

You were talking about your life in Scranton.

Yeah. It's like the-- so it feel like we went to work. It was working and got used to it. The apartment was very decent. And Hanna she has a very good taste. She made nice places. So she furnished a few times. One time, one place, then we moved to further, which will come up. And she furnished up such nice places, really tasteful.

In the meantime was born the daughter also five years later was it. She was born in Scranton. So now we have got a son and a daughter. God bless them.

We had a little trouble with sickness. Hanna was sick, and sick, and working hard. She never missed a day of work. But what we can do? Our way was this. We had to go, no other choice.

When was it? In 19-- in Scranton we had lived five years. I took sick. I took sick in Scranton. This, over there is very-- how's that? How do you say it?

Weather?

Weather, it was very bad-- rains and wet. And I was sick. And this was, for me, like-- like poison. We had a doctor from-- a German Jew. He said once, we were sitting, me and Hanna. I said a Saturday for hours, not visit, for talking with him. He said, you know what? I will tell you, Hanna I reading a magazine. I'm not finished with him, a magazine. I read about the California.

Over there would be the best way. And Hanna say, Dr. Bronstein, you know, our-- but we haven't money. How I can go? I don't like to go in with the children in a black section.

So he say, you know what, Hanna Take-- change the mind. Go to Tucson, Arizona. This was such a place, healed me-- healed me up. I was there-- I was there twelve months I was coughing. The wall were shaking.

I have emphysema and [INAUDIBLE]. Everything was-- and Hanna works like horse. Go there. I have-- I have a friend that's a little cousin or so. He was in same way like you, like Nate And they took him on stretchers to the airplane, to go to Scranton-- to Tucson, Arizona.

And I hope this will be the place for you. We went into Scranton, go up to Scranton. It's a nice place, very dry. When we came to Israel I was a lot same thing, like in Scranton.

How long did you stay in Tucson?

In Tuscon we was 13, 14 years, I think.

And then you moved to--

To Tucson, Arizona-- from Scranton.

No, no. And then after Tucson, you moved--

After Scranton.

Right.

Yeah. We went to-- in Scranton we was not such long. But in Tuscon we was some 13 years, something like this.

And then where did you move to?

To Israel-- to Tucson, I mean-- Tucson, Arizona. In Tucson we was like 13, 14 years. Mine sickness is gone. I stopped coughing. People was wondering without I didn't took any prescriptions, nothing. Each one will say, oh, when you came, we went who knows if you're going to be alive. But took two, three months, and everything is changed.

I'm returning the [? hand ?] in that-- it was such good, the climate for me-- wonderful. So we were sitting in Tucson. In Tucson was no work, very, very bad. Hanna was the supporter. She works for the life for us.

And I have to look for something. What we should do? We looked over there. Was students business, was many students in the town, in Tucson. So we would look to buy some little houses, to make a living this way.

So we stop in on this and bought a nice little house, and another one like this. You can buy there with mortgage, everything with mortgages. And I start working on them. I cut in-- I am a little handy, but I went in such with power a drill.

Everything I did myself. Hanna claims to me why I did it this way. And I had not so much tools. She said, at least we will buy you electric tools. Right, she's right on this part. When we are sitting in Tucson, we were sitting 13 or 14 years to Israel.

And I meant each day to make this change again for the-- to stay in a place at least. I will be in Israel I will be [? lucky. ?] Hanna is very not far from Israel also. She loved Israel. It was an organization.

But to run an again with the-- to be like without of money and things, it's too bad. And I understood her. So we start settling in in Tucson. We bought one little house, another one. And I was-- Hanna's more the [INAUDIBLE].

She said she has to make claims why I stopped her Malka stopped. She say and Dad did not listen to Mom because the mortgages will eat us up, and then we lose everything. Hanna said, this was very close before leaving to Israel. She's-- in a year or two, she said, let's buy a nice house, and we're going to sell this. In Tucson we lived in a nice house also, was a Spanish style.

We-- let's-- we will sell this or rent this. But was my experience, we starting in the-- in 1969 was it, we start to go the first time to- the first time to Israel.

We had the-- we had a good [INAUDIBLE], they say, from the Germans. So we collect some--

Reparations?

