

So I am alive. I took a rest a few minutes and went-- and went farther. I came home. At this time, the father was alive. Mother was over there. The father was alive. I told him this, so he said to go. By myself, I had it in mind to go [INAUDIBLE] the Jews to make a blessing.

But I say, no, after this, I'm not coming anymore there, What will be will be. I'm not going anymore there. Took some days and I came into a place. [PLACE NAME] it was called. I worked over at the baths and place-- the things for the [INAUDIBLE] for the [INAUDIBLE] from up to there.

Each time, twice a week or so, they came and took big trucks and loaded up. They had horses. They had horses for nothing worked. And wood, they had also. They cut the best woods. We was working. This was a place in an old cemetery in Å Å³dÅ¼.

But you were still living with your father?

Yeah, yeah, my father-- father and wife.

And wife.

Mm-hmm, child also.

And child, right.

So when I-- a little took a rest, I say I have to look for some work. When I came in, was the [INAUDIBLE]. The secretary, he was over there working. Children from eight years, they made them older, their parents. Because they said, they be older-- 10 years, they will work, they will be alive. Nothing happen.

So I was-- I was there. I came in. I got this position to work. I don't know-- really good work was this. And when I saw that the manager come, I don't know if he liked me or what. He put me by an elevator. Was three stories. The load was three people and six people, next from two people, and loading the wood, unloading, and loading, and unloading. And he put me on the part in the first floor. Each time he came with the-- they come to look how the horses working.

Achtung, Achtung

Not a few [INAUDIBLE] behind him, of course, is the murderers. Looks like [INAUDIBLE] children, 8 years, 10 years. And many cut fingers. How they worked sometimes on such machining, and machinery, and things. It's happened, it's happened, so.

And I start working there, but that luck played me a little bit. This man did me so much. I met him after the war. Vinograd was his name. He was from [PLACE NAME] town, I think.

What was his first name?

Vinograd

His first name.

I don't know the first name. But he [INAUDIBLE], ah, Kalmanovich how you doing? Do you have some claims to me? I say, [NON-ENGLISH] Vinograd what can I have to your claims? Because he gave me all the forest, which was-- I was working over there till then when they chased us out from ghetto.

It was once they're giving-- they're giving-- [INAUDIBLE] was the name, for hard workers. I was working hard too. I was not too much [INAUDIBLE], but if I'm working, I'm working. I didn't look for it. Was the-- came all hard workers. becoming [INAUDIBLE] for [INAUDIBLE]. [PERSONAL NAME] was the name.

He gives me a [? talon ?]. And I say what's this, God? I went to pick it up for some [INAUDIBLE] for little bit sugar or something. This was a big, big help. This was twice. And then-- and then they made suppers.

Like for eight days, they brought us over. I don't know how-- they then came in and brought us the bread all of us together. They see Jews sitting and needing, they give food. Because for long time, we didn't have such food, like over there and so much.

So was the suppers, he gave me also, [INAUDIBLE], reach med such a [INAUDIBLE] having for eight days. I was-- say, oh, my god, promised this? But I don't say I don't want it. We came back. Finished over there. We had a good work because they could come with trucks and load up all the people there.

And now we came [? Urlaub ?] from the vacation named, a little flesh [INAUDIBLE]. This took not long time. And the ghetto started booming, like before a war, before something going to happen.

What month was this?

This was in '44-- no, '43 or '44? When was it? '44. In July, something like this.

So now we're up to July '44.

What?

You're up to July '44 now?

Yeah.

So up to that point, you were you were living with your father--

Yeah.

--your wife--

Yeah.

--your child--

--Yeah.

--and working.

Yeah. So at this time, by July I think was it-- I remember all the things, but sometimes then I forget-- reminding. Came out a law, they had a law, lists. A list [INAUDIBLE] and papers. The [INAUDIBLE] papers, who-- who is-- who should be sent out.

I remember they made this thing. I didn't went to the manager to beg him, because I know, who I am to him? What's he going to do for me to color me so much?

Those lists was finished, hanging up on the wall. And I think, what should I go look for me? I'm sure I am in there also. I'm sure I'm in there also. But wasn't. Excuse me.

One time, I was up on the list. Went by a short time, and the ghetto was a little smaller as well, like it's shrinking. People sending out. There was again a list. It was again the same story. And I think what's the use to go to read? Was a big list of people.

These were lists for people to leave the ghetto.

To leave. They took them--

To be taken away.

