

1
00:00:00,000 --> 00:00:05,040

2
00:00:05,040 --> 00:00:08,390
This is tape two,
side A, and you

3
00:00:08,390 --> 00:00:10,140
were talking about how
you and your mother

4
00:00:10,140 --> 00:00:12,690
were leaving the
brick factory and had

5
00:00:12,690 --> 00:00:19,470
gotten on the train with
other people that you knew.

6
00:00:19,470 --> 00:00:22,800
How long did the
train trip take?

7
00:00:22,800 --> 00:00:24,010
Over two days.

8
00:00:24,010 --> 00:00:24,510
Did you--

9
00:00:24,510 --> 00:00:25,860
It was a very long trip.

10
00:00:25,860 --> 00:00:27,370
Did you know where
you were going?

11
00:00:27,370 --> 00:00:28,200
No.

12
00:00:28,200 --> 00:00:30,600
We were sure that

we are probably

13
00:00:30,600 --> 00:00:32,369
going to the other side of--

14
00:00:32,369 --> 00:00:34,320
Western side of Hungary.

15
00:00:34,320 --> 00:00:36,450
That's where we
are going to work.

16
00:00:36,450 --> 00:00:42,180
Then when they took us through
the border it must be here,

17
00:00:42,180 --> 00:00:45,510
somewhere in Germany they
will need us on the West.

18
00:00:45,510 --> 00:00:47,340
Again, thought the West.

19
00:00:47,340 --> 00:00:51,815
Never thought of going
toward the East now.

20
00:00:51,815 --> 00:00:59,700
Until once the train stopped,
and we were at Zakopane.

21
00:00:59,700 --> 00:01:01,770
Did you hear that name?

22
00:01:01,770 --> 00:01:09,050
That was the Czech Alps'
most beautiful ski area where

23
00:01:09,050 --> 00:01:11,850
you only wanted to go in style.

24
00:01:11,850 --> 00:01:14,630

That was luxury to
go to the Zakopane.

25
00:01:14,630 --> 00:01:16,790
So I looked out with my
mother, and she said,

26
00:01:16,790 --> 00:01:23,520
we come back here
once on our own.

27
00:01:23,520 --> 00:01:27,300
What were the conditions
like in the train?

28
00:01:27,300 --> 00:01:29,700
That was something what
you cannot call condition.

29
00:01:29,700 --> 00:01:36,160
It was just plain of 120 people
in that train in the summer,

30
00:01:36,160 --> 00:01:40,470
with the one--

31
00:01:40,470 --> 00:01:43,770
what do they call
that [NON-ENGLISH]----

32
00:01:43,770 --> 00:01:45,310
what was for everybody to--

33
00:01:45,310 --> 00:01:45,810
A bucket.

34
00:01:45,810 --> 00:01:46,310
Bucket.

35
00:01:46,310 --> 00:01:49,850

36

00:01:49,850 --> 00:01:53,690

Were you able to sit
down and rest, or--

37

00:01:53,690 --> 00:01:56,600

We were constantly
sitting in a corner

38

00:01:56,600 --> 00:02:00,200

at the very end of the
train against the wall,

39

00:02:00,200 --> 00:02:03,710

pulling our legs in because
there was no room for that.

40

00:02:03,710 --> 00:02:09,590

You couldn't take
somebody else's room up.

41

00:02:09,590 --> 00:02:14,220

Were people helping each other?

42

00:02:14,220 --> 00:02:16,230

What was the--

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00:02:16,230 --> 00:02:16,938

I don't think so.

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00:02:16,938 --> 00:02:18,022

I mean, that you remember.

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00:02:18,022 --> 00:02:19,310

I think that we're probably--

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00:02:19,310 --> 00:02:21,470

you can only say
that they were trying

47

00:02:21,470 --> 00:02:26,698

to suffer as quietly as possible
not to bother the next one.

48

00:02:26,698 --> 00:02:28,990

I don't think that there was
anything they could really

49

00:02:28,990 --> 00:02:31,970

help each other with.

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00:02:31,970 --> 00:02:34,490

The most was that if
somebody still probably

51

00:02:34,490 --> 00:02:38,480

had some water from somewhere,
and somebody was so sick

52

00:02:38,480 --> 00:02:40,800

that they were
yelling and screaming

53

00:02:40,800 --> 00:02:43,490

for something, that
probably they were

54

00:02:43,490 --> 00:02:47,660

able to wash his face probably.

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00:02:47,660 --> 00:02:49,580

More than that, there
was not a chance

56

00:02:49,580 --> 00:02:51,752

to do for anybody anything.

57

00:02:51,752 --> 00:02:53,210

Were there any
children in the car?

58

00:02:53,210 --> 00:02:54,150

Plenty.

59

00:02:54,150 --> 00:02:54,650

Plenty.

60
00:02:54,650 --> 00:02:57,786

61
00:02:57,786 --> 00:03:03,350
From tiny people, little
ones, to teenagers--

62
00:03:03,350 --> 00:03:07,340
every kind, every age group
what you can imagine just

63
00:03:07,340 --> 00:03:10,220
haphazardly thrown together.

64
00:03:10,220 --> 00:03:11,990
Were you always
next to your mother?

65
00:03:11,990 --> 00:03:14,420
Yes.

66
00:03:14,420 --> 00:03:16,830
We were next to each
other all our lives.

67
00:03:16,830 --> 00:03:18,000
She was my best friend.

68
00:03:18,000 --> 00:03:22,850
She was-- I didn't need
girlfriends as such because she

69
00:03:22,850 --> 00:03:24,500
was everything for me.

70
00:03:24,500 --> 00:03:26,490
She was young and
beautiful and understanding

71
00:03:26,490 --> 00:03:28,330
and full with interest.

72

00:03:28,330 --> 00:03:32,840

73

00:03:32,840 --> 00:03:36,690

Did she support you at the
time that you became pregnant?

74

00:03:36,690 --> 00:03:37,190

Oh, yes.

75

00:03:37,190 --> 00:03:37,530

Oh, yes.

76

00:03:37,530 --> 00:03:39,620

And when you needed to
terminate the pregnancy?

77

00:03:39,620 --> 00:03:40,250

Oh, yes.

78

00:03:40,250 --> 00:03:44,280

She was with me all the
way, every step of it.

79

00:03:44,280 --> 00:03:46,990

Oh, yes.

80

00:03:46,990 --> 00:03:50,730

Was that a difficult--

81

00:03:50,730 --> 00:03:52,700

just to go back to
that time for a moment.

82

00:03:52,700 --> 00:03:55,190

Was that a difficult--

83

00:03:55,190 --> 00:03:56,140

Decision--

84

00:03:56,140 --> 00:04:00,000
Procedure to have done, to
terminate your pregnancy?

85
00:04:00,000 --> 00:04:02,390
Were you able to get a doctor?

86
00:04:02,390 --> 00:04:04,450
Well, yes.

87
00:04:04,450 --> 00:04:06,940
There was only one
non-Jewish doctor any more

88
00:04:06,940 --> 00:04:09,830
in town who was ready
and willing to help

89
00:04:09,830 --> 00:04:14,110
Jewish women to get rid
of their pregnancies.

90
00:04:14,110 --> 00:04:17,290
All the Jewish
gynecologists were already

91
00:04:17,290 --> 00:04:24,830
out in Russia or Poland, or
they didn't live anymore.

92
00:04:24,830 --> 00:04:31,690
And so one friend of mine
who needed this kind of help

93
00:04:31,690 --> 00:04:35,590
was giving me the word that
this is man to turn to.

94
00:04:35,590 --> 00:04:39,230
And yes, he was very
decent and willing.

95
00:04:39,230 --> 00:04:44,575

That it did not work out so
well, that was my private--

96
00:04:44,575 --> 00:04:46,083
You had complications?

97
00:04:46,083 --> 00:04:46,930
Yeah.

98
00:04:46,930 --> 00:04:48,850
It was bad luck.

99
00:04:48,850 --> 00:04:50,270
But you got good care?

100
00:04:50,270 --> 00:04:52,690
Yes.

101
00:04:52,690 --> 00:04:56,200
And I-- my mother was
taking care of everything.

102
00:04:56,200 --> 00:04:57,950
She was there, and
she was with me.

103
00:04:57,950 --> 00:05:01,060

104
00:05:01,060 --> 00:05:03,740
Do you recall anything
special that your mother said

105
00:05:03,740 --> 00:05:05,150
to you when you were going--

106
00:05:05,150 --> 00:05:07,910
leaving in the train car?

107
00:05:07,910 --> 00:05:09,350
Anything special?

108

00:05:09,350 --> 00:05:12,560

Nothing-- nothing on the train.

109

00:05:12,560 --> 00:05:14,870

I only remember clearly when
we arrived to Auschwitz,

110

00:05:14,870 --> 00:05:19,800

and they were unpacking
us that she said,

111

00:05:19,800 --> 00:05:21,690

we won't survive that one.

112

00:05:21,690 --> 00:05:24,570

What was the arrival like?

113

00:05:24,570 --> 00:05:27,650

They were throwing you out.

114

00:05:27,650 --> 00:05:31,910

First, you, the person, and then
the packages came after that.

115

00:05:31,910 --> 00:05:34,100

That went straight
to the [? Kanada, ?]

116

00:05:34,100 --> 00:05:36,420

but we didn't know that.

117

00:05:36,420 --> 00:05:38,220

And--

118

00:05:38,220 --> 00:05:40,060

Did you know where you were?

119

00:05:40,060 --> 00:05:41,520

No.

120

00:05:41,520 --> 00:05:43,350

We had no idea what that is.

121
00:05:43,350 --> 00:05:46,290
We just read the--

122
00:05:46,290 --> 00:05:48,600
we know that this is going
to be a work camp because it

123
00:05:48,600 --> 00:05:49,640
said arbeit macht frei.

124
00:05:49,640 --> 00:05:53,700

125
00:05:53,700 --> 00:05:59,790
But as I said, my mother sat
on the right side behind--

126
00:05:59,790 --> 00:06:04,890

127
00:06:04,890 --> 00:06:10,110
now, again, can't remember
the most easiest word.

128
00:06:10,110 --> 00:06:13,250
There were people who
looked like they were crazy.

129
00:06:13,250 --> 00:06:17,230
We thought that probably these
are moved over to that side.

130
00:06:17,230 --> 00:06:19,770
They are wearing
this uniform, this--

131
00:06:19,770 --> 00:06:21,520
This is right after
you got off the train?

132

00:06:21,520 --> 00:06:24,265

Yeah, right across us
as we were on the ramp

133

00:06:24,265 --> 00:06:30,570

on the other side of the rail.

134

00:06:30,570 --> 00:06:33,370

These people were yelling
and screaming that--

135

00:06:33,370 --> 00:06:38,920

to my mother that you should
put a scarf on your head.

136

00:06:38,920 --> 00:06:41,820

And I was saying, did
they tell you to put--

137

00:06:41,820 --> 00:06:43,570

I wouldn't be crazy enough--

138

00:06:43,570 --> 00:06:45,700

it's hot enough in
this coat, because she

139

00:06:45,700 --> 00:06:49,400

was wearing a heavy coat.

140

00:06:49,400 --> 00:06:52,280

Her hair here up
front started to gray.

141

00:06:52,280 --> 00:06:53,780

She had that little
gray on the end.

142

00:06:53,780 --> 00:06:57,280

They were-- they knew
what they were telling us,

143

00:06:57,280 --> 00:07:01,120

just we just didn't understand.

144
00:07:01,120 --> 00:07:05,540
And then they made us
standing in line of five.

145
00:07:05,540 --> 00:07:07,570
So we stood in a line of five.

146
00:07:07,570 --> 00:07:11,390
We saw that the men
were put separately.

147
00:07:11,390 --> 00:07:14,380
We had no men in our
group-- none of us.

