

1  
00:00:00,000 --> 00:00:02,560

2  
00:00:02,560 --> 00:00:03,060  
Yes.

3  
00:00:03,060 --> 00:00:05,820

4  
00:00:05,820 --> 00:00:09,720  
This is tape two, side one.

5  
00:00:09,720 --> 00:00:12,120  
Before we move on, let's  
just talk a little bit more

6  
00:00:12,120 --> 00:00:15,630  
about your experience in  
Praust and the kind of work

7  
00:00:15,630 --> 00:00:16,830  
that you did.

8  
00:00:16,830 --> 00:00:20,100  
Can you go into a little more  
detail about the kind of work?

9  
00:00:20,100 --> 00:00:21,930  
Yeah.

10  
00:00:21,930 --> 00:00:27,510  
After so-called breakfast,  
which we had standing outside,

11  
00:00:27,510 --> 00:00:33,840  
a slice of bread and a  
little black water, we--

12  
00:00:33,840 --> 00:00:40,980  
in groups we marched out  
with guards to the work site.

13

00:00:40,980 --> 00:00:48,880

And this was a airfield  
Germans were building.

14

00:00:48,880 --> 00:00:55,200

There were other  
workers, Polish people.

15

00:00:55,200 --> 00:00:56,100

Men and women?

16

00:00:56,100 --> 00:00:57,490

Yeah, men and women.

17

00:00:57,490 --> 00:00:58,980

But were you in a group, just--

18

00:00:58,980 --> 00:01:00,840

Yeah, we were  
separated by ourself.

19

00:01:00,840 --> 00:01:02,010

You were just women.

20

00:01:02,010 --> 00:01:04,870

Yeah, we were women, yes.

21

00:01:04,870 --> 00:01:05,370

So--

22

00:01:05,370 --> 00:01:10,050

23

00:01:10,050 --> 00:01:11,745

How long a march was it to--

24

00:01:11,745 --> 00:01:13,170

It wasn't that far, 10 minutes.

25

00:01:13,170 --> 00:01:14,320

It wasn't--

26  
00:01:14,320 --> 00:01:16,410  
And what kind of  
work did you do?

27  
00:01:16,410 --> 00:01:21,280  
Well, we pushed some what  
they call lorry here,

28  
00:01:21,280 --> 00:01:23,790  
pushed this, or loaded them.

29  
00:01:23,790 --> 00:01:25,242  
Wheelbarrows or wagons.

30  
00:01:25,242 --> 00:01:26,325  
Not wheelbarrow, the big--

31  
00:01:26,325 --> 00:01:26,825  
Wagons.

32  
00:01:26,825 --> 00:01:28,890  
The big lorries.

33  
00:01:28,890 --> 00:01:32,370  
And then we had to  
take bricks from one

34  
00:01:32,370 --> 00:01:35,250  
side to the other and back.

35  
00:01:35,250 --> 00:01:38,200  
Then they didn't know  
what to do with us.

36  
00:01:38,200 --> 00:01:41,910  
I remember my hands  
were bloody from this.

37  
00:01:41,910 --> 00:01:43,680  
And then we stood around.

38  
00:01:43,680 --> 00:01:51,630  
And lunch time, I don't  
remember what we did, honestly.

39  
00:01:51,630 --> 00:01:55,740  
We went home early  
afternoon and were

40  
00:01:55,740 --> 00:01:58,530  
on our own in the barracks.

41  
00:01:58,530 --> 00:01:59,940  
And also--

42  
00:01:59,940 --> 00:02:02,070  
What were the barracks like?

43  
00:02:02,070 --> 00:02:03,360  
Empty shells.

44  
00:02:03,360 --> 00:02:08,430  
Just those beds, these long what  
they call beds, nothing else.

45  
00:02:08,430 --> 00:02:12,930  
There was a big, big oven in  
there in the winter to warm.

46  
00:02:12,930 --> 00:02:14,278  
But otherwise--

47  
00:02:14,278 --> 00:02:15,820  
How much space did  
you have to sleep?

48  
00:02:15,820 --> 00:02:16,840  
Oh, there was space.

49  
00:02:16,840 --> 00:02:17,340  
To sleep.

50

00:02:17,340 --> 00:02:17,880

Yeah, there was--

51

00:02:17,880 --> 00:02:18,660

You had your own?

52

00:02:18,660 --> 00:02:19,160

Yeah.

53

00:02:19,160 --> 00:02:21,105

Did you have your  
cot to sleep to on?

54

00:02:21,105 --> 00:02:24,300

No, they were all in  
one, these things.

55

00:02:24,300 --> 00:02:27,900

And you did hide your  
shoes underneath.

56

00:02:27,900 --> 00:02:30,270

And your piece of bread  
you saved underneath,

57

00:02:30,270 --> 00:02:34,500

because people, they just stole.

58

00:02:34,500 --> 00:02:36,270

Everybody was hungry  
and everybody--

59

00:02:36,270 --> 00:02:38,580

Did you sleep on  
straw or just on wood?

60

00:02:38,580 --> 00:02:40,960

Nothing, just wood  
and a blanket.

61

00:02:40,960 --> 00:02:41,980

They gave you a blanket.

62  
00:02:41,980 --> 00:02:43,320  
Oh, yeah, blanket.

63  
00:02:43,320 --> 00:02:44,295  
Did you have any coats?

64  
00:02:44,295 --> 00:02:49,485  
Great-- I don't think, no.

65  
00:02:49,485 --> 00:02:50,610  
Were you wearing a uniform?

66  
00:02:50,610 --> 00:02:55,020  
You know, I had one  
shoe that came to here

67  
00:02:55,020 --> 00:02:57,285  
and one shoe that was--

68  
00:02:57,285 --> 00:02:59,166  
stayed here.

69  
00:02:59,166 --> 00:03:01,850  
No, no stockings, nothing.

70  
00:03:01,850 --> 00:03:07,050  
Blanket, you took a blanket  
and wrapped yourself with it.

71  
00:03:07,050 --> 00:03:10,710  
Any details I don't  
remember anymore.

72  
00:03:10,710 --> 00:03:12,820  
So you would come back  
in the late afternoon,

73  
00:03:12,820 --> 00:03:13,590  
in the afternoon?

74

00:03:13,590 --> 00:03:17,160

Yeah, and then just  
hang around, sit around.

75

00:03:17,160 --> 00:03:19,110

Did you ever have to  
stand for appells?

76

00:03:19,110 --> 00:03:21,360

Oh, yeah, every day, oh, yeah.

77

00:03:21,360 --> 00:03:22,590

When did you do that?

78

00:03:22,590 --> 00:03:24,220

In the morning.

79

00:03:24,220 --> 00:03:25,740

That counted, you know.

80

00:03:25,740 --> 00:03:27,810

And how long did that take?

81

00:03:27,810 --> 00:03:29,610

Half an hour.

82

00:03:29,610 --> 00:03:31,540

I'm sorry I didn't run away.

83

00:03:31,540 --> 00:03:32,522

So stupid.

84

00:03:32,522 --> 00:03:33,980

Did you ever think  
of running away?

85

00:03:33,980 --> 00:03:35,250

Yeah, yeah.

86

00:03:35,250 --> 00:03:40,140

One woman she ran away, but a  
couple of days before the march

87  
00:03:40,140 --> 00:03:42,180  
she must have known.

88  
00:03:42,180 --> 00:03:43,200  
She ran away.

89  
00:03:43,200 --> 00:03:45,510  
I think she was half Jewish.

90  
00:03:45,510 --> 00:03:49,530  
She was very good  
friends with the German--

91  
00:03:49,530 --> 00:03:52,830  
with this-- there was a woman.

92  
00:03:52,830 --> 00:03:54,930  
And she was always together.

93  
00:03:54,930 --> 00:03:58,170  
She must have told her,  
you better get out.

94  
00:03:58,170 --> 00:04:00,720  
And you seriously  
thought of running away?

95  
00:04:00,720 --> 00:04:01,590  
Many times.

96  
00:04:01,590 --> 00:04:01,810  
I wish I would--

97  
00:04:01,810 --> 00:04:02,518  
What stopped you.

98  
00:04:02,518 --> 00:04:03,480  
See, I had no--

99  
00:04:03,480 --> 00:04:04,650

I didn't know.

100  
00:04:04,650 --> 00:04:06,240  
I had the number.

101  
00:04:06,240 --> 00:04:07,800  
And I had no clothes.

102  
00:04:07,800 --> 00:04:09,210  
I had one dress.

103  
00:04:09,210 --> 00:04:13,110  
It was a beige cotton  
and the blanket.

104  
00:04:13,110 --> 00:04:15,630  
And they would've  
caught me immediately.

105  
00:04:15,630 --> 00:04:17,459  
But there were ways  
I could've done.

106  
00:04:17,459 --> 00:04:19,800  
But too late now.

107  
00:04:19,800 --> 00:04:23,850  
For me, alone, yeah.

108  
00:04:23,850 --> 00:04:25,440  
When did they take your hair?

109  
00:04:25,440 --> 00:04:26,730  
When did they shave you?

110  
00:04:26,730 --> 00:04:31,590  
While I was there in Proust,  
one day they came and shaved me.

111  
00:04:31,590 --> 00:04:33,480  
I don't know why, not everybody.

112  
00:04:33,480 --> 00:04:34,285  
Maybe I had lice.

113  
00:04:34,285 --> 00:04:36,610  
I don't know, forgot.

114  
00:04:36,610 --> 00:04:37,110  
Could be.

115  
00:04:37,110 --> 00:04:41,620  
Was that a very painful  
experience for you?

116  
00:04:41,620 --> 00:04:42,270  
Yeah.

117  
00:04:42,270 --> 00:04:46,970  
But one was so subdued.

118  
00:04:46,970 --> 00:04:49,650  
You didn't care anymore.

119  
00:04:49,650 --> 00:04:52,200

120  
00:04:52,200 --> 00:04:54,120  
Whatever you did.

121  
00:04:54,120 --> 00:04:56,290  
And that's the truth.

122  
00:04:56,290 --> 00:04:58,950  
They marched into the ovens.

123  
00:04:58,950 --> 00:05:01,200  
And coming back to  
Auschwitz, there

124  
00:05:01,200 --> 00:05:05,310  
was a man with his daughter.