--from place to be--

Taken away.

--on this and this place. And from here, they send them farther to death. But the second time, I went what can I do? What can I do-- to spare my eyes and think to look. But the nerves working. They don't-- they all sting.

I go. I wasn't again. I say, oh, my god, I think what's this? Who I have to thank for it? Him? I couldn't go to him, thank him. I don't know how to act. A short while went again. Couple weeks in the ghetto. And the ghetto was [INAUDIBLE].

They sent out so many people from out [INAUDIBLE]. Again a list. But at this time, I was on the list also. I was on the list also. I think, what can I do? I had big-- a big-- how you call it on the--

Pack.

Pack. I put in some thread and things. I went, oh, you're going to be somewhere working. You're going to exchange with Poles, something or what. It was a full sack. So I think, what can I do? But my wife, God bless her, said, no, I have somebody in [? Mechlin, ?] was the name. We're going to go to there. Somebody picked.

We went over there. We went over there. And in this place, I didn't met this man. I couldn't met him. But at this place, I had-- I never would like to pray for a person to die or be killed.

Was this the place in the ghetto?

In the ghetto.

Yeah, another location?

Another location, yes. No, this wasn't in the ghetto direct.

Yeah.

So at this time, I met, was a policeman there. He was killed [INAUDIBLE]. He gave me such-- I still did work, but [INAUDIBLE]. And his office was maybe farther than to the window. All of a sudden, he caught me by the neck. He was such a red neck, he had. He ate-- he had enough, everything. He had a wife working there and a boy, a little so, so.

And caught me by the neck. I fell down. And he's dragging me to his office. And he just caused me more pain than the knocks He said, [INAUDIBLE], like son of a bitch. You son of a bitch, you.

I wiped up my face, and I said, God will pay you. God will pay you. And I went-- and I went with my wife to find somebody to help me and maybe to cut off the [INAUDIBLE]. I see-- this was out of the ghetto [? Mechlin. ?] It was in the ghetto [INAUDIBLE].

I see a bunch of people staying. And over there, there was-- they had [INAUDIBLE]. [INAUDIBLE] was the growth, potatoes, a few potatoes. I did it myself on my place. And that be something, some vegetables.

And someone say, oh, he has [INAUDIBLE] [NON-ENGLISH]. And I will say now, he's dead. I am not afraid. What's

happened to him? He's stood on the-- on the-- was watching not to steal. Is two people-- how many came with a sack over the head and threw him down such a-- somewhere-- it was water there or what sometimes. Very deep. And I said, ah, God-- God paid him.

So I went home. But the trouble, [INAUDIBLE] the trouble. I have to be finished, to go. And outside in the ghetto, day after day was worse and worse. Impossible to stay alive, impossible. I don't know.

And the child-- the child was-- the main thing I forgot. I'm sorry, I forgot this. It was my brother on the Eve of Rosh Hashanah. My brother was there. And they took him to death in this time.

It was 10 days. They closed up the ghetto. And they didn't give us nothing to eat. If somebody ventured out, a bullet in head. This you can hear very often. And it was this way. But I saved the child.

10 days was this close up. And the 10th day was the Eve of Rosh Hashanah, 1942. He was there two months, two years-- two months, something like this. Lucky born child.

And this was sometimes to be on this [NON-ENGLISH]. This mean where we has to be, to meet, to take us. But in the meantime, they had-- there was-- each [INAUDIBLE] pushed other one. They give other ones, it was a lot to talk about.

But they took-- all of a sudden, all the ghetto flies. Everything must go. And [INAUDIBLE] was a bridge two stories high. There's this bridge to go by. Behind was snow. And we wooden shoes, it was [INAUDIBLE], it snowed.

Again, I got a-- I had before a little bit-- my sister, Hinda, she has a child from a year and a half, I think was it. The father was sent away in the very beginning. Who knows where, never did saw him anymore.

And this woman had a life with a child. She has to go to stay in a line, I guess to cook a little water soup. [INAUDIBLE] the came up. This was [INAUDIBLE]. So cold. A little oven. And the [INAUDIBLE] was froze, froze ice. And this was hitting us [INAUDIBLE]. Such a life, was.

But she-- came a note. You have to be-- you must be in the [NON-ENGLISH] this and this day. So they send away. This was that. But who knows, believes so far? And the child, she went with the child. Went by days, and the brother, the younger, was sick. All of a sudden-- he was a strong, healthy boy, a man. And he got lungs. How you call it?