148
00:07:14,380 --> 00:07:17,080
It was my mother's two--

149
00:07:17,080 --> 00:07:20,560
my father's partner's
wives, the two women

150
00:07:20,560 --> 00:07:24,640
and the young married
daughter of one

151
00:07:24,640 --> 00:07:31,270
of the partners, the one who
turned Christian earlier.

152
00:07:31,270 --> 00:07:32,980
We were the five in that row.

153
00:07:32,980 --> 00:07:38,810

154
00:07:38,810 --> 00:07:41,690
This mother, who I
mentioned to you,

155
00:07:41,690 --> 00:07:46,550

that she was with them in that row, she was a petite person--

156
00:07:46,550 --> 00:07:52,320
very tiny, very elegant little lady.

157
00:07:52,320 --> 00:07:56,660
But she was so small that they looked upon her as a child.

158
00:07:56,660 --> 00:08:01,040
So she went with the grownups right away to the left side.

159
00:08:01,040 --> 00:08:05,030
I was the only one who was thrown to the living side.

160
00:08:05,030 --> 00:08:14,720

161
00:08:14,720 --> 00:08:18,220
And then where did you go after that?

162
00:08:18,220 --> 00:08:23,440
They took us into a building which--

163
00:08:23,440 --> 00:08:29,520
into a large area inside, which had

164
00:08:29,520 --> 00:08:32,980
very interesting furnishing.

165
00:08:32,980 --> 00:08:38,760
It was just low benches.

166
00:08:38,760 --> 00:08:40,080
Nothing else.

167

00:08:40,080 --> 00:08:43,590

And we were told to put down
these simply our clothing

168

00:08:43,590 --> 00:08:49,320

to a place so we can find it,
and everything is to come off.

169

00:08:49,320 --> 00:08:52,670

And then we were taken
to the next room,

170

00:08:52,670 --> 00:08:57,840

and they were getting into our
hair, and the hair under our--

171

00:08:57,840 --> 00:08:58,800

underarms.

172

00:08:58,800 --> 00:08:59,490

The body?

173

00:08:59,490 --> 00:09:02,410

And the body hair
from everywhere.

174

00:09:02,410 --> 00:09:07,040

And they did not do too
luxurious chop on it,

175

00:09:07,040 --> 00:09:11,605

and sometimes your body
went with the skin and all.

176

00:09:11,605 --> 00:09:12,230

But they said--

177

00:09:12,230 --> 00:09:13,063

Who did that to you?

178

00:09:13,063 --> 00:09:13,810

Men or women?

179
00:09:13,810 --> 00:09:14,620
These were women.

180
00:09:14,620 --> 00:09:18,470
These were the Slovak girls
who were still surviving.

181
00:09:18,470 --> 00:09:24,150
See, by then, there were very
few of them who survived still.

182
00:09:24,150 --> 00:09:26,340
They were there for three years.

183
00:09:26,340 --> 00:09:29,130
And these were practically
all the animals already,

184
00:09:29,130 --> 00:09:33,600
because they were ready to kill
each other, their own mother

185
00:09:33,600 --> 00:09:35,850
for surviving.

186
00:09:35,850 --> 00:09:37,350
And they were telling
you while they

187
00:09:37,350 --> 00:09:40,520
were cutting your hair
where your mother went,

188
00:09:40,520 --> 00:09:44,760
what happening just right
now on the other side.

189
00:09:44,760 --> 00:09:46,480
Did you believe her?

190
00:09:46,480 --> 00:09:50,210

Not only I believed
her, I started to cry,

191
00:09:50,210 --> 00:09:53,070
and I didn't stop
crying for three days.

192
00:09:53,070 --> 00:09:55,220
I didn't have
anymore voice to it,

193
00:09:55,220 --> 00:09:58,770
and I didn't have any
more tears running.

194
00:09:58,770 --> 00:10:07,450
It was a dry, hoarse cry which
I could not stop for three days.

195
00:10:07,450 --> 00:10:10,670

196
00:10:10,670 --> 00:10:14,480
It was at that point when
I realized how stupid we

197
00:10:14,480 --> 00:10:17,240
were, where we came.

198
00:10:17,240 --> 00:10:20,480
And they were telling us that
we are the lucky ones which

199
00:10:20,480 --> 00:10:22,960
we came so late that
we will survive that,

200
00:10:22,960 --> 00:10:28,190
not like their families
and that and that how good

201
00:10:28,190 --> 00:10:31,850
that they had taken our body

hair off because now they

202

00:10:31,850 --> 00:10:36,950
are going to use a powder on
it, and so we will not get lice,

203

00:10:36,950 --> 00:10:39,060
which is very important.

204

00:10:39,060 --> 00:10:42,530
Let me assure you, yes, it's
very important not to get lice,

205

00:10:42,530 --> 00:10:45,950
because the ones who
got lice got [INAUDIBLE]

206

00:10:45,950 --> 00:10:47,820
and they were gone.

207

00:10:47,820 --> 00:10:50,390
They were the goners
at first because there

208

00:10:50,390 --> 00:10:54,873
was no way there to keep clean.

209

00:10:54,873 --> 00:10:57,290
Were you able to say anything
to your mother when she went

210

00:10:57,290 --> 00:10:58,248
in the other direction?

211

00:10:58,248 --> 00:10:59,440
Not a thing.

212

00:10:59,440 --> 00:11:03,470
And this is what kills me
to this day, back 50 years.

213

00:11:03,470 --> 00:11:06,230

Not that I didn't
tell her anything,

214
00:11:06,230 --> 00:11:08,960
that I did not give an
argument to Mengele.

215
00:11:08,960 --> 00:11:10,040
I spoke German.

216
00:11:10,040 --> 00:11:13,190
Why didn't I start telling
him that she's as young as I

217
00:11:13,190 --> 00:11:16,770
am, and let her come with me?

218
00:11:16,770 --> 00:11:18,772
What would happen to me?

219
00:11:18,772 --> 00:11:21,440
But I didn't give it a try.

220
00:11:21,440 --> 00:11:24,560
And I'm living with that
for over 50 years and cannot

221
00:11:24,560 --> 00:11:26,450
forgive myself.

222
00:11:26,450 --> 00:11:27,230
I came home.

223
00:11:27,230 --> 00:11:31,050
My father's first word was,
what did you do to your mother?

224
00:11:31,050 --> 00:11:35,660
And I was telling him,
just like I told you now.

225
00:11:35,660 --> 00:11:39,330

And I was telling this
a few times later,

226
00:11:39,330 --> 00:11:43,020
and everybody was telling me
stop saying that because--

227
00:11:43,020 --> 00:11:45,110
and no, I can't stop
this because nobody

228
00:11:45,110 --> 00:11:48,260
can feel what I feel,
and nobody knows

229
00:11:48,260 --> 00:11:50,930
how I can see the
situation. there that yes,

230
00:11:50,930 --> 00:11:52,600
I could have given it a try.

231
00:11:52,600 --> 00:11:56,870

232
00:11:56,870 --> 00:12:03,400
I have to live with that, and
its not easy to live with that.

233
00:12:03,400 --> 00:12:09,410
And whatever life had
for me what was bad,

234
00:12:09,410 --> 00:12:11,990
I deserved because
of that I think.

235
00:12:11,990 --> 00:12:18,322

236
00:12:18,322 --> 00:12:23,440
She was not just a mother,
she was somebody wonderful.

237

00:12:23,440 --> 00:12:33,470
And not even to try to save her,
it's more than one can survive.

238

00:12:33,470 --> 00:12:36,960

239

00:12:36,960 --> 00:12:40,330
And so we came out
from that area,

240

00:12:40,330 --> 00:12:44,330
and they took us for a shower.

241

00:12:44,330 --> 00:12:46,470
And on the other end,
we were coming out,

242

00:12:46,470 --> 00:12:49,600
and they were throwing
toward us little packages

243

00:12:49,600 --> 00:12:51,730
instead of our clothing.

244

00:12:51,730 --> 00:12:54,380
This was now become
our clothing.

245

00:12:54,380 --> 00:12:57,355
So what I received was probably
for a 10-year-old girl take,

246

00:12:57,355 --> 00:12:58,180
it was [INAUDIBLE].

247

00:12:58,180 --> 00:13:01,090

248

00:13:01,090 --> 00:13:05,080
My private body was showing,

and there was no panties given.

249

00:13:05,080 --> 00:13:09,190

That was that-- was given
a shirt and this dress,

250

00:13:09,190 --> 00:13:10,180

and that was that.

251

00:13:10,180 --> 00:13:12,860

252

00:13:12,860 --> 00:13:16,700

Luckily for me, I
was carrying my shoe

253

00:13:16,700 --> 00:13:18,950

because I'm very sensitive.

254

00:13:18,950 --> 00:13:23,120

I cannot step down with it, so
I was carrying my shoe there.

255

00:13:23,120 --> 00:13:23,810

Your own shoes?

256

00:13:23,810 --> 00:13:24,640

My own shoes.

257

00:13:24,640 --> 00:13:27,210

And that survived
with me all the way

258

00:13:27,210 --> 00:13:30,680

until we left Auschwitz.

259

00:13:30,680 --> 00:13:33,433

I was carrying it everywhere.

260

00:13:33,433 --> 00:13:34,850

Just to get back,
how did you know

261
00:13:34,850 --> 00:13:37,125
it was Mengele that
was at the station?

262
00:13:37,125 --> 00:13:38,750
I didn't know he was
the one, but there

263
00:13:38,750 --> 00:13:40,700
was that man in
that uniform, and he

264
00:13:40,700 --> 00:13:42,250
was showing this
way and that way,

265
00:13:42,250 --> 00:13:45,260
and the people were
carrying the people.

266
00:13:45,260 --> 00:13:47,720
Then later when he was
coming through our camp,

267
00:13:47,720 --> 00:13:48,978
by then we know names.

268
00:13:48,978 --> 00:13:49,770
But at that point--

269
00:13:49,770 --> 00:13:51,312
It became very
[? elegant, ?] though.

270
00:13:51,312 --> 00:13:53,240
[? We know ?] [? everything. ?]

271
00:13:53,240 --> 00:13:55,667
So then you got-- you got
your cleaner, short dress,

272

00:13:55,667 --> 00:13:58,000
and you had your own shoes,
and where did they take you?

273
00:13:58,000 --> 00:13:58,917
Where did you go then?

274
00:13:58,917 --> 00:14:01,370
That's when we went to our camp.

275
00:14:01,370 --> 00:14:12,740
It was B3, barrack 5, which was
the outer shell of a barrack

276
00:14:12,740 --> 00:14:15,190
really, nothing more.

277
00:14:15,190 --> 00:14:18,680
It had two big doors
on the two ends.

278
00:14:18,680 --> 00:14:23,180
And on the side it had
windows without glass.

279
00:14:23,180 --> 00:14:26,850
And there was nothing in it.

280
00:14:26,850 --> 00:14:31,650
We did not get the elegance
like shifts on which you sleep,

281
00:14:31,650 --> 00:14:35,970
five in a area, and you
are in [? shifted. ?] No.

282
00:14:35,970 --> 00:14:37,240
We didn't have anything.

283
00:14:37,240 --> 00:14:39,170
We just flapped down.

284

00:14:39,170 --> 00:14:40,110
On the ground.

285
00:14:40,110 --> 00:14:40,920
On the ground.

286
00:14:40,920 --> 00:14:44,100
They took us in rows of five.

287
00:14:44,100 --> 00:14:48,460
And they said, this turns to the
right, this turns to the left.

288
00:14:48,460 --> 00:14:52,362
And so when you lay down,
you will be like forks--

289
00:14:52,362 --> 00:14:54,610
one body this way,
one body that way.

290
00:14:54,610 --> 00:14:57,200
So my legs went into--

291
00:14:57,200 --> 00:15:00,900
between the legs of that other
person, and that kept me warm,

292
00:15:00,900 --> 00:15:06,780
[? empty. ?] My arm became my
pillow, together with my shoe.

