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00:00:00,000 --> 00:00:04,470

2

00:00:04,470 --> 00:00:08,490

This is tape four, side A. And  
you're talking about the march

3

00:00:08,490 --> 00:00:13,590

that you were on,  
leaving from Nosen.

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00:00:13,590 --> 00:00:15,180

Leaving from Nossen.

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00:00:15,180 --> 00:00:15,680

Yeah.

6

00:00:15,680 --> 00:00:17,220

Nossen.

7

00:00:17,220 --> 00:00:18,180

Yes.

8

00:00:18,180 --> 00:00:19,060

We were on the way.

9

00:00:19,060 --> 00:00:24,200

This was the last night  
on the march for us.

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00:00:24,200 --> 00:00:27,630

I don't know what's happened  
with the rest of the people.

11

00:00:27,630 --> 00:00:32,580

Mostly of them died  
from starvation.

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00:00:32,580 --> 00:00:34,920

And some of them  
must have run away.

13

00:00:34,920 --> 00:00:36,600

I don't know how  
it's happened to me.

14

00:00:36,600 --> 00:00:38,420

My mind was already not clear.

15

00:00:38,420 --> 00:00:40,320

We had no food.

16

00:00:40,320 --> 00:00:42,840

I barely could walk.

17

00:00:42,840 --> 00:00:47,670

And the last night, we felt--

18

00:00:47,670 --> 00:00:51,430

they put us in a sleeping  
hole the whole time outside.

19

00:00:51,430 --> 00:00:57,500

And the whole night was raining,  
coming down a very heavy rain,

20

00:00:57,500 --> 00:00:58,680

and cold.

21

00:00:58,680 --> 00:01:03,752

This was February,  
March beginning.

22

00:01:03,752 --> 00:01:07,390

And in the morning,  
none of us could get up.

23

00:01:07,390 --> 00:01:09,900

The whole group, we were laying.

24

00:01:09,900 --> 00:01:11,790

And the Germans came up to us.

25

00:01:11,790 --> 00:01:13,562

And they want to--

26

00:01:13,562 --> 00:01:14,640

we get up.

27

00:01:14,640 --> 00:01:16,170

We couldn't.

28

00:01:16,170 --> 00:01:20,710

So we were laying near a  
dirt road, a country road.

29

00:01:20,710 --> 00:01:25,290

Across the street was a  
barn with straw in there.

30

00:01:25,290 --> 00:01:28,680

The Germans took us, one by  
the hand, one by the legs.

31

00:01:28,680 --> 00:01:31,860

And they threw us in the barn.

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00:01:31,860 --> 00:01:33,880

How long had you  
been on this march?

33

00:01:33,880 --> 00:01:34,830

Do you know?

34

00:01:34,830 --> 00:01:36,210

A few weeks.

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00:01:36,210 --> 00:01:37,140

It was weeks.

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00:01:37,140 --> 00:01:39,150

Weeks, not days.

37

00:01:39,150 --> 00:01:41,250

And then later--

38  
00:01:41,250 --> 00:01:41,840  
I don't know.

39  
00:01:41,840 --> 00:01:43,620  
I didn't remember.

40  
00:01:43,620 --> 00:01:44,702  
I couldn't remember days.

41  
00:01:44,702 --> 00:01:45,910  
I couldn't remember anything.

42  
00:01:45,910 --> 00:01:54,180  
I was awake, just  
moving and going along.

43  
00:01:54,180 --> 00:01:56,020  
We didn't know what's going on--

44  
00:01:56,020 --> 00:01:56,520  
for me.

45  
00:01:56,520 --> 00:01:59,950  
I don't know about  
the rest of the guys.

46  
00:01:59,950 --> 00:02:01,040  
They couldn't be better.

47  
00:02:01,040 --> 00:02:03,260  
When I went down,  
for my shape, I'll

48  
00:02:03,260 --> 00:02:07,710  
tell you how I was  
compared to the other.

49  
00:02:07,710 --> 00:02:09,539  
I'll tell you what's happened.

50

00:02:09,539 --> 00:02:11,700

So I think they  
weren't much better

51

00:02:11,700 --> 00:02:14,500

than I. We all were laying.

52

00:02:14,500 --> 00:02:17,970

And none of us could  
move from this group.

53

00:02:17,970 --> 00:02:19,830

I don't know what's  
happened for more.

54

00:02:19,830 --> 00:02:23,190

We were a very small  
group there left.

55

00:02:23,190 --> 00:02:24,360

And I don't know.

56

00:02:24,360 --> 00:02:27,160

This was the last of the group.

57

00:02:27,160 --> 00:02:30,100

And the rest of them  
died from starvation.

58

00:02:30,100 --> 00:02:31,100

What's happened to them?

59

00:02:31,100 --> 00:02:34,680

A very small group, so was  
there any more that survived?

60

00:02:34,680 --> 00:02:39,960

But I don't believe, because  
if they could bring me

61

00:02:39,960 --> 00:02:41,910

in this position--

62  
00:02:41,910 --> 00:02:46,850  
and I felt myself to be the  
strongest, except the Germans.

63  
00:02:46,850 --> 00:02:49,710  
Well, they brought with us--  
we had [INAUDIBLE] mates,

64  
00:02:49,710 --> 00:02:54,590  
and criminals, bandits,  
and homosexuals,

65  
00:02:54,590 --> 00:02:59,520  
and thieves together  
with us in the last camp.

66  
00:02:59,520 --> 00:03:00,250  
So I don't know.

67  
00:03:00,250 --> 00:03:01,800  
It must be the last.

68  
00:03:01,800 --> 00:03:04,680  
Besides those beets, what  
else did you have to eat?

69  
00:03:04,680 --> 00:03:06,570  
Nothing.

70  
00:03:06,570 --> 00:03:07,460  
They don't give us.

71  
00:03:07,460 --> 00:03:09,360  
There was no food.

72  
00:03:09,360 --> 00:03:12,480  
I ate like an animal--  
straw, anything

73  
00:03:12,480 --> 00:03:15,630  
that I could find on

the land, what I could

74

00:03:15,630 --> 00:03:19,802  
take in my mouth, and no water.

75

00:03:19,802 --> 00:03:21,270  
They gave us nothing.

76

00:03:21,270 --> 00:03:23,940  
I don't know how long there  
was, in the [? mine, ?]

77

00:03:23,940 --> 00:03:28,210  
[? wasn't ?] [? walking ?]  
We couldn't--

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00:03:28,210 --> 00:03:31,380  
I know I had-- when I think  
about it, I could move.

79

00:03:31,380 --> 00:03:34,080  
And then the last day,  
when I was walking,

80

00:03:34,080 --> 00:03:35,430  
I had to help my legs.

81

00:03:35,430 --> 00:03:37,015  
I couldn't lift my leg.

82

00:03:37,015 --> 00:03:38,980  
And later-- I told you about it.

83

00:03:38,980 --> 00:03:41,220  
The way we walked,  
we walked like this.

84

00:03:41,220 --> 00:03:42,120  
Lift one leg.

85

00:03:42,120 --> 00:03:44,130  
And then I lift the other leg.

86  
00:03:44,130 --> 00:03:45,770  
I couldn't lift my legs up.

87  
00:03:45,770 --> 00:03:46,590  
I couldn't.

88  
00:03:46,590 --> 00:03:48,630  
Then in the last  
night, when I said

89  
00:03:48,630 --> 00:03:51,510  
the whole night was raining,  
none of us could get out.

90  
00:03:51,510 --> 00:03:52,290  
The Germans came.

91  
00:03:52,290 --> 00:03:53,940  
They took us in, in the barn.

92  
00:03:53,940 --> 00:03:54,890  
We were hungry.

93  
00:03:54,890 --> 00:03:56,292  
We were like--

94  
00:03:56,292 --> 00:03:56,900  
I don't know.

95  
00:03:56,900 --> 00:03:59,580  
We weren't human no more--

96  
00:03:59,580 --> 00:04:01,830  
anything, just food.

97  
00:04:01,830 --> 00:04:02,790  
We got in in there.

98  
00:04:02,790 --> 00:04:04,490  
And there was straw.



99

00:04:04,490 --> 00:04:08,490

So I figured in the straw must  
be some corns and something.

100

00:04:08,490 --> 00:04:10,470

I try, and I find.

101

00:04:10,470 --> 00:04:11,610

And rye is here.

102

00:04:11,610 --> 00:04:13,320

Rye straw, you can find.

103

00:04:13,320 --> 00:04:14,900

I find a little rye.

104

00:04:14,900 --> 00:04:17,630

I hadn't had enough  
power to take my hand

105

00:04:17,630 --> 00:04:19,110

to put it in the mouth.

106

00:04:19,110 --> 00:04:21,260

I could not put this.

107

00:04:21,260 --> 00:04:25,530

I tried to bend my  
head and bend my arm.

108

00:04:25,530 --> 00:04:27,480

And the thing didn't work.

109

00:04:27,480 --> 00:04:28,710

I couldn't get my thing.

110

00:04:28,710 --> 00:04:31,540

And then I had-- the test  
came to me at the time

111

00:04:31,540 --> 00:04:35,340  
when I say, my goodness,  
I see the war is to end.

112  
00:04:35,340 --> 00:04:36,240  
You could see it.

113  
00:04:36,240 --> 00:04:39,910  
I think to myself how the  
situation, the Germans, they

114  
00:04:39,910 --> 00:04:40,410  
are running.

115  
00:04:40,410 --> 00:04:41,840  
They are running.

116  
00:04:41,840 --> 00:04:43,530  
And I have to die.

117  
00:04:43,530 --> 00:04:47,070  
I say, I wish I will  
die a day later.

118  
00:04:47,070 --> 00:04:48,300  
Let me see.

119  
00:04:48,300 --> 00:04:49,500  
Let me see their end.

120  
00:04:49,500 --> 00:04:51,420  
Let me see what's  
happened to them.

