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00:00:00,000 --> 00:00:06,260

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00:00:06,260 --> 00:00:10,880

The following is an  
interview of Erwin Forley.

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00:00:10,880 --> 00:00:15,080

Today is September 19, 1995.

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00:00:15,080 --> 00:00:18,920

The interview is taking place  
in Chevy Chase, Maryland

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00:00:18,920 --> 00:00:22,280

and is being conducted on behalf  
of the United States Holocaust

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00:00:22,280 --> 00:00:23,245

Memorial Museum.

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00:00:23,245 --> 00:00:26,490

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00:00:26,490 --> 00:00:29,470

Please give us your full name.

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00:00:29,470 --> 00:00:32,280

My full name is Erwin Forley.

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00:00:32,280 --> 00:00:33,660

And where were you born?

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00:00:33,660 --> 00:00:38,100

I was born in Czechoslovakia,  
Kosice, Czechoslovakia.

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00:00:38,100 --> 00:00:40,650

And when were you born?

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00:00:40,650 --> 00:00:46,860  
December 6, 1927.

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00:00:46,860 --> 00:00:49,410  
Let's begin by talking  
about your childhood.

15  
00:00:49,410 --> 00:00:53,040  
Who made up your  
immediate family?

16  
00:00:53,040 --> 00:00:56,670  
My father, mother,  
brother, and sister.

17  
00:00:56,670 --> 00:00:58,590  
What was your father's name?

18  
00:00:58,590 --> 00:01:00,660  
His name was Henry.

19  
00:01:00,660 --> 00:01:02,370  
And what kind of work did he do?

20  
00:01:02,370 --> 00:01:10,490  
We had a farm and also alcohol  
factory, refinery, rather.

21  
00:01:10,490 --> 00:01:12,120  
How large was the farm?

22  
00:01:12,120 --> 00:01:13,070  
It was large.

23  
00:01:13,070 --> 00:01:15,630  
It was several generations.

24  
00:01:15,630 --> 00:01:17,595  
And your mother, her name?

25  
00:01:17,595 --> 00:01:20,520  
My mother, her

name was Elizabeth,

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00:01:20,520 --> 00:01:23,940

and she was born  
where I was born.

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00:01:23,940 --> 00:01:28,620

Actually, the farm was  
about one hour away

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00:01:28,620 --> 00:01:31,230

from where I was born.

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00:01:31,230 --> 00:01:33,990

And her name was Charmin.

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00:01:33,990 --> 00:01:36,110

Her maiden name was Charmin.

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00:01:36,110 --> 00:01:38,850

Elizabeth Charmin.

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00:01:38,850 --> 00:01:40,930

And did you have any  
brothers or sisters?

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00:01:40,930 --> 00:01:43,350

I had one brother and one /

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00:01:43,350 --> 00:01:46,013

And how old were they  
in relation to you,

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00:01:46,013 --> 00:01:46,680

and their names?

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00:01:46,680 --> 00:01:48,270

My brother was  
four years younger,

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00:01:48,270 --> 00:01:51,880

my sister was four years older.

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00:01:51,880 --> 00:01:53,310  
And their names?

39  
00:01:53,310 --> 00:01:58,020  
My sister was Barbara,  
my brother was George.

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00:01:58,020 --> 00:02:01,250  
Did you have a large extended  
family living nearby, aunts,

41  
00:02:01,250 --> 00:02:02,060  
uncles, cousins?

42  
00:02:02,060 --> 00:02:03,810  
Very large.

43  
00:02:03,810 --> 00:02:07,680  
My father had four  
brothers and four sisters

44  
00:02:07,680 --> 00:02:10,190  
who were each was married.

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00:02:10,190 --> 00:02:16,530  
That made up of 16 people  
because eight children.

46  
00:02:16,530 --> 00:02:20,010  
They all perished  
except my mother,

47  
00:02:20,010 --> 00:02:21,190  
and they all had children.

48  
00:02:21,190 --> 00:02:23,220  
Some of their children survived.

49  
00:02:23,220 --> 00:02:24,415  
So were you close to them?

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00:02:24,415 --> 00:02:25,790

Did you get together  
on holidays?

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00:02:25,790 --> 00:02:27,990

Very close.

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00:02:27,990 --> 00:02:30,890

Well, in temple, but we  
lived in the same town.

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00:02:30,890 --> 00:02:33,990

Most of us lived in the  
same town, close by,

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00:02:33,990 --> 00:02:37,770

and we met often.

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00:02:37,770 --> 00:02:42,990

Did you live in the confines of  
the town or out in the country,

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00:02:42,990 --> 00:02:44,130

being a farm?

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00:02:44,130 --> 00:02:46,840

Well, in the beginning,  
we lived on a farm,

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00:02:46,840 --> 00:02:50,850

and then we moved into town,  
which is the town that I

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00:02:50,850 --> 00:02:52,162

mentioned, Munkacs.

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00:02:52,162 --> 00:02:53,370

When did you move, what year?

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00:02:53,370 --> 00:02:55,830

That was when I  
was six years old,

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00:02:55,830 --> 00:03:00,300  
so it must have been 1933, '34.

63  
00:03:00,300 --> 00:03:03,810  
How would you describe the  
economic status in your family?

64  
00:03:03,810 --> 00:03:05,790  
Was it middle  
class, upper class?

65  
00:03:05,790 --> 00:03:07,030  
I would say upper class.

66  
00:03:07,030 --> 00:03:08,308  
Upper class, OK.

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00:03:08,308 --> 00:03:12,000

68  
00:03:12,000 --> 00:03:13,253  
Was it in a neighborhood?

69  
00:03:13,253 --> 00:03:13,920  
Do you remember?

70  
00:03:13,920 --> 00:03:15,030  
I know you were very  
young because you said

71  
00:03:15,030 --> 00:03:16,197  
you moved when you were six.

72  
00:03:16,197 --> 00:03:17,820  
Yes, it was a very  
good neighborhood.

73  
00:03:17,820 --> 00:03:19,770  
Before you moved,  
was it a neighborhood

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00:03:19,770 --> 00:03:22,500  
of non-Jews and Jews,  
or just strictly Jews?

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00:03:22,500 --> 00:03:25,590

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00:03:25,590 --> 00:03:26,133  
It was mixed.

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00:03:26,133 --> 00:03:27,300  
It was a mixed neighborhood.

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00:03:27,300 --> 00:03:28,092  
Mixed neighborhood.

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00:03:28,092 --> 00:03:29,860  
And again, because  
you were young,

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00:03:29,860 --> 00:03:31,810  
do you have any recollections  
of any problems?

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00:03:31,810 --> 00:03:33,030  
Or was that a good time?

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00:03:33,030 --> 00:03:34,480  
No, I don't remember  
any problems.

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00:03:34,480 --> 00:03:34,980  
OK.

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00:03:34,980 --> 00:03:37,420  
And then you moved  
at the age of six.

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00:03:37,420 --> 00:03:38,680  
At the age of six, yes.

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00:03:38,680 --> 00:03:39,180  
Yeah.

87  
00:03:39,180 --> 00:03:41,145  
And what kind of  
area did you move

88  
00:03:41,145 --> 00:03:42,520  
to and what kind  
of neighborhood?

89  
00:03:42,520 --> 00:03:45,990  
We moved to so-called big  
city, which was Munkacs.

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00:03:45,990 --> 00:03:48,630  
By the way, the farm  
was Rakosh, which

91  
00:03:48,630 --> 00:03:52,580  
is 10 kilometers out of the  
city that we finally settled.

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00:03:52,580 --> 00:03:57,920

93  
00:03:57,920 --> 00:03:59,270  
And we visited, of course.

94  
00:03:59,270 --> 00:04:04,300  
We always visited the farm,  
but my father, everyday he

95  
00:04:04,300 --> 00:04:05,680  
went to the farm.

96  
00:04:05,680 --> 00:04:06,280  
From the city.

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00:04:06,280 --> 00:04:07,570  
From this city.

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00:04:07,570 --> 00:04:09,490

What was the reason  
that your family moved?

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00:04:09,490 --> 00:04:10,280

Did you know that?

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00:04:10,280 --> 00:04:12,450

Do you know?

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00:04:12,450 --> 00:04:15,040

I think my mother probably  
and my father both

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00:04:15,040 --> 00:04:17,529

wanted a big city,  
so-called big city.

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00:04:17,529 --> 00:04:19,117

Tell us about the big city.

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00:04:19,117 --> 00:04:20,200

How would you describe it?

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00:04:20,200 --> 00:04:21,519

Well, it was very--

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00:04:21,519 --> 00:04:25,870

Munkacs was a very  
Jewish city, actually.

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00:04:25,870 --> 00:04:28,360

We had-- I can't  
remember how many,

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00:04:28,360 --> 00:04:34,360

but 7,000 or 8,000 Jews, and  
the population was about 25,000.

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00:04:34,360 --> 00:04:36,430

But most people  
were very orthodox,

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00:04:36,430 --> 00:04:42,200  
and the rabbi in Munkacs  
was very quite well known,

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00:04:42,200 --> 00:04:44,860  
whose son-in-law  
still lives in Israel.

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00:04:44,860 --> 00:04:52,900  
And we were religious orthodox,  
but not to the point where--

113

00:04:52,900 --> 00:04:54,220  
we didn't have curls.

114

00:04:54,220 --> 00:04:57,970  
And the we observed Shabbat  
and we observed kosher,

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00:04:57,970 --> 00:05:01,210  
and we were considered orthodox.

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00:05:01,210 --> 00:05:06,690  
And life in Munkacs  
for us was wonderful.

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00:05:06,690 --> 00:05:10,460  
What kind of religious training  
did you specifically have?

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00:05:10,460 --> 00:05:15,490  
Well, in the beginning, I had a  
Hebrew teacher, a Hebrew rabbi

119

00:05:15,490 --> 00:05:17,597  
who came home every day.

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00:05:17,597 --> 00:05:18,180  
To your house?

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00:05:18,180 --> 00:05:20,920  
And he gave us

lessons for an hour,

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00:05:20,920 --> 00:05:22,870

and at which point  
we always moved

123

00:05:22,870 --> 00:05:28,100

the clock ahead so the hour  
became 45 minutes [INAUDIBLE]..

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00:05:28,100 --> 00:05:32,600

And after that, I went to public  
school, elementary school.

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00:05:32,600 --> 00:05:35,320

And after that,  
there was a quota

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00:05:35,320 --> 00:05:41,930

in high school, which was 6%  
at the time, of Jews allowed.

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00:05:41,930 --> 00:05:43,450

Well, before we  
get to high school,

128

00:05:43,450 --> 00:05:46,390

let's talk still a little bit  
about your younger childhood.

129

00:05:46,390 --> 00:05:47,520

We'll get to high school.

130

00:05:47,520 --> 00:05:49,145

You said you went to  
elementary school.

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00:05:49,145 --> 00:05:50,742

This was a public school--

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00:05:50,742 --> 00:05:51,700

It was a public school.

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00:05:51,700 --> 00:05:52,750

--with Jews and non-Jews?

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00:05:52,750 --> 00:05:53,710

Jews and non-Jews.

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00:05:53,710 --> 00:05:56,210

Teachers, Jewish and non-Jewish?

136

00:05:56,210 --> 00:05:58,870

Well, the schooling was very--

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00:05:58,870 --> 00:06:00,550

in the beginning, I

went to Czech school

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00:06:00,550 --> 00:06:05,020

because it was from 1927 to

'38 it was Czechoslovakia.

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00:06:05,020 --> 00:06:07,330

Then in '38 and the

Hungarians came,

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00:06:07,330 --> 00:06:10,750

then we changed schools and

went to Hungarian schools,

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00:06:10,750 --> 00:06:14,140

and at which point

then, right after we

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00:06:14,140 --> 00:06:18,670

went to Hebrew gymnasium, which

I went to the Hebrew gymnasium

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00:06:18,670 --> 00:06:20,560

until the end.

144

00:06:20,560 --> 00:06:24,670

But the friends that we

had were mostly Jews.

145  
00:06:24,670 --> 00:06:27,910  
We usually did not  
socialize with non-Jews,

146  
00:06:27,910 --> 00:06:30,090  
except for just saying hello.

147  
00:06:30,090 --> 00:06:31,897  
But the close friends  
were always Jews.

148  
00:06:31,897 --> 00:06:33,230  
What about in your neighborhood?

149  
00:06:33,230 --> 00:06:36,280  
Did you have neighbors  
who were non-Jews?

150  
00:06:36,280 --> 00:06:37,860  
Were you in a Jewish enclave?

151  
00:06:37,860 --> 00:06:42,230  
No, we had some neighbors that  
the non-Jews, not too many.

152  
00:06:42,230 --> 00:06:44,350  
And the relationship then?

153  
00:06:44,350 --> 00:06:46,600  
It was cordial, cordial.

154  
00:06:46,600 --> 00:06:48,550  
But it wasn't--

155  
00:06:48,550 --> 00:06:49,840  
I never had really--

156  
00:06:49,840 --> 00:06:54,370  
my mother had a very good  
friend who was not Jewish.

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00:06:54,370 --> 00:06:59,650

And later on, I'll tell you  
just what happened to her.

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00:06:59,650 --> 00:07:03,820

But I did not and my sister  
didn't, and we usually

159

00:07:03,820 --> 00:07:05,500

socialized with Jews.

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00:07:05,500 --> 00:07:07,480

Were you interested in sports?

161

00:07:07,480 --> 00:07:13,740

Yes, I played soccer, I played  
tennis, but mostly soccer

162

00:07:13,740 --> 00:07:14,995

and ice skating.

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00:07:14,995 --> 00:07:17,080

Did skiing, swimming.

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00:07:17,080 --> 00:07:20,880

We had a river which was  
called the [INAUDIBLE],, which,

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00:07:20,880 --> 00:07:21,760

as I understand--

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00:07:21,760 --> 00:07:25,335

I haven't been back, but  
I understand it's dry now.

167

00:07:25,335 --> 00:07:26,710

And we used to go  
swimming there.

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00:07:26,710 --> 00:07:29,710

169

00:07:29,710 --> 00:07:33,730

Did you belong to  
any youth groups?

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00:07:33,730 --> 00:07:39,730

I belonged to-- actually, in  
the beginning, I belonged to--

171

00:07:39,730 --> 00:07:42,250

we had the Zionist groups.

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00:07:42,250 --> 00:07:44,465

I belonged to the Betar.

173

00:07:44,465 --> 00:07:46,600

And what kind of things  
did you do in this group?

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00:07:46,600 --> 00:07:49,232

We just met, and it  
was mostly social.

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00:07:49,232 --> 00:07:50,560

It was mostly social.

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00:07:50,560 --> 00:07:51,610

Boys and girls?

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00:07:51,610 --> 00:07:53,123

Boys and girls.

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00:07:53,123 --> 00:07:54,790

Did you live in a  
house or an apartment?

179

00:07:54,790 --> 00:07:56,350

We lived in a house.

180

00:07:56,350 --> 00:07:59,930

In the beginning, we lived in  
an apartment when we moved,

181

00:07:59,930 --> 00:08:03,850  
and then we moved to the house.

182

00:08:03,850 --> 00:08:05,670  
Did you have a very  
strict upbringing?

183

00:08:05,670 --> 00:08:09,760  
Where your parents  
disciplinarians?

184

00:08:09,760 --> 00:08:12,840  
Relatively so, but not  
really, not really.

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00:08:12,840 --> 00:08:13,980  
They were strict.

