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00:00:00,000 --> 00:00:01,920

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00:00:01,920 --> 00:00:05,580

This is a continuation of an
interview for the United States

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00:00:05,580 --> 00:00:09,030

Holocaust Memorial Museum
volunteer collection.

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00:00:09,030 --> 00:00:10,680

We are interviewing
Guta Jacobson.

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00:00:10,680 --> 00:00:14,640

This is tape two,
side A. And you

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00:00:14,640 --> 00:00:22,230

were telling me about Auschwitz,
your first hours in Auschwitz.

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00:00:22,230 --> 00:00:23,880

And I wanted to
ask you how long it

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00:00:23,880 --> 00:00:29,770

took before you realized what
was going on in this place?

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00:00:29,770 --> 00:00:30,270

No.

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00:00:30,270 --> 00:00:32,940

I knew that I am
in a crazy house.

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00:00:32,940 --> 00:00:39,060

Because I saw people
sitting without motion,

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00:00:39,060 --> 00:00:42,120
without any hair.

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00:00:42,120 --> 00:00:45,510
No matter how beautiful
you are, no matter

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00:00:45,510 --> 00:00:48,890
how young you are, when
they shave your hair,

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00:00:48,890 --> 00:00:51,870
they give you no clothes.

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00:00:51,870 --> 00:00:54,940
Those [NON-ENGLISH].

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00:00:54,940 --> 00:00:57,175
So no, I figured that's the end.

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00:00:57,175 --> 00:00:59,770
[? We're ?] in a crazy house.

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00:00:59,770 --> 00:01:04,030
I didn't figure we came
to [? work ?] no more.

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00:01:04,030 --> 00:01:06,280
You said that somebody
in the barrack

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00:01:06,280 --> 00:01:07,780
told you what to expect.

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00:01:07,780 --> 00:01:09,790
What was it that they told you?

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00:01:09,790 --> 00:01:13,020
Well, they said that
there'd be [? cell ?]

24

00:01:13,020 --> 00:01:16,270
Appells every morning.

25
00:01:16,270 --> 00:01:19,360
That we should obey.

26
00:01:19,360 --> 00:01:22,460
We shouldn't hide.

27
00:01:22,460 --> 00:01:24,980
We'll be very hungry.

28
00:01:24,980 --> 00:01:27,730
And who won't be
able to withstand,

29
00:01:27,730 --> 00:01:30,772
they're going to be gassed.

30
00:01:30,772 --> 00:01:32,230
I didn't even know
what that means,

31
00:01:32,230 --> 00:01:35,020
they're going to be gassed.

32
00:01:35,020 --> 00:01:39,080
So I figured, OK, they're
going to be killed.

33
00:01:39,080 --> 00:01:44,940
And that was the first things
we came into that barrack,

34
00:01:44,940 --> 00:01:47,080
the first greeting.

35
00:01:47,080 --> 00:01:49,640
That was a young girl.

36
00:01:49,640 --> 00:01:55,090
Running around was

such a long thing.

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00:01:55,090 --> 00:02:02,020

She was running from one place
to the other all day to obey.

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00:02:02,020 --> 00:02:04,390

If we'll get food, it's good.

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00:02:04,390 --> 00:02:05,540

We have to go--

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00:02:05,540 --> 00:02:07,540

it's going to be
a kibel outside.

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00:02:07,540 --> 00:02:09,400

We cannot go to the bathroom.

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00:02:09,400 --> 00:02:15,220

It's going to be a kibel
that meets a pen outside.

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00:02:15,220 --> 00:02:20,153

We could go outside to the
bathroom and come in back.

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00:02:20,153 --> 00:02:21,320

I didn't know what to think.

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00:02:21,320 --> 00:02:22,800

We cried.

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00:02:22,800 --> 00:02:24,720

But we were happy
mother is with us.

47

00:02:24,720 --> 00:02:27,630

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00:02:27,630 --> 00:02:29,100

That was my first impression.

49
00:02:29,100 --> 00:02:30,700
That we're in a crazy house.

50
00:02:30,700 --> 00:02:32,860
Plain crazy house.

51
00:02:32,860 --> 00:02:37,170
And among them, we're
going to be dead.

52
00:02:37,170 --> 00:02:38,610
You said there was a long thing.

53
00:02:38,610 --> 00:02:39,840
You mean inside the barrack?

54
00:02:39,840 --> 00:02:46,200
Inside the barracks
was like a long--

55
00:02:46,200 --> 00:02:48,870
I don't know what it was.

56
00:02:48,870 --> 00:02:51,150
Was it-- were their
chimneys in the barrack?

57
00:02:51,150 --> 00:02:53,550
Chimneys, yeah.

58
00:02:53,550 --> 00:02:54,930
That long thing.

59
00:02:54,930 --> 00:02:57,240
And she was running from
one place to the other,

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00:02:57,240 --> 00:02:58,720
from one place to the other.

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00:02:58,720 --> 00:03:00,310
So I figured we're all crazy.

62
00:03:00,310 --> 00:03:03,515
She's crazy too.

63
00:03:03,515 --> 00:03:06,470
That's all.

64
00:03:06,470 --> 00:03:09,240
What else do you remember
about your first day or days

65
00:03:09,240 --> 00:03:10,240
in Auschwitz?

66
00:03:10,240 --> 00:03:11,750
[? Cell ?] appell.

67
00:03:11,750 --> 00:03:13,260
Explain what that means.

68
00:03:13,260 --> 00:03:17,270
We had to go out at dawn.

69
00:03:17,270 --> 00:03:21,410
When it was winter, I was
quite a long time [? there ?]..

70
00:03:21,410 --> 00:03:27,530
When it was winter, the
climate in Auschwitz is lime.

71
00:03:27,530 --> 00:03:29,290
You know what lime is?

72
00:03:29,290 --> 00:03:32,180
When you put your
foot in the lime,

73
00:03:32,180 --> 00:03:34,880
you cannot take out the foot.

74
00:03:34,880 --> 00:03:35,950
That was the climate.

75
00:03:35,950 --> 00:03:37,310
It was very cold.

76
00:03:37,310 --> 00:03:37,850

77
00:03:37,850 --> 00:03:41,360
We had to all get out,
and he was counting.

78
00:03:41,360 --> 00:03:46,760
And if it didn't count
what it was yesterday,

79
00:03:46,760 --> 00:03:48,590
they were looking
all over if somebody

80
00:03:48,590 --> 00:03:50,330
didn't hide themselves.

81
00:03:50,330 --> 00:03:52,950
Sometimes we stayed
there for two hours.

82
00:03:52,950 --> 00:03:55,610
I remember very
well Dr. Mengele.

83
00:03:55,610 --> 00:03:58,250
I saw him every morning.

84
00:03:58,250 --> 00:04:00,890
I could recognize
him in my sleep.

85
00:04:00,890 --> 00:04:04,190
Now he's dead already,

but I could recognize--

86
00:04:04,190 --> 00:04:05,780
good-looking guy.

87
00:04:05,780 --> 00:04:08,900
How did you know it was Dr.
Mengele and not somebody else?

88
00:04:08,900 --> 00:04:11,075
Well, then we heard,
this is Dr. Mengele.

89
00:04:11,075 --> 00:04:12,720
Dr. Mengele is coming.

90
00:04:12,720 --> 00:04:15,860
So I figured this is the
Dr. Mengele-- extremely

91
00:04:15,860 --> 00:04:20,570
good-looking guy,
very good looking.

92
00:04:20,570 --> 00:04:25,790
He was wearing a
uniform and a dog,

93
00:04:25,790 --> 00:04:32,830
and he was coming with the
other ones, with a stick.

94
00:04:32,830 --> 00:04:34,800
I'll never forget it.

95
00:04:34,800 --> 00:04:35,880
He took away my mother.

96
00:04:35,880 --> 00:04:38,740

97
00:04:38,740 --> 00:04:41,585

When he took away your mother,
you said a few months ago,

98
00:04:41,585 --> 00:04:43,210
you said you were
there about two weeks

99
00:04:43,210 --> 00:04:44,293
before they took her away?

100
00:04:44,293 --> 00:04:47,600
Two or three weeks it was,
yeah-- more than two weeks.

101
00:04:47,600 --> 00:04:50,862
Three weeks, probably-- yes.

102
00:04:50,862 --> 00:04:52,820
By then, did you know
where she would be going?

103
00:04:52,820 --> 00:04:56,950
Yes, exactly.

104
00:04:56,950 --> 00:04:58,280
When did you come to realize?

105
00:04:58,280 --> 00:05:01,100
As I said, when did you become
to realize what was really

106
00:05:01,100 --> 00:05:02,360
happening in the town?

107
00:05:02,360 --> 00:05:05,990
Right next day from Auschwitz.

108
00:05:05,990 --> 00:05:06,920
What is gas?

109
00:05:06,920 --> 00:05:09,230
What do you mean they're

going to gas people?

110
00:05:09,230 --> 00:05:16,420
You know, so curiosity,
and then I realized.

111
00:05:16,420 --> 00:05:18,370
I had one encounter
in Auschwitz.

112
00:05:18,370 --> 00:05:21,120

113
00:05:21,120 --> 00:05:23,520
They were taking
away, taking away.

114
00:05:23,520 --> 00:05:29,830
Then companies came and took
people to work from Auschwitz.

115
00:05:29,830 --> 00:05:40,890
We were told that they need
200 people, 100 girls, to work.

116
00:05:40,890 --> 00:05:45,420
And we didn't have
the mother anymore.

117
00:05:45,420 --> 00:05:48,960
I have a very, very
good-looking sister.

118
00:05:48,960 --> 00:05:53,670
She's in California now--
very, very ill, very.

119
00:05:53,670 --> 00:05:59,620
So me and my sister, we left
the other sister in the barrack.

120
00:05:59,620 --> 00:06:00,120
We went.

121
00:06:00,120 --> 00:06:02,010
I say, let's go to work.

122
00:06:02,010 --> 00:06:03,270
Enough Auschwitz.

123
00:06:03,270 --> 00:06:05,570
We're going to get
killed here anyway.

124
00:06:05,570 --> 00:06:07,460
So let's go to work.

125
00:06:07,460 --> 00:06:10,590
Worse than here cannot be.

126
00:06:10,590 --> 00:06:14,670
So what do you think
we will find out?

127
00:06:14,670 --> 00:06:15,630
In the crematorium.

128
00:06:15,630 --> 00:06:18,340

129
00:06:18,340 --> 00:06:20,800
Do you believe it?

130
00:06:20,800 --> 00:06:24,950
Right away, we were
in the crematorium.

131
00:06:24,950 --> 00:06:27,920
You had to go in by number.

132
00:06:27,920 --> 00:06:32,130
If they needed 100,
they didn't took 101.

133

00:06:32,130 --> 00:06:35,150
So I don't know how much
they needed that day.

134
00:06:35,150 --> 00:06:37,580
Was it 100, or was it more?

135
00:06:37,580 --> 00:06:39,030
I don't know.

136
00:06:39,030 --> 00:06:42,410
So we were staying outside.

137
00:06:42,410 --> 00:06:46,450
And we asked the guy,
the German guy in German,

138
00:06:46,450 --> 00:06:48,970
where are we going?

139
00:06:48,970 --> 00:06:53,180
He showed us we're going to
the-- this is the crematorium.

140
00:06:53,180 --> 00:06:56,420
He took out my
sister right away.

141
00:06:56,420 --> 00:07:01,010
She started to terrible cry,
and she pulled me to her.

142
00:07:01,010 --> 00:07:03,410
All the rest went
to the crematorium.

143
00:07:03,410 --> 00:07:06,640
Four of us went back
to the barracks--

144
00:07:06,640 --> 00:07:07,620
four of us.

145

00:07:07,620 --> 00:07:09,300

We were staying there.

146

00:07:09,300 --> 00:07:11,760

They didn't know
what to do with us.

147

00:07:11,760 --> 00:07:13,020

And one came over.

148

00:07:13,020 --> 00:07:14,100

He says, [GERMAN].

149

00:07:14,100 --> 00:07:16,890

150

00:07:16,890 --> 00:07:18,200

We should run.

151

00:07:18,200 --> 00:07:19,760

So we went back to the barracks.

152

00:07:19,760 --> 00:07:21,410

Nobody stopped us.

153

00:07:21,410 --> 00:07:22,130

We came back.

154

00:07:22,130 --> 00:07:24,680

My sister was there.

155

00:07:24,680 --> 00:07:29,150

So from two barracks,
there make one barrack.

156

00:07:29,150 --> 00:07:31,320

They took people from the other.

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00:07:31,320 --> 00:07:35,210

So we came back to the
barracks until we all

158
00:07:35,210 --> 00:07:38,000
went to work a few weeks later.

159
00:07:38,000 --> 00:07:40,575
But I was in front
of the crematorium.

160
00:07:40,575 --> 00:07:44,540

161
00:07:44,540 --> 00:07:48,510
I knew it when I there,
because they picked out

162
00:07:48,510 --> 00:07:52,700
such a nice girls, little,
nice girls from Ukraine,

163
00:07:52,700 --> 00:07:54,830
from Czechoslovakia.

164
00:07:54,830 --> 00:07:56,830
So we're going to
work, but we didn't.

