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2 00:00:00,860 --> 00:00:04,370 This is in the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum

- 3 00:00:04,370 --> 00:00:10,040 volunteer collection interview with Carolina Taitz, conducted
- 4 00:00:10,040 --> 00:00:20,850 by Gail Schwartz on January 24, 2010 in McLean, Virginia.
- 5 00:00:20,850 --> 00:00:22,960 Tell me your full name.
- 6 00:00:22,960 --> 00:00:26,550 My full name is Carolina Taitz.
- 7 00:00:26,550 --> 00:00:28,560 And what name were you born with?
- 8 00:00:28,560 --> 00:00:32,050 And I was born with the name Lena Knoch.
- 9 00:00:32,050 --> 00:00:34,590
- 10 00:00:34,590 --> 00:00:36,640 And where were you born.
- 11 00:00:36,640 --> 00:00:39,060 I was born, basically, in Russia.
- 12 00:00:39,060 --> 00:00:42,330 But I cannot say this in Russia.

13 00:00:42,330 --> 00:00:47,220 Because I lived all my life in Latvia, in the Baltic States.

14 00:00:47,220 --> 00:00:51,190 So basically I always say, I'm born in Latvia--

15 00:00:51,190 --> 00:00:51,930 Riga.

16 00:00:51,930 --> 00:00:54,420 Where in Russia where you born, though?

17 00:00:54,420 --> 00:00:55,830 I don't remember that name.

18 00:00:55,830 --> 00:00:58,140 This is a long, long name--

19 00:00:58,140 --> 00:00:59,310 the Russian name.

20 00:00:59,310 --> 00:01:01,470 Was it near any big city?

21 00:01:01,470 --> 00:01:02,145 Was it a small--

22 00:01:02,145 --> 00:01:03,750 Nobody even asked me about that.

23 00:01:03,750 --> 00:01:04,910 That's not important.

24 00:01:04,910 --> 00:01:05,820 OK.

25 00:01:05,820 --> 00:01:07,860

And when were you born?

26 00:01:07,860 --> 00:01:14,430 Yeah, I was born February 24, '29.

27 00:01:14,430 --> 00:01:17,320 And let's talk about your family.

28 00:01:17,320 --> 00:01:19,740 Tell me about your parents.

29 00:01:19,740 --> 00:01:23,460 My parents was my father, my mother.

30 00:01:23,460 --> 00:01:28,240 My sister was nine years older than I.

31 00:01:28,240 --> 00:01:30,660 And I had a brother-a little boy,

32 00:01:30,660 --> 00:01:35,580 who was almost as old as I was-- one-year difference.

33 00:01:35,580 --> 00:01:37,650 And the Germans killed all of them.

34 00:01:37,650 --> 00:01:38,820 Yes.

35 00:01:38,820 --> 00:01:40,570 What was your father's name?

36 00:01:40,570 --> 00:01:43,630 My father's name was Mordechai. 00:01:43,630 --> 00:01:46,550 And what kind of work did he do?

38 00:01:46,550 --> 00:01:50,790 He was a specialist in--

39 00:01:50,790 --> 00:01:53,040 he was a tree doctor.

40 00:01:53,040 --> 00:01:56,500 You know, like, when an appletree gets sick,

41 00:01:56,500 --> 00:01:57,690 they called my father.

42 00:01:57,690 --> 00:02:03,820 And he gave an injection, and the tree come back to life.

43 00:02:03,820 --> 00:02:04,650 Wonderful.

44 00:02:04,650 --> 00:02:06,960 I think we call that an arborist.

45 00:02:06,960 --> 00:02:07,620 I don't know.

46 00:02:07,620 --> 00:02:09,630 I call him a tree doctor--

47 00:02:09,630 --> 00:02:10,830 very primitive.

48 00:02:10,830 --> 00:02:12,750 And where was he from?

49 00:02:12,750 --> 00:02:15,940 My father was from Latvia, also.

00:02:15,940 --> 00:02:18,900 He lived in Livani.

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00:02:18,900 --> 00:02:23,640 The name where he was born is Livani, in Latvia.

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00:02:23,640 --> 00:02:25,630 And your mother, what was her name?

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00:02:25,630 --> 00:02:31,530 My mother's name was Frida, and she is also from Latvia.

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00:02:31,530 --> 00:02:34,560 And where she was born is-the name, I don't know.

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00:02:34,560 --> 00:02:38,640 But where she comes from is Subate.

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00:02:38,640 --> 00:02:41,060 The name of the town is Subate.

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00:02:41,060 --> 00:02:41,940 Was that in--

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00:02:41,940 --> 00:02:44,070 Also Latvia.

59 00:02:44,070 --> 00:02:48,300 And your brother and sisters' names were?

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00:02:48,300 --> 00:02:51,000 My sister's name was Berta.

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00:02:51,000 --> 00:02:52,950 In Yiddish we would say Beila.

62 00:02:52,950 --> 00:02:55,080 But in passports, she was Berta.

63 00:02:55,080 --> 00:03:01,170 And my brother's name was Gedalia.

64 00:03:01,170 --> 00:03:05,010 And how long did you live in Russia

65 00:03:05,010 --> 00:03:06,750 before you came to Latvia?

66 00:03:06,750 --> 00:03:08,690 I did live in Russia not one day.

67 00:03:08,690 --> 00:03:11,300 Oh, I thought you were born in Russia.

68 00:03:11,300 --> 00:03:13,560 I was born in the train.

69 00:03:13,560 --> 00:03:16,080 Oh, on a train?

70 00:03:16,080 --> 00:03:19,200 You know, I didn't live.

71 00:03:19,200 --> 00:03:20,390 I was just born.

72 00:03:20,390 --> 00:03:22,350 My mom had burst.

73 00:03:22,350 --> 00:03:23,820 On a train?

74 00:03:23,820 --> 00:03:25,080 A train or ship.

75 00:03:25,080 --> 00:03:25,980 I don't remember.

76 00:03:25,980 --> 00:03:26,640 Oh, I see.

77 00:03:26,640 --> 00:03:27,682 And so then you came to--

78 00:03:27,682 --> 00:03:28,560 Came to Latvia.

79 00:03:28,560 --> 00:03:30,780 Are all my life, I live in Latvia.

80 00:03:30,780 --> 00:03:34,510 And everything-- what happened to me happened in Latvia.

81 00:03:34,510 --> 00:03:35,190 Yeah.

82 00:03:35,190 --> 00:03:38,100 Was your family a religious family?

83 00:03:38,100 --> 00:03:39,270 Yeah.

84 00:03:39,270 --> 00:03:40,750 They were very religious.

85 00:03:40,750 --> 00:03:41,850 Very religious.

86 00:03:41,850 --> 00:03:43,520 And so you observed the holidays?

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87 00:03:43,520 --> 00:03:46,300
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88 00:03:46,300 --> 00:03:46,800 Yes.

89 00:03:46,800 --> 00:03:48,624 Yes, we did observe.

90 00:03:48,624 --> 00:03:49,380 Uh-huh.

91 00:03:49,380 --> 00:03:52,120 Do you have any favorite holidays that you remember?

92 00:03:52,120 --> 00:03:54,510 Pesach.

93 00:03:54,510 --> 00:03:58,920 I was born in Purim, because February comes out in Purim.

94 00:03:58,920 --> 00:04:01,400 But my favorite is Pesach.

95 00:04:01,400 --> 00:04:02,850 I love Pesach.

96 00:04:02,850 --> 00:04:06,300 And did you have aunts and uncles and grandparents?

97 00:04:06,300 --> 00:04:09,780 Yes, I did have a lot of them, and they was all killed.

98 00:04:09,780 --> 00:04:10,870 I have pictures.

99 00:04:10,870 --> 00:04:11,430 I showed you.

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00:04:11,430 --> 00:04:12,630

I have the pictures.

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00:04:12,630 --> 00:04:13,230

OK.

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00:04:13,230 --> 00:04:15,210

And did they live nearby?

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00:04:15,210 --> 00:04:16,360

That's my grandmother.

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00:04:16,360 --> 00:04:18,720

Now let's speak

about my mother's--

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00:04:18,720 --> 00:04:19,390

Side.

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00:04:19,390 --> 00:04:19,890

OK.

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00:04:19,890 --> 00:04:20,519

Yeah.

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00:04:20,519 --> 00:04:23,790

They are also all from Latvia--

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00:04:23,790 --> 00:04:25,560

all from Latvia.

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00:04:25,560 --> 00:04:28,320

And the town where

my grandmother

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00:04:28,320 --> 00:04:32,490

live, from my mother's side,

then from their father's

00:04:32,490 --> 00:04:33,840 side later--

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00:04:33,840 --> 00:04:40,050 from my mother's side, the whole family lived in Subate.

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00:04:40,050 --> 00:04:44,730 That's the name of the town when my mother

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00:04:44,730 --> 00:04:46,260 and grandfather lived.

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00:04:46,260 --> 00:04:50,220 But later the Germans killed them.

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00:04:50,220 --> 00:04:53,940 And from my father's side, I don't know much

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00:04:53,940 --> 00:04:55,350 from my father's side.

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00:04:55,350 --> 00:04:59,220 Yes, he did have a father, that was my zayde.

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00:04:59,220 --> 00:05:03,090 And he did came sometimes to visit us.

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00:05:03,090 --> 00:05:04,980 And he was from Livani--

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00:05:04,980 --> 00:05:06,000 also Latvia.

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00:05:06,000 --> 00:05:09,750 We had all the families and my relatives-- everybody

124 00:05:09,750 --> 00:05:11,280 from Latvia.

125 00:05:11,280 --> 00:05:14,160 What language did you speak at home?

126 00:05:14,160 --> 00:05:20,510 At home I spoke Latvian, German, and mameloshen--

127 00:05:20,510 --> 00:05:21,270 Yiddish.

128 00:05:21,270 --> 00:05:22,620 I am fluent in this.

129 00:05:22,620 --> 00:05:25,770 And I'm fluent in Russia-in Russian language.

130 00:05:25,770 --> 00:05:28,470 That I learned when they occupied the country.

131 00:05:28,470 --> 00:05:29,400 Right.

132 00:05:29,400 --> 00:05:32,730 And what kind of neighborhood did you live in?

133 00:05:32,730 --> 00:05:34,230 Was it Jewish and non-Jew?

134 00:05:34,230 --> 00:05:37,290

135 00:05:37,290 --> 00:05:41,310 I lived there not far from Riga-- 136 00:05:41,310 --> 00:05:46,410 out of Riga-- the little town where

137 00:05:46,410 --> 00:05:51,480 my childhood was in Viesite.

138 00:05:51,480 --> 00:05:54,600 It was 100 kilometers from Riga.

139 00:05:54,600 --> 00:05:57,450 My father has a little house.

140 00:05:57,450 --> 00:06:01,090 And we had the beautiful fruit the garden.

141 00:06:01,090 --> 00:06:06,820 And I went there to school, in that Viesite.

142 00:06:06,820 --> 00:06:10,210 And I finished six years--

143 00:06:10,210 --> 00:06:11,920 six classes.

144 00:06:11,920 --> 00:06:13,220 Then the Germans came.

145 00:06:13,220 --> 00:06:14,395 And then I was--

146 00:06:14,395 --> 00:06:15,580 Yeah, we'll talk about that.

147 00:06:15,580 --> 00:06:17,290 Yeah that's later.