293
00:15:06,780 --> 00:15:09,320

294
00:15:09,320 --> 00:15:13,150
And when you wanted to
go out to the latrine,

295
00:15:13,150 --> 00:15:16,060
then you tried to go through
these bodies who were

296

00:15:16,060 --> 00:15:18,840
completely next to each other.

297

00:15:18,840 --> 00:15:21,550
And in the dark when you
wanted to make it to the window

298

00:15:21,550 --> 00:15:24,270
so you can go through
it, step through it,

299

00:15:24,270 --> 00:15:27,520
and the shortest
way out, then you

300

00:15:27,520 --> 00:15:30,120
stepped on somebody's
face or somebody's arm

301

00:15:30,120 --> 00:15:31,930
or somebody's legs.

302

00:15:31,930 --> 00:15:35,170
Somebody was screaming here.

303

00:15:35,170 --> 00:15:38,940
And either you had time to
get out in time or you didn't.

304

00:15:38,940 --> 00:15:41,200
And you gave them
all the beauties

305

00:15:41,200 --> 00:15:46,060
of what your body was relieving.

306

00:15:46,060 --> 00:15:48,520
I think if there
ever was something

307

00:15:48,520 --> 00:15:53,060
what took your human

away from you, where

308

00:15:53,060 --> 00:16:00,320

you felt so bad that you thought
any animal is living a much

309

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

more--

310

00:16:00,820 --> 00:16:07,512

311

00:16:07,512 --> 00:16:08,468

how to say that.

312

00:16:08,468 --> 00:16:10,320

I can't even think--

313

00:16:10,320 --> 00:16:12,990

[? I'll ?]

[? get it, ?] but to--

314

00:16:12,990 --> 00:16:19,110

but every life,
every animal can have

315

00:16:19,110 --> 00:16:24,690

more decency and more respect
and self respect than you can.

316

00:16:24,690 --> 00:16:25,560

What are you?

317

00:16:25,560 --> 00:16:27,840

What kind of animal
are you who you

318

00:16:27,840 --> 00:16:29,870

would do that to your neighbor?

319

00:16:29,870 --> 00:16:34,673

320
00:16:34,673 --> 00:16:35,590
These were the nights.

321
00:16:35,590 --> 00:16:38,470

322
00:16:38,470 --> 00:16:41,880
If it rained outside,
it rained inside.

323
00:16:41,880 --> 00:16:44,610
It only had the--

324
00:16:44,610 --> 00:16:48,800
not ceiling, nothing above
us, just kept coming in.

325
00:16:48,800 --> 00:16:51,780
And for hours after it
stopped raining outside,

326
00:16:51,780 --> 00:16:55,020
it was still coming down,
and you were sitting in it,

327
00:16:55,020 --> 00:16:57,720
laying in it, in that wetness.

328
00:16:57,720 --> 00:17:04,060
There was nothing, no
chance, no one to turn to.

329
00:17:04,060 --> 00:17:06,270
At the other end--

330
00:17:06,270 --> 00:17:10,589
at the one end of
the barrack there

331
00:17:10,589 --> 00:17:14,599
was a little room in which

the blockteste with the two

332

00:17:14,599 --> 00:17:16,200

[INAUDIBLE] used to sleep.

333

00:17:16,200 --> 00:17:20,819

And they had all that

quilts there dry.

334

00:17:20,819 --> 00:17:23,160

I don't know how

dry, but definitely

335

00:17:23,160 --> 00:17:25,409

they always found

something dry for themself.

336

00:17:25,409 --> 00:17:29,280

337

00:17:29,280 --> 00:17:33,220

We didn't have that

kind of chances to any--

338

00:17:33,220 --> 00:17:38,065

to own something what would

keep us warm or dry or whatever.

339

00:17:38,065 --> 00:17:40,930

340

00:17:40,930 --> 00:17:43,630

And that's where we

lived for six weeks.

341

00:17:43,630 --> 00:17:45,540

What did you do during the day?

342

00:17:45,540 --> 00:17:52,430

Standing in appell, or laying

on the floor, on the ground--

343

00:17:52,430 --> 00:17:56,310
a ground which was
completely naked,

344
00:17:56,310 --> 00:18:01,506
not even a speck of grass
or anything on that.

345
00:18:01,506 --> 00:18:04,404

346
00:18:04,404 --> 00:18:07,380
And on one end
there was some water

347
00:18:07,380 --> 00:18:12,910
coming up, or standing there
together-- ugly, dirty water.

348
00:18:12,910 --> 00:18:18,140
That's what you drank
if you wanted to drink.

349
00:18:18,140 --> 00:18:20,840
No matter they told
you not to drink it.

350
00:18:20,840 --> 00:18:24,170
That's what you washed your
clothing in or yourself in.

351
00:18:24,170 --> 00:18:26,870

352
00:18:26,870 --> 00:18:30,900
And some people just refused to.

353
00:18:30,900 --> 00:18:36,160
So they became sick
fast and went fast.

354
00:18:36,160 --> 00:18:39,160
I tell you, honestly,

I wouldn't have cared

355

00:18:39,160 --> 00:18:42,450
and did anything
for myself either.

356

00:18:42,450 --> 00:18:47,710
When we got to
Auschwitz, I met a girl

357

00:18:47,710 --> 00:18:51,070
who was working in my
mother-in-law's house

358

00:18:51,070 --> 00:18:53,500
for the last year and a half.

359

00:18:53,500 --> 00:18:58,080
She was an escapee from that
area from [PLACE NAME] I

360

00:18:58,080 --> 00:19:00,130
mentioned to you.

361

00:19:00,130 --> 00:19:04,120
Three daughters, the
parents threw into Hungary

362

00:19:04,120 --> 00:19:06,700
that they should save
themselves somewhere.

363

00:19:06,700 --> 00:19:11,170
And they worked
as maids in houses

364

00:19:11,170 --> 00:19:13,390
where somebody was ready
and willing to give

365

00:19:13,390 --> 00:19:15,310
a Jewish girl the dirty work.

366

00:19:15,310 --> 00:19:16,540

My mother couldn't do it.

367

00:19:16,540 --> 00:19:17,800

She would not.

368

00:19:17,800 --> 00:19:20,290

She would not have a Jewish
woman working for her.

369

00:19:20,290 --> 00:19:20,790

No way.

370

00:19:20,790 --> 00:19:23,450

371

00:19:23,450 --> 00:19:25,830

But my mother-in-law
had such a girl.

372

00:19:25,830 --> 00:19:30,310

And she, I met
there in this camp.

373

00:19:30,310 --> 00:19:32,980

And she started
to look after me.

374

00:19:32,980 --> 00:19:35,170

She pushed me to go to wash.

375

00:19:35,170 --> 00:19:38,020

She took my clothes
off to wash it.

376

00:19:38,020 --> 00:19:41,380

I was just sitting
there completely--

377

00:19:41,380 --> 00:19:46,060

completely letting
go, and she didn't.

378
00:19:46,060 --> 00:19:50,640
And she was there for
about four or five weeks.

379
00:19:50,640 --> 00:19:52,100
And during this time--

380
00:19:52,100 --> 00:19:52,850
What was her name?

381
00:19:52,850 --> 00:19:56,240

382
00:19:56,240 --> 00:20:00,450
Margaret Jacobowitz.

383
00:20:00,450 --> 00:20:06,380
And she offered, volunteered
to go for the food.

384
00:20:06,380 --> 00:20:10,550
You had to go over to
another camp for that.

385
00:20:10,550 --> 00:20:14,300
They were such wonderful chaps,
like taking out the sick people

386
00:20:14,300 --> 00:20:20,370
from the barracks, throw
them on the carriage,

387
00:20:20,370 --> 00:20:26,220
which was taking
them to the crem.

388
00:20:26,220 --> 00:20:30,090
So she offered herself that
she goes for food and carries

389
00:20:30,090 --> 00:20:33,330

the food cans back to our --

390

00:20:33,330 --> 00:20:35,490

And during this time,
she was looking around

391

00:20:35,490 --> 00:20:39,220

and yelling to people if they
knew somebody from her family.

392

00:20:39,220 --> 00:20:40,940

She was looking for them.

393

00:20:40,940 --> 00:20:44,400

And sure enough,
in the C camp, she

394

00:20:44,400 --> 00:20:47,430

found two of her
younger sisters.

395

00:20:47,430 --> 00:20:51,840

And then she told me that
she wants to go over to them.

396

00:20:51,840 --> 00:20:57,060

If I not take care of myself,
and there was some woman who

397

00:20:57,060 --> 00:20:58,650

wanted to come
over to this camp,

398

00:20:58,650 --> 00:21:00,620

she may be changing
place with her,

399

00:21:00,620 --> 00:21:02,700

and then the number
will be all right,

400

00:21:02,700 --> 00:21:05,390

and that will come back to --

401
00:21:05,390 --> 00:21:07,290
So until then I was with her.

402
00:21:07,290 --> 00:21:10,180
And actually, that
saved my life,

403
00:21:10,180 --> 00:21:12,610
because I would not have
done anything for myself

404
00:21:12,610 --> 00:21:13,470
during this weeks.

405
00:21:13,470 --> 00:21:17,370

406
00:21:17,370 --> 00:21:20,350
What were the appells like?

407
00:21:20,350 --> 00:21:25,270
Appells were that-- it was
dark when we went out and stood

408
00:21:25,270 --> 00:21:29,230
there for three, four, five
hours until they counted

409
00:21:29,230 --> 00:21:32,200
and counted and recounted.

410
00:21:32,200 --> 00:21:36,310
And if they missed somebody at
one block, then the whole 14

411
00:21:36,310 --> 00:21:41,790
or 17 blocks, whatever we
had there in this camp,

412
00:21:41,790 --> 00:21:43,190
and all standing there.

413
00:21:43,190 --> 00:21:46,120
So three, four hours
minimum, after which

414
00:21:46,120 --> 00:21:48,580
they gave the breakfast.

415
00:21:48,580 --> 00:21:52,060
And then you work toward
the goal, and you either you

416
00:21:52,060 --> 00:21:55,690
went back to the barrack, which
usually, they threw you out

417
00:21:55,690 --> 00:21:56,900
from.

418
00:21:56,900 --> 00:22:01,350
And so you had to
go someplace around.

419
00:22:01,350 --> 00:22:07,600
And then they called you again
to appell to have dinner--

420
00:22:07,600 --> 00:22:10,000
the lunch, and
then the same time

421
00:22:10,000 --> 00:22:13,900
they were handing out bread,
which was the [? dip. ?] So

422
00:22:13,900 --> 00:22:17,160
for that you were a guest
for three, four hours.

423
00:22:17,160 --> 00:22:19,610
And the day was accounted for.

424

00:22:19,610 --> 00:22:22,870

Do you know how many
people they were counting?

425

00:22:22,870 --> 00:22:24,410

How many people
were they counting?

426

00:22:24,410 --> 00:22:24,910

Where?

427

00:22:24,910 --> 00:22:26,995

In the appell.

428

00:22:26,995 --> 00:22:28,405

Well, all of them.

429

00:22:28,405 --> 00:22:30,580

All of them.

430

00:22:30,580 --> 00:22:37,240

See, in one barrack
was about 500 people.

431

00:22:37,240 --> 00:22:39,280

If somebody was so
sick they went over

432

00:22:39,280 --> 00:22:44,070

to the revere which
was the hospital,

433

00:22:44,070 --> 00:22:47,890

and they didn't find her, or
God knows where they stood

434

00:22:47,890 --> 00:22:50,160

in line and the
other one then you

435

00:22:50,160 --> 00:22:51,680

were standing until
they found her.

436
00:22:51,680 --> 00:22:55,780

437
00:22:55,780 --> 00:22:57,520
Did you have to do any work?

438
00:22:57,520 --> 00:22:58,420
No.

439
00:22:58,420 --> 00:22:59,260
There was no work.

440
00:22:59,260 --> 00:23:01,931
This was a [GERMAN].

441
00:23:01,931 --> 00:23:03,850
You know that much German?

442
00:23:03,850 --> 00:23:04,810
No?

