2
00:00:06,680 --> 00:00:10,310
The following is an
interview with Nathan Kalman.
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00:00:10,310 --> 00:00:13,760
The interview is being conducted
on behalf of the United States

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00:00:13,760 --> 00:00:17,570
Holocaust Memorial Museum,
and is taking place
5
00:00:17,570 --> 00:00:22,940
in Rockville, Maryland
on November 4, 1993
6
00:00:22,940 --> 00:00:23,810
by Gail Schwartz.
7
00:00:23,810 --> 00:00:30,402
8
00:00:30,402 --> 00:00:30,902
Ready.
9
00:00:30,902 --> 00:00:35,740
10
00:00:35,740 --> 00:00:38,470
What is your full name?
11
00:00:38,470 --> 00:00:41,740
Nathan Kalmonowitz.
12
00:00:41,740 --> 00:00:43,990
And where were you born?
13
00:00:43,990 --> 00:00:45,430
Łódź, Poland.
00:00:45,430 --> 00:00:47,450
And what year were you born?
15
00:00:47,450 --> 00:00:49,510
In 1909.
16
00:00:49,510 --> 00:00:51,630
And what was the date?
17
00:00:51,630 --> 00:00:52,741
5th-- October 5th.
18
00:00:52,741 --> 00:00:55,390
19
00:00:55,390 --> 00:00:59,940
No, you have [? this right. ?]
20
00:00:59,940 --> 00:01:02,700
Let's talk a little bit
about your childhood.
21
00:01:02,700 --> 00:01:04,870
Who was in your family?
22
00:01:04,870 --> 00:01:07,640
Tell me about your parents,
your parents' names.
23
00:01:07,640 --> 00:01:13,350
24
00:01:13,350 --> 00:01:15,085
I can't talk.
25
00:01:15,085 --> 00:01:19,585
When I'm talking about
childhood, parents,
26
00:01:19,585 --> 00:01:21,900
it's very-- very choking me.
27
00:01:21,900 --> 00:01:23,760

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Did you live in the city?
28
00:01:23,760 --> 00:01:27,760
Yes, in the center of the city.

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00:01:27,760 --> 00:01:28,260
Uh-huh.

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00:01:28,260 --> 00:01:32,317
And what kind of schooling did you have?

31
00:01:32,317 --> 00:01:33,150
What kind of school?
32
00:01:33,150 --> 00:01:38,600
I had a private school, like an everyday school.

33
00:01:38,600 --> 00:01:42,470
It was a school
with [INAUDIBLE]..
34
00:01:42,470 --> 00:01:47,246
Half day school is religions and half like a school.

35
00:01:47,246 --> 00:01:50,350
But my father didn't like
me to go that's in the --
36
00:01:50,350 --> 00:01:55,590
to be without a hat,
Kippah, you know?
37
00:01:55,590 --> 00:01:56,730 And so on.

38
00:01:56,730 --> 00:02:04,330
So he tried to keep me on this Hebrew day school.

39
00:02:04,330 --> 00:02:06,115
So you changed schools?

00:02:06,115 --> 00:02:07,240 Is that what you're saying?

41
00:02:07,240 --> 00:02:08,060
No, no.
42
00:02:08,060 --> 00:02:09,460
You first went to
a public school
43
00:02:09,460 --> 00:02:10,919 with other Polish children?

44
00:02:10,919 --> 00:02:15,070 It's happened once, yes, something from the Inspektorat

45
00:02:15,070 --> 00:02:16,455 came, and I had to leave.

46
00:02:16,455 --> 00:02:18,650
So I had very big trouble.
47
00:02:18,650 --> 00:02:23,190
I had payos Not so
big, but the children,
48
00:02:23,190 --> 00:02:27,910
they was pinching and attacking, hey, Hasid, Hasid, and so on.

49
00:02:27,910 --> 00:02:33,850
So I tried the best to leave there and go back to the school

50
00:02:33,850 --> 00:02:35,240 where I was.

51
00:02:35,240 --> 00:02:38,040
It was very hard to
do it, because this
52
00:02:38,040 --> 00:02:40,870
was on the inspector--
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5 3
00:02:40,870 --> 00:02:45,490
from buildings
inspector, this building.
5 4
00:02:45,490 --> 00:02:48,820
You see, he wasn't--
5 5
00:02:48,820 --> 00:02:53,170
all the schools, all the schools
was under his supervision.
5 6
00:02:53,170 --> 00:02:54,620

- He was like a superintendent.
57
Yeah.
58
00:02:55,120 --> 00:02:56,080
Like a superintendent.
5 9
00:02:56,080 --> 00:02:56,580
Yeah.
6 0
00:02:56,580 --> 00:02:59,360
6 1
00:02:59,360 --> 00:03:02,130
What kind of neighborhood
did you live in?
6 2
00:03:02,130 --> 00:03:06,650
Mixed, Poles and Jews, but there
was some more Jews, I think.
6 3
00:03:06,650 --> 00:03:09,430
It was a nice neighborhood.
6 4
00:03:09,430 --> 00:03:12,590
I was there till the end, when
then they came to the door,
6 5
00:03:12,590 --> 00:03:16,180
behind the shotgun.

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00:03:18,770 --> 00:03:22,250
So what else did you do besides go to school

68
00:03:22,250 --> 00:03:23,960
when you were a child?
69
00:03:23,960 --> 00:03:26,880
What kind of things did you do?
70
00:03:26,880 --> 00:03:31,070 Not too much, because I saw it was a harder life in Poland.

71
00:03:31,070 --> 00:03:34,150
It was a little
harder in America.
72
00:03:34,150 --> 00:03:35,105
Father works hard.
73
00:03:35,105 --> 00:03:36,950
Mom helped him.
74
00:03:36,950 --> 00:03:40,730
So I feel I have to come home and help.

75
00:03:40,730 --> 00:03:42,090
I quit the school.
76
00:03:42,090 --> 00:03:42,760 I finished.

77
00:03:42,760 --> 00:03:43,750 I finished the school.

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00:03:43,750 --> 00:03:45,760
How old were you when
you finished school?
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7 9
00:03:45,760 --> 00:03:47,390
16 years.
80
00:03:47,390 --> 00:03:48,420
You were 16 years old?
81
00:03:48,420 --> 00:03:48,920
Yeah.
82
00:03:48,920 --> 00:03:49,850
Yeah.
83
00:03:49,850 --> 00:03:53,380
And then, well, did you have
any brothers or sisters?
84
00:03:53,380 --> 00:03:56,570
Oh, was five
brothers and sisters.
85
00:03:56,570 --> 00:03:57,830
Uh-huh.
86
00:03:57,830 --> 00:04:01,370
And where were you in
the order of children?
87
00:04:01,370 --> 00:04:02,870
I'm the youngest one.
88
00:04:02,870 --> 00:04:05,760
I [INAUDIBLE] from [INAUDIBLE].
89
00:04:05,760 --> 00:04:07,280
Yeah.
90
00:04:07,280 --> 00:04:11,300
And so then you stopped
going to school at 16.
91
00:04:11,300 --> 00:04:11,800
Yes.

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00:04:11,800 --> 00:04:12,350 Yes.

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00:04:12,350 --> 00:04:14,600
And then you said you started to work for your father?

94
00:04:14,600 --> 00:04:17,310
Yes, helped out at home to make easier life.

95
00:04:17,310 --> 00:04:19,220 What kind of--

96
00:04:19,220 --> 00:04:20,480 We had--

97
00:04:20,480 --> 00:04:22,550
--work did your father do?
98
00:04:22,550 --> 00:04:25,630
In the beginning,
he was manufacturing
99
00:04:25,630 --> 00:04:31,820
in a small amount,
manufactured textile.
100
00:04:31,820 --> 00:04:33,710
But later on the
time was changing,
101
00:04:33,710 --> 00:04:36,020 and Poland was the hard life.

102
00:04:36,020 --> 00:04:38,690
Very hard, very hard.
103
00:04:38,690 --> 00:04:44,240
So he went to work for somebody on this job.

104
00:04:44,240 --> 00:04:48,188
So we had to try the best
to hold up the family.
105
00:04:48,188 --> 00:04:49,820
Mm-hmm, mm-hmm.

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00:04:49,820 --> 00:04:52,255
Did you live near
your grandparents,
107
00:04:52,255 --> 00:04:53,480
and aunts and uncles?
108
00:04:53,480 --> 00:04:56,015
Did you have more
relatives, other relatives?
109
00:04:56,015 --> 00:04:57,740 Yes, some, some of them was--

110
00:04:57,740 --> 00:04:58,952
one of us from [PLACE NAME].
111
00:04:58,952 --> 00:04:59,530
Like I said.
112
00:04:59,530 --> 00:05:02,150

113
00:05:02,150 --> 00:05:06,260
In Łódź, was also a couple
of cousins and so on.
114
00:05:06,260 --> 00:05:07,310
Yes.
115
00:05:07,310 --> 00:05:10,130
And you said you came from a very religious family.

116
00:05:10,130 --> 00:05:11,560
Yes.
117
00:05:11,560 --> 00:05:12,210
Very observant.

00:05:12,740 --> 00:05:14,310
Very-- a Hasidic family.
120
00:05:14,310 --> 00:05:15,235
Hasidic.
121
00:05:15,235 --> 00:05:22,910
It was not fanatic, but a
very intelligent, knowledge
122
00:05:22,910 --> 00:05:23,720
man also.
123
00:05:23,720 --> 00:05:26,530

124
00:05:26,530 --> 00:05:28,360
And were your
friends when you were
125
00:05:28,360 --> 00:05:31,590
a child, were your friends
only Jewish children?
126
00:05:31,590 --> 00:05:33,460
Mostly, yes.
127
00:05:33,460 --> 00:05:37,265
I had no feeling
for Jewish friends.
128
00:05:37,265 --> 00:05:40,420
Later on, I start to come
in the Zionist organization.
129
00:05:40,420 --> 00:05:41,530
I came in.
130
00:05:41,530 --> 00:05:43,525
This time I met Hannah.

00:05:43,525 --> 00:05:45,310 So God bless her.

132
00:05:45,310 --> 00:05:47,540
In Zionist organization.
133
00:05:47,540 --> 00:05:48,118
Yeah, yeah.
134
00:05:48,118 --> 00:05:52,030

135
00:05:52,030 --> 00:05:54,520
So you stayed in the
same house from the time
136
00:05:54,520 --> 00:05:56,560
you were born to the time you were 16 ?

137
00:05:56,560 --> 00:05:58,450
Almost, almost the same place.
138
00:05:58,450 --> 00:06:02,860
I was born a few
houses in the corner.
139
00:06:02,860 --> 00:06:08,710
Then I remember like
I helped the moving.
140
00:06:08,710 --> 00:06:10,910 How old were you then?

141
00:06:10,910 --> 00:06:15,610
I was then very
young, 12, 13 years.
142
00:06:15,610 --> 00:06:18,670
I was less than this,
but I helped out.
143
00:06:18,670 --> 00:06:21,151

I stood to help all the time.

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00:06:21,151 --> 00:06:23,440
Mm-hmm.
145
00:06:23,440 --> 00:06:27,550
And you said you remembered some
of these anti-Semitic incidents
146
00:06:27,550 --> 00:06:29,280
as a child, being teased.
147
00:06:29,280 --> 00:06:30,280
Yes, as a child.
148
00:06:30,280 --> 00:06:35,320
As a child, many
times I was leaving.
149
00:06:35,320 --> 00:06:36,680
They beat me up.
150
00:06:36,680 --> 00:06:37,950
I was with blood.
151
00:06:37,950 --> 00:06:42,410
I remember like the
[? stitches. ?] [INAUDIBLE]
152
00:06:42,410 --> 00:06:44,925
I remember the time like it was there.

153
00:06:44,925 --> 00:06:47,180
It was evening.
154
00:06:47,180 --> 00:06:48,380
Yeah, yeah.
155
00:06:48,380 --> 00:06:53,620
He came by with somebody and hit me with something or what.

> And I start yelling very, very loud.

00:07:10,150 --> 00:07:12,340 Moishe is not killed.

00:07:12,340 --> 00:07:13,866
What's happened?
163
00:07:13,866 --> 00:07:14,620
Went away.