121  
00:04:51,420 --> 00:04:53,690  
Then I don't care.

122  
00:04:53,690 --> 00:04:56,480  
And that's what it is.

123  
00:04:56,480 --> 00:04:58,840  
So then, finally,

I was laying there.

124

00:04:58,840 --> 00:05:01,500

I got a little air

[? stop, ?] a little dry out.

125

00:05:01,500 --> 00:05:05,300

And I put a few of

them corns in my mouth.

126

00:05:05,300 --> 00:05:08,330

I start to get

chest burn terrible,

127

00:05:08,330 --> 00:05:09,440

because I was thirsty.

128

00:05:09,440 --> 00:05:11,340

And this was corn.

129

00:05:11,340 --> 00:05:15,170

I just think, I'm

dying from thirst.

130

00:05:15,170 --> 00:05:16,730

And I'd be laying there.

131

00:05:16,730 --> 00:05:20,100

Suddenly, one time

we were thinking,

132

00:05:20,100 --> 00:05:22,912

we were laying down

there till we die.

133

00:05:22,912 --> 00:05:24,760

And nobody comes to us.

134

00:05:24,760 --> 00:05:25,940

And we will end there.

135

00:05:25,940 --> 00:05:28,780

Not a body, none of us can move.

136

00:05:28,780 --> 00:05:30,290

And we were a very small group.

137

00:05:30,290 --> 00:05:32,790

I don't know about the rest of  
the group-- very small, maybe

138

00:05:32,790 --> 00:05:33,560

10, 15.

139

00:05:33,560 --> 00:05:35,690

We were 30, and then  
some disappeared.

140

00:05:35,690 --> 00:05:37,490

I know we were small.

141

00:05:37,490 --> 00:05:40,680

One time-- well, a few  
hours later, a truck

142

00:05:40,680 --> 00:05:46,130

came, a panel truck, German or  
a civilian truck, a big panel

143

00:05:46,130 --> 00:05:46,745

open truck.

144

00:05:46,745 --> 00:05:50,150

145

00:05:50,150 --> 00:05:54,650

And they took us, again one by  
the legs, and one by the feet.

146

00:05:54,650 --> 00:05:56,720

And they throw us on this truck.

147

00:05:56,720 --> 00:05:59,450

And we been traveling.

148  
00:05:59,450 --> 00:06:02,025  
The sun was coming out.

149  
00:06:02,025 --> 00:06:04,760  
The air started getting us.

150  
00:06:04,760 --> 00:06:06,020  
I start to get some air.

151  
00:06:06,020 --> 00:06:07,930  
Suddenly, I started--

152  
00:06:07,930 --> 00:06:10,280  
I got some strength in myself.

153  
00:06:10,280 --> 00:06:13,580  
Instead of to lay,  
I sit up already.

154  
00:06:13,580 --> 00:06:16,220  
And they had some  
benches on both sides.

155  
00:06:16,220 --> 00:06:19,380  
I sat down on the bench.

156  
00:06:19,380 --> 00:06:20,840  
I'm back like this.

157  
00:06:20,840 --> 00:06:21,910  
And we're driving.

158  
00:06:21,910 --> 00:06:24,230  
And we got to Czechoslovakia.

159  
00:06:24,230 --> 00:06:28,430  
And we got to this Lipnice,  
to the concentration camp.

160  
00:06:28,430 --> 00:06:30,580

We got in, in this  
concentration camp.

161  
00:06:30,580 --> 00:06:33,140  
There were Jews there.

162  
00:06:33,140 --> 00:06:34,720  
Guys came out.

163  
00:06:34,720 --> 00:06:37,520  
They gave us a shower.

164  
00:06:37,520 --> 00:06:41,740  
And they put us in a  
nightgown, no clothes.

165  
00:06:41,740 --> 00:06:46,380  
They gave us a nightgown, a  
long-- a women white nightgown.

166  
00:06:46,380 --> 00:06:49,170  
And there, there was no barracks  
like you have in Auschwitz.

167  
00:06:49,170 --> 00:06:51,980  
They are rooms with windows.

168  
00:06:51,980 --> 00:06:54,580  
And each got a cot.

169  
00:06:54,580 --> 00:06:57,060  
The sun was coming in.

170  
00:06:57,060 --> 00:07:02,270  
They gave us a soup, food  
from the camp, piece of bread.

171  
00:07:02,270 --> 00:07:04,040  
And I slept overnight.

172  
00:07:04,040 --> 00:07:09,030  
The next thing, in the morning,

I was like normal again.

173

00:07:09,030 --> 00:07:11,600

Only I was needing food  
and the nourishment.

174

00:07:11,600 --> 00:07:14,120

My health, everything  
was in good shape.

175

00:07:14,120 --> 00:07:15,380

And I say, we are all right.

176

00:07:15,380 --> 00:07:20,060

So we were there for a  
few days in this room--

177

00:07:20,060 --> 00:07:21,350

maybe two days, three days.

178

00:07:21,350 --> 00:07:23,980

I couldn't say how many days.

179

00:07:23,980 --> 00:07:25,130

And they gave us a soup.

180

00:07:25,130 --> 00:07:26,297

And they gave us everything.

181

00:07:26,297 --> 00:07:30,050

We were there.

182

00:07:30,050 --> 00:07:34,670

And suddenly, one day they  
say, we're going again.

183

00:07:34,670 --> 00:07:35,210

They came.

184

00:07:35,210 --> 00:07:36,350

They dressed us up.

185

00:07:36,350 --> 00:07:37,945

They dressed us up like--

186

00:07:37,945 --> 00:07:40,750

to go to put us in a grave.

187

00:07:40,750 --> 00:07:45,430

Clothes, you could see  
everything-- ripped up clothes.

188

00:07:45,430 --> 00:07:49,050

And it doesn't look good.

189

00:07:49,050 --> 00:07:51,590

We talked to each other saying,  
this doesn't look too good.

190

00:07:51,590 --> 00:07:55,320

But being away in camps,  
in Auschwitz and there,

191

00:07:55,320 --> 00:07:56,660

we had to--

192

00:07:56,660 --> 00:08:00,320

I say, I think this is  
only to take us somewhere

193

00:08:00,320 --> 00:08:02,870

that the people outside  
shouldn't see how

194

00:08:02,870 --> 00:08:06,020

we look naked, no other thing.

195

00:08:06,020 --> 00:08:09,260

And they took us to the train.

196

00:08:09,260 --> 00:08:14,170

They load us up in the train,  
45 people in a cattle train.



197

00:08:14,170 --> 00:08:16,265

And where we was to go--

198

00:08:16,265 --> 00:08:18,521

the crematorium.

199

00:08:18,521 --> 00:08:21,590

There was a place  
in Czechoslovakia

200

00:08:21,590 --> 00:08:24,100

called Tachau, not Dachau.

201

00:08:24,100 --> 00:08:26,660

Dachau was in  
German near Munich.

202

00:08:26,660 --> 00:08:27,770

I lived there.

203

00:08:27,770 --> 00:08:32,659

And this was a Tachau, with a  
T. That's what I find out later.

204

00:08:32,659 --> 00:08:34,429

And they're supposed  
to take us there.

205

00:08:34,429 --> 00:08:38,990

In the meantime, the allies,  
or the Russian are there--

206

00:08:38,990 --> 00:08:41,480

knocked the track out.

207

00:08:41,480 --> 00:08:44,630

And the train couldn't move.

208

00:08:44,630 --> 00:08:47,840

When we left, they  
gave us a half a bread.

209

00:08:47,840 --> 00:08:51,960

That was their thing  
to make us feel thing.

210

00:08:51,960 --> 00:08:56,010

In this, we were sitting  
in the train for days--

211

00:08:56,010 --> 00:08:59,660

no food more, nothing else.

212

00:08:59,660 --> 00:09:03,550

More than 50 person  
died in the train.

213

00:09:03,550 --> 00:09:07,370

We all was already were in  
the same position or worse

214

00:09:07,370 --> 00:09:10,280

than we were before  
we got there.

215

00:09:10,280 --> 00:09:15,330

And the smell-- we  
dragged the dead people.

216

00:09:15,330 --> 00:09:18,470

And the other half on the  
train-- we were sitting here.

217

00:09:18,470 --> 00:09:19,730

I had to keep--

218

00:09:19,730 --> 00:09:21,120

the windows were closed.

219

00:09:21,120 --> 00:09:24,880

And everything was locked,  
and no air, no nothing.

220

00:09:24,880 --> 00:09:27,980

And we wait [INAUDIBLE].

221

00:09:27,980 --> 00:09:31,070

I don't know when, what moment  
it's going to be, or who.

222

00:09:31,070 --> 00:09:34,970

Suddenly, after a few  
days, them doors open.

223

00:09:34,970 --> 00:09:38,641

The air came in like a new life.

224

00:09:38,641 --> 00:09:39,990

And we start to breathe.

225

00:09:39,990 --> 00:09:41,625

And we start to breathe.

226

00:09:41,625 --> 00:09:46,310

And we couldn't stop breathing  
to get this fresh air in.

227

00:09:46,310 --> 00:09:50,420

And we just laid there  
awhile, anything.

228

00:09:50,420 --> 00:09:52,520

None of us could even get up.

229

00:09:52,520 --> 00:09:54,410

We couldn't.

230

00:09:54,410 --> 00:09:59,540

And finally, the Germans  
say, [GERMAN],, to get out.

231

00:09:59,540 --> 00:10:01,830

We dragged ourselves out.

232

00:10:01,830 --> 00:10:03,560

We got our feet.

233  
00:10:03,560 --> 00:10:05,590  
We couldn't walk.

234  
00:10:05,590 --> 00:10:08,710  
It took us more than  
a whole day or so long

235  
00:10:08,710 --> 00:10:13,490  
to get back 1 kilometer,  
a little less than a mile.

236  
00:10:13,490 --> 00:10:16,030  
We walked like I show you.

237  
00:10:16,030 --> 00:10:18,280  
I lift my leg.