Tuberculosis.

Tuberculosis, yes, from this everything. And he was not so bad maybe than me. I worked hard. And maybe he had a little better, because he was [NON-ENGLISH]. This was mean somebody that has to be watched a room. They locked up a room to watch them not to run away, escape.

So he has to watched. Not only he. So when she said, I must see my brother before I'm leaving, it was a hospital over there sometimes. And with the wooden [INAUDIBLE] with the [INAUDIBLE]. They called them hospital.

I went over there. And I stood-- I stood a long time. We called, and called, and called. All of a sudden, he came. I wouldn't believed a person can change so much in short weeks. Like dead, a skeleton. But later on, not long time, he died. Left such a lovely child and woman.

And my sister, I had to bring. It was this Erev Pesach. Everything was happening on holiday time. I went with her. The last day I can say, this child wasn't afraid so much. How much cold and every time we went, we're going to change-- change something or this. Even a a pot she took.

And I start walking on this bridge to go over. I said, God, [NON-ENGLISH], everything took away. Just went over there. There, under, a man same there like me, but if you give me the child, and help me to bring over this bridge. We went by this [NON-ENGLISH], which I think was a street.

Over there was the [NON-ENGLISH]. From there, they took them to death. And I stood outside. And I came [INAUDIBLE]. They opened up the doors. Took her and i couldn't even kiss her even. People started calling and calling names. And I called Hinda, Hinda, Hinda. No, nothing, nobody answered.

After a long time, I heard such a voice, a weak voice. Nathan, go home. It's almost 5 o'clock. It's 5-- after 5, it was, after 5. How are you going to go home? And this was the end. I didn't saw, I didn't talk to her anymore. That was it.

When I came home, dark, cold. Not a piece of matzah, not a piece of bread, also wasn't. And the child is crying a piece of bread. Go, give him. He had-- he had the same ration that I am, but a child, what he knows, he got a good appetite. This was from Slovakia, a doctor, a Jewish one. He said, [NON-ENGLISH]. He had good bones. He will stay alive.

He looked not too bad from this [INAUDIBLE] which he has. So this was Pesach I think-- yeah, Pesach Eve. For such cold in home and dark. The window must be covered with the rags, with things. [INAUDIBLE] if it's coming.

But we have to take our place. We have to take everything. What can I do? I can't say I will go home. So first eight days went by, came closer, and closer, and closer. Now I have no sister. The brother died also shortly after she left. I have the father and that's it.

I tried to write a postcard to the brother to say Kaddish. That's [INAUDIBLE]. I don't know if he received this or not. And here, the fire is burning. It's August-- August 15, was it. I don't remember the dates. Because we have no calendar, no dates, nothing.

Is that 1940--

1944.

1944. This is August 19, 1944, yes. So I stealed somewhere a few potatoes, I remember. And my wife took it, cooked this in such a little-- from iron, such a--

Pot.

Portable-- portable oven. And she put them there to cook. And while this was cooking came the policemen-- out. This was the 10th day, the 10th day from the [INAUDIBLE]. He was closed up, he was closed up. Nothing, no food, no drink, nothing, nothing.

So what you can do? We went. He took us with a truck. He take from all the houses every so people. He took them. And brought us on the way-- [? Mechlin ?] was the name-- [? Mechlin. ?]

From there he brought us straight to Auschwitz. We sit there for long hours. I took the few potatoes that was cooking a little bit or not. I took a couple with me. I think maybe a potato we will have to eat. We was sitting hours over there, long hours, on the ground, everybody.

Came a little after noon, start moving. Come the trains, cattle trains. And they start loading us. They give bread. The bread, but many people didn't eat it up even. They didn't make it, because they was killed before.

We was sitting in the train some 20 hours. At this time, I had a watch. And many times when the train went by, there was such a little opening over there, like wire things. This came in, a shine from light. And we didn't know where we were going, what's it going--

You were with your father and your--

No, no, father, he was died. My father-- my father was died. I forgot about it. He had such troubles. My father died, was six days in Hadar before Purim.

Do you want to tell us about that?

Yeah, yeah, yeah. So was the 10 days was years, like years was. But the 10 days was over. And then we was anyway chased out. But the child, the 10th day, when the-- I heard-- was around 3:00, I remember.

