

1  
00:00:00,000 --> 00:00:00,970  
Because I didn't--

2  
00:00:00,970 --> 00:00:02,690  
I was so confused.

3  
00:00:02,690 --> 00:00:05,881  
I was all wet,  
sweat from scared.

4  
00:00:05,881 --> 00:00:06,381  
I--

5  
00:00:06,381 --> 00:00:09,818  
[PHONE RINGS]

6  
00:00:09,818 --> 00:00:14,730

7  
00:00:14,730 --> 00:00:17,430  
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the United States Holocaust

8  
00:00:17,430 --> 00:00:19,620  
Memorial Museum  
Volunteer Collection

9  
00:00:19,620 --> 00:00:22,140  
interview with Carolina Taitz.

10  
00:00:22,140 --> 00:00:25,440  
And you were talking about how  
you were standing in the street

11  
00:00:25,440 --> 00:00:26,280  
all by yourself.

12  
00:00:26,280 --> 00:00:28,140  
I am standing in the  
middle of the street.

13

00:00:28,140 --> 00:00:34,460

It's 4 o'clock in the morning,  
black dark, black dark.

14

00:00:34,460 --> 00:00:37,690

Where I'm going to go?

15

00:00:37,690 --> 00:00:41,040

I believe in God, because I  
believe that God guided me

16

00:00:41,040 --> 00:00:42,450

through everything.

17

00:00:42,450 --> 00:00:44,700

So I walk, and walk,  
and walk, and walk.

18

00:00:44,700 --> 00:00:46,260

And I'm afraid something.

19

00:00:46,260 --> 00:00:51,870

I look like a mess, like  
a fright, what you put in

20

00:00:51,870 --> 00:00:56,490

for birds, because I had  
a big hat, and a big coat,

21

00:00:56,490 --> 00:00:58,312

and the pants, and the shoes.

22

00:00:58,312 --> 00:00:59,770

That's what I took  
from the ghetto.

23

00:00:59,770 --> 00:01:01,620

I looked like a mess.

24

00:01:01,620 --> 00:01:03,540

And somebody could recognize me.

25

00:01:03,540 --> 00:01:04,860

And I was scared.

26

00:01:04,860 --> 00:01:08,130

So I wanted to hide somewhere.

27

00:01:08,130 --> 00:01:11,740

So I went in--

28

00:01:11,740 --> 00:01:15,060

[GERMAN],, how is  
this in English?

29

00:01:15,060 --> 00:01:18,324

In a hove.

30

00:01:18,324 --> 00:01:19,080

In a--

31

00:01:19,080 --> 00:01:20,640

There was wood.

32

00:01:20,640 --> 00:01:22,320

And there was--

33

00:01:22,320 --> 00:01:23,640

A factory, or a--

34

00:01:23,640 --> 00:01:24,780

No, no, an open--

35

00:01:24,780 --> 00:01:25,280

A train--

36

00:01:25,280 --> 00:01:25,760

--place.

37

00:01:25,760 --> 00:01:26,260

No.

38

00:01:26,260 --> 00:01:28,350  
OK, so a big  
square, a big open--

39  
00:01:28,350 --> 00:01:30,060  
Not a square.

40  
00:01:30,060 --> 00:01:31,340  
There was houses.

41  
00:01:31,340 --> 00:01:32,790  
There was houses.

42  
00:01:32,790 --> 00:01:34,140  
But there--

43  
00:01:34,140 --> 00:01:35,260  
Like a station?

44  
00:01:35,260 --> 00:01:37,500  
There are children  
playing, usually.

45  
00:01:37,500 --> 00:01:39,180  
Oh, a playground?

46  
00:01:39,180 --> 00:01:41,610  
It was like a  
playground, I would say.

47  
00:01:41,610 --> 00:01:46,260  
And there was wood,  
balconies, wood.

48  
00:01:46,260 --> 00:01:48,600  
So I hide behind the balconies.

49  
00:01:48,600 --> 00:01:51,270  
And I look through  
which door I should

50  
00:01:51,270 --> 00:01:53,490

knock the door, which door.

51

00:01:53,490 --> 00:01:56,100

There is a lot of  
people living there.

52

00:01:56,100 --> 00:02:01,470

I cannot, because when I will  
hear a German word, I run away,

53

00:02:01,470 --> 00:02:03,080

because maybe they'd  
[INAUDIBLE] me.

54

00:02:03,080 --> 00:02:06,340

And so maybe somebody  
who has a good heart,

55

00:02:06,340 --> 00:02:08,220

I will tell you right  
away, because when

56

00:02:08,220 --> 00:02:09,960

a person will look  
at me, you will see

57

00:02:09,960 --> 00:02:12,520

that something is wrong with.

58

00:02:12,520 --> 00:02:14,970

So I decided the first door.

59

00:02:14,970 --> 00:02:19,290

So I knock on the  
first door, and a woman

60

00:02:19,290 --> 00:02:22,680

comes out and speaks Russian.

61

00:02:22,680 --> 00:02:23,490

[RUSSIAN]?

62

00:02:23,490 --> 00:02:24,850  
Who is there?

63  
00:02:24,850 --> 00:02:25,680  
Who knock?

64  
00:02:25,680 --> 00:02:30,270  
And I knocked on door and,  
behind the wood, hide again,

65  
00:02:30,270 --> 00:02:31,470  
because I didn't know.

66  
00:02:31,470 --> 00:02:33,390  
But she speak Russian.

67  
00:02:33,390 --> 00:02:35,910  
And I said, oh, my  
god, that's good.

68  
00:02:35,910 --> 00:02:36,600  
And I know my--

69  
00:02:36,600 --> 00:02:38,430  
I speak Russian.

70  
00:02:38,430 --> 00:02:39,510  
Then I knew.

71  
00:02:39,510 --> 00:02:44,250  
I speak a lot of language  
as a child, about six.

72  
00:02:44,250 --> 00:02:47,150  
I'm very good at languages.

73  
00:02:47,150 --> 00:02:50,160  
The only language I  
cannot learn is Spanish.

74  
00:02:50,160 --> 00:02:52,080  
And I don't know why.

75  
00:02:52,080 --> 00:02:54,540  
Anyway, the woman  
says, [RUSSIAN],,

76  
00:02:54,540 --> 00:02:56,010  
who is there, who is there?

77  
00:02:56,010 --> 00:02:57,850  
But I sit behind the wall.

78  
00:02:57,850 --> 00:03:04,230  
A very good looking elderly  
lady, maybe 75 or so,

79  
00:03:04,230 --> 00:03:06,720  
and she will see nobody.

80  
00:03:06,720 --> 00:03:09,150  
And I sit behind the--

81  
00:03:09,150 --> 00:03:13,610  
Then I come out and  
knock a second time.

82  
00:03:13,610 --> 00:03:16,680  
A man comes out, a tall man.

83  
00:03:16,680 --> 00:03:17,610  
Who is it?

84  
00:03:17,610 --> 00:03:18,960  
[RUSSIAN]?

85  
00:03:18,960 --> 00:03:19,870  
Who is it?

86  
00:03:19,870 --> 00:03:21,620  
And I run to him.

87  
00:03:21,620 --> 00:03:23,050

And I, [RUSSIAN].

88  
00:03:23,050 --> 00:03:26,610  
That's, uncle, uncle,  
I am out of the ghetto.

89  
00:03:26,610 --> 00:03:28,020  
Please, can you help me?

90  
00:03:28,020 --> 00:03:29,280  
I am hungry.

91  
00:03:29,280 --> 00:03:30,440  
I want to eat something.

92  
00:03:30,440 --> 00:03:32,400  
Please, please hide me.

93  
00:03:32,400 --> 00:03:34,590  
He took me inside.

94  
00:03:34,590 --> 00:03:36,600  
They give me milk.

95  
00:03:36,600 --> 00:03:41,460  
My favorite food is milk,  
warm milk and bread.

96  
00:03:41,460 --> 00:03:45,510  
My god, I will never  
forget how happy I was.

97  
00:03:45,510 --> 00:03:47,460  
I eat it.

98  
00:03:47,460 --> 00:03:51,300  
And he wanted to know,  
what is the problem?

99  
00:03:51,300 --> 00:03:53,850  
And I told him that I  
ran away from the ghetto.



100  
00:03:53,850 --> 00:03:56,500  
He say he often  
goes to the ghetto.

101  
00:03:56,500 --> 00:03:58,350  
He knows where the ghetto is.

102  
00:03:58,350 --> 00:04:00,450  
He say, I know they're  
all killing and all.

103  
00:04:00,450 --> 00:04:03,900  
And I told him that there  
is my mother, my sister,

104  
00:04:03,900 --> 00:04:06,150  
and my little  
brother live there.

105  
00:04:06,150 --> 00:04:10,770  
And meanwhile, my sister  
and brother was killed.

106  
00:04:10,770 --> 00:04:12,870  
They was already killed.

107  
00:04:12,870 --> 00:04:16,670  
But my-- no.

108  
00:04:16,670 --> 00:04:19,279  
I have to tell you, I  
don't remember that.

109  
00:04:19,279 --> 00:04:20,855  
Anyway, he took me in.

110  
00:04:20,855 --> 00:04:23,270  
And that man saved my life.

111  
00:04:23,270 --> 00:04:24,170  
What was his name?

112  
00:04:24,170 --> 00:04:25,448  
He put me in a cellar.

113  
00:04:25,448 --> 00:04:26,490  
Do you remember his name?

114  
00:04:26,490 --> 00:04:28,220  
I lived in a-- his name is--

115  
00:04:28,220 --> 00:04:29,330  
I have everything.

116  
00:04:29,330 --> 00:04:35,480  
Israel gave him a big  
title, because he saved me.

117  
00:04:35,480 --> 00:04:36,200  
I will show you.

118  
00:04:36,200 --> 00:04:37,670  
I have that outside.

119  
00:04:37,670 --> 00:04:38,310  
We will go.

120  
00:04:38,310 --> 00:04:38,810  
I will show.

121  
00:04:38,810 --> 00:04:41,760  
I want you to see  
all the pictures.

122  
00:04:41,760 --> 00:04:45,230  
And he hid me two  
and a half years.

123  
00:04:45,230 --> 00:04:47,390  
I lived in a cellar.

124  
00:04:47,390 --> 00:04:50,210

His mother gave me a mink coat.

125

00:04:50,210 --> 00:04:52,660

So I was sleeping  
in their mink coat.

126

00:04:52,660 --> 00:04:54,680

And there was the whole--

127

00:04:54,680 --> 00:04:58,040

I mean, he was the  
real who saved my life.

128

00:04:58,040 --> 00:05:02,600

But there was his father alive,  
and mother alive, and a sister.

129

00:05:02,600 --> 00:05:04,760

You see these plates?

130

00:05:04,760 --> 00:05:06,260

Take a look at these plates.

131

00:05:06,260 --> 00:05:07,820

She did these plates.

132

00:05:07,820 --> 00:05:10,760

She was a painter of porcelain.

133

00:05:10,760 --> 00:05:15,980

And she lived there, and  
everybody with open hands.

134

00:05:15,980 --> 00:05:19,040

You can imagine, to  
hide a Jewish girl,

135

00:05:19,040 --> 00:05:22,430

you would be dead on the war.

136

00:05:22,430 --> 00:05:24,080

But he was not afraid.

137  
00:05:24,080 --> 00:05:26,100  
He was a religious person.

138  
00:05:26,100 --> 00:05:28,970  
He was a-- how?

139  
00:05:28,970 --> 00:05:30,710  
He was not an [INAUDIBLE].

140  
00:05:30,710 --> 00:05:34,940  
He was basically a Russian.

141  
00:05:34,940 --> 00:05:36,530  
He was not even Latvian.

142  
00:05:36,530 --> 00:05:38,170  
But he lived in Riga.

143  
00:05:38,170 --> 00:05:40,220  
He speak fluently Latvian, too.

144  
00:05:40,220 --> 00:05:43,460  
But he spoke Russian to me.

145  
00:05:43,460 --> 00:05:44,940  
And he say--

146  
00:05:44,940 --> 00:05:45,920  
[PHONE RINGS]

147  
00:05:45,920 --> 00:05:48,636  
--don't worry.

148  
00:05:48,636 --> 00:05:50,012  
Each time the phone rings.

149  
00:05:50,012 --> 00:05:50,512  
Yeah.

150

00:05:50,512 --> 00:05:54,270

151

00:05:54,270 --> 00:05:57,172

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152

00:05:57,172 --> 00:05:57,880

Memorial Museum--

153

00:05:57,880 --> 00:05:59,755

The next time, I will  
not take the telephone.

154

00:05:59,755 --> 00:06:00,535

Simple.

155

00:06:00,535 --> 00:06:02,410

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of the United States--

156

00:06:02,410 --> 00:06:04,090

That will be OK?

157

00:06:04,090 --> 00:06:04,590

Yes.

158

00:06:04,590 --> 00:06:06,420

I will not take it then.

159

00:06:06,420 --> 00:06:08,940

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the United States Holocaust

160

00:06:08,940 --> 00:06:10,950

Memorial Museum  
Volunteer Collection

161

00:06:10,950 --> 00:06:13,690

interview with Carolina Taitz.

162

00:06:13,690 --> 00:06:16,180

OK, so you were  
talking about how--

163  
00:06:16,180 --> 00:06:19,570  
So I lived in this house.

164  
00:06:19,570 --> 00:06:21,260  
I lived in that cellar.

165  
00:06:21,260 --> 00:06:27,020  
But many times, I went out,  
because that was very cold.

166  
00:06:27,020 --> 00:06:27,880  
So I went out.

167  
00:06:27,880 --> 00:06:31,150  
I lived with the family,  
eat with them together.

168  
00:06:31,150 --> 00:06:35,650  
And the portion the Germans  
gave them was very small.

