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00:00:00,630 --> 00:00:04,260

This is a United States
Holocaust Memorial Museum

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volunteer collection interview
with Klari Rudnai conducted

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00:00:09,150 --> 00:00:13,530

by Margaret Garrett
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This interview is part
of the museum's project

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to interview Holocaust survivors
and witnesses who are also

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volunteers with the museum.

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00:00:26,100 --> 00:00:31,880

Tape number one, side A.
What was your name at birth?

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00:00:31,880 --> 00:00:35,160

It's Klari.

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00:00:35,160 --> 00:00:40,830

And it's Takacs, T-A-K-A-C-S.

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00:00:40,830 --> 00:00:42,670

And the date of your birth?

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00:00:42,670 --> 00:00:49,830
It's May, 1930.

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00:00:49,830 --> 00:00:51,540
And the place of your birth?

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00:00:51,540 --> 00:00:53,520
Budapest, Hungary.

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00:00:53,520 --> 00:00:58,960
Would you talk about your
family and your childhood?

17
00:00:58,960 --> 00:01:01,620
I had a wonderful family.

18
00:01:01,620 --> 00:01:07,230
And thanks god, we
were well-to-do people.

19
00:01:07,230 --> 00:01:12,750
My father had an iron
and steel factory.

20
00:01:12,750 --> 00:01:20,560
And actually, with my mother,
we used to have a governess.

21
00:01:20,560 --> 00:01:23,550
So I wasn't too much with her.

22
00:01:23,550 --> 00:01:27,090
But that's usually
happened in Europe

23
00:01:27,090 --> 00:01:30,840
in these areas
who can afford it.

24
00:01:30,840 --> 00:01:33,720
We lived in a beautiful home.

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00:01:33,720 --> 00:01:41,340

And I went to private schools,
first in a German school.

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00:01:41,340 --> 00:01:44,440

We have a governess.

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00:01:44,440 --> 00:01:50,670

And my father was my very
best thing in my life.

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00:01:50,670 --> 00:01:55,410

He really saved our life.

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00:01:55,410 --> 00:01:57,990

What was your father's name?

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00:01:57,990 --> 00:02:02,790

It's Stephen and, again, Takacs.

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00:02:02,790 --> 00:02:07,440

And what was he like
when you were a child?

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00:02:07,440 --> 00:02:11,160

Oh, he was wonderful.

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00:02:11,160 --> 00:02:14,790

The only thing I can
say, there was no person

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00:02:14,790 --> 00:02:17,880

in the world what he was like.

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00:02:17,880 --> 00:02:21,180

Sundays, we used to
go to the Museum.

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00:02:21,180 --> 00:02:21,960

Who would go?

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00:02:21,960 --> 00:02:24,000

Just you and your father?

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00:02:24,000 --> 00:02:26,250

Sometimes my sister came, too.

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00:02:26,250 --> 00:02:29,870

My sister is a different
type, although she

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00:02:29,870 --> 00:02:32,070

was very, very intelligent.

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00:02:32,070 --> 00:02:33,015

Older or younger?

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00:02:33,015 --> 00:02:35,010

Older, four years.

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00:02:35,010 --> 00:02:36,210

And her name?

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00:02:36,210 --> 00:02:38,500

Vera.

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00:02:38,500 --> 00:02:41,070

But she was very, very serious.

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00:02:41,070 --> 00:02:43,620

And I was full of life.

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00:02:43,620 --> 00:02:47,280

And I still am, I
think, like that.

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00:02:47,280 --> 00:02:51,360

But she was closer to my mother.

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00:02:51,360 --> 00:02:54,690

And I was very
much for my father.

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00:02:54,690 --> 00:02:56,670
Were you your father's favorite?

51
00:02:56,670 --> 00:02:58,020
Yeah.

52
00:02:58,020 --> 00:03:00,370
My mother was strict.

53
00:03:00,370 --> 00:03:04,620
If anything happened,
I was much more wild.

54
00:03:04,620 --> 00:03:07,290
I was not the best kid.

55
00:03:07,290 --> 00:03:08,730
I was spoiled.

56
00:03:08,730 --> 00:03:12,900
And when anything happened, and
when the governess found out,

57
00:03:12,900 --> 00:03:17,490
when my mother
came, then I got--

58
00:03:17,490 --> 00:03:20,320
she got very upset about it.

59
00:03:20,320 --> 00:03:24,840
But no, she was a very
nice person really,

60
00:03:24,840 --> 00:03:27,150
very intelligent.

61
00:03:27,150 --> 00:03:29,580
She's a social person.

62

00:03:29,580 --> 00:03:35,290
They were playing bridge,
and things like that.

63
00:03:35,290 --> 00:03:38,010
So my father was
much close to me.

64
00:03:38,010 --> 00:03:41,400
So on Sundays, you
would go sometimes,

65
00:03:41,400 --> 00:03:43,200
just you and your
father, to the museum.

66
00:03:43,200 --> 00:03:44,825
Sometimes your sister
would come along.

67
00:03:44,825 --> 00:03:46,030
Yeah, sometimes.

68
00:03:46,030 --> 00:03:46,530
But--

69
00:03:46,530 --> 00:03:47,950
Did your mother
ever go with you?

70
00:03:47,950 --> 00:03:48,450
No.

71
00:03:48,450 --> 00:03:50,240
OK.

72
00:03:50,240 --> 00:03:54,300
We went out once in
a while for a dinner.

73
00:03:54,300 --> 00:03:58,050
But no, she didn't
come too much.

74
00:03:58,050 --> 00:04:03,780
And otherwise, the
schools were good.

75
00:04:03,780 --> 00:04:05,095
They were private schools.

76
00:04:05,095 --> 00:04:06,970
So you went to a German school.

77
00:04:06,970 --> 00:04:10,738
The first four years, I
went to a German school.

78
00:04:10,738 --> 00:04:12,030
Did you speak German in school?

79
00:04:12,030 --> 00:04:14,010
Yeah, we used to.

80
00:04:14,010 --> 00:04:18,029
We used to be-- my governess
was German, from Vienna.

81
00:04:18,029 --> 00:04:21,240
And at home, we
always spoke German.

82
00:04:21,240 --> 00:04:23,020
She was German from Vienna.

83
00:04:23,020 --> 00:04:23,520
Vienna.

84
00:04:23,520 --> 00:04:25,800
Had she been born-- was
she born in Germany?

85
00:04:25,800 --> 00:04:26,620
Yeah.

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00:04:26,620 --> 00:04:27,120

What--

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00:04:27,120 --> 00:04:28,890

Her name was Lily, I know.

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00:04:28,890 --> 00:04:29,400

Lily.

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00:04:29,400 --> 00:04:29,900

Yeah.

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00:04:29,900 --> 00:04:30,870

She was lovely.

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00:04:30,870 --> 00:04:34,270

So she was born in Germany,
but she lived in Vienna.

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00:04:34,270 --> 00:04:34,770

Yeah.

93

00:04:34,770 --> 00:04:37,305

And then she came to Budapest.

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00:04:37,305 --> 00:04:38,070

Yeah.

95

00:04:38,070 --> 00:04:42,160

And was she with you from
the time you were born?

96

00:04:42,160 --> 00:04:42,660

No.

97

00:04:42,660 --> 00:04:48,930

It was, I think, when I started
first elementary school.

98

00:04:48,930 --> 00:04:51,000

And did she speak

German with you?

99

00:04:51,000 --> 00:04:51,630

Oh, yeah.

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00:04:51,630 --> 00:04:53,610

We just spoke German.

101

00:04:53,610 --> 00:04:55,830

Did your parents
want you to have a--

102

00:04:55,830 --> 00:04:56,940

My mother was--

103

00:04:56,940 --> 00:04:58,200

--German-speaking governess?

104

00:04:58,200 --> 00:05:03,000

Oh, yeah, because it's very
important to have languages,

105

00:05:03,000 --> 00:05:05,660

because Hungary's--

106

00:05:05,660 --> 00:05:08,630

very few people speak
Hungarian too much.

107

00:05:08,630 --> 00:05:11,750

But my mother was very
cultured in a way,

108

00:05:11,750 --> 00:05:17,690

because we wanted to-- we had
then a French mademoiselle,

109

00:05:17,690 --> 00:05:23,450

too, because she wanted
us to speak French.

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00:05:23,450 --> 00:05:24,980

Now, was this a tutor?

111
00:05:24,980 --> 00:05:26,060
Or did she live with--

112
00:05:26,060 --> 00:05:26,210
Tutor.

113
00:05:26,210 --> 00:05:26,810
--you?

114
00:05:26,810 --> 00:05:26,975
Tutor.

115
00:05:26,975 --> 00:05:27,140
No.

116
00:05:27,140 --> 00:05:27,620
Tutor.

117
00:05:27,620 --> 00:05:28,120
Yeah.

118
00:05:28,120 --> 00:05:29,780
She came a couple of months.

119
00:05:29,780 --> 00:05:34,460
And what age were you when you
started with the French tutor?

120
00:05:34,460 --> 00:05:41,450
When I went to first gymnasium,
what is the high school.

121
00:05:41,450 --> 00:05:47,700
We had to study the languages--

122
00:05:47,700 --> 00:05:51,830
Latin, not like
here, the English.

123

00:05:51,830 --> 00:05:53,600
So we had to use them.

124
00:05:53,600 --> 00:05:57,070
We had to have French,
and German, and Latin

125
00:05:57,070 --> 00:06:01,460
from the first of gymnasium.

126
00:06:01,460 --> 00:06:05,030
I wasn't a good teacher.

127
00:06:05,030 --> 00:06:09,170
I used to love, though,
gymnastic and singing,

128
00:06:09,170 --> 00:06:10,490
and things like that.

129
00:06:10,490 --> 00:06:13,700
But I wasn't too bad.

130
00:06:13,700 --> 00:06:16,590
But I didn't like
to study too much.

131
00:06:16,590 --> 00:06:19,920
My sister was perfect.

132
00:06:19,920 --> 00:06:23,660
But she was much more
severe than I am.

133
00:06:23,660 --> 00:06:25,700
I was full of life.

134
00:06:25,700 --> 00:06:29,780
And did you have
trouble in school

135
00:06:29,780 --> 00:06:32,340

getting satisfactory grades?

136
00:06:32,340 --> 00:06:32,850
No.

137
00:06:32,850 --> 00:06:34,070
It was OK.

138
00:06:34,070 --> 00:06:40,865
At the end of the day, I
always got good grades.

139
00:06:40,865 --> 00:06:46,860
Not completely one, but medium.

140
00:06:46,860 --> 00:06:50,720
I was-- I don't know.

141
00:06:50,720 --> 00:06:54,200
They liked me very
much in the school.

142
00:06:54,200 --> 00:06:57,770
I know my Latin teacher,
he was very nice.

143
00:06:57,770 --> 00:07:01,610
And he always used
to say, well--

144
00:07:01,610 --> 00:07:04,500
it was funny, because
he used to say,

145
00:07:04,500 --> 00:07:07,460
well, I know you
don't know that but,

146
00:07:07,460 --> 00:07:12,200
well, just go ahead and
sit you know [LAUGHTER]..

147

00:07:12,200 --> 00:07:16,400
But then they always
got pretty good.

148
00:07:16,400 --> 00:07:19,510
And what did you like
to do outside of school?

149
00:07:19,510 --> 00:07:22,140
Oh, I used to go--

150
00:07:22,140 --> 00:07:24,680
I used to exercise everything.

151
00:07:24,680 --> 00:07:28,190
I loved it-- and ice skating.

152
00:07:28,190 --> 00:07:30,740
And we started to--

153
00:07:30,740 --> 00:07:35,600
first at gymnasium, we
started dancing with the boys

154
00:07:35,600 --> 00:07:38,990
a little Saturday.

155
00:07:38,990 --> 00:07:42,530
And I was busy.

156
00:07:42,530 --> 00:07:44,780
I had very good
friend-- oh, bicycle.

157
00:07:44,780 --> 00:07:47,450
I was always on my bicycle.

158
00:07:47,450 --> 00:07:49,310
And that was hurting me.

159
00:07:49,310 --> 00:07:53,370
Very soon, the German

came and took it away.

160

00:07:53,370 --> 00:07:54,750

I was swimming.

161

00:07:54,750 --> 00:07:56,540

And I was very good in swimming.

162

00:07:56,540 --> 00:07:59,910

I used to go twice a week.

163

00:07:59,910 --> 00:08:02,225

And we were swimming there.

164

00:08:02,225 --> 00:08:04,730

And so I kept busy.

165

00:08:04,730 --> 00:08:10,050

I wasn't an intellectual
like my sister was.

166

00:08:10,050 --> 00:08:14,850

I read books, but
nothing too serious.

167

00:08:14,850 --> 00:08:16,170

So you liked to have fun.

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00:08:16,170 --> 00:08:16,670

I am.

169

00:08:16,670 --> 00:08:19,070

And I still like.

170

00:08:19,070 --> 00:08:20,100

I admit it.

171

00:08:20,100 --> 00:08:25,610

Now, as a small child,
was your family religious?

172

00:08:25,610 --> 00:08:26,750
No.

173
00:08:26,750 --> 00:08:32,720
You see, in Hungary, there
were not so religions.

174
00:08:32,720 --> 00:08:37,205
My mother's family were more.

175
00:08:37,205 --> 00:08:41,539

176
00:08:41,539 --> 00:08:45,590
My grandparents were a
little bit more religious.

177
00:08:45,590 --> 00:08:49,790
But then my mother was-- once in
a while, we went to the temple

178
00:08:49,790 --> 00:08:51,230
on holidays.

179
00:08:51,230 --> 00:08:52,850
My father didn't.

180
00:08:52,850 --> 00:08:54,440
We were Hungarians.

181
00:08:54,440 --> 00:08:56,730
It was different.

182
00:08:56,730 --> 00:08:59,810
And I know what was very sad--

183
00:08:59,810 --> 00:09:03,300
it was when my
mother passed away.

184
00:09:03,300 --> 00:09:04,070
She was sick.

185
00:09:04,070 --> 00:09:05,900
She had the cancer.

186
00:09:05,900 --> 00:09:08,950
Then that was so--

187
00:09:08,950 --> 00:09:11,960
he didn't know,
when the rabbi came,

188
00:09:11,960 --> 00:09:16,790
how to read the
Bible or the prayers.

189
00:09:16,790 --> 00:09:17,900
He didn't.

190
00:09:17,900 --> 00:09:19,700
And he was a fantastic man.

191
00:09:19,700 --> 00:09:22,820
But the Hungarians were not--

192
00:09:22,820 --> 00:09:25,850
we were all very orthodox.

193
00:09:25,850 --> 00:09:28,860
Now, was your father
born in Hungary?

194
00:09:28,860 --> 00:09:29,630
Yeah.