Reparations, some \$6,000. We received the money very hard way. Hanna waited 19 years for it. And I waited 20. When this came to me, they said they found out I have no [? stash. ?] I have no year, a full year [INAUDIBLE]. And this puts me away. And I was such disgusted.

My God, we went by so much in the concentration camps. We lost our health there. And now to be out of it? We did everything. They sent me to a doctor in college, and he helped me out.

Was the 20th year I received my money, and Hanna hers-- she for 19 years. She said, we're having \$6,000. Now we make our trip to Israel. And I was such-- is she a angel? Is she a angel or what. She's working so hard. And we say now to make a trip, this \$6,000 was for us. From this we have to start building.

I Everything from new. We had the houses, but the houses wasn't ours. When you're having a mortgage on a house, you can do nothing. And in Scranton was our place. And this one was our place. The students-- every time we met a student, it's such a angel or what? [? Delicate ?] people, but very far from it.

Was different kinds-- different kind things with the students, so many fights. They came in, and they should stay nine months. We knew nine months. Then went in to rent. And when we left, we start going to Israel, was changed, the whole picture. They took in three, four people to it. And this costs money-- water and things, and breaking. They were

breaking so much.

We lost in 1969, when we went to Israel the first time, for the-- lady the real estate man. And she said, do you know what? I will take care on your place. I will watch it. And everything will be fine.

We went for three months, 1969, a trip. When we came back, was very bad picture. They had break down these furnitures. They break down the room. Is not very hard to bring into the story, but going by, and Hanna said, what's the matter with you. You went-- it was here. You promised to watch.

I was watching them. They was very fine to say, sometimes I drink a beer with them. It was very bad, very bad situation. When in '69, when he went to Israel, left, was the story, was we had again, I think, I have to fight with the students. The speech was bad, my English. I couldn't. But somehow, when we came to Israel, we was very lucky, Hanna me and Hanna. We liked liked Israel very much.

I don't know, it took not long time. And I sat in Be'er Sheva. I came. We came. He went in in a place, Be'er Sheva. And Be'er Sheva is also a little bit wet, the outside.

I was, I remember, we rented a place, a room, not a big place. And I was at the doctor. And the doctor, she asked where to go, a place, my mom has-- my husband emphysema and things like this. Where to go?

He's look [INAUDIBLE] look. Look here, comes in our doctor from Poland. And she will answer you this question. And she went to this doctor. And she told her her story for the first-- I'm so and so. I went by this everything. She say, you know what, don't think too much.

And here is also the climate not too good. You go 45 kilometers, 40 kilometers from here is a named Arad, a little town. Go there, and for sure he will be healed. We took the suitcases and everything. We went again, there.

So we went in in Arad, a little town, a new town. They fought, they had the 20 years-- some-- what now will be 23 years, the town started. But we came and got in there. Arad was the same place like Tuscon, dry, no-- no-- no this-- how do you say? The wet, what is it?

Moisture.

Moisture-- no moisture. It was good. Arad was better than even than Tucson, Arizona. We start over there. We looked around, rented a place to go in, but not for a long time. We both lay down. We bought a apartment. And everything was nice, smooth.

Hanna worked and the work was too bad for the little town. She start sewing, was only one factory in the-- from-- they're going to make now this [INAUDIBLE], try to make. They worked for \$0.50 an hour. And Hanna he handled better. He said, look, I give you \$1, then \$1.25.

So it was a-- was not a bad choice because the city was standing on his place. Business -- not -- I can't this go-- the speech is no good. So I worked in our business from Tucson. I worked in the houses.

The houses was troubles. But we lived with them. So it was a little money we maked. Was very bad [INAUDIBLE] with the students. Then we went to the Arad He said, no more work. You worked enough. Sit down and relax. And [INAUDIBLE] myself also.

And Arad was also place to buy a house. But over there, we should recognize the place. And we-- get a

Climatized.

--climatized, then we will see what to do. So three months, we went by, here and around with the children, to give them the satisfaction. We was in different places. It was very good.

In the meantime, they said-- Malka said she will go. She will go to-- she will be in Israel, to the college. Max start running around, having different kind places. And so, but Malka, we have to watch. I go different story.

She said she likes to be in college. Hanna said, in college? If in college, we have to live close to Haifa. Haifa is the college. So we said in-- in-- what was the name? I've forgotten the names.

