

If you had something--

231

00:13:10,430 --> 00:13:13,400

I found it only
out by the reading,

232

00:13:13,400 --> 00:13:18,070

by all the books I have
in German and in English.

233

00:13:18,070 --> 00:13:20,610

Tell me how you asked
them where you were.

234

00:13:20,610 --> 00:13:21,110

Yeah.

235

00:13:21,110 --> 00:13:24,380

I asked one of those blue and
white striped, where are we?

236

00:13:24,380 --> 00:13:27,200

He didn't answer--
didn't answer.

237

00:13:27,200 --> 00:13:31,090

238

00:13:31,090 --> 00:13:32,740

They were glad
that the food came,

239

00:13:32,740 --> 00:13:37,010

but they did-- they were
Jewish, just like us.

240

00:13:37,010 --> 00:13:39,610

And they came one
day like that, too.

241

00:13:39,610 --> 00:13:42,730

But in the meantime,
they had a very good job.

242

00:13:42,730 --> 00:13:46,370

Everybody would have given his
right hand to have such a job.

243

00:13:46,370 --> 00:13:50,350

244

00:13:50,350 --> 00:13:52,810

OK, tell me about
the selections.

245

00:13:52,810 --> 00:13:55,510

Why did you-- are
the shoes making

246

00:13:55,510 --> 00:13:56,860
too much noise, [INAUDIBLE]?

247
00:13:56,860 --> 00:13:57,470
Her shoes?

248
00:13:57,470 --> 00:13:57,970
Mine?

249
00:13:57,970 --> 00:13:58,450
Yeah.

250
00:13:58,450 --> 00:13:58,690
Oh.

251
00:13:58,690 --> 00:13:59,190
Yeah.

252
00:13:59,190 --> 00:13:59,710
That's fine.

253
00:13:59,710 --> 00:14:00,210
OK.

254
00:14:00,210 --> 00:14:02,160
Tell me about the selection.

255
00:14:02,160 --> 00:14:07,730
It was-- when we came out, we
were separated, men and women.

256
00:14:07,730 --> 00:14:10,060
And so I was--

257
00:14:10,060 --> 00:14:15,940
in the train, there was a
woman standing next to me

258
00:14:15,940 --> 00:14:17,020
the whole time.

259

00:14:17,020 --> 00:14:20,360
And she had a child,
like our child.

260
00:14:20,360 --> 00:14:24,670
And she said, when
we were arrested,

261
00:14:24,670 --> 00:14:27,760
somebody said we should
take our children.

262
00:14:27,760 --> 00:14:30,820
And we took our children
out of the places

263
00:14:30,820 --> 00:14:33,460
where they were hiding.

264
00:14:33,460 --> 00:14:39,700
And gee, I thought that could
have happened maybe to us.

265
00:14:39,700 --> 00:14:42,610
But we didn't even
consider that.

266
00:14:42,610 --> 00:14:45,380
So this woman and her
little girl and I,

267
00:14:45,380 --> 00:14:49,330
we were in one row
walking up when

268
00:14:49,330 --> 00:14:51,400
we saw the end,
which was very, very

269
00:14:51,400 --> 00:14:54,580
long, because the
whole train are long.

270

00:14:54,580 --> 00:15:01,340

We had to go, and we
saw at the end a man,

271

00:15:01,340 --> 00:15:04,940

an extremely well-looking man--

272

00:15:04,940 --> 00:15:07,130

this I have never forgotten--

273

00:15:07,130 --> 00:15:09,240

in his uniform, very elegant.

274

00:15:09,240 --> 00:15:15,660

And when we came, the three
of us, and he asked me,

275

00:15:15,660 --> 00:15:16,910

is this your child?

276

00:15:16,910 --> 00:15:18,890

And I said no.

277

00:15:18,890 --> 00:15:23,900

He made a move to the mother
and the child to go this way,

278

00:15:23,900 --> 00:15:26,180

and to me this way.

279

00:15:26,180 --> 00:15:27,680

That was all.