169  
00:06:35,650 --> 00:06:37,050  
And I was eating.

170  
00:06:37,050 --> 00:06:38,650  
I was hungry.

171  
00:06:38,650 --> 00:06:41,670  
So they was worried  
that I have everything.

172  
00:06:41,670 --> 00:06:43,420  
They were so good to me.

173  
00:06:43,420 --> 00:06:44,770  
Then their father died.

174  
00:06:44,770 --> 00:06:47,200  
Then the mother died.

175  
00:06:47,200 --> 00:06:49,390  
And then something happened.

176  
00:06:49,390 --> 00:06:50,320  
And I was there.

177  
00:06:50,320 --> 00:06:52,750  
I have seen all  
that, the family.

178  
00:06:52,750 --> 00:06:56,680  
So Valodya, that priest,  
he was an evangelist.

179  
00:06:56,680 --> 00:06:58,270  
What I remember that.

180  
00:06:58,270 --> 00:07:00,460  
He was an evangelist,  
a Christian.

181  
00:07:00,460 --> 00:07:02,420  
What was his name?

182  
00:07:02,420 --> 00:07:05,250  
His name was Vladimir, Valodya.

183  
00:07:05,250 --> 00:07:06,550  
And his last name?

184  
00:07:06,550 --> 00:07:07,090  
What?

185  
00:07:07,090 --> 00:07:08,500  
His last name?

186  
00:07:08,500 --> 00:07:09,610  
Michko.

187  
00:07:09,610 --> 00:07:10,570

I will show you.

188  
00:07:10,570 --> 00:07:13,060  
I have the picture there.

189  
00:07:13,060 --> 00:07:15,190  
So I lived with these people.

190  
00:07:15,190 --> 00:07:18,130  
I lived mostly in the cellar.

191  
00:07:18,130 --> 00:07:19,420  
I had plenty of time.

192  
00:07:19,420 --> 00:07:22,560  
And I am a good crocheter.

193  
00:07:22,560 --> 00:07:25,720  
He bring me old  
stuff from somewhere.

194  
00:07:25,720 --> 00:07:31,810  
I opened up that pullover and  
made handkerchiefs, shawls,

195  
00:07:31,810 --> 00:07:33,640  
and something.

196  
00:07:33,640 --> 00:07:36,280  
And he went at the  
market and sold it.

197  
00:07:36,280 --> 00:07:38,740  
So we have \$3.00, \$4.00.

198  
00:07:38,740 --> 00:07:41,050  
I made money for him.

199  
00:07:41,050 --> 00:07:43,180  
At least I did something.

200



00:07:43,180 --> 00:07:45,760  
I was working, because  
I'm a very good crocheter.

201  
00:07:45,760 --> 00:07:47,930  
I crochet wonderful.

202  
00:07:47,930 --> 00:07:50,020  
With pictures, that I can do.

203  
00:07:50,020 --> 00:07:53,980  
So he took all these  
things, the merchandise.

204  
00:07:53,980 --> 00:07:56,470  
He sold it at the flea market.

205  
00:07:56,470 --> 00:07:58,690  
And they have a little money.

206  
00:07:58,690 --> 00:07:59,800  
And the father died.

207  
00:07:59,800 --> 00:08:01,210  
And the mother died.

208  
00:08:01,210 --> 00:08:02,490  
I was there.

209  
00:08:02,490 --> 00:08:03,820  
Broke my heart.

210  
00:08:03,820 --> 00:08:04,660  
I have pictures.

211  
00:08:04,660 --> 00:08:05,930  
I will show you.

212  
00:08:05,930 --> 00:08:07,540  
And how did you wash yourself?

213

00:08:07,540 --> 00:08:08,110  
Huh?

214  
00:08:08,110 --> 00:08:09,970  
How did you keep clean?

215  
00:08:09,970 --> 00:08:12,120  
How did you wash yourself?

216  
00:08:12,120 --> 00:08:12,638  
Normal.

217  
00:08:12,638 --> 00:08:13,680  
They did have a bathroom.

218  
00:08:13,680 --> 00:08:16,480

219  
00:08:16,480 --> 00:08:21,810  
They had a  
two-bedroom apartment.

220  
00:08:21,810 --> 00:08:24,040  
I washed myself there.

221  
00:08:24,040 --> 00:08:25,530  
I was clean.

222  
00:08:25,530 --> 00:08:27,640  
They was very clean also.

223  
00:08:27,640 --> 00:08:31,480  
And then she had a  
problem, the sister.

224  
00:08:31,480 --> 00:08:38,000  
She belongs to a organization.

225  
00:08:38,000 --> 00:08:43,720  
But the Germans knew about that.

226

00:08:43,720 --> 00:08:47,090  
And they didn't come to look.

227  
00:08:47,090 --> 00:08:49,270  
I am sitting [INAUDIBLE].

228  
00:08:49,270 --> 00:08:54,140  
He has a friend, a wood maker.

229  
00:08:54,140 --> 00:09:00,890  
He cut out in the parquet  
a little so I could go in.

230  
00:09:00,890 --> 00:09:03,470  
And from inside, I  
could close that.

231  
00:09:03,470 --> 00:09:05,120  
And inside was--

232  
00:09:05,120 --> 00:09:07,130  
I don't know how to  
say that in English.

233  
00:09:07,130 --> 00:09:10,280  
So I could close that hole  
in which I was sitting.

234  
00:09:10,280 --> 00:09:13,040  
When I want to get  
out, I opened that.

235  
00:09:13,040 --> 00:09:17,870  
And I was going out,  
because I could sometime.

236  
00:09:17,870 --> 00:09:21,310  
So one beautiful day, aufmachen!

237  
00:09:21,310 --> 00:09:23,220  
Germans, aufmachen!

238

00:09:23,220 --> 00:09:26,650  
They arounded the whole house.

239  
00:09:26,650 --> 00:09:28,920  
And momentarily, I was out.

240  
00:09:28,920 --> 00:09:33,100  
Momentarily, I went down in  
that grave, in that cellar.

241  
00:09:33,100 --> 00:09:34,800  
This was a real cellar.

242  
00:09:34,800 --> 00:09:36,840  
And I closed that.

243  
00:09:36,840 --> 00:09:42,200  
And he put a table on  
that with a tablecloth,

244  
00:09:42,200 --> 00:09:44,300  
a long tablecloth.

245  
00:09:44,300 --> 00:09:46,290  
And here they come.

246  
00:09:46,290 --> 00:09:50,190  
The only thing was, if  
they would come with a dog,

247  
00:09:50,190 --> 00:09:53,940  
I would be dead, because  
the dog would feel me.

248  
00:09:53,940 --> 00:09:56,760  
They have two dogs  
by themselves.

249  
00:09:56,760 --> 00:09:59,760  
And the dogs was  
barking, and the Germans.

250

00:09:59,760 --> 00:10:00,920  
And they couldn't stand.

251  
00:10:00,920 --> 00:10:02,550  
They was looking all over.

252  
00:10:02,550 --> 00:10:05,550  
They was looking not  
me, Valodya's sister,

253  
00:10:05,550 --> 00:10:08,010  
the woman who the painter.

254  
00:10:08,010 --> 00:10:10,410  
Because she belongs to  
some kind of organization,

255  
00:10:10,410 --> 00:10:12,660  
the Germans have to get her.

256  
00:10:12,660 --> 00:10:16,430  
But somebody was calling  
her, and she went.

257  
00:10:16,430 --> 00:10:18,070  
She was not even home.

258  
00:10:18,070 --> 00:10:22,580  
But if they would come with  
a dog, the dog would find me.

259  
00:10:22,580 --> 00:10:23,580  
But they didn't have.

260  
00:10:23,580 --> 00:10:26,910  
But we did have two  
dogs, Biggie and Chibby.

261  
00:10:26,910 --> 00:10:30,535  
They is also-- they are in my  
history, Biggie and Chibby.

262

00:10:30,535 --> 00:10:32,790  
They barked at that German.

263  
00:10:32,790 --> 00:10:37,250  
The Germans couldn't stand  
it anymore, so they left.

264  
00:10:37,250 --> 00:10:37,830  
They left.

265  
00:10:37,830 --> 00:10:41,400  
Bad-- they took  
Valodya with him.

266  
00:10:41,400 --> 00:10:43,310  
12 soldiers took him.

267  
00:10:43,310 --> 00:10:46,640  
I say, what I am going  
to do with Valodya?

268  
00:10:46,640 --> 00:10:48,170  
I am alone.

269  
00:10:48,170 --> 00:10:49,070  
The mother is dead.

270  
00:10:49,070 --> 00:10:50,580  
The father is dead.

271  
00:10:50,580 --> 00:10:53,300  
And the older, the  
sister, is not there.

272  
00:10:53,300 --> 00:10:56,150  
I am alone in the big apartment.

273  
00:10:56,150 --> 00:10:57,590  
And I sit in--

274  
00:10:57,590 --> 00:10:58,730  
I was out.

275

00:10:58,730 --> 00:11:04,270

When the Germans left, I  
came out, because I need air.

276

00:11:04,270 --> 00:11:09,330

I wanted to get through  
the window out, out.

277

00:11:09,330 --> 00:11:09,890

Where?

278

00:11:09,890 --> 00:11:11,320

Where am I going?

279

00:11:11,320 --> 00:11:14,110

Back to the ghetto,  
back to the only thing.

280

00:11:14,110 --> 00:11:17,500

But lucky me, Valodya came back.

281

00:11:17,500 --> 00:11:21,630

By god, my happiness, I  
jump on him and kiss him.

282

00:11:21,630 --> 00:11:22,810

He was an elderly man.

283

00:11:22,810 --> 00:11:24,760

He was about 60.

284

00:11:24,760 --> 00:11:26,620

He was like a father to me.

285

00:11:26,620 --> 00:11:28,570

He didn't know what to do.

286

00:11:28,570 --> 00:11:30,550

He pampered me always.

287

00:11:30,550 --> 00:11:32,520  
And he was good to me.

288  
00:11:32,520 --> 00:11:34,660  
And I want you to come  
and to see the pictures.

289  
00:11:34,660 --> 00:11:36,560  
I want to show you.

290  
00:11:36,560 --> 00:11:39,440  
So I was there.

291  
00:11:39,440 --> 00:11:41,360  
The war was finished.

292  
00:11:41,360 --> 00:11:43,970  
And I did have to get out.

293  
00:11:43,970 --> 00:11:46,440  
But I still lived with him.

294  
00:11:46,440 --> 00:11:48,160  
I didn't have a place to go.

295  
00:11:48,160 --> 00:11:50,350  
You stayed there till  
the end of the war?

296  
00:11:50,350 --> 00:11:51,740  
Till the end the war.

297  
00:11:51,740 --> 00:11:52,940  
And tell me about that.

298  
00:11:52,940 --> 00:11:54,273  
How did you know it was the end?

299  
00:11:54,273 --> 00:11:56,987  
I don't want to talk anymore.

300



00:11:56,987 --> 00:11:58,320  
I want to show you the pictures.

301  
00:11:58,320 --> 00:11:59,310  
Well, we'll do that.

302  
00:11:59,310 --> 00:12:00,827  
I just want to  
finish up with you.

303  
00:12:00,827 --> 00:12:01,410  
Just tell me--

304  
00:12:01,410 --> 00:12:02,490  
This is the end of me.

305  
00:12:02,490 --> 00:12:03,990  
I don't want to say  
nothing anymore.

306  
00:12:03,990 --> 00:12:09,120  
Well, you stayed in  
Latvia for how long?

307  
00:12:09,120 --> 00:12:11,820  
I lived in Latvia all the time.

308  
00:12:11,820 --> 00:12:13,210  
After the war?

309  
00:12:13,210 --> 00:12:14,580  
After the war, all the time.

310  
00:12:14,580 --> 00:12:18,788  
I came to America in March '66.

311  
00:12:18,788 --> 00:12:20,580  
And what did you do  
between after the war--

312  
00:12:20,580 --> 00:12:21,390  
I'm a actress.

313  
00:12:21,390 --> 00:12:24,090  
I finished a school,  
meanwhile, a theater school.

314  
00:12:24,090 --> 00:12:26,825  
In Latvia?

315  
00:12:26,825 --> 00:12:28,320  
In Latvia, yes.

316  
00:12:28,320 --> 00:12:29,970  
I finished in Latvia.

317  
00:12:29,970 --> 00:12:33,750  
When I came out of the ghetto,  
I did have to go to school

318  
00:12:33,750 --> 00:12:34,320  
to finish.

319  
00:12:34,320 --> 00:12:36,360  
I have only six classes.

320  
00:12:36,360 --> 00:12:38,910  
So I did have to  
have a [INAUDIBLE]..

321  
00:12:38,910 --> 00:12:40,200  
And I was lucky.

322  
00:12:40,200 --> 00:12:43,010  
In Latvia, it was  
a theater school.

323  
00:12:43,010 --> 00:12:46,620  
I have there a very good  
education, especially

324  
00:12:46,620 --> 00:12:48,450  
from theater working.

325

00:12:48,450 --> 00:12:51,390

When I came to America,

I worked 19 years

326

00:12:51,390 --> 00:12:52,920

for the New York City Opera.

327

00:12:52,920 --> 00:12:53,760

Wonderful.

328

00:12:53,760 --> 00:12:54,500

Everything.

329

00:12:54,500 --> 00:12:56,070

OK, so you stayed there.

330

00:12:56,070 --> 00:12:56,800

Did you get--

331

00:12:56,800 --> 00:12:57,300

Yeah.

332

00:12:57,300 --> 00:12:58,217

Did you have a family?

333

00:12:58,217 --> 00:13:02,700

Even somebody come from Israel  
and give him a [NON-ENGLISH],,

334

00:13:02,700 --> 00:13:04,530

a medal gave him.

