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00:00:00,000 --> 00:00:06,160

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00:00:06,160 --> 00:00:10,200
The following is an
interview of Lotte Salus.

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00:00:10,200 --> 00:00:13,560
It is taking place
on February 26,

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00:00:13,560 --> 00:00:17,750
1996, in Silver
Spring, Maryland,

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00:00:17,750 --> 00:00:19,885
and is being conducted
by Gail Schwartz.

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00:00:19,885 --> 00:00:22,850

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00:00:22,850 --> 00:00:24,605
Please give us your full name.

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00:00:24,605 --> 00:00:27,205

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00:00:27,205 --> 00:00:32,400
Oh, Lotte Cohen Salus.

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00:00:32,400 --> 00:00:34,215
And where were you born?

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00:00:34,215 --> 00:00:46,800
[PLACE NAME],, Westphalia
on January 31, 1920.

12
00:00:46,800 --> 00:00:48,960
Let's talk a little
bit about your family.

13
00:00:48,960 --> 00:00:50,880
Who made up your family?

14
00:00:50,880 --> 00:00:52,530
Who were the members
of your family?

15
00:00:52,530 --> 00:00:53,953
Oh, my parents.

16
00:00:53,953 --> 00:00:54,870
What were their names?

17
00:00:54,870 --> 00:00:57,690

18
00:00:57,690 --> 00:01:00,020
[? Vily ?] Cohen.

19
00:01:00,020 --> 00:01:06,210
And my mother's
name was Elsa Cohen.

20
00:01:06,210 --> 00:01:07,835
Did you have any
brothers or sisters?

21
00:01:07,835 --> 00:01:10,535
Yes, I had eight.

22
00:01:10,535 --> 00:01:13,320
We were nine altogether.

23
00:01:13,320 --> 00:01:18,030
And where were you in the list
of children, were you in age?

24
00:01:18,030 --> 00:01:21,290
I was the fourth of the last.

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00:01:21,290 --> 00:01:23,160
I mean, well, what
do you say that?

26
00:01:23,160 --> 00:01:24,270
The fourth youngest.

27
00:01:24,270 --> 00:01:28,170
Fourth youngest, yeah, yeah.

28
00:01:28,170 --> 00:01:29,800
What kind of work
did your father do?

29
00:01:29,800 --> 00:01:32,740
Oh, well, we had a business.

30
00:01:32,740 --> 00:01:38,610
Was a small town, not too
big, tailoring, but not

31
00:01:38,610 --> 00:01:41,610
like here, that do alteration.

32
00:01:41,610 --> 00:01:46,995
He made from scratch, like
designing, and cutting,

33
00:01:46,995 --> 00:01:50,705
and the whole outfit.

34
00:01:50,705 --> 00:01:53,900
And I think we had a little--

35
00:01:53,900 --> 00:01:58,320
we sold fabrics also
for the garments.

36
00:01:58,320 --> 00:02:00,170
Did your mother work also?

37
00:02:00,170 --> 00:02:00,930

No.

38
00:02:00,930 --> 00:02:06,225
No, she was home cooking,
raising the kids.

39
00:02:06,225 --> 00:02:09,030

40
00:02:09,030 --> 00:02:10,800
Did your father have
a separate store?

41
00:02:10,800 --> 00:02:12,420
No, no, in the house.

42
00:02:12,420 --> 00:02:14,610
In the house.

43
00:02:14,610 --> 00:02:16,830
Downstairs was the business.

44
00:02:16,830 --> 00:02:17,800
We had a single house.

45
00:02:17,800 --> 00:02:20,050
In fact, I have a picture here.

46
00:02:20,050 --> 00:02:22,280
And upstairs they worked.

47
00:02:22,280 --> 00:02:27,430
They made-- oh, they
made the garments.

48
00:02:27,430 --> 00:02:30,030
It was a big house.

49
00:02:30,030 --> 00:02:32,910
Can you-- let's describe the
neighborhood that you lived in.

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00:02:32,910 --> 00:02:38,760

Oh, it was just one street
going from one town to another.

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00:02:38,760 --> 00:02:40,275

One was a small town.

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00:02:40,275 --> 00:02:41,630

It was called Gemen.

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00:02:41,630 --> 00:02:43,090

That's where we lived.

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00:02:43,090 --> 00:02:44,810

And the bigger town was Borken.

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00:02:44,810 --> 00:02:49,020

That was a very big town.

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00:02:49,020 --> 00:02:50,580

Oh, well, when-- you--

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00:02:50,580 --> 00:02:52,830

when did you move to Gemen then?

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00:02:52,830 --> 00:02:54,000

You said you were--

59

00:02:54,000 --> 00:02:55,830

From here, I was 2
years old, I think.

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00:02:55,830 --> 00:02:57,820

You moved when you were
2 years old to Gemen.

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00:02:57,820 --> 00:02:58,940

I don't remember.

62

00:02:58,940 --> 00:03:01,230

OK, but you were a small child.

63
00:03:01,230 --> 00:03:02,580
Yeah.

64
00:03:02,580 --> 00:03:05,250
And where-- was that
near a big city?

65
00:03:05,250 --> 00:03:11,190
Yeah, Borken was very
famous, very industrial.

66
00:03:11,190 --> 00:03:13,420
Munster-- have you
heard of Munster?

67
00:03:13,420 --> 00:03:14,143
Mm-hmm.

68
00:03:14,143 --> 00:03:16,870
It was about 30
kilometers from Munster.

69
00:03:16,870 --> 00:03:20,060
And it was about 10 minutes
from the Dutch border.

70
00:03:20,060 --> 00:03:21,540
I see.

71
00:03:21,540 --> 00:03:25,170
And how would you
describe your family?

72
00:03:25,170 --> 00:03:27,360
Would you say you
were middle class?

73
00:03:27,360 --> 00:03:30,810
Yeah, we weren't rich, no.

74
00:03:30,810 --> 00:03:34,830

And it wasn't too good because
the Hitler years started.

75
00:03:34,830 --> 00:03:36,820
Then the war were there.

76
00:03:36,820 --> 00:03:37,820
Well, we'll get to that.

77
00:03:37,820 --> 00:03:38,040
Yeah.

78
00:03:38,040 --> 00:03:38,610
We'll get to that.

79
00:03:38,610 --> 00:03:39,990
We want to talk a little
bit about life before--

80
00:03:39,990 --> 00:03:41,280
No, the war before, I meant.

81
00:03:41,280 --> 00:03:42,410
Oh, the World War I.

82
00:03:42,410 --> 00:03:47,280
And then the inflation, and
then it wasn't too good.

83
00:03:47,280 --> 00:03:49,860
Yeah.

84
00:03:49,860 --> 00:03:51,400
Were there many
Jews in this town?

85
00:03:51,400 --> 00:03:53,920
Yeah, there were
about 25 families.

86
00:03:53,920 --> 00:03:56,140
We had two synagogues.

87
00:03:56,140 --> 00:03:58,470
Two synagogues and 25 families.

88
00:03:58,470 --> 00:04:00,840
Each town had its own.

89
00:04:00,840 --> 00:04:03,690
And about how many people
were in the town altogether?

90
00:04:03,690 --> 00:04:05,200
Do you know?

91
00:04:05,200 --> 00:04:06,150
Have any idea?

92
00:04:06,150 --> 00:04:07,230
I don't remember.

93
00:04:07,230 --> 00:04:09,045
But it was very small.

94
00:04:09,045 --> 00:04:11,970
The one, Gemen, was small.

95
00:04:11,970 --> 00:04:14,280
There was a beautiful castle.

96
00:04:14,280 --> 00:04:21,990
And Borken, like I
said, was much bigger.

97
00:04:21,990 --> 00:04:24,270
They had a-- not a university.

98
00:04:24,270 --> 00:04:28,470
They called it
gymnasium over there.

99
00:04:28,470 --> 00:04:35,760

It's not what they
think here of sports.

100
00:04:35,760 --> 00:04:37,800
No, it's an academic
high school.

101
00:04:37,800 --> 00:04:38,790
Right.

102
00:04:38,790 --> 00:04:41,310
Let's talk about your
brothers and sisters.

103
00:04:41,310 --> 00:04:43,830
Were you very close in age?

104
00:04:43,830 --> 00:04:45,248
I think so, for sure.

105
00:04:45,248 --> 00:04:48,240

106
00:04:48,240 --> 00:04:52,110
Actually, there
were two mothers.

107
00:04:52,110 --> 00:04:55,540
My mother was the second wife.

108
00:04:55,540 --> 00:05:00,440
The first mother died,
I think, in childbirth.

109
00:05:00,440 --> 00:05:04,410
And then my father
married her sister

110
00:05:04,410 --> 00:05:08,040
like the religious
people did, right?

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00:05:08,040 --> 00:05:11,600

And then she had--

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00:05:11,600 --> 00:05:16,370

we were four children, yeah.

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00:05:16,370 --> 00:05:18,570

Was your family a
very religious family?

114

00:05:18,570 --> 00:05:22,320

My mother was very
Orthodox, strictly Orthodox.

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00:05:22,320 --> 00:05:25,220

My father, he could care less.

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00:05:25,220 --> 00:05:30,870

He did everything, but we didn't
work on Saturday, on Shabbos.

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00:05:30,870 --> 00:05:35,810

No, we kept all
the-- very kosher.

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00:05:35,810 --> 00:05:38,226

All holidays we kept.

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00:05:38,226 --> 00:05:44,327

And everybody over there,
they were all Orthodox.

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00:05:44,327 --> 00:05:46,160

Was your neighborhood
a Jewish neighborhood?

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00:05:46,160 --> 00:05:46,950

No.

122

00:05:46,950 --> 00:05:49,020

So you had non-Jewish neighbors?

123

00:05:49,020 --> 00:05:49,640
Yes.

124
00:05:49,640 --> 00:05:53,370
There was one Jewish
neighbor about 10 houses up.

125
00:05:53,370 --> 00:05:56,750

126
00:05:56,750 --> 00:05:58,970
Oh, yeah, one across.

127
00:05:58,970 --> 00:06:00,450
That was all.

128
00:06:00,450 --> 00:06:01,160
[INAUDIBLE]

129
00:06:01,160 --> 00:06:03,710
And as a small child
in that neighborhood,

130
00:06:03,710 --> 00:06:05,750
did you experience
any problems--

131
00:06:05,750 --> 00:06:06,420
No.

132
00:06:06,420 --> 00:06:08,360
--with the non-Jewish neighbors?

133
00:06:08,360 --> 00:06:08,860
Never.

134
00:06:08,860 --> 00:06:10,340
We played with all of them.

135
00:06:10,340 --> 00:06:11,290
You did.

136

00:06:11,290 --> 00:06:12,200

Never.

137

00:06:12,200 --> 00:06:15,553

Did you-- well, let's talk
about your schooling now.

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00:06:15,553 --> 00:06:16,970

What kind of school
did you go to?

139

00:06:16,970 --> 00:06:20,720

Well, I went-- the first
two years, I went--

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00:06:20,720 --> 00:06:29,120

my brother, one brother,
my sisters, I think one,

141

00:06:29,120 --> 00:06:36,380

the others were [? normal, ?]
we went to a Protestant school.

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00:06:36,380 --> 00:06:41,570

And then we, in Borken, there
was a private Jewish school.

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00:06:41,570 --> 00:06:43,670

We went over there.

144

00:06:43,670 --> 00:06:44,610

How did you get there?

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00:06:44,610 --> 00:06:45,530

Walk.

146

00:06:45,530 --> 00:06:47,110

Was it within walking distance?

147

00:06:47,110 --> 00:06:48,460

Oh, yeah.

148

00:06:48,460 --> 00:06:49,970

Was about 20 minutes' walk.

149

00:06:49,970 --> 00:06:54,790

What kind of religious
training did you have?

150

00:06:54,790 --> 00:06:57,890

We had a lot in this school.

151

00:06:57,890 --> 00:06:59,150

In the second school?

152

00:06:59,150 --> 00:07:01,530

In the Jewish-- yeah.

153

00:07:01,530 --> 00:07:05,770

154

00:07:05,770 --> 00:07:11,120

We had-- yeah, in
the morning, German,

155

00:07:11,120 --> 00:07:15,980

and in the afternoon,
couple times a week,

156

00:07:15,980 --> 00:07:20,430

Hebrew, not Jewish,
not Yiddish, Hebrew.

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00:07:20,430 --> 00:07:23,030

And Saturday, of
course, we were off.

158

00:07:23,030 --> 00:07:25,310

We were home, went to synagogue.

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00:07:25,310 --> 00:07:29,180

And Sundays, we always went
to school, Sunday morning.

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00:07:29,180 --> 00:07:31,420

What language did
you speak at home?

161

00:07:31,420 --> 00:07:32,150

German.

162

00:07:32,150 --> 00:07:32,650

German?

163

00:07:32,650 --> 00:07:34,520

Only German, yeah.

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00:07:34,520 --> 00:07:37,670

We didn't know Yiddish in
that part of the world.

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00:07:37,670 --> 00:07:40,490

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00:07:40,490 --> 00:07:43,190

Did you have any
other interests when

167

00:07:43,190 --> 00:07:47,412

you were a young girl, any
other hobbies or sports?

168

00:07:47,412 --> 00:07:49,120

Did you do anything
besides go to school?

169

00:07:49,120 --> 00:07:50,270

No, I didn't do any sports.

170

00:07:50,270 --> 00:07:56,410

But we-- the girls were
sent to the monastery

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00:07:56,410 --> 00:08:01,160

there, to the nuns, to learn
how to knit, how to sew.

172
00:08:01,160 --> 00:08:02,150
And did you do that?

173
00:08:02,150 --> 00:08:02,840
Oh, yeah.

174
00:08:02,840 --> 00:08:06,715
My sisters, all of
them, yeah, afternoons.

175
00:08:06,715 --> 00:08:08,090
You went to the--
and how did you

176
00:08:08,090 --> 00:08:09,290
feel going to the monastery?

177
00:08:09,290 --> 00:08:09,800
Fine.