280

00:15:27,680 --> 00:15:32,120

And I was with other people
finding out after a while

281

00:15:32,120 --> 00:15:34,760

that they were the
ones who were supposed

282

00:15:34,760 --> 00:15:38,800

to go to work
eventually, and that

283
00:15:38,800 --> 00:15:41,180
was the reason they looked
comparatively young.

284
00:15:41,180 --> 00:15:43,710
I wasn't young at all.

285
00:15:43,710 --> 00:15:45,260
I was in my middle 30s.

286
00:15:45,260 --> 00:15:49,490
I was one of the oldest,
because they were very young.

287
00:15:49,490 --> 00:15:58,110
And we came to a place where
there had been some trees.

288
00:15:58,110 --> 00:16:00,000
There were no trees
in Auschwitz anymore.

289
00:16:00,000 --> 00:16:01,530
There were just some leftovers.

290
00:16:01,530 --> 00:16:03,010
I don't know.

291
00:16:03,010 --> 00:16:06,120
So there, we were told to wait.

292
00:16:06,120 --> 00:16:08,730
And then there I saw my
husband, and my husband

293
00:16:08,730 --> 00:16:12,330
was also on this good side.

294
00:16:12,330 --> 00:16:15,890

And we talked for a long time.

295

00:16:15,890 --> 00:16:19,880

We always thinking that
we would be together.

296

00:16:19,880 --> 00:16:24,110

Then they called the women
into a large building.

297

00:16:24,110 --> 00:16:26,330

We were very close
to this building.

298

00:16:26,330 --> 00:16:31,110

And we-- and that was the last
time I saw my husband ever.

299

00:16:31,110 --> 00:16:36,190

And I do not know
when or where he died.

300

00:16:36,190 --> 00:16:38,960

There is a chance
now to find out.

301

00:16:38,960 --> 00:16:41,310

That's new.

302

00:16:41,310 --> 00:16:44,710

Because the government
kept all those things,

303

00:16:44,710 --> 00:16:48,540

I don't know for whom,
where it is known.

304

00:16:48,540 --> 00:16:50,970

I don't know-- thousands
and thousands of names,

305

00:16:50,970 --> 00:16:52,920

or millions of

names are in there,

306
00:16:52,920 --> 00:16:57,560
and the Red Cross
will take care of it.

307
00:16:57,560 --> 00:16:59,180
It will take maybe 10 years.

308
00:16:59,180 --> 00:17:01,720
So I told my daughter
she should do that.

309
00:17:01,720 --> 00:17:05,800
I would not be living any more
until this answer would come.

310
00:17:05,800 --> 00:17:12,579
So we were in there,
and the first thing

311
00:17:12,579 --> 00:17:15,910
was that we were lined
up, and long tables.

312
00:17:15,910 --> 00:17:22,430
And behind there there
were girls, young girls,

313
00:17:22,430 --> 00:17:27,130
all had black hair,
looked very, very nice.

314
00:17:27,130 --> 00:17:29,780
Their hair was just perfect.

315
00:17:29,780 --> 00:17:33,700
And all of them were wearing
black silk dresses, but not

316
00:17:33,700 --> 00:17:34,460
the same.

317

00:17:34,460 --> 00:17:39,130

They were obviously handmade
the way they liked it.

318

00:17:39,130 --> 00:17:42,460

And I thought those were German.

319

00:17:42,460 --> 00:17:43,090

They were not.

320

00:17:43,090 --> 00:17:45,160

They were prisoners.

321

00:17:45,160 --> 00:17:49,750

And they put the name in a
book, and maybe those books

322

00:17:49,750 --> 00:17:56,390

are now open to us, and
they gave you the tattoo.

323

00:17:56,390 --> 00:18:02,030

And then you went to another
part in this huge building,

324

00:18:02,030 --> 00:18:08,210

and there were more of
those women, the same type.

325

00:18:08,210 --> 00:18:10,640

And they said we
had-- fast, very fast.

326

00:18:10,640 --> 00:18:12,680

It was always fast,
fast, fast. fast.