We said in-- in Arad. But over there, Hanna said, we've got to buy a house. We bought a house for Malka. It was a lot. We bought a lot. And the builder said what he will do. We made a contract.

People was [? working ?] at least too. And they had-- we bought a house a lot And three-story house should be built up. But-- and that's good.

But in the meantime, Max, he said, why should she have a house and me not? You like to live, we said to him, also, you like to go to college in Israel? You'd like to stay in Israel. We bought a house. So one for them and one for [INAUDIBLE].

Malka's house has to be finished, up. Has to take a year to build up. But Max's, we bought a house finished, ready. But both of them, they changed their mind.

When Malka came to [INAUDIBLE], she went in a kibbutz. And she lived with them. She was satisfied. But came to a little farther, then back to college, about college, she said, yes, I will do. Came a principal in-- where was it? Also in Arad, when we came back.

And she came in the vacation time visit, and we came to [INAUDIBLE] Malka, how she is. And she was very good. She was-- Malka was in college, and free. It doesn't cost us any money in America, because she has scholarships.

Max is another question. He changed his mind also. And Malka, when should come to college, I went with Malka to-- where was it? To Haifa. And came the principal special for her and start talk to her. She was 17 years old. And she was [INAUDIBLE] house, you know?

And she, when it came to serious question, she said, no, I changed my mind. I said to, in Hebrew, how much I can talk, how many I-- how much I can talk on this to him. I said, look, sir, we came to her. We spent in-- and we thinking-- and we thinking about Malka to be in Israel. I should have those, and those, those, like they say.

And she said, no. We promise her, look Malka. If we put in \$1,000 in the bank for you, in your name, and if you feel too bad, you came back home. But we had to go home because the houses was alone. When we came back, we met very bad place.

And she said, no. She has to change. She changed her mind. She can't-- she liked- doesn't like to stay in Israel. Nope. I can't [INAUDIBLE]. We looked up this, with the school. And the time went by, three months, almost finished. And she doesn't like to stay in Israel.

So we can't force her. She went home to us-- with us together. We had to run with the car with her first, because the school was-- we were on the way. And tomorrow is starting school. And she has to be there. So we have to [INAUDIBLE] now to this situation.

We came back from Israel, to Arad-- from Arad, yes, to Tuscon. And she went to school. She started working. She was a very good student. She was a very good student. She made fine in school. She has, all the time, scholarships. Makes it look very fun.

And she looked-- when we came in in Arad-- in Tuscon, we made her a room. And 3 o'clock in the morning, she was on the books. We said, look, Malka, you're going to lose everything. And [INAUDIBLE] like to be. And here you stay not to sleep, it's too bad.

But she didn't look. She learned very, very, very good, more than good. So she-- we came back from Arad-- from Arad, yes. I'm mixing up Arad, Israel there.

We came back, and Malka went into the school, was the last time. Places was broken and things. But we had now Israel in mind. And we have to watch for Malka too. She is a girl.

So she went to school. Everything goes fine. She learned good. The houses, I worked on them. And Hanna started working for [INAUDIBLE], but now I didn't care too much. Because this is a-- I think was when [INAUDIBLE] fiddle with the oven sometimes, because I feel we, our place is in Israel.

So did you move back to Israel?

Later on.

When was that?

In 19-- first we had to settle Malka, because she's a girl. We have to watch her. In Tuscon, we had new friends and things in the synagogue. But Malka-- [INAUDIBLE].

And now came a question where to make the marriage, to marry her. The boy was in Israel also. Two times she paid for it. And now is marriage question. So went by. We settled out Malka's-- Hanna worked very hard to get through.

But she did everything. We had many, many trouble with the tenants, things. And we bought Malka a house too in Tuscon-- in Tuscon, yes. And now she going to go. And we have to watch this house. She took the money, God bless her. And the house, we paid everything. [INAUDIBLE] you know, [INAUDIBLE] for a house, it's happen.

But she didn't look at this, the main thing now, to settle Malka. Then we'll see with us. Malka is-- Max is so. He's a boy. We can't force him. He had wild things, you know, only fun, fun, fun. But Malka was, she came the time she had married.

They send her over the-- in beginning time, something-- days. Days. She has to be back on the-- on the-- on the job, because the manager. Hanna has a good, a good ideas. She should start in social working. And she worked for it.