[NON-ENGLISH SPEECH]

I heard some trucks, noise, some trucks, something like this. I went to the window, tried to open up a little, think. I see driving in, two SS murderers on motorcycles. And after them, ride trucks. Said, oh, now is again the same tragic story.

A few-- three times there was another place. And we had-- we had-- hold him, this child. We had spared a little meat and flour. He was a good eater, but in those days, he could not eat. Like he feel like something comes up.

And I went in. Three times-- that was before I put my wife on the hand, cheek. She kept him behind doors. Was very near the doorway. And it was safe. But I'm making it-- we should, but wouldn't be-- would be impossible to save him.

So she stood behind the door again. And I staying outside. Outside stay, so a long line-- a long line with people-- people-- dead people, dead people, really. And they said, [INAUDIBLE], come down, come down, [NON-ENGLISH]. Don't try to save, to hide.

So I came down. I was in my trouble. I see people stays a line. And in those days he didn't use this hand to touch us-- with a stick. This was turned around. And our neighbor was hiding. And they found him.

They found him. They brought him. Oh, yi, yi. This man had beating and kicking. And I don't know, the man must be dead. And he said, [NON-ENGLISH], the [INAUDIBLE] is dead. Shoved with the stick, throw him up on this truck, on the truck.

And over there on the same truck was my mother-in-law also. She was very sick. Such a-- such a-- a fine woman. And the truck was such deep. But there was-- on the hand she holded my child also. He was cut. But I didn't show it.

So and I saw he-- how they kicked him with their high boots, and kicked him, and kicked him. Then threw up of the truck. And I was-- two people-- the third one I was to him. And I think if I got to change now the place, it's no good. Right away, I get a bullet.

So I have to stay. To go with the-- [NON-ENGLISH] they say in Hebrew. So I came to him. And then I have such a feeling. I stood such attention. Stiff like, I would be held [INAUDIBLE]. Looked at me, looked at me.

[NON-ENGLISH]. This mean you can work. You can create. And he pushed me away with the stick. And I don't know even where he pushed me, to good side or wrong side. I saw stays over there, stays a group, a few people.

And I went to there also. The street was very narrow. And I stood over there. Took a few minutes. I see a little face from my mother-in-law. The face was dead. That person been taking them out from the barrack worser than she.

And at this time was my-- my girl was also-- she kept the little child on her lap. So she went in there. The truck was full. And he say, [NON-ENGLISH], And it was command, so such-- everything has to be very fast. Wasn't missing, hitting and beating also, was this.

They went away with the truck. And she has-- I had the oldest brother-in-law, he was an orphan-- orphaned. And she took him. She raised him. And then he married the daughter, the oldest daughter from my mother-in-law.

He said-- and at this time, they stood, they said, nobody can no-- come out now. Somebody, a policemen or whoever, nobody can go out there. And send them away to deaht and that's it. But he said, I have to risk my head. And I must take out. And he did it.

He went there. I don't know, God was with him. He came in there. She kept this child. I don't know how she let this child-- she can break up a [INAUDIBLE]. And she had-- she had the guts to give this child to somebody watch it. Who would watch him?

The whole time was over there, beating and hitting. Many times, I'm lying, I can't sleep. I see like-- like he was laying on the floor. He was [INAUDIBLE] to death. All the time. And when he was lying on the floor, people stepped, people-- might be he was dead already there from stepping on him. Because beating and hitting was over there very much. And he took her out.

In the evening-- in the evening, we went into the mother-in-law's. So she said-- so she told me the story, how it was. I can't blame him. The life touches the life. But how she could give away this child, I don't know. It's happened.

So now comes hour, the next. And we are on the trains.

Did you want to tell me that-- since you've gone back in time, did you want to tell me about your father, the story of your father?

Yeah, yeah, I forgot. So much trouble. My father [INAUDIBLE] for six days in other barrack. He was very, very sick. Very sick. He had got gangrene all over the body. In normal time, he would be alive. He was such a healthy man. He would live 100 years, for sure, he would live.

But-- and I had a doctor. I made for him a-- I don't how I did it, this, everything. I brought those the bricks and things. I made a portable oven. And he was such satisfied for I make. He gave me some [INAUDIBLE], Kohlrabi, some greens.

And went day after day, day after day. Then my father was at the brother's place. It was very cold over there. I took him over to me. Sick, he was sick, very sick. He was at my place some 10, 11 days ago.