178
00:08:09,800 --> 00:08:12,230
We grew up with them, with that.

179
00:08:12,230 --> 00:08:14,540
Did you feel different?

180
00:08:14,540 --> 00:08:15,800
No.

181
00:08:15,800 --> 00:08:16,910
I knew who I was.

182
00:08:16,910 --> 00:08:18,200
They knew who I was.

183
00:08:18,200 --> 00:08:22,992
And was no different
that time, no.

184
00:08:22,992 --> 00:08:23,950

Ah, that's interesting.

185

00:08:23,950 --> 00:08:27,320

The neighbors were all
nice, most of them.

186

00:08:27,320 --> 00:08:30,440

You know, there were always
the-- the real Catholics,

187

00:08:30,440 --> 00:08:37,760

they were a little, their
behavior wasn't so good.

188

00:08:37,760 --> 00:08:40,020

But most of them
were all very nice.

189

00:08:40,020 --> 00:08:42,890

We didn't know any different.

190

00:08:42,890 --> 00:08:44,690

Were you interested in any--

191

00:08:44,690 --> 00:08:46,720

in music or anything like that?

192

00:08:46,720 --> 00:08:51,360

Like, look, I was--

193

00:08:51,360 --> 00:08:53,725

well, how old was I?

194

00:08:53,725 --> 00:08:59,048

That started really
1933, Hitler started.

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00:08:59,048 --> 00:09:00,090

So you were 13 years old.

196

00:09:00,090 --> 00:09:01,760

And I was 13 years.

197
00:09:01,760 --> 00:09:04,220
And there wasn't much
schooling anymore.

198
00:09:04,220 --> 00:09:06,020
You couldn't do
anything anymore.

199
00:09:06,020 --> 00:09:09,490
We didn't go to the nuns.

200
00:09:09,490 --> 00:09:11,810
Jewish school--

201
00:09:11,810 --> 00:09:14,300
Up to 1933, before
Hitler came in--

202
00:09:14,300 --> 00:09:14,900
School, yeah.

203
00:09:14,900 --> 00:09:15,215
--everything--

204
00:09:15,215 --> 00:09:15,923
In Jewish school.

205
00:09:15,923 --> 00:09:17,810
--you had a good childhood.

206
00:09:17,810 --> 00:09:20,120
You don't recall any problems--

207
00:09:20,120 --> 00:09:21,070
No, not--

208
00:09:21,070 --> 00:09:22,820
--up to 1933.

209
00:09:22,820 --> 00:09:23,530

No, nothing.

210
00:09:23,530 --> 00:09:25,620
OK, now Hitler
becomes chancellor.

211
00:09:25,620 --> 00:09:27,902
And what is your
first memory of that?

212
00:09:27,902 --> 00:09:28,610
You were only 13.

213
00:09:28,610 --> 00:09:33,530
Yeah, my first memory,
it was on a Saturday.

214
00:09:33,530 --> 00:09:38,880
And they, across the street, the
Jewish family [? Claiborne ?]

215
00:09:38,880 --> 00:09:42,260
is then-- one is still
alive, lives in Chicago--

216
00:09:42,260 --> 00:09:45,300
it was his bar
mitzvah on that day.

217
00:09:45,300 --> 00:09:50,780
And the SR moved back and forth.

218
00:09:50,780 --> 00:09:57,020
It was a very busy street,
only one, like I said.

219
00:09:57,020 --> 00:09:59,270
There was no other
transportation going.

220
00:09:59,270 --> 00:10:03,560
So I still see them
going back and forth

221
00:10:03,560 --> 00:10:05,470
and singing this Nazi song.

222
00:10:05,470 --> 00:10:09,850
That was 19-- yeah, January--

223
00:10:09,850 --> 00:10:12,260
end of January, I think, it was.

224
00:10:12,260 --> 00:10:15,790
Were you frightened?

225
00:10:15,790 --> 00:10:17,150
I guess so, yeah.

226
00:10:17,150 --> 00:10:21,850
We didn't really
understand, you know?

227
00:10:21,850 --> 00:10:27,730
When you're that young, and
I remember my father said,

228
00:10:27,730 --> 00:10:29,870
this is it.

229
00:10:29,870 --> 00:10:35,290
But otherwise, life went on.

230
00:10:35,290 --> 00:10:37,245
Did you have extended
family nearby,

231
00:10:37,245 --> 00:10:39,370
like grandparents and aunts
and uncles and cousins?

232
00:10:39,370 --> 00:10:49,450
No, I only met my mother's
mother, one grandmother.

233

00:10:49,450 --> 00:10:54,800

I never met any grandfather
or my father's mother.

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00:10:54,800 --> 00:10:56,980

Vaguely, I think, I met her.

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00:10:56,980 --> 00:10:58,240

She was a tall woman.

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00:10:58,240 --> 00:10:59,515

But I don't know.

237

00:10:59,515 --> 00:11:01,890

So you didn't-- did you have
aunts and uncles and cousins

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00:11:01,890 --> 00:11:02,390

nearby?

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00:11:02,390 --> 00:11:04,570

Yeah, but not in
the same town, no.

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00:11:04,570 --> 00:11:06,250

But you got together with them?

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00:11:06,250 --> 00:11:08,640

Did you get together
on holidays?

242

00:11:08,640 --> 00:11:10,508

No, they were too far away.

243

00:11:10,508 --> 00:11:11,050

Too far away.

244

00:11:11,050 --> 00:11:14,890

My mother's family, they
were all from the wine--

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00:11:14,890 --> 00:11:16,485
you know Copelands, Cologne?

246
00:11:16,485 --> 00:11:19,240

247
00:11:19,240 --> 00:11:21,550
At that time, I
mean, to travel--

248
00:11:21,550 --> 00:11:24,220
every summer, we went
as children there.

249
00:11:24,220 --> 00:11:25,470
But no.

250
00:11:25,470 --> 00:11:30,070
But my father had a
brother in Weseke.

251
00:11:30,070 --> 00:11:34,810
And, yeah, he came by a lot
when he went to the market.

252
00:11:34,810 --> 00:11:39,470
He bought cows and
then sold them.

253
00:11:39,470 --> 00:11:45,040
And I don't-- you know,
transportation at that time

254
00:11:45,040 --> 00:11:46,360
wasn't like today.

255
00:11:46,360 --> 00:11:47,260
Who had a car?

256
00:11:47,260 --> 00:11:50,260

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00:11:50,260 --> 00:11:52,210

Did you share a room
with any of your sisters?

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00:11:52,210 --> 00:11:56,440

Oh, sure, with three of
them, two in a bed, I think.

259

00:11:56,440 --> 00:11:58,510

But nice-- we had
nice furniture.

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00:11:58,510 --> 00:12:01,000

I remember they were white,
the bedroom furniture.

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00:12:01,000 --> 00:12:03,093

Yeah, we had-- it was very nice.

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00:12:03,093 --> 00:12:04,510

So you were close
to your sisters?

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00:12:04,510 --> 00:12:05,740

Oh, yeah, oh, yeah.

264

00:12:05,740 --> 00:12:08,380

And what were their names?

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00:12:08,380 --> 00:12:12,970

Oh, let's start
from the beginning.

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00:12:12,970 --> 00:12:20,020

Ruth was the oldest, and Frida,
[? Yema, ?] [? Juliane ?],,

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00:12:20,020 --> 00:12:20,940

and [? Adit. ?]

268

00:12:20,940 --> 00:12:22,830

And your brother's names?

269

00:12:22,830 --> 00:12:26,060

Alfred, Herman, he was
here in this country.

270

00:12:26,060 --> 00:12:27,460

That's why I'm here.

271

00:12:27,460 --> 00:12:30,550

He passed away five years ago.

272

00:12:30,550 --> 00:12:36,995

Alfred, Herman, Leo,
three boys and six girls.

273

00:12:36,995 --> 00:12:39,400

[COUGHING]

274

00:12:39,400 --> 00:12:40,720

OK, now it's 1933.

275

00:12:40,720 --> 00:12:42,584

[COUGHING] Excuse me.

276

00:12:42,584 --> 00:12:43,240

That's OK.

277

00:12:43,240 --> 00:12:47,720

1933, and Hitler's coming to
power, and you're 13 years old.

278

00:12:47,720 --> 00:12:51,580

And what was the first
change in your life?

279

00:12:51,580 --> 00:12:54,002

You were at this Jewish school.

280

00:12:54,002 --> 00:12:54,880

So what happened?

281

00:12:54,880 --> 00:12:56,560

Yeah, but I--

282

00:12:56,560 --> 00:12:58,160

You continued to go to school.

283

00:12:58,160 --> 00:13:02,470

Yeah, but not like

here, to finish.

284

00:13:02,470 --> 00:13:06,420

They closed the--

and everybody--

285

00:13:06,420 --> 00:13:07,420

They closed your school.

286

00:13:07,420 --> 00:13:09,530

Yeah, yeah.

287

00:13:09,530 --> 00:13:12,340

And how did you feel

as a young teenager

288

00:13:12,340 --> 00:13:14,170

when your school was closed?

289

00:13:14,170 --> 00:13:15,532

Was it very upsetting?

290

00:13:15,532 --> 00:13:16,740

Yeah.

291

00:13:16,740 --> 00:13:20,420

We were-- many children, and

there were other children.

292

00:13:20,420 --> 00:13:22,430

We came together.

293

00:13:22,430 --> 00:13:28,030

And I was only 15, I

went away from home.

294
00:13:28,030 --> 00:13:30,350
Where did you go to?

295
00:13:30,350 --> 00:13:31,205
To another town.

296
00:13:31,205 --> 00:13:33,820

297
00:13:33,820 --> 00:13:36,010
I was living with a family.

298
00:13:36,010 --> 00:13:38,410
And I took care of their baby.

299
00:13:38,410 --> 00:13:39,760
What town was this?

300
00:13:39,760 --> 00:13:42,520
Bocholt.

301
00:13:42,520 --> 00:13:45,070
And how did that--

302
00:13:45,070 --> 00:13:46,750
you took care of the children.

303
00:13:46,750 --> 00:13:47,850
Only the child.

304
00:13:47,850 --> 00:13:50,000
No, no, no, they had a woman.

305
00:13:50,000 --> 00:13:51,530
And only the baby.

306
00:13:51,530 --> 00:13:53,767
I went out with the
baby twice a day.

307

00:13:53,767 --> 00:13:54,850

And you were 15 years old.

308

00:13:54,850 --> 00:13:56,770

I was only 15 years old.

309

00:13:56,770 --> 00:13:57,910

What else--

310

00:13:57,910 --> 00:14:00,050

What was it like to be
away from your family?

311

00:14:00,050 --> 00:14:01,930

Well, it wasn't too good.

312

00:14:01,930 --> 00:14:02,950

I didn't like it.

313

00:14:02,950 --> 00:14:04,160

Was it a Jewish family?

314

00:14:04,160 --> 00:14:05,960

Yes.

315

00:14:05,960 --> 00:14:08,200

Then they went to Argentina.

316

00:14:08,200 --> 00:14:09,250

They move.

317

00:14:09,250 --> 00:14:10,460

They left.

318

00:14:10,460 --> 00:14:12,710

And then I went back home.

319

00:14:12,710 --> 00:14:16,960

And once Hitler came in, did
the neighbors change at all?

320

00:14:16,960 --> 00:14:17,950

Not in the beginning.

321

00:14:17,950 --> 00:14:18,890

Not in the beginning.

322

00:14:18,890 --> 00:14:19,842

No, no.

323

00:14:19,842 --> 00:14:21,610

And what about your
father's business?

324

00:14:21,610 --> 00:14:23,610

Was he able to keep
up the business?

325

00:14:23,610 --> 00:14:24,545

Not much, no.

326

00:14:24,545 --> 00:14:26,710

It was very bad.

327

00:14:26,710 --> 00:14:30,280

People were afraid to come.

328

00:14:30,280 --> 00:14:31,820

Non-Jews were afraid
to come to him.

329

00:14:31,820 --> 00:14:32,320

Yeah.

330

00:14:32,320 --> 00:14:32,890

But--

331

00:14:32,890 --> 00:14:34,510

Did he have
non-Jewish customers?

332

00:14:34,510 --> 00:14:36,330

Only, he mostly.

333

00:14:36,330 --> 00:14:38,030

There weren't that many Jews.

334

00:14:38,030 --> 00:14:39,470

Yeah, mostly.

335

00:14:39,470 --> 00:14:43,000

And he always went out every
Sunday with this bike--

336

00:14:43,000 --> 00:14:45,280

that's how you did your
business-- to the farmers.

337

00:14:45,280 --> 00:14:46,160

This is his clients.

338

00:14:46,160 --> 00:14:48,840

339

00:14:48,840 --> 00:14:54,490

Well, it took, I think, a couple
years till it really got bad.

340

00:14:54,490 --> 00:14:56,995

What were the first
restrictions that you remember?

341

00:14:56,995 --> 00:14:59,500

342

00:14:59,500 --> 00:15:01,680

What was the next change
that you remember?

343

00:15:01,680 --> 00:15:05,167

You came back home
after working, taking

344

00:15:05,167 --> 00:15:06,250

care of that little child.

345

00:15:06,250 --> 00:15:06,970

Then you came back home.

346

00:15:06,970 --> 00:15:07,928

And then what happened?

347

00:15:07,928 --> 00:15:11,358

And then I went to another town.

348

00:15:11,358 --> 00:15:13,250

What was that little village?

349

00:15:13,250 --> 00:15:14,645

There was one Jewish family.

350

00:15:14,645 --> 00:15:19,170

351

00:15:19,170 --> 00:15:21,810

And I stayed with them
a year and a half.

352

00:15:21,810 --> 00:15:23,110

What did I do?

353

00:15:23,110 --> 00:15:25,830

At that time, they had a maid.

354

00:15:25,830 --> 00:15:28,140

But they didn't work
for the Jews anymore.

355

00:15:28,140 --> 00:15:29,010

They left.

356

00:15:29,010 --> 00:15:32,280

So I was there.