195
00:09:29,630 --> 00:09:32,180
And were both of
his parents Jewish?

196
00:09:32,180 --> 00:09:33,170
Yeah.

197

00:09:33,170 --> 00:09:37,720
But was the home that he
grew up in, were they just--

198
00:09:37,720 --> 00:09:39,560
They were Hungarians.

199
00:09:39,560 --> 00:09:43,640
My grandfather's
father was Hungarians.

200
00:09:43,640 --> 00:09:45,395
So they were not religions--

201
00:09:45,395 --> 00:09:46,070
Not religions.

202
00:09:46,070 --> 00:09:47,600
--at all.

203
00:09:47,600 --> 00:09:49,040
We were Jewish.

204
00:09:49,040 --> 00:09:50,900
But we were just--

205
00:09:50,900 --> 00:09:54,080
So whatever religious
observances there

206
00:09:54,080 --> 00:09:55,525
were in your family was--

207
00:09:55,525 --> 00:10:05,450
Well, in the gymnasium, we had
religious things from a rabbi.

208
00:10:05,450 --> 00:10:10,480
He was very, very-- well,
twice a week, we had one hour.

209
00:10:10,480 --> 00:10:11,900

It was the Catholics.

210
00:10:11,900 --> 00:10:16,930
And here, the others went to
different kinds of religion.

211
00:10:16,930 --> 00:10:21,460
And we were just six of
us, I think, were Jewish.

212
00:10:21,460 --> 00:10:25,860
And then really,
the war started.

213
00:10:25,860 --> 00:10:30,005
And he was a very, very
good, wonderful rabbi.

214
00:10:30,005 --> 00:10:30,505
He was.

215
00:10:30,505 --> 00:10:31,810
I'll never forget.

216
00:10:31,810 --> 00:10:33,670
He said, you know what?

217
00:10:33,670 --> 00:10:40,030
Let's read Thomas Mann,
because it's better than just

218
00:10:40,030 --> 00:10:41,560
read the Bible.

219
00:10:41,560 --> 00:10:50,660
And it was because we felt,
with the Bible, it was nothing.

220
00:10:50,660 --> 00:10:52,690
You just read a little.

221
00:10:52,690 --> 00:10:56,440

But he liked to
bring very good books

222
00:10:56,440 --> 00:10:59,800
and try to read these
ones, because it's

223
00:10:59,800 --> 00:11:05,500
more up to date than just,
unfortunately, the Bible.

224
00:11:05,500 --> 00:11:07,150
So the Bible did not have--

225
00:11:07,150 --> 00:11:07,650
Nothing.

226
00:11:07,650 --> 00:11:08,775
--a lot of meaning for you.

227
00:11:08,775 --> 00:11:14,590
Even the rabbi.

228
00:11:14,590 --> 00:11:18,370
And he was very,
very intelligent.

229
00:11:18,370 --> 00:11:21,130
My sister loved him.

230
00:11:21,130 --> 00:11:26,300
And he wasn't too--

231
00:11:26,300 --> 00:11:31,960
we were speaking just in
Hungarian, very little bit

232
00:11:31,960 --> 00:11:34,720
we read in our Hebrew.

233
00:11:34,720 --> 00:11:40,750
We didn't-- I knew how to lie

in Hebrew, but this was all.

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00:11:40,750 --> 00:11:44,380

Now, back to the German
school that you went to

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00:11:44,380 --> 00:11:45,610

as a small child.

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00:11:45,610 --> 00:11:48,460

Were there other Jewish
children in that school?

237

00:11:48,460 --> 00:11:51,010

I don't think so.

238

00:11:51,010 --> 00:11:52,060

And how old--

239

00:11:52,060 --> 00:11:53,410

It was a private school.

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00:11:53,410 --> 00:11:54,190

A private school.

241

00:11:54,190 --> 00:11:57,010

And you were the only
Jewish child there.

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00:11:57,010 --> 00:11:58,420

And did you--

243

00:11:58,420 --> 00:12:03,310

We didn't have any religion
there in the school at all.

244

00:12:03,310 --> 00:12:09,310

And did that feel
any discomfort to you

245

00:12:09,310 --> 00:12:11,680

as a Jewish child

in a German school?

246
00:12:11,680 --> 00:12:12,510
No.

247
00:12:12,510 --> 00:12:13,950
No.

248
00:12:13,950 --> 00:12:15,520
No.

249
00:12:15,520 --> 00:12:20,230
As I say, I was so lucky then.

250
00:12:20,230 --> 00:12:22,135
I was always laughing, thinking.

251
00:12:22,135 --> 00:12:24,970

252
00:12:24,970 --> 00:12:26,200
But they never--

253
00:12:26,200 --> 00:12:28,255
I don't think they
even knew I was Jewish.

254
00:12:28,255 --> 00:12:30,760

255
00:12:30,760 --> 00:12:33,640
So you don't remember
that it ever came up,

256
00:12:33,640 --> 00:12:36,440
or that anyone gave you a hard
time because you were Jewish.

257
00:12:36,440 --> 00:12:36,940
No.

258

00:12:36,940 --> 00:12:37,450
Never.

259
00:12:37,450 --> 00:12:40,610
Then how old were you when
you left the German school?

260
00:12:40,610 --> 00:12:46,000
Well, in the gymnasium, we were
a couple Jewish in my year.

261
00:12:46,000 --> 00:12:49,210
And how old were you when
you went to the gymnasium?

262
00:12:49,210 --> 00:12:51,373
After 10 years old.

263
00:12:51,373 --> 00:12:52,540
So that would have been in--

264
00:12:52,540 --> 00:12:53,200
11.

265
00:12:53,200 --> 00:12:54,930
That would have been in 1941.

266
00:12:54,930 --> 00:12:56,030
Yeah.

267
00:12:56,030 --> 00:12:57,220
So the war had started.

268
00:12:57,220 --> 00:12:58,460
Yeah.

269
00:12:58,460 --> 00:13:04,600
But I know the only thing
was there was one teacher who

270
00:13:04,600 --> 00:13:08,500
was very anti-Semitic.

271
00:13:08,500 --> 00:13:13,330
But again, luckily,
she liked me.

272
00:13:13,330 --> 00:13:14,200
And--

273
00:13:14,200 --> 00:13:17,350
How did you know that
she was anti-Semitic?

274
00:13:17,350 --> 00:13:18,970
You know what?

275
00:13:18,970 --> 00:13:23,810
She was a gymnastic teacher.

276
00:13:23,810 --> 00:13:27,130
And we had to use--

277
00:13:27,130 --> 00:13:28,670
I don't know here what they do.

278
00:13:28,670 --> 00:13:34,480
But we had to jump up
some of these rods.

279
00:13:34,480 --> 00:13:42,440
And there, she let the
Jewish girls in the back.

280
00:13:42,440 --> 00:13:44,930
But I was very good.

281
00:13:44,930 --> 00:13:47,380
She liked me.

282
00:13:47,380 --> 00:13:50,860
So she was discriminating
against the Jewish girls,

283

00:13:50,860 --> 00:13:51,830

but not against you.

284

00:13:51,830 --> 00:13:52,330

Yeah.

285

00:13:52,330 --> 00:13:53,050

Just--

286

00:13:53,050 --> 00:13:54,260

Did she know you were Jewish?

287

00:13:54,260 --> 00:13:54,760

Oh, yeah.

288

00:13:54,760 --> 00:13:58,180

289

00:13:58,180 --> 00:13:58,870

I don't know.

290

00:13:58,870 --> 00:14:01,690

I was not I'm uh--.

291

00:14:01,690 --> 00:14:04,960

I was very lively.

292

00:14:04,960 --> 00:14:09,610

And I was always happy.

293

00:14:09,610 --> 00:14:10,510

And that's good.

294

00:14:10,510 --> 00:14:11,560

So she liked you.

295

00:14:11,560 --> 00:14:13,150

Yeah.

296

00:14:13,150 --> 00:14:14,760

You know, it was--

297

00:14:14,760 --> 00:14:16,120

I forgot to tell you.

298

00:14:16,120 --> 00:14:21,020

We had always a car with
chauffeur to go to school.

299

00:14:21,020 --> 00:14:22,770

Now, I went to school.

300

00:14:22,770 --> 00:14:26,350

It was just then
governed very nicely.

301

00:14:26,350 --> 00:14:30,700

My sister, she always stopped
before so nobody can see

302

00:14:30,700 --> 00:14:34,840

that she has a chauffeur car.

303

00:14:34,840 --> 00:14:37,990

She's a wonderful
person, really.

304

00:14:37,990 --> 00:14:43,930

But she didn't-- we had a
completely different nature.

305

00:14:43,930 --> 00:14:45,910

I didn't show up on it.

306

00:14:45,910 --> 00:14:48,940

But it was very nice to go.

307

00:14:48,940 --> 00:14:50,810

So that was that.

308

00:14:50,810 --> 00:14:54,240

So she felt uncomfortable

for the other children--

309

00:14:54,240 --> 00:14:54,955

For the other.

310

00:14:54,955 --> 00:14:55,747

--to see that she--

311

00:14:55,747 --> 00:14:59,280

But for me, it's OK.

312

00:14:59,280 --> 00:15:08,830

Now, what about the
anti-Semitic clause in Hungary?

313

00:15:08,830 --> 00:15:11,710

It came just later on.

314

00:15:11,710 --> 00:15:15,520

When did that start to
affect you and your family?

315

00:15:15,520 --> 00:15:16,450

Since the war.

316

00:15:16,450 --> 00:15:18,960

317

00:15:18,960 --> 00:15:21,670

What's the first thing
that you remember

318

00:15:21,670 --> 00:15:25,490

about you or your family
being affected by that?

319

00:15:25,490 --> 00:15:30,280

Well, we had a cook since--

320

00:15:30,280 --> 00:15:33,370

we had it for many, many years.

321

00:15:33,370 --> 00:15:36,940

She really saved our life.

322

00:15:36,940 --> 00:15:42,970

She was from Transylvania,
what was then Romania.

323

00:15:42,970 --> 00:15:46,510

And she went to her village.

324

00:15:46,510 --> 00:15:50,350

And it was very hard, because
they were bombing already

325

00:15:50,350 --> 00:15:51,680

everything.

326

00:15:51,680 --> 00:15:55,870

And she got some
papers from the village

327

00:15:55,870 --> 00:16:00,220

for my sister, my
mother, and for me.

328

00:16:00,220 --> 00:16:02,350

My name was Julia.

329

00:16:02,350 --> 00:16:05,920

My sister's name was Teresia.

330

00:16:05,920 --> 00:16:10,810

It was hard, too, because
not to say Klari, or so.

331

00:16:10,810 --> 00:16:14,200

And naturally,
unfortunately, my father

332

00:16:14,200 --> 00:16:21,265

couldn't go, because
he was this Jewish man.

333
00:16:21,265 --> 00:16:22,570
They noticed it.

334
00:16:22,570 --> 00:16:26,680
So they took them, right
away, their pants off.

335
00:16:26,680 --> 00:16:30,230
So she was wonderful.

336
00:16:30,230 --> 00:16:36,790
We had to leave our place,
because then the German came.

337
00:16:36,790 --> 00:16:41,410
And the Hungarians were
worse than the German.

338
00:16:41,410 --> 00:16:45,390
There was a certain
[INAUDIBLE] thing.

339
00:16:45,390 --> 00:16:48,350
Then they were terrible.

340
00:16:48,350 --> 00:16:53,350
And so we had to sneak
out, middle of the night.

341
00:16:53,350 --> 00:16:56,780
We never put on the Yellow Star.

342
00:16:56,780 --> 00:17:02,080
And my father found a
completely different area

343
00:17:02,080 --> 00:17:09,920
from Budapest, what was more
a poor thing, in a room.

344
00:17:09,920 --> 00:17:13,900

We went with my
mother, my sister, me.

345
00:17:13,900 --> 00:17:20,410
And our cook used to
come every couple of days

346
00:17:20,410 --> 00:17:23,589
to bring some clean
clothes, because it was just

347
00:17:23,589 --> 00:17:25,690
one little room.

348
00:17:25,690 --> 00:17:29,530
And she really helped us.

349
00:17:29,530 --> 00:17:31,640
But I couldn't
stand that one room.

350
00:17:31,640 --> 00:17:34,600

351
00:17:34,600 --> 00:17:37,210
There were three
rooms on this place.

352
00:17:37,210 --> 00:17:42,730
One was a street girl.

353
00:17:42,730 --> 00:17:44,830
She was living there.

354
00:17:44,830 --> 00:17:45,670
A street girl?

355
00:17:45,670 --> 00:17:47,273
Yeah.

356
00:17:47,273 --> 00:17:47,815
A prostitute?

357
00:17:47,815 --> 00:17:49,000
A prostitute.

358
00:17:49,000 --> 00:17:49,600
Yeah.

359
00:17:49,600 --> 00:17:54,820
And the other one
was a university guy

360
00:17:54,820 --> 00:17:56,140
who worked there.

361
00:17:56,140 --> 00:17:59,920
And the universities
were very anti-Semitic.

362
00:17:59,920 --> 00:18:05,530
But we didn't look like
Jewish, I don't think.

363
00:18:05,530 --> 00:18:09,950
Maybe now I'm still
not Jewish looking.

364
00:18:09,950 --> 00:18:14,440
We were just-- so, for a
while, I couldn't stand it.

365
00:18:14,440 --> 00:18:15,760
It was dirty.

366
00:18:15,760 --> 00:18:19,270
I remember that I didn't
want to open the door.

367
00:18:19,270 --> 00:18:20,920
It was just like that.

368
00:18:20,920 --> 00:18:22,930
And you were how old?

369

00:18:22,930 --> 00:18:24,940

This was in 1944?

370

00:18:24,940 --> 00:18:26,687

No, it was-- in '44, yeah.

371

00:18:26,687 --> 00:18:28,020

So you would have been about 14.

372

00:18:28,020 --> 00:18:29,590

14.

373

00:18:29,590 --> 00:18:32,490

And I cried all myself.

374

00:18:32,490 --> 00:18:34,520

I was very upset.

375

00:18:34,520 --> 00:18:38,860

So finally, once in a while,
my father came to visit.

376

00:18:38,860 --> 00:18:44,530

He used to say that
he's the uncle.

377

00:18:44,530 --> 00:18:47,200

But not too often, because
then it wouldn't be--

378

00:18:47,200 --> 00:18:52,150

It was just a very plain,
ugly place where we were.

379

00:18:52,150 --> 00:18:53,530

We had to hide.

380

00:18:53,530 --> 00:18:57,400

Meanwhile, they
bombed constantly.

381

00:18:57,400 --> 00:19:02,200

First, the English
or the British

382

00:19:02,200 --> 00:19:05,890

came to bomb in the morning.

