

1
00:00:00,000 --> 00:00:07,870

2
00:00:07,870 --> 00:00:16,370
This is a continuation of
the United States Holocaust

3
00:00:16,370 --> 00:00:19,040
Memorial Museum
Volunteer Collection

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00:00:19,040 --> 00:00:23,040
interview with David Bayer.

5
00:00:23,040 --> 00:00:30,000
Tape number 2, side A. OK.

6
00:00:30,000 --> 00:00:33,210
And I was stationed in Sarafand.

7
00:00:33,210 --> 00:00:37,250
And one day I got called
up to come to Tel Aviv.

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00:00:37,250 --> 00:00:40,610

9
00:00:40,610 --> 00:00:46,470
And I went to see the city.

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00:00:46,470 --> 00:00:47,790
It looked beautiful.

11
00:00:47,790 --> 00:00:53,420
And I went around,
met some friends,

12
00:00:53,420 --> 00:00:57,390
which I have a
address to look for.

13
00:00:57,390 --> 00:01:03,290
And I didn't tell you
what happened before.

14
00:01:03,290 --> 00:01:04,099
Should I go back?

15
00:01:04,099 --> 00:01:05,600
Sure.

16
00:01:05,600 --> 00:01:11,660
When I get off the ship in
Haifa, I got off the ship,

17
00:01:11,660 --> 00:01:15,980
and they told me that
you have two days

18
00:01:15,980 --> 00:01:18,450
to arrange your
suitcases, your luggage,

19
00:01:18,450 --> 00:01:21,440
to put it away somewhere,
whatever, you know somebody.

20
00:01:21,440 --> 00:01:25,340
And then you have to
report to Tel Litvinsky.

21
00:01:25,340 --> 00:01:26,700
Because you join the army.

22
00:01:26,700 --> 00:01:28,190
I say, yes.

23
00:01:28,190 --> 00:01:30,260
So I go to the gate.

24
00:01:30,260 --> 00:01:34,790
There was a guy, a sailor
standing with a rifle.

25
00:01:34,790 --> 00:01:37,050
And I look at him.

26
00:01:37,050 --> 00:01:39,170
He looked at me.

27
00:01:39,170 --> 00:01:43,730
And then he jumped high,
and he grabbed his head.

28
00:01:43,730 --> 00:01:46,200
He calls me, Meshuganah!

29
00:01:46,200 --> 00:01:47,870
Are you crazy?

30
00:01:47,870 --> 00:01:49,640
What are you doing here?

31
00:01:49,640 --> 00:01:51,990
He recognized me
from Fohrenwald.

32
00:01:51,990 --> 00:01:53,210
He was a sailor.

33
00:01:53,210 --> 00:01:57,570
And he says, I'm thinking how to
get out of here, you're coming?

34
00:01:57,570 --> 00:01:58,070
He knew.

35
00:01:58,070 --> 00:02:01,790
He remembered me, I went
to Panama from Fohrenwald.

36
00:02:01,790 --> 00:02:02,630
And he recognized.

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00:02:02,630 --> 00:02:04,560
He said, what are
you doing here?

38
00:02:04,560 --> 00:02:06,140
He said, you're crazy.

39
00:02:06,140 --> 00:02:07,100
I want to get out.

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00:02:07,100 --> 00:02:09,560
I'm trying to get out,
and you're coming?

41
00:02:09,560 --> 00:02:11,330
I started joking.

42
00:02:11,330 --> 00:02:18,350
And then I went to Tel Aviv,
to [INAUDIBLE] and look

43
00:02:18,350 --> 00:02:25,190
for an address, a woman who
my father and my grandfather

44
00:02:25,190 --> 00:02:29,330
in the whole Jewish
congregation in my home town

45
00:02:29,330 --> 00:02:32,450
sent away to Palestine
before the war.

46
00:02:32,450 --> 00:02:35,000
That woman I was
going to look for.

47
00:02:35,000 --> 00:02:36,060
She got married.

48
00:02:36,060 --> 00:02:39,570
She was a rabbi's
daughter in my hometown.

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00:02:39,570 --> 00:02:42,440

She got married
with a local boy.

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00:02:42,440 --> 00:02:44,870

And the community
made the wedding,

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00:02:44,870 --> 00:02:47,930

and they sent them
away to Palestine.

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00:02:47,930 --> 00:02:51,800

And since she knew me
and I knew her as a kid,

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00:02:51,800 --> 00:02:53,840

I used to pray in the synagogue.

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00:02:53,840 --> 00:02:56,210

Because in Europe,
they had synagogues.

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00:02:56,210 --> 00:02:59,030

And also they had
small congregations.

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00:02:59,030 --> 00:03:01,700

And that's what we belonged to.

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00:03:01,700 --> 00:03:06,470

And so I was going
to look for her.

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00:03:06,470 --> 00:03:09,690

I had her address from somebody.

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00:03:09,690 --> 00:03:13,280

So I looked at her address.

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00:03:13,280 --> 00:03:15,335

I couldn't find her.

61
00:03:15,335 --> 00:03:16,793
I come to the
written down address.

62
00:03:16,793 --> 00:03:17,710
There's nobody there.

63
00:03:17,710 --> 00:03:21,880

64
00:03:21,880 --> 00:03:27,730
I was disappointed, and
I take a bus and go back.

65
00:03:27,730 --> 00:03:32,110
On the bus-- on the
bus I'm standing.

66
00:03:32,110 --> 00:03:34,800
Because all the seats are taken.

67
00:03:34,800 --> 00:03:39,540
And there they have a habit, if
a woman comes in, a man sits,

68
00:03:39,540 --> 00:03:42,670
a young man, he gets up and
lets the woman sit down,

69
00:03:42,670 --> 00:03:44,260
like in Europe.

70
00:03:44,260 --> 00:03:46,600
Not like here.

71
00:03:46,600 --> 00:03:50,890
And I was already standing
because I wouldn't let a woman

72
00:03:50,890 --> 00:03:54,010

stand and I'm sitting.

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00:03:54,010 --> 00:03:55,720

so I was standing
there holding my hands,

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00:03:55,720 --> 00:03:57,945

and I say, look at that woman.

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00:03:57,945 --> 00:03:59,080

I look at her.

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00:03:59,080 --> 00:04:00,180

I look at her.

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00:04:00,180 --> 00:04:03,250

And she looks at me.

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00:04:03,250 --> 00:04:07,370

And I said to her, "Touba?"

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00:04:07,370 --> 00:04:08,000

What?

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00:04:08,000 --> 00:04:11,030

She said, "yeah."

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00:04:11,030 --> 00:04:14,930

She was annoyed,
like I bother her.

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00:04:14,930 --> 00:04:16,550

She doesn't know who I am.

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00:04:16,550 --> 00:04:20,209

You know, and I start
talking to her in Yiddish.

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00:04:20,209 --> 00:04:22,863

And she just answers in Hebrew.

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00:04:22,863 --> 00:04:24,030
Like, "why do you bother me?"

86
00:04:24,030 --> 00:04:25,310
What do you want from me?"

87
00:04:25,310 --> 00:04:30,870
So I said, "are you Touba
[? Klemensberg? ?] Are you

88
00:04:30,870 --> 00:04:35,605
married to [? Mendal?" ?]
"Who are you?"

89
00:04:35,605 --> 00:04:37,480
In Hebrew, everything in Hebrew.

90
00:04:37,480 --> 00:04:40,248
So I said, "I'm David Bayer.

91
00:04:40,248 --> 00:04:41,760
I'm from Kozienice."

92
00:04:41,760 --> 00:04:44,300

93
00:04:44,300 --> 00:04:49,130
I saw-- this woman I was looking
for, and I saw her on the bus.

94
00:04:49,130 --> 00:04:51,240
And she got really excited.

95
00:04:51,240 --> 00:04:53,490
She said, "oh, yeah."

96
00:04:53,490 --> 00:04:54,590
I showed her the address.

97
00:04:54,590 --> 00:04:55,923
She said, no I don't live there.

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00:04:55,923 --> 00:04:58,040

I live in Dizengoff.

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00:04:58,040 --> 00:05:00,770

I was not in Ben-Yehuda.

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00:05:00,770 --> 00:05:03,035

It's the same number,
but somebody gave me

101

00:05:03,035 --> 00:05:03,785

the wrong address.

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00:05:03,785 --> 00:05:08,340

103

00:05:08,340 --> 00:05:10,040

Ben-Yehuda.

104

00:05:10,040 --> 00:05:11,180

Address wasn't right.

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00:05:11,180 --> 00:05:12,385

It was Dizengoff.

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00:05:12,385 --> 00:05:13,010

So she gave me.

107

00:05:13,010 --> 00:05:14,750

She said come to [INAUDIBLE].

108

00:05:14,750 --> 00:05:17,030

I'm going right back.

109

00:05:17,030 --> 00:05:18,530

And that's what happened.

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00:05:18,530 --> 00:05:20,940

I come back to her
house in Dizengoff.

111
00:05:20,940 --> 00:05:22,648
And I all my luggage
I left there.

112
00:05:22,648 --> 00:05:23,690
I told her what happened.

113
00:05:23,690 --> 00:05:25,160
I'm going to the army.

114
00:05:25,160 --> 00:05:28,220
You know, and I have nowhere
to keep all the stuff.

115
00:05:28,220 --> 00:05:32,926
So she took it and
put it in her closet.

116
00:05:32,926 --> 00:05:34,350
She [INAUDIBLE].

117
00:05:34,350 --> 00:05:40,242
But the thing is, coming back
to my uncle-- oh, I didn't

118
00:05:40,242 --> 00:05:41,450
tell you about the uncle yet.

119
00:05:41,450 --> 00:05:41,950
OK.

120
00:05:41,950 --> 00:05:43,920
I'll come back to that.

121
00:05:43,920 --> 00:05:47,390
So she lived in Dizengoff.

122
00:05:47,390 --> 00:05:50,900
And I met her husband,
and I met her son.

123

00:05:50,900 --> 00:05:54,690

And the husband also, because
the son was born in Israel.

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00:05:54,690 --> 00:05:59,480

And then she has a brother,
who ran away during the Second

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00:05:59,480 --> 00:06:00,600

World War to Russia.

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00:06:00,600 --> 00:06:03,180

And he came to Israel,
which I met him, too.

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00:06:03,180 --> 00:06:09,200

If he died over [? there. ?] And
they were very happy to see me.

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00:06:09,200 --> 00:06:10,490

So I got Landsmann.

129

00:06:10,490 --> 00:06:14,180

I got countrymen.

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00:06:14,180 --> 00:06:15,950

I was glad that
I found somebody.

131

00:06:15,950 --> 00:06:21,170

They told me who was here,
who came after the war, who

132

00:06:21,170 --> 00:06:22,820

lived here from before the war.

133

00:06:22,820 --> 00:06:25,310

And at the end, she
told other people,

134

00:06:25,310 --> 00:06:29,720

so everybody found out
that Manes Bayer's son came

135
00:06:29,720 --> 00:06:31,610
to Israel from Panama.

136
00:06:31,610 --> 00:06:32,510
He survived.

137
00:06:32,510 --> 00:06:33,930
You know, the whole--

138
00:06:33,930 --> 00:06:36,560

139
00:06:36,560 --> 00:06:40,850
all the friends, all the
country people from my hometown

140
00:06:40,850 --> 00:06:44,150
knew already after a while.

141
00:06:44,150 --> 00:06:48,650
All right, so going back to
[INAUDIBLE] from the Negev I

142
00:06:48,650 --> 00:06:50,930
come to Tel Aviv.

143
00:06:50,930 --> 00:06:53,810
And I go around everywhere.

144
00:06:53,810 --> 00:06:55,130
I went to visit them, too.

145
00:06:55,130 --> 00:07:00,660
And then I would pass by
Dizengoff or [INAUDIBLE]..

146
00:07:00,660 --> 00:07:06,400

147
00:07:06,400 --> 00:07:08,730

Boulevard [INAUDIBLE].

148
00:07:08,730 --> 00:07:12,050
Passed by.

149
00:07:12,050 --> 00:07:15,910
I was going on my way to
the barracks, to sleep.

150
00:07:15,910 --> 00:07:17,420
It was late at night.

151
00:07:17,420 --> 00:07:23,240
And the barracks are where
now the Hilton, the Sheraton,

152
00:07:23,240 --> 00:07:29,880
all the hotels near the ocean
used to be barracks in 1948.

153
00:07:29,880 --> 00:07:34,680
Now It's beautiful, like Miami.

154
00:07:34,680 --> 00:07:41,270
So I stop at that kiosk,
and then sit at the kiosk.

155
00:07:41,270 --> 00:07:46,640
It sells apple strudel, soda
water, a kiosk with candy.

156
00:07:46,640 --> 00:07:53,360
Like a corner kiosk in a park.

157
00:07:53,360 --> 00:07:56,080
You don't have it here, but
in Europe and everywhere,

158
00:07:56,080 --> 00:07:57,640
they have--

159
00:07:57,640 --> 00:07:59,275

like they have it on the mall.

160
00:07:59,275 --> 00:08:02,380
A kiosk is where they sell--

161
00:08:02,380 --> 00:08:06,170
that man behind the counter
takes care of everybody.

162
00:08:06,170 --> 00:08:08,320
And I went over to the
counter, and I asked

163
00:08:08,320 --> 00:08:09,850
for a piece of apple strudel.

164
00:08:09,850 --> 00:08:10,780
I saw it.

165
00:08:10,780 --> 00:08:15,490
And I had a glass of soda water.

166
00:08:15,490 --> 00:08:18,180
And then there was
two benches outside,

167
00:08:18,180 --> 00:08:21,040
some lady sitting there talking.

168
00:08:21,040 --> 00:08:24,070
And one lady yells out to the
man behind the counter, Mr.

169
00:08:24,070 --> 00:08:27,280
Bayer something.

170
00:08:27,280 --> 00:08:29,470
So I thought that
maybe she calls me.

171
00:08:29,470 --> 00:08:31,290
She was talking to him.

172
00:08:31,290 --> 00:08:32,380
His name was Bayer.

173
00:08:32,380 --> 00:08:34,539
So I said, "your name is Bayer?"

174
00:08:34,539 --> 00:08:35,309
He said, "yes."

175
00:08:35,309 --> 00:08:37,604
"My name is Bayer, too.

176
00:08:37,604 --> 00:08:39,749
Bayer, where you come from?"

