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00:00:00,000 --> 00:00:02,280

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00:00:02,280 --> 00:00:04,860
This is a continuation of
the United States Holocaust

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00:00:04,860 --> 00:00:07,080
Memorial Museum
Volunteer Collection

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00:00:07,080 --> 00:00:08,910
interview with Phillip Abraham.

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00:00:08,910 --> 00:00:11,100
This is track number 2.

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00:00:11,100 --> 00:00:14,732
And we were talking
about 1944 and--

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00:00:14,732 --> 00:00:15,232
Right.

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00:00:15,232 --> 00:00:17,910
--what was happening then.

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00:00:17,910 --> 00:00:19,530
Another thing that
happened-- now we

10
00:00:19,530 --> 00:00:22,390
come to the being Jewish.

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00:00:22,390 --> 00:00:29,760
Suddenly, we have freedom and
the Zionist organizations,

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00:00:29,760 --> 00:00:33,420
youth Zionist organizations.

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00:00:33,420 --> 00:00:36,630

And of course, everybody
became a member

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00:00:36,630 --> 00:00:38,610

of this or that organization.

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00:00:38,610 --> 00:00:42,990

I happen to be in
the Hashomer Hatzair.

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00:00:42,990 --> 00:00:47,700

Most of us who went
to the gymnasium

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00:00:47,700 --> 00:00:49,680

chose this for whatever reasons.

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00:00:49,680 --> 00:00:50,880

They decided this.

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00:00:50,880 --> 00:00:52,720

But there were other
organizations there--

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00:00:52,720 --> 00:00:54,330

Had you been in
this organization

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00:00:54,330 --> 00:00:56,030

for the few years already?

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00:00:56,030 --> 00:00:56,530

No.

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00:00:56,530 --> 00:00:57,430

The Hashomer Hatzair.

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00:00:57,430 --> 00:00:57,930

No.

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00:00:57,930 --> 00:00:59,110

During the war, no.

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00:00:59,110 --> 00:00:59,610

No.

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00:00:59,610 --> 00:01:01,560

No they were not
allowed to do that.

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00:01:01,560 --> 00:01:02,130

Oh, OK.

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00:01:02,130 --> 00:01:03,990

So only in '44.

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00:01:03,990 --> 00:01:06,720

What month in '44
are we talking about?

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00:01:06,720 --> 00:01:08,400

I think after August.

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00:01:08,400 --> 00:01:10,120

After August, yeah.

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00:01:10,120 --> 00:01:13,155

Suddenly, all this
appeared with the--

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00:01:13,155 --> 00:01:14,130

--the Zionists.

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00:01:14,130 --> 00:01:15,480

All these things are--

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00:01:15,480 --> 00:01:19,740

and so people came
from other towns

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00:01:19,740 --> 00:01:22,620

who had been maybe underground.

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00:01:22,620 --> 00:01:26,370
Continued to be Zionist
and so on and organized.

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00:01:26,370 --> 00:01:28,740
But in this town, I
didn't know anyone.

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00:01:28,740 --> 00:01:33,390
Nobody did anything
there during the war.

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00:01:33,390 --> 00:01:36,510

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00:01:36,510 --> 00:01:42,380
So I became very involved
in that and so on.

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00:01:42,380 --> 00:01:44,540
I loved it to be and so on.

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00:01:44,540 --> 00:01:47,760

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00:01:47,760 --> 00:01:54,350
And so did my friends
that were there.

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00:01:54,350 --> 00:01:55,850
And there was a
competition between

47
00:01:55,850 --> 00:01:59,890
the various organizations
at the time.

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00:01:59,890 --> 00:02:03,380
But it was OK.

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00:02:03,380 --> 00:02:13,400

So we continued to learn about
what is happening and so on.

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00:02:13,400 --> 00:02:22,670
And the idea of leaving
Romania was, at that point,

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00:02:22,670 --> 00:02:24,260
increased among all the Jews.

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00:02:24,260 --> 00:02:27,140

53
00:02:27,140 --> 00:02:30,510
But the situation was
still so, after the war,

54
00:02:30,510 --> 00:02:34,040
people were not recovering
yet, neither the Romanians,

55
00:02:34,040 --> 00:02:34,940
nor the Jews.

56
00:02:34,940 --> 00:02:38,130
And so there was a big problem.

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00:02:38,130 --> 00:02:39,910
So in the meantime,
we continued.

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00:02:39,910 --> 00:02:44,750
Now we were allowed to
go to Romanian schools.

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00:02:44,750 --> 00:02:45,350
So we went--

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00:02:45,350 --> 00:02:48,300
But the war is still going on.

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00:02:48,300 --> 00:02:49,640

It's Spring of '45.

62
00:02:49,640 --> 00:02:51,410
But for you all, it's over.

63
00:02:51,410 --> 00:02:53,060
It's over because
the Romanian army--

64
00:02:53,060 --> 00:02:55,890
But the war is still
going on in other parts.

65
00:02:55,890 --> 00:02:56,390
No.

66
00:02:56,390 --> 00:02:57,620
They were no longer--

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00:02:57,620 --> 00:03:04,570
they actually-- the king,
King Michael told the army--

68
00:03:04,570 --> 00:03:05,070
No.

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00:03:05,070 --> 00:03:06,678
I meant the war going on
in other parts of Europe

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00:03:06,678 --> 00:03:06,870
was still going on.

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00:03:06,870 --> 00:03:07,787
Other parts of Europe.

72
00:03:07,787 --> 00:03:11,160
But we were off that.

73
00:03:11,160 --> 00:03:15,330
So some normality
started building up.

74
00:03:15,330 --> 00:03:19,680
And we were allowed,
in '45 or '44,

75
00:03:19,680 --> 00:03:22,050
I'm not sure whether
it's possible,

76
00:03:22,050 --> 00:03:27,180
but it was too early to say
that because the school starts

77
00:03:27,180 --> 00:03:30,810
basically like September,
October, something like that.

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00:03:30,810 --> 00:03:32,730
So they were disorganized.

79
00:03:32,730 --> 00:03:36,940
I think only in
the next semester,

80
00:03:36,940 --> 00:03:39,560
it started, the high schools.

81
00:03:39,560 --> 00:03:46,140
So I was now going
into the fifth grade

82
00:03:46,140 --> 00:03:50,920
in the public schools.

83
00:03:50,920 --> 00:03:57,240
So it was much better
and so on in many ways

84
00:03:57,240 --> 00:04:01,780
than before that in a little
town, Podu Turcului, and so on.

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00:04:01,780 --> 00:04:08,920

This was a real school
with Romanian teachers.

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00:04:08,920 --> 00:04:12,550

But there were some French
teachers as well that,

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00:04:12,550 --> 00:04:14,590

well, again, was a Jewish guy.

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00:04:14,590 --> 00:04:22,330

And there was Romanian friends
who were very much in touch.

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00:04:22,330 --> 00:04:23,260

Why?

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00:04:23,260 --> 00:04:30,340

Because the Romanians got
their independence in 1848,

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00:04:30,340 --> 00:04:33,730

and they realize, at the time--
because they had been under

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00:04:33,730 --> 00:04:37,090

the Turks and the
Ottoman Empire--

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00:04:37,090 --> 00:04:40,850

they realized that they
were behind in so many ways.