And she came home crying because she came home and drunken thing, drunken people, and how it's happened. I see oh, i don't know he [? remarried. ?]

So now Hanna told her, you know what. You can't work at the social working? Good. And she said, what should I do? Hannah said-- Hanna said-- so when we came back to Arad, we tried to-- to Tuscon, I mean-- it was very much work to do, that break down the students, you now.

But the main thing is now Malka to settle. She's-- they sent a letter to be in a place for the job. Because this-- how you say it? The main, the manager, the top manager-- oh, really, I forgot.

Well, anyway, continue. So she went back. She got the letter, and then what happened?

And here some-- a few days only to go on the job, the professor. So the professor gave her a fine job. Until now where she is. She is-- she's a fine job. Malka went in now in big steps. Malka is a high official now even.

Then we made a nice wedding. Then today, in two, three days, they gave her free honeymoon. Then she left for the job. We bought her a nice car. And she left on the way.

Now Malka is on the job. And she starts working. She had a little trouble from her manager there. But it's over. And we have now to go to Israel. We tried the best. She should be settled. And they settled. Is a very [INAUDIBLE] very nice.

Now comes-- I remember, she left. I went to them. And now--

Then you went back to Israel.

Back to Israel. Yes.

And where did you settle, back in Arad?

Back in Arad, sure. We came into our home in Arad. Closed up, and then we opened up. And that's it.

And how long did you live in Arad?

In Arad, we lived 21 year.

Uh-huh.

Yeah.

And then when-- where-- and then you came back to the United States.

Then this happened to me, operations and things. I had took sick. I had a bypass. And this brought me back to America.

When did you come back to the United States?

In 19-- when was it, in '70-- '70?

Hanna speaking in background

So you came back in 1989?

No. No. '89, we was still-- yes. Yes. Right.

And where did you settle in 1989?

We went in a place. Where we came? So now we're back in the States. About my father, I'd like to add something there. It's many years back. It was in 1940.

My father was a-- we knew him with this nice, clear beard for all the years, all the time. All of a sudden he goes down. This was 1940, a day, stood the SS mens. They cause-- we had so much trouble.

You know, my father went down and takes a few, a half an hour or so. He came back without a beard. They cut-- this SS mens, they stood with scissors and knives. They cut the beards, like-- like-- like a piece of what.

But my father, they handled good. They said [NON-ENGLISH] Beard, clear, [NON-ENGLISH], it's over. [INAUDIBLE] went to a barber. And the barber took off that that whole beard, like shaved. A nice beard like Jews used to have-- he came in in the home, I can tell you, we went by so much trouble. And we didn't know even how much trouble comes.

This was 94 I'm talking. Brother in law, he is not-- was not yet a Hasidic man or [INAUDIBLE]. But he saw my father, he start crying. He start crying [INAUDIBLE]. Looked at the father really, what's happened to you?

Well, nothing to do. Good they didn't cut the throat. That was later on.

Let's talk a little bit today, now, about your experiences. How do you feel about being Jewish?

I feel very good to be a Jew, having now enough trouble. I have six years concentration camp because I am a Jew. And I have to watch it, and watch it very carefully. I know my father and mother worked on me. I have had many times compliments.

Now, because I remember so much about the home, I will never change it. I would never change it. This is, to me, too, too expensive, like as they say. And people honoring me, really because I now, we're having here a synagogue. It's very big difference than the [INAUDIBLE] sometimes.

But I get you be used to it, you know. But me, it bothers me a lot. Hanna say, eh, you are a such-- how do you say-- not modern. So what can I do? I watching this. I'm watching--

I remember very well, like my father worked on me and gave me knowledge, gave me knowledge. I have same thing like college. [INAUDIBLE] I have college in Jewish.

Have you ever talked about your war experiences before?

No, to-- to-- how do you say? No, I didn't give-- on the tapes. I sent a [INAUDIBLE] when I can write If I would be able to write, I would be-- write a nice book, you know, a big book, an interesting book.

But what can I do right now? I can go into the synagogue, you know. And I can pray. This is I pray in memory, yes. And I have again the same thing. My father learned me, to teach me. Gave me lots of knowledge in Jewish, and I'm keeping it. But to look in the book, which we're [? davening ?] now here is-- I can't. I can't write. I can't read.