177
00:08:39,749 --> 00:08:40,710
"From Panama."

178
00:08:40,710 --> 00:08:42,230
"Panama?"

179
00:08:42,230 --> 00:08:43,299
Where were you born?"

180
00:08:43,299 --> 00:08:45,350
He said right away "Poland."

181
00:08:45,350 --> 00:08:48,500
Started questioning
me and questioning me.

182
00:08:48,500 --> 00:08:50,780
He said-- he got nervous.

183
00:08:50,780 --> 00:08:52,400
He said, "ladies,
I'm closing up.

184
00:08:52,400 --> 00:08:54,410
I'm closing up."

185

00:08:54,410 --> 00:08:56,730

"What's your father's name?"

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00:08:56,730 --> 00:09:00,560

"My father's name was Menachem
Manes [PERSONAL NAME]."

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00:09:00,560 --> 00:09:02,540

"What was your
grandfather's name?"

188

00:09:02,540 --> 00:09:07,070

"My grandfather's name was
Moshe [PERSONAL NAME]."

189

00:09:07,070 --> 00:09:09,380

"Oh my God."

190

00:09:09,380 --> 00:09:12,140

"Who do you remember from home?"

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00:09:12,140 --> 00:09:14,000

I said, "I don't know."

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00:09:14,000 --> 00:09:14,540

I was young.

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00:09:14,540 --> 00:09:16,040

I don't remember
much, but my mother

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00:09:16,040 --> 00:09:19,400

told me a story
when I was a kid.

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00:09:19,400 --> 00:09:23,030

And a cousin of hers--

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00:09:23,030 --> 00:09:27,620

a cousin of hers has traveled
to Israel by motorcycle.

197
00:09:27,620 --> 00:09:29,030
His name was Elimelech."

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00:09:29,030 --> 00:09:32,120

199
00:09:32,120 --> 00:09:34,210
"So Uncle Elimelech?"

200
00:09:34,210 --> 00:09:35,680
"Yeah, he's here.

201
00:09:35,680 --> 00:09:36,180
He's here.

202
00:09:36,180 --> 00:09:37,260
He lives in Bnei Brak."

203
00:09:37,260 --> 00:09:41,620

204
00:09:41,620 --> 00:09:42,370
He came out.

205
00:09:42,370 --> 00:09:43,300
He checked my ears.

206
00:09:43,300 --> 00:09:45,730
They're the same
with the family.

207
00:09:45,730 --> 00:09:46,510
And this and that.

208
00:09:46,510 --> 00:09:48,010
He starts talking.

209
00:09:48,010 --> 00:09:48,815
He said, "closing.

210

00:09:48,815 --> 00:09:49,690

Where are you going?"

211

00:09:49,690 --> 00:09:50,740

I said I'm going to
sleep in the barracks.

212

00:09:50,740 --> 00:09:51,310

He said, "no, no, no.

213

00:09:51,310 --> 00:09:52,330

You come in my house.

214

00:09:52,330 --> 00:09:54,670

Come with [? me." ?]

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00:09:54,670 --> 00:09:55,720

He took me.

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00:09:55,720 --> 00:10:00,280

He was [? limping ?]
[INAUDIBLE]..

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00:10:00,280 --> 00:10:04,060

He was my uncle,
some kind of uncle.

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00:10:04,060 --> 00:10:07,630

He was my grandfather's brother.

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00:10:07,630 --> 00:10:13,520

My father's father's brother.

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00:10:13,520 --> 00:10:16,730

My father would be-- he
would be my father's uncle.

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00:10:16,730 --> 00:10:20,000

222

00:10:20,000 --> 00:10:24,560

But the other one is also
relatives, is closer.

223
00:10:24,560 --> 00:10:29,570
Because my mother and my father
were cousins when they married.

224
00:10:29,570 --> 00:10:33,240

225
00:10:33,240 --> 00:10:38,130
So my mother and my father
were assigned before they

226
00:10:38,130 --> 00:10:40,020
were born to get married.

227
00:10:40,020 --> 00:10:43,680
I even [? heard ?] that before.

228
00:10:43,680 --> 00:10:49,380
But my father was not even born,
and my mother wasn't even born.

229
00:10:49,380 --> 00:10:51,620
Yet they put them together.

230
00:10:51,620 --> 00:10:54,030
If you have a boy and a
girl, they will marry.

231
00:10:54,030 --> 00:10:56,490
So it was arranged
before they were born.

232
00:10:56,490 --> 00:10:57,210
Arranged.

233
00:10:57,210 --> 00:10:59,820
A match was made.

234
00:10:59,820 --> 00:11:01,930

That's what happened.

235

00:11:01,930 --> 00:11:06,425

So the other one was
also family, cousins.

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00:11:06,425 --> 00:11:08,550

I remember our mother told
me that he was a cousin.

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00:11:08,550 --> 00:11:11,240

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00:11:11,240 --> 00:11:15,910

So this is not finished yet.

239

00:11:15,910 --> 00:11:18,680

So he took me home.

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00:11:18,680 --> 00:11:19,570

He told me his story.

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00:11:19,570 --> 00:11:24,880

He said he was in the Russian
Army, this uncle who I met.

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00:11:24,880 --> 00:11:30,280

And he surrendered
to the Germans.

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00:11:30,280 --> 00:11:33,790

And they caught him, and put
him in prison, prisoner of war.

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00:11:33,790 --> 00:11:36,100

The First World War.

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00:11:36,100 --> 00:11:37,140

The First World War.

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00:11:37,140 --> 00:11:40,600

247
00:11:40,600 --> 00:11:43,605
And he stayed in Germany
after the First World War.

248
00:11:43,605 --> 00:11:45,850
He married a German
Jewish woman in Germany.

249
00:11:45,850 --> 00:11:48,350
He stayed till 1933.

250
00:11:48,350 --> 00:11:52,570
In 1933, he went to Palestine.

251
00:11:52,570 --> 00:11:56,060
So that's why he
wound up in Israel.

252
00:11:56,060 --> 00:12:01,470
Then he said tomorrow, I will
take it to see my daughter.

253
00:12:01,470 --> 00:12:03,670
She lives-- she's married.

254
00:12:03,670 --> 00:12:06,550
She has a child.

255
00:12:06,550 --> 00:12:07,600
OK.

256
00:12:07,600 --> 00:12:11,530
I go to see her
daughter-- his daughter.

257
00:12:11,530 --> 00:12:13,720
We come in the house.

258
00:12:13,720 --> 00:12:16,600
Her husband is the
guy who was next to me

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00:12:16,600 --> 00:12:19,390

in bed in the camp
in the army, which

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00:12:19,390 --> 00:12:21,300

I knew him the whole time.

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00:12:21,300 --> 00:12:25,900

And I never knew that this
is my cousin's husband.

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00:12:25,900 --> 00:12:29,720

His name is Jakob
[? Asia. ?] [? Asia. ?]

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00:12:29,720 --> 00:12:32,890

I didn't know [? Asia. ?] You
know, Bayer not [? Asia. ?]

264

00:12:32,890 --> 00:12:35,032

So I didn't know.

265

00:12:35,032 --> 00:12:36,990

So he was saying, hey,
what are you doing here?

266

00:12:36,990 --> 00:12:40,150

267

00:12:40,150 --> 00:12:42,190

Coincidence.

268

00:12:42,190 --> 00:12:45,440

And then my uncle introduced
me to other cousins,

269

00:12:45,440 --> 00:12:46,450

which I never knew.

270

00:12:46,450 --> 00:12:49,490

One is named after

my grandfather.

271

00:12:49,490 --> 00:12:51,880

A big, big family.

272

00:12:51,880 --> 00:12:56,000

And then I was
discharged from the army.

273

00:12:56,000 --> 00:12:59,810

And I wanted to stay
in Israel and work.

274

00:12:59,810 --> 00:13:04,660

So my uncle arranged for me
to get a job in a telephone

275

00:13:04,660 --> 00:13:06,290

company in Tel Aviv.

276

00:13:06,290 --> 00:13:06,790

Jaffa.

277

00:13:06,790 --> 00:13:09,360

Jaffa Tel Aviv.

278

00:13:09,360 --> 00:13:12,900

One of the uncle-- the cousins
is a big, big, big shot

279

00:13:12,900 --> 00:13:13,950

in the telephone company.

280

00:13:13,950 --> 00:13:15,885

And so he gave me a job.

281

00:13:15,885 --> 00:13:17,010

What kind of job do I want?

282

00:13:17,010 --> 00:13:18,390

Everything I want.

283

00:13:18,390 --> 00:13:23,010

So I got a job digging ditches
to put in new telephone

284

00:13:23,010 --> 00:13:26,430

lines in the ground with
Yemenite Jews, Black

285

00:13:26,430 --> 00:13:27,750

Jews from Yemen.

286

00:13:27,750 --> 00:13:31,480

287

00:13:31,480 --> 00:13:34,550

And also, all my ra--
all my countrymen

288

00:13:34,550 --> 00:13:37,990

already knew that I am
in Israel and doing this.

289

00:13:37,990 --> 00:13:42,370

So they lived not far from
the area, Tel Aviv Jaffa area.

290

00:13:42,370 --> 00:13:47,950

And through that woman
from my hometown,

291

00:13:47,950 --> 00:13:50,640

so every day somebody
comes to my job

292

00:13:50,640 --> 00:13:53,490

where I was digging ditches
and feeling sorry for me.

293

00:13:53,490 --> 00:13:56,100

294

00:13:56,100 --> 00:13:56,820

Oi vey.

295

00:13:56,820 --> 00:13:58,680

That one woman came.

296

00:13:58,680 --> 00:14:00,480

She knew me from home.

297

00:14:00,480 --> 00:14:04,200

She said, "Manes Bayer's
son digging ditches here

298

00:14:04,200 --> 00:14:06,320

in Tel Aviv?

299

00:14:06,320 --> 00:14:07,790

That's why you come to Israel?

300

00:14:07,790 --> 00:14:08,570

Are you crazy?"

301

00:14:08,570 --> 00:14:12,700

Everybody brought me grapes,
brought me sandwiches.

302

00:14:12,700 --> 00:14:14,180

They felt sorry for me.

303

00:14:14,180 --> 00:14:16,230

Everyone felt sorry for me.

304

00:14:16,230 --> 00:14:18,770

And my uncle didn't want
me to go to work neither.

305

00:14:18,770 --> 00:14:22,470

He said, [INAUDIBLE]
you go back to Panama.

306

00:14:22,470 --> 00:14:27,290

You'll be-- whenever you
want to come, you can come.

307
00:14:27,290 --> 00:14:29,970
He didn't want you to
work in Israel because--

308
00:14:29,970 --> 00:14:30,470
He didn't.

309
00:14:30,470 --> 00:14:31,178
It's nothing now.

310
00:14:31,178 --> 00:14:34,140
There was unemployment,
a big unemployment.

311
00:14:34,140 --> 00:14:36,200
Immigrants keep
coming and coming.

312
00:14:36,200 --> 00:14:37,160
There was nothing.

313
00:14:37,160 --> 00:14:39,770
It was very hard, very bad.

314
00:14:39,770 --> 00:14:42,050
People stopped on the
benches in the parks.

315
00:14:42,050 --> 00:14:43,340
It was very bad.

316
00:14:43,340 --> 00:14:44,390
Now, what year is this?

317
00:14:44,390 --> 00:14:44,890
It's about--

318
00:14:44,890 --> 00:14:46,676
'48, '49.

319

00:14:46,676 --> 00:14:47,530
OK.

320
00:14:47,530 --> 00:14:48,080
Not '49.

321
00:14:48,080 --> 00:14:49,070
End of '49.

322
00:14:49,070 --> 00:14:50,960
I was there one year.

323
00:14:50,960 --> 00:14:51,560
It was bad.

324
00:14:51,560 --> 00:14:52,110
It was bad.

325
00:14:52,110 --> 00:14:53,527
During the war,
there was nothing.

326
00:14:53,527 --> 00:14:54,710
They're just starting.

327
00:14:54,710 --> 00:14:57,780
And you were out of the
army because it was just--

328
00:14:57,780 --> 00:14:58,490
No, the start.

329
00:14:58,490 --> 00:15:01,280
We made independence,
and we win the war.

330
00:15:01,280 --> 00:15:03,800
The Arabs lost.

331
00:15:03,800 --> 00:15:04,580
So.

332

00:15:04,580 --> 00:15:06,680

And the immigrants keep
coming from all sides.

333

00:15:06,680 --> 00:15:07,320

OK.

334

00:15:07,320 --> 00:15:08,000

There's no work.

335

00:15:08,000 --> 00:15:08,667

There's no work.

336

00:15:08,667 --> 00:15:09,380

It's very hard.

337

00:15:09,380 --> 00:15:10,560

OK.

338

00:15:10,560 --> 00:15:14,400

So he said, you can come
back whenever you want.

339

00:15:14,400 --> 00:15:16,120

Which was a mistake,
I would say.

340

00:15:16,120 --> 00:15:18,050

I should have stayed.

341

00:15:18,050 --> 00:15:20,860

And dug the ditches?

342

00:15:20,860 --> 00:15:23,010

I quit the job and left.

343

00:15:23,010 --> 00:15:24,570

You could have
found another job.

344

00:15:24,570 --> 00:15:26,190

No, I didn't look for nothing.

345
00:15:26,190 --> 00:15:27,960
I left Israel.

346
00:15:27,960 --> 00:15:28,530
OK.

347
00:15:28,530 --> 00:15:31,780
I went back to Panama by ship.

348
00:15:31,780 --> 00:15:33,570
I went to New York.

349
00:15:33,570 --> 00:15:35,788
Now, why did you
go back to Panama?

350
00:15:35,788 --> 00:15:37,080
Because you had other contacts.

351
00:15:37,080 --> 00:15:39,950
Because I had
nowhere else to go.

352
00:15:39,950 --> 00:15:41,830
I had a passport,
Panamanian passport,

353
00:15:41,830 --> 00:15:43,170
Panamanian [INAUDIBLE].

354
00:15:43,170 --> 00:15:45,860
Was there anywhere else that
you would like to have gone?

355
00:15:45,860 --> 00:15:47,190
United States.

356
00:15:47,190 --> 00:15:49,020
But you couldn't get a visa?

357

00:15:49,020 --> 00:15:51,450

I came here to New York.

358

00:15:51,450 --> 00:15:52,320

So what happened--

359

00:15:52,320 --> 00:15:53,430

Later.