327

00:18:12,680 --> 00:18:16,640

We had to undress completely.

328

00:18:16,640 --> 00:18:20,660

And with that undressing,

I had a wedding band--

329
00:18:20,660 --> 00:18:22,520
somebody overlooked it there.

330
00:18:22,520 --> 00:18:27,290
And she just put it with her
hand out, and it was gone.

331
00:18:27,290 --> 00:18:31,300
I still thought
they were Germans.

332
00:18:31,300 --> 00:18:32,340
They were not.

333
00:18:32,340 --> 00:18:34,060
They were prisoners like we.

334
00:18:34,060 --> 00:18:37,630
They were only younger and
probably and longer there,

335
00:18:37,630 --> 00:18:38,720
long experience.

336
00:18:38,720 --> 00:18:40,150
They knew.

337
00:18:40,150 --> 00:18:47,100
So I had very good
shoes on, walking shoes.

338
00:18:47,100 --> 00:18:50,070
I must have kept
them for that day.

339
00:18:50,070 --> 00:18:57,330
And with us in the train
was Anne Frank, her mother,

340
00:18:57,330 --> 00:19:00,250

her father, and her sister.

341

00:19:00,250 --> 00:19:05,890

And when I saw them
again in this hall,

342

00:19:05,890 --> 00:19:08,360

there was a mother
and the two girls.

343

00:19:08,360 --> 00:19:11,270

Now, I knew the
Franks very well.

344

00:19:11,270 --> 00:19:14,930

I didn't-- I did not know
that they were still alive.

345

00:19:14,930 --> 00:19:17,570

When they were disappearing,
at the time when we all

346

00:19:17,570 --> 00:19:21,590

were invited to come to the
train, they had prepared,

347

00:19:21,590 --> 00:19:29,040

and they had this well-known
house ready for them to go in.

348

00:19:29,040 --> 00:19:30,810

We didn't know that that was.

349

00:19:30,810 --> 00:19:34,090

They were all of sudden
were not there anymore,

350

00:19:34,090 --> 00:19:36,060

and we only knew two things.

351

00:19:36,060 --> 00:19:37,980

Maybe they had gone
to Switzerland.

352
00:19:37,980 --> 00:19:43,440
Some people had a chance,
or they were underground.

353
00:19:43,440 --> 00:19:45,620
And here, I saw them
then for the first time.

354
00:19:45,620 --> 00:19:48,610

355
00:19:48,610 --> 00:19:51,490
Mrs. Frank had very--

356
00:19:51,490 --> 00:19:53,170
shoes like mine, too.

357
00:19:53,170 --> 00:19:55,780
And one of the
girls said to her,

358
00:19:55,780 --> 00:19:58,760
I would like to have your shoes.

359
00:19:58,760 --> 00:19:59,930
I heard it.

360
00:19:59,930 --> 00:20:01,370
And she said, no, no.

361
00:20:01,370 --> 00:20:03,320
I need my shoes.

362
00:20:03,320 --> 00:20:06,800
And she said, I give you mine--

363
00:20:06,800 --> 00:20:09,870
was a funny way.

364
00:20:09,870 --> 00:20:11,270

And she said, no, no.

365

00:20:11,270 --> 00:20:17,110

She said, I bring you every
day soup for your two girls.

366

00:20:17,110 --> 00:20:22,070

Let's change shoes, and she did.

367

00:20:22,070 --> 00:20:24,410

She never got any soup.

368

00:20:24,410 --> 00:20:28,580

So another girl came to
me and wanted my shoes,

369

00:20:28,580 --> 00:20:30,800

and I didn't want any soup.

370

00:20:30,800 --> 00:20:32,210

I said, no, no.

371

00:20:32,210 --> 00:20:34,430

I don't give up the shoes.

372

00:20:34,430 --> 00:20:36,170

I should have
thought by that time

373

00:20:36,170 --> 00:20:37,680

that there must
have been prisoners.