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00:04:40,850 --> 00:04:45,700

So they decided to introduce
in the Romanian language

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00:04:45,700 --> 00:04:51,680

French words and for the new
in sciences and technology

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00:04:51,680 --> 00:04:52,880

and so on.

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00:04:52,880 --> 00:04:56,470

So to this very day,
they're actually--

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00:04:56,470 --> 00:04:59,650

that's the major language
that they taught in

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00:04:59,650 --> 00:05:03,130

those days and nowadays as well.

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00:05:03,130 --> 00:05:06,440

Now, of course, English
is part of it as well.

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00:05:06,440 --> 00:05:11,260

So we studied.

102

00:05:11,260 --> 00:05:18,730

And I was, so to speak,
not the greatest student.

103

00:05:18,730 --> 00:05:21,380

I wasn't failing or
anything like that.

104

00:05:21,380 --> 00:05:29,130

But in 1946, I said
to my parents--

105

00:05:29,130 --> 00:05:33,810

Do you remember VE Day, the
end of the war in the spring

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00:05:33,810 --> 00:05:35,770

of '45 and when
Hitler died and--

107

00:05:35,770 --> 00:05:36,270

Right.

108

00:05:36,270 --> 00:05:39,450

And I remember with
the atomic bomb, OK.

109

00:05:39,450 --> 00:05:40,560

Well, but before that.

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00:05:40,560 --> 00:05:41,830

That was the summertime.

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00:05:41,830 --> 00:05:42,330

Yeah.

112

00:05:42,330 --> 00:05:44,010

Do you remember
when Hitler died?

113

00:05:44,010 --> 00:05:44,520

No.

114

00:05:44,520 --> 00:05:45,330

That I don't.

115

00:05:45,330 --> 00:05:46,530

No.

116

00:05:46,530 --> 00:05:49,920

I don't think it
penetrated at the time.

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00:05:49,920 --> 00:05:54,670

But in 1945, when I heard
about the atomic bomb--

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00:05:54,670 --> 00:05:55,170

Atomic bomb.

119

00:05:55,170 --> 00:05:55,620

Yeah.

120

00:05:55,620 --> 00:05:56,430

You had heard that.

121
00:05:56,430 --> 00:05:57,180
Yeah.

122
00:05:57,180 --> 00:06:00,360
And nobody understood
what that meant.

123
00:06:00,360 --> 00:06:03,810
They used the word
"disaggregation,"

124
00:06:03,810 --> 00:06:06,390
meaning that everything
is coming apart.

125
00:06:06,390 --> 00:06:08,040
That was the word that was--

126
00:06:08,040 --> 00:06:09,690
so they were worried.

127
00:06:09,690 --> 00:06:13,650
I mean, it's going to world
now explode and so on.

128
00:06:13,650 --> 00:06:16,890
But nobody knew physics, and--

129
00:06:16,890 --> 00:06:18,870
Did your parents or
did you know about any

130
00:06:18,870 --> 00:06:22,610
of the other massacres
taking place in Romania?

131
00:06:22,610 --> 00:06:23,110
Yeah.

132
00:06:23,110 --> 00:06:25,810

We heard about what
happened [INAUDIBLE]

133
00:06:25,810 --> 00:06:28,270
and many other places.

134
00:06:28,270 --> 00:06:30,280
And, yeah, sure.

135
00:06:30,280 --> 00:06:33,910
And that's why one
of the things was

136
00:06:33,910 --> 00:06:38,590
the Jews said this country
is no longer for us.

137
00:06:38,590 --> 00:06:40,090
They didn't leave on the spot.

138
00:06:40,090 --> 00:06:43,990
In fact, it was no way that
they could in any case.

139
00:06:43,990 --> 00:06:45,070
So--

140
00:06:45,070 --> 00:06:46,623
I was thinking of--

141
00:06:46,623 --> 00:06:48,540
I don't know if I'm
pronouncing it correctly--

142
00:06:48,540 --> 00:06:49,560
Iasi.

143
00:06:49,560 --> 00:06:50,200
Iasi.

144
00:06:50,200 --> 00:06:53,260
Yes, that's exactly

the pronunciation.

145
00:06:53,260 --> 00:06:55,660
They call it here
Jassy as so on.

146
00:06:55,660 --> 00:06:57,550
But it's Iasi.

147
00:06:57,550 --> 00:07:07,030
That was one of the
first places in Romania

148
00:07:07,030 --> 00:07:09,130
that had an independent--

149
00:07:09,130 --> 00:07:17,880
originally, 2,000 or more years
ago, they had a kingdom, Dacia.

150
00:07:17,880 --> 00:07:24,330
And it is spelled
D-A-C-I-A. And they fought.

151
00:07:24,330 --> 00:07:26,890
They had a king and so on.

152
00:07:26,890 --> 00:07:29,460
His name was Decebalus.

153
00:07:29,460 --> 00:07:31,740
And he was defeated
by the Romans

154
00:07:31,740 --> 00:07:39,030
when he invaded Romania and went
to the city that is Constanta.

155
00:07:39,030 --> 00:07:39,615
It's a name--

156
00:07:39,615 --> 00:07:43,470

157

00:07:43,470 --> 00:07:48,330

And that's why Romanian
language has a tremendous amount

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00:07:48,330 --> 00:07:56,970

of Latin, but also from
the tribes and others that

159

00:07:56,970 --> 00:07:57,780

had been there.

160

00:07:57,780 --> 00:08:01,710

And I'm saying this because
many people don't understand.

161

00:08:01,710 --> 00:08:07,210

They thought it was some
place, savage place.

162

00:08:07,210 --> 00:08:07,710

No.

163

00:08:07,710 --> 00:08:08,670

They had a kingdom.

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00:08:08,670 --> 00:08:15,330

They had cities with buildings
and so on 2,000 years ago.

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00:08:15,330 --> 00:08:20,730

And they were quite civilized.

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00:08:20,730 --> 00:08:23,620

Everything was
written and so on.

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00:08:23,620 --> 00:08:28,020

And they left who is
what in the history.

168

00:08:28,020 --> 00:08:33,260
But they were defeated by
sheer power and technology

169
00:08:33,260 --> 00:08:34,200
of the Romans.

170
00:08:34,200 --> 00:08:37,799
And so the Romans
established themselves

171
00:08:37,799 --> 00:08:45,090
in the city of Constanta that
they named in some actual--

172
00:08:45,090 --> 00:08:52,140
one of the poets, a Roman poet,
was sent there as a penalty

173
00:08:52,140 --> 00:08:57,600
because he spoke against
Nero or something like that.

174
00:08:57,600 --> 00:09:00,300
But to bring it more
up-to-date, Iasi.

175
00:09:00,300 --> 00:09:02,870
Did your family know about
what had happened there?

176
00:09:02,870 --> 00:09:03,940
Yes.

177
00:09:03,940 --> 00:09:04,440
Yeah.

178
00:09:04,440 --> 00:09:08,130
That became well-known because
there were some survivors

179
00:09:08,130 --> 00:09:11,940
of the death train at Iasi.

180
00:09:11,940 --> 00:09:13,560
And not many.

181
00:09:13,560 --> 00:09:19,740
And one nice thing that
appeared from the stories

182
00:09:19,740 --> 00:09:24,480
told, the peasants
who were along the--

183
00:09:24,480 --> 00:09:28,290
living around the railroad
were this were going on,

184
00:09:28,290 --> 00:09:31,830
and when they stopped
and they heard the Jews--

185
00:09:31,830 --> 00:09:36,910
water, water-- they
wanted to give them.