165
00:07:56,830 --> 00:08:02,730

166
00:08:02,730 --> 00:08:06,530
The other women that were
with you in the barrack

167
00:08:06,530 --> 00:08:09,560
were from different countries.

168
00:08:09,560 --> 00:08:11,600
Did you, when you were
in the barracks together,

169
00:08:11,600 --> 00:08:13,520
talk about your

lives before the war?

170
00:08:13,520 --> 00:08:16,760

171
00:08:16,760 --> 00:08:20,130
I was, towards the end, I
was a lot with Ukrainian--

172
00:08:20,130 --> 00:08:21,640
with the Hungarian girls.

173
00:08:21,640 --> 00:08:24,610

174
00:08:24,610 --> 00:08:27,550
I was afraid to talk.

175
00:08:27,550 --> 00:08:32,320
I remember always going
behind the barracks

176
00:08:32,320 --> 00:08:35,470
and sit like the other
one was sitting--

177
00:08:35,470 --> 00:08:38,600
like this.

178
00:08:38,600 --> 00:08:39,679
That's when I came in.

179
00:08:39,679 --> 00:08:41,360
That's what they saw.

180
00:08:41,360 --> 00:08:43,049
Then I saw myself.

181
00:08:43,049 --> 00:08:48,640
And I figured, God,
give me strength.

182

00:08:48,640 --> 00:08:50,690

I need to see

Hitler's destruction?

183

00:08:50,690 --> 00:08:53,220

Then take me away.

184

00:08:53,220 --> 00:08:54,640

That's how I prayed.

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00:08:54,640 --> 00:08:56,930

Then one day they came.

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00:08:56,930 --> 00:08:59,640

They needed 1,000 women.

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00:08:59,640 --> 00:09:03,950

But this, I saw a
little different,

188

00:09:03,950 --> 00:09:10,730

because it was civilians came,
too, not only the Germans.

189

00:09:10,730 --> 00:09:16,520

They said they need 1,000
women to go to work.

190

00:09:16,520 --> 00:09:20,180

And all three of us-- we didn't
leave my sister anymore--

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00:09:20,180 --> 00:09:26,400

all three of us [YIDDISH]
to this transport.

192

00:09:26,400 --> 00:09:28,512

And we went out from Auschwitz.

193

00:09:28,512 --> 00:09:30,470

I'm going to ask you to
translate what you just

194
00:09:30,470 --> 00:09:33,720
said in Yiddish.

195
00:09:33,720 --> 00:09:38,580
We didn't-- what did I say?

196
00:09:38,580 --> 00:09:43,270
That we didn't leave
my sister behind.

197
00:09:43,270 --> 00:09:44,950
We took her with us.

198
00:09:44,950 --> 00:09:46,950
She was the oldest,
and she was sick.

199
00:09:46,950 --> 00:09:50,030
She was sick in
the ghetto already.

200
00:09:50,030 --> 00:09:56,310
And we went to work.

201
00:09:56,310 --> 00:09:59,990
They took us out from Auschwitz.

202
00:09:59,990 --> 00:10:04,820
Because we saw the same way we
came arbeitslager, we went out.

203
00:10:04,820 --> 00:10:07,720

204
00:10:07,720 --> 00:10:09,260
Before I let you
leave Auschwitz,

205
00:10:09,260 --> 00:10:14,920
I want to ask you a couple
of clarifying questions.

206
00:10:14,920 --> 00:10:18,850
Your barrack, what
was it made of?

207
00:10:18,850 --> 00:10:21,960
You mentioned that there
were two chimneys inside--

208
00:10:21,960 --> 00:10:22,460
Yeah.

209
00:10:22,460 --> 00:10:23,350
--and a long thing.

210
00:10:23,350 --> 00:10:27,090
What was the building
itself made of?

211
00:10:27,090 --> 00:10:29,820
Wood-- made of wood.

212
00:10:29,820 --> 00:10:32,580
And we were sleeping
on the floors.

213
00:10:32,580 --> 00:10:34,480
It was made of wood.

214
00:10:34,480 --> 00:10:36,730
But the only thing,
that long thing,

215
00:10:36,730 --> 00:10:40,388
was the chimney, that long
thing where she was working back

216
00:10:40,388 --> 00:10:44,800
and forth-- a stick of wood.

217
00:10:44,800 --> 00:10:47,090
It was very cold

in the wintertime.

218
00:10:47,090 --> 00:10:52,700
You know what I did
once in Auschwitz?

219
00:10:52,700 --> 00:10:57,000
And the Germans, that time,
I saw the Germans watching.

220
00:10:57,000 --> 00:10:57,730
No, I'm sorry.

221
00:10:57,730 --> 00:11:01,100
It wasn't Auschwitz.

222
00:11:01,100 --> 00:11:02,900
We'll save it for later, then.

223
00:11:02,900 --> 00:11:04,460
While you were in
Auschwitz, did you

224
00:11:04,460 --> 00:11:09,140
have any idea how the war
was going for Germany?

225
00:11:09,140 --> 00:11:17,860
We heard rumors that the
Germans losing in Stalingrad.

226
00:11:17,860 --> 00:11:20,930
They froze in Stalingrad.

227
00:11:20,930 --> 00:11:24,080
So, look, it was only rumors.

228
00:11:24,080 --> 00:11:25,220
Who knew?

229
00:11:25,220 --> 00:11:31,830
The only thing, that

some girls of ours--

230

00:11:31,830 --> 00:11:32,880

I was not among them.

231

00:11:32,880 --> 00:11:35,850

Otherwise, I wouldn't
be ashamed to say it,

232

00:11:35,850 --> 00:11:40,110

because you do everything for
food and maybe if you survive.

233

00:11:40,110 --> 00:11:42,860

I wasn't among them.

234

00:11:42,860 --> 00:11:45,150

Polacks were working there--

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00:11:45,150 --> 00:11:45,650

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00:11:45,650 --> 00:11:47,100

That was Auschwitz.

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00:11:47,100 --> 00:11:50,100

Auschwitz was a town.

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00:11:50,100 --> 00:11:54,980

And the girls, maybe
they lived with them.

239

00:11:54,980 --> 00:11:57,120

I don't know.

240

00:11:57,120 --> 00:11:58,610

Nobody revealed it.

241

00:11:58,610 --> 00:12:01,640

The only thing I know,
they brought some food back

242

00:12:01,640 --> 00:12:03,160
from the Polacks.

243

00:12:03,160 --> 00:12:05,470
That was the rumors.

244

00:12:05,470 --> 00:12:09,680
So they probably knew
from the Polacks.

245

00:12:09,680 --> 00:12:11,520
Polish people were
working around there.

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00:12:11,520 --> 00:12:15,950

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00:12:15,950 --> 00:12:19,580
While you were in
Auschwitz, did you

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00:12:19,580 --> 00:12:22,720
witness beatings,
executions, or suicides?

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00:12:22,720 --> 00:12:25,510

250

00:12:25,510 --> 00:12:28,130
Yes.

251

00:12:28,130 --> 00:12:30,710
I came with a
girlfriend from Lodz.

252

00:12:30,710 --> 00:12:32,600
You must hear that.

253

00:12:32,600 --> 00:12:35,330
I came with a girlfriend
from the Lodz.

254

00:12:35,330 --> 00:12:38,140
Her father was a banker in Lodz.

255

00:12:38,140 --> 00:12:42,530
I always admired her,
because I came to her house.

256

00:12:42,530 --> 00:12:44,780
We weren't that rich.

257

00:12:44,780 --> 00:12:51,290
She always had such beautiful
clothes and such nice food.

258

00:12:51,290 --> 00:12:54,230
I met her in Auschwitz.

259

00:12:54,230 --> 00:12:59,540
She was the one who went
on the barbed wires.

260

00:12:59,540 --> 00:13:01,550
She got killed.

261

00:13:01,550 --> 00:13:04,210
She committed
suicide in Auschwitz,

262

00:13:04,210 --> 00:13:06,420
because she came from a luxury.

263

00:13:06,420 --> 00:13:08,030
But ours was a luxury.

264

00:13:08,030 --> 00:13:12,800
Here, it wouldn't be called a
luxury, but this was a luxury.

265

00:13:12,800 --> 00:13:14,960
She committed suicide.

266

00:13:14,960 --> 00:13:17,767
People did commit suicide, yes.

267
00:13:17,767 --> 00:13:21,900

268
00:13:21,900 --> 00:13:23,400
Before I have you
leaving Auschwitz,

269
00:13:23,400 --> 00:13:26,970
is there anything else that
stands out in your mind about--

270
00:13:26,970 --> 00:13:29,520
About Auschwitz?

271
00:13:29,520 --> 00:13:31,990
Yes.

272
00:13:31,990 --> 00:13:39,100
How cruel the Germans could
have been at first Yom Kippur.

273
00:13:39,100 --> 00:13:39,860
It was a holiday.

274
00:13:39,860 --> 00:13:43,250

275
00:13:43,250 --> 00:13:47,360
That's a day before when
my mother was taken away.

276
00:13:47,360 --> 00:13:51,800
That's why I have here with her.

277
00:13:51,800 --> 00:13:53,670
I have [INAUDIBLE]
took her away.

278
00:13:53,670 --> 00:13:57,110

I have no [INAUDIBLE],,
but I figured it out.

279
00:13:57,110 --> 00:13:59,850
It's the same day.

280
00:13:59,850 --> 00:14:02,870
We had [? kibble, ?]
or [? kibble ?] I say.

281
00:14:02,870 --> 00:14:04,840
You know what
[? kibble-- ?] what it is?

282
00:14:04,840 --> 00:14:12,590
A big-- a garbage pail,
a big garbage pail,

283
00:14:12,590 --> 00:14:14,660
like you throw out a garbage.

284
00:14:14,660 --> 00:14:16,210
So it was clean.

285
00:14:16,210 --> 00:14:22,060
And the soups were all over
the outside from the barracks.

286
00:14:22,060 --> 00:14:26,940
You could of ran and get
yourself as much as you wanted.

287
00:14:26,940 --> 00:14:28,090
You know why?

288
00:14:28,090 --> 00:14:29,450
Because it was Yom Kippur.

289
00:14:29,450 --> 00:14:32,570

290
00:14:32,570 --> 00:14:35,690

They wanted you
to eat Yom Kippur.

291
00:14:35,690 --> 00:14:39,140
And there was a lot of
food, because they took away

292
00:14:39,140 --> 00:14:42,255
a day before a lot of
people from the barracks.

293
00:14:42,255 --> 00:14:45,100

294
00:14:45,100 --> 00:14:46,980
This, I'll never forget.

295
00:14:46,980 --> 00:14:49,240
It was so much food.

296
00:14:49,240 --> 00:14:52,800
But if you were
smart, you didn't eat.

297
00:14:52,800 --> 00:14:56,460
It wasn't pleasant food, but
being that your stomach is not

298
00:14:56,460 --> 00:14:57,300
used to that.

299
00:14:57,300 --> 00:14:59,040
I was so skinny.

300
00:14:59,040 --> 00:15:00,220
I didn't eat anyway.

301
00:15:00,220 --> 00:15:02,790
So whenever I had a
little bit, I had enough.

302
00:15:02,790 --> 00:15:05,570

303
00:15:05,570 --> 00:15:06,830
This is outstanding.

304
00:15:06,830 --> 00:15:10,010

305
00:15:10,010 --> 00:15:11,920
When did you leave Auschwitz?

306
00:15:11,920 --> 00:15:15,600

307
00:15:15,600 --> 00:15:17,640
I left Auschwitz--

308
00:15:17,640 --> 00:15:21,540

309
00:15:21,540 --> 00:15:25,090
I really don't remember
exactly when I left Auschwitz.

310
00:15:25,090 --> 00:15:30,810
But when I left Auschwitz
for that transport,

311
00:15:30,810 --> 00:15:33,180
I went to BirnbÃ¶umel.

312
00:15:33,180 --> 00:15:34,035
This is a town.

313
00:15:34,035 --> 00:15:36,712
[CRASH]

314
00:15:36,712 --> 00:15:38,170
I have no idea what
that noise was.

315

00:15:38,170 --> 00:15:39,430
Please continue.

316
00:15:39,430 --> 00:15:40,720
Please don't worry.

317
00:15:40,720 --> 00:15:44,290
This is a town in
Germany that took

318
00:15:44,290 --> 00:15:49,450
us to devote to make okopas.

319
00:15:49,450 --> 00:15:52,360
You know what okopas?

320
00:15:52,360 --> 00:15:58,510
When a tank goes through, it
should fall through, you know?

321
00:15:58,510 --> 00:15:59,400
So like a trench?

322
00:15:59,400 --> 00:16:03,200
A trenches, yeah, but
this was for military.

323
00:16:03,200 --> 00:16:13,090
We were 1,000 women, and we
would shovel the trenches

324
00:16:13,090 --> 00:16:14,860
until here in water.

325
00:16:14,860 --> 00:16:18,320

326
00:16:18,320 --> 00:16:20,280
Let me just clarify one
thing, and then we'll

327
00:16:20,280 --> 00:16:22,420

get to this next camp--

328

00:16:22,420 --> 00:16:22,920

Yes.

329

00:16:22,920 --> 00:16:25,680

--and the work that you did.

330

00:16:25,680 --> 00:16:27,410

I asked you when you
had left Auschwitz.