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00:07:14,620 --> 00:07:15,640
That's it.
165
00:07:15,640 --> 00:07:18,170
Many, many times
it was like this.
166
00:07:18,170 --> 00:07:25,610
I went-- once I was going in the Christian [? pages. ?]

167
00:07:25,610 --> 00:07:29,920
In the stores, we had
paper for paper and things.
168
00:07:29,920 --> 00:07:30,700
Stationary.
169
00:07:30,700 --> 00:07:33,010

170
00:07:33,010 --> 00:07:38,665
So I went, and my father, and the oldest brother.

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00:07:38,665 --> 00:07:44,470
It was Constantine
[PERSONAL NAME] was the name.
172
00:07:44,470 --> 00:07:47,200
Now I remember.
173
00:07:47,200 --> 00:07:53,080
I saw coming up three hooligans.
174
00:07:53,080 --> 00:07:56,360
We saw them coming to us.
175
00:07:56,360 --> 00:08:00,250
And they start knocking me and my father.

176
00:08:00,250 --> 00:08:01,910
My father starting yelling.

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00:08:01,910 --> 00:08:05,860
He was how you
say [NON-ENGLISH]..
178
00:08:05,860 --> 00:08:07,330
He couldn't talk.
179
00:08:07,330 --> 00:08:08,670 Speechless.

180
00:08:08,670 --> 00:08:09,460
Yeah.
181
00:08:09,460 --> 00:08:11,530
But nothing doing.
182
00:08:11,530 --> 00:08:13,270
No, it was no police.

00:08:13,270 --> 00:08:14,040 Nobody comes.

184
00:08:14,040 --> 00:08:14,740 It's over.

185
00:08:14,740 --> 00:08:18,070
There was many, many things like this in Poland.

186
00:08:18,070 --> 00:08:23,000
It wasn't news some
Jews had some hits--
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00:08:23,000 --> 00:08:24,640
was hit.
188
00:08:24,640 --> 00:08:26,520
Yeah?
189
00:08:26,520 --> 00:08:27,730
OK.
190
00:08:27,730 --> 00:08:29,790 Let's move along a little bit, then.

191
00:08:29,790 --> 00:08:32,390
And you said when you
were 16 you left school.
192
00:08:32,390 --> 00:08:32,890
Yeah.
193
00:08:32,890 --> 00:08:34,590
And you went to work
for your father.
194
00:08:34,590 --> 00:08:35,320
Yeah.
195
00:08:35,320 --> 00:08:37,659
And for the next
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three or four years,
196
00:08:37,659 --> 00:08:39,669
what do you remember
of that time?
197
00:08:39,669 --> 00:08:41,380
Anything special?
198
00:08:41,380 --> 00:08:42,860
Not special.
1 9 9
00:08:42,860 --> 00:08:45,040
Then I took over -- like I said.
200
00:08:45,040 --> 00:08:47,590
I went to the
Zionist organization.
201
00:08:47,590 --> 00:08:48,410
When was that?
202
00:08:48,410 --> 00:08:50,118
Do you remember what
year, approximately?
2 0 3
00:08:50,118 --> 00:08:54,880
This was in 1930,
something like this.
204
00:08:54,880 --> 00:08:56,320
OK.
205
00:08:56,320 --> 00:08:56,900
Uh-huh.
206
00:08:56,900 --> 00:08:57,400
Yeah.
207
00:08:57,400 --> 00:08:59,710
And what did you do for them?
208
00:08:59,710 --> 00:09:00,670
Like an organization.

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209
00:09:00,670 --> 00:09:01,750
You know, I start--
210
00:09:01,750 --> 00:09:06,076
I loved Israel from
being a little boy.
211
00:09:06,076 --> 00:09:08,050
Mm-hmm.
212
00:09:08,050 --> 00:09:13,060
So even a little later
on, 1934 or five,
213
00:09:13,060 --> 00:09:17,044
I went to Krakow for
kibbutz Hachshara
214
00:09:17,044 --> 00:09:18,430
Mm-hmm.
215
00:09:18,430 --> 00:09:20,770
But at this point you were
still working for your father
216
00:09:20,770 --> 00:09:21,535
and doing this--
217
00:09:21,535 --> 00:09:24,670
It was really hard for me,
very hard for me to leave home.
218
00:09:24,670 --> 00:09:29,960
Because I went to the Poles,
they said to me in Polish--
219
00:09:29,960 --> 00:09:34,282
I know, I know in Poland,
you're have a krimka.
220
00:09:34,282 --> 00:09:35,240
Krimka was the Jewish--

00:09:41,290 --> 00:09:46,120
This is nothing, but I came wearing this [INAUDIBLE]..

224
00:09:46,120 --> 00:09:49,465
I went in very, very
Christian region.
225
00:09:49,465 --> 00:09:51,090
This is in Krakow
you're talking about?
226
00:09:51,090 --> 00:09:51,590
No, no, no.

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00:09:51,590 --> 00:09:52,600
This is in Łódź,.
228
00:09:52,600 --> 00:09:53,260
Oh.
229
00:09:53,260 --> 00:09:56,770
Out of Łódź, was a little
bit Constantine, in a way.
230
00:09:56,770 --> 00:09:58,620
Oh, uh-huh.
231
00:09:58,620 --> 00:10:02,380
But when I went to Krakow, it was very hard decision,

00:10:02,380 --> 00:10:03,340 very hard decision.

00:10:04,880 --> 00:10:04,960
Is that what you're saying?
235
00:10:04,960 --> 00:10:05,470
No, no, no.
236
00:10:05,470 --> 00:10:06,300
You just went to--
237
00:10:06,300 --> 00:10:08,060
I went in Kibbutz Hachshara.
238
00:10:08,060 --> 00:10:08,560
Oh.
239
00:10:08,560 --> 00:10:09,940 Only me.

240
00:10:09,940 --> 00:10:14,050
And I worked on myself very
hard to say that-- to say this,
241
00:10:14,050 --> 00:10:16,000
yes, I'm going.
242
00:10:16,000 --> 00:10:19,330
I remember Mom [NON-ENGLISH].
243
00:10:19,330 --> 00:10:22,710
She said the same thing.
244
00:10:22,710 --> 00:10:26,570
He was such a lover
for [INAUDIBLE]..
245
00:10:26,570 --> 00:10:29,090
He said, go, go.
246
00:10:29,090 --> 00:10:30,670
[NON-ENGLISH SPEECH]

00:10:30,670 --> 00:10:35,278

00:10:35,278 --> 00:10:37,096 [CRYING]

249
00:10:37,096 --> 00:10:39,380

250
00:10:39,380 --> 00:10:41,360 So then you went to Krakow.

251
00:10:41,360 --> 00:10:44,990
Yes, and I was there almost a year ago, but I make it fast, 252
00:10:44,990 --> 00:10:46,745 should be longer than this.

253
00:10:46,745 --> 00:10:49,610 But I had-- I was there, and my head was at home.

254
00:10:49,610 --> 00:10:51,290 Right.

255
00:10:51,290 --> 00:10:53,370 My sister Hinda write me a letter.

256
00:10:53,370 --> 00:10:56,450 And she said, "Oh, the Polish was --

257
00:10:56,450 --> 00:11:01,940
if you would see how our parents working hard."

258
00:11:01,940 --> 00:11:05,360
I went to the Christians, and I was with them

259
00:11:05,360 --> 00:11:09,890 good for the Christmas time.

I gave them presents and things.
261
00:11:11,390 --> 00:11:12,800 It was good.

262
00:11:12,800 --> 00:11:16,028
Good turn [? out. ?]
263
00:11:16,028 --> 00:11:19,920
But my head was at home.
264
00:11:19,920 --> 00:11:20,900
So I came home for--
265
00:11:20,900 --> 00:11:25,230
I made for like the
Jewish vacation.
266
00:11:25,230 --> 00:11:26,980
I was stood three
months at home.
267
00:11:26,980 --> 00:11:27,886
Mm-hmm.
268
00:11:27,886 --> 00:11:33,220
And then I went back,
because I liked to finish up.
269
00:11:33,220 --> 00:11:35,738
It was '35.
270
00:11:35,738 --> 00:11:38,060
OK.
271
00:11:38,060 --> 00:11:40,340
And then came in some political.
272
00:11:40,340 --> 00:11:44,850
Always politic in the
kibbutz came also in politic.
273
00:11:44,850 --> 00:11:49,280
And the kibbutz
has to be closed.
274
00:11:49,280 --> 00:11:52,140
So closed, I went home without work,

275
00:11:52,140 --> 00:11:58,610
me and another friend was there with me together from Łódź,.

276
00:11:58,610 --> 00:12:00,360
You went back to Łódź, with your friend.

277
00:12:00,360 --> 00:12:00,860
Yeah.
278
00:12:00,860 --> 00:12:02,640 What did you do there?

279
00:12:02,640 --> 00:12:03,980
Well, I started working at home.
280
00:12:03,980 --> 00:12:06,660
When I came home, I
started working right away.
281
00:12:06,660 --> 00:12:09,630
Yes, this was my goal.
282
00:12:09,630 --> 00:12:12,130
Mm-hmm.
283
00:12:12,130 --> 00:12:12,930 And then?

284
00:12:12,930 --> 00:12:16,810
And from [INAUDIBLE]
questions was nothing.
285
00:12:16,810 --> 00:12:19,390
It was another
year, another year.

Th.12.19,390 --> 00:12:23,490
Then came the war, was
everything like salt, salt--
287
00:12:23,490 --> 00:12:25,471
salt and water.
288
00:12:25,471 --> 00:12:30,200
Well, this one was the worsest thing when ti came.

289
00:12:30,200 --> 00:12:33,600
OK, so you went back, and
you stayed with your family
290
00:12:33,600 --> 00:12:35,130 until the war started.

291
00:12:35,130 --> 00:12:36,360 Yes, yes.

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00:12:36,360 --> 00:12:37,380 OK.

293
00:12:37,380 --> 00:12:41,190
Can you-- what do you remember about the war starting?

294
00:12:41,190 --> 00:12:42,970
What were your first memories?
295
00:12:42,970 --> 00:12:44,440
Yes, I remember it very well.
296
00:12:44,440 --> 00:12:45,160
OK.
297
00:12:45,160 --> 00:12:47,090
Very well.
298
00:12:47,090 --> 00:12:51,710
It was first day of war,
I remember, Friday, 1939,

00:12:56,744 --> 00:13:01,850

00:13:01,850 --> 00:13:03,610 But nothing was to do.

303
00:13:03,610 --> 00:13:07,480
We was lucky the town, Hitler picked Łódź,

304
00:13:07,480 --> 00:13:11,730 as a Stadt Reich Deutschland.

305
00:13:11,730 --> 00:13:14,510
Stadtreich a little
later on he made it.
306
00:13:14,510 --> 00:13:19,590
But very shortly, two months, two or three months later.

307
00:13:19,590 --> 00:13:23,000 In the meantime, it was very bad time.

308
00:13:23,000 --> 00:13:27,650
Such impossible to stand.
309
00:13:27,650 --> 00:13:28,520 I don't know.

310
00:13:28,520 --> 00:13:32,030 I was the weakest one at home, the weakest one, the youngest

311
00:13:32,030 --> 00:13:32,990 one.
How I came by this other
thing, I was put on the wall
313
00:13:36,890 --> 00:13:39,260
to be shot exactly.
314
00:13:39,260 --> 00:13:40,700
What happened the
very first day?
315
00:13:40,700 --> 00:13:42,072
Do you remember September 1st?
316
00:13:42,072 --> 00:13:43,030
What happened that day?
317
00:13:43,030 --> 00:13:44,900
I called up my older sister.
318
00:13:44,900 --> 00:13:51,230
She had a Łódź, Koska three, the Main Street.
319
00:13:51,230 --> 00:13:56,005
He was at a saloon, he had.
320
00:13:56,005 --> 00:14:04,250
How you say it, makes it--
321
00:14:04,250 --> 00:14:06,660 [WHISPERING]
322
00:14:06,660 --> 00:14:08,220
And this was over.
323
00:14:08,220 --> 00:14:10,230 It was before.
324
00:14:10,230 --> 00:14:11,420
We did not know.
325
00:14:11,420 --> 00:14:15,510
The landlord was

00:14:17,950 --> 00:14:19,580 And the war broke out.