186
00:09:36,910 --> 00:09:39,280
The German shot them.

187
00:09:39,280 --> 00:09:43,360
This is not well-known
because for some reason

188
00:09:43,360 --> 00:09:48,940
there was bad rumors about it.

189
00:09:48,940 --> 00:09:50,860
All Romanians were like that.

190
00:09:50,860 --> 00:09:51,520
They weren't.

191
00:09:51,520 --> 00:09:52,020
Yeah.

192
00:09:52,020 --> 00:09:55,120
There were bad, and
still some and--

193
00:09:55,120 --> 00:09:56,390
no question about it.

194
00:09:56,390 --> 00:09:58,330
But you find them everywhere.

195
00:09:58,330 --> 00:10:05,810
But those people understood
pity and human beings.

196
00:10:05,810 --> 00:10:08,540
So, yeah, we knew.

197
00:10:08,540 --> 00:10:09,630
We knew about that.

198
00:10:09,630 --> 00:10:13,870
And immediately, little books
appeared written by the Jews,

199
00:10:13,870 --> 00:10:16,280
OK, about what's happened there.

200
00:10:16,280 --> 00:10:18,930
And so we knew about that.

201
00:10:18,930 --> 00:10:20,030
Absolutely.

202
00:10:20,030 --> 00:10:22,880
And what happened
in other places

203
00:10:22,880 --> 00:10:26,990
where the Bessarabia, which
is called Moldavia now.

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00:10:26,990 --> 00:10:29,330

There is a difference between
"Moldova" and "Moldovia."

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00:10:29,330 --> 00:10:30,480

I was in Moldova.

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00:10:30,480 --> 00:10:31,910

This is the old kingdom.

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00:10:31,910 --> 00:10:37,340

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00:10:37,340 --> 00:10:39,710

And that one,
Bessarabia, because it

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00:10:39,710 --> 00:10:42,890

was next to the
Russians, the Russians

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00:10:42,890 --> 00:10:46,170

picked it up at
the end of the war.

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00:10:46,170 --> 00:10:49,010

They couldn't do that before.

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00:10:49,010 --> 00:10:53,390

They never succeeded to
defeat the Romanians.

213

00:10:53,390 --> 00:10:56,120

But after the war,
they took it, so.

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00:10:56,120 --> 00:10:58,370

Well, now you're a member
of Hashomer Hatzair.

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00:10:58,370 --> 00:11:00,650

I'm a member of

Hashomer Hatzair.

216
00:11:00,650 --> 00:11:06,920
And of course, we learn all
about Palestine and Zionism

217
00:11:06,920 --> 00:11:07,520
and all this.

218
00:11:07,520 --> 00:11:09,900
Were your brother and
sister in the group too?

219
00:11:09,900 --> 00:11:10,400
No.

220
00:11:10,400 --> 00:11:13,310

221
00:11:13,310 --> 00:11:17,150
My brother was interested
in being in the store

222
00:11:17,150 --> 00:11:18,740
with my father.

223
00:11:18,740 --> 00:11:22,310
My sister was interested
in other things.

224
00:11:22,310 --> 00:11:28,680
She ultimately studied to
become a ballerina and so

225
00:11:28,680 --> 00:11:31,770
on and piano and all that.

226
00:11:31,770 --> 00:11:38,640
And in fact, when she stayed
in Romania until 1950,

227
00:11:38,640 --> 00:11:44,640

and she finished actually at
the university, she became a--

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00:11:44,640 --> 00:11:49,460

229
00:11:49,460 --> 00:11:54,350
she got a degree and being
able to teach ballet.

230
00:11:54,350 --> 00:11:58,040
And when she came to Israel,
she started a studio of her own.

231
00:11:58,040 --> 00:12:02,810

232
00:12:02,810 --> 00:12:04,380
But to reach that point--

233
00:12:04,380 --> 00:12:05,300
Your story.

234
00:12:05,300 --> 00:12:08,120
My story was I
said to my parents

235
00:12:08,120 --> 00:12:11,070
after finishing the fifth--

236
00:12:11,070 --> 00:12:12,770
You're 15 years old now.

237
00:12:12,770 --> 00:12:13,610
Right.

238
00:12:13,610 --> 00:12:15,390
I said, I want to go to--

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00:12:15,390 --> 00:12:15,890
Palestine.

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00:12:15,890 --> 00:12:17,430

--to Palestine.

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00:12:17,430 --> 00:12:18,230

Said, how?

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00:12:18,230 --> 00:12:19,100

What?

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00:12:19,100 --> 00:12:19,910

Would leave us.

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00:12:19,910 --> 00:12:20,510

No.

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00:12:20,510 --> 00:12:22,520

And they wouldn't do that.

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00:12:22,520 --> 00:12:23,840

They wouldn't let me and so on.

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00:12:23,840 --> 00:12:25,430

Then I said-- I threatened them.

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00:12:25,430 --> 00:12:28,700

I said then I'm not
going to go to school.

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00:12:28,700 --> 00:12:32,930

I'm going to stay home
if you don't let me.

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00:12:32,930 --> 00:12:34,940

And they believe me.

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00:12:34,940 --> 00:12:39,600

And ultimately, I did leave.

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00:12:39,600 --> 00:12:44,210

And the reason they
believed me was that--

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00:12:44,210 --> 00:12:47,330

I mentioned that earlier--

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00:12:47,330 --> 00:12:55,250

that they had kind of a
belief that I was strong,

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00:12:55,250 --> 00:12:58,310

even more so than my siblings.

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00:12:58,310 --> 00:13:03,290

And they base that
on the fact that when

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00:13:03,290 --> 00:13:07,730

I was about six
years old, that uncle

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00:13:07,730 --> 00:13:11,480

of mine that gave the
dowry to my mother, he

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00:13:11,480 --> 00:13:13,850

was married and
didn't have children.

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00:13:13,850 --> 00:13:18,570

And he visited-- at that
time we were in Bucharest.

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00:13:18,570 --> 00:13:20,010

That was before the war.

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00:13:20,010 --> 00:13:24,290

My parents moved from
the little town Tecuci

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00:13:24,290 --> 00:13:30,150

to Bucharest because my
mother said at the time this

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00:13:30,150 --> 00:13:33,270
is small village near our town.

265
00:13:33,270 --> 00:13:35,970
I want my children to
grow up, and they'll

266
00:13:35,970 --> 00:13:38,050
go to school in
Bucharest, and all this.

267
00:13:38,050 --> 00:13:43,800
And my father sold his business,
and we got money and so on.

268
00:13:43,800 --> 00:13:45,000
Come to Bucharest.

269
00:13:45,000 --> 00:13:50,490
Enters into another business
but not his expertise.

270
00:13:50,490 --> 00:13:51,930
Groceries.

271
00:13:51,930 --> 00:13:58,620
And he had some also partners
who cheated him and so on.

272
00:13:58,620 --> 00:14:04,380
And after a year or two, he
decided that he goes back

273
00:14:04,380 --> 00:14:05,310
to Podu Turcului.

274
00:14:05,310 --> 00:14:10,680
And that's where we were
before the war started.