331

00:16:27,410 --> 00:16:28,410

It was after Yom Kippur.

332

00:16:28,410 --> 00:16:30,258

Was it very long
after Yom Kippur,

333

00:16:30,258 --> 00:16:31,550

or do you remember this season?

334

00:16:31,550 --> 00:16:32,640

I left Auschwitz.

335

00:16:32,640 --> 00:16:34,980

I cannot tell you
exactly the date.

336

00:16:34,980 --> 00:16:37,800

I had it written down
some place at home.

337

00:16:37,800 --> 00:16:42,000

But when I left I Auschwitz,
it was almost empty.

338

00:16:42,000 --> 00:16:45,690

339

00:16:45,690 --> 00:16:48,210

Either they had

killed the people,

340
00:16:48,210 --> 00:16:49,960
or they took out the people.

341
00:16:49,960 --> 00:16:53,310
It was almost.

342
00:16:53,310 --> 00:16:57,180
I would say in my
barrack was empty.

343
00:16:57,180 --> 00:16:59,800
We went almost towards
the end, because we knew.

344
00:16:59,800 --> 00:17:00,600
We were afraid.

345
00:17:00,600 --> 00:17:02,010
We didn't trust
them that they're

346
00:17:02,010 --> 00:17:04,859
going to take us to work,
because what there already

347
00:17:04,859 --> 00:17:07,230
once.

348
00:17:07,230 --> 00:17:09,450
And there was nothing
to stay anymore,

349
00:17:09,450 --> 00:17:11,609
because it was almost empty.

350
00:17:11,609 --> 00:17:12,390
So we left.

351
00:17:12,390 --> 00:17:15,046

352
00:17:15,046 --> 00:17:17,004
Do you happen to remember
what the weather was?

353
00:17:17,004 --> 00:17:18,155
Was there snow?

354
00:17:18,155 --> 00:17:20,190
It was very wintry.

355
00:17:20,190 --> 00:17:24,640
Because when we came to
that food, it was winter.

356
00:17:24,640 --> 00:17:28,560

357
00:17:28,560 --> 00:17:30,270
When you left
Auschwitz, how were you

358
00:17:30,270 --> 00:17:32,570
transported to the other camp?

359
00:17:32,570 --> 00:17:34,860
With the trains.

360
00:17:34,860 --> 00:17:36,390
We went with trains.

361
00:17:36,390 --> 00:17:40,740
And then they took us, 1,000--
there were 2,000 women.

362
00:17:40,740 --> 00:17:44,610
1,000 women, they took another
place, and 1,000 women,

363
00:17:44,610 --> 00:17:47,490
we were together-- with the
Czechs, with the Hungarian,

364
00:17:47,490 --> 00:17:49,950
with the Polish girls.

365
00:17:49,950 --> 00:17:53,100
But by that time, when
we went to the camp,

366
00:17:53,100 --> 00:17:57,970
they gave us over there to--

367
00:17:57,970 --> 00:17:59,880
they dressed us.

368
00:17:59,880 --> 00:18:02,100
They gave us food.

369
00:18:02,100 --> 00:18:04,530
We worked there.

370
00:18:04,530 --> 00:18:10,050
And we were-- from the
barracks, we worked.

371
00:18:10,050 --> 00:18:15,820
And during the-- in the
morning, where we worked,

372
00:18:15,820 --> 00:18:20,890
the people who lived there,
the German people, came out.

373
00:18:20,890 --> 00:18:22,890
One, they came out
with a piece of bread.

374
00:18:22,890 --> 00:18:24,610
One, they came out
with a cigarette.

375
00:18:24,610 --> 00:18:27,830
One came out with a potato.

376
00:18:27,830 --> 00:18:30,240
They did come out.

377
00:18:30,240 --> 00:18:33,600
The only thing, when we
left that working place

378
00:18:33,600 --> 00:18:37,980
to go to Bergen-Belsen, that
place was empty already.

379
00:18:37,980 --> 00:18:40,800
No Germans, nobody, was there.

380
00:18:40,800 --> 00:18:46,067
Tell me about the physical
camp, what it looked like,

381
00:18:46,067 --> 00:18:47,400
and what the barracks were like.

382
00:18:47,400 --> 00:18:48,930
Describe the camp
for me, please.

383
00:18:48,930 --> 00:18:50,875
The working camps you're
talking now about?

384
00:18:50,875 --> 00:18:52,250
The second camp
where you worked.

385
00:18:52,250 --> 00:18:53,160
The second camp.

386
00:18:53,160 --> 00:18:56,790
Well, the second camp was
better than Auschwitz.

387
00:18:56,790 --> 00:19:02,970

We had the women watching
us, the SS women.

388
00:19:02,970 --> 00:19:06,030
There were very bad, very bad.

389
00:19:06,030 --> 00:19:10,830
You know what I did in
order to please you?

390
00:19:10,830 --> 00:19:14,290

391
00:19:14,290 --> 00:19:15,820
I worked nice with my hands.

392
00:19:15,820 --> 00:19:20,100

393
00:19:20,100 --> 00:19:26,040
And the water was [NON-ENGLISH],,
such a green things.

394
00:19:26,040 --> 00:19:31,820
I opened up that green things
an inside was such a white--

395
00:19:31,820 --> 00:19:36,550
like a-- I don't
know how to describe.

396
00:19:36,550 --> 00:19:42,980
And I made little flowers
for the German girls.

397
00:19:42,980 --> 00:19:46,350
And I asked them to
put lipstick on it,

398
00:19:46,350 --> 00:19:51,240
and it was I gave everybody
a flower, you know?

399

00:19:51,240 --> 00:19:55,860

So they had me already
in mind at one time.

400

00:19:55,860 --> 00:20:00,350

But we were watched a lot from
the German, from the Wehrmacht.

401

00:20:00,350 --> 00:20:01,980

It was not the SS anymore.

402

00:20:01,980 --> 00:20:03,750

It was the Wehrmacht.

403

00:20:03,750 --> 00:20:08,160

So I personally would
go out, and it was snow.

404

00:20:08,160 --> 00:20:11,110

And I would dress
myself to the hip.

405

00:20:11,110 --> 00:20:14,040

I didn't even see it
in the back of me.

406

00:20:14,040 --> 00:20:17,310

And I washed myself
with the snow.

407

00:20:17,310 --> 00:20:20,880

And at one time,
he approached me.

408

00:20:20,880 --> 00:20:23,150

He says, [GERMAN].

409

00:20:23,150 --> 00:20:26,260

So I was such afraid,
because I was half naked.

410

00:20:26,260 --> 00:20:27,630

He say, [GERMAN].

411
00:20:27,630 --> 00:20:32,640

412
00:20:32,640 --> 00:20:34,870
Do this every day.

413
00:20:34,870 --> 00:20:37,230
So you're going to
be warm this way.

414
00:20:37,230 --> 00:20:41,666
He didn't do nothing to me,
but he had me on his eye.

415
00:20:41,666 --> 00:20:45,590
At one time, he threw a
piece of bread for me,

416
00:20:45,590 --> 00:20:47,280
but that was never.

417
00:20:47,280 --> 00:20:49,450
But it was not that bad.

418
00:20:49,450 --> 00:20:51,070
It's just the water.

419
00:20:51,070 --> 00:20:52,850
What we were-- [INAUDIBLE].

420
00:20:52,850 --> 00:20:55,440
We were-- we wanted the water.

421
00:20:55,440 --> 00:20:59,430
We were cutting the
trees in the woods.

422
00:20:59,430 --> 00:21:03,060
And then when the tanks
are going to come,

423
00:21:03,060 --> 00:21:06,280
they should go into the water.

424
00:21:06,280 --> 00:21:07,920
You know what?

425
00:21:07,920 --> 00:21:10,710
The Wehrmacht saved
themselves like this.

426
00:21:10,710 --> 00:21:12,450
They took us to work.

427
00:21:12,450 --> 00:21:14,610
And this way, they
saved their lives,

428
00:21:14,610 --> 00:21:16,380
because they didn't
go to the front.

429
00:21:16,380 --> 00:21:18,540
They didn't go to the army.

430
00:21:18,540 --> 00:21:21,270
That was my opinion,
but I didn't say it.

431
00:21:21,270 --> 00:21:24,422
Over there, I got hit.

432
00:21:24,422 --> 00:21:29,130
They broke three
teeth, my teeth.

433
00:21:29,130 --> 00:21:31,710
Because I saw that--

434
00:21:31,710 --> 00:21:35,630
I had, as I mentioned, I had
a very good-looking sister--

435
00:21:35,630 --> 00:21:37,420
extremely good-looking.

436
00:21:37,420 --> 00:21:40,680
She's now very sick.

437
00:21:40,680 --> 00:21:46,040
One Wehrmacht, one guy,
gave her cigarettes, food.

438
00:21:46,040 --> 00:21:47,760
It was Christmas.

439
00:21:47,760 --> 00:21:50,580
She got a whole
package from him.

440
00:21:50,580 --> 00:21:54,690
The girl squealed on
her, and they brought me

441
00:21:54,690 --> 00:21:58,000
into the office.

442
00:21:58,000 --> 00:22:04,690
And they wanted me to see,
the tell, which one did it

443
00:22:04,690 --> 00:22:05,800
and what.

444
00:22:05,800 --> 00:22:09,280
I said, she found
it on the floor.

445
00:22:09,280 --> 00:22:12,700
Somebody threw it in the
tanks, and she picked it up.

446
00:22:12,700 --> 00:22:15,430
I wouldn't tell

which one did it.

447

00:22:15,430 --> 00:22:18,180
So he gave me one shot in the--

448

00:22:18,180 --> 00:22:22,140
in fact, the German
pay for my teeth.

449

00:22:22,140 --> 00:22:25,380
And that's when I got hit.

450

00:22:25,380 --> 00:22:29,010
And then we went out from there.

451

00:22:29,010 --> 00:22:31,680
Tell me about the living
conditions in this camp.

452

00:22:31,680 --> 00:22:35,790
This camp was a lot better, as I
mentioned, than Auschwitz camp.

453

00:22:35,790 --> 00:22:39,150
Because we got a little food.

454

00:22:39,150 --> 00:22:42,220
They took some of our
girls into the kitchen.

455

00:22:42,220 --> 00:22:43,950
They worked in the kitchen.

456

00:22:43,950 --> 00:22:50,280
But outstanding was a
lady from Czechoslovakia.

457

00:22:50,280 --> 00:22:53,460
She knew how to type in German.

458

00:22:53,460 --> 00:22:59,490
They needed her in the office,

because all these German SS,

459

00:22:59,490 --> 00:23:02,280
nobody knew how to type.

460

00:23:02,280 --> 00:23:06,990
She was treated like a
diamond, and I'll tell you

461

00:23:06,990 --> 00:23:10,170
what we did with her when--

462

00:23:10,170 --> 00:23:12,110
I'm going to go out
from this place.

463

00:23:12,110 --> 00:23:14,580
I'll tell you something.

464

00:23:14,580 --> 00:23:16,470
And she was very good with me.

465

00:23:16,470 --> 00:23:20,840
She saw me, how they hit
me, and she was very good

466

00:23:20,840 --> 00:23:22,380
with my sister.

467

00:23:22,380 --> 00:23:25,680
So she brought us whatever
was left over there.

468

00:23:25,680 --> 00:23:29,490
Like I would go into
the woods, and I was--

469

00:23:29,490 --> 00:23:34,170
I knew, being that I
was living in Poland.

470

00:23:34,170 --> 00:23:37,290

At one time, I lived in
a small town in Poland.

471
00:23:37,290 --> 00:23:41,010
I went to the woods, and
I knew all the pilze.

472
00:23:41,010 --> 00:23:41,850
You know what pilze?

473
00:23:41,850 --> 00:23:43,380
Mushrooms.

474
00:23:43,380 --> 00:23:46,530
I knew which mushroom
is poison, and I

475
00:23:46,530 --> 00:23:48,630
knew which mushroom was good.

476
00:23:48,630 --> 00:23:51,870
Because I was--

477
00:23:51,870 --> 00:23:53,280
I brought the mushrooms.

478
00:23:53,280 --> 00:23:57,810
They sent me to the woods,
the German, the SS ladies,

479
00:23:57,810 --> 00:24:01,050
and I brought them mushrooms,
mostly for Sundays.

480
00:24:01,050 --> 00:24:02,910
They had mushrooms with eggs.

481
00:24:02,910 --> 00:24:05,520
So I knew every mushroom.

482
00:24:05,520 --> 00:24:06,330
That's what I say.

483
00:24:06,330 --> 00:24:09,680
I taught my daughter how
to survive in the woods,

484
00:24:09,680 --> 00:24:12,760
because mushrooms could
be very dangerous.

485
00:24:12,760 --> 00:24:16,770
So she got all
the mushrooms that

486
00:24:16,770 --> 00:24:21,870
was leftover, that girl
from Czechoslovakia,

487
00:24:21,870 --> 00:24:26,140
and they were told that she
should give me these mushrooms.

488
00:24:26,140 --> 00:24:27,420
That was so delicious.

489
00:24:27,420 --> 00:24:32,580
That was the biggest
delicacy in five years I ate.