360

00:15:53,430 --> 00:15:56,650

When I quit Israel, I
said goodbye to everybody.

361

00:15:56,650 --> 00:16:03,070

I took a ship, a
ship called Neptunia.

362

00:16:03,070 --> 00:16:04,170

I forget the ship name.

363

00:16:04,170 --> 00:16:07,050

364

00:16:07,050 --> 00:16:07,825

Neptunia?

365

00:16:07,825 --> 00:16:08,700

[INAUDIBLE] Neptunia.

366

00:16:08,700 --> 00:16:10,390

[INAUDIBLE] I walk
around the ship,

367

00:16:10,390 --> 00:16:12,630

and look at the
railing, the railing.

368

00:16:12,630 --> 00:16:13,790

I give a look.

369

00:16:13,790 --> 00:16:18,720

David Bayer scratched up on
the railing with a knife.

370
00:16:18,720 --> 00:16:22,060

371
00:16:22,060 --> 00:16:22,810
Neptunia.

372
00:16:22,810 --> 00:16:23,490
My name?

373
00:16:23,490 --> 00:16:25,450
I was not on that ship.

374
00:16:25,450 --> 00:16:26,940
I start to investigate.

375
00:16:26,940 --> 00:16:28,090
I was on that ship.

376
00:16:28,090 --> 00:16:30,268
The ship was named
[? Joann David. ?]

377
00:16:30,268 --> 00:16:34,060
[? Joann David. ?] The ship
left Holland to Curacao

378
00:16:34,060 --> 00:16:36,160
when I went from
Europe to Panama.

379
00:16:36,160 --> 00:16:37,420
On the same ship.

380
00:16:37,420 --> 00:16:40,272
They changed the
name to Neptunia.

381
00:16:40,272 --> 00:16:44,760
I sailed from Haifa to

New York on that ship.

382
00:16:44,760 --> 00:16:49,284
When I came to New York,
I had a transit visa,

383
00:16:49,284 --> 00:16:53,850
a transit to go through the
United States to Panama.

384
00:16:53,850 --> 00:16:57,640
When I came to New York, I
was locked up in Ellis Island.

385
00:16:57,640 --> 00:16:59,462
What was that like?

386
00:16:59,462 --> 00:17:01,490
They locked me up
on Ellis Island

387
00:17:01,490 --> 00:17:06,819
because the guy, the inspector
looked at me and said,

388
00:17:06,819 --> 00:17:07,599
I don't trust you.

389
00:17:07,599 --> 00:17:10,460
You're going to jump ship.

390
00:17:10,460 --> 00:17:11,450
Which he was right.

391
00:17:11,450 --> 00:17:14,359
I wasn't planning to go nowhere.

392
00:17:14,359 --> 00:17:16,550
I wasn't planning
to go to Panama.

393
00:17:16,550 --> 00:17:22,446

I planned to sneak into York
with a transit visa and stay.

394
00:17:22,446 --> 00:17:26,230
He locked me up in Ellis Island.

395
00:17:26,230 --> 00:17:33,810
And I had to send a telegram
or a telephone number--

396
00:17:33,810 --> 00:17:35,140
I don't remember what it was--

397
00:17:35,140 --> 00:17:38,160
to my friend here in Washington.

398
00:17:38,160 --> 00:17:41,270
My friend Sam Spiegel
lives here in Washington,

399
00:17:41,270 --> 00:17:43,830
the one who we were
together, in Europe together.

400
00:17:43,830 --> 00:17:45,770
He went here.

401
00:17:45,770 --> 00:17:48,440
When I went to Panama, he
went to the United States

402
00:17:48,440 --> 00:17:50,870
and lived in Washington.

403
00:17:50,870 --> 00:17:54,680
They got married in
Germany, but they live here.

404
00:17:54,680 --> 00:17:57,560
And he had to put in a
bond \$500 to let me out.

405

00:17:57,560 --> 00:18:00,170

406

00:18:00,170 --> 00:18:02,990

So I could come to
visit him in Washington.

407

00:18:02,990 --> 00:18:04,730

That's what I did.

408

00:18:04,730 --> 00:18:08,870

And they give me
one month to stay.

409

00:18:08,870 --> 00:18:12,090

And then I had to go to Panama.

410

00:18:12,090 --> 00:18:14,810

I stayed more than one month.

411

00:18:14,810 --> 00:18:18,770

And I tried to stay,
but they sent me

412

00:18:18,770 --> 00:18:23,840

a telegram about
everything, about vacation.

413

00:18:23,840 --> 00:18:26,070

We're going to lock you
up if you don't go out

414

00:18:26,070 --> 00:18:27,760

on this and this day.

415

00:18:27,760 --> 00:18:29,540

We're going to pull you.

416

00:18:29,540 --> 00:18:31,790

You'll be here illegal.

417

00:18:31,790 --> 00:18:33,320

And I had to leave.

418
00:18:33,320 --> 00:18:35,360
So I left for Panama.

419
00:18:35,360 --> 00:18:37,760
And I stayed there
until 1955 in Panama.

420
00:18:37,760 --> 00:18:39,440
And what did you do
when you were there?

421
00:18:39,440 --> 00:18:43,030
In Panama, I lived in
[INAUDIBLE] eight years.

422
00:18:43,030 --> 00:18:44,720
I lived in Panama City.

423
00:18:44,720 --> 00:18:48,590
I worked for a man named
Carlos [? Renet, ?] also

424
00:18:48,590 --> 00:18:52,630
in the leather shoe
business supply.

425
00:18:52,630 --> 00:18:55,400
That was very good.

426
00:18:55,400 --> 00:18:56,460
Not very good.

427
00:18:56,460 --> 00:19:02,120
I made a living, and I had an
apartment, and a single life.

428
00:19:02,120 --> 00:19:03,780
You know.

429
00:19:03,780 --> 00:19:04,490

Have a good time?

430

00:19:04,490 --> 00:19:05,910

Very good time.

431

00:19:05,910 --> 00:19:06,410

Mm-hmm.

432

00:19:06,410 --> 00:19:08,950

And I had cars.

433

00:19:08,950 --> 00:19:12,780

A different life.

434

00:19:12,780 --> 00:19:15,870

And in 1955, I came here.

435

00:19:15,870 --> 00:19:17,550

Now, if you were
having a good time

436

00:19:17,550 --> 00:19:20,340

and you had a good life, why
did you want to leave Panama?

437

00:19:20,340 --> 00:19:26,330

I wanted-- I wouldn't get
involved with non-Jewish girls.

438

00:19:26,330 --> 00:19:28,680

I wanted to marry
somebody else, and I

439

00:19:28,680 --> 00:19:32,550

wanted to leave my name Jewish.

440

00:19:32,550 --> 00:19:34,540

You did want to
marry a Jewish girl?

441

00:19:34,540 --> 00:19:35,790

Yeah, that's what I wanted.

442
00:19:35,790 --> 00:19:38,340
And there were so
few-- too few Jews?

443
00:19:38,340 --> 00:19:39,630
In Panama, there were not.

444
00:19:39,630 --> 00:19:42,720
And I was involved with too
many other Christian girls,

445
00:19:42,720 --> 00:19:44,940
and they wanted to get
married and all that stuff,

446
00:19:44,940 --> 00:19:46,080
and I didn't.

447
00:19:46,080 --> 00:19:48,230
And what about your
religious life at that point?

448
00:19:48,230 --> 00:19:49,830
It changed.

449
00:19:49,830 --> 00:19:53,460
I still believe in God.

450
00:19:53,460 --> 00:19:56,010
And when did that
start to happen?

451
00:19:56,010 --> 00:19:57,480
After Israel.

452
00:19:57,480 --> 00:19:59,820
In Israel.

453
00:19:59,820 --> 00:20:02,940
And after the war,
I still have--

454
00:20:02,940 --> 00:20:07,290
I still have a
little bit of doubt.

455
00:20:07,290 --> 00:20:11,040
I'm not-- I'm not so
religious like I used to be.

456
00:20:11,040 --> 00:20:15,030
I only go to the
synagogue twice a year.

457
00:20:15,030 --> 00:20:18,350
Yom Kippur, Rosh Hashanah.

458
00:20:18,350 --> 00:20:19,900
That's all.

459
00:20:19,900 --> 00:20:20,950
Sometimes.

460
00:20:20,950 --> 00:20:22,920
But--

461
00:20:22,920 --> 00:20:26,650
In Israel, can you say
what happened that you

462
00:20:26,650 --> 00:20:30,510
started to believe again?

463
00:20:30,510 --> 00:20:33,250
I was born in it.

464
00:20:33,250 --> 00:20:35,800
When my grandfather and my
father were so religious

465
00:20:35,800 --> 00:20:39,970
that God was everywhere.

466

00:20:39,970 --> 00:20:43,510

And I couldn't just
let it go, you know?

467

00:20:43,510 --> 00:20:45,040

So it was just a part of you.

468

00:20:45,040 --> 00:20:47,050

It was a little
bit disappointment

469

00:20:47,050 --> 00:20:49,370

in the beginning, but--

470

00:20:49,370 --> 00:20:52,280

and then there's always--

471

00:20:52,280 --> 00:20:53,820

I always had doubt.

472

00:20:53,820 --> 00:20:57,000

Always maybe, maybe
there's something.

473

00:20:57,000 --> 00:20:58,732

Why did I survive?

474

00:20:58,732 --> 00:21:03,420

You know, maybe
there's a reason.

475

00:21:03,420 --> 00:21:04,970

Why did I survive?

476

00:21:04,970 --> 00:21:05,960

Why me?

477

00:21:05,960 --> 00:21:07,450

Why not my father?

478

00:21:07,450 --> 00:21:10,280

Why not brother, my sisters?

479

00:21:10,280 --> 00:21:11,000

My mother?

480

00:21:11,000 --> 00:21:14,900

She was 40 years
old, not even 40.

481

00:21:14,900 --> 00:21:22,245

And you yourself struggled
a lot to survive.

482

00:21:22,245 --> 00:21:22,745

Oh, yeah.

483

00:21:22,745 --> 00:21:23,630

I struggled.

484

00:21:23,630 --> 00:21:26,570

What kept you going?

485

00:21:26,570 --> 00:21:28,446

The will live is all.

486

00:21:28,446 --> 00:21:31,147

Not because-- I didn't
want to give in.

487

00:21:31,147 --> 00:21:32,480

I didn't want-- I don't give in.

488

00:21:32,480 --> 00:21:33,553

I don't give in nothing.

489

00:21:33,553 --> 00:21:34,220

I never give in.

490

00:21:34,220 --> 00:21:36,890

I don't give in now either.

491

00:21:36,890 --> 00:21:38,540
I don't-- I don't--

492
00:21:38,540 --> 00:21:46,480
if I don't agree with something,
I keep on disagreeing.

493
00:21:46,480 --> 00:21:48,850
I don't-- I'm not wishy-washy.

494
00:21:48,850 --> 00:21:51,560
OK.

495
00:21:51,560 --> 00:21:54,460
If I don't like something
or somebody, I tell them.

496
00:21:54,460 --> 00:21:56,915
I say, I don't like you.

497
00:21:56,915 --> 00:21:57,770
The truth.

498
00:21:57,770 --> 00:22:01,460

499
00:22:01,460 --> 00:22:05,730
I'm working with a German
young man in the museum.

500
00:22:05,730 --> 00:22:09,440
German, German, German.

501
00:22:09,440 --> 00:22:11,570
And I like him.

502
00:22:11,570 --> 00:22:15,560
But I still tell him that
I don't like Germans.

503
00:22:15,560 --> 00:22:17,430
Which everybody said, shh.

504

00:22:17,430 --> 00:22:21,810

What is a German German man
doing working in the museum?

505

00:22:21,810 --> 00:22:25,680

He is-- he is a volunteer.

506

00:22:25,680 --> 00:22:27,540

The government pays him.

507

00:22:27,540 --> 00:22:28,740

Which government?

508

00:22:28,740 --> 00:22:33,360

The German government pays
him to come here to work.

509

00:22:33,360 --> 00:22:38,580

He chooses to work in the Museum
instead to go to the army.

510

00:22:38,580 --> 00:22:39,400

Oh, I see.

511

00:22:39,400 --> 00:22:42,160

So it's a temporary
kind of thing.

512

00:22:42,160 --> 00:22:42,917

So he chose this.

513

00:22:42,917 --> 00:22:43,750

Instead of the army.

514

00:22:43,750 --> 00:22:44,250

OK.

515

00:22:44,250 --> 00:22:46,820

516

00:22:46,820 --> 00:22:50,960
And there was one two
years ago in the Museum.

517
00:22:50,960 --> 00:22:52,790
His father was an SS-man.

518
00:22:52,790 --> 00:22:55,340
he probably killed
a lot of Jews.

519
00:22:55,340 --> 00:22:56,391
And I told him.

520
00:22:56,391 --> 00:22:58,760
I said, I don't
like the Germans.

521
00:22:58,760 --> 00:23:02,150
And this German boy is
willing to do anything for me.

522
00:23:02,150 --> 00:23:04,840
He wanted to write
German paper for me.

523
00:23:04,840 --> 00:23:08,553

524
00:23:08,553 --> 00:23:09,970
Everything he
wanted to do for me.

525
00:23:09,970 --> 00:23:13,200

526
00:23:13,200 --> 00:23:17,310
And I still tell him the truth.

527
00:23:17,310 --> 00:23:18,824
I can't be a hypocrite.

528

00:23:18,824 --> 00:23:20,720
Mm-hmm.

529
00:23:20,720 --> 00:23:26,190
I like him, but he
probably a nice guy.

530
00:23:26,190 --> 00:23:27,290
I don't know how to--

531
00:23:27,290 --> 00:23:30,860
and still I have my
doubts in my mind.

532
00:23:30,860 --> 00:23:32,690
So why do I do that?

533
00:23:32,690 --> 00:23:35,570
Why do I-- why
don't I treat him--

534
00:23:35,570 --> 00:23:37,550
you know, I was
talking about Austria.

535
00:23:37,550 --> 00:23:40,440

536
00:23:40,440 --> 00:23:45,120
And he was there.

537
00:23:45,120 --> 00:23:49,920
So I said, I felt guilty that
I said it, but I had to say it.

538
00:23:49,920 --> 00:23:52,245
But the Austrian is the
same as the Germans.

539
00:23:52,245 --> 00:23:56,080

540

00:23:56,080 --> 00:24:01,140
And he puts his head down.