238  
00:10:18,280 --> 00:10:19,840  
And I couldn't  
lift the other one.

239  
00:10:19,840 --> 00:10:22,450  
I had to take my hand  
to lift the other leg.

240  
00:10:22,450 --> 00:10:25,650  
And that's the way,  
back to the same camp.

241  
00:10:25,650 --> 00:10:30,250  
Here, my things fold up  
from this, the [INAUDIBLE],,

242  
00:10:30,250 --> 00:10:31,430  
as you have here.

243  
00:10:31,430 --> 00:10:34,550  
They're called  
[INAUDIBLE],, like--

244  
00:10:34,550 --> 00:10:35,870

not to know what it is.

245  
00:10:35,870 --> 00:10:36,950  
Each person has it.

246  
00:10:36,950 --> 00:10:40,000  
And then you get from  
this-- this folds up,

247  
00:10:40,000 --> 00:10:42,200  
painful, terrible.

248  
00:10:42,200 --> 00:10:45,480  
And we couldn't get--  
we got back to the camp.

249  
00:10:45,480 --> 00:10:49,390  
The guys did the same treatment  
to us like they did before--

250  
00:10:49,390 --> 00:10:51,700  
to Lipnice.

251  
00:10:51,700 --> 00:10:53,440  
They gave us a shower.

252  
00:10:53,440 --> 00:10:55,360  
They gave us a soup and bread.

253  
00:10:55,360 --> 00:10:57,050  
We slept overnight.

254  
00:10:57,050 --> 00:11:01,406  
The next day, in the  
morning, I'm alive.

255  
00:11:01,406 --> 00:11:02,410  
I was hungry.

256  
00:11:02,410 --> 00:11:03,910  
I was undernourished.

257

00:11:03,910 --> 00:11:04,810

I'm alive.

258

00:11:04,810 --> 00:11:08,200

We were young, the early 20s.

259

00:11:08,200 --> 00:11:08,970

We were alive.

260

00:11:08,970 --> 00:11:11,010

We got in the bag  
the same thing.

261

00:11:11,010 --> 00:11:12,880

They gave us the same nightgown.

262

00:11:12,880 --> 00:11:17,740

And now, the sun is coming in,  
the spring sun of early March,

263

00:11:17,740 --> 00:11:19,370

end of March.

264

00:11:19,370 --> 00:11:24,590

And we wait.

265

00:11:24,590 --> 00:11:28,900

They gave us to eat twice  
a day bread, and a coffee,

266

00:11:28,900 --> 00:11:30,420

and a soup.

267

00:11:30,420 --> 00:11:31,730

And we're waiting for it.

268

00:11:31,730 --> 00:11:37,470

Suddenly, a few days later,  
they're going to send us again.

269

00:11:37,470 --> 00:11:40,850

We started to get scared again.

270

00:11:40,850 --> 00:11:42,430

But we had already  
acknowledged--

271

00:11:42,430 --> 00:11:46,570

came already to ourselves  
that we could walk, all of us,

272

00:11:46,570 --> 00:11:47,870

physically.

273

00:11:47,870 --> 00:11:55,500

And so we walked 6 kilometers  
from Lipnice to Theresienstadt.

274

00:11:55,500 --> 00:11:57,940

We came to Theresienstadt.

275

00:11:57,940 --> 00:12:01,780

I couldn't believe that  
something like this exists--

276

00:12:01,780 --> 00:12:03,460

normal life.

277

00:12:03,460 --> 00:12:12,510

Before we got in was a big  
opening, like a gate, big gate.

278

00:12:12,510 --> 00:12:17,630

Arbeit Macht [GERMAN],,  
and [GERMAN]..

279

00:12:17,630 --> 00:12:20,560

You lazy [? breaks you ?],,  
you bones.

280

00:12:20,560 --> 00:12:21,880

I see people walking.

281

00:12:21,880 --> 00:12:23,485  
Jewish women.

282  
00:12:23,485 --> 00:12:26,620  
It looked like  
home in the fields,

283  
00:12:26,620 --> 00:12:30,910  
put again their vegetables,  
men with each other.

284  
00:12:30,910 --> 00:12:34,450  
But I was thinking that  
nobody exists anymore.

285  
00:12:34,450 --> 00:12:36,820  
If they could bring  
me, I was thinking,

286  
00:12:36,820 --> 00:12:39,850  
everything goes  
the same direction

287  
00:12:39,850 --> 00:12:42,280  
what's happened to  
me and to all of us.

288  
00:12:42,280 --> 00:12:45,090  
I said, they could knock  
me down to this position,

289  
00:12:45,090 --> 00:12:50,650  
to be weighing 90 pounds.

290  
00:12:50,650 --> 00:12:51,960  
I barely could walk.

291  
00:12:51,960 --> 00:12:53,546  
And a man from that--

292  
00:12:53,546 --> 00:12:55,790  
What's going on?



293

00:12:55,790 --> 00:12:57,700

I looked again, and it's Jews.

294

00:12:57,700 --> 00:12:59,750

It is Jews.

295

00:12:59,750 --> 00:13:02,860

I say, yeah, we started as Jews.

296

00:13:02,860 --> 00:13:06,160

We got in, in the camp,  
to Theresienstadt.

297

00:13:06,160 --> 00:13:10,180

Coming inside, there's  
a beautiful star city--

298

00:13:10,180 --> 00:13:16,030

flowers, spring flowering,  
benches, elderly people, men

299

00:13:16,030 --> 00:13:22,280

and women, Jews sitting on  
benches dressed beautiful

300

00:13:22,280 --> 00:13:24,900

in nice clothing.

301

00:13:24,900 --> 00:13:28,800

We couldn't understand  
what's going on.

302

00:13:28,800 --> 00:13:29,750

We are here.

303

00:13:29,750 --> 00:13:31,390

It's nice.

304

00:13:31,390 --> 00:13:35,260

They took us to  
the shower again.

305

00:13:35,260 --> 00:13:37,390

Women came in  
dressed like nurses

306

00:13:37,390 --> 00:13:39,970

with white hats, Jewish women.

307

00:13:39,970 --> 00:13:41,590

They took our clothes off.

308

00:13:41,590 --> 00:13:45,220

They're laying us  
down on a table

309

00:13:45,220 --> 00:13:48,600

to clean our hair from  
top to the bottom.

310

00:13:48,600 --> 00:13:51,566

They gave us a scrub shower.

311

00:13:51,566 --> 00:13:53,200

And we dressed.

312

00:13:53,200 --> 00:13:57,270

You could pick yourself out  
clothes with a neck tie,

313

00:13:57,270 --> 00:13:59,064

with a suit.

314

00:13:59,064 --> 00:14:01,110

I said, what's going on?

315

00:14:01,110 --> 00:14:04,350

I mean, we're going  
with the music.

316

00:14:04,350 --> 00:14:05,740

We're going with it.

317

00:14:05,740 --> 00:14:10,240  
They put us in a room,  
20 in a room again,

318  
00:14:10,240 --> 00:14:14,410  
no barracks, nice beds.

319  
00:14:14,410 --> 00:14:16,570  
And they start to give us food.

320  
00:14:16,570 --> 00:14:21,530  
And there, they didn't  
know how to feed us.

321  
00:14:21,530 --> 00:14:23,275  
And they gave us too rich food.

322  
00:14:23,275 --> 00:14:25,990

323  
00:14:25,990 --> 00:14:28,890  
Our stomach couldn't  
take rich food.

324  
00:14:28,890 --> 00:14:32,790  
They gave us too much  
meat, too much fat.

325  
00:14:32,790 --> 00:14:35,680  
And people start  
to get dysentery,

326  
00:14:35,680 --> 00:14:41,080  
and dying like flies,  
till they realize--

327  
00:14:41,080 --> 00:14:44,560  
I, myself, I was  
sitting on the toilet.

328  
00:14:44,560 --> 00:14:45,320  
We couldn't hold.

329

00:14:45,320 --> 00:14:49,510

Then they start to give us  
charcoal, the whole thing.

330

00:14:49,510 --> 00:14:51,760

So majority was dying.

331

00:14:51,760 --> 00:14:53,610

We was very weak.

332

00:14:53,610 --> 00:14:57,130

And the system was down.

333

00:14:57,130 --> 00:14:58,940

Were you very thin then?

334

00:14:58,940 --> 00:15:00,590

I was very, very thin--

335

00:15:00,590 --> 00:15:01,090

Absolutely.

336

00:15:01,090 --> 00:15:03,900

--only bones, like  
you see a skeleton.

337

00:15:03,900 --> 00:15:05,740

That's the way I was looking--

338

00:15:05,740 --> 00:15:07,290

no meat, no nothing.

339

00:15:07,290 --> 00:15:11,250

Only I ate my meat  
up by walking.

340

00:15:11,250 --> 00:15:13,920

I was weighing 90 pounds.

341

00:15:13,920 --> 00:15:15,540

So you can imagine what--

342

00:15:15,540 --> 00:15:19,140

I was 6 feet weighing 90 pounds.

343

00:15:19,140 --> 00:15:21,310

My eyes was really like wild.

344

00:15:21,310 --> 00:15:24,360

345

00:15:24,360 --> 00:15:29,310

Anyway, they took us to  
the hospital, all of us,

346

00:15:29,310 --> 00:15:31,360

took away the clothes.

347

00:15:31,360 --> 00:15:33,522

They gave me again  
a long nightgown.

348

00:15:33,522 --> 00:15:34,980

And they put us in  
at the hospital.

349

00:15:34,980 --> 00:15:38,970

And this was already the  
last days of the liberation.

350

00:15:38,970 --> 00:15:44,310

And it must have been  
April, beginning May.

351

00:15:44,310 --> 00:15:45,480

We were in the hospital.

352

00:15:45,480 --> 00:15:48,030

I came back to myself.

353

00:15:48,030 --> 00:15:51,230

And some way, I'm at my health.