374

00:20:37,680 --> 00:20:39,920

Otherwise, they would
have just taken them away

375

00:20:39,920 --> 00:20:41,160

from the [INAUDIBLE].

376

00:20:41,160 --> 00:20:43,100

But they leave me alone.

377

00:20:43,100 --> 00:20:49,190

And I had those shoes, oh,
at least half the winter.

378

00:20:49,190 --> 00:20:51,640

They were still--

379

00:20:51,640 --> 00:20:55,390

I mean, I could wear them, but
they were not so good anymore.

380

00:20:55,390 --> 00:21:00,790

But yeah, the next half of
the winter I had no shoes.

381

00:21:00,790 --> 00:21:14,080

But we were then been-- when we
were naked, and we got shaved--

382

00:21:14,080 --> 00:21:19,300

our hair and body
and on the head.

383

00:21:19,300 --> 00:21:23,900

And then we were
brought into the shower,

384

00:21:23,900 --> 00:21:25,330

which was a regular shower.

385

00:21:25,330 --> 00:21:27,880

We didn't know
about other showers.

386

00:21:27,880 --> 00:21:29,630

And then we were outside.

387

00:21:29,630 --> 00:21:32,330

It was September.

388

00:21:32,330 --> 00:21:36,960

It was about the 8th of
September, something like that.

389
00:21:36,960 --> 00:21:38,960
And we were wet.

390
00:21:38,960 --> 00:21:41,180
We had nothing--
towel or anything.

391
00:21:41,180 --> 00:21:44,300
And then they threw
each of us a dress.

392
00:21:44,300 --> 00:21:46,340
They didn't look for
the size, and they

393
00:21:46,340 --> 00:21:50,510
didn't look for if it was wool
or if it was a thin, summer

394
00:21:50,510 --> 00:21:51,290
material.

395
00:21:51,290 --> 00:21:52,790
You got one dress.

396
00:21:52,790 --> 00:21:55,250
And then you had to try
to find somebody who

397
00:21:55,250 --> 00:21:59,530
wanted to change with you and--

398
00:21:59,530 --> 00:22:03,150
the size and with
material, maybe.

399
00:22:03,150 --> 00:22:07,260
And by that time,
we had never been

400

00:22:07,260 --> 00:22:09,180

allowed to go to the toilet--

401

00:22:09,180 --> 00:22:11,010

latrine, it was called.

402

00:22:11,010 --> 00:22:15,300

We were not allowed to go
to the latrine or anything.

403

00:22:15,300 --> 00:22:18,650

So we were brought into a--

404

00:22:18,650 --> 00:22:19,880

Let's reload.

405

00:22:19,880 --> 00:22:24,960

406

00:22:24,960 --> 00:22:27,090

It gets faster [? in ?]

[? this. ?] [? Yes. ?]

407

00:22:27,090 --> 00:22:27,750

[BEEP]

408

00:22:27,750 --> 00:22:31,380

I want to ask you some general
questions about your sense

409

00:22:31,380 --> 00:22:33,270

while you were in various camps.

410

00:22:33,270 --> 00:22:36,990

It doesn't-- you don't
have to be camp-specific.

411

00:22:36,990 --> 00:22:41,330

Did you ever catch a
glimpse of your reflection?

412

00:22:41,330 --> 00:22:42,260
Of my what?

413
00:22:42,260 --> 00:22:43,160
Reflection.

414
00:22:43,160 --> 00:22:45,320
Did you ever see
what you looked like?

415
00:22:45,320 --> 00:22:46,340
No.

416
00:22:46,340 --> 00:22:48,860
There were no-- was no mirror.

417
00:22:48,860 --> 00:22:50,210
No.

418
00:22:50,210 --> 00:22:53,510
We looked at each other,
and the ones without hair,

419
00:22:53,510 --> 00:22:56,690
so you know you looked like
them, and that was all.

420
00:22:56,690 --> 00:22:59,910

421
00:22:59,910 --> 00:23:04,140
Can you tell me what sensory
things you remember, like

422
00:23:04,140 --> 00:23:07,410
sounds or smells or
the things that made

423
00:23:07,410 --> 00:23:09,210
the biggest impression on you?