383

00:19:05,890 --> 00:19:10,360

In the afternoon
was the Russian.

384

00:19:10,360 --> 00:19:12,910

And the Russian were
worse, because they

385

00:19:12,910 --> 00:19:16,510

were very low with the bombing.

386

00:19:16,510 --> 00:19:19,960

And in the evening,
we were very happy.

387

00:19:19,960 --> 00:19:21,640

The American came.

388

00:19:21,640 --> 00:19:25,720

They had the biggest bombs.

389

00:19:25,720 --> 00:19:26,740

That was so good.

390

00:19:26,740 --> 00:19:30,820

Then, finally, maybe
the American are coming.

391

00:19:30,820 --> 00:19:32,140

We were hoping to it.

392

00:19:32,140 --> 00:19:34,390

They were supposed to be.

393

00:19:34,390 --> 00:19:38,770
So after this place
where we were living,

394
00:19:38,770 --> 00:19:41,770
and I couldn't stand
it, then my father--

395
00:19:41,770 --> 00:19:48,520
again, it was a very
nice, very elegant hotel.

396
00:19:48,520 --> 00:19:51,760
And my father knew the owner.

397
00:19:51,760 --> 00:19:57,430
And luckily, my father collected
always, and during the war,

398
00:19:57,430 --> 00:19:59,560
gold Napoleon.

399
00:19:59,560 --> 00:20:00,400
What is that?

400
00:20:00,400 --> 00:20:01,300
Napoleon.

401
00:20:01,300 --> 00:20:03,790
It was the gold.

402
00:20:03,790 --> 00:20:07,850
It was a big gold--

403
00:20:07,850 --> 00:20:09,400
how should I say?

404
00:20:09,400 --> 00:20:12,580
It's just like
here, I don't know,

405
00:20:12,580 --> 00:20:14,440

a \$10 bill, but gold coins.

406

00:20:14,440 --> 00:20:16,660

Gold coins or bullion?

407

00:20:16,660 --> 00:20:17,480

No, it's--

408

00:20:17,480 --> 00:20:17,980

Coins.

409

00:20:17,980 --> 00:20:18,790

--coins.

410

00:20:18,790 --> 00:20:20,680

He had sacks of sacks of them.

411

00:20:20,680 --> 00:20:23,642

And this was from
the Napoleon era?

412

00:20:23,642 --> 00:20:29,200

No, it was-- they called
it Napoleon these.

413

00:20:29,200 --> 00:20:30,790

Yeah.

414

00:20:30,790 --> 00:20:37,390

So he talked to this
owner of the hotel.

415

00:20:37,390 --> 00:20:38,870

And he was very nice.

416

00:20:38,870 --> 00:20:42,250

And actually, he gave
lots of money to him.

417

00:20:42,250 --> 00:20:48,670

And we got a beautiful suite
there, a nice bathroom,

418
00:20:48,670 --> 00:20:52,420
and a nice big room.

419
00:20:52,420 --> 00:20:56,200
And three of us, we were there.

420
00:20:56,200 --> 00:20:59,650
But we had to go out,
too, because they

421
00:20:59,650 --> 00:21:00,700
would have noticed.

422
00:21:00,700 --> 00:21:03,040
Then why are we hiding there?

423
00:21:03,040 --> 00:21:06,880
Now, in the first
hotel, you didn't

424
00:21:06,880 --> 00:21:09,250
have to go out during the day.

425
00:21:09,250 --> 00:21:10,360
Not too much.

426
00:21:10,360 --> 00:21:12,950
That wasn't the first
one where we went.

427
00:21:12,950 --> 00:21:14,110
It wasn't a hotel.

428
00:21:14,110 --> 00:21:17,860
It was just a terrible
place, a poor--

429
00:21:17,860 --> 00:21:18,670
A rooming house?

430

00:21:18,670 --> 00:21:19,600
A rooming house.

431
00:21:19,600 --> 00:21:20,740
Yeah.

432
00:21:20,740 --> 00:21:23,710
It was dirty and horrible.

433
00:21:23,710 --> 00:21:26,180
But the hotel was
beautiful, really.

434
00:21:26,180 --> 00:21:26,680
But--

435
00:21:26,680 --> 00:21:28,540
Now, in the earlier
place, did you

436
00:21:28,540 --> 00:21:32,640
have to make up a reason
that you were staying there?

437
00:21:32,640 --> 00:21:35,230
Yeah, that we were
staying in, because we

438
00:21:35,230 --> 00:21:37,780
had the papers from Romania.

439
00:21:37,780 --> 00:21:41,590
So we used to say, because
the Russians were already

440
00:21:41,590 --> 00:21:48,670
in Romania, that we were
coming for Romania to Hungary.

441
00:21:48,670 --> 00:21:54,070
But in the hotel, we had to get
out, because the maids wouldn't

442

00:21:54,070 --> 00:21:56,530
notice, or something like that.

443

00:21:56,530 --> 00:22:00,190
And I know we always used
to put our head down,

444

00:22:00,190 --> 00:22:05,150
because the highest German
officers were there.

445

00:22:05,150 --> 00:22:10,600
And luckily, two from
the Swiss delegates

446

00:22:10,600 --> 00:22:14,350
were there, and the Swedish.

447

00:22:14,350 --> 00:22:18,370
So we used to go
out a little bit.

448

00:22:18,370 --> 00:22:20,650
But naturally,
they were bombing.

449

00:22:20,650 --> 00:22:26,680
And it was very, very terrible.

450

00:22:26,680 --> 00:22:35,240
And it came a time when we
didn't had water at all.

451

00:22:35,240 --> 00:22:38,410
We had to go down to
the bunker to live,

452

00:22:38,410 --> 00:22:40,700
because it was bombing so much.

453

00:22:40,700 --> 00:22:42,010
What was the bunker?

454

00:22:42,010 --> 00:22:45,240

The bunker is
downstairs where the--

455

00:22:45,240 --> 00:22:49,870

before the war, everybody
had already the bunkers,

456

00:22:49,870 --> 00:23:00,140

what is a very strong with iron
doors, and things like that.

457

00:23:00,140 --> 00:23:02,950

So it was underground?

458

00:23:02,950 --> 00:23:04,180

Underground, yeah.

459

00:23:04,180 --> 00:23:07,570

And it was safer
during air raids.

460

00:23:07,570 --> 00:23:09,610

Oh, much safer
from the air raids.

461

00:23:09,610 --> 00:23:11,720

So everybody would
go into the bunker.

462

00:23:11,720 --> 00:23:12,220

Everybody.

463

00:23:12,220 --> 00:23:14,090

Did the hotel have
its own bunker?

464

00:23:14,090 --> 00:23:14,740

Oh, yeah.

465

00:23:14,740 --> 00:23:16,660

Everybody had it.

466
00:23:16,660 --> 00:23:19,680
You see, before the
war, we already started.

467
00:23:19,680 --> 00:23:25,000
Even in our house, we had to
have these bunkers, because

468
00:23:25,000 --> 00:23:26,710
of the bombs.

469
00:23:26,710 --> 00:23:29,585
We knew it's going
to be really a war.

470
00:23:29,585 --> 00:23:32,230

471
00:23:32,230 --> 00:23:41,510
So after a while, they bombed
so much that we had no, at all,

472
00:23:41,510 --> 00:23:42,790
no water.

473
00:23:42,790 --> 00:23:46,030
You couldn't wash yourself.

474
00:23:46,030 --> 00:23:49,240
And then you couldn't
go to the bathroom.

475
00:23:49,240 --> 00:23:51,790
What did you do about
going to the bathroom?

476
00:23:51,790 --> 00:23:53,740
Well, we ate so little.

477
00:23:53,740 --> 00:23:58,610

I really don't know, because--

478

00:23:58,610 --> 00:24:01,420
maybe once a day, a
little bit something.

479

00:24:01,420 --> 00:24:04,570
Then we didn't go to the
bathroom after a while,

480

00:24:04,570 --> 00:24:05,800
very little.

481

00:24:05,800 --> 00:24:08,900
And when you did have to
go, how did you handle that?

482

00:24:08,900 --> 00:24:11,440
Well, we went up to the toilet.

483

00:24:11,440 --> 00:24:14,800
But it was getting ugly.

484

00:24:14,800 --> 00:24:16,150
But it was very--

485

00:24:16,150 --> 00:24:20,320
sometimes-- I'll never forget.

486

00:24:20,320 --> 00:24:23,600
For a while, for a couple
of hours, it was sunny.

487

00:24:23,600 --> 00:24:24,410
It was winter.

488

00:24:24,410 --> 00:24:26,510
It was very, very cold.

489

00:24:26,510 --> 00:24:31,450
And we were able to go out just
a little bit from the hotel.

490
00:24:31,450 --> 00:24:33,610
And I thought,
oh, I am so clean.

491
00:24:33,610 --> 00:24:35,140
I washed myself.

492
00:24:35,140 --> 00:24:37,893
And I never forget,
my hands were filthy.

493
00:24:37,893 --> 00:24:40,490

494
00:24:40,490 --> 00:24:46,360
Again, with my father
before it happened,

495
00:24:46,360 --> 00:24:54,580
he tried to get some very
nice colognes for us to--

496
00:24:54,580 --> 00:24:56,740
the big bottles of colognes.

497
00:24:56,740 --> 00:24:59,080
If anything can
happen, it should

498
00:24:59,080 --> 00:25:02,440
be nice to be wiped
up a little bit.

499
00:25:02,440 --> 00:25:03,730
You couldn't do it.

500
00:25:03,730 --> 00:25:09,680
You couldn't even really
wash yourself, actually.

501
00:25:09,680 --> 00:25:13,490

But we didn't, really.

502

00:25:13,490 --> 00:25:15,380

We ate so little then.

503

00:25:15,380 --> 00:25:18,456

And when you ate,
what did you eat?

504

00:25:18,456 --> 00:25:24,590

Well, it was awful, because
many of the, from bombing--

505

00:25:24,590 --> 00:25:28,460

or saw some horses were there.

506

00:25:28,460 --> 00:25:30,920

And they died.

507

00:25:30,920 --> 00:25:32,420

They got hurt.

508

00:25:32,420 --> 00:25:35,240

And most of the
chef from the hotel

509

00:25:35,240 --> 00:25:41,850

tried to get something to
cook with the horse food.

510

00:25:41,850 --> 00:25:44,090

And I couldn't eat it.

511

00:25:44,090 --> 00:25:45,920

And then we didn't have any--

512

00:25:45,920 --> 00:25:47,510

Did you know that
it was horse meat?

513

00:25:47,510 --> 00:25:48,230

Yeah.

514
00:25:48,230 --> 00:25:49,760
I couldn't do it.

515
00:25:49,760 --> 00:25:50,540
And--

516
00:25:50,540 --> 00:25:54,228
What was there about the horse
meat that you couldn't eat?

517
00:25:54,228 --> 00:25:54,770
I don't know.

518
00:25:54,770 --> 00:25:56,790
I couldn't eat it.

519
00:25:56,790 --> 00:25:59,300
And what was very good--

520
00:25:59,300 --> 00:26:06,710
then the hotel owner, he had
lots of the best champagne.

521
00:26:06,710 --> 00:26:09,680
And we used to always get
a little bit of champagne.

522
00:26:09,680 --> 00:26:11,570
There is sugar in it, too.

523
00:26:11,570 --> 00:26:14,210
We didn't drink, so
I don't know why.

524
00:26:14,210 --> 00:26:18,980
And that's what we used
to sip a little bit.

525
00:26:18,980 --> 00:26:21,470
And it was hard.

526

00:26:21,470 --> 00:26:25,400

And the other thing
what was nice is, I say,

527

00:26:25,400 --> 00:26:32,360

it was from the Swiss
embassy, and Swedish.

528

00:26:32,360 --> 00:26:34,490

And that was the youngest one.

529

00:26:34,490 --> 00:26:39,270

So they always-- the Swiss
man, he was very, very nice.

530

00:26:39,270 --> 00:26:41,730

He always gave me chocolate.

531

00:26:41,730 --> 00:26:42,590

He helped me.

532

00:26:42,590 --> 00:26:44,510

Now, they were staying
in the hotel also.

533

00:26:44,510 --> 00:26:45,010

Yeah.

534

00:26:45,010 --> 00:26:45,530

They also.

535

00:26:45,530 --> 00:26:46,800

That's where they lived.

536

00:26:46,800 --> 00:26:47,900

Yeah.

537

00:26:47,900 --> 00:26:52,460

And he had children
in Switzerland.

538

00:26:52,460 --> 00:26:56,270
But he got a lot of chocolate.

539
00:26:56,270 --> 00:26:58,970
And I used to always
get some chocolate.

540
00:26:58,970 --> 00:27:01,760
And that was good.

541
00:27:01,760 --> 00:27:04,100
So we didn't have--

542
00:27:04,100 --> 00:27:11,000
you see, luckily,
all together in 1949,

543
00:27:11,000 --> 00:27:15,470
it was just for nine
months we were in war,

544
00:27:15,470 --> 00:27:18,290
because Hungary
was the last one.

545
00:27:18,290 --> 00:27:20,670
So after, when the
Russian came in--

546
00:27:20,670 --> 00:27:21,170
No.

547
00:27:21,170 --> 00:27:26,750
Before that, I wanted to ask
you more about that period when

548
00:27:26,750 --> 00:27:27,800
you were in the hotel.

549
00:27:27,800 --> 00:27:32,660
How did you spend your time
when you were in the bunker?

550

00:27:32,660 --> 00:27:36,380

Well, I don't even know.

551

00:27:36,380 --> 00:27:37,580

There were some people.

552

00:27:37,580 --> 00:27:39,660

We were talking a little bit.

553

00:27:39,660 --> 00:27:42,750

Were there other
people your age?

554

00:27:42,750 --> 00:27:43,250

No.

555

00:27:43,250 --> 00:27:46,340

My sister had one
of her friends.

556

00:27:46,340 --> 00:27:49,970

And she was there
all alone there.

557

00:27:49,970 --> 00:27:52,150

We were talking
to people, really.

558

00:27:52,150 --> 00:27:56,510

And we didn't talk too
much, because it was always

559

00:27:56,510 --> 00:27:58,370

a bombing somewhere.

560

00:27:58,370 --> 00:28:01,430

And were you afraid that
people, if you talked to them,

561

00:28:01,430 --> 00:28:05,630

would find out
that you were Jews?

562
00:28:05,630 --> 00:28:07,340
Not really.

563
00:28:07,340 --> 00:28:09,590
The owner knew it.

564
00:28:09,590 --> 00:28:13,910
But we didn't look Jewish.

565
00:28:13,910 --> 00:28:16,065
We were lucky then.

566
00:28:16,065 --> 00:28:19,520

567
00:28:19,520 --> 00:28:23,510
It was funny, because
I remember I had

568
00:28:23,510 --> 00:28:26,390
a beautiful gray little suit.