148 00:06:17,290 --> 00:06:18,730 What kind of school?

00:06:18,730 --> 00:06:20,590 Was it a Jewish school?

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00:06:20,590 --> 00:06:21,655 No, it was not.

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00:06:21,655 --> 00:06:22,840 Public school?

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00:06:22,840 --> 00:06:25,840 It was a public, very Latvian school--

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00:06:25,840 --> 00:06:26,620 very Latvian.

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00:06:26,620 --> 00:06:32,650 But we had once a week to come a rabbi and taught us Yiddish,

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00:06:32,650 --> 00:06:34,270 if we do like it.

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00:06:34,270 --> 00:06:35,290 And I liked it.

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00:06:35,290 --> 00:06:36,370 I like languages.

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00:06:36,370 --> 00:06:38,160 I learned that.

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00:06:38,160 --> 00:06:40,880 That's why I know very well mameloshen.

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00:06:40,880 --> 00:06:41,680 Right.

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00:06:41,680 --> 00:06:45,610

And did you have non-Jewish friends?

162 00:06:45,610 --> 00:06:47,650 Yes, a lot.

163 00:06:47,650 --> 00:06:49,360 We mingled.

164 00:06:49,360 --> 00:06:52,825

165 00:06:52,825 --> 00:06:55,780 In that little town-- in Viesite where I lived,

166 00:06:55,780 --> 00:07:00,160 there was a lot of Jews and also a lot of Latvians.

167 00:07:00,160 --> 00:07:05,830 And in such a little town, people get friendly.

168 00:07:05,830 --> 00:07:07,510 We mingled [INAUDIBLE].

169 00:07:07,510 --> 00:07:11,770 Later, these Latvians shoot us and killed us.

170 00:07:11,770 --> 00:07:15,240 That's the irony, but that's the way it was.

171 00:07:15,240 --> 00:07:17,500 Right.

172 00:07:17,500 --> 00:07:20,930 At that time, you did not experience any antise-- 00:07:20,930 --> 00:07:22,060 I can't hear you.

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00:07:22,060 --> 00:07:25,780 At that time, when you were a child, before the war,

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00:07:25,780 --> 00:07:28,960 there was no antisemitism?

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00:07:28,960 --> 00:07:32,140 It was, but we really didn't feel it.

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00:07:32,140 --> 00:07:35,890 Only when the Germans came, the Latvians

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00:07:35,890 --> 00:07:38,650 went and started killing the Jews.

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00:07:38,650 --> 00:07:40,270 No, but before the Germans came.

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 $00:07:40,270 \longrightarrow 00:07:43,510$

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00:07:43,510 --> 00:07:46,510 Antisemitism is all over--

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00:07:46,510 --> 00:07:47,200 was.

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00:07:47,200 --> 00:07:49,930 But we didn't really feel it so much.

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00:07:49,930 --> 00:07:52,840 We was very friendly with Latvians.

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00:07:52,840 --> 00:07:54,670 And the Latvians was friendly.

186 00:07:54,670 --> 00:07:57,970 Like, when we had Pesach.

187 00:07:57,970 --> 00:08:00,960 My mom sent matzahs and wine.

188 00:08:00,960 --> 00:08:03,890 And when they have their Latvian Christmas,

189 00:08:03,890 --> 00:08:06,850 they send us presents and everything.

190 00:08:06,850 --> 00:08:09,430 We was very close to the Latvians.

191 00:08:09,430 --> 00:08:13,630 That's why I spoke Latvian with my parents.

192 00:08:13,630 --> 00:08:15,470 Did you like sports?

193 00:08:15,470 --> 00:08:18,640 No, I hated it.

194 00:08:18,640 --> 00:08:22,420 At school I had only the worst marks.

195 00:08:22,420 --> 00:08:23,885 Did you like to read--

196 00:08:23,885 --> 00:08:26,470

197 00:08:26,470 --> 00:08:27,220 read books?

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00:08:27,220 --> 00:08:29,320 I love to read, till today.

199 00:08:29,320 --> 00:08:30,580

I read a lot.

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00:08:30,580 --> 00:08:33,340

And I like classics.

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00:08:33,340 --> 00:08:37,000

And all the Russian

classics, I read.

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 $00:08:37,000 \longrightarrow 00:08:41,590$

I like to read very

much, from my childhood.

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00:08:41,590 --> 00:08:43,510

And I like to dance.

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00:08:43,510 --> 00:08:46,480

Because by my profession,

I am an actress.

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00:08:46,480 --> 00:08:48,550

Oh, OK.

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00:08:48,550 --> 00:08:51,578

And so as a child,

you went to school.

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00:08:51,578 --> 00:08:52,120

You did all--

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 $00:08:52,120 \longrightarrow 00:08:53,500$

I went to school.

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00:08:53,500 --> 00:08:54,850

I was very Latvian.

210 00:08:54,850 --> 00:08:57,970 Because there was maybe one Jewish--

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00:08:57,970 --> 00:09:03,010 I was Jewish, my little brother, and one more Jewish.

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00:09:03,010 --> 00:09:07,030 But we attended that particular rabbi who came.

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00:09:07,030 --> 00:09:10,060 But then I learned about Jesus Christ--

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00:09:10,060 --> 00:09:13,150 because it was also a person coming

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00:09:13,150 --> 00:09:17,230 and teach us Christian religion--

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00:09:17,230 --> 00:09:18,820 in my school.

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00:09:18,820 --> 00:09:21,520 That's why I know the Old Testament and the New

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00:09:21,520 --> 00:09:22,540 Testament.

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00:09:22,540 --> 00:09:25,750 So were there many other Jews in your town?

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00:09:25,750 --> 00:09:26,860

A lot of Jews.

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00:09:26,860 --> 00:09:31,360

And they mostly went to Jewish schools.

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00:09:31,360 --> 00:09:33,820 And why did your parents send you to public school?

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00:09:33,820 --> 00:09:34,660 I don't know.

224

00:09:34,660 --> 00:09:37,600 Because we was very friendly with Latvians.

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00:09:37,600 --> 00:09:40,030 Did you live in a house or an apartment?

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00:09:40,030 --> 00:09:41,710 No, we lived in a house.

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00:09:41,710 --> 00:09:44,230 My father had a little house.

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00:09:44,230 --> 00:09:45,100 I will show you.

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00:09:45,100 --> 00:09:47,590 I have the photo.

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00:09:47,590 --> 00:09:53,890 And the house had five little apartments divided.

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00:09:53,890 --> 00:09:55,900 And he rented out.

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00:09:55,900 --> 00:10:01,570 And we had on the left side our apartment-- big apartment--

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00:10:01,570 --> 00:10:04,216

I mean, three rooms, kitchen.

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00:10:04,216 --> 00:10:04,930 Mm-hmm.

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00:10:04,930 --> 00:10:07,300 So your childhood was a happy childhood.

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00:10:07,300 --> 00:10:08,720 A very happy childhood.

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00:10:08,720 --> 00:10:09,220 OK.

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00:10:09,220 --> 00:10:12,700 And then when did things begin to change?

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00:10:12,700 --> 00:10:15,940 At first the Russians occupied the country,

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00:10:15,940 --> 00:10:18,250 and they were communists.

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00:10:18,250 --> 00:10:20,050 They were communists.

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00:10:20,050 --> 00:10:23,710 And it was horrible, bad time.

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00:10:23,710 --> 00:10:26,440 They took away our--

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00:10:26,440 --> 00:10:28,420 we had a horse.

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00:10:28,420 --> 00:10:29,890

We had two cows.

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00:10:29,890 --> 00:10:35,920 We had a lot of animals, because we had like a range, you know?

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00:10:35,920 --> 00:10:39,510 And my father lost his job.

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00:10:39,510 --> 00:10:40,630 They didn't let him--

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00:10:40,630 --> 00:10:42,550 they arrested him.

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00:10:42,550 --> 00:10:44,110 Because he was a capitalist.

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00:10:44,110 --> 00:10:49,000 Yeah, because he has a house, and a house is a capitalist.

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00:10:49,000 --> 00:10:50,780 Were your parents Zionists?

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00:10:50,780 --> 00:10:55,540

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00:10:55,540 --> 00:10:56,350 What is that.

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00:10:56,350 --> 00:10:57,785 A Zionist-- committed to Israel.

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00:10:57,785 --> 00:11:00,415

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00:11:00,415 --> 00:11:02,840 Maybe they had.

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00:11:02,840 --> 00:11:04,290 Everyone Jew loves Israel.

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00:11:04,290 --> 00:11:04,790 No.

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00:11:04,790 --> 00:11:07,010 But in those days, were your parents--

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00:11:07,010 --> 00:11:09,530 did they talk about that at all?

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00:11:09,530 --> 00:11:11,390 Yeah, they loved Israel, always.

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00:11:11,390 --> 00:11:15,300 That word was [INAUDIBLE] in our [? house. ?]

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00:11:15,300 --> 00:11:15,800 OK.

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00:11:15,800 --> 00:11:19,380 So the Russians came, took away your father's business.

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00:11:19,380 --> 00:11:21,985 We was in a [INAUDIBLE] situation.

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00:11:21,985 --> 00:11:23,990 Papa couldn't get the job.

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00:11:23,990 --> 00:11:25,250 They arrested him.

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00:11:25,250 --> 00:11:26,960 He was imprisoned.

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00:11:26,960 --> 00:11:28,100 Nobody knows why.

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00:11:28,100 --> 00:11:30,830 He didn't do a thing-- because he is a capitalist.

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00:11:30,830 --> 00:11:33,860 Thank God they didn't send them out to Siberia,

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00:11:33,860 --> 00:11:37,100 because a lot of Jews they sent out to Siberia.

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00:11:37,100 --> 00:11:39,350 But my father somehow, no.

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00:11:39,350 --> 00:11:40,340 He was home.

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00:11:40,340 --> 00:11:43,200 Then, they released him from prison.

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00:11:43,200 --> 00:11:44,600 Yeah, released him.

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00:11:44,600 --> 00:11:47,600 Because after a very short time, the Germans came.

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00:11:47,600 --> 00:11:48,530 Right.

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00:11:48,530 --> 00:11:51,530 Now what did your mother and father say to you?

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00:11:51,530 --> 00:11:54,770 You were a young girl at that time.

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00:11:54,770 --> 00:11:56,340 You were, what, 10 years old?

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00:11:56,340 --> 00:11:58,030

You see, I will tell you--

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00:11:58,030 --> 00:11:59,510 no, I was less than--

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00:11:59,510 --> 00:12:02,780 I think nine or eight.

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00:12:02,780 --> 00:12:07,780 So how did they explain this to a young girl?

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00:12:07,780 --> 00:12:09,900 My father loved the Germans.

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00:12:09,900 --> 00:12:10,950 Why?

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00:12:10,950 --> 00:12:18,000 Because he was [? sanitar ?] in the First War.

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00:12:18,000 --> 00:12:20,940 He was riding a train.

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00:12:20,940 --> 00:12:24,450 And he was like a med assistant--

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00:12:24,450 --> 00:12:25,270 like a nurse.

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 $00:12:25,270 \longrightarrow 00:12:30,290$

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00:12:30,290 --> 00:12:32,170 He was a medical assistant.

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00:12:32,170 --> 00:12:37,731 He was [INAUDIBLE],, coming from Russia to Riga.

00:12:37,731 --> 00:12:38,760

It was the train.