541
00:24:01,140 --> 00:24:03,930
Let's go back to, you
were leaving Panama

542
00:24:03,930 --> 00:24:06,650
because you wanted to
marry a Jewish woman,

543
00:24:06,650 --> 00:24:10,622
and there were just not much--

544
00:24:10,622 --> 00:24:13,160
It was not the only reason.

545
00:24:13,160 --> 00:24:14,797
This was a reason
why I came here,

546
00:24:14,797 --> 00:24:17,255
because I could have gotten
involved with a Christian woman

547
00:24:17,255 --> 00:24:18,500
here, too.

548
00:24:18,500 --> 00:24:20,720
But I wanted to marry
Jewish because I

549
00:24:20,720 --> 00:24:26,300
wanted to have Jewish kids
and Jewish grandchildren.

550
00:24:26,300 --> 00:24:28,940
So you were getting
ready to settle down.

551
00:24:28,940 --> 00:24:30,290
And you were how--

552

00:24:30,290 --> 00:24:32,330

55, you would have
been about 33?

553

00:24:32,330 --> 00:24:33,380

Mm-hmm.

554

00:24:33,380 --> 00:24:36,050

And so how did you get
to the United States?

555

00:24:36,050 --> 00:24:38,940

I came from Panama to Miami.

556

00:24:38,940 --> 00:24:39,470

Yeah.

557

00:24:39,470 --> 00:24:44,150

Miami, I took a bus, which
was a mistake to Washington,

558

00:24:44,150 --> 00:24:47,000

because a friend
of mine lives here.

559

00:24:47,000 --> 00:24:50,940

And then I went to visit
New York, the other friend.

560

00:24:50,940 --> 00:24:52,710

That's how I do it.

561

00:24:52,710 --> 00:24:53,420

I have friends.

562

00:24:53,420 --> 00:24:54,740

I have a lot of friends.

563

00:24:54,740 --> 00:25:00,630

Everywhere I go, everywhere I
go, not only in this country,

564

00:25:00,630 --> 00:25:03,320

all over the world
there's people

565

00:25:03,320 --> 00:25:06,950

from my hometown, which we
were friends during the war,

566

00:25:06,950 --> 00:25:08,480

before the war.

567

00:25:08,480 --> 00:25:13,470

Are most of your friends from
your hometown or survivors?

568

00:25:13,470 --> 00:25:15,220

No, not most of them
but the majority.

569

00:25:15,220 --> 00:25:16,760

Mm-hmm.

570

00:25:16,760 --> 00:25:18,410

Your closest friends,
would you say,

571

00:25:18,410 --> 00:25:20,490

would be from your hometown?

572

00:25:20,490 --> 00:25:21,190

Yeah.

573

00:25:21,190 --> 00:25:23,450

All my friends are from my--

574

00:25:23,450 --> 00:25:25,640

which I have a lot
of friends here, too,

575

00:25:25,640 --> 00:25:29,910

which are not from my hometown,
but I can count on my people

576
00:25:29,910 --> 00:25:32,420
from my hometown.

577
00:25:32,420 --> 00:25:36,770
They are sincere, and we
know each other from home.

578
00:25:36,770 --> 00:25:41,540
My parents-- my parents and
their partners were friends.

579
00:25:41,540 --> 00:25:44,010
Now, how did you meet your wife?

580
00:25:44,010 --> 00:25:49,210
I went to visit a friend
of mine in New York, which

581
00:25:49,210 --> 00:25:50,480
still friends with him.

582
00:25:50,480 --> 00:25:55,090
I still talk to them
every week on the phone.

583
00:25:55,090 --> 00:25:59,845
And he lived in the same
city that my wife lived,

584
00:25:59,845 --> 00:26:03,721
and she knew my wife, so
they introduced me to her.

585
00:26:03,721 --> 00:26:04,715
That's it.

586
00:26:04,715 --> 00:26:07,390

587
00:26:07,390 --> 00:26:09,317
Love at first sight?

588
00:26:09,317 --> 00:26:10,400
No, I met her a few times.

589
00:26:10,400 --> 00:26:11,646
Yeah.

590
00:26:11,646 --> 00:26:12,960
[INAUDIBLE]

591
00:26:12,960 --> 00:26:16,240
And is your wife American born?

592
00:26:16,240 --> 00:26:16,740
American.

593
00:26:16,740 --> 00:26:17,620
American born.

594
00:26:17,620 --> 00:26:18,120
Born, yeah.

595
00:26:18,120 --> 00:26:18,687
Jewish?

596
00:26:18,687 --> 00:26:19,187
Yeah.

597
00:26:19,187 --> 00:26:21,990

598
00:26:21,990 --> 00:26:25,830
So with all of the people
you knew from Europe,

599
00:26:25,830 --> 00:26:29,767
you married an
American born woman.

600
00:26:29,767 --> 00:26:31,600
From all of the people

you knew from Europe,

601
00:26:31,600 --> 00:26:33,100
you married in
America born woman.

602
00:26:33,100 --> 00:26:33,460
American, yeah.

603
00:26:33,460 --> 00:26:33,960
Yeah.

604
00:26:33,960 --> 00:26:35,138
Why do you think that was?

605
00:26:35,138 --> 00:26:35,680
I don't know.

606
00:26:35,680 --> 00:26:37,290
My wife asked me
the same question.

607
00:26:37,290 --> 00:26:38,918
[CHUCKLES]

608
00:26:38,918 --> 00:26:39,460
I don't know.

609
00:26:39,460 --> 00:26:40,550
Fell in love.

610
00:26:40,550 --> 00:26:41,115
That's all.

611
00:26:41,115 --> 00:26:44,380
It was time to get married.

612
00:26:44,380 --> 00:26:46,110
And you have two children.

613
00:26:46,110 --> 00:26:46,930

Yeah.

614
00:26:46,930 --> 00:26:50,470
And what was that like for
you to have children born?

615
00:26:50,470 --> 00:26:53,752
This was the only thing
in my life, the children.

616
00:26:53,752 --> 00:26:56,550
If not for the children, I
wouldn't be worth nothing.

617
00:26:56,550 --> 00:26:59,600

618
00:26:59,600 --> 00:27:02,340
I don't count.

619
00:27:02,340 --> 00:27:04,170
I know nothing.

620
00:27:04,170 --> 00:27:06,940
I wasn't supposed to survive.

621
00:27:06,940 --> 00:27:08,767
I'm not supposed to be here.

622
00:27:08,767 --> 00:27:09,975
So you were not supposed to--

623
00:27:09,975 --> 00:27:11,310
I'm supposed to be here.

624
00:27:11,310 --> 00:27:12,660
Why do you say that?

625
00:27:12,660 --> 00:27:14,520
I was destined to die.

626

00:27:14,520 --> 00:27:16,970
I was not-- why did I survive?

627
00:27:16,970 --> 00:27:18,720
Well, how do you explain
that to yourself?

628
00:27:18,720 --> 00:27:19,680
I don't know.

629
00:27:19,680 --> 00:27:20,730
I have no idea.

630
00:27:20,730 --> 00:27:22,110
I cannot explain it.

631
00:27:22,110 --> 00:27:25,230
This is the question I
keep asking all my life.

632
00:27:25,230 --> 00:27:27,600
Why me?

633
00:27:27,600 --> 00:27:31,140
What did I do so big,
so good that I should--

634
00:27:31,140 --> 00:27:34,200
not my father, which was a--

635
00:27:34,200 --> 00:27:39,000
my father was a prophet.

636
00:27:39,000 --> 00:27:45,290
My father was a man
who never harmed a fly.

637
00:27:45,290 --> 00:27:47,890
Or my mother.

638
00:27:47,890 --> 00:27:51,220
That's all she did is pray.

639

00:27:51,220 --> 00:27:54,370

Every time you'd
see her, she prayed.

640

00:27:54,370 --> 00:27:55,870

My mother had no hair.

641

00:27:55,870 --> 00:27:56,920

She cut her hair off.

642

00:27:56,920 --> 00:28:00,240

She wore a wig just
for the religion,

643

00:28:00,240 --> 00:28:02,380

for that purpose,
that no men should

644

00:28:02,380 --> 00:28:03,970

look at her, only her husband.

645

00:28:03,970 --> 00:28:06,930

646

00:28:06,930 --> 00:28:10,140

So it's hard to make
sense of it all.

647

00:28:10,140 --> 00:28:12,950

I don't understand it.

648

00:28:12,950 --> 00:28:18,380

So all these years, a free--

649

00:28:18,380 --> 00:28:19,500

free-- free ride.

650

00:28:19,500 --> 00:28:21,170

I got a free ride.

651

00:28:21,170 --> 00:28:28,520
50 some years, I don't
know why I survived.

652
00:28:28,520 --> 00:28:31,250
Are you active in
survivor groups at all?

653
00:28:31,250 --> 00:28:32,750
Yeah, very active.

654
00:28:32,750 --> 00:28:36,830
What groups are you in?

655
00:28:36,830 --> 00:28:40,700
Holocaust Survivors and
Friends, Washington Holocaust

656
00:28:40,700 --> 00:28:45,230
Survivors and Friends,
[INAUDIBLE] Washington.

657
00:28:45,230 --> 00:28:46,730
I'm their mailman.

658
00:28:46,730 --> 00:28:48,125
What does that mean?

659
00:28:48,125 --> 00:28:51,900
I mail all the
flyers every month.

660
00:28:51,900 --> 00:28:54,325
We have 247 members.

661
00:28:54,325 --> 00:28:57,500

662
00:28:57,500 --> 00:28:59,420
Survivors and friends.

663
00:28:59,420 --> 00:29:01,135

we have more friends
than survivors.

664
00:29:01,135 --> 00:29:02,510
And what does that
mean, friends?

665
00:29:02,510 --> 00:29:04,130
Friends is people
like you or anybody

666
00:29:04,130 --> 00:29:07,600
else who wants to join and give
us a donation or give us a--

667
00:29:07,600 --> 00:29:15,510
and be a member, and belong
to us and to the organization.

668
00:29:15,510 --> 00:29:18,030
They come to meetings and so on.

669
00:29:18,030 --> 00:29:20,824
And the organization
is important to you.

670
00:29:20,824 --> 00:29:22,240
Sure, it's important.

671
00:29:22,240 --> 00:29:24,860
It's very important.

672
00:29:24,860 --> 00:29:26,710
We get together.

673
00:29:26,710 --> 00:29:30,880
For instance, we're going to
go the 23rd for the memorial

674
00:29:30,880 --> 00:29:36,348
service in the rotunda,
the Capitol rotunda,

675

00:29:36,348 --> 00:29:37,390
for the memorial service.

676

00:29:37,390 --> 00:29:38,950
Every once a year, we do that.

677

00:29:38,950 --> 00:29:47,470
We all go and meet for the
independence day of Israel.

678

00:29:47,470 --> 00:29:49,830
And we meet for
memorial services.

679

00:29:49,830 --> 00:29:53,870
You know, the money,
we donated the money.

680

00:29:53,870 --> 00:29:55,390
We get money in donations.

681

00:29:55,390 --> 00:29:59,044
We donate and we give it away.

682

00:29:59,044 --> 00:30:02,530
We don't keep nothing.

683

00:30:02,530 --> 00:30:08,620
Every year, from about
\$10,000, we give it away.

684

00:30:08,620 --> 00:30:10,790
We give it to Red Cross.

685

00:30:10,790 --> 00:30:13,310
We give it to
other organizations

686

00:30:13,310 --> 00:30:14,400
that can help people.

687

00:30:14,400 --> 00:30:16,925

688

00:30:16,925 --> 00:30:17,800

That's all we can do.

689

00:30:17,800 --> 00:30:20,380

690

00:30:20,380 --> 00:30:21,507

And we're getting older.

691

00:30:21,507 --> 00:30:24,310

692

00:30:24,310 --> 00:30:25,546

And we're dying away.

693

00:30:25,546 --> 00:30:29,320

694

00:30:29,320 --> 00:30:34,780

Everyday-- in that article
he writes about how many

695

00:30:34,780 --> 00:30:36,490

people are dying away everyday.

696

00:30:36,490 --> 00:30:39,760

The article that's in The
Post today about the Shoah

697

00:30:39,760 --> 00:30:40,540

Foundation?

698

00:30:40,540 --> 00:30:43,390

Right.

699

00:30:43,390 --> 00:30:43,890

And--

700

00:30:43,890 --> 00:30:46,800

701

00:30:46,800 --> 00:30:49,740

So you're a volunteer
at the Museum.

702

00:30:49,740 --> 00:30:52,010

In the Museum.

703

00:30:52,010 --> 00:30:56,026

I've been working in the
Museum since it opened up.

704

00:30:56,026 --> 00:30:58,660

I work in the registry.

705

00:30:58,660 --> 00:31:02,880

Now, when the Museum
opened, did you begin

706

00:31:02,880 --> 00:31:04,710

working at the registry then?

707

00:31:04,710 --> 00:31:05,360

Right away.

708

00:31:05,360 --> 00:31:05,860

Right away.

709

00:31:05,860 --> 00:31:09,345

And why did you volunteer
to work at the Museum?

710

00:31:09,345 --> 00:31:12,950

711

00:31:12,950 --> 00:31:15,410

Well, I'm retired.

712

00:31:15,410 --> 00:31:18,000

I don't do nothing anymore.

713
00:31:18,000 --> 00:31:24,290
And you see, I work because
it's very interesting.

714
00:31:24,290 --> 00:31:28,050
I find a lot of interesting--

715
00:31:28,050 --> 00:31:31,290
a lot of people are
coming there to look for,

716
00:31:31,290 --> 00:31:36,250
search for any kind of
relatives and friends.

717
00:31:36,250 --> 00:31:41,410
There was a case, one
case which I was working.

718
00:31:41,410 --> 00:31:47,740
A woman in New York wrote
a letter to the registry.

719
00:31:47,740 --> 00:31:53,900
And she's looking
for a certain man

720
00:31:53,900 --> 00:31:58,370
who was her boyfriend
before the First World

721
00:31:58,370 --> 00:32:02,750
War in Bialystock, Poland.

722
00:32:02,750 --> 00:32:05,680

723
00:32:05,680 --> 00:32:10,380
She and her family emigrated
to the United States.

724

00:32:10,380 --> 00:32:15,760
The boyfriend was left
in Poland, in Bialystok.