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00:08:13,980 --> 00:08:16,750  
I mean, in those days,  
everybody was strict, but not--

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00:08:16,750 --> 00:08:22,030  
I didn't find that they  
couldn't make me do things

188

00:08:22,030 --> 00:08:25,600  
that I didn't want to do,  
except for maybe Hebrew

189

00:08:25,600 --> 00:08:29,230  
lessons and things like that.

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00:08:29,230 --> 00:08:30,700  
Did your mother work?

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00:08:30,700 --> 00:08:32,230  
No, but she worked at home.

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00:08:32,230 --> 00:08:34,789  
Yeah, sure.



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00:08:34,789 --> 00:08:43,172

And were there any  
special holidays

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00:08:43,172 --> 00:08:44,630

that you remember,  
anything special

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00:08:44,630 --> 00:08:46,630

you would want to talk  
about of getting together

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00:08:46,630 --> 00:08:49,860

with family or anything  
that stands out

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00:08:49,860 --> 00:08:53,990

in your memory of that time?

198

00:08:53,990 --> 00:08:56,750

Well, just immediately  
what stands out,

199

00:08:56,750 --> 00:09:00,260

I was very close to my  
cousin, one of my cousins,

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00:09:00,260 --> 00:09:04,160

and we used to travel on  
bicycles to the farm, which

201

00:09:04,160 --> 00:09:05,240

was about 10 miles--

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00:09:05,240 --> 00:09:08,420

10 kilometers-- where  
my grandfather lived,

203

00:09:08,420 --> 00:09:15,080

who was, at the  
time, maybe 75 or 77.

204

00:09:15,080 --> 00:09:17,600

And so we visited  
him, and he couldn't

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00:09:17,600 --> 00:09:22,770

understand how a young man can  
drive with a girl together.

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00:09:22,770 --> 00:09:24,110

This was a female cousin?

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00:09:24,110 --> 00:09:28,160

Female cousin, by the way, who  
is here, who is in the States,

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00:09:28,160 --> 00:09:28,660

survived.

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00:09:28,660 --> 00:09:29,410

And her name?

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00:09:29,410 --> 00:09:31,650

Her name is Irene.

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00:09:31,650 --> 00:09:33,410

OK.

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00:09:33,410 --> 00:09:37,820

When did you first notice  
a change in your life?

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00:09:37,820 --> 00:09:40,160

You were 11 years old in 1938.

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00:09:40,160 --> 00:09:43,770

Do you have any  
recollections of things,

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00:09:43,770 --> 00:09:45,020

conditions starting to change?

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00:09:45,020 --> 00:09:48,040

You mean after the  
Hungarians came in?

217  
00:09:48,040 --> 00:09:48,860  
Yeah.

218  
00:09:48,860 --> 00:09:53,600  
Not really, because  
we somehow we were--

219  
00:09:53,600 --> 00:09:55,780  
somehow we never realized just--

220  
00:09:55,780 --> 00:09:57,110  
it's just like here.

221  
00:09:57,110 --> 00:10:01,130  
People don't realize that  
the things are happening.

222  
00:10:01,130 --> 00:10:04,940  
In Serbia, if you ask a  
12-year-old or a 15-year-old

223  
00:10:04,940 --> 00:10:08,560  
about Serbia, most of them, even  
though with television today,

224  
00:10:08,560 --> 00:10:09,950  
we have more news.

225  
00:10:09,950 --> 00:10:12,980  
But I remember my brother  
was four years younger,

226  
00:10:12,980 --> 00:10:15,380  
and he always asked, when  
Hitler spoke, he said,

227  
00:10:15,380 --> 00:10:18,080  
is this good for  
the Jews or bad?

228  
00:10:18,080 --> 00:10:20,390  
So today, possibly,  
a 10-year-old

229  
00:10:20,390 --> 00:10:22,168  
would know whether  
it's good or bad.

230  
00:10:22,168 --> 00:10:22,710  
I don't know.

231  
00:10:22,710 --> 00:10:26,570  
But those days, we were not  
involved with news as much

232  
00:10:26,570 --> 00:10:28,730  
as today.

233  
00:10:28,730 --> 00:10:33,630  
But we cared and we  
knew what was happening,

234  
00:10:33,630 --> 00:10:35,583  
but we didn't believe it.

235  
00:10:35,583 --> 00:10:36,250  
Nobody believed.

236  
00:10:36,250 --> 00:10:39,790  
We didn't believe it until  
1944 when they took us.

237  
00:10:39,790 --> 00:10:41,500  
OK.

238  
00:10:41,500 --> 00:10:44,060  
I mean, granted, you were  
still very young in 1938.

239  
00:10:44,060 --> 00:10:48,590  
Is there any  
incident in 1938 that

240  
00:10:48,590 --> 00:10:56,260  
stands out in regard to this,  
the coming war, the future war?

241  
00:10:56,260 --> 00:10:56,760  
Not really.

242  
00:10:56,760 --> 00:10:58,880  
You felt comfortable  
on the streets?

243  
00:10:58,880 --> 00:10:59,580  
Yes.

244  
00:10:59,580 --> 00:11:01,616  
There were no changes  
as far as that.

245  
00:11:01,616 --> 00:11:05,160  
And 1939?

246  
00:11:05,160 --> 00:11:06,310  
Well, we--

247  
00:11:06,310 --> 00:11:08,440  
Did you sense a changing energy?

248  
00:11:08,440 --> 00:11:10,560  
We sensed a little  
bit, but not too much.

249  
00:11:10,560 --> 00:11:11,070  
In what way?

250  
00:11:11,070 --> 00:11:12,153  
What was the first change?

251  
00:11:12,153 --> 00:11:15,290  
Well, because in Hungary,  
the changes were there,

252

00:11:15,290 --> 00:11:18,690

but we really didn't  
feel it in the cities.

253

00:11:18,690 --> 00:11:22,500

The first change was  
really in 1942 when they--

254

00:11:22,500 --> 00:11:25,170

'41, end of '41, '42--

255

00:11:25,170 --> 00:11:27,750

when they took all the  
Polish Jews and all

256

00:11:27,750 --> 00:11:30,270

the non-Hungarians,  
so-called, and they

257

00:11:30,270 --> 00:11:34,350

deported them to Russia.

258

00:11:34,350 --> 00:11:37,710

And they just took  
all the non-citizens.

259

00:11:37,710 --> 00:11:38,835

From where you were living?

260

00:11:38,835 --> 00:11:40,270

From where I was living.

261

00:11:40,270 --> 00:11:41,388

From where I was living.

262

00:11:41,388 --> 00:11:41,930

So up to '19--

263

00:11:41,930 --> 00:11:43,750

And they deported them  
to Russia or Poland.

264

00:11:43,750 --> 00:11:46,530

But up to 1942, life went  
on for you as a little boy.

265

00:11:46,530 --> 00:11:49,690

I was very young  
at the time, yes.

266

00:11:49,690 --> 00:11:51,230

Everything was more  
or less normal.

267

00:11:51,230 --> 00:11:52,270

Normal.

268

00:11:52,270 --> 00:11:53,535

What about your bar mitzvah?

269

00:11:53,535 --> 00:11:54,660

Did you have a bar mitzvah?

270

00:11:54,660 --> 00:11:55,260

I had a bar mitzvah.

271

00:11:55,260 --> 00:11:55,760

It was 1940.

272

00:11:55,760 --> 00:11:59,680

I had four friends,  
and we had peanuts.

273

00:11:59,680 --> 00:12:01,890

That was the bar  
mitzvah, and then we--

274

00:12:01,890 --> 00:12:05,440

of course, the temples were  
very orthodox, all temples.

275

00:12:05,440 --> 00:12:08,190

There were no reformed temples.

276

00:12:08,190 --> 00:12:11,820

So every Saturday  
we went to temple,

277

00:12:11,820 --> 00:12:19,050

and we usually stayed outside  
and the children played.

278

00:12:19,050 --> 00:12:24,010

And fathers stayed inside  
and mothers stayed home.

279

00:12:24,010 --> 00:12:27,652

So the women, as I remember,  
they didn't go to--

280

00:12:27,652 --> 00:12:29,610

I don't remember my mother  
going to the temple,

281

00:12:29,610 --> 00:12:31,130

except on holidays.

282

00:12:31,130 --> 00:12:32,460

But your bar mitzvah--

283

00:12:32,460 --> 00:12:33,487

My bar mitzvah was--

284

00:12:33,487 --> 00:12:34,320

--went off smoothly?

285

00:12:34,320 --> 00:12:36,450

Yes.

286

00:12:36,450 --> 00:12:37,620

OK.

287

00:12:37,620 --> 00:12:41,250

And now let's move up  
a year or so or two.



288

00:12:41,250 --> 00:12:45,210

So 1942, when you  
were almost 15.

289

00:12:45,210 --> 00:12:47,990

In 19-- well, then we started--

290

00:12:47,990 --> 00:12:51,700

no, I was about almost 15.

291

00:12:51,700 --> 00:12:55,260

Almost 15, yeah.

292

00:12:55,260 --> 00:12:59,640

Well, then I-- we  
usually did not

293

00:12:59,640 --> 00:13:04,560

think of other things in social  
school and social parties,

294

00:13:04,560 --> 00:13:08,290

and we used to have a  
big group of children.

295

00:13:08,290 --> 00:13:10,740

And I would think  
that we were not

296

00:13:10,740 --> 00:13:14,940

too concerned what was happening  
the world at the time, which

297

00:13:14,940 --> 00:13:18,930

is, I think-- it happened not  
only with me, but with all

298

00:13:18,930 --> 00:13:20,210

the children.

299

00:13:20,210 --> 00:13:22,450

We used to have parties and

we used to get together.

300

00:13:22,450 --> 00:13:27,085

We used to take trips, day trips  
to the mountains and swimming.

301

00:13:27,085 --> 00:13:28,210

And so you don't remember--

302

00:13:28,210 --> 00:13:29,640

Well, certainly  
the social aspect,

303

00:13:29,640 --> 00:13:31,470

but I don't remember  
anything of the--

304

00:13:31,470 --> 00:13:32,340

Restrictions.

305

00:13:32,340 --> 00:13:35,820

--any restrictions, except for  
school where we couldn't-- we

306

00:13:35,820 --> 00:13:39,630

were limited as far as how many  
children can get into a high

307

00:13:39,630 --> 00:13:40,398

school.

308

00:13:40,398 --> 00:13:41,440

Because of your religion.

309

00:13:41,440 --> 00:13:42,440

Because of the religion.

310

00:13:42,440 --> 00:13:43,590

How did that make you feel?

311

00:13:43,590 --> 00:13:47,010

312  
00:13:47,010 --> 00:13:49,140  
I think we were living  
with it, and it was just

313  
00:13:49,140 --> 00:13:52,260  
like a natural  
occurrence at the time.

314  
00:13:52,260 --> 00:13:55,410  
I wasn't-- today, we  
would be bothered.

315  
00:13:55,410 --> 00:13:58,220  
We were bothered, but  
not to the degree that--

316  
00:13:58,220 --> 00:14:01,200  
today, I look at it  
differently, of course.

317  
00:14:01,200 --> 00:14:04,030  
But no, it didn't--  
we just changed.

318  
00:14:04,030 --> 00:14:08,890  
We went to Hebrew school, but  
we really never associated

319  
00:14:08,890 --> 00:14:10,870  
with non-Jews at the time.

320  
00:14:10,870 --> 00:14:14,785  
And what kind of courses did  
you take in the gymnasium?

321  
00:14:14,785 --> 00:14:18,210  
I think it was  
math, Latin, Hebrew.

322  
00:14:18,210 --> 00:14:19,950  
In the Hebrew gymnasium,  
it was Hebrew,

323  
00:14:19,950 --> 00:14:24,200  
Hebrew history, Hungarian.

324  
00:14:24,200 --> 00:14:27,122  
But most classes were in Hebrew.

325  
00:14:27,122 --> 00:14:28,770  
And how much  
information did you get

326  
00:14:28,770 --> 00:14:33,420  
from the daily paper about what  
was happening, about Hitler?

327  
00:14:33,420 --> 00:14:35,940  
We got very little  
because it was--

328  
00:14:35,940 --> 00:14:39,780  
they never did a pro-Hitler  
anything, the Hungarians,

329  
00:14:39,780 --> 00:14:40,530  
and the Jewish--

330  
00:14:40,530 --> 00:14:42,780  
I didn't read the Jewish papers.

331  
00:14:42,780 --> 00:14:44,827  
I didn't read Jewish.

332  
00:14:44,827 --> 00:14:47,160  
They had Jewish papers, but  
I didn't read Jewish papers.

333  
00:14:47,160 --> 00:14:49,577  
By the way, what languages or  
what language did you speak?

334  
00:14:49,577 --> 00:14:53,415  
We spoke-- well, even

when we were young

335

00:14:53,415 --> 00:14:54,540  
and it was Czechoslovakian.

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00:14:54,540 --> 00:14:56,440  
When I was born, it  
was Czechoslovakia.

337

00:14:56,440 --> 00:14:59,250  
We still spoke  
Hungarian, and my mother

338

00:14:59,250 --> 00:15:02,680  
was always very Hungarian  
very nationalistic.

339

00:15:02,680 --> 00:15:05,490

340

00:15:05,490 --> 00:15:10,200  
But we spoke Hungarian  
and German, some German.

341

00:15:10,200 --> 00:15:13,290  
My grandmother lived  
with us after 1938,

342

00:15:13,290 --> 00:15:15,202  
so she spoke German mostly.

343

00:15:15,202 --> 00:15:16,410  
So we spoke to her in German.

344

00:15:16,410 --> 00:15:17,535  
So you were fluent in both.

345

00:15:17,535 --> 00:15:20,070  
But at home we were fluent in  
German, Hungarian, and then

346

00:15:20,070 --> 00:15:25,980

in Czech because I went to  
Czech schools, so I spoke Czech.

347  
00:15:25,980 --> 00:15:30,390  
And our friends, we  
only spoke Hungarian.

348  
00:15:30,390 --> 00:15:34,050  
Even in Hebrew school,  
we spoke Hungarian.

349  
00:15:34,050 --> 00:15:37,245  
We always hoped to go to  
Israel eventually, secretly.

350  
00:15:37,245 --> 00:15:40,410

351  
00:15:40,410 --> 00:15:42,250  
We being your family.

352  
00:15:42,250 --> 00:15:44,640  
No, no, the children, the youth.

353  
00:15:44,640 --> 00:15:46,510  
The youth always spoke about it.

354  
00:15:46,510 --> 00:15:49,930  
And that's why today I probably  
wouldn't belong to that group.

355  
00:15:49,930 --> 00:15:54,900  
But the Betar was  
always a radical group.

356  
00:15:54,900 --> 00:15:57,110  
Were you a member of  
that when you were--

357  
00:15:57,110 --> 00:15:58,462  
what age were you when you--

358

00:15:58,462 --> 00:16:00,420

But I think I wasn't a  
member because of belief

359

00:16:00,420 --> 00:16:02,835

as much as because it  
was a social kind of--

360

00:16:02,835 --> 00:16:05,980

361

00:16:05,980 --> 00:16:06,480

OK.

362

00:16:06,480 --> 00:16:12,300

It's 1942, and you're in  
gymnasium and life is going on.

363

00:16:12,300 --> 00:16:14,690

Actually, in 1942, I  
was not in gymnasium.

364

00:16:14,690 --> 00:16:18,630

In '42, I was in  
Hungarian high school,

365

00:16:18,630 --> 00:16:23,280

and then I went into the  
gymnasium later on, in 1943.

366

00:16:23,280 --> 00:16:23,810

OK.

367

00:16:23,810 --> 00:16:24,810

So things were going on.

368

00:16:24,810 --> 00:16:30,470

So things were going on, and  
the change really came in 1943--

369

00:16:30,470 --> 00:16:33,510

in '44 when the  
Hungarians came in.