I'd like to know, you know, that in Israel now, I would like to know what's going on there. I can't read a [INAUDIBLE]. What can I do?

How do you-- do you still receive-- [PHONE RINGS] do you still receive war reparations?

Yeah.

And how do you feel about receiving reparations?

Look, they can never repay it. Reparation-- they can never reparate us. They can fill out. It doesn't-- and pay money and red carpets They never would pay back. How can I forget [SOBBING] my brothers and sisters? Everybody is some place. Only [INAUDIBLE] on my hand [INAUDIBLE].

How I can forget something with this murder. I don't wheres she is. It just didn't-- [INAUDIBLE]. I had the good luck. I don't know. Somebody nominate me to stay here and to [INAUDIBLE] to that. [SOBBING] How can I forget something like this?

Is there anything else that you would like to share that we haven't talked about, anything you'd like to say.

I [? want to ?] tell you more about it. I'm so nervous. I start-- I start thinking about, you know-- let me end it now. I am living in it. I see those five brothers and sisters, and they are alive. It was missing, and here I am alone. And I got [INAUDIBLE] and the children. That's it.

So how is it possible to forget something like this. I'm sitting in the synagogue, and I can't read. I can't write. [INAUDIBLE]. It's [INAUDIBLE].

And I say it all the time, you know. I say, you are-- you are old-fashioned. You're old-fashioned. All things, not about parents, but you can't, davening is not nice, you know.

I was used to other thing. America is, ah, the davening is such-- such-- like-- like-- [INAUDIBLE], you know. You take a sentence, another take a sentence and read. And I can't get used to that. I can't get used to it.

I would like to be-- believe it. I have nothing against America. [INAUDIBLE] my wife and grewed up two children, high educated, and making a good living. But I would like to be in Israel, to be honest.

Hanna not so. She likes-- she loves Israel very much, but she could complaining on me. Eh, you're old-fashioned. You stay so long in the-- old things only. I can't give up. I can't give up, really, to be honest.

[? America ?] [? is ?] America, no-- I did in America many works, and many works I tried to remember it. I can't forget. I pulled up, I came on to America with nothing. And now I am built up. I had houses. People have such-- it was, obviously, jealous.

So you just came to America. He has a lot of houses and things. And [INAUDIBLE]. Fine. Worked on it very hard, and Hanna too. Hanna worked so much, and she would be working yet now even, in sickness and sickness, so much troubles and sicknesses.

Anything that we've left out, that you want to include?

So, as I mentioned to you, the last-- before finishing the last tape, this was in Auschwitz. I had a friend. He was-- they took him for a special job. On a Sunday was it.

And we had-- from time to time, they give a half a mark, deutschmark in papers, or a mark even. And for this, they came up once, they had beer. Once they say it's bread. OK, was a very big [NON-ENGLISH], a piece of bread. So I took the cards. I said, with my friend, which I was so close with him from the get out.

I told him, look I-- here, if they will give something, I can save it for you. It was this way. And I went to the spread for the-- to line to stay. And I received for me a piece of bread. And then, I had to look [INAUDIBLE].

Then they gave a little-- how do you call it-- such a frozen vegetable. And I was such a lucky with this, to have bread, I stood in the line, was behind a man, a boy, I don't know who he is. I not wishing him to be paid for this. And he stealed out both pieces of bread. It was maybe a-- each piece has a 150 gram or so.

What's happening, he took me out the bread. So I said to myself, now is finished my friendship with this man. He will come back. Maybe I will say him, look, [INAUDIBLE] also this way. But he come back. He didn't said nothing I told him, look I have a very bad experience.

Here I have the vegetable. But the bread, somebody stealed out [? mice, ?] which I'm paying very much of it. A piece of bread was more than a diamond now. He didn't said nothing. He stealed me out. He meant I ate it up and then made up a story like this.

So he did-- he turned his back, how they say-- [INAUDIBLE] finished. But I told him one thing. Look, maybe I will do-- act the same way like you're doing. But no matter how I going to say to you or so, you can't believe now a piece of bread is very, very big, more than a diamond.