125

00:05:05,310 --> 00:05:08,940

And I remember he had a beard.

126

00:05:08,940 --> 00:05:09,720

He and red hair.

127

00:05:09,720 --> 00:05:11,970

He said to me, you know--

128

00:05:11,970 --> 00:05:13,710

we were talking about  
the crematorium,

129

00:05:13,710 --> 00:05:15,420

because you saw them all around.

130

00:05:15,420 --> 00:05:16,980

And you knew what they were?

131

00:05:16,980 --> 00:05:18,240

Yeah, I knew.

132

00:05:18,240 --> 00:05:19,710

This man had told me.

133

00:05:19,710 --> 00:05:22,350

I never told my  
parents or anyone.

134

00:05:22,350 --> 00:05:26,460

He says, he--

135

00:05:26,460 --> 00:05:28,140

God wants this.

136

00:05:28,140 --> 00:05:32,852

And he said that death prayer  
for themselves and walked in.

137

00:05:32,852 --> 00:05:34,290

It's true.

138  
00:05:34,290 --> 00:05:36,250  
This man, I never forget him.

139  
00:05:36,250 --> 00:05:37,770  
This long beard.

140  
00:05:37,770 --> 00:05:41,552  
God wants it and he  
walked in the crematorium.

141  
00:05:41,552 --> 00:05:49,270

142  
00:05:49,270 --> 00:05:54,760  
I wonder, you can't explain  
this, why this happened.

143  
00:05:54,760 --> 00:05:56,520  
Why the world let it happen.

144  
00:05:56,520 --> 00:05:57,970  
You can't.

145  
00:05:57,970 --> 00:05:59,230  
why?

146  
00:05:59,230 --> 00:06:00,490  
God wanted it.

147  
00:06:00,490 --> 00:06:05,680  
Yeah, there's one-- one thing--

148  
00:06:05,680 --> 00:06:09,040  
this is my belief.

149  
00:06:09,040 --> 00:06:14,702  
We sacrificed to  
have and Israel.

150  
00:06:14,702 --> 00:06:16,620

That I can accept.

151

00:06:16,620 --> 00:06:21,480

152

00:06:21,480 --> 00:06:28,230

But otherwise, there's  
no explanation, no--

153

00:06:28,230 --> 00:06:28,900

no excuse.

154

00:06:28,900 --> 00:06:35,980

155

00:06:35,980 --> 00:06:39,070

It's very hard to live.

156

00:06:39,070 --> 00:06:44,260

I don't say it to my  
children, But they know.

157

00:06:44,260 --> 00:06:45,900

It's very, very hard.

158

00:06:45,900 --> 00:06:47,005

Been through so much.

159

00:06:47,005 --> 00:06:53,490

160

00:06:53,490 --> 00:06:56,000

Worse just losing a husband.

161

00:06:56,000 --> 00:06:57,560

I mean lose my--

162

00:06:57,560 --> 00:07:04,695

I was 23 in Poland, in a  
strange country, all by myself.

163

00:07:04,695 --> 00:07:06,320

Yeah, there were a  
couple Jewish women.

164

00:07:06,320 --> 00:07:12,630

165

00:07:12,630 --> 00:07:15,500

Then they told you about the  
march, or they told you--

166

00:07:15,500 --> 00:07:17,310

Oh, well, ach, the march, yeah.

167

00:07:17,310 --> 00:07:18,720

Well, I don't know--

168

00:07:18,720 --> 00:07:20,340

who can walk, walk.

169

00:07:20,340 --> 00:07:22,920

You can take your blanket.

170

00:07:22,920 --> 00:07:24,500

Because the Russians were near.

171

00:07:24,500 --> 00:07:28,350

172

00:07:28,350 --> 00:07:30,450

And then I--

173

00:07:30,450 --> 00:07:35,408

I see them digging a big,  
big hole on the ground.

174

00:07:35,408 --> 00:07:36,200

Who, who's digging?

175

00:07:36,200 --> 00:07:36,750

The Germans.

176

00:07:36,750 --> 00:07:37,950

The Germans are digging.

177

00:07:37,950 --> 00:07:42,030

And whoever couldn't  
walk, they threw in,

178

00:07:42,030 --> 00:07:46,600

and they put gasoline,  
and they burned them all.

179

00:07:46,600 --> 00:07:48,370

And so we then--

180

00:07:48,370 --> 00:07:53,770

well, like I said, whoever  
can walk, walk, so we walked.

181

00:07:53,770 --> 00:07:55,820

For a while we walked.

182

00:07:55,820 --> 00:08:01,390

And I don't know how many weeks  
we slept in churches at night.

183

00:08:01,390 --> 00:08:03,850

It was winter then.

184

00:08:03,850 --> 00:08:07,450

And some Germans threw us bread.

185

00:08:07,450 --> 00:08:09,640

And they always  
asked, who are you?

186

00:08:09,640 --> 00:08:11,480

Where are you coming from?

187

00:08:11,480 --> 00:08:14,310

And if you told them you're  
Jewish, some of them,

188

00:08:14,310 --> 00:08:16,450  
they were really shocked.

189

00:08:16,450 --> 00:08:18,490  
So for a couple of weeks--

190

00:08:18,490 --> 00:08:22,810  
like this must have been  
end of January when we left.

191

00:08:22,810 --> 00:08:24,100  
Oh, it was cold.

192

00:08:24,100 --> 00:08:25,180  
And there was ice.

193

00:08:25,180 --> 00:08:27,130  
And we didn't get  
anything to drink.

194

00:08:27,130 --> 00:08:29,800  
I remember I was so dehydrated.

195

00:08:29,800 --> 00:08:33,820  
Sometimes they gave us  
some bread, a little soup.

196

00:08:33,820 --> 00:08:37,240  
This went on, what,  
till March 13.

197

00:08:37,240 --> 00:08:40,039  
Were you with the  
same group of people?

198

00:08:40,039 --> 00:08:40,539  
Did you--

199

00:08:40,539 --> 00:08:47,060  
It got less and less-- walk,  
walk, walk, who couldn't walk--

200

00:08:47,060 --> 00:08:48,200

They would shoot?

201

00:08:48,200 --> 00:08:50,210

Sure, shot them.

202

00:08:50,210 --> 00:08:52,460

Were you with the  
same group of people

203

00:08:52,460 --> 00:08:53,750

all the time, the same women?

204

00:08:53,750 --> 00:08:54,050

Did you--

205

00:08:54,050 --> 00:08:54,550

Yeah.

206

00:08:54,550 --> 00:08:56,300

Did you stay with a  
small group of women?

207

00:08:56,300 --> 00:08:58,166

Did you have any friends?

208

00:08:58,166 --> 00:09:00,950

Well, the ones that--

209

00:09:00,950 --> 00:09:02,280

Kept going?

210

00:09:02,280 --> 00:09:03,140

Yeah.

211

00:09:03,140 --> 00:09:04,370

There was one woman--

212

00:09:04,370 --> 00:09:07,950

213

00:09:07,950 --> 00:09:10,490

Leah was her name.

214

00:09:10,490 --> 00:09:12,080

Yeah, I became friends with her.

215

00:09:12,080 --> 00:09:13,700

She was from Germany.

216

00:09:13,700 --> 00:09:14,440

And she walked.

217

00:09:14,440 --> 00:09:16,790

And she walked with me.

218

00:09:16,790 --> 00:09:18,320

And, oh, her body--

219

00:09:18,320 --> 00:09:21,290

she showed me what--

she had lice all over.

220

00:09:21,290 --> 00:09:27,440

And she's got-- and her

whole body was full of scars.

221

00:09:27,440 --> 00:09:29,790

So all of a sudden, Leah

wasn't there anymore.

222

00:09:29,790 --> 00:09:31,860

I didn't see her.

223

00:09:31,860 --> 00:09:35,660

So I walked, walked,

go on, go on.

224

00:09:35,660 --> 00:09:45,140

And after a couple weeks,

we were in a town called--

225

00:09:45,140 --> 00:09:49,680

226

00:09:49,680 --> 00:09:53,160

I don't know-- it was  
[PLACE NAME] or something.

227

00:09:53,160 --> 00:09:58,740

And so we saw Germans got  
less, and less, and less.

228

00:09:58,740 --> 00:10:03,750

They ran back because  
the Russians were near.

229

00:10:03,750 --> 00:10:09,060

So there he had-- there  
was this big building.

230

00:10:09,060 --> 00:10:10,650

It was a school.

231

00:10:10,650 --> 00:10:13,920

And we-- we stopped there.

232

00:10:13,920 --> 00:10:17,610

And then there was this  
building, smaller building.

233

00:10:17,610 --> 00:10:21,160

And this German said,  
go in here, go in here

234

00:10:21,160 --> 00:10:22,530

And we all went.

235

00:10:22,530 --> 00:10:24,420

And we slept in there.

236

00:10:24,420 --> 00:10:29,400

Was the first time in six weeks  
that we were inside a building.

237

00:10:29,400 --> 00:10:32,490

No, no, we were in  
a church before.

238

00:10:32,490 --> 00:10:35,400

Who knows where, some building.

239

00:10:35,400 --> 00:10:36,910

And this German said--

240

00:10:36,910 --> 00:10:39,240

there was one left--

241

00:10:39,240 --> 00:10:40,740

he said, you stay here.

242

00:10:40,740 --> 00:10:42,510

And he ran, he ran, he ran.

243

00:10:42,510 --> 00:10:45,450

They went back to--

244

00:10:45,450 --> 00:10:48,540

the Russians were  
very, very near.

245

00:10:48,540 --> 00:10:53,130

So we stayed there.

246

00:10:53,130 --> 00:10:59,430

And in the morning, we said,  
we're free, we're free,

247

00:10:59,430 --> 00:11:02,000

the Russians, the Russians.

248

00:11:02,000 --> 00:11:04,650

Here was the building,  
there was this street.

249

00:11:04,650 --> 00:11:08,460

The Russian tanks  
were riding by.

250  
00:11:08,460 --> 00:11:10,470  
We're free, the  
Russians are here.

251  
00:11:10,470 --> 00:11:13,230  
And that was at March 13th.

252  
00:11:13,230 --> 00:11:14,310  
They looked at us.