490
00:24:32,580 --> 00:24:35,790
But mushrooms, real mushrooms,
not these cultivated mushrooms,

491
00:24:35,790 --> 00:24:37,070
what we have here.

492
00:24:37,070 --> 00:24:40,080
That was good, yeah.

493
00:24:40,080 --> 00:24:42,180
You said you had
lived in a small town.

494

00:24:42,180 --> 00:24:43,000
When was this?

495
00:24:43,000 --> 00:24:45,600
Before, when I
was a little girl.

496
00:24:45,600 --> 00:24:48,960
My father used to work in
a small town before Lodz.

497
00:24:48,960 --> 00:24:50,220
I was born in Lodz.

498
00:24:50,220 --> 00:24:51,840
Then we went out.

499
00:24:51,840 --> 00:24:57,750
His boss moved to Constantine,
and soon later, we

500
00:24:57,750 --> 00:24:59,640
moved back to Lodz.

501
00:24:59,640 --> 00:25:01,850
So I don't pay
attention to that.

502
00:25:01,850 --> 00:25:04,450

503
00:25:04,450 --> 00:25:06,025
How long were you in this--

504
00:25:06,025 --> 00:25:07,720
the second camp?

505
00:25:07,720 --> 00:25:17,555
In the second camp, it
was still June, December.

506
00:25:17,555 --> 00:25:20,220

507
00:25:20,220 --> 00:25:20,720
December.

508
00:25:20,720 --> 00:25:23,450

509
00:25:23,450 --> 00:25:31,570
I was there by June,
September, October, November.

510
00:25:31,570 --> 00:25:37,240
November and December, I
was there in the woods.

511
00:25:37,240 --> 00:25:41,150
I was good two
month, five weeks,

512
00:25:41,150 --> 00:25:46,930
there until that
was close to 45.

513
00:25:46,930 --> 00:25:52,720
And they took us out.

514
00:25:52,720 --> 00:25:55,540
The Germans were
afraid of themselves.

515
00:25:55,540 --> 00:26:02,410
But we also had a little
hospital in that camp.

516
00:26:02,410 --> 00:26:07,030
It was a room where when we got
sick, we went into the door.

517
00:26:07,030 --> 00:26:09,220
And that girl--

518

00:26:09,220 --> 00:26:11,540
I don't remember her name--

519
00:26:11,540 --> 00:26:13,660
good-looking girl
from Czechoslovakia--

520
00:26:13,660 --> 00:26:15,710
she took very ill.

521
00:26:15,710 --> 00:26:20,020
And she was in that--

522
00:26:20,020 --> 00:26:24,790
how you called this, infirmary?

523
00:26:24,790 --> 00:26:26,860
Oh, yes, I got it--

524
00:26:26,860 --> 00:26:29,720
like a room, an infirmary.

525
00:26:29,720 --> 00:26:32,440
So I went to see her once.

526
00:26:32,440 --> 00:26:37,990
When we left this
camp, the infirmary,

527
00:26:37,990 --> 00:26:39,850
they didn't touch it.

528
00:26:39,850 --> 00:26:42,050
Nobody left the infirmary.

529
00:26:42,050 --> 00:26:48,890
They left behind two
soldiers, the Wehrmacht.

530
00:26:48,890 --> 00:26:51,740
All the rest went
with us to kill them.

531
00:26:51,740 --> 00:26:54,400

532
00:26:54,400 --> 00:26:57,040
None of them got killed.

533
00:26:57,040 --> 00:26:59,140
Only that girl,
they took her out,

534
00:26:59,140 --> 00:27:01,870
and we had to carry
her on that things,

535
00:27:01,870 --> 00:27:03,370
because they knew
what they're going

536
00:27:03,370 --> 00:27:06,230
to do with the other girls.

537
00:27:06,230 --> 00:27:09,310
But nobody got killed,
because they had to run away,

538
00:27:09,310 --> 00:27:12,610
because Russia was
already approaching.

539
00:27:12,610 --> 00:27:16,450
As we went, they went
with us, the Germans.

540
00:27:16,450 --> 00:27:19,120
The Russians were
approaching, and we left.

541
00:27:19,120 --> 00:27:19,800
We went.

542
00:27:19,800 --> 00:27:24,480

543
00:27:24,480 --> 00:27:26,190
At one night, we stopped.

544
00:27:26,190 --> 00:27:29,580

545
00:27:29,580 --> 00:27:35,900
It was almost empty, the town,
a town, a woods, some place.

546
00:27:35,900 --> 00:27:38,840

547
00:27:38,840 --> 00:27:42,650
And they took me, and
my sister, and other--

548
00:27:42,650 --> 00:27:43,760
no.

549
00:27:43,760 --> 00:27:46,280
One more thing I
have to tell you.

550
00:27:46,280 --> 00:27:48,380
As we were walking--
put on that tape.

551
00:27:48,380 --> 00:27:50,360
That's very important.

552
00:27:50,360 --> 00:27:53,900
As we were walking,
it was no more

553
00:27:53,900 --> 00:27:57,420
1,000, because it was
left in that infirmary,

554
00:27:57,420 --> 00:27:59,660

a nice, few people.

555

00:27:59,660 --> 00:28:02,330

Whoever was in the
back, the Germans

556

00:28:02,330 --> 00:28:05,330

took them out to the
woods and shot them--

557

00:28:05,330 --> 00:28:08,540

whoever didn't meet the front--

558

00:28:08,540 --> 00:28:09,580

and shot them.

559

00:28:09,580 --> 00:28:12,220

I saw it.

560

00:28:12,220 --> 00:28:14,310

And that girl we
were still carrying,

561

00:28:14,310 --> 00:28:15,670

they didn't shoot her.

562

00:28:15,670 --> 00:28:17,770

That's what a German is.

563

00:28:17,770 --> 00:28:18,550

They needed her.

564

00:28:18,550 --> 00:28:21,800

565

00:28:21,800 --> 00:28:25,950

So this, I couldn't--

566

00:28:25,950 --> 00:28:29,790

so when we stopped in
that town, and we were--

567

00:28:29,790 --> 00:28:35,670

there was leftovers-- the
potatoes there, and carrots,

568

00:28:35,670 --> 00:28:36,720

and all that.

569

00:28:36,720 --> 00:28:38,940

We were making a fire.

570

00:28:38,940 --> 00:28:40,155

We were making the potatoes.

571

00:28:40,155 --> 00:28:44,140

572

00:28:44,140 --> 00:28:51,640

And not far from there
was a lake, a deep lake.

573

00:28:51,640 --> 00:28:54,280

When we're going
to pass that lake,

574

00:28:54,280 --> 00:28:58,150

they're going to go
to Bergen-Belsen.

575

00:28:58,150 --> 00:29:02,290

But our girls, they
dumped in the lake,

576

00:29:02,290 --> 00:29:08,520

all of them that didn't
live to go to Bergen-Belsen.

577

00:29:08,520 --> 00:29:12,540

That 1,000-- we went out
from Auschwitz 2,000.

578

00:29:12,540 --> 00:29:15,270

The first thousand,

nobody lived.

579

00:29:15,270 --> 00:29:17,820

The all killed
them in that lake.

580

00:29:17,820 --> 00:29:19,530

They didn't kill
them with the guns.

581

00:29:19,530 --> 00:29:22,380

They killed them now, our girls.

582

00:29:22,380 --> 00:29:24,750

I went out.

583

00:29:24,750 --> 00:29:30,860

When we went out to make
the food for the people,

584

00:29:30,860 --> 00:29:33,260

we hid my sister, because
she couldn't go out.

585

00:29:33,260 --> 00:29:35,430

She was sick already.

586

00:29:35,430 --> 00:29:38,970

Me and my sister,
there is another girl--

587

00:29:38,970 --> 00:29:40,590

we were five girls--

588

00:29:40,590 --> 00:29:43,380

we went into the woods
to a hiding place.

589

00:29:43,380 --> 00:29:47,130

We didn't go with
them next day no more.

590

00:29:47,130 --> 00:29:54,300
My sister stayed back in that
camp, and they found my sister.

591
00:29:54,300 --> 00:29:58,810
They beat her so
much, but they still--

592
00:29:58,810 --> 00:30:03,010
they were worried
about their own life.

593
00:30:03,010 --> 00:30:06,510
She went to Bergen-Belsen.

594
00:30:06,510 --> 00:30:08,910
They beat her, because
she should give out

595
00:30:08,910 --> 00:30:10,830
where are the two sisters.

596
00:30:10,830 --> 00:30:13,080
She just said the right thing.

597
00:30:13,080 --> 00:30:16,060
They left, and she doesn't
know where they are.

598
00:30:16,060 --> 00:30:18,870
We went to the woods.

599
00:30:18,870 --> 00:30:22,800
It was a hunting place.

600
00:30:22,800 --> 00:30:26,280
They were hunting there, but
there was nobody hunting there,

601
00:30:26,280 --> 00:30:29,040
and it was like a shack.

602

00:30:29,040 --> 00:30:34,170

And we stayed in
that shack 48 hours,

603

00:30:34,170 --> 00:30:36,480

till nobody was there already.

604

00:30:36,480 --> 00:30:39,890

The whole transport left.

605

00:30:39,890 --> 00:30:43,650

We went out looking
for my sister,

606

00:30:43,650 --> 00:30:45,930

but we says we're
not going to go back.

607

00:30:45,930 --> 00:30:48,210

Whatever happens to her happens.

608

00:30:48,210 --> 00:30:52,290

And we went out,
and we opened up

609

00:30:52,290 --> 00:30:54,840

a house where nobody was there.

610

00:30:54,840 --> 00:30:59,610

Everybody was evacuated,
because the Russian was coming.

611

00:30:59,610 --> 00:31:02,970

And we were in luxury--

612

00:31:02,970 --> 00:31:04,410

in luxury.

613

00:31:04,410 --> 00:31:06,090

There was so many preserved.

614

00:31:06,090 --> 00:31:08,370

There was so much
food in the house.

615
00:31:08,370 --> 00:31:11,340
All the Germans had left.

616
00:31:11,340 --> 00:31:16,500
Now, listen, what you
do, you have to go out.

617
00:31:16,500 --> 00:31:19,956
We went out as peasants.

618
00:31:19,956 --> 00:31:20,904
Somebody's there.

619
00:31:20,904 --> 00:31:24,170

620
00:31:24,170 --> 00:31:24,670
That's fine.

621
00:31:24,670 --> 00:31:26,000
Please continue.

622
00:31:26,000 --> 00:31:28,580
We went out as
peasants next day.

623
00:31:28,580 --> 00:31:30,380
We slept in a bed.

624
00:31:30,380 --> 00:31:31,090
Nobody was there.

625
00:31:31,090 --> 00:31:35,780
We went out as peasants, and
there were cows going around.

626
00:31:35,780 --> 00:31:41,707
We wanted to show them
what it means, you know?

627
00:31:41,707 --> 00:31:42,290
We're working.

628
00:31:42,290 --> 00:31:43,130
We're Polacks.

629
00:31:43,130 --> 00:31:44,450
We're not Jews.

630
00:31:44,450 --> 00:31:45,830
We're Polacks.

631
00:31:45,830 --> 00:31:48,260
I spoke very good Polish.

632
00:31:48,260 --> 00:31:51,120
My sister spoke
a perfect Polish.

633
00:31:51,120 --> 00:31:53,480
And we start to milk a bull.

634
00:31:53,480 --> 00:31:57,060

635
00:31:57,060 --> 00:31:58,980
She took a bucket.

636
00:31:58,980 --> 00:32:02,160
And she was the older
than me, and she started--

637
00:32:02,160 --> 00:32:05,660
and a guy came
over, a Polish guy,

638
00:32:05,660 --> 00:32:08,910
who was left to watch this.

639
00:32:08,910 --> 00:32:11,660

And he says-- he knew German.

640
00:32:11,660 --> 00:32:13,200
[GERMAN]

641
00:32:13,200 --> 00:32:16,170
So we says, we're
going to milk the--

642
00:32:16,170 --> 00:32:17,610
he says, this is not a cow.

643
00:32:17,610 --> 00:32:20,001
This is a bull.

644
00:32:20,001 --> 00:32:24,010
We say, oh, we did not know.

645
00:32:24,010 --> 00:32:24,910
He says, who you are?

646
00:32:24,910 --> 00:32:26,400
I says, I'm a Polish.

647
00:32:26,400 --> 00:32:32,040
[POLISH] It's not far from Lodz.

648
00:32:32,040 --> 00:32:35,113
We knew the place he was.

649
00:32:35,113 --> 00:32:36,530
You have to translate
all of this.

650
00:32:36,530 --> 00:32:37,030
Yeah.

651
00:32:37,030 --> 00:32:38,190
From where you are?

652
00:32:38,190 --> 00:32:39,350

From Poland.

653

00:32:39,350 --> 00:32:41,670

He says, what are
you doing here?

654

00:32:41,670 --> 00:32:43,710

We says, we're Polish girls.

655

00:32:43,710 --> 00:32:47,730

We were working here in another
town, and nobody's there.

656

00:32:47,730 --> 00:32:52,380

So we start to walk, and that's
where we wound out, right here.

657

00:32:52,380 --> 00:32:53,850

He says, you could
have got killed,

658

00:32:53,850 --> 00:32:55,180

because this wasn't a cow.

659

00:32:55,180 --> 00:32:56,400

This was a bull.