357

00:15:32,280 --> 00:15:35,070

I did everything,
even milk the cows.

358
00:15:35,070 --> 00:15:36,630
Would you believe it?

359
00:15:36,630 --> 00:15:39,370
16 years I was then.

360
00:15:39,370 --> 00:15:41,190
And I cleaned their house.

361
00:15:41,190 --> 00:15:42,640
But they had a wash woman.

362
00:15:42,640 --> 00:15:48,270

363
00:15:48,270 --> 00:15:49,900
Yeah, but otherwise,
I did everything.

364
00:15:49,900 --> 00:15:50,820
It was terrible.

365
00:15:50,820 --> 00:15:53,310
Was this in the town
that you lived in?

366
00:15:53,310 --> 00:15:55,050
Little village, another village.

367
00:15:55,050 --> 00:15:56,670
Do you know the name
of that village?

368
00:15:56,670 --> 00:15:57,830
Yeah, Ramsdorf.

369
00:15:57,830 --> 00:15:58,330
OK.

370

00:15:58,330 --> 00:16:01,310

R-A-M-S dorf.

371

00:16:01,310 --> 00:16:02,538

Yeah.

372

00:16:02,538 --> 00:16:04,080

And then how long
did you stay there?

373

00:16:04,080 --> 00:16:04,890

Oh, a year and a half.

374

00:16:04,890 --> 00:16:05,680

A year and a half.

375

00:16:05,680 --> 00:16:06,180

Yeah.

376

00:16:06,180 --> 00:16:08,610

And were the non-Jewish--
were there non--

377

00:16:08,610 --> 00:16:11,850

It was one Jewish family.

378

00:16:11,850 --> 00:16:14,760

And what about your
contact with non-Jews then?

379

00:16:14,760 --> 00:16:17,470

Any problems?

380

00:16:17,470 --> 00:16:17,970

No.

381

00:16:17,970 --> 00:16:18,720

You felt safe?

382

00:16:18,720 --> 00:16:19,220

You didn't--

383
00:16:19,220 --> 00:16:19,830
Yeah, yeah.

384
00:16:19,830 --> 00:16:20,330
OK.

385
00:16:20,330 --> 00:16:22,440
That was early, in the '30s.

386
00:16:22,440 --> 00:16:23,160
Right.

387
00:16:23,160 --> 00:16:24,350
I came home.

388
00:16:24,350 --> 00:16:26,910

389
00:16:26,910 --> 00:16:28,680
I don't know, was it '36?

390
00:16:28,680 --> 00:16:29,910
Must've been.

391
00:16:29,910 --> 00:16:33,670
They moved to Holland,
this Jewish family.

392
00:16:33,670 --> 00:16:35,240
And I went home.

393
00:16:35,240 --> 00:16:36,500
OK, now you're back home.

394
00:16:36,500 --> 00:16:38,250
And what was the next
thing that happened?

395
00:16:38,250 --> 00:16:39,196
What did I do?

396
00:16:39,196 --> 00:16:43,218
I stayed home, nothing.

397
00:16:43,218 --> 00:16:44,095
We did nothing.

398
00:16:44,095 --> 00:16:46,470
And what were the restrictions
in the town at that point?

399
00:16:46,470 --> 00:16:47,110
Nothing.

400
00:16:47,110 --> 00:16:48,480
You could go out on the street.

401
00:16:48,480 --> 00:16:49,120
Oh, yeah.

402
00:16:49,120 --> 00:16:49,870
It was no problem.

403
00:16:49,870 --> 00:16:50,610
In the beginning--

404
00:16:50,610 --> 00:16:50,870
OK.

405
00:16:50,870 --> 00:16:52,040
--no, there was nothing.

406
00:16:52,040 --> 00:16:56,160
OK, so anything else in
1936 that you recall?

407
00:16:56,160 --> 00:17:00,270
OK, now it's 1937.

408
00:17:00,270 --> 00:17:01,275
Anything special?

409
00:17:01,275 --> 00:17:01,775
No.

410
00:17:01,775 --> 00:17:02,275
No, OK.

411
00:17:02,275 --> 00:17:04,470
I don't recall any--

412
00:17:04,470 --> 00:17:07,180
not until the Kristallnacht.

413
00:17:07,180 --> 00:17:12,240
OK, but what did your father
do when he couldn't work?

414
00:17:12,240 --> 00:17:13,470
Nothing.

415
00:17:13,470 --> 00:17:14,893
So what about how did you live?

416
00:17:14,893 --> 00:17:15,560
What about food?

417
00:17:15,560 --> 00:17:17,520
Well, we didn't have much.

418
00:17:17,520 --> 00:17:19,980
Well, did you have enough food?

419
00:17:19,980 --> 00:17:21,260
Yeah.

420
00:17:21,260 --> 00:17:22,089
How did you get--

421
00:17:22,089 --> 00:17:25,950
My uncle in this little
town, he was a butcher.

422
00:17:25,950 --> 00:17:28,910
And he killed cattle.

423
00:17:28,910 --> 00:17:36,850
But that all became
less and less.

424
00:17:36,850 --> 00:17:40,000
You just-- we had a big garden.

425
00:17:40,000 --> 00:17:42,750
We had a lot of fruits
and [INAUDIBLE]..

426
00:17:42,750 --> 00:17:46,160
Yeah, and milk we got still.

427
00:17:46,160 --> 00:17:49,550
We could just go
and by the milk.

428
00:17:49,550 --> 00:17:53,940
And meat-- my uncle gave
us some meat once a week.

429
00:17:53,940 --> 00:17:55,040
What was his name?

430
00:17:55,040 --> 00:17:57,630
[? Heiman ?] was his
first name, [? Heiman. ?]

431
00:17:57,630 --> 00:17:58,460
And his last name?

432
00:17:58,460 --> 00:17:58,960
Cohen.

433
00:17:58,960 --> 00:18:00,510
Cohen.

434

00:18:00,510 --> 00:18:05,040

OK, now you said the next
big change was Kristallnacht.

435

00:18:05,040 --> 00:18:05,545

I think.

436

00:18:05,545 --> 00:18:08,040

OK, do you remember that time?

437

00:18:08,040 --> 00:18:09,290

Yeah, I didn't go away at all.

438

00:18:09,290 --> 00:18:11,100

What was your-- what did you--

439

00:18:11,100 --> 00:18:14,375

Middle of the night, they came,
and they broke all the windows.

440

00:18:14,375 --> 00:18:15,000

And everybody--

441

00:18:15,000 --> 00:18:15,700

In your town.

442

00:18:15,700 --> 00:18:16,780

In our house, yeah.

443

00:18:16,780 --> 00:18:19,290

In your house.

444

00:18:19,290 --> 00:18:22,300

And they-- every--

445

00:18:22,300 --> 00:18:23,650

You're 18 years old now.

446

00:18:23,650 --> 00:18:24,150

Yeah.

447

00:18:24,150 --> 00:18:27,570

448

00:18:27,570 --> 00:18:30,240

And they took us
out of the house

449

00:18:30,240 --> 00:18:34,250

and marched us by the
burning synagogue.

450

00:18:34,250 --> 00:18:38,490

And they put everyone, some
kind of a jail they had.

451

00:18:38,490 --> 00:18:40,620

These were all the
Jews of the town.

452

00:18:40,620 --> 00:18:43,050

In that town, yeah.

453

00:18:43,050 --> 00:18:44,360

And they burned all the--

454

00:18:44,360 --> 00:18:46,740

in the other town, they
burned the synagogue, too.

455

00:18:46,740 --> 00:18:49,180

But we're talking about
your experience in Gemen.

456

00:18:49,180 --> 00:18:50,350

Yeah.

457

00:18:50,350 --> 00:18:54,510

And then by noon, they
let the people go.

458

00:18:54,510 --> 00:18:56,520

And then they came to

our house, and they said,

459

00:18:56,520 --> 00:18:59,570

you've got to have
these windows done.

460

00:18:59,570 --> 00:19:03,750

And they-- one of the
Nazis marched up and down

461

00:19:03,750 --> 00:19:05,010

in our house.

462

00:19:05,010 --> 00:19:06,810

They say it's for security.

463

00:19:06,810 --> 00:19:12,900

Well, anyway, a lot of men,
and my two sisters and brother,

464

00:19:12,900 --> 00:19:19,430

me included, went to Holland.

465

00:19:19,430 --> 00:19:20,280

Went to Holland.

466

00:19:20,280 --> 00:19:21,000

To Holland.

467

00:19:21,000 --> 00:19:24,900

Like I said, it was
only about 10-15 minutes

468

00:19:24,900 --> 00:19:30,430

to the next town, which
is Winterswijk, Holland.

469

00:19:30,430 --> 00:19:31,250

Well--

470

00:19:31,250 --> 00:19:34,760

Now when did you go to Holland?

471
00:19:34,760 --> 00:19:36,450
When?

472
00:19:36,450 --> 00:19:38,850
That was the first time.

473
00:19:38,850 --> 00:19:44,850
Then they said, look, let
Lotte go to Winterswijk first

474
00:19:44,850 --> 00:19:49,530
and tell them that there
are a lot of people

475
00:19:49,530 --> 00:19:52,620
on their way, especially men.

476
00:19:52,620 --> 00:19:54,970
They're coming to Holland.

477
00:19:54,970 --> 00:19:56,450
How soon after--

478
00:19:56,450 --> 00:19:57,317
The same day.

479
00:19:57,317 --> 00:19:58,400
The same day you went to--

480
00:19:58,400 --> 00:19:59,850
The same day.

481
00:19:59,850 --> 00:20:05,370
So I went on the
train to Holland.

482
00:20:05,370 --> 00:20:08,610
And I came to the
station, and there

483

00:20:08,610 --> 00:20:14,520
were a lot of Jewish people
from that town at the station.

484
00:20:14,520 --> 00:20:16,550
They already knew.

485
00:20:16,550 --> 00:20:22,020
And when I came, they
told me to please--

486
00:20:22,020 --> 00:20:22,950
I couldn't stay.

487
00:20:22,950 --> 00:20:25,050
I have to go back.

488
00:20:25,050 --> 00:20:28,200
They sent me back to Germany.

489
00:20:28,200 --> 00:20:34,840
But meanwhile, the others were
ready to go, mostly young men,

490
00:20:34,840 --> 00:20:39,240
and I told you my two
sisters and my brother.

491
00:20:39,240 --> 00:20:40,410
They were little kids.

492
00:20:40,410 --> 00:20:44,230

493
00:20:44,230 --> 00:20:46,540
I was on the way back.

494
00:20:46,540 --> 00:20:49,090
And they were going.

495
00:20:49,090 --> 00:20:54,700
What happened, these people

called the queen of Holland.

496

00:20:54,700 --> 00:20:58,570

And the queen said, whoever
is in Holland can stay.

497

00:20:58,570 --> 00:21:02,290

But I was back in Germany.

498

00:21:02,290 --> 00:21:05,110

So I remember my mother
was standing outside.

499

00:21:05,110 --> 00:21:06,430

And she saw me come.

500

00:21:06,430 --> 00:21:07,590

And she said, you're back.

501

00:21:07,590 --> 00:21:10,120

So then I stayed in Germany.

502

00:21:10,120 --> 00:21:12,220

I didn't go back.

503

00:21:12,220 --> 00:21:20,800

They, the others, not my
brother and my sisters--

504

00:21:20,800 --> 00:21:23,680

my brother-in-law was
there at the station,

505

00:21:23,680 --> 00:21:28,100

picked them up, took them
home to Appledorn in Holland.

506

00:21:28,100 --> 00:21:30,460

And they stayed
for a while there.

507

00:21:30,460 --> 00:21:33,010

508
00:21:33,010 --> 00:21:35,410
So I was back in Germany.

509
00:21:35,410 --> 00:21:37,960
I--

510
00:21:37,960 --> 00:21:41,890
What was it like when you
got back to Germany to see

511
00:21:41,890 --> 00:21:43,360
your synagogue all ruined?

512
00:21:43,360 --> 00:21:44,620
What were your feelings?

513
00:21:44,620 --> 00:21:46,660
Bad.

514
00:21:46,660 --> 00:21:47,924
Bad.

515
00:21:47,924 --> 00:21:48,830
It was terrible.

516
00:21:48,830 --> 00:21:51,550

517
00:21:51,550 --> 00:21:53,980
Was it a-- were you
very frightened?

518
00:21:53,980 --> 00:21:56,305
Yes.

519
00:21:56,305 --> 00:21:59,410
And did you talk things
over with your parents?

520

00:21:59,410 --> 00:22:00,990
Were they very open with you?

521
00:22:00,990 --> 00:22:02,360
Everybody was upset.

522
00:22:02,360 --> 00:22:08,032
And everybody wanted-- it
was a terrible thing, I mean.

523
00:22:08,032 --> 00:22:11,800

524
00:22:11,800 --> 00:22:16,500
Well, I stayed in
Germany for I don't know.

525
00:22:16,500 --> 00:22:20,480
I went from there to--

526
00:22:20,480 --> 00:22:25,860
it must have been '38
because I was in Cologne when

527
00:22:25,860 --> 00:22:28,290
the war broke out.

528
00:22:28,290 --> 00:22:30,150
My aunt lived there.

529
00:22:30,150 --> 00:22:32,610
So you went to Cologne then.

530
00:22:32,610 --> 00:22:35,980
You came back, and
you went to Cologne.

531
00:22:35,980 --> 00:22:36,480
Yeah.

532
00:22:36,480 --> 00:22:38,980
Who did you go with, just by

yourself, or with your parents?

533

00:22:38,980 --> 00:22:39,630

Yeah, by train.

534

00:22:39,630 --> 00:22:40,838

Did you go with your parents?

535

00:22:40,838 --> 00:22:41,370

No.

536

00:22:41,370 --> 00:22:46,060

My father went also to
Holland over the border

537

00:22:46,060 --> 00:22:51,840

with his bicycle, like they
said, black, without anything.

538

00:22:51,840 --> 00:22:59,760

He just-- and my mother also,
she was then with her brother

539

00:22:59,760 --> 00:23:02,250

for a while in Germany.