253  
00:11:14,310 --> 00:11:18,630  
And they didn't  
know what it was.

254  
00:11:18,630 --> 00:11:19,830  
But they raped girls.

255  
00:11:19,830 --> 00:11:21,620  
And they were bad, the Russians.

256  
00:11:21,620 --> 00:11:23,670  
Terrible, they were terrible.

257  
00:11:23,670 --> 00:11:28,110  
I wasn't raped, but many  
people I knew, they were wild.

258  
00:11:28,110 --> 00:11:30,660  
What was your health  
like at that point?

259  
00:11:30,660 --> 00:11:35,850  
I was-- oh, I was maybe 90  
pounds, very, very little.

260  
00:11:35,850 --> 00:11:37,290  
Very little.

261  
00:11:37,290 --> 00:11:41,280

Well, in the camp where  
we worked, we got a day--

262

00:11:41,280 --> 00:11:48,000  
a bowl-- [NON-ENGLISH],, a bowl  
of soup and a slice of bread.

263

00:11:48,000 --> 00:11:49,780  
That was what you ate.

264

00:11:49,780 --> 00:11:53,490  
I don't know how we could  
walk, how we could go.

265

00:11:53,490 --> 00:11:55,350  
No milk, no nothing.

266

00:11:55,350 --> 00:12:00,600  
Soup with a little cabbage in.

267

00:12:00,600 --> 00:12:05,305  
Yeah, there was a field where  
we were-- near where we were.

268

00:12:05,305 --> 00:12:06,930  
This is in Proust,  
we're talking about?

269

00:12:06,930 --> 00:12:07,740  
Yeah.

270

00:12:07,740 --> 00:12:11,010  
And there, there was a--

271

00:12:11,010 --> 00:12:16,410  
they grew sugar, but  
not like in Cuba.

272

00:12:16,410 --> 00:12:19,290  
It's like a beat, a sugarbeet.

273

00:12:19,290 --> 00:12:20,880

And we raided that.

274

00:12:20,880 --> 00:12:24,885

And if you ate that, you  
could last a little longer.

275

00:12:24,885 --> 00:12:30,390

And any garden, we  
stole everything.

276

00:12:30,390 --> 00:12:32,880

Did the women-- did  
women help each other?

277

00:12:32,880 --> 00:12:35,800

Were the women  
supporting each other?

278

00:12:35,800 --> 00:12:36,300

Oh, yeah.

279

00:12:36,300 --> 00:12:38,320

Did you find that  
to be the case?

280

00:12:38,320 --> 00:12:40,500

Yeah, we got along fine.

281

00:12:40,500 --> 00:12:45,570

I mean, you didn't  
care much at all.

282

00:12:45,570 --> 00:12:48,810

You just cared to eat.

283

00:12:48,810 --> 00:12:49,650

You were hungry.

284

00:12:49,650 --> 00:12:51,690

That's all you wanted, food.

285

00:12:51,690 --> 00:12:52,610

But otherwise--

286  
00:12:52,610 --> 00:12:54,940  
Did people share their food?

287  
00:12:54,940 --> 00:12:59,040  
No, steal from you, not share.

288  
00:12:59,040 --> 00:13:00,750  
I don't think so.

289  
00:13:00,750 --> 00:13:02,040  
No, you hid it.

290  
00:13:02,040 --> 00:13:03,720  
You needed it.

291  
00:13:03,720 --> 00:13:04,750  
You wouldn't give it--

292  
00:13:04,750 --> 00:13:08,050  
we were was so far  
on the march, I

293  
00:13:08,050 --> 00:13:10,980  
remember we stayed  
somewhere outside.

294  
00:13:10,980 --> 00:13:12,810  
The farmers had built something.

295  
00:13:12,810 --> 00:13:14,470  
And there were raw potatoes.

296  
00:13:14,470 --> 00:13:15,840  
And we all went in there.

297  
00:13:15,840 --> 00:13:19,230  
And we ate the raw potatoes.

298  
00:13:19,230 --> 00:13:21,190

Listen, when you're  
hungry, you don't share.

299

00:13:21,190 --> 00:13:28,030  
You-- also mentally, your brain  
wasn't really working anymore.

300

00:13:28,030 --> 00:13:32,240  
They were terrible,  
these Germans.

301

00:13:32,240 --> 00:13:35,590

302

00:13:35,590 --> 00:13:37,360  
Yeah.

303

00:13:37,360 --> 00:13:41,740  
What were your feelings when  
you saw those Russian tanks?

304

00:13:41,740 --> 00:13:44,330  
Happy.

305

00:13:44,330 --> 00:13:46,450  
But then everything comes--

306

00:13:46,450 --> 00:13:48,460  
you're alone, where am I?

307

00:13:48,460 --> 00:13:51,210  
I was in Poland still.

308

00:13:51,210 --> 00:13:56,950  
And then they said, oh, the  
Germans are coming back,

309

00:13:56,950 --> 00:13:59,530  
the Germans are coming  
back, but they didn't.

310

00:13:59,530 --> 00:14:02,200

So we-- a couple  
women, like I said--

311  
00:14:02,200 --> 00:14:04,045  
there's always a couple  
of people you get--

312  
00:14:04,045 --> 00:14:04,670  
You were close.

313  
00:14:04,670 --> 00:14:06,140  
--you're together.

314  
00:14:06,140 --> 00:14:08,650  
So we went into this town.

315  
00:14:08,650 --> 00:14:13,480  
And there was an empty house.

316  
00:14:13,480 --> 00:14:16,090  
And we all moved in that house.

317  
00:14:16,090 --> 00:14:19,900  
And there were a couple of  
Jewish women from Romania.

318  
00:14:19,900 --> 00:14:21,400  
And they spoke Russian.

319  
00:14:21,400 --> 00:14:24,310  
And then the Russian soldiers  
came in, and visited,

320  
00:14:24,310 --> 00:14:27,820  
and they brought food already.

321  
00:14:27,820 --> 00:14:30,370  
Yeah, I don't know how  
long I was in Poland.

322  
00:14:30,370 --> 00:14:35,220

323

00:14:35,220 --> 00:14:41,430

One day, the local police came  
with a big wagon and a horse,

324

00:14:41,430 --> 00:14:46,890

and put us all on  
there, and took us out.

325

00:14:46,890 --> 00:14:50,820

And some of these Polacks,  
the Polish people,

326

00:14:50,820 --> 00:14:52,350

they are anti-Semitic.

327

00:14:52,350 --> 00:14:55,140

And I heard a woman cry,  
we don't want the Jews.

328

00:14:55,140 --> 00:14:56,650

We don't want them here.

329

00:14:56,650 --> 00:15:03,210

So they took us  
to this big city.

330

00:15:03,210 --> 00:15:04,787

I think it was [PLACE NAME].

331

00:15:04,787 --> 00:15:07,470

332

00:15:07,470 --> 00:15:09,810

Yeah.

333

00:15:09,810 --> 00:15:12,510

From there, oh, god--

334

00:15:12,510 --> 00:15:18,060

and on our way, the  
Russians got us, soldiers.

335  
00:15:18,060 --> 00:15:18,840  
Who are you?

336  
00:15:18,840 --> 00:15:19,470  
What are you?

337  
00:15:19,470 --> 00:15:21,810  
We spoke German most of us.

338  
00:15:21,810 --> 00:15:23,400  
They thought we were Germans.

339  
00:15:23,400 --> 00:15:25,320  
And there was still war.

340  
00:15:25,320 --> 00:15:30,540  
And they thought we  
were spies or something.

341  
00:15:30,540 --> 00:15:34,110  
And they wanted to take  
us and send us to Russia

342  
00:15:34,110 --> 00:15:38,100  
to the camps with the Germans.

343  
00:15:38,100 --> 00:15:43,470  
And there was one  
woman with us, she

344  
00:15:43,470 --> 00:15:45,300  
was there with her daughter.

345  
00:15:45,300 --> 00:15:48,780  
Her daughter was  
young, very sick.

346  
00:15:48,780 --> 00:15:50,280  
She had some kind of sickness.

347

00:15:50,280 --> 00:15:53,790  
She got it from something there.

348  
00:15:53,790 --> 00:15:58,480

349  
00:15:58,480 --> 00:15:59,710  
She was from Germany.

350  
00:15:59,710 --> 00:16:03,860  
She was from Poland  
originally or Russia even.

351  
00:16:03,860 --> 00:16:06,160  
She spoke Russian.

352  
00:16:06,160 --> 00:16:09,670  
I'm thinking of her name, but--

353  
00:16:09,670 --> 00:16:13,390  
and she told these Russians--

354  
00:16:13,390 --> 00:16:15,910  
and there was one Jew.

355  
00:16:15,910 --> 00:16:20,440  
The higher ups, they were  
all Jews, the Russians.

356  
00:16:20,440 --> 00:16:23,590  
She said, look, we are Jewish.

357  
00:16:23,590 --> 00:16:26,080  
We come from the camps.

358  
00:16:26,080 --> 00:16:29,620  
We're trying to get back home.

359  
00:16:29,620 --> 00:16:33,280  
And he said, yeah?

360

00:16:33,280 --> 00:16:37,060

Yeah, bring a-- a  
[? tefillin ?],, a prayer book

361

00:16:37,060 --> 00:16:40,000

or something, show him  
that you are Jewish.

362

00:16:40,000 --> 00:16:43,270

And she did read Hebrew.

363

00:16:43,270 --> 00:16:46,300

And I think she  
talked Yiddish too.

364

00:16:46,300 --> 00:16:48,400

And they let us go.

365

00:16:48,400 --> 00:16:53,430

Can you imagine, they want to  
send us to Russia to the camps?

366

00:16:53,430 --> 00:16:57,190

And nothing you could have done.

367

00:16:57,190 --> 00:17:01,030

We got to train and we  
went from there to Berlin.

368

00:17:01,030 --> 00:17:03,560

369

00:17:03,560 --> 00:17:07,220

Oh, that was terrible,  
what those Russians did.

370

00:17:07,220 --> 00:17:09,079

They went wild.

371

00:17:09,079 --> 00:17:12,029

They raped most every girl.

372

00:17:12,029 --> 00:17:14,300  
[SIGHING]

373  
00:17:14,300 --> 00:17:15,560  
But we got to Berlin.