370  
00:16:33,510 --> 00:16:36,000  
Anything in 1943 that  
you wanted to put--

371  
00:16:36,000 --> 00:16:38,850  
Well, there was nothing  
that drastic that

372  
00:16:38,850 --> 00:16:43,890  
happened, except we were  
always listening to news.

373  
00:16:43,890 --> 00:16:46,710  
I remember my parents  
were always listening.

374  
00:16:46,710 --> 00:16:48,210  
Did you sense that  
they were getting

375  
00:16:48,210 --> 00:16:49,740  
more tense, more concerned?

376  
00:16:49,740 --> 00:16:50,730  
Well, they were.

377  
00:16:50,730 --> 00:16:54,180  
I mean, we spoke about it, and  
there were some of the Jews

378  
00:16:54,180 --> 00:16:57,810  
have gotten papers,  
Christian papers,

379  
00:16:57,810 --> 00:16:59,960  
and they moved to Budapest.

380  
00:16:59,960 --> 00:17:05,130  
And they were trying to live  
as non-Jews at the time so that

381



00:17:05,130 --> 00:17:07,829  
they can escape should  
something happen because we were

382  
00:17:07,829 --> 00:17:09,180  
the last--

383  
00:17:09,180 --> 00:17:11,682  
I mean, everywhere else  
the Germans moved in.

384  
00:17:11,682 --> 00:17:13,890  
And we didn't have the  
Germans because the Hungarians

385  
00:17:13,890 --> 00:17:16,740  
were allies with the  
Germans at the time.

386  
00:17:16,740 --> 00:17:18,869  
But in March, they moved in.

387  
00:17:18,869 --> 00:17:22,680  
They came in, and that's  
when all hell broke loose.

388  
00:17:22,680 --> 00:17:23,400  
OK.

389  
00:17:23,400 --> 00:17:25,900  
Now let's talk about the first--

390  
00:17:25,900 --> 00:17:29,400  
Well, everything happened  
very fast because as soon

391  
00:17:29,400 --> 00:17:30,720  
as the Germans came in--

392  
00:17:30,720 --> 00:17:36,900  
now, prior to that, of  
course, we had a farm,

393

00:17:36,900 --> 00:17:39,870  
and we were never liquid  
because if you have a farm,

394

00:17:39,870 --> 00:17:42,600  
then money is always invested.

395

00:17:42,600 --> 00:17:45,660  
So even if you wanted  
to make a major move,

396

00:17:45,660 --> 00:17:47,520  
we couldn't have at the time.

397

00:17:47,520 --> 00:17:50,387  
And you couldn't sell land,  
you couldn't sell real estate.

398

00:17:50,387 --> 00:17:52,470  
So Jews couldn't sell  
because there were no buyers

399

00:17:52,470 --> 00:17:54,420  
and you couldn't sell it.

400

00:17:54,420 --> 00:18:00,240  
So in 1944, everything was  
taken away, the houses.

401

00:18:00,240 --> 00:18:03,021  
We moved-- they moved  
us into a ghetto.

402

00:18:03,021 --> 00:18:04,570  
Is this around March?

403

00:18:04,570 --> 00:18:07,050  
This was around-- no, the  
Germans came in March,

404

00:18:07,050 --> 00:18:09,540  
and this was in

April, end of April.

405

00:18:09,540 --> 00:18:12,280

Germans were in for  
about six weeks.

406

00:18:12,280 --> 00:18:14,280

Do you remember seeing  
them come into your town?

407

00:18:14,280 --> 00:18:16,790

408

00:18:16,790 --> 00:18:18,930

I don't remember-- I  
remember seeing them,

409

00:18:18,930 --> 00:18:20,740

but I don't remember  
seeing them march in.

410

00:18:20,740 --> 00:18:21,240

Yeah.

411

00:18:21,240 --> 00:18:22,657

But I meant, you  
saw them come in?

412

00:18:22,657 --> 00:18:23,760

I saw them, but very few.

413

00:18:23,760 --> 00:18:25,370

There were very  
few that came in.

414

00:18:25,370 --> 00:18:28,500

It wasn't, like, an army that  
came in, just a few Germans.

415

00:18:28,500 --> 00:18:31,140

As a 16-year-old,  
what were your--

416

00:18:31,140 --> 00:18:32,640

We were concerned,  
of course, and we

417

00:18:32,640 --> 00:18:33,932

moved from a comfortable house.

418

00:18:33,932 --> 00:18:36,200

We were taken to a ghetto.

419

00:18:36,200 --> 00:18:38,680

But first, we had  
to put on stars.

420

00:18:38,680 --> 00:18:40,680

Little by little, they  
started taking businesses

421

00:18:40,680 --> 00:18:44,315

away one week, and the next week  
you had to put Jewish stars on.

422

00:18:44,315 --> 00:18:46,190

How did you feel about  
wearing a Jewish star?

423

00:18:46,190 --> 00:18:48,120

It didn't feel good.

424

00:18:48,120 --> 00:18:50,580

We didn't feel good because--

425

00:18:50,580 --> 00:18:52,170

of course we didn't feel good.

426

00:18:52,170 --> 00:18:56,400

It was a very bad feeling, but  
everything happened so fast

427

00:18:56,400 --> 00:18:59,500

that you had no  
time to really feel.

428  
00:18:59,500 --> 00:19:01,430  
It wasn't that got used to it.

429  
00:19:01,430 --> 00:19:04,380  
There was no question of getting  
used to it because you didn't.

430  
00:19:04,380 --> 00:19:06,360  
What were the  
first restrictions,

431  
00:19:06,360 --> 00:19:07,850  
that you had to wear the star?

432  
00:19:07,850 --> 00:19:08,940  
We had to wear the star.

433  
00:19:08,940 --> 00:19:09,940  
Were there any other  
restrictions on--

434  
00:19:09,940 --> 00:19:11,070  
Jews couldn't have businesses.

435  
00:19:11,070 --> 00:19:12,330  
They took the businesses away.

436  
00:19:12,330 --> 00:19:17,250

437  
00:19:17,250 --> 00:19:18,900  
Of course, we  
didn't go to school.

438  
00:19:18,900 --> 00:19:21,260  
The schools were closed.

439  
00:19:21,260 --> 00:19:25,770  
The Jewish gymnasium was  
a very well-known school.

440

00:19:25,770 --> 00:19:30,450

It was one of the schools  
that started in 1924,

441

00:19:30,450 --> 00:19:34,540

and it developed into  
a very fine school,

442

00:19:34,540 --> 00:19:38,450

and people from all over  
the country came to Munkacs.

443

00:19:38,450 --> 00:19:41,600

Anyway, they closed that.

444

00:19:41,600 --> 00:19:43,800

How did you feel about  
having your school closed?

445

00:19:43,800 --> 00:19:44,400

Bad.

446

00:19:44,400 --> 00:19:46,095

I mean, not only the  
school, you didn't

447

00:19:46,095 --> 00:19:48,720

care about the school as much as  
the houses, all the neighbors.

448

00:19:48,720 --> 00:19:52,260

Everybody was herded into  
a small area, a ghetto.

449

00:19:52,260 --> 00:19:53,880

This was a ghetto in your town.

450

00:19:53,880 --> 00:19:58,780

In my town, where we stayed  
for about two months--

451

00:19:58,780 --> 00:20:00,990

no, less, about six weeks.

452

00:20:00,990 --> 00:20:03,925

It was until-- we were  
there about four weeks.

453

00:20:03,925 --> 00:20:04,750

In the ghetto.

454

00:20:04,750 --> 00:20:05,792

Were you in an apartment?

455

00:20:05,792 --> 00:20:07,650

We stayed in one house,  
in a small apartment

456

00:20:07,650 --> 00:20:14,580

with other families, who  
also some of them survived.

457

00:20:14,580 --> 00:20:17,090

Did you have enough food?

458

00:20:17,090 --> 00:20:17,960

We had food.

459

00:20:17,960 --> 00:20:20,280

Well, usually, I was in  
one of the groups that

460

00:20:20,280 --> 00:20:23,700

was able to get into  
town to look around

461

00:20:23,700 --> 00:20:24,740

and to bring in food.

462

00:20:24,740 --> 00:20:25,980

How was that possible?

463

00:20:25,980 --> 00:20:27,990

We were never hungry there.

464

00:20:27,990 --> 00:20:29,170

We always had enough food.

465

00:20:29,170 --> 00:20:31,420

But how was it you were able  
to get out of the ghetto?

466

00:20:31,420 --> 00:20:34,640

Because that they had what they  
called a Judenrat, which is--

467

00:20:34,640 --> 00:20:36,310

you know what that is--

468

00:20:36,310 --> 00:20:40,620

a Jewish committee  
representing all the Jews,

469

00:20:40,620 --> 00:20:42,750

which, at the time,  
we were getting

470

00:20:42,750 --> 00:20:47,550

favours from the Germans, and  
so they would tell us whatever

471

00:20:47,550 --> 00:20:50,220

the Germans wanted us to know.

472

00:20:50,220 --> 00:20:53,790

And they constantly told  
us that this is temporary

473

00:20:53,790 --> 00:20:56,820

and that we are going to  
go to Hungary to a work

474

00:20:56,820 --> 00:21:01,800

camp, and just a relocation and  
we are not going to-- nothing

475



00:21:01,800 --> 00:21:03,940  
would happen to us.

476  
00:21:03,940 --> 00:21:06,700  
But of course, we knew--  
well, we didn't know.

477  
00:21:06,700 --> 00:21:08,840  
We hoped because the  
Jews always hope.

478  
00:21:08,840 --> 00:21:12,820  
So we hoped that it's true.

479  
00:21:12,820 --> 00:21:16,560  
And that's what happened.

480  
00:21:16,560 --> 00:21:18,845  
Was there a wall  
around the ghetto?

481  
00:21:18,845 --> 00:21:20,130  
No, there were gates.

482  
00:21:20,130 --> 00:21:21,940  
No, not a wall, just gates.

483  
00:21:21,940 --> 00:21:24,070  
We couldn't get out, the guards.

484  
00:21:24,070 --> 00:21:26,200  
We couldn't get out.

485  
00:21:26,200 --> 00:21:32,670  
And so the food was  
enough, and then everybody

486  
00:21:32,670 --> 00:21:33,550  
was hiding jewelry.

487  
00:21:33,550 --> 00:21:36,640  
And people that had jewelry,

they dug holes in the ground

488

00:21:36,640 --> 00:21:40,270  
and were hiding all their  
jewels and valuables.

489

00:21:40,270 --> 00:21:45,190  
What did you as a  
16-year-old, 16-, 17-year-old,

490

00:21:45,190 --> 00:21:47,620  
take with you into the  
ghetto from your house?

491

00:21:47,620 --> 00:21:50,990  
Well, we took clothes, mostly.

492

00:21:50,990 --> 00:21:56,110  
The valuables we  
dug into the ground,

493

00:21:56,110 --> 00:21:58,810  
whatever silver and things  
like that, which we never

494

00:21:58,810 --> 00:22:00,610  
found after.

495

00:22:00,610 --> 00:22:03,610  
And we took clothes,  
mostly, and food.

496

00:22:03,610 --> 00:22:07,610  
Did you yourself take anything  
special that belonged to you?

497

00:22:07,610 --> 00:22:08,220  
No.

498

00:22:08,220 --> 00:22:09,090  
No.

499

00:22:09,090 --> 00:22:10,700  
You mean to the ghetto?

500  
00:22:10,700 --> 00:22:11,560  
Yeah, to the ghetto.

501  
00:22:11,560 --> 00:22:14,910  
Nothing that I remember  
that meant much.

502  
00:22:14,910 --> 00:22:18,570  
But ultimately, from the ghetto,  
we couldn't take anything.

503  
00:22:18,570 --> 00:22:21,340

504  
00:22:21,340 --> 00:22:23,500  
Were you able to sleep  
well in the ghetto?

505  
00:22:23,500 --> 00:22:24,950  
In the ghetto?

506  
00:22:24,950 --> 00:22:29,420  
Well, you had so much  
excitement that we slept.

507  
00:22:29,420 --> 00:22:34,080  
But life in the ghetto  
wasn't good, wasn't good.

508  
00:22:34,080 --> 00:22:35,710  
People very frightened?

509  
00:22:35,710 --> 00:22:39,640  
People were frightened of what  
will happen, and we all knew.

510  
00:22:39,640 --> 00:22:42,090  
But we heard stories.

511

00:22:42,090 --> 00:22:44,620

I'll come back to  
'42 for a minute.

512

00:22:44,620 --> 00:22:46,780

There was a family,  
a Polish family,

513

00:22:46,780 --> 00:22:53,830

that was deported to  
Poland, four children, four

514

00:22:53,830 --> 00:22:56,110

girls, and parents.

515

00:22:56,110 --> 00:22:58,810

And they came  
back, they escaped.

516

00:22:58,810 --> 00:23:00,520

And they came back  
and told us stories

517

00:23:00,520 --> 00:23:04,912

about how the Earth is moving  
and the people were underneath.

518

00:23:04,912 --> 00:23:06,070

Who would believe--

519

00:23:06,070 --> 00:23:06,940

I was 15.

520

00:23:06,940 --> 00:23:09,100

Would I believe that  
people would do that?

521

00:23:09,100 --> 00:23:11,950

So we never believed them, so  
we thought they were stories.

522

00:23:11,950 --> 00:23:14,560

But of course, we found

out later it was true.

523

00:23:14,560 --> 00:23:18,070

And these people have  
gotten non-Jewish papers

524

00:23:18,070 --> 00:23:22,030

and all kinds of gimmicks,  
and they all survive.

525

00:23:22,030 --> 00:23:24,980

They all went to Budapest  
and they all survived.

526

00:23:24,980 --> 00:23:28,420

Eventually, they went to  
Israel, and the man just died.

527

00:23:28,420 --> 00:23:29,270

He was 96.

528

00:23:29,270 --> 00:23:30,290

And what was their name?

529

00:23:30,290 --> 00:23:31,550

Eneman.

530

00:23:31,550 --> 00:23:39,050

E-N-A-- E-N-E-M-A-N.

531

00:23:39,050 --> 00:23:41,320

So here you are in the ghetto.

532

00:23:41,320 --> 00:23:42,490

And what did you do?

533

00:23:42,490 --> 00:23:45,860

What was a day like in  
the ghetto, typical day?

534

00:23:45,860 --> 00:23:50,310

A typical day was just

trying to get food

535

00:23:50,310 --> 00:23:53,780

and trying to find out news  
as to where we were going

536

00:23:53,780 --> 00:23:55,900

or what will happen.

537

00:23:55,900 --> 00:24:01,056

And if I remember, even  
had a holiday there.

538

00:24:01,056 --> 00:24:04,290

We even had-- but  
it's not very clear.

539

00:24:04,290 --> 00:24:05,030

Passover?

540

00:24:05,030 --> 00:24:07,170

Yes, but it's not  
clear just what we did.

541

00:24:07,170 --> 00:24:08,910

How was your health then?

542

00:24:08,910 --> 00:24:09,428

It was good.

543

00:24:09,428 --> 00:24:10,470

And your family's health?

544

00:24:10,470 --> 00:24:11,670

My family's health was good.

545

00:24:11,670 --> 00:24:14,880

My grandmother was  
with us constantly.

546

00:24:14,880 --> 00:24:16,800

She was 72, she was very ill--

547

00:24:16,800 --> 00:24:17,670

I mean, always ill.

548

00:24:17,670 --> 00:24:23,100

She had gallbladder  
problems, but she came along

549

00:24:23,100 --> 00:24:24,870

and she was with  
us in the ghetto.