540

00:23:02,250 --> 00:23:05,430

We left the house the
way it was, I would say.

541

00:23:05,430 --> 00:23:07,930

The one with the
destroyed windows.

542

00:23:07,930 --> 00:23:08,430

Yeah.

543

00:23:08,430 --> 00:23:10,140

Did you take anything
special with you

544

00:23:10,140 --> 00:23:11,205

when you left the house?

545

00:23:11,205 --> 00:23:12,670

Nothing, nothing, no.

546

00:23:12,670 --> 00:23:13,400

Nothing personal?

547

00:23:13,400 --> 00:23:15,070

A few clothes, few--

548

00:23:15,070 --> 00:23:17,830

no, nothing.

549

00:23:17,830 --> 00:23:19,500

And you went to Cologne.

550

00:23:19,500 --> 00:23:22,590

Yeah, I stayed with my aunt,
yeah, my father's sister.

551

00:23:22,590 --> 00:23:25,690

552

00:23:25,690 --> 00:23:27,080

For how long did you stay there?

553

00:23:27,080 --> 00:23:28,505

Couple months.

554

00:23:28,505 --> 00:23:32,020

And you know all too
well what happened.

555

00:23:32,020 --> 00:23:32,520

I--

556

00:23:32,520 --> 00:23:36,650

557

00:23:36,650 --> 00:23:39,078

Any restrictions
there in Cologne?

558
00:23:39,078 --> 00:23:40,620
You were free to
walk on the streets?

559
00:23:40,620 --> 00:23:41,780
Oh, everything, anything.

560
00:23:41,780 --> 00:23:42,350
No curfews.

561
00:23:42,350 --> 00:23:44,260
You could go-- no, nothing.

562
00:23:44,260 --> 00:23:45,020
No problem.

563
00:23:45,020 --> 00:23:46,850
No, nothing at all.

564
00:23:46,850 --> 00:23:47,630
OK.

565
00:23:47,630 --> 00:23:49,465
Then the next big
change was when?

566
00:23:49,465 --> 00:23:53,750

567
00:23:53,750 --> 00:23:57,500
One day a man came.

568
00:23:57,500 --> 00:24:03,750
And he said-- came
where my aunt lived.

569
00:24:03,750 --> 00:24:04,830
This man came.

570

00:24:04,830 --> 00:24:09,830

He says, your father
sent me to pick you up

571

00:24:09,830 --> 00:24:12,850

to bring you to Holland.

572

00:24:12,850 --> 00:24:14,920

So I went with this man.

573

00:24:14,920 --> 00:24:15,960

Can you imagine?

574

00:24:15,960 --> 00:24:17,550

Did you know anything
about the man?

575

00:24:17,550 --> 00:24:18,360

Nothing.

576

00:24:18,360 --> 00:24:20,430

Never heard from him, nothing.

577

00:24:20,430 --> 00:24:23,790

But it was wartime already.

578

00:24:23,790 --> 00:24:26,160

This man took me.

579

00:24:26,160 --> 00:24:27,460

War had broken out by now?

580

00:24:27,460 --> 00:24:27,960

Yeah.

581

00:24:27,960 --> 00:24:29,540

So this is September '39?

582

00:24:29,540 --> 00:24:32,190

Yeah.

583

00:24:32,190 --> 00:24:33,780

He took me.

584

00:24:33,780 --> 00:24:39,600

Remember we left the
station in Germany,

585

00:24:39,600 --> 00:24:43,180

and we walked through
the woods to--

586

00:24:43,180 --> 00:24:45,206

and there was this
big, big house.

587

00:24:45,206 --> 00:24:48,265

I mean, I saw people
laying outside.

588

00:24:48,265 --> 00:24:53,910

It was some kind of a
rehabilitation center,

589

00:24:53,910 --> 00:24:56,620

but in Germany it was still.

590

00:24:56,620 --> 00:24:57,670

So we walked and walked.

591

00:24:57,670 --> 00:25:00,990

All of a sudden,
we were in Holland.

592

00:25:00,990 --> 00:25:05,540

And we went to his
town, his home.

593

00:25:05,540 --> 00:25:07,460

And I stayed a night.

594

00:25:07,460 --> 00:25:13,980

And the next morning, I got up.

595

00:25:13,980 --> 00:25:15,330

I couldn't walk outside.

596

00:25:15,330 --> 00:25:19,920

They would arrested me
immediately for a German

597

00:25:19,920 --> 00:25:22,800

to come over.

598

00:25:22,800 --> 00:25:24,670

My sister's husband--

599

00:25:24,670 --> 00:25:26,940

I see him still coming--

600

00:25:26,940 --> 00:25:29,250

came from Amsterdam,
and picked me up,

601

00:25:29,250 --> 00:25:31,200

and took me to Amsterdam.

602

00:25:31,200 --> 00:25:34,920

What was the name of the man who
came to get you and bring you?

603

00:25:34,920 --> 00:25:38,450

His name was [? Jule ?]
[? Frintour. ?]

604

00:25:38,450 --> 00:25:40,380

And he was a friend
of your father's?

605

00:25:40,380 --> 00:25:42,780

No, my sister's husband.

606

00:25:42,780 --> 00:25:44,220

Oh, your sister's husband.

607

00:25:44,220 --> 00:25:45,150

In Amsterdam.

608

00:25:45,150 --> 00:25:48,420

She-- I had three sisters
living in Amsterdam.

609

00:25:48,420 --> 00:25:52,640

They were married,
at least two were.

610

00:25:52,640 --> 00:25:56,646

The other one, later I
think she got married, yeah.

611

00:25:56,646 --> 00:25:59,630

All married
Dutchmen, Jewish all.

612

00:25:59,630 --> 00:26:04,970

613

00:26:04,970 --> 00:26:08,620

So then you went to join them?

614

00:26:08,620 --> 00:26:12,310

I stayed with my sister.

615

00:26:12,310 --> 00:26:14,225

Oh, God, so much went on.

616

00:26:14,225 --> 00:26:21,420

And my mother was living in
a little town by Amsterdam.

617

00:26:21,420 --> 00:26:24,510

And they having me at there.

618

00:26:24,510 --> 00:26:28,805

And they gave every
Jew permission to stay,

619

00:26:28,805 --> 00:26:30,590
the refugees to stay.

620

00:26:30,590 --> 00:26:31,840
So I went there.

621

00:26:31,840 --> 00:26:37,100
I only was there over that
little, ugh, by the stream.

622

00:26:37,100 --> 00:26:39,970
I stayed there, too.

623

00:26:39,970 --> 00:26:41,340
That town's name was what?

624

00:26:41,340 --> 00:26:41,930
Who knows?

625

00:26:41,930 --> 00:26:42,875
You don't know.

626

00:26:42,875 --> 00:26:44,360
OK.

627

00:26:44,360 --> 00:26:47,100
There was another Jewish family.

628

00:26:47,100 --> 00:26:49,580
They were Russians, Jewish.

629

00:26:49,580 --> 00:26:52,050
We stayed with them first.

630

00:26:52,050 --> 00:26:56,350
And then we went
to another place.

631

00:26:56,350 --> 00:27:04,214
I don't remember how
I got from there.

632
00:27:04,214 --> 00:27:06,190
I really don't.

633
00:27:06,190 --> 00:27:07,260
I went to The Hague.

634
00:27:07,260 --> 00:27:08,216
[PHONE RINGING]

635
00:27:08,216 --> 00:27:09,650
Who's that?

636
00:27:09,650 --> 00:27:10,990
What I do?

637
00:27:10,990 --> 00:27:13,980
So you said you
went to The Hague?

638
00:27:13,980 --> 00:27:14,580
Yeah.

639
00:27:14,580 --> 00:27:17,550
From Amsterdam,
I was in this, it

640
00:27:17,550 --> 00:27:22,080
was called
[? Hoistenfeiver, ?] a big--

641
00:27:22,080 --> 00:27:24,840
be in the woods, a big mansion.

642
00:27:24,840 --> 00:27:28,980
And they were all Jewish
children or teenagers.

643
00:27:28,980 --> 00:27:31,740
At that time, I was 18.

644

00:27:31,740 --> 00:27:39,870
And I stayed I think until May,
from January something till

645
00:27:39,870 --> 00:27:41,483
May.

646
00:27:41,483 --> 00:27:42,150
So then I went--

647
00:27:42,150 --> 00:27:43,650
What did you do
when you were there?

648
00:27:43,650 --> 00:27:44,412
Nothing.

649
00:27:44,412 --> 00:27:45,370
Nothing during the day.

650
00:27:45,370 --> 00:27:47,730
We did nothing.

651
00:27:47,730 --> 00:27:49,140
No.

652
00:27:49,140 --> 00:27:52,240
And where were
the children from?

653
00:27:52,240 --> 00:27:53,530
German, all German.

654
00:27:53,530 --> 00:27:54,735
These were German Jews.

655
00:27:54,735 --> 00:27:55,050
Children, yeah.

656
00:27:55,050 --> 00:27:55,932
And what was the age?

657

00:27:55,932 --> 00:27:57,140

Do you know the age of range?

658

00:27:57,140 --> 00:27:58,510

I forgot.

659

00:27:58,510 --> 00:27:59,010

Little ones?

660

00:27:59,010 --> 00:28:00,052

They were all youngsters.

661

00:28:00,052 --> 00:28:02,250

Not that little, but

they were all youngsters.

662

00:28:02,250 --> 00:28:06,330

663

00:28:06,330 --> 00:28:09,300

They were all single children.

664

00:28:09,300 --> 00:28:11,130

And you were the only

one from your family?

665

00:28:11,130 --> 00:28:11,880

Yeah.

666

00:28:11,880 --> 00:28:15,020

The others, they were all over.

667

00:28:15,020 --> 00:28:15,900

Spread.

668

00:28:15,900 --> 00:28:16,400

Yeah.

669

00:28:16,400 --> 00:28:17,190

Yeah.

670

00:28:17,190 --> 00:28:20,408

Did you have any contact
with your parents?

671

00:28:20,408 --> 00:28:21,700

Did you hear from your parents?

672

00:28:21,700 --> 00:28:22,350

Yes.

673

00:28:22,350 --> 00:28:28,020

My mother-- where was she?

674

00:28:28,020 --> 00:28:35,430

I think by that time, they
sent people to Westerbork.

675

00:28:35,430 --> 00:28:39,570

My father had been in a--

676

00:28:39,570 --> 00:28:42,450

they called that
[? Fendlo ?] in Holland.

677

00:28:42,450 --> 00:28:45,320

They were all men, Jewish men.

678

00:28:45,320 --> 00:28:48,705

But they could go
out, go and come.

679

00:28:48,705 --> 00:28:53,040

But then they created
this camp, Westerbork.

680

00:28:53,040 --> 00:29:00,270

So they sent my father
there, my mother there,

681

00:29:00,270 --> 00:29:05,970

and then also my youngest
brother and two sisters.

682
00:29:05,970 --> 00:29:07,780
They were all sent there.

683
00:29:07,780 --> 00:29:09,637
But meanwhile,
you're at The Hague.

684
00:29:09,637 --> 00:29:10,470
You're in The Hague.

685
00:29:10,470 --> 00:29:11,240
Yeah.

686
00:29:11,240 --> 00:29:13,590
OK, and then when
did you leave there?

687
00:29:13,590 --> 00:29:15,960
In May.

688
00:29:15,960 --> 00:29:19,890
So then my sister thought
I could stay in Amsterdam,

689
00:29:19,890 --> 00:29:21,450
could work.

690
00:29:21,450 --> 00:29:25,440
And she had a place
for me where to work.

691
00:29:25,440 --> 00:29:30,940
But the people didn't
get the work permission.

692
00:29:30,940 --> 00:29:34,830
So I was there already,
but I had to stop.

693
00:29:34,830 --> 00:29:38,970
And then I was in her

house, stayed with her.

694

00:29:38,970 --> 00:29:44,710

And one day, I got a notice
to come to the foreign police.

695

00:29:44,710 --> 00:29:52,440

You know, you had to go every
two weeks go over to say,

696

00:29:52,440 --> 00:29:54,120

well, I'm here.

697

00:29:54,120 --> 00:29:55,990

Like to register or something?

698

00:29:55,990 --> 00:29:57,030

Yeah.

699

00:29:57,030 --> 00:29:57,620

And--

700

00:29:57,620 --> 00:29:59,640

Did you have any papers then?

701

00:29:59,640 --> 00:30:01,750

Did you have
identification papers?

702

00:30:01,750 --> 00:30:04,780

No, I don't think
I had anything, no.

703

00:30:04,780 --> 00:30:12,480

And I can't clearly remember.

704

00:30:12,480 --> 00:30:14,180

I went into town.

705

00:30:14,180 --> 00:30:15,940

And I took my--

706

00:30:15,940 --> 00:30:18,373

I went my sister's bicycle.

707

00:30:18,373 --> 00:30:22,310

In Holland, everything's
done by bike.

708

00:30:22,310 --> 00:30:29,040

Somehow, they told me, or
some agent came and says,

709

00:30:29,040 --> 00:30:31,860

you have to go--

710

00:30:31,860 --> 00:30:34,470

yeah, now I remember.

711

00:30:34,470 --> 00:30:36,770

You have to go to Westerbork.

712

00:30:36,770 --> 00:30:38,350

And they took me.

713

00:30:38,350 --> 00:30:45,620

And they put me in this big,
big house that was like a jail.

714

00:30:45,620 --> 00:30:48,340

And I stayed there for a night.

715

00:30:48,340 --> 00:30:53,730

And in the morning,
somebody came.

716

00:30:53,730 --> 00:30:58,045

They took me out in this
big car to the station.

717

00:30:58,045 --> 00:30:58,920

Were you by yourself?

718

00:30:58,920 --> 00:31:01,770
Central Station in Amsterdam.

719
00:31:01,770 --> 00:31:05,240
They treated me like a criminal.

720
00:31:05,240 --> 00:31:10,320
And we went into the train.

721
00:31:10,320 --> 00:31:12,240
And they took me to Westerbork.