374  
00:17:15,560 --> 00:17:19,240

375  
00:17:19,240 --> 00:17:21,329  
Anybody try to attack you?

376  
00:17:21,329 --> 00:17:21,829  
Me?

377  
00:17:21,829 --> 00:17:22,501  
No.

378  
00:17:22,501 --> 00:17:24,190  
I was so lucky.

379  
00:17:24,190 --> 00:17:26,530  
I sat in the-- in the--

380  
00:17:26,530 --> 00:17:28,480  
the others sat in  
the corner too.

381  
00:17:28,480 --> 00:17:30,460  
I had a thing around my head.

382  
00:17:30,460 --> 00:17:32,440  
No, I was lucky.

383  
00:17:32,440 --> 00:17:33,805  
We finally got to Berlin.

384  
00:17:33,805 --> 00:17:36,340

385  
00:17:36,340 --> 00:17:39,580

And there was--

386  
00:17:39,580 --> 00:17:44,100  
I don't even know, but there  
was a train next to us,

387  
00:17:44,100 --> 00:17:45,580  
stopped next us.

388  
00:17:45,580 --> 00:17:48,400  
"Ah, Juden, Juden--  
[SPEAKING GERMAN]..

389  
00:17:48,400 --> 00:17:50,110  
Oh, you don't understand German.

390  
00:17:50,110 --> 00:17:53,260  
"You are Jews, Jews.

391  
00:17:53,260 --> 00:17:55,590  
Oh, Hitler didn't kill you all?"

392  
00:17:55,590 --> 00:17:57,040  
The Russians too.

393  
00:17:57,040 --> 00:17:59,420  
They weren't much  
better, some of them.

394  
00:17:59,420 --> 00:18:01,390  
So we got to Berlin.

395  
00:18:01,390 --> 00:18:02,360  
Where to go?

396  
00:18:02,360 --> 00:18:04,120  
What to do?

397  
00:18:04,120 --> 00:18:05,890  
Nothing.

398

00:18:05,890 --> 00:18:11,510  
Money-- I don't know how  
we got on that train.

399  
00:18:11,510 --> 00:18:14,810  
Well, everybody  
at that time went.

400  
00:18:14,810 --> 00:18:20,630  
Nobody controlled the-- people  
were on top or just everywhere.

401  
00:18:20,630 --> 00:18:26,650  
So we went to this  
Jewish old age home.

402  
00:18:26,650 --> 00:18:31,890  
And the Jewish hospital  
was still standing there.

403  
00:18:31,890 --> 00:18:33,620  
And they were operating--

404  
00:18:33,620 --> 00:18:35,740  
[INAUDIBLE] operating.

405  
00:18:35,740 --> 00:18:40,270  
It was in use.

406  
00:18:40,270 --> 00:18:44,780  
And this old age home  
was a very nice place.

407  
00:18:44,780 --> 00:18:48,190  
And we told them who we were.

408  
00:18:48,190 --> 00:18:55,300  
And we were told, you cannot  
stay here, but go to--

409  
00:18:55,300 --> 00:18:57,610  
there's a place,  
there's a synagogue.

410  
00:18:57,610 --> 00:19:01,930  
And there used to be school,  
[? Iranian Strasse ?],,

411  
00:19:01,930 --> 00:19:02,770  
I remember.

412  
00:19:02,770 --> 00:19:05,800  
Next door are the Russians,  
the Russian sector.

413  
00:19:05,800 --> 00:19:07,310  
But go there.

414  
00:19:07,310 --> 00:19:08,800  
You can stay there.

415  
00:19:08,800 --> 00:19:14,740  
And we went there to this place.

416  
00:19:14,740 --> 00:19:19,000  
And we got food twice a day.

417  
00:19:19,000 --> 00:19:21,355  
And I stayed there,  
oh, at least--

418  
00:19:21,355 --> 00:19:25,280

419  
00:19:25,280 --> 00:19:26,420  
it was August.

420  
00:19:26,420 --> 00:19:30,620  
October I got to West  
Germany, where I'm from.

421  
00:19:30,620 --> 00:19:31,910  
So we were in Berlin.

422

00:19:31,910 --> 00:19:33,650  
And I was Rosh Hashanah.

423  
00:19:33,650 --> 00:19:36,110  
We went to synagogue.

424  
00:19:36,110 --> 00:19:39,470  
And we saw a lot of  
American GIs there

425  
00:19:39,470 --> 00:19:43,160  
in uniform coming to synagogue.

426  
00:19:43,160 --> 00:19:45,410  
What was it like to  
be free, to feel free?

427  
00:19:45,410 --> 00:19:47,990  
Oh, good, yeah.

428  
00:19:47,990 --> 00:19:50,450  
It felt good.

429  
00:19:50,450 --> 00:19:53,930  
You were like in a daze.

430  
00:19:53,930 --> 00:19:57,560  
I stayed in the--

431  
00:19:57,560 --> 00:20:01,520  
yeah, from Bromberg  
we went to Berlin.

432  
00:20:01,520 --> 00:20:04,370

433  
00:20:04,370 --> 00:20:10,760  
And from there, we were  
trying to get to the west.

434  
00:20:10,760 --> 00:20:13,100  
We all came-- the

ones that were left,

435

00:20:13,100 --> 00:20:17,090

some were from  
Hungary, from Romania.

436

00:20:17,090 --> 00:20:19,070

They went back.

437

00:20:19,070 --> 00:20:25,070

And we, the ones from West  
Germany, we stuck together.

438

00:20:25,070 --> 00:20:27,040

And we tried.

439

00:20:27,040 --> 00:20:32,470

But the Russians didn't  
let anyone through.

440

00:20:32,470 --> 00:20:36,550

So there were many that  
tried-- no, can't go through.

441

00:20:36,550 --> 00:20:41,500

One day, one girl  
comes in, and she

442

00:20:41,500 --> 00:20:46,450

said, "You know, there is  
some place in [? Zehlendorf ?]

443

00:20:46,450 --> 00:20:47,920

Berlin,"--

444

00:20:47,920 --> 00:20:49,810

outside-- beautiful.

445

00:20:49,810 --> 00:20:51,850

It used to be the  
rich neighborhood.

446

00:20:51,850 --> 00:20:55,780  
"The Americans are there."

447  
00:20:55,780 --> 00:20:57,310  
What she said, I don't know--

448  
00:20:57,310 --> 00:20:58,960  
UN or the Americans.

449  
00:20:58,960 --> 00:21:01,850  
She said, "Let's go there."

450  
00:21:01,850 --> 00:21:06,430  
She said, "I hear they bring  
people over the border."

451  
00:21:06,430 --> 00:21:09,520  
Was the UN, UNRRA.

452  
00:21:09,520 --> 00:21:14,290  
So the next day, we took the  
whatever, underground street

453  
00:21:14,290 --> 00:21:14,980  
care.

454  
00:21:14,980 --> 00:21:18,130  
We went there.

455  
00:21:18,130 --> 00:21:22,780  
And sure enough, they  
interviewed each of us.

456  
00:21:22,780 --> 00:21:27,750  
Because a lot of Germans,  
SS that were in Poland,

457  
00:21:27,750 --> 00:21:30,730  
and who knows what,  
wanted also to go west.

458  
00:21:30,730 --> 00:21:32,710

But they didn't take them.

459

00:21:32,710 --> 00:21:38,410

So there were also  
Jews that we talked to.

460

00:21:38,410 --> 00:21:40,660

Well, we were-- we  
had-- like you asked me,

461

00:21:40,660 --> 00:21:43,420

I had no identification.

462

00:21:43,420 --> 00:21:46,960

Oh, yes, I had from  
Bromberg-- they gave us--

463

00:21:46,960 --> 00:21:49,100

I still have it--

464

00:21:49,100 --> 00:21:49,872

identification.

465

00:21:49,872 --> 00:21:54,070

It was a Jewish agency,  
very, very small.

466

00:21:54,070 --> 00:21:55,045

We heard about it.

467

00:21:55,045 --> 00:21:55,780

We went there.

468

00:21:55,780 --> 00:21:58,240

And they gave us identification.

469

00:21:58,240 --> 00:22:01,260

470

00:22:01,260 --> 00:22:04,720

And I showed them my  
number and talked to them.

471  
00:22:04,720 --> 00:22:08,470  
And, OK, fine.

472  
00:22:08,470 --> 00:22:11,110  
Immediately, don't  
go back, stay here.

473  
00:22:11,110 --> 00:22:12,880  
I had nothing to go back there.

474  
00:22:12,880 --> 00:22:16,240  
I had no clothes,  
[INAUDIBLE] the rags.

475  
00:22:16,240 --> 00:22:17,020  
Stay here.

476  
00:22:17,020 --> 00:22:20,650  
That was the first  
time in years that I--

477  
00:22:20,650 --> 00:22:24,520  
they gave us white bread,  
you know over there , coffee.

478  
00:22:24,520 --> 00:22:29,050  
You got your-- had your own bed  
with white sheets, a new dress,

479  
00:22:29,050 --> 00:22:32,350  
new shoes, everything  
new the same night.

480  
00:22:32,350 --> 00:22:34,750  
And that night,  
there was a dance.

481  
00:22:34,750 --> 00:22:37,160  
And it was beautiful.

482  
00:22:37,160 --> 00:22:42,670

The next morning when we got  
up after breakfast, they said,

483  
00:22:42,670 --> 00:22:43,990  
come on.

484  
00:22:43,990 --> 00:22:46,360  
We went on these half tracks.

485  
00:22:46,360 --> 00:22:50,390  
What's the navy--  
or the air force.

486  
00:22:50,390 --> 00:22:52,310  
They took us over the border.

487  
00:22:52,310 --> 00:22:56,360  
And we went-- at the  
border They stopped.

488  
00:22:56,360 --> 00:22:58,670  
And they showed the Russians.

489  
00:22:58,670 --> 00:23:01,160  
Apparently, they knew  
already what we were--

490  
00:23:01,160 --> 00:23:03,800  
And we went to Hanover.

491  
00:23:03,800 --> 00:23:10,060  
That's where they let us out.

492  
00:23:10,060 --> 00:23:11,570  
And they went back.