I saw it's very bad. I say, no. I had the doctor. Maybe he will help me. Maybe he will help me. So I went over to him. And went right away with me. Yes, I have to do for you this, he say. He came over you here? Yes. He came over. He uncovered the daughter's legs-- the father's legs. He say, oh, [INAUDIBLE]. All over the body is the gangrene.

OK.

Then he say, maybe another day he can't live anymore. A good thing to hear. Everything is gone. Only the father was. This was very hard. The night was very bad. I said myself, I-- this was-- and I worked in the militias at this time. I'm not going to work. I have to stay by my father and see how he is.

Exactly 5:30 in the morning, when I have to go to work, I said, I'm not going. I saw the father. Says, [NON-ENGLISH], I say in Yiddish. I took his hand. He had died on [INAUDIBLE]. So I called my brother. And he came over. He worked somewhere-- [PERSONAL NAME] was the name. He brought some-- a few boards for the [NON-ENGLISH].

The coffin?

No coffin, no coffins. There was no coffins in the good time even. But he brought wood. And we buried him. Was me, and at this time was the sister, Hinda, and the brother, he had to do it. He was sick. But he was there still -- when we buried.

You buried him in the cemetery?

Cemetery, yes.

What year? When was this?

It first in 1940-- '44-- '43.

What month-- do you know what month?

I feel it was--

The spring.

Not spring. It was-- [INAUDIBLE].

Yeah, right, OK.

Yeah. So we buried him. No father, nobody's around, finished. I'm looking around. I'm only one. My wife was with me. That's it. The child gone. And everything is gone, finished.

Now we have to go to the [INAUDIBLE]. And he-- and they start loading. They loaded in such-- cattle-- cattle trains. We sit on the floor.

OK, we're moving ahead now to where you were-- yeah, we're moving ahead in the story.

This is-- this is to Auschwitz.

Right.

They sit on the floor, everybody, mens, womans, children, as it was. And they put in some-- for the need-- big plastic, with some [INAUDIBLE], something. But we didn't eat, we didn't drink, so we didn't need nothing. We drove so long, by 20 hours was. I think 18 or 20 hours was.

We came to the place. In the meantime, when the train was running, we heard from time to time shots. Later on, we didn't know what this mean, but somebody tried to escape. If he had luck and could make, he's all right. If not, they shot him on the place. And that was it.

So, but the train comes, after long hours, comes to Auschwitz. Open up-- open up, here's a very, very big [INAUDIBLE]. Open up very wide doors. And he opened up the doors from the doors to the murderers.

He put on a bridge, like to go down, like the cows or what-- they can't go-- jump down. And was a [INAUDIBLE]. How you say a [INAUDIBLE]? [INAUDIBLE]. He [NON-ENGLISH].

All this [INAUDIBLE] Oh, [NON-ENGLISH] mean everything leave here on the train. [NON-ENGLISH], nothing to take with you. So you had to go, to listen. If you open up there, I don't know. I have to say, Picasso wouldn't be-- wouldn't be able to write such pictures to mark.

Came Jews was-- they was called [NON-ENGLISH]. Oh, this was such bad guys, murderers.

[NON-ENGLISH]

Throw in, throw in. We'll be, rather you be on the helikommando And they put it on the [INAUDIBLE], on the [INAUDIBLE], we will be right away.

[NON-ENGLISH]

I had some papers, [INAUDIBLE], I remember. I had kept this all the time with me here. I stood. And hitting and beating wasn't missing there. There was over the head.

I looked at, in the window. So it was the girls. They was beating the girls. And us, we stood on our place. And they're

going around-- [NON-ENGLISH]. You will be [INAUDIBLE]. This was the-- and they hit us not in the--

In they took a nice-- a nice-- a few hours, two hours, settling this. Then they say, we got to go into the shower, to take a shower. And somebody said, they're giving inside such cold water, like ice. If you're going to cry, yell, they're beating, they're hitting. Don't yell. Don't say nothing, but quiet.

And by entrance to the shower, it was a little like a mikvah you know a mikvah. A little thing, some [NON-ENGLISH] or what, something. Because they said, you can take-- you can take the shoes, eyeglasses, and the strap. This you can have with you.

And I took a picture I had from the family. [PERSONAL NAME] was also in this picture. I put this in the shoe. And then when I was next to go in in the-- too deep, the shoes, in the water, I don't know, I was two minutes without memory. Somebody pushed my head down. I went, oh, this is the end-- what?

But went over, and I went to the shower place. So we start taking shower. The shower-- is again beating, hitting. And many times, somebody fell. He's dead, finished. He's over. When this was finished, we went out. To a barber.