550

00:24:24,870 --> 00:24:27,810

How many people were in  
your ghetto apartment?

551

00:24:27,810 --> 00:24:32,090

In our ghetto, we  
were six of us,

552

00:24:32,090 --> 00:24:34,570

and they had about  
six or eight people.

553

00:24:34,570 --> 00:24:36,900

So probably, in a two  
bedroom apartment,

554

00:24:36,900 --> 00:24:41,530

we had about 12 people,  
two or three bedrooms.

555

00:24:41,530 --> 00:24:43,210

So that went on for six weeks.

556

00:24:43,210 --> 00:24:46,740

That around from  
four to six weeks.

557

00:24:46,740 --> 00:24:49,500

In May, of course, we  
were taken to the--

558

00:24:49,500 --> 00:24:57,540  
after the ghetto, we were taken  
to the brick factory, which was

559

00:24:57,540 --> 00:24:59,460  
about two miles out of town.

560

00:24:59,460 --> 00:25:01,260  
When you say "we,"  
the whole family?

561

00:25:01,260 --> 00:25:03,720  
The family,  
everybody, the whole--

562

00:25:03,720 --> 00:25:06,870  
all of us, all the  
Jews, the whole ghetto.

563

00:25:06,870 --> 00:25:07,980  
How did you know--

564

00:25:07,980 --> 00:25:09,930  
how did you hear that  
you had to go to the--

565

00:25:09,930 --> 00:25:11,355  
How did we hear?

566

00:25:11,355 --> 00:25:13,440  
Well, you couldn't  
help but hearing.

567

00:25:13,440 --> 00:25:18,450  
4:00 in the morning, the  
police came in, the Hungarian--

568

00:25:18,450 --> 00:25:19,428  
what do you call them?

569

00:25:19,428 --> 00:25:20,220  
They had a feather.



570  
00:25:20,220 --> 00:25:21,878  
Arrow Cross?

571  
00:25:21,878 --> 00:25:22,920  
They weren't Arrow Cross.

572  
00:25:22,920 --> 00:25:25,950  
It was the gendarmes.

573  
00:25:25,950 --> 00:25:29,130  
And they came in, and they  
started beating everybody,

574  
00:25:29,130 --> 00:25:33,100  
and out, and you're  
going to be moving.

575  
00:25:33,100 --> 00:25:36,300  
So then we walked  
the 2 kilometers.

576  
00:25:36,300 --> 00:25:37,830  
Do you remember any  
thoughts you had

577  
00:25:37,830 --> 00:25:39,540  
on that night, that  
part of the morning?

578  
00:25:39,540 --> 00:25:43,130  
No, it was you just--

579  
00:25:43,130 --> 00:25:44,550  
well, you just  
wanted to survive.

580  
00:25:44,550 --> 00:25:47,788  
You just didn't want to be hit  
because they were very bad.

581  
00:25:47,788 --> 00:25:49,580

They were worse than  
the Germans, actually.

582  
00:25:49,580 --> 00:25:51,720  
These were Hungarians.

583  
00:25:51,720 --> 00:25:53,820  
I think, all  
through this time, I

584  
00:25:53,820 --> 00:25:56,680  
have seen maybe four or five  
Germans because most of them

585  
00:25:56,680 --> 00:25:58,560  
were Hungarians.

586  
00:25:58,560 --> 00:26:00,310  
And they were part  
of the Arrow Cross,

587  
00:26:00,310 --> 00:26:01,560  
but it wasn't the Arrow Cross.

588  
00:26:01,560 --> 00:26:04,902  
It was the police, actually,  
group of the police.

589  
00:26:04,902 --> 00:26:06,610  
And how did you get  
to the brick factory?

590  
00:26:06,610 --> 00:26:07,440  
We walked.

591  
00:26:07,440 --> 00:26:10,230  
Well, we were all  
consolidated on marketplace,

592  
00:26:10,230 --> 00:26:12,030  
and then we just  
marched to the brick

593

00:26:12,030 --> 00:26:13,358  
factory, whoever could make it.

594

00:26:13,358 --> 00:26:14,900  
There's one man who  
couldn't make it.

595

00:26:14,900 --> 00:26:16,920  
They just shot him.

596

00:26:16,920 --> 00:26:18,570  
Did you see that?

597

00:26:18,570 --> 00:26:21,750  
No, I didn't see  
it, but I heard it.

598

00:26:21,750 --> 00:26:23,380  
And they were very ruthless.

599

00:26:23,380 --> 00:26:27,510  
They were really-- beginning,  
starting from then,

600

00:26:27,510 --> 00:26:29,710  
it became bad.

601

00:26:29,710 --> 00:26:33,120  
So then in the brick factory,  
once we arrived there--

602

00:26:33,120 --> 00:26:36,710  
How long did it take you to  
get to the brick factory?

603

00:26:36,710 --> 00:26:39,745  
A couple of hours,  
two, three hours.

604

00:26:39,745 --> 00:26:42,180  
It was the whole day because  
until they accumulated us

605  
00:26:42,180 --> 00:26:43,300  
and until we started.

606  
00:26:43,300 --> 00:26:45,540  
And what did your  
family take with them?

607  
00:26:45,540 --> 00:26:48,150  
Well, we mostly  
took food, mostly,

608  
00:26:48,150 --> 00:26:50,860  
and then we took  
clothes, some clothing.

609  
00:26:50,860 --> 00:26:54,120  
It was summertime, so we just  
took some clothing, whatever we

610  
00:26:54,120 --> 00:26:57,280  
could carry, but mostly food.

611  
00:26:57,280 --> 00:27:00,960  
And I remember my brother  
always asked when Hitler spoke--

612  
00:27:00,960 --> 00:27:02,490  
I didn't mention it before--

613  
00:27:02,490 --> 00:27:04,500  
it this good for the  
Jews or bad for the Jews?

614  
00:27:04,500 --> 00:27:08,610

615  
00:27:08,610 --> 00:27:09,110  
All right.

616  
00:27:09,110 --> 00:27:11,280  
So the brick factory,

we had the groups

617

00:27:11,280 --> 00:27:14,130  
of people that were in charge.

618

00:27:14,130 --> 00:27:18,210  
So I was in charge  
of my section.

619

00:27:18,210 --> 00:27:22,160  
And I remember the girl that  
I used to like at the time,

620

00:27:22,160 --> 00:27:26,320  
her father came to me, says,  
take good care of my daughter.

621

00:27:26,320 --> 00:27:29,100  
But they all-- none  
of them survived.

622

00:27:29,100 --> 00:27:33,630  
So there were families  
that were totally, totally

623

00:27:33,630 --> 00:27:35,610  
died, complete families.

624

00:27:35,610 --> 00:27:38,500  
They had no-- there's no  
memory, there's no nothing.

625

00:27:38,500 --> 00:27:40,790  
There's a family in the  
farm there were a father--

626

00:27:40,790 --> 00:27:43,260  
there was parents and a son.

627

00:27:43,260 --> 00:27:45,180  
They died, and just no--

628

00:27:45,180 --> 00:27:46,500  
nothing.

629  
00:27:46,500 --> 00:27:48,000  
And they had  
brothers and sisters,

630  
00:27:48,000 --> 00:27:49,750  
they all died, and  
there was nothing left.

631  
00:27:49,750 --> 00:27:52,530

632  
00:27:52,530 --> 00:27:56,267  
So anyway, we stayed  
there for a few days.

633  
00:27:56,267 --> 00:27:56,850  
How many days?

634  
00:27:56,850 --> 00:27:59,960  
I don't remember how many  
days, but a few days.

635  
00:27:59,960 --> 00:28:01,650  
What was the tenor?

636  
00:28:01,650 --> 00:28:02,180  
We had food.

637  
00:28:02,180 --> 00:28:04,500  
But the first thing  
that the Germans did--

638  
00:28:04,500 --> 00:28:07,350  
the Germans, the  
Hungarians, actually.

639  
00:28:07,350 --> 00:28:10,140  
They took all our  
identifications

640

00:28:10,140 --> 00:28:12,912  
and they made a bonfire.

641

00:28:12,912 --> 00:28:14,370  
So then we said,  
well, how would we

642

00:28:14,370 --> 00:28:18,810  
go to Hungary for resettlement  
if we had no papers?

643

00:28:18,810 --> 00:28:22,140  
You couldn't walk on the  
streets without identification.

644

00:28:22,140 --> 00:28:28,020  
So then they started suspecting  
that something is happening

645

00:28:28,020 --> 00:28:30,840  
and that really are  
not going to live.

646

00:28:30,840 --> 00:28:34,200  
But the Jews are always  
hopeful, so we hoped.

647

00:28:34,200 --> 00:28:37,260  
But that's the  
time that we really

648

00:28:37,260 --> 00:28:38,790  
started feeling very bad.

649

00:28:38,790 --> 00:28:42,690  
And they said, well,  
you don't need it

650

00:28:42,690 --> 00:28:47,330  
We will go to [INAUDIBLE],,  
which is a Hungarian farm area,

651

00:28:47,330 --> 00:28:51,120  
and we're going to be resettled  
and we're going to live there.

652  
00:28:51,120 --> 00:28:53,730  
And of course, that  
never materialized

653  
00:28:53,730 --> 00:28:57,830  
because then there  
were three transports

654  
00:28:57,830 --> 00:29:03,390  
and then we were  
resettled to Auschwitz.

655  
00:29:03,390 --> 00:29:04,980  
Could you just  
describe a little bit

656  
00:29:04,980 --> 00:29:08,130  
about the conditions  
in the brick factory?

657  
00:29:08,130 --> 00:29:10,860  
Well, of course, the bathrooms--

658  
00:29:10,860 --> 00:29:13,320  
I mean, we had  
thousands of people,

659  
00:29:13,320 --> 00:29:17,880  
and certainly there was no--

660  
00:29:17,880 --> 00:29:21,890  
the only interest we had was how  
to get food and how to escape.

661  
00:29:21,890 --> 00:29:24,360  
But at that point,  
there was no escape

662  
00:29:24,360 --> 00:29:27,030



because there was just  
no place to escape.

663  
00:29:27,030 --> 00:29:28,220  
And the neighbors--

664  
00:29:28,220 --> 00:29:31,110  
Did you yourself, as a young  
teenager, think about escaping?

665  
00:29:31,110 --> 00:29:33,630  
We thought about it, but  
we always wanted the family

666  
00:29:33,630 --> 00:29:34,530  
to be together.

667  
00:29:34,530 --> 00:29:37,080  
In fact, my sister  
was in Budapest

668  
00:29:37,080 --> 00:29:39,480  
and she was studying  
in Budapest.

669  
00:29:39,480 --> 00:29:42,120  
And when the Germans  
came in March,

670  
00:29:42,120 --> 00:29:45,120  
she decided to come back to  
be together with the family

671  
00:29:45,120 --> 00:29:46,977  
so that the families  
would be together,

672  
00:29:46,977 --> 00:29:49,560  
which was a mistake because it  
should have been that everybody

673  
00:29:49,560 --> 00:29:50,640  
should be on their own.

674  
00:29:50,640 --> 00:29:52,890  
And it took her-- in fact,  
it took her about two weeks

675  
00:29:52,890 --> 00:29:58,270  
to come home to be with us.

676  
00:29:58,270 --> 00:30:00,600  
And would she have  
stayed in Budapest,

677  
00:30:00,600 --> 00:30:05,100  
she would have probably survived  
there because many of the Jews

678  
00:30:05,100 --> 00:30:09,293  
have gotten papers there  
and they just survived.

679  
00:30:09,293 --> 00:30:10,710  
So she came back,  
and then she was

680  
00:30:10,710 --> 00:30:14,310  
with us in the brick factory, of  
course, and she was-- but would

681  
00:30:14,310 --> 00:30:17,880  
she have not come home, my  
mother wouldn't have survived.

682  
00:30:17,880 --> 00:30:20,610  
What did you do in  
the brick factory?

683  
00:30:20,610 --> 00:30:22,660  
In the brick factory,  
we just-- nothing.

684  
00:30:22,660 --> 00:30:23,270  
Sat?

685

00:30:23,270 --> 00:30:25,845

We just sat around and  
we just waited to be--

686

00:30:25,845 --> 00:30:27,670

for the next step.

687

00:30:27,670 --> 00:30:28,620

Which was?

688

00:30:28,620 --> 00:30:33,100

Which was the  
transportation to Auschwitz.

689

00:30:33,100 --> 00:30:35,250

And well, I've just  
neglected to say something.

690

00:30:35,250 --> 00:30:38,760

My grandfather, who  
was 83 years old,

691

00:30:38,760 --> 00:30:43,560

also was brought in from  
the outside of town.

692

00:30:43,560 --> 00:30:47,640

Many of the Jews were brought  
in from the little villages

693

00:30:47,640 --> 00:30:49,470

into Munkacs, which  
was the big city,

694

00:30:49,470 --> 00:30:51,900

and the transports  
took place there.

695

00:30:51,900 --> 00:30:55,710

And so he was brought in, and  
actually, he was beaten up.

696

00:30:55,710 --> 00:30:57,780

And his beard--  
he had the beard.

697

00:30:57,780 --> 00:30:59,940

They pulled his beard  
out, and he was bleeding.

698

00:30:59,940 --> 00:31:01,680

I mean, he ended  
up in Auschwitz,

699

00:31:01,680 --> 00:31:03,720

but he died, of  
course, the first day.

700

00:31:03,720 --> 00:31:06,600

But he was brought  
into town from the farm

701

00:31:06,600 --> 00:31:08,550

because he was on a farm.

702

00:31:08,550 --> 00:31:11,080

The farm goes back a few  
generations, actually.

703

00:31:11,080 --> 00:31:12,690

Goes back to his father.

704

00:31:12,690 --> 00:31:21,740

705

00:31:21,740 --> 00:31:24,710

Talking about your  
experiences while your family

706

00:31:24,710 --> 00:31:26,540

was in the brick factory.

707

00:31:26,540 --> 00:31:29,060

And for how long were you there?

708

00:31:29,060 --> 00:31:30,650

We were there just  
for a few days.

709

00:31:30,650 --> 00:31:34,520

And it seemed like a eternity,  
but it was a few days.

710

00:31:34,520 --> 00:31:41,220

And we all hoped that we  
would be sent into Hungary,

711

00:31:41,220 --> 00:31:42,860

but really didn't believe it.

712

00:31:42,860 --> 00:31:44,888

But secretly, one always hoped.

713

00:31:44,888 --> 00:31:46,430

And if he wouldn't  
have had the hope,

714

00:31:46,430 --> 00:31:48,430

then we wouldn't have survived.

715

00:31:48,430 --> 00:31:51,290

But it never materialized  
because no one

716

00:31:51,290 --> 00:31:52,520

was sent to Hungary.

717

00:31:52,520 --> 00:31:55,770

Everyone was sent to Auschwitz  
from the brick factory.

718

00:31:55,770 --> 00:31:58,340

And it was just a temporary  
stop for a few days.

719

00:31:58,340 --> 00:32:00,380

And the food was adequate.

720  
00:32:00,380 --> 00:32:03,080  
There wasn't enough,  
but it was adequate.

721  
00:32:03,080 --> 00:32:06,410  
Were people in general  
helping other people?

722  
00:32:06,410 --> 00:32:10,460  
What was the tenor  
of the feeling there?

723  
00:32:10,460 --> 00:32:13,490  
Yes, the older people,  
parents, our parents,

724  
00:32:13,490 --> 00:32:16,040  
and friends, their  
friends, they seemed

725  
00:32:16,040 --> 00:32:18,080  
to be more pessimistic  
than the youth.