493  
00:23:11,570 --> 00:23:15,320  
So there was this  
Mrs. [PERSONAL NAME]..

494  
00:23:15,320 --> 00:23:17,990  
Always never called

her by her first name.

495

00:23:17,990 --> 00:23:20,570

She was a couple  
years older than I am.

496

00:23:20,570 --> 00:23:28,490

Aaron and Honey, and another  
girl, I forgot her name,

497

00:23:28,490 --> 00:23:30,560

we all were from the same area.

498

00:23:30,560 --> 00:23:35,420

And we all wanted  
to go this way.

499

00:23:35,420 --> 00:23:38,000

That night in Hanover we--

500

00:23:38,000 --> 00:23:42,440

you heard of [GERMAN] where  
the [GERMAN] were made?

501

00:23:42,440 --> 00:23:48,220

In the railroad station we slept  
on the floor, under the table.

502

00:23:48,220 --> 00:23:50,630

The next day, we  
were on our own.

503

00:23:50,630 --> 00:23:51,710

We took the train.

504

00:23:51,710 --> 00:23:53,660

I took the train  
where I want to go.

505

00:23:53,660 --> 00:23:59,030

And they-- and each  
came home to nothing.

506

00:23:59,030 --> 00:24:01,190

When I came to my hometown--

507

00:24:01,190 --> 00:24:04,880

we lived in Holland.

508

00:24:04,880 --> 00:24:05,970

And we left from Holland.

509

00:24:05,970 --> 00:24:12,480

And my father said, after  
the war we meet in Gemen.

510

00:24:12,480 --> 00:24:14,270

And that's where I went.

511

00:24:14,270 --> 00:24:15,950

So it took me two days.

512

00:24:15,950 --> 00:24:19,640

I couldn't get-- at  
that time, the trains

513

00:24:19,640 --> 00:24:21,210

didn't run everywhere.

514

00:24:21,210 --> 00:24:25,640

And so it took me two days.

515

00:24:25,640 --> 00:24:30,140

One night, I slept outside in a  
[INAUDIBLE],, some kind of barn.

516

00:24:30,140 --> 00:24:33,060

But anyway, I got there.

517

00:24:33,060 --> 00:24:38,150

And I walked into a Gentile's--

518

00:24:38,150 --> 00:24:41,510

her name is [PERSONAL NAME].

519  
00:24:41,510 --> 00:24:47,510  
And I forgot her last name.

520  
00:24:47,510 --> 00:24:52,630

521  
00:24:52,630 --> 00:24:54,840  
And I stayed with this woman.

522  
00:24:54,840 --> 00:24:55,810  
She had a family.

523  
00:24:55,810 --> 00:24:57,190  
She gave me to eat.

524  
00:24:57,190 --> 00:24:59,080  
She let me sleep there.

525  
00:24:59,080 --> 00:25:03,310  
Her sisters were-- they all came  
back, but they weren't Jewish.

526  
00:25:03,310 --> 00:25:06,670  
I still correspond with them.

527  
00:25:06,670 --> 00:25:09,280  
I stayed in this with her.

528  
00:25:09,280 --> 00:25:12,100  
Then I got a little apartment.

529  
00:25:12,100 --> 00:25:14,050  
The city paid for the apartment.

530  
00:25:14,050 --> 00:25:17,590  
And I stayed four years there.

531  
00:25:17,590 --> 00:25:18,760  
I couldn't come here.

532  
00:25:18,760 --> 00:25:20,920  
You stayed in Gemen.

533  
00:25:20,920 --> 00:25:22,460  
Four years.

534  
00:25:22,460 --> 00:25:23,770  
Stupid.

535  
00:25:23,770 --> 00:25:25,810  
Was there any family there?

536  
00:25:25,810 --> 00:25:26,650  
Nobody.

537  
00:25:26,650 --> 00:25:28,040  
There was no--

538  
00:25:28,040 --> 00:25:29,290  
None of your family?

539  
00:25:29,290 --> 00:25:30,880  
No, nobody came back.

540  
00:25:30,880 --> 00:25:32,080  
I'm the only one.

541  
00:25:32,080 --> 00:25:35,080  
My brother was in Panama.

542  
00:25:35,080 --> 00:25:38,470  
He came to this country in '47.

543  
00:25:38,470 --> 00:25:40,090  
Now which brother is this?

544  
00:25:40,090 --> 00:25:41,230  
Hermann.

545  
00:25:41,230 --> 00:25:49,615

He came '47 to Philadelphia  
from Cologne, Panama.

546  
00:25:49,615 --> 00:25:52,200

547  
00:25:52,200 --> 00:25:53,850  
Did you work in Gemen?

548  
00:25:53,850 --> 00:25:56,994  
What did you do in  
those four years?

549  
00:25:56,994 --> 00:25:59,130  
I was so stupid-- nothing.

550  
00:25:59,130 --> 00:26:01,520  
Oh, yes, what did I do?

551  
00:26:01,520 --> 00:26:02,700  
I'm so stupid.

552  
00:26:02,700 --> 00:26:05,610  
I was really-- what did I do?

553  
00:26:05,610 --> 00:26:10,950  
This friend-- I had a-- this  
woman I'm talking about,

554  
00:26:10,950 --> 00:26:12,660  
she had this younger sister.

555  
00:26:12,660 --> 00:26:14,080  
And I'm still friends with her.

556  
00:26:14,080 --> 00:26:15,480  
She wrote me last week.

557  
00:26:15,480 --> 00:26:17,340  
I have the letter here.

558

00:26:17,340 --> 00:26:19,110  
She married an Englishman.

559  
00:26:19,110 --> 00:26:20,410  
They're not Jewish.

560  
00:26:20,410 --> 00:26:21,720  
She moved to England.

561  
00:26:21,720 --> 00:26:23,010  
She lives in England.

562  
00:26:23,010 --> 00:26:25,410  
She wrote me two  
weeks ago a letter--

563  
00:26:25,410 --> 00:26:27,870  
I should come this  
summer to her.

564  
00:26:27,870 --> 00:26:32,040  
And she has one more  
brother living in Germany.

565  
00:26:32,040 --> 00:26:33,422  
He constantly writes.

566  
00:26:33,422 --> 00:26:34,880  
And he wants me to  
come to Germany.

567  
00:26:34,880 --> 00:26:36,330  
Ach.

568  
00:26:36,330 --> 00:26:37,410  
I'm not-- I can't.

569  
00:26:37,410 --> 00:26:41,850  
I'm not ready for that.

570  
00:26:41,850 --> 00:26:42,930  
So what did you do?

571  
00:26:42,930 --> 00:26:43,690  
You did not work?

572  
00:26:43,690 --> 00:26:44,190  
What did I--

573  
00:26:44,190 --> 00:26:46,290  
How did you support  
yourself if you didn't work?

574  
00:26:46,290 --> 00:26:47,880  
What did I do?

575  
00:26:47,880 --> 00:26:49,310  
Well, they gave me money.

576  
00:26:49,310 --> 00:26:52,410

577  
00:26:52,410 --> 00:26:57,960  
They gave me money,  
the town, but not much.

578  
00:26:57,960 --> 00:27:00,000  
They paid for my food.

579  
00:27:00,000 --> 00:27:01,635  
Yeah, they paid  
for my apartment.

580  
00:27:01,635 --> 00:27:04,410  
It wasn't much, 30 marks.

581  
00:27:04,410 --> 00:27:11,100  
And then I received something  
like care packages, my uncle,

582  
00:27:11,100 --> 00:27:13,590  
my brother, with coffee.

583

00:27:13,590 --> 00:27:14,760  
I sold it.

584  
00:27:14,760 --> 00:27:16,110  
I sold the coffee.

585  
00:27:16,110 --> 00:27:21,750  
I sold-- and for  
that, I could live.

586  
00:27:21,750 --> 00:27:23,100  
I didn't use much.

587  
00:27:23,100 --> 00:27:26,760  
I asked myself sometimes,  
what did I live on?

588  
00:27:26,760 --> 00:27:30,230  
And did you know what had  
happened to your parents?

589  
00:27:30,230 --> 00:27:32,670  
No, but later.

590  
00:27:32,670 --> 00:27:34,380  
But not exactly.

591  
00:27:34,380 --> 00:27:37,890  
But I can imagine what happened.

592  
00:27:37,890 --> 00:27:40,410  
They were gone.

593  
00:27:40,410 --> 00:27:41,932  
So you stayed there  
for four years?

594  
00:27:41,932 --> 00:27:42,640  
Isn't that awful.

595  
00:27:42,640 --> 00:27:43,500  
And then where did--

596  
00:27:43,500 --> 00:27:44,670  
Well, I tried--

597  
00:27:44,670 --> 00:27:46,590  
I had-- I knew people.

598  
00:27:46,590 --> 00:27:49,650  
They also lived in my area.

599  
00:27:49,650 --> 00:27:54,600  
A husband and a daughter,  
they lived near Nuremberg

600  
00:27:54,600 --> 00:27:55,950  
in the DP camp.

601  
00:27:55,950 --> 00:27:58,410  
And they took me once.

602  
00:27:58,410 --> 00:27:59,670  
And they wanted me to stay.

603  
00:27:59,670 --> 00:28:01,750  
I didn't like it there.

604  
00:28:01,750 --> 00:28:03,770  
So I went back.

605  
00:28:03,770 --> 00:28:05,010  
Back.

606  
00:28:05,010 --> 00:28:09,630  
No, I tell you another thing  
why I stayed for years.

607  
00:28:09,630 --> 00:28:11,520  
You couldn't get out.

608  
00:28:11,520 --> 00:28:13,530  
See, I went to Holland.

609

00:28:13,530 --> 00:28:15,780

My sister-- sister  
law and husband,

610

00:28:15,780 --> 00:28:18,000

they were in hiding in Holland.

611

00:28:18,000 --> 00:28:19,410

They came back.

612

00:28:19,410 --> 00:28:22,170

And I went to Amsterdam.

613

00:28:22,170 --> 00:28:25,410

And I stayed with them.

614

00:28:25,410 --> 00:28:31,170

And I applied to go to America.

615

00:28:31,170 --> 00:28:32,610

And they said five years.

616

00:28:32,610 --> 00:28:35,640

Can you imagine? regular quota.