443
00:23:04,810 --> 00:23:09,220
[GERMAN] is where they
want you to disappear,

444
00:23:09,220 --> 00:23:13,960
that you were going to be
killed slowly, with not eating,

445
00:23:13,960 --> 00:23:18,070
with not having drinking water.

446
00:23:18,070 --> 00:23:21,190
You will die out.

447
00:23:21,190 --> 00:23:26,680
Out of this camp was when
they needed workers somewhere,

448
00:23:26,680 --> 00:23:29,680

this is where they came
to get them together from,

449
00:23:29,680 --> 00:23:33,990
and this is how one
escaped from there.

450
00:23:33,990 --> 00:23:36,790
And during the times,
well, while we were there,

451
00:23:36,790 --> 00:23:39,330
there were other
people who worked.

452
00:23:39,330 --> 00:23:42,470
And mostly men who
were crossing our camp

453
00:23:42,470 --> 00:23:46,910
going from work to camp
or the other way around.

454
00:23:46,910 --> 00:23:48,560
And during that
time, of course, you

455
00:23:48,560 --> 00:23:53,210
kept yelling and
calling out names.

456
00:23:53,210 --> 00:23:58,880
So I was calling my
husband's name out,

457
00:23:58,880 --> 00:24:02,270
his brother's name out, my
father-in-law's, my father's

458
00:24:02,270 --> 00:24:03,950
name.

459
00:24:03,950 --> 00:24:06,265

And then a little
paper came sometime,

460
00:24:06,265 --> 00:24:10,100
it was thrown over to me
by somebody, who said,

461
00:24:10,100 --> 00:24:13,850
no they are not here, but
Andrew [PERSONAL NAME] is here,

462
00:24:13,850 --> 00:24:15,287
who became my second husband.

463
00:24:15,287 --> 00:24:19,175

464
00:24:19,175 --> 00:24:21,630
And he was looking for,
of course, for his family.

465
00:24:21,630 --> 00:24:27,190

466
00:24:27,190 --> 00:24:35,350
And then my father-in-law's
store manager was there--

467
00:24:35,350 --> 00:24:37,010
sent me a message
that he is there.

468
00:24:37,010 --> 00:24:41,132

469
00:24:41,132 --> 00:24:44,520
But our folks were not there.

470
00:24:44,520 --> 00:24:46,750
They were gone straight--

471
00:24:46,750 --> 00:24:48,788

my father-in-law, mother-in-law.

472

00:24:48,788 --> 00:24:53,189

473

00:24:53,189 --> 00:24:56,530

And the men were not there.

474

00:24:56,530 --> 00:24:57,960

They did not get there yet.

475

00:24:57,960 --> 00:25:00,840

Or rather, didn't
get there period,

476

00:25:00,840 --> 00:25:03,600

because they did not
come to Auschwitz.

477

00:25:03,600 --> 00:25:07,520

478

00:25:07,520 --> 00:25:12,480

So I was there until August 2.

479

00:25:12,480 --> 00:25:15,880

And the last week
of that was when

480

00:25:15,880 --> 00:25:22,680

they killed the Gypsy camp.

481

00:25:22,680 --> 00:25:26,250

We were standing
outside the appell,

482

00:25:26,250 --> 00:25:30,750

and the sky was yellow
and red, and the screaming

483

00:25:30,750 --> 00:25:32,330

was just unbelievable.

484
00:25:32,330 --> 00:25:34,930

485
00:25:34,930 --> 00:25:38,830
They were throwing
them, as people tell us,

486
00:25:38,830 --> 00:25:41,690
living into the fire.

487
00:25:41,690 --> 00:25:45,780

488
00:25:45,780 --> 00:25:50,840
And then came a morning
when Mengele and some three

489
00:25:50,840 --> 00:25:56,630
other officers came to and
stopped at every block,

490
00:25:56,630 --> 00:26:01,810
barrack, and pulled out
certain people to work,

491
00:26:01,810 --> 00:26:03,575
and the other one
was left behind.

492
00:26:03,575 --> 00:26:06,260

493
00:26:06,260 --> 00:26:12,140
So I was a very light
body all my life.

494
00:26:12,140 --> 00:26:14,420
I was very thin.

495
00:26:14,420 --> 00:26:19,100
So sure enough, the first thing

was that I was left behind.

496

00:26:19,100 --> 00:26:21,680

Everybody from my line--

497

00:26:21,680 --> 00:26:28,640

my first cousin and my aunt

and my first cousin's two

498

00:26:28,640 --> 00:26:32,000

sister-in-laws, a younger

one and the grownup,

499

00:26:32,000 --> 00:26:33,750

were the four in my line.

500

00:26:33,750 --> 00:26:37,540

They all went to work,

and I was staying behind.

501

00:26:37,540 --> 00:26:40,240

502

00:26:40,240 --> 00:26:44,070

So I got back into my dress.

503

00:26:44,070 --> 00:26:45,543

I ran over to another barrack.

504

00:26:45,543 --> 00:26:47,210

They had made you

take off your clothes?

505

00:26:47,210 --> 00:26:48,640

Yeah.

506

00:26:48,640 --> 00:26:50,320

You walked completely naked.

507

00:26:50,320 --> 00:26:54,460

You hold your clothing

up there somewhere,

508
00:26:54,460 --> 00:26:57,850
and you walk with arms up
so they can take a good look

509
00:26:57,850 --> 00:26:59,310
at you, breasts and all.

510
00:26:59,310 --> 00:27:01,990

511
00:27:01,990 --> 00:27:04,870
How did you feel by that point?

512
00:27:04,870 --> 00:27:07,250
Like animals, not humans.

513
00:27:07,250 --> 00:27:08,770
That's so dehumanizing.

514
00:27:08,770 --> 00:27:10,720
You know, by the
time you got there,

515
00:27:10,720 --> 00:27:13,660
it doesn't even hurt anymore.

516
00:27:13,660 --> 00:27:17,740
But what hurts, the knowledge
that you are left here behind,

517
00:27:17,740 --> 00:27:21,050
and you know what that means.

518
00:27:21,050 --> 00:27:25,480
So if you still have some
energy to live that life,

519
00:27:25,480 --> 00:27:28,060
then you go on and try to
get into the next barrack

520

00:27:28,060 --> 00:27:31,150
and stand in the line
there with that people.

521

00:27:31,150 --> 00:27:33,580
So while they were in
the middle barrack,

522

00:27:33,580 --> 00:27:35,630
I went to the next
barrack, and I

523

00:27:35,630 --> 00:27:38,710
got undressed with the rest of
them, and stood in the line,

524

00:27:38,710 --> 00:27:41,610
and again they pulled me out.

525

00:27:41,610 --> 00:27:44,020
So it wasn't fine.

526

00:27:44,020 --> 00:27:46,060
Now, I didn't bother
even dressing too much.

527

00:27:46,060 --> 00:27:50,020
I ran over to the next barrack.

528

00:27:50,020 --> 00:28:00,460
And when they picked my arm,
that it's not enough, and then

529

00:28:00,460 --> 00:28:04,890
I pulled my muscle,
and that helped.

530

00:28:04,890 --> 00:28:07,110
This --

531

00:28:07,110 --> 00:28:12,480
By then, my barrack was way

outside, outside of the gates.

532

00:28:12,480 --> 00:28:15,070

How do I go to them?

533

00:28:15,070 --> 00:28:16,740

So there was only one way--

534

00:28:16,740 --> 00:28:21,150

the big avenue of the
camp, which had the--

535

00:28:21,150 --> 00:28:27,482

536

00:28:27,482 --> 00:28:27,982

Gate?

537

00:28:27,982 --> 00:28:30,378

Um.

538

00:28:30,378 --> 00:28:31,310

No.

539

00:28:31,310 --> 00:28:32,850

The soldier with the--

540

00:28:32,850 --> 00:28:34,590

The guard?

541

00:28:34,590 --> 00:28:37,280

Yeah, but this guard
had something with--

542

00:28:37,280 --> 00:28:43,680

543

00:28:43,680 --> 00:28:45,700

I'm looking this way,
but I cannot remember.

544

00:28:45,700 --> 00:28:47,780
Stop it, please.

545
00:28:47,780 --> 00:28:50,350
So on the main
avenue of the camp

546
00:28:50,350 --> 00:28:54,236
there was this soldier
with the machine gun.

547
00:28:54,236 --> 00:28:56,770
And I figured there's
only two ways.

548
00:28:56,770 --> 00:29:01,030
Either I stay here,
or he shoots me.

549
00:29:01,030 --> 00:29:03,280
I haven't got many choices.

550
00:29:03,280 --> 00:29:04,970
If I manage to--

551
00:29:04,970 --> 00:29:06,460
and I'm fast by--

552
00:29:06,460 --> 00:29:09,880
fast enough by him, then
I probably get out there.

553
00:29:09,880 --> 00:29:14,620
And sure enough, I was
still very fast at running.

554
00:29:14,620 --> 00:29:18,280
And I got to the gate, and
they were yelling and screaming

555
00:29:18,280 --> 00:29:19,540
to me to come--

556

00:29:19,540 --> 00:29:23,380

from the other side,
they saw me coming.

557

00:29:23,380 --> 00:29:30,880

And the [INAUDIBLE],, the
German women and the Slovak

558

00:29:30,880 --> 00:29:33,960

blockaltestes were coming in.

559

00:29:33,960 --> 00:29:36,640

And the one grabbed me and
gave me a slap in the face,

560

00:29:36,640 --> 00:29:38,980

said, what barrack are you from?

561

00:29:38,980 --> 00:29:41,530

She wanted to know the numbers.

562

00:29:41,530 --> 00:29:43,690

She was only interested
in the numbers--

563

00:29:43,690 --> 00:29:49,220

in which one will somebody be
missing, and how many to come.

564

00:29:49,220 --> 00:29:58,180

So I got out there, and
we went to the Birkenau,

565

00:29:58,180 --> 00:30:06,100

and we got into place
where we got a shower.

566

00:30:06,100 --> 00:30:09,380

567

00:30:09,380 --> 00:30:12,350

And we were-- instead

of 1,000, this later

568

00:30:12,350 --> 00:30:15,790

turned out to be they
wanted 1,000 workers.

569

00:30:15,790 --> 00:30:19,022

We were 1,070.

570

00:30:19,022 --> 00:30:22,010

So 70 had to stay there.

571

00:30:22,010 --> 00:30:29,270

So here was a guard who
was working for Mengele

572

00:30:29,270 --> 00:30:31,212

pulling out another 70 now.

573

00:30:31,212 --> 00:30:34,660

574

00:30:34,660 --> 00:30:38,450

There were now women there in
this group who were pregnant,

575

00:30:38,450 --> 00:30:41,540

who already could show
that they were pregnant.

576

00:30:41,540 --> 00:30:43,310

You see, some people
came to Auschwitz

577

00:30:43,310 --> 00:30:46,490

without knowing that
they are pregnant,

578

00:30:46,490 --> 00:30:50,870

and some who knew that they were
having a-- starting pregnancy

579

00:30:50,870 --> 00:30:53,690
but didn't show,
so they got there.

580
00:30:53,690 --> 00:30:57,970
And now they were picked
out, who already showed,

581
00:30:57,970 --> 00:31:00,110
and some more.

582
00:31:00,110 --> 00:31:05,660
The woman who was sleeping
across me during these weeks

583
00:31:05,660 --> 00:31:10,010
there, she was pregnant, and
I had such a nice warm body

584
00:31:10,010 --> 00:31:13,810
to my feet to warm with
while we were sleeping.

585
00:31:13,810 --> 00:31:15,100
And I lost her there.

586
00:31:15,100 --> 00:31:25,040

587
00:31:25,040 --> 00:31:27,270
You think it didn't work?

588
00:31:27,270 --> 00:31:29,510
It's tape two, side
two, and you were

589
00:31:29,510 --> 00:31:31,940
talking about being
in Birkenau, and they

590
00:31:31,940 --> 00:31:34,410
took the pregnant women.