335

00:13:04,530 --> 00:13:05,970

And he has--

336

00:13:05,970 --> 00:13:07,230

I cannot talk.

337

00:13:07,230 --> 00:13:08,190

You have to see that.

338

00:13:08,190 --> 00:13:09,390

I want you to come.

339

00:13:09,390 --> 00:13:11,820

You have to stop, and I  
want just to show you.

340

00:13:11,820 --> 00:13:13,246

The pictures is very important.

341

00:13:13,246 --> 00:13:13,746

Yeah.

342

00:13:13,746 --> 00:13:19,340

343

00:13:19,340 --> 00:13:21,940

This is a continuation of  
the United States Holocaust

344

00:13:21,940 --> 00:13:24,040

Memorial Museum  
Volunteer Collection

345

00:13:24,040 --> 00:13:27,070

interview with Carolina Taitz.

346

00:13:27,070 --> 00:13:29,770

And we were talking  
about your experience

347

00:13:29,770 --> 00:13:31,930

after the war was over.

348

00:13:31,930 --> 00:13:34,860

How did you know  
the war was over?

349

00:13:34,860 --> 00:13:35,760

What did you say?

350

00:13:35,760 --> 00:13:40,940  
How did you know that  
the war was over?

351  
00:13:40,940 --> 00:13:41,910  
Did Vladimir know?

352  
00:13:41,910 --> 00:13:42,800  
Everybody knows that.

353  
00:13:42,800 --> 00:13:43,860  
I was not--

354  
00:13:43,860 --> 00:13:45,480  
Vladimir told you?

355  
00:13:45,480 --> 00:13:49,410  
Everybody was talking of,  
oh, my god, [INAUDIBLE]..

356  
00:13:49,410 --> 00:13:52,950  
It was scream, and yell,  
and happiness, and dancing.

357  
00:13:52,950 --> 00:13:54,270  
And did you feel happy?

358  
00:13:54,270 --> 00:13:56,220  
What did you feel like?

359  
00:13:56,220 --> 00:13:57,210  
Sure, I was happy.

360  
00:13:57,210 --> 00:13:58,370  
My god.

361  
00:13:58,370 --> 00:13:59,260  
I was out.

362  
00:13:59,260 --> 00:14:00,340  
I got out.

363

00:14:00,340 --> 00:14:02,485

But I lived with  
Valodya's house.

364

00:14:02,485 --> 00:14:04,980

I lived with-- I didn't  
have anywhere to go.

365

00:14:04,980 --> 00:14:08,230

Then somebody came from Israel.

366

00:14:08,230 --> 00:14:09,600

Did you stay with Vladimir?

367

00:14:09,600 --> 00:14:10,100

Or did you--

368

00:14:10,100 --> 00:14:13,030

I stayed with  
Valodya all the time.

369

00:14:13,030 --> 00:14:15,810

They find us an apartment.

370

00:14:15,810 --> 00:14:18,300

They're from Israel.

371

00:14:18,300 --> 00:14:19,030

I don't know.

372

00:14:19,030 --> 00:14:22,570

373

00:14:22,570 --> 00:14:27,730

Also connected to the Holocaust,  
they find us apartment

374

00:14:27,730 --> 00:14:30,200

and put three girls there.

375

00:14:30,200 --> 00:14:31,200

And we lived together.

376

00:14:31,200 --> 00:14:32,620

And we went to school.

377

00:14:32,620 --> 00:14:33,400

I'm telling you.

378

00:14:33,400 --> 00:14:33,900

Why?

379

00:14:33,900 --> 00:14:37,600

Because I did have to  
finish my education.

380

00:14:37,600 --> 00:14:40,570

Did you go back to the  
house you grew up in?

381

00:14:40,570 --> 00:14:42,160

Did you go back?

382

00:14:42,160 --> 00:14:47,150

They break up the house  
that I was in before.

383

00:14:47,150 --> 00:14:50,470

And I showed who  
was living there--

384

00:14:50,470 --> 00:14:54,200

when you will take that,  
there was already covered up.

385

00:14:54,200 --> 00:14:55,910

I say, I lived in that cellar.

386

00:14:55,910 --> 00:14:58,270

I show that woman  
who lives there.

387

00:14:58,270 --> 00:15:00,570

Oh, yeah.

388  
00:15:00,570 --> 00:15:01,410  
OK.

389  
00:15:01,410 --> 00:15:04,260  
So now you're living  
with three other girls.

390  
00:15:04,260 --> 00:15:05,760  
And you're going to school.

391  
00:15:05,760 --> 00:15:07,360  
We all went to school.

392  
00:15:07,360 --> 00:15:09,870  
[INAUDIBLE] made a speciality.

393  
00:15:09,870 --> 00:15:11,040  
I wanted to go to--

394  
00:15:11,040 --> 00:15:15,270  
I always wanted to be an  
actress, always, all my life,

395  
00:15:15,270 --> 00:15:18,210  
because when I was  
young, I looked exactly

396  
00:15:18,210 --> 00:15:20,408  
like Elizabeth Taylor.

397  
00:15:20,408 --> 00:15:21,450  
Just look at the picture.

398  
00:15:21,450 --> 00:15:22,440  
Right, beautiful.

399  
00:15:22,440 --> 00:15:24,430  
I have so many pictures I look.

400



00:15:24,430 --> 00:15:25,210  
I worked with her.

401  
00:15:25,210 --> 00:15:26,090  
I came back.

402  
00:15:26,090 --> 00:15:28,140  
When I get the job, she  
came to the theater.

403  
00:15:28,140 --> 00:15:31,680  
She say, Carolina,  
you look like me.

404  
00:15:31,680 --> 00:15:32,670  
She's a nice woman.

405  
00:15:32,670 --> 00:15:35,100  
But she's very sick right now.

406  
00:15:35,100 --> 00:15:39,290  
So you went to school.

407  
00:15:39,290 --> 00:15:43,950  
So then I saw my--

408  
00:15:43,950 --> 00:15:47,970  
I will tell you, in that  
time, I met my husband.

409  
00:15:47,970 --> 00:15:50,350  
How do I met my husband?

410  
00:15:50,350 --> 00:15:53,440  
My husband's name  
is Charles Taitz,

411  
00:15:53,440 --> 00:15:58,040  
because Taitz is his name,  
not mine, Charles Taitz.

412  
00:15:58,040 --> 00:16:03,550

He was very handsome  
and very intelligent.

413  
00:16:03,550 --> 00:16:05,530  
He had two faculties.

414  
00:16:05,530 --> 00:16:06,860  
And he was a painter.

415  
00:16:06,860 --> 00:16:09,560  
He was a wonderful painter.

416  
00:16:09,560 --> 00:16:11,970  
Now, it's OK?

417  
00:16:11,970 --> 00:16:14,580  
Yeah.

418  
00:16:14,580 --> 00:16:15,980  
So how did you meet him?

419  
00:16:15,980 --> 00:16:17,040  
He came.

420  
00:16:17,040 --> 00:16:20,370  
I know him a long time.

421  
00:16:20,370 --> 00:16:24,140  
During the Russian, he run  
away with the Russians.

422  
00:16:24,140 --> 00:16:28,460  
And he lived in  
Alma-Ata in Russia.

423  
00:16:28,460 --> 00:16:32,450  
Now, when the war was over,  
he found out that I am alive.

424  
00:16:32,450 --> 00:16:34,640  
He ran back the Latvia.

425

00:16:34,640 --> 00:16:36,380

And then we get married.

426

00:16:36,380 --> 00:16:38,360

What year did you get married?

427

00:16:38,360 --> 00:16:39,150

I don't remember.

428

00:16:39,150 --> 00:16:40,250

OK.

429

00:16:40,250 --> 00:16:42,650

Right after the war.

430

00:16:42,650 --> 00:16:43,430

That was when.

431

00:16:43,430 --> 00:16:44,180

So you were young.

432

00:16:44,180 --> 00:16:46,100

You were very young.

433

00:16:46,100 --> 00:16:46,880

I was 18.

434

00:16:46,880 --> 00:16:47,380

I was--

435

00:16:47,380 --> 00:16:47,930

18.

436

00:16:47,930 --> 00:16:49,310

--a beautiful girl.

437

00:16:49,310 --> 00:16:51,680

Then I start blooming.

438

00:16:51,680 --> 00:16:53,495

That was the time.

439

00:16:53,495 --> 00:16:57,290

As a teenager, I was ugly.

440

00:16:57,290 --> 00:17:01,490

I was always happy that they didn't rape me, because always

441

00:17:01,490 --> 00:17:02,920

they wanted the young girls.

442

00:17:02,920 --> 00:17:04,410

They raped everybody.

443

00:17:04,410 --> 00:17:11,190

At night, they come-- at night, looking for [NON-ENGLISH]..

444

00:17:11,190 --> 00:17:12,140

Prostitutes?

445

00:17:12,140 --> 00:17:13,880

To smoke.

446

00:17:13,880 --> 00:17:15,410

They was looking for smoke.

447

00:17:15,410 --> 00:17:16,310

They was looking.

448

00:17:16,310 --> 00:17:19,250

They confiscated everything at night.

449

00:17:19,250 --> 00:17:20,480

And they took the girls.

450

00:17:20,480 --> 00:17:24,890

They rape her, or they shoot her, or they let her go.

451

00:17:24,890 --> 00:17:29,930

When you were in the ghetto,  
and when you were in hiding,

452

00:17:29,930 --> 00:17:31,180

your body matured.

453

00:17:31,180 --> 00:17:33,900

Did you ever start to  
menstruate when you were--

454

00:17:33,900 --> 00:17:35,420

Yes, I did have that.

455

00:17:35,420 --> 00:17:36,890

You did have that.

456

00:17:36,890 --> 00:17:37,470

Menstruation?

457

00:17:37,470 --> 00:17:37,970

Yeah.

458

00:17:37,970 --> 00:17:39,710

Yes, I do.

459

00:17:39,710 --> 00:17:43,090

I have the bladder  
problems still today.

460

00:17:43,090 --> 00:17:45,800

And how did you take care of  
that when you were in the--

461

00:17:45,800 --> 00:17:47,020

Valodya bring me something.

462

00:17:47,020 --> 00:17:47,520

Stuff.

463

00:17:47,520 --> 00:17:48,020

Yeah.

464

00:17:48,020 --> 00:17:53,280

He was buying for me something,  
very primitive, very primitive.

465

00:17:53,280 --> 00:17:55,270

But that's what happened.

466

00:17:55,270 --> 00:17:57,290

That was normal.

467

00:17:57,290 --> 00:17:57,970

Now--

468

00:17:57,970 --> 00:17:59,230

So you get married.

469

00:17:59,230 --> 00:18:01,220

Then I get married.

470

00:18:01,220 --> 00:18:02,990

But I get married in my--

471

00:18:02,990 --> 00:18:05,410

then the Russians came back.

472

00:18:05,410 --> 00:18:08,240

If you know history,  
the Russians came back.

473

00:18:08,240 --> 00:18:13,850

So they called Charles, my  
beloved husband, in the army.

474

00:18:13,850 --> 00:18:21,200

So we just registered just  
very much being in Alma-Ata.

475

00:18:21,200 --> 00:18:25,860

He was working a movie  
director, doing movie,

476  
00:18:25,860 --> 00:18:29,120  
with [? Einstein, ?]  
if you know that name.

477  
00:18:29,120 --> 00:18:31,490  
He was assistant  
to [? Einstein. ?]

478  
00:18:31,490 --> 00:18:35,040  
And he is basically  
a movie person.

479  
00:18:35,040 --> 00:18:38,270  
He was doing movies,  
[NON-ENGLISH] movies.

480  
00:18:38,270 --> 00:18:40,530  
Was he much older than you?

481  
00:18:40,530 --> 00:18:42,930  
No, almost-- maybe five years.

482  
00:18:42,930 --> 00:18:44,628  
No, he wasn't older than that.

483  
00:18:44,628 --> 00:18:45,170  
He was older.

484  
00:18:45,170 --> 00:18:46,200  
Bu the was still young.

485  
00:18:46,200 --> 00:18:46,700  
He was--

486  
00:18:46,700 --> 00:18:49,820  
But we was in love.

487  
00:18:49,820 --> 00:18:52,340  
It was love.

488

00:18:52,340 --> 00:18:55,600  
So when he came back  
to Latvia, for sure

489  
00:18:55,600 --> 00:18:57,140  
we were going to get married.

490  
00:18:57,140 --> 00:18:58,040  
So she come to--

491  
00:18:58,040 --> 00:19:00,170  
I get apartment with  
the three girls.

492  
00:19:00,170 --> 00:19:01,440  
The girls moved out.

493  
00:19:01,440 --> 00:19:02,980  
He come in.

494  
00:19:02,980 --> 00:19:03,610  
And--

495  
00:19:03,610 --> 00:19:07,190  
Did you have a religious  
marriage, or a civil marriage?

496  
00:19:07,190 --> 00:19:09,050  
Yes, we had a  
religious marriage.

497  
00:19:09,050 --> 00:19:10,190  
You did.

498  
00:19:10,190 --> 00:19:15,650  
And then we have a Christian  
marriage to go to the--

499  
00:19:15,650 --> 00:19:17,960  
Oh, a civil marriage you mean.

500  
00:19:17,960 --> 00:19:19,180



You have to register.

501  
00:19:19,180 --> 00:19:20,600  
Yeah, a civil marriage.

502  
00:19:20,600 --> 00:19:21,320  
How you call it?

503  
00:19:21,320 --> 00:19:22,120  
Civil.

504  
00:19:22,120 --> 00:19:22,620  
Civil.

505  
00:19:22,620 --> 00:19:23,540  
Civil, yeah.

506  
00:19:23,540 --> 00:19:25,520  
We have both of them.