617

00:28:35,640 --> 00:28:41,930

So then what did I do?

618

00:28:41,930 --> 00:28:44,200

I went back to Germany.

619

00:28:44,200 --> 00:28:47,310

And from Germany,  
also the regular quota

620

00:28:47,310 --> 00:28:48,780

was four or five years.

621

00:28:48,780 --> 00:28:53,880

The only place was the

American zone you could go.

622

00:28:53,880 --> 00:28:57,150

I tried that once,  
and I didn't make it.

623

00:28:57,150 --> 00:28:59,190

I failed at it.

624

00:28:59,190 --> 00:29:04,870

I paid a lot of money  
and it didn't work out.

625

00:29:04,870 --> 00:29:10,290

So what did I do?

626

00:29:10,290 --> 00:29:11,820

Nothing.

627

00:29:11,820 --> 00:29:15,060

I had friends and we--

628

00:29:15,060 --> 00:29:17,340

Did you have any kind of  
social life or anything?

629

00:29:17,340 --> 00:29:18,720

Yeah, with these friends.

630

00:29:18,720 --> 00:29:21,720

With her, we were always  
together [INAUDIBLE]..

631

00:29:21,720 --> 00:29:22,800

Yeah, I had a friend.

632

00:29:22,800 --> 00:29:24,660

I came back.

633

00:29:24,660 --> 00:29:26,430

Mrs. [PERSONAL NAME]  
is her name.

634  
00:29:26,430 --> 00:29:28,830  
She lived in Recklinghausen.

635  
00:29:28,830 --> 00:29:30,720  
And she got all  
the furniture back.

636  
00:29:30,720 --> 00:29:31,950  
She got the house back.

637  
00:29:31,950 --> 00:29:33,810  
And she lived her house and all.

638  
00:29:33,810 --> 00:29:35,730  
And she created a Jewish--

639  
00:29:35,730 --> 00:29:39,000

640  
00:29:39,000 --> 00:29:43,320  
well, they still  
had the synagogue.

641  
00:29:43,320 --> 00:29:46,050  
And they had it  
rebuilt. And she worked

642  
00:29:46,050 --> 00:29:49,590  
for people that was  
sick, and couldn't write,

643  
00:29:49,590 --> 00:29:51,120  
and couldn't do anything.

644  
00:29:51,120 --> 00:29:52,110  
She's gone too.

645  
00:29:52,110 --> 00:29:53,310  
She died.

646

00:29:53,310 --> 00:29:54,900  
86 she was.

647  
00:29:54,900 --> 00:29:58,570  
Oh, well anyway, we came--

648  
00:29:58,570 --> 00:30:00,880  
like I said, we  
came back together.

649  
00:30:00,880 --> 00:30:04,740  
But she went away to another  
town and I went to another.

650  
00:30:04,740 --> 00:30:12,600  
But she-- I went to her  
every holiday or Satur...

651  
00:30:12,600 --> 00:30:18,360  
Then I was in Cologne  
also for what?

652  
00:30:18,360 --> 00:30:19,500  
A couple of months.

653  
00:30:19,500 --> 00:30:22,080  
The ORT, the ORT.

654  
00:30:22,080 --> 00:30:24,045  
They had their big  
school in Cologne.

655  
00:30:24,045 --> 00:30:26,910

656  
00:30:26,910 --> 00:30:30,570  
And I went to that  
for a couple of months

657  
00:30:30,570 --> 00:30:32,408  
until I immigrated here.

658

00:30:32,408 --> 00:30:34,200

OK, when did you come  
to the United States?

659

00:30:34,200 --> 00:30:35,550

'49.

660

00:30:35,550 --> 00:30:39,540

October 11, '49.

661

00:30:39,540 --> 00:30:40,950

And where did you go to?

662

00:30:40,950 --> 00:30:43,110

My brother picked  
me up in New York.

663

00:30:43,110 --> 00:30:44,940

And I stayed with him.

664

00:30:44,940 --> 00:30:47,290

How did you get here, by boat?

665

00:30:47,290 --> 00:30:47,790

Yeah.

666

00:30:47,790 --> 00:30:48,540

What was the name?

667

00:30:48,540 --> 00:30:49,417

[INAUDIBLE]

668

00:30:49,417 --> 00:30:52,350

669

00:30:52,350 --> 00:30:53,440

Oh, it was awful.

670

00:30:53,440 --> 00:30:55,140

It was awful.

671

00:30:55,140 --> 00:30:58,200  
I was so-- my brother picked  
me up with an orchid--

672  
00:30:58,200 --> 00:30:59,830  
I still have it--

673  
00:30:59,830 --> 00:31:02,455  
in New York, Navy Yard.

674  
00:31:02,455 --> 00:31:09,180

675  
00:31:09,180 --> 00:31:10,850  
[INAUDIBLE] don't  
bring me anything.

676  
00:31:10,850 --> 00:31:13,710

677  
00:31:13,710 --> 00:31:15,300  
This is tape two, side two.

678  
00:31:15,300 --> 00:31:17,100  
And you said you came by boat.

679  
00:31:17,100 --> 00:31:19,830  
And your brother met  
you when you docked.

680  
00:31:19,830 --> 00:31:21,020  
And he gave you an orchid.

681  
00:31:21,020 --> 00:31:22,170  
Yeah.

682  
00:31:22,170 --> 00:31:28,350  
And the Hadassah was there  
with coffee and donuts.

683  
00:31:28,350 --> 00:31:34,730  
He took me by cab to I

don't which train station.

684

00:31:34,730 --> 00:31:36,600

We went to Philadelphia.

685

00:31:36,600 --> 00:31:38,380

That was the beginning.

686

00:31:38,380 --> 00:31:40,860

And then you stayed in  
Philadelphia how long?

687

00:31:40,860 --> 00:31:42,540

About a year.

688

00:31:42,540 --> 00:31:45,780

I met my husband--

689

00:31:45,780 --> 00:31:47,173

I was here six weeks.

690

00:31:47,173 --> 00:31:48,340

You met him in Philadelphia?

691

00:31:48,340 --> 00:31:48,930

Yeah.

692

00:31:48,930 --> 00:31:51,840

And then when did  
you get married?

693

00:31:51,840 --> 00:31:53,010

Oh, a year later.

694

00:31:53,010 --> 00:31:58,004

I came up to-- we were  
married October 22nd, 19--

695

00:31:58,004 --> 00:31:58,866

'50?

696

00:31:58,866 --> 00:32:00,780  
'50, yeah.

697  
00:32:00,780 --> 00:32:02,730  
And was your  
husband from Europe?

698  
00:32:02,730 --> 00:32:03,900  
Vienna.

699  
00:32:03,900 --> 00:32:05,620  
And what was his name?

700  
00:32:05,620 --> 00:32:07,362  
Ernst.

701  
00:32:07,362 --> 00:32:08,540  
Ernst Salus.

702  
00:32:08,540 --> 00:32:09,410  
Yeah.

703  
00:32:09,410 --> 00:32:12,593  
And did you stay  
in Philadelphia?

704  
00:32:12,593 --> 00:32:14,510  
Did you and your husband  
stay in Philadelphia?

705  
00:32:14,510 --> 00:32:17,450  
No, he was working here  
for the government.

706  
00:32:17,450 --> 00:32:18,845  
Working in Washington, DC.

707  
00:32:18,845 --> 00:32:21,020  
Yeah.

708  
00:32:21,020 --> 00:32:23,600  
I came here--

709  
00:32:23,600 --> 00:32:27,200  
I was here before I  
got married on and off.

710  
00:32:27,200 --> 00:32:29,720  
I stopped working earlier.

711  
00:32:29,720 --> 00:32:31,550  
And I stayed here.

712  
00:32:31,550 --> 00:32:34,900

713  
00:32:34,900 --> 00:32:36,300  
And you have any children?

714  
00:32:36,300 --> 00:32:36,990  
Two.

715  
00:32:36,990 --> 00:32:39,000  
And what are their names?

716  
00:32:39,000 --> 00:32:51,030  
Bill-- Bill Leo Salus, of  
course, and Lisa Edith Salus.

717  
00:32:51,030 --> 00:32:53,040  
And you've remained in  
this area ever since?

718  
00:32:53,040 --> 00:32:55,020  
Yes.

719  
00:32:55,020 --> 00:32:58,740  
Can we talk a little bit  
now, before we end, just some

720  
00:32:58,740 --> 00:33:02,850  
of your thoughts about  
what you went through.

721

00:33:02,850 --> 00:33:05,520

How do you feel about  
being Jewish considering

722

00:33:05,520 --> 00:33:07,395

what happened to you  
because you were Jewish?

723

00:33:07,395 --> 00:33:09,950

724

00:33:09,950 --> 00:33:12,420

Did it change your  
feelings in any way?

725

00:33:12,420 --> 00:33:14,750

No.

726

00:33:14,750 --> 00:33:20,060

I only cannot understand  
when they talk about God,

727

00:33:20,060 --> 00:33:22,740

why God let this happen.

728

00:33:22,740 --> 00:33:27,220

729

00:33:27,220 --> 00:33:31,210

No, I am Jewish and  
I don't hide it.

730

00:33:31,210 --> 00:33:33,790

731

00:33:33,790 --> 00:33:43,670

But belief-- my belief,  
a I can't accept it.

732

00:33:43,670 --> 00:33:45,472

It's unacceptable.

733

00:33:45,472 --> 00:33:48,310

734

00:33:48,310 --> 00:33:51,910

Then to go through  
life, not easy.

735

00:33:51,910 --> 00:33:55,100

What do you think kept you  
going during those war years,

736

00:33:55,100 --> 00:33:57,040

during those very  
difficult times?

737

00:33:57,040 --> 00:33:58,120

What?

738

00:33:58,120 --> 00:34:03,340

What do you think kept you going  
during those very difficult

739

00:34:03,340 --> 00:34:04,360

times?

740

00:34:04,360 --> 00:34:08,750

You just did what you  
had to do, that was all.

741

00:34:08,750 --> 00:34:11,440

We had no idea,  
even in Auschwitz,

742

00:34:11,440 --> 00:34:15,130

we had no idea what went on.