591

00:31:34,410 --> 00:31:38,690
We now had 1,070, and out of--

592

00:31:38,690 --> 00:31:40,820
all of us got the shower.

593

00:31:40,820 --> 00:31:44,780
But 70 was not allowed
to come out from there.

594

00:31:44,780 --> 00:31:48,030
They stayed there in that
room, and right there they

595

00:31:48,030 --> 00:31:48,530
were gassed.

596

00:31:48,530 --> 00:31:51,910

597

00:31:51,910 --> 00:31:54,030
You know that this
is the same place.

598

00:31:54,030 --> 00:31:58,770
You can either throw in
gas, or you give shower.

599

00:31:58,770 --> 00:32:00,253
Most comes from the same hole.

600

00:32:00,253 --> 00:32:04,115

601

00:32:04,115 --> 00:32:09,030
And so then we
were given uniform.

602

00:32:09,030 --> 00:32:10,970
Did you know about
gassing at that--

603

00:32:10,970 --> 00:32:11,470
then?

604

00:32:11,470 --> 00:32:11,970
Oh, yes.

605

00:32:11,970 --> 00:32:13,640
By then we knew it.

606

00:32:13,640 --> 00:32:16,830
When they were cutting
our hair, the Slovak girls

607

00:32:16,830 --> 00:32:18,990
were telling us
about the gassing.

608

00:32:18,990 --> 00:32:21,360
They were telling us what's
happening to our mothers

609

00:32:21,360 --> 00:32:23,580
and to our sisters.

610

00:32:23,580 --> 00:32:29,340
They couldn't be happier
to see us going berserk

611

00:32:29,340 --> 00:32:31,395
from what they were telling us.

612

00:32:31,395 --> 00:32:35,190
As I told you, these people
were animals already.

613

00:32:35,190 --> 00:32:39,570
They were absolutely
happy to see us suffer.

614

00:32:39,570 --> 00:32:42,860
And they many times
pointed out that you

615
00:32:42,860 --> 00:32:45,450
are lucky because you came
so late that you will still

616
00:32:45,450 --> 00:32:47,700
survive in the end.

617
00:32:47,700 --> 00:32:50,610
We came here 4 years ago, when
you went to [INAUDIBLE] and you

618
00:32:50,610 --> 00:32:51,450
had to--

619
00:32:51,450 --> 00:32:53,730
5 o'clock teas,
and you just didn't

620
00:32:53,730 --> 00:32:57,270
know what to do, in your
very comfortable warm houses.

621
00:32:57,270 --> 00:33:02,490
And you were looking for
the luxuries of life.

622
00:33:02,490 --> 00:33:05,070
Yes, we were.

623
00:33:05,070 --> 00:33:05,640
True.

624
00:33:05,640 --> 00:33:08,910
That was our thought, we were,
because we had no idea what

625
00:33:08,910 --> 00:33:10,290
they are going through.

626
00:33:10,290 --> 00:33:12,060
But even if they

would, we couldn't

627

00:33:12,060 --> 00:33:13,800

have believed it anyway.

628

00:33:13,800 --> 00:33:15,810

It was unbelievable

for human beings

629

00:33:15,810 --> 00:33:18,240

that this is happening

to the other human being.

630

00:33:18,240 --> 00:33:23,440

631

00:33:23,440 --> 00:33:27,350

Like when we were arriving in

Auschwitz, what we saw there

632

00:33:27,350 --> 00:33:31,220

on the other side, we thought

that these people were crazy.

633

00:33:31,220 --> 00:33:32,420

They are mentally sick.

634

00:33:32,420 --> 00:33:34,040

And they were thrown

into this camp

635

00:33:34,040 --> 00:33:37,100

because they had to

be kept away from--

636

00:33:37,100 --> 00:33:39,330

otherwise, why would

they be behind that--

637

00:33:39,330 --> 00:33:42,540

638

00:33:42,540 --> 00:33:43,820
behind what?

639
00:33:43,820 --> 00:33:46,468
Again, I cannot
think of the word.

640
00:33:46,468 --> 00:33:48,130
Fence or wires or--

641
00:33:48,130 --> 00:33:50,140
Yeah.

642
00:33:50,140 --> 00:33:51,850
So now there were 1,000 of you.

643
00:33:51,850 --> 00:33:53,050
They had taken the 70 away.

644
00:33:53,050 --> 00:33:56,020
Then we were taken
into a train, which

645
00:33:56,020 --> 00:34:01,840
was taking us across Germany to
Thuringen And then from there,

646
00:34:01,840 --> 00:34:02,840
this was--

647
00:34:02,840 --> 00:34:05,500
Buchenwald's outer Kommando
where we went to work.

648
00:34:05,500 --> 00:34:07,410
And this is August, 1944?

649
00:34:07,410 --> 00:34:09,790
Right.

650
00:34:09,790 --> 00:34:15,080
And there everything was

just beautiful and luxurious

651
00:34:15,080 --> 00:34:18,210
compared to whatever
we had seen before.

652
00:34:18,210 --> 00:34:23,300
Here, there was a
barrack which had rooms.

653
00:34:23,300 --> 00:34:27,154
And in each room there were
eight times double beds,

654
00:34:27,154 --> 00:34:29,719
one above each other.

655
00:34:29,719 --> 00:34:32,840
There was nothing extra
but they gave blankets--

656
00:34:32,840 --> 00:34:39,980
one underneath and one
above you, like military.

657
00:34:39,980 --> 00:34:45,560
And there was a long table
in that room and two--

658
00:34:45,560 --> 00:34:49,330
on two sides, there were two--

659
00:34:49,330 --> 00:34:51,500
that's what you sit on, the--

660
00:34:51,500 --> 00:34:52,000
Chair?

661
00:34:52,000 --> 00:34:52,659
No.

662
00:34:52,659 --> 00:34:53,159

Benches?

663
00:34:53,159 --> 00:34:55,239
Benches.

664
00:34:55,239 --> 00:34:58,220
And that was that.

665
00:34:58,220 --> 00:35:05,190
And so you-- and there was
even a little stove in it.

666
00:35:05,190 --> 00:35:07,740
But we didn't know what
the stove will do for us,

667
00:35:07,740 --> 00:35:12,830
but in the winter it was
really wonderful to have it.

668
00:35:12,830 --> 00:35:15,800
In the summer also
we were sometimes

669
00:35:15,800 --> 00:35:20,210
trying to steal some coal
and make a little hot water

670
00:35:20,210 --> 00:35:23,420
to wash ourself.

671
00:35:23,420 --> 00:35:30,845
But they were giving half normal
food compared to Auschwitz--

672
00:35:30,845 --> 00:35:34,870
probably luxury food
compared to Auschwitz.

673
00:35:34,870 --> 00:35:40,450
And there was a campsite, and
there were not hours and hours

674

00:35:40,450 --> 00:35:42,190
standing outside an appell.

675

00:35:42,190 --> 00:35:44,960
It was probably just an
hour, an hour and a half

676

00:35:44,960 --> 00:35:47,180
and there was an appell.

677

00:35:47,180 --> 00:35:50,440
And then there was a
factory about four miles

678

00:35:50,440 --> 00:35:52,890
away where we went to work.

679

00:35:52,890 --> 00:35:55,260
That was E. K.
Farben Industries.

680

00:35:55,260 --> 00:35:56,910
How did you get there?

681

00:35:56,910 --> 00:35:57,720
Walked.

682

00:35:57,720 --> 00:36:01,540
So you walked four miles to the
factory and four miles back?

683

00:36:01,540 --> 00:36:04,180
It was about an
hour walk each way.

684

00:36:04,180 --> 00:36:06,760
I guess it may have
been about four miles.

685

00:36:06,760 --> 00:36:09,510

686

00:36:09,510 --> 00:36:14,820

And we had dogs to walk
with the SS people with us.

687

00:36:14,820 --> 00:36:18,540

I think it was a
decent big setup.

688

00:36:18,540 --> 00:36:21,040

Well, the prior people
who were there working

689

00:36:21,040 --> 00:36:24,490

died out, because
the factory has

690

00:36:24,490 --> 00:36:27,550

been working with
saltpeter salt,

691

00:36:27,550 --> 00:36:32,890

and that ruined the livers.

692

00:36:32,890 --> 00:36:36,010

So when this group died out,
they wanted another 1,000

693

00:36:36,010 --> 00:36:38,080

people and that's it.

694

00:36:38,080 --> 00:36:40,160

They had to have the workers.

695

00:36:40,160 --> 00:36:42,130

What kind of work did you do?

696

00:36:42,130 --> 00:36:44,290

It was [INAUDIBLE].

697

00:36:44,290 --> 00:36:47,620

We were filling the
bomb bodies with that--

698

00:36:47,620 --> 00:36:50,650

699

00:36:50,650 --> 00:36:52,230

should I try to find English--

700

00:36:52,230 --> 00:36:54,680

No.

701

00:36:54,680 --> 00:36:58,080

And so you went-- what was
a typical day like there?

702

00:36:58,080 --> 00:37:01,350

Well, it depends
what you were doing.

703

00:37:01,350 --> 00:37:05,010

Most of the time I was
working in the mill

704

00:37:05,010 --> 00:37:13,230

where this saltpeter came
in as big bags and solid,

705

00:37:13,230 --> 00:37:15,990

and it had to be worked
up to powder it up.

706

00:37:15,990 --> 00:37:18,600

So you were to break it up.

707

00:37:18,600 --> 00:37:19,580

Somebody broke it.

708

00:37:19,580 --> 00:37:22,470

The other one was
throwing it into the mill.

709

00:37:22,470 --> 00:37:26,280

And then others had to

shovel the powder away

710
00:37:26,280 --> 00:37:28,770
into other bags in which
they were taking it

711
00:37:28,770 --> 00:37:30,750
to the part of the
factory where they

712
00:37:30,750 --> 00:37:35,100
are mixing that with other
things to make that filling.

713
00:37:35,100 --> 00:37:38,340
And some people
sometimes were working

714
00:37:38,340 --> 00:37:44,930
to put away the filled
bombs, or even smaller ones.

715
00:37:44,930 --> 00:37:48,280
So from this size
on to big ones,

716
00:37:48,280 --> 00:37:50,970
you were to carry from one
place to the other, where

717
00:37:50,970 --> 00:37:54,515
they would have put the
filling into it so it--

718
00:37:54,515 --> 00:37:55,270
what makes it--

719
00:37:55,270 --> 00:37:58,460

720
00:37:58,460 --> 00:37:59,680
Hold together?

721
00:37:59,680 --> 00:38:00,420
No.

722
00:38:00,420 --> 00:38:02,010
The other way around--

723
00:38:02,010 --> 00:38:04,000
to break up--

724
00:38:04,000 --> 00:38:04,540
To explode?

725
00:38:04,540 --> 00:38:05,630
Explode, OK.

726
00:38:05,630 --> 00:38:09,090
Explosive-- it has
to be put in there.

727
00:38:09,090 --> 00:38:13,120
And then they would
put it to the package--

728
00:38:13,120 --> 00:38:19,450
packaging of it, of which we
were very diligently taking,

729
00:38:19,450 --> 00:38:23,560
stealing the two sides
what was to hold it.

730
00:38:23,560 --> 00:38:28,920
Because we knitted that
into stockings at the--

731
00:38:28,920 --> 00:38:33,090
if not knitting, then we
were crocheting or something.

732
00:38:33,090 --> 00:38:34,300
You needed something.

733

00:38:34,300 --> 00:38:35,420

You were cold.

734

00:38:35,420 --> 00:38:38,230

It was fall coming,
and it was Silesia

735

00:38:38,230 --> 00:38:39,840

And we were standing out there.

736

00:38:39,840 --> 00:38:43,140

It was not funny.

737

00:38:43,140 --> 00:38:45,270

But we managed.

738

00:38:45,270 --> 00:38:48,540

We store as much as we
could, and we were--

739

00:38:48,540 --> 00:38:52,230

some of us was quite good at it.