569
00:28:26,390 --> 00:28:30,920
And I tried to wear it.

570
00:28:30,920 --> 00:28:33,440
Naturally, it wasn't so--

571
00:28:33,440 --> 00:28:34,850
but it was cold there.

572
00:28:34,850 --> 00:28:37,160
It was cold.

573
00:28:37,160 --> 00:28:40,740
And when you went out of
the hotel, where did you go?

574
00:28:40,740 --> 00:28:43,850
We just had to go out.

575

00:28:43,850 --> 00:28:47,840

When we left the
hotel, we always--

576

00:28:47,840 --> 00:28:50,810

the German officers were there.

577

00:28:50,810 --> 00:28:54,200

But we just walked
out a little bit.

578

00:28:54,200 --> 00:28:57,740

And we went sometimes--
there was another hotel right

579

00:28:57,740 --> 00:29:00,800

by there, the Danube,
the Hungarian.

580

00:29:00,800 --> 00:29:06,140

And we went there to
have lunch or dinner.

581

00:29:06,140 --> 00:29:08,720

We had to go out.

582

00:29:08,720 --> 00:29:11,510

Meanwhile, my mother
was really very--

583

00:29:11,510 --> 00:29:13,350

she was a little hysterical.

584

00:29:13,350 --> 00:29:14,600

It was very hard.

585

00:29:14,600 --> 00:29:16,730

I can understand it.

586

00:29:16,730 --> 00:29:21,210

And what was she like

when she was hysterical?

587

00:29:21,210 --> 00:29:21,950

She cried.

588

00:29:21,950 --> 00:29:26,930

And she was-- my mother was
always much more nervous.

589

00:29:26,930 --> 00:29:30,530

And when she cried, what
would you and your sisters do?

590

00:29:30,530 --> 00:29:31,450

It was hard.

591

00:29:31,450 --> 00:29:32,610

It was very hard.

592

00:29:32,610 --> 00:29:34,610

But what can we do?

593

00:29:34,610 --> 00:29:41,360

We tried to-- so it was--

594

00:29:41,360 --> 00:29:44,210

I cannot even remember
how she acted.

595

00:29:44,210 --> 00:29:45,800

But she was harder.

596

00:29:45,800 --> 00:29:49,880

But then they used to
play down in the hotel.

597

00:29:49,880 --> 00:29:53,810

They had, in the
bunkers, some cards.

598

00:29:53,810 --> 00:29:55,670

And a couple of

them, they played.

599

00:29:55,670 --> 00:29:59,515
The [INAUDIBLE] were there.

600

00:29:59,515 --> 00:30:02,900
And books, once in a while--

601

00:30:02,900 --> 00:30:04,310
you had one a book.

602

00:30:04,310 --> 00:30:07,350
And then they changed
from the other one.

603

00:30:07,350 --> 00:30:08,000
So it was--

604

00:30:08,000 --> 00:30:12,660
But altogether, it
was really nine months

605

00:30:12,660 --> 00:30:16,400
while we were really
all with the Germans.

606

00:30:16,400 --> 00:30:21,080
But then, when the Russian
came, it was worse.

607

00:30:21,080 --> 00:30:23,150
They were always drunk.

608

00:30:23,150 --> 00:30:28,280
Now, do you remember the
day that the Russians came?

609

00:30:28,280 --> 00:30:31,610
The Russians must have come
around February, I think.

610

00:30:31,610 --> 00:30:32,310

Yeah.

611
00:30:32,310 --> 00:30:35,100
And do you remember the
day that they came--

612
00:30:35,100 --> 00:30:35,600
No.

613
00:30:35,600 --> 00:30:36,290
--what happened?

614
00:30:36,290 --> 00:30:38,300
No, I don't remember it.

615
00:30:38,300 --> 00:30:39,875
We didn't have even a calendar.

616
00:30:39,875 --> 00:30:44,160

617
00:30:44,160 --> 00:30:48,560
That was the hardest
winter, whatever was.

618
00:30:48,560 --> 00:30:54,920
The Germans exploded all
the bridges in Hungary.

619
00:30:54,920 --> 00:30:56,360
Budapest has the most.

620
00:30:56,360 --> 00:30:59,150
I don't know if
you've been there.

621
00:30:59,150 --> 00:31:03,620
Budapest, they're--
all that the bridges,

622
00:31:03,620 --> 00:31:09,110
they were completely

bombed or exploded.

623

00:31:09,110 --> 00:31:16,430

And my cook, in
these very cold days,

624

00:31:16,430 --> 00:31:19,670

they were able to walk
through the Danube--

625

00:31:19,670 --> 00:31:22,070

and the Danube is wide--

626

00:31:22,070 --> 00:31:24,620

to bring us some underwear.

627

00:31:24,620 --> 00:31:25,430

On the ice.

628

00:31:25,430 --> 00:31:26,510

On the ice.

629

00:31:26,510 --> 00:31:29,150

Now, where was your cook
living during all this?

630

00:31:29,150 --> 00:31:31,370

She was holding our place.

631

00:31:31,370 --> 00:31:33,230

So she was living
in your old house.

632

00:31:33,230 --> 00:31:36,260

Were there other servants
there also, or just the cook?

633

00:31:36,260 --> 00:31:38,300

Just her and the maid.

634

00:31:38,300 --> 00:31:39,710

The cook and the maid.

635
00:31:39,710 --> 00:31:41,870
And before the war,
did your family

636
00:31:41,870 --> 00:31:45,770
have servants in addition
to the cook and the maid?

637
00:31:45,770 --> 00:31:46,580
No.

638
00:31:46,580 --> 00:31:47,510
The cook and the maid.

639
00:31:47,510 --> 00:31:49,820
And the chauffeur.

640
00:31:49,820 --> 00:31:51,170
But that was enough.

641
00:31:51,170 --> 00:31:52,710
She was a very good cook.

642
00:31:52,710 --> 00:31:55,400
So what happened to the
chauffeur when the war started?

643
00:31:55,400 --> 00:31:56,277
It disappeared.

644
00:31:56,277 --> 00:31:57,110
He just disappeared.

645
00:31:57,110 --> 00:31:57,985
Yeah, it disappeared.

646
00:31:57,985 --> 00:32:00,200
But the cook and the maid
stayed in your house.

647

00:32:00,200 --> 00:32:01,220
Yeah, they stayed.

648
00:32:01,220 --> 00:32:04,350
And they really tried
to do everything.

649
00:32:04,350 --> 00:32:04,850
Did he--

650
00:32:04,850 --> 00:32:08,480
They bombed our house a
little bit here and there.

651
00:32:08,480 --> 00:32:10,212
But they really took care of--

652
00:32:10,212 --> 00:32:11,920
But they tried to take
care of the house.

653
00:32:11,920 --> 00:32:14,840
And the cook brought
food and clothes--

654
00:32:14,840 --> 00:32:15,890
Food, yeah.

655
00:32:15,890 --> 00:32:16,430
--to you.

656
00:32:16,430 --> 00:32:17,090
Yeah.

657
00:32:17,090 --> 00:32:23,630
And when you left your home
in the middle of the night,

658
00:32:23,630 --> 00:32:27,650
and went to the first hotel,
what did you take with you?

659

00:32:27,650 --> 00:32:29,750
Just a very few things.

660
00:32:29,750 --> 00:32:30,270
Like what?

661
00:32:30,270 --> 00:32:34,400
Just a nightgown, and a couple
underwear, and a sweater.

662
00:32:34,400 --> 00:32:36,750
And that's about it.

663
00:32:36,750 --> 00:32:39,890
Did you have any favorite things
that you took, like a picture,

664
00:32:39,890 --> 00:32:40,610
or--

665
00:32:40,610 --> 00:32:41,408
I don't think so.

666
00:32:41,408 --> 00:32:42,200
--a book, or a toy?

667
00:32:42,200 --> 00:32:45,780
We had to sneak out
middle of the night.

668
00:32:45,780 --> 00:32:46,960
So you took very little.

669
00:32:46,960 --> 00:32:47,950
Very, very little.

670
00:32:47,950 --> 00:32:49,520
And then, after
you got there, what

671
00:32:49,520 --> 00:32:52,880
were the things that you wanted

that the cook brought to you?

672
00:32:52,880 --> 00:32:57,090
Just fresh underwear.

673
00:32:57,090 --> 00:32:58,550
No special books or--

674
00:32:58,550 --> 00:32:59,050
No.

675
00:32:59,050 --> 00:32:59,445
No.

676
00:32:59,445 --> 00:33:00,237
--or pictures, or--

677
00:33:00,237 --> 00:33:01,863
No, because it was--

678
00:33:01,863 --> 00:33:02,780
Hard for her to carry?

679
00:33:02,780 --> 00:33:09,050
Yeah, it was, because my mother
had, too, and my sisters.

680
00:33:09,050 --> 00:33:13,820
And you couldn't
even wash yourself.

681
00:33:13,820 --> 00:33:17,580
Was it dangerous for her to
bring those things to you?

682
00:33:17,580 --> 00:33:18,440
She was in danger.

683
00:33:18,440 --> 00:33:18,940
Yeah.

684

00:33:18,940 --> 00:33:21,730

So why do you think she put
herself in so much danger?

685

00:33:21,730 --> 00:33:23,390

She is a wonderful person.

686

00:33:23,390 --> 00:33:24,250

She really did.

687

00:33:24,250 --> 00:33:25,090

Anna.

688

00:33:25,090 --> 00:33:26,170

What was her name?

689

00:33:26,170 --> 00:33:27,170

Anna.

690

00:33:27,170 --> 00:33:30,610

And how old a person was she?

691

00:33:30,610 --> 00:33:38,080

She was really-- it
must be about 35, 40,

692

00:33:38,080 --> 00:33:39,970

because she was ageless.

693

00:33:39,970 --> 00:33:42,520

She was not too pretty looking.

694

00:33:42,520 --> 00:33:45,430

And had she been with your
family for a long time?

695

00:33:45,430 --> 00:33:47,350

Yeah.

696

00:33:47,350 --> 00:33:55,240

She was like-- we never
took her as a maid.

697

00:33:55,240 --> 00:33:56,860

We had Christmas.

698

00:33:56,860 --> 00:33:58,750

We always had a Christmas tree.

699

00:33:58,750 --> 00:33:59,500

You had Christmas.

700

00:33:59,500 --> 00:34:01,870

Beautiful Christmas tree.

701

00:34:01,870 --> 00:34:05,070

And she cried every Christmas.

702

00:34:05,070 --> 00:34:07,210

And why did you have
a Christmas tree?

703

00:34:07,210 --> 00:34:09,230

Who wanted the Christmas tree?

704

00:34:09,230 --> 00:34:11,350

We always wanted Christmas tree.

705

00:34:11,350 --> 00:34:13,719

I didn't have Hanukkah.

706

00:34:13,719 --> 00:34:14,889

Now I do.

707

00:34:14,889 --> 00:34:16,179

But you did not have Hanukkah.

708

00:34:16,179 --> 00:34:16,840

No, we didn't have.

709

00:34:16,840 --> 00:34:17,765

But you had Christmas always.

710

00:34:17,765 --> 00:34:18,610

Christmas always.

711

00:34:18,610 --> 00:34:19,540

With presents?

712

00:34:19,540 --> 00:34:20,679

Always, yeah.

713

00:34:20,679 --> 00:34:26,320

And from my factory,
my father invited

714

00:34:26,320 --> 00:34:31,030

some of the people for
dinner who were very lonely,

715

00:34:31,030 --> 00:34:32,500

or something like that.

716

00:34:32,500 --> 00:34:34,780

And we always did that.

717

00:34:34,780 --> 00:34:36,880

So we were not--

718

00:34:36,880 --> 00:34:40,810

we were Jewish, but it's still.

719

00:34:40,810 --> 00:34:44,500

And the maid, had she been
with your family a long time?

720

00:34:44,500 --> 00:34:46,330

Yeah.

721

00:34:46,330 --> 00:34:47,800

And where was she from?

722

00:34:47,800 --> 00:34:50,679

She was also from Romania.

723
00:34:50,679 --> 00:34:54,360
It's Transylvania,
what is Romania.

724
00:34:54,360 --> 00:34:58,660
But no, she got our
papers and everything.

725
00:34:58,660 --> 00:35:00,320
It was wonderful.

726
00:35:00,320 --> 00:35:08,110
It was very hard to
always think of your name,

727
00:35:08,110 --> 00:35:10,780
because I was Julia.

728
00:35:10,780 --> 00:35:13,040
It was very, very hard.

729
00:35:13,040 --> 00:35:16,210
So when just you, and your
mother and your sister

730
00:35:16,210 --> 00:35:20,170
were together, did you try
to use your false names--

731
00:35:20,170 --> 00:35:20,670
No.

732
00:35:20,670 --> 00:35:21,920
--so that you wouldn't forget?

733
00:35:21,920 --> 00:35:22,570
No, we sneaked.

734
00:35:22,570 --> 00:35:23,680
We were quiet.

735

00:35:23,680 --> 00:35:28,150

736

00:35:28,150 --> 00:35:31,960

And it was hard for my
father, because as I say,

737

00:35:31,960 --> 00:35:35,870

he couldn't do--

738

00:35:35,870 --> 00:35:39,790

we had a French mademoiselle.

739

00:35:39,790 --> 00:35:43,810

Three old maids lived together.

740

00:35:43,810 --> 00:35:47,030

And once in a while--
they were very nice--

741

00:35:47,030 --> 00:35:51,230

my father was able to
go and stay with them.

742

00:35:51,230 --> 00:35:54,820

And again, this is [INAUDIBLE].

743

00:35:54,820 --> 00:35:56,680

And they took care of him.

744

00:35:56,680 --> 00:36:00,880

But sometimes, he hid
just in a telephone booth

745

00:36:00,880 --> 00:36:02,730

in the cold weather.

746

00:36:02,730 --> 00:36:04,480

We're going to have
to turn over the tape.

747

00:36:04,480 --> 00:36:05,575
OK.

748
00:36:05,575 --> 00:36:11,760
[AUDIO OUT]

749
00:36:11,760 --> 00:36:15,080
This is a continuation of
the United States Holocaust

750
00:36:15,080 --> 00:36:17,510
Memorial Museum
volunteer collection

751
00:36:17,510 --> 00:36:22,760
interview with Klari Rudnai,
tape number one, side B.

752
00:36:22,760 --> 00:36:25,085
You were talking
about your father--

753
00:36:25,085 --> 00:36:26,330
Are you too warm?

754
00:36:26,330 --> 00:36:26,930
No, it's on.

755
00:36:26,930 --> 00:36:27,950
OK.

756
00:36:27,950 --> 00:36:31,940
You were talking about
your father being

757
00:36:31,940 --> 00:36:34,830
helped by three French women.