424
00:23:09,210 --> 00:23:12,840

The biggest impression
was the chimney,

425
00:23:12,840 --> 00:23:16,980
which was very close to
the barrack where we were.

426
00:23:16,980 --> 00:23:22,740
And that was spewing
fire, fire, 24 hours.

427
00:23:22,740 --> 00:23:26,280
In the daytime, you
only saw the smoke.

428
00:23:26,280 --> 00:23:29,220
At night it was fire.

429
00:23:29,220 --> 00:23:35,700
And about the third or fourth
day, I started to walk around.

430
00:23:35,700 --> 00:23:37,320
We didn't work.

431
00:23:37,320 --> 00:23:39,210
We couldn't stay in our barrack.

432
00:23:39,210 --> 00:23:40,590
We had to be out.

433
00:23:40,590 --> 00:23:43,020
So I just started
to walk around.

434
00:23:43,020 --> 00:23:49,770
And why I approached a man,
the only man I saw, to tell me

435
00:23:49,770 --> 00:23:53,680
where we are, I don't know.

436

00:23:53,680 --> 00:23:55,520
He was well-dressed,
comparatively.

437
00:23:55,520 --> 00:23:59,650
He was a prisoner,
and he spoke Polish.

438
00:23:59,650 --> 00:24:01,840
And I couldn't speak Polish.

439
00:24:01,840 --> 00:24:07,570
And I asked him where we
were, and he said, Auschwitz.

440
00:24:07,570 --> 00:24:09,010
He knew that.

441
00:24:09,010 --> 00:24:12,410
And I say, what is this?

442
00:24:12,410 --> 00:24:17,620
And he said, you see, you cannot
get out of Auschwitz any other

443
00:24:17,620 --> 00:24:21,620
way but through this chimney.

444
00:24:21,620 --> 00:24:26,340
This is our trip to heaven.

445
00:24:26,340 --> 00:24:31,380
And I thought, I don't know
what kind of a man this is.

446
00:24:31,380 --> 00:24:35,100
I thought about it
later much more,

447
00:24:35,100 --> 00:24:38,340
because there was no
man walking around.

448

00:24:38,340 --> 00:24:43,650

It must have been a prisoner
who was quite a high rank.

449

00:24:43,650 --> 00:24:47,460

Prisoners had very high ranks.

450

00:24:47,460 --> 00:24:49,470

This you don't know
when you are there

451

00:24:49,470 --> 00:24:51,600

because they don't come to you.

452

00:24:51,600 --> 00:25:00,410

But the-- he must have been
there to look for a girl.

453

00:25:00,410 --> 00:25:03,650

This is the only way
that-- the only interest

454

00:25:03,650 --> 00:25:06,680

they had to walk
through a woman's camp,

455

00:25:06,680 --> 00:25:09,320

and there was a new
group just had come,

456

00:25:09,320 --> 00:25:12,740

and there were
certain ages anyway.

457

00:25:12,740 --> 00:25:16,460

But this was very clear
when he told me what--

458

00:25:16,460 --> 00:25:18,860

I understood it, but
I didn't tell my--

459

00:25:18,860 --> 00:25:20,870
the people I was with.

460
00:25:20,870 --> 00:25:22,010
It wasn't necessary.

461
00:25:22,010 --> 00:25:24,575
It was enough I knew it,
and we were not even sure.

462
00:25:24,575 --> 00:25:27,840

463
00:25:27,840 --> 00:25:30,870
But this was not changing.

464
00:25:30,870 --> 00:25:35,350
The roughest time
was the two daily--

465
00:25:35,350 --> 00:25:38,350

466
00:25:38,350 --> 00:25:42,520
that we had to be counted
at about 5 o'clock

467
00:25:42,520 --> 00:25:43,500
or so in the morning.

468
00:25:43,500 --> 00:25:44,230
We don't know.

469
00:25:44,230 --> 00:25:46,900
Our watches were long gone.