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00:12:38,760 --> 00:12:41,470 He was working, helping people.

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00:12:41,470 --> 00:12:44,320

He became a nurse--

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00:12:44,320 --> 00:12:47,310

a man nurse.

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00:12:47,310 --> 00:12:49,470

So then we settled in Latvia.

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00:12:49,470 --> 00:12:52,590

We came to Latvia--back from Russia.

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00:12:52,590 --> 00:12:55,440

Because my father loved

very much Germany.

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00:12:55,440 --> 00:12:58,200

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00:12:58,200 --> 00:13:01,650

He left Germany, because

he was in the first war.

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00:13:01,650 --> 00:13:05,190

And the Germans

treated him wonderful.

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00:13:05,190 --> 00:13:08,820

My father never,

never, never believed

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00:13:08.820 --> 00:13:14.850

that such a culture as Germans could do such a horrible thing.

00:13:14,850 --> 00:13:17,850 That's why he didn't run away.

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00:13:17,850 --> 00:13:22,395 Because all that was under the communism.

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00:13:22,395 --> 00:13:24,330 We was under the communism.

311

00:13:24,330 --> 00:13:27,720 Everybody run away not to be with the communist.

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00:13:27,720 --> 00:13:31,080 Everybody loved the Germans, because the Germans say,

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00:13:31,080 --> 00:13:33,540 we will save you from the communists.

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00:13:33,540 --> 00:13:35,310 We will be good to you.

315

00:13:35,310 --> 00:13:37,740 But that's only words.

316

00:13:37,740 --> 00:13:39,520 What they did we know.

317

00:13:39,520 --> 00:13:40,020 Right.

318

00:13:40,020 --> 00:13:44,960 So when the Germans came in, your life went on.

319

00:13:44,960 --> 00:13:47,520 It was horrible, right away.

320

00:13:47,520 --> 00:13:49,080 There was Latvians.

321

00:13:49,080 --> 00:13:51,000 My school friends came and--

322

00:13:51,000 --> 00:13:52,560 I'm going to kill you.

323

00:13:52,560 --> 00:13:55,560 He sit right of me.

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00:13:55,560 --> 00:13:58,390 In school desk, he was sitting right of me.

325

00:13:58,390 --> 00:14:00,180 You're a Jew, Jew, Jew.

326

00:14:00,180 --> 00:14:03,510 Just to hear those words, it was horrible-- antisemitism.

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00:14:03,510 --> 00:14:07,650 This was the Latvians-- good Latvians, who loved my father

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00:14:07,650 --> 00:14:10,110 and loved my mom and the children.

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00:14:10,110 --> 00:14:11,520 They was murderers.

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00:14:11,520 --> 00:14:15,450 The Latvians shoot the Jews right on the street.

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00:14:15,450 --> 00:14:18,490 And we just hold together.

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00:14:18,490 --> 00:14:24,090

The family was holding together, and father and mother.

333

00:14:24,090 --> 00:14:27,450 We didn't know that the German will be so terrible.

334

00:14:27,450 --> 00:14:28,650 Because my father--

335

00:14:28,650 --> 00:14:31,980 I am not going around from Russia.

336

00:14:31,980 --> 00:14:37,590 Because I was in the First World War, and the German

337

00:14:37,590 --> 00:14:39,300 treated me wonderful.

338

00:14:39,300 --> 00:14:44,250 And he came from the First War, and he bring for the children--

339

00:14:44,250 --> 00:14:46,200 tchotchkes and everything.

340

00:14:46,200 --> 00:14:49,290 The Germans was wonderful the first time.

341

00:14:49,290 --> 00:14:52,900 He could never believe that what was going to happen.

342

00:14:52,900 --> 00:14:53,400 OK.

343

00:14:53,400 --> 00:14:54,210

And then what?

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00:14:54,210 --> 00:14:55,700 And then?

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00:14:55,700 --> 00:14:57,000 So we stay in Latvia.

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00:14:57,000 --> 00:14:58,510 The Germans occupy the country.

347

00:14:58,510 --> 00:14:59,010 Yeah.

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00:14:59,010 --> 00:14:59,970 And then what happened?

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00:14:59,970 --> 00:15:08,460 And then Himmler came and say, all the Jews has to be killed.

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00:15:08,460 --> 00:15:11,190 Germany has to be Judenfrei.

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00:15:11,190 --> 00:15:13,800 That was [INAUDIBLE].

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00:15:13,800 --> 00:15:17,250 All Jews has to be put in the ghetto.

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00:15:17,250 --> 00:15:24,060 There was not a ghetto yet, but they made out in a place--

354

00:15:24,060 --> 00:15:27,180 [? Moskovskiy ?]

[? ForÅ;tate?] was the name.

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00:15:27,180 --> 00:15:29,500 And they made a ghetto out of that.

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00:15:29,500 --> 00:15:30,660

That was a town?

357

00:15:30,660 --> 00:15:32,850

You mean that was the name of a town?

358

00:15:32,850 --> 00:15:37,060

In Latvia, not far from--

359

00:15:37,060 --> 00:15:38,220

how was the name?

360

00:15:38,220 --> 00:15:41,700

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00:15:41,700 --> 00:15:43,503

I have it written down.

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00:15:43,503 --> 00:15:44,170

I will tell you.

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00:15:44,170 --> 00:15:45,690

I cannot remember right now.

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00:15:45,690 --> 00:15:47,380

So they made the ghetto.

365

00:15:47,380 --> 00:15:50,070

Yeah, all the Jews.

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00:15:50,070 --> 00:15:51,610

So now we lived in the ghetto.

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00:15:51,610 --> 00:15:52,110

OK.

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00:15:52,110 --> 00:15:53,250

What year was that.

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00:15:53,250 --> 00:15:54,960

Do you know when they--

370 00:15:54,960 --> 00:15:56,820 They came, I think, '41.

371 00:15:56,820 --> 00:15:58,200 '41, right, OK.

372 00:15:58,200 --> 00:15:59,895 And so they made the ghetto right away?

373 00:15:59,895 --> 00:16:02,400 We was all together.

374 00:16:02,400 --> 00:16:04,090 Did you have to wear a yellow star?

375 00:16:04,090 --> 00:16:04,590 Yes.

376 00:16:04,590 --> 00:16:06,510 And we did have to wear a star.

377 00:16:06,510 --> 00:16:08,920 Himmler came and told it all that way.

378 00:16:08,920 --> 00:16:12,780 And so all the Jews-every Jew in the ghetto.

379 00:16:12,780 --> 00:16:16,380 We was miserable-no food, no nothing.

380 00:16:16,380 --> 00:16:20,590 Some people put bread over the--

381 00:16:20,590 --> 00:16:21,090 Fence?

00:16:21,090 --> 00:16:21,660

The wall?

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00:16:21,660 --> 00:16:24,150

Was there a wall around the ghetto?

384

00:16:24,150 --> 00:16:26,320 I don't know how you call that.

385

00:16:26,320 --> 00:16:28,470

An iron fence?

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00:16:28,470 --> 00:16:29,440

An iron fence.

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00:16:29,440 --> 00:16:31,355

So the people-- good people--

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00:16:31,355 --> 00:16:33,480 but when the Germans, they

just shoot these people.

389

00:16:33,480 --> 00:16:34,740

They shouldn't be doing that.

390

00:16:34,740 --> 00:16:36,810

Good Latvians threw bread over.

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00:16:36,810 --> 00:16:38,795

Latvians-- good Latvians.

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00:16:38,795 --> 00:16:40,170

There was bad and

good, you know.

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 $00:16:40,170 \longrightarrow 00:16:41,460$

You cannot say that.

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00:16:41,460 --> 00:16:43,890

How did it feel to

you as a young girl

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00:16:43,890 --> 00:16:47,310 to have to wear the yellow star?

396

00:16:47,310 --> 00:16:48,360 Everybody did.

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00:16:48,360 --> 00:16:50,850 I didn't understand that.

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00:16:50,850 --> 00:16:54,550 I remember that I was not even thinking about,

399

00:16:54,550 --> 00:16:56,820 I said, this is only a short time--

400

00:16:56,820 --> 00:16:59,310 everything-- the shooting.

401

00:16:59,310 --> 00:17:03,210 Like a child, I was dreadful scared--

402

00:17:03,210 --> 00:17:04,530 all the time scared.

403

00:17:04,530 --> 00:17:07,200 Because suddenly the Latvians--

404

00:17:07,200 --> 00:17:11,400 I have to tell you, I have a lot of episodes.

405

00:17:11,400 --> 00:17:13,589 I call it the louse.

406

00:17:13,589 --> 00:17:16,270

This is a story.

00:17:16,270 --> 00:17:18,450 The doll-- that's a story.

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00:17:18,450 --> 00:17:20,550 You know, that's

what I have seen--

409

00:17:20,550 --> 00:17:22,380 what goes through my head--

410

00:17:22,380 --> 00:17:26,096

what I still remember.

411

00:17:26,096 --> 00:17:27,220

Can you tell me?

412

00:17:27,220 --> 00:17:31,560

There's a lot of stories

I have to tell you.

413

00:17:31,560 --> 00:17:33,580

Then, you can only

understand what happened.

414

 $00:17:33,580 \longrightarrow 00:17:34,770$

Well, tell me a story.

415

 $00:17:34,770 \longrightarrow 00:17:37,470$

They was shooting,

killing, raping,

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00:17:37,470 --> 00:17:38,760

you name it-- everything.

417

 $00:17:38,760 \longrightarrow 00:17:41,220$

And this is what you saw as a young girl?

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00:17:41,220 --> 00:17:44,190

I have seen everything,

because I am alive.

00:17:44,190 --> 00:17:46,680 I was even in Rumbula.

420

00:17:46,680 --> 00:17:48,300 That's where the killing was.

421

00:17:48,300 --> 00:17:49,290 But that comes later.

422

00:17:49,290 --> 00:17:50,070 Later, OK.

423

00:17:50,070 --> 00:17:51,960 Let's talk more about the ghetto.

424

00:17:51,960 --> 00:17:53,400 So what did you do?

425

00:17:53,400 --> 00:17:56,760 We had our all-Jewish police.

426

00:17:56,760 --> 00:18:00,720 They pick up young man and say, you

427

00:18:00,720 --> 00:18:03,870 are going to be in the ghetto.

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00:18:03,870 --> 00:18:06,810 You will make ordnung here.

429

00:18:06,810 --> 00:18:08,160 You will be the police.

430

00:18:08,160 --> 00:18:13,080 So all the young boys, I knew them, because my fiancee--

431

00:18:13,080 --> 00:18:15,070 my husband-- my first husband--

00:18:15,070 --> 00:18:16,140 I was married twice--

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00:18:16,140 --> 00:18:18,760

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00:18:18,760 --> 00:18:20,680 they was in school together.

435

00:18:20,680 --> 00:18:23,130 So I know all his friends.

436

00:18:23,130 --> 00:18:25,140 So they were all in ghetto-- all Jewish--

437

00:18:25,140 --> 00:18:28,080 beautiful families.

438

00:18:28,080 --> 00:18:31,755 So there was a Jewish police force in the ghetto?

439

00:18:31,755 --> 00:18:34,590

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00:18:34,590 --> 00:18:35,820 Only for Jews.

441

00:18:35,820 --> 00:18:36,570 Right.

442

00:18:36,570 --> 00:18:38,070 And what did they do?