328
00:14:19,580 --> 00:14:23,840
It's the second day or the third day of this tragedy.

329
00:14:23,840 --> 00:14:28,520
He sent in a letter, "eight days you have to leave.

330
00:14:28,520 --> 00:14:31,550
The keys has to be in the Gestapo."

331
00:14:31,550 --> 00:14:34,680
It was just something to avoid.
332
00:14:34,680 --> 00:14:38,170
This is the landlord
of your family?
333
00:14:38,170 --> 00:14:39,318
No, no, this was the--
334
00:14:39,318 --> 00:14:40,110
Of the beauty shop.
335
00:14:40,110 --> 00:14:41,270
Of the beauty shop.
336
00:14:41,270 --> 00:14:41,920
My sister's--
337
00:14:41,920 --> 00:14:42,150
Your sister's.
338
00:14:42,150 --> 00:14:43,760
My older sister,

00:14:45,570 --> 00:14:47,125 I see.

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00:14:47,125 --> 00:14:52,730
[? Storefront. ?] And to do it also was placed there.

342
00:14:52,730 --> 00:14:54,480
A nice, nice woman.

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00:14:54,480 --> 00:14:56,940
She had two lovely
children, such--
344
00:14:56,940 --> 00:15:00,600
I don't know where
they got killed now.
345
00:15:00,600 --> 00:15:01,980
Yeah.
346
00:15:01,980 --> 00:15:05,710
OK, so it's the first
week in September, and--
347
00:15:05,710 --> 00:15:07,200
First days, first days.
348
00:15:07,200 --> 00:15:07,700 First day.

349
00:15:07,700 --> 00:15:09,030
Yes.
350
00:15:09,030 --> 00:15:11,190
So I called her up.
351
00:15:11,190 --> 00:15:14,870
We didn't know what
to say and how to act.
352
00:15:14,870 --> 00:15:17,080
I said, come over,
let's be together.
353
00:15:17,080 --> 00:15:18,830 [INAUDIBLE] tomorrow.

354
00:15:18,830 --> 00:15:22,120

355
00:15:22,120 --> 00:15:22,620
I'm sorry.
356
00:15:22,620 --> 00:15:24,590
I'm talking about this thing.
357
00:15:24,590 --> 00:15:25,450 I'm choking.

358
00:15:25,450 --> 00:15:30,810

359
00:15:30,810 --> 00:15:37,250
So and came day after day, the troubles,

360
00:15:37,250 --> 00:15:41,240
the tragedy was growing more and more and more.

361
00:15:41,240 --> 00:15:42,870 they start-- they start--

362
00:15:42,870 --> 00:15:47,060 I remember like it would be now, my sister, the oldest came up,

363
00:15:47,060 --> 00:15:47,820
and she--
364
00:15:47,820 --> 00:15:49,830
"Dajczeszil brennt!"different jokes and things.

00:16:12,440 --> 00:16:14,070 And this was burning, burning, burning.

372
00:16:14,070 --> 00:16:17,130
So this was the first one, but in Łódź, was many, 373
00:16:17,130 --> 00:16:18,650 many synagogues.

374
00:16:18,650 --> 00:16:21,900
And all of them got--
one by one, one by one.
375
00:16:21,900 --> 00:16:25,220
When I came back
after the war, I went.
376
00:16:25,220 --> 00:16:30,350
I was going to meet
somebody from the family.

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00:16:30,350 --> 00:16:33,570
I was lived at the
Polonjewa 60 was the name
378
00:16:33,570 --> 00:16:36,740
[INAUDIBLE] Polonjewa.
379
00:16:36,740 --> 00:16:39,590
Over there was-- they made
from a little synagogue was
380
00:16:39,590 --> 00:16:43,100 they made some place.

381
00:16:43,100 --> 00:16:45,770
Salt they keep there or what.
382
00:16:45,770 --> 00:16:48,080
This, this was not destroyed.
383
00:16:48,080 --> 00:16:51,020
This was the one in Łódź,.
384
00:16:51,020 --> 00:16:54,080
The whole Łódź, synagogues how --

385
00:16:54,080 --> 00:16:57,002
Was one-- [PLACE NAME],, it was called.

386
00:16:57,002 --> 00:17:00,220
It was something, what
the talk about it.
387
00:17:00,220 --> 00:17:01,660
And this was burned.
388
00:17:01,660 --> 00:17:07,490
And they were standing
around and making the --

00:17:17,920 --> 00:17:23,109
say, all this, on the streets, on paper, written all this.

393
00:17:23,109 --> 00:17:23,930 Like what?

394
00:17:23,930 --> 00:17:25,010 Against Jews.

395
00:17:25,010 --> 00:17:25,790 Saying what?

396
00:17:25,790 --> 00:17:29,000
This one not to go after 5 .
397
00:17:29,000 --> 00:17:30,460
We can go till 5.
398
00:17:30,460 --> 00:17:36,870
After 5, somebody will go out in the city, is a bullet in head.

399
00:17:36,870 --> 00:17:38,730 This was so.

400
00:17:38,730 --> 00:17:46,000
But in the meantime, it is now, she

401
00:17:46,000 --> 00:17:50,700
remembered-- she was
from Novorobinsk.
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4 0 2
00:17:50,700 --> 00:17:57,280
And this was like a
resort or close to it--
4 0 3
00:17:57,280 --> 00:18:03,490
[PLACE NAME] People came there
for summer, summer resort.
4 0 4
00:18:03,490 --> 00:18:06,990
And she was remembered
for 1940, the Germans
4 0 5
00:18:06,990 --> 00:18:10,870
was very different than there.
4 0 6
00:18:10,870 --> 00:18:13,590
Mom went back and forth.
4 0 7
00:18:13,590 --> 00:18:18,522
She smuggled to help
to keep up the family.
4 0 8
00:18:18,522 --> 00:18:20,230
This is your mother
you're talking about?
4 0 9
00:18:20,230 --> 00:18:20,500
Yeah.
4 1 0
00:18:20,500 --> 00:18:21,190
Yeah.
4 1 1
00:18:21,190 --> 00:18:23,860
She went-- she--
4 1 2
00:18:23,860 --> 00:18:26,300
1 o'clock in the
morning she came.
4 1 3
00:18:26,300 --> 00:18:32,280
And 6 o'clock in the morning
she went to another train
again to go back.
415
00:18:33,180 --> 00:18:35,820
Because she brought
things, stuff over there.
416
00:18:35,820 --> 00:18:37,560
And she had work over there.
417
00:18:37,560 --> 00:18:39,070
She was very handy, God bless--
418
00:18:39,070 --> 00:18:40,620
God bless her.
419
00:18:40,620 --> 00:18:46,520
Who knows where
she's- she's [CRYING]
420
00:18:46,520 --> 00:18:50,270
So are we still-- are we still in the first week of the war?

421
00:18:50,270 --> 00:18:51,865
No, this was a little later.
422
00:18:51,865 --> 00:18:52,490
A little later.
423
00:18:52,490 --> 00:18:53,920
This was some-- a month.
424
00:18:53,920 --> 00:18:54,830
A month, yeah.
425
00:18:54,830 --> 00:18:58,610
Or six weeks,
something like this.
426
00:18:58,610 --> 00:19:01,790
I had my--
427
00:19:01,790 --> 00:19:04,910

00:19:15,980 --> 00:19:16,630
'8.
431
00:19:16,630 --> 00:19:17,480
When was the war?

432
00:19:17,480 --> 00:19:18,090 No, '9.

433
00:19:18,090 --> 00:19:18,640 1939.

434
00:19:18,640 --> 00:19:21,770 1939.

435
00:19:21,770 --> 00:19:24,740
So and I had a brother.
436
00:19:24,740 --> 00:19:25,720 He's died.

437
00:19:25,720 --> 00:19:31,040
He and the father from the
whole family, I buried them.
438
00:19:31,040 --> 00:19:34,940
He was a very good carpenter.
439
00:19:34,940 --> 00:19:36,140
What was his name?
440
00:19:36,140 --> 00:19:37,540
David, Yacob David.
441
00:19:37,540 --> 00:19:41,260

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4 4 2
00:19:41,260 --> 00:19:43,340
And he was a premier--
4 4 3
00:19:43,340 --> 00:19:48,090
a very good carpenter.
4 4 4
00:19:48,090 --> 00:19:51,780
He made for me furnitures.
4 4 5
00:19:51,780 --> 00:19:55,200
Like I didn't need the--
4 4 6
00:19:55,200 --> 00:19:58,910
how you say--
4 4 7
00:19:58,910 --> 00:20:00,186
[NON-ENGLISH].
448
00:20:00,186 --> 00:20:03,360
4 4 9
00:20:03,360 --> 00:20:08,990
But when this came
on, the tragedy came,
4 5 0
00:20:08,990 --> 00:20:11,540
people start running to Russia.
4 5 1
00:20:11,540 --> 00:20:13,310
People didn't know what to do.
4 5 2
00:20:13,310 --> 00:20:14,585
They should run like crazy.
4 5 3
00:20:14,585 --> 00:20:17,400
4 5 4
00:20:17,400 --> 00:20:19,940
It took a little time.
4 5 5
00:20:19,940 --> 00:20:24,260
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00:20:29,450 --> 00:20:32,330
a [INAUDIBLE], limping on a leg.
459
00:20:32,330 --> 00:20:36,650
I don't know if someone sent him up or he didn't know before.

460
00:20:36,650 --> 00:20:38,828
He looked out--
461
00:20:38,828 --> 00:20:40,370
He came to your
house, you're saying?
462
00:20:40,370 --> 00:20:42,200
He came to the house, yes.
463
00:20:42,200 --> 00:20:44,060
And he liked it so much.
464
00:20:44,060 --> 00:20:47,505
And he say to me,
look, [INAUDIBLE]..
465
00:20:47,505 --> 00:20:51,560
For this-- this mean for a drink, drink vodka,

466
00:20:51,560 --> 00:20:52,820
I can have this everything.
467
00:20:52,820 --> 00:20:55,790
But no, look he
talk with the hand.

00:20:55,790 --> 00:20:58,010
00:20:59,810 --> 00:21:01,630
Don't worry.
471
00:21:01,630 --> 00:21:04,030
So we start dealing about--
472
00:21:04,030 --> 00:21:09,152
I don't remember how much
was it, a few thousand zlote.
473
00:21:09,152 --> 00:21:11,390
At this time, the
bank was closed.
474
00:21:11,390 --> 00:21:14,420
We couldn't take the
zlote to buy bread.
475
00:21:14,420 --> 00:21:15,380
And he had come.
476
00:21:15,380 --> 00:21:18,430
I said, you know what,
everybody runs to Russia,
477
00:21:18,430 --> 00:21:19,790
maybe we run too.
478
00:21:19,790 --> 00:21:21,110
Let's sell.
479
00:21:21,110 --> 00:21:22,340
OK.
480
00:21:22,340 --> 00:21:26,540
And we went down
[INAUDIBLE] into with horse,
and wagons and buggies.

00:21:29,280 --> 00:21:32,000
We go and drove in.
483
00:21:32,000 --> 00:21:35,105
And he has to give
me some 5,000 zlote.
484
00:21:35,105 --> 00:21:37,580
And he was short in money.
485
00:21:37,580 --> 00:21:43,280
Not much, but a nice few hundred
zlote was missing, maybe 1,000.
486
00:21:43,280 --> 00:21:46,730
My mother-- I taking
one over the other one.
487
00:21:46,730 --> 00:21:51,650
My mother was at this time, she left to [PLACE NAME]

488
00:21:51,650 --> 00:21:52,460
to help us out.
489
00:21:52,460 --> 00:21:55,930
If she would be there, she wouldn't be able to stand it.

490
00:21:55,930 --> 00:21:58,770

491
00:21:58,770 --> 00:22:02,105
But this time, we
walked on [INAUDIBLE]..
492
00:22:02,105 --> 00:22:06,340
There was a snow, such a deep, frosty night.

493
00:22:06,340 --> 00:22:11,220
And he said, I take you with me, but don't talk.