He very-- a person has some hair, they take off. Took off this. On the head, you could have such high-- the hairs. But in the [INAUDIBLE], we called it [NON-ENGLISH]. It was two fingers. naked.

So we're going out. And stays on the other side, stays the guys. And they start giving the clothing. They had the underwear from [INAUDIBLE], such things. Now [NON-ENGLISH]. [NON-ENGLISH], give a jacket, a jacket-- [INAUDIBLE].

So tied up this, everything. We're going-- get in a line. Stays one-- two guys with the pales paint and making decoration on us, here, and here, in the back. I came out of this. And I had a friend over there. He lives in Tel Aviv.

I all the time watched him to be together. The feeling about this, if maybe I will die, maybe he'd come back. And he will say at least to somebody where I am, but I got lost. I looked at him. He looked at me. Looking, we didn't recognize each other.

But then came a long story, a room. We came in in a barrack. They brought us into a barrack. And they came out. After all this went by, he said-- he stood a Jewish one-- he said, in fact Jewish.

He went down to the first long barrack, maybe 30 feet of more length. In the middle was like an oven or what. And he walked around with a stick. He said, see, over there, here was hanging-- the last week, 10 people was hanging. They had money they didn't give, gold. They didn't gave it.

I stood like a stone. I stood. I heard him talking. And he took away from my right hand [INAUDIBLE]. But I was such like a stone. I couldn't touch him. He was dressed in this, everything. He found-- he found some-- in a corner, he ripped a few deutsche marks.

Oh, deutsche marks, you would think. [INAUDIBLE]. And from all this height, it's all over the heads, [INAUDIBLE] and things. They didn't care. Then they brought us our barrack. Here shall be the place.

A full story again. Like start working. They called out, what's somebody's doing? What somebody did? What can work? I didn't have a special-- a special trade. But he called the textile people and so on.

And right away, [INAUDIBLE]. He's right away shooting, hanging. This was the way. And I kept very tight with this friend. Wasserman is his name. To be together, even there.

And they gave us a place-- [INAUDIBLE]. And a sack with straw filled and [INAUDIBLE], that's it. After a day, they brought us to work. Again, I had some work. He called out a [INAUDIBLE].

I remember it was [INAUDIBLE]. I think, I'm staying with him together, [INAUDIBLE] must be very hard work. And he said, it's hard there, it must be a bicycle. So what? Let's go on this. And I raised my finger. I know this work. So I was a mechanic on this. We went in. But that then starts again a long story with acclimatized, to be acclimatized.

At this time-- at this time, you did not remember you had parents, you had brothers, sisters. Remember from time to time my brother. And at this time, I had luck. Once I went out in the evening to give coffee. It was black water. n***** water we called. I gave the n***** water.

And this one-- this one, the cans-- to get back on the place in the kitchen. And I remember he caught me with a can to go. I couldn't-- the can was heavier than I am at this time. And I went in. And there came some again I say, hold on. That's to be sent away.

Took a little time, maybe 15 minutes. Saying, oh, I was sick, sick in the barracks. This was our life.

I was-- I was there. I was in the war. We was good luck. From the first to the last shot-- May 9-- May 9, '45 I was liberated. Who would believe we going to come to it, and this, we going to be alive?

But I was such, I couldn't walk. I walked worser than a baby which start walking. But 9, May 9, was the liberation, the Russian, the Russian people. None of us was liberated earlier, sometime in begins in April-- April, something like this.

April 16th.

Yeah. And I had the good luck till the last shot. And this time felt even people that the Russian came close. I remember those two brothers from the ghetto. I knew them. And they was-- they was lying in the down floor.

I was [INAUDIBLE]. And we had lice, millions. We said the five-- the five [INAUDIBLE]. Such big ones. I don't know where from this came. They sucked out all the rest of blood from us.

And I can't-- I can't-- I can't have-- I went-- I don't know how are we going to stand it. I went to drop off myself on the third floor. Because was so many lice, we-- we shoved them down. So they nursed us in the second floor. And the main floor, they had more and more.

And then came appels. It's been appels. Was again nothing. At this time I was thinking, I'm finished with this. I feel I can't talk anymore. And how weak I was, I used to stay-- to keep myself, not to be-- to fall in the hands-- to be hidden too long. Because they start beating. Many fell down dead after those beatings.