443

00:18:38,070 --> 00:18:40,410 What did the Jewish

police force do?

444

00:18:40,410 --> 00:18:43,440

We lived in one room--

445

00:18:43,440 --> 00:18:47,070 my father, mother, my brother, my sister, and me.

446

00:18:47,070 --> 00:18:49,950 Can you believe, five people in one room?

447

00:18:49,950 --> 00:18:54,840 And I outside was a bathroom, to go make pee-pee.

448

00:18:54,840 --> 00:18:57,010 And the other families also lived there.

449

00:18:57,010 --> 00:18:58,740 It was horrible.

450

00:18:58,740 --> 00:19:01,530 What did you bring with you from your house?

451

00:19:01,530 --> 00:19:03,240 Did you bring anything with you?

452

00:19:03,240 --> 00:19:03,750 Yes, I did.

453

00:19:03,750 --> 00:19:06,940

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00:19:06,940 --> 00:19:10,350 Himmler let us take some clothes--

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00:19:10,350 --> 00:19:11,370 only clothes.

456

00:19:11,370 --> 00:19:14,110

Because they confiscated everything.

457

00:19:14,110 --> 00:19:17,880 They came in the apartment, took the pictures.

458

00:19:17,880 --> 00:19:18,930 We had the piano.

459

00:19:18,930 --> 00:19:20,370 They took the piano--

460

00:19:20,370 --> 00:19:21,630 everything.

461

00:19:21,630 --> 00:19:24,990 We came in the ghetto, just a little clothes--

462

00:19:24,990 --> 00:19:26,970 a blanket.

463

00:19:26,970 --> 00:19:28,810 They controlled what you take with you.

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00:19:28,810 --> 00:19:31,200 They was controlling everything.

465

00:19:31,200 --> 00:19:32,970 Did you bring anything yourself?

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00:19:32,970 --> 00:19:36,360 Any books or any games or anything, as a child?

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00:19:36,360 --> 00:19:38,370 They burned all the books.

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00:19:38,370 --> 00:19:41,450

If you did have a

book, they burned.

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00:19:41,450 --> 00:19:45,750 They took it in, and then they put the light [INAUDIBLE]

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 $00:19:45,750 \longrightarrow 00:19:47,070$ They burned books.

471

00:19:47,070 --> 00:19:50,640 And when I saw that, it breaks my heart.

472

00:19:50,640 --> 00:19:53,250 So how did you get food in the ghetto?

473

00:19:53,250 --> 00:19:54,330 No food.

474

00:19:54,330 --> 00:19:55,950 We were starving.

475

 $00:19:55,950 \longrightarrow 00:19:58,170$ I was absolutely starving.

476

00:19:58,170 --> 00:19:59,430 I have it till today.

477

00:19:59,430 --> 00:20:01,230 I feel very bad.

478

 $00:20:01,230 \longrightarrow 00:20:02,400$ Because no food.

479

00:20:02,400 --> 00:20:04,080 Sometimes it depend.

480

00:20:04,080 --> 00:20:07,200 If you was working with a good German,

481

00:20:07,200 --> 00:20:11,370 he gave you sometimes, when they finished food, soup.

482

00:20:11,370 --> 00:20:14,400 And I remember this soup.

483

00:20:14,400 --> 00:20:19,140 It was water and a [? list ?] of a [RUSSIAN]..

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00:20:19,140 --> 00:20:20,400 How you call that?

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00:20:20,400 --> 00:20:23,430 You don't speak Russian.

486

00:20:23,430 --> 00:20:24,990 So you didn't have much food.

487

00:20:24,990 --> 00:20:25,710 No food, no.

488

00:20:25,710 --> 00:20:28,500 Did your father work in the ghetto?

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00:20:28,500 --> 00:20:30,300 You know, the men was working.

490

00:20:30,300 --> 00:20:32,010 What did your father do?

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00:20:32,010 --> 00:20:33,490

I don't remember.

492

00:20:33,490 --> 00:20:34,980

What did some of the other men do?

493

00:20:34,980 --> 00:20:36,600

They took him in the morning.

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00:20:36,600 --> 00:20:37,740

There was a group--

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00:20:37,740 --> 00:20:42,560 a group of men who

worked for the Germans

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00:20:42,560 --> 00:20:45,520

in all kinds of organizations.

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00:20:45,520 --> 00:20:46,800

I also worked.

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00:20:46,800 --> 00:20:47,970

What did you do?

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00:20:47,970 --> 00:20:50,850

I do funny things, what I did.

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00:20:50,850 --> 00:20:54,840

A group of girls like me, we was always

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00:20:54,840 --> 00:20:57,120

very scared not to be raped.

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 $00:20:57,120 \longrightarrow 00:21:00,900$

But the Germans

was drinking vodka.

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00:21:00,900 --> 00:21:04,590

And they was coming

night and taking girls--

504

00:21:04,590 --> 00:21:06,150

rape them.

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00:21:06,150 --> 00:21:08,070

Sometimes they killed

them, but sometimes they

506 00:21:08,070 --> 00:21:11,280 let them get home-- a other German rapier.

507 00:21:11,280 --> 00:21:12,390 And that was a lot.

508 00:21:12,390 --> 00:21:14,400 And my mom was-because two girls--

509 00:21:14,400 --> 00:21:15,900 me and my sister.

510 00:21:15,900 --> 00:21:18,010 And I was very ugly.

511 00:21:18,010 --> 00:21:19,710 I was not a pretty kid.

512 00:21:19,710 --> 00:21:20,520 I get better.

513 00:21:20,520 --> 00:21:22,920 You know, I looked like this.

514 00:21:22,920 --> 00:21:25,450 That's my real face.

515 00:21:25,450 --> 00:21:27,180 Ah, what can I tell you?

516 00:21:27,180 --> 00:21:29,940 So you were never attacked?

517 00:21:29,940 --> 00:21:30,720 No.

518 00:21:30,720 --> 00:21:33,300 My mom-- I watched myself. 519 00:21:33,300 --> 00:21:37,890 And I saw a German, I go way back home.

520 00:21:37,890 --> 00:21:41,070 I was just running away from them.

521 00:21:41,070 --> 00:21:44,720 So were there any schools in the ghetto?

522 00:21:44,720 --> 00:21:45,220 No.

523 00:21:45,220 --> 00:21:47,100 No classes.

524 00:21:47,100 --> 00:21:50,430 But it was a clinic.

525 00:21:50,430 --> 00:21:53,010 Our own, a Jewish--

526 00:21:53,010 --> 00:21:55,440 because it was full with Jewish doctors.

527 00:21:55,440 --> 00:21:59,160 The doctors who lived in the ghetto took care of them.

528 00:21:59,160 --> 00:22:02,070 Not a long time ago, one of them was still alive

529 00:22:02,070 --> 00:22:03,120 and wrote me a letter.

530 00:22:03,120 --> 00:22:08,370 And he died, the doctor, but I personally knew him.

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00:22:08,370 --> 00:22:11,040 So you stayed inside the ghetto?

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00:22:11,040 --> 00:22:13,710 Inside in the ghetto.

533

00:22:13,710 --> 00:22:15,420 The working was good.

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00:22:15,420 --> 00:22:18,420 Because when you can go out, always somebody

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00:22:18,420 --> 00:22:20,250 get your piece of bread.

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00:22:20,250 --> 00:22:21,750 Then, you put it in the pocket.

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00:22:21,750 --> 00:22:26,700 When you get through the door, there is a German officer.

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00:22:26,700 --> 00:22:29,670 So he looks at you.

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00:22:29,670 --> 00:22:36,040 And I remember, somebody gave me a potato--

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00:22:36,040 --> 00:22:37,320 a cooked potato.

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00:22:37,320 --> 00:22:40,370 I put it in my pocket, in my coat.

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00:22:40,370 --> 00:22:44,850 And when I was going through the entrance with a German officer, 543 00:22:44,850 --> 00:22:46,350 he found that potato.

544 00:22:46,350 --> 00:22:49,140

And he gave me a club in my eye.

545 00:22:49,140 --> 00:22:51,390 Still today my eyes bothers me.

546 00:22:51,390 --> 00:22:54,510

547 00:22:54,510 --> 00:22:59,260 So what did you do all day long in the ghetto?

548 00:22:59,260 --> 00:23:02,110 They picked us up at 5 o'clock in the morning.

549 00:23:02,110 --> 00:23:05,850 And then 5 o'clock in the evening, they bring us back.

550 00:23:05,850 --> 00:23:07,500 What kind of work did you do?

551 00:23:07,500 --> 00:23:10,500

552 00:23:10,500 --> 00:23:11,610 I don't know.

553 00:23:11,610 --> 00:23:13,500 My English is so bad.

554 00:23:13,500 --> 00:23:15,510 But I will remember.

555 00:23:15,510 --> 00:23:19,740 I was working in a shoe-shining [? fabric. ?]

556 00:23:19,740 --> 00:23:20,280 Shoe polish.

557 00:23:20,280 --> 00:23:22,170 You have shoes and you polish.

558 00:23:22,170 --> 00:23:27,320 So there was from the airplane broken shoes--

559 00:23:27,320 --> 00:23:28,530 shine, the boxes.

560 00:23:28,530 --> 00:23:31,860 I did have to take the boxes out of the bed

561 00:23:31,860 --> 00:23:33,960 and put it in a new box.

562 00:23:33,960 --> 00:23:36,450 And then was a little candle.

563 00:23:36,450 --> 00:23:37,950 And I put it on top.

564 00:23:37,950 --> 00:23:39,690 And then it makes even.

565 00:23:39,690 --> 00:23:41,550 And I close it.

566 00:23:41,550 --> 00:23:44,910 And the Germans have that girls--

567 00:23:44,910 --> 00:23:46,470 10 girls was working. 568

00:23:46,470 --> 00:23:49,590 And then they sell it and give them back to the German.

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00:23:49,590 --> 00:23:51,930 I can only [? tell ?] shoe [INAUDIBLE] [? fabric. ?] I

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00:23:51,930 --> 00:23:53,050 don't know how to say it.

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00:23:53,050 --> 00:23:53,550 It's OK.

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00:23:53,550 --> 00:23:54,990 It was a factory.

573

00:23:54,990 --> 00:23:57,600 And so did you talk to the other girls?

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00:23:57,600 --> 00:23:59,080 Were you allowed to talk?

575

00:23:59,080 --> 00:24:02,070 Yeah, they was all live in ghetto, hungry.

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00:24:02,070 --> 00:24:05,370 Our biggest talk was, oh, I'm so hungry.

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00:24:05,370 --> 00:24:07,200 I am so hungry.

578

00:24:07,200 --> 00:24:08,130 We was dying.

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00:24:08,130 --> 00:24:09,780 We wanted a little place.

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00:24:09,780 --> 00:24:12,600

The potato was cooked, you know.

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00:24:12,600 --> 00:24:15,610 So did you observe

any of the holidays?

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00:24:15,610 --> 00:24:17,920

I mean, did your

family stay religious?

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00:24:17,920 --> 00:24:23,070

No, no, nothing-- the Germans wouldn't even have known that.

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00:24:23,070 --> 00:24:24,900

We avoided that.

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00:24:24,900 --> 00:24:29,330

And then how long did

you stay in the ghetto?

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00:24:29,330 --> 00:24:30,670

Ah, God.

587

 $00:24:30,670 \longrightarrow 00:24:32,280$

From 1941 to?