725
00:32:15,760 --> 00:32:22,330
She promised that they're
going to get married.

726
00:32:22,330 --> 00:32:24,460
They're going to get together.

727
00:32:24,460 --> 00:32:28,840
Or he will come to the
United States or something.

728
00:32:28,840 --> 00:32:32,290
Meantime, she got married in
New York with somebody else.

729
00:32:32,290 --> 00:32:35,710
She had children, the
children got married.

730
00:32:35,710 --> 00:32:37,160
Her husband died.

731
00:32:37,160 --> 00:32:40,030
She was left alone.

732
00:32:40,030 --> 00:32:42,850
When she was left alone, she
wrote a letter to the Museum

733
00:32:42,850 --> 00:32:48,010
to ask about that boyfriend she
left in Europe before the First

734
00:32:48,010 --> 00:32:51,080
World War.

735
00:32:51,080 --> 00:32:51,870
OK.

736
00:32:51,870 --> 00:32:55,540
Sarah, my boss, gave
me the assignment.

737
00:32:55,540 --> 00:32:58,810
Said, Dave, you look for it.

738
00:32:58,810 --> 00:32:59,470
Guess what.

739
00:32:59,470 --> 00:33:00,880
I find him.

740
00:33:00,880 --> 00:33:03,940
I find them in Argentina,
in Buenos Aires.

741
00:33:03,940 --> 00:33:06,690

742
00:33:06,690 --> 00:33:09,900
I look for him in
all kind of books.

743
00:33:09,900 --> 00:33:14,700
I look for him in all
kind of memorial books.

744
00:33:14,700 --> 00:33:21,500
I picked up the telephone, and I
called Argentina, Buenos Aires.

745
00:33:21,500 --> 00:33:23,540
I telephoned in Spanish,
which I speak Spanish.

746
00:33:23,540 --> 00:33:26,150

747
00:33:26,150 --> 00:33:27,828
And I asked for him.

748

00:33:27,828 --> 00:33:28,870

And there was an old man.

749

00:33:28,870 --> 00:33:31,945

He spoke Yiddish and Spanish
with me on the phone.

750

00:33:31,945 --> 00:33:33,320

He realized that
I speak Yiddish.

751

00:33:33,320 --> 00:33:35,000

He says, yeah, I speak Yiddish.

752

00:33:35,000 --> 00:33:39,200

So And he said, he's here.

753

00:33:39,200 --> 00:33:41,060

He asked me about
how old he was.

754

00:33:41,060 --> 00:33:41,960

72, 73.

755

00:33:41,960 --> 00:33:44,510

He said, no, he's 79.

756

00:33:44,510 --> 00:33:47,120

And he gave me his address
and telephone number,

757

00:33:47,120 --> 00:33:48,360

and we got them together.

758

00:33:48,360 --> 00:33:51,110

I don't know whatever happened.

759

00:33:51,110 --> 00:33:53,430

That's what I like to do.

760

00:33:53,430 --> 00:33:54,740

So that was a success story.

761
00:33:54,740 --> 00:33:55,730
That's what I did.

762
00:33:55,730 --> 00:33:57,350
And a lot of them are like this.

763
00:33:57,350 --> 00:33:58,910
I have a lot of
stories like this.

764
00:33:58,910 --> 00:34:01,070
There's so many people.

765
00:34:01,070 --> 00:34:02,840
I was-- there was--

766
00:34:02,840 --> 00:34:04,100
I was sitting there working.

767
00:34:04,100 --> 00:34:09,440
And I learned how to punch a
computer, which I never knew.

768
00:34:09,440 --> 00:34:14,425
And I translate a lot in
Polish, from Polish to English.

769
00:34:14,425 --> 00:34:14,925
Not a lot.

770
00:34:14,925 --> 00:34:16,460
Some of them.

771
00:34:16,460 --> 00:34:18,190
And in Yiddish.

772
00:34:18,190 --> 00:34:22,550
Yiddish is a lot of
documentation and books

773

00:34:22,550 --> 00:34:25,909

and everything else,
which I managed very good.

774

00:34:25,909 --> 00:34:28,810

Yiddish, I like Yiddish.

775

00:34:28,810 --> 00:34:32,000

And a lot of people are
coming in with letters

776

00:34:32,000 --> 00:34:39,260

written from Russia
in the 18th century.

777

00:34:39,260 --> 00:34:41,190

And they're coming
in, all documents.

778

00:34:41,190 --> 00:34:46,070

And I translate them,
and tell them what it is.

779

00:34:46,070 --> 00:34:47,460

So this is very interesting.

780

00:34:47,460 --> 00:34:56,170

And also, there's so
many things that I do.

781

00:34:56,170 --> 00:34:57,627

Let's turn over the tape.

782

00:34:57,627 --> 00:34:58,960

And then we can talk about that.

783

00:34:58,960 --> 00:35:06,950

784

00:35:06,950 --> 00:35:10,550

This is a continuation of
the United States Holocaust

785
00:35:10,550 --> 00:35:13,040
Memorial Museum
Volunteer Collection

786
00:35:13,040 --> 00:35:15,290
interview with David Bayer.

787
00:35:15,290 --> 00:35:19,940
This is tape number
two, side B. Could

788
00:35:19,940 --> 00:35:22,940
you talk about when
the Museum opened,

789
00:35:22,940 --> 00:35:25,370
why you decided to volunteer?

790
00:35:25,370 --> 00:35:29,270
Well, the Museum was
looking for volunteers.

791
00:35:29,270 --> 00:35:35,510
And there was a young lady named
Sarah who worked in the Museum.

792
00:35:35,510 --> 00:35:41,780
She asked our organization
for volunteers.

793
00:35:41,780 --> 00:35:46,610
And I met Sarah, and
I liked her very much.

794
00:35:46,610 --> 00:35:47,885
She's not Jewish.

795
00:35:47,885 --> 00:35:50,060
And she works in the Museum.

796
00:35:50,060 --> 00:35:53,420

And she is the best
you ever have there.

797
00:35:53,420 --> 00:35:56,570
Sarah Ogilvie is her name.

798
00:35:56,570 --> 00:35:59,300
So I decided to work for her.

799
00:35:59,300 --> 00:36:01,940
And I told them that if I have
to work for somebody else,

800
00:36:01,940 --> 00:36:03,740
I don't want to work.

801
00:36:03,740 --> 00:36:07,850
And so far worked
for her five years.

802
00:36:07,850 --> 00:36:09,650
You say that you
work in the registry.

803
00:36:09,650 --> 00:36:11,180
Was Sara Ogilvie
in the registry?

804
00:36:11,180 --> 00:36:13,010
Yeah, right.

805
00:36:13,010 --> 00:36:14,700
And she is my boss.

806
00:36:14,700 --> 00:36:17,020
And she is excellent.

807
00:36:17,020 --> 00:36:20,570
And how often do you
go to the Museum?

808
00:36:20,570 --> 00:36:24,440

Once a week, sometimes twice.

809

00:36:24,440 --> 00:36:27,393

And the reason you
are in the registry

810

00:36:27,393 --> 00:36:29,060

is because you wanted
to work for Sarah?

811

00:36:29,060 --> 00:36:30,240

Yeah, and I like it.

812

00:36:30,240 --> 00:36:32,510

And I don't want
to go nowhere else.

813

00:36:32,510 --> 00:36:34,880

And the work is interesting.

814

00:36:34,880 --> 00:36:39,245

And the guys and the
girls, whoever worked there

815

00:36:39,245 --> 00:36:41,990

are good, nice, nice people.

816

00:36:41,990 --> 00:36:43,350

No conflict, no nothing.

817

00:36:43,350 --> 00:36:45,710

We get along very well.

818

00:36:45,710 --> 00:36:49,460

And nobody bosses you around.

819

00:36:49,460 --> 00:36:53,286

They are all friendly and nice.

820

00:36:53,286 --> 00:36:54,050

Nice group.

821
00:36:54,050 --> 00:36:56,840

822
00:36:56,840 --> 00:36:57,800
All of them.

823
00:36:57,800 --> 00:37:02,520
They way I work, especially
I keep it a lot with them.

824
00:37:02,520 --> 00:37:04,580
And we talked a lot
about all things.

825
00:37:04,580 --> 00:37:08,660
And there's a man there, Pete.

826
00:37:08,660 --> 00:37:12,500
He's a volunteer, a
German Jewish guy.

827
00:37:12,500 --> 00:37:13,550
Very intelligent.

828
00:37:13,550 --> 00:37:16,430
He knows everything.

829
00:37:16,430 --> 00:37:17,810
And that's the
way people I like.

830
00:37:17,810 --> 00:37:20,030
I like people who
knows everything,

831
00:37:20,030 --> 00:37:23,250
have something to
learn from them.

832
00:37:23,250 --> 00:37:31,100
And I'm working now
on a list of people

833
00:37:31,100 --> 00:37:38,320
who got killed from the area
called Zamosc in Poland.

834
00:37:38,320 --> 00:37:41,920

835
00:37:41,920 --> 00:37:45,760
And I'm putting it
in the computer now.

836
00:37:45,760 --> 00:37:48,250
Very interesting names.

837
00:37:48,250 --> 00:37:51,340
Sometimes I hit a
name from my hometown.

838
00:37:51,340 --> 00:37:58,380
People from my town
who went away to Zamosc

839
00:37:58,380 --> 00:38:00,390
and died around this area.

840
00:38:00,390 --> 00:38:02,970

841
00:38:02,970 --> 00:38:06,960
I used to work the
list of French Jews.

842
00:38:06,960 --> 00:38:09,560
I see a lot of things,
things like that.

843
00:38:09,560 --> 00:38:14,565
Also the names, I'm
an expert in names.

844
00:38:14,565 --> 00:38:17,960

845
00:38:17,960 --> 00:38:20,080
It's my hobby.

846
00:38:20,080 --> 00:38:26,680
For instance, how do you
write Polish names in Polish?

847
00:38:26,680 --> 00:38:30,010

848
00:38:30,010 --> 00:38:32,440
Everything is written
in Polish and in German.

849
00:38:32,440 --> 00:38:36,340
And in English sounds
differently, a lot of names.

850
00:38:36,340 --> 00:38:41,980
So I put them together the
way it's supposed to be.

851
00:38:41,980 --> 00:38:51,270
Like, for example,
you know, like Bayer.

852
00:38:51,270 --> 00:39:01,443
You could write B-A-Y-J-I,
it will still sound Bayer.

853
00:39:01,443 --> 00:39:03,610
In English, you would have
said "bay-jah," isn't it?

854
00:39:03,610 --> 00:39:10,600
A J. Actually, my
name was "bay-jah."

855
00:39:10,600 --> 00:39:12,010
In Poland?

856
00:39:12,010 --> 00:39:14,206
In Poland, my name was--

857
00:39:14,206 --> 00:39:17,830

858
00:39:17,830 --> 00:39:19,300
is Bajer in Polish.

859
00:39:19,300 --> 00:39:21,040
B-A-J-E-R.

860
00:39:21,040 --> 00:39:22,240
Yeah, Bajer.

861
00:39:22,240 --> 00:39:23,620
It is Bajer.

862
00:39:23,620 --> 00:39:24,370
In Polish.

863
00:39:24,370 --> 00:39:25,580
So it's pronounced Bayer.

864
00:39:25,580 --> 00:39:26,080
Yeah.

865
00:39:26,080 --> 00:39:26,580
In Polish.

866
00:39:26,580 --> 00:39:28,330
But it's spelled B-A-J-E-R.

867
00:39:28,330 --> 00:39:31,862
Yeah, but here, this
would be "bay-jer."

868
00:39:31,862 --> 00:39:33,500
Mm-hmm.

869

00:39:33,500 --> 00:39:34,520
So you changed--

870
00:39:34,520 --> 00:39:37,910
I didn't-- I didn't want
to change the sound.

871
00:39:37,910 --> 00:39:40,650
So you changed the letter
to keep the sound the same.

872
00:39:40,650 --> 00:39:41,150
Same.

873
00:39:41,150 --> 00:39:43,430
And that's interesting.

874
00:39:43,430 --> 00:39:50,930
And in Spanish, this
will be "beh-khar."

875
00:39:50,930 --> 00:39:57,110
So your name at birth was
David Bajer, spelled B-A-J-E-R.

876
00:39:57,110 --> 00:40:01,370
Actually, it's-- but the sound.

877
00:40:01,370 --> 00:40:04,460
The writing is different
in every language, you see?

878
00:40:04,460 --> 00:40:08,765
You have to-- in Spanish,
this would be "bay-jer."

879
00:40:08,765 --> 00:40:10,040
Mm-hmm.

880
00:40:10,040 --> 00:40:13,070
Back to the Museum.

881

00:40:13,070 --> 00:40:14,820
Through your work
in the registry,

882
00:40:14,820 --> 00:40:18,770
did you look for more people
that you hadn't found yet?

883
00:40:18,770 --> 00:40:20,150
I did look for a lot of them.

884
00:40:20,150 --> 00:40:21,560
I find them, a lot of them, too.

885
00:40:21,560 --> 00:40:22,310
You did find them?

886
00:40:22,310 --> 00:40:23,360
Oh, yeah.

887
00:40:23,360 --> 00:40:27,810
There was a man who
researched books.

888
00:40:27,810 --> 00:40:28,580
He researched.

889
00:40:28,580 --> 00:40:31,190
He wanted to write a book or
something about his family.

890
00:40:31,190 --> 00:40:32,930
He used to come every week.

891
00:40:32,930 --> 00:40:35,450
Every Wednesday, he
used to come to see me.

892
00:40:35,450 --> 00:40:45,570
And the he looked for
all kind of documents.

893

00:40:45,570 --> 00:40:48,020

Like a family tree
he wanted to make.

894

00:40:48,020 --> 00:40:50,930

And he looked in
the Jewish books,

895

00:40:50,930 --> 00:40:53,990

because a lot of Jewish books
I had to translate for him,

896

00:40:53,990 --> 00:40:58,400

and read to him, and
tell him what it is.

897

00:40:58,400 --> 00:41:03,470

Also, there was a woman
came up to the Museum,

898

00:41:03,470 --> 00:41:04,610

and looked for me.

899

00:41:04,610 --> 00:41:06,690

She waited for me.

900

00:41:06,690 --> 00:41:07,190

Why?

901

00:41:07,190 --> 00:41:09,410

Because she saw
my name in a book.

902

00:41:09,410 --> 00:41:12,106

A book from Kozenice.