354

00:15:51,230 --> 00:15:52,420

They realized the food.

355

00:15:52,420 --> 00:15:54,180

They gave us better food.

356

00:15:54,180 --> 00:15:57,030

And finally, we heard it.

357

00:15:57,030 --> 00:16:01,580

May 8, the Russian are  
here in Czechoslovakia.

358

00:16:01,580 --> 00:16:02,990

The Russian are here.

359

00:16:02,990 --> 00:16:03,930

This was at night.

360

00:16:03,930 --> 00:16:05,590

In the morning, we're all free.

361

00:16:05,590 --> 00:16:07,650

Everybody's running around.

362

00:16:07,650 --> 00:16:10,170

And we are locked  
in the hospital.

363

00:16:10,170 --> 00:16:12,030

The door was locked.

364

00:16:12,030 --> 00:16:15,240

And the windows was  
barbwired, I guess--

365

00:16:15,240 --> 00:16:16,390

I don't know why--

366

00:16:16,390 --> 00:16:18,980

for disease, or

for some to get--.

367

00:16:18,980 --> 00:16:21,120

We couldn't get  
out, and no clothes.

368

00:16:21,120 --> 00:16:22,680

I have a nightgown.

369

00:16:22,680 --> 00:16:23,900

But anyway, I want to go out.

370

00:16:23,900 --> 00:16:24,480

We're free.

371

00:16:24,480 --> 00:16:25,990

I'm free.

372

00:16:25,990 --> 00:16:29,330

Some way, I untied the  
wire, the barbwires.

373

00:16:29,330 --> 00:16:30,580

And I got out in my nightgown.

374

00:16:30,580 --> 00:16:32,370

I'm running.

375

00:16:32,370 --> 00:16:33,600

I see people running.

376

00:16:33,600 --> 00:16:35,300

I'm running with them.

377

00:16:35,300 --> 00:16:36,430

Oh, we're all free.

378

00:16:36,430 --> 00:16:37,390

The Russian are here.

379

00:16:37,390 --> 00:16:41,093

I'm running, forever  
running, all run for food.

380  
00:16:41,093 --> 00:16:41,760  
What do we need?

381  
00:16:41,760 --> 00:16:42,660  
Food.

382  
00:16:42,660 --> 00:16:44,480  
We run for food.

383  
00:16:44,480 --> 00:16:48,430  
We're running in a  
basement for old potatoes.

384  
00:16:48,430 --> 00:16:49,515  
I was running.

385  
00:16:49,515 --> 00:16:50,270  
They're running.

386  
00:16:50,270 --> 00:16:51,120  
I run with them.

387  
00:16:51,120 --> 00:16:53,270  
I have on nightgown, the  
rest of them clothed.

388  
00:16:53,270 --> 00:16:55,590  
I was like that.

389  
00:16:55,590 --> 00:16:57,720  
Came in, in this basement--

390  
00:16:57,720 --> 00:16:58,320  
who do I meet?

391  
00:16:58,320 --> 00:17:01,960  
I meet women from my hometown.

392



00:17:01,960 --> 00:17:04,950

And I saw a few of them,  
about three, or four, or five.

393

00:17:04,950 --> 00:17:06,079

I don't remember how many.

394

00:17:06,079 --> 00:17:08,839

A few women from my hometown  
came looking for food, too.

395

00:17:08,839 --> 00:17:12,510

And it's just the first few  
hours we were liberated.

396

00:17:12,510 --> 00:17:13,910

They looked at me.

397

00:17:13,910 --> 00:17:16,949

I was not-- I wasn't  
shaved already.

398

00:17:16,949 --> 00:17:18,234

I was skin.

399

00:17:18,234 --> 00:17:21,260

And I recognized  
him [INAUDIBLE]..

400

00:17:21,260 --> 00:17:22,530

Oh, you're-- this is Joseph.

401

00:17:22,530 --> 00:17:24,490

We start to cry.

402

00:17:24,490 --> 00:17:26,670

All the women start to cry.

403

00:17:26,670 --> 00:17:28,710

And I was surprised again.

404

00:17:28,710 --> 00:17:31,210

I said, look, I was thinking  
you're going to be happy.

405  
00:17:31,210 --> 00:17:33,900  
You see a guy from  
your home town.

406  
00:17:33,900 --> 00:17:36,310  
So they say, look,  
we'll be crying

407  
00:17:36,310 --> 00:17:38,250  
if we see you in this position.

408  
00:17:38,250 --> 00:17:42,810  
We don't believe any--  
that our family exist.

409  
00:17:42,810 --> 00:17:47,585  
And they could bring you to  
this point, like you look--

410  
00:17:47,585 --> 00:17:48,660  
that's why we cry.

411  
00:17:48,660 --> 00:17:50,190  
We don't know about a husband.

412  
00:17:50,190 --> 00:17:54,800  
We don't know about  
the brother, boyfriend.

413  
00:17:54,800 --> 00:17:56,730  
That's why we're crying.

414  
00:17:56,730 --> 00:18:00,330  
And that was the liberation.

415  
00:18:00,330 --> 00:18:04,375  
From there, I got myself  
some clothes down there

416

00:18:04,375 --> 00:18:06,000  
to get dressed.

417  
00:18:06,000 --> 00:18:07,830  
There was plenty  
clothes, Jewish clothes.

418  
00:18:07,830 --> 00:18:11,100  
I got a couple suit  
covers, underwear.

419  
00:18:11,100 --> 00:18:15,150  
That's what you could  
take in Theresienstadt.

420  
00:18:15,150 --> 00:18:20,000  
And I got to Czech, to Prague.

421  
00:18:20,000 --> 00:18:21,030  
I came to Prague.

422  
00:18:21,030 --> 00:18:26,820  
And I already met people from  
my hometown, women and men.

423  
00:18:26,820 --> 00:18:31,690  
And the Czech people were  
very good to us, no comparison

424  
00:18:31,690 --> 00:18:32,320  
to the Polacks.

425  
00:18:32,320 --> 00:18:34,950  
When we got to the Polacks,  
they were killing us.

426  
00:18:34,950 --> 00:18:38,010  
And they treat us--  
they gave us money,

427  
00:18:38,010 --> 00:18:40,170  
their korunas, Czech korunas.

428

00:18:40,170 --> 00:18:40,935

They gave us food.

429

00:18:40,935 --> 00:18:42,010

We cannot complain.

430

00:18:42,010 --> 00:18:45,960

I was there about seven  
days in a Jewish community

431

00:18:45,960 --> 00:18:50,000

there, in a Jewish  
community center.

432

00:18:50,000 --> 00:18:54,540

And then I find  
out that she lives,

433

00:18:54,540 --> 00:18:59,460

because she was liberated in  
Czechoslovakia in [? Kratov, ?]

434

00:18:59,460 --> 00:19:02,750

in a place, my wife.

435

00:19:02,750 --> 00:19:03,750

So she was alive.

436

00:19:03,750 --> 00:19:04,530

I know she lives.

437

00:19:04,530 --> 00:19:07,850

I told her, I lived through,  
I will come and see her.

438

00:19:07,850 --> 00:19:09,060

And I spent there time.

439

00:19:09,060 --> 00:19:12,630

And then I say, let me go home  
and see maybe who survived.

440

00:19:12,630 --> 00:19:14,680

I still wouldn't believe.

441

00:19:14,680 --> 00:19:16,350

And then I came home.

442

00:19:16,350 --> 00:19:18,180

On the way to the train--

443

00:19:18,180 --> 00:19:19,905

I had a couple suit covers--

444

00:19:19,905 --> 00:19:22,740

were Russian thieves.

445

00:19:22,740 --> 00:19:24,000

The train stopped.

446

00:19:24,000 --> 00:19:26,610

The Russian thieves steal  
both my suit covers.

447

00:19:26,610 --> 00:19:29,580

And I was, again, naked.

448

00:19:29,580 --> 00:19:32,730

I came back to Tomashov.

449

00:19:32,730 --> 00:19:33,485

We had the farm.

450

00:19:33,485 --> 00:19:35,580

We had the-- so I came home.

451

00:19:35,580 --> 00:19:38,670

And a nice couple of  
cousins, boys, came home.

452

00:19:38,670 --> 00:19:39,690

They had nowhere to go.

453

00:19:39,690 --> 00:19:42,910

And they were sleeping in  
a hallway on the racks.

454

00:19:42,910 --> 00:19:44,570

They came a day before.

455

00:19:44,570 --> 00:19:47,425

I say, look, guys,  
I have a house.

456

00:19:47,425 --> 00:19:49,050

We're going to get  
to the [INAUDIBLE]..

457

00:19:49,050 --> 00:19:51,870

I went to my house,  
apartment, what we have.

458

00:19:51,870 --> 00:19:53,710

They took an apartment.

459

00:19:53,710 --> 00:19:55,140

I said now, one  
of the guys, let's

460

00:19:55,140 --> 00:19:59,940

go out to me in the country,  
and let's go bring some food.

461

00:19:59,940 --> 00:20:02,046

I got out in the country.

462

00:20:02,046 --> 00:20:05,390

And I saw this situation  
is not too shiny.

463

00:20:05,390 --> 00:20:07,160

I was afraid the way they act.

464

00:20:07,160 --> 00:20:09,440

The first thing-- what they say?

465  
00:20:09,440 --> 00:20:11,640  
Ty jeszcze Å¼yjesz?.

466  
00:20:11,640 --> 00:20:13,490  
You're still living.

467  
00:20:13,490 --> 00:20:16,440  
This was the good  
morning, and the say.

468  
00:20:16,440 --> 00:20:19,240  
And the guy who had our  
farm took over already.

469  
00:20:19,240 --> 00:20:21,650  
He was the whole boss.

470  
00:20:21,650 --> 00:20:23,570  
And he told me to  
sleep in his house.

471  
00:20:23,570 --> 00:20:27,140  
I say, no, because I was  
afraid, I fell asleep,

472  
00:20:27,140 --> 00:20:31,740  
and he going to take a  
hacksaw, come in, and kill me.