00:22:11,220 --> 00:22:16,160
We had to go by a Wald
Constantino Wald was the name.
495
00:22:16,160 --> 00:22:17,710
I came in over there.
496
00:22:17,710 --> 00:22:21,330
He was such happy his wife, he Kissed her and kissed her.

497
00:22:21,330 --> 00:22:23,300
Look what I bought for you.
498
00:22:23,300 --> 00:22:25,070
And she was-- she saw what--
499
00:22:25,070 --> 00:22:28,250 she was the same way.

500
00:22:28,250 --> 00:22:32,765
Then he say, I have to go borrow a few zlote, a few hundred,

501
00:22:32,765 --> 00:22:34,490 how much is missing.

502
00:22:34,490 --> 00:22:35,500
He went out.
503
00:22:35,500 --> 00:22:38,570
And I went by myself to talk.
504
00:22:38,570 --> 00:22:39,520
I had nothing.
505
00:22:39,520 --> 00:22:41,120
But I went by me.
506
00:22:41,120 --> 00:22:43,400
If he would not
give me the money,

00:22:43,400 --> 00:22:45,980 he wouldn't give nothing, it would be also good.

## 508

00:22:45,980 --> 00:22:50,100
Because they took much-more valuable things

509
00:22:50,100 --> 00:22:52,100 than my furniture.

510
00:22:52,100 --> 00:22:57,140
He comes, say, I'm sorry, I couldn't, they have no money.

511
00:22:57,140 --> 00:23:01,640
He opened up-- in
Europe was a basement

## 512

00:23:01,640 --> 00:23:06,540
in home, such a big place.
513
00:23:06,540 --> 00:23:12,170
And start pulling out
such big pieces, coal.
514
00:23:12,170 --> 00:23:13,590
This was like brilliance.
515
00:23:13,590 --> 00:23:15,440
It was so cold.
516
00:23:15,440 --> 00:23:19,220
It was freezing,
cold, bitter cold was.
517
00:23:19,220 --> 00:23:20,350 Nothing to [INAUDIBLE].

## 518

00:23:20,350 --> 00:23:28,460
If you knocked the wood, the [INAUDIBLE] and so on went.

520
00:23:31,260 --> 00:23:35,000 And made a big slit.

521
00:23:35,000 --> 00:23:37,200
Put them in our sack.
522
00:23:37,200 --> 00:23:43,940
It was there some rice, and red beets and things.

523
00:23:43,940 --> 00:23:46,700
At home, they meant
well, God forbid,
524
00:23:46,700 --> 00:23:55,190
if I'm dead, [INAUDIBLE]
to perspire wood.
525
00:23:55,190 --> 00:23:58,460
If my mother will be there, she wouldn't be able to send it.

## 526

00:23:58,460 --> 00:24:00,390
She had special off for me.
527
00:24:00,390 --> 00:24:04,730

528
00:24:04,730 --> 00:24:06,420
So I came home.
529
00:24:06,420 --> 00:24:08,180 I did what he told me.

530
00:24:08,180 --> 00:24:12,240
Don't talk nothing
on the way, go quiet.
531
00:24:12,240 --> 00:24:14,050
So we came home.
532
00:24:14,050 --> 00:24:18,300 it was for my father.

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5 3 3

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5 3 3
00:24:18,300 --> 00:24:19,520
The family was only halfway.
5 3 4
00:24:19,520 --> 00:24:22,110
Halfway was who knows where.
535
00:24:22,110 --> 00:24:27,110
But there was-- the [INAUDIBLE]
was such big, I came home.
536
00:24:27,110 --> 00:24:28,300
And I brought such--
537
00:24:28,300 --> 00:24:29,315
some food, some coal.
538
00:24:29,315 --> 00:24:32,276
5 3 9
00:24:32,276 --> 00:24:37,410
And then the tragedy
is gone away.
5 4 0
00:24:37,410 --> 00:24:39,450
It worked very, very, very--
541
00:24:39,450 --> 00:24:42,000
542
00:24:42,000 --> 00:24:43,150
very, very much.
543
00:24:43,150 --> 00:24:47,340
544
00:24:47,340 --> 00:24:49,200
It was-- it was very--
5 4 5
00:24:49,200 --> 00:24:53,130
day after day, it
was new orders.
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546
00:24:53,130 --> 00:24:58,480
Now I have to go back a little
bit because the beginning,
547
00:24:58,480 --> 00:25:03,810
we had lived in this
house some 26 or 27 years.
548
00:25:03,810 --> 00:25:09,100
And the landlord was
a Christian baker.
549
00:25:09,100 --> 00:25:10,860
A bakery he had.
550
00:25:10,860 --> 00:25:14,520
I remember how he built.
He brought [INAUDIBLE]
551
00:25:14,520 --> 00:25:17,250
and built them up.
552
00:25:17,250 --> 00:25:21,420
Then he made the American
[INAUDIBLE],, the [INAUDIBLE]..
553
00:25:21,420 --> 00:25:24,670
554
00:25:24,670 --> 00:25:29,127
So when it was the three
days, four days well,
555
00:25:29,127 --> 00:25:32,640
four I went to bed.
556
00:25:32,640 --> 00:25:34,040
And I couldn't sleep.
557
00:25:34,040 --> 00:25:36,110
This is no news.
558
00:25:36,110 --> 00:25:37,690

But I couldn't lay on.

00:25:37,690 --> 00:25:40,220
And I say, I take a
look what's going on.
560
00:25:40,220 --> 00:25:42,350
Something, I feel something.
561
00:25:42,350 --> 00:25:44,487
I going down-- I was
on the first floor--
562
00:25:44,487 --> 00:25:45,320
on the second floor.
563
00:25:45,320 --> 00:25:51,340
But I see the bakery
has opened the doors.
564
00:25:51,340 --> 00:25:55,260
With my heart start right
away knocking, I looked in.
565
00:25:55,260 --> 00:25:56,530
It was empty.
566
00:25:56,530 --> 00:25:59,920
Bread was sitting in
the oven, burning.
567
00:25:59,920 --> 00:26:01,810
And they have prepared--
568
00:26:01,810 --> 00:26:04,010
like bakeries having such big--
569
00:26:04,010 --> 00:26:06,980 I don't know the name of it.

570
00:26:06,980 --> 00:26:10,060
I take up a few
steps to the street.

## 572

00:26:12,220 --> 00:26:16,580
In all the streets, people, people going massively.

573
00:26:16,580 --> 00:26:19,310

574
00:26:19,310 --> 00:26:19,840
What's do?
575
00:26:19,840 --> 00:26:21,050
What's to do?
576
00:26:21,050 --> 00:26:30,340
They had mens [INAUDIBLE] to go to Warsaw to fight.

577
00:26:30,340 --> 00:26:34,150
And here was, at this time
was, and the day came,

## 578

00:26:34,150 --> 00:26:36,640
my older brother, where
he was, came from--
579
00:26:36,640 --> 00:26:38,930
he was living in
Pabianice he lived.
580
00:26:38,930 --> 00:26:42,130

581
00:26:42,130 --> 00:26:45,260
And the other one--
the other one,
582
00:26:45,260 --> 00:26:50,970 the brother-in-law also, and me, and my brother.

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584
00:26:53,180 --> 00:26:54,810
Older brother was Zuk.
585
00:26:54,810 --> 00:26:55,310
Was what?
586
00:26:55,310 --> 00:27:01,370
Zuk, [Zuken The
brother-in-law was Moshe.
587
00:27:01,370 --> 00:27:02,110
Two Moshes.
58
00:27:02,110 --> 00:27:03,550
One of the sisters--
58
00:27:03,550 --> 00:27:06,190
the two sisters' two husbands.
590
00:27:06,190 --> 00:27:09,280
And we was all together
and had to leave.
591
00:27:09,280 --> 00:27:11,160
Dad and mom sat and crying.
592
00:27:11,160 --> 00:27:12,670
Only crying.
593
00:27:12,670 --> 00:27:14,860
What can they do?
5 9 4
00:27:14,860 --> 00:27:17,070
The streets were
full with people,
595
00:27:17,070 --> 00:27:20,090
marching, marching very worried.
596
00:27:20,090 --> 00:27:23,920
So we start to march Main
Street from the side street.
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## 611

00:28:10,830 --> 00:28:12,660
was little by little people.
612
00:28:12,660 --> 00:28:16,900
Many was out of already
to the main march.
613
00:28:16,900 --> 00:28:19,080
And they listened to me.
614
00:28:19,080 --> 00:28:19,830 We came home.

615
00:28:19,830 --> 00:28:22,820

616
00:28:22,820 --> 00:28:28,900
You can-- each one can know how father and mother feel.

617
00:28:28,900 --> 00:28:30,800
They opened up the door.
618
00:28:30,800 --> 00:28:34,580
They cried, cried and laughed.
619
00:28:34,580 --> 00:28:36,440 Took a few minutes.

620
00:28:36,440 --> 00:28:40,030
We was [INAUDIBLE] there anti-Semitic peoples.

621
00:28:40,030 --> 00:28:42,730
Was a few minutes, they came to the door-- knock, knock, knock.

622
00:28:42,730 --> 00:28:46,020

So hey there what you doing here?

## 623

00:28:46,020 --> 00:28:49,610
By ourselves was hiding.
624
00:28:49,610 --> 00:28:50,350
They hide.
625
00:28:50,350 --> 00:28:55,240
They didn't like to go
to pay what they had.
626
00:28:55,240 --> 00:28:56,990
So mom saw this.
627
00:28:56,990 --> 00:29:00,180 She took the brothers, brother-in-laws and send them

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628
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00:29:00,180 --> 00:29:02,930
away somewhere,
not to stay here.
629
00:29:02,930 --> 00:29:04,910
Because it was dangerous.
630
00:29:04,910 --> 00:29:06,290
They could come
in and kill them.
631
00:29:06,290 --> 00:29:09,470

632
00:29:09,470 --> 00:29:14,600 And the landlord, the baker, was by a few days.

633
00:29:14,600 --> 00:29:19,220
He said, you know, Kalmonowitz you are the youngest--

634
00:29:19,220 --> 00:29:22,340
my oldest tenant [INAUDIBLE].

00:29:27,100 --> 00:29:28,400
I was glad.
638
00:29:28,400 --> 00:29:29,390
I helped people.
639
00:29:29,390 --> 00:29:34,160
I helped them, the father, the brothers with the bread,

640
00:29:34,160 --> 00:29:35,150 which I could do.

641
00:29:35,150 --> 00:29:36,480
I did it.
642
00:29:36,480 --> 00:29:38,430
Thanks God.
643
00:29:38,430 --> 00:29:43,280
But went by a few
days, each thing--
644
00:29:43,280 --> 00:29:47,810
Rumkowski was the manager from the ghetto, Chaim Rumkowski.

645
00:29:47,810 --> 00:29:52,190
So he said-- it was
tragic jokes, but jokes.
646
00:29:52,190 --> 00:29:53,840
He said the jacket--
647
00:29:53,840 --> 00:29:56,310
the ghetto [NON-ENGLISH].

00:29:56,310 --> 00:29:57,490
Those words.
649
00:29:57,490 --> 00:29:59,780
And it was this way.
650
00:29:59,780 --> 00:30:00,750
What does that mean?
651
00:30:00,750 --> 00:30:04,790
The ghetto will be best form.
652
00:30:04,790 --> 00:30:07,610 Everything for work.

653
00:30:07,610 --> 00:30:10,130
Had the ghetto been
formed by that time?
654
00:30:10,130 --> 00:30:11,120
What?
655
00:30:11,120 --> 00:30:13,590
Had the ghetto been
formed by that time?
656
00:30:13,590 --> 00:30:16,385
No, no, this was in
Łódź,, the first--
657
00:30:16,385 --> 00:30:18,010
You're talking in
the beginning, right?
658
00:30:18,010 --> 00:30:18,960
The beginning, yes.
659
00:30:18,960 --> 00:30:22,220
First a-- it was two or three months, something like this,

00:30:25,850 --> 00:30:30,117
it is January, February, March, I think.

662
00:30:30,117 --> 00:30:31,700
In the meantime, we had to go to work.

663
00:30:31,700 --> 00:30:37,050
Was the Jewish [NON-ENGLISH] the [NON-ENGLISH]..