740

00:38:52,230 --> 00:38:56,580

I was really good
at stealing coal.

741

00:38:56,580 --> 00:38:58,530

My hand fit into--

742

00:38:58,530 --> 00:39:02,610

between the wooden pilings.

743

00:39:02,610 --> 00:39:07,920

And some people were quite
good at stealing some potatoes.

744

00:39:07,920 --> 00:39:10,740

I was good at going
for seconds in a way

745

00:39:10,740 --> 00:39:15,600
that I was ready and
willing to pack off

746
00:39:15,600 --> 00:39:17,360
extra trucks which came in.

747
00:39:17,360 --> 00:39:23,010
And if you worked fast to
remove the merchandise from it,

748
00:39:23,010 --> 00:39:25,890
they gave you another soup.

749
00:39:25,890 --> 00:39:28,180
Very important
thing because you--

750
00:39:28,180 --> 00:39:32,200
out of the 14 there was somebody
who wasn't able to go out,

751
00:39:32,200 --> 00:39:36,890
or 16 of us, who wasn't able
to go out to get his meal,

752
00:39:36,890 --> 00:39:37,870
were hungry.

753
00:39:37,870 --> 00:39:40,140
We were always hungry.

754
00:39:40,140 --> 00:39:42,690
So you found that the women
were supporting each other

755
00:39:42,690 --> 00:39:43,990
and helping each other?

756
00:39:43,990 --> 00:39:48,190
Yeah, we were a good
group together, the 16.

757

00:39:48,190 --> 00:39:52,170

Not even-- not all 16, but
there were a mother with two

758

00:39:52,170 --> 00:39:57,750

daughters there in our
room, and the five of us--

759

00:39:57,750 --> 00:39:59,490

that's eight.

760

00:39:59,490 --> 00:40:02,520

There was another
mother with her daughter

761

00:40:02,520 --> 00:40:06,240

who she didn't know
that she was pregnant,

762

00:40:06,240 --> 00:40:09,450

and who was taken out
several months later from us.

763

00:40:09,450 --> 00:40:11,490

And her-- the
mother's daughter--

764

00:40:11,490 --> 00:40:14,350

or younger sister
was there with her--

765

00:40:14,350 --> 00:40:15,330

two younger sisters.

766

00:40:15,330 --> 00:40:16,580

So there were four of them.

767

00:40:16,580 --> 00:40:17,080

OK.

768

00:40:17,080 --> 00:40:19,710

Four and we were five

and there were three.

769

00:40:19,710 --> 00:40:26,582

And there was a relative
from [PLACE NAME]..

770

00:40:26,582 --> 00:40:30,486

Oh, what's [PLACE NAME]?

771

00:40:30,486 --> 00:40:34,010

What's Slovakia's capitol now?

772

00:40:34,010 --> 00:40:39,465

773

00:40:39,465 --> 00:40:39,965

Anyway.

774

00:40:39,965 --> 00:40:42,570

775

00:40:42,570 --> 00:40:49,270

Originally, we went to work
the same place in this mill.

776

00:40:49,270 --> 00:40:52,820

Then my aunt complained
that she cannot do it,

777

00:40:52,820 --> 00:40:58,310

although I was working in a lot
of her work and also my cousin.

778

00:40:58,310 --> 00:41:00,610

You say-- so you were
with other relatives?

779

00:41:00,610 --> 00:41:01,390

Yes.

780

00:41:01,390 --> 00:41:03,940

Had you been with these

relatives all along?

781
00:41:03,940 --> 00:41:04,737
Yes.

782
00:41:04,737 --> 00:41:05,445
We were together.

783
00:41:05,445 --> 00:41:08,980
And this was the
five in Auschwitz

784
00:41:08,980 --> 00:41:11,170
out of that four
stayed together.

785
00:41:11,170 --> 00:41:13,390
I was taken back.

786
00:41:13,390 --> 00:41:16,230
This is my father's
youngest sister,

787
00:41:16,230 --> 00:41:18,220
another sister's daughter.

788
00:41:18,220 --> 00:41:23,150
And that daughter's
two sister-in-laws--

789
00:41:23,150 --> 00:41:27,550
a quite young one, the one
[INAUDIBLE], the smaller one.

790
00:41:27,550 --> 00:41:29,850
And the other one was
somebody of my age.

791
00:41:29,850 --> 00:41:33,000

792
00:41:33,000 --> 00:41:35,790

So there we worked.

793

00:41:35,790 --> 00:41:38,320

794

00:41:38,320 --> 00:41:41,710

And then my cousin
and my aunt both

795

00:41:41,710 --> 00:41:45,550

wanted to get out of
that factory work,

796

00:41:45,550 --> 00:41:49,990

and they somehow
got into the sewing

797

00:41:49,990 --> 00:41:56,270

room, which probably
was better suited

798

00:41:56,270 --> 00:41:58,160

for somebody who is soft.

799

00:41:58,160 --> 00:42:01,130

And then they didn't have
to march out and back.

800

00:42:01,130 --> 00:42:04,120

That happened right on campus.

801

00:42:04,120 --> 00:42:12,828

And the-- slowly, we managed
to get through this time.

802

00:42:12,828 --> 00:42:16,310

803

00:42:16,310 --> 00:42:27,360

Less and less food, more
and more deep air raids.

804

00:42:27,360 --> 00:42:31,400
So there was no steam
coming from Marburg,

805
00:42:31,400 --> 00:42:33,080
then we couldn't work.

806
00:42:33,080 --> 00:42:35,930
We were just sitting out
there and do nothing,

807
00:42:35,930 --> 00:42:39,230
but we had to be brought
out and brought back.

808
00:42:39,230 --> 00:42:40,290
You have to, you know--

809
00:42:40,290 --> 00:42:43,858

810
00:42:43,858 --> 00:42:50,580
And so slowly,
winter came, and we

811
00:42:50,580 --> 00:42:54,220
were stealing left and
right pieces of material.

812
00:42:54,220 --> 00:42:56,830
So we sewed together
something what

813
00:42:56,830 --> 00:43:03,340
should be stocking to
cover our bare legs.

814
00:43:03,340 --> 00:43:10,300
Then from these bags of which
the saltpeter was thrown out,

815
00:43:10,300 --> 00:43:15,580
we made raincoat that was

five times deep paper.

816
00:43:15,580 --> 00:43:18,100
So we cut out something
where you put your head

817
00:43:18,100 --> 00:43:22,310
in and two arms room, and you
were covered with that at least

818
00:43:22,310 --> 00:43:24,760
on the way out and back.

819
00:43:24,760 --> 00:43:27,690
Not all the water was in your
coat, only the half of it.

820
00:43:27,690 --> 00:43:32,240

821
00:43:32,240 --> 00:43:37,890
Well, we were working this
way through next spring.

822
00:43:37,890 --> 00:43:42,380
But by next spring, it
was very little work, very

823
00:43:42,380 --> 00:43:45,440
little material coming
into the factory.

824
00:43:45,440 --> 00:43:48,830
What was your health like?

825
00:43:48,830 --> 00:43:51,410
Well, we started
to become yellow--

826
00:43:51,410 --> 00:43:57,350
our skin and also our eyes
from this material what

827

00:43:57,350 --> 00:43:59,240
was catching us.

828

00:43:59,240 --> 00:44:01,130
Because that was
coming out not only

829

00:44:01,130 --> 00:44:07,230
inside where you worked with
it, but they were horse meat

830

00:44:07,230 --> 00:44:09,350
I should have started better.

831

00:44:09,350 --> 00:44:11,120
The factory was underground.

832

00:44:11,120 --> 00:44:17,030
It was covered with roads
and was covered with forest.

833

00:44:17,030 --> 00:44:22,370
And forest was made from--

834

00:44:22,370 --> 00:44:25,800

835

00:44:25,800 --> 00:44:27,640
that was all fake.

836

00:44:27,640 --> 00:44:28,640
Artificial trees?

837

00:44:28,640 --> 00:44:31,010
Yeah, just that
from the airplane

838

00:44:31,010 --> 00:44:32,740
it should look like it's a--

839

00:44:32,740 --> 00:44:33,690

Like a camouflage.

840
00:44:33,690 --> 00:44:34,790
Sure.

841
00:44:34,790 --> 00:44:39,380
And so you walked through that,
and all over [? little horse ?]

842
00:44:39,380 --> 00:44:47,170
brought up that bitter almond
kind of poisonous gases, which

843
00:44:47,170 --> 00:44:49,376
you inhaled.

844
00:44:49,376 --> 00:44:54,210
You inhaled inside
and inhaled outside.

845
00:44:54,210 --> 00:44:56,735
Now, this is the reason
that these factories

846
00:44:56,735 --> 00:44:58,880
were never bombed.

847
00:44:58,880 --> 00:45:01,940
We were praying that
when the planes went by--

848
00:45:01,940 --> 00:45:03,410
we were praying.

849
00:45:03,410 --> 00:45:06,110
We didn't expect to get
out alive from there,

850
00:45:06,110 --> 00:45:09,580
and why shouldn't we
then finish it now?

851

00:45:09,580 --> 00:45:12,682
No, we were never bombed.

852
00:45:12,682 --> 00:45:13,974
They didn't know we were there.

853
00:45:13,974 --> 00:45:20,760

854
00:45:20,760 --> 00:45:28,080
So in March, by then we
were cleaning all the places

855
00:45:28,080 --> 00:45:31,230
where used to be merchandise.

856
00:45:31,230 --> 00:45:34,950
We had to [GERMAN],, to
make it clean, to wipe it,

857
00:45:34,950 --> 00:45:38,980
swipe it, do something with it.

858
00:45:38,980 --> 00:45:42,840
It's a real German thing to make
you do nothing with cleaning

859
00:45:42,840 --> 00:45:44,880
and cleaning and cleaning.

860
00:45:44,880 --> 00:45:48,660
They don't give you
anything to clean with,

861
00:45:48,660 --> 00:45:50,130
but you are cleaning.

862
00:45:50,130 --> 00:45:51,310
How did you clean?

863
00:45:51,310 --> 00:45:53,070
With your hand, with your rag.

864
00:45:53,070 --> 00:45:55,860

865
00:45:55,860 --> 00:45:57,480
You got something
together from--

866
00:45:57,480 --> 00:46:00,670

867
00:46:00,670 --> 00:46:03,340
under the trees, there had
some leaves I mean there.

868
00:46:03,340 --> 00:46:06,640
With the leaves you
were-- you tried.

869
00:46:06,640 --> 00:46:09,070
You tried to do
like you're working.

870
00:46:09,070 --> 00:46:11,300
And when there was no
work whatsoever inside,

871
00:46:11,300 --> 00:46:17,290
then they made me and a
few others build roads.

872
00:46:17,290 --> 00:46:22,570
So we were having these little
carriages taking the stones,

873
00:46:22,570 --> 00:46:23,500
throwing it out.

874
00:46:23,500 --> 00:46:25,300
The other ones started
to put them down.

875

00:46:25,300 --> 00:46:29,080
The third one had to go
through with that musher, which

876
00:46:29,080 --> 00:46:32,870
mushed that was frozen.

877
00:46:32,870 --> 00:46:34,630
But that was no work
either because there

878
00:46:34,630 --> 00:46:35,770
was no need for that road.

879
00:46:35,770 --> 00:46:37,640
There was no need to
do anything there,

880
00:46:37,640 --> 00:46:40,660
but they made you do something.

881
00:46:40,660 --> 00:46:42,497
Did anybody trying to escape?

882
00:46:42,497 --> 00:46:43,830
From there, there was no escape.

883
00:46:43,830 --> 00:46:44,330
No escape.

884
00:46:44,330 --> 00:46:46,330
It was all completely covered--

885
00:46:46,330 --> 00:46:48,730
completely covered.

886
00:46:48,730 --> 00:46:52,150
We did see human
beings outside walking

887
00:46:52,150 --> 00:46:54,820
when we were standing

on [INAUDIBLE],,

888
00:46:54,820 --> 00:46:57,610
on the upper parts,
other side there

889
00:46:57,610 --> 00:47:05,440
was a road, on which sometimes
peasants with horse carriages

890
00:47:05,440 --> 00:47:06,520
went by.