758
00:36:34,830 --> 00:36:35,330
Yeah.

759
00:36:35,330 --> 00:36:35,830

Was he--

760
00:36:35,830 --> 00:36:36,670
Old ladies.

761
00:36:36,670 --> 00:36:37,460
Old Ladies.

762
00:36:37,460 --> 00:36:39,980
Lulu was his name.

763
00:36:39,980 --> 00:36:42,380
Was one of them--

764
00:36:42,380 --> 00:36:44,660
had one of them been
your French tutor?

765
00:36:44,660 --> 00:36:45,390
Yeah.

766
00:36:45,390 --> 00:36:46,250
Lulu.

767
00:36:46,250 --> 00:36:48,640
And so that's how he knew them.

768
00:36:48,640 --> 00:36:49,750
They were old maids.

769
00:36:49,750 --> 00:36:50,510
Yeah.

770
00:36:50,510 --> 00:36:53,810
And were these sisters
of hers, or friends?

771
00:36:53,810 --> 00:36:55,230
I really don't know.

772
00:36:55,230 --> 00:37:00,910

But Lulu and two other French
old ladies helped your father.

773
00:37:00,910 --> 00:37:01,640
Yeah.

774
00:37:01,640 --> 00:37:03,510
And how did that happen?

775
00:37:03,510 --> 00:37:07,010
Did they approach him and
say, we want to help you?

776
00:37:07,010 --> 00:37:10,310
I don't know, probably.

777
00:37:10,310 --> 00:37:14,900
Well, I really
don't know exactly.

778
00:37:14,900 --> 00:37:21,350
But maybe he went to them
to try to find something.

779
00:37:21,350 --> 00:37:24,950
But sometimes, he was in
a telephone booth just.

780
00:37:24,950 --> 00:37:28,070
It was terrible.

781
00:37:28,070 --> 00:37:32,510
So sometimes, he
was in their house.

782
00:37:32,510 --> 00:37:33,010
No.

783
00:37:33,010 --> 00:37:34,100
To our house, no.

784
00:37:34,100 --> 00:37:36,120

No, their house,
the French women.

785
00:37:36,120 --> 00:37:37,100
Yeah.

786
00:37:37,100 --> 00:37:37,750
He slept there.

787
00:37:37,750 --> 00:37:38,250
And he--

788
00:37:38,250 --> 00:37:39,530
Sometimes he slept
in their house.

789
00:37:39,530 --> 00:37:40,030
Yeah.

790
00:37:40,030 --> 00:37:44,300
And sometimes he couldn't,
because they were going to--

791
00:37:44,300 --> 00:37:45,272
Yeah, they were afraid.

792
00:37:45,272 --> 00:37:45,980
--raid the house.

793
00:37:45,980 --> 00:37:48,860
Or they thought that they were
going to come to look for him.

794
00:37:48,860 --> 00:37:50,070
Or--

795
00:37:50,070 --> 00:37:50,570
Yeah.

796
00:37:50,570 --> 00:37:52,020
It was very hard.

797

00:37:52,020 --> 00:37:53,210

So sometimes, he was there.

798

00:37:53,210 --> 00:37:54,560

He was a wonderful person.

799

00:37:54,560 --> 00:38:03,320

He was really-- even
now, I pray every day.

800

00:38:03,320 --> 00:38:04,790

And I believe in God.

801

00:38:04,790 --> 00:38:09,980

But when I pray, I pray for him.

802

00:38:09,980 --> 00:38:11,420

And what do you pray?

803

00:38:11,420 --> 00:38:13,560

Oh, everything.

804

00:38:13,560 --> 00:38:17,030

About my children,
grandchildren, if something

805

00:38:17,030 --> 00:38:18,000

happened.

806

00:38:18,000 --> 00:38:24,830

And I couldn't fall asleep
without not talking to him.

807

00:38:24,830 --> 00:38:26,750

Yeah, he was wonderful.

808

00:38:26,750 --> 00:38:28,970

Everybody loved him, everybody.

809

00:38:28,970 --> 00:38:32,540

And what did he

do before the war?

810

00:38:32,540 --> 00:38:37,370

He had a iron and steel factory.

811

00:38:37,370 --> 00:38:44,310

And he just build an
aluminum factory, too.

812

00:38:44,310 --> 00:38:49,010

So thanks God we were
well-to-do people.

813

00:38:49,010 --> 00:38:49,970

You know, money helps.

814

00:38:49,970 --> 00:38:53,250

815

00:38:53,250 --> 00:38:59,700

So your family was fortunate
in that your father was

816

00:38:59,700 --> 00:39:03,870

able to make money that was
able to help you during the war.

817

00:39:03,870 --> 00:39:05,770

But now, when the Russian came--

818

00:39:05,770 --> 00:39:06,270

No.

819

00:39:06,270 --> 00:39:06,940

Could we stay with--

820

00:39:06,940 --> 00:39:07,092

Oh, yeah.

821

00:39:07,092 --> 00:39:07,170

OK.

822

00:39:07,170 --> 00:39:08,910

--that early period
for a minute?

823

00:39:08,910 --> 00:39:12,580

I wanted to ask about
your father's business.

824

00:39:12,580 --> 00:39:16,440

What was the first
sign of trouble

825

00:39:16,440 --> 00:39:20,700

about your father's business
when the war was coming?

826

00:39:20,700 --> 00:39:25,230

Well, he didn't let
him in the factory.

827

00:39:25,230 --> 00:39:26,040

Who didn't let?

828

00:39:26,040 --> 00:39:26,627

The German.

829

00:39:26,627 --> 00:39:27,460

The Germans didn't--

830

00:39:27,460 --> 00:39:29,010

And the Hungarian.

831

00:39:29,010 --> 00:39:33,660

The Germans and the Hungarians
did not let your father

832

00:39:33,660 --> 00:39:34,660

into his own factory.

833

00:39:34,660 --> 00:39:35,160

Yeah.

834

00:39:35,160 --> 00:39:36,900

And when was that?

835

00:39:36,900 --> 00:39:40,460

That was also in '44.

836

00:39:40,460 --> 00:39:45,300

They came in, maybe, '45.

837

00:39:45,300 --> 00:39:49,770

So before the Germans
occupied Hungary,

838

00:39:49,770 --> 00:39:51,712

your father was able
to keep his factory--

839

00:39:51,712 --> 00:39:52,212

Oh, sure.

840

00:39:52,212 --> 00:39:52,712

Yeah.

841

00:39:52,712 --> 00:39:53,730

Oh, yeah.

842

00:39:53,730 --> 00:39:55,740

--and continue to
have his business?

843

00:39:55,740 --> 00:39:57,090

Yeah.

844

00:39:57,090 --> 00:40:02,750

And before the Germans
came, was there

845

00:40:02,750 --> 00:40:11,960

any problem that your family was
having as far as being Jewish?

846

00:40:11,960 --> 00:40:13,190
Not really.

847
00:40:13,190 --> 00:40:13,970
Not really.

848
00:40:13,970 --> 00:40:16,450
So you were able to
continue to go to school--

849
00:40:16,450 --> 00:40:17,030
Oh, yeah.

850
00:40:17,030 --> 00:40:18,380
--until the Germans came?

851
00:40:18,380 --> 00:40:18,920
Yeah.

852
00:40:18,920 --> 00:40:22,460
Then we couldn't go, because
of the bombing, and everything

853
00:40:22,460 --> 00:40:23,300
else.

854
00:40:23,300 --> 00:40:27,560
And you had no
difficulty continuing

855
00:40:27,560 --> 00:40:30,740
your regular activities
before the Germans came?

856
00:40:30,740 --> 00:40:33,050
Yeah.

857
00:40:33,050 --> 00:40:37,790
And did you notice any other
kinds of discrimination

858
00:40:37,790 --> 00:40:39,470

before the Germans came?

859

00:40:39,470 --> 00:40:41,640

For us, no.

860

00:40:41,640 --> 00:40:45,110

Some of the Jewish
people probably were.

861

00:40:45,110 --> 00:40:47,510

They had these orthodox Jews.

862

00:40:47,510 --> 00:40:53,990

They were-- that was
the ghetto there.

863

00:40:53,990 --> 00:40:55,085

So there was a ghetto--

864

00:40:55,085 --> 00:40:55,730

Oh, yeah.

865

00:40:55,730 --> 00:40:56,230

They had it.

866

00:40:56,230 --> 00:40:58,950

--before the Germans
came in Hungary.

867

00:40:58,950 --> 00:40:59,450

Yeah.

868

00:40:59,450 --> 00:41:02,270

There were these Hasidics.

869

00:41:02,270 --> 00:41:06,560

And unfortunately, my
daughter's husband is a Hasidic.

870

00:41:06,560 --> 00:41:08,750

And he's terrible.

871

00:41:08,750 --> 00:41:13,820

But back to that period,
only the Hasidics

872

00:41:13,820 --> 00:41:15,720

had to go to the ghetto.

873

00:41:15,720 --> 00:41:16,220

Yeah.

874

00:41:16,220 --> 00:41:19,040

Well, you see, they
all lived together,

875

00:41:19,040 --> 00:41:21,830

the Orthodox and the Hasidic.

876

00:41:21,830 --> 00:41:29,030

And then, when the German came,
they closed up the whole thing.

877

00:41:29,030 --> 00:41:32,120

But the Jews who
were not Orthodox

878

00:41:32,120 --> 00:41:34,160

did not have to
go to the ghetto.

879

00:41:34,160 --> 00:41:36,500

Well, after the German, yes.

880

00:41:36,500 --> 00:41:37,500

But before the Germans--

881

00:41:37,500 --> 00:41:38,270

Before, no.

882

00:41:38,270 --> 00:41:39,007

--they didn't.

883

00:41:39,007 --> 00:41:39,590
You know what?

884
00:41:39,590 --> 00:41:43,470
My very best friend--

885
00:41:43,470 --> 00:41:47,330
unfortunately, they really
killed her terribly.

886
00:41:47,330 --> 00:41:50,600
My father begged,
because her father

887
00:41:50,600 --> 00:41:53,000
wanted to go to the ghetto.

888
00:41:53,000 --> 00:41:54,590
Her father wanted
to go to the ghetto.

889
00:41:54,590 --> 00:41:55,090
Yeah.

890
00:41:55,090 --> 00:41:56,870
He said, let's go to the ghetto.

891
00:41:56,870 --> 00:41:59,120
It's going to be
safer, he thought.

892
00:41:59,120 --> 00:42:00,450
He was a architect.

893
00:42:00,450 --> 00:42:01,670
Was he Orthodox?

894
00:42:01,670 --> 00:42:02,190
No.

895
00:42:02,190 --> 00:42:05,660
Well, yeah, they

were more Jewish,

896

00:42:05,660 --> 00:42:09,800
because I remember they used
their chicken, and I had some.

897

00:42:09,800 --> 00:42:13,160
But she was my best friend.

898

00:42:13,160 --> 00:42:24,830
And it was terrible, because
they got her, the German.

899

00:42:24,830 --> 00:42:34,810
And about five or six German
came and killed her, really.

900

00:42:34,810 --> 00:42:36,200
Killed your friend.

901

00:42:36,200 --> 00:42:37,970
Yeah.

902

00:42:37,970 --> 00:42:39,980
One after the other.

903

00:42:39,980 --> 00:42:42,290
Her mother had to watch it.

904

00:42:42,290 --> 00:42:43,560
Had to watch her being killed?

905

00:42:43,560 --> 00:42:44,090
Yeah.

906

00:42:44,090 --> 00:42:45,440
In the ghetto.

907

00:42:45,440 --> 00:42:48,590
This was in the ghetto where
her father wanted them to go,

908

00:42:48,590 --> 00:42:50,090

because he thought
it would be safe.

909

00:42:50,090 --> 00:42:51,540

And my father begged him.

910

00:42:51,540 --> 00:42:52,040

Not to go.

911

00:42:52,040 --> 00:42:53,840

He said, let's not go.

912

00:42:53,840 --> 00:42:55,790

I get you papers.

913

00:42:55,790 --> 00:42:57,920

He said, no, I'm Jewish.

914

00:42:57,920 --> 00:43:01,070

I'm going to go
with the true Jews.

915

00:43:01,070 --> 00:43:04,100

And that was terrible.

916

00:43:04,100 --> 00:43:06,620

Her mother and she died.

917

00:43:06,620 --> 00:43:10,040

And did the Germans do anything
to her before she died?

918

00:43:10,040 --> 00:43:12,200

No, just when they got her.

919

00:43:12,200 --> 00:43:16,520

But she was a very beautiful,
tall, very nice girl.

920

00:43:16,520 --> 00:43:19,260

And she was my very best friend.

921

00:43:19,260 --> 00:43:24,320

And they went, one
after the others there.

922

00:43:24,320 --> 00:43:26,010

They went one after the other.

923

00:43:26,010 --> 00:43:26,718

What did they do?

924

00:43:26,718 --> 00:43:27,590

They rape her.

925

00:43:27,590 --> 00:43:28,640

Oh, they raped her.

926

00:43:28,640 --> 00:43:30,020

Yeah.

927

00:43:30,020 --> 00:43:35,450

And then they killed her.

928

00:43:35,450 --> 00:43:37,310

And then the mother, too.

929

00:43:37,310 --> 00:43:38,720

They killed her mother.

930

00:43:38,720 --> 00:43:40,220

She had to watch it.

931

00:43:40,220 --> 00:43:41,810

The mother had to
watch her daughter--

932

00:43:41,810 --> 00:43:42,440

And you know what?

933

00:43:42,440 --> 00:43:43,023

--being raped.

934
00:43:43,023 --> 00:43:45,170
I have some very good
friends, but I never

935
00:43:45,170 --> 00:43:46,760
had a friend like her.

936
00:43:46,760 --> 00:43:47,680
What was her name?

937
00:43:47,680 --> 00:43:48,180
Susan.

938
00:43:48,180 --> 00:43:50,630

939
00:43:50,630 --> 00:43:52,940
We used to be always together.

940
00:43:52,940 --> 00:43:56,360
After school, we
took our bicycle.

941
00:43:56,360 --> 00:43:57,860
We went bicycling.

942
00:43:57,860 --> 00:43:59,930
And we were always--

943
00:43:59,930 --> 00:44:03,380
yeah, it was-- and then--

944
00:44:03,380 --> 00:44:07,430
How did you learn about
what had happened to her?

945
00:44:07,430 --> 00:44:11,570
My father found out.

946

00:44:11,570 --> 00:44:13,730
And your father told you?

947
00:44:13,730 --> 00:44:14,240
Yeah.

948
00:44:14,240 --> 00:44:17,030
Well, later on, after the war.

949
00:44:17,030 --> 00:44:19,230
And then I-- you know what?