664
00:30:37,050 --> 00:30:39,560
I don't know how to
express it to you.
665
00:30:39,560 --> 00:30:42,050
They had to send out-there came a letter,

666
00:30:42,050 --> 00:30:45,600 you have to be at work this day.

667
00:30:45,600 --> 00:30:49,160
This, I could have sometimes work to go again and again.

668
00:30:49,160 --> 00:30:51,390
The work was nothing worth it.
669
00:30:51,390 --> 00:30:53,210
But you have to go to work.
670
00:30:53,210 --> 00:30:55,520
What kind of work did you do?
671
00:30:55,520 --> 00:31:01,820
They gave work to scrape
together from the trees--
672
00:31:01,820 --> 00:31:04,700
they fell down, things, different things.

00:31:04,700 --> 00:31:10,910
When we are going home, I remember I was with another--

## 674

00:31:10,910 --> 00:31:14,480
still today when I remember
it, I feel sorrow for it,
675
00:31:14,480 --> 00:31:17,210
because I was almost
at home and he
676
00:31:17,210 --> 00:31:21,460
had to go to the ghetto
place, which was way down.
677
00:31:21,460 --> 00:31:23,370
Valik was the name.
678
00:31:23,370 --> 00:31:24,490
Poorer section.
679
00:31:24,490 --> 00:31:30,574

680
00:31:30,574 --> 00:31:32,640
No gymnasium.
681
00:31:32,640 --> 00:31:33,400 [INAUDIBLE]

682
00:31:33,400 --> 00:31:34,450
High school.
683
00:31:34,450 --> 00:31:37,050 It wasn't a high school.

684
00:31:37,050 --> 00:31:39,790
Stays a German this
way with the hand.
685
00:31:39,790 --> 00:31:42,433
Say, oh, now, what's going on now?

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68
00:31:42,433 --> 00:31:43,100
I start talking.
6 8 7
00:31:43,100 --> 00:31:47,200
[INAUDIBLE] [NON-ENGLISH].
6 8 8
00:31:47,200 --> 00:31:50,120
Can you translate that?
6 8 9
00:31:50,120 --> 00:31:52,480
Mister-- mister,
we are coming now
6 9 0
00:31:52,480 --> 00:31:57,760
from work, what you had
to work, like [INAUDIBLE]..
6 9 1
00:31:57,760 --> 00:32:00,210
And no we have to go home.
6 9 2
00:32:00,210 --> 00:32:05,080
[GERMAN] this mean don't talk.
6 9 3
00:32:05,080 --> 00:32:07,730
Up on the truck.
694
00:32:07,730 --> 00:32:10,520
And we start running
with the truck.
6 9 5
00:32:10,520 --> 00:32:12,400
He's driving.
696
00:32:12,400 --> 00:32:15,130
I see-- I see something.
6 9 7
00:32:15,130 --> 00:32:17,990
I knew all the places,
because I was born there
6 9 8
00:32:17,990 --> 00:32:23,050
and I went there late to
the customs, Polish customs,
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00:32:23,050 --> 00:32:24,590 storekeepers.

700
00:32:24,590 --> 00:32:28,600
And I say for them, two of them besides me,

701
00:32:28,600 --> 00:32:33,580
you know what, he goes
here to take coals.
702
00:32:33,580 --> 00:32:34,270
I feel it.
703
00:32:34,270 --> 00:32:37,360 Was such big places.

704
00:32:37,360 --> 00:32:38,590 And this was this way.

705
00:32:38,590 --> 00:32:42,260 He came to our place.

706
00:32:42,260 --> 00:32:46,410
He rode up very fast, the
machine full with coals.
707
00:32:46,410 --> 00:32:48,430
And we have to go up.
708
00:32:48,430 --> 00:32:53,404
He goes back to the place where he catch up us.

709
00:32:53,404 --> 00:32:58,490
And at this time, I see some new thing, what's never I saw.

## 710

00:32:58,490 --> 00:33:06,400
It meant we have to work now to shovel and things to this.

But he took some button on the truck.

00:33:10,270 --> 00:33:12,070 He took some button, pushed.

713
00:33:12,070 --> 00:33:13,570
And the truck
start to go up, up,
714
00:33:13,570 --> 00:33:16,590
up, up, up, such mechanically.
715
00:33:16,590 --> 00:33:18,610 Mechanic is very good.

716
00:33:18,610 --> 00:33:22,370 Even the gas chambers they made also good, very good

## 717

00:33:22,370 --> 00:33:25,390 work for [INAUDIBLE].

718
00:33:25,390 --> 00:33:29,870
So this when we was free of it not to shovel the coals.

719
00:33:29,870 --> 00:33:31,640 [INAUDIBLE] was name.

720
00:33:31,640 --> 00:33:34,750
And fell down in the basement.
721
00:33:34,750 --> 00:33:37,030
So he let us free.
722
00:33:37,030 --> 00:33:39,850
I remember I did
really feel sorry.
723
00:33:39,850 --> 00:33:42,510 I should take them to my place.

Well, other one was closer to me.

725
00:33:43,990 --> 00:33:48,650
And one was in [INAUDIBLE] the ghetto, found later on.

726
00:33:48,650 --> 00:33:51,190
But he left.
727
00:33:51,190 --> 00:33:54,175
[INAUDIBLE] going
farther and farther.
728
00:33:54,175 --> 00:33:56,930

729
00:33:56,930 --> 00:33:59,110
Forgetting the same Yiddish.
730
00:33:59,110 --> 00:34:02,940
If you're getting used to the tsuris [INAUDIBLE]..

731
00:34:02,940 --> 00:34:05,510

732
00:34:05,510 --> 00:34:09,010
So it was very bitter, very, very bitter.

733
00:34:09,010 --> 00:34:13,989
In the meantime, mom
went-- this was--
734
00:34:13,989 --> 00:34:19,300
must be somewhere
in February or what.
735
00:34:19,300 --> 00:34:22,179
Mom said she can't
[INAUDIBLE] anymore.
736
00:34:22,179 --> 00:34:25,000
She remembered the time

00:34:35,380 --> 00:34:37,389
I don't know, my wife was sick.

## 741

00:34:37,389 --> 00:34:39,659
And I [INAUDIBLE]
I couldn't take it,

## 742

00:34:39,659 --> 00:34:43,830 and my own to go to with her.

## 743

00:34:43,830 --> 00:34:44,790
She said no.
744
00:34:44,790 --> 00:34:49,679
So in the meantime, I came
back, maybe five minutes took.
745
00:34:49,679 --> 00:34:50,880
Mom was gone.
746
00:34:50,880 --> 00:34:54,560
I run down such fast the
steps, maybe no second.
747
00:34:54,560 --> 00:34:57,850
The sleds was away.
748
00:34:57,850 --> 00:35:00,245
And I didn't saw her anymore.
749
00:35:00,245 --> 00:35:01,780
This was it.

00:35:10,550 --> 00:35:15,680 till 1944-- '3, I think.

00:35:15,680 --> 00:35:16,960 It was possible to do.

755
00:35:16,960 --> 00:35:20,590
But later on, nothing [INAUDIBLE]..

756
00:35:20,590 --> 00:35:22,620
So we heard how
it is over there.
757
00:35:22,620 --> 00:35:26,100
Our brother, the oldest
brother, Zuken that I say,
758
00:35:26,100 --> 00:35:29,550 he was in Pabianice by Łódź,

759
00:35:29,550 --> 00:35:33,150
He came also to Łódź,.
760
00:35:33,150 --> 00:35:35,070 I went down.

761
00:35:35,070 --> 00:35:36,980 He couldn't stay by us.

00:36:09,060 --> 00:36:14,790
Later on, after a nice
little time, he wrote.
774
00:36:14,790 --> 00:36:19,710
It was impossible everything to write what he went by.

00:36:20,760 --> 00:36:23,580 on the way was dead bodies.

## 777

00:36:23,580 --> 00:36:27,180
So many dead bodies, they had to bury them.

## 778

00:36:27,180 --> 00:36:31,683
They had to take them and
[INAUDIBLE] with their hands--
779
00:36:31,683 --> 00:36:36,850
their hands to work.
780
00:36:36,850 --> 00:36:40,450
I reminding of things
I have here a finger.
781
00:36:40,450 --> 00:36:42,870
It was 50 years and I
have trouble from it
782
00:36:42,870 --> 00:36:48,370
by cutting my
fingertip or the cold.
783
00:36:48,370 --> 00:36:50,470
It's terrible here [INAUDIBLE].
784
00:36:50,470 --> 00:36:55,150
How this came to me to think, I worked with the coals.

785
00:36:55,150 --> 00:36:57,842
Was also a coal working job.
786
00:36:57,842 --> 00:37:01,300
I start the work, very
hungry, very nervous.
787
00:37:01,300 --> 00:37:03,150
That's the spring of 1940 ?
788
00:37:03,150 --> 00:37:05,955

No, this was the winter.

00:37:05,955 --> 00:37:06,580
I would think--
790
00:37:06,580 --> 00:37:06,990
It's still winter.
791
00:37:06,990 --> 00:37:07,530
It's still winter.
792
00:37:07,530 --> 00:37:07,980
Still winter.
793
00:37:07,980 --> 00:37:08,480 It's cold.

794
00:37:08,480 --> 00:37:09,130 Of 1940.

795
00:37:09,130 --> 00:37:10,040
1940, yes.
796
00:37:10,040 --> 00:37:11,770 OK.

797
00:37:11,770 --> 00:37:13,280
And I shovel
[INAUDIBLE] the coals.
798
00:37:13,280 --> 00:37:17,270
All of a sudden I feel
something on neck here.
799
00:37:17,270 --> 00:37:21,460
Stood-- they came from
Walne-- ] a region, Walne.
800
00:37:21,460 --> 00:37:23,892
This is the Russian world.
801
00:37:23,892 --> 00:37:25,780
They chased them
out from over there.

00:37:25,780 --> 00:37:27,020
Not like us.
803
00:37:27,020 --> 00:37:28,020
They've chased them out.
804
00:37:28,020 --> 00:37:29,980
They took everything
with them and everything.
805
00:37:29,980 --> 00:37:31,540
They had a life.
806
00:37:31,540 --> 00:37:34,570
But they was very excited.
807
00:37:34,570 --> 00:37:39,430
[INAUDIBLE] say,
[NON-ENGLISH SPEECH]..
808
00:37:39,430 --> 00:37:41,330 I showed with the hand works.

809
00:37:41,330 --> 00:37:44,275
And here it was blood--
blood, dark blood
810
00:37:44,275 --> 00:37:46,900 from the coal, the dust coal.

811
00:37:46,900 --> 00:37:50,200
And one telling to me, you know what, he watched me.

812
00:37:50,200 --> 00:37:51,380
Work.
813
00:37:51,380 --> 00:37:54,730
Come [NON-ENGLISH SPEECH].
814
00:37:54,730 --> 00:37:59,780
This mean [INAUDIBLE]
or you can't.

815
00:37:59,780 --> 00:38:02,980
Work, [NON-ENGLISH].
816
00:38:02,980 --> 00:38:07,060
None of it, arbeit, work.
817
00:38:07,060 --> 00:38:08,730
You know what you to do.
818
00:38:08,730 --> 00:38:12,140 I don't have even a handkerchief or what.

819
00:38:12,140 --> 00:38:15,700 Rip up something from the shirt and take some [INAUDIBLE],,

820
00:38:15,700 --> 00:38:18,190 not to let through.

821
00:38:18,190 --> 00:38:21,130
I hardly [INAUDIBLE] did it.
822
00:38:21,130 --> 00:38:24,910
I couldn't-- he
watched me very well.
823
00:38:24,910 --> 00:38:25,910
I came home.
824
00:38:25,910 --> 00:38:27,320
I washed with a little water.
825
00:38:27,320 --> 00:38:29,780
There wasn't too
much water also.
826
00:38:29,780 --> 00:38:33,650
And at this time was, but
this was not in Łódź,.
827
00:38:33,650 --> 00:38:36,880
Was a little different.

00:38:36,880 --> 00:38:39,080 But was very hard.

829
00:38:39,080 --> 00:38:40,350 I feel such pain.

830
00:38:40,350 --> 00:38:41,950 Hold the hand.

## 831

00:38:41,950 --> 00:38:42,940
Here is no doctor.