507  
00:19:25,520 --> 00:19:28,850  
But there was only  
a couple of people.

508  
00:19:28,850 --> 00:19:30,370  
We couldn't make a big party.

509  
00:19:30,370 --> 00:19:32,210  
That was the Russian time.

510  
00:19:32,210 --> 00:19:34,430  
OK, they call him  
back in the army.

511  
00:19:34,430 --> 00:19:37,890  
And I was just going to school.

512  
00:19:37,890 --> 00:19:41,540  
So I asked, where  
are your parents?

513

00:19:41,540 --> 00:19:44,750

He told me-- he say,  
my mom disappeared,

514

00:19:44,750 --> 00:19:47,030

I have no idea where she is.

515

00:19:47,030 --> 00:19:50,120

So we lived with him  
very-- we loved each other.

516

00:19:50,120 --> 00:19:52,040

It was a love marriage.

517

00:19:52,040 --> 00:19:57,290

And he being there, they  
sent him to the army,

518

00:19:57,290 --> 00:20:00,200

because he was in  
Russia, in Alma-Ata.

519

00:20:00,200 --> 00:20:05,150

And somebody shoot  
him through his lungs.

520

00:20:05,150 --> 00:20:10,340

And he had tuberculosis,  
open tuberculosis.

521

00:20:10,340 --> 00:20:12,140

So he came back.

522

00:20:12,140 --> 00:20:13,160

We get married.

523

00:20:13,160 --> 00:20:16,220

And he was sick, very sick.

524

00:20:16,220 --> 00:20:18,500

And I was the only one who--

525

00:20:18,500 --> 00:20:22,800  
my daughter was born later.

526  
00:20:22,800 --> 00:20:26,510  
So he was sick, mostly.

527  
00:20:26,510 --> 00:20:30,380  
But in the Russian time,  
they took a tremendously care

528  
00:20:30,380 --> 00:20:33,290  
of their soldiers,  
not like they're here.

529  
00:20:33,290 --> 00:20:36,110  
They gave him [NON-ENGLISH].

530  
00:20:36,110 --> 00:20:38,250  
They gave him a room, apartment.

531  
00:20:38,250 --> 00:20:40,310  
We get a big, special--

532  
00:20:40,310 --> 00:20:43,640  
we moved out of that apartment  
where I was with the girls.

533  
00:20:43,640 --> 00:20:48,710  
We have, in New York, in  
Riga, a three-room apartment,

534  
00:20:48,710 --> 00:20:52,870  
beautiful with everything else.

535  
00:20:52,870 --> 00:20:54,650  
I was very happy.

536  
00:20:54,650 --> 00:21:00,260  
And he couldn't work, because  
he was coughing and coughing,

537  
00:21:00,260 --> 00:21:01,460

and all the time sick.

538

00:21:01,460 --> 00:21:03,950

So they gave us a  
beautiful apartment.

539

00:21:03,950 --> 00:21:07,970

And we could go  
to any sanatorium,

540

00:21:07,970 --> 00:21:10,620

because he was a war--

541

00:21:10,620 --> 00:21:12,620

and they gave us money.

542

00:21:12,620 --> 00:21:16,190

The Russians takes very  
good care of the soldiers.

543

00:21:16,190 --> 00:21:18,798

But where is your money, mom?

544

00:21:18,798 --> 00:21:19,715

Where is your parents?

545

00:21:19,715 --> 00:21:21,920

He say, I have no idea.

546

00:21:21,920 --> 00:21:24,410

He had a brother,  
and he had a sister.

547

00:21:24,410 --> 00:21:28,490

They was both killed in the  
ghetto, because I saw her.

548

00:21:28,490 --> 00:21:30,260

I saw her in line.

549

00:21:30,260 --> 00:21:34,280

And when you are in line,

you not come out the line.

550

00:21:34,280 --> 00:21:39,860

One beautiful day, we get  
a letter from Red Cross.

551

00:21:39,860 --> 00:21:41,376

Are you Charles Taitz?

552

00:21:41,376 --> 00:21:44,920

Yes, I am Charles Taitz.

553

00:21:44,920 --> 00:21:46,100

Do you had a mother?

554

00:21:46,100 --> 00:21:47,810

Yes, but I don't  
know where she is.

555

00:21:47,810 --> 00:21:50,120

It is a letter from your mother.

556

00:21:50,120 --> 00:21:51,630

From my mother?

557

00:21:51,630 --> 00:21:54,890

To make the story short,  
that was the letter

558

00:21:54,890 --> 00:21:59,060

that Mrs. Amalia Taitz is  
looking for her children.

559

00:21:59,060 --> 00:22:00,530

Where are her children?

560

00:22:00,530 --> 00:22:04,340

And the only child is left  
is Charles, the only one.

561

00:22:04,340 --> 00:22:06,690

God, it was such a holiday.

562  
00:22:06,690 --> 00:22:09,050  
She start sending us packages.

563  
00:22:09,050 --> 00:22:09,855  
And we had money.

564  
00:22:09,855 --> 00:22:12,980  
And we were very comfortable.

565  
00:22:12,980 --> 00:22:15,200  
Where was she living?

566  
00:22:15,200 --> 00:22:16,070  
We lived in Latvia.

567  
00:22:16,070 --> 00:22:16,823  
No, where was she?

568  
00:22:16,823 --> 00:22:17,990  
Where was the mother living?

569  
00:22:17,990 --> 00:22:19,060  
In America.

570  
00:22:19,060 --> 00:22:20,390  
Oh, she went to America?

571  
00:22:20,390 --> 00:22:22,280  
We didn't know that.

572  
00:22:22,280 --> 00:22:27,170  
Later, we find out  
that she had a lover.

573  
00:22:27,170 --> 00:22:32,660  
The lover was the husband of her  
best friend, just like today.

574  
00:22:32,660 --> 00:22:36,630  
So she took that husband away

and come with him to America.

575

00:22:36,630 --> 00:22:39,860

He was a rich man, and  
she lived with him.

576

00:22:39,860 --> 00:22:42,640

And now she start crying,  
where are my children?

577

00:22:42,640 --> 00:22:44,610

In Latvia, she know the ghetto.

578

00:22:44,610 --> 00:22:45,920

She knows everything.

579

00:22:45,920 --> 00:22:48,080

She knew that I am alive.

580

00:22:48,080 --> 00:22:51,440

But her two other children--

581

00:22:51,440 --> 00:22:54,440

my husband's brother  
was a lawyer.

582

00:22:54,440 --> 00:22:57,140

And she was just  
finished French, let's

583

00:22:57,140 --> 00:22:59,645

say, very educated, everybody.

584

00:22:59,645 --> 00:23:00,920

They was dead.

585

00:23:00,920 --> 00:23:03,740

So Charles was the only child.

586

00:23:03,740 --> 00:23:05,340

She start bombing.

587

00:23:05,340 --> 00:23:06,810

You have to come to America.

588

00:23:06,810 --> 00:23:08,440

You have to come to America.

589

00:23:08,440 --> 00:23:10,140

You see, I lived very well.

590

00:23:10,140 --> 00:23:14,180

I didn't want even to move,  
because I had a good job.

591

00:23:14,180 --> 00:23:16,020

I worked in a Kino studio.

592

00:23:16,020 --> 00:23:17,160

I made movies.

593

00:23:17,160 --> 00:23:20,020

This is one of my best movies.

594

00:23:20,020 --> 00:23:22,455

Were you an-- you were acting?

595

00:23:22,455 --> 00:23:22,955

What?

596

00:23:22,955 --> 00:23:24,580

What were you doing, acting?

597

00:23:24,580 --> 00:23:28,080

I was doing-- you know what  
very much pays very well?

598

00:23:28,080 --> 00:23:29,220

Commercials.

599

00:23:29,220 --> 00:23:29,720

Oh.



600

00:23:29,720 --> 00:23:32,070

Drink the wine, the  
wine is good for you.

601

00:23:32,070 --> 00:23:33,310

I will show some pictures.

602

00:23:33,310 --> 00:23:34,840

But you were acting.

603

00:23:34,840 --> 00:23:35,660

I was acting.

604

00:23:35,660 --> 00:23:37,040

I was a acting actress.

605

00:23:37,040 --> 00:23:40,100

And I was doing  
in studios mostly.

606

00:23:40,100 --> 00:23:41,600

And they paid very good.

607

00:23:41,600 --> 00:23:43,840

But you're under communist rule.

608

00:23:43,840 --> 00:23:44,340

What?

609

00:23:44,340 --> 00:23:46,300

You were under communist rule?

610

00:23:46,300 --> 00:23:46,800

Yes.

611

00:23:46,800 --> 00:23:47,300

Yes.

612

00:23:47,300 --> 00:23:48,930

Was that hard?

613  
00:23:48,930 --> 00:23:51,250  
It was, but I was working.

614  
00:23:51,250 --> 00:23:54,690  
Only we got--

615  
00:23:54,690 --> 00:23:57,450  
I don't know how to  
say that in English.

616  
00:23:57,450 --> 00:24:00,600  
He was a soldier,  
the second group.

617  
00:24:00,600 --> 00:24:03,840  
And we lived very well, because  
he was a-- he gets so much.

618  
00:24:03,840 --> 00:24:04,830  
We get the apartment.

619  
00:24:04,830 --> 00:24:06,220  
We get money.

620  
00:24:06,220 --> 00:24:10,890  
Every summer, we was going  
this Kurort this sanatorium,

621  
00:24:10,890 --> 00:24:14,190  
this sanatorium, all  
the doctor he can have,

622  
00:24:14,190 --> 00:24:16,530  
everybody, because the  
Russians was there.

623  
00:24:16,530 --> 00:24:18,280  
I was not hungry at all.

624  
00:24:18,280 --> 00:24:19,390  
I lived very well.

625

00:24:19,390 --> 00:24:21,290

For sure, we hated the Russians.

626

00:24:21,290 --> 00:24:22,960

We didn't want them.

627

00:24:22,960 --> 00:24:24,150

But they was there.

628

00:24:24,150 --> 00:24:24,690

Was that--

629

00:24:24,690 --> 00:24:28,420

In that meantime, I get  
a letter from Red Cross.

630

00:24:28,420 --> 00:24:30,170

Now, was there anti--

631

00:24:30,170 --> 00:24:33,210

So my husband said,  
we go to America.

632

00:24:33,210 --> 00:24:35,730

I say, I am not  
going, you can go.

633

00:24:35,730 --> 00:24:38,530

And I had already my daughter.

634

00:24:38,530 --> 00:24:40,410

Oh, when was your daughter born?

635

00:24:40,410 --> 00:24:42,240

In '47, I think.

636

00:24:42,240 --> 00:24:43,120

Oh.

637

00:24:43,120 --> 00:24:43,980

Yeah.

638  
00:24:43,980 --> 00:24:45,820  
And he wants to go.

639  
00:24:45,820 --> 00:24:47,760  
He hated the  
Russians like pests,

640  
00:24:47,760 --> 00:24:49,470  
because they're communists.

641  
00:24:49,470 --> 00:24:51,410  
What they was doing  
with other people,

642  
00:24:51,410 --> 00:24:54,990  
we was very privileged,  
because he was a soldier.

643  
00:24:54,990 --> 00:24:57,990  
Was there any antisemitism in--

644  
00:24:57,990 --> 00:24:58,800  
Always.

645  
00:24:58,800 --> 00:24:59,340  
Always.

646  
00:24:59,340 --> 00:25:00,390  
--under the communists?

647  
00:25:00,390 --> 00:25:03,330  
Always under the-- a lot.

648  
00:25:03,330 --> 00:25:06,750  
Under communists was  
always antisemitism always.

649  
00:25:06,750 --> 00:25:07,260  
What--

650

00:25:07,260 --> 00:25:11,030  
The first time and the  
second time, still today.

651  
00:25:11,030 --> 00:25:14,200  
And what did people say to you?

652  
00:25:14,200 --> 00:25:15,182  
Did you have any--

653  
00:25:15,182 --> 00:25:15,890  
I didn't suffer--

654  
00:25:15,890 --> 00:25:16,390  
Experiences?

655  
00:25:16,390 --> 00:25:16,900  
--from that.

656  
00:25:16,900 --> 00:25:17,870  
You did not.

657  
00:25:17,870 --> 00:25:19,390  
No, I did not suffer from it.

658  
00:25:19,390 --> 00:25:20,720  
I had my own life.

659  
00:25:20,720 --> 00:25:21,460  
I had my husband.

660  
00:25:21,460 --> 00:25:22,780  
I had my kid.

661  
00:25:22,780 --> 00:25:23,880  
I had my work.

662  
00:25:23,880 --> 00:25:27,190  
So how did you know  
there was anti-Semitism?

663

00:25:27,190 --> 00:25:27,820  
How do I know?

664  
00:25:27,820 --> 00:25:30,820  
I see what happened with other  
people that was arrested,

665  
00:25:30,820 --> 00:25:34,480  
that was sent to Gulag,  
that was to Siberia.

666  
00:25:34,480 --> 00:25:35,470  
They did a good thing.

667  
00:25:35,470 --> 00:25:37,210  
We knew that.

668  
00:25:37,210 --> 00:25:38,570  
So it was very difficult.

669  
00:25:38,570 --> 00:25:39,070  
OK.

670  
00:25:39,070 --> 00:25:42,130  
So he says he wants to  
come to the United States.

671  
00:25:42,130 --> 00:25:43,640  
He wanted, and I don't.

672  
00:25:43,640 --> 00:25:44,990  
I had a good job.

673  
00:25:44,990 --> 00:25:46,100  
I had apartment.

674  
00:25:46,100 --> 00:25:47,920  
I had privilege.

675  
00:25:47,920 --> 00:25:48,890  
I don't know.