726  
00:32:18,080 --> 00:32:20,100  
The youth was always  
more optimistic.

727  
00:32:20,100 --> 00:32:24,710  
So we always felt, that,  
well, something will happen

728  
00:32:24,710 --> 00:32:26,930  
and this won't take place.

729  
00:32:26,930 --> 00:32:29,820  
And we didn't believe any of  
the stories that we heard.

730  
00:32:29,820 --> 00:32:34,360  
And in fact, I think my parents  
didn't believe it, either.

731  
00:32:34,360 --> 00:32:36,472  
Were people sharing  
food with each other?

732  
00:32:36,472 --> 00:32:37,430  
They were sharing, yes.

733  
00:32:37,430 --> 00:32:38,888  
And was one family  
helping another?

734  
00:32:38,888 --> 00:32:39,900  
They were sharing, yes.

735  
00:32:39,900 --> 00:32:43,260

736  
00:32:43,260 --> 00:32:43,800  
All right.

737  
00:32:43,800 --> 00:32:45,780  
And then your next recollection.

738  
00:32:45,780 --> 00:32:50,940  
My next recollection is  
when they divided the groups

739  
00:32:50,940 --> 00:32:54,150  
and we all took  
trains to Auschwitz,

740  
00:32:54,150 --> 00:32:55,560  
so that was the first group.

741  
00:32:55,560 --> 00:32:57,510  
We happened to take the second.

742  
00:32:57,510 --> 00:32:59,760  
How did they divide them?

743

00:32:59,760 --> 00:33:02,490

Well, they took  
about 80 into a car,

744

00:33:02,490 --> 00:33:04,740

into transport,  
so it was about--

745

00:33:04,740 --> 00:33:08,670

I can't remember how many, but  
to be had between 80 and 100

746

00:33:08,670 --> 00:33:11,697

in one of those cattle cars.

747

00:33:11,697 --> 00:33:12,780

Were you with your family?

748

00:33:12,780 --> 00:33:14,155

We were together  
with our family,

749

00:33:14,155 --> 00:33:15,300

and we were all together.

750

00:33:15,300 --> 00:33:17,700

I mean, the immediate  
family, immediate family

751

00:33:17,700 --> 00:33:20,080

with my mother, six of us.

752

00:33:20,080 --> 00:33:24,660

And so the life in the cattle  
car was really miserable.

753

00:33:24,660 --> 00:33:27,360

But anyway, the first  
part, the first group left.

754

00:33:27,360 --> 00:33:29,380

And then three days  
later, the second group,



755  
00:33:29,380 --> 00:33:32,760  
which is us, which  
was May 25 sometimes.

756  
00:33:32,760 --> 00:33:36,870  
And the trip took two days.

757  
00:33:36,870 --> 00:33:40,890  
And on the way we have  
gotten water once or twice,

758  
00:33:40,890 --> 00:33:44,790  
but the bathroom facilities  
were we had a big pot.

759  
00:33:44,790 --> 00:33:48,220  
And then people stood around it.

760  
00:33:48,220 --> 00:33:52,560  
And if somebody had to go,  
then they just stood around.

761  
00:33:52,560 --> 00:33:57,420  
And then once or twice,  
they emptied these big pots.

762  
00:33:57,420 --> 00:33:59,510  
Was it very dark in the car?

763  
00:33:59,510 --> 00:34:01,680  
We had two windows.

764  
00:34:01,680 --> 00:34:03,750  
There were two windows.

765  
00:34:03,750 --> 00:34:05,265  
But no.

766  
00:34:05,265 --> 00:34:06,840  
Well, at night, yes.

767

00:34:06,840 --> 00:34:08,860  
But during the day, it was dark.

768

00:34:08,860 --> 00:34:10,540  
It was dark.

769

00:34:10,540 --> 00:34:13,170  
And how were your parents?

770

00:34:13,170 --> 00:34:18,960  
Well, then at that point, we  
thought that, well, this is it,

771

00:34:18,960 --> 00:34:22,593  
that it really didn't-- we  
were not too optimistic.

772

00:34:22,593 --> 00:34:24,010  
Did you know where  
you were going?

773

00:34:24,010 --> 00:34:24,510  
No.

774

00:34:24,510 --> 00:34:25,320  
You did not know.

775

00:34:25,320 --> 00:34:28,179  
Once we arrived, we still  
didn't know where we were.

776

00:34:28,179 --> 00:34:32,580  
And we really didn't  
know about Auschwitz.

777

00:34:32,580 --> 00:34:35,650  
I didn't know that it  
existed at the time.

778

00:34:35,650 --> 00:34:38,550  
So in the car, people  
were trying to--

779  
00:34:38,550 --> 00:34:42,489  
I remember there was one man  
whom I shaved because he had

780  
00:34:42,489 --> 00:34:45,310  
a beard, and he wanted  
to arrive nice and neat,

781  
00:34:45,310 --> 00:34:46,830  
so I shaved them.

782  
00:34:46,830 --> 00:34:51,179  
But the people were getting  
sick and some people

783  
00:34:51,179 --> 00:34:53,570  
died, not in our car,  
but in some other cars.

784  
00:34:53,570 --> 00:34:55,510  
Some people died that were sick.

785  
00:34:55,510 --> 00:34:58,770  
Were there many  
children in your car?

786  
00:34:58,770 --> 00:34:59,820  
Babies?

787  
00:34:59,820 --> 00:35:01,640  
Not little babies  
that I remember,

788  
00:35:01,640 --> 00:35:07,200  
just my brother's age,  
who was, at the time, 13.

789  
00:35:07,200 --> 00:35:08,700  
How crowded were you?

790  
00:35:08,700 --> 00:35:11,120

We had about 80 or 90  
people in the cattle car.

791  
00:35:11,120 --> 00:35:14,280  
So you couldn't really lie down.

792  
00:35:14,280 --> 00:35:16,170  
You could sit or  
stand on the floor,

793  
00:35:16,170 --> 00:35:18,440  
but we had no facilities to sit.

794  
00:35:18,440 --> 00:35:20,970  
So how did you sleep?

795  
00:35:20,970 --> 00:35:23,190  
I don't remember sleeping.

796  
00:35:23,190 --> 00:35:24,910  
I don't think we slept.

797  
00:35:24,910 --> 00:35:26,530  
So it was two nights.

798  
00:35:26,530 --> 00:35:29,610  
Then when we arrived, on our  
arrival, which was about 3,

799  
00:35:29,610 --> 00:35:33,600  
4 o'clock in the morning, they,  
of course, opened the doors,

800  
00:35:33,600 --> 00:35:37,980  
and it was like a thunder.

801  
00:35:37,980 --> 00:35:38,730  
"Raus, raus!"

802  
00:35:38,730 --> 00:35:40,170  
And that was the German.

803

00:35:40,170 --> 00:35:42,780

Of course, Mengele was  
standing there, which is--

804

00:35:42,780 --> 00:35:44,470

How did you know it was Mengele?

805

00:35:44,470 --> 00:35:48,210

We didn't know then, but we  
found out after who he was.

806

00:35:48,210 --> 00:35:50,760

I mean, we didn't know  
until many, many days

807

00:35:50,760 --> 00:35:52,185

after who he was.

808

00:35:52,185 --> 00:35:53,310

We just saw a man.

809

00:35:53,310 --> 00:35:56,340

We just saw a man, and he said,  
you go here and you go here.

810

00:35:56,340 --> 00:35:59,100

And everything  
happened very fast.

811

00:35:59,100 --> 00:36:03,750

So my grandmother  
went with my brother.

812

00:36:03,750 --> 00:36:06,090

And of course, they went  
because she was very old,

813

00:36:06,090 --> 00:36:08,730

and she was old-looking  
also because she was sickly.

814

00:36:08,730 --> 00:36:14,310

And my brother was sort  
of not tall, so we--

815  
00:36:14,310 --> 00:36:15,810  
but not by choice.

816  
00:36:15,810 --> 00:36:18,230  
It just so happened  
that this Polish--

817  
00:36:18,230 --> 00:36:22,050  
there were some  
Polish guides who

818  
00:36:22,050 --> 00:36:27,870  
were trying to direct all the  
young people to work, like us,

819  
00:36:27,870 --> 00:36:31,140  
and all the little children with  
the grandparents rather than

820  
00:36:31,140 --> 00:36:34,290  
the parents so that the  
grandparents should perish,

821  
00:36:34,290 --> 00:36:36,137  
but the parents would survive.

822  
00:36:36,137 --> 00:36:37,470  
But at the time, we didn't know.

823  
00:36:37,470 --> 00:36:39,030  
We thought that  
they were very bad

824  
00:36:39,030 --> 00:36:40,248  
and that they were very mean.

825  
00:36:40,248 --> 00:36:41,290  
We knew they were Jewish.

826

00:36:41,290 --> 00:36:43,470  
They were Jews, these Polish--

827  
00:36:43,470 --> 00:36:44,070  
Polish Jews.

828  
00:36:44,070 --> 00:36:47,490  
This is a commander,  
that was their job.

829  
00:36:47,490 --> 00:36:51,870  
And so they said, you go there  
because otherwise you'll die.

830  
00:36:51,870 --> 00:36:58,090  
So they said, whoever can't  
walk should go to the left.

831  
00:36:58,090 --> 00:37:00,780  
And they'll have  
trucks and buses,

832  
00:37:00,780 --> 00:37:01,920  
and then they'll take them.

833  
00:37:01,920 --> 00:37:06,270  
But so many, many people--

834  
00:37:06,270 --> 00:37:11,400  
so many people volunteered.

835  
00:37:11,400 --> 00:37:14,470  
I mean, they did  
go to the right.

836  
00:37:14,470 --> 00:37:16,350  
But some of the  
mothers didn't want

837  
00:37:16,350 --> 00:37:18,113  
to leave their  
children, of course,

838

00:37:18,113 --> 00:37:19,530

and they went with  
their children.

839

00:37:19,530 --> 00:37:23,240

So of course, they died.

840

00:37:23,240 --> 00:37:26,160

And in many cases where  
a mother wasn't home,

841

00:37:26,160 --> 00:37:27,960

sometimes-- it  
happened in my family

842

00:37:27,960 --> 00:37:31,123

with my cousin,  
whose sister was home

843

00:37:31,123 --> 00:37:33,540

and she took out of the child,  
and she went with the child

844

00:37:33,540 --> 00:37:36,930

and then the mother survived  
and the sister died, of course,

845

00:37:36,930 --> 00:37:39,640

with the child, not her child.

846

00:37:39,640 --> 00:37:43,390

So all children perished at  
this stage and old people.

847

00:37:43,390 --> 00:37:45,750

And then the others,  
like myself, my father,

848

00:37:45,750 --> 00:37:49,250

we were together, and my  
sister and mother was together.

849



00:37:49,250 --> 00:37:52,247

So we ended up--  
we walked into--

850

00:37:52,247 --> 00:37:54,330

Were the four of you still  
together at this point?

851

00:37:54,330 --> 00:37:54,580

No.

852

00:37:54,580 --> 00:37:55,580

They separated the men--

853

00:37:55,580 --> 00:37:57,165

They separated the  
men and the women.

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00:37:57,165 --> 00:37:58,665

Did you say anything  
to your mother?

855

00:37:58,665 --> 00:38:00,260

At that point, I saw them once.

856

00:38:00,260 --> 00:38:03,300

It happened so fast  
that we couldn't talk.

857

00:38:03,300 --> 00:38:04,820

I mean, they just  
pushed us aside.

858

00:38:04,820 --> 00:38:06,528

And we didn't know  
whether it's temporary

859

00:38:06,528 --> 00:38:09,320

or whether it's permanent.

860

00:38:09,320 --> 00:38:12,020

They said, you go here and  
go here, and that was it.

861  
00:38:12,020 --> 00:38:13,310  
And that was the end.

862  
00:38:13,310 --> 00:38:16,920  
And then we couldn't--  
we didn't see each other.

863  
00:38:16,920 --> 00:38:18,920  
And of course, they  
said the packages

864  
00:38:18,920 --> 00:38:20,803  
were all in the middle.

865  
00:38:20,803 --> 00:38:22,970  
So all the luggage that we  
had, food and everything,

866  
00:38:22,970 --> 00:38:23,840  
was left there.

867  
00:38:23,840 --> 00:38:25,170  
So nobody took anything.

868  
00:38:25,170 --> 00:38:26,878  
So you just had the  
clothes on your back.

869  
00:38:26,878 --> 00:38:28,500  
Just what we had on.

870  
00:38:28,500 --> 00:38:32,320  
And then we went to  
barracks, to a barrack

871  
00:38:32,320 --> 00:38:34,680  
that we had, maybe,  
I don't know,

872  
00:38:34,680 --> 00:38:36,057  
1,000 people in the barrack.

873  
00:38:36,057 --> 00:38:36,890  
What barrack was it?

874  
00:38:36,890 --> 00:38:37,940  
Do you know the number?

875  
00:38:37,940 --> 00:38:39,190  
I don't remember.

876  
00:38:39,190 --> 00:38:40,790  
But I remember it  
was a wooden barrack

877  
00:38:40,790 --> 00:38:43,950  
and it had wooden  
three-level beds.

878  
00:38:43,950 --> 00:38:47,750  
And on each level, there were  
about between 8 and 10 people.

879  
00:38:47,750 --> 00:38:52,190  
And that was the temporary  
quarters, until we were--

880  
00:38:52,190 --> 00:38:56,630  
until we moved into  
different areas, everybody

881  
00:38:56,630 --> 00:38:57,510  
to a different area.

882  
00:38:57,510 --> 00:39:02,750  
So at this point, we were  
there for a few days,

883  
00:39:02,750 --> 00:39:04,970  
and then we knew what happened.

884  
00:39:04,970 --> 00:39:07,010  
The first day we arrived

to these barracks,

885

00:39:07,010 --> 00:39:09,080

we knew what happened  
to our families who

886

00:39:09,080 --> 00:39:10,250

didn't come with us.

887

00:39:10,250 --> 00:39:11,480

How did you know?

888

00:39:11,480 --> 00:39:14,300

Well, in the first  
place, we saw the fires.

889

00:39:14,300 --> 00:39:20,120

We had this-- we smelled the  
human flesh that you could feel

890

00:39:20,120 --> 00:39:22,010

because they also  
had they also had

891

00:39:22,010 --> 00:39:26,220

three holes that the little  
children were burned.

892

00:39:26,220 --> 00:39:28,400

And they used to just  
pour gasoline on them

893

00:39:28,400 --> 00:39:31,250

and they burned them.

894

00:39:31,250 --> 00:39:32,630

Did you see these ditches?

895

00:39:32,630 --> 00:39:33,860

No, you could just smell it.

896

00:39:33,860 --> 00:39:38,210

I mean, these were  
the Polish people that

897  
00:39:38,210 --> 00:39:41,210  
worked there, they told us.

898  
00:39:41,210 --> 00:39:42,210  
But I didn't know.

899  
00:39:42,210 --> 00:39:42,900  
It was never--

900  
00:39:42,900 --> 00:39:43,820  
The Polish Jews?

901  
00:39:43,820 --> 00:39:45,740  
Polish Jews, yeah.

902  
00:39:45,740 --> 00:39:49,490  
So in these barracks, in the  
bathrooms, so-called bathrooms,

903  
00:39:49,490 --> 00:39:52,120  
where it was a row  
of toilet seats,

904  
00:39:52,120 --> 00:39:55,460  
and they always had some  
dead bodies in the corners

905  
00:39:55,460 --> 00:39:58,220  
that they had to  
remove eventually.