660

00:32:56,400 --> 00:32:58,930

My kids know about that,
because I always say.

661

00:32:58,930 --> 00:33:03,030

[LAUGHS] I talked
about it after the war.

662

00:33:03,030 --> 00:33:09,570

And no sooner then we
were afraid of this guy.

663

00:33:09,570 --> 00:33:11,670

I said to my sister,
we're going to leave.

664

00:33:11,670 --> 00:33:14,280

We're going to go
further into the woods.

665

00:33:14,280 --> 00:33:18,450

No sooner we went to the
woods, another two days,

666

00:33:18,450 --> 00:33:20,100

we saw soldiers.

667

00:33:20,100 --> 00:33:23,740

That was the Russian soldiers.

668

00:33:23,740 --> 00:33:25,360

And you know what?

669

00:33:25,360 --> 00:33:27,220

We met a Jewish officer.

670

00:33:27,220 --> 00:33:29,613

671

00:33:29,613 --> 00:33:31,280

And he says, you know
what they're going

672

00:33:31,280 --> 00:33:34,760

to do to you, Jewish or Polish?

673

00:33:34,760 --> 00:33:36,210

We told them that we're Jews.

674

00:33:36,210 --> 00:33:38,370

We ran away with this transport.

675

00:33:38,370 --> 00:33:42,360

We told them where they should
go to look for the people.

676

00:33:42,360 --> 00:33:44,610

And he took us.

677

00:33:44,610 --> 00:33:46,380

He left the whole--

678

00:33:46,380 --> 00:33:54,270

he took us with his van, a
wagon with horses, to a place,

679

00:33:54,270 --> 00:34:05,520

and he put us in
to a trolley car.

680

00:34:05,520 --> 00:34:09,750

And he says, you go out with the
trolley cars as far as you go,

681

00:34:09,750 --> 00:34:11,250

and you go back home.

682

00:34:11,250 --> 00:34:12,810

You go back to Poland.

683

00:34:12,810 --> 00:34:17,370

Because this was February.

684

00:34:17,370 --> 00:34:22,440

And in May, Lodz was liberated.

685

00:34:22,440 --> 00:34:26,429

And it took us so long
till we came to Lodz back.

686

00:34:26,429 --> 00:34:29,550

It was liberated already--

687

00:34:29,550 --> 00:34:30,570

the two of us.

688

00:34:30,570 --> 00:34:34,113

And the third, my sister
went to Bergen-Belsen.

689
00:34:34,113 --> 00:34:38,270
And how they didn't kill
her, because they were--

690
00:34:38,270 --> 00:34:40,300
and you know what?

691
00:34:40,300 --> 00:34:47,330
On the way, we met the
German soldier who we knew.

692
00:34:47,330 --> 00:34:49,020
He recognized us.

693
00:34:49,020 --> 00:34:52,308
He begged us, we
should hide him.

694
00:34:52,308 --> 00:34:54,179
Yeah.

695
00:34:54,179 --> 00:34:59,630
So I said to my sister,
look, we cannot hide you,

696
00:34:59,630 --> 00:35:02,640
but we're not going to
give you out neither.

697
00:35:02,640 --> 00:35:03,780
He was the Wehrmacht.

698
00:35:03,780 --> 00:35:05,800
He wasn't the SS.

699
00:35:05,800 --> 00:35:07,320
Throw away your gun.

700
00:35:07,320 --> 00:35:09,750
Throw away your uniform.

701

00:35:09,750 --> 00:35:12,090

Go into a German house.

702

00:35:12,090 --> 00:35:17,030

Get dressed, and go
whenever you want to go.

703

00:35:17,030 --> 00:35:20,630

He didn't kill,
and we give him up.

704

00:35:20,630 --> 00:35:22,470

So the Russian
soldiers had warned you

705

00:35:22,470 --> 00:35:24,220

that something was
going to happen to you.

706

00:35:24,220 --> 00:35:27,510

What warning did he give you?

707

00:35:27,510 --> 00:35:29,410

They're going to rape us.

708

00:35:29,410 --> 00:35:31,320

That's the biggest warning.

709

00:35:31,320 --> 00:35:34,130

They're going to--
they wouldn't case us.

710

00:35:34,130 --> 00:35:35,640

These are soldiers.

711

00:35:35,640 --> 00:35:38,230

They had know they raped
all the German girls

712

00:35:38,230 --> 00:35:41,860

on the way, whoever they met.

713

00:35:41,860 --> 00:35:44,140

They're going to do
this to you, too.

714

00:35:44,140 --> 00:35:47,650

So when we find out that
this is a Jewish boy,

715

00:35:47,650 --> 00:35:52,630

it's like a heaven, and he
saved us from the Russians.

716

00:35:52,630 --> 00:35:57,260

He took us away from
the whole Russian--

717

00:35:57,260 --> 00:36:00,820

718

00:36:00,820 --> 00:36:03,430

it was like a regiment.

719

00:36:03,430 --> 00:36:05,260

I don't know how you call it--

720

00:36:05,260 --> 00:36:07,450

away, away from that regiment.

721

00:36:07,450 --> 00:36:10,510

And then we found
ourselves with the Polacks.

722

00:36:10,510 --> 00:36:12,100

So we speak Polish.

723

00:36:12,100 --> 00:36:14,470

We did reveal that we are--

724

00:36:14,470 --> 00:36:17,800

as I said, in
Auschwitz, I had saved

725

00:36:17,800 --> 00:36:20,680
my hair and my sister's hair.

726

00:36:20,680 --> 00:36:23,560
So we didn't look so bad.

727

00:36:23,560 --> 00:36:25,412
Don't ask me how
I saved my hair.

728

00:36:25,412 --> 00:36:28,250

729

00:36:28,250 --> 00:36:31,230
What were you wearing?

730

00:36:31,230 --> 00:36:32,430
What was I wearing?

731

00:36:32,430 --> 00:36:36,120
When you made your escape,
when you were hiding,

732

00:36:36,120 --> 00:36:37,320
what were you wearing?

733

00:36:37,320 --> 00:36:39,180
Oh.

734

00:36:39,180 --> 00:36:44,300
We had to throw off the
things from the camp.

735

00:36:44,300 --> 00:36:46,110
We were naked.

736

00:36:46,110 --> 00:36:48,670
We were almost
naked in the winter.

737

00:36:48,670 --> 00:36:52,510

But at night when it was
dark, we went to the town,

738
00:36:52,510 --> 00:36:54,150
and we were stealing.

739
00:36:54,150 --> 00:36:56,930
And we came back, and
that's how we were--

740
00:36:56,930 --> 00:36:59,550
and the third or
the fourth night,

741
00:36:59,550 --> 00:37:02,850
we were now ready to
sleep in their homes.

742
00:37:02,850 --> 00:37:06,315
That's where my sister
was milking the bull.

743
00:37:06,315 --> 00:37:08,190
We're going to pause so
I can change to tape.

744
00:37:08,190 --> 00:37:08,880
Just one moment.

745
00:37:08,880 --> 00:37:15,650

746
00:37:15,650 --> 00:37:19,100
This is a continuation of an
interview for the United States

747
00:37:19,100 --> 00:37:21,980
Holocaust Memorial Museum
Volunteer Collection.

748
00:37:21,980 --> 00:37:24,440
We are interviewing
Guta Jacobson.

749
00:37:24,440 --> 00:37:27,950
This is tape 2, side B.

750
00:37:27,950 --> 00:37:30,500
And you have been telling
me about the death

751
00:37:30,500 --> 00:37:32,932
march and your liberation.

752
00:37:32,932 --> 00:37:35,390
You mentioned, when you were
talking about the death march,

753
00:37:35,390 --> 00:37:38,510
that people who could
not continue to walk

754
00:37:38,510 --> 00:37:41,090
were taken to the side, and--

755
00:37:41,090 --> 00:37:41,770
To the woods.

756
00:37:41,770 --> 00:37:43,610
--to the woods to be executed.

757
00:37:43,610 --> 00:37:46,370
Was there any shooting right
there on the spot of people

758
00:37:46,370 --> 00:37:47,520
who couldn't continue?

759
00:37:47,520 --> 00:37:48,410
Yes.

760
00:37:48,410 --> 00:37:49,910
I saw it.

761

00:37:49,910 --> 00:37:52,880
People could-- they took sick.

762
00:37:52,880 --> 00:37:54,590
Their legs were swollen.

763
00:37:54,590 --> 00:37:56,480
They took them right
away to the woods

764
00:37:56,480 --> 00:37:58,220
and they finished them off.

765
00:37:58,220 --> 00:37:59,490
They killed them.

766
00:37:59,490 --> 00:38:00,770
We heard shots.

767
00:38:00,770 --> 00:38:02,180
I saw it.

768
00:38:02,180 --> 00:38:05,350
And they were laying there,
and we kept marching.

769
00:38:05,350 --> 00:38:07,550
We kept going.

770
00:38:07,550 --> 00:38:09,520
That was the worst
thing in my life,

771
00:38:09,520 --> 00:38:11,600
and that's why we ran away.

772
00:38:11,600 --> 00:38:15,410
Once we stopped, and we
had a little bit freedom

773
00:38:15,410 --> 00:38:19,760
because we were

cooking the potatoes

774

00:38:19,760 --> 00:38:25,230
and whatever we found there,
we ran away to the woods.

775

00:38:25,230 --> 00:38:27,330
And I think they knew it.

776

00:38:27,330 --> 00:38:29,480
I think they saw it.

777

00:38:29,480 --> 00:38:30,750
They didn't care.

778

00:38:30,750 --> 00:38:33,440
But they only cared when
they found my sister.

779

00:38:33,440 --> 00:38:34,633
That's when they cared.

780

00:38:34,633 --> 00:38:37,330

781

00:38:37,330 --> 00:38:43,310
And then we have to thank
the Russian soldiers,

782

00:38:43,310 --> 00:38:47,030
that particular soldier
who took us out.

783

00:38:47,030 --> 00:38:48,850
Because he says, well,
where we're going,

784

00:38:48,850 --> 00:38:51,470
we're going straight
into the war.

785

00:38:51,470 --> 00:38:54,530

That's where the
soldiers kept coming on.

786
00:38:54,530 --> 00:39:00,080
So he took us out from the
front, let's put it this way.

787
00:39:00,080 --> 00:39:01,470
That's how you call it.

788
00:39:01,470 --> 00:39:03,530
They took us-- he took us out.

789
00:39:03,530 --> 00:39:09,310
Then he went back, and then
we met Polish workers already

790
00:39:09,310 --> 00:39:11,080
and thinks we spoke Polish.

791
00:39:11,080 --> 00:39:14,720
And that took us about a
week to get back to Poland,

792
00:39:14,720 --> 00:39:15,890
because we were walking.

793
00:39:15,890 --> 00:39:19,820
We were going with wagons.

794
00:39:19,820 --> 00:39:21,410
There was no transportation.

795
00:39:21,410 --> 00:39:23,510
It was a horse.

796
00:39:23,510 --> 00:39:26,600
And we came back
to Poland to Lodz.

797
00:39:26,600 --> 00:39:32,010
That was already a few

days after the war in Lodz,

798

00:39:32,010 --> 00:39:33,740
after the war.

799

00:39:33,740 --> 00:39:34,670
One last question.

800

00:39:34,670 --> 00:39:37,580
How long were you on the
march, the death march?

801

00:39:37,580 --> 00:39:39,975
With the transport?

802

00:39:39,975 --> 00:39:40,850
With the death march.

803

00:39:40,850 --> 00:39:42,170
How long were you marching?

804

00:39:42,170 --> 00:39:44,420
I would say a week.

805

00:39:44,420 --> 00:39:47,330
I would say a week, yes.

806

00:39:47,330 --> 00:39:50,810
So you came back
after the war to Lodz.

807

00:39:50,810 --> 00:39:54,560
Can you describe what you
found when you returned?

808

00:39:54,560 --> 00:39:59,220
Of course, we went right
away where we used to live.

809

00:39:59,220 --> 00:40:03,530
And they recognized us.

810

00:40:03,530 --> 00:40:08,390

And one gave us a letter
from-- this is the one.

811

00:40:08,390 --> 00:40:12,170

But when we went up, then
we went to the ghetto.

812

00:40:12,170 --> 00:40:15,740

813

00:40:15,740 --> 00:40:19,275

When we ran up the
steps in the ghetto--

814

00:40:19,275 --> 00:40:25,670

and I cannot even now forgive
myself that I didn't go

815

00:40:25,670 --> 00:40:26,810

into the house.

816

00:40:26,810 --> 00:40:29,720

Because the picture
was laying there,

817

00:40:29,720 --> 00:40:32,690

my mother's and my father's
picture, right on the step.

818

00:40:32,690 --> 00:40:35,700

Take it, and go away.

819

00:40:35,700 --> 00:40:38,930

So my sister and me, we
start terrible to cry.

820

00:40:38,930 --> 00:40:41,930

We took that photo,
and we ran away.

821

00:40:41,930 --> 00:40:43,910

We should have
went into the house

822
00:40:43,910 --> 00:40:46,280
and find a lot of other things--

823
00:40:46,280 --> 00:40:50,090
it wasn't destroyed--
but we didn't.

824
00:40:50,090 --> 00:40:51,130
We were frightened.