## 832

00:38:42,940 --> 00:38:43,820
What can I do?
833
00:38:43,820 --> 00:38:45,210
What here to do?
834
00:38:45,210 --> 00:38:48,430
In the morning, somebody
send me talk to a doctor.
835
00:38:48,430 --> 00:38:51,130

836
00:38:51,130 --> 00:38:53,190
How was the name, the street?

## 837

00:38:53,190 --> 00:38:56,340

838
00:38:56,340 --> 00:38:58,160
So, no difference.
839
00:38:58,160 --> 00:38:59,700
And I came in.
840
00:38:59,700 --> 00:39:02,160
He asked me, do
you have pain here?
841
00:39:02,160 --> 00:39:03,180

## 842

00:39:03,180 --> 00:39:07,890
I say like-- he know
what's going on.
843
00:39:07,890 --> 00:39:09,260
And he took me.
844
00:39:09,260 --> 00:39:13,630
There was no-- there
was nothing to do.
845
00:39:13,630 --> 00:39:15,630
No, what can you do?
846
00:39:15,630 --> 00:39:17,730 He did what he could.

847
00:39:17,730 --> 00:39:19,620
He cut the bone and things.

## 848

00:39:19,620 --> 00:39:21,450
I had very long--
849
00:39:21,450 --> 00:39:22,200
long-time trouble.
850
00:39:22,200 --> 00:39:24,570
Till now, almost 50 years.
851
00:39:24,570 --> 00:39:26,400
And still trouble.
852
00:39:26,400 --> 00:39:30,080
I can't use this
finger, broken this way.
853
00:39:30,080 --> 00:39:32,670
This was this thing.
854
00:39:32,670 --> 00:39:36,680
Now comes a time,
they day's moving.

## 855

00:39:36,680 --> 00:39:38,965
Comes further.
856
00:39:38,965 --> 00:39:42,996
And people start packing old --
857
00:39:42,996 --> 00:39:45,740
They were building ghettos.
858
00:39:45,740 --> 00:39:47,900 All of us will go to the ghetto.

859
00:39:47,900 --> 00:39:54,450
We have to wear wooden
shoes and stripe clothing.
860
00:39:54,450 --> 00:39:56,070
But everything came true.
861
00:39:56,070 --> 00:39:58,190
Everything came true, like people said.

862
00:39:58,190 --> 00:40:01,758

863
00:40:01,758 --> 00:40:04,220 And this was this way.

864
00:40:04,220 --> 00:40:10,470
It's almost February, close to March, or what.

## 865

00:40:10,470 --> 00:40:13,610
This came a-- if you're
going down in the morning,
866
00:40:13,610 --> 00:40:19,400
it's on the walls.
867
00:40:19,400 --> 00:40:22,960
[NON-ENGLISH] in ghetto.

00:40:22,960 --> 00:40:26,320
Everybody have to leave to the ghetto until two days.

## 869

00:40:26,320 --> 00:40:30,370
But I think two days they give.
870
00:40:30,370 --> 00:40:34,210
Over there was pictures.
871
00:40:34,210 --> 00:40:39,300
I think Picasso wouldn't be able to make--

872
00:40:39,300 --> 00:40:41,560 to write pictures like this.

873
00:40:41,560 --> 00:40:45,460
People all made this museum.

## 874

00:40:45,460 --> 00:40:46,120 God bless them.

875
00:40:46,120 --> 00:40:47,530
They did a very big thing.
876
00:40:47,530 --> 00:40:51,820 People will know something, the future, children.

877
00:40:51,820 --> 00:40:54,290
But it's impossible-[INAUDIBLE]

878
00:40:54,290 --> 00:40:59,050 what is impossible who wasn't there never in life

## 879

00:40:59,050 --> 00:41:03,280
can know how over there was.
880
00:41:03,280 --> 00:41:07,090 Terrible life, terrible life.

00:41:07,090 --> 00:41:09,490
People start running again.
882
00:41:09,490 --> 00:41:12,520
You saw pictures.
883
00:41:12,520 --> 00:41:18,650
Somebody took a table, turned over upside down,

884
00:41:18,650 --> 00:41:23,740 and push it under the floor with a string on the snows was--

885
00:41:23,740 --> 00:41:26,110
God himself was mad at us.
886
00:41:26,110 --> 00:41:29,950
I don't know what was
in there, something.
887
00:41:29,950 --> 00:41:32,650
So we're at the ghetto.
888
00:41:32,650 --> 00:41:33,970
We are going to the ghetto.
889
00:41:33,970 --> 00:41:37,760
Was me and the sister.
890
00:41:37,760 --> 00:41:41,110
Hinda is her name, with
the little child, a year
891
00:41:41,110 --> 00:41:42,820 and a half I think.

892
00:41:42,820 --> 00:41:45,780
Her husband was the one who got sent away.

893
00:41:45,780 --> 00:41:46,708
[CRYING]

895
00:41:51,350 --> 00:41:52,560
So we started to go.
896
00:41:52,560 --> 00:41:58,950
Father took-- the sister
[INAUDIBLE] such a--
897
00:41:58,950 --> 00:42:03,630
on the back to take, to take it.
898
00:42:03,630 --> 00:42:06,630
Not where to go, even
where to step in.
899
00:42:06,630 --> 00:42:09,750
People at least [INAUDIBLE].
900
00:42:09,750 --> 00:42:12,120
But people selfishness also.
901
00:42:12,120 --> 00:42:13,050
I had to step in.
902
00:42:13,050 --> 00:42:18,600
I remember my wife's, somewhere her family was living over

903
00:42:18,600 --> 00:42:19,140
there.
904
00:42:19,140 --> 00:42:22,020
[PLACE NAME]] was the name.
905
00:42:22,020 --> 00:42:23,980
What was your wife's name?
906
00:42:23,980 --> 00:42:24,480
Masha.
907
00:42:24,480 --> 00:42:25,050
00:42:25,050 --> 00:42:26,640
My wife-- my wife--
909
00:42:26,640 --> 00:42:32,000
my wife, I heard a
very [INAUDIBLE]..
910
00:42:32,000 --> 00:42:37,130
They took hundreds of
girls, took in a ship
911
00:42:37,130 --> 00:42:40,560
and drowned them in Stutthof--
912
00:42:40,560 --> 00:42:42,820
Stutthof, Germany.
913
00:42:42,820 --> 00:42:44,362
This was then.
914
00:42:44,362 --> 00:42:47,700
But after the war, I
met somebody, a girl.
915
00:42:47,700 --> 00:42:49,560
She said she know her.
916
00:42:49,560 --> 00:42:50,615
She talked to her.
917
00:42:50,615 --> 00:42:54,210
But she was [INAUDIBLE]
behind dead people.
918
00:42:54,210 --> 00:42:55,830
[INAUDIBLE] She went out.
919
00:42:55,830 --> 00:43:02,070
So [INAUDIBLE] that
happened like this.
So I went in.

## 921

00:43:02,820 --> 00:43:05,020
Over there was [INAUDIBLE].
922
00:43:05,020 --> 00:43:06,260
I remember this and --
923
00:43:06,260 --> 00:43:09,960
924
00:43:09,960 --> 00:43:11,875
19.
925
00:43:11,875 --> 00:43:14,540
And my father went in.
926
00:43:14,540 --> 00:43:19,060
The sister, Hinda, had
her father-in-law living.

## 927

00:43:19,060 --> 00:43:22,790
This was in the ghetto, the place.
928
00:43:22,790 --> 00:43:29,800
She went-- she took
in my father there.
929
00:43:29,800 --> 00:43:35,230
And over there was [INAUDIBLE],, a kitchen, not called--
930
00:43:35,230 --> 00:43:38,870
over there was a
room in a kitchen.
931
00:43:38,870 --> 00:43:39,955
This was the whole--
932
00:43:39,955 --> 00:43:42,880
933
00:43:42,880 --> 00:43:43,600

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Arrangement.
934
00:43:43,600 --> 00:43:45,640
Arrangement, yes.
935
00:43:45,640 --> 00:43:47,340
Came in the evening.
936
00:43:47,340 --> 00:43:49,320
Maybe 15 people
came in in there.
937
00:43:49,320 --> 00:43:50,950
Each one like to step in.
938
00:43:50,950 --> 00:43:53,550
And children included.
939
00:43:53,550 --> 00:43:56,730
At nighttime was,
you saw only bedding.
940
00:43:56,730 --> 00:43:59,760
The whole thing was burning
in the middle of the night.
941
00:43:59,760 --> 00:44:02,440
We can hear-- wake up, wake up.
942
00:44:02,440 --> 00:44:05,903
I couldn't stop [INAUDIBLE],,
papa, papa, [CRYING]..
943
00:44:05,903 --> 00:44:10,740
944
00:44:10,740 --> 00:44:15,310
In the morning I
remembered, who could sleep?
945
00:44:15,310 --> 00:44:16,135
My father came.
946
00:44:16,135 --> 00:44:20,330
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And he looked up finally.
00:44:20,330 --> 00:44:23,150
He start-- he
[INAUDIBLE] crying.

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948
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00:44:23,150 --> 00:44:24,150
You're not crying, papa.
949
00:44:24,150 --> 00:44:26,950
Please stop crying like a baby.
950
00:44:26,950 --> 00:44:27,890
What can I answer?
951
00:44:27,890 --> 00:44:31,730
I answer him with crying also.
952
00:44:31,730 --> 00:44:39,880
So I brought him over back to
the in-laws from my sister.
953
00:44:39,880 --> 00:44:41,720
And my brother, which has died--
954
00:44:41,720 --> 00:44:43,610
the younger, David, he died.
955
00:44:43,610 --> 00:44:48,630
He was working with friends.
956
00:44:48,630 --> 00:44:50,540
Those friends has to leave.
957
00:44:50,540 --> 00:44:52,720
He was a Polish--
958
00:44:52,720 --> 00:44:54,230
Polish man.
959
00:44:54,230 --> 00:44:56,540
And he had to leave his place.

00:44:56,540 --> 00:44:58,625
So he gave him the room.
961
00:44:58,625 --> 00:45:03,110
But the room was four walls and that's all, nothing else.

## 962

00:45:03,110 --> 00:45:09,157 Cold, and was behind the street, the that's how you call it.

963
00:45:09,157 --> 00:45:12,290

964
00:45:12,290 --> 00:45:16,520
And father was there.
965
00:45:16,520 --> 00:45:19,070 I had-- oh, I forgot.

966
00:45:19,070 --> 00:45:22,580
In the meantime, I had already a place also.

## 967

00:45:22,580 --> 00:45:28,130
Rumkowski came out and said, go ahead in this place.

968
00:45:28,130 --> 00:45:30,830
[PLACE NAME] was the name.
969
00:45:30,830 --> 00:45:33,130
Open up the rooms and go in.
970
00:45:33,130 --> 00:45:34,760 Each can take a room.

971
00:45:34,760 --> 00:45:35,720
So I went there.

## 972

00:45:35,720 --> 00:45:41,210
I took a little ax and something else.

00:45:42,520 --> 00:45:46,900
I have a room
already, four walls.
975
00:45:46,900 --> 00:45:54,620
And opened up even for my in-laws over there also.

976
00:45:54,620 --> 00:46:01,470

977
00:46:01,470 --> 00:46:04,950
So I opened up some-three rooms I think.

## 978

00:46:04,950 --> 00:46:07,370
And they had rooms already.
979
00:46:07,370 --> 00:46:15,500
And here is bread, no bread, no heat, nothing, nothing,

980
00:46:15,500 --> 00:46:16,000 nothing.

981
00:46:16,000 --> 00:46:22,290

982
00:46:22,290 --> 00:46:25,000
When we was there, start to get to working.

983
00:46:25,000 --> 00:46:30,250
I remember, he said, Rumkowski the ghetto will act--

984
00:46:30,250 --> 00:46:33,650
we'll be working like a
good watch, a good clock.
985
00:46:33,650 --> 00:46:37,880
They had-- they start
tearing up houses.
986
00:46:37,880 --> 00:46:43,060
In the Jewish section, there
was four-five stories houses.
987
00:46:43,060 --> 00:46:44,690
They stripped the stone.
988
00:46:44,690 --> 00:46:46,280 [INAUDIBLE] why they did it.