473  
00:20:31,740 --> 00:20:32,960  
So I say, I don't sleep.

474  
00:20:32,960 --> 00:20:34,910  
I like to sleep in the barn.

475  
00:20:34,910 --> 00:20:37,190  
I know the places where  
I sleep down there, where

476  
00:20:37,190 --> 00:20:39,520  
there's straw, and anything.

477

00:20:39,520 --> 00:20:42,020

And I took another guy with me.

478

00:20:42,020 --> 00:20:44,360

And I told him,  
you're going to sleep,

479

00:20:44,360 --> 00:20:45,920

and I'm going to be awake.

480

00:20:45,920 --> 00:20:46,570

I awake.

481

00:20:46,570 --> 00:20:49,790

Let's don't be-- if  
you hear any move,

482

00:20:49,790 --> 00:20:51,680

I know how to get out from here.

483

00:20:51,680 --> 00:20:55,220

And a couple of times in the  
night, we went in the fields,

484

00:20:55,220 --> 00:20:56,600

because we heard some shooting.

485

00:20:56,600 --> 00:20:58,400

We have to move.

486

00:20:58,400 --> 00:21:03,770

Next day, in the morning,  
I told him, I need food.

487

00:21:03,770 --> 00:21:06,890

And he loaded up a  
whole wagon with food,

488

00:21:06,890 --> 00:21:11,630

with bread, with milk,  
chicken I think, and flour.



489

00:21:11,630 --> 00:21:13,870

And he took it in the city.

490

00:21:13,870 --> 00:21:17,450

And he told me he cannot  
give me my farm back,

491

00:21:17,450 --> 00:21:19,770

because he gave away his farm.

492

00:21:19,770 --> 00:21:22,670

He rented his farm  
for three years.

493

00:21:22,670 --> 00:21:25,170

And he got the lease  
with the other people.

494

00:21:25,170 --> 00:21:27,590

So he going to give me a lease.

495

00:21:27,590 --> 00:21:28,470

He going to rent us.

496

00:21:28,470 --> 00:21:34,070

OK, I was afraid to go out  
any more into the country.

497

00:21:34,070 --> 00:21:35,000

This was the only guy.

498

00:21:35,000 --> 00:21:37,310

And I told him, look, you're  
going to bring me food.

499

00:21:37,310 --> 00:21:39,860

A couple of times, he  
brought me to the city.

500

00:21:39,860 --> 00:21:41,690

And then I didn't

see him anymore.

501

00:21:41,690 --> 00:21:46,590

And I was-- he saw that  
I'm afraid to come there.

502

00:21:46,590 --> 00:21:50,960

And then, a few weeks  
later, I heard that they

503

00:21:50,960 --> 00:21:53,040

started to kill Jews in Poland.

504

00:21:53,040 --> 00:21:57,170

In my wife's home  
town, Radom, they

505

00:21:57,170 --> 00:21:58,940

came in to kill eight Jews.

506

00:21:58,940 --> 00:22:01,540

They were sleeping there.

507

00:22:01,540 --> 00:22:05,725

The RK, they call Armia  
Krajowa, Armia Krajowa.

508

00:22:05,725 --> 00:22:09,320

It's called RK.

509

00:22:09,320 --> 00:22:11,410

And this was the fascists.

510

00:22:11,410 --> 00:22:17,027

And so when I came home, I took  
an apartment with the boys.

511

00:22:17,027 --> 00:22:17,860

And I had somebody--

512

00:22:17,860 --> 00:22:20,120

I lived there for a few weeks.

513  
00:22:20,120 --> 00:22:23,510  
And after this, I say,  
there's no time. we.

514  
00:22:23,510 --> 00:22:27,830  
All, Jewish, try to go in in the  
big cities of Warsaw or Lodz.

515  
00:22:27,830 --> 00:22:28,580  
And I moved there.

516  
00:22:28,580 --> 00:22:31,040  
And Lodz was near Tomashov.

517  
00:22:31,040 --> 00:22:33,862  
So I moved in to Lodz.

518  
00:22:33,862 --> 00:22:34,820  
You want to stop there?

519  
00:22:34,820 --> 00:22:38,920  
Or you want to-- and there,  
we had a few cousins.

520  
00:22:38,920 --> 00:22:40,620  
We got an apartment.

521  
00:22:40,620 --> 00:22:43,700  
And we stayed there  
in Lodz for a while.

522  
00:22:43,700 --> 00:22:47,780  
And then we decided,  
my wife's family--

523  
00:22:47,780 --> 00:22:50,690  
she had two sisters  
that survived.

524  
00:22:50,690 --> 00:22:53,630  
And one sister's

husband, he came back.

525

00:22:53,630 --> 00:22:55,700

And we all met in Lodz.

526

00:22:55,700 --> 00:23:04,100

And we decided December  
the 21st to leave Poland.

527

00:23:04,100 --> 00:23:05,300

This is 1945.

528

00:23:05,300 --> 00:23:06,370

'45.

529

00:23:06,370 --> 00:23:12,590

In the meantime, I put on  
a uniform, a Polish uniform

530

00:23:12,590 --> 00:23:14,912

to get Jews out from Poland.

531

00:23:14,912 --> 00:23:17,370

That's interesting, but I won't  
go through [BOTH TALKING]..

532

00:23:17,370 --> 00:23:17,870

Well, no.

533

00:23:17,870 --> 00:23:19,280

You put on a Polish  
army uniform?

534

00:23:19,280 --> 00:23:19,660

Yes.

535

00:23:19,660 --> 00:23:20,493

And what did you do?

536

00:23:20,493 --> 00:23:22,040

As a captain.

537

00:23:22,040 --> 00:23:23,300

How did you get it?

538

00:23:23,300 --> 00:23:24,350

From my hometown.

539

00:23:24,350 --> 00:23:25,490

There was the army there.

540

00:23:25,490 --> 00:23:26,450

And I met a sergeant.

541

00:23:26,450 --> 00:23:28,820

And I got with him in contact.

542

00:23:28,820 --> 00:23:32,990

And he gave me a  
uniform, and the papers.

543

00:23:32,990 --> 00:23:35,510

And I got into--

544

00:23:35,510 --> 00:23:37,890

and I was taking out  
Jews from Poland.

545

00:23:37,890 --> 00:23:42,700

It was hard to get out  
to Berlin, to Germany.

546

00:23:42,700 --> 00:23:44,810

And then, later, [INAUDIBLE].

547

00:23:44,810 --> 00:23:48,137

And then we decided, it's  
time to leave Poland.

548

00:23:48,137 --> 00:23:50,220

The communists, and the  
whole thing, the situation

549

00:23:50,220 --> 00:23:51,710  
started to get worse.

550  
00:23:51,710 --> 00:23:53,870  
They started to  
kill Jews in Kielce.

551  
00:23:53,870 --> 00:23:56,000  
There were Jews  
being killed there.

552  
00:23:56,000 --> 00:23:58,070  
So we took off.

553  
00:23:58,070 --> 00:24:00,630  
And we got into Germany,  
got into Berlin.

554  
00:24:00,630 --> 00:24:01,130  
We?

555  
00:24:01,130 --> 00:24:03,470  
You and your wife?

556  
00:24:03,470 --> 00:24:05,730  
And her family.

557  
00:24:05,730 --> 00:24:07,300  
It wasn't with my wife.

558  
00:24:07,300 --> 00:24:10,580  
It was one sister who  
was with her in camp

559  
00:24:10,580 --> 00:24:13,033  
And then it was her brother,  
along with one sister,

560  
00:24:13,033 --> 00:24:14,200  
who was in a different camp.

561  
00:24:14,200 --> 00:24:17,110

She was in Sweden's, liberated.

562

00:24:17,110 --> 00:24:20,990

And they had a little  
boy who was saved.

563

00:24:20,990 --> 00:24:23,210

This little boy, they took  
it away from the Germans.

564

00:24:23,210 --> 00:24:24,890

It's a story by itself.

565

00:24:24,890 --> 00:24:26,110

She could tell you.

566

00:24:26,110 --> 00:24:28,500

And this little boy  
was three years old.

567

00:24:28,500 --> 00:24:29,960

And we took him.

568

00:24:29,960 --> 00:24:34,070

And we got to  
Germany, to Berlin.

569

00:24:34,070 --> 00:24:36,980

And from Berlin,  
we got to Munich.

570

00:24:36,980 --> 00:24:41,990

In Munich, I was  
there for five years.

571

00:24:41,990 --> 00:24:43,060

And I had--

572

00:24:43,060 --> 00:24:44,060

I rent a business.

573

00:24:44,060 --> 00:24:46,295

I partner with an  
import-export business.

574  
00:24:46,295 --> 00:24:52,060  
And we were doing  
very well in 1950.

575  
00:24:52,060 --> 00:24:54,800  
We put in for our papers  
to get to America.

576  
00:24:54,800 --> 00:24:58,490  
In 1950, we came to  
the United States.

577  
00:24:58,490 --> 00:25:01,200  
So you were never in a  
displaced persons camp.

578  
00:25:01,200 --> 00:25:01,700  
No.

579  
00:25:01,700 --> 00:25:02,390  
No.

580  
00:25:02,390 --> 00:25:06,470  
I took away an  
apartment from an SS.

581  
00:25:06,470 --> 00:25:08,750  
We could, at that  
time, in Munich--

582  
00:25:08,750 --> 00:25:10,620  
an SS apartment.

583  
00:25:10,620 --> 00:25:15,210  
And we were living  
in this apartment.

584  
00:25:15,210 --> 00:25:15,960  
And when did you--



585

00:25:15,960 --> 00:25:17,520

And he was still in Russia.

586

00:25:17,520 --> 00:25:19,330

When did you get married?

587

00:25:19,330 --> 00:25:21,620

We got married in 1946--

588

00:25:21,620 --> 00:25:22,160

In Munich.