676

00:25:48,890 --> 00:25:54,340

And his mother hated me,  
because I was a poor girl,

677

00:25:54,340 --> 00:25:56,470

and he married a poor girl.

678

00:25:56,470 --> 00:25:59,680

And he had here a  
millionaire old lady.

679

00:25:59,680 --> 00:26:02,990

And she wanted him to come  
here and marry that lady,

680

00:26:02,990 --> 00:26:04,270

to divorce me.

681

00:26:04,270 --> 00:26:07,870

And my husband was in  
love with me like crazy.

682

00:26:07,870 --> 00:26:09,820

I don't know why I knew that.

683

00:26:09,820 --> 00:26:13,050

684

00:26:13,050 --> 00:26:14,680

He didn't want me to work.

685

00:26:14,680 --> 00:26:19,270

He was giving me diamonds,  
and the rings, and presents.

686

00:26:19,270 --> 00:26:22,720

And he was crazy  
about me, too much.

687

00:26:22,720 --> 00:26:24,370

He loved me too much.

688

00:26:24,370 --> 00:26:25,627

But it was nice.

689

00:26:25,627 --> 00:26:27,460

And that's why I say,  
what I am going to go?

690

00:26:27,460 --> 00:26:29,320

She don't want me.

691

00:26:29,320 --> 00:26:32,260

I was a Yiddish kind.

692

00:26:32,260 --> 00:26:33,310

I was pretty.

693

00:26:33,310 --> 00:26:34,210

I was pretty.

694

00:26:34,210 --> 00:26:35,530

What do you want?

695

00:26:35,530 --> 00:26:36,520

What do you want?

696

00:26:36,520 --> 00:26:38,230

She's a poor girl.

697

00:26:38,230 --> 00:26:40,000

Why did you marry the poor girl?

698

00:26:40,000 --> 00:26:42,088

You have such education.

699

00:26:42,088 --> 00:26:42,880

You are everything.

700

00:26:42,880 --> 00:26:44,380

No, she was a bitch.

701



00:26:44,380 --> 00:26:45,910  
She was a terrible woman.

702  
00:26:45,910 --> 00:26:47,150  
You cannot imagine.

703  
00:26:47,150 --> 00:26:50,290  
When I came, I cried every day.

704  
00:26:50,290 --> 00:26:52,580  
She gave me very, very bad time.

705  
00:26:52,580 --> 00:26:55,263  
So what year did you  
get the letter from her?

706  
00:26:55,263 --> 00:26:55,930  
Do you remember?

707  
00:26:55,930 --> 00:26:57,990  
So then we decided.

708  
00:26:57,990 --> 00:27:00,110  
The Russians didn't let us go.

709  
00:27:00,110 --> 00:27:01,150  
They didn't let us go.

710  
00:27:01,150 --> 00:27:03,100  
Well, when did you get  
the letter from her,

711  
00:27:03,100 --> 00:27:03,893  
from the Red Cross?

712  
00:27:03,893 --> 00:27:04,560  
Do you remember?

713  
00:27:04,560 --> 00:27:06,320  
No, awhile before we left.

714

00:27:06,320 --> 00:27:07,000  
We left--

715  
00:27:07,000 --> 00:27:07,560  
In the 1960s.

716  
00:27:07,560 --> 00:27:10,296  
We left in '66 in March.

717  
00:27:10,296 --> 00:27:12,004  
And was just right  
before that that you--

718  
00:27:12,004 --> 00:27:15,010  
It was before, sure,  
when we get the letter.

719  
00:27:15,010 --> 00:27:16,822  
Suddenly, we get a  
letter from Red Cross.

720  
00:27:16,822 --> 00:27:17,530  
Right, but that--

721  
00:27:17,530 --> 00:27:19,250  
And we found that she is there.

722  
00:27:19,250 --> 00:27:23,050  
And she wanted all the time  
that we come to America.

723  
00:27:23,050 --> 00:27:24,170  
I didn't want to go.

724  
00:27:24,170 --> 00:27:27,260  
And meanwhile, my  
husband speak me.

725  
00:27:27,260 --> 00:27:31,940  
You have to be good, and  
just I will be on your side.

726

00:27:31,940 --> 00:27:35,650  
I say, your mom don't want  
me, and she is that and that.

727  
00:27:35,650 --> 00:27:36,490  
Let's go.

728  
00:27:36,490 --> 00:27:37,540  
Let's go.

729  
00:27:37,540 --> 00:27:40,360  
And then we sent in  
our papers to go.

730  
00:27:40,360 --> 00:27:43,300

731  
00:27:43,300 --> 00:27:45,940  
They didn't let us go.

732  
00:27:45,940 --> 00:27:47,730  
They didn't let us go.

733  
00:27:47,730 --> 00:27:52,110  
About 10 years, I think  
it was 10 or 80 years,

734  
00:27:52,110 --> 00:27:56,010  
they didn't let us go till  
we get the permission.

735  
00:27:56,010 --> 00:28:00,060  
And we had a visa from  
Eleanor Roosevelt.

736  
00:28:00,060 --> 00:28:02,550  
She was a very famous mother.

737  
00:28:02,550 --> 00:28:07,740  
She was connection,  
she had, Elizabeth--

738

00:28:07,740 --> 00:28:09,990  
yeah, this president's wife.

739  
00:28:09,990 --> 00:28:10,920  
Eleanor Roosevelt.

740  
00:28:10,920 --> 00:28:13,530  
Eleanor Roosevelt.  
She have connection.

741  
00:28:13,530 --> 00:28:16,300  
So she get a visa,  
a special visa.

742  
00:28:16,300 --> 00:28:18,270  
And we sent it to Khrushchev.

743  
00:28:18,270 --> 00:28:19,230  
That was Khrushchev.

744  
00:28:19,230 --> 00:28:20,170  
I think so.

745  
00:28:20,170 --> 00:28:21,780  
Putin was not, the other one.

746  
00:28:21,780 --> 00:28:24,240  
I don't remember that Russian.

747  
00:28:24,240 --> 00:28:26,310  
I can't stand him.

748  
00:28:26,310 --> 00:28:30,110  
And refused first  
time, the second time.

749  
00:28:30,110 --> 00:28:34,410  
10 times, they refuse,  
refuse They wanted money.

750  
00:28:34,410 --> 00:28:37,050  
They wanted money, money.

751  
00:28:37,050 --> 00:28:40,920  
And I will never forget  
that, how my husband went

752  
00:28:40,920 --> 00:28:43,950  
to Moscow with  
[INAUDIBLE] person

753  
00:28:43,950 --> 00:28:46,890  
and put on the table something.

754  
00:28:46,890 --> 00:28:51,810  
I don't know, about 100,000  
maybe in the old Russian money.

755  
00:28:51,810 --> 00:28:55,930  
Then, after that-- it was,  
I think, 10 years after--

756  
00:28:55,930 --> 00:28:57,720  
they let us go.

757  
00:28:57,720 --> 00:29:00,420  
At night, we had  
a telephone call.

758  
00:29:00,420 --> 00:29:01,380  
You can go.

759  
00:29:01,380 --> 00:29:04,710

760  
00:29:04,710 --> 00:29:05,530  
It's OK.

761  
00:29:05,530 --> 00:29:06,510  
They say, OK.

762  
00:29:06,510 --> 00:29:08,550  
So we get the visa, the OK.

763

00:29:08,550 --> 00:29:10,560

And we packed our  
stuff and everything.

764

00:29:10,560 --> 00:29:15,720

Oh, it is too much to tell  
about that, the way we packed.

765

00:29:15,720 --> 00:29:18,140

How do you know what  
to take with you?

766

00:29:18,140 --> 00:29:19,740

How old was your daughter then?

767

00:29:19,740 --> 00:29:22,610

768

00:29:22,610 --> 00:29:23,690

A [RUSSIAN].

769

00:29:23,690 --> 00:29:24,530

How do you say?

770

00:29:24,530 --> 00:29:26,870

I don't know how  
to say in English.

771

00:29:26,870 --> 00:29:27,450

A teenager.

772

00:29:27,450 --> 00:29:28,500

She was a teenager.

773

00:29:28,500 --> 00:29:29,000

Yeah.

774

00:29:29,000 --> 00:29:31,685

So she didn't want to go  
either, because she has friends

775

00:29:31,685 --> 00:29:33,320  
and she goes to school.

776  
00:29:33,320 --> 00:29:34,770  
She has to finish school.

777  
00:29:34,770 --> 00:29:37,340  
And my husband said, you  
will go to American school.

778  
00:29:37,340 --> 00:29:38,800  
You will be different.

779  
00:29:38,800 --> 00:29:39,560  
She different.

780  
00:29:39,560 --> 00:29:43,280  
She changed so much that  
I couldn't recognize her.

781  
00:29:43,280 --> 00:29:51,350  
So March '66, we took the  
ship, and we went to America.

782  
00:29:51,350 --> 00:29:53,850  
So we come to America.

783  
00:29:53,850 --> 00:29:56,840  
And she expected us.

784  
00:29:56,840 --> 00:29:58,400  
And she was terrible to me.

785  
00:29:58,400 --> 00:30:00,590  
She just drank my blood.

786  
00:30:00,590 --> 00:30:02,600  
She was horrible.

787  
00:30:02,600 --> 00:30:04,580  
Now we get apartment.

788

00:30:04,580 --> 00:30:05,600

We settle down.

789

00:30:05,600 --> 00:30:07,710

What city did you go to?

790

00:30:07,710 --> 00:30:08,210

New York.

791

00:30:08,210 --> 00:30:08,840

New York.

792

00:30:08,840 --> 00:30:11,600

We was going through  
Paris, through Paris.

793

00:30:11,600 --> 00:30:12,840

The visa was through--

794

00:30:12,840 --> 00:30:15,280

we was in Paris the whole week.

795

00:30:15,280 --> 00:30:19,510

And there was a Israeli  
general who took care of us.

796

00:30:19,510 --> 00:30:21,410

It was so wonderful.

797

00:30:21,410 --> 00:30:23,880

Anyway, we came to America.

798

00:30:23,880 --> 00:30:26,840

And my husband is sick  
with tuberculosis,

799

00:30:26,840 --> 00:30:28,640

open tuberculosis.

800

00:30:28,640 --> 00:30:31,430

And here, he didn't



have any privilege.

801  
00:30:31,430 --> 00:30:32,750  
He is a solder?

802  
00:30:32,750 --> 00:30:33,370  
Forget it.

803  
00:30:33,370 --> 00:30:34,820  
That is Russia.

804  
00:30:34,820 --> 00:30:36,110  
We don't have nothing.

805  
00:30:36,110 --> 00:30:37,870  
He was a private person.

806  
00:30:37,870 --> 00:30:39,220  
We had no money.

807  
00:30:39,220 --> 00:30:40,350  
We had nothing.

808  
00:30:40,350 --> 00:30:41,840  
We had \$5.00.

809  
00:30:41,840 --> 00:30:44,030  
The Russian let me have \$5.00.

810  
00:30:44,030 --> 00:30:47,685  
They confiscated everything  
what I had, everything.

811  
00:30:47,685 --> 00:30:48,560  
That's what they did.

812  
00:30:48,560 --> 00:30:52,190  
But we was in America, and  
we thought mother will help.

813  
00:30:52,190 --> 00:30:54,680

She did not help us, nothing.

814  
00:30:54,680 --> 00:30:56,930  
I helped, because  
I worked a lot.

815  
00:30:56,930 --> 00:31:00,200  
I get a job with the  
New York City Opera

816  
00:31:00,200 --> 00:31:02,540  
and worked 19 years there.

817  
00:31:02,540 --> 00:31:03,500  
What did you do there?

818  
00:31:03,500 --> 00:31:04,790  
Everything.

819  
00:31:04,790 --> 00:31:06,990  
I was a stage manager.

820  
00:31:06,990 --> 00:31:10,670  
I was a makeup artist, because  
my schooling was exactly--

821  
00:31:10,670 --> 00:31:13,700  
my diploma was exactly  
to work in theater.

822  
00:31:13,700 --> 00:31:17,900  
When I showed them my diploma,  
they took me right away.

823  
00:31:17,900 --> 00:31:19,390  
And besides, I was pretty.

824  
00:31:19,390 --> 00:31:20,830  
The face also  
[? means the work ?]

825  
00:31:20,830 --> 00:31:22,610

Did you speak English?

826  
00:31:22,610 --> 00:31:27,570  
Bad, half and half, because  
I studied a little bit.

827  
00:31:27,570 --> 00:31:30,520  
But I don't speak good now.

828  
00:31:30,520 --> 00:31:32,500  
I didn't speak then.

829  
00:31:32,500 --> 00:31:34,390  
But people understand.

830  
00:31:34,390 --> 00:31:36,340  
So you worked in the  
New York City Opera.

831  
00:31:36,340 --> 00:31:37,300  
I was working.

832  
00:31:37,300 --> 00:31:38,590  
I loved my job.

833  
00:31:38,590 --> 00:31:39,490  
I did makeup.

834  
00:31:39,490 --> 00:31:42,460  
I did wigs, hair,  
because the schooling.

835  
00:31:42,460 --> 00:31:44,230  
I had all the schooling.

836  
00:31:44,230 --> 00:31:47,140  
And the languages, I  
speak a lot of languages.

837  
00:31:47,140 --> 00:31:50,800  
And there are people  
coming from Germany.

838  
00:31:50,800 --> 00:31:54,790  
I was in charge of every  
production, every production,

839  
00:31:54,790 --> 00:31:59,050  
to take care clothes,  
costumes, everything.

840  
00:31:59,050 --> 00:31:59,980  
I loved my job.

841  
00:31:59,980 --> 00:32:01,090  
I worked like a dog.

842  
00:32:01,090 --> 00:32:02,310  
It was too much.