275
00:14:10,680 --> 00:14:16,110
And so this uncle comes
and visit us in Bucharest.

276
00:14:16,110 --> 00:14:21,300
And he said can I take him
with me for a few weeks?

277
00:14:21,300 --> 00:14:24,090
He lived in another
town, a big town.

278
00:14:24,090 --> 00:14:27,850
And so he asked me,
you want to come?

279
00:14:27,850 --> 00:14:28,430
Yeah.

280
00:14:28,430 --> 00:14:28,930
Yeah.

281
00:14:28,930 --> 00:14:31,620
I want to come.

282
00:14:31,620 --> 00:14:32,910
So they let him take me.

283
00:14:32,910 --> 00:14:37,140
But he said if he starts
crying, just bring him back.

284
00:14:37,140 --> 00:14:40,080
So I was there six weeks.

285
00:14:40,080 --> 00:14:45,150
There was no telephone and so on
at the time so they could call.

286
00:14:45,150 --> 00:14:46,230
Only letters.

287
00:14:46,230 --> 00:14:49,320
And I had a good time there.

288

00:14:49,320 --> 00:14:51,870

I was the only little boy there.

289

00:14:51,870 --> 00:14:55,320

And he had a business of--

290

00:14:55,320 --> 00:14:57,090

lumber business.

291

00:14:57,090 --> 00:15:01,950

He bought places with
the trees and so on

292

00:15:01,950 --> 00:15:05,710

and had people cut the
trees, lumberjacks and so on.

293

00:15:05,710 --> 00:15:08,550

And then he would sell the--

294

00:15:08,550 --> 00:15:12,240

do something to the wood
and sell lumber to--

295

00:15:12,240 --> 00:15:15,240

and there was a big
area with all this.

296

00:15:15,240 --> 00:15:18,150

And I played there and so on.

297

00:15:18,150 --> 00:15:20,970

And they treated me
so nicely, why not?

298

00:15:20,970 --> 00:15:21,590

I was their--

299

00:15:21,590 --> 00:15:26,220

300

00:15:26,220 --> 00:15:28,300

I didn't cry, I
didn't do anything.

301

00:15:28,300 --> 00:15:30,840

So they knew that
I could stand--

302

00:15:30,840 --> 00:15:31,650

could be that.

303

00:15:31,650 --> 00:15:41,940

So they had belief that if
I go, I'm going to be OK.

304

00:15:41,940 --> 00:15:44,370

And it was organized, of course.

305

00:15:44,370 --> 00:15:55,130

So I remember in 1946, it
was basically July 1946

306

00:15:55,130 --> 00:16:01,590

that we started from Bucharest,
this organize from Bucharest,

307

00:16:01,590 --> 00:16:06,260

a whole train with
Jews that survivors

308

00:16:06,260 --> 00:16:12,350

from Russia, Soviet
Russia and would

309

00:16:12,350 --> 00:16:15,070

have been there during the war.

310

00:16:15,070 --> 00:16:16,860

This is all ages,
not just teenagers.

311

00:16:16,860 --> 00:16:17,360

All ages.

312
00:16:17,360 --> 00:16:17,930
Right.

313
00:16:17,930 --> 00:16:23,000
And also from my
old town, people

314
00:16:23,000 --> 00:16:25,850
that we have been together
in school and so on,

315
00:16:25,850 --> 00:16:27,710
I was with them.

316
00:16:27,710 --> 00:16:31,070
So also Hashomer Hatzair.

317
00:16:31,070 --> 00:16:35,950
And we boarded the train one--

318
00:16:35,950 --> 00:16:40,850
actually, not evening--
but from Bucharest.

319
00:16:40,850 --> 00:16:43,190
What was it like to say
goodbye to your parents?

320
00:16:43,190 --> 00:16:46,700
Well, it was just
hugging and all this.

321
00:16:46,700 --> 00:16:47,930
My mother was crying.

322
00:16:47,930 --> 00:16:49,250
And they are there.

323
00:16:49,250 --> 00:16:50,580
I'm already in the train.

324
00:16:50,580 --> 00:16:52,440
I'm at the window.

325
00:16:52,440 --> 00:16:57,380
The window was down, and
my brother and my sister

326
00:16:57,380 --> 00:16:59,060
and said, get off.

327
00:16:59,060 --> 00:16:59,930
Come, come.

328
00:16:59,930 --> 00:17:00,900
Don't go.

329
00:17:00,900 --> 00:17:02,360
Get off.

330
00:17:02,360 --> 00:17:08,480
The train started moving, and
they run along say, get off.

331
00:17:08,480 --> 00:17:09,349
And I didn't.

332
00:17:09,349 --> 00:17:15,410

333
00:17:15,410 --> 00:17:20,480
So from this, another story
starts because we are now

334
00:17:20,480 --> 00:17:22,640
on the train.

335
00:17:22,640 --> 00:17:26,270
On this train were
Russian officers

336
00:17:26,270 --> 00:17:29,090

and soldiers to protect us.

337

00:17:29,090 --> 00:17:30,110

Why?

338

00:17:30,110 --> 00:17:36,020

We're going to cross from
Romania into Yugoslavia,

339

00:17:36,020 --> 00:17:40,910

and they knew there
were still places

340

00:17:40,910 --> 00:17:47,060

in Yugoslavia, anti-Russians,
they were for the Germans

341

00:17:47,060 --> 00:17:48,020

there.

342

00:17:48,020 --> 00:17:51,770

And somehow they
allowed the Jews--

343

00:17:51,770 --> 00:17:54,260

the Russians did
that for the Jews--

344

00:17:54,260 --> 00:18:00,020

because they thought
ultimately that the Jews would

345

00:18:00,020 --> 00:18:01,130

be communists.

346

00:18:01,130 --> 00:18:08,270

They go to Palestine, so they'll
have a foot in the Middle East.

347

00:18:08,270 --> 00:18:10,010

That's exactly where--

348

00:18:10,010 --> 00:18:10,910
So they did that.

349
00:18:10,910 --> 00:18:13,860
They had no reason to
bring soldiers and so on.

350
00:18:13,860 --> 00:18:18,530
And the officers, who
were actually nice.

351
00:18:18,530 --> 00:18:21,440
And so we cross into Yugoslavia.

352
00:18:21,440 --> 00:18:23,690
We come to Belgrade.

353
00:18:23,690 --> 00:18:27,470
Belgrade is on the River Danube.

354
00:18:27,470 --> 00:18:31,910
And there we had to
cross over a bridge.

355
00:18:31,910 --> 00:18:34,340
But during the war,
that bridge has

356
00:18:34,340 --> 00:18:38,900
been destroyed by the Allies.

357
00:18:38,900 --> 00:18:42,290
And so now the train stops.

358
00:18:42,290 --> 00:18:44,270
We couldn't go by train.

359
00:18:44,270 --> 00:18:53,450
So we are taken over by
a shuttle kind of a place

360
00:18:53,450 --> 00:18:56,850

to cross from one side of
the Danube to the other side

361
00:18:56,850 --> 00:18:58,950
because there was no other way.

362
00:18:58,950 --> 00:19:00,120
So we did.

363
00:19:00,120 --> 00:19:04,700
And another train waited for
us because the Jewish agency

364
00:19:04,700 --> 00:19:06,500
organized all this.

365
00:19:06,500 --> 00:19:09,780
So they brought us,
little by little.