Maybe will come a day when we freed. This way, at this time, I will tell you the whole truth, how it it, like now. He didn't said nothing. He took another friend for. After the war-- I'll make it short. After the war was finished, the war, come that lucky day, three days was up. The change

I was afraid to go out even. On the fourth day, they came out, and he said, let's go now a biergarten. We take a beer. We went in the biergarten. We had some piece of bread at this time. But there, the Germans was, at this point, not to good with bread.

We were sitting such in a barrack, a [? light ?] room. And we are drinking beer. And I told him, look, landsman Harry

was his name. His name-- he live in Tel Aviv I think. Now, I can do-- now he will believe it, not like this was [INAUDIBLE]. I can tell my word, I didn't taste it. Your bread [INAUDIBLE] was, both of them stealed me out of the pocket, of the-- how do you say-- pocket, yes.

He start crying. He said, do you remember [PERSONAL NAME] when they came and [INAUDIBLE] German, after the war, we wrote the story. He was crying on it. But I was glad. I didn't touch his bread.

And this was-- he went by the whole time, till the end. But he was from before, so [NON-ENGLISH], like they say in Yiddish. So it's OK.

But I had another bad experience with bread. And this time I could be killed, because a Jew who steals something from the Jew will kill him on the place, without further questions. And at this time was very tight. It went such a big transport. Half a block was empty. But that didn't put us there to lay on the floor.

Came into German, he say, the kapo-- [NON-ENGLISH] One and the other was squeezed in. And somewhere in the middle of the night, I could move. I stretched my arms. And I feel the tip. The tip is the wooden shoes he had behind the head, not to be stolen. If that is stolen, [INAUDIBLE].

And came in in my hand. He had a piece of bread, maybe an ounce, maybe not. My heart start shaking like I would find a very big diamond. I wouldn't be such satisfied today. But I said to myself, no, this is his life. I will not take this piece of bad. And stuffed back the-- given back to the-- to put in the shoe.

He woke up. You eat! In the Hungarian, they're saying it. You ate my bread! My bread! And I was such-- here a meter, two meters, two meters maybe, was those murderer, the robbers, that they was sleeping there in one place. [INAUDIBLE] Everything is comfortable.

And when he comes in, was such thing, like somebody made some noise in the middle of the night in the darkness. He came with a pail of water, [? iron ?] and start making in the darkness. But I begged him, look. I could turn over, maybe move a little bit from your-- [INAUDIBLE]. And you wouldn't know who I was because the darkness was to touch it. Hardly I quiet him down.

But if I would be otherwise I ate it up, and he's crying about, the German came in-- I saw a fellow like this. They killed him. They shoot it. And the shoot it was such [INAUDIBLE]. They had a place with which they, say, from pigs they had. A piece was a big place, and they were-- and was about many pigs there.

They went to the other places, from Polish [NON-ENGLISH]. But there was many, many hundred percent of [INAUDIBLE]. Instead they brought in the barrels with the soup. So we-- so we can feel it from far away. And we start running. Many people runs over there to catch a dish of soup. You had, each one with the soup. Everything was on yourself, at this time.

And he comes in-- comes by a German, so he said Halt. And he caught two. Was many of them, catch them everywhere together. He caught two of them and start bringing them over to the place where the garbage is-- a deep hole, garbage.

He put them down, spaced. One of was a tall man or a small one. And he starts shooting. It's the trigger. I don't know. It's a [? international ?] law of murder. Going to be hanged or shot if a string cracked. He fall down, so they let him alive.

But he fixed it, the revolver. He shoot a man in the head, and he's lying a lot. Right after this, he goes to the other one. The other one doesn't know if he's been killed if [INAUDIBLE]. [NON-ENGLISH]

This was such a-- like-- like this happenings, very very bad But with the piece of bread, which I did not ate it up, up to date. I'm very glad. If I had the guts not to take this piece of bread. I mean to eat, this is his life. If I eat it up, it's-- what's he going to have. I've-- this-- not this gave him my life secured, if I will take the piece of bread.

I said, no, I will not take it. And this was two times with bread. But the- the first one up to date, he lives somewhere in Tel Aviv, in Israel.

He was right away [INAUDIBLE] and finished the whole friendship. What can I do. So I have lost more than a friend to this time in my-- came out of it.

It was the [INAUDIBLE] 10 days, 10 days closed.

All right. We're talking about the ghetto now?