950
00:44:19,230 --> 00:44:23,090
In Hungary, somehow, the boys--

951
00:44:23,090 --> 00:44:25,370
we used to go with boys.

952
00:44:25,370 --> 00:44:27,410
They are four years older.

953
00:44:27,410 --> 00:44:30,740
Not like here, they
are the same age.

954
00:44:30,740 --> 00:44:34,220
We had dancing school.

955
00:44:34,220 --> 00:44:39,350
So I had a very, very nice
boyfriend by that time.

956
00:44:39,350 --> 00:44:43,520
And he wanted to be
an architect, too--

957
00:44:43,520 --> 00:44:45,950
very, very intelligent.

958
00:44:45,950 --> 00:44:50,930
And by that time,
he had to go to--

959
00:44:50,930 --> 00:44:52,550
not the military.

960
00:44:52,550 --> 00:44:57,740
But they picked up the boys.

961
00:44:57,740 --> 00:44:59,000
And they went to--

962
00:44:59,000 --> 00:45:03,650

963
00:45:03,650 --> 00:45:05,430
they took them to schools.

964
00:45:05,430 --> 00:45:08,160
And they had to just stay there.

965
00:45:08,160 --> 00:45:09,160
They couldn't go out.

966
00:45:09,160 --> 00:45:14,010
They had to wear a Yellow
star, and some things to show.

967
00:45:14,010 --> 00:45:15,390
Then they are there.

968
00:45:15,390 --> 00:45:17,400
They took them to schools?

969
00:45:17,400 --> 00:45:20,210
Well, the schools
were closed now.

970
00:45:20,210 --> 00:45:21,178
Oh.

971
00:45:21,178 --> 00:45:22,095
So that's where they--

972
00:45:22,095 --> 00:45:22,620
They were.

973
00:45:22,620 --> 00:45:22,860
Yeah.

974
00:45:22,860 --> 00:45:23,640
--made them stay.

975
00:45:23,640 --> 00:45:30,000
And so my father, again, he
used to sneak always to him

976
00:45:30,000 --> 00:45:35,280
and get something to
eat, because his family--

977
00:45:35,280 --> 00:45:38,650
he was a very
well-known attorney.

978
00:45:38,650 --> 00:45:41,460
They went in the ghetto, too.

979
00:45:41,460 --> 00:45:48,030
They had the most beautiful,
big paintings from Matisse,

980
00:45:48,030 --> 00:45:52,230
to every single
French impressionist.

981
00:45:52,230 --> 00:45:55,410

982
00:45:55,410 --> 00:46:01,500
So later on, a couple--

983
00:46:01,500 --> 00:46:08,850
10 boys wanted to be
[? parents ?],, to be going out

984
00:46:08,850 --> 00:46:13,410
and try to get the
[INAUDIBLE],, to get something.

985
00:46:13,410 --> 00:46:18,600
And unfortunately,
they caught them.

986
00:46:18,600 --> 00:46:21,480
And they took it to the prison.

987
00:46:21,480 --> 00:46:26,550
And they hung them, one by one.

988
00:46:26,550 --> 00:46:31,740
And he was then 19
years old, I think--

989
00:46:31,740 --> 00:46:33,750
very, very fine.

990
00:46:33,750 --> 00:46:38,560
And my father tried to
get him out somehow.

991
00:46:38,560 --> 00:46:40,110
But he couldn't.

992
00:46:40,110 --> 00:46:41,530
And it was--

993
00:46:41,530 --> 00:46:42,810
I had a letter.

994
00:46:42,810 --> 00:46:46,830
Unfortunately, I somehow forgot.

995
00:46:46,830 --> 00:46:48,840
I don't know where it happened.

996

00:46:48,840 --> 00:46:53,760
Before they hung
him, he said to me--

997
00:46:53,760 --> 00:46:55,265
they were beautiful letters.

998
00:46:55,265 --> 00:46:58,020

999
00:46:58,020 --> 00:47:01,280
So I have his--

1000
00:47:01,280 --> 00:47:04,020
he's here in Budapest.

1001
00:47:04,020 --> 00:47:10,080
He's there in the cemetery, all
these 10 boys who were killed.

1002
00:47:10,080 --> 00:47:11,370
And that was tough.

1003
00:47:11,370 --> 00:47:12,780
Have you seen his grave?

1004
00:47:12,780 --> 00:47:14,660
Oh, yeah, I go
there [INAUDIBLE]..

1005
00:47:14,660 --> 00:47:17,520

1006
00:47:17,520 --> 00:47:23,430
Meanwhile, my father
lost all his--

1007
00:47:23,430 --> 00:47:30,390
there were eight, one
sister and seven brothers.

1008
00:47:30,390 --> 00:47:35,580

And they were all
deported to Auschwitz.

1009
00:47:35,580 --> 00:47:38,400
And they all never came back.

1010
00:47:38,400 --> 00:47:39,580
So he lost all--

1011
00:47:39,580 --> 00:47:40,080
All of them.

1012
00:47:40,080 --> 00:47:40,955
--his seven siblings.

1013
00:47:40,955 --> 00:47:42,420
And you know what?

1014
00:47:42,420 --> 00:47:46,590
He never cried or anything.

1015
00:47:46,590 --> 00:47:48,780
And he was the very good--

1016
00:47:48,780 --> 00:47:51,930
he loved his family.

1017
00:47:51,930 --> 00:47:57,210
And where were his
siblings living?

1018
00:47:57,210 --> 00:47:57,900
Were they in--

1019
00:47:57,900 --> 00:48:00,570
Somewhere in Budapest.

1020
00:48:00,570 --> 00:48:04,500
And one was in [PLACE NAME].

1021
00:48:04,500 --> 00:48:08,860

It's a small-- not
a too small thing.

1022
00:48:08,860 --> 00:48:11,760
But it's a different city.

1023
00:48:11,760 --> 00:48:16,410
And the other ones, my
parents were actually from

1024
00:48:16,410 --> 00:48:18,060
Székelykörtől.

1025
00:48:18,060 --> 00:48:20,550
It's about two
hours from Budapest.

1026
00:48:20,550 --> 00:48:24,180
It was a very nice city.

1027
00:48:24,180 --> 00:48:27,300
And they were all in Auschwitz.

1028
00:48:27,300 --> 00:48:34,650
And the ones who were in
Budapest, did they try to hide?

1029
00:48:34,650 --> 00:48:36,180
That was awful.

1030
00:48:36,180 --> 00:48:39,630
They had a maid.

1031
00:48:39,630 --> 00:48:46,030
And she got one of
the German soldier.

1032
00:48:46,030 --> 00:48:47,700
And they wanted to do something.

1033
00:48:47,700 --> 00:48:48,450
They killed them.

1034
00:48:48,450 --> 00:48:51,180
They shot them.

1035
00:48:51,180 --> 00:48:54,030
The maid got the German
soldier [BOTH TALKING]..

1036
00:48:54,030 --> 00:48:59,220
My cousin-- she
was at our place,

1037
00:48:59,220 --> 00:49:02,910
luckily, because it was bombing.

1038
00:49:02,910 --> 00:49:04,830
And she couldn't go home.

1039
00:49:04,830 --> 00:49:05,850
She survived.

1040
00:49:05,850 --> 00:49:10,820
She was the president
of the National Gallery.

1041
00:49:10,820 --> 00:49:11,320
She's--

1042
00:49:11,320 --> 00:49:12,120
What is her name?

1043
00:49:12,120 --> 00:49:14,430
Mariana.

1044
00:49:14,430 --> 00:49:15,180
Marina?

1045
00:49:15,180 --> 00:49:15,840
Mariana.

1046
00:49:15,840 --> 00:49:16,340

Mariana.

1047
00:49:16,340 --> 00:49:16,840
Yeah.

1048
00:49:16,840 --> 00:49:18,990
And what is her last name?

1049
00:49:18,990 --> 00:49:23,820
Well, she had two
husbands before.

1050
00:49:23,820 --> 00:49:26,640
It was Takacs also first.

1051
00:49:26,640 --> 00:49:29,620
And president of the
National Gallery of Budapest?

1052
00:49:29,620 --> 00:49:31,860
Budapest, yeah.

1053
00:49:31,860 --> 00:49:32,930
And so she was visiting--

1054
00:49:32,930 --> 00:49:36,600
Chagall was-- she knew Chagall.

1055
00:49:36,600 --> 00:49:41,120
She gave him his Chagall, too.

1056
00:49:41,120 --> 00:49:42,510
Very pretty.

1057
00:49:42,510 --> 00:49:43,780
She is still there.

1058
00:49:43,780 --> 00:49:45,150
She was fine.

1059
00:49:45,150 --> 00:49:49,290

So she was visiting
you in the nice hotel.

1060
00:49:49,290 --> 00:49:50,130
Mm-hmm.

1061
00:49:50,130 --> 00:49:53,450
And their family was taken away.

1062
00:49:53,450 --> 00:49:55,650
And so then did
she stay with you?

1063
00:49:55,650 --> 00:49:56,610
She went.

1064
00:49:56,610 --> 00:49:58,860
I don't know where
she went after that.

1065
00:49:58,860 --> 00:50:02,100
She must have gone somewhere.

1066
00:50:02,100 --> 00:50:03,730
So she survived.

1067
00:50:03,730 --> 00:50:04,230
Yeah.

1068
00:50:04,230 --> 00:50:05,040
She is still.

1069
00:50:05,040 --> 00:50:08,550
She is very shapely,
very cute, very smart.

1070
00:50:08,550 --> 00:50:11,580

1071
00:50:11,580 --> 00:50:13,005
So that was that.

1072

00:50:13,005 --> 00:50:16,460

1073

00:50:16,460 --> 00:50:20,420

And I tell you a cute story.

1074

00:50:20,420 --> 00:50:25,760

We used to have
a spaniel, Tolly.

1075

00:50:25,760 --> 00:50:31,190

My very best friend, she
just got her on February.

1076

00:50:31,190 --> 00:50:35,000

She had her birthday,
and she got the puppy.

1077

00:50:35,000 --> 00:50:39,810

And then, later on, a couple of
weeks, she went to the ghetto.

1078

00:50:39,810 --> 00:50:42,410

So I got the puppy.

1079

00:50:42,410 --> 00:50:44,540

And we loved Tolly.

1080

00:50:44,540 --> 00:50:51,530

And when we had to go
away, our cook kept it.

1081

00:50:51,530 --> 00:50:57,440

And when the Russian started to
come, and the German went out,

1082

00:50:57,440 --> 00:51:03,320

the Danube was so cold and icy.

1083

00:51:03,320 --> 00:51:06,860

And one day, the
Russian were there.

1084
00:51:06,860 --> 00:51:10,710
And we had to clean the streets.

1085
00:51:10,710 --> 00:51:14,120
It was horrible to
try to find some--

1086
00:51:14,120 --> 00:51:17,120
I'll tell you later--

1087
00:51:17,120 --> 00:51:20,260
some wood to be able
to get-- it was cold--

1088
00:51:20,260 --> 00:51:24,840
to get something to warm us.

1089
00:51:24,840 --> 00:51:28,250
And suddenly, my father
was on the street,

1090
00:51:28,250 --> 00:51:32,270
completely different area
where we were living.

1091
00:51:32,270 --> 00:51:37,340
And suddenly, he saw a
little black spaniel.

1092
00:51:37,340 --> 00:51:41,780
And first, my father
said, it can't be Tolly,

1093
00:51:41,780 --> 00:51:46,160
because he is in Buda.

1094
00:51:46,160 --> 00:51:47,810
And he went there.

1095
00:51:47,810 --> 00:51:50,120
And he ran to him.

1096
00:51:50,120 --> 00:51:55,850
And it was unbelievable--
through the long, cold--.

1097
00:51:55,850 --> 00:51:59,210
So the dog had come from--

1098
00:51:59,210 --> 00:51:59,990
Buda.

1099
00:51:59,990 --> 00:52:01,460
From Buda.

1100
00:52:01,460 --> 00:52:06,890
And through the
Danube, on the ice.

1101
00:52:06,890 --> 00:52:12,365
And again, I don't know--
at least a couple miles

1102
00:52:12,365 --> 00:52:14,450
where we were.

1103
00:52:14,450 --> 00:52:16,070
And he smelled it.

1104
00:52:16,070 --> 00:52:18,060
And he jumped to my father.

1105
00:52:18,060 --> 00:52:20,480
And my father said,
no, that can't be.

1106
00:52:20,480 --> 00:52:24,180
So was he on his
way to your house?

1107
00:52:24,180 --> 00:52:24,680
No.

1108

00:52:24,680 --> 00:52:25,180

No.

1109

00:52:25,180 --> 00:52:31,580

It was in the-- where were, the
first time, living in Budapest

1110

00:52:31,580 --> 00:52:33,290

when the Russian came in.

1111

00:52:33,290 --> 00:52:35,300

So when the Russians
came, you were still

1112

00:52:35,300 --> 00:52:37,950

living in Pest in
the nice hotel.

1113

00:52:37,950 --> 00:52:41,780

Oh, that was already
the very ugly one

1114

00:52:41,780 --> 00:52:47,122

where the street girl was.

1115

00:52:47,122 --> 00:52:49,190

Oh, I'm confused.

1116

00:52:49,190 --> 00:52:52,700

The ugly hotel where the
street girl was-- that's

1117

00:52:52,700 --> 00:52:53,930

where you were first?

1118

00:52:53,930 --> 00:52:54,530

Yeah.

1119

00:52:54,530 --> 00:52:56,690

And then you went
to the nice hotel.

1120

00:52:56,690 --> 00:52:58,850

So it was during the
time that you were still

1121

00:52:58,850 --> 00:53:03,960

in the ugly hotel that the dog
went from your house in Buda

1122

00:53:03,960 --> 00:53:06,560

to look for you
in the ugly hotel.

1123

00:53:06,560 --> 00:53:07,120

Yeah.

1124

00:53:07,120 --> 00:53:08,120

Isn't that unbelievable?

1125

00:53:08,120 --> 00:53:08,780

It is.

1126

00:53:08,780 --> 00:53:09,780

That is.

1127

00:53:09,780 --> 00:53:13,040

And now we still have a spaniel.

1128

00:53:13,040 --> 00:53:16,190

My son has one, Mooki.

1129

00:53:16,190 --> 00:53:17,960

And I love him so much.

1130

00:53:17,960 --> 00:53:22,580

But that was unbelievable.

1131

00:53:22,580 --> 00:53:26,210

OK, let's move on to the
period when the Russians came.

1132

00:53:26,210 --> 00:53:32,090

The Russians were worse,
actually, like the German.

1133
00:53:32,090 --> 00:53:39,170
When we were still in the hotel,
down in the bunker, they came.

1134
00:53:39,170 --> 00:53:42,380
They were drunk
terribly, because it was

1135
00:53:42,380 --> 00:53:44,570
all the champagne there, too.