891
00:47:06,520 --> 00:47:07,900
They knew we are there.

892
00:47:07,900 --> 00:47:09,070
Don't tell me they didn't.

893
00:47:09,070 --> 00:47:10,610
We knew that they were there.

894
00:47:10,610 --> 00:47:15,500
But there was no
way of getting out.

895
00:47:15,500 --> 00:47:21,760
Then one day in March, it
was a nice morning like that,

896
00:47:21,760 --> 00:47:23,540
very bright.

897
00:47:23,540 --> 00:47:25,760
And we were out there
doing practically nothing.

898
00:47:25,760 --> 00:47:27,770
And then around 11
o'clockish, they

899
00:47:27,770 --> 00:47:30,830

came that we have to go
back fast into the camp--

900
00:47:30,830 --> 00:47:34,600
fast, we got-- I'm going, going,
going because I'm leaving.

901
00:47:34,600 --> 00:47:38,150
And that evening
we left the camp.

902
00:47:38,150 --> 00:47:42,905
We started to walk, and
was a big, long walk.

903
00:47:42,905 --> 00:47:45,870

904
00:47:45,870 --> 00:47:47,070
This is everybody?

905
00:47:47,070 --> 00:47:50,420
The whole camp.

906
00:47:50,420 --> 00:47:53,052
And then they stopped
us one place where we--

907
00:47:53,052 --> 00:47:56,010

908
00:47:56,010 --> 00:48:00,420
what I didn't tell you that
we had one lady with us

909
00:48:00,420 --> 00:48:04,290
in the kitchen who was a
rebbetzen who was counting

910
00:48:04,290 --> 00:48:07,860
the Jewish calendar
and was telling us

911

00:48:07,860 --> 00:48:11,480

when it was Rosh Hashanah,
when it was Yom Kippur.

912

00:48:11,480 --> 00:48:13,710

No, we didn't eat on Yom Kippur.

913

00:48:13,710 --> 00:48:15,690

It didn't matter.

914

00:48:15,690 --> 00:48:18,660

What we had was staying there.

915

00:48:18,660 --> 00:48:20,050

Nobody will take it from us.

916

00:48:20,050 --> 00:48:22,820

917

00:48:22,820 --> 00:48:29,700

And so the last day, last
night when we were in the camp,

918

00:48:29,700 --> 00:48:33,990

she said that it was
first night of Pesach.

919

00:48:33,990 --> 00:48:39,120

And we went to her room,
and she made from some flour

920

00:48:39,120 --> 00:48:42,620

what she stole in the
kitchen, some flatbread.

921

00:48:42,620 --> 00:48:44,610

And she was giving us
all a little bit of it,

922

00:48:44,610 --> 00:48:50,110

and we were reminding
ourselves that it is holiday.

923
00:48:50,110 --> 00:48:52,870
It turns out that she was
only wrong with one day.

924
00:48:52,870 --> 00:48:55,020
The next night when we
were out on the road,

925
00:48:55,020 --> 00:48:57,580
that was really the
first night of Pesach.

926
00:48:57,580 --> 00:48:58,950
It was very important.

927
00:48:58,950 --> 00:49:02,330

928
00:49:02,330 --> 00:49:03,830
What did you feel
like when you were

929
00:49:03,830 --> 00:49:07,790
eating that flour and water?

930
00:49:07,790 --> 00:49:09,280
I don't know.

931
00:49:09,280 --> 00:49:11,020
We just thought that--

932
00:49:11,020 --> 00:49:12,590
we thought back
to that tradition

933
00:49:12,590 --> 00:49:15,493
how it looked at home.

934
00:49:15,493 --> 00:49:16,910
It was something
to hurt a little.

935
00:49:16,910 --> 00:49:24,010

936
00:49:24,010 --> 00:49:30,260
Of course, you realize that
by then, very few of us

937
00:49:30,260 --> 00:49:34,600
was friendly enough
with the one above us

938
00:49:34,600 --> 00:49:37,850
to believe that we are having
this holiday because of him.

939
00:49:37,850 --> 00:49:41,290

940
00:49:41,290 --> 00:49:45,900
But there were two
little girls also

941
00:49:45,900 --> 00:49:47,410
on the kitchen,
the small kitchen,

942
00:49:47,410 --> 00:49:51,490
which was peeling potatoes.

943
00:49:51,490 --> 00:49:57,300
They were [INAUDIBLE] two
beautiful little daughters,

944
00:49:57,300 --> 00:50:00,490
some 12 and 13-year-old
redheads with lots

945
00:50:00,490 --> 00:50:04,480
of locks in their hair
as the new hair grew out.

946

00:50:04,480 --> 00:50:07,270

And these two girls
have not eaten

947

00:50:07,270 --> 00:50:10,840

anything what look
like meat piece or bone

948

00:50:10,840 --> 00:50:15,460

piece in the food what
they had all year long.

949

00:50:15,460 --> 00:50:19,440

They kept-- tried to be kosher.

950

00:50:19,440 --> 00:50:24,190

They were very kosher
after liberation.

951

00:50:24,190 --> 00:50:26,140

I heard of them.

952

00:50:26,140 --> 00:50:29,860

They lived a very kosher life.

953

00:50:29,860 --> 00:50:33,230

But well, if you stayed
with that belief.

954

00:50:33,230 --> 00:50:33,730

I didn't.

955

00:50:33,730 --> 00:50:36,260

956

00:50:36,260 --> 00:50:39,390

Anyway, as I said,
these holidays,

957

00:50:39,390 --> 00:50:46,360

they were really something
in that surrounding.

958

00:50:46,360 --> 00:50:52,390

Anyway, we decided after
the second night when

959

00:50:52,390 --> 00:50:54,800

we were again together
outside the [INAUDIBLE]

960

00:50:54,800 --> 00:50:57,700

we were holiday.

961

00:50:57,700 --> 00:51:00,300

That next night we are going
to try to get together.

962

00:51:00,300 --> 00:51:05,870

We will try to find each other,
and we will get together.

963

00:51:05,870 --> 00:51:13,920

And that night when
we started to rake,

964

00:51:13,920 --> 00:51:18,960

we saw that a lot
of the SS people

965

00:51:18,960 --> 00:51:23,490

were in civilian
clothing, or one was still

966

00:51:23,490 --> 00:51:31,910

with the big [? break ?] cape,
but had been on a bicycle.

967

00:51:31,910 --> 00:51:34,290

So from their carriage,
all these things got off,

968

00:51:34,290 --> 00:51:37,290

and they started to
go in every direction.

969

00:51:37,290 --> 00:51:40,940

At that point I said to
my cousin that I go too.

970

00:51:40,940 --> 00:51:42,290

If they go, I go.

971

00:51:42,290 --> 00:51:45,300

[PHONE RINGING] Sorry.

972

00:51:45,300 --> 00:51:49,230

So on that point, my aunt and
my cousins said that I'm crazy

973

00:51:49,230 --> 00:51:50,980

and they won't let me.

974

00:51:50,980 --> 00:51:53,580

I says, you cannot keep me.

975

00:51:53,580 --> 00:51:58,320

So I started out from that
little road where we were,

976

00:51:58,320 --> 00:52:04,290

from which there was a little
forest on this side, or quite

977

00:52:04,290 --> 00:52:05,070

a few trees.

978

00:52:05,070 --> 00:52:08,040

I shouldn't call it a forest.

979

00:52:08,040 --> 00:52:10,260

But it was still
very early spring.

980

00:52:10,260 --> 00:52:13,980

You could see through it, that
on the other side of that,

981

00:52:13,980 --> 00:52:21,010

there's a road on which I
could see military going.

982

00:52:21,010 --> 00:52:25,050

So I said, this is not
the place I want to be at.

983

00:52:25,050 --> 00:52:27,520

I want to go from here.

984

00:52:27,520 --> 00:52:29,550

And I just went.

985

00:52:29,550 --> 00:52:30,370

By yourself?

986

00:52:30,370 --> 00:52:31,380

By myself.

987

00:52:31,380 --> 00:52:35,190

After which point, they
started to run after me.

988

00:52:35,190 --> 00:52:37,780

And by the time
we first stopped--

989

00:52:37,780 --> 00:52:41,180

we were nine of us.

990

00:52:41,180 --> 00:52:44,360

Of the nine of us, only my
cousin and I spoke German.

991

00:52:44,360 --> 00:52:49,760

992

00:52:49,760 --> 00:52:54,410

And we were walking
across the field,

993

00:52:54,410 --> 00:53:02,690

and we pulled out some
sugar, carrot kind of--

994

00:53:02,690 --> 00:53:06,620

what still is there.

995

00:53:06,620 --> 00:53:09,290

This is animal feed
for the winter.

996

00:53:09,290 --> 00:53:13,580

And so of that we pulled
some and we ate some.

997

00:53:13,580 --> 00:53:18,090

By then, we didn't see
bread for the last 10 days.

998

00:53:18,090 --> 00:53:19,970

So it was good to
have something.

999

00:53:19,970 --> 00:53:21,375

And we had a knife.

1000

00:53:21,375 --> 00:53:25,130

I could slice it up, and
everybody got a slice of that.

1001

00:53:25,130 --> 00:53:27,470

We weren't that hungry anymore.

1002

00:53:27,470 --> 00:53:31,910

And we walked with it
into the next village.

1003

00:53:31,910 --> 00:53:34,760

And on the edge of the
village at the last house

1004

00:53:34,760 --> 00:53:41,225

we stopped and went
into a peasant court.

1005
00:53:41,225 --> 00:53:42,600
What was the name
of the village?

1006
00:53:42,600 --> 00:53:43,190
Do you know?

1007
00:53:43,190 --> 00:53:44,210
Know.

1008
00:53:44,210 --> 00:53:45,000
I certainly know.

1009
00:53:45,000 --> 00:53:47,690
It's Frielendorf.

1010
00:53:47,690 --> 00:53:50,850
And it's the [INAUDIBLE]
of Tegernheim.

1011
00:53:50,850 --> 00:53:54,420

1012
00:53:54,420 --> 00:54:00,710
And we stopped here, and
the German peasant came out.

1013
00:54:00,710 --> 00:54:02,870
And they didn't know
what to make of us.

1014
00:54:02,870 --> 00:54:06,080
They knew what we are, except
they didn't know if they

1015
00:54:06,080 --> 00:54:08,600
want to throw us out or not.

1016
00:54:08,600 --> 00:54:10,780

And we said, we
will not bother you.

1017
00:54:10,780 --> 00:54:16,970
Just let us have rest here where
your animals are, and he did.

1018
00:54:16,970 --> 00:54:22,430
And actually, he made us
go up so we can be up where

1019
00:54:22,430 --> 00:54:25,686
it's dry and warm and nice.

1020
00:54:25,686 --> 00:54:31,550
And we laid down there, and
we rested and so evening came.

1021
00:54:31,550 --> 00:54:35,750
And all of a sudden
we heard speaking,

1022
00:54:35,750 --> 00:54:37,460
and the speaking went on.

1023
00:54:37,460 --> 00:54:40,730
And it was clear
that a German guy

1024
00:54:40,730 --> 00:54:45,500
who also escaped from the
military wants to hide there

1025
00:54:45,500 --> 00:54:46,990
and wanted to come up.

1026
00:54:46,990 --> 00:54:49,820
And the guy from there
was just telling him

1027
00:54:49,820 --> 00:54:51,515
that this is not
a good spot here.

1028
00:54:51,515 --> 00:54:55,980
He takes him to another spot,
and we were very uncomfortable.

1029
00:54:55,980 --> 00:55:00,200
We were very ready
to jump and go.

1030
00:55:00,200 --> 00:55:03,580
But they ran away.

1031
00:55:03,580 --> 00:55:06,380
And the next morning,
the peasant's wife

1032
00:55:06,380 --> 00:55:08,510
came out and said, you
will have to leave.