470
00:25:46,900 --> 00:25:50,990
And when we were
awakened, we [INAUDIBLE]..

471
00:25:50,990 --> 00:25:53,290
The way we are, we

didn't have to wash,

472

00:25:53,290 --> 00:25:57,130
or we didn't have to change
clothes or shoes or whatever.

473

00:25:57,130 --> 00:26:03,460
We had to come to roll call in
the morning and in the evening.

474

00:26:03,460 --> 00:26:06,040
And that roll call
never, ever-- and I

475

00:26:06,040 --> 00:26:08,750
guess if you have talked
to other people, never,

476

00:26:08,750 --> 00:26:10,510
ever functioned.

477

00:26:10,510 --> 00:26:17,020
If they had 976 on their
book, there were maybe

478

00:26:17,020 --> 00:26:19,910
850, or the other way around.

479

00:26:19,910 --> 00:26:22,370
And then the girl who
had to do that, she was

480

00:26:22,370 --> 00:26:28,480
the older, the elder, of the--

481

00:26:28,480 --> 00:26:32,260
she was a prisoner
of this barrack,

482

00:26:32,260 --> 00:26:33,820
she got more and more nervous.

483

00:26:33,820 --> 00:26:40,495
Because very short, short
of that, one of the officers

484
00:26:40,495 --> 00:26:41,110
or so--

485
00:26:41,110 --> 00:26:42,277
I don't know what they were.

486
00:26:42,277 --> 00:26:44,620
I don't know anything--
difference in uniforms.

487
00:26:44,620 --> 00:26:47,680
I never learned it
before or after the war.

488
00:26:47,680 --> 00:26:49,090
I was never interested.

489
00:26:49,090 --> 00:26:50,710
But he was something higher.

490
00:26:50,710 --> 00:26:55,140
And he got very angry that
it never came out right.

491
00:26:55,140 --> 00:26:58,280
So then they had to
search the whole barrack.

492
00:26:58,280 --> 00:27:03,910
And as I said, in every barrack
were about 1,000 people.

493
00:27:03,910 --> 00:27:06,460
So some people were hiding.

494
00:27:06,460 --> 00:27:11,290
At that time we had straw
mattresses, which was luxury.

495

00:27:11,290 --> 00:27:13,850

So they were hiding
under that in the corner,

496

00:27:13,850 --> 00:27:16,770

and if you are-- it's on
the third floor up there,

497

00:27:16,770 --> 00:27:21,100

it's very difficult to climb up
there and to find the people.

498

00:27:21,100 --> 00:27:23,080

Some people had died.

499

00:27:23,080 --> 00:27:29,350

But I know that one time I knew
I had scarlet fever because it

500

00:27:29,350 --> 00:27:32,650

was in the camp in Holland.

501

00:27:32,650 --> 00:27:36,410

So I knew looking at my
stomach it was scarlet fever.

502

00:27:36,410 --> 00:27:40,660

And I was afraid that
somebody would see me,

503

00:27:40,660 --> 00:27:43,190

that they would do
something with me,

504

00:27:43,190 --> 00:27:45,250

which I wouldn't probably like.

505

00:27:45,250 --> 00:27:49,960

Still have not exactly taken
it that everybody who was sick

506

00:27:49,960 --> 00:27:51,910

would be killed.

507

00:27:51,910 --> 00:27:54,330

I think that took
a little longer

508

00:27:54,330 --> 00:27:56,400

that it goes into one's brains.

509

00:27:56,400 --> 00:28:00,990

But I stayed always in the
corner in the third part

510

00:28:00,990 --> 00:28:02,790

under a mattress.

511

00:28:02,790 --> 00:28:08,890

And I saw them searching,
but they never came up there.

512

00:28:08,890 --> 00:28:11,680

It was the first
illness I had there.

513

00:28:11,680 --> 00:28:16,890

There's no-- there was no
so-called clinic or whatever.

514

00:28:16,890 --> 00:28:21,630

What acts of resistance did you
see in the camp of any sort?