1136
00:53:44,570 --> 00:53:48,790
But they took some of
their people's coats.

1137
00:53:48,790 --> 00:53:50,630
So it was terrible.

1138
00:53:50,630 --> 00:53:54,630
And they tried to
rape the women.

1139
00:53:54,630 --> 00:53:57,620
And so, for a
couple of the days,

1140
00:53:57,620 --> 00:54:04,220
they hid us further down
from where we were, just

1141
00:54:04,220 --> 00:54:07,040
in the dark, so the
Russian couldn't

1142
00:54:07,040 --> 00:54:09,270
get us-- my sister,
and my mother,

1143
00:54:09,270 --> 00:54:11,390
and me, and a

couple other women.

1144

00:54:11,390 --> 00:54:14,900

Did they ever tried to rape you,
or your sister, or your mother?

1145

00:54:14,900 --> 00:54:15,740

Later on.

1146

00:54:15,740 --> 00:54:16,580

OK.

1147

00:54:16,580 --> 00:54:19,490

But at this time,
you were hidden,

1148

00:54:19,490 --> 00:54:21,380

so they couldn't get to you.

1149

00:54:21,380 --> 00:54:23,960

And were you hiding
in there all the time,

1150

00:54:23,960 --> 00:54:26,195

or just when there
seemed to be a danger?

1151

00:54:26,195 --> 00:54:28,550

Well, dangerous, it was.

1152

00:54:28,550 --> 00:54:35,210

And then, it was getting a
little bit-- my mother's sister

1153

00:54:35,210 --> 00:54:39,500

was somewhere else.

1154

00:54:39,500 --> 00:54:42,500

And she had an apartment.

1155

00:54:42,500 --> 00:54:45,020

Her husband was a pediatrician.

1156
00:54:45,020 --> 00:54:50,540
So she was staying
there now in the office.

1157
00:54:50,540 --> 00:54:52,010
Now, this is your mother's--

1158
00:54:52,010 --> 00:54:53,330
Sister.

1159
00:54:53,330 --> 00:54:55,620
And she stayed in
her husband's office.

1160
00:54:55,620 --> 00:54:56,120
Yeah.

1161
00:54:56,120 --> 00:54:57,740
OK.

1162
00:54:57,740 --> 00:55:00,050
This is so the Russians
couldn't get to her.

1163
00:55:00,050 --> 00:55:05,480
Because her husband was
already in Auschwitz.

1164
00:55:05,480 --> 00:55:11,510
So one day, it was a better
day, so we were able to go out.

1165
00:55:11,510 --> 00:55:13,130
And we went there.

1166
00:55:13,130 --> 00:55:16,660
And for a very short
time, we were just there.

1167
00:55:16,660 --> 00:55:18,030
And then--

1168
00:55:18,030 --> 00:55:21,100
Were you were afraid to
go out on the street?

1169
00:55:21,100 --> 00:55:23,320
We were not afraid of things.

1170
00:55:23,320 --> 00:55:24,540
We really were not.

1171
00:55:24,540 --> 00:55:26,490
Even though you knew
that the Russians were

1172
00:55:26,490 --> 00:55:29,310
trying to rape women,
you thought, oh, it

1173
00:55:29,310 --> 00:55:30,810
couldn't happen to you?

1174
00:55:30,810 --> 00:55:34,230
We were living my mother,
and my sister, and me.

1175
00:55:34,230 --> 00:55:37,320
And naturally, you had to walk.

1176
00:55:37,320 --> 00:55:42,360
But maybe then it wasn't
bombing now a little bit.

1177
00:55:42,360 --> 00:55:45,030
And somehow, we were able to go.

1178
00:55:45,030 --> 00:55:48,720
But she wasn't too nice.

1179
00:55:48,720 --> 00:55:50,043
So we didn't like it.

1180

00:55:50,043 --> 00:55:51,210

She wasn't very nice to you?

1181

00:55:51,210 --> 00:55:53,880

No, because she had--

1182

00:55:53,880 --> 00:55:58,740

we always talk about my sister,
because she had lots of food.

1183

00:55:58,740 --> 00:56:00,300

But she put away.

1184

00:56:00,300 --> 00:56:05,700

And they were eating, and
we didn't get anything.

1185

00:56:05,700 --> 00:56:09,090

She's here now in--

1186

00:56:09,090 --> 00:56:11,980

she's now older,
and she's in Canada.

1187

00:56:11,980 --> 00:56:12,820

But--

1188

00:56:12,820 --> 00:56:13,570

Where is she?

1189

00:56:13,570 --> 00:56:14,110

Canada.

1190

00:56:14,110 --> 00:56:14,610

Canada.

1191

00:56:14,610 --> 00:56:15,510

Yeah.

1192

00:56:15,510 --> 00:56:18,180

But I know she didn't

give us anything.

1193
00:56:18,180 --> 00:56:21,000
And we were sitting there
while they're eating.

1194
00:56:21,000 --> 00:56:23,610
And we were just
always swallowing.

1195
00:56:23,610 --> 00:56:27,270
But she didn't give us anything.

1196
00:56:27,270 --> 00:56:34,200
But then, later on, we were
able to go to our home.

1197
00:56:34,200 --> 00:56:38,070
And there was one
little [INAUDIBLE]..

1198
00:56:38,070 --> 00:56:40,930
Why didn't you go to
your home right away?

1199
00:56:40,930 --> 00:56:44,700
Well, we couldn't go
there yet, because they

1200
00:56:44,700 --> 00:56:46,170
were bombing too much.

1201
00:56:46,170 --> 00:56:50,040
And it was no bridges.

1202
00:56:50,040 --> 00:56:54,210
But then they started
this special bridge just.

1203
00:56:54,210 --> 00:56:56,670
And so we went home.

1204

00:56:56,670 --> 00:56:58,120
When was that?

1205
00:56:58,120 --> 00:56:58,800
Do you remember?

1206
00:56:58,800 --> 00:57:06,000
In '46, beginning '46.

1207
00:57:06,000 --> 00:57:06,906
Not till '46.

1208
00:57:06,906 --> 00:57:07,760
Yeah.

1209
00:57:07,760 --> 00:57:11,040
'44 came the German, '45.

1210
00:57:11,040 --> 00:57:12,570
Beginning '46.

1211
00:57:12,570 --> 00:57:15,325
So you continued to
live in the nice hotel.

1212
00:57:15,325 --> 00:57:16,080
Mm-hmm.

1213
00:57:16,080 --> 00:57:18,330
And where was your
father at that time?

1214
00:57:18,330 --> 00:57:22,020
He started to come
in by the time there.

1215
00:57:22,020 --> 00:57:24,580
So he came to live with
you in the nice hotel.

1216
00:57:24,580 --> 00:57:26,040
Yeah.

1217
00:57:26,040 --> 00:57:28,140
Do you remember the
name of the hotel?

1218
00:57:28,140 --> 00:57:29,760
Vadaszqur.

1219
00:57:29,760 --> 00:57:31,860
It's hard, Vadaszqur.

1220
00:57:31,860 --> 00:57:32,740
It's all bombed down.

1221
00:57:32,740 --> 00:57:33,240
Yeah.

1222
00:57:33,240 --> 00:57:34,680
How is that spelled?

1223
00:57:34,680 --> 00:57:42,130
V-A-D-A-S-Z-Q-U-R, -qur.

1224
00:57:42,130 --> 00:57:43,170
OK.

1225
00:57:43,170 --> 00:57:44,950
So your father came
to live with you.

1226
00:57:44,950 --> 00:57:45,120
Yeah.

1227
00:57:45,120 --> 00:57:46,320
And you stayed there
for quite a while.

1228
00:57:46,320 --> 00:57:46,820
Yeah.

1229
00:57:46,820 --> 00:57:48,990

And then we went home.

1230
00:57:48,990 --> 00:57:57,300
And we started to be
there for a little while.

1231
00:57:57,300 --> 00:58:05,010
And then it was bombed
in a couple of places.

1232
00:58:05,010 --> 00:58:09,450
And they ruined our
furniture, everything.

1233
00:58:09,450 --> 00:58:13,740
Then, later on, we
bought another villa

1234
00:58:13,740 --> 00:58:16,860
in a very nice area.

1235
00:58:16,860 --> 00:58:18,420
Why did you build another--

1236
00:58:18,420 --> 00:58:19,860
why did you buy a
different villa?

1237
00:58:19,860 --> 00:58:25,020
Because it was bad, really.

1238
00:58:25,020 --> 00:58:28,710
It was completely bombed.

1239
00:58:28,710 --> 00:58:31,660
And we didn't want to
live there anymore.

1240
00:58:31,660 --> 00:58:37,245
It was too many memories.

1241
00:58:37,245 --> 00:58:38,490

I really don't know.

1242
00:58:38,490 --> 00:58:42,400
Because just my father
found a very nice,

1243
00:58:42,400 --> 00:58:45,840
in the best day area, villas.

1244
00:58:45,840 --> 00:58:49,530
We had a very nice villa.

1245
00:58:49,530 --> 00:58:54,660
And it wasn't in the best
condition, but it wasn't bad.

1246
00:58:54,660 --> 00:59:03,000

1247
00:59:03,000 --> 00:59:14,190
Meanwhile, a Russian major
had to come to our place,

1248
00:59:14,190 --> 00:59:16,350
because he moved in.

1249
00:59:16,350 --> 00:59:19,200
And he moved in in
the dining room.

1250
00:59:19,200 --> 00:59:21,990
He liked that the best.

1251
00:59:21,990 --> 00:59:22,890
And he was--

1252
00:59:22,890 --> 00:59:24,700
He was very nice.

1253
00:59:24,700 --> 00:59:26,400
He was very, very nice.

1254

00:59:26,400 --> 00:59:31,290

He served a small
time in Russia.

1255

00:59:31,290 --> 00:59:35,860

And he had some young
girls at home in Moscow.

1256

00:59:35,860 --> 00:59:37,750

And he was very nice.

1257

00:59:37,750 --> 00:59:43,140

And why he wanted to choose
the dining room, I don't know.

1258

00:59:43,140 --> 00:59:46,860

We had a bridle in
the dining room.

1259

00:59:46,860 --> 00:59:49,140

And he liked it very much.

1260

00:59:49,140 --> 00:59:51,930

And he had a young
guy, a soldier,

1261

00:59:51,930 --> 00:59:54,130

who was always with him.

1262

00:59:54,130 --> 00:59:59,010

And my father started
to know Russian to say,

1263

00:59:59,010 --> 01:00:02,760

these two girls, don't
touch, you have to--

1264

01:00:02,760 --> 01:00:05,490

and he was very nice about it.

1265

01:00:05,490 --> 01:00:07,980

He was there.

1266
01:00:07,980 --> 01:00:11,460
I know it was cute,
because the soldiers--

1267
01:00:11,460 --> 01:00:15,720
I guess he never
noticed the electricity.

1268
01:00:15,720 --> 01:00:18,720
He used to always play with it.

1269
01:00:18,720 --> 01:00:22,740
The candelabras, he
was always looking at.

1270
01:00:22,740 --> 01:00:26,850
But he thought-- and
that was good, too,

1271
01:00:26,850 --> 01:00:30,810
because in our garden,
they had horses.

1272
01:00:30,810 --> 01:00:36,090
And they brought the
first in the first floor.

1273
01:00:36,090 --> 01:00:39,550
They started to
bring the horses in.

1274
01:00:39,550 --> 01:00:40,200
So it was--

1275
01:00:40,200 --> 01:00:41,040
Into the house.

1276
01:00:41,040 --> 01:00:42,490
In the house.

1277
01:00:42,490 --> 01:00:47,640

So after it was
much better, we had

1278
01:00:47,640 --> 01:00:51,630
to tear out all the [INAUDIBLE]
and everything, because it

1279
01:00:51,630 --> 01:00:54,390
smelled from the horses.

1280
01:00:54,390 --> 01:00:57,430
But they were so
primitive about it.

1281
01:00:57,430 --> 01:01:00,840
The only thing that was
funny, too-- that he

1282
01:01:00,840 --> 01:01:02,430
was very nice about it.

1283
01:01:02,430 --> 01:01:10,320
He didn't want to use
our regular bathrooms.

1284
01:01:10,320 --> 01:01:12,180
We had some toilets.

1285
01:01:12,180 --> 01:01:15,270
But he never went
to the bathroom.

1286
01:01:15,270 --> 01:01:20,790
But they used some kind
of antiseptic, I think,

1287
01:01:20,790 --> 01:01:23,340
because they had lice,
and all these things.

1288
01:01:23,340 --> 01:01:24,700
It smelled so bad.

1289

01:01:24,700 --> 01:01:27,790

But what did he use
instead of the bathroom?

1290

01:01:27,790 --> 01:01:29,670

I don't know.

1291

01:01:29,670 --> 01:01:30,480

I don't know.

1292

01:01:30,480 --> 01:01:34,740

I know that he didn't go in our
bathrooms, just to the toilet.

1293

01:01:34,740 --> 01:01:38,280

We had one toilet where he can--

1294

01:01:38,280 --> 01:01:41,280

So you don't know what-- oh,
did he use the one toilet?

1295

01:01:41,280 --> 01:01:42,180

One toilet.

1296

01:01:42,180 --> 01:01:44,130

He had to go to the bathroom.

1297

01:01:44,130 --> 01:01:51,390

Or he was-- for instance, he
used to get eggs, at least 25,

1298

01:01:51,390 --> 01:01:53,010

30 eggs.

1299

01:01:53,010 --> 01:01:56,400

And they had to cook
it as hard-boiled egg.

1300

01:01:56,400 --> 01:01:57,420

That's what he ate.

1301

01:01:57,420 --> 01:01:59,700
I don't know why he liked it.

1302
01:01:59,700 --> 01:02:03,720
But even he gave us
always a little egg.

1303
01:02:03,720 --> 01:02:07,080
But he was nice,
because he was a father.

1304
01:02:07,080 --> 01:02:12,720
And he was at least 10 years
in Russia in the military.

1305
01:02:12,720 --> 01:02:16,170
So he was very nice about it.

1306
01:02:16,170 --> 01:02:24,570
And he used your kitchen
for preparing his food,

1307
01:02:24,570 --> 01:02:27,000
or his aide prepared his food?

1308
01:02:27,000 --> 01:02:30,600
The only thing that he
wanted-- just his eggs.

1309
01:02:30,600 --> 01:02:33,720
We never knew that
he-- we had a big pot.

1310
01:02:33,720 --> 01:02:37,410
And he had the eggs.

1311
01:02:37,410 --> 01:02:42,210
We never went in his room,
really, but in the kitchen.

1312
01:02:42,210 --> 01:02:44,970
Did his aide sleep
in his room also?

1313
01:02:44,970 --> 01:02:47,160
Yeah.