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 $00:24:32,280 \longrightarrow 00:24:37,600$

One beautiful day, on the

entrance where the [? Jews ?]

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00:24:37,600 --> 00:24:38,800

was going to work--

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00:24:38,800 --> 00:24:42,685

because mainly man was only going to work.

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00:24:42,685 --> 00:24:44,230

Woman, very little.

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00:24:44,230 --> 00:24:47,860 Woman was staying in the ghetto, in their apartments.

593 00:24:47,860 --> 00:24:51,340 I don't know why they didn't use women.

594 00:24:51,340 --> 00:24:55,120 Because men are stronger, they use them.

595 00:24:55,120 --> 00:24:58,510

596 00:24:58,510 --> 00:25:05,740 One day was a big sign on the door that all Jews--

597 00:25:05,740 --> 00:25:07,810 women, men, and children--

598 00:25:07,810 --> 00:25:12,670 has to stand outside the ghetto in line--

599 00:25:12,670 --> 00:25:16,810 because we are going to be taken to our other concentration

600 00:25:16,810 --> 00:25:18,790 camp.

601 00:25:18,790 --> 00:25:22,410 So that particular day, we all came out.

602 00:25:22,410 --> 00:25:25,080 We schlepped with us what we could,

603 00:25:25,080 --> 00:25:29,550 because we don't know what are we going-- where are we going.

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00:25:29,550 --> 00:25:32,250 Everybody say, no, we are going to be killed.

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00:25:32,250 --> 00:25:33,360 We are going to be killed.

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00:25:33,360 --> 00:25:36,060 Because everybody was killed and killed and killed.

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00:25:36,060 --> 00:25:39,210 So what are they going to put in a different place?

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00:25:39,210 --> 00:25:42,357 Now were your grandparents and your other relatives with you

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00:25:42,357 --> 00:25:42,940 in the ghetto?

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00:25:42,940 --> 00:25:46,630 No, no, that was a

different killing.

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00:25:46,630 --> 00:25:48,960

Riga was separate.

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00:25:48,960 --> 00:25:51,030 My grandmother lived in Subate.

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00:25:51,030 --> 00:25:53,520

There was the same thing in Subate.

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00:25:53,520 --> 00:25:56,100

My father lived in Livani.

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00:25:56,100 --> 00:25:57,030

It was the same thing.

616 00:25:57,030 --> 00:25:57,530 OK.

617 00:25:57,530 --> 00:25:59,310 So they were all in their own ghettos?

618 00:25:59,310 --> 00:26:01,920 They were in different--

619 00:26:01,920 --> 00:26:05,730 I speak only about the Riga ghetto.

620 00:26:05,730 --> 00:26:06,925 That's the place where--

621 00:26:06,925 --> 00:26:09,300 But I'm saying, your relatives were in different ghettos.

622 00:26:09,300 --> 00:26:11,440 No, no, no, no.

623 00:26:11,440 --> 00:26:13,560 They was [? married ?] [? to the ?] [INAUDIBLE]..

624 00:26:13,560 --> 00:26:16,230 My family was holding together--

625 00:26:16,230 --> 00:26:18,610 papa, mama, my sister, my brother, and me.

626 00:26:18,610 --> 00:26:22,157 Your grandparents and your aunts and uncles were in different

627 00:26:22,157 --> 00:26:24,240 No, no, no, my grandparents lived in [INAUDIBLE]..

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00:26:24,240 --> 00:26:27,240 They was killed separate.

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00:26:27,240 --> 00:26:31,200 In every town where was living Jews,

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00:26:31,200 --> 00:26:33,180 they put it together and killed them.

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00:26:33,180 --> 00:26:34,890 But it's nothing to do with Riga.

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00:26:34,890 --> 00:26:37,560 Because I am from Riga.

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00:26:37,560 --> 00:26:39,900 I'm telling you only about Riga.

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00:26:39,900 --> 00:26:46,170 The place where they killed Jews, the name was Rumbula.

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00:26:46,170 --> 00:26:48,240 Well, let's go back.

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00:26:48,240 --> 00:26:49,530 You all went outside.

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00:26:49,530 --> 00:26:50,570 There was that big sign.

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00:26:50,570 --> 00:26:51,990 Yeah, we were standing in line.

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00:26:51,990 --> 00:26:53,157

And you're standing in line.

640 00:26:53,157 --> 00:26:54,720 Then what happened?

641 00:26:54,720 --> 00:27:00,120 So we hoped that we are going to go to a other concentration

642 00:27:00,120 --> 00:27:00,720 camp.

643 00:27:00,720 --> 00:27:02,040 Maybe it will be better.

644 00:27:02,040 --> 00:27:04,210 We don't know.

645 00:27:04,210 --> 00:27:07,920 So we don't know where we are going.

646 00:27:07,920 --> 00:27:14,040 In that particular line was 30,000 people--

647 00:27:14,040 --> 00:27:17,500 30,000 people.

648 00:27:17,500 --> 00:27:18,760 And we stayed in line.

649 00:27:18,760 --> 00:27:19,610 It was freezing.

650 00:27:19,610 --> 00:27:20,440 It was cold.

651 00:27:20,440 --> 00:27:24,430 And [INAUDIBLE].

652 00:27:24,430 --> 00:27:29,600 So the German general didn't give a damn-- big deal,

653 00:27:29,600 --> 00:27:31,630 so you'll freeze.

654 00:27:31,630 --> 00:27:34,990 And then they start walking.

655 00:27:34,990 --> 00:27:39,940 On every side of the group, the people was going like that.

656 00:27:39,940 --> 00:27:41,110 Here are the people.

657 00:27:41,110 --> 00:27:44,470 On every side was a German soldier--

658 00:27:44,470 --> 00:27:47,650 on every side.

659 00:27:47,650 --> 00:27:52,090 And one of these German soldiers, I knew him.

660 00:27:52,090 --> 00:27:55,270 He was a Latvian, and I knew him.

661 00:27:55,270 --> 00:27:56,255 I say, can you tell me?

662 00:27:56,255 --> 00:27:57,880 And he was not [? far ?] [? from ?] me.

663 00:27:57,880 --> 00:28:01,120 Can you tell me where we are going?

664

00:28:01,120 --> 00:28:03,310 He say, I only know that you are going

665 00:28:03,310 --> 00:28:06,950 to be in a different concentration camp.

666 00:28:06,950 --> 00:28:09,670 Do you know what year this was.

667 00:28:09,670 --> 00:28:13,840 I don't know-- '42.

668 00:28:13,840 --> 00:28:15,860 Must be '42.

669 00:28:15,860 --> 00:28:20,080 No, we grow already also bigger.

670 00:28:20,080 --> 00:28:25,670 And always hungry-- always hungry-- want to eat something.

671 00:28:25,670 --> 00:28:27,310 When I came out--

672 00:28:27,310 --> 00:28:31,090 when the war was over, I eat so much,

673 00:28:31,090 --> 00:28:34,360 I wind up in the hospital.

674 00:28:34,360 --> 00:28:36,160 So you're marching, and where--

675 00:28:36,160 --> 00:28:37,030 It was marching.

676 00:28:37,030 --> 00:28:37,820 That's the word. 677 00:28:37,820 --> 00:28:38,320 OK.

678 00:28:38,320 --> 00:28:40,150 And then where did you go?

679 00:28:40,150 --> 00:28:43,270 [NON-ENGLISH].

680 00:28:43,270 --> 00:28:48,558 [NON-ENGLISH] is where the machines go.

681 00:28:48,558 --> 00:28:49,225 A train station?

682 00:28:49,225 --> 00:28:52,050

683 00:28:52,050 --> 00:28:53,650 No, no.

684 00:28:53,650 --> 00:28:55,780 [NON-ENGLISH] is a street.

685 00:28:55,780 --> 00:28:56,580 Oh, OK.

686 00:28:56,580 --> 00:28:58,920

687 00:28:58,920 --> 00:29:01,420 We was going where the street goes.

688 00:29:01,420 --> 00:29:04,570 And we go and go and go and go.

689 00:29:04,570 --> 00:29:06,560 We don't know where we go. 690 00:29:06,560 --> 00:29:07,240 We just go.

691 00:29:07,240 --> 00:29:09,240

692 00:29:09,240 --> 00:29:12,310 And then where did you end up?

693 00:29:12,310 --> 00:29:15,490

694 00:29:15,490 --> 00:29:17,170 I don't know.

695 00:29:17,170 --> 00:29:20,470 In the middle of all that march, somebody

696 00:29:20,470 --> 00:29:24,350 stop screaming and say, you better run,

697 00:29:24,350 --> 00:29:26,600 because everybody will be dead.

698 00:29:26,600 --> 00:29:28,590 Everybody will be killed.

699 00:29:28,590 --> 00:29:30,350 Nobody knew that.

700 00:29:30,350 --> 00:29:34,610 So the line start] people running.

701 00:29:34,610 --> 00:29:38,300 The moment you run, they shoot you, you shoot you right away.

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00:29:38,300 --> 00:29:39,500 Stay back in line.

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00:29:39,500 --> 00:29:40,800 Stay back in line.

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00:29:40,800 --> 00:29:43,250 So I came and stayed back in line,

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00:29:43,250 --> 00:29:45,650 with papa, mama, and my sister--

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00:29:45,650 --> 00:29:48,860 because we didn't want to lose each other.

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00:29:48,860 --> 00:29:51,260 We hold all the time together.

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00:29:51,260 --> 00:29:53,360 Also there was my uncle--

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00:29:53,360 --> 00:29:57,740 my father's brother-- who was also with us, his wife,

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00:29:57,740 --> 00:29:59,720 and two little children--

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00:29:59,720 --> 00:30:02,460 four-year and six-year.

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00:30:02,460 --> 00:30:05,250 And they was all with us, and they was killed.

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00:30:05,250 --> 00:30:10,405 So I don't know, but I wind in a wild place.

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00:30:10,405 --> 00:30:18,570

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00:30:18,570 --> 00:30:20,210 Is this a grave?

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00:30:20,210 --> 00:30:21,990 A ditch.

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00:30:21,990 --> 00:30:23,130 A ditch.

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00:30:23,130 --> 00:30:25,630 And there was people with--

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00:30:25,630 --> 00:30:26,970 ta, ta, ta, ta, ta.

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00:30:26,970 --> 00:30:29,550 They shoot us with [? there. ?] And the Germans

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00:30:29,550 --> 00:30:30,870 say, stay in line.

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00:30:30,870 --> 00:30:32,290 We was back there.

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00:30:32,290 --> 00:30:33,760 We was very back.

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00:30:33,760 --> 00:30:35,430 So the first people--

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00:30:35,430 --> 00:30:36,750 because I just saw that.

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00:30:36,750 --> 00:30:39,000 I was not there, but I saw that.

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00:30:39,000 --> 00:30:41,730

They stand on the ditch.

728 00:30:41,730 --> 00:30:43,860 On that side was the shooters.

729 00:30:43,860 --> 00:30:46,230 There was Latvians and Germans.

730 00:30:46,230 --> 00:30:49,000 And the Jewish people, there is a mother,

731 00:30:49,000 --> 00:30:51,510 there is a child and two little--

732 00:30:51,510 --> 00:30:54,420 the Jewish people have children-- a lot of children.

733 00:30:54,420 --> 00:30:55,260 They stay.