366
00:19:09,780 --> 00:19:13,040
We had to stop and all this.

367
00:19:13,040 --> 00:19:13,970
There was food there.

368
00:19:13,970 --> 00:19:19,790
They organized huge
breads, round breads.

369
00:19:19,790 --> 00:19:20,960
They cut pieces.

370
00:19:20,960 --> 00:19:24,560
And they had very
well-organized, amazingly.

371
00:19:24,560 --> 00:19:27,770
This is 1946, still
after the war.

372
00:19:27,770 --> 00:19:32,630

Nobody has recovered totally,
and they managed to do that.

373
00:19:32,630 --> 00:19:38,660
And they brought us to
a place where we waited.

374
00:19:38,660 --> 00:19:45,350
It was a place where it
was prisoners of war place

375
00:19:45,350 --> 00:19:48,840
that they kept Germans
or something like that.

376
00:19:48,840 --> 00:19:50,330
So we were there.

377
00:19:50,330 --> 00:19:51,710
And then they fed us.

378
00:19:51,710 --> 00:19:53,240
And we're waiting for the ship.

379
00:19:53,240 --> 00:19:56,280

380
00:19:56,280 --> 00:19:58,380
The place where
we were there was

381
00:19:58,380 --> 00:20:06,120
called Bakar, which is a
city on the Mediterranean.

382
00:20:06,120 --> 00:20:12,160

383
00:20:12,160 --> 00:20:15,430
Ultimately, we stayed
there for about two weeks.

384

00:20:15,430 --> 00:20:21,580

And one day, they say, tomorrow,
we are boarding the ship.

385

00:20:21,580 --> 00:20:24,130

And what ship was this?

386

00:20:24,130 --> 00:20:33,250

Was an American
ship that was sunk

387

00:20:33,250 --> 00:20:37,270

on the Cherbourg in
France, on the coast--

388

00:20:37,270 --> 00:20:40,330

sunk by the Germans--

389

00:20:40,330 --> 00:20:44,200

and was in the water.

390

00:20:44,200 --> 00:20:47,270

The Jewish agency bought it.

391

00:20:47,270 --> 00:20:49,420

It was somehow.

392

00:20:49,420 --> 00:20:52,220

They lifted it up.

393

00:20:52,220 --> 00:20:53,120

They fixed it.

394

00:20:53,120 --> 00:20:53,930

They moved it.

395

00:20:53,930 --> 00:20:55,490

They fixed it.

396

00:20:55,490 --> 00:21:01,180

And they arranged inside that
we could go inside and lie down

397
00:21:01,180 --> 00:21:06,640
horizontally because
they plan to have 2,000.

398
00:21:06,640 --> 00:21:12,660
And in the end, there were
2,600 close to 2,700 people

399
00:21:12,660 --> 00:21:23,130
in that ship, the largest
ever ship for this migration.

400
00:21:23,130 --> 00:21:26,400
And so, basically, I
said Mediterranean.

401
00:21:26,400 --> 00:21:29,490
But we are the Adriatic Sea.

402
00:21:29,490 --> 00:21:33,240
They call it this because
it's next to Yugoslavia.

403
00:21:33,240 --> 00:21:34,770
It's part of--

404
00:21:34,770 --> 00:21:41,400
And toward the evening, we're
told to come on the ship

405
00:21:41,400 --> 00:21:42,960
and boarded there.

406
00:21:42,960 --> 00:21:43,920
And--

407
00:21:43,920 --> 00:21:44,850
The name of the ship.

408
00:21:44,850 --> 00:21:46,420
What did they call it?

409
00:21:46,420 --> 00:21:47,460
Haganah.

410
00:21:47,460 --> 00:21:48,645
Oh, they called it Haganah.

411
00:21:48,645 --> 00:21:49,145
Haganah.

412
00:21:49,145 --> 00:21:50,460
Yes.

413
00:21:50,460 --> 00:21:53,800
And it's still in existence.

414
00:21:53,800 --> 00:21:59,760
It was used later
on for the fleet.

415
00:21:59,760 --> 00:22:02,820
But now it's just
retired and so on.

416
00:22:02,820 --> 00:22:08,820
And I'll talk a little later
what happened years later.

417
00:22:08,820 --> 00:22:12,960
And we boarded the--

418
00:22:12,960 --> 00:22:15,010
it was full.

419
00:22:15,010 --> 00:22:18,220
But they were very
well-organized.

420
00:22:18,220 --> 00:22:22,080
And as we came in,
they gave us a package

421

00:22:22,080 --> 00:22:26,700

of things like certain
food in a package.

422

00:22:26,700 --> 00:22:29,560

Very well-organized.

423

00:22:29,560 --> 00:22:34,440

It was chocolate there and
cheese and so on, things

424

00:22:34,440 --> 00:22:37,180

that we haven't
seen in a long time.

425

00:22:37,180 --> 00:22:39,510

Most of these people--

426

00:22:39,510 --> 00:22:40,830

and chocolate.

427

00:22:40,830 --> 00:22:45,840

So I make the mistake
of eating the chocolate.

428

00:22:45,840 --> 00:22:48,690

After all, I'm
only 15 years old.

429

00:22:48,690 --> 00:22:52,020

We didn't have that--

430

00:22:52,020 --> 00:22:53,940

I have no water.

431

00:22:53,940 --> 00:22:59,420

And my friends had
gone inside the ship.

432

00:22:59,420 --> 00:23:03,500

And I was told to
be on the deck.

433
00:23:03,500 --> 00:23:04,700
And the deck was full.

434
00:23:04,700 --> 00:23:07,460
People were sitting on the deck.

435
00:23:07,460 --> 00:23:11,970
And so full, they were families
with children and so on.

436
00:23:11,970 --> 00:23:15,410
But these people, they
knew what to expect

437
00:23:15,410 --> 00:23:18,470
because they have been in
these situations before.

438
00:23:18,470 --> 00:23:22,280
So they had taken also bottles
of water that they were giving.

439
00:23:22,280 --> 00:23:27,620
I didn't know anything,
and I didn't have water.

440
00:23:27,620 --> 00:23:29,690
So I sit there.

441
00:23:29,690 --> 00:23:32,900
So I was thirsty.

442
00:23:32,900 --> 00:23:33,560
It's all night.

443
00:23:33,560 --> 00:23:38,870
I sleep there on the
board, on the deck.

444
00:23:38,870 --> 00:23:41,540
And comes next day.

445
00:23:41,540 --> 00:23:45,030
And we started around 4
o'clock in the morning.

446
00:23:45,030 --> 00:23:49,550
From there, the ship
started, and it's sunny.

447
00:23:49,550 --> 00:23:52,800
Very nice and so on.

448
00:23:52,800 --> 00:23:55,100
And I am--

449
00:23:55,100 --> 00:23:57,080
I'm thirsty.

450
00:23:57,080 --> 00:24:00,830
So I see people there
with a lot of bottles,

451
00:24:00,830 --> 00:24:05,240
and I asked for a drink
throughout that day.

452
00:24:05,240 --> 00:24:11,670
None of this people,
survivors, Jews from whatever,

453
00:24:11,670 --> 00:24:16,410
they wouldn't give
to another Jew.

454
00:24:16,410 --> 00:24:20,430
So later on in the day,
my friends were down,

455
00:24:20,430 --> 00:24:24,230
and they found me.