903

00:41:12,106 --> 00:41:14,000

I'll show it to you.

904

00:41:14,000 --> 00:41:18,890

I'll turn that tape off while
he's looking for the book.

905
00:41:18,890 --> 00:41:20,360
Back with the book.

906
00:41:20,360 --> 00:41:24,860
She went into a
library somewhere,

907
00:41:24,860 --> 00:41:27,353
and she saw that book,
a book like this.

908
00:41:27,353 --> 00:41:30,530

909
00:41:30,530 --> 00:41:34,400
This is the Memorial
Book of Kozienice.

910
00:41:34,400 --> 00:41:37,650
Kozienice.

911
00:41:37,650 --> 00:41:41,970
And she looked in that
book and she saw my name.

912
00:41:41,970 --> 00:41:50,100
Also, she saw a cousin of hers,
a relative, a picture of him

913
00:41:50,100 --> 00:41:52,145
and a name.

914
00:41:52,145 --> 00:41:54,530
And she wanted me--

915
00:41:54,530 --> 00:41:55,780
she came up to the Museum.

916
00:41:55,780 --> 00:41:59,292
And the Museum has a
book like this, too.

917
00:41:59,292 --> 00:42:03,630
And she wanted me to tell
her about that cousin.

918
00:42:03,630 --> 00:42:07,060

919
00:42:07,060 --> 00:42:12,070
His name was Zygmunt Halputer.

920
00:42:12,070 --> 00:42:13,540
And he had a store.

921
00:42:13,540 --> 00:42:17,080
And he was my father's age.

922
00:42:17,080 --> 00:42:19,950
He had pharmacy
store in Kozienice.

923
00:42:19,950 --> 00:42:24,160

924
00:42:24,160 --> 00:42:28,505
And she told me
stories about him.

925
00:42:28,505 --> 00:42:31,430
And she wanted to find out
more, and more, and more.

926
00:42:31,430 --> 00:42:34,480
I told her whatever
I knew about him,

927
00:42:34,480 --> 00:42:41,710
that he was such a good man,
that he doing the occupation.

928
00:42:41,710 --> 00:42:49,000
He was a so-called collaborator.

929

00:42:49,000 --> 00:42:50,305

And he that's why he survived.

930

00:42:50,305 --> 00:42:53,540

931

00:42:53,540 --> 00:42:58,290

And his whole family
disappeared in the camps.

932

00:42:58,290 --> 00:43:02,320

His wife was a nice woman.

933

00:43:02,320 --> 00:43:04,990

And he has a son, a nice.

934

00:43:04,990 --> 00:43:06,430

Guy.

935

00:43:06,430 --> 00:43:08,320

But the father was
no good for nothing.

936

00:43:08,320 --> 00:43:11,620

937

00:43:11,620 --> 00:43:14,470

He killed a man in
Germany after the war,

938

00:43:14,470 --> 00:43:19,780

accidentally in a car accident.

939

00:43:19,780 --> 00:43:22,910

940

00:43:22,910 --> 00:43:26,020

Also in a DP camp in Landsberg.

941

00:43:26,020 --> 00:43:32,220

942
00:43:32,220 --> 00:43:46,290
And so she was searching the
family here in that book.

943
00:43:46,290 --> 00:43:49,740
You could find out
so many things.

944
00:43:49,740 --> 00:43:51,930
So you learned about the
book from this woman,

945
00:43:51,930 --> 00:43:53,110
or you knew about the book?

946
00:43:53,110 --> 00:43:54,660
I knew about it.

947
00:43:54,660 --> 00:43:56,150
No, I knew about it.

948
00:43:56,150 --> 00:43:58,585
I donated the money
to make that book.

949
00:43:58,585 --> 00:44:01,260
Ah.

950
00:44:01,260 --> 00:44:05,610
This is memorial books from
people who survived the war.

951
00:44:05,610 --> 00:44:08,130
They made the book.

952
00:44:08,130 --> 00:44:12,120
All the survivors from
Kozienice contribute

953
00:44:12,120 --> 00:44:17,470
to make that book, to

not to forget our people.

954
00:44:17,470 --> 00:44:19,380
That's why we call
it memorial book.

955
00:44:19,380 --> 00:44:22,800
And there's about 500
books in the Holocaust

956
00:44:22,800 --> 00:44:25,455
Museum from a different
kind of little towns.

957
00:44:25,455 --> 00:44:28,440

958
00:44:28,440 --> 00:44:33,285
Majority is Yiddish and
Hebrew, but we had it

959
00:44:33,285 --> 00:44:37,290
in Hebrew and Yiddish, but
we made it now in English.

960
00:44:37,290 --> 00:44:40,710
And it's not just
American survivors,

961
00:44:40,710 --> 00:44:42,858
survivors who are in
America, who contributed?

962
00:44:42,858 --> 00:44:44,400
No, this is from
all over the world--

963
00:44:44,400 --> 00:44:48,600
Argentina, Brazil,
Israel, Australia,

964
00:44:48,600 --> 00:44:50,310
from everywhere here, here.

965
00:44:50,310 --> 00:44:52,140
That's a very impressive thing.

966
00:44:52,140 --> 00:44:57,870
And there's pictures, where
anybody has left after the war.

967
00:44:57,870 --> 00:45:02,430
I didn't have any, so I
couldn't give any pictures.

968
00:45:02,430 --> 00:45:03,750
I came out naked.

969
00:45:03,750 --> 00:45:10,150
I had nothing, These are
twins, two friends of mine.

970
00:45:10,150 --> 00:45:11,280
One is still alive.

971
00:45:11,280 --> 00:45:13,740
But now you have the
pictures that other people

972
00:45:13,740 --> 00:45:15,750
were able to save in the book.

973
00:45:15,750 --> 00:45:19,210
Yeah, there's people--
there's some of mine too,

974
00:45:19,210 --> 00:45:24,310
but I am showing it here.

975
00:45:24,310 --> 00:45:26,580
Oh, that's me here.

976
00:45:26,580 --> 00:45:28,480
I'll show you that.

977

00:45:28,480 --> 00:45:32,970

So this is a picture of
you in the memorial book.

978

00:45:32,970 --> 00:45:35,310

And who is this with you?

979

00:45:35,310 --> 00:45:38,110

This is not long ago.

980

00:45:38,110 --> 00:45:38,970

Yeah.

981

00:45:38,970 --> 00:45:42,300

Maybe 10, 15 years ago.

982

00:45:42,300 --> 00:45:43,920

At the monument in New York.

983

00:45:43,920 --> 00:45:44,980

What is the monument?

984

00:45:44,980 --> 00:45:48,585

It's a cement-- a monument--
a memorial monument here.

985

00:45:48,585 --> 00:45:49,960

All these names
written up there.

986

00:45:49,960 --> 00:45:52,167

OK.

987

00:45:52,167 --> 00:45:54,000

And who are the other
people in the picture?

988

00:45:54,000 --> 00:45:58,780

989

00:45:58,780 --> 00:45:59,400

Berneman.

990
00:45:59,400 --> 00:46:01,650
He died.

991
00:46:01,650 --> 00:46:02,800
[INAUDIBLE] would be alive.

992
00:46:02,800 --> 00:46:04,112
They're friends of mine.

993
00:46:04,112 --> 00:46:05,820
And Sam Spiegel, this
is a friend of mine

994
00:46:05,820 --> 00:46:06,540
who lives over here.

995
00:46:06,540 --> 00:46:07,380
Yeah, you mentioned
him several times.

996
00:46:07,380 --> 00:46:08,610
This is me.

997
00:46:08,610 --> 00:46:14,160
And then there's my wife
somewhere here, too.

998
00:46:14,160 --> 00:46:16,400
No, she's not.

999
00:46:16,400 --> 00:46:18,212
She's supposed to be here.

1000
00:46:18,212 --> 00:46:19,900
I don't know.

1001
00:46:19,900 --> 00:46:23,860
This is a memorial
in the cemetery.

1002
00:46:23,860 --> 00:46:25,530
The New Jersey cemetery.

1003
00:46:25,530 --> 00:46:26,520
Yeah.

1004
00:46:26,520 --> 00:46:29,490
OK, well, thank you
for showing me that.

1005
00:46:29,490 --> 00:46:32,310
Let's get back to Museum.

1006
00:46:32,310 --> 00:46:34,800
Is there anything
else about the Museum

1007
00:46:34,800 --> 00:46:36,450
that you would like to say?

1008
00:46:36,450 --> 00:46:37,093
The Museum?

1009
00:46:37,093 --> 00:46:38,760
What should I tell
you about the Museum?

1010
00:46:38,760 --> 00:46:44,410
The Museum is the only best
institution in the world.

1011
00:46:44,410 --> 00:46:47,430
If not for the Museum,
a lot of people

1012
00:46:47,430 --> 00:46:51,610
would not have ever known
anything what happened,

1013
00:46:51,610 --> 00:46:54,510
especially the kids.

1014

00:46:54,510 --> 00:46:59,940

We have to show the kids,
the whole world how it is.

1015

00:46:59,940 --> 00:47:03,960

Some people never knew that
happened, something like this.

1016

00:47:03,960 --> 00:47:07,210

1017

00:47:07,210 --> 00:47:11,410

And a lot of people
don't want to know.

1018

00:47:11,410 --> 00:47:14,500

It's too horrible,
horrible to know.

1019

00:47:14,500 --> 00:47:17,500

That's why a lot of
my friend survivors

1020

00:47:17,500 --> 00:47:20,710

didn't want their kids to
know what they went through.

1021

00:47:20,710 --> 00:47:21,670

And what about you?

1022

00:47:21,670 --> 00:47:23,140

When did you tell your children?

1023

00:47:23,140 --> 00:47:23,950

How old were they?

1024

00:47:23,950 --> 00:47:26,470

From the beginning.

1025

00:47:26,470 --> 00:47:29,050

My boy, my daughter,
they knew right away,

1026
00:47:29,050 --> 00:47:33,550
maybe were seven,
eight years old.

1027
00:47:33,550 --> 00:47:35,503
And did you sit her down
and tell her, or did

1028
00:47:35,503 --> 00:47:36,670
it just gradually came out--

1029
00:47:36,670 --> 00:47:38,003
Gradually, gradually, gradually.

1030
00:47:38,003 --> 00:47:39,100
--with various things?

1031
00:47:39,100 --> 00:47:41,710

1032
00:47:41,710 --> 00:47:44,280
And what was-- did she
have any reactions to it

1033
00:47:44,280 --> 00:47:47,020
that you want to talk about?

1034
00:47:47,020 --> 00:47:48,640
They did have.

1035
00:47:48,640 --> 00:47:53,950
My son is very bitter
because of what happened

1036
00:47:53,950 --> 00:47:56,530
to me and to my family.

1037
00:47:56,530 --> 00:47:59,650
My daughter doesn't show it.

1038

00:47:59,650 --> 00:48:02,380
She knows about it.

1039
00:48:02,380 --> 00:48:06,640
She tells other people about
me and things like this.

1040
00:48:06,640 --> 00:48:07,840
So she talks about it.

1041
00:48:07,840 --> 00:48:12,790
Yeah, she talks about it to
her friends, at the synagogue,

1042
00:48:12,790 --> 00:48:17,055
to her job.

1043
00:48:17,055 --> 00:48:22,310
And my grandson-- my grandson
is going to be 13-years-old.

1044
00:48:22,310 --> 00:48:25,650

1045
00:48:25,650 --> 00:48:29,570
He knows about the
Holocaust a lot.

1046
00:48:29,570 --> 00:48:34,550
He wants me to go to his
school to speak to the children

1047
00:48:34,550 --> 00:48:35,240
next month.

1048
00:48:35,240 --> 00:48:36,800
He told me yesterday
on the phone.

1049
00:48:36,800 --> 00:48:39,440
He said, I want you to go to--

1050

00:48:39,440 --> 00:48:41,450
I will talk to my teacher.

1051
00:48:41,450 --> 00:48:43,910
I should go to talk
to the children.

1052
00:48:43,910 --> 00:48:45,020
Are you going to do that?

1053
00:48:45,020 --> 00:48:47,450
Yeah, I go.

1054
00:48:47,450 --> 00:48:49,560
Have you talked to
school groups before?

1055
00:48:49,560 --> 00:48:50,325
Yeah.

1056
00:48:50,325 --> 00:48:54,780
And what is that like for you,
to talk to children about it?

1057
00:48:54,780 --> 00:49:01,880
I get very upset thinking
about my sister, my brother.

1058
00:49:01,880 --> 00:49:05,250
My sister was 8-years-old.

1059
00:49:05,250 --> 00:49:07,890
So it reminds you of them.

1060
00:49:07,890 --> 00:49:08,540
Yes.

1061
00:49:08,540 --> 00:49:14,100
A lot of times I
get very uptight--

1062
00:49:14,100 --> 00:49:14,670

upset.

1063
00:49:14,670 --> 00:49:15,806
Very upset.

1064
00:49:15,806 --> 00:49:19,130

1065
00:49:19,130 --> 00:49:22,010
I have a lot of
nightmares sometimes.

1066
00:49:22,010 --> 00:49:23,000
You do?

1067
00:49:23,000 --> 00:49:24,260
A lot of--

1068
00:49:24,260 --> 00:49:26,090
I dream all the time about it.

1069
00:49:26,090 --> 00:49:26,690
All the time.

1070
00:49:26,690 --> 00:49:28,910
Never goes away.

1071
00:49:28,910 --> 00:49:29,870
Especially at night.

1072
00:49:29,870 --> 00:49:32,560

1073
00:49:32,560 --> 00:49:33,790
All the time.

1074
00:49:33,790 --> 00:49:36,450
And during the day,
it's on your mind a lot?

1075
00:49:36,450 --> 00:49:38,800

Yeah.

1076

00:49:38,800 --> 00:49:43,720

Anytime we come together, the survivors, we talk about it.

1077

00:49:43,720 --> 00:49:46,180

Every time we talk about it.

1078

00:49:46,180 --> 00:49:50,590

Yesterday, I talked about it.

1079

00:49:50,590 --> 00:49:53,290

Always talking about fighting back.

1080

00:49:53,290 --> 00:49:55,450

This is my-- this was my--

1081

00:49:55,450 --> 00:49:58,070

1082

00:49:58,070 --> 00:49:59,630

I did fight back once.

1083

00:49:59,630 --> 00:50:01,720

Didn't help.