So I feel such-- my legs not going, such stiff. And here someday happen in the morning. [INAUDIBLE] the count and things that needed-- and I liked to be the first one rather than later.

Then when it was finished, I come back. I took off the rags which I had on my legs. And said, oh, my god, the legs was straight like a round thing, swollen. Say, oh, no, no, it's finished, if this has come. But somewhere this has pushed me to do something.

I went [INAUDIBLE]. I went [INAUDIBLE]. He gave me some pills and came up. Went away in days. They had such things. They gave-- they gave the Jewish boys-- God should punish them where they are. They should give a half a liter soup in the evening after work when they're coming home.

So good. I remember this, how it can happen, something like this. [INAUDIBLE]. So he gave-- such a [NON-ENGLISH], they call it in Polish. And I had water-- water, the-- water, like not clean. Like something was cooked in there. I didn't know what.

But later on, I walked by accidentally. I walked by. He opened up a can. They was watching very careful. They wouldn't like, because they can do it, everything. But the Germans doesn't care too much.

[INAUDIBLE] can, noodles, full of noodles [INAUDIBLE]. I said, oh, my god, here was the noodles in this. I didn't have a sign. I was such pain again. It felt like why am I learning this now. I say, how this can be-- people. They was having-- they had-- I was-- I having such papers [INAUDIBLE].

When you were sick, he gave me [INAUDIBLE] for a week I think. I was in good position if he gave me for a week to stay. It wasn't in a barrack. And over there was the-- there was [INAUDIBLE], like the pigs.

They had one-- a German boy, a German born boy, a Jew. He was from somewhere. He went by-- he run with the horse-- horse and the nice wagon. When we went from work, that, hungry, and [INAUDIBLE], he drove the truck with the [INAUDIBLE], with this, over there.

I remember-- I remember they cooked potatoes. And the broth, they keep [INAUDIBLE]. And we were sitting. Everything was turning inside. But the smell of it. By sit down and eating such big things, I don't know how that could stay and not to give such dead people a piece of potato.

Each one, I say-- today I saying it, thanks God I didn't have a [INAUDIBLE] over there to be something. Because each one [INAUDIBLE]. If he had the floor swept, it was [INAUDIBLE]. I told him, look, when you ready the potatoes, give me the water with, please. You didn't gave me. He didn't gave me. It's finished?

Uh-uh.

Such things to live by. Once I made up my mind from the ghetto not to steal. Because I see-- I saw if somebody took something and they caught him, oh, it was very bad situation. So I-- I don't want to steal. I don't want [INAUDIBLE]. I can't make it, what will be, it will be.

So-- and I went by-- until almost the end of the ghetto, was a [INAUDIBLE]. [INAUDIBLE]. He was the first one of the five years-- six years almost-- because six years, he gave me five whips. How was it to think?

I was working in a factory, a big factory. It was like a big street. Trucks can go around. And the machine I stood, works. Here I made the thing. It was [INAUDIBLE] in sometimes was troublesome And is not good.

And 12 o'clock, the gates-- they told us like a quota something. And stood in the line and take the soup. Soon I come, my line is to him. I holding this way. He not taking it. He not taking it. I think, what should I do here?

And he gave me the soup. I went with the soup such fast, such we was [INAUDIBLE] an hour at the lunch. So I went. I eat up fast. Sip the soup fast, and go back. And I did it. I come back. And I don't know the hell who know where he is [INAUDIBLE]. Such murderers.

I go to him. And he caught me by the neck. Oh, you took the soup. And I didn't took the soup. He didn't gave me. He didn't took [INAUDIBLE]. So the [INAUDIBLE] was finished. We were going to work.

Standing by the machine. This was different nations was over there working. They're working. The Germans, a few of them. I think then there [INAUDIBLE]. The foreman was such a [INAUDIBLE].

He caught me. [NON-ENGLISH] He caught me by the hand and was, how do you call it, like you're cutting saw, sawing wood. Falls down. And over there was some metal. And over there was a bunch of apple peels.

I cut it so fast. Somebody shouldn't say and him take away from me. And this [INAUDIBLE] told somebody told him an apple or two. And I was fired. I think what should I do? Eat an apple? I said, no, I will [INAUDIBLE] business for a little soup to sell it.

I came home. And I [INAUDIBLE], oh, God bless him, if he is alive, let him stay alive. I didn't have faith for it. But [INAUDIBLE]. And he came to my machine where I stood working and start knocking me. And my blood was very full. I was full with blood.