906  
00:39:58,220 --> 00:39:59,270  
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907  
00:39:59,270 --> 00:40:01,910

908  
00:40:01,910 --> 00:40:03,470  
So we stayed here

for a few days,

909

00:40:03,470 --> 00:40:08,060

and this is where the people  
that were assigned to work,

910

00:40:08,060 --> 00:40:09,620

they had numbers.

911

00:40:09,620 --> 00:40:12,890

They received numbers,  
which I had received.

912

00:40:12,890 --> 00:40:15,380

My number was 89957.

913

00:40:15,380 --> 00:40:18,500

My father's was 89956.

914

00:40:18,500 --> 00:40:19,240

So we were--

915

00:40:19,240 --> 00:40:20,260

This is a tattoo.

916

00:40:20,260 --> 00:40:21,480

A tattoo.

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00:40:21,480 --> 00:40:22,948

How did-- what  
were your thoughts

918

00:40:22,948 --> 00:40:24,240

when you were getting a tattoo?

919

00:40:24,240 --> 00:40:26,500

Well, we were-- the  
tattoo meant very little.

920

00:40:26,500 --> 00:40:29,570

The tattoo really didn't bother  
us as much as everything else

921  
00:40:29,570 --> 00:40:30,155  
around us.

922  
00:40:30,155 --> 00:40:31,030  
The tattoo was just--

923  
00:40:31,030 --> 00:40:34,520  
But when you were getting it.

924  
00:40:34,520 --> 00:40:36,987  
It really didn't bother  
us that much at the time

925  
00:40:36,987 --> 00:40:38,570  
because there was  
so many other things

926  
00:40:38,570 --> 00:40:40,280  
happening, so many  
people around us

927  
00:40:40,280 --> 00:40:42,860  
that we saw so much  
death and people

928  
00:40:42,860 --> 00:40:45,470  
and dead bodies  
in the bathrooms,

929  
00:40:45,470 --> 00:40:48,560  
and then stories that we  
heard from other people

930  
00:40:48,560 --> 00:40:50,480  
that the tattoo was nothing.

931  
00:40:50,480 --> 00:40:51,530  
It wasn't painful.

932  
00:40:51,530 --> 00:40:55,053  
It's not a painful procedure.

933  
00:40:55,053 --> 00:40:55,970  
What were you wearing?

934  
00:40:55,970 --> 00:40:57,440  
Did you get a prison uniform?

935  
00:40:57,440 --> 00:40:59,720  
We got a-- yeah, striped--

936  
00:40:59,720 --> 00:41:02,540  
did they get it there?

937  
00:41:02,540 --> 00:41:04,970  
I think we-- I can't remember  
whether we had it already

938  
00:41:04,970 --> 00:41:05,810  
or we got it later.

939  
00:41:05,810 --> 00:41:06,560  
No, we did get it.

940  
00:41:06,560 --> 00:41:09,770  
Yes, we had prison--  
striped uniforms.

941  
00:41:09,770 --> 00:41:12,380  
And so we were assigned.

942  
00:41:12,380 --> 00:41:14,450  
They asked us what  
type of work we do,

943  
00:41:14,450 --> 00:41:23,450  
and we were assigned to a camp  
called Budy, which is B-U-D-Y,

944  
00:41:23,450 --> 00:41:25,520  
which was a farm.

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00:41:25,520 --> 00:41:27,555  
And the reason they--

946  
00:41:27,555 --> 00:41:29,180  
I don't know whether  
that's the reason,

947  
00:41:29,180 --> 00:41:32,720  
but they asked what kind  
of work we did at home.

948  
00:41:32,720 --> 00:41:35,760  
And my father said  
he was a farmer.

949  
00:41:35,760 --> 00:41:39,720  
So whether that helped  
him, I don't know.

950  
00:41:39,720 --> 00:41:41,690  
But anyway, so  
that meant that we

951  
00:41:41,690 --> 00:41:44,740  
are going to live because  
if you were assigned to work

952  
00:41:44,740 --> 00:41:48,680  
and you left Auschwitz, then for  
the time being, you're living.

953  
00:41:48,680 --> 00:41:51,260

954  
00:41:51,260 --> 00:41:55,490  
So after maybe a few days,  
maybe a week in Birkenau,

955  
00:41:55,490 --> 00:41:57,080  
actually, not  
Auschwitz, Birkenau,

956  
00:41:57,080 --> 00:41:59,700

which was the  
distribution point,

957  
00:41:59,700 --> 00:42:05,860  
we left Birkenau and we went  
to this place called Budy.

958  
00:42:05,860 --> 00:42:07,230  
And you lived there.

959  
00:42:07,230 --> 00:42:08,170  
We lived in Budy.

960  
00:42:08,170 --> 00:42:09,130  
You lived in Budy.

961  
00:42:09,130 --> 00:42:13,370  
And it was a permanent-- it  
was a small camp, a small camp,

962  
00:42:13,370 --> 00:42:18,290  
maybe 400 people, 400, 500.

963  
00:42:18,290 --> 00:42:21,170  
And of course, every  
morning, we had

964  
00:42:21,170 --> 00:42:25,660  
our bells, which was we  
lined up and they counted us.

965  
00:42:25,660 --> 00:42:27,500  
For how long did you line up?

966  
00:42:27,500 --> 00:42:31,760  
Early morning for half hour,  
20 minutes, half hour, rain

967  
00:42:31,760 --> 00:42:33,065  
or shine.

968  
00:42:33,065 --> 00:42:34,190

And there were selections--

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00:42:34,190 --> 00:42:34,690

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00:42:34,690 --> 00:42:35,630

There were selections.

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00:42:35,630 --> 00:42:37,463

Yes, because there was  
selections, sometimes

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00:42:37,463 --> 00:42:39,830

they said, oh, we  
need 20 volunteers.

973

00:42:39,830 --> 00:42:43,485

They would take out volunteers,  
and they never come back.

974

00:42:43,485 --> 00:42:45,360

Now, whether they were  
reassigned or not that

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00:42:45,360 --> 00:42:47,040

we never knew.

976

00:42:47,040 --> 00:42:48,870

But they never came back.

977

00:42:48,870 --> 00:42:52,320

I mean, often they  
didn't come back.

978

00:42:52,320 --> 00:42:54,570

Sometimes they did because  
I volunteered sometimes,

979

00:42:54,570 --> 00:42:58,770

some days, and I was  
lucky enough to come back.

980

00:42:58,770 --> 00:43:00,640  
But very often, they didn't.

981  
00:43:00,640 --> 00:43:07,380  
And the work was farm  
work, and my father and I.

982  
00:43:07,380 --> 00:43:12,870  
And the guards once, I remember,  
we went out to the farm,

983  
00:43:12,870 --> 00:43:16,150  
they asked, are you a farmer?

984  
00:43:16,150 --> 00:43:18,040  
He said, yes, I'm a farmer.

985  
00:43:18,040 --> 00:43:22,110  
So they asked him, how  
many pounds of seed

986  
00:43:22,110 --> 00:43:25,290  
do you need for an acre of land?

987  
00:43:25,290 --> 00:43:28,130  
So of course, he knew that  
because he was really a farmer.

988  
00:43:28,130 --> 00:43:29,820  
And said, yeah, you  
really are a farmer.

989  
00:43:29,820 --> 00:43:31,680  
And then he had some  
other questions.

990  
00:43:31,680 --> 00:43:35,250  
And would he have lied,  
which some people did,

991  
00:43:35,250 --> 00:43:36,720  
they beat them terribly.

992

00:43:36,720 --> 00:43:39,728

Some were beaten so that they  
couldn't even work anymore.

993

00:43:39,728 --> 00:43:41,520

And then, of course,  
eventually, they died.

994

00:43:41,520 --> 00:43:44,490

But they always tried to find--

995

00:43:44,490 --> 00:43:47,272

they didn't need any reason,  
but this was just one reason

996

00:43:47,272 --> 00:43:48,480

why they would beat somebody.

997

00:43:48,480 --> 00:43:53,100

Oh, you're a liar, and  
then they would beat them.

998

00:43:53,100 --> 00:43:57,120

So we left here, and it was--

999

00:43:57,120 --> 00:44:00,090

life in camp, of course,  
was better than in Birkenau

1000

00:44:00,090 --> 00:44:05,127

because we had food and some  
of the guards were decent,

1001

00:44:05,127 --> 00:44:06,210

but most of them were not.

1002

00:44:06,210 --> 00:44:08,333

1003

00:44:08,333 --> 00:44:10,500

What do you mean, someone  
of the guards were decent?

1004  
00:44:10,500 --> 00:44:12,540  
Well, they were not physical.

1005  
00:44:12,540 --> 00:44:13,890  
They didn't abuse us.

1006  
00:44:13,890 --> 00:44:17,830  
As long as you did the  
work, you didn't abuse us.

1007  
00:44:17,830 --> 00:44:21,000  
Now, at the farm, to  
supplement the food,

1008  
00:44:21,000 --> 00:44:27,420  
I remember I was eating this  
grass because it wasn't just

1009  
00:44:27,420 --> 00:44:28,020  
regular grass.

1010  
00:44:28,020 --> 00:44:29,100  
It was a sour grass.

1011  
00:44:29,100 --> 00:44:30,480  
I don't know what you call it.

1012  
00:44:30,480 --> 00:44:34,410  
It was like-- it's a  
sour grass, a wild grass.

1013  
00:44:34,410 --> 00:44:37,277  
So I ate it and I got diarrhea,  
which lasted for 30 days.

1014  
00:44:37,277 --> 00:44:38,860  
You were given this  
or did you get it?

1015  
00:44:38,860 --> 00:44:42,180  
No, I was just-- no, on the

farm I was just pulling it up.

1016  
00:44:42,180 --> 00:44:46,590  
And I lost about 40 to  
50 pounds at the time.

1017  
00:44:46,590 --> 00:44:53,070  
And we had a dispensary and  
I was getting cold tablets.

1018  
00:44:53,070 --> 00:44:57,150  
So I used up all the cold  
tablets they had to this time.

1019  
00:44:57,150 --> 00:44:59,268  
And then they didn't  
have enough cold tablets

1020  
00:44:59,268 --> 00:45:00,060  
and I had the cold.

1021  
00:45:00,060 --> 00:45:05,140  
We had an oven, and the doctor  
said to take out the coal,

1022  
00:45:05,140 --> 00:45:07,350  
to supplement the coal tablets--

1023  
00:45:07,350 --> 00:45:08,100  
Oh, coal, C-O-A-L.

1024  
00:45:08,100 --> 00:45:08,855  
Coal, coal.

1025  
00:45:08,855 --> 00:45:14,880  
C-O-A-L, to supplement  
the tablets.

1026  
00:45:14,880 --> 00:45:17,100  
And after 30 days,  
I was all right.

1027

00:45:17,100 --> 00:45:19,470

But I never regained  
the weight because there

1028

00:45:19,470 --> 00:45:20,940

was no food to regain.

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00:45:20,940 --> 00:45:25,920

But I survived with the  
food that they gave us.

1030

00:45:25,920 --> 00:45:29,180

You had started to say  
what a day was like.

1031

00:45:29,180 --> 00:45:31,890

But the day started very early.

1032

00:45:31,890 --> 00:45:36,470

And then, of course, we all  
went to our assigned work areas.

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00:45:36,470 --> 00:45:39,030

Did they give you anything  
to eat in the morning?

1034

00:45:39,030 --> 00:45:40,830

Just coffee.

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00:45:40,830 --> 00:45:44,880

Coffee and sometimes  
a slice of bread.

1036

00:45:44,880 --> 00:45:47,790

And lunch, they gave us a  
soup, which had sometimes

1037

00:45:47,790 --> 00:45:52,300

a little piece of meat in it,  
salami or something like that.

1038

00:45:52,300 --> 00:45:55,380

And sometimes they



gave us black bread

1039  
00:45:55,380 --> 00:45:57,787  
with it, though not always.

1040  
00:45:57,787 --> 00:45:58,620  
But it was adequate.

1041  
00:45:58,620 --> 00:46:02,320  
The food, whatever it was,  
we could survive on it.

1042  
00:46:02,320 --> 00:46:04,530  
And you were-- the barracks?

1043  
00:46:04,530 --> 00:46:06,330  
The barracks, we  
had our own beds.

1044  
00:46:06,330 --> 00:46:07,680  
The barracks were good.

1045  
00:46:07,680 --> 00:46:08,700  
We had blankets.

1046  
00:46:08,700 --> 00:46:09,780  
So it was not the levels.

1047  
00:46:09,780 --> 00:46:11,977  
No, it was individual  
beds, individual.

1048  
00:46:11,977 --> 00:46:13,560  
I think there were  
a couple of levels,

1049  
00:46:13,560 --> 00:46:16,350  
but individual beds,  
individual beds.

1050  
00:46:16,350 --> 00:46:21,350  
And we had an oven that we

could heat up and we could eat.

1051

00:46:21,350 --> 00:46:22,380

Did you have blankets?

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00:46:22,380 --> 00:46:23,293

We had blankets.

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00:46:23,293 --> 00:46:23,960

And we had rats.

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00:46:23,960 --> 00:46:25,627

And you were still  
wearing your prison--

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00:46:25,627 --> 00:46:28,530

We had rats, plenty of rats.

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00:46:28,530 --> 00:46:32,382

We still wore our  
prison uniforms.

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00:46:32,382 --> 00:46:33,340

Were you ever deloused?

1058

00:46:33,340 --> 00:46:36,090

1059

00:46:36,090 --> 00:46:37,620

In the beginning,  
when we came in.

1060

00:46:37,620 --> 00:46:39,870

Not there, not that I know.

1061

00:46:39,870 --> 00:46:41,862

I don't remember, no.

1062

00:46:41,862 --> 00:46:43,320

But in Auschwitz-Birkenau  
you were.

1063

00:46:43,320 --> 00:46:45,140

In Birkenau we were, yes.

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00:46:45,140 --> 00:46:51,578

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00:46:51,578 --> 00:46:53,120

You were talking  
about a typical day.

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00:46:53,120 --> 00:46:53,920

So you got up.

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00:46:53,920 --> 00:46:57,010

So we got up, and then we went  
to the farm and we would--

1068

00:46:57,010 --> 00:47:00,310

well, in August, of  
course, we had the wheat,

1069

00:47:00,310 --> 00:47:01,720

so we had to cut the wheat.

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00:47:01,720 --> 00:47:03,490

So none of us--

1071

00:47:03,490 --> 00:47:05,110

I mean, I didn't know how to--

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00:47:05,110 --> 00:47:06,433

what do you call that?

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00:47:06,433 --> 00:47:07,420

A scythe?

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00:47:07,420 --> 00:47:09,200

You know, when  
you cut the wheat?

1075

00:47:09,200 --> 00:47:09,800

With a scythe?

1076  
00:47:09,800 --> 00:47:10,300  
Scythe?

1077  
00:47:10,300 --> 00:47:11,200  
Is that what--

1078  
00:47:11,200 --> 00:47:12,117  
That's the instrument.

1079  
00:47:12,117 --> 00:47:13,700  
Oh, that's the name  
of it, the scythe?

1080  
00:47:13,700 --> 00:47:14,440  
Curved?

1081  
00:47:14,440 --> 00:47:15,130  
Yes.

1082  
00:47:15,130 --> 00:47:16,630  
So one behind the other.

1083  
00:47:16,630 --> 00:47:19,720  
Now, if one didn't  
go, then I don't

1084  
00:47:19,720 --> 00:47:21,620  
have to tell you what happens.

1085  
00:47:21,620 --> 00:47:27,010  
But we somehow managed  
to learn and we did it.