734 00:30:55,260 --> 00:30:57,650 And the machine gun was ta, ta, ta, ta, ta.

735 00:30:57,650 --> 00:30:59,520 I remember the sound.

736 00:30:59,520 --> 00:31:02,820 The sound was ta, ta, ta, ta, ta, ta.

737 00:31:02,820 --> 00:31:05,340 And they was falling in that grave--

738 00:31:05,340 --> 00:31:07,860 half dead, half alive.

739 00:31:07,860 --> 00:31:09,540 The little children screaming. 740 00:31:09,540 --> 00:31:13,520 People was [? benching ?] to God.

741 00:31:13,520 --> 00:31:17,400 Woman was screaming and yelling and crying.

742 00:31:17,400 --> 00:31:18,780 It is a mess, you know?

743 00:31:18,780 --> 00:31:21,300 This is just like, what can I feel?

744 00:31:21,300 --> 00:31:24,220 I feel nothing.

745 00:31:24,220 --> 00:31:26,610 It's like a joke or something.

746 00:31:26,610 --> 00:31:27,450 I don't know.

747 00:31:27,450 --> 00:31:29,640 But I did see that.

748 00:31:29,640 --> 00:31:31,350 But I was not at the grave.

749 00:31:31,350 --> 00:31:34,260 I was in the line--

750 00:31:34,260 --> 00:31:35,310 what was the line.

751 00:31:35,310 --> 00:31:37,950 I was very far, till I came back. 00:31:37,950 --> 00:31:40,650 You know what happened?

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00:31:40,650 --> 00:31:43,770 I remember one moment.

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00:31:43,770 --> 00:31:47,340 I did have to take off my coat.

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00:31:47,340 --> 00:31:51,330 Before I remember my father, in the good times,

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00:31:51,330 --> 00:31:53,250 he bought me a wonderful--

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00:31:53,250 --> 00:31:55,050 purple is my color.

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00:31:55,050 --> 00:31:57,900 You know, I'm a Pisces, and purple is my color.

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00:31:57,900 --> 00:32:01,900 And my coat was purple and was new and wonderful.

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00:32:01,900 --> 00:32:05,250

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00:32:05,250 --> 00:32:08,370

It was one place--

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00:32:08,370 --> 00:32:11,040 all the coats must

be in one place.

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00:32:11,040 --> 00:32:13,830

The jewelry-- what you

have-- jewelry like this--

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00:32:13,830 --> 00:32:15,700

everything in the box.

765 00:32:15,700 --> 00:32:18,430 So when you have a hat, it's in a different place.

766 00:32:18,430 --> 00:32:20,880 The shoes-- there were so many.

767 00:32:20,880 --> 00:32:23,310 How you call that in English?

768 00:32:23,310 --> 00:32:26,790 Mountain of shoes-- a mountain of [INAUDIBLE]..

769 00:32:26,790 --> 00:32:30,370 And I already wanted to take-because the Germans say,

770 00:32:30,370 --> 00:32:32,640 take off your coat and stay in line.

771 00:32:32,640 --> 00:32:34,350 And it was cold.

772 00:32:34,350 --> 00:32:38,190 And I kind of tried to take out the coat,

773 00:32:38,190 --> 00:32:41,880 and I couldn't take it off, so I put it on back.

774 00:32:41,880 --> 00:32:44,520 And I stand till our line was come.

775 00:32:44,520 --> 00:32:46,930 We are going to be dead in a minute. 776 00:32:46,930 --> 00:32:51,160 So the line was going slowly, slowly, slowly.

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00:32:51,160 --> 00:32:56,040 And so my father, mother, we stay all together, and my uncle

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00:32:56,040 --> 00:32:58,940 and the two little babies.

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00:32:58,940 --> 00:33:04,700 And suddenly-- you know, this is the worst moment in my life.

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00:33:04,700 --> 00:33:08,960 I [? know why ?] I was always used that.

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00:33:08,960 --> 00:33:12,350 That a particular moment, I will never forget that.

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00:33:12,350 --> 00:33:14,720 I don't know from where.

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00:33:14,720 --> 00:33:16,820 I don't know why.

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00:33:16,820 --> 00:33:23,480 Suddenly arrived four Germans on horses--

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00:33:23,480 --> 00:33:25,970 white, beautiful horses.

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00:33:25,970 --> 00:33:29,600 And on every horse was a general--

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00:33:29,600 --> 00:33:32,600

a German general--

not a Hakenkreuz,

788 00:33:32,600 --> 00:33:34,850 because some of them was Hakenkreuz.

789 00:33:34,850 --> 00:33:36,560 They were the worst.

790 00:33:36,560 --> 00:33:39,860 No Hakenkreuz, just German uniform.

791 00:33:39,860 --> 00:33:42,020 Till today I don't know who they were.

792 00:33:42,020 --> 00:33:43,400 That was a miracle.

793 00:33:43,400 --> 00:33:45,770 And he said, [NON-ENGLISH].

794 00:33:45,770 --> 00:33:50,010

795 00:33:50,010 --> 00:33:53,600 And she said, I stopped.

796 00:33:53,600 --> 00:33:56,090 And that general of the four horses

797 00:33:56,090 --> 00:34:00,230 say, woman, if you are Schneiderin, come to me.

798 00:34:00,230 --> 00:34:01,460 Come to me.

799 00:34:01,460 --> 00:34:03,050 Come to me. 800 00:34:03,050 --> 00:34:06,290 I have a factory, and you can work as Schneiderin

801 00:34:06,290 --> 00:34:07,670 in my factory.

802 00:34:07,670 --> 00:34:11,480 My mom grabbed me and my sister and screamed,

803 00:34:11,480 --> 00:34:14,389 I am a Schneiderin and my children Schneiderin.

804 00:34:14,389 --> 00:34:16,250 It was [INAUDIBLE] my life.

805 00:34:16,250 --> 00:34:17,960 We were Schneiderin.

806 00:34:17,960 --> 00:34:21,719 And there was my father, my sister, and my brother

807 00:34:21,719 --> 00:34:22,800 stayed on the graves.

808 00:34:22,800 --> 00:34:25,949 They was killed in that particular time, in Rumbula.

809 00:34:25,949 --> 00:34:28,370 That was what happened in the Rumbula.

810 00:34:28,370 --> 00:34:30,469 That is the name--

811 00:34:30,469 --> 00:34:32,690 Rumbula-- where the killing was. 812 00:34:32,690 --> 00:34:36,260 And that I am the only witness alive of today--

813 00:34:36,260 --> 00:34:36,980 the only.

814 00:34:36,980 --> 00:34:38,600 I will show you in the corridor.

815 00:34:38,600 --> 00:34:41,810 I have a little memorial there.

816 00:34:41,810 --> 00:34:46,760 So [? halt chasen ?] my mom [INAUDIBLE]

817 00:34:46,760 --> 00:34:48,409 stay with the officer.

818 00:34:48,409 --> 00:34:51,050 Every little thing maybe will be different.

819 00:34:51,050 --> 00:34:53,929 At least my mom has both those girls.

820 00:34:53,929 --> 00:34:55,610 And she was very happy.

821 00:34:55,610 --> 00:34:58,340 We are Schneiderin and [? we should ?] [? stay. ?] So

822 00:34:58,340 --> 00:35:02,670 there was running other woman.

823 00:35:02,670 --> 00:35:06,980 And it was a group of about 200, or 150. 824 00:35:06,980 --> 00:35:08,660 I really don't remember.

825 00:35:08,660 --> 00:35:11,120 The people know each other from [NON-ENGLISH] shtetl.

826 00:35:11,120 --> 00:35:14,950 You know, you know each other.

827 00:35:14,950 --> 00:35:20,010 So we stay there behind the four horses--

828 00:35:20,010 --> 00:35:21,390 beautiful horses.

829 00:35:21,390 --> 00:35:23,520 I will never forget these horses.

830 00:35:23,520 --> 00:35:30,390 And the uniform the Germans had was like Wehrmacht.

831 00:35:30,390 --> 00:35:32,760 This is a different German kind--

832 00:35:32,760 --> 00:35:33,870 no Hakenkreuz.

833 00:35:33,870 --> 00:35:35,700 I really looked at that.

834 00:35:35,700 --> 00:35:37,500 It was no Hakenkreuz.

835 00:35:37,500 --> 00:35:39,690 They was Wehrmacht officers. 836 00:35:39,690 --> 00:35:43,440 But they was officers-definitely big shots.

837 00:35:43,440 --> 00:35:52,680 So when the group was about 150 already, they moved.

838 00:35:52,680 --> 00:35:54,420 He took us out of that.

839 00:35:54,420 --> 00:35:58,680 They basically saved us, kind of, in a way.

840 00:35:58,680 --> 00:36:01,140 So he said, you follow me.

841 00:36:01,140 --> 00:36:02,970 This group goes on.

842 00:36:02,970 --> 00:36:04,500 This is the other group.

843 00:36:04,500 --> 00:36:06,120 You come after me.

844 00:36:06,120 --> 00:36:07,680 We will go ahead.

845 00:36:07,680 --> 00:36:09,960 So the four horses went in front.

846 00:36:09,960 --> 00:36:11,640 And we went under.

847 00:36:11,640 --> 00:36:13,380 We was tired and hungry.

848 00:36:13,380 --> 00:36:17,050 But we went because we thought, maybe this is a good thing--

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00:36:17,050 --> 00:36:19,470 we will work as Schneiderin, and that's very good.

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 $00:36:19,470 \longrightarrow 00:36:20,730$

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00:36:20,730 --> 00:36:24,090 So we walk and walk through the woods.

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00:36:24,090 --> 00:36:26,010 It was all the same.

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00:36:26,010 --> 00:36:27,480 They went this way.

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00:36:27,480 --> 00:36:28,950 We went this way.

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00:36:28,950 --> 00:36:32,330 So we walk and walk and walk.

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00:36:32,330 --> 00:36:33,590 And where we walk--

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00:36:33,590 --> 00:36:34,790 I am from Riga.

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00:36:34,790 --> 00:36:36,860 I know every corner.

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00:36:36,860 --> 00:36:38,660 It is the prison.

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00:36:38,660 --> 00:36:40,850

It is Termin prison.

00:36:40,850 --> 00:36:42,710 The name was Termin--

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00:36:42,710 --> 00:36:45,380 Termin prison-- the name of the prison.

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00:36:45,380 --> 00:36:49,350

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00:36:49,350 --> 00:36:50,700 How you call that?

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00:36:50,700 --> 00:36:55,380 The prison door-- get up.

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00:36:55,380 --> 00:36:59,370 It is from wood, such with eyes that went up.

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00:36:59,370 --> 00:37:04,440 And the horses and the people were standing here,

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00:37:04,440 --> 00:37:06,840 with all these 150, or 20--

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00:37:06,840 --> 00:37:08,640 I don't remember how many--

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00:37:08,640 --> 00:37:10,110 went in.

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00:37:10,110 --> 00:37:12,240 And this is Termin prison.

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00:37:12,240 --> 00:37:13,547 I was never in prison.

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00:37:13,547 --> 00:37:14,130

I didn't know.

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00:37:14,130 --> 00:37:17,010 But you know how a prison looks.

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00:37:17,010 --> 00:37:17,790

Yes.

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00:37:17,790 --> 00:37:23,370 But the Germans and the

four horses stayed outside.

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00:37:23,370 --> 00:37:25,680

We never saw him.