589

00:25:22,160 --> 00:25:23,270

--in Munich.

590

00:25:23,270 --> 00:25:25,650

And my daughter  
was born in 1948.

591

00:25:25,650 --> 00:25:27,160

And your wife's name is?

592

00:25:27,160 --> 00:25:29,675

Guta, G-U-T-A.

593

00:25:29,675 --> 00:25:30,300

And her maiden?

594

00:25:30,300 --> 00:25:33,820

Her maiden name is Neumann.

595

00:25:33,820 --> 00:25:35,280

And then you said  
you had a child.

596

00:25:35,280 --> 00:25:38,780

I had a child, a  
daughter, in 1948.

597

00:25:38,780 --> 00:25:43,146

And in 1950, we left the

port to United States.

598

00:25:43,146 --> 00:25:44,922

And we got to Baltimore.

599

00:25:44,922 --> 00:25:46,880

You said you were in the  
import-export business

600

00:25:46,880 --> 00:25:47,500

in Munich.

601

00:25:47,500 --> 00:25:48,300

In Germany.

602

00:25:48,300 --> 00:25:48,800

In Munich.

603

00:25:48,800 --> 00:25:50,580

What kind of um?

604

00:25:50,580 --> 00:25:56,270

Sending shirts and scarves  
for different countries,

605

00:25:56,270 --> 00:25:58,940

for Italy, for Czechoslovakia.

606

00:25:58,940 --> 00:26:02,080

And we were doing cigarettes.

607

00:26:02,080 --> 00:26:04,020

We used to get  
chocolate in America

608

00:26:04,020 --> 00:26:07,810

from Switzerland,  
things like that.

609

00:26:07,810 --> 00:26:09,880

And then you came to  
the United States.

610  
00:26:09,880 --> 00:26:12,150  
Then I came to the  
United States in 1950.

611  
00:26:12,150 --> 00:26:13,230  
What month?

612  
00:26:13,230 --> 00:26:16,528  
In August 17, 1950.

613  
00:26:16,528 --> 00:26:17,320  
And where did you--

614  
00:26:17,320 --> 00:26:21,900  
--with the ship General Hersey  
And we went in Baltimore,

615  
00:26:21,900 --> 00:26:25,240  
because my wife had  
an aunt in Baltimore.

616  
00:26:25,240 --> 00:26:28,530  
And her sisters  
left a year before.

617  
00:26:28,530 --> 00:26:31,710  
She had two sisters in 1949.

618  
00:26:31,710 --> 00:26:34,090  
And they married in Germany.

619  
00:26:34,090 --> 00:26:35,640  
One was married before the war.

620  
00:26:35,640 --> 00:26:38,370  
Her husband survived,  
and a little baby.

621  
00:26:38,370 --> 00:26:42,980  
And one sister got  
married in '46.

622  
00:26:42,980 --> 00:26:44,520  
And then you came to Baltimore.

623  
00:26:44,520 --> 00:26:45,130  
And then what?

624  
00:26:45,130 --> 00:26:45,630  
And then--

625  
00:26:45,630 --> 00:26:48,540  
And then I bought  
a grocery business.

626  
00:26:48,540 --> 00:26:49,170  
In Baltimore?

627  
00:26:49,170 --> 00:26:50,210  
In Baltimore.

628  
00:26:50,210 --> 00:26:53,910  
And I was seven year in  
the grocery business.

629  
00:26:53,910 --> 00:26:55,520  
And I sold the grocery business.

630  
00:26:55,520 --> 00:26:58,620  
I came here to--

631  
00:26:58,620 --> 00:26:59,490  
To Silver Spring.

632  
00:26:59,490 --> 00:27:01,100  
I came down to Silver Spring.

633  
00:27:01,100 --> 00:27:03,630  
And I bought a liquor store.

634  
00:27:03,630 --> 00:27:07,760  
And I was 23 years in the liquor

business in Pennsylvania Avenue

635

00:27:07,760 --> 00:27:09,710  
near the Capitol.

636

00:27:09,710 --> 00:27:13,070  
And then I sold the liquor  
store about 16 years ago

637

00:27:13,070 --> 00:27:16,040  
and went in the  
jewelry business.

638

00:27:16,040 --> 00:27:19,430  
And now I just liquidated  
my jewelry business.

639

00:27:19,430 --> 00:27:21,500  
When did you hear  
about your family,

640

00:27:21,500 --> 00:27:22,730  
what happened to your family?

641

00:27:22,730 --> 00:27:23,870  
When I came to Poland.

642

00:27:23,870 --> 00:27:24,830  
When you got back home.

643

00:27:24,830 --> 00:27:26,540  
Oh, yes.

644

00:27:26,540 --> 00:27:27,330  
How did you hear?

645

00:27:27,330 --> 00:27:27,830  
Who--

646

00:27:27,830 --> 00:27:31,320  
We know that they're in  
Czechoslovakia at that time.

647  
00:27:31,320 --> 00:27:32,770  
We still didn't believe.

648  
00:27:32,770 --> 00:27:35,765  
I was thinking, maybe somebody  
hide themself, survive.

649  
00:27:35,765 --> 00:27:38,830  
We knew already that the  
crematoriums were there,

650  
00:27:38,830 --> 00:27:40,800  
that Treblinka was  
there, Auschwitz.

651  
00:27:40,800 --> 00:27:43,710  
We knew what's going on.

652  
00:27:43,710 --> 00:27:46,100  
So we knew what's  
happened to them.

653  
00:27:46,100 --> 00:27:49,737  
And we knew they took  
time to Theresienstadt.

654  
00:27:49,737 --> 00:27:50,570  
Not Theresienstadt--

655  
00:27:50,570 --> 00:27:51,100  
Treblinka.

656  
00:27:51,100 --> 00:27:52,672  
--to Treblinka.

657  
00:27:52,672 --> 00:27:55,130  
But still, I was thinking,  
maybe some of them-- my brother,

658  
00:27:55,130 --> 00:27:58,930  
maybe somebody ran away, or

hid himself after Hitler.

659

00:27:58,930 --> 00:27:59,750

One was 15.

660

00:27:59,750 --> 00:28:01,720

One was 14.

661

00:28:01,720 --> 00:28:05,270

And the one who was  
with me was 18, 19.

662

00:28:05,270 --> 00:28:06,320

So I came home.

663

00:28:06,320 --> 00:28:09,470

And then we had property.

664

00:28:09,470 --> 00:28:11,780

I took my meantime  
when I was in Poland.

665

00:28:11,780 --> 00:28:14,765

I took all the property  
in my name to the Poland.

666

00:28:14,765 --> 00:28:17,540

667

00:28:17,540 --> 00:28:25,890

And then I left  
Poland December '34.

668

00:28:25,890 --> 00:28:27,960

When I got to Germany, it was--

669

00:28:27,960 --> 00:28:29,090

I mean, '45.

670

00:28:29,090 --> 00:28:32,600

When I got to Germany, it  
was '46, 12 O'clock at night.

671  
00:28:32,600 --> 00:28:34,520  
I went aboard at 12:00.

672  
00:28:34,520 --> 00:28:37,190  
Can we go back  
just a little bit?

673  
00:28:37,190 --> 00:28:39,540  
You said, at the  
time of liberation--

674  
00:28:39,540 --> 00:28:40,930  
Yes.

675  
00:28:40,930 --> 00:28:43,010  
--you ran to get food.

676  
00:28:43,010 --> 00:28:43,970  
Yes.

677  
00:28:43,970 --> 00:28:47,120  
Do you remember what any  
of your other thoughts

678  
00:28:47,120 --> 00:28:51,696  
were at this incredible  
time when the war was over?

679  
00:28:51,696 --> 00:28:53,750  
Well, we know this--

680  
00:28:53,750 --> 00:28:55,300  
what's happened.

681  
00:28:55,300 --> 00:28:56,520  
The thought was gone, too.

682  
00:28:56,520 --> 00:28:59,280  
Could you believe that  
really the war was over?



683

00:28:59,280 --> 00:28:59,780

Yes.

684

00:28:59,780 --> 00:29:00,650

I mean, we saw it.

685

00:29:00,650 --> 00:29:01,910

And yes, we believed.

686

00:29:01,910 --> 00:29:05,910

We couldn't believe what's  
happened to all our people.

687

00:29:05,910 --> 00:29:07,850

We came into the  
city with nobody--

688

00:29:07,850 --> 00:29:08,030

What were your--

689

00:29:08,030 --> 00:29:08,240

--no people.

690

00:29:08,240 --> 00:29:10,010

--thoughts when you saw  
the Russian soldiers

691

00:29:10,010 --> 00:29:10,802

for the first time?

692

00:29:10,802 --> 00:29:13,520

693

00:29:13,520 --> 00:29:16,780

Not too friendly.

694

00:29:16,780 --> 00:29:19,900

I mean, still, they  
were are liberators.

695

00:29:19,900 --> 00:29:23,506

696  
00:29:23,506 --> 00:29:26,900  
I mean, they liberate us.

697  
00:29:26,900 --> 00:29:30,020  
And I didn't-- when we  
came back to Poland,

698  
00:29:30,020 --> 00:29:33,600  
I couldn't take it there,  
their system, communist system,

699  
00:29:33,600 --> 00:29:35,240  
especially the Poles, anything.

700  
00:29:35,240 --> 00:29:38,660  
And then the killing from the  
Jews, fighting-- the Poles

701  
00:29:38,660 --> 00:29:40,680  
was fighting us.

702  
00:29:40,680 --> 00:29:42,610  
In the last, they put  
it out on the Jews.

703  
00:29:42,610 --> 00:29:46,550  
In the little city, when they  
find some Jews, they kill them.

704  
00:29:46,550 --> 00:29:48,975  
They killed in  
Kielce nine people,

705  
00:29:48,975 --> 00:29:52,170  
right near my wife's  
home town near Radom.

706  
00:29:52,170 --> 00:29:54,210  
Kielce was a big city.