1084

00:50:01,720 --> 00:50:03,670

I didn't understand you.

1085

00:50:03,670 --> 00:50:05,190

I didn't tell you about this.

1086

00:50:05,190 --> 00:50:07,660

It must be the tape.

1087

00:50:07,660 --> 00:50:09,940

I was once--

1088

00:50:09,940 --> 00:50:14,060

1089
00:50:14,060 --> 00:50:15,500
I escaped once from Pionki.

1090
00:50:15,500 --> 00:50:21,320
I didn't escaped from a
munition factory in Pionki.

1091
00:50:21,320 --> 00:50:22,490
Yeah.

1092
00:50:22,490 --> 00:50:25,700
Me and a friend of mine.

1093
00:50:25,700 --> 00:50:30,920
And there was a Pole who
was working in the field.

1094
00:50:30,920 --> 00:50:34,190
And he wanted to catch
us and give us over

1095
00:50:34,190 --> 00:50:39,415
to the Germans for
10 liters of vodka.

1096
00:50:39,415 --> 00:50:41,150
And he was cutting wheat.

1097
00:50:41,150 --> 00:50:43,900

1098
00:50:43,900 --> 00:50:47,890
And he swunged at us with the--

1099
00:50:47,890 --> 00:50:50,140
but lucky that
friend of mine, he

1100
00:50:50,140 --> 00:50:52,120
was bigger and

taller than he is.

1101
00:50:52,120 --> 00:50:54,520
And he grabbed him.

1102
00:50:54,520 --> 00:50:55,880
And I think he cut him, too.

1103
00:50:55,880 --> 00:50:56,930
I don't remember.

1104
00:50:56,930 --> 00:50:58,590
I didn't see it.

1105
00:50:58,590 --> 00:51:01,460
He made me run away.

1106
00:51:01,460 --> 00:51:02,450
He made me run.

1107
00:51:02,450 --> 00:51:05,420
And he said, you run, and
I will take care of him.

1108
00:51:05,420 --> 00:51:07,268
I don't know what he did to him.

1109
00:51:07,268 --> 00:51:08,810
Either he cut him,
or he cut himself.

1110
00:51:08,810 --> 00:51:10,400
I don't know.

1111
00:51:10,400 --> 00:51:12,830
I ran back to the camp.

1112
00:51:12,830 --> 00:51:13,930
Didn't have nowhere to go.

1113
00:51:13,930 --> 00:51:17,297

1114
00:51:17,297 --> 00:51:18,830
You didn't have where to go.

1115
00:51:18,830 --> 00:51:21,660

1116
00:51:21,660 --> 00:51:24,780
Because a lot of people
in this country ask,

1117
00:51:24,780 --> 00:51:25,770
why didn't you resist?

1118
00:51:25,770 --> 00:51:26,850
Why didn't you run away?

1119
00:51:26,850 --> 00:51:29,550

1120
00:51:29,550 --> 00:51:30,660
Who asks you that?

1121
00:51:30,660 --> 00:51:31,200
Oh, yeah.

1122
00:51:31,200 --> 00:51:33,150
A lot of Americans.

1123
00:51:33,150 --> 00:51:36,030
A lot of American
people ask this.

1124
00:51:36,030 --> 00:51:40,230
You know, American Jew, even the
Israelis ask the same question.

1125
00:51:40,230 --> 00:51:42,960
Do you know, when
I came to Israel

1126

00:51:42,960 --> 00:51:45,415

I put a Band-Aid on my tattoo.

1127

00:51:45,415 --> 00:51:49,340

1128

00:51:49,340 --> 00:51:53,550

I didn't want them to know that
I was in a concentration camp.

1129

00:51:53,550 --> 00:51:55,920

You didn't want them to ask.

1130

00:51:55,920 --> 00:51:56,880

I kept it to Panama.

1131

00:51:56,880 --> 00:51:58,910

That's it.

1132

00:51:58,910 --> 00:52:01,280

I didn't tell them no stories.

1133

00:52:01,280 --> 00:52:03,920

Because they looked
down on the survivors,

1134

00:52:03,920 --> 00:52:09,440

because we didn't
do nothing to fight.

1135

00:52:09,440 --> 00:52:13,320

So they gave you a hard
time, even in Israel.

1136

00:52:13,320 --> 00:52:16,850

In Israel, the
survivors didn't have

1137

00:52:16,850 --> 00:52:18,930

a good life at the beginning.

1138

00:52:18,930 --> 00:52:25,250
But they showed them later on,
when they fight with the Arabs.

1139
00:52:25,250 --> 00:52:29,850
Most of them was survivors.

1140
00:52:29,850 --> 00:52:32,700
They came from Cyprus and
from Germany, from Europe,

1141
00:52:32,700 --> 00:52:34,842
and they fight.

1142
00:52:34,842 --> 00:52:35,800
And a lot of them died.

1143
00:52:35,800 --> 00:52:36,592
A lot of them died.

1144
00:52:36,592 --> 00:52:44,330

1145
00:52:44,330 --> 00:52:48,200
So how shall we
conclude this interview?

1146
00:52:48,200 --> 00:52:51,065
What would you like
to wind up with?

1147
00:52:51,065 --> 00:52:51,690
What can I say?

1148
00:52:51,690 --> 00:52:54,500

1149
00:52:54,500 --> 00:52:58,400
This is-- the only thing
is that I'm glad that I

1150
00:52:58,400 --> 00:53:00,920

live in this country.

1151
00:53:00,920 --> 00:53:03,498
Because this is the
most democratic country

1152
00:53:03,498 --> 00:53:04,040
in the world.

1153
00:53:04,040 --> 00:53:06,830
There's no [? country ?]
like this nowhere.

1154
00:53:06,830 --> 00:53:10,610
Maybe too much democratic.

1155
00:53:10,610 --> 00:53:12,950
But this is the country to be.

1156
00:53:12,950 --> 00:53:18,550

1157
00:53:18,550 --> 00:53:24,200
But still this could
happen everywhere.

1158
00:53:24,200 --> 00:53:27,000
This could happen-- it's
happening in our times

1159
00:53:27,000 --> 00:53:31,160
somewhere else,
but it's happening.

1160
00:53:31,160 --> 00:53:34,370
Maybe not such a big
horror like the Holocaust,

1161
00:53:34,370 --> 00:53:39,730
but smaller Holocaust.

1162
00:53:39,730 --> 00:53:42,560

And we allow it, it
will be a bigger one.

1163
00:53:42,560 --> 00:53:46,550

1164
00:53:46,550 --> 00:53:50,560
If we allow Israel
to go under, there

1165
00:53:50,560 --> 00:53:52,060
will be another
Holocaust in Israel.

1166
00:53:52,060 --> 00:53:54,480
The Arabs will slaughter
the women, the children,

1167
00:53:54,480 --> 00:53:57,460
and everybody else, and
throw them in the ocean.

1168
00:53:57,460 --> 00:54:00,760
And the world will stand still.

1169
00:54:00,760 --> 00:54:01,600
Come too late.

1170
00:54:01,600 --> 00:54:05,440

1171
00:54:05,440 --> 00:54:06,370
Come too late.

1172
00:54:06,370 --> 00:54:09,040
You all come too late.

1173
00:54:09,040 --> 00:54:15,261
When I was in
Jaworzno, I was praying

1174
00:54:15,261 --> 00:54:21,670

for aeroplanes planes flying
over, English and Americans.

1175
00:54:21,670 --> 00:54:25,690
And we prayed, please let
them drop the bomb over here

1176
00:54:25,690 --> 00:54:29,240
with us, with them together.

1177
00:54:29,240 --> 00:54:30,740
Nothing happened.

1178
00:54:30,740 --> 00:54:32,660
They went.

1179
00:54:32,660 --> 00:54:37,580
Then all of a sudden,
one plane made a U-turn.

1180
00:54:37,580 --> 00:54:41,120
And he flew that big airplane,
the bombardier plane,

1181
00:54:41,120 --> 00:54:44,725
and dropped one bomb, maybe
a 500-pound or maybe more.

1182
00:54:44,725 --> 00:54:45,350
And guess what.

1183
00:54:45,350 --> 00:54:47,780
It fell right in the kitchen,
right in the [? compass, ?]

1184
00:54:47,780 --> 00:54:49,316
in the middle.

1185
00:54:49,316 --> 00:54:50,030
It Killed.

1186
00:54:50,030 --> 00:54:58,640

Maybe 30, 40 people of
prisoners and Germans.

1187
00:54:58,640 --> 00:55:01,610
One plane.

1188
00:55:01,610 --> 00:55:04,743
They could have-- he could
have smack up the whole camp.

1189
00:55:04,743 --> 00:55:08,180
He could have smack up
all the railroad tracks.

1190
00:55:08,180 --> 00:55:13,910
The railroad tracks to
Auschwitz, to Birkenau,

1191
00:55:13,910 --> 00:55:19,100
to Jaworzno, to Blechhammer,
to Bergen-Belsen, to Gleiwitz,

1192
00:55:19,100 --> 00:55:23,290
to all the cities.

1193
00:55:23,290 --> 00:55:25,160
The railroad, the communication.

1194
00:55:25,160 --> 00:55:27,950
They had the best
communication in Europe.

1195
00:55:27,950 --> 00:55:30,595
In Europe-- here they have
railroads, nice railroad.

1196
00:55:30,595 --> 00:55:32,330
But over there,
the railroad tracks

1197
00:55:32,330 --> 00:55:37,310
is like a net,
the whole country.

1198
00:55:37,310 --> 00:55:38,810
Here we have planes.

1199
00:55:38,810 --> 00:55:41,150
Over there, they have trains.

1200
00:55:41,150 --> 00:55:41,780
The trains.

1201
00:55:41,780 --> 00:55:44,330
And also here we
have good roads.

1202
00:55:44,330 --> 00:55:45,198
And there is trains.

1203
00:55:45,198 --> 00:55:46,490
That's all, the most important.

1204
00:55:46,490 --> 00:55:48,230
The most important is trains.

1205
00:55:48,230 --> 00:55:53,100
Europe is millions of trains.

1206
00:55:53,100 --> 00:55:56,210
That's why the Germans
had it so easy.

1207
00:55:56,210 --> 00:55:59,370
Took 80 wagons.

1208
00:55:59,370 --> 00:56:02,940
80 wagons to take my
hometown to Treblinka.

1209
00:56:02,940 --> 00:56:09,030
One whole city in 80
wagons to liquidate.

1210

00:56:09,030 --> 00:56:11,730
Stuffed 100 people in a wagon.

1211
00:56:11,730 --> 00:56:14,650
You know what it means,
100 people in a wagon?

1212
00:56:14,650 --> 00:56:15,150
Sardines.

1213
00:56:15,150 --> 00:56:18,130

1214
00:56:18,130 --> 00:56:20,510
We couldn't-- you cannot turn.

1215
00:56:20,510 --> 00:56:21,590
You cannot sit down.

1216
00:56:21,590 --> 00:56:24,540
You have to stand.

1217
00:56:24,540 --> 00:56:26,160
There's no way to sit down.

1218
00:56:26,160 --> 00:56:28,830
You're left on your feet.

1219
00:56:28,830 --> 00:56:33,220
It's like you're hanging
one one top of the other.

1220
00:56:33,220 --> 00:56:40,290
And then the floors are
full of a disinfective.

1221
00:56:40,290 --> 00:56:41,330
And it chokes you.

1222
00:56:41,330 --> 00:56:44,880

1223

00:56:44,880 --> 00:56:50,760

You could describe it, describe
it, describe it 100,000 times,

1224

00:56:50,760 --> 00:56:54,390

but if you feel it, you could--

1225

00:56:54,390 --> 00:56:57,162

1226

00:56:57,162 --> 00:57:00,600

You don't feel it on
your own flesh and blood,

1227

00:57:00,600 --> 00:57:04,710

on your own body, you
cannot imagine how this was.

1228

00:57:04,710 --> 00:57:08,140

1229

00:57:08,140 --> 00:57:16,825

It's like somebody said,
I have a pain in my leg.

1230

00:57:16,825 --> 00:57:19,970

A pain in the leg.

1231

00:57:19,970 --> 00:57:22,310

But when the person
who had the pain,

1232

00:57:22,310 --> 00:57:24,560

he is the one who knows
exactly how the pain is.

1233

00:57:24,560 --> 00:57:30,200

So another person
can't ever understand.

1234

00:57:30,200 --> 00:57:32,900

You only know your own pain.

1235
00:57:32,900 --> 00:57:34,760
You cannot experience
someone else's pain.

1236
00:57:34,760 --> 00:57:35,500
Impossible.

1237
00:57:35,500 --> 00:57:38,490

1238
00:57:38,490 --> 00:57:46,080
Well, you've been very
generous to try and help

1239
00:57:46,080 --> 00:57:48,000
understand a little better.

1240
00:57:48,000 --> 00:57:49,760
There's a saying.

1241
00:57:49,760 --> 00:57:55,716
The Hebrew people say,
no matter how much--

1242
00:57:55,716 --> 00:58:04,290
no matter how much pens you
have, no matter how much--

1243
00:58:04,290 --> 00:58:09,830
all the water will be ink, and
all the woods will be pens,

1244
00:58:09,830 --> 00:58:12,390
and all the sky
will be parchment,

1245
00:58:12,390 --> 00:58:15,390
you cannot write up everything.

1246
00:58:15,390 --> 00:58:16,620
You don't have enough.

1247
00:58:16,620 --> 00:58:19,270
It's not enough.

1248
00:58:19,270 --> 00:58:25,180
Not enough trees in
the woods as pens.

1249
00:58:25,180 --> 00:58:26,980
There's no end to it.

1250
00:58:26,980 --> 00:58:30,940
There's going to be a
million years stories.

1251
00:58:30,940 --> 00:58:37,190

1252
00:58:37,190 --> 00:58:39,200
I can't forgive.

1253
00:58:39,200 --> 00:58:40,610
I can't forgive the Germans.

1254
00:58:40,610 --> 00:58:43,490
I can't forgive the Poles.

1255
00:58:43,490 --> 00:58:47,170
I can't forgive other people.

1256
00:58:47,170 --> 00:58:49,865
I cannot forgive one
man in my hometown,

1257
00:58:49,865 --> 00:58:52,880
this Moshe Bronshtein.

1258
00:58:52,880 --> 00:58:56,335
He put my two friends to death.