825
00:40:51,130 --> 00:40:52,040
We were young.

826
00:40:52,040 --> 00:40:56,030
We were-- had no
place where to go.

827
00:40:56,030 --> 00:41:01,700
When I met my husband, I met him
in about two weeks knowing him.

828
00:41:01,700 --> 00:41:02,900
I had no place to go.

829
00:41:02,900 --> 00:41:07,370

830
00:41:07,370 --> 00:41:11,960
How were you treated by the
Poles when you returned?

831
00:41:11,960 --> 00:41:14,420
Well, in Lodz, we
wasn't treated too bad,

832
00:41:14,420 --> 00:41:17,750
because it was a big city.

833
00:41:17,750 --> 00:41:24,230

And I right away from
a Jewish commentate.

834
00:41:24,230 --> 00:41:27,440
So we had a place
where to go and to put

835
00:41:27,440 --> 00:41:30,460
our names, because everybody
was looking for everybody.

836
00:41:30,460 --> 00:41:32,360
We put our names.

837
00:41:32,360 --> 00:41:37,040
And my sister met
somebody that she knew.

838
00:41:37,040 --> 00:41:45,980
And we took over a
Polish apartment.

839
00:41:45,980 --> 00:41:47,570
You know what?

840
00:41:47,570 --> 00:41:55,130
I was told from the Polacks
in my apartment house

841
00:41:55,130 --> 00:41:58,050
I should not take over the--

842
00:41:58,050 --> 00:42:01,580
the Jewish commentate wanted
to give me my apartment

843
00:42:01,580 --> 00:42:02,660
from the mother.

844
00:42:02,660 --> 00:42:05,360
But the Polack said
I shouldn't do it.

845

00:42:05,360 --> 00:42:06,830

They probably wouldn't.

846

00:42:06,830 --> 00:42:09,680

It was a scare to
us or anything.

847

00:42:09,680 --> 00:42:12,190

So we said, no, we're not
going to take over nothing.

848

00:42:12,190 --> 00:42:13,920

Because Polish
people were living

849

00:42:13,920 --> 00:42:18,170

there were ready
five years more.

850

00:42:18,170 --> 00:42:20,990

And we left them right away.

851

00:42:20,990 --> 00:42:24,740

We never came back to this place
anymore-- not to this place

852

00:42:24,740 --> 00:42:27,950

and not to the ghetto place.

853

00:42:27,950 --> 00:42:31,040

But we were staying in
Poland, because we were

854

00:42:31,040 --> 00:42:34,160

planning to go to Palestine.

855

00:42:34,160 --> 00:42:37,240

856

00:42:37,240 --> 00:42:39,160

You said everybody was
looking for relatives.

857
00:42:39,160 --> 00:42:40,840
Yes.

858
00:42:40,840 --> 00:42:44,020
Did you at that time know what
had happened to your father?

859
00:42:44,020 --> 00:42:45,400
Yes.

860
00:42:45,400 --> 00:42:51,400
That time, my father, when he
registered himself to go away

861
00:42:51,400 --> 00:42:54,160
from the ghetto, to
go out, because he

862
00:42:54,160 --> 00:42:59,080
couldn't survive on that piece
of bread and that rationing.

863
00:42:59,080 --> 00:43:00,430
He would have died anyway.

864
00:43:00,430 --> 00:43:01,690
All his friends died.

865
00:43:01,690 --> 00:43:03,310
They were laying in the street.

866
00:43:03,310 --> 00:43:04,570
So he went.

867
00:43:04,570 --> 00:43:06,760
He went to Oberschlesien.

868
00:43:06,760 --> 00:43:08,440
We knew where he went.

869

00:43:08,440 --> 00:43:12,520
Because in the beginning,
we got one letter from him

870
00:43:12,520 --> 00:43:14,830
to the ghetto.

871
00:43:14,830 --> 00:43:20,920
And in the letter he said
that he's very hungry, that he

872
00:43:20,920 --> 00:43:23,290
was building the [? bahnhof ?].

873
00:43:23,290 --> 00:43:29,530

874
00:43:29,530 --> 00:43:32,410
He was laying [? bahnhof ?].

875
00:43:32,410 --> 00:43:35,790
How you called it in English?

876
00:43:35,790 --> 00:43:40,750
Where the bahn is going.

877
00:43:40,750 --> 00:43:42,420
That's what he was working on.

878
00:43:42,420 --> 00:43:44,300
It was a very hard job.

879
00:43:44,300 --> 00:43:49,184
They had to carry
this on their--

880
00:43:49,184 --> 00:43:51,140
Rails?

881
00:43:51,140 --> 00:43:52,300
Rails.

882

00:43:52,300 --> 00:43:54,340

He was working on the railroad.

883

00:43:54,340 --> 00:43:58,420

You see, I forget sometimes
the words when I'm so--

884

00:43:58,420 --> 00:44:01,360

and they were very hungry.

885

00:44:01,360 --> 00:44:03,490

We should send them
some [INAUDIBLE]----

886

00:44:03,490 --> 00:44:06,250

this is the [INAUDIBLE] thing--

887

00:44:06,250 --> 00:44:07,450

and something to eat.

888

00:44:07,450 --> 00:44:09,720

But we couldn't do
anything anyway.

889

00:44:09,720 --> 00:44:12,720

The ghetto didn't
let it out anything.

890

00:44:12,720 --> 00:44:16,508

That was right in the beginning,
and that's where he died--

891

00:44:16,508 --> 00:44:17,050

Do you know--

892

00:44:17,050 --> 00:44:18,430

--on [INAUDIBLE].

893

00:44:18,430 --> 00:44:22,140

Do you know, excuse me, if the
camp where he was had a name?

894

00:44:22,140 --> 00:44:24,900

Or did you have any idea
where he was working?

895

00:44:24,900 --> 00:44:27,470

Oberschlesien.

896

00:44:27,470 --> 00:44:32,190

In Oberschlesien, how much was
the workers, the DP workers,

897

00:44:32,190 --> 00:44:35,090

in a band of what
they were building?

898

00:44:35,090 --> 00:44:39,650

It must have been
one thing, one group.

899

00:44:39,650 --> 00:44:43,870

That's where he died,
in Oberschlesien.

900

00:44:43,870 --> 00:44:46,243

People say him dead, yeah.

901

00:44:46,243 --> 00:44:50,180

902

00:44:50,180 --> 00:44:54,740

Tell me about reunions
that you had with people

903

00:44:54,740 --> 00:44:59,510

that you knew before the war,
other Jews that had survived.

904

00:44:59,510 --> 00:45:05,000

The best reunion was when
my sister came from Sweden.

905

00:45:05,000 --> 00:45:08,690

She had the typhoid
in Bergen-Belsen.

906
00:45:08,690 --> 00:45:10,862
She ate that less--

907
00:45:10,862 --> 00:45:16,190
and she ate up less bread,
what they were giving them.

908
00:45:16,190 --> 00:45:18,200
Besides this, she had typhoid.

909
00:45:18,200 --> 00:45:21,710
So she only had a piece of
that bread and that soup,

910
00:45:21,710 --> 00:45:25,820
whatever was the poison
there in Bergen-Belsen.

911
00:45:25,820 --> 00:45:30,830
When the American soldiers
came in, she was laying dead,

912
00:45:30,830 --> 00:45:33,830
and they took her out,
but she was still alive.

913
00:45:33,830 --> 00:45:39,330
And they took her, and
they shipped her to Sweden

914
00:45:39,330 --> 00:45:40,920
for overhaul.

915
00:45:40,920 --> 00:45:44,130
And over there, she got
better, and better, and better.

916
00:45:44,130 --> 00:45:45,950
And then she came back to Lodz.

917

00:45:45,950 --> 00:45:49,190

That was the best thing,
because we hide her.

918

00:45:49,190 --> 00:45:51,850

We didn't know what
happened to her.

919

00:45:51,850 --> 00:45:57,000

Either they threw her into
that lake, what I say,

920

00:45:57,000 --> 00:45:58,820

or they took her
to Bergen-Belsen.

921

00:45:58,820 --> 00:46:01,520

Because we knew when we're
going to cross that lake,

922

00:46:01,520 --> 00:46:04,370

we're going to go to Bergen, if
we're going to cross that lake.

923

00:46:04,370 --> 00:46:05,450

That was the lesson--

924

00:46:05,450 --> 00:46:11,070

stop in that dead march,
and we knew about it.

925

00:46:11,070 --> 00:46:12,380

So we went away.

926

00:46:12,380 --> 00:46:14,970

She couldn't go with us.

927

00:46:14,970 --> 00:46:16,130

She-- we wait.

928

00:46:16,130 --> 00:46:18,650

929
00:46:18,650 --> 00:46:22,550
And that-- look, then I
met a few Jewish people.

930
00:46:22,550 --> 00:46:27,080
And he said that that
was the 500 Jews.

931
00:46:27,080 --> 00:46:29,990
Among those was my husband.

932
00:46:29,990 --> 00:46:33,950
Now I'm going to ask you
to explain about the 500.

933
00:46:33,950 --> 00:46:36,200
My husband had a
job in the ghetto.

934
00:46:36,200 --> 00:46:38,520
There was one trolley
car in the ghetto,

935
00:46:38,520 --> 00:46:40,970
and he was the trolley car man.

936
00:46:40,970 --> 00:46:45,214
So he probably took
me out to Auschwitz.

937
00:46:45,214 --> 00:46:47,020
[INAUDIBLE]

938
00:46:47,020 --> 00:46:50,230
So when the ghetto
was empty already,

939
00:46:50,230 --> 00:46:54,660
and these people who worked to
clean up the ghetto were there,

940

00:46:54,660 --> 00:46:57,740
they couldn't take
them out anymore.

941
00:46:57,740 --> 00:46:59,530
They maintained to
clean the ghetto.

942
00:46:59,530 --> 00:47:01,510
That's how he went
in, and he took out

943
00:47:01,510 --> 00:47:06,670
my brother lost that
exhibit and other things.

944
00:47:06,670 --> 00:47:09,400
But in the last
minute, they wanted

945
00:47:09,400 --> 00:47:12,700
to kill all the 500 people.

946
00:47:12,700 --> 00:47:19,660
So they made hideout places for
them, and they all were hidden.

947
00:47:19,660 --> 00:47:21,830
They didn't have
time to kill them,

948
00:47:21,830 --> 00:47:23,890
because they had to run away.

949
00:47:23,890 --> 00:47:27,610
All the Germans had to run away,
and that's how they were alive.

950
00:47:27,610 --> 00:47:29,200
And we came back.

951
00:47:29,200 --> 00:47:31,390
He was alive.

952
00:47:31,390 --> 00:47:33,325
And I met him.

953
00:47:33,325 --> 00:47:34,690
How?

954
00:47:34,690 --> 00:47:35,718
How did you meet him?

955
00:47:35,718 --> 00:47:38,530

956
00:47:38,530 --> 00:47:40,360
I met him.

957
00:47:40,360 --> 00:47:42,390
My sister knew his brother.

958
00:47:42,390 --> 00:47:43,430
Not Leo.

959
00:47:43,430 --> 00:47:47,950
The one other brother, the
middle brother, what I say.

960
00:47:47,950 --> 00:47:52,360
He wasn't raised by Rumkowski.

961
00:47:52,360 --> 00:47:55,580
She knew him from the ghetto.

962
00:47:55,580 --> 00:48:03,070
He had already occupied a
German apartment in Lodz,

963
00:48:03,070 --> 00:48:06,230
because they ran away.

964
00:48:06,230 --> 00:48:09,290
So my sister went to

him to live with him,

965

00:48:09,290 --> 00:48:10,990

and they got married right away.

966

00:48:10,990 --> 00:48:13,720

In the meantime,

I lived with her.

967

00:48:13,720 --> 00:48:17,140

When his brother came in,

we married-- two brothers

968

00:48:17,140 --> 00:48:18,730

and two sisters.

969

00:48:18,730 --> 00:48:22,240

My sister is a Jacobson,

and I'm a Jacobson.

970

00:48:22,240 --> 00:48:26,680

When his brother came

to visit him, he saw me.

971

00:48:26,680 --> 00:48:30,700

He was alone, too, and

he wanted me very badly.

972

00:48:30,700 --> 00:48:33,610

But I had the Jewish upbringing.

973

00:48:33,610 --> 00:48:38,900

And I say, I cannot go with

you until we get married.

974

00:48:38,900 --> 00:48:43,910

So maybe after two

weeks came a friend

975

00:48:43,910 --> 00:48:46,060

who knew to say

something in Hebrew.

976

00:48:46,060 --> 00:48:49,960

[HEBREW] You know
how you get married?

977

00:48:49,960 --> 00:48:51,760

And he married us.

978

00:48:51,760 --> 00:48:54,330

And believe me, I
didn't have a ring.

979

00:48:54,330 --> 00:48:59,980

I found a piece of tin, and
that's how I got married.

980

00:48:59,980 --> 00:49:03,670

I had it for so long, but
now I don't know where.

981

00:49:03,670 --> 00:49:07,460

I put it like this,
and I married him.

982

00:49:07,460 --> 00:49:09,610

Now I say, I could
go with you to bed.

983

00:49:09,610 --> 00:49:13,860

It's not like my
kids they do now.