707

00:29:54,210 --> 00:29:56,060  
And they were killing Jews.

708  
00:29:56,060 --> 00:29:57,330  
And we had to run.

709  
00:29:57,330 --> 00:30:00,140  
We didn't believe that we're  
going to be liberated and come

710  
00:30:00,140 --> 00:30:01,640  
back to Poland--  
we're going to have

711  
00:30:01,640 --> 00:30:03,780  
to run away from  
the Poles, 'cause

712  
00:30:03,780 --> 00:30:05,390  
they're going to kill us.

713  
00:30:05,390 --> 00:30:08,660  
What about your  
extended family--

714  
00:30:08,660 --> 00:30:12,710  
aunts, uncles, cousins?

715  
00:30:12,710 --> 00:30:14,190  
When the people--

716  
00:30:14,190 --> 00:30:16,550  
Did anybody survive?

717  
00:30:16,550 --> 00:30:17,330  
No.

718  
00:30:17,330 --> 00:30:21,060  
I got-- here is--  
here, two cousins

719  
00:30:21,060 --> 00:30:24,310

survived where they  
were with me in camp.

720  
00:30:24,310 --> 00:30:25,640  
And one cousin survived.

721  
00:30:25,640 --> 00:30:26,580  
He ran away to Russia.

722  
00:30:26,580 --> 00:30:30,590  
And he was then in the Polish  
army, and the Russian army,

723  
00:30:30,590 --> 00:30:33,220  
and the Anders army.

724  
00:30:33,220 --> 00:30:36,470  
When the English  
came, they took over.

725  
00:30:36,470 --> 00:30:37,760  
He survived.

726  
00:30:37,760 --> 00:30:39,500  
So three second cousins--

727  
00:30:39,500 --> 00:30:41,090  
he was my wife's--

728  
00:30:41,090 --> 00:30:43,100  
my mother's cousins.

729  
00:30:43,100 --> 00:30:45,550  
To me, they were second cousins.

730  
00:30:45,550 --> 00:30:47,780  
They survived.

731  
00:30:47,780 --> 00:30:51,800  
I think then I didn't  
have no close family,

732

00:30:51,800 --> 00:30:53,150  
except my real cousins.

733

00:30:53,150 --> 00:30:55,310  
They survived from Paris.

734

00:30:55,310 --> 00:30:57,460  
Remember, I tell you  
two cousins came in.

735

00:30:57,460 --> 00:31:00,058  
These people all survived.

736

00:31:00,058 --> 00:31:01,100  
There were seven of them.

737

00:31:01,100 --> 00:31:02,960  
They all went to Switzerland.

738

00:31:02,960 --> 00:31:05,840  
They all survived.

739

00:31:05,840 --> 00:31:07,400  
Two of them still  
live from them,

740

00:31:07,400 --> 00:31:10,590  
because they were  
much older than I,

741

00:31:10,590 --> 00:31:13,940  
because their father was 20  
years older than my father.

742

00:31:13,940 --> 00:31:15,950  
So they were much older.

743

00:31:15,950 --> 00:31:28,840  
The youngest one  
was older than I.

744

00:31:28,840 --> 00:31:32,920

This is tape four,  
side B. I just

745

00:31:32,920 --> 00:31:37,150

want to ask you before we  
finish some of your thoughts

746

00:31:37,150 --> 00:31:41,770

and your reflections about  
what you went through.

747

00:31:41,770 --> 00:31:44,950

Has this changed you in  
any way about your feelings

748

00:31:44,950 --> 00:31:46,340

of being Jewish?

749

00:31:46,340 --> 00:31:47,140

No.

750

00:31:47,140 --> 00:31:51,460

Has it made you more religious,  
or less religious, or--

751

00:31:51,460 --> 00:31:52,210

The same.

752

00:31:52,210 --> 00:31:54,200

I go in the same  
step with my father.

753

00:31:54,200 --> 00:31:58,270

Maybe I cannot be just as  
religious as my father.

754

00:31:58,270 --> 00:32:01,150

But I'm an Orthodox Jew.

755

00:32:01,150 --> 00:32:05,463

And we've-- we're certain.

756

00:32:05,463 --> 00:32:09,420

757

00:32:09,420 --> 00:32:12,135

My family, I lost  
my whole family.

758

00:32:12,135 --> 00:32:15,460

There was eight--  
seven brothers,

759

00:32:15,460 --> 00:32:18,030

and three sisters, my parents.

760

00:32:18,030 --> 00:32:20,950

They all were killed in one day.

761

00:32:20,950 --> 00:32:25,510

So I still stayed  
with my belief.

762

00:32:25,510 --> 00:32:29,080

And I had to stay, because  
this would be my father's

763

00:32:29,080 --> 00:32:33,633

wish that I would  
go, [CRYING] and I

764

00:32:33,633 --> 00:32:37,010

would fulfill his [INAUDIBLE].

765

00:32:37,010 --> 00:32:38,050

I have to do this.

766

00:32:38,050 --> 00:32:40,725

767

00:32:40,725 --> 00:32:46,030

And I think about what's--

768

00:32:46,030 --> 00:32:47,550  
I have a nice family.

769  
00:32:47,550 --> 00:32:52,120  
I raised two nice daughters.

770  
00:32:52,120 --> 00:32:54,820  
One is a doctor.

771  
00:32:54,820 --> 00:32:56,710  
The other one is professional.

772  
00:32:56,710 --> 00:33:00,400  
She is a [INAUDIBLE]  
to my son-in-law.

773  
00:33:00,400 --> 00:33:02,370  
They're both doctors.

774  
00:33:02,370 --> 00:33:03,910  
I have a nice family.

775  
00:33:03,910 --> 00:33:07,180  
I have six nice grandchildren.

776  
00:33:07,180 --> 00:33:09,400  
And thank god for this.

777  
00:33:09,400 --> 00:33:11,230  
Do you receive reparations?

778  
00:33:11,230 --> 00:33:12,070  
Yes.

779  
00:33:12,070 --> 00:33:14,400  
How do you feel about that?

780  
00:33:14,400 --> 00:33:16,284  
They owe us.

781  
00:33:16,284 --> 00:33:17,880



They owe us.

782

00:33:17,880 --> 00:33:19,305

We worked for it.

783

00:33:19,305 --> 00:33:20,430

They don't give us nothing.

784

00:33:20,430 --> 00:33:23,492

785

00:33:23,492 --> 00:33:26,820

All they gave us--

786

00:33:26,820 --> 00:33:29,640

it's nothing.

787

00:33:29,640 --> 00:33:30,220

We worked.

788

00:33:30,220 --> 00:33:37,720

And we lost our strength and our  
life in the concentration camp.

789

00:33:37,720 --> 00:33:38,890

What they gave us--

790

00:33:38,890 --> 00:33:39,520

it's nothing.

791

00:33:39,520 --> 00:33:41,790

They took much more away.

792

00:33:41,790 --> 00:33:43,690

We were very wealthy people.

793

00:33:43,690 --> 00:33:45,910

My parents were very wealthy.

794

00:33:45,910 --> 00:33:49,830

And they took everything away,

the Germans and the Poles.

795

00:33:49,830 --> 00:33:51,490

I went back to there.

796

00:33:51,490 --> 00:33:54,610

I couldn't get nothing back.

797

00:33:54,610 --> 00:33:57,980

So they don't even--

not 1%, whatever.

798

00:33:57,980 --> 00:34:02,110

What I get, I don't get

paid for it-- for my health,

799

00:34:02,110 --> 00:34:05,770

and for my loss of the family.

800

00:34:05,770 --> 00:34:08,620

Did you talk about your

experiences to your children

801

00:34:08,620 --> 00:34:09,790

when they were growing up?

802

00:34:09,790 --> 00:34:13,150

Yes, my children

know everything.

803

00:34:13,150 --> 00:34:16,060

As a matter of fact, they want

me to speak in our synagogue

804

00:34:16,060 --> 00:34:16,989

this year.

805

00:34:16,989 --> 00:34:23,560

And somewhere, I feel like I'm

[? stares ?],, because people--

806

00:34:23,560 --> 00:34:24,363

it's too much.

807

00:34:24,363 --> 00:34:25,530

This is what they tell them.

808

00:34:25,530 --> 00:34:27,738

And I don't know how they're  
going to think about it.

809

00:34:27,738 --> 00:34:31,239

And I don't know what to  
cut it out, and what to say,

810

00:34:31,239 --> 00:34:31,929

and what not to.

811

00:34:31,929 --> 00:34:33,054

But they're still after me.

812

00:34:33,054 --> 00:34:35,970

They want to hear it.

813

00:34:35,970 --> 00:34:38,679

I went to the senior  
center in our synagogue.

814

00:34:38,679 --> 00:34:42,639

Our synagogue is a young  
group of very orthodox people.

815

00:34:42,639 --> 00:34:45,010

As a matter of fact, I  
belong to three of them here.

816

00:34:45,010 --> 00:34:48,770

On the right here is  
Kemp Mill Synagogue.

817

00:34:48,770 --> 00:34:52,389

And here's [INAUDIBLE].

818

00:34:52,389 --> 00:34:55,310

And I belong to Woodside.

819

00:34:55,310 --> 00:34:59,690

We were 10 people when we  
opened the shul in 1963.

820

00:34:59,690 --> 00:35:03,920

When I came here to Washington,  
Washington wasn't as orthodox

821

00:35:03,920 --> 00:35:05,245

as it's now.

822

00:35:05,245 --> 00:35:08,020

And we start to build up.

823

00:35:08,020 --> 00:35:13,340

And thank god we got now a  
very nice orthodox community,

824

00:35:13,340 --> 00:35:15,580

especially in this area.

825

00:35:15,580 --> 00:35:18,100

When you were talking  
about your experiences,

826

00:35:18,100 --> 00:35:22,480

you did mention what kept  
you going day to day.

827

00:35:22,480 --> 00:35:26,650

Is there anything  
else besides that?