743

00:34:15,130 --> 00:34:19,040

You knew people were--  
all of a sudden,

744

00:34:19,040 --> 00:34:21,969

nobody was there, empty.

745  
00:34:21,969 --> 00:34:29,739  
And most people did  
not know what went on.

746  
00:34:29,739 --> 00:34:36,469  
But the ones that we there  
long, they found out.

747  
00:34:36,469 --> 00:34:45,790  
But in Westerbork, I  
was with my family.

748  
00:34:45,790 --> 00:34:50,230  
In Theresienstadt,  
you were together.

749  
00:34:50,230 --> 00:34:53,520  
You didn't think much.

750  
00:34:53,520 --> 00:34:57,280  
You didn't get-- you had no  
outside information, nothing.

751  
00:34:57,280 --> 00:34:59,845  
You were just there.

752  
00:34:59,845 --> 00:35:04,865

753  
00:35:04,865 --> 00:35:06,990  
Did you tell your children  
about your experiences--

754  
00:35:06,990 --> 00:35:07,410  
No.

755  
00:35:07,410 --> 00:35:08,618  
--while they were growing up?

756  
00:35:08,618 --> 00:35:10,200  
No.

757

00:35:10,200 --> 00:35:12,550

I never wanted to talk about it.

758

00:35:12,550 --> 00:35:16,350

I thought that  
hurt them too much.

759

00:35:16,350 --> 00:35:18,710

But now, I hear, mom,  
you never told us.

760

00:35:18,710 --> 00:35:24,200

761

00:35:24,200 --> 00:35:27,683

My daughter, especially-- mom,  
when are you going to do it?

762

00:35:27,683 --> 00:35:28,850

When are you going to do it?

763

00:35:28,850 --> 00:35:30,830

I said, well, I'm waiting.

764

00:35:30,830 --> 00:35:35,690

50 years, that's long enough.

765

00:35:35,690 --> 00:35:39,140

But I don't think my story  
is any different than anybody

766

00:35:39,140 --> 00:35:40,880

else, right?

767

00:35:40,880 --> 00:35:42,050

Each one is special.

768

00:35:42,050 --> 00:35:43,290

Each story is special.

769

00:35:43,290 --> 00:35:43,790  
Yeah.

770  
00:35:43,790 --> 00:35:45,590  
Do you receive reparations?

771  
00:35:45,590 --> 00:35:47,153  
Yes, yes.

772  
00:35:47,153 --> 00:35:49,070  
How do you feel about  
getting the reparations?

773  
00:35:49,070 --> 00:35:51,080  
I take the money.

774  
00:35:51,080 --> 00:35:54,600  
A lot of them don't  
want it, but I take it.

775  
00:35:54,600 --> 00:35:55,160  
Why?

776  
00:35:55,160 --> 00:35:56,060  
Why shouldn't I?

777  
00:35:56,060 --> 00:35:57,540  
They can pay me back.

778  
00:35:57,540 --> 00:36:00,320  
And there's number for it.

779  
00:36:00,320 --> 00:36:03,770  
But sure, it helped  
me in the beginning.

780  
00:36:03,770 --> 00:36:04,910  
I didn't work.

781  
00:36:04,910 --> 00:36:06,350  
I did a little child.

782

00:36:06,350 --> 00:36:08,210

My husband didn't  
make that much money.

783

00:36:08,210 --> 00:36:12,420

But it started very low.

784

00:36:12,420 --> 00:36:16,070

Now it's over \$530 a month.

785

00:36:16,070 --> 00:36:22,370

But what good is that?

786

00:36:22,370 --> 00:36:25,550

I never was happy  
with the money.

787

00:36:25,550 --> 00:36:27,570

We never did anything much.

788

00:36:27,570 --> 00:36:29,720

Always said to my husband,  
put it in the bank,

789

00:36:29,720 --> 00:36:31,790

I don't want it,  
I don't want it.

790

00:36:31,790 --> 00:36:33,470

Some people lived it up.

791

00:36:33,470 --> 00:36:35,960

I didn't.

792

00:36:35,960 --> 00:36:36,830

And we invested.

793

00:36:36,830 --> 00:36:40,460

And the kids will  
have a good life.

794

00:36:40,460 --> 00:36:43,430  
When did your husband  
come to the United States?

795  
00:36:43,430 --> 00:36:46,280  
'38, just before the war.

796  
00:36:46,280 --> 00:36:48,990

797  
00:36:48,990 --> 00:36:52,800  
Yeah, he was almost--

798  
00:36:52,800 --> 00:36:58,530  
they already-- he had a  
card already to come to they

799  
00:36:58,530 --> 00:36:59,910  
said working place.

800  
00:36:59,910 --> 00:37:04,830  
But they shipped  
him off over there.

801  
00:37:04,830 --> 00:37:08,010  
In Westerbork too, one--

802  
00:37:08,010 --> 00:37:11,940  
in the beginning-- I  
think it was '43 or so.

803  
00:37:11,940 --> 00:37:22,410  
One day, people-- the age--  
they told you an age from--

804  
00:37:22,410 --> 00:37:25,620  
let's say from 18 to 25--

805  
00:37:25,620 --> 00:37:29,650  
come today to the mess hall.

806  
00:37:29,650 --> 00:37:33,060

So he was the German  
recruiting people--

807  
00:37:33,060 --> 00:37:34,350  
examine.

808  
00:37:34,350 --> 00:37:40,170  
He says, well, you're going back  
to Germany to your homeland,

809  
00:37:40,170 --> 00:37:41,115  
you're working.

810  
00:37:41,115 --> 00:37:42,540  
You will work.

811  
00:37:42,540 --> 00:37:45,600  
You know where I went?

812  
00:37:45,600 --> 00:37:53,270  
But we were on it-- my  
sister and I, we were on it.

813  
00:37:53,270 --> 00:37:59,340  
And I see the building still.

814  
00:37:59,340 --> 00:38:02,470  
My father went in there.

815  
00:38:02,470 --> 00:38:05,610  
And he said to this  
German, he said,

816  
00:38:05,610 --> 00:38:09,150  
look, "Leave my daughters here.

817  
00:38:09,150 --> 00:38:12,890  
Take them off the list."

818  
00:38:12,890 --> 00:38:14,700  
He said, "I was in the war.

819

00:38:14,700 --> 00:38:15,810

I fought for Germany."

820

00:38:15,810 --> 00:38:18,570

He was in the First World War.

821

00:38:18,570 --> 00:38:20,820

"I was in the war.

822

00:38:20,820 --> 00:38:23,610

So let my daughters  
stay with me."

823

00:38:23,610 --> 00:38:24,900

That's how we stayed.

824

00:38:24,900 --> 00:38:25,680

We stayed.

825

00:38:25,680 --> 00:38:26,790

We [INAUDIBLE].

826

00:38:26,790 --> 00:38:28,740

That was '43.

827

00:38:28,740 --> 00:38:33,900

But '44, we all  
went, the family.

828

00:38:33,900 --> 00:38:36,180

That man had a heart.

829

00:38:36,180 --> 00:38:37,960

That Mengele too let me stay.

830

00:38:37,960 --> 00:38:39,530

Can you imagine that?

831

00:38:39,530 --> 00:38:41,640

Big guy.

832

00:38:41,640 --> 00:38:43,800

He's dead, right?

833

00:38:43,800 --> 00:38:46,230

He's dead.

834

00:38:46,230 --> 00:38:48,050

What they did, oh, god.

835

00:38:48,050 --> 00:38:50,810

836

00:38:50,810 --> 00:38:53,830

I had some friends they  
did the experiment on.

837

00:38:53,830 --> 00:38:56,060

Oh, my-- she's dead too.

838

00:38:56,060 --> 00:38:59,750

All my friends are dead--  
my two girls, all of them.

839

00:38:59,750 --> 00:39:02,990

One of them committed suicide.

840

00:39:02,990 --> 00:39:06,360

Old, lived in Philadelphia.

841

00:39:06,360 --> 00:39:09,080

She introduced me to my husband.

842

00:39:09,080 --> 00:39:12,650

She had a heart attack--  
oh, at least 20 years, 25.

843

00:39:12,650 --> 00:39:16,070

All of the sudden, her husband  
came home and she's dead.

844

00:39:16,070 --> 00:39:19,070

Another one in Germany,  
she came back from Israel.

845  
00:39:19,070 --> 00:39:20,440  
She didn't like it in Israel.

846  
00:39:20,440 --> 00:39:21,830  
And her husband and...

847  
00:39:21,830 --> 00:39:23,440  
She died.

848  
00:39:23,440 --> 00:39:24,410  
All of them.

849  
00:39:24,410 --> 00:39:27,600

850  
00:39:27,600 --> 00:39:31,030  
Are there any  
particular sounds, or--

851  
00:39:31,030 --> 00:39:31,530  
Sounds?

852  
00:39:31,530 --> 00:39:34,650  
Sounds or smells  
that you remember.

853  
00:39:34,650 --> 00:39:35,460  
That remind you--

854  
00:39:35,460 --> 00:39:36,240  
Yeah.

855  
00:39:36,240 --> 00:39:38,490  
That remind of that?

856  
00:39:38,490 --> 00:39:41,030  
Can you talk about  
that a little bit?

857

00:39:41,030 --> 00:39:48,660

Any the special smells or sounds  
that bring back the experience?

858

00:39:48,660 --> 00:39:51,900

Yes, the picnic, for instance.

859

00:39:51,900 --> 00:39:55,900

When you-- meat-- the meat--

860

00:39:55,900 --> 00:40:01,980

the smell smells  
like human bones.

861

00:40:01,980 --> 00:40:06,846

And also, when I  
see a big chimney,

862

00:40:06,846 --> 00:40:10,031

always reminds me of it.

863

00:40:10,031 --> 00:40:13,720

864

00:40:13,720 --> 00:40:16,980

It never, never goes away.

865

00:40:16,980 --> 00:40:19,190

Luckily, since I'm here--

866

00:40:19,190 --> 00:40:21,920

oh, I used to have  
dreams, dreaming.

867

00:40:21,920 --> 00:40:24,370

I don't dream about it here.

868

00:40:24,370 --> 00:40:27,170

I have never once  
dreamed about my husband.

869

00:40:27,170 --> 00:40:29,060  
I once heard his voice.