515

00:28:21,630 --> 00:28:23,880

Nothing.

516

00:28:23,880 --> 00:28:25,140

Nothing.

517

00:28:25,140 --> 00:28:27,090

What about mental resistance?

518

00:28:27,090 --> 00:28:30,400

519
00:28:30,400 --> 00:28:33,760
How do you assist
mentally in such a case?

520
00:28:33,760 --> 00:28:36,780
The only way to live, to be--

521
00:28:36,780 --> 00:28:38,580
don't even [? say live ?].

522
00:28:38,580 --> 00:28:42,670
The only way to be is to
do what is asked from you.

523
00:28:42,670 --> 00:28:49,430
And it is stupid as a one
person to do something.

524
00:28:49,430 --> 00:28:53,420
That is-- because the woman who
is in charge of the barrack is

525
00:28:53,420 --> 00:28:57,080
the first one who will punish--

526
00:28:57,080 --> 00:28:58,020
be punished.

527
00:28:58,020 --> 00:29:01,810
So she will do something
that you don't do,

528
00:29:01,810 --> 00:29:04,330
because she's afraid also.

529
00:29:04,330 --> 00:29:07,120
No, I thought it would be--

530
00:29:07,120 --> 00:29:10,480
I don't know, and I've never

read that anything like this

531
00:29:10,480 --> 00:29:12,830
happened in the barracks
or anything like that.

532
00:29:12,830 --> 00:29:13,390
Never.

533
00:29:13,390 --> 00:29:14,590
I haven't read any.

534
00:29:14,590 --> 00:29:18,520
And I have all those,
besides the ones I have read

535
00:29:18,520 --> 00:29:20,860
and [INAUDIBLE].

536
00:29:20,860 --> 00:29:25,000
What about religious or
spiritual resistance?

537
00:29:25,000 --> 00:29:26,810
There's no resistance.

538
00:29:26,810 --> 00:29:31,210
This is not a resistance,
but I saw on Jewish holidays

539
00:29:31,210 --> 00:29:35,890
some women who knew, who
kept the dates, to pray.

540
00:29:35,890 --> 00:29:37,840
That's not a resistance.

541
00:29:37,840 --> 00:29:43,780
This is for people who are
very religious natural.

542
00:29:43,780 --> 00:29:50,200

I did not see any resistance
in that camp and later

543
00:29:50,200 --> 00:29:51,700
on where we were in the factory.

544
00:29:51,700 --> 00:29:54,300

545
00:29:54,300 --> 00:29:58,470
One time in the
factory, but that was--

546
00:29:58,470 --> 00:30:00,630
it was not person-to-person.

547
00:30:00,630 --> 00:30:01,830
What was that?

548
00:30:01,830 --> 00:30:06,485
A woman walked out at
night, New Year's night.

549
00:30:06,485 --> 00:30:11,130
And the guys-- we had four
soldiers for the whole camp

550
00:30:11,130 --> 00:30:13,180
and four women soldiers.

551
00:30:13,180 --> 00:30:14,700
That was all.

552
00:30:14,700 --> 00:30:17,790
And I guess they
were drunk also.

553
00:30:17,790 --> 00:30:21,370
And she thought it was snowing
so much she could go out,

554
00:30:21,370 --> 00:30:22,420

and she went out.

555

00:30:22,420 --> 00:30:24,300

And she thought--
she knocks on a house

556

00:30:24,300 --> 00:30:26,370

and says when she comes from.

557

00:30:26,370 --> 00:30:30,750

She was-- they
would take her in,

558

00:30:30,750 --> 00:30:33,480

they called that she was there.

559

00:30:33,480 --> 00:30:34,320

That was all.

560

00:30:34,320 --> 00:30:37,450

That was all I saw.

561

00:30:37,450 --> 00:30:39,820

So she escaped, and
then got recaptured?

562

00:30:39,820 --> 00:30:40,420

Mm-hmm.

563

00:30:40,420 --> 00:30:42,940

Was she punished?