984

00:49:13,860 --> 00:49:17,260

And I won't be
ashamed of my mother.

985

00:49:17,260 --> 00:49:20,070

The whole thing was
concentrated on my mother,

986

00:49:20,070 --> 00:49:25,590

because she was something.

987

00:49:25,590 --> 00:49:28,924

She was-- not even
to talk about it--

988

00:49:28,924 --> 00:49:32,880

989

00:49:32,880 --> 00:49:35,422
came from such a family, my god.

990

00:49:35,422 --> 00:49:42,030

991

00:49:42,030 --> 00:49:49,530
Her father, my grandfather,
I saw him once in my life.

992

00:49:49,530 --> 00:49:54,060
My grandfather, he
lived in Kozhnitz

993

00:49:54,060 --> 00:49:57,670
with the Kozhnitz rabbi.

994

00:49:57,670 --> 00:50:00,490
He had such a beard.

995

00:50:00,490 --> 00:50:05,530
He went out in the
street with his tallit.

996

00:50:05,530 --> 00:50:08,240
And he told them
they should kill him,

997

00:50:08,240 --> 00:50:10,156
and that's how he died.

998

00:50:10,156 --> 00:50:11,950
He never went to Auschwitz.

999

00:50:11,950 --> 00:50:13,570

He never was sick.

1000

00:50:13,570 --> 00:50:18,940

They killed him, because
he wanted to be killed.

1001

00:50:18,940 --> 00:50:21,910

And I remember his father.

1002

00:50:21,910 --> 00:50:25,804

That was the Kozhnitz rabbi.

1003

00:50:25,804 --> 00:50:31,460

I came once to Lodz, and
I was a small little girl.

1004

00:50:31,460 --> 00:50:34,460

And it was a line of people.

1005

00:50:34,460 --> 00:50:41,470

Every Jewish person in Lodz
went to see the Kozhnitz rabbi.

1006

00:50:41,470 --> 00:50:47,090

And when he saw, he
heard, that Ita--

1007

00:50:47,090 --> 00:50:51,320

I talk about Ita, I have a
daughter, my oldest child,

1008

00:50:51,320 --> 00:50:53,450

her name is Ita--

1009

00:50:53,450 --> 00:50:58,000

that Ita is here,
Ita [? Shienfeld ?]..

1010

00:50:58,000 --> 00:51:01,840

He left everything and out
and took my mother by hand.

1011

00:51:01,840 --> 00:51:04,010
And I went with her,
because I was the baby.

1012
00:51:04,010 --> 00:51:05,960
She dragged me with her.

1013
00:51:05,960 --> 00:51:10,190
And he put this
hand on her things.

1014
00:51:10,190 --> 00:51:12,140
He blessed her.

1015
00:51:12,140 --> 00:51:13,610
I'll never forget this.

1016
00:51:13,610 --> 00:51:16,730
You could see only
once [INAUDIBLE]..

1017
00:51:16,730 --> 00:51:19,670
Like to say, that's
old Rabbi [INAUDIBLE]----

1018
00:51:19,670 --> 00:51:22,730
what was his name-- that
I blessed, he gave the--

1019
00:51:22,730 --> 00:51:25,460
you never saw in
your life a child

1020
00:51:25,460 --> 00:51:29,390
should go through what I saw.

1021
00:51:29,390 --> 00:51:33,970
And how could they
take her and burn her?

1022
00:51:33,970 --> 00:51:37,602

1023

00:51:37,602 --> 00:51:45,790

She didn't do anything wrong,
as you know and I know.

1024

00:51:45,790 --> 00:51:48,675

I only cry when I
talk about my mother,

1025

00:51:48,675 --> 00:51:51,900

because there was so
much respect for her--

1026

00:51:51,900 --> 00:51:52,985

there was so much.

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00:51:52,985 --> 00:51:56,628

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00:51:56,628 --> 00:51:58,564

[INAUDIBLE]

1029

00:51:58,564 --> 00:52:04,390

1030

00:52:04,390 --> 00:52:07,630

You told me that you
had gotten married.

1031

00:52:07,630 --> 00:52:10,870

What other steps did you take
to build a life for yourself

1032

00:52:10,870 --> 00:52:12,200

again after the war?

1033

00:52:12,200 --> 00:52:15,530

1034

00:52:15,530 --> 00:52:17,690

What should I tell
you, I should reveal?

1035
00:52:17,690 --> 00:52:20,640

1036
00:52:20,640 --> 00:52:25,410
I went to Germany.

1037
00:52:25,410 --> 00:52:28,230
I went back to Germany.

1038
00:52:28,230 --> 00:52:30,810
I lived in [PLACE NAME].

1039
00:52:30,810 --> 00:52:32,970
This was Schlesien.

1040
00:52:32,970 --> 00:52:35,460
And then I left everything,
and I went to Germany,

1041
00:52:35,460 --> 00:52:38,310
because my heart was
to go to Palestine.

1042
00:52:38,310 --> 00:52:42,240
As I mentioned, as a child, I
belonged to Hanoar Hatzioni.

1043
00:52:42,240 --> 00:52:45,260

1044
00:52:45,260 --> 00:52:52,210
But the war broke out in Israel,
and my husband came to Germany.

1045
00:52:52,210 --> 00:52:54,180
We met again in Germany.

1046
00:52:54,180 --> 00:52:56,620
I left him in Poland and
went to Germany by myself.

1047

00:52:56,620 --> 00:53:01,120

1048

00:53:01,120 --> 00:53:04,310

And I became pregnant.

1049

00:53:04,310 --> 00:53:07,700

My daughter was born
in Germany in 1948.

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00:53:07,700 --> 00:53:10,620

She was born.

1051

00:53:10,620 --> 00:53:11,580

And I figured, what?

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00:53:11,580 --> 00:53:12,410

I'm going to go.

1053

00:53:12,410 --> 00:53:15,210

I have a big family in Israel.

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00:53:15,210 --> 00:53:18,280

My mother's sisters,
brothers, were still alive.

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00:53:18,280 --> 00:53:20,780

My mother's sisters
still alive in Germany--

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00:53:20,780 --> 00:53:23,860

in Israel and Palestine.

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00:53:23,860 --> 00:53:29,390

They went to Palestine
after World War I.

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00:53:29,390 --> 00:53:32,400

We all was very big
Zionists, very big Zionists.

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00:53:32,400 --> 00:53:36,600

1060
00:53:36,600 --> 00:53:41,280
And when I was pregnant and
the war broke out in Israel,

1061
00:53:41,280 --> 00:53:45,910
but Leo went to
Israel from Germany.

1062
00:53:45,910 --> 00:53:49,440
And he wrote a letter to
Germany, we should not come,

1063
00:53:49,440 --> 00:53:55,560
because in Israel it's very
bad, the situation is very bad.

1064
00:53:55,560 --> 00:53:56,670
People go to war.

1065
00:53:56,670 --> 00:54:01,230
Who knows if he's not
have to go to war.

1066
00:54:01,230 --> 00:54:02,580
And we shouldn't come.

1067
00:54:02,580 --> 00:54:07,800
So we came right after this was
an aliyah to come to America,

1068
00:54:07,800 --> 00:54:10,080
to register to America.

1069
00:54:10,080 --> 00:54:14,210
The Joint came, and I
registered to America.

1070
00:54:14,210 --> 00:54:17,310
And no sooner, we got the
visas to come to America.

1071

00:54:17,310 --> 00:54:19,130

So we came to America.

1072

00:54:19,130 --> 00:54:22,600

My husband had [INAUDIBLE].

1073

00:54:22,600 --> 00:54:23,400

She's dead.

1074

00:54:23,400 --> 00:54:26,820

The uncle is dead, but he
still has cousins, see.

1075

00:54:26,820 --> 00:54:28,160

So we came to America.

1076

00:54:28,160 --> 00:54:29,965

That's how we came.

1077

00:54:29,965 --> 00:54:31,590

When did you come to
the United States?

1078

00:54:31,590 --> 00:54:36,402

1079

00:54:36,402 --> 00:54:40,880

The beginning of
April, April 23.

1080

00:54:40,880 --> 00:54:43,490

1948, my daughter was born.

1081

00:54:43,490 --> 00:54:47,430

As you know this, I
was born April 23.

1082

00:54:47,430 --> 00:54:48,977

You want to hear something?

1083

00:54:48,977 --> 00:54:53,030

1084
00:54:53,030 --> 00:54:56,010
My Stevie just got a
baby seven months ago--

1085
00:54:56,010 --> 00:54:57,690
that's his first baby--

1086
00:54:57,690 --> 00:55:00,750
was born on his birthday.

1087
00:55:00,750 --> 00:55:04,380
I have a son in San
Francisco, Neal.

1088
00:55:04,380 --> 00:55:07,710
He adopted a child not knowing--

1089
00:55:07,710 --> 00:55:11,250
he took out the child
from the hospital--

1090
00:55:11,250 --> 00:55:14,700
was born the same
day on his birthday.

1091
00:55:14,700 --> 00:55:18,750
And my daughter was
born on my birthday.

1092
00:55:18,750 --> 00:55:20,580
This is ironic for one family.

1093
00:55:20,580 --> 00:55:23,330

1094
00:55:23,330 --> 00:55:31,330
So I came to America, and I
had a very big [INAUDIBLE]

1095
00:55:31,330 --> 00:55:32,620

in America.

1096
00:55:32,620 --> 00:55:39,310
I gave birth to a
handicapped child,

1097
00:55:39,310 --> 00:55:42,368
and I have a handicapped
child in San Francisco--

1098
00:55:42,368 --> 00:55:47,360

1099
00:55:47,360 --> 00:55:48,223
severe handicap.

1100
00:55:48,223 --> 00:55:51,330

1101
00:55:51,330 --> 00:55:53,670
But there's a lot
of talk about Neal.

1102
00:55:53,670 --> 00:55:55,800
His name is Neal Jacobson.

1103
00:55:55,800 --> 00:56:00,420
If you see him on television,
if you see him in any place,

1104
00:56:00,420 --> 00:56:01,960
he might going to come here.

1105
00:56:01,960 --> 00:56:04,380
They wanted him to
come here to work.

1106
00:56:04,380 --> 00:56:09,660
He is-- would you like me
to show you what he is?

1107
00:56:09,660 --> 00:56:10,230

Maybe later.

1108
00:56:10,230 --> 00:56:11,970
Let's finish the
interview first.

1109
00:56:11,970 --> 00:56:16,940
He is the vice president
of the Wells Fargo banks.

1110
00:56:16,940 --> 00:56:21,780
He finished Hofstra University,
made Phi Beta Kappa.

1111
00:56:21,780 --> 00:56:24,450
He's a genius in
the United States.

1112
00:56:24,450 --> 00:56:25,800
What kind of genius?

1113
00:56:25,800 --> 00:56:32,000
Computers-- very
high in computers.

1114
00:56:32,000 --> 00:56:37,910
I cannot tell you his life,
because it has to take another

1115
00:56:37,910 --> 00:56:38,630
tape.

1116
00:56:38,630 --> 00:56:41,230
Because I'm going to
tell you only my life.

1117
00:56:41,230 --> 00:56:45,090
And I raised Neal by
myself without a parent.

1118
00:56:45,090 --> 00:56:47,720

1119

00:56:47,720 --> 00:56:51,920

I had to get a child
after what I went through.

1120

00:56:51,920 --> 00:56:55,520

That was the biggest, biggest
thing, but I'm glad for him.

1121

00:56:55,520 --> 00:56:58,517

He's doing wonderful.

1122

00:56:58,517 --> 00:57:00,850

Where did you settle when you
came to the United States?

1123

00:57:00,850 --> 00:57:01,600

New York.

1124

00:57:01,600 --> 00:57:02,732

In New York.

1125

00:57:02,732 --> 00:57:06,070

Yeah, in Coney
Island, in Brooklyn.

1126

00:57:06,070 --> 00:57:12,030

1127

00:57:12,030 --> 00:57:15,410

How did you, your family,
support yourself when you came?

1128

00:57:15,410 --> 00:57:17,930

1129

00:57:17,930 --> 00:57:22,700

My husband was a
tailor, but he never

1130

00:57:22,700 --> 00:57:24,800

wanted to go to tailoring.

1131

00:57:24,800 --> 00:57:31,340
Because his uncle was a tailor,
a [INAUDIBLE], in New York.

1132

00:57:31,340 --> 00:57:33,830
And he wanted him
in the worst way

1133

00:57:33,830 --> 00:57:36,170
to teach him how to
be a [INAUDIBLE]..

1134

00:57:36,170 --> 00:57:40,010
But he told himself
he'll never be--

1135

00:57:40,010 --> 00:57:43,130
he worked in the
ghetto, and he knew.

1136

00:57:43,130 --> 00:57:44,810
He was in the
ghetto, and he knew

1137

00:57:44,810 --> 00:57:47,850
what it means to be a tailor.

1138

00:57:47,850 --> 00:57:52,040
He went with a
[? scissor ?] to my uncle,

1139

00:57:52,040 --> 00:57:54,470
and he find out
in a supermarket.

1140

00:57:54,470 --> 00:57:57,070

1141

00:57:57,070 --> 00:57:59,590
Not knowing English,
they took him

1142

00:57:59,590 --> 00:58:03,190
in-- a very fine person,
that intelligent man.