843  
00:32:02,310 --> 00:32:04,300  
Today, I could never do that.

844  
00:32:04,300 --> 00:32:05,800  
I loved my job.

845  
00:32:05,800 --> 00:32:07,620  
So you worked there  
for 20 years is it?

846  
00:32:07,620 --> 00:32:08,120  
19.

847  
00:32:08,120 --> 00:32:08,800  
19 years?

848  
00:32:08,800 --> 00:32:09,910  
19 years.

849  
00:32:09,910 --> 00:32:13,150  
Then I get the disease, vertigo.

850  
00:32:13,150 --> 00:32:14,190

Oh, yes.

851  
00:32:14,190 --> 00:32:16,835  
Vertigo is a disease that  
everything-- still today.

852  
00:32:16,835 --> 00:32:17,335  
Yeah.

853  
00:32:17,335 --> 00:32:22,480  
And I was doing the  
show with Beverly Sills.

854  
00:32:22,480 --> 00:32:24,010  
I was doing the show.

855  
00:32:24,010 --> 00:32:25,524  
I will tell you which one.

856  
00:32:25,524 --> 00:32:28,190

857  
00:32:28,190 --> 00:32:29,360  
She was crazy.

858  
00:32:29,360 --> 00:32:32,650  
What is the show?

859  
00:32:32,650 --> 00:32:34,020  
Ah, god.

860  
00:32:34,020 --> 00:32:34,845  
Lucia?

861  
00:32:34,845 --> 00:32:36,520  
Lucia di Lammermoor.

862  
00:32:36,520 --> 00:32:37,570  
Exactly.

863  
00:32:37,570 --> 00:32:39,710

You know she gets crazy, right?

864

00:32:39,710 --> 00:32:41,540

And I was doing the work.

865

00:32:41,540 --> 00:32:43,600

And my director  
stays right there.

866

00:32:43,600 --> 00:32:47,530

And I do a beautiful job, the  
wig already done [INAUDIBLE]..

867

00:32:47,530 --> 00:32:49,270

And I fall over her.

868

00:32:49,270 --> 00:32:50,650

I fall over her.

869

00:32:50,650 --> 00:32:53,350

This is the first  
time when I get it.

870

00:32:53,350 --> 00:32:56,500

My director gave me \$10 and  
said, go to the hospital

871

00:32:56,500 --> 00:32:57,760

right away.

872

00:32:57,760 --> 00:32:58,980

And I went to the hospital.

873

00:32:58,980 --> 00:33:02,290

The doctor said, you know,  
you have a terrible disease.

874

00:33:02,290 --> 00:33:05,260

And since then, I  
did have to left

875

00:33:05,260 --> 00:33:08,370

my job after 19 years of work.

876

00:33:08,370 --> 00:33:09,617

And so then what did you do?

877

00:33:09,617 --> 00:33:10,450

I am really touched.

878

00:33:10,450 --> 00:33:12,970

Nothing, here I am.

879

00:33:12,970 --> 00:33:14,180

I lived in New York.

880

00:33:14,180 --> 00:33:16,300

My husband died  
in the meanwhile.

881

00:33:16,300 --> 00:33:17,860

When did he die?

882

00:33:17,860 --> 00:33:18,700

Tuberculosis.

883

00:33:18,700 --> 00:33:20,880

No, when?

884

00:33:20,880 --> 00:33:22,048

In the '70s.

885

00:33:22,048 --> 00:33:22,590

In the 1970s.

886

00:33:22,590 --> 00:33:23,860

No, I think it is--

887

00:33:23,860 --> 00:33:25,680

or before that.

888

00:33:25,680 --> 00:33:27,440

He was very, very sick.

889  
00:33:27,440 --> 00:33:29,270  
I couldn't work at all.

890  
00:33:29,270 --> 00:33:31,420  
I was the breadwinner  
in the house.

891  
00:33:31,420 --> 00:33:33,360  
And my girl was in school.

892  
00:33:33,360 --> 00:33:34,470  
She finished the--

893  
00:33:34,470 --> 00:33:36,100  
She went to high school?

894  
00:33:36,100 --> 00:33:36,670  
High school.

895  
00:33:36,670 --> 00:33:39,550  
And she was working here.

896  
00:33:39,550 --> 00:33:41,200  
I hate this place.

897  
00:33:41,200 --> 00:33:48,180  
But she took this place,  
because she was working,

898  
00:33:48,180 --> 00:33:49,840  
Voice of America.

899  
00:33:49,840 --> 00:33:51,850  
That was close, so  
she put it here.

900  
00:33:51,850 --> 00:33:55,450  
And this is a residential  
section, [INAUDIBLE]..

901



00:33:55,450 --> 00:33:58,400  
So you stayed in  
New York afterwards.

902  
00:33:58,400 --> 00:33:59,390  
I stayed in New York.

903  
00:33:59,390 --> 00:34:00,350  
In New York.

904  
00:34:00,350 --> 00:34:03,210  
And I met the other man.

905  
00:34:03,210 --> 00:34:04,380  
And you got married again?

906  
00:34:04,380 --> 00:34:05,730  
And I met the other man.

907  
00:34:05,730 --> 00:34:07,970  
He was not Jewish.

908  
00:34:07,970 --> 00:34:09,810  
He was a wonderful person.

909  
00:34:09,810 --> 00:34:11,370  
He wanted to become Jewish.

910  
00:34:11,370 --> 00:34:12,750  
He told me, I want to become.

911  
00:34:12,750 --> 00:34:14,820  
What should I do?

912  
00:34:14,820 --> 00:34:16,260  
And I went to my rabbi.

913  
00:34:16,260 --> 00:34:17,850  
And I said, what should I do?

914  
00:34:17,850 --> 00:34:19,949

My other husband is not Jewish.

915

00:34:19,949 --> 00:34:21,960

My first one was.

916

00:34:21,960 --> 00:34:23,760

And he wants to become a Jew.

917

00:34:23,760 --> 00:34:25,060

What do I have to do?

918

00:34:25,060 --> 00:34:29,429

Because when he was a baby, he was already in the hospital.

919

00:34:29,429 --> 00:34:32,130

They cut him, the [INAUDIBLE],, what has to be cut.

920

00:34:32,130 --> 00:34:34,050

That was done.

921

00:34:34,050 --> 00:34:35,610

Now he have to learn.

922

00:34:35,610 --> 00:34:37,050

The rabbi say, you know what?

923

00:34:37,050 --> 00:34:39,929

Leave him alone.

924

00:34:39,929 --> 00:34:41,699

Let him be what he is.

925

00:34:41,699 --> 00:34:45,429

As long as he good to you, that's all what counts.

926

00:34:45,429 --> 00:34:46,750

He was wonderful to me.

927

00:34:46,750 --> 00:34:47,610  
Well, good.

928  
00:34:47,610 --> 00:34:52,710  
And he also died not long ago,  
10 years ago, a long time.

929  
00:34:52,710 --> 00:34:55,320  
He had a daughter from  
his first marriage.

930  
00:34:55,320 --> 00:34:58,620  
He went to visit his  
daughter, just to visit her.

931  
00:34:58,620 --> 00:35:00,210  
And there, he died.

932  
00:35:00,210 --> 00:35:02,420  
He had a heart attack.

933  
00:35:02,420 --> 00:35:02,920  
Wonderful.

934  
00:35:02,920 --> 00:35:04,128  
Let me show you the pictures.

935  
00:35:04,128 --> 00:35:06,100  
So you came down here to--

936  
00:35:06,100 --> 00:35:07,470  
Then I was there.

937  
00:35:07,470 --> 00:35:08,620  
I was very sick.

938  
00:35:08,620 --> 00:35:11,720  
I had two implants  
in my both hips,

939  
00:35:11,720 --> 00:35:13,515  
two implants in my shoulder.

940  
00:35:13,515 --> 00:35:18,990  
And I lived on the fourth floor  
where there was no elevator.

941  
00:35:18,990 --> 00:35:21,180  
So for me, it was  
difficult to get to--

942  
00:35:21,180 --> 00:35:23,070  
Where did you live in New York?

943  
00:35:23,070 --> 00:35:23,740  
In Manhattan.

944  
00:35:23,740 --> 00:35:24,570  
In Manhattan?

945  
00:35:24,570 --> 00:35:27,580  
Yeah, I had a wonderful  
apartment on the fourth floor

946  
00:35:27,580 --> 00:35:28,980  
without elevator.

947  
00:35:28,980 --> 00:35:30,810  
So I did have to get up.

948  
00:35:30,810 --> 00:35:33,490  
And after four implants,  
I couldn't do it.

949  
00:35:33,490 --> 00:35:36,450  
So my daughter said, you  
know what, come to our house.

950  
00:35:36,450 --> 00:35:38,790  
But I don't live in her house.

951  
00:35:38,790 --> 00:35:41,130  
She put me up here  
in that place,

952  
00:35:41,130 --> 00:35:44,140  
because who needs an  
and a sick mother?

953  
00:35:44,140 --> 00:35:46,260  
Tell me.

954  
00:35:46,260 --> 00:35:48,090  
And here we are.

955  
00:35:48,090 --> 00:35:49,380  
Can you tell me--

956  
00:35:49,380 --> 00:35:53,410  
you said, before, that you  
became more religious because

957  
00:35:53,410 --> 00:35:53,910  
of the war.

958  
00:35:53,910 --> 00:35:58,810  
I became religious when  
I was in Valodya's house.

959  
00:35:58,810 --> 00:36:00,010  
Then I become, because--

960  
00:36:00,010 --> 00:36:00,510  
Because?

961  
00:36:00,510 --> 00:36:03,940  
--everything what happened  
to me was God's hand.

962  
00:36:03,940 --> 00:36:06,490  
He guided me till today.

963  
00:36:06,490 --> 00:36:09,470  
I am here just for a reason.

964

00:36:09,470 --> 00:36:10,750  
I believe that.

965  
00:36:10,750 --> 00:36:12,350  
Everything goes like that.

966  
00:36:12,350 --> 00:36:14,740  
And he is with me all the time.

967  
00:36:14,740 --> 00:36:16,600  
And I don't die.

968  
00:36:16,600 --> 00:36:22,270  
And I supposed to be dead, long  
time ago dead, but I don't.

969  
00:36:22,270 --> 00:36:23,860  
And I am really sick.

970  
00:36:23,860 --> 00:36:27,790  
And my brain is not  
pretty good, I must say.

971  
00:36:27,790 --> 00:36:30,280  
It's not very good, but it is.

972  
00:36:30,280 --> 00:36:33,790  
How did you find out  
about your mother?

973  
00:36:33,790 --> 00:36:35,380  
How did you find out?

974  
00:36:35,380 --> 00:36:37,560  
The letter from the Red Cross.

975  
00:36:37,560 --> 00:36:38,740  
No, no, no, your mother.

976  
00:36:38,740 --> 00:36:39,295  
Your mother.

977

00:36:39,295 --> 00:36:40,420

How did you find out that--

978

00:36:40,420 --> 00:36:43,500

My mother was in Auschwitz.

979

00:36:43,500 --> 00:36:45,220

She was [NON-ENGLISH]  
in Auschwitz.

980

00:36:45,220 --> 00:36:47,530

How did you find that out?

981

00:36:47,530 --> 00:36:49,210

How did you know?

982

00:36:49,210 --> 00:36:50,310

How did you know that?

983

00:36:50,310 --> 00:36:51,900

Somebody tells us she's dead.

984

00:36:51,900 --> 00:36:52,650

Somebody told you.

985

00:36:52,650 --> 00:36:53,320

Somebody told.

986

00:36:53,320 --> 00:36:54,900

I cannot remember that.

987

00:36:54,900 --> 00:36:55,570

OK.

988

00:36:55,570 --> 00:36:57,850

But I know that she  
was in Auschwitz.

989

00:36:57,850 --> 00:37:04,000

Then a friend of us, a Russian  
soldier, went to Auschwitz,

990  
00:37:04,000 --> 00:37:07,180  
and took her out, and  
bring her back to Latvia.

991  
00:37:07,180 --> 00:37:08,980  
How he did it, I have no idea.

992  
00:37:08,980 --> 00:37:10,660  
That person is dead.

993  
00:37:10,660 --> 00:37:12,400  
So she got that to Latvia?

994  
00:37:12,400 --> 00:37:14,560  
Yes, she came back  
after Auschwitz

995  
00:37:14,560 --> 00:37:16,220  
and tell all the stories.

996  
00:37:16,220 --> 00:37:17,980  
Mom, I say, how did you?

997  
00:37:17,980 --> 00:37:18,790  
Because you know--

998  
00:37:18,790 --> 00:37:21,060  
So you saw your  
mother after the war.

999  
00:37:21,060 --> 00:37:23,810  
Yeah, I did see her.

1000  
00:37:23,810 --> 00:37:24,510  
Oh.

1001  
00:37:24,510 --> 00:37:27,760  
But she was half alive.

1002  
00:37:27,760 --> 00:37:29,020



She told me--

1003

00:37:29,020 --> 00:37:30,950

I say, Mom, how did you survive?

1004

00:37:30,950 --> 00:37:31,990

There was gas.

1005

00:37:31,990 --> 00:37:33,920

They was gassing these women.

1006

00:37:33,920 --> 00:37:35,410

And she told me the story.

1007

00:37:35,410 --> 00:37:38,530

She was already--  
there whole group

1008

00:37:38,530 --> 00:37:42,580

of women did undress naked.

1009

00:37:42,580 --> 00:37:43,980

And they went in.

1010

00:37:43,980 --> 00:37:46,450

And now they will gas them.

1011

00:37:46,450 --> 00:37:48,250

And the gas didn't work.

1012

00:37:48,250 --> 00:37:49,420

The gas didn't work.

1013

00:37:49,420 --> 00:37:52,060

So the Germans said,  
put up your clothes.