456
00:24:24,230 --> 00:24:25,550

Said, oh, come with us.

457

00:24:25,550 --> 00:24:27,200

We have a place there and so on.

458

00:24:27,200 --> 00:24:28,820

And there was
water and all this.

459

00:24:28,820 --> 00:24:32,210

And so they kind of saved me.

460

00:24:32,210 --> 00:24:39,620

But in the meantime, during that
day, [INAUDIBLE] on this deck,

461

00:24:39,620 --> 00:24:40,790

I saw people.

462

00:24:40,790 --> 00:24:48,500

There were boats hanging
on the sides of the ship.

463

00:24:48,500 --> 00:24:52,730

And I saw people going into--

464

00:24:52,730 --> 00:24:59,360

climbing over there, because
it was better to be there.

465

00:24:59,360 --> 00:25:04,210

So why don't I do that too?

466

00:25:04,210 --> 00:25:05,500

It was crazy.

467

00:25:05,500 --> 00:25:08,720

But I could have
fallen in the water.

468

00:25:08,720 --> 00:25:09,580

There was no--

469
00:25:09,580 --> 00:25:12,340
I just held myself by--

470
00:25:12,340 --> 00:25:16,670
there were some ropes and so
on, some metal, and so on.

471
00:25:16,670 --> 00:25:18,670
And I reached up.

472
00:25:18,670 --> 00:25:26,650
And suddenly, a guy from the
captain side says, all of you

473
00:25:26,650 --> 00:25:28,360
get out of there.

474
00:25:28,360 --> 00:25:33,130
Go back from the boats.

475
00:25:33,130 --> 00:25:35,890
So if they said
that, I got down.

476
00:25:35,890 --> 00:25:40,600
And then later on, I
was found by my friends.

477
00:25:40,600 --> 00:25:49,120
So now, who are these people
who are the crew on this ship?

478
00:25:49,120 --> 00:25:50,680
Who was the captain?

479
00:25:50,680 --> 00:25:54,380
I didn't know until
much, much later

480
00:25:54,380 --> 00:26:00,570
there was a man there who

was about 25 years old.

481
00:26:00,570 --> 00:26:02,380
Born in Palestine.

482
00:26:02,380 --> 00:26:03,840
Jewish, of course.

483
00:26:03,840 --> 00:26:09,800
He had a little training in
ships or something like that.

484
00:26:09,800 --> 00:26:13,430
And they made him the
captain of this boat.

485
00:26:13,430 --> 00:26:18,810
Imagine 2,700 people on board.

486
00:26:18,810 --> 00:26:25,920
And the British knew of us,
and they were waiting for us.

487
00:26:25,920 --> 00:26:29,240
And when the entered
the territorial waters

488
00:26:29,240 --> 00:26:35,240
of Palestine, they
came with a warship

489
00:26:35,240 --> 00:26:40,730
and told us to stop and so on.

490
00:26:40,730 --> 00:26:44,350
And first, they boarded
with their Marines

491
00:26:44,350 --> 00:26:46,480
and so on, with the guns.

492
00:26:46,480 --> 00:26:48,125

And they said, where
is the captain?

493
00:26:48,125 --> 00:26:49,000
Where is the captain?

494
00:26:49,000 --> 00:26:50,560
Trying to find
the captain. but--

495
00:26:50,560 --> 00:26:52,430
Did you know any
English at that point?

496
00:26:52,430 --> 00:26:52,930
No.

497
00:26:52,930 --> 00:26:54,110
I didn't.

498
00:26:54,110 --> 00:26:57,010
But that was other
people who I knew

499
00:26:57,010 --> 00:27:00,160
that what they were saying.

500
00:27:00,160 --> 00:27:03,670
And then they were
looking for the crew.

501
00:27:03,670 --> 00:27:06,790
But of course, they
were kind of stupid.

502
00:27:06,790 --> 00:27:10,150
The crew was already mixed
in the 2,700 other people.

503
00:27:10,150 --> 00:27:12,760
So they never found them.

504

00:27:12,760 --> 00:27:18,700
And they brought
us to Palestine,

505
00:27:18,700 --> 00:27:21,160
to the port of Haifa.

506
00:27:21,160 --> 00:27:27,990
And they intended to
take us to Cyprus.

507
00:27:27,990 --> 00:27:34,110
That was the very first time
that they decided to do that.

508
00:27:34,110 --> 00:27:39,552
So what they did when they
were they brought us there,

509
00:27:39,552 --> 00:27:41,010
there were other
ships that they've

510
00:27:41,010 --> 00:27:46,020
caught before and
arrested the people there,

511
00:27:46,020 --> 00:27:50,160
the Jewish immigrants,
the British, I mean.

512
00:27:50,160 --> 00:27:56,400
And they had these three
boats in the port there,

513
00:27:56,400 --> 00:27:59,430
in Haifa, in the Harbor.

514
00:27:59,430 --> 00:28:07,590
And they divided us into those
little smaller, much smaller

515
00:28:07,590 --> 00:28:11,880

ships because it was such an accumulation of people there.

516
00:28:11,880 --> 00:28:14,790
It was very difficult to keep us.

517
00:28:14,790 --> 00:28:17,710
And the Jewish agency still came and brought the food, not

518
00:28:17,710 --> 00:28:18,210
the British.

519
00:28:18,210 --> 00:28:21,390

520
00:28:21,390 --> 00:28:25,230
So they did that.

521
00:28:25,230 --> 00:28:29,640
And they said they are going to take us to Cyprus.

522
00:28:29,640 --> 00:28:34,560
And then the Jewish agency did something.

523
00:28:34,560 --> 00:28:42,060
They told the people on the ships, these 2,700,

524
00:28:42,060 --> 00:28:46,100
it's going to be a hunger strike.

525
00:28:46,100 --> 00:28:50,210
And there were a lot-- because it was such an event, 2,700

526
00:28:50,210 --> 00:28:53,600
people on a ship, that they were journalists

527
00:28:53,600 --> 00:28:55,820
from all over the world there.

528
00:28:55,820 --> 00:28:58,550
And they immediately--
when they heard about,

529
00:28:58,550 --> 00:28:59,940
oh, this hunger strike.

530
00:28:59,940 --> 00:29:00,440
No.

531
00:29:00,440 --> 00:29:03,740
The British are going to
kill these people, survivors

532
00:29:03,740 --> 00:29:04,700
of the--

533
00:29:04,700 --> 00:29:10,640
so the British said, no.

534
00:29:10,640 --> 00:29:14,210
They'll be allowed to enter.

535
00:29:14,210 --> 00:29:18,890
And we were allowed to
enter, but not into--

536
00:29:18,890 --> 00:29:22,040
they put us into a
prisoner of war camp.

537
00:29:22,040 --> 00:29:25,110
And that was Atlit.

538
00:29:25,110 --> 00:29:27,320
And we were there--

539

00:29:27,320 --> 00:29:33,710
at least I was there for
about close to two months

540
00:29:33,710 --> 00:29:40,340
because what they did, those
families with young children,

541
00:29:40,340 --> 00:29:43,010
really small children
and so on, they

542
00:29:43,010 --> 00:29:51,840
were given like 1,500 per month
that was allowed to enter.