1086  
00:47:27,010 --> 00:47:30,030  
And during that  
season, we used to work

1087  
00:47:30,030 --> 00:47:32,620  
between 16 and 17 hours a day.

1088

00:47:32,620 --> 00:47:34,870

And I remember I used to  
work together with my father,

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00:47:34,870 --> 00:47:35,750

and he was--

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00:47:35,750 --> 00:47:38,830

I always begged him  
not to work so hard

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00:47:38,830 --> 00:47:41,410

because he needs his strength.

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00:47:41,410 --> 00:47:44,193

But so he did.

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00:47:44,193 --> 00:47:45,860

So were you always  
next to him, working?

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00:47:45,860 --> 00:47:47,320

Always together.

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00:47:47,320 --> 00:47:48,670

Physically next to him working?

1096

00:47:48,670 --> 00:47:52,810

Well, no, not physically, but  
we lived in the same place.

1097

00:47:52,810 --> 00:47:58,990

And we never told the SS  
that we were father and son,

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00:47:58,990 --> 00:48:01,750

and they never knew it because  
they always separated people.

1099

00:48:01,750 --> 00:48:03,880

If they found out that  
there was father and son,

1100  
00:48:03,880 --> 00:48:06,950  
they separated them and  
put them somewhere else.

1101  
00:48:06,950 --> 00:48:09,040  
So we never called each other--

1102  
00:48:09,040 --> 00:48:11,172  
I called them by its  
first name usually.

1103  
00:48:11,172 --> 00:48:12,630  
Or even if I call  
them by his name,

1104  
00:48:12,630 --> 00:48:14,980  
but the SS didn't  
know our names.

1105  
00:48:14,980 --> 00:48:18,533  
We only had numbers, so  
it didn't matter, really.

1106  
00:48:18,533 --> 00:48:20,950  
Would they have had names,  
then they would have had a name

1107  
00:48:20,950 --> 00:48:22,390  
and they would have  
put it together.

1108  
00:48:22,390 --> 00:48:23,515  
But they didn't have names.

1109  
00:48:23,515 --> 00:48:25,520  
They only had numbers.

1110  
00:48:25,520 --> 00:48:31,390  
And well, they were--

1111  
00:48:31,390 --> 00:48:33,980

guards were pretty bad.

1112  
00:48:33,980 --> 00:48:41,560  
At one point, I stole  
some food that I

1113  
00:48:41,560 --> 00:48:43,980  
had given to-- there  
was a camp for women,

1114  
00:48:43,980 --> 00:48:45,420  
and I threw it over to them.

1115  
00:48:45,420 --> 00:48:50,290  
It was, like, kohlrabi,  
you know, those big--

1116  
00:48:50,290 --> 00:48:51,960  
Where did you get the food from?

1117  
00:48:51,960 --> 00:48:53,680  
Well, we had a  
farm, so we had it.

1118  
00:48:53,680 --> 00:48:55,870  
And I just took it, and  
I just threw it to them.

1119  
00:48:55,870 --> 00:48:58,630  
And I was caught,  
so I got 25 lashes.

1120  
00:48:58,630 --> 00:49:02,350  
I couldn't lie down on my  
back for about four weeks.

1121  
00:49:02,350 --> 00:49:04,000  
That was the only  
time that I got hit.

1122  
00:49:04,000 --> 00:49:06,910  
I was never beaten  
any other time

1123  
00:49:06,910 --> 00:49:11,260  
except for this one  
time, which was unusual.

1124  
00:49:11,260 --> 00:49:15,750  
And on Sundays I did extra work.

1125  
00:49:15,750 --> 00:49:17,180  
Sunday was not a day off?

1126  
00:49:17,180 --> 00:49:19,710  
It was a day off,  
but I volunteered

1127  
00:49:19,710 --> 00:49:22,870  
so that I can get extra food  
and cigarettes that I cleaned--

1128  
00:49:22,870 --> 00:49:25,450  
we cleaned up the SS quarters.

1129  
00:49:25,450 --> 00:49:29,680  
And so I got extra food for  
that and the cigarette butts.

1130  
00:49:29,680 --> 00:49:32,430  
My father was a heavy  
smoker, so I got him

1131  
00:49:32,430 --> 00:49:35,770  
the cigarettes from the SS  
for him to have cigarettes

1132  
00:49:35,770 --> 00:49:37,000  
at the time, I remember.

1133  
00:49:37,000 --> 00:49:39,202  
What was it like to  
clean up the SS quarters?

1134  
00:49:39,202 --> 00:49:42,395



1135  
00:49:42,395 --> 00:49:43,770  
They didn't give  
us any problems.

1136  
00:49:43,770 --> 00:49:44,810  
They were nice.

1137  
00:49:44,810 --> 00:49:46,990  
They were around when  
you were doing this?

1138  
00:49:46,990 --> 00:49:49,030  
Sometimes, sometimes not.

1139  
00:49:49,030 --> 00:49:52,948  
But they were-- we had  
no problem with that.

1140  
00:49:52,948 --> 00:49:54,490  
What do you mean  
you cleaned them up?

1141  
00:49:54,490 --> 00:49:55,157  
What did you do?

1142  
00:49:55,157 --> 00:49:57,580  
We cleaned up the  
floors, we cleaned up--

1143  
00:49:57,580 --> 00:49:58,450  
they had parties.

1144  
00:49:58,450 --> 00:50:00,640  
They had the glasses,  
the dirty glasses.

1145  
00:50:00,640 --> 00:50:02,260  
We made their beds.

1146  
00:50:02,260 --> 00:50:02,990

We just--

1147

00:50:02,990 --> 00:50:05,180

Who worked with  
you, other young--

1148

00:50:05,180 --> 00:50:08,595

Well, I had one room, somebody  
else had somebody else's.

1149

00:50:08,595 --> 00:50:09,970

We had about two  
or three people.

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00:50:09,970 --> 00:50:10,970

And they asked for volunteers.

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00:50:10,970 --> 00:50:12,762

But were those people  
who volunteered young

1152

00:50:12,762 --> 00:50:13,830

like you, teenagers?

1153

00:50:13,830 --> 00:50:16,030

Yes, mostly young, yes.

1154

00:50:16,030 --> 00:50:17,380

Most of the people were young.

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00:50:17,380 --> 00:50:18,838

I mean, even my  
father was younger.

1156

00:50:18,838 --> 00:50:24,110

But he was 50, so that was  
not so old at the time.

1157

00:50:24,110 --> 00:50:24,610

Yeah.

1158

00:50:24,610 --> 00:50:26,152

But that was what  
they considered old

1159  
00:50:26,152 --> 00:50:28,200  
because the older  
people didn't survive.

1160  
00:50:28,200 --> 00:50:30,310  
So most of the  
people were young.

1161  
00:50:30,310 --> 00:50:33,430  
What did you talk about  
with the other teenage boys?

1162  
00:50:33,430 --> 00:50:35,890  
Well, we spoke about  
whether we'll ever--

1163  
00:50:35,890 --> 00:50:39,190  
well, the talk was mostly  
how to get food, really,

1164  
00:50:39,190 --> 00:50:41,570  
and how to survive  
because if you--

1165  
00:50:41,570 --> 00:50:43,110  
so we always tried to get food.

1166  
00:50:43,110 --> 00:50:47,650  
At one instance, there's one  
group that worked with pigs.

1167  
00:50:47,650 --> 00:50:51,100  
And there were a little  
piglets, and now the question

1168  
00:50:51,100 --> 00:50:52,600  
was how to bring  
in the piglets, how

1169  
00:50:52,600 --> 00:50:58,810

to take the piglets into  
the camp, into the dorms.

1170  
00:50:58,810 --> 00:51:01,630  
And so they put  
them in the manure.

1171  
00:51:01,630 --> 00:51:03,190  
When they cleaned  
up the manure, they

1172  
00:51:03,190 --> 00:51:05,877  
brought a pile, and they  
that's how they got them out.

1173  
00:51:05,877 --> 00:51:07,960  
Then they went into the  
manure and they picked out

1174  
00:51:07,960 --> 00:51:10,300  
the piglets, they brought  
them in, and they cooked them.

1175  
00:51:10,300 --> 00:51:12,970  
We had an oven  
that we could cook.

1176  
00:51:12,970 --> 00:51:15,800  
So that was one instance.

1177  
00:51:15,800 --> 00:51:17,770  
And there were many  
instances that--

1178  
00:51:17,770 --> 00:51:20,830  
there was one instance that  
two people wanted to escape,

1179  
00:51:20,830 --> 00:51:25,990  
two couples, actually, two  
Jews, but they were couples.

1180  
00:51:25,990 --> 00:51:28,450

They had Jewish couples also.

1181  
00:51:28,450 --> 00:51:33,340  
And one of them, they were  
very friendly with the SS.

1182  
00:51:33,340 --> 00:51:36,790  
So they got uniforms,  
and they were

1183  
00:51:36,790 --> 00:51:46,750  
changing in into the uniforms  
in one of the horse barns.

1184  
00:51:46,750 --> 00:51:51,530  
And somebody saw them and  
one of the couples saw them,

1185  
00:51:51,530 --> 00:51:53,280  
so he called the SS,  
and they caught them.

1186  
00:51:53,280 --> 00:51:56,400  
And of course, they were torn  
apart by two dogs, two of them,

1187  
00:51:56,400 --> 00:51:59,317  
because the idea was that  
one would be in uniform,

1188  
00:51:59,317 --> 00:52:01,650  
the other one would have a  
shovel or some kind of tools,

1189  
00:52:01,650 --> 00:52:02,880  
and just walk out.

1190  
00:52:02,880 --> 00:52:05,040  
But they never made it.

1191  
00:52:05,040 --> 00:52:09,090  
What was your relationship  
with the Jewish kapos?

1192  
00:52:09,090 --> 00:52:12,960  
I really had nothing to do  
with them, nothing much, other

1193  
00:52:12,960 --> 00:52:14,820  
than just follow  
the instructions.

1194  
00:52:14,820 --> 00:52:16,830  
I was never friendly with them.

1195  
00:52:16,830 --> 00:52:18,690  
Did you have any  
feelings about them?

1196  
00:52:18,690 --> 00:52:21,570  
I thought they were miserable  
because they really--

1197  
00:52:21,570 --> 00:52:24,270  
they did more than  
what they should have.

1198  
00:52:24,270 --> 00:52:25,338  
They didn't have to--

1199  
00:52:25,338 --> 00:52:26,005  
they were then--

1200  
00:52:26,005 --> 00:52:27,660  
In what sense?

1201  
00:52:27,660 --> 00:52:34,330  
Well, they were-- for  
example, when I was beaten,

1202  
00:52:34,330 --> 00:52:36,018  
they didn't have to do it.

1203  
00:52:36,018 --> 00:52:37,310  
They were the ones to beat you?

1204  
00:52:37,310 --> 00:52:39,750  
They were the ones, yes.

1205  
00:52:39,750 --> 00:52:41,100  
The SS never did the dirty work.

1206  
00:52:41,100 --> 00:52:42,750  
It was always the German--

1207  
00:52:42,750 --> 00:52:47,160  
the kapos, the prisoners  
did it to themselves.

1208  
00:52:47,160 --> 00:52:52,970  
And there was one  
instance that I had--

1209  
00:52:52,970 --> 00:52:55,990  
there was somebody who I  
don't remember what he did,

1210  
00:52:55,990 --> 00:53:00,540  
but the SS made me pump  
water on him in the winter,

1211  
00:53:00,540 --> 00:53:03,510  
just became an icicle.

1212  
00:53:03,510 --> 00:53:06,460  
And then he was taken into  
infirmary and he died.

1213  
00:53:06,460 --> 00:53:09,120

1214  
00:53:09,120 --> 00:53:12,420  
So they didn't do it, I did it.

1215  
00:53:12,420 --> 00:53:15,340  
But if you don't do it,  
then they shoot you.

1216  
00:53:15,340 --> 00:53:17,635  
So you did things.

1217  
00:53:17,635 --> 00:53:20,150  
But the kapos didn't  
have to do what they did.

1218  
00:53:20,150 --> 00:53:22,097  
They went beyond  
the call of duty.

1219  
00:53:22,097 --> 00:53:23,680  
You're talking about  
the Jewish kapos?

1220  
00:53:23,680 --> 00:53:25,260  
The Jewish kapos.

1221  
00:53:25,260 --> 00:53:27,680  
And the other kapos  
were mostly homosexuals,

1222  
00:53:27,680 --> 00:53:31,050  
and for whatever political  
reasons they were in prison.

1223  
00:53:31,050 --> 00:53:34,230  
Many of the kapos were  
Germans and other homosexuals.

1224  
00:53:34,230 --> 00:53:36,390  
They had different insignias.

1225  
00:53:36,390 --> 00:53:38,970  
Did you have contact with them?

1226  
00:53:38,970 --> 00:53:43,410  
No, not other than in  
Birkenau when we arrived.

1227  
00:53:43,410 --> 00:53:46,810



There was one who liked  
me, and he was homosexual

1228  
00:53:46,810 --> 00:53:48,960  
and he always brought me food.

1229  
00:53:48,960 --> 00:53:53,130  
But I left and I  
never saw him after.

1230  
00:53:53,130 --> 00:53:56,070  
But they always tried  
to get the young people

1231  
00:53:56,070 --> 00:54:01,440  
and have affairs with them,  
but then they gave them food.

1232  
00:54:01,440 --> 00:54:03,860  
Were you enticed into an  
affair or [INAUDIBLE]??

1233  
00:54:03,860 --> 00:54:04,360  
No.

1234  
00:54:04,360 --> 00:54:09,870  
No, he just-- he started it,  
but it never came to the point

1235  
00:54:09,870 --> 00:54:13,077  
where he really said anything  
I didn't even know he was.

1236  
00:54:13,077 --> 00:54:14,410  
In the beginning, I didn't know.

1237  
00:54:14,410 --> 00:54:16,390  
I thought he was  
very nice to me.

1238  
00:54:16,390 --> 00:54:17,880  
But later on, then I saw his--

1239

00:54:17,880 --> 00:54:21,310

I think it was red triangles,  
if I remember correctly.

1240

00:54:21,310 --> 00:54:21,810

Or pink?

1241

00:54:21,810 --> 00:54:23,477

I can't remember  
whether they were pink.

1242

00:54:23,477 --> 00:54:26,850

I don't remember  
which ones they were.

1243

00:54:26,850 --> 00:54:29,790

But later on I found out that  
that's what he wanted from me.

1244

00:54:29,790 --> 00:54:32,550

I mean, that's  
what they told me.

1245

00:54:32,550 --> 00:54:37,710

What about your relationship  
with the women's camp in Budy?

1246

00:54:37,710 --> 00:54:38,510

Did you see women?

1247

00:54:38,510 --> 00:54:42,420

Well, for example, my job  
was also we dug ditches.

1248

00:54:42,420 --> 00:54:48,060

We dug a trench, but  
it was a 8-foot trench.

1249

00:54:48,060 --> 00:54:52,257

And my job was to  
place the-- what

1250

00:54:52,257 --> 00:54:56,130  
do you call the grass squares?

1251  
00:54:56,130 --> 00:54:56,730  
The sod?

1252  
00:54:56,730 --> 00:54:57,690  
Sod.

1253  
00:54:57,690 --> 00:55:02,550  
So the women were bringing the  
sod, and I with somebody else,

1254  
00:55:02,550 --> 00:55:04,230  
with a hammer, we  
were placing the sod

1255  
00:55:04,230 --> 00:55:07,200  
on the side of the trench.

1256  
00:55:07,200 --> 00:55:08,850  
Now, these women--  
it so happened

1257  
00:55:08,850 --> 00:55:11,920  
that our guard was very nice.