722
00:31:12,240 --> 00:31:21,707

723
00:31:21,707 --> 00:31:24,689
[INAUDIBLE]

724
00:31:24,689 --> 00:31:27,540
This is tape one, side two.

725
00:31:27,540 --> 00:31:31,080
And you were talking
about going to Westerbork.

726
00:31:31,080 --> 00:31:32,910
And you said you were--

727
00:31:32,910 --> 00:31:35,910
were you taken by yourself,
or were you with other people?

728
00:31:35,910 --> 00:31:38,770
By myself.

729
00:31:38,770 --> 00:31:39,480
And who took you?

730
00:31:39,480 --> 00:31:45,330
With a policeman, I think.

731

00:31:45,330 --> 00:31:47,290

Did you know where
you were going?

732

00:31:47,290 --> 00:31:50,022

I think so.

733

00:31:50,022 --> 00:31:53,130

Well, my parents were there.

734

00:31:53,130 --> 00:31:54,750

You knew your
parents were there?

735

00:31:54,750 --> 00:31:55,290

Oh, yeah.

736

00:31:55,290 --> 00:31:56,190

You did.

737

00:31:56,190 --> 00:31:59,250

I had to visit them once.

738

00:31:59,250 --> 00:32:01,200

My sister and I, we went.

739

00:32:01,200 --> 00:32:04,420

740

00:32:04,420 --> 00:32:06,190

Yeah.

741

00:32:06,190 --> 00:32:07,600

So you get to Westerbork.

742

00:32:07,600 --> 00:32:09,800

And did you get to
be with your parents?

743

00:32:09,800 --> 00:32:10,510

Yes.

744

00:32:10,510 --> 00:32:11,720

Yes.

745

00:32:11,720 --> 00:32:13,420

And what was the
reaction when you--

746

00:32:13,420 --> 00:32:16,190

they realized you were there?

747

00:32:16,190 --> 00:32:19,170

They were surprised
and happy to see me.

748

00:32:19,170 --> 00:32:23,530

And it was OK.

749

00:32:23,530 --> 00:32:28,300

We had freedom there in
Holland, in Westerbork.

750

00:32:28,300 --> 00:32:30,220

We were assigned to jobs.

751

00:32:30,220 --> 00:32:34,900

But each family had
a little apartment.

752

00:32:34,900 --> 00:32:37,660

And you did your job.

753

00:32:37,660 --> 00:32:39,895

And you came home,
and you ate together.

754

00:32:39,895 --> 00:32:42,890

755

00:32:42,890 --> 00:32:44,240

What kind of job did you have?

756

00:32:44,240 --> 00:32:48,020

757

00:32:48,020 --> 00:32:50,424

You know, I forgot.

758

00:32:50,424 --> 00:32:51,780

OK, but you went out--

759

00:32:51,780 --> 00:32:53,015

What did we do?

760

00:32:53,015 --> 00:32:53,880

I don't know.

761

00:32:53,880 --> 00:32:54,380

I forgot.

762

00:32:54,380 --> 00:33:01,010

I know my father,
he worked in some--

763

00:33:01,010 --> 00:33:08,722

they had a big building.

764

00:33:08,722 --> 00:33:11,140

What they called it?

765

00:33:11,140 --> 00:33:14,890

Tailor shop.

766

00:33:14,890 --> 00:33:19,420

My mother, I think, worked
in the kitchen there.

767

00:33:19,420 --> 00:33:20,440

Was that hard for her?

768

00:33:20,440 --> 00:33:23,308

She had never worked before.

769

00:33:23,308 --> 00:33:24,160
No.

770
00:33:24,160 --> 00:33:26,540
Couple hours.

771
00:33:26,540 --> 00:33:29,340
But--

772
00:33:29,340 --> 00:33:30,540
So you would get up and go--

773
00:33:30,540 --> 00:33:31,180
I forgot.

774
00:33:31,180 --> 00:33:31,680
I forgot.

775
00:33:31,680 --> 00:33:32,340
That's all right.

776
00:33:32,340 --> 00:33:33,298
It was a long time ago.

777
00:33:33,298 --> 00:33:35,982
Well, what I-- what did I do?

778
00:33:35,982 --> 00:33:37,190
So you got up in the morning.

779
00:33:37,190 --> 00:33:38,260
I'm sure I did something.

780
00:33:38,260 --> 00:33:39,100
Yeah, OK.

781
00:33:39,100 --> 00:33:44,620
And you got to Westerbork, was
it January '43, do you think?

782
00:33:44,620 --> 00:33:46,850

Was it '43?

783

00:33:46,850 --> 00:33:47,800

OK, and how--

784

00:33:47,800 --> 00:33:50,620

Yeah, it must have

been '43, yeah.

785

00:33:50,620 --> 00:33:53,130

And did you know a lot

of other people there?

786

00:33:53,130 --> 00:33:53,780

No.

787

00:33:53,780 --> 00:33:55,552

It was just your family.

788

00:33:55,552 --> 00:33:57,520

Mm-hmm.

789

00:33:57,520 --> 00:34:00,310

And were your parents'

health good then?

790

00:34:00,310 --> 00:34:02,830

Yeah, yeah.

791

00:34:02,830 --> 00:34:04,460

But I made a lot of friends.

792

00:34:04,460 --> 00:34:06,200

And we had all gatherings.

793

00:34:06,200 --> 00:34:07,400

And--

794

00:34:07,400 --> 00:34:08,518

These are people your age?

795

00:34:08,518 --> 00:34:09,060
Other young--

796
00:34:09,060 --> 00:34:10,770
Oh, I know what I did.

797
00:34:10,770 --> 00:34:11,710
Now I remember.

798
00:34:11,710 --> 00:34:13,023
Yeah, lots of--

799
00:34:13,023 --> 00:34:13,940
A lot of young people.

800
00:34:13,940 --> 00:34:15,880
Yeah, we had all parties.

801
00:34:15,880 --> 00:34:17,260
And we came together.

802
00:34:17,260 --> 00:34:19,600
And I know--

803
00:34:19,600 --> 00:34:20,650
Young men and women?

804
00:34:20,650 --> 00:34:22,969
Yes, yes.

805
00:34:22,969 --> 00:34:25,090
A lot of them got
married there even.

806
00:34:25,090 --> 00:34:27,550
My sister got married.

807
00:34:27,550 --> 00:34:29,503
Did you have any
boyfriends then?

808

00:34:29,503 --> 00:34:34,179
No, I don't think-- yeah, yeah.

809
00:34:34,179 --> 00:34:36,770
Somebody that was 20
years older than I am.

810
00:34:36,770 --> 00:34:38,418
Oh, uh-huh.

811
00:34:38,418 --> 00:34:41,179
Well, he left.

812
00:34:41,179 --> 00:34:43,480
They took him.

813
00:34:43,480 --> 00:34:50,409
I was assigned to
a couple barracks.

814
00:34:50,409 --> 00:34:55,000
It was about 10 minutes'
walk from the camp.

815
00:34:55,000 --> 00:34:59,200
And in these barracks, they--

816
00:34:59,200 --> 00:35:01,270
it wasn't police.

817
00:35:01,270 --> 00:35:05,310
They-- what you call them?

818
00:35:05,310 --> 00:35:05,850
Guards?

819
00:35:05,850 --> 00:35:08,360
Guards lived there.

820
00:35:08,360 --> 00:35:11,800
And we had to clean these rooms.

821
00:35:11,800 --> 00:35:15,020
Couple young girls, every
morning, we walked out,

822
00:35:15,020 --> 00:35:16,270
and we walked back.

823
00:35:16,270 --> 00:35:17,020
Yeah.

824
00:35:17,020 --> 00:35:18,400
Was that hard for you to do?

825
00:35:18,400 --> 00:35:19,710
No, I was young.

826
00:35:19,710 --> 00:35:21,530
What, 18, 19 I was.

827
00:35:21,530 --> 00:35:22,030
No.

828
00:35:22,030 --> 00:35:26,630

829
00:35:26,630 --> 00:35:29,420
And they were all good--

830
00:35:29,420 --> 00:35:30,428
And what about food?

831
00:35:30,428 --> 00:35:31,470
Did you have enough food?

832
00:35:31,470 --> 00:35:31,970
Yeah.

833
00:35:31,970 --> 00:35:33,020
How did you get the food?

834

00:35:33,020 --> 00:35:36,510

835

00:35:36,510 --> 00:35:37,390

I forgot.

836

00:35:37,390 --> 00:35:40,520

There was a big, big kitchen.

837

00:35:40,520 --> 00:35:42,240

I don't know.

838

00:35:42,240 --> 00:35:43,490

And you were warm enough?

839

00:35:43,490 --> 00:35:44,480

Oh, yes.

840

00:35:44,480 --> 00:35:45,700

With blankets?

841

00:35:45,700 --> 00:35:46,200

Yes.

842

00:35:46,200 --> 00:35:47,250

You had enough clothes?

843

00:35:47,250 --> 00:35:50,520

Yeah, my parents had a little apartment-- two bedrooms,

844

00:35:50,520 --> 00:35:53,420

and a living room,
and a kitchen.

845

00:35:53,420 --> 00:35:54,210

I don't know.

846

00:35:54,210 --> 00:35:57,220

We went to a dining
room and ate.

847

00:35:57,220 --> 00:36:01,970

But you could get
things and eat at home.

848

00:36:01,970 --> 00:36:03,750

Was this a frightening time--

849

00:36:03,750 --> 00:36:04,250

No.

850

00:36:04,250 --> 00:36:05,310

--those months?

851

00:36:05,310 --> 00:36:05,810

No.

852

00:36:05,810 --> 00:36:06,310

No.

853

00:36:06,310 --> 00:36:09,080

No, not in Holland.

854

00:36:09,080 --> 00:36:11,900

Did you know what was happening
in the rest of Europe?

855

00:36:11,900 --> 00:36:13,750

Were you aware at that time?

856

00:36:13,750 --> 00:36:14,750

Didn't know anything.

857

00:36:14,750 --> 00:36:15,900

You didn't know.

858

00:36:15,900 --> 00:36:17,150

Didn't know anything.

859

00:36:17,150 --> 00:36:18,620

Uh-huh.

860

00:36:18,620 --> 00:36:19,620

No.

861

00:36:19,620 --> 00:36:24,050

We didn't get any
newspapers, no radio.

862

00:36:24,050 --> 00:36:25,560

What about-- no radio?

863

00:36:25,560 --> 00:36:26,840

No, nothing like that.

864

00:36:26,840 --> 00:36:28,660

No news.

865

00:36:28,660 --> 00:36:29,890

No.

866

00:36:29,890 --> 00:36:30,670

Very little.

867

00:36:30,670 --> 00:36:33,110

We knew there was a war.

868

00:36:33,110 --> 00:36:37,292

And the Germans had
occupied Holland.

869

00:36:37,292 --> 00:36:40,430

Well, I probably
didn't care that

870

00:36:40,430 --> 00:36:43,770

much what goes on in the world.

871

00:36:43,770 --> 00:36:47,250

Maybe my father, he knew more.

872

00:36:47,250 --> 00:36:50,870

But, well, you lived day by day.

873
00:36:50,870 --> 00:36:51,760
People came.

874
00:36:51,760 --> 00:36:52,415
People left.

875
00:36:52,415 --> 00:36:53,000
And--

876
00:36:53,000 --> 00:36:54,250
Did you know where they were--

877
00:36:54,250 --> 00:36:58,070
In the beginning, there
was nothing when I came.

878
00:36:58,070 --> 00:37:06,840
But then they started twice
a week to deport people.

879
00:37:06,840 --> 00:37:08,210
And we did not know where--

880
00:37:08,210 --> 00:37:10,160
You did not know
where they were going.

881
00:37:10,160 --> 00:37:11,588
No idea.

882
00:37:11,588 --> 00:37:13,340
No idea.

883
00:37:13,340 --> 00:37:15,540
Where did you think
they were going?

884
00:37:15,540 --> 00:37:16,787
You just--

885

00:37:16,787 --> 00:37:17,495
To another place.

886
00:37:17,495 --> 00:37:22,070

887
00:37:22,070 --> 00:37:27,190
My sister, I think, when--

888
00:37:27,190 --> 00:37:31,670
she was there with her husband
and her three children.

889
00:37:31,670 --> 00:37:35,320
And never heard from her again.

890
00:37:35,320 --> 00:37:38,290
Yeah, my-- we got a
card from her husband,

891
00:37:38,290 --> 00:37:40,520
where is my wife and children?

892
00:37:40,520 --> 00:37:44,110
But no idea where he was, what--

893
00:37:44,110 --> 00:37:47,020
he went to Auschwitz, I'm sure.

894
00:37:47,020 --> 00:37:48,550
He went by him--
he was taken away?

895
00:37:48,550 --> 00:37:49,383
No, with the family.

896
00:37:49,383 --> 00:37:50,230
The whole family.

897
00:37:50,230 --> 00:37:51,500
They left--

898

00:37:51,500 --> 00:37:52,060

Together.

899

00:37:52,060 --> 00:37:56,950

Yeah, never-- apparently,
what they did,

900

00:37:56,950 --> 00:38:01,540

they took the mother, the wife,
and the children, and some men.

901

00:38:01,540 --> 00:38:05,740

But he didn't come back.

902

00:38:05,740 --> 00:38:08,440

So you stayed at Westerbork,
and people were leaving.

903

00:38:08,440 --> 00:38:10,240

Oh, yeah, twice a week.

904

00:38:10,240 --> 00:38:12,850

And when did you realize
where they were going to?

905

00:38:12,850 --> 00:38:13,658

Or did you ever?

906

00:38:13,658 --> 00:38:14,575

I don't think we ever.

907

00:38:14,575 --> 00:38:17,850

908

00:38:17,850 --> 00:38:20,380

And then new people
would come in?

909

00:38:20,380 --> 00:38:21,130

Yes.

910

00:38:21,130 --> 00:38:23,930

Yes, by the train
loads, they came in.

911

00:38:23,930 --> 00:38:26,350

And they built
some more barracks.