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00:37:25,680 --> 00:37:28,050

We never worked as Schneiderin.

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 $00:37:28,050 \longrightarrow 00:37:30,060$

Till today I do not know.

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 $00:37:30,060 \longrightarrow 00:37:32,520$

But they saved our lives.

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 $00:37:32,520 \longrightarrow 00:37:35,610$

Because they took us away

from the [NON-ENGLISH]..

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00:37:35,610 --> 00:37:37,680

Otherwise, we

stayed in the line.

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 $00:37:37,680 \longrightarrow 00:37:41,370$

Because it-- only lucky

we stayed in the back.

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 $00:37:41,370 \longrightarrow 00:37:44,680$

Otherwise, we would be

killed like other people.

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00:37:44,680 --> 00:37:47,100

So now we're in the prison.

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00:37:47,100 --> 00:37:48,250 What are we going to do?

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00:37:48,250 --> 00:37:50,340 150 people, about, or 20--

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00:37:50,340 --> 00:37:51,450 I don't know.

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00:37:51,450 --> 00:37:55,950 So usually in a prison, you get your own [NON-ENGLISH],,

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00:37:55,950 --> 00:37:57,810 with a little whatever.

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00:37:57,810 --> 00:37:59,820 No, the Jews didn't get that.

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00:37:59,820 --> 00:38:06,810 They took us on top on the prison, with the open sky.

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00:38:06,810 --> 00:38:08,040 And it was November.

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00:38:08,040 --> 00:38:09,640 I remember that it was November.

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00:38:09,640 --> 00:38:11,700 It was cold.

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00:38:11,700 --> 00:38:13,660 It was very cold.

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00:38:13,660 --> 00:38:17,550 And the weather was wonderful--

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00:38:17,550 --> 00:38:19,620 not snowing, not raining.

00:38:19,620 --> 00:38:22,800 And that time in Latvia is always terrible snow

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00:38:22,800 --> 00:38:23,880 and terrible rain.

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00:38:23,880 --> 00:38:24,930 Nothing.

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00:38:24,930 --> 00:38:28,680 So we sit all together, kvetched to each other,

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00:38:28,680 --> 00:38:30,540 because it was cold.

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00:38:30,540 --> 00:38:33,180 So just the little group-- what was that, we

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00:38:33,180 --> 00:38:34,350 were, how you call that?

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00:38:34,350 --> 00:38:35,380 On the roof.

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00:38:35,380 --> 00:38:36,380 On a roof.

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00:38:36,380 --> 00:38:38,550 On the prison roof, on top.

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00:38:38,550 --> 00:38:40,030 There was no cover.

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00:38:40,030 --> 00:38:44,070 And so the lune, the stars.

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00:38:44,070 --> 00:38:48,550 But here it was an open place.

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00:38:48,550 --> 00:38:49,810 How you call that?

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00:38:49,810 --> 00:38:51,130 I don't know how you call.

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00:38:51,130 --> 00:38:53,770 So we sit all together.

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00:38:53,770 --> 00:38:55,270 And there is another story.

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00:38:55,270 --> 00:38:57,280 The story is louse.

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00:38:57,280 --> 00:39:00,640 The first time I saw a louse, on me.

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00:39:00,640 --> 00:39:03,790 And I have episodes to tell you.

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00:39:03,790 --> 00:39:05,650 When you would heard my episode, you

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00:39:05,650 --> 00:39:08,020 don't need me to do an interview,

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00:39:08,020 --> 00:39:11,290 because my episodes tells everything about me.

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00:39:11,290 --> 00:39:17,740

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00:39:17,740 --> 00:39:20,605 I [? hackle-- ?]---- how you call that in English?

00:39:20,605 --> 00:39:21,340 You knit?

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00:39:21,340 --> 00:39:22,260

How you say that?

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00:39:22,260 --> 00:39:22,760

Knit?

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 $00:39:22,760 \longrightarrow 00:39:23,320$

Crochet?

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 $00:39:23,320 \longrightarrow 00:39:23,820$

Crocheted.

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00:39:23,820 --> 00:39:24,940

I crocheted.

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00:39:24,940 --> 00:39:29,290

I had a back crocheted

dress, along like that.

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 $00:39:29,290 \longrightarrow 00:39:32,440$

And I was tired.

so we lied down.

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00:39:32,440 --> 00:39:35,230

It was just a floor, you know?

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00:39:35,230 --> 00:39:36,940

It's open.

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00:39:36,940 --> 00:39:38,750

I see the sky.

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 $00:39:38,750 \longrightarrow 00:39:42,250$

And I say, why I am here?

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00:39:42,250 --> 00:39:43,300

I lie down.

00:39:43,300 --> 00:39:49,360 And I see something white is coming just over to me.

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00:39:49,360 --> 00:39:51,790 And I see that she comes to me.

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00:39:51,790 --> 00:39:54,220 And she got big.

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00:39:54,220 --> 00:39:56,260 I have never-- that was a big louse.

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00:39:56,260 --> 00:39:58,750 I didn't know this was a louse.

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00:39:58,750 --> 00:40:02,320 When the louse was already about here, I start screaming,

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00:40:02,320 --> 00:40:05,770 a louse, a louse, help me.

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00:40:05,770 --> 00:40:08,260 So the girls get up, and everybody

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00:40:08,260 --> 00:40:09,880 come to kill the louse.

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00:40:09,880 --> 00:40:10,785 They found the louse.

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00:40:10,785 --> 00:40:12,280 They killed the louse.

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00:40:12,280 --> 00:40:14,710 But I saw a louse.

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00:40:14,710 --> 00:40:17,590

So I can imagine that we all had a lot of louses.

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00:40:17,590 --> 00:40:18,370

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00:40:18,370 --> 00:40:20,410 And that was not everything.

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00:40:20,410 --> 00:40:27,220 In the middle of the night-so we are, no food, no nothing.

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00:40:27,220 --> 00:40:31,390 A fat Latvian was sitting outside the door,

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00:40:31,390 --> 00:40:33,950 to watch that we don't do something.

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00:40:33,950 --> 00:40:37,750 So it was because now God loved us.

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00:40:37,750 --> 00:40:39,190 Because I believe in God.

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00:40:39,190 --> 00:40:43,150 I really start very religious after that.

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00:40:43,150 --> 00:40:50,470 And that Latvian was standing--

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00:40:50,470 --> 00:40:52,060 watching that we are--

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00:40:52,060 --> 00:40:56,570 so we lie down on the floor to sleep.

00:40:56,570 --> 00:40:59,620 And my mom was very happy, because two girls.

962 00:40:59,620 --> 00:41:00,805 She has two girls.

963 00:41:00,805 --> 00:41:01,480 Nobody had.

964 00:41:01,480 --> 00:41:05,590 There was a woman crying, [NON-ENGLISH]..

965 00:41:05,590 --> 00:41:08,170 And mama was very quiet and very happy

966 00:41:08,170 --> 00:41:10,310 because she has two children with her.

967 00:41:10,310 --> 00:41:11,710 So we hold together.

968 00:41:11,710 --> 00:41:14,800 And we lay on the floor--

969 00:41:14,800 --> 00:41:18,280 in a naked floor.

970 00:41:18,280 --> 00:41:18,950 We sleep.

971 00:41:18,950 --> 00:41:20,270 We have to sleep.

972 00:41:20,270 --> 00:41:22,870 And 12 o'clock at night is a scream--

973 00:41:22,870 --> 00:41:25,690 a [? scream. ?] Help me, help me.

974 00:41:25,690 --> 00:41:30,610 A baby is born in prison, between us.

975 00:41:30,610 --> 00:41:38,440

976 00:41:38,440 --> 00:41:40,400 It was a girl.

977 00:41:40,400 --> 00:41:42,640 And so we have to give it a name.

978 00:41:42,640 --> 00:41:44,260 But she had milk.

979 00:41:44,260 --> 00:41:46,300 The mother had milk.

980 00:41:46,300 --> 00:41:48,790 And the kid was quiet.

981 00:41:48,790 --> 00:41:50,980 Because we are so afraid that she--

982 00:41:50,980 --> 00:41:52,600 so we didn't have a [NON-ENGLISH],,

983 00:41:52,600 --> 00:41:54,490 so the mother gave her a finger.

984 00:41:54,490 --> 00:41:56,350 And she went [SUCKING SOUND].

985 00:41:56,350 --> 00:41:57,810 And she was doing the finger. 986 00:41:57,810 --> 00:42:00,670 So everybody was around her baby--

987 00:42:00,670 --> 00:42:02,230 a baby born.

988 00:42:02,230 --> 00:42:03,430 And there was blood.

989 00:42:03,430 --> 00:42:06,670 And so everybody could gave their shirt.

990 00:42:06,670 --> 00:42:09,970 Because we put the baby in the shirt

991 00:42:09,970 --> 00:42:11,950 and washed it with some kind of water.

992 00:42:11,950 --> 00:42:13,780 We had water.

993 00:42:13,780 --> 00:42:16,210 It's that moment I will never forget.

994 00:42:16,210 --> 00:42:18,900 This was such a horrible time.

995 00:42:18,900 --> 00:42:22,540 And everybody know how the Germans will never

996 00:42:22,540 --> 00:42:23,860 let them live-- never.

997 00:42:23,860 --> 00:42:26,770 [INAUDIBLE] how

[INAUDIBLE],, what to do--

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00:42:26,770 --> 00:42:28,840 and which sits in a prison--

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00:42:28,840 --> 00:42:30,430 on the top of the prison.

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00:42:30,430 --> 00:42:31,630 And here is the baby.

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00:42:31,630 --> 00:42:33,910 A baby was born by a woman.

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00:42:33,910 --> 00:42:36,980 We didn't know that she's pregnant or anything.

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00:42:36,980 --> 00:42:38,020 And that happened.

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00:42:38,020 --> 00:42:39,890 And I see the baby.

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00:42:39,890 --> 00:42:42,110 I gave her a name--

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00:42:42,110 --> 00:42:42,710 Termina.

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00:42:42,710 --> 00:42:45,830 I gave her [? Termia, ?] because the name of the prison

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00:42:45,830 --> 00:42:50,770 [? Termia. ?] So I say, let's give that name.

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00:42:50,770 --> 00:42:53,660 And you know, it's [NON-ENGLISH].. 1010 00:42:53,660 --> 00:42:56,180 Usually, there's kind of a little ceremony.

1011 00:42:56,180 --> 00:43:00,920 In the prison, we just try to help her.

1012 00:43:00,920 --> 00:43:04,730 But she was a good woman, and she was holding on nice.

1013 00:43:04,730 --> 00:43:07,970 She had milk, so the baby [? had ?] [? was ?] to eat.

1014 00:43:07,970 --> 00:43:10,260 And we was looking [? in ?] [? that. ?]

1015 00:43:10,260 --> 00:43:12,980 So I was a [NON-ENGLISH],, you know?

1016 00:43:12,980 --> 00:43:15,740 I went to the door to the lavatory

1017 00:43:15,740 --> 00:43:18,590 and I say, what we need is some food.

1018 00:43:18,590 --> 00:43:20,300 Can you?

1019 00:43:20,300 --> 00:43:21,920 He was a good Latvian.

1020 00:43:21,920 --> 00:43:23,810 And I speak fluent Latvian.

1021 00:43:23,810 --> 00:43:25,580 I ask him-- we need food.