543
00:29:51,840 --> 00:29:56,040
And then when these
were no longer there,

544
00:29:56,040 --> 00:30:00,780
they took the other group
like the younger people,

545
00:30:00,780 --> 00:30:05,140
like 16, not adults and so on.

546
00:30:05,140 --> 00:30:08,050
So our turn came.

547
00:30:08,050 --> 00:30:15,810
And I and others my age
were taken from there.

548
00:30:15,810 --> 00:30:20,580
The Jewish agency, again, came
on buses and picked us up.

549
00:30:20,580 --> 00:30:22,470
Had you had any contact
with your parents

550
00:30:22,470 --> 00:30:23,560

during those two months?

551

00:30:23,560 --> 00:30:24,110

No.

552

00:30:24,110 --> 00:30:24,900

No.

553

00:30:24,900 --> 00:30:28,590

Nothing at all they didn't know

I arrived or didn't and there

554

00:30:28,590 --> 00:30:30,900

was no way to

communicate and even

555

00:30:30,900 --> 00:30:36,990

a little later it was

difficult. So they brought us

556

00:30:36,990 --> 00:30:41,980

to Mount Carmel, to a place.

557

00:30:41,980 --> 00:30:47,190

And it was a terrific

thing for us to be there.

558

00:30:47,190 --> 00:30:50,340

Were the conditions

in Atlit terrible?

559

00:30:50,340 --> 00:30:54,030

They were terrible because

it was barbed wire [? in ?]

560

00:30:54,030 --> 00:30:58,110

[? a ?] [? way. ?] But the

British didn't do anything bad,

561

00:30:58,110 --> 00:30:59,190

really.

562

00:30:59,190 --> 00:31:01,230
We were there simply.

563
00:31:01,230 --> 00:31:03,570
They counted us at night.

564
00:31:03,570 --> 00:31:10,170
Nevertheless, many people
escaped, and it was organized.

565
00:31:10,170 --> 00:31:14,430
The captain and all the crew,
they were among those people.

566
00:31:14,430 --> 00:31:21,780
But they disappeared, and they
went for other ships to do.

567
00:31:21,780 --> 00:31:23,280
But what happened?

568
00:31:23,280 --> 00:31:26,970
The conditions there
could have been--

569
00:31:26,970 --> 00:31:31,020
well, actually, the Jewish
agency prepared everything.

570
00:31:31,020 --> 00:31:33,390
The food, brought in the food.

571
00:31:33,390 --> 00:31:37,950
They had local Jews
who were dealing

572
00:31:37,950 --> 00:31:40,860
with that cooking and all this.

573
00:31:40,860 --> 00:31:49,330
And there were a lot
of dining halls there.

574

00:31:49,330 --> 00:31:53,940

And if we come at this
time and so on, fine.

575

00:31:53,940 --> 00:31:59,130

The trouble was were
these Jews who were from--

576

00:31:59,130 --> 00:32:00,630

people who were
born right there.

577

00:32:00,630 --> 00:32:02,670

And what did they do?

578

00:32:02,670 --> 00:32:07,980

They stole from the
whatever, the Jewish agency.

579

00:32:07,980 --> 00:32:14,490

And we got very bad
food and very little.

580

00:32:14,490 --> 00:32:19,920

The milk was-- they poured
a lot of water in the milk.

581

00:32:19,920 --> 00:32:20,550

Who did this?

582

00:32:20,550 --> 00:32:21,840

The Palestinian Jews?

583

00:32:21,840 --> 00:32:24,450

The Palestinian Jews, yeah.

584

00:32:24,450 --> 00:32:29,130

And they would take away--

585

00:32:29,130 --> 00:32:31,770

the British let them
come with the food

586
00:32:31,770 --> 00:32:33,900
and so on from
the Jewish agency.

587
00:32:33,900 --> 00:32:35,820
Somehow, they
organized themselves

588
00:32:35,820 --> 00:32:39,420
that only certain things
were put a little bit.

589
00:32:39,420 --> 00:32:42,510
So we had hunger strikes
there against these people.

590
00:32:42,510 --> 00:32:46,410
And not only this, but there
were some people among us,

591
00:32:46,410 --> 00:32:52,500
not I, who actually went
and beat up the cooks who

592
00:32:52,500 --> 00:32:54,820
were responsible for that.

593
00:32:54,820 --> 00:32:58,440
And the British had
to come in through--

594
00:32:58,440 --> 00:33:00,630
but it was so surprising.

595
00:33:00,630 --> 00:33:03,060
Not many people know
of that because it's

596
00:33:03,060 --> 00:33:05,670
shameful to mention that.

597

00:33:05,670 --> 00:33:08,160
But it was there.

598
00:33:08,160 --> 00:33:12,570
So after that, the Jewish
agency changed them and so on.

599
00:33:12,570 --> 00:33:18,900
And, well, it was like
paradise for two weeks.

600
00:33:18,900 --> 00:33:25,180
And they continue the
policy that was there.

601
00:33:25,180 --> 00:33:29,030
But by that time,
I was after that.

602
00:33:29,030 --> 00:33:31,000
So you went to
Mount Carmel, to--

603
00:33:31,000 --> 00:33:31,510
Right.

604
00:33:31,510 --> 00:33:35,610
And there, we were
for a little while.

605
00:33:35,610 --> 00:33:40,090
Were deciding where to
put us, where to send us.

606
00:33:40,090 --> 00:33:42,730
So who were the people
who were deciding?

607
00:33:42,730 --> 00:33:50,870
There was a committee from the
various Jewish Zionist groups.

608
00:33:50,870 --> 00:34:00,560

The Hashomer Hatzair, and
also the fathers, Jewish--

609
00:34:00,560 --> 00:34:03,500
religious groups and all that.

610
00:34:03,500 --> 00:34:07,400
And they wanted to send-- to
some of us, they said well,

611
00:34:07,400 --> 00:34:09,590
you can go to here
or here or here.

612
00:34:09,590 --> 00:34:12,880
And I said, I want to
go to Hashomer Hatzair.

613
00:34:12,880 --> 00:34:14,679
And so did a lot of my other--

614
00:34:14,679 --> 00:34:16,929
my friends there.

615
00:34:16,929 --> 00:34:23,920
And otherwise, they wanted to
bring us to a religious group.

616
00:34:23,920 --> 00:34:25,900
And I didn't want to go.

617
00:34:25,900 --> 00:34:28,150
Simple like that.

618
00:34:28,150 --> 00:34:35,139
So they thought-- finally,
we had stayed there

619
00:34:35,139 --> 00:34:36,219
for several days.

620
00:34:36,219 --> 00:34:42,949

And it was a beautiful
view of the Gulf of Haifa

621
00:34:42,949 --> 00:34:45,940
and so on and everything.

622
00:34:45,940 --> 00:34:47,860
The food was terrific,
and the people

623
00:34:47,860 --> 00:34:51,429
were nice in those
places and so on.

624
00:34:51,429 --> 00:34:55,780
And then they took us to
a kibbutz, Ein HaShofet.

625
00:34:55,780 --> 00:35:01,390
Ein HaShofet is the first
American kibbutz in Israel.

626
00:35:01,390 --> 00:35:03,100
Started in 1937.

627
00:35:03,100 --> 00:35:04,870
That's another story.

628
00:35:04,870 --> 00:35:07,810
And they brought us there.