912

00:38:26,350 --> 00:38:30,310

And it was overcrowded
at one time.

913

00:38:30,310 --> 00:38:33,550

But they shipped them off.

914

00:38:33,550 --> 00:38:36,160

And then how long did
you stay at Westerbork?

915

00:38:36,160 --> 00:38:40,220

916

00:38:40,220 --> 00:38:45,106

I think it was-- must've--
well, was that '44 in--

917

00:38:45,106 --> 00:38:50,420

yeah, in January, I went to
Theresienstadt from Westerbork.

918

00:38:50,420 --> 00:38:53,090

How did you know you
were supposed to leave?

919

00:38:53,090 --> 00:38:54,350

Well, they let us know.

920

00:38:54,350 --> 00:38:54,850

How?

921

00:38:54,850 --> 00:38:57,290

And you know, my--

922

00:38:57,290 --> 00:38:59,970

923

00:38:59,970 --> 00:39:02,610

I don't know anymore.

924

00:39:02,610 --> 00:39:08,500

We probably got a notice,
or I have no idea.

925

00:39:08,500 --> 00:39:15,590

My parents and my younger
sister were on the list.

926

00:39:15,590 --> 00:39:21,130

And my brother, my sister,
[? Juliene ?],, and my--

927

00:39:21,130 --> 00:39:23,680

and me, we went voluntary.

928

00:39:23,680 --> 00:39:25,160

Can you imagine that?

929

00:39:25,160 --> 00:39:25,660

Voluntary.

930

00:39:25,660 --> 00:39:27,080

With my parents.

931

00:39:27,080 --> 00:39:28,480

To Theresienstadt.

932

00:39:28,480 --> 00:39:29,280

Yeah.

933

00:39:29,280 --> 00:39:36,640

And my brother Leo was
working as an electrician

934

00:39:36,640 --> 00:39:37,510

with somebody.

935
00:39:37,510 --> 00:39:40,510
He was a Gentile.

936
00:39:40,510 --> 00:39:42,400
And he liked him very much.

937
00:39:42,400 --> 00:39:46,020
And he said, Leo, don't go.

938
00:39:46,020 --> 00:39:47,440
Don't go.

939
00:39:47,440 --> 00:39:50,590
And my brother said, I
go where my parents go.

940
00:39:50,590 --> 00:39:52,300
I don't let them go alone.

941
00:39:52,300 --> 00:39:55,053
So the two of us, we went, too.

942
00:39:55,053 --> 00:39:55,720
Can you imagine?

943
00:39:55,720 --> 00:39:58,582
We-- they would
all be alive today.

944
00:39:58,582 --> 00:40:01,070
Voluntary.

945
00:40:01,070 --> 00:40:02,260
None of them came back.

946
00:40:02,260 --> 00:40:05,320
How did you get
to Theresienstadt?

947

00:40:05,320 --> 00:40:07,610
In the trains, in the cattle--

948
00:40:07,610 --> 00:40:09,337
Theresienstadt cattle car?

949
00:40:09,337 --> 00:40:09,920
What was that?

950
00:40:09,920 --> 00:40:10,570
No.

951
00:40:10,570 --> 00:40:13,510
I don't-- no, it wasn't cattle
car, not to Theresienstadt.

952
00:40:13,510 --> 00:40:14,980
They were like ordinary--

953
00:40:14,980 --> 00:40:16,100
Ordinary trains.

954
00:40:16,100 --> 00:40:17,260
Yeah.

955
00:40:17,260 --> 00:40:18,230
And then you--

956
00:40:18,230 --> 00:40:27,790
And I remember, we stopped
before Theresienstadt.

957
00:40:27,790 --> 00:40:30,297
We didn't know
where we were going.

958
00:40:30,297 --> 00:40:30,880
What did you--

959
00:40:30,880 --> 00:40:32,540
It was all day, all night.

960

00:40:32,540 --> 00:40:34,350

And you just, you went.

961

00:40:34,350 --> 00:40:36,490

What did you take with you?

962

00:40:36,490 --> 00:40:37,220

Not much.

963

00:40:37,220 --> 00:40:39,040

We left everything.

964

00:40:39,040 --> 00:40:42,260

Not much at all,
clothes, a little.

965

00:40:42,260 --> 00:40:46,260

And on this train station--

966

00:40:46,260 --> 00:40:50,560

[? Boschevitz ?] it was
named, was already Poland--

967

00:40:50,560 --> 00:40:53,920

there were American PWs.

968

00:40:53,920 --> 00:40:56,500

Isn't that called PWs?

969

00:40:56,500 --> 00:40:57,750

Mm-hmm, Prisoners of War.

970

00:40:57,750 --> 00:40:59,220

Prison of War, Americans.

971

00:40:59,220 --> 00:41:01,000

And do you know what?

972

00:41:01,000 --> 00:41:02,345

They asked us for food.

973
00:41:02,345 --> 00:41:06,670

974
00:41:06,670 --> 00:41:10,850
I never forget these W.

975
00:41:10,850 --> 00:41:16,770
Yeah, and then we came to
Theresienstadt, which is a--

976
00:41:16,770 --> 00:41:21,374
I'm sure you know what it
is, the old city there,

977
00:41:21,374 --> 00:41:23,074
in Czechoslovakia.

978
00:41:23,074 --> 00:41:25,630

979
00:41:25,630 --> 00:41:26,330
It wasn't--

980
00:41:26,330 --> 00:41:29,720
And when you first got there,
what was your first impression?

981
00:41:29,720 --> 00:41:33,640
Of God, you so bewildered,
you didn't know.

982
00:41:33,640 --> 00:41:36,000
There were Germans.

983
00:41:36,000 --> 00:41:40,920
They took videos, films.

984
00:41:40,920 --> 00:41:44,060
And everything looked very nice.

985
00:41:44,060 --> 00:41:48,600

And somebody told me,
yeah, that is propaganda.

986
00:41:48,600 --> 00:41:50,940
You know what propaganda is?

987
00:41:50,940 --> 00:41:53,220
They say, look how
good the Jews live.

988
00:41:53,220 --> 00:41:56,400
And meanwhile they were
killing them a little further.

989
00:41:56,400 --> 00:42:01,950
And, well, we were separated.

990
00:42:01,950 --> 00:42:04,830
The women were alone.

991
00:42:04,830 --> 00:42:06,350
And the men were alone.

992
00:42:06,350 --> 00:42:09,630
So my parents weren't
together into [INAUDIBLE]..

993
00:42:09,630 --> 00:42:11,180
But you were free.

994
00:42:11,180 --> 00:42:13,950
So you were living
with your mother?

995
00:42:13,950 --> 00:42:15,720
Yeah, and my sister.

996
00:42:15,720 --> 00:42:20,350
And then my other sister,
[? Irma, ?] with her husband.

997
00:42:20,350 --> 00:42:24,720

And she had a child
in Westerbork.

998
00:42:24,720 --> 00:42:27,320
They came with us.

999
00:42:27,320 --> 00:42:29,820
Did you say-- did she give birth
to the child in Westerbork?

1000
00:42:29,820 --> 00:42:30,480
In Westerbork, yeah.

1001
00:42:30,480 --> 00:42:31,510
They had many babies.

1002
00:42:31,510 --> 00:42:33,510
Yeah, they had a
hospital and all.

1003
00:42:33,510 --> 00:42:35,930
So she gave birth in a
hospital in Westerbork?

1004
00:42:35,930 --> 00:42:36,430
Yeah.

1005
00:42:36,430 --> 00:42:38,370
So she brought this
little baby with her.

1006
00:42:38,370 --> 00:42:40,780
Oh, a beautiful
child, [? Miriam ?]..

1007
00:42:40,780 --> 00:42:42,110
To Theresienstadt.

1008
00:42:42,110 --> 00:42:43,750
Yeah, beautiful.

1009
00:42:43,750 --> 00:42:46,535

And did you see your father?

1010
00:42:46,535 --> 00:42:47,910
Did you see your
brothers at all?

1011
00:42:47,910 --> 00:42:48,290
In--

1012
00:42:48,290 --> 00:42:49,120
Yeah, in Theresienstadt.

1013
00:42:49,120 --> 00:42:49,620
Yeah.

1014
00:42:49,620 --> 00:42:53,020

1015
00:42:53,020 --> 00:42:55,670
Yeah.

1016
00:42:55,670 --> 00:42:56,670
Wait a minute, did she?.

1017
00:42:56,670 --> 00:42:59,620

1018
00:42:59,620 --> 00:43:01,600
Yeah, we meet.

1019
00:43:01,600 --> 00:43:03,730
We met each other every day.

1020
00:43:03,730 --> 00:43:07,210
Every night, we were sitting
together, going together.

1021
00:43:07,210 --> 00:43:08,650
Did you work at all?

1022
00:43:08,650 --> 00:43:10,780

Also, we were assigned--

1023

00:43:10,780 --> 00:43:16,830

I was assigned to a group.

1024

00:43:16,830 --> 00:43:21,840

And we cleaned everywhere--
empty buildings, empty houses.

1025

00:43:21,840 --> 00:43:28,810

And I remember we had brown
overalls on they gave us.

1026

00:43:28,810 --> 00:43:33,370

Yeah, and every day,
but another place--

1027

00:43:33,370 --> 00:43:37,860

in hospital, or
in a lumber yard.

1028

00:43:37,860 --> 00:43:40,540

And it was to keep people busy.

1029

00:43:40,540 --> 00:43:41,040

Was it--

1030

00:43:41,040 --> 00:43:43,000

But Saturday, Sunday,
you did nothing.

1031

00:43:43,000 --> 00:43:44,980

You did what you want to do.

1032

00:43:44,980 --> 00:43:47,010

Was this a particularly
frightening time?

1033

00:43:47,010 --> 00:43:47,710

No.

1034

00:43:47,710 --> 00:43:48,530

No?

1035
00:43:48,530 --> 00:43:51,330
Not Theresienstadt, no.

1036
00:43:51,330 --> 00:43:52,780
OK.

1037
00:43:52,780 --> 00:43:55,420
But, yeah, a lot
of things went on.

1038
00:43:55,420 --> 00:44:01,060
They had a big hospital,
and it was normal in there.

1039
00:44:01,060 --> 00:44:03,550
People that was sick
were sent there.

1040
00:44:03,550 --> 00:44:05,380
They had doctors.

1041
00:44:05,380 --> 00:44:07,150
But you couldn't get out.

1042
00:44:07,150 --> 00:44:08,830
You were--

1043
00:44:08,830 --> 00:44:09,700
Confined.

1044
00:44:09,700 --> 00:44:10,570
Yeah.

1045
00:44:10,570 --> 00:44:13,010
Did you ever have to
wear a yellow star?

1046
00:44:13,010 --> 00:44:13,720
Sure.

1047

00:44:13,720 --> 00:44:16,450

When did you start
wearing the star?

1048

00:44:16,450 --> 00:44:17,500

In Amsterdam?

1049

00:44:17,500 --> 00:44:19,330

I think it was--

1050

00:44:19,330 --> 00:44:22,030

did we wear it in Holland?

1051

00:44:22,030 --> 00:44:25,130

No, not in Amsterdam, not then.

1052

00:44:25,130 --> 00:44:26,750

But later, I did wear it.

1053

00:44:26,750 --> 00:44:28,970

And in fact, I had it here.

1054

00:44:28,970 --> 00:44:30,190

And I lost it.

1055

00:44:30,190 --> 00:44:31,847

I can't find it.

1056

00:44:31,847 --> 00:44:33,930

What was it like for you
to have to wear the star?

1057

00:44:33,930 --> 00:44:35,110

Was bad, really bad.

1058

00:44:35,110 --> 00:44:36,485

What did you feel
like when you--

1059

00:44:36,485 --> 00:44:37,010

Bad.

1060
00:44:37,010 --> 00:44:38,990
Real bad.

1061
00:44:38,990 --> 00:44:39,490
Yeah.

1062
00:44:39,490 --> 00:44:42,370

1063
00:44:42,370 --> 00:44:44,410
And you sewed it
on your clothes?

1064
00:44:44,410 --> 00:44:44,910
Yeah.

1065
00:44:44,910 --> 00:44:50,530

1066
00:44:50,530 --> 00:44:52,070
Why did it feel bad?

1067
00:44:52,070 --> 00:44:52,570
What?

1068
00:44:52,570 --> 00:44:57,580

1069
00:44:57,580 --> 00:45:02,780
Well, that one had to
do something like that,

1070
00:45:02,780 --> 00:45:04,200
put Jew here.

1071
00:45:04,200 --> 00:45:07,900

1072
00:45:07,900 --> 00:45:08,710
But you did it.

1073
00:45:08,710 --> 00:45:09,580
You had to.

1074
00:45:09,580 --> 00:45:10,205
If not, you--

1075
00:45:10,205 --> 00:45:13,980

1076
00:45:13,980 --> 00:45:20,840
I mean, when you're under
stress, and frightening, and--

1077
00:45:20,840 --> 00:45:23,980
you do everything they tell you.

1078
00:45:23,980 --> 00:45:27,505
So now you're in Theresienstadt,
and you're cleaning.

1079
00:45:27,505 --> 00:45:29,420
Yeah, every day.

1080
00:45:29,420 --> 00:45:30,810
But we didn't do much.

1081
00:45:30,810 --> 00:45:31,345
Right.

1082
00:45:31,345 --> 00:45:35,220
And how long did you
stay in Theresienstadt?

1083
00:45:35,220 --> 00:45:38,370
I think we left in May.

1084
00:45:38,370 --> 00:45:43,950
May 23 every year, the
23rd of May, I'm sad.

1085

00:45:43,950 --> 00:45:46,380
May 23, we left.

1086
00:45:46,380 --> 00:45:48,390
It was a beautiful day.

1087
00:45:48,390 --> 00:45:50,820
Everything was in bloom there.

1088
00:45:50,820 --> 00:45:54,450
And who did you leave with?

1089
00:45:54,450 --> 00:45:55,190
Everybody.