1258  
00:55:11,920 --> 00:55:14,790  
And I tried to place  
the sod very slowly

1259  
00:55:14,790 --> 00:55:17,760  
because the women that  
were bringing us the sod,

1260  
00:55:17,760 --> 00:55:20,640  
they carried three to  
four sods at a time.

1261  
00:55:20,640 --> 00:55:21,990  
And their guard was a terror.

1262

00:55:21,990 --> 00:55:23,280

He was a horror.

1263

00:55:23,280 --> 00:55:25,740

So he had a dog,  
a German shepherd,

1264

00:55:25,740 --> 00:55:28,050

and they were running.

1265

00:55:28,050 --> 00:55:32,190

He said that they are not  
supplying us enough sod,

1266

00:55:32,190 --> 00:55:37,330

and so the dogs were chasing  
them to bring the sod.

1267

00:55:37,330 --> 00:55:39,100

And of course, these  
poor women, I mean,

1268

00:55:39,100 --> 00:55:41,910

we said we wouldn't want  
to see our family here

1269

00:55:41,910 --> 00:55:44,190

because it could have  
been our family also.

1270

00:55:44,190 --> 00:55:46,820

So this was for  
about three days.

1271

00:55:46,820 --> 00:55:50,160

They just kept on, and we  
couldn't-- they stood behind

1272

00:55:50,160 --> 00:55:53,310

us, so we couldn't put-- and  
they always kept on saying that

1273

00:55:53,310 --> 00:55:55,830

they're not bring enough sod  
and they kept on running,

1274  
00:55:55,830 --> 00:55:57,190  
and they ran them further.

1275  
00:55:57,190 --> 00:55:59,610  
And it was just  
a terrible sight.

1276  
00:55:59,610 --> 00:56:04,990  
So that was one of the very  
bad experiences that happened.

1277  
00:56:04,990 --> 00:56:10,800  
And finally, we were  
happy when this finished.

1278  
00:56:10,800 --> 00:56:15,480  
So but there were women, but  
they made them work very hard.

1279  
00:56:15,480 --> 00:56:19,080  
Did you make any friends with  
any of the other teenagers

1280  
00:56:19,080 --> 00:56:20,430  
at that time?

1281  
00:56:20,430 --> 00:56:21,840  
In the camp?

1282  
00:56:21,840 --> 00:56:23,040  
No, just associations.

1283  
00:56:23,040 --> 00:56:26,220  
We were just--  
actually, we were all

1284  
00:56:26,220 --> 00:56:28,690  
trying to survive  
because at this point,

1285

00:56:28,690 --> 00:56:31,580

we knew that the  
gas chambers exist,

1286

00:56:31,580 --> 00:56:35,850

and they knew everything,  
when somebody is taken there,

1287

00:56:35,850 --> 00:56:38,220

we even suspected that.

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00:56:38,220 --> 00:56:40,400

So we were just  
trying to survive,

1289

00:56:40,400 --> 00:56:42,480

just trying to  
get all this food,

1290

00:56:42,480 --> 00:56:45,930

and hoping that one  
day we'll survive.

1291

00:56:45,930 --> 00:56:50,230

Did you have any feelings when  
you would see a dead body?

1292

00:56:50,230 --> 00:56:52,150

It was a natural occurrence.

1293

00:56:52,150 --> 00:56:55,020

So it wasn't it wasn't as if--

1294

00:56:55,020 --> 00:56:56,520

it was just a  
natural occurrence.

1295

00:56:56,520 --> 00:56:59,040

In the beginning,  
it was frightening.

1296

00:56:59,040 --> 00:57:02,610

But after, it was a  
natural occurrence.

1297  
00:57:02,610 --> 00:57:09,180  
And what else do we have?

1298  
00:57:09,180 --> 00:57:13,630  
Did you ever harbor thoughts  
about trying to escape?

1299  
00:57:13,630 --> 00:57:15,100  
There was no escape.

1300  
00:57:15,100 --> 00:57:17,060  
There was no way  
to escape there.

1301  
00:57:17,060 --> 00:57:19,552  
The escape should have  
been before we left.

1302  
00:57:19,552 --> 00:57:20,760  
We shouldn't have gone there.

1303  
00:57:20,760 --> 00:57:21,720  
We should have escaped.

1304  
00:57:21,720 --> 00:57:24,960  
But once we were there,  
there was no escape

1305  
00:57:24,960 --> 00:57:27,720  
because the guards were all  
around us, electrical wires

1306  
00:57:27,720 --> 00:57:29,110  
all around.

1307  
00:57:29,110 --> 00:57:31,170  
And these two people  
that tried to escape,

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00:57:31,170 --> 00:57:33,180  
you heard what happened to them.

1309  
00:57:33,180 --> 00:57:39,310  
And very seldom did anybody  
ever escape any of these camps.

1310  
00:57:39,310 --> 00:57:42,760  
Did you have any contact with  
your mother and your sister?

1311  
00:57:42,760 --> 00:57:48,017  
The first week that we  
got there, I saw them.

1312  
00:57:48,017 --> 00:57:49,350  
So they were taken to Budy, too?

1313  
00:57:49,350 --> 00:57:50,690  
That was a terrible shock.

1314  
00:57:50,690 --> 00:57:51,568  
No, no.

1315  
00:57:51,568 --> 00:57:52,860  
No, this was still in Birkenau.

1316  
00:57:52,860 --> 00:57:54,130  
Oh, in Birkenau.

1317  
00:57:54,130 --> 00:57:56,885  
What happened was  
I asked someone,

1318  
00:57:56,885 --> 00:57:58,510  
and they said, yes,  
they saw them here.

1319  
00:57:58,510 --> 00:57:59,830  
And I just went--

1320  
00:57:59,830 --> 00:58:03,220



I remember I had some soap  
and I took them some soap.

1321  
00:58:03,220 --> 00:58:05,230  
And they were shaven,  
their heads were shaven.

1322  
00:58:05,230 --> 00:58:07,330  
So it was difficult  
to recognize, even.

1323  
00:58:07,330 --> 00:58:10,270  
But we met for very  
briefly, a few minutes,

1324  
00:58:10,270 --> 00:58:12,190  
and that was the  
last time I saw them.

1325  
00:58:12,190 --> 00:58:14,560  
My father didn't see them.

1326  
00:58:14,560 --> 00:58:16,990  
Did your mother or sister  
say anything special to you?

1327  
00:58:16,990 --> 00:58:19,660  
At this time?

1328  
00:58:19,660 --> 00:58:21,640  
No, we were just happy  
to see each other,

1329  
00:58:21,640 --> 00:58:23,170  
and then we had to separate.

1330  
00:58:23,170 --> 00:58:29,530  
It was just-- no, nothing  
that I would remember.

1331  
00:58:29,530 --> 00:58:31,016  
We were crying and then--

1332

00:58:31,016 --> 00:58:34,970

1333

00:58:34,970 --> 00:58:36,350

so and what else?

1334

00:58:36,350 --> 00:58:39,810

1335

00:58:39,810 --> 00:58:40,900

So you worked in--

1336

00:58:40,900 --> 00:58:42,060

I worked on the farm.

1337

00:58:42,060 --> 00:58:44,540

How was-- you said, obviously,  
your health was not good.

1338

00:58:44,540 --> 00:58:46,030

You had lost 40 or 50 pounds.

1339

00:58:46,030 --> 00:58:46,822

My health was good.

1340

00:58:46,822 --> 00:58:48,530

Even though you lost  
a tremendous amount?

1341

00:58:48,530 --> 00:58:49,060

I was fine.

1342

00:58:49,060 --> 00:58:49,560

I was fine.

1343

00:58:49,560 --> 00:58:50,960

I worked very hard.

1344

00:58:50,960 --> 00:58:57,110

Then I worked-- oh, after that  
incident that I gave the food,

1345  
00:58:57,110 --> 00:59:00,210  
I was put in--

1346  
00:59:00,210 --> 00:59:02,450  
no, there was another incident.

1347  
00:59:02,450 --> 00:59:05,750  
I was working in a  
fishery where we--

1348  
00:59:05,750 --> 00:59:07,010  
This was in Budy?

1349  
00:59:07,010 --> 00:59:08,450  
This was in Budy.

1350  
00:59:08,450 --> 00:59:12,270  
And I was working in the  
fishery there the fed the fish,

1351  
00:59:12,270 --> 00:59:13,950  
and it was a fishery,  
regular fishery,

1352  
00:59:13,950 --> 00:59:17,450  
where we, knee-deep, we had  
to go and feed the fish.

1353  
00:59:17,450 --> 00:59:19,580  
And I can't remember  
anymore what we did,

1354  
00:59:19,580 --> 00:59:22,730  
but we fed the fish and  
we cleaned the place.

1355  
00:59:22,730 --> 00:59:26,600  
And then I stole once a  
fish, and they caught me.

1356  
00:59:26,600 --> 00:59:29,420

I put it in my shirt and it  
was sort of moving still.

1357  
00:59:29,420 --> 00:59:31,160  
I didn't kill it, I guess.

1358  
00:59:31,160 --> 00:59:32,060  
And then I was put--

1359  
00:59:32,060 --> 00:59:33,810  
You slipped a live  
fish inside your shirt?

1360  
00:59:33,810 --> 00:59:35,600  
Well, I sort of hit it.

1361  
00:59:35,600 --> 00:59:37,850  
I thought I killed  
it, but I didn't.

1362  
00:59:37,850 --> 00:59:39,680  
And when you're  
standing at attention,

1363  
00:59:39,680 --> 00:59:42,950  
you couldn't do anything,  
and this thing was moving.

1364  
00:59:42,950 --> 00:59:45,960  
So they caught me,  
and I was put in--

1365  
00:59:45,960 --> 00:59:47,460  
I wasn't beaten.

1366  
00:59:47,460 --> 00:59:51,500  
I was put in a punishing  
kommando, which

1367  
00:59:51,500 --> 00:59:54,590  
was cutting wood in the woods.

1368

00:59:54,590 --> 00:59:58,490  
It was huge, pine trees, oaks.

1369  
00:59:58,490 --> 01:00:01,920  
Actually, it wasn't a punishing,  
it was just a bad, worse deal.

1370  
01:00:01,920 --> 01:00:05,560  
But it wasn't where everybody  
was punished was sent there.

1371  
01:00:05,560 --> 01:00:07,880  
But they sent me there  
because it was much worse

1372  
01:00:07,880 --> 01:00:09,530  
than being in the fishery.

1373  
01:00:09,530 --> 01:00:11,750  
And so I took it as  
a punishing kommando,

1374  
01:00:11,750 --> 01:00:14,390  
but it wasn't really  
everybody that was caught

1375  
01:00:14,390 --> 01:00:16,700  
doing something was there.

1376  
01:00:16,700 --> 01:00:19,190  
And then I was  
doing that until--

1377  
01:00:19,190 --> 01:00:22,218  
I was there for about two  
months, and at which point

1378  
01:00:22,218 --> 01:00:24,260  
I only saw my father at  
night because at night we

1379  
01:00:24,260 --> 01:00:27,510  
came back to the barracks.

1380  
01:00:27,510 --> 01:00:30,800  
And so then a tree went  
through my leg, and--

1381  
01:00:30,800 --> 01:00:33,890

1382  
01:00:33,890 --> 01:00:34,940  
How did the tree--

1383  
01:00:34,940 --> 01:00:36,500  
A tree went through my leg.

1384  
01:00:36,500 --> 01:00:37,920  
How did that happen?

1385  
01:00:37,920 --> 01:00:42,290  
Well, it was as we cut the  
tree, a branch went through it.

1386  
01:00:42,290 --> 01:00:46,950  
So then I-- this was in  
December, end of December.

1387  
01:00:46,950 --> 01:00:50,430  
And actually, my father,  
before this even happened,

1388  
01:00:50,430 --> 01:00:51,340  
my father was sick.

1389  
01:00:51,340 --> 01:00:56,180  
He had-- what do you call the--

1390  
01:00:56,180 --> 01:00:57,440  
A bee sting?

1391  
01:00:57,440 --> 01:01:01,790  
Not a bee sting, but he  
had a sore on his neck.

1392

01:01:01,790 --> 01:01:04,640

It's called a bee something.

1393

01:01:04,640 --> 01:01:10,430

Anyway, they wanted to send him  
to Auschwitz to the hospital.

1394

01:01:10,430 --> 01:01:12,860

And anybody that was sent  
to the hospital, of course,

1395

01:01:12,860 --> 01:01:13,980

that was the end.

1396

01:01:13,980 --> 01:01:16,130

So I always was  
against that, and I

1397

01:01:16,130 --> 01:01:19,992

told the doctor not to send  
him because we were together.

1398

01:01:19,992 --> 01:01:21,950

And so they didn't send  
them, but meanwhile, he

1399

01:01:21,950 --> 01:01:24,230

was getting worse and worse.

1400

01:01:24,230 --> 01:01:28,970

And then it so happened that I  
had to be sent to the hospital

1401

01:01:28,970 --> 01:01:31,240

because I was bleeding.

1402

01:01:31,240 --> 01:01:33,200

And at that point,  
they couldn't send him,

1403

01:01:33,200 --> 01:01:36,650

so we were separated anyway,

and I was sent to the hospital.

1404

01:01:36,650 --> 01:01:39,375

And then they  
evacuated the camp.

1405

01:01:39,375 --> 01:01:41,000

Then, of course, he  
died in Buchenwald.

1406

01:01:41,000 --> 01:01:43,490

But I survived  
because in Auschwitz--

1407

01:01:43,490 --> 01:01:46,980

I'll come back to that later.

1408

01:01:46,980 --> 01:01:49,190

So at that point, I  
was sent to Auschwitz.

1409

01:01:49,190 --> 01:01:50,030

To the infirmary.

1410

01:01:50,030 --> 01:01:53,700

To the infirmary, and  
they took care of it.

1411

01:01:53,700 --> 01:01:56,907

And I was there for about  
three weeks, four weeks.

1412

01:01:56,907 --> 01:01:58,490

Who took care of you  
in the infirmary?

1413

01:01:58,490 --> 01:01:59,200

Doctors.

1414

01:01:59,200 --> 01:02:00,260

German doctors?

1415



01:02:00,260 --> 01:02:01,340  
Jewish doctors.

1416  
01:02:01,340 --> 01:02:02,750  
Jewish Germans?

1417  
01:02:02,750 --> 01:02:05,150  
Jewish doctors.

1418  
01:02:05,150 --> 01:02:08,790  
What kind of equipment  
they have, materials?

1419  
01:02:08,790 --> 01:02:10,730  
I think they had  
sophisticated equipment

1420  
01:02:10,730 --> 01:02:14,420  
because they had done surgery,  
all kinds of very sophisticated

1421  
01:02:14,420 --> 01:02:16,560  
types of surgeries.

1422  
01:02:16,560 --> 01:02:17,820  
You had your own bed?

1423  
01:02:17,820 --> 01:02:18,620  
I had my own bed.

1424  
01:02:18,620 --> 01:02:20,390  
Were you given enough food?

1425  
01:02:20,390 --> 01:02:23,030  
I was given enough food.

1426  
01:02:23,030 --> 01:02:27,410  
It was-- I was all right  
there until, of course,

1427  
01:02:27,410 --> 01:02:34,750  
until the 18th,

when Germans left

1428  
01:02:34,750 --> 01:02:36,785  
and the Russians who  
were coming very close.

1429  
01:02:36,785 --> 01:02:40,940

1430  
01:02:40,940 --> 01:02:41,760  
But can you--

1431  
01:02:41,760 --> 01:02:43,310  
Sure.

1432  
01:02:43,310 --> 01:02:46,000