989
00:46:46,280 --> 00:46:48,140
What they did it.
990
00:46:48,140 --> 00:46:50,510 People they had for nothing.

991
00:46:50,510 --> 00:46:52,880
So they did it.
992
00:46:52,880 --> 00:46:55,400
In the morning, when we went in there,

993
00:46:55,400 --> 00:47:04,940 stood a an SS man, by the door and Jewish policemen also.

994
00:47:04,940 --> 00:47:09,080
The ghetto was full of
police and post office,
995
00:47:09,080 --> 00:47:11,030 money even was.

996
00:47:11,030 --> 00:47:13,600 Who has some money like this?

## 997

00:47:13,600 --> 00:47:15,580
Very wonderful now to
have something like this.
998
00:47:15,580 --> 00:47:18,140

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999
00:47:18,140 --> 00:47:22,120
So when we start
working, I said I
1000
00:47:22,120 --> 00:47:24,230
will go there and take a look.
1001
00:47:24,230 --> 00:47:27,100
In the ghetto you couldn't
work like you like here,
1002
00:47:27,100 --> 00:47:28,770
to pick what you want.
1003
00:47:28,770 --> 00:47:30,080
They sent you-- the [GERMAN].
1004
00:47:30,080 --> 00:47:33,070
1005
00:47:33,070 --> 00:47:34,020
So I worked.
1006
00:47:34,020 --> 00:47:35,240
Went by a--
1007
00:47:35,240 --> 00:47:36,510
I going by.
1008
00:47:36,510 --> 00:47:39,370
It's straight, but
this took time.
1009
00:47:39,370 --> 00:47:41,255
But along came
tsuris and troubles.
1010
00:47:41,255 --> 00:47:45,380
1011
00:47:45,380 --> 00:47:51,150
And he started calling,
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1014
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00:48:02,690 --> 00:48:06,350
I don't have to be a
carpenter to do it.
1015
00:48:06,350 --> 00:48:08,020
I said I'm a [NON-ENGLISH].
1016
00:48:08,020 --> 00:48:15,580
But he said right away, he
said, [NON-ENGLISH SPEECH]..
1017
00:48:15,580 --> 00:48:16,280
What's that?
1018
00:48:16,280 --> 00:48:20,736
Don't, don't lie, if
not this, hanging.
1019
00:48:20,736 --> 00:48:23,500
So this was the way it goes.
1020
00:48:23,500 --> 00:48:26,750
So I worked there some--
1021
00:48:26,750 --> 00:48:28,520
a nice few months.
1022
00:48:28,520 --> 00:48:29,575
It was very hard.
1023
00:48:29,575 --> 00:48:34,104
In the morning,
I went into the--

00:48:36,440 --> 00:48:41,830
In the lunchtime, they came with a wagon, some soup,

1026
00:48:41,830 --> 00:48:43,350 grass water, something.

1027
00:48:43,350 --> 00:48:47,500
Very, very [INAUDIBLE],,
very, very [INAUDIBLE]..
1028
00:48:47,500 --> 00:48:52,770
So I worked maybe seven, eight months there.

1029
00:48:52,770 --> 00:48:58,130
But over there was one boy.
1030
00:48:58,130 --> 00:49:01,880
He made himself like a foreman.
1031
00:49:01,880 --> 00:49:04,700
And he put an eye
on me to put me out.
1032
00:49:04,700 --> 00:49:09,830
Because each one liked to be worked up behind the roof,

1033
00:49:09,830 --> 00:49:11,690 not in the outside, cold.

1034
00:49:11,690 --> 00:49:14,380

1035
00:49:14,380 --> 00:49:16,340
But I was very afraid for it.
1036
00:49:16,340 --> 00:49:20,820
But went by [PERSONAL NAME] and he caught me.

00:49:20,820 --> 00:49:23,130
And I said, now--
1038
00:49:23,130 --> 00:49:24,285
now is the end.
1039
00:49:24,285 --> 00:49:25,665
Now is the end.
1040
00:49:25,665 --> 00:49:27,280
For I'd have to go.
1041
00:49:27,280 --> 00:49:29,040
And they put me up
on the fourth floor.
1042
00:49:29,040 --> 00:49:30,970
The roof was only ripped up.
1043
00:49:30,970 --> 00:49:34,710
But the rest start
knocking down the bricks.
1044
00:49:34,710 --> 00:49:41,590
And I was one, some like me, he told me, sit like on a horse

1045
00:49:41,590 --> 00:49:43,950
and knock down one by one.
1046
00:49:43,950 --> 00:49:46,320
Many fell down and was killed.
1047
00:49:46,320 --> 00:49:48,360
They was already liberated.
1048
00:49:48,360 --> 00:49:51,825
There was many falls like this.
1049
00:49:51,825 --> 00:49:54,150
But I saw this.
1050
00:49:54,150 --> 00:49:57,930

Everything I went by about this, I don't know if I can do it.

1051
00:49:57,930 --> 00:50:00,450
I don't know how
I did it somehow.
1052
00:50:00,450 --> 00:50:01,980
I have good luck.
1053
00:50:01,980 --> 00:50:08,100
I came back to the work, to the [NON-ENGLISH]..

1054
00:50:08,100 --> 00:50:13,660
We made such-- the targets
was called, to carry the --
1055
00:50:13,660 --> 00:50:15,370 from place to place.

1056
00:50:15,370 --> 00:50:16,740
They worked like horses.
1057
00:50:16,740 --> 00:50:19,760

1058
00:50:19,760 --> 00:50:25,640
But later on, not long time, they took people [PLACE NAME]..

1059
00:50:25,640 --> 00:50:29,760
[PLACE NAME] was
a-- taking people.
1060
00:50:29,760 --> 00:50:33,971
They brought in people from all over the world, Jews.

1061
00:50:33,971 --> 00:50:36,830
And when they brought, we would know right away

00:50:43,220 --> 00:50:45,150 Was not enough for them.

1065
00:50:45,150 --> 00:50:47,990

1066
00:50:47,990 --> 00:50:53,420
If I would be there, I don't know, I wouldn't be alive.

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1067
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00:50:53,420 --> 00:50:57,800 For two, three times they came.

## 1068

00:50:57,800 --> 00:51:01,365
And the first was maybe 1,000 people working over there.

1069
00:51:01,365 --> 00:51:04,770
But then was such
lower, lower, lower.
1070
00:51:04,770 --> 00:51:07,570
And I said, no, I
will wait to the last.
1071
00:51:07,570 --> 00:51:08,440 Is no good.

1072
00:51:08,440 --> 00:51:09,300
I have to stop it.
1073
00:51:09,300 --> 00:51:13,890

1074
00:51:13,890 --> 00:51:16,050
I went out from there.
1075
00:51:16,050 --> 00:51:20,190
And I don't know by this

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everything, had a little luck
1076
00:51:20,190 --> 00:51:22,020
maybe.
1 0 7 7
00:51:22,020 --> 00:51:26,190
I home my parents,
helped me got some.
1078
00:51:26,190 --> 00:51:30,280
1079
00:51:30,280 --> 00:51:31,870
So I went out.
1080
00:51:31,870 --> 00:51:33,640
Where to go?
1081
00:51:33,640 --> 00:51:36,440
A job to look for
myself is very hard.
1082
00:51:36,440 --> 00:51:41,350
And I went in to the
[INAUDIBLE],, it was called.
1083
00:51:41,350 --> 00:51:43,810
They made-- was over
there so many woods.
1084
00:51:43,810 --> 00:51:45,670
They cut out woods.
1085
00:51:45,670 --> 00:51:50,050
Was the [NON-ENGLISH],, the
[NON-ENGLISH] this had.
1086
00:51:50,050 --> 00:51:51,050
I worked there.
1087
00:51:51,050 --> 00:51:55,660
And I saw the group got smaller,
and smaller, and smaller.

But they gave three quarters of liter grass soup.

1089
00:52:00,310 --> 00:52:02,955
If you're not going to
work at this house or not.
1090
00:52:02,955 --> 00:52:03,990
So I said--
1091
00:52:03,990 --> 00:52:07,710
I went like a
dummy in many ways.
1092
00:52:07,710 --> 00:52:10,070
I come to [INAUDIBLE],,
where the house he worked
1093
00:52:10,070 --> 00:52:11,230
was something like this.
1094
00:52:11,230 --> 00:52:12,760
I went like a dummy.
1095
00:52:12,760 --> 00:52:13,600
I went.
1096
00:52:13,600 --> 00:52:14,650
So what can I do?
1097
00:52:14,650 --> 00:52:16,150
I had no other choice.
1098
00:52:16,150 --> 00:52:18,930

1099
00:52:18,930 --> 00:52:21,430
Once they came.
1100
00:52:21,430 --> 00:52:24,140
The first people, which was, I don't know-- they forget

00:52:26,205 --> 00:52:30,130
They stood by the big, big door.

\section*{1103}

00:52:30,130 --> 00:52:33,370
Trucks was moving
back and forth.
1104
00:52:33,370 --> 00:52:34,360
They looked in.

\section*{1105}

00:52:34,360 --> 00:52:35,140
And went away.
1106
00:52:35,140 --> 00:52:37,150
When they was outside, they could do it.

1107
00:52:37,150 --> 00:52:39,480
From inside, they couldn't do it.

1108
00:52:39,480 --> 00:52:41,720
And I was in there.
1109
00:52:41,720 --> 00:52:44,550
Because it was a
very bad situation.
1110
00:52:44,550 --> 00:52:50,260
I will not be no this little glass what else also not.

1111
00:52:50,260 --> 00:52:55,462
Come the day which they
came and they took me out.
1112
00:52:55,462 --> 00:52:57,830
They caught me.
1113
00:52:57,830 --> 00:52:59,450
So I went.
Nobody was killed,
no barrack you can
1119
00:53:11,440 --> 00:53:14,590
find a live from those people.
1120
00:53:14,590 --> 00:53:16,630
And I was there.
1121
00:53:16,630 --> 00:53:19,050
I had a brother-in-law.
1122
00:53:19,050 --> 00:53:21,520
He worked over there.
1123

00:53:21,520 --> 00:53:23,830
I don't know, he had
some connections.

1124
00:53:23,830 --> 00:53:25,090 He was there.

1125
00:53:25,090 --> 00:53:27,670
And somebody went
to him, look, look,
1126
00:53:27,670 --> 00:53:30,600 I saw your brother-in-law going over there in the barrack.

1128
00:53:31,890 --> 00:53:33,670
He run and he took
me out from there.
1129
00:53:33,670 --> 00:53:34,690
I can say God--
1130
00:53:34,690 --> 00:53:35,890
God helped.
1131
00:53:35,890 --> 00:53:37,960
And he was the one who did it.
1132
00:53:37,960 --> 00:53:40,900
If not, I would be
who knows where.
1133
00:53:40,900 --> 00:53:43,360
But this happened
after you were hurt?
1134
00:53:43,360 --> 00:53:43,980
No, no, no.
1135
00:53:43,980 --> 00:53:46,090
You hadn't gotten
hurt yet from the--
1136
00:53:46,090 --> 00:53:46,882
Oh, yes, the hurt--
1137
00:53:46,882 --> 00:53:48,673
Why don't you tell us
the story about that.
1138
00:53:48,673 --> 00:53:49,700
The hurt is before.
1139
00:53:49,700 --> 00:53:51,800
Tell me the story of that.

\section*{1144}

00:54:05,770 --> 00:54:10,050
And we steal a little
food, you know.
1145
00:54:10,050 --> 00:54:15,670
[INAUDIBLE] but he stealed it back then.

1146
00:54:15,670 --> 00:54:17,620
But later on, we
saw what's going
1147
00:54:17,620 --> 00:54:21,220
on-- the hit, almost dead.
1148
00:54:21,220 --> 00:54:24,340
So they threw it out.
1149
00:54:24,340 --> 00:54:28,050
How much would I could
take to a [INAUDIBLE],,
1150
00:54:28,050 --> 00:54:30,250 a little [INAUDIBLE].