1143
00:58:03,190 --> 00:58:07,400
They took him in, and then
we opened up a supermarket

1144
00:58:07,400 --> 00:58:09,520
on [? Ramsey ?] Avenue.

1145
00:58:09,520 --> 00:58:13,150
And then we opened up a
supermarket on Cropsey Avenue

1146
00:58:13,150 --> 00:58:16,990
with a partner, and they
made out very nicely.

1147
00:58:16,990 --> 00:58:22,010
But he had a heart condition,
and he had the first heart

1148
00:58:22,010 --> 00:58:26,000
attack when he
was 49 years old--

1149
00:58:26,000 --> 00:58:29,030
then the second heart attack
and the third heard attack.

1150
00:58:29,030 --> 00:58:32,770
By '59, he passed away, 1959--

1151
00:58:32,770 --> 00:58:43,380
1979 he passed away.

1152
00:58:43,380 --> 00:58:46,060
Why would I say 1979?

1153
00:58:46,060 --> 00:58:49,060
The first heart
attack, he had 1949.

1154
00:58:49,060 --> 00:58:55,220
And he passed away in 1959.

1155
00:58:55,220 --> 00:58:59,120
When you came to
this country, did you

1156
00:58:59,120 --> 00:59:02,960
get any help from any
of the Jewish agencies?

1157
00:59:02,960 --> 00:59:05,750
The Joint helped me.

1158
00:59:05,750 --> 00:59:14,660
I lived in Morrissey
Hotel on Broadway,

1159
00:59:14,660 --> 00:59:20,250
but a very short time, because
we didn't want any help.

1160
00:59:20,250 --> 00:59:29,630
And right away, he worried,
and then we lived in New York.

1161
00:59:29,630 --> 00:59:33,860
And it was OK.

1162
00:59:33,860 --> 00:59:35,150
We made a living.

1163
00:59:35,150 --> 00:59:38,960
Even if he made \$50 a
week, we made a living.

1164
00:59:38,960 --> 00:59:42,200
I couldn't work, because
I had a handicapped child.

1165
00:59:42,200 --> 00:59:48,280

Then after this, I had Stevie,
but I made necessary on Stevie.

1166
00:59:48,280 --> 00:59:52,120
Due to not having
a cesarean, my son

1167
00:59:52,120 --> 00:59:54,370
was born with cerebral palsy.

1168
00:59:54,370 --> 00:59:57,520
And if you know what cerebral
palsy is, it's a brain damage.

1169
00:59:57,520 --> 01:00:03,600

1170
01:00:03,600 --> 01:00:07,170
When you first came
to the United States,

1171
01:00:07,170 --> 01:00:12,000
did anybody ask you about
your experiences in Europe?

1172
01:00:12,000 --> 01:00:14,070
They did ask.

1173
01:00:14,070 --> 01:00:19,020
They did ask, but the people
were so nice when we came,

1174
01:00:19,020 --> 01:00:22,020
so different from now.

1175
01:00:22,020 --> 01:00:24,660
I don't know why they changed.

1176
01:00:24,660 --> 01:00:26,330
Everybody offered us help.

1177
01:00:26,330 --> 01:00:30,860

1178
01:00:30,860 --> 01:00:33,710
We felt we could
speak Jewish to them,

1179
01:00:33,710 --> 01:00:38,720
because we didn't talk English,
and they were very, very nice.

1180
01:00:38,720 --> 01:00:43,640
I encountered warmth
when I came here,

1181
01:00:43,640 --> 01:00:46,760
and then I started to build up.

1182
01:00:46,760 --> 01:00:50,090
I came with a baby in my arms.

1183
01:00:50,090 --> 01:00:52,430
She was 18 months old.

1184
01:00:52,430 --> 01:00:58,340
And we build it up ourselves.

1185
01:00:58,340 --> 01:01:01,430
You said that they asked about
your experiences in Europe.

1186
01:01:01,430 --> 01:01:03,800
What did you tell them
about what happened?

1187
01:01:03,800 --> 01:01:06,845
I didn't want to talk about it.

1188
01:01:06,845 --> 01:01:09,410
I didn't want to talk about it.

1189
01:01:09,410 --> 01:01:12,820
I wouldn't talk

about it till now.

1190
01:01:12,820 --> 01:01:16,010
My daughter, she's a very--

1191
01:01:16,010 --> 01:01:22,300
she's a schoolteacher-- very,
very intelligent personality,

1192
01:01:22,300 --> 01:01:23,570
very nice.

1193
01:01:23,570 --> 01:01:26,270
She lives in Long Island.

1194
01:01:26,270 --> 01:01:27,530
You know Long Island.

1195
01:01:27,530 --> 01:01:29,856
You know Sands Point--

1196
01:01:29,856 --> 01:01:32,810
very swell place.

1197
01:01:32,810 --> 01:01:34,640
She was a very delicate person.

1198
01:01:34,640 --> 01:01:37,850

1199
01:01:37,850 --> 01:01:42,200
She saw me crying a lot,
but she never asked.

1200
01:01:42,200 --> 01:01:46,850
The only thing she asked that
I have an aunt in Israel.

1201
01:01:46,850 --> 01:01:49,610
By the time I went-- because
my husband had a heart attack

1202

01:01:49,610 --> 01:01:50,110
very early.

1203

01:01:50,110 --> 01:01:54,130

1204

01:01:54,130 --> 01:01:58,120
By the time I went to Israel,
my aunt was that dead already,

1205

01:01:58,120 --> 01:02:00,610
but I met all my cousins.

1206

01:02:00,610 --> 01:02:04,108
We found our cousins
through the registration,

1207

01:02:04,108 --> 01:02:04,900
through the papers.

1208

01:02:04,900 --> 01:02:08,540

1209

01:02:08,540 --> 01:02:13,900
When it was the first gathering
in Israel, that's when I went--

1210

01:02:13,900 --> 01:02:15,970
from the Holocaust survivors.

1211

01:02:15,970 --> 01:02:19,030
That's when I went to Israel.

1212

01:02:19,030 --> 01:02:22,120
And by that time, my
cousins knew already

1213

01:02:22,120 --> 01:02:25,480
that we are alive,
because they found out.

1214

01:02:25,480 --> 01:02:26,710
They were looking for us.

1215
01:02:26,710 --> 01:02:29,450

1216
01:02:29,450 --> 01:02:31,010
And then I had a little family.

1217
01:02:31,010 --> 01:02:33,010
I still have a little
family in Israel.

1218
01:02:33,010 --> 01:02:35,290
Some of them died
already, but I still

1219
01:02:35,290 --> 01:02:38,190
have a nice little family.

1220
01:02:38,190 --> 01:02:40,943
Since then, I was already
four times [INAUDIBLE]..

1221
01:02:40,943 --> 01:02:44,330

1222
01:02:44,330 --> 01:02:47,990
What did you tell your
children about your childhood

1223
01:02:47,990 --> 01:02:50,390
and your life in Europe?

1224
01:02:50,390 --> 01:02:57,090
When there were small,
when they were small,

1225
01:02:57,090 --> 01:02:59,940
I didn't talk about it.

1226
01:02:59,940 --> 01:03:01,305

When they start to--

1227

01:03:01,305 --> 01:03:02,240

oh, there is blinking.

1228

01:03:02,240 --> 01:03:05,700

1229

01:03:05,700 --> 01:03:10,270

When they start to ask about--

1230

01:03:10,270 --> 01:03:14,220

well, after all, I had
once a mother and a father.

1231

01:03:14,220 --> 01:03:19,680

They knew already
about the World War II.

1232

01:03:19,680 --> 01:03:22,080

So once they knew
about the World War II,

1233

01:03:22,080 --> 01:03:23,280

they didn't want to hurt me.

1234

01:03:23,280 --> 01:03:29,160

They didn't talk until my
daughter saw a magazine.

1235

01:03:29,160 --> 01:03:31,940

1236

01:03:31,940 --> 01:03:37,850

And she summoned me
via at breakfast.

1237

01:03:37,850 --> 01:03:40,580

And she said to
me, now, sit down.

1238

01:03:40,580 --> 01:03:43,970

I want to know everything.

1239

01:03:43,970 --> 01:03:46,890

I say, there were times
when you didn't want to.

1240

01:03:46,890 --> 01:03:50,630

You only knew when I said,
I was once so hungry.

1241

01:03:50,630 --> 01:03:53,630

You eat everything
what I'm cooking.

1242

01:03:53,630 --> 01:03:55,400

Don't you throw away a bite.

1243

01:03:55,400 --> 01:03:58,670

Because I was-- till
today, they talk about it.

1244

01:03:58,670 --> 01:03:59,690

My mother was hungry.

1245

01:03:59,690 --> 01:04:02,840

You have to eat everything.

1246

01:04:02,840 --> 01:04:06,010

Then they start to realize.

1247

01:04:06,010 --> 01:04:09,720

But the most interested
who was in the Holocaust

1248

01:04:09,720 --> 01:04:14,790

was my handicapped son,
the most interested.

1249

01:04:14,790 --> 01:04:18,910

He's an extremely
intelligent person.

1250

01:04:18,910 --> 01:04:25,170

I told you, he finished
Hofstra University.

1251

01:04:25,170 --> 01:04:29,520

Now, he's going to
go back to Berkeley.

1252

01:04:29,520 --> 01:04:31,950

He did some work for Berkeley.

1253

01:04:31,950 --> 01:04:33,210

What was the work?

1254

01:04:33,210 --> 01:04:35,670

They have to change
the computers now.

1255

01:04:35,670 --> 01:04:37,880

You know what's going
on with the 2000,

1256

01:04:37,880 --> 01:04:40,320

so Berkeley ask him to come.

1257

01:04:40,320 --> 01:04:41,820

And they wanted to pay him.

1258

01:04:41,820 --> 01:04:42,690

He doesn't want it.

1259

01:04:42,690 --> 01:04:45,430

So he's going for his doctorate.

1260

01:04:45,430 --> 01:04:48,830

They're not going to
charge him anything.

1261

01:04:48,830 --> 01:04:50,900

What made you decide
to tell your story

1262

01:04:50,900 --> 01:04:53,076
and give your testimony now?

1263
01:04:53,076 --> 01:04:53,880
My son.

1264
01:04:53,880 --> 01:04:56,750

1265
01:04:56,750 --> 01:04:58,640
I never wanted to do--

1266
01:04:58,640 --> 01:05:01,100
I never want to leave anything.

1267
01:05:01,100 --> 01:05:04,160
My son now says that
I have a friend,

1268
01:05:04,160 --> 01:05:08,330
and you're going to be here, and
you was in the museum already.

1269
01:05:08,330 --> 01:05:11,870
And you know, I
want to have a tape.

1270
01:05:11,870 --> 01:05:14,990
I want my children
to hear the tape.

1271
01:05:14,990 --> 01:05:17,620
And that's what
makes me say yes.

1272
01:05:17,620 --> 01:05:19,820
Till now, I refused everything.

1273
01:05:19,820 --> 01:05:23,060
I'm going to show you
telephones like this.

1274

01:05:23,060 --> 01:05:26,220

I refused, because I
cannot take it, no.

1275

01:05:26,220 --> 01:05:29,490

1276

01:05:29,490 --> 01:05:32,693

Is there anything that you'd
like to add before we conclude?

1277

01:05:32,693 --> 01:05:34,110

Anything that we
didn't talk about

1278

01:05:34,110 --> 01:05:37,670

that you would
like to talk about?

1279

01:05:37,670 --> 01:05:47,960

I hope this will never repeat in
future, future generations what

1280

01:05:47,960 --> 01:05:49,700

we went through.

1281

01:05:49,700 --> 01:05:53,450

I hope this is a lesson
for the whole world.

1282

01:05:53,450 --> 01:05:54,740

They should never forget.

1283

01:05:54,740 --> 01:05:57,560

Although, there's a lot of
atrocities going around now

1284

01:05:57,560 --> 01:06:00,560

still in the world.

1285

01:06:00,560 --> 01:06:03,800

And I hope we'll
never lose Israel.

1286
01:06:03,800 --> 01:06:07,220
Because if we would have
Israel at that time,

1287
01:06:07,220 --> 01:06:11,130
it could have happened,
but not in such a scale.

1288
01:06:11,130 --> 01:06:13,970
Everybody turned
away their ears.

1289
01:06:13,970 --> 01:06:17,710
Nobody saw, nobody heard
about it, which was wrong.

1290
01:06:17,710 --> 01:06:21,260
Everybody saw, and
everybody knew about it.

1291
01:06:21,260 --> 01:06:26,080
That's what we know now,
but we didn't know then.

1292
01:06:26,080 --> 01:06:27,970
And that is my hope.

1293
01:06:27,970 --> 01:06:30,710
My children, and new
children, and all the children

1294
01:06:30,710 --> 01:06:35,810
will never see and hear
something like this.

1295
01:06:35,810 --> 01:06:38,230
I want to thank you for
speaking with us today.

1296
01:06:38,230 --> 01:06:43,060
Thank you, because let
them have that tape.

1297

01:06:43,060 --> 01:06:44,800

Let my children have that tape.

1298

01:06:44,800 --> 01:06:47,570

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01:06:47,570 --> 01:06:50,620

And this will conclude
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Thank you very much.

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