1033
00:55:08,510 --> 00:55:09,990
And we said, oh, we will.

1034
00:55:09,990 --> 00:55:14,220
We just needed this rest, and
we are very thankful, and we go.

1035
00:55:14,220 --> 00:55:18,050
And then we brought back
the group backwards,

1036
00:55:18,050 --> 00:55:20,570
where we know now
where the fields were,

1037
00:55:20,570 --> 00:55:22,850
made them sit there and wait.

1038
00:55:22,850 --> 00:55:29,300
And my cousin and I started to
go from house to house and tell

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00:55:29,300 --> 00:55:33,020
them that we are hungry, and
we would ask for some bread

1040
00:55:33,020 --> 00:55:35,530
if they can spare.

1041
00:55:35,530 --> 00:55:39,200
And everybody was
able to spare some.

1042
00:55:39,200 --> 00:55:43,940
Some had some cold
cut to add to it.

1043
00:55:43,940 --> 00:55:45,780
Some didn't.

1044
00:55:45,780 --> 00:55:47,990
But everywhere
they were cooking.

1045
00:55:47,990 --> 00:55:50,810
We had no idea, but
it was Good Friday.

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00:55:50,810 --> 00:55:54,205

1047
00:55:54,205 --> 00:55:57,992
And that afternoon-- of
course, when we came back--

1048
00:55:57,992 --> 00:56:00,200
well, we told them all that
we cannot eat it out here

1049
00:56:00,200 --> 00:56:02,480
because our sisters are
waiting outside for us,

1050
00:56:02,480 --> 00:56:04,320
and we want to

share it with them.

1051
00:56:04,320 --> 00:56:05,360
And they accepted.

1052
00:56:05,360 --> 00:56:08,630
Some gave us an extra piece
of bread because of it.

1053
00:56:08,630 --> 00:56:11,080
Some just let us go.

1054
00:56:11,080 --> 00:56:13,460
So we went back, and
we, again, got some

1055
00:56:13,460 --> 00:56:17,970
of these carrot kind of things.

1056
00:56:17,970 --> 00:56:21,980
And with that, the bread --

1057
00:56:21,980 --> 00:56:26,450
And that afternoon, we
heard a lot of noises--

1058
00:56:26,450 --> 00:56:31,356
motors and big machinery noises.

1059
00:56:31,356 --> 00:56:35,360
And as we look
toward the West, they

1060
00:56:35,360 --> 00:56:38,690
were stopping in front
of this peasant's house.

1061
00:56:38,690 --> 00:56:42,530
So we looked out, saw the main
street over the guy's house

1062
00:56:42,530 --> 00:56:44,820

where he spent the night before.

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00:56:44,820 --> 00:56:50,190

And we saw that he has a
white underpants on a--

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00:56:50,190 --> 00:56:50,690

Pole?

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00:56:50,690 --> 00:56:53,340

Stuck outside hanging out on--

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00:56:53,340 --> 00:56:54,800

toward the street.

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00:56:54,800 --> 00:56:57,578

And they are also
hanging out there.

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00:56:57,578 --> 00:56:59,870

And there are a lot of other
stores had something white

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00:56:59,870 --> 00:57:01,680

hanging out there.

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00:57:01,680 --> 00:57:03,180

And we look back,
and we saw there

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00:57:03,180 --> 00:57:09,380

was a kind of star
on this machinery.

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00:57:09,380 --> 00:57:10,940

Yes.

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00:57:10,940 --> 00:57:13,980

They stopped yet that the
rest should come up to them,

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00:57:13,980 --> 00:57:15,130

and we went out to them.

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00:57:15,130 --> 00:57:23,490

These were the first American
GIs who arrived there.

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00:57:23,490 --> 00:57:27,990

And it was a magnificent,
magnificent afternoon.

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00:57:27,990 --> 00:57:30,580

When they heard who
we are, they started

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00:57:30,580 --> 00:57:33,960

to look for something
to give us-- food.

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00:57:33,960 --> 00:57:36,790

And whatever they
had, it was only

1080

00:57:36,790 --> 00:57:39,590

from the [? breakfast ?]
station what they had left over.

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00:57:39,590 --> 00:57:45,550

So we asked for a cigarette, and
eight of us smoked one Camel.

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00:57:45,550 --> 00:57:50,380

And all eight of us had seen
stars at broad daylight.

1083

00:57:50,380 --> 00:57:52,450

Oh, it was strong.

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00:57:52,450 --> 00:57:56,890

It was very, very strong,
but this was wonderful.

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00:57:56,890 --> 00:58:00,870

And they kept jumping, and

they found some chocolate

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00:58:00,870 --> 00:58:04,360
and there was some God knows
what, what was still left over

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00:58:04,360 --> 00:58:06,260
from the breakfast.

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00:58:06,260 --> 00:58:09,300
And then they got each other--

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00:58:09,300 --> 00:58:13,000
soap came our way.

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00:58:13,000 --> 00:58:16,560
They saw that we need some.

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00:58:16,560 --> 00:58:19,880
And by the time we turned
around, the peasant's wife

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00:58:19,880 --> 00:58:23,360
was coming, that we should
come into her kitchen.

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00:58:23,360 --> 00:58:29,390
She had a huge dish of hot
potatoes, fresh potatoes,

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00:58:29,390 --> 00:58:31,736
in its skin.

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00:58:31,736 --> 00:58:33,290
How can I say --

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00:58:33,290 --> 00:58:36,440
just they didn't understand
how it went away so fast.

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00:58:36,440 --> 00:58:38,960
You should have seen this group.

1098
00:58:38,960 --> 00:58:42,200
Taking care of the potatoes.

1099
00:58:42,200 --> 00:58:44,085
And then we went again
out to the street,

1100
00:58:44,085 --> 00:58:49,160
and from everywhere around
[PLACE NAME] [PLACE NAME] is

1101
00:58:49,160 --> 00:58:55,130
in a little valley,
and not big mountains,

1102
00:58:55,130 --> 00:58:59,790
but the mountains had all
people come out from it.

1103
00:58:59,790 --> 00:59:03,180
Russian girls who
were in POW camp.

1104
00:59:03,180 --> 00:59:11,040
Black, African, French
guys who were working as--

1105
00:59:11,040 --> 00:59:14,190
they were not POWs and they
were not in concentration camp,

1106
00:59:14,190 --> 00:59:16,440
but they were
something in between.

1107
00:59:16,440 --> 00:59:21,450
They were able to get Red
Cross packages once a month.

1108
00:59:21,450 --> 00:59:24,930
They were handled quite
differently from us.

1109
00:59:24,930 --> 00:59:29,440
They were half human, and
they were now very nice.

1110
00:59:29,440 --> 00:59:33,400
They were kissing our
hands saying hello to us

1111
00:59:33,400 --> 00:59:36,570
like we are human
being now again.

1112
00:59:36,570 --> 00:59:39,180
And it was a gorgeous,
gorgeous afternoon.

1113
00:59:39,180 --> 00:59:42,630
I don't have to tell you
that Good Friday will always

1114
00:59:42,630 --> 00:59:43,710
remind me of that.

1115
00:59:43,710 --> 00:59:46,740
That was a beautiful
Good Friday.

1116
00:59:46,740 --> 00:59:49,770
Next day, though, we
started to be very scared

1117
00:59:49,770 --> 00:59:53,780
because the American troops
started to go backward.

1118
00:59:53,780 --> 00:59:56,195
And we begged them
to take us along.

1119
00:59:56,195 --> 00:59:57,570
We thought that
the Germans are--

1120
00:59:57,570 --> 00:59:58,380
You were speaking English?

1121
00:59:58,380 --> 00:59:59,530
You could speak English?

1122
00:59:59,530 --> 01:00:02,850
Well, it was not really English.

1123
01:00:02,850 --> 01:00:06,230
I haven't used that term
for six, seven years.

1124
01:00:06,230 --> 01:00:09,270
And now I was full with my
German, so it was a mixture.

1125
01:00:09,270 --> 01:00:12,400
But yes, I was the one who
was telling them who we are

1126
01:00:12,400 --> 01:00:15,930
and what we are for all of us.

1127
01:00:15,930 --> 01:00:18,480
I was the only one who
spoke some English.

1128
01:00:18,480 --> 01:00:20,400
It was a funny English,
and many times I

1129
01:00:20,400 --> 01:00:23,190
heard a GI say that your
English isn't very good.

1130
01:00:23,190 --> 01:00:25,210
Well, I tell you why.

1131
01:00:25,210 --> 01:00:29,790
But I didn't know how

to say, but I knew

1132
01:00:29,790 --> 01:00:31,950
how to say it a French way.

1133
01:00:31,950 --> 01:00:35,730
I was using the French word.

1134
01:00:35,730 --> 01:00:38,355
I mixed it with a lot of German.

1135
01:00:38,355 --> 01:00:42,030
And luckily, they were coming
from France, so what was French

1136
01:00:42,030 --> 01:00:44,250
was not so strange to them.

1137
01:00:44,250 --> 01:00:46,560
But my English altogether was.

1138
01:00:46,560 --> 01:00:49,403
But they had fun with it,
and they were so good to us.

1139
01:00:49,403 --> 01:00:51,284
They were so wonderful.

1140
01:00:51,284 --> 01:00:54,590

1141
01:00:54,590 --> 01:01:02,410
If you imagine what it
is to feel human again,

1142
01:01:02,410 --> 01:01:06,170
that people count you
into the human race--

1143
01:01:06,170 --> 01:01:08,620
not more, just that much.

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01:01:08,620 --> 01:01:15,680

Then the mayor of the city
was ordering a kindergarten

1145

01:01:15,680 --> 01:01:18,590

to be emptied for us.

1146

01:01:18,590 --> 01:01:22,640

It didn't matter that every
furniture was this small,

1147

01:01:22,640 --> 01:01:26,150

and the toilets were also
half of a normal outhouse

1148

01:01:26,150 --> 01:01:27,680

size and that low.

1149

01:01:27,680 --> 01:01:29,840

But we had it.

1150

01:01:29,840 --> 01:01:34,790

And the American GIs started
to come to look us up.

1151

01:01:34,790 --> 01:01:39,920

And we had-- one
of the two people

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01:01:39,920 --> 01:01:43,440

with us in this group was also a
young mother with her daughter.

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01:01:43,440 --> 01:01:46,430

The daughter was 12 when
we got into the camp.

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01:01:46,430 --> 01:01:49,130

Now she was big 13-year-old--

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01:01:49,130 --> 01:01:51,318

a gorgeous girl.

1156
01:01:51,318 --> 01:01:52,860
But of course, you
couldn't see that.

1157
01:01:52,860 --> 01:01:55,600
There's just something.

1158
01:01:55,600 --> 01:01:58,262
And she was just laying
there on the straw.

1159
01:01:58,262 --> 01:01:59,720
And they were asking
what she would

1160
01:01:59,720 --> 01:02:03,110
like to have, and she
said, chocolate and salami.

1161
01:02:03,110 --> 01:02:08,420
So this young 18, 19-year-old
GI ran away to the PX

1162
01:02:08,420 --> 01:02:11,030
and brought
chocolate and salami,

1163
01:02:11,030 --> 01:02:13,970
and put it into her
mouth, and held her head

1164
01:02:13,970 --> 01:02:16,490
to eat it all together that way.

1165
01:02:16,490 --> 01:02:20,570
You can imagine how
sick she was, OK?

1166
01:02:20,570 --> 01:02:23,780
It was close to putting us
away with all the goodness,

1167

01:02:23,780 --> 01:02:26,590

but they were wonderful.

1168

01:02:26,590 --> 01:02:31,880

When they heard who

we are, what we were,

1169

01:02:31,880 --> 01:02:33,960

it was stories to tell, right?

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01:02:33,960 --> 01:02:36,530

1171

01:02:36,530 --> 01:02:42,080

And when they heard that

we haven't seen meat--