1151
00:54:30,250 --> 00:54:33,030
So we walked us out, five.
1152
00:54:33,030 --> 00:54:36,810
And he was standing and

1153
00:54:36,810 --> 00:54:40,185
Folkes was his name.
1154
00:54:40,185 --> 00:54:43,100
And I don't know
what he saw of me.
1155
00:54:43,100 --> 00:54:46,730
He took the key He stuck
on the tip of the key
1156
00:54:46,730 --> 00:54:49,850
And so looking on
the other side.
1157
00:54:49,850 --> 00:54:53,210
And over the five, I
was to the right side.
1158
00:54:53,210 --> 00:54:56,826
And he over-- he
hit me on the head.
1159
00:54:56,826 --> 00:54:59,730
I don't know, I was
closer to the outside,
1160
00:54:59,730 --> 00:55:01,700
to the exit at this time.
1161
00:55:01,700 --> 00:55:07,470
But I don't know how I
made it to come back out.
1162
00:55:07,470 --> 00:55:11,060
So this was that the production of them.

1163
00:55:11,060 --> 00:55:17,990
Once I was-- my
brother, who's died,
1164
00:55:17,990 --> 00:55:24,860
he was working also by the what workers was called.

1165
00:55:24,860 --> 00:55:26,270
This is Polish.
1166
00:55:26,270 --> 00:55:28,130
Demolishing houses.
1167
00:55:28,130 --> 00:55:32,330
He said, you know what, come bring me a little soup.

1168
00:55:32,330 --> 00:55:36,560
And you will take
home some wood.
1169
00:55:36,560 --> 00:55:37,880
So I went.
1170
00:55:37,880 --> 00:55:40,400
Was a little child at this time.
1171
00:55:40,400 --> 00:55:42,170
Had a little child.
1172
00:55:42,170 --> 00:55:46,250
He was hungry and cold.
1173
00:55:46,250 --> 00:55:48,510
Flies was in the millions maybe.
1174
00:55:48,510 --> 00:55:51,740
I told him, I made for
him a little mattress.
1175
00:55:51,740 --> 00:55:53,900
This was your child?
1176
00:55:53,900 --> 00:55:55,100
Yeah, this was my child.
1177
00:55:55,100 --> 00:55:57,710 He was born in 1940--

00:55:57,710 --> 00:56:00,710 1940-- yes, 1940, he was born.

1179
00:56:00,710 --> 00:56:02,400 What was his name?

1180
00:56:02,400 --> 00:56:05,790 Yitzak.

1181
00:56:05,790 --> 00:56:08,030
And what can I tell you?
1182
00:56:08,030 --> 00:56:10,690
He didn't recognize--
he didn't recognize
1183
00:56:10,690 --> 00:56:15,054
in his life to even be
satisfied with a piece of bread.
1184
00:56:15,054 --> 00:56:17,430
Papa, papa, he
start crying, papa.
1185
00:56:17,430 --> 00:56:18,320 [INAUDIBLE]

1186
00:56:18,320 --> 00:56:20,980

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00:56:20,980 --> 00:56:23,170
The neighbors from the
other side [INAUDIBLE],,
1188
00:56:23,170 --> 00:56:26,810
[INAUDIBLE] papa, papa.
1189
00:56:26,810 --> 00:56:27,900
I made for him this was.
1190
00:56:27,900 --> 00:56:29,480
How could I do it?

00:56:33,670 --> 00:56:36,676 and a little curtain.

1193
00:56:36,676 --> 00:56:39,360
There were so many
flies, because was
1194
00:56:39,360 --> 00:56:41,540 garbage and things was--

1195
00:56:41,540 --> 00:56:42,395 millions of flies.

1196
00:56:42,395 --> 00:56:44,990

1197
00:56:44,990 --> 00:56:50,881
So I went to the brother to bring a piece of the wood.

1198
00:56:50,881 --> 00:56:55,700
And this was a strange,
strange [INAUDIBLE] at all.
1199
00:56:55,700 --> 00:56:58,550
I wasn't there never.
1200
00:56:58,550 --> 00:57:02,300
In my soul, I had Jewish --
1201
00:57:02,300 --> 00:57:04,700
The kids was over
there, [INAUDIBLE]..
1202
00:57:04,700 --> 00:57:09,320
He has over there kinderplaces, kindergarten,

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00:57:09,320 --> 00:57:10,820
or something like this.
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1204
00:57:10,820 --> 00:57:13,310
He kept them there and they
were singing and dancing.
1205
00:57:13,310 --> 00:57:15,910
They learned and
teach them some.
1206
00:57:15,910 --> 00:57:17,840
And I see a policeman.
1207
00:57:17,840 --> 00:57:18,870
a Jewish one.
1208
00:57:18,870 --> 00:57:20,240
He say, go straight.
1209
00:57:20,240 --> 00:57:22,670
And I went out fathers.
1210
00:57:22,670 --> 00:57:23,420
[INAUDIBLE]
1211
00:57:23,420 --> 00:57:26,780
1212
00:57:26,780 --> 00:57:28,060
In my hair already.
1213
00:57:28,060 --> 00:57:29,720
[NON-ENGLISH].
1214
00:57:29,720 --> 00:57:33,950
Oh, I say, no I am
finished, [NON-ENGLISH]..
1215
00:57:33,950 --> 00:57:38,114
I start talking to him, he
take a little [INAUDIBLE],,
1216
00:57:38,114 --> 00:57:42,160
and something, in a paper, what?

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1222
00:57:57,050 --> 00:58:01,130
So he showed me to raise the wires and to go by.

1223
00:58:01,130 --> 00:58:06,560
And the big-- the shotgun, he takes down right away.

1224
00:58:06,560 --> 00:58:08,300
So I went other side of him.
1225
00:58:08,300 --> 00:58:10,050
What can I do?
1226
00:58:10,050 --> 00:58:12,320
I went by, two hours.
1227
00:58:12,320 --> 00:58:19,520
If somebody say gehennem
there's nothing alike.
1228
00:58:19,520 --> 00:58:21,980
He has-- he has--
1229
00:58:21,980 --> 00:58:27,540

00:58:27,540 --> 00:58:29,960
hours, was two hours
to stay longer.
1231
00:58:29,960 --> 00:58:32,750
Comes out, the engineer from the work.

1232
00:58:32,750 --> 00:58:37,830
I say, [NON-ENGLISH SPEECH],, help me, help me.

1233
00:58:37,830 --> 00:58:41,590
[INAUDIBLE] some soup.
1234
00:58:41,590 --> 00:58:44,760
And sometimes-- and this was a Volksdeutsche.

1235
00:58:44,760 --> 00:58:46,160
This was the worstest thing.
1236
00:58:46,160 --> 00:58:49,080
There was such murder on Jews, terrible.

1237
00:58:49,080 --> 00:58:50,600
Volksdeutsche was the name.
1238
00:58:50,600 --> 00:58:53,970

1239
00:58:53,970 --> 00:58:58,070 He tried to talk to him, give him a cigarette.

1240
00:58:58,070 --> 00:59:02,660
Nothing-- he say, two hours somebody will change me.

1241
00:59:02,660 --> 00:59:03,500 He has to stay.

00:59:03,500 --> 00:59:08,420 And he goes back and forth,
back and forth, watching me.
1243
00:59:08,420 --> 00:59:09,380
And I had--
1244
00:59:09,380 --> 00:59:11,180
I had a good time.
1245
00:59:11,180 --> 00:59:14,370
The two hours was years.
1246
00:59:14,370 --> 00:59:15,215
The time went by.
1247
00:59:15,215 --> 00:59:18,080

1248
00:59:18,080 --> 00:59:23,240
Comes [INAUDIBLE] two meters high, for sure.

1249
00:59:23,240 --> 00:59:26,740
[INAUDIBLE] commander, death commando that was named.

1250
00:59:26,740 --> 00:59:30,860
They had a dead
skeleton on his head.
1251
00:59:30,860 --> 00:59:32,660
He goes to him.
1252
00:59:32,660 --> 00:59:34,840
Salute.
1253
00:59:34,840 --> 00:59:37,940
[NON-ENGLISH SPEECH].
1254
00:59:37,940 --> 00:59:43,310
He said something, that
I was to escape, he say.
1255
00:59:43,310 --> 00:59:44,980
But he said some word.

1256
00:59:44,980 --> 00:59:49,870
I don't know if alive. i
first wish him or what.
1257
00:59:49,870 --> 00:59:52,970
So he doesn't think nothing.
1258
00:59:52,970 --> 00:59:56,750
I'll take him to
[NON-ENGLISH SPEECH]..
1259
00:59:56,750 --> 00:59:58,310
He told me not to
[INAUDIBLE],, not
1260
00:59:58,310 --> 01:00:01,560
to talk when he came down
[INAUDIBLE] to change him.
1261
01:00:01,560 --> 01:00:04,200
Don't talk, nothing, quiet.
1262
01:00:04,200 --> 01:00:06,350
But if I heard--
1263
01:00:06,350 --> 01:00:11,510 he told him to schlag to kill me, here.

1264
01:00:11,510 --> 01:00:14,120

1265
01:00:14,120 --> 01:00:16,840
Salute and goes away.
1266
01:00:16,840 --> 01:00:20,510
And he goes with the shotgun.
1267
01:00:20,510 --> 01:00:23,710 [INAUDIBLE]

1268
01:00:23,710 --> 01:00:27,650
I'm going never to
[INAUDIBLE] with nerves.
1269
01:00:27,650 --> 01:00:31,370
The pot with this little soup.
1270
01:00:31,370 --> 01:00:36,540
In the meantime, I don't
know, news, runs away.
1271
01:00:36,540 --> 01:00:38,570
Goes out of wires.
1272
01:00:38,570 --> 01:00:42,320
My brother hear from people
they caught somebody, so and so.
1273
01:00:42,320 --> 01:00:45,500
But he didn't know this, I am.
1274
01:00:45,500 --> 01:00:50,060
So when I came, he brought me over some [INAUDIBLE]

1275
01:00:50,060 --> 01:00:52,910
and [INAUDIBLE] and things.
1276
01:00:52,910 --> 01:00:58,880
I remember a little
kapichka a church,
1277
01:00:58,880 --> 01:01:01,370
a little church, red bricks.
1278
01:01:01,370 --> 01:01:04,370
I remember like now.
1279
01:01:04,370 --> 01:01:07,280
He put me to the wall.
1280
01:01:07,280 --> 01:01:10,490
Not by the side, but in the front.

1281
01:01:10,490 --> 01:01:16,490

He take the shotgun to shot.
1282
01:01:16,490 --> 01:01:20,690
And I don't know, he did want kill me.

1283
01:01:20,690 --> 01:01:23,420
He did not want to kill me.
1284
01:01:23,420 --> 01:01:27,500
Something wasn't there, so good luck or what.

1285
01:01:27,500 --> 01:01:29,150
But he gave me--
1286
01:01:29,150 --> 01:01:34,910 he came back a few steps, and -back and forth, back and forth.

1287
01:01:34,910 --> 01:01:37,940
I was such like a drunk, like I would be a narcotic.

1288
01:01:37,940 --> 01:01:41,330

1289
01:01:41,330 --> 01:01:43,220
He threw me down a little head.
1290
01:01:43,220 --> 01:01:47,430
I had such a rag on my head.
1291
01:01:47,430 --> 01:01:50,850
But he hit me so
much, this woke me up.
1292
01:01:50,850 --> 01:01:54,050
Showed me to pick up.
1293
01:01:54,050 --> 01:01:57,800
And this was in wires also.
1294
01:01:57,800 --> 01:02:01,290

But the other side wires was the Jewish office.

1295
01:02:01,290 --> 01:02:09,520
[NON-ENGLISH SPEECH],, Go forward,

1296
01:02:09,520 --> 01:02:12,230
But I fell down
and took the wire,
1297
01:02:12,230 --> 01:02:15,760
raised the wire a little bit.
1298
01:02:15,760 --> 01:02:20,550
But the rags which I had
on my dressing was hanging.
1299
01:02:20,550 --> 01:02:23,900
And he hit me, hit
me, and hit me.
1300
01:02:23,900 --> 01:02:27,740
But for I was on the other
side, I say, oh, I'm alive.
1301
01:02:27,740 --> 01:02:30,950
I didn't know, but I'm alive.
1302
01:02:30,950 --> 01:02:35,410
So when I was outside, I saw I am alive.

1303
01:02:35,410 --> 01:02:36,000```