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00:43:25,580 --> 00:43:29,300 I didn't tell about the child.

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00:43:29,300 --> 00:43:32,390 He went home, and you know what he bring us?

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00:43:32,390 --> 00:43:39,710 Not rice-- [? bees. ?] It was dried out--

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00:43:39,710 --> 00:43:40,640 bees?

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00:43:40,640 --> 00:43:43,310 Beans.

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00:43:43,310 --> 00:43:44,120 Cereal?

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00:43:44,120 --> 00:43:45,510 You call it bees in English?

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00:43:45,510 --> 00:43:48,100

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00:43:48,100 --> 00:43:49,892 Oats.

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00:43:49,892 --> 00:43:50,600 That's all right.

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00:43:50,600 --> 00:43:51,770 He brought you some food?

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00:43:51,770 --> 00:43:52,280

Yeah.

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00:43:52,280 --> 00:43:53,210

So I took it.

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00:43:53,210 --> 00:43:56,700

He gave me a whole sack.

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00:43:56,700 --> 00:43:58,310

The baby cannot eat that.

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00:43:58,310 --> 00:44:01,250

But [INAUDIBLE],, I

gave it to everybody.

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00:44:01,250 --> 00:44:04,880

What kind of food is that?

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00:44:04,880 --> 00:44:06,410

It's no food.

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 $00:44:06,410 \longrightarrow 00:44:09,440$

But then that man

bring us bread later.

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00:44:09,440 --> 00:44:14,300

That Latvian man, he say, I

know what you are going through.

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00:44:14,300 --> 00:44:16,310

And we just sit in the prison.

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00:44:16,310 --> 00:44:19,910

And we was two weeks

in this prison.

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00:44:19,910 --> 00:44:21,860

Just up on the roof?

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 $00:44:21,860 \longrightarrow 00:44:22,790$

On the roof.

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00:44:22,790 --> 00:44:24,030

The whole time?

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00:44:24,030 --> 00:44:27,320 Yeah, the whole time.

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00:44:27,320 --> 00:44:31,520 We didn't know what they have in their mind to do.

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00:44:31,520 --> 00:44:35,630 Now in that time, what was going on in the ghetto--

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00:44:35,630 --> 00:44:37,880 in the ghetto was two killings.

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00:44:37,880 --> 00:44:39,890 I was in the first killing.

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00:44:39,890 --> 00:44:42,170 And these soldiers saved my life.

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00:44:42,170 --> 00:44:43,940 And I sit in the prison.

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00:44:43,940 --> 00:44:47,130 Now in the ghetto--

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00:44:47,130 --> 00:44:49,570 they bring us back in the ghetto.

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00:44:49,570 --> 00:44:50,070 Yeah.

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00:44:50,070 --> 00:44:51,870 But what happened?

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00:44:51,870 --> 00:44:56,280 Listen, the ghetto

was already empty.

00:44:56,280 --> 00:44:58,140 Because these people--

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00:44:58,140 --> 00:45:00,210 35,000 is what I think it was--

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00:45:00,210 --> 00:45:03,780 I don't know-- was killed.

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00:45:03,780 --> 00:45:06,210 But there was a lot of clothes--

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00:45:06,210 --> 00:45:07,740 a lot of things.

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00:45:07,740 --> 00:45:13,320 So the German officer take us-

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00:45:13,320 --> 00:45:16,560 these 150-- back in the ghetto.

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00:45:16,560 --> 00:45:19,120 That will be the second action--

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00:45:19,120 --> 00:45:21,170 the second action.

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00:45:21,170 --> 00:45:23,600 The first action-- I was in the first action,

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00:45:23,600 --> 00:45:25,760 but I didn't make the killing.

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00:45:25,760 --> 00:45:27,590 But I saw all that.

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00:45:27,590 --> 00:45:29,090

Now they told.

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00:45:29,090 --> 00:45:31,010

Everybody told.

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00:45:31,010 --> 00:45:31,950

How many?

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00:45:31,950 --> 00:45:36,110

Yeah, they was bringing German

Jews from Germany, also,

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00:45:36,110 --> 00:45:37,700

and from Denmark.

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00:45:37,700 --> 00:45:39,370

And they came in also.

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 $00:45:39,370 \longrightarrow 00:45:41,240$

The ghetto was empty.

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00:45:41,240 --> 00:45:42,880

And we lived all together.

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 $00:45:42,880 \longrightarrow 00:45:45,800$

I remember, my mom was happy.

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 $00:45:45,800 \longrightarrow 00:45:46,970$

She didn't say a word.

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00:45:46.970 --> 00:45:48.450

She has two children with her.

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 $00:45:48,450 \longrightarrow 00:45:49,640$

She was happy.

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00:45:49,640 --> 00:45:52,820

And then two other Jewish

women lived in a room.

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00:45:52,820 --> 00:45:55,400

We lived in a room.

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00:45:55,400 --> 00:45:57,040

And we was back in the ghetto.

1086 00:45:57,040 --> 00:45:59,600 And we know there will be an other killing, just

1087 00:45:59,600 --> 00:46:01,490 the same-- an other killing.

1088 00:46:01,490 --> 00:46:03,980 And I didn't tell my mother.

1089 00:46:03,980 --> 00:46:07,280 And I think, I am going to run away.

1090 00:46:07,280 --> 00:46:08,810 I am going to run away.

1091 00:46:08,810 --> 00:46:09,740 I am not [? going. ?]

1092 00:46:09,740 --> 00:46:12,230 I have saw what is going to happen to me.

1093 00:46:12,230 --> 00:46:13,820 I don't want that.

1094 00:46:13,820 --> 00:46:16,070 I am going to run away.

1095 00:46:16,070 --> 00:46:17,300 Where I'm going to run?

1096 00:46:17,300 --> 00:46:19,760 What am I going to do?

1097 00:46:19,760 --> 00:46:22,000 But I'm going to run away.

00:46:22,000 --> 00:46:23,170 I was a girl--

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00:46:23,170 --> 00:46:24,370 not very big.

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00:46:24,370 --> 00:46:27,460 I later grow up.

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00:46:27,460 --> 00:46:29,590 But I have to be dressed like a boy--

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00:46:29,590 --> 00:46:30,840 like a man.

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00:46:30,840 --> 00:46:31,720 Why?

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00:46:31,720 --> 00:46:36,910 Because only a group of men can go out to work.

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00:46:36,910 --> 00:46:38,170 Only men they took.

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00:46:38,170 --> 00:46:39,550 A woman did not work.

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 $00:46:39,550 \longrightarrow 00:46:42,650$

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00:46:42,650 --> 00:46:44,450 And I remember clothes.

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00:46:44,450 --> 00:46:46,370 There was million of clothes.

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00:46:46,370 --> 00:46:53,060 I put a terrible coat and a man's Russian hat, with fur.

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00:46:53,060 --> 00:46:55,550 And I looked like a boy--

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00:46:55,550 --> 00:46:57,650 with pants, supposed to look.

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00:46:57,650 --> 00:47:02,690 And I was going out where people to wait-- till a group--

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00:47:02,690 --> 00:47:07,130 to get in that group, to get in the [? group. ?] And I see.

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00:47:07,130 --> 00:47:08,790 And one group is gone.

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00:47:08,790 --> 00:47:11,520 The other group is gone.

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00:47:11,520 --> 00:47:15,650 And then the last group, I don't know, they helped me.

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00:47:15,650 --> 00:47:20,220 And because they was all tall, I was--

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00:47:20,220 --> 00:47:22,703 they know what I'm doing.

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00:47:22,703 --> 00:47:24,620 They [? want ?] say, take off the Mogen Dovid.

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00:47:24,620 --> 00:47:26,700 Take off the Mogen Dovid.

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00:47:26,700 --> 00:47:30,688 And I have to take it off, because I am free now. 1123

00:47:30,688 --> 00:47:33,230 I have to take it off [? at ?] [? night. ?] And [? I ?] still

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00:47:33,230 --> 00:47:37,220 don't go, because I try to--

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00:47:37,220 --> 00:47:40,520 because it was, take off the [INAUDIBLE]..

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00:47:40,520 --> 00:47:42,350 And don't go that trottoir.

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00:47:42,350 --> 00:47:43,220 Go in the middle.

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00:47:43,220 --> 00:47:44,750 Go in the middle of the street.

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 $00:47:44,750 \longrightarrow 00:47:47,420$

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00:47:47,420 --> 00:47:52,332 Yeah, but when [? I ?] [? was ?] free, I can go on the trottoir.

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00:47:52,332 --> 00:47:54,880 You know what is a trottoir?

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00:47:54,880 --> 00:47:56,200 This is a French word.

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00:47:56,200 --> 00:47:57,610 It's where people go.

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00:47:57,610 --> 00:48:00,280 And their horses

go in the middle.

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 $00:48:00,280 \longrightarrow 00:48:03,790$

We can go only in the middle when you have a Mogen Dovid.

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00:48:03,790 --> 00:48:08,600 But without the Mogen Dovid, you can go like a normal person.

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00:48:08,600 --> 00:48:10,480 So here I am--

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00:48:10,480 --> 00:48:14,170 4 o'clock in the morning, out of the ghetto.

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00:48:14,170 --> 00:48:15,100 Good luck, Lena.

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00:48:15,100 --> 00:48:16,110 Good luck, Carolina.

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00:48:16,110 --> 00:48:18,040 Did you say goodbye to your mother?

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00:48:18,040 --> 00:48:19,930 No, she had no idea.

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00:48:19,930 --> 00:48:22,000 She had no idea.

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00:48:22,000 --> 00:48:25,840 She thought that I went-- they killed me.

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00:48:25,840 --> 00:48:28,450 I didn't tell not my sister, not my brother.

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00:48:28,450 --> 00:48:30,910 I did it absolutely on my own--

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00:48:30,910 --> 00:48:32,680

all my didn't want to.

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00:48:32,680 --> 00:48:33,970 Because I don't know what's--

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00:48:33,970 --> 00:48:36,640 because anybody could shoot me.

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00:48:36,640 --> 00:48:39,250 But it was very dark--

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00:48:39,250 --> 00:48:41,260 4 o'clock in the morning, very dark.

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00:48:41,260 --> 00:48:44,110 And here I am out of the ghetto, with the group.

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00:48:44,110 --> 00:48:47,840 The working group went away.

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00:48:47,840 --> 00:48:52,780 The Latvian soldier who was taking the group didn't see me.

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00:48:52,780 --> 00:48:58,150 And then when they went with him to where they were,

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00:48:58,150 --> 00:49:00,670 I stand in the middle of a street.

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00:49:00,670 --> 00:49:01,330 What?

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00:49:01,330 --> 00:49:02,320

When?

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00:49:02,320 --> 00:49:04,660

Where I'm going to go?

1160 00:49:04,660 --> 00:49:06,700 You're like 14 years old, or?

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00:49:06,700 --> 00:49:09,100 Something like that, yeah.

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00:49:09,100 --> 00:49:10,150 13.

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00:49:10,150 --> 00:49:15,000 And I think, I am going to go to a friend.

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00:49:15,000 --> 00:49:19,350 I remember a family.

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00:49:19,350 --> 00:49:22,260 I didn't know, because I didn't remem--

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00:49:22,260 --> 00:49:23,830 I was so confused.

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00:49:23,830 --> 00:49:28,250 I was all wet, sweat from scare.

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00:49:28,250 --> 00:49:29,000