1090
00:45:55,190 --> 00:45:57,670
Everybody.

1091
00:45:57,670 --> 00:46:06,752
My parents and--
yeah, to Auschwitz.

1092
00:46:06,752 --> 00:46:10,180
And how did you get there?

1093
00:46:10,180 --> 00:46:13,080
By-- was it--

1094
00:46:13,080 --> 00:46:14,220
yeah, it was cattle car.

1095
00:46:14,220 --> 00:46:16,320
It was cattle car.

1096
00:46:16,320 --> 00:46:19,050
It was full.

1097
00:46:19,050 --> 00:46:21,040
Have you ever seen
Doctor Zhivago?

1098

00:46:21,040 --> 00:46:24,190
Well, that's how it was.

1099
00:46:24,190 --> 00:46:29,080
And we didn't know
where we were going.

1100
00:46:29,080 --> 00:46:31,930

1101
00:46:31,930 --> 00:46:37,830
The train stopped in front.

1102
00:46:37,830 --> 00:46:39,180
It's there today.

1103
00:46:39,180 --> 00:46:41,900
I'm sure you've
seen it, the gates.

1104
00:46:41,900 --> 00:46:43,860
The train stopped.

1105
00:46:43,860 --> 00:46:48,570
And a German guy said to me--

1106
00:46:48,570 --> 00:46:51,030
he was standing outside--

1107
00:46:51,030 --> 00:46:56,250
whoever goes in here will
never come out, he told me.

1108
00:46:56,250 --> 00:46:57,782
I didn't tell anybody.

1109
00:46:57,782 --> 00:46:58,740
I will never forget it.

1110
00:46:58,740 --> 00:47:01,320

1111

00:47:01,320 --> 00:47:02,750

So--

1112

00:47:02,750 --> 00:47:04,490

Was it a long trip
from Theresienstadt?

1113

00:47:04,490 --> 00:47:07,700

Yeah, I think it was all
through the night, to day.

1114

00:47:07,700 --> 00:47:10,220

It's quite a trip.

1115

00:47:10,220 --> 00:47:13,160

And I don't think we
had anything to eat.

1116

00:47:13,160 --> 00:47:15,600

Nothing to eat?

1117

00:47:15,600 --> 00:47:17,127

Yeah, it was terrible.

1118

00:47:17,127 --> 00:47:20,880

1119

00:47:20,880 --> 00:47:23,750

And your parents, how were
your parents handling it?

1120

00:47:23,750 --> 00:47:25,720

We didn't talk much.

1121

00:47:25,720 --> 00:47:30,485

I mean, everybody was shocked.

1122

00:47:30,485 --> 00:47:33,010

And did you know-- you did
not know where you were going.

1123

00:47:33,010 --> 00:47:35,350

No, no idea.

1124

00:47:35,350 --> 00:47:36,220

And then you arrive.

1125

00:47:36,220 --> 00:47:37,240

And the doors open.

1126

00:47:37,240 --> 00:47:39,953

And did you-- your
first reaction--

1127

00:47:39,953 --> 00:47:40,870

you said this German--

1128

00:47:40,870 --> 00:47:42,410

Well, there was nothing.

1129

00:47:42,410 --> 00:47:45,210

There is nothing but
a couple of barracks.

1130

00:47:45,210 --> 00:47:53,870

We came to a place, well,
they kept us outside.

1131

00:47:53,870 --> 00:47:57,500

And these Germans, guards
or whatever they were,

1132

00:47:57,500 --> 00:47:59,590

SS, went around.

1133

00:47:59,590 --> 00:48:05,770

And one said, give
me your gold ring.

1134

00:48:05,770 --> 00:48:07,750

They're going to take
it away from you anyway.

1135

00:48:07,750 --> 00:48:10,300

1136

00:48:10,300 --> 00:48:14,050

I remember, they took my
mother's gold ring off, wedding

1137

00:48:14,050 --> 00:48:18,182

band and everything, watches.

1138

00:48:18,182 --> 00:48:19,390

Were you still all together--

1139

00:48:19,390 --> 00:48:19,750

Yes.

1140

00:48:19,750 --> 00:48:20,290

--with your father.

1141

00:48:20,290 --> 00:48:21,425

At that moment, I think.

1142

00:48:21,425 --> 00:48:23,050

Still, the men and
women were together.

1143

00:48:23,050 --> 00:48:26,920

At that moment, yeah.

1144

00:48:26,920 --> 00:48:28,720

Was it during the
day or at night?

1145

00:48:28,720 --> 00:48:29,380

It was night.

1146

00:48:29,380 --> 00:48:29,890

Nighttime.

1147

00:48:29,890 --> 00:48:32,170

Evening, yeah.

1148

00:48:32,170 --> 00:48:34,630

And then they put
us in barracks.

1149

00:48:34,630 --> 00:48:36,535

We had a [? wall ?] [INAUDIBLE].

1150

00:48:36,535 --> 00:48:39,760

1151

00:48:39,760 --> 00:48:44,190

Yeah, my-- I think my
father was with us.

1152

00:48:44,190 --> 00:48:49,400

And my brother, I don't
know where he was.

1153

00:48:49,400 --> 00:48:51,200

I was always looking for him.

1154

00:48:51,200 --> 00:48:54,609

1155

00:48:54,609 --> 00:48:57,620

But we were in [? that long. ?]
And then they--

1156

00:48:57,620 --> 00:49:01,130

1157

00:49:01,130 --> 00:49:03,680

couple of weeks,
we worked there.

1158

00:49:03,680 --> 00:49:07,555

We made some gun--
for the rifles, some--

1159

00:49:07,555 --> 00:49:10,910

1160

00:49:10,910 --> 00:49:11,795

what is that called?

1161

00:49:11,795 --> 00:49:18,432

1162

00:49:18,432 --> 00:49:20,390

You mean something for
the inside of the rifle?

1163

00:49:20,390 --> 00:49:21,320

Yeah.

1164

00:49:21,320 --> 00:49:23,180

Were you wearing
your own clothes?

1165

00:49:23,180 --> 00:49:23,780

No.

1166

00:49:23,780 --> 00:49:24,678

I don't think so.

1167

00:49:24,678 --> 00:49:25,220

I don't know.

1168

00:49:25,220 --> 00:49:27,509

What were you wearing?

1169

00:49:27,509 --> 00:49:30,540

I don't know what did I wear.

1170

00:49:30,540 --> 00:49:31,700

Maybe I did.

1171

00:49:31,700 --> 00:49:32,570

I don't remember.

1172

00:49:32,570 --> 00:49:35,840

I know in other camps we didn't.

1173

00:49:35,840 --> 00:49:36,607

I--

1174

00:49:36,607 --> 00:49:37,940

But you were still all together.

1175

00:49:37,940 --> 00:49:40,700

1176

00:49:40,700 --> 00:49:41,990

Did you get a number?

1177

00:49:41,990 --> 00:49:44,690

Were you given a number?

1178

00:49:44,690 --> 00:49:45,360

I have it.

1179

00:49:45,360 --> 00:49:46,210

In Auschwitz.

1180

00:49:46,210 --> 00:49:46,720

Yes.

1181

00:49:46,720 --> 00:49:47,270

Yeah.

1182

00:49:47,270 --> 00:49:47,810

Yeah.

1183

00:49:47,810 --> 00:49:48,852

That was when you first--

1184

00:49:48,852 --> 00:49:50,450

But I had it taken out here.

1185

00:49:50,450 --> 00:49:53,340

That was when you first arrived,
they gave you the number?

1186

00:49:53,340 --> 00:49:55,310
Yes.

1187
00:49:55,310 --> 00:49:56,190
Yeah, it was bad.

1188
00:49:56,190 --> 00:49:58,880
And they examined
the women, the girls.

1189
00:49:58,880 --> 00:50:02,320

1190
00:50:02,320 --> 00:50:03,340
It was terrible.

1191
00:50:03,340 --> 00:50:05,953
We didn't know why, what
they wanted from us.

1192
00:50:05,953 --> 00:50:10,590

1193
00:50:10,590 --> 00:50:13,680
And did they remove your hair--

1194
00:50:13,680 --> 00:50:14,180
Yeah.

1195
00:50:14,180 --> 00:50:14,805
--in Auschwitz?

1196
00:50:14,805 --> 00:50:18,260
Me-- no, not in
Auschwitz, in a--

1197
00:50:18,260 --> 00:50:19,270
wait a minute.

1198
00:50:19,270 --> 00:50:20,780
Where was I?

1199

00:50:20,780 --> 00:50:25,400

Later, later, in another
camp they shaved me.

1200

00:50:25,400 --> 00:50:27,680

[INAUDIBLE] thing it was.

1201

00:50:27,680 --> 00:50:30,680

I don't know why shaved me.

1202

00:50:30,680 --> 00:50:33,470

How long were you in Auschwitz?

1203

00:50:33,470 --> 00:50:35,360

I wasn't there that-- too long.

1204

00:50:35,360 --> 00:50:42,260

I think it was from end of
May till beginning of August.

1205

00:50:42,260 --> 00:50:45,500

I think August 4 we
went to Stutthof.

1206

00:50:45,500 --> 00:50:47,810

Who went to-- who
did you go with?

1207

00:50:47,810 --> 00:50:51,830

My sisters two and me.

1208

00:50:51,830 --> 00:50:52,490

Your sister?

1209

00:50:52,490 --> 00:50:57,605

So my parents, everybody
was left behind.

1210

00:50:57,605 --> 00:50:59,900

Behind in Auschwitz.

1211

00:50:59,900 --> 00:51:02,480

So you had to leave
with your two sisters?

1212

00:51:02,480 --> 00:51:04,400

Had to?

1213

00:51:04,400 --> 00:51:09,210

We were lucky that we--

1214

00:51:09,210 --> 00:51:12,180

they selected for work.

1215

00:51:12,180 --> 00:51:14,150

And we were chosen.

1216

00:51:14,150 --> 00:51:21,570

And otherwise, somebody
told me, a Czech, a Jew--

1217

00:51:21,570 --> 00:51:25,950

he was from [? Brno. ?] When we
came to Auschwitz, I asked him.

1218

00:51:25,950 --> 00:51:28,290

I said, what goes on here?

1219

00:51:28,290 --> 00:51:29,280

What is this?

1220

00:51:29,280 --> 00:51:30,160

What goes on?

1221

00:51:30,160 --> 00:51:36,350

There were only chimneys
and the barracks.

1222

00:51:36,350 --> 00:51:40,130

Well, he told me, he said,
look, if you're smart,

1223

00:51:40,130 --> 00:51:41,520

volunteer for work.

1224
00:51:41,520 --> 00:51:42,750
Get out of here.

1225
00:51:42,750 --> 00:51:45,490
If not, that's it.

1226
00:51:45,490 --> 00:51:47,220
So and I remembered that.

1227
00:51:47,220 --> 00:51:50,670
So one day, it was only luck.

1228
00:51:50,670 --> 00:51:57,500
One day, they-- these big--

1229
00:51:57,500 --> 00:51:59,380
you heard of Mengele?

1230
00:51:59,380 --> 00:52:02,050
Yes.

1231
00:52:02,050 --> 00:52:11,430
These three big Germans, well,
they said, whoever wants to go,

1232
00:52:11,430 --> 00:52:12,981
just go.

1233
00:52:12,981 --> 00:52:14,350
Go to that barrack.

1234
00:52:14,350 --> 00:52:15,570
Go.

1235
00:52:15,570 --> 00:52:17,990
And I think we had to
take our clothes off.

1236
00:52:17,990 --> 00:52:20,430

Yeah, naked.

1237
00:52:20,430 --> 00:52:22,710
You heard these stories, no?

1238
00:52:22,710 --> 00:52:24,000
Well, that happened to me.

1239
00:52:24,000 --> 00:52:28,930

1240
00:52:28,930 --> 00:52:31,570
See, I was always--

1241
00:52:31,570 --> 00:52:33,730
I always had to know
everything first.

1242
00:52:33,730 --> 00:52:35,680
I had to be everywhere.

1243
00:52:35,680 --> 00:52:37,450
I had to know, I had to--

1244
00:52:37,450 --> 00:52:40,090
I never stood back,
and I always knew.

1245
00:52:40,090 --> 00:52:45,620
So I-- so here we are.

1246
00:52:45,620 --> 00:52:50,560
And my sisters, I said, look,
don't let's stay together.

1247
00:52:50,560 --> 00:52:56,590
If they knew you belong
together, they didn't send you,

1248
00:52:56,590 --> 00:52:58,090
you know?

1249

00:52:58,090 --> 00:52:59,950

They separated you.

1250

00:52:59,950 --> 00:53:05,380

So here, I still
see the big guy.

1251

00:53:05,380 --> 00:53:06,990

I went up to him.

1252

00:53:06,990 --> 00:53:09,300

This is true.

1253

00:53:09,300 --> 00:53:14,730

I said to this--
and it was Mengele--

1254

00:53:14,730 --> 00:53:20,130

in German, I said,
listen, I want to live.

1255

00:53:20,130 --> 00:53:22,710

Please let me live.

1256

00:53:22,710 --> 00:53:28,170

And he said to that other
German, he said, look at her.

1257

00:53:28,170 --> 00:53:30,180

I have to translate
this in English.

1258

00:53:30,180 --> 00:53:31,500

It's hard for me now.

1259

00:53:31,500 --> 00:53:32,880

I'm upset.

1260

00:53:32,880 --> 00:53:34,650

Look at that little one.

1261

00:53:34,650 --> 00:53:37,560
What a courage she has.

1262
00:53:37,560 --> 00:53:39,840
He says, OK, go over there.

1263
00:53:39,840 --> 00:53:43,340
Can you believe me
that's how I live?

1264
00:53:43,340 --> 00:53:44,740
Mengele was that.

1265
00:53:44,740 --> 00:53:48,690
But how did you
know it was Mengele?

1266
00:53:48,690 --> 00:53:50,430
I don't know.

1267
00:53:50,430 --> 00:53:53,070
I think now I know
that was the guy that

1268
00:53:53,070 --> 00:53:55,430
did all the experiments.