1014

00:37:52,060 --> 00:37:54,200

They said, go back  
to the barracks.

1015

00:37:54,200 --> 00:37:56,620  
And that's the way  
that she survived.

1016  
00:37:56,620 --> 00:37:57,610  
And what about your--

1017  
00:37:57,610 --> 00:37:58,440  
I have a picture of her.

1018  
00:37:58,440 --> 00:37:58,940  
Right.

1019  
00:37:58,940 --> 00:38:00,420  
What about your sister?

1020  
00:38:00,420 --> 00:38:05,515  
No, she wasn't there,  
because when I ran away,

1021  
00:38:05,515 --> 00:38:06,640  
I don't know what happened.

1022  
00:38:06,640 --> 00:38:09,460  
They wouldn't-- they was  
working by the Germans.

1023  
00:38:09,460 --> 00:38:13,070  
I have no-- they  
said my mom, too.

1024  
00:38:13,070 --> 00:38:16,980  
Ah, my sister, she  
was in Stutthof.

1025  
00:38:16,980 --> 00:38:19,080  
They took my sister in Stutthof.

1026  
00:38:19,080 --> 00:38:21,550  
Also, that's what  
people told me.

1027

00:38:21,550 --> 00:38:23,980  
And she was in Majdanek--

1028  
00:38:23,980 --> 00:38:27,370  
no, in Auschwitz, my mom.

1029  
00:38:27,370 --> 00:38:30,760  
But that good person took  
her out and bring her home.

1030  
00:38:30,760 --> 00:38:33,550  
But she lived a short time.

1031  
00:38:33,550 --> 00:38:38,310  
She was all broken  
morally and physically.

1032  
00:38:38,310 --> 00:38:39,280  
What do you want?

1033  
00:38:39,280 --> 00:38:41,590  
I mean, that was  
a terrible time.

1034  
00:38:41,590 --> 00:38:45,370  
Do you think about your  
experiences a lot now?

1035  
00:38:45,370 --> 00:38:46,090  
What?

1036  
00:38:46,090 --> 00:38:51,430  
Do you think about your  
experience all the time?

1037  
00:38:51,430 --> 00:38:55,300  
I see my mother in  
my dreams very often.

1038  
00:38:55,300 --> 00:38:56,410  
I think my father--

1039

00:38:56,410 --> 00:38:57,970  
I was my father's girl.

1040  
00:38:57,970 --> 00:38:59,620  
I loved my father more.

1041  
00:38:59,620 --> 00:39:01,330  
But I do not see him so much.

1042  
00:39:01,330 --> 00:39:02,850  
I see my little brother.

1043  
00:39:02,850 --> 00:39:07,030  
And I see my mother  
a lot, and Germans.

1044  
00:39:07,030 --> 00:39:09,910  
And I run from them in my dream.

1045  
00:39:09,910 --> 00:39:12,910  
And then I wake up all sweaty.

1046  
00:39:12,910 --> 00:39:17,380  
Are you more comfortable  
around other survivors?

1047  
00:39:17,380 --> 00:39:18,105  
No.

1048  
00:39:18,105 --> 00:39:18,730  
Do you prefer--

1049  
00:39:18,730 --> 00:39:19,770  
Not at all.

1050  
00:39:19,770 --> 00:39:21,010  
--to be with.

1051  
00:39:21,010 --> 00:39:25,240  
What I like now is to be alone.

1052

00:39:25,240 --> 00:39:28,400  
And the people here  
don't like that.

1053  
00:39:28,400 --> 00:39:30,700  
They want me to mingle.

1054  
00:39:30,700 --> 00:39:31,600  
I don't like that.

1055  
00:39:31,600 --> 00:39:32,660  
I like to read.

1056  
00:39:32,660 --> 00:39:34,720  
I like to be alone and read.

1057  
00:39:34,720 --> 00:39:36,370  
That relaxes me.

1058  
00:39:36,370 --> 00:39:38,590  
I didn't even watch television.

1059  
00:39:38,590 --> 00:39:40,000  
I don't like television.

1060  
00:39:40,000 --> 00:39:41,590  
I have television.

1061  
00:39:41,590 --> 00:39:42,730  
I don't watch it.

1062  
00:39:42,730 --> 00:39:44,680  
I like to be alone.

1063  
00:39:44,680 --> 00:39:45,760  
I like it.

1064  
00:39:45,760 --> 00:39:48,940  
And I do, because  
I have so much.

1065

00:39:48,940 --> 00:39:50,620  
I have to clean it up.

1066  
00:39:50,620 --> 00:39:51,820  
I have to clean it up.

1067  
00:39:51,820 --> 00:39:54,370  
So I monkey around  
in my apartment.

1068  
00:39:54,370 --> 00:39:56,860  
But I am happy somebody  
comes in and talks to me.

1069  
00:39:56,860 --> 00:39:58,410  
I have people.

1070  
00:39:58,410 --> 00:40:02,920  
The Holocaust sent  
a volunteer to me.

1071  
00:40:02,920 --> 00:40:06,970  
And we became tremendously  
close friends.

1072  
00:40:06,970 --> 00:40:08,320  
Maybe you know her.

1073  
00:40:08,320 --> 00:40:13,780  
The name is Eva [? Korentier, ?]  
or something like that--

1074  
00:40:13,780 --> 00:40:15,820  
beautiful, gorgeous woman.

1075  
00:40:15,820 --> 00:40:17,590  
I love her to death.

1076  
00:40:17,590 --> 00:40:21,840  
She is so good to me, like  
she would be my daughter.

1077

00:40:21,840 --> 00:40:27,290

Eva [? Korentier. ?]

Here is her address.

1078

00:40:27,290 --> 00:40:30,740

I cannot even remember her name.

1079

00:40:30,740 --> 00:40:32,980

Well, that's OK.

1080

00:40:32,980 --> 00:40:33,900

Can you read that?

1081

00:40:33,900 --> 00:40:34,400

Yeah.

1082

00:40:34,400 --> 00:40:36,870

1083

00:40:36,870 --> 00:40:40,585

Yeah, that's the right name,

Eva [? Korentier. ?] Yeah.

1084

00:40:40,585 --> 00:40:42,640

I won't repeat her  
name, because I

1085

00:40:42,640 --> 00:40:45,350

want them to be in the writing.

1086

00:40:45,350 --> 00:40:45,850

Yeah.

1087

00:40:45,850 --> 00:40:48,660

1088

00:40:48,660 --> 00:40:49,580

That's very nice.

1089

00:40:49,580 --> 00:40:53,020

I'm blind and cannot read.

1090

00:40:53,020 --> 00:40:55,190

Do you think the Holocaust  
could happen again?

1091

00:40:55,190 --> 00:40:58,580

[? Korentier, ?]

Eva [? Korentier. ?]

1092

00:40:58,580 --> 00:40:59,080

Right.

1093

00:40:59,080 --> 00:41:01,640

Do you think the Holocaust  
could happen again?

1094

00:41:01,640 --> 00:41:05,890

When my priest died,  
I was hysterical.

1095

00:41:05,890 --> 00:41:06,550

Your priest.

1096

00:41:06,550 --> 00:41:08,780

I was already here.

1097

00:41:08,780 --> 00:41:10,870

And I wanted to--

1098

00:41:10,870 --> 00:41:12,630

America didn't give me a reason.

1099

00:41:12,630 --> 00:41:16,010

1100

00:41:16,010 --> 00:41:18,460

When you say your priest--

1101

00:41:18,460 --> 00:41:19,280

He died.

1102

00:41:19,280 --> 00:41:20,950



--which priest was this?

1103  
00:41:20,950 --> 00:41:23,490  
This is the priest Vladimir  
Michko who saved my life.

1104  
00:41:23,490 --> 00:41:26,350  
Oh, when Vladimir-- oh, I see.

1105  
00:41:26,350 --> 00:41:28,190  
And you wanted to  
go over to his--

1106  
00:41:28,190 --> 00:41:29,150  
I wanted to.

1107  
00:41:29,150 --> 00:41:34,030  
There was no way, because I did  
have to wait up to five years

1108  
00:41:34,030 --> 00:41:35,760  
to get a visa and everything.

1109  
00:41:35,760 --> 00:41:37,570  
Right.

1110  
00:41:37,570 --> 00:41:39,330  
You're a citizen of  
the United States?

1111  
00:41:39,330 --> 00:41:40,010  
I am.

1112  
00:41:40,010 --> 00:41:41,230  
Yeah, sure.

1113  
00:41:41,230 --> 00:41:44,170  
How did you feel  
becoming a citizen?

1114  
00:41:44,170 --> 00:41:45,230  
Nothing.

1115  
00:41:45,230 --> 00:41:48,340  
America is not any more  
the America when I came.

1116  
00:41:48,340 --> 00:41:50,500  
In '66, that was America.

1117  
00:41:50,500 --> 00:41:51,250  
What did America--

1118  
00:41:51,250 --> 00:41:52,420  
It was rich.

1119  
00:41:52,420 --> 00:41:55,210  
And everything  
was-- the President

1120  
00:41:55,210 --> 00:41:57,640  
was Reagan, my love of my life.

1121  
00:41:57,640 --> 00:41:59,410  
Everything was so easy.

1122  
00:41:59,410 --> 00:42:01,330  
Right now, is this America?

1123  
00:42:01,330 --> 00:42:02,670  
This is Russia.

1124  
00:42:02,670 --> 00:42:05,500  
Right now, I live the  
way I lived in Russia.

1125  
00:42:05,500 --> 00:42:08,470  
Everything is not--  
you have no service.

1126  
00:42:08,470 --> 00:42:10,510  
You have nothing.

1127

00:42:10,510 --> 00:42:14,070  
But when you came to the  
United States in 1966--

1128  
00:42:14,070 --> 00:42:15,370  
I came not willingly.

1129  
00:42:15,370 --> 00:42:16,030  
No, I know.

1130  
00:42:16,030 --> 00:42:20,875  
But it meant-- the United  
States meant freedom to you?

1131  
00:42:20,875 --> 00:42:24,130  
Freedom, freedom,  
absolutely freedom.

1132  
00:42:24,130 --> 00:42:26,800  
That's what I like about  
America, the freedom.

1133  
00:42:26,800 --> 00:42:30,160  
It's too much, too much freedom.

1134  
00:42:30,160 --> 00:42:31,780  
But I didn't want to come.

1135  
00:42:31,780 --> 00:42:33,410  
I lived there wonderful.

1136  
00:42:33,410 --> 00:42:34,750  
I had a good job.

1137  
00:42:34,750 --> 00:42:36,280  
I was doing movies.

1138  
00:42:36,280 --> 00:42:37,750  
This is not the only one.

1139  
00:42:37,750 --> 00:42:39,400  
I did seven movies.

1140  
00:42:39,400 --> 00:42:40,460  
You acted in the movies.

1141  
00:42:40,460 --> 00:42:41,010  
Acting.

1142  
00:42:41,010 --> 00:42:45,205  
Yeah, acting I was, because  
my diploma is acting.

1143  
00:42:45,205 --> 00:42:47,200  
I am an actress.

1144  
00:42:47,200 --> 00:42:48,370  
But I am very talented.

1145  
00:42:48,370 --> 00:42:50,520  
I can do with my  
hands everything.

1146  
00:42:50,520 --> 00:42:52,120  
And they want it in the theater.

1147  
00:42:52,120 --> 00:42:53,680  
I was very useful.

1148  
00:42:53,680 --> 00:42:56,230  
Yes.

1149  
00:42:56,230 --> 00:43:00,690  
Do you think that the  
Holocaust could happen again?

1150  
00:43:00,690 --> 00:43:02,210  
It could.

1151  
00:43:02,210 --> 00:43:06,440  
I don't know, because the  
Germans were-- look, also,

1152

00:43:06,440 --> 00:43:08,210  
I was not in Germany.

1153  
00:43:08,210 --> 00:43:10,500  
But my friend went to Germany.

1154  
00:43:10,500 --> 00:43:13,100  
And when she came  
back, she told me

1155  
00:43:13,100 --> 00:43:17,330  
she would never live there,  
because the Germans don't

1156  
00:43:17,330 --> 00:43:18,673  
pay me any money.

1157  
00:43:18,673 --> 00:43:20,090  
I was going to ask  
you about that.

1158  
00:43:20,090 --> 00:43:20,900  
They don't pay you?

1159  
00:43:20,900 --> 00:43:22,460  
No, not a dime.

1160  
00:43:22,460 --> 00:43:23,360  
Why?

1161  
00:43:23,360 --> 00:43:25,470  
Because I was in hiding.

1162  
00:43:25,470 --> 00:43:26,930  
I get from them a letter--

1163  
00:43:26,930 --> 00:43:28,960  
that, because you  
was in hiding--

1164  
00:43:28,960 --> 00:43:30,860  
why was you in hiding, he say?

1165  
00:43:30,860 --> 00:43:34,760  
Because you was in hiding  
more than you was in ghetto,

1166  
00:43:34,760 --> 00:43:35,300  
that was a--

1167  
00:43:35,300 --> 00:43:37,070  
I get a letter.

1168  
00:43:37,070 --> 00:43:38,780  
I say, why did I was in hiding?

1169  
00:43:38,780 --> 00:43:41,540  
What do you think,  
I was dancing there?

1170  
00:43:41,540 --> 00:43:43,670  
Don't you know why I hide?

1171  
00:43:43,670 --> 00:43:45,620  
Must be a reason  
that I run away.

1172  
00:43:45,620 --> 00:43:47,600  
Oh, you run away  
from the ghetto.

1173  
00:43:47,600 --> 00:43:53,050  
You didn't have to be in ghetto,  
so as long as we tell you.

1174  
00:43:53,050 --> 00:43:55,810  
Can you believe  
that [NON-ENGLISH]??