The ghetto, yes. The Å Å³dÅ¼ ghetto.

OK.

If someone would go out at this time, wherever, they killed him on the place. I saw facts like this. Somebody was hiding the other one. He came-- lived over there at the sonder command, the Jewish one, police, which-- which he-- they worked with them together. They helped them out.

And he had some place with two room, he had. And stood a brick shelf. And he made a hole on the wall. And behind was a little, maybe, maybe a two-meters stove, worse than this. This was prepared to hide in a bad moment.

So this was Erev Rosh Hashana, when they took away my kid. He was two years and three months old. He lived his life unrecognizing the fact that we satisfied from a piece dry bread. But this was the life. I was ready to go down, but my wife, she's down. That they put a whole ship, a few hundred girls, and men maybe too, in Stutthof, Germany.

So I was ready to go down, because-- but then by 10 days-- nine days went by. And this was the 10th day from the end of [NON-ENGLISH]. It was Erev Rosh Hashana, 1942. And I went, the whole time, we saved a little flour, my wife too, to make something for the kids, make them a [NON-ENGLISH], they're called.

But he was as those days, he was only two years and some short months. He feel something comes up. He could not eat. All the time the neighbors in the small ghetto, there was a [INAUDIBLE]

[PHONE RINGS]

So on the 10th day, it was Erev Rosh Hashana, it was third time they came in places. They took [INAUDIBLE] from the ghetto, how small she was, this part, other part. And I heard something wrong-- talks like this. I went to the window. I look out a little bit, a little space.

I saw two on motorcycles, two murderers coming down, take out half a minute after him, trucks, everything ready to take the Jews. And it was very very-- they killed so many peoples on the place also. I was ready to go down.

I don't know. I didn't even think about myself. What's going to be will be, so. But my wife, she went in over there in this hiding place. And she yelled to me, don't go down. Don't go down. So I shoved in in this hole. And it was sitting in there. It was a little like a two-meters, not square meters, but a two-meters one. And one window went out to the street [INAUDIBLE].

I went and there was two children, my child. It was the last hours from our child, and the policeman's also. So went by after-- after a little while went by, we came out of there. It was such-- it was very terrible. It was eight or 10 people and two children in it with us.

So they-- the two days before, was also three days before exactly-- was also they came, take from this [? region. ?] I went down. My wife said, again, don't go down. Don't go down.

I listened her. I went down. I did not listen, I mean. As they pulled out a neighbor it was from the same floor. He hid

behind doors or someplace. The police, the Jewish police took him and dragged him down to the trucks. And those was standing in lines And the second was deciding dead or alive.

He was-- I think this was Mengele or who. Which one wore the-- with white gloves and a little stick in the hand? He didn't touch the Jew or that. He worked with a sick. Turned around and took him, exactly.

So I saw how they're dragging down a person. He was three quarters dead, maybe, from before. But he did [INAUDIBLE] on his feet. He jumped like a tiger, a wild tiger-- kicked him and kicked him, beat him so much really so he-- not killing [INAUDIBLE] shoved on the truck. Dragged him a little while, then on the truck. OK.

And I myself, I was a third one to the-- to the murder, which was selecting. And I think, what to do? So to pull back, he will kill me on the place. So I stood. I saw the whole tragic act, how it was.

I came to him. I had some, like, stay like attention. He looks at me. He looks at me. The stick turns around. He said, [NON-ENGLISH], which mean, you can work. He can suck some more blood from me. And he show me to go. I didn't know even how it is, if I am good and up.

But I stood. A few minutes went by. And this was almost to the end on this place in this day. He said, [NON-ENGLISH]. They said this way. [NON-ENGLISH] So I came home, and I didn't meet anymore my child. My child was in the truck already.

This was Erev Rosh Hashana. When it come this day, I having-- I'm paining a lot. But what can we do?

Then we got a new story, when we came the way, going into Auschwitz. We sitting in a train, not a wagon, not for people. It was for animals. They'd load in how many people can be in, put in a hard box or so. We went on this train. We are 18 or 20-- 18 hours, I think.

It was hot, terrible sitting there so many hours. After a long hours ride, they stopped the train. In the middle even, we had shooting also because somebody escaped. How they did it is-- I don't know. But maybe they did.