1269
00:53:55,430 --> 00:53:57,762
Yeah, he said, look at her.

1270
00:53:57,762 --> 00:53:59,175
I'll never forget it.

1271
00:53:59,175 --> 00:54:02,445
And my sisters were also picked.

1272
00:54:02,445 --> 00:54:07,800
And maybe a day later,
my parents were gone.

1273
00:54:07,800 --> 00:54:13,020
My father, all-- everything was

empty, everything, everybody.

1274

00:54:13,020 --> 00:54:18,750
My brother, somebody told me,
was transported to Mauthausen.

1275

00:54:18,750 --> 00:54:20,400
Was such a nice boy.

1276

00:54:20,400 --> 00:54:21,360
19 years.

1277

00:54:21,360 --> 00:54:23,150
Such a nice boy.

1278

00:54:23,150 --> 00:54:27,220
[? Volunteered. ?] Me, too.

1279

00:54:27,220 --> 00:54:32,786
So we went to Stutthof.

1280

00:54:32,786 --> 00:54:38,270

1281

00:54:38,270 --> 00:54:46,460
When we arrived, I remember
it was a long, long trip.

1282

00:54:46,460 --> 00:54:50,230
And there was a German soldier.

1283

00:54:50,230 --> 00:54:54,330
He was a guard.

1284

00:54:54,330 --> 00:55:01,140
But he was transferred as
a punishment to Auschwitz.

1285

00:55:01,140 --> 00:55:04,375
And he-- like I said,
I always had to know.

1286

00:55:04,375 --> 00:55:09,330

Had to be-- he said to
me, I don't know what

1287

00:55:09,330 --> 00:55:12,540

goes on, what they're doing.

1288

00:55:12,540 --> 00:55:14,940

He says, but where
you're going, maybe it's

1289

00:55:14,940 --> 00:55:17,340

better than where
you're coming from.

1290

00:55:17,340 --> 00:55:19,850

And he brought me a
basket of strawberries.

1291

00:55:19,850 --> 00:55:22,770

Can you-- he could have
been shot for that.

1292

00:55:22,770 --> 00:55:25,060

We stayed there all
night in this train.

1293

00:55:25,060 --> 00:55:27,650

You couldn't even sit.

1294

00:55:27,650 --> 00:55:29,640

This was another cattle car?

1295

00:55:29,640 --> 00:55:35,490

Yeah, from Auschwitz
to Stutthof.

1296

00:55:35,490 --> 00:55:36,510

And then in the--

1297

00:55:36,510 --> 00:55:43,345

yeah, we were transferred

into these half things there.

1298
00:55:43,345 --> 00:55:44,760
It was a open--

1299
00:55:44,760 --> 00:55:45,550
to Stutthof.

1300
00:55:45,550 --> 00:55:51,690
When we get to Stutthof, do
you know that two weeks we

1301
00:55:51,690 --> 00:55:53,160
stayed outside?

1302
00:55:53,160 --> 00:55:57,690
We slept two weeks
outside in Stutthof.

1303
00:55:57,690 --> 00:56:00,560
They had no room for us.

1304
00:56:00,560 --> 00:56:02,280
They slept out on
the ground outside?

1305
00:56:02,280 --> 00:56:03,750
Yes, we did.

1306
00:56:03,750 --> 00:56:06,090
Here, my sister, one lay here.

1307
00:56:06,090 --> 00:56:09,130
One lay there, under the sky.

1308
00:56:09,130 --> 00:56:12,113
Two weeks, it didn't
rain once, two weeks.

1309
00:56:12,113 --> 00:56:12,780
Can you imagine?

1310

00:56:12,780 --> 00:56:14,740

I don't know where
we ate, how we--

1311

00:56:14,740 --> 00:56:19,920

anyway, I knew I saw a
lot of people going by,

1312

00:56:19,920 --> 00:56:24,900

and dead ones on wagons.

1313

00:56:24,900 --> 00:56:27,660

And Stutthof wasn't that bad.

1314

00:56:27,660 --> 00:56:31,410

And Auschwitz, you know
what they did over there.

1315

00:56:31,410 --> 00:56:34,440

You-- I once looked
into a place.

1316

00:56:34,440 --> 00:56:38,370

I saw at least 100
bodies laying there.

1317

00:56:38,370 --> 00:56:42,028

But in Stutthof, I
don't think they did it.

1318

00:56:42,028 --> 00:56:46,020

1319

00:56:46,020 --> 00:56:46,980

When you were in--

1320

00:56:46,980 --> 00:56:51,405

They killed my sister in
Stutthof, I think both of them.

1321

00:56:51,405 --> 00:56:55,770

What, from overwork or from--

1322
00:56:55,770 --> 00:57:00,390
My younger sister,
[? Adit ?],, was--

1323
00:57:00,390 --> 00:57:03,150
how old was she?

1324
00:57:03,150 --> 00:57:05,060
15, 16?

1325
00:57:05,060 --> 00:57:06,132
Young girl.

1326
00:57:06,132 --> 00:57:10,560

1327
00:57:10,560 --> 00:57:11,490
I don't know.

1328
00:57:11,490 --> 00:57:13,310
She got sick.

1329
00:57:13,310 --> 00:57:15,040
And I used to wrap her in paper.

1330
00:57:15,040 --> 00:57:19,860
And malnutrition,
nothing to eat.

1331
00:57:19,860 --> 00:57:24,710
And one day they came,
and they took her.

1332
00:57:24,710 --> 00:57:26,640
And I said to this--

1333
00:57:26,640 --> 00:57:30,463
was a woman in uniform,
let me go with her.

1334

00:57:30,463 --> 00:57:31,380
You know what she did?

1335
00:57:31,380 --> 00:57:33,330
She hit me in the face.

1336
00:57:33,330 --> 00:57:35,040
She said, go back.

1337
00:57:35,040 --> 00:57:35,670
She knew.

1338
00:57:35,670 --> 00:57:36,640
They killed her.

1339
00:57:36,640 --> 00:57:39,800

1340
00:57:39,800 --> 00:57:42,350
She knew what would happen.

1341
00:57:42,350 --> 00:57:45,330
I had no idea.

1342
00:57:45,330 --> 00:57:49,190
Then the other one,
what was with her?

1343
00:57:49,190 --> 00:57:51,020
She was pregnant.

1344
00:57:51,020 --> 00:57:53,810
She was pregnant.

1345
00:57:53,810 --> 00:57:55,870
And they took her.

1346
00:57:55,870 --> 00:57:58,480
And I also never heard
from [INAUDIBLE]..

1347

00:57:58,480 --> 00:58:03,250

1348

00:58:03,250 --> 00:58:06,550

No, that was a little later.

1349

00:58:06,550 --> 00:58:11,800

No, in Stutthof we were all
together for a couple weeks.

1350

00:58:11,800 --> 00:58:20,260

And then one day they came, and
they took us to a work camp.

1351

00:58:20,260 --> 00:58:27,790

And there were three barracks
only, all in one, the beds.

1352

00:58:27,790 --> 00:58:32,140

And every morning,
we had to go out.

1353

00:58:32,140 --> 00:58:34,660

We made streets and the
airport they were building,

1354

00:58:34,660 --> 00:58:35,620

near the Gdansk.

1355

00:58:35,620 --> 00:58:37,870

You know where Danzig is?

1356

00:58:37,870 --> 00:58:40,170

They were building an airport.

1357

00:58:40,170 --> 00:58:43,690

And that was already,
it was that, the fall.

1358

00:58:43,690 --> 00:58:47,820

And war was already over
in some places, wasn't it?

1359

00:58:47,820 --> 00:58:49,140

This was--

1360

00:58:49,140 --> 00:58:52,090

Fall of '44 we're talking about.

1361

00:58:52,090 --> 00:58:54,060

Yeah, yeah.

1362

00:58:54,060 --> 00:58:58,242

And so every day,
we marched out.

1363

00:58:58,242 --> 00:59:02,340

And we-- oh, it was just awful.

1364

00:59:02,340 --> 00:59:07,140

But we didn't-- yeah, we did
a little here, a little there,

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00:59:07,140 --> 00:59:11,530

moved some bricks,
then do this, do that.

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00:59:11,530 --> 00:59:13,460

This went on for--

1367

00:59:13,460 --> 00:59:15,100

for what?

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00:59:15,100 --> 00:59:16,930

Then we stayed all whole day.

1369

00:59:16,930 --> 00:59:19,450

And then they were so nasty.

1370

00:59:19,450 --> 00:59:21,100

On Sundays, we didn't work.

1371

00:59:21,100 --> 00:59:25,140

They let us stay

outside all day.

1372
00:59:25,140 --> 00:59:31,270
And also, I don't
know what it is.

1373
00:59:31,270 --> 00:59:41,440
It must be-- what
is that called?

1374
00:59:41,440 --> 00:59:43,140
Destiny.

1375
00:59:43,140 --> 00:59:47,790
On days there where we
worked, it was called Praust.

1376
00:59:47,790 --> 00:59:50,185
Away from Stutthof
was called Praust.

1377
00:59:50,185 --> 00:59:53,380

1378
00:59:53,380 --> 01:00:00,340
And every day, the
Germans came with a truck.

1379
01:00:00,340 --> 01:00:01,630
I don't know what they did.

1380
01:00:01,630 --> 01:00:04,330
And there was one--
and some of them,

1381
01:00:04,330 --> 01:00:06,540
they didn't know what we were.

1382
01:00:06,540 --> 01:00:07,600
Or what are you doing?

1383
01:00:07,600 --> 01:00:08,590

Are you Jews?

1384
01:00:08,590 --> 01:00:09,430
What are you?

1385
01:00:09,430 --> 01:00:11,060
They had no idea, you know?

1386
01:00:11,060 --> 01:00:12,950
This is true.

1387
01:00:12,950 --> 01:00:14,920
And here comes this man.

1388
01:00:14,920 --> 01:00:16,960
I think he was--

1389
01:00:16,960 --> 01:00:18,700
he was with the military.

1390
01:00:18,700 --> 01:00:21,200
And he wore a blue uniform.

1391
01:00:21,200 --> 01:00:24,190
And he said to me--

1392
01:00:24,190 --> 01:00:25,930
and he asked me
where I was from.

1393
01:00:25,930 --> 01:00:30,310
I said, from the
Borken in Westphalia.

1394
01:00:30,310 --> 01:00:31,330
Oh.

1395
01:00:31,330 --> 01:00:32,690
And I spoke German with him.

1396
01:00:32,690 --> 01:00:37,590

Most of them were from
Poland, from Czechoslovakia.

1397
01:00:37,590 --> 01:00:42,480
And he said to me,
listen, if you want to,

1398
01:00:42,480 --> 01:00:44,250
I take you away from here.

1399
01:00:44,250 --> 01:00:47,310

1400
01:00:47,310 --> 01:00:49,255
He says, you speak German.

1401
01:00:49,255 --> 01:00:50,380
And I give you [INAUDIBLE].

1402
01:00:50,380 --> 01:00:57,320
We had, at that time,
special clothes,

1403
01:00:57,320 --> 01:01:01,610
a linen dress, just a little--
no stockings, no underwear,

1404
01:01:01,610 --> 01:01:02,605
nothing.

1405
01:01:02,605 --> 01:01:05,870
He says, come home with me.

1406
01:01:05,870 --> 01:01:09,285
I said-- he says,
we make arrangement.

1407
01:01:09,285 --> 01:01:11,500
And I told him, I can't.

1408
01:01:11,500 --> 01:01:14,570
I have my two sisters here.

1409
01:01:14,570 --> 01:01:15,830
But I was stupid.

1410
01:01:15,830 --> 01:01:17,100
I should've taken him--

1411
01:01:17,100 --> 01:01:19,670
but you couldn't really move.

1412
01:01:19,670 --> 01:01:22,610
There was-- there were
guards all over, you see?

1413
01:01:22,610 --> 01:01:24,690
But he said, come on.

1414
01:01:24,690 --> 01:01:26,590
I take you away.

1415
01:01:26,590 --> 01:01:29,720
He says, I have no
idea what goes on.

1416
01:01:29,720 --> 01:01:31,430
What are you?

1417
01:01:31,430 --> 01:01:34,530
Isn't that something?

1418
01:01:34,530 --> 01:01:38,160
Not everyone [INAUDIBLE].

1419
01:01:38,160 --> 01:01:40,330
But they liked it, the Germans.

1420
01:01:40,330 --> 01:01:43,370
They liked-- they didn't
do anything against--

1421
01:01:43,370 --> 01:01:44,920

maybe out of fear.

1422
01:01:44,920 --> 01:01:46,300
But most of them liked it.

1423
01:01:46,300 --> 01:01:48,870

1424
01:01:48,870 --> 01:01:50,875
And now, nobody knows anything.

1425
01:01:50,875 --> 01:01:56,870

1426
01:01:56,870 --> 01:02:00,040
So you had moved from Stutthof
to this next place, you said.

1427
01:02:00,040 --> 01:02:01,650
Yeah, from Stutthof--

1428
01:02:01,650 --> 01:02:04,190

1429
01:02:04,190 --> 01:02:05,790
To near Gdansk.

1430
01:02:05,790 --> 01:02:06,980
Yeah, Praust.

1431
01:02:06,980 --> 01:02:08,520
Praust.

1432
01:02:08,520 --> 01:02:09,020
And--

1433
01:02:09,020 --> 01:02:12,140

1434
01:02:12,140 --> 01:02:14,450
And you were working there?

1435
01:02:14,450 --> 01:02:16,700
Yeah.

1436
01:02:16,700 --> 01:02:26,640
And one day, they came.

1437
01:02:26,640 --> 01:02:33,320
And they said, whoever
can walk, walk out.

1438
01:02:33,320 --> 01:02:34,320
We're leaving.

1439
01:02:34,320 --> 01:02:35,100
We're going.

1440
01:02:35,100 --> 01:02:40,860
Take your blanket,
and we're going.

1441
01:02:40,860 --> 01:02:42,530
And--

1442
01:02:42,530 --> 01:02:47,428