1314
01:02:47,160 --> 01:02:50,370
I think the maid's room.

1315
01:02:50,370 --> 01:02:53,460
So how was the food
situation for you?

1316
01:02:53,460 --> 01:02:56,207
It started to get
a little better.

1317
01:02:56,207 --> 01:02:57,540
When did it start to get better?

1318
01:02:57,540 --> 01:02:58,890
I'll tell you what was again.

1319
01:02:58,890 --> 01:03:01,290
I forgot about it.

1320
01:03:01,290 --> 01:03:04,760
One day, my father was
trying to get some wood

1321
01:03:04,760 --> 01:03:09,760
split to make a fireplace,
or something like that.

1322
01:03:09,760 --> 01:03:15,040
And he met one of the
workmen from the--

1323
01:03:15,040 --> 01:03:21,030

1324
01:03:21,030 --> 01:03:27,300
oh, I'm getting-- in his office.

1325

01:03:27,300 --> 01:03:32,520

And my father loaned
him some money

1326

01:03:32,520 --> 01:03:40,770

years ago, because he wanted
to buy a little house.

1327

01:03:40,770 --> 01:03:46,970

And he was in the factory.

1328

01:03:46,970 --> 01:03:50,730

And my father, he
leaved to go Sunday

1329

01:03:50,730 --> 01:03:53,910

always at the time
to the factory,

1330

01:03:53,910 --> 01:03:58,090

just to look at what everything
goes on, because in iron, they

1331

01:03:58,090 --> 01:03:59,890

had that work all the time.

1332

01:03:59,890 --> 01:04:01,970

They have to work there.

1333

01:04:01,970 --> 01:04:04,670

So he met my father.

1334

01:04:04,670 --> 01:04:12,410

And he never was able
to give his money back,

1335

01:04:12,410 --> 01:04:15,480

because it was the
war, everything.

1336

01:04:15,480 --> 01:04:19,250

And he said, well,

he lives outskirts.

1337

01:04:19,250 --> 01:04:23,960

And I have some flour,
a sack of flour.

1338

01:04:23,960 --> 01:04:26,440

And I'm going to give you.

1339

01:04:26,440 --> 01:04:28,550

I'm going to come back.

1340

01:04:28,550 --> 01:04:33,590

And I give you a sack
of flour, a big sack,

1341

01:04:33,590 --> 01:04:36,110

because you have to eat.

1342

01:04:36,110 --> 01:04:38,420

And that was nice.

1343

01:04:38,420 --> 01:04:39,860

It was very good.

1344

01:04:39,860 --> 01:04:44,075

And then, from the
flour, we exchanged.

1345

01:04:44,075 --> 01:04:49,640

When we went to a
store, the store

1346

01:04:49,640 --> 01:04:53,120

said somebody had beans still.

1347

01:04:53,120 --> 01:04:55,790

They had something like that.

1348

01:04:55,790 --> 01:04:59,240

So we used to get them flour.

1349

01:04:59,240 --> 01:05:06,380

And we got some beans to
cook with some oil, or lard,

1350

01:05:06,380 --> 01:05:07,710

or something like that.

1351

01:05:07,710 --> 01:05:09,680

So that really helped us.

1352

01:05:09,680 --> 01:05:14,300

It was cute, because my mother
didn't know how to cook.

1353

01:05:14,300 --> 01:05:21,890

And he wanted to make some
kind of cake or something

1354

01:05:21,890 --> 01:05:23,030

from the flour.

1355

01:05:23,030 --> 01:05:24,680

And it went all from there.

1356

01:05:24,680 --> 01:05:27,500

It was terrible, It was.

1357

01:05:27,500 --> 01:05:29,540

So we were laughing.

1358

01:05:29,540 --> 01:05:33,980

But then it was getting better.

1359

01:05:33,980 --> 01:05:36,080

I got my first--

1360

01:05:36,080 --> 01:05:39,980

I loved clothes
always, even now.

1361

01:05:39,980 --> 01:05:44,660

And I found some nice material.

1362

01:05:44,660 --> 01:05:48,770

And I went to my dressmaker.

1363

01:05:48,770 --> 01:05:50,725

She used to always
come to our house.

1364

01:05:50,725 --> 01:05:54,170

1365

01:05:54,170 --> 01:05:59,550

But I got my first red dress.

1366

01:05:59,550 --> 01:06:03,480

I was so-- you know.

1367

01:06:03,480 --> 01:06:06,950

It was something so special,
because you know what?

1368

01:06:06,950 --> 01:06:12,560

We have we had some
blankets from the Americans.

1369

01:06:12,560 --> 01:06:15,080

And we got some blankets.

1370

01:06:15,080 --> 01:06:17,190

And we got some coats from it.

1371

01:06:17,190 --> 01:06:18,000

From the Americans?

1372

01:06:18,000 --> 01:06:18,680

The Americans.

1373

01:06:18,680 --> 01:06:20,060

Where were the Americans?

1374

01:06:20,060 --> 01:06:25,810
The Americans by that time was
embassy, or things like that.

1375
01:06:25,810 --> 01:06:29,900
But how would you get
blankets from the Americans?

1376
01:06:29,900 --> 01:06:31,880
How did that happen?

1377
01:06:31,880 --> 01:06:35,990
I think my sister.

1378
01:06:35,990 --> 01:06:40,700
She had a very good friend
who studied in London.

1379
01:06:40,700 --> 01:06:46,580
And he was very good in English.

1380
01:06:46,580 --> 01:06:52,610
So he went to the
Americans to work there.

1381
01:06:52,610 --> 01:06:56,270
And then they got friendly
with the Americans.

1382
01:06:56,270 --> 01:06:58,500
And I know we got two blankets.

1383
01:06:58,500 --> 01:07:03,530
And our dressmaker
made us some--

1384
01:07:03,530 --> 01:07:05,967
it was greenish, khaki.

1385
01:07:05,967 --> 01:07:08,900

1386

01:07:08,900 --> 01:07:14,690

But I just went out,
because we were not

1387

01:07:14,690 --> 01:07:18,200
supposed to be [INAUDIBLE].

1388

01:07:18,200 --> 01:07:20,240
And the lady couldn't go out.

1389

01:07:20,240 --> 01:07:28,130
So I went to my
first [INAUDIBLE]..

1390

01:07:28,130 --> 01:07:30,442
And suddenly, a Jeep--

1391

01:07:30,442 --> 01:07:32,090
You went to your first--

1392

01:07:32,090 --> 01:07:33,370
Dress, my new dress.

1393

01:07:33,370 --> 01:07:33,870
OK.

1394

01:07:33,870 --> 01:07:34,730
Yeah.

1395

01:07:34,730 --> 01:07:37,260
And I was so chic and so--

1396

01:07:37,260 --> 01:07:38,180
I don't know.

1397

01:07:38,180 --> 01:07:40,500
But I was so happy.

1398

01:07:40,500 --> 01:07:42,050
I love clothes.

1399

01:07:42,050 --> 01:07:47,420
And suddenly, a Jeep
came with Russians.

1400
01:07:47,420 --> 01:07:50,210
And they picked me up.

1401
01:07:50,210 --> 01:07:51,200
You were by yourself?

1402
01:07:51,200 --> 01:07:53,780
I was by myself.

1403
01:07:53,780 --> 01:07:56,400
And I started to cry.

1404
01:07:56,400 --> 01:07:59,820
I said, why are you doing?

1405
01:07:59,820 --> 01:08:01,310
Why you pick me up?

1406
01:08:01,310 --> 01:08:06,110
He said, no, we have to take
you to so-and-so, to the--

1407
01:08:06,110 --> 01:08:09,350
there was the Russian bin--.

1408
01:08:09,350 --> 01:08:15,290
It's where the Russians lived,
the [INAUDIBLE] and officers.

1409
01:08:15,290 --> 01:08:17,120
And they took me there.

1410
01:08:17,120 --> 01:08:20,060
And naturally, I was petrified.

1411
01:08:20,060 --> 01:08:23,779
And first, they took
me to the captain.

1412
01:08:23,779 --> 01:08:26,660
There were three in the Jeep.

1413
01:08:26,660 --> 01:08:29,350
And I said to the captain--

1414
01:08:29,350 --> 01:08:33,710
he spoke a little bit, I
think, German or French.

1415
01:08:33,710 --> 01:08:35,569
I said, why I am here?

1416
01:08:35,569 --> 01:08:39,859
And he said, because
you don't have syphilis.

1417
01:08:39,859 --> 01:08:43,290
And it was terrible.

1418
01:08:43,290 --> 01:08:49,880
And then they took me upstairs
and tore my brand new dress.

1419
01:08:49,880 --> 01:08:51,439
And they were drunk.

1420
01:08:51,439 --> 01:08:55,580
These three-- it's
unbelievable, really.

1421
01:08:55,580 --> 01:09:01,880
These three soldiers
undressed completely.

1422
01:09:01,880 --> 01:09:03,859
And I never saw, really--

1423
01:09:03,859 --> 01:09:07,010
because I never saw
my father or anybody.

1424
01:09:07,010 --> 01:09:10,790
I never saw somebody naked.

1425
01:09:10,790 --> 01:09:12,260
And they were sitting.

1426
01:09:12,260 --> 01:09:13,760
And they were drunk.

1427
01:09:13,760 --> 01:09:23,029
And one suddenly-- he
said, lay down in a bunker.

1428
01:09:23,029 --> 01:09:28,490
And they had all
the guns over there.

1429
01:09:28,490 --> 01:09:31,910
And I knew I'm going to die.

1430
01:09:31,910 --> 01:09:34,279
I knew I had no--

1431
01:09:34,279 --> 01:09:35,870
I couldn't do it.

1432
01:09:35,870 --> 01:09:38,899
And they drive me terribly.

1433
01:09:38,899 --> 01:09:41,240
I kicked.

1434
01:09:41,240 --> 01:09:42,740
I bite.

1435
01:09:42,740 --> 01:09:44,899
I screamed.

1436
01:09:44,899 --> 01:09:49,609
And luckily, they

were so drunk that one

1437

01:09:49,609 --> 01:09:51,800

started to fall asleep.

1438

01:09:51,800 --> 01:09:54,740

The other will fall asleep.

1439

01:09:54,740 --> 01:09:59,840

So the first one, he
wasn't in the military.

1440

01:09:59,840 --> 01:10:02,360

He said to me, why don't
you go, because they're

1441

01:10:02,360 --> 01:10:07,920

going to wake up, and then
it's going to be worse.

1442

01:10:07,920 --> 01:10:12,050

So let's go, and
just stay with me.

1443

01:10:12,050 --> 01:10:15,030

And I was naive.

1444

01:10:15,030 --> 01:10:18,470

He was worse than anything else.

1445

01:10:18,470 --> 01:10:26,300

And meanwhile, somehow, somebody
noticed when they picked me up.

1446

01:10:26,300 --> 01:10:31,130

Somebody who knew my parents
knew it, or somebody like that.

1447

01:10:31,130 --> 01:10:32,420

And they found out.

1448

01:10:32,420 --> 01:10:36,020

And then they called
the American embassy,

1449
01:10:36,020 --> 01:10:38,060
or the-- it wasn't the embassy.

1450
01:10:38,060 --> 01:10:41,060
It's the Americans over there.

1451
01:10:41,060 --> 01:10:48,930
And it was already
almost morning.

1452
01:10:48,930 --> 01:10:51,170
They got me out.

1453
01:10:51,170 --> 01:10:53,450
But did he rape you?

1454
01:10:53,450 --> 01:10:54,350
No.

1455
01:10:54,350 --> 01:10:55,010
I didn't.

1456
01:10:55,010 --> 01:10:59,480
I knew-- and I don't
know how I was able to.

1457
01:10:59,480 --> 01:11:00,440
I kicked.

1458
01:11:00,440 --> 01:11:01,520
I screamed.

1459
01:11:01,520 --> 01:11:03,500
I bit.

1460
01:11:03,500 --> 01:11:05,310
And I knew I was going to die.

1461

01:11:05,310 --> 01:11:07,320
So this is the one who
said, come with me.

1462
01:11:07,320 --> 01:11:07,850
Yeah.

1463
01:11:07,850 --> 01:11:09,110
He was the same.

1464
01:11:09,110 --> 01:11:10,160
And he was just as bad.

1465
01:11:10,160 --> 01:11:12,640
It was just as bad.

1466
01:11:12,640 --> 01:11:16,540
And then, finally, they got--

1467
01:11:16,540 --> 01:11:22,000
two of the Americans came,
and they picked me up.

1468
01:11:22,000 --> 01:11:24,600
And naturally, they had to
take me to the hospital.

1469
01:11:24,600 --> 01:11:28,960
They were afraid of
syphilis, because luckily I

1470
01:11:28,960 --> 01:11:30,950
didn't had to.

1471
01:11:30,950 --> 01:11:33,790
And my mother passed
away naturally.

1472
01:11:33,790 --> 01:11:35,770
And then she was--

1473
01:11:35,770 --> 01:11:40,490

I was there about three or
four days in the hospital.

1474
01:11:40,490 --> 01:11:43,360
It was tough.

1475
01:11:43,360 --> 01:11:45,610
Do you still think about that?

1476
01:11:45,610 --> 01:11:50,140
You know, I have a little diary.

1477
01:11:50,140 --> 01:11:52,060
It's cute.

1478
01:11:52,060 --> 01:11:53,590
It's in Hungarian.

1479
01:11:53,590 --> 01:11:59,560
I started it when this
young boy, who got--

1480
01:11:59,560 --> 01:12:01,900
they hung him.

1481
01:12:01,900 --> 01:12:06,640
But he was my boyfriend.

1482
01:12:06,640 --> 01:12:10,420
But we didn't have
boyfriends who really--

1483
01:12:10,420 --> 01:12:13,540
like here, when they have--

1484
01:12:13,540 --> 01:12:16,040
we were dancing a little.

1485
01:12:16,040 --> 01:12:16,810
We walked.

1486

01:12:16,810 --> 01:12:19,840
We used to bicycle.

1487
01:12:19,840 --> 01:12:24,640
And we didn't have that
sex, because the boys--

1488
01:12:24,640 --> 01:12:28,720
Later on they were saying, they
thought that it was better.

1489
01:12:28,720 --> 01:12:33,470
OK, we go with the girls
to the certain house.

1490
01:12:33,470 --> 01:12:35,650
And we went home.

1491
01:12:35,650 --> 01:12:39,680
We didn't have
these sexy things.

1492
01:12:39,680 --> 01:12:40,940
So that was fine.

1493
01:12:40,940 --> 01:12:44,630
And then, later on--

1494
01:12:44,630 --> 01:12:45,880
We have to turn over the tape.

1495
01:12:45,880 --> 01:12:47,430
Oh.

1496
01:12:47,430 --> 01:12:52,000