564

00:30:42,940 --> 00:30:44,680

She was sent--
officially, it was

565

00:30:44,680 --> 00:30:49,330

said she was going to a larger
camp than that in the factory.

566

00:30:49,330 --> 00:30:52,250

But I know she was

alive afterwards.

567

00:30:52,250 --> 00:30:53,800

So she didn't do
anything anymore.

568

00:30:53,800 --> 00:30:56,500

They couldn't send them
any more to Auschwitz.

569

00:30:56,500 --> 00:31:03,640

There was no burning or anything
anymore after November the 1st,

570

00:31:03,640 --> 00:31:07,980

1944.

571

00:31:07,980 --> 00:31:09,880

What do you think
keeps you alive?

572

00:31:09,880 --> 00:31:13,110

What choices do you make
while you're in the camp?

573

00:31:13,110 --> 00:31:17,610

Now, at first, I think the
greatest and the most important

574

00:31:17,610 --> 00:31:22,440

choice if you want to live,
that you do want to live,

575

00:31:22,440 --> 00:31:28,120

that you do anything which
makes it possible to live.

576

00:31:28,120 --> 00:31:30,550

And I was not in doubt I was--

577

00:31:30,550 --> 00:31:31,490

that I wouldn't live.

578

00:31:31,490 --> 00:31:34,660

I thought I will,
which is stupid.

579

00:31:34,660 --> 00:31:37,135

But I was convinced.

580

00:31:37,135 --> 00:31:43,270

So at first, if you are in
a large group of people--

581

00:31:43,270 --> 00:31:45,220

I was always short.

582

00:31:45,220 --> 00:31:49,400

I make myself shorter to be in
the middle, not in the front,

583

00:31:49,400 --> 00:31:50,620

not in the back.

584

00:31:50,620 --> 00:31:55,940

I stand so that the
others are taller.

585

00:31:55,940 --> 00:31:57,950

I haven't had
experience in that,

586

00:31:57,950 --> 00:32:03,520

but I thought there is something
because people in some way who

587

00:32:03,520 --> 00:32:06,180

stand in the first row
or on the last row,

588

00:32:06,180 --> 00:32:08,410

they were picked
for things which

589

00:32:08,410 --> 00:32:12,850

maybe were not very pleasant
that you don't know of.

590
00:32:12,850 --> 00:32:15,880
This is instinctively.

591
00:32:15,880 --> 00:32:18,400
That's all I can
say-- not smartness.

592
00:32:18,400 --> 00:32:22,740
Instinctively, you say
I don't want to be seen.

593
00:32:22,740 --> 00:32:24,920
They don't [INAUDIBLE] see me.

594
00:32:24,920 --> 00:32:28,550

595
00:32:28,550 --> 00:32:32,820
What other choices do
you think helped you?

596
00:32:32,820 --> 00:32:37,140
I think that the
most important thing

597
00:32:37,140 --> 00:32:44,930
was my child, that I wanted
to come back to my child.

598
00:32:44,930 --> 00:32:50,580
So what I did for it, I
cannot take any credit.

599
00:32:50,580 --> 00:32:55,690
I did as little as possible to--

600
00:32:55,690 --> 00:32:58,840
that somebody would say, oh,
that woman, and everybody

601
00:32:58,840 --> 00:32:59,680
knows.

602
00:32:59,680 --> 00:33:00,700
That was not--

603
00:33:00,700 --> 00:33:02,050
I didn't.

604
00:33:02,050 --> 00:33:04,120
But this was important.

605
00:33:04,120 --> 00:33:08,410
I was always thinking of my
child, of my husband, where

606
00:33:08,410 --> 00:33:10,300
he would be.

607
00:33:10,300 --> 00:33:12,540
May I tell a little story?

608
00:33:12,540 --> 00:33:13,840
A Sunday afternoon--

609
00:33:13,840 --> 00:33:14,440
Wait.

610
00:33:14,440 --> 00:33:17,980
Let's reload because we're--
we only have 10 seconds.

611
00:33:17,980 --> 00:33:19,530
OK.