828

00:35:26,650 --> 00:35:29,050

You said it was just  
getting through one day

829

00:35:29,050 --> 00:35:30,220

to get to the next.

830

00:35:30,220 --> 00:35:30,970  
We go day by day.

831  
00:35:30,970 --> 00:35:32,760  
We want to survive and to live.

832  
00:35:32,760 --> 00:35:34,570  
And we had hope.

833  
00:35:34,570 --> 00:35:38,310  
And just we survive.

834  
00:35:38,310 --> 00:35:40,900  
And the one thing what I  
want, and like I mentioned,

835  
00:35:40,900 --> 00:35:45,840  
I want that we survive  
one day longer than they.

836  
00:35:45,840 --> 00:35:47,870  
That's what's the  
most important.

837  
00:35:47,870 --> 00:35:51,380  
And if you give up-- people  
who gave up and said,

838  
00:35:51,380 --> 00:35:55,570  
we cannot make it, are people  
who-- none of them survive.

839  
00:35:55,570 --> 00:35:58,180  
Either way, they  
start deteriorating.

840  
00:35:58,180 --> 00:35:59,750  
They're losing constraint.

841  
00:35:59,750 --> 00:36:04,380  
They're losing-- mostly,  
the whole thing is the mind.

842

00:36:04,380 --> 00:36:06,900

The mind is more  
important than they think.

843

00:36:06,900 --> 00:36:10,780

If you put yourself,  
and you want to survive,

844

00:36:10,780 --> 00:36:16,540

you want to be-- and  
they want the Jewish--

845

00:36:16,540 --> 00:36:17,980

we were thinking this.

846

00:36:17,980 --> 00:36:19,450

We're all going to be this--

847

00:36:19,450 --> 00:36:21,030

how many Jews are  
going to be left?

848

00:36:21,030 --> 00:36:23,710

There's going to be [INAUDIBLE].

849

00:36:23,710 --> 00:36:25,040

We didn't know what survived.

850

00:36:25,040 --> 00:36:27,580

Each Jew who survived is--

851

00:36:27,580 --> 00:36:30,350

852

00:36:30,350 --> 00:36:34,110

there's a million,  
there's a billion to us.

853

00:36:34,110 --> 00:36:36,380

When I survive,  
maybe somebody else,

854

00:36:36,380 --> 00:36:40,010

maybe I can build something  
again and put it back together.

855

00:36:40,010 --> 00:36:43,520

What was important to  
me was to see there,

856

00:36:43,520 --> 00:36:47,210

and to see what's  
happened to them bandits.

857

00:36:47,210 --> 00:36:48,790

To them, this is  
only a [INAUDIBLE]..

858

00:36:48,790 --> 00:36:50,010

It's unbelievable.

859

00:36:50,010 --> 00:36:51,130

You couldn't even--

860

00:36:51,130 --> 00:36:53,090

I would have to tell  
you, day in and night,

861

00:36:53,090 --> 00:36:54,770

what I saw in  
Auschwitz-- how they act,

862

00:36:54,770 --> 00:36:58,780

and how they treat the  
children, in the liquidation how

863

00:36:58,780 --> 00:37:01,520

they cut off kids legs  
and threw it on the wall.

864

00:37:01,520 --> 00:37:05,070

And there was a guy  
by the name Mull

865

00:37:05,070 --> 00:37:08,990  
who was a very famous,  
rich company in Munich.

866  
00:37:08,990 --> 00:37:13,745  
They had [? everything. ?]  
He was an SS in Auschwitz.

867  
00:37:13,745 --> 00:37:17,120  
He was a bandit,  
how he killed kids.

868  
00:37:17,120 --> 00:37:19,650

869  
00:37:19,650 --> 00:37:21,950  
There was a factory called  
under the name Mull.

870  
00:37:21,950 --> 00:37:25,030

871  
00:37:25,030 --> 00:37:29,490  
So I want to see, to survive,  
and see a bandit like this,

872  
00:37:29,490 --> 00:37:33,240  
although they didn't  
do nothing to him.

873  
00:37:33,240 --> 00:37:35,510  
They caught a guy,  
this [PERSONAL NAME]..

874  
00:37:35,510 --> 00:37:37,010  
I don't know what's  
happened to him.

875  
00:37:37,010 --> 00:37:38,600  
He was a Volksdeutsche.

876  
00:37:38,600 --> 00:37:42,637  
How many Jews he has



on his conscious?

877

00:37:42,637 --> 00:37:44,720

I don't know what's  
happened-- they send him back,

878

00:37:44,720 --> 00:37:45,740

or they kill him.

879

00:37:45,740 --> 00:37:47,860

Killing is not enough.

880

00:37:47,860 --> 00:37:48,860

That's it.

881

00:37:48,860 --> 00:37:53,630

Before we end, is  
there anything that we

882

00:37:53,630 --> 00:37:57,990

haven't talked about that  
you wanted to talk about?

883

00:37:57,990 --> 00:38:01,600

Anything you feel  
we've left out?

884

00:38:01,600 --> 00:38:02,100

No.

885

00:38:02,100 --> 00:38:04,860

I could just say that we're--

886

00:38:04,860 --> 00:38:08,820

back home, we were a very  
religious orthodox Hasidic

887

00:38:08,820 --> 00:38:16,890

family, tight together,  
going in the right direction.

888

00:38:16,890 --> 00:38:21,684

My father was a pious Jew,  
gave a lot of charity.

889  
00:38:21,684 --> 00:38:23,930  
They will know him.

890  
00:38:23,930 --> 00:38:27,450  
And he always had  
people in the house,

891  
00:38:27,450 --> 00:38:31,410  
never passed a Shabbos that he  
didn't have a stranger and poor

892  
00:38:31,410 --> 00:38:34,200  
people at the table.

893  
00:38:34,200 --> 00:38:37,300  
He never would deny  
anybody, always

894  
00:38:37,300 --> 00:38:41,550  
was laying [? I remember ?] at  
the little table with money.

895  
00:38:41,550 --> 00:38:43,350  
People was coming  
in, poor people.

896  
00:38:43,350 --> 00:38:45,370  
We're giving to them.

897  
00:38:45,370 --> 00:38:47,910  
And this was the life.

898  
00:38:47,910 --> 00:38:50,100  
And that's what I remember.

899  
00:38:50,100 --> 00:38:53,910  
They were good-looking,  
nice boys.

900

00:38:53,910 --> 00:38:56,090

One was better looking  
than the other.

901

00:38:56,090 --> 00:38:59,580

Had three nice  
sisters, beautiful.

902

00:38:59,580 --> 00:39:01,370

And that's what's  
happened to them.

903

00:39:01,370 --> 00:39:03,810

I'm the only one survived.

904

00:39:03,810 --> 00:39:05,820

Is there any message  
you wanted to leave

905

00:39:05,820 --> 00:39:07,870

for your grandchildren,  
anything special

906

00:39:07,870 --> 00:39:09,420

that you wanted to say to them?

907

00:39:09,420 --> 00:39:12,460

908

00:39:12,460 --> 00:39:14,650

Well, that's all we can say--

909

00:39:14,650 --> 00:39:19,140

to remember what's happened to  
our people, to their parents,

910

00:39:19,140 --> 00:39:20,290

and grandparents.

911

00:39:20,290 --> 00:39:23,910

Pray for their grandparents  
and what we went through,

912

00:39:23,910 --> 00:39:28,800

and to tell the world, this  
shouldn't happen again,

913

00:39:28,800 --> 00:39:33,390

could happen again  
in any country.

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00:39:33,390 --> 00:39:38,880

Here is how Hitler came to  
it, to his power in 1928,

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00:39:38,880 --> 00:39:42,510

in little Munich, and  
in [PLACE NAME],, with 20

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00:39:42,510 --> 00:39:44,190

some people or less.

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00:39:44,190 --> 00:39:46,800

Who would believe  
this, that he's

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00:39:46,800 --> 00:39:50,500

going to grow up and,  
in 1933, take over

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00:39:50,500 --> 00:39:57,750

the power from Germany, and be  
the counsellor, and do that?

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00:39:57,750 --> 00:40:00,960

So the world should  
know that human beings

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00:40:00,960 --> 00:40:03,180

could be cruel to each other.

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00:40:03,180 --> 00:40:05,150

And we've got to  
learn and teach.

923

00:40:05,150 --> 00:40:07,860  
And we gave enough, after all.

924  
00:40:07,860 --> 00:40:12,030  
We gave plenty, [CRYING].

925  
00:40:12,030 --> 00:40:15,410  
And we shouldn't  
be [? executed ?]

926  
00:40:15,410 --> 00:40:18,800  
or eliminated, be  
point out-- always

927  
00:40:18,800 --> 00:40:21,880  
be pointed as either one.

928  
00:40:21,880 --> 00:40:24,480  
Anyway, the  
scorecard is the Jew.

929  
00:40:24,480 --> 00:40:28,170

930  
00:40:28,170 --> 00:40:30,120  
That's what I got to say.

931  
00:40:30,120 --> 00:40:31,570  
Well, thank you very much for--

932  
00:40:31,570 --> 00:40:32,195  
You're welcome.

933  
00:40:32,195 --> 00:40:33,210  
--doing this interview.

934  
00:40:33,210 --> 00:40:35,600  
We do appreciate it.

935  
00:40:35,600 --> 00:40:36,180  
Thank you.

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00:40:36,180 --> 00:40:36,820

Thank you.

937

00:40:36,820 --> 00:40:41,630

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00:40:41,630 --> 00:40:45,320

This concludes the  
interview of Joseph Wolke.

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00:40:45,320 --> 00:40:51,240

It took place on April 29,  
1996 in Silver Spring, Maryland

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00:40:51,240 --> 00:40:53,240

and was conducted  
by Gail Schwartz

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00:40:53,240 --> 00:40:57,490

on behalf of the United States  
Holocaust Memorial Museum.

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00:40:57,490 --> 00:41:04,440