And around, the people looked at me-- what's going on here? They knew we are sort, five people worked on this place. What's going on here? What he wants from him?

So I took a rag, because they gave us rags for the machine cleaning. I took a rag off. I pushed myself. Cleaned up a little bit. Back to work, was working again.

After 15 minutes or so, comes the helper, his helper. You have to go to his office. Oh, I feel something no good. I come again. There's this [INAUDIBLE]. I start telling him, look, I have [INAUDIBLE] to give you. Didn't took it. I didn't took the soup. What do you want from me?

Stood, i remember father and son was-- he begged him, leave him alone. You see he's such a weak person. He did nothing to nobody. Bothers nobody. Nothing helped. He has to give me-- he give me two whips. One, a thin one, full, and another one, a thicker one, whole, like a pipe. Which one I like?

Hell, no, I ain't going to tell him pick the tool. So he gave me five whips. Was the first one-- the first one, almost six years I came by with a lot of beating because it was a very bad situation.

And something happened. I had this beating also many times. Sometimes I remember, I went for glasses. He hit somebody with the whip. And he broke my glasses. And I couldn't work. Either way out of this, I couldn't do nothing. This was the manager.

He went [INAUDIBLE] was named. [INAUDIBLE]. Remember, remember, sabotage. If something is wrong, sabotage. No other way. Watch yourself. So I watched. The time work good. The work was good. The work was good.

And he caught me, this [INAUDIBLE], he caught me. Five whips he gave me. In Å ãdÅ° I was, before we left Å ãdÅ°.

The glasses.

The glasses, I went-- the glasses, I said he has to give me new glasses, because I have to work. Was [PERSONAL NAME] he was named. [INAUDIBLE]. There was beating, so much beating. And just terrible.

I went into him to say I had my glasses broken. He put his whole hand in my face. This [INAUDIBLE] many times, such. But this was a little nothing to them. That was from [PLACE NAME] You can go-- you can go on, and go on, you can go on for hours.

[INAUDIBLE] to a doctor. He took you to a doctor for glasses.

He took me to a doctor. I went, and he took me-- me and another one also to town. [INAUDIBLE] we were living in a-- around the hill. And we were sitting deep with the barracks. And he would open up the eyes, the running, and boys and girls, the [INAUDIBLE] they're playing around. They're [INAUDIBLE] and laughing so much.

So he brought me into a doctor. I went. And there was [INAUDIBLE] that didn't say even the D-- no Z. He called. I went to a doctor like this. He will ask me if I hungry. or having -- if the soldier was ready to go, so maybe he was afraid. I wouldn't know.

But he didn't. Make for me the glasses. And that's it, hand me out. Many times I have-- but this whole thing, I have even happening, but they took-- they took people from Auschwitz. We called them the [NON-ENGLISH]. And reminding us a little by little it's all the time came the [INAUDIBLE], they [NON-ENGLISH] we called them.

And now it was like to be together with this friend, Dossman I kept him all the time. Such-- such, such a mind. But what will God, to lose this one also? He was picked up. He was really a textile worker-- a textile worker. So he-- they took him.

And he said right away-- [NON-ENGLISH]. Right away, hanging [INAUDIBLE]. They took him away. So I was such-- I never risked. And at this time, when they took him away, I risked to run over on his side where he was staying. But somebody saw. He give me a knock. And that's it.

They finished up the work. And the rest of the people opened up the barrack and let in. I, myself, I didn't saw-- we didn't have a mirror or nothing. But I saw faces from people saying, oh, my god, but I'm here. Dead people going around. They had picked out all of us can do something.

Dead people going around. But what can I do? They locked up the door-- the doors from outside. But then took long time. This why, because once-- all the time I watched not to [INAUDIBLE] against the law. Went, murder wall.

It opened up. I went out so fast. Auschwitz was a long, like a street. And I remember it was a barrack. I don't remember-- and across the street was a Pollack. And I say to him, [NON-ENGLISH]. Do you know the-- where the people, the 300-- 300 people, where they are put?

He say, yes. Go down, straight back. Oh, straight back. But I ran. Something pushed me to go to risk this time. So I came over. In the barracks there's a few people. This was [INAUDIBLE] we called.

And staying on the outside is somebody from outside, like to go in. I was one that liked to go in to meet my friend. And somebody went out. I caught a moment. I pushed myself through the door. And I'm in there. I kissed him, like would be after the war.