1259
00:58:56,335 --> 00:58:57,710

He give them over
to the Germans,

1260
00:58:57,710 --> 00:59:01,330
because they had typhus,
and they shot them.

1261
00:59:01,330 --> 00:59:02,540
My best friends.

1262
00:59:02,540 --> 00:59:06,990
We were childhood
friends from babies.

1263
00:59:06,990 --> 00:59:08,340
Who were at school together.

1264
00:59:08,340 --> 00:59:09,905
We went to cheder together.

1265
00:59:09,905 --> 00:59:11,370
We went fishing together.

1266
00:59:11,370 --> 00:59:12,690
We went riding together.

1267
00:59:12,690 --> 00:59:15,300
We went mischiefing together.

1268
00:59:15,300 --> 00:59:17,660
We went everything together.

1269
00:59:17,660 --> 00:59:22,910
And he was [INAUDIBLE].

1270
00:59:22,910 --> 00:59:24,952
He turned them over
to the Germans,

1271
00:59:24,952 --> 00:59:26,660
and the Germans shot
them because the two

1272
00:59:26,660 --> 00:59:29,462
boys had typhus.

1273
00:59:29,462 --> 00:59:31,280
So the man I cannot forgive.

1274
00:59:31,280 --> 00:59:33,222
He got killed in Auschwitz.

1275
00:59:33,222 --> 00:59:38,886

1276
00:59:38,886 --> 00:59:41,510
His two sisters live in Israel.

1277
00:59:41,510 --> 00:59:45,390
I saw them, but I never
said nothing to them.

1278
00:59:45,390 --> 00:59:46,610
No hello, no nothing.

1279
00:59:46,610 --> 00:59:50,640
I just saw them.

1280
00:59:50,640 --> 00:59:54,940
They come to a
gathering [INAUDIBLE]..

1281
00:59:54,940 --> 00:59:57,640
Her mother-- his
mother used to say,

1282
00:59:57,640 --> 01:00:00,850
we shouldn't pray
for another king.

1283
01:00:00,850 --> 01:00:03,940
We shouldn't pray
for another king.

1284

01:00:03,940 --> 01:00:06,900

But Hitler was
taking over Poland.

1285

01:00:06,900 --> 01:00:09,010

We shouldn't pray for
another one, a better one,

1286

01:00:09,010 --> 01:00:10,870

but somebody else.

1287

01:00:10,870 --> 01:00:12,404

He's here, let him be here.

1288

01:00:12,404 --> 01:00:15,070

1289

01:00:15,070 --> 01:00:16,530

We shouldn't pray
for another king.

1290

01:00:16,530 --> 01:00:19,310

1291

01:00:19,310 --> 01:00:22,160

The Jews always prayed.

1292

01:00:22,160 --> 01:00:23,310

Because she had it good.

1293

01:00:23,310 --> 01:00:26,000

She had wood in the
house for the fire.

1294

01:00:26,000 --> 01:00:27,890

She had food because
her husband--

1295

01:00:27,890 --> 01:00:32,010

her son was working
with the Germans.

1296

01:00:32,010 --> 01:00:33,930

So we shouldn't pray
for another king.

1297

01:00:33,930 --> 01:00:37,740

1298

01:00:37,740 --> 01:00:38,670

That's what she said.

1299

01:00:38,670 --> 01:00:42,060

1300

01:00:42,060 --> 01:00:46,580

And she was an old lady,
and I was a youngster.

1301

01:00:46,580 --> 01:00:47,810

I never forget it.

1302

01:00:47,810 --> 01:00:49,180

You heard her say it?

1303

01:00:49,180 --> 01:00:49,680

Yeah.

1304

01:00:49,680 --> 01:00:50,360

Yeah.

1305

01:00:50,360 --> 01:00:52,750

Well, there's a lot--

1306

01:00:52,750 --> 01:00:55,120

a lot you remember.

1307

01:00:55,120 --> 01:00:56,840

I remember thousands of things.

1308

01:00:56,840 --> 01:00:57,970

I remember names.

1309

01:00:57,970 --> 01:01:02,910

I remember-- Ah,
what I remember.

1310

01:01:02,910 --> 01:01:04,980

In my tape, what you saw--

1311

01:01:04,980 --> 01:01:06,190

Yeah, the Shoah tape.

1312

01:01:06,190 --> 01:01:08,700

--is not even 1%
what I remember.

1313

01:01:08,700 --> 01:01:10,540

Sure, sure.

1314

01:01:10,540 --> 01:01:11,460

Not even 1%.

1315

01:01:11,460 --> 01:01:12,810

Sure.

1316

01:01:12,810 --> 01:01:14,640

Is there anything else
that you would like

1317

01:01:14,640 --> 01:01:16,348

to say here before we stop?

1318

01:01:16,348 --> 01:01:16,890

I don't know.

1319

01:01:16,890 --> 01:01:17,640

You ask me.

1320

01:01:17,640 --> 01:01:19,203

Tell me about you have in mind.

1321

01:01:19,203 --> 01:01:20,120

Well, you've already--

1322
01:01:20,120 --> 01:01:21,522
What you want me to tell you.

1323
01:01:21,522 --> 01:01:22,980
You've already told
us a whole lot.

1324
01:01:22,980 --> 01:01:26,540
Well, maybe you don't
want to have to ask me.

1325
01:01:26,540 --> 01:01:28,080
Just tell me.

1326
01:01:28,080 --> 01:01:29,700
No, I think I've
asked everything

1327
01:01:29,700 --> 01:01:32,460
that I had in mind to ask you.

1328
01:01:32,460 --> 01:01:36,280
And you've also told us
quite a bit more than that.

1329
01:01:36,280 --> 01:01:44,796
And also I am not such a
good in forgiving people.

1330
01:01:44,796 --> 01:01:46,930
Mm-hmm.

1331
01:01:46,930 --> 01:01:49,270
I cannot forgive.

1332
01:01:49,270 --> 01:01:51,310
But that's what these
rabbis are telling me.

1333
01:01:51,310 --> 01:01:52,180
They're asking me.

1334
01:01:52,180 --> 01:01:53,740
They're talking about it.

1335
01:01:53,740 --> 01:01:56,500
And it's the whole
world should forgive.

1336
01:01:56,500 --> 01:01:58,670
But I can't do it.

1337
01:01:58,670 --> 01:01:59,170
Mm-hmm.

1338
01:01:59,170 --> 01:01:59,750
I can't.

1339
01:01:59,750 --> 01:02:00,730
I don't know how.

1340
01:02:00,730 --> 01:02:02,680
I would be a
hypocrite if I do it.

1341
01:02:02,680 --> 01:02:05,750

1342
01:02:05,750 --> 01:02:08,410
Can't forgive.

1343
01:02:08,410 --> 01:02:09,890
Well, shall we stop here?

1344
01:02:09,890 --> 01:02:11,680
I will die soon.

1345
01:02:11,680 --> 01:02:13,900
How many years do you think?

1346
01:02:13,900 --> 01:02:15,130
Three years, four years?

1347
01:02:15,130 --> 01:02:18,920

1348
01:02:18,920 --> 01:02:24,530
All of the survivors are going
to be gone in a short time.

1349
01:02:24,530 --> 01:02:26,950
Because we're getting
a list in the Museum.

1350
01:02:26,950 --> 01:02:29,840
My department, where I work.

1351
01:02:29,840 --> 01:02:32,840
And I just find one
guy who comes to mind,

1352
01:02:32,840 --> 01:02:35,910
died in New York.

1353
01:02:35,910 --> 01:02:43,640
[? He ?] was my
[? age. ?] 75-years-old.

1354
01:02:43,640 --> 01:02:45,643
[? Fine ?] young man.

1355
01:02:45,643 --> 01:02:47,560
We were in camp together,
everywhere together.

1356
01:02:47,560 --> 01:02:49,060
All of a sudden, I
didn't even know.

1357
01:02:49,060 --> 01:02:51,310
I didn't even [INAUDIBLE].

1358
01:02:51,310 --> 01:02:56,420
I got the paper [? who died. ?]

I'm getting the paper.

1359
01:02:56,420 --> 01:02:58,418
[? I gave him a look, ?]
he died.

1360
01:02:58,418 --> 01:02:59,335
I couldn't believe it.

1361
01:02:59,335 --> 01:03:01,920
I had to call New York
to find out for sure.

1362
01:03:01,920 --> 01:03:03,150
More sadness.

1363
01:03:03,150 --> 01:03:03,890
Hmm?

1364
01:03:03,890 --> 01:03:05,570
More sadness.

1365
01:03:05,570 --> 01:03:06,886
Yeah.

1366
01:03:06,886 --> 01:03:09,130
Yeah.

1367
01:03:09,130 --> 01:03:11,980
And his wife is a--

1368
01:03:11,980 --> 01:03:13,750
[INAUDIBLE] I called her.

1369
01:03:13,750 --> 01:03:17,040

1370
01:03:17,040 --> 01:03:21,710
And then was a young man,
who I thought he was dead.

1371

01:03:21,710 --> 01:03:27,565
I'm sitting in the Museum, and
he comes up to the registry, he

1372
01:03:27,565 --> 01:03:29,490
and his wife.

1373
01:03:29,490 --> 01:03:32,790
And I'm with another woman
who works in the Museum,

1374
01:03:32,790 --> 01:03:33,865
to check on some papers.

1375
01:03:33,865 --> 01:03:36,630

1376
01:03:36,630 --> 01:03:42,955
So in the registry, we
have a register form.

1377
01:03:42,955 --> 01:03:46,260

1378
01:03:46,260 --> 01:03:52,260
Enlarged frame, my name, the
picture of mine for a Sample.

1379
01:03:52,260 --> 01:03:56,010
Everybody should know
what [INAUDIBLE]..

1380
01:03:56,010 --> 01:03:57,750
Benjamin [? Mead ?] is one.

1381
01:03:57,750 --> 01:03:59,340
I'm the other one.

1382
01:03:59,340 --> 01:04:03,510
Two more hanging on the wall
with frame, very nice picture.

1383

01:04:03,510 --> 01:04:06,040
And people come and
they look in and see.

1384
01:04:06,040 --> 01:04:07,490
So the guy comes up there.

1385
01:04:07,490 --> 01:04:11,550
And we tell him to take
my picture and my name.

1386
01:04:11,550 --> 01:04:14,760
So he says, who
is-- where is he?

1387
01:04:14,760 --> 01:04:17,480
So we told him, [? David is ?]
downstairs for lunch.

1388
01:04:17,480 --> 01:04:20,470

1389
01:04:20,470 --> 01:04:22,600
So he starts shaking.

1390
01:04:22,600 --> 01:04:23,870
Sit down.

1391
01:04:23,870 --> 01:04:26,482
And I said, this is my friend.

1392
01:04:26,482 --> 01:04:27,940
We grew up together
in my hometown.

1393
01:04:27,940 --> 01:04:30,610
His name is [? Langer. ?] His
name is [? Langer, ?] that boy.

1394
01:04:30,610 --> 01:04:32,020
He lives in St. Louis.

1395

01:04:32,020 --> 01:04:33,530
I didn't know he was alive.

1396
01:04:33,530 --> 01:04:37,555
He came to St. Louis with
his wife to Washington.

1397
01:04:37,555 --> 01:04:38,840
He was in Missouri.

1398
01:04:38,840 --> 01:04:41,300
And he saw my picture.

1399
01:04:41,300 --> 01:04:44,090
I walked in, he jumped.

1400
01:04:44,090 --> 01:04:45,590
I mean, I couldn't hold him.

1401
01:04:45,590 --> 01:04:49,160
He was so-- he was a
little bit sick, too.

1402
01:04:49,160 --> 01:04:52,980
I think he is paralyzed
or a stroke or something.

1403
01:04:52,980 --> 01:04:57,210
So we were-- his father
was a matchmaker.

1404
01:04:57,210 --> 01:04:59,370
He was a block away from us.

1405
01:04:59,370 --> 01:05:00,900
And we went to school together.

1406
01:05:00,900 --> 01:05:03,030
We went to cheder together.

1407
01:05:03,030 --> 01:05:06,010
He saw this picture here.

1408
01:05:06,010 --> 01:05:08,517
He's a father and two sons.

1409
01:05:08,517 --> 01:05:09,100
I didn't know.

1410
01:05:09,100 --> 01:05:10,800
I didn't even know he was alive.

1411
01:05:10,800 --> 01:05:12,590
I thought he was dead.

1412
01:05:12,590 --> 01:05:15,420
So everybody else was
taking pictures over there,

1413
01:05:15,420 --> 01:05:18,780
watching us, how we're
embracing, how we--

1414
01:05:18,780 --> 01:05:21,217
I said, thank God, I
thought he was dead.

1415
01:05:21,217 --> 01:05:22,300
And he thought I was dead.

1416
01:05:22,300 --> 01:05:23,490
Yeah.

1417
01:05:23,490 --> 01:05:28,320
And then there was one
guy who I met in Miami.

1418
01:05:28,320 --> 01:05:31,980
Mantelmacher, lives
in upstate New York.

1419
01:05:31,980 --> 01:05:33,510
He said, [INAUDIBLE].

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01:05:33,510 --> 01:05:35,706

That's what they call
me, a [INAUDIBLE]..

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01:05:35,706 --> 01:05:38,890

In Polish, my name
is [INAUDIBLE]..

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01:05:38,890 --> 01:05:41,300

[INAUDIBLE] I can't
believe that you are alive.

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01:05:41,300 --> 01:05:44,750

But he saw me with
my burned hand

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01:05:44,750 --> 01:05:48,260

going on the transport
to Auschwitz from Pionki.

1425

01:05:48,260 --> 01:05:51,960

He said, nobody-- the Germans
don't keep a person like this

1426

01:05:51,960 --> 01:05:52,610

alive.

1427

01:05:52,610 --> 01:05:54,850

They throw right
away in the oven.

1428

01:05:54,850 --> 01:05:56,490

And I survived.

1429

01:05:56,490 --> 01:05:58,720

Yeah, that's a good story.

1430

01:05:58,720 --> 01:06:00,250

Well, let's stop here.

1431

01:06:00,250 --> 01:06:01,660

OK.

1432

01:06:01,660 --> 01:06:05,505

Thank you very much for
giving your testimony.

1433

01:06:05,505 --> 01:06:08,170

And I hope I had
better stories to tell.

1434

01:06:08,170 --> 01:06:10,020

[CHUCKLES]

1435

01:06:10,020 --> 01:06:12,000