1175  
00:43:55,810 --> 00:43:57,760  
How would you describe yourself?

1176  
00:43:57,760 --> 00:44:02,080  
Would you say you're

Latvian, your Jewish?

1177  
00:44:02,080 --> 00:44:05,380  
No, I am Latvian,  
100%, a Latvian Jew.

1178  
00:44:05,380 --> 00:44:07,420  
I am a Latvian Jew.

1179  
00:44:07,420 --> 00:44:08,890  
But you feel very Latvian.

1180  
00:44:08,890 --> 00:44:11,680  
I feel very, but I  
am really Jewish.

1181  
00:44:11,680 --> 00:44:13,450  
I love everything Jewish.

1182  
00:44:13,450 --> 00:44:16,780  
If I would have to choose  
which nationality I want,

1183  
00:44:16,780 --> 00:44:18,850  
I want to be Jewish.

1184  
00:44:18,850 --> 00:44:21,220  
Have you ever been to Israel.

1185  
00:44:21,220 --> 00:44:22,560  
Yes.

1186  
00:44:22,560 --> 00:44:24,800  
I was here the last holidays.

1187  
00:44:24,800 --> 00:44:28,890  
Eva, she took me there.

1188  
00:44:28,890 --> 00:44:30,220  
And I like everything.

1189

00:44:30,220 --> 00:44:31,690  
I like the Jewish--

1190  
00:44:31,690 --> 00:44:34,300

1191  
00:44:34,300 --> 00:44:35,380  
the young David.

1192  
00:44:35,380 --> 00:44:36,370  
I like that.

1193  
00:44:36,370 --> 00:44:38,380  
They have such beautiful things.

1194  
00:44:38,380 --> 00:44:40,290  
And I like the mamloshen.

1195  
00:44:40,290 --> 00:44:44,560  
The mamloshen is fantastic,  
because I like Sholem Aleichem.

1196  
00:44:44,560 --> 00:44:46,270  
I read all his books.

1197  
00:44:46,270 --> 00:44:50,830  
And when I talk, I use  
a lot of Jewish words

1198  
00:44:50,830 --> 00:44:54,310  
in my conversation.

1199  
00:44:54,310 --> 00:44:56,310  
Now what can I tell you?

1200  
00:44:56,310 --> 00:44:58,440  
Now is the end of me.

1201  
00:44:58,440 --> 00:45:04,080  
I don't know when I'm going to  
die, but I am as much to death.



1202  
00:45:04,080 --> 00:45:05,370  
Do you have any grandchild?

1203  
00:45:05,370 --> 00:45:08,310  
I am not pessimistic.

1204  
00:45:08,310 --> 00:45:12,750  
I know I'm realistic,  
because 80 years is a lot.

1205  
00:45:12,750 --> 00:45:14,070  
This is the end.

1206  
00:45:14,070 --> 00:45:16,650  
And I keep living and living.

1207  
00:45:16,650 --> 00:45:19,020  
But you see, God is my friend.

1208  
00:45:19,020 --> 00:45:21,000  
He don't want me.

1209  
00:45:21,000 --> 00:45:22,690  
Do you have any grandchildren?

1210  
00:45:22,690 --> 00:45:23,400  
They are bad.

1211  
00:45:23,400 --> 00:45:25,700  
They don't have to  
do with me nothing.

1212  
00:45:25,700 --> 00:45:26,910  
They don't come see me.

1213  
00:45:26,910 --> 00:45:28,270  
But you do have grandchildren.

1214  
00:45:28,270 --> 00:45:28,770  
I have.

1215  
00:45:28,770 --> 00:45:29,330  
So what?

1216  
00:45:29,330 --> 00:45:31,200  
I don't know who they are.

1217  
00:45:31,200 --> 00:45:34,660  
I mean, I know when they was  
babies, they was on my lap.

1218  
00:45:34,660 --> 00:45:36,130  
I know them very well.

1219  
00:45:36,130 --> 00:45:37,770  
And I dearly love them.

1220  
00:45:37,770 --> 00:45:39,900  
But they don't come visit me.

1221  
00:45:39,900 --> 00:45:41,640  
How many do you have?

1222  
00:45:41,640 --> 00:45:42,750  
Two, two boys.

1223  
00:45:42,750 --> 00:45:43,550  
Two boys.

1224  
00:45:43,550 --> 00:45:45,750  
Yeah.

1225  
00:45:45,750 --> 00:45:47,270  
Maybe a girl would be different.

1226  
00:45:47,270 --> 00:45:47,860  
I don't know.

1227  
00:45:47,860 --> 00:45:49,640  
I love them anyway.

1228

00:45:49,640 --> 00:45:50,760  
They have their own life.

1229  
00:45:50,760 --> 00:45:52,508  
Young people live  
their own life.

1230  
00:45:52,508 --> 00:45:54,050  
What, are they going  
to call grandma?

1231  
00:45:54,050 --> 00:45:57,840  
Big deal, But that's OK.

1232  
00:45:57,840 --> 00:45:58,440  
I love them.

1233  
00:45:58,440 --> 00:46:00,270  
I love them in my heart.

1234  
00:46:00,270 --> 00:46:03,735  
Do you have any message  
for them about life?

1235  
00:46:03,735 --> 00:46:07,890  
Aviva goes to them I am sure,  
my daughter goes to them.

1236  
00:46:07,890 --> 00:46:09,940  
She sees them.

1237  
00:46:09,940 --> 00:46:11,520  
So I say, give my love to David.

1238  
00:46:11,520 --> 00:46:13,900  
Give my love to [INAUDIBLE].

1239  
00:46:13,900 --> 00:46:15,400  
They have their own life.

1240  
00:46:15,400 --> 00:46:17,440  
Who needs their old grandmother?

1241  
00:46:17,440 --> 00:46:21,460  
Do you still keep in touch  
with people in Latvia?

1242  
00:46:21,460 --> 00:46:23,210  
Yes.

1243  
00:46:23,210 --> 00:46:23,948  
They write me.

1244  
00:46:23,948 --> 00:46:24,490  
They send me.

1245  
00:46:24,490 --> 00:46:25,240  
These are friends?

1246  
00:46:25,240 --> 00:46:27,380  
Yeah, I will give you cookies.

1247  
00:46:27,380 --> 00:46:28,380  
That's OK.

1248  
00:46:28,380 --> 00:46:30,490  
They send me cookies.

1249  
00:46:30,490 --> 00:46:32,080  
Are they Jews?

1250  
00:46:32,080 --> 00:46:33,580  
They are very  
devoted, very devoted.

1251  
00:46:33,580 --> 00:46:38,050  
Are they Latvian  
Jews, or Christians?

1252  
00:46:38,050 --> 00:46:41,110  
Are they Latvian Jews?

1253  
00:46:41,110 --> 00:46:42,720

I don't know if they are Jews.

1254  
00:46:42,720 --> 00:46:44,415  
But try that.

1255  
00:46:44,415 --> 00:46:45,040  
You'll love it.

1256  
00:46:45,040 --> 00:46:46,462  
OK.

1257  
00:46:46,462 --> 00:46:48,060  
Thank you.

1258  
00:46:48,060 --> 00:46:49,890  
So you do still keep in touch?

1259  
00:46:49,890 --> 00:46:51,110  
All the time.

1260  
00:46:51,110 --> 00:46:51,810  
Yeah.

1261  
00:46:51,810 --> 00:46:55,300  
And I'm very much in touch  
with my theater here.

1262  
00:46:55,300 --> 00:46:55,800  
In New York?

1263  
00:46:55,800 --> 00:46:56,430  
In New York.

1264  
00:46:56,430 --> 00:46:57,540  
They write me letters.

1265  
00:46:57,540 --> 00:47:00,120  
And they call me.

1266  
00:47:00,120 --> 00:47:02,631  
They almost--

shoot, shoot, shoot.

1267  
00:47:02,631 --> 00:47:04,830  
They closed the whole thing.

1268  
00:47:04,830 --> 00:47:10,510  
Then come out a millionaire, Mr.  
Koch, gave them \$100 million.

1269  
00:47:10,510 --> 00:47:12,210  
And they live again.

1270  
00:47:12,210 --> 00:47:14,106  
This show's going on.

1271  
00:47:14,106 --> 00:47:16,410  
That what happened when I left.

1272  
00:47:16,410 --> 00:47:17,340  
Terrible.

1273  
00:47:17,340 --> 00:47:22,350  
They wanted to close my theater,  
because when I worked there,

1274  
00:47:22,350 --> 00:47:25,500  
I worked so long that it  
was mine, my personal.

1275  
00:47:25,500 --> 00:47:28,210  
It could be Carolina  
Taitz's theater.

1276  
00:47:28,210 --> 00:47:29,160  
Yeah, wonderful.

1277  
00:47:29,160 --> 00:47:30,930  
But I don't have \$100 million.

1278  
00:47:30,930 --> 00:47:31,950  
Wonderful.

1279

00:47:31,950 --> 00:47:35,670

I cannot believe enough people  
have such amount of money.

1280

00:47:35,670 --> 00:47:38,610

He didn't give his last dime.

1281

00:47:38,610 --> 00:47:41,750

You know this story.

1282

00:47:41,750 --> 00:47:46,400

Well, is there anything you  
wanted to add before we close?

1283

00:47:46,400 --> 00:47:46,900

What?

1284

00:47:46,900 --> 00:47:50,100

Is there anything else  
you wanted to say?

1285

00:47:50,100 --> 00:47:51,120

About what?

1286

00:47:51,120 --> 00:47:53,680

Well, about your experience,  
what you went through.

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00:47:53,680 --> 00:47:56,240

I have a [INAUDIBLE]  
big experience.

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00:47:56,240 --> 00:47:58,590

And I have episodes for my--

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00:47:58,590 --> 00:48:00,900

like the louse, then the Puppe.

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00:48:00,900 --> 00:48:01,860

You have not--

1291

00:48:01,860 --> 00:48:04,770

I am telling you, I  
cannot talk so much.

1292

00:48:04,770 --> 00:48:08,100

But I have episodes for my life.

1293

00:48:08,100 --> 00:48:11,610

And David, my friend,  
he is mad because I did

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00:48:11,610 --> 00:48:13,710

have to write a book.

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00:48:13,710 --> 00:48:16,230

I have to write a book,  
because that's what

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00:48:16,230 --> 00:48:18,630

I have seen with my whole eyes.

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00:48:18,630 --> 00:48:21,780

Everybody's dead,  
and I am still alive.

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00:48:21,780 --> 00:48:23,600

I say, who is going  
to read my book?

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00:48:23,600 --> 00:48:24,780

I will not write.

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00:48:24,780 --> 00:48:25,760

I don't want.

1301

00:48:25,760 --> 00:48:28,680

He lives in New York.

1302

00:48:28,680 --> 00:48:29,640

He comes and visit me.

1303

00:48:29,640 --> 00:48:35,140



He's a writer, David  
[? Zilbermon. ?] Try it.

1304  
00:48:35,140 --> 00:48:40,950  
Well, thank you very much  
for doing this interview.

1305  
00:48:40,950 --> 00:48:44,320  
It isn't even all  
what I told you.

1306  
00:48:44,320 --> 00:48:45,880  
Is there anything--

1307  
00:48:45,880 --> 00:48:47,260  
This is about what happened.

1308  
00:48:47,260 --> 00:48:49,390  
Is there anything  
else you want--

1309  
00:48:49,390 --> 00:48:52,450  
I think that my episodes, what  
I personally was going through,

1310  
00:48:52,450 --> 00:48:55,710  
is more important.

1311  
00:48:55,710 --> 00:48:57,630  
I cannot tell.

1312  
00:48:57,630 --> 00:48:59,790  
I have a story about the doll.

1313  
00:48:59,790 --> 00:49:01,440  
What's that story?

1314  
00:49:01,440 --> 00:49:04,780  
The doll is a Puppe in German.

1315  
00:49:04,780 --> 00:49:06,150  
A Puppe is a doll.

1316  
00:49:06,150 --> 00:49:07,590  
You know a doll.

1317  
00:49:07,590 --> 00:49:08,480  
This is a story.

1318  
00:49:08,480 --> 00:49:10,830  
The louse is a story.

1319  
00:49:10,830 --> 00:49:12,420  
But it's also a story.

1320  
00:49:12,420 --> 00:49:15,720  
I have so many episodes,  
what happened to me.

1321  
00:49:15,720 --> 00:49:18,180  
What's the doll story?

1322  
00:49:18,180 --> 00:49:19,122  
I need time for that.

1323  
00:49:19,122 --> 00:49:20,330  
I'm not going to tell it now.

1324  
00:49:20,330 --> 00:49:20,970  
Oh.

1325  
00:49:20,970 --> 00:49:24,950  
Then the potato,  
this is a story--

1326  
00:49:24,950 --> 00:49:27,340  
how I came, how he  
hit me, everything.

1327  
00:49:27,340 --> 00:49:28,950  
And this would be in my book.

1328  
00:49:28,950 --> 00:49:29,820

I see.

1329  
00:49:29,820 --> 00:49:30,550  
I didn't write.

1330  
00:49:30,550 --> 00:49:31,280  
OK.

1331  
00:49:31,280 --> 00:49:31,810  
Eat it.

1332  
00:49:31,810 --> 00:49:32,550  
OK.

1333  
00:49:32,550 --> 00:49:38,230  
Well, thank you very much  
for doing this interview.

1334  
00:49:38,230 --> 00:49:40,890  
This concludes the United States  
Holocaust Memorial Museum--

1335  
00:49:40,890 --> 00:49:42,910  
This is the real story.

1336  
00:49:42,910 --> 00:49:47,940  
--Volunteer Collection  
interview with Carolina Taitz.

1337  
00:49:47,940 --> 00:49:49,000