870  
00:40:29,060 --> 00:40:31,460  
But he's only gone--

871  
00:40:31,460 --> 00:40:33,470  
I told you.

872  
00:40:33,470 --> 00:40:36,880  
But the memory, it's something.

873  
00:40:36,880 --> 00:40:38,550  
Oh, I will never forget.

874  
00:40:38,550 --> 00:40:39,770  
I was in this train.

875  
00:40:39,770 --> 00:40:41,540  
It was going there.

876  
00:40:41,540 --> 00:40:42,800  
Oh, terrible.

877  
00:40:42,800 --> 00:40:44,810  
It never leaves me.

878  
00:40:44,810 --> 00:40:47,480  
There's one thing in  
this building here--

879  
00:40:47,480 --> 00:40:52,950

880  
00:40:52,950 --> 00:40:56,640  
there is nobody one can talk to.

881  
00:40:56,640 --> 00:40:59,660  
I don't want to talk to anybody.

882  
00:40:59,660 --> 00:41:09,840

Somebody confidentially,  
where I can tell my feelings.

883  
00:41:09,840 --> 00:41:12,450  
But that--

884  
00:41:12,450 --> 00:41:15,180  
Before we end, is  
there any message

885  
00:41:15,180 --> 00:41:18,810  
you want to give to your  
grandson or anything special

886  
00:41:18,810 --> 00:41:19,890  
that you wanted to say?

887  
00:41:19,890 --> 00:41:22,530

888  
00:41:22,530 --> 00:41:24,780  
To my grandson, oh--

889  
00:41:24,780 --> 00:41:26,080  
Anything special?

890  
00:41:26,080 --> 00:41:32,280  
I love him and I hope he  
has a good and a happy life.

891  
00:41:32,280 --> 00:41:36,900  
And not to forget  
me and grandpa.

892  
00:41:36,900 --> 00:41:39,510  
And that's it.

893  
00:41:39,510 --> 00:41:42,930  
Any other words that you  
had about your experience

894  
00:41:42,930 --> 00:41:46,260

that you wanted to say  
that we haven't covered?

895  
00:41:46,260 --> 00:41:48,720  
Any other thoughts  
that you have?

896  
00:41:48,720 --> 00:41:55,300

897  
00:41:55,300 --> 00:41:58,510  
I don't know, I've  
got lots of thoughts.

898  
00:41:58,510 --> 00:42:01,700  
I don't know what do mean.

899  
00:42:01,700 --> 00:42:04,380  
Does your experience  
still affect you?

900  
00:42:04,380 --> 00:42:05,320  
Yes.

901  
00:42:05,320 --> 00:42:06,070  
In what way?

902  
00:42:06,070 --> 00:42:12,860

903  
00:42:12,860 --> 00:42:17,240  
Well, it never-- like I said  
before, it never leaves you.

904  
00:42:17,240 --> 00:42:22,040  
Wherever I go, whatever  
I do, it's with me.

905  
00:42:22,040 --> 00:42:28,890  
And many things affect me.

906  
00:42:28,890 --> 00:42:39,690

For instance, on TV some  
shows, crime, or movies,

907  
00:42:39,690 --> 00:42:43,860  
it affects me.

908  
00:42:43,860 --> 00:42:46,320  
And a lot of things--

909  
00:42:46,320 --> 00:42:50,100  
I get the Post every day,  
but I don't read many things.

910  
00:42:50,100 --> 00:42:52,770

911  
00:42:52,770 --> 00:42:53,930  
It's disturbing.

912  
00:42:53,930 --> 00:42:57,260

913  
00:42:57,260 --> 00:42:58,810  
Have you been back to Europe?

914  
00:42:58,810 --> 00:42:59,695  
Yes.

915  
00:42:59,695 --> 00:43:02,970  
Yeah, I went-- let's  
see, did I go back?

916  
00:43:02,970 --> 00:43:04,850  
Yeah, sure.

917  
00:43:04,850 --> 00:43:09,500  
I went with my-- we went,  
my husband and the kids,

918  
00:43:09,500 --> 00:43:13,220  
one year we went to Vienna.

919

00:43:13,220 --> 00:43:22,330

I think it was in '72, Vienna,  
and Switzerland, and Germany.

920

00:43:22,330 --> 00:43:23,955

What was it like to  
go back to Germany?

921

00:43:23,955 --> 00:43:26,700

922

00:43:26,700 --> 00:43:28,170

I hated it.

923

00:43:28,170 --> 00:43:32,340

But we wanted to show our  
children where we were born,

924

00:43:32,340 --> 00:43:33,670

where we grew up.

925

00:43:33,670 --> 00:43:37,920

Even showed them where  
the schools were.

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00:43:37,920 --> 00:43:44,910

And we rented a car  
in Frankfurt, Germany.

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00:43:44,910 --> 00:43:47,950

And we drove to Amsterdam.

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00:43:47,950 --> 00:43:53,660

There was the-- wait a  
minute, were they still there?

929

00:43:53,660 --> 00:43:54,970

Yeah, these relatives.

930

00:43:54,970 --> 00:44:00,910

Actually, my sister's  
sister-in-law and husband,

931  
00:44:00,910 --> 00:44:03,250  
they live in Amsterdam.

932  
00:44:03,250 --> 00:44:05,845  
And it was nice in the city.

933  
00:44:05,845 --> 00:44:09,050

934  
00:44:09,050 --> 00:44:14,420  
And then one year we went--

935  
00:44:14,420 --> 00:44:16,700  
oh, and we went to my hometown.

936  
00:44:16,700 --> 00:44:17,840  
We showed the kids.

937  
00:44:17,840 --> 00:44:21,860  
We stayed two-- the  
people I'm talking about,

938  
00:44:21,860 --> 00:44:23,600  
this woman that  
lives in England,

939  
00:44:23,600 --> 00:44:26,450  
she has a sister in Germany.

940  
00:44:26,450 --> 00:44:29,840  
She invited us to stay two days.

941  
00:44:29,840 --> 00:44:32,550  
It was in the neighborhood  
where I lived.

942  
00:44:32,550 --> 00:44:38,780  
And so we went with  
kids who were around.

943

00:44:38,780 --> 00:44:42,980

Careful, and a little  
town, nothing to it.

944

00:44:42,980 --> 00:44:45,260

And then we went to Amsterdam.

945

00:44:45,260 --> 00:44:47,510

And we drove back to Germany.

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00:44:47,510 --> 00:44:53,240

And also this lady I told you,  
she lived in Recklinghaus.

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00:44:53,240 --> 00:44:57,890

We stopped by her  
and stayed two days.

948

00:44:57,890 --> 00:45:04,040

And then we drove back to--

949

00:45:04,040 --> 00:45:07,910

because she never met my  
husband, my children--

950

00:45:07,910 --> 00:45:10,580

back to Cologne.

951

00:45:10,580 --> 00:45:16,160

And then we had some friends,  
also relatives of the others,

952

00:45:16,160 --> 00:45:18,890

in [PLACE NAME], near Cologne.

953

00:45:18,890 --> 00:45:24,140

And then we went, yeah,  
to Frankfurt, and back

954

00:45:24,140 --> 00:45:25,640

to the States.

955

00:45:25,640 --> 00:45:34,980

And another time, with the  
children, we went to Israel.

956

00:45:34,980 --> 00:45:38,490

Israel with the kids.

957

00:45:38,490 --> 00:45:42,570

I don't know, we stayed a  
week or so, or two weeks.

958

00:45:42,570 --> 00:45:43,695

And that was nice.

959

00:45:43,695 --> 00:45:48,170

960

00:45:48,170 --> 00:45:50,210

I don't know which year.

961

00:45:50,210 --> 00:45:52,760

My husband and I, we  
went back once more.

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00:45:52,760 --> 00:45:57,188

963

00:45:57,188 --> 00:45:59,731

And I was there.

964

00:45:59,731 --> 00:46:04,820

Is there anything else you  
wanted to add before we finish?

965

00:46:04,820 --> 00:46:07,250

What is there?

966

00:46:07,250 --> 00:46:11,230

What is there else?

967

00:46:11,230 --> 00:46:13,132

I don't know.

968  
00:46:13,132 --> 00:46:14,890  
If you ask-- I don't know.

969  
00:46:14,890 --> 00:46:17,420

970  
00:46:17,420 --> 00:46:19,650  
I don't want to say  
the way I feel here.

971  
00:46:19,650 --> 00:46:23,150

972  
00:46:23,150 --> 00:46:25,840  
Oh, oh.

973  
00:46:25,840 --> 00:46:27,012  
Is it on?

974  
00:46:27,012 --> 00:46:28,922  
Mm-hmm.

975  
00:46:28,922 --> 00:46:29,422  
What?

976  
00:46:29,422 --> 00:46:33,760

977  
00:46:33,760 --> 00:46:37,660  
This is it, my life story.

978  
00:46:37,660 --> 00:46:43,240  
And I have to keep on  
hoping for better things.

979  
00:46:43,240 --> 00:46:51,980  
And for my children, they should  
have a good lives and be happy.

980  
00:46:51,980 --> 00:46:53,690

That's all I want.

981  
00:46:53,690 --> 00:46:57,800  
And I try my best  
to go on, right?

982  
00:46:57,800 --> 00:46:59,930  
That's the end.

983  
00:46:59,930 --> 00:47:02,120  
That's a very nice  
way to end it.

984  
00:47:02,120 --> 00:47:02,950  
Thank you very--

985  
00:47:02,950 --> 00:47:03,590  
I think so.

986  
00:47:03,590 --> 00:47:05,975  
Thank you very much for  
doing the interview.

987  
00:47:05,975 --> 00:47:08,150  
I thank you.

988  
00:47:08,150 --> 00:47:09,500  
I'm glad we finished.

989  
00:47:09,500 --> 00:47:11,545  
I'm glad we've [INAUDIBLE].

990  
00:47:11,545 --> 00:47:17,850

991  
00:47:17,850 --> 00:47:21,840  
This concludes the  
interview of Lotte Salus.

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00:47:21,840 --> 00:47:28,300  
It took place on February 6,  
1996 in Silver Spring, Maryland

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00:47:28,300 --> 00:47:31,220

and was conducted

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00:47:31,220 --> 00:47:34,000