They looked, and they decided at this moment, either he will leave alive or be killed. So a bit of a [INAUDIBLE], a [INAUDIBLE] and the Germans, they, [NON-ENGLISH].

Oh, when I heard this, I saw, I'm finished now. This is finished. It's not no more. So he went out. He went to the-- such a big [? world ?] to put down like animals going down from the-- to the-- from the train.

He helped with some people, she couldn't go. He helped them. It was very polite. Oh, we came in in there. Looks-- if it's like an animal in this world, can't be any worsen than this, for sure not.

Start going-- this was Jews, Jewish boys. He -- a box -- a big box here. Here He start, [NON-ENGLISH]. You will be on the himmel kommando right away. Himmel kommando means in the fire.

I had at this time a watch. My wife [INAUDIBLE]. It's a-- I ask myself, who knows how far this can go, something like this. But was nothing to hide, nothing to save. I had it in a shoe. I put it in a shoe when we came in in the place to take a shower. It was names.

Till then, it was lots of beating and hitting. And I had some 17 [NON-ENGLISH] was the name. American-- America, it was the-- word for this is [INAUDIBLE] papers.

So the life goes. So I kept them all inside, in here, in the pocket.

These are the certificates.

The certificates, yes. And so it's nothing to hide, nothing to keep. I let them down on the ground. And I tired to move the

way, maybe they will find me or what. I was afraid. We wasn't people with life at this time, to decide something.

No, he start-- [NON-ENGLISH] kommando. Took about two hours or so, and he is pushing back and forth, back and forth. Later on they took us for a shower. Oh, there stood a barber, he, with a machine, and he took wherever a hair is on the body, cleaned up.

We're going a little father. They said-- somebody said, you going now to take a shower. Should be very cold water. But remember, who will be complaining or yelling, will be more and more the same thing, and worse.

I remember this like I would be, God forbid, yesterday. It was a little like a mikvah, some [? charcoal ?] or what to put in the shoes. I said, [NON-ENGLISH] and leave them in the shoes. You can keep them. And the shoes must be put in in the water, which we are going over.

And this moment, I came to the point, I took the shoes, put them in in this water. And this moment, someone took mine and [? down ?] [? my ?] [? head. ?] I was like that for my life I thought, oh, this is the end. I'm dead or not. But he pushed me further.

I see I am alive. So I went by this. And we-- it wasn't such cold like people said. But beating and hitting was enough in the time when it was on. Took a long time till they fixed us up, maybe an hour, an hour and a half.

And later on, they put us in five. That was everything goes in a line from five. Start from the-- oh, we came out in the other door. They start giving us dressing, concentration dressing. Once was sitting such hooligan. He had a little like underwear. From tallisim, it was sewed.

Was the tzitzits. He said this way they knew may things Jewish. It was from Volksdeutsche. And the whole things, our jacket, our pair of pants-- what do you call it now?

Vest?

Yeah. So it took a longer time. And we're ready. We are ready already-- dressed. I did look at the whole time at myself in a mirror, what somebody has-- outside he found a piece of mirror. I said, let me take a look. I was afraid myself, if I was looking at this [INAUDIBLE].

Here is we had such-- maybe we a quarter of a meter high. And in the middle was since here up to the neck. Was like here. We called this [NON-ENGLISH] already.

Then came-- we came in in a barrack. We was such-- we were such-- they checked and checked and checked. I don't know how somebody can have something hidden. He asked for money. [INAUDIBLE] was so much, in the meantime, when it went by a few minutes, he hit and hit and hit. He start knocking in the other side. It was two times, in two places in each barrack.

Who is the he you're talking about?

Kapos. Kapos.

German or Jewish?

They were Jews. He start talking to us Jewish. This is very painful to [NON-ENGLISH], he said. Remember, he-- he was on such a big-- the whole end was a division from like a stove or what. He went on this. This was barracks, was such the-- to hold up the roof. Remember, here was-- yesterday was hung 10 people.

Remember, I don't like to do it to you. But remember it, who you'll find something for him, something is finish, hanging or shooting, how they like. This took a long time also, a good two hours. When we was finished with this, he started providing us to a-- on a place in barracks.

We came into the barracks. At this time I was with this friend, there, [PERSONAL NAME] was the name. We was-- I was looking only to keep him with me together, such in mind.