629
00:35:07,810 --> 00:35:11,800
And it was like paradise.

630
00:35:11,800 --> 00:35:15,550
The people there
behaved toward us--

631
00:35:15,550 --> 00:35:19,480
and we were like forty-some--

632
00:35:19,480 --> 00:35:22,060

in a way that is if we
were their children.

633
00:35:22,060 --> 00:35:24,485
That was all children
they took to Ein HaShofet.

634
00:35:24,485 --> 00:35:25,360
It was all teenagers.

635
00:35:25,360 --> 00:35:26,500
All teenagers.

636
00:35:26,500 --> 00:35:27,590
Right.

637
00:35:27,590 --> 00:35:30,340
And they treated us--

638
00:35:30,340 --> 00:35:32,350
you know it.

639
00:35:32,350 --> 00:35:33,670
Tremendous.

640
00:35:33,670 --> 00:35:36,520
And some of us were orphans.

641
00:35:36,520 --> 00:35:38,480
Lost their parents.

642
00:35:38,480 --> 00:35:43,840
Some had one parent,
but not there and so on.

643
00:35:43,840 --> 00:35:49,750
And I was there for
3 and 1/2 years.

644
00:35:49,750 --> 00:35:53,350
And it was one of the times--

645

00:35:53,350 --> 00:35:56,840

the greatest time that I had.

646

00:35:56,840 --> 00:36:03,130

And so that's another story.

647

00:36:03,130 --> 00:36:05,120

But we were there.

648

00:36:05,120 --> 00:36:10,690

And we worked half a day.

649

00:36:10,690 --> 00:36:13,670

And half a day, we studied.

650

00:36:13,670 --> 00:36:14,170

Yeah.

651

00:36:14,170 --> 00:36:15,010

So--

652

00:36:15,010 --> 00:36:15,880

So you picked up--

653

00:36:15,880 --> 00:36:17,940

picked up conversational Hebrew.

654

00:36:17,940 --> 00:36:18,440

Right.

655

00:36:18,440 --> 00:36:19,270

Yeah.

656

00:36:19,270 --> 00:36:22,720

They taught Hebrew,
and they taught--

657

00:36:22,720 --> 00:36:26,200

because most of us
didn't speak Hebrew.

658

00:36:26,200 --> 00:36:31,390

So many of us had read
for the bar mitzvah.

659

00:36:31,390 --> 00:36:38,410

So in a short while, at least
in my case, after six months,

660

00:36:38,410 --> 00:36:45,260

I was able to be current
in Hebrew and so on.

661

00:36:45,260 --> 00:36:51,640

And then we studied
like a regular school.

662

00:36:51,640 --> 00:36:52,210

Everything.

663

00:36:52,210 --> 00:36:55,510

History, literature,
and all this.

664

00:36:55,510 --> 00:36:59,680

And we had some
terrific teachers.

665

00:36:59,680 --> 00:37:03,370

One is a man, [? Josef ?]
[? Vilfund ?]..

666

00:37:03,370 --> 00:37:10,750

And the other one was a woman,
[? Reva ?] [? Meisler ?]..

667

00:37:10,750 --> 00:37:13,360

And she is still alive.

668

00:37:13,360 --> 00:37:18,900

I saw her this
year, and she is 93.

669

00:37:18,900 --> 00:37:19,930
Wonderful.

670
00:37:19,930 --> 00:37:26,440
And when we visited,
she was having exercises

671
00:37:26,440 --> 00:37:28,840
with another group [INAUDIBLE].

672
00:37:28,840 --> 00:37:33,210
And she had-- memory,
absolutely incredible.

673
00:37:33,210 --> 00:37:38,460
And it was so pleasant to
be there and to see her.

674
00:37:38,460 --> 00:37:40,740
And she saw me.

675
00:37:40,740 --> 00:37:42,130
Oh, Ben Zion.

676
00:37:42,130 --> 00:37:44,790

677
00:37:44,790 --> 00:37:45,550
Amazing.

678
00:37:45,550 --> 00:37:46,050
Amazing.

679
00:37:46,050 --> 00:37:46,860
Yeah.

680
00:37:46,860 --> 00:37:50,900
Tell me about the Partition
Plan in United Nations in '47.

681
00:37:50,900 --> 00:37:51,400
Oh.

682
00:37:51,400 --> 00:37:52,290
OK.

683
00:37:52,290 --> 00:37:53,050
That was--

684
00:37:53,050 --> 00:37:54,300
You were still on the kibbutz.

685
00:37:54,300 --> 00:37:55,470
I'm still in the kibbutz.

686
00:37:55,470 --> 00:37:56,760
Right.

687
00:37:56,760 --> 00:37:59,220
Do they do anything
on the kibbutz?

688
00:37:59,220 --> 00:38:00,590
Oh, yes.

689
00:38:00,590 --> 00:38:04,780
We celebrated a
tremendous celebration.

690
00:38:04,780 --> 00:38:11,130
But before that, once I were in
the kibbutz in 1946 and 1947,

691
00:38:11,130 --> 00:38:15,990
there were already
trouble with the Arabs

692
00:38:15,990 --> 00:38:20,820
before even the United
Nations decided on this.

693
00:38:20,820 --> 00:38:25,320
I have a little story about
the day that this happened.

694
00:38:25,320 --> 00:38:26,820
So we were trained.

695
00:38:26,820 --> 00:38:31,320
We started being trained
how to use a gun--

696
00:38:31,320 --> 00:38:35,880
Rifles, machine guns,
what we called Sten guns,

697
00:38:35,880 --> 00:38:38,790
hand grenades, all this.

698
00:38:38,790 --> 00:38:45,210
And we learned even how to
fight with bamboo sticks.

699
00:38:45,210 --> 00:38:46,440
Why?

700
00:38:46,440 --> 00:38:52,560
Because the Arabs were
attacking with bamboo sticks.

701
00:38:52,560 --> 00:38:57,900
And you had to this day know
how to use that because we

702
00:38:57,900 --> 00:39:02,130
had instructors that came from
another kibbutz, a young man

703
00:39:02,130 --> 00:39:03,030
about 20.

704
00:39:03,030 --> 00:39:06,070
And so on he taught
us how to do that.

705
00:39:06,070 --> 00:39:09,000

And then we had
the training there.

706
00:39:09,000 --> 00:39:10,250
We are not in the army yet.

707
00:39:10,250 --> 00:39:10,750
Mm-hmm.

708
00:39:10,750 --> 00:39:11,560
Right, right.

709
00:39:11,560 --> 00:39:12,060
Yeah.

710
00:39:12,060 --> 00:39:17,160
And we were all
happy about this.

711
00:39:17,160 --> 00:39:28,230
So then came the
day of the 1947.

712
00:39:28,230 --> 00:39:35,250
I and a friend of mine
who had some cousin,

713
00:39:35,250 --> 00:39:43,200
older cousin in a kibbutz
near Jerusalem, Gush Etzion.

714
00:39:43,200 --> 00:39:47,160
And I forget the
name of the group.

715
00:39:47,160 --> 00:39:50,860
So he said he wants
to visit there.

716
00:39:50,860 --> 00:39:56,730
And we had a time every
year we got a week off.

717

00:39:56,730 --> 00:40:03,240

So I said, do you want to
come with me to that place

718

00:40:03,240 --> 00:40:07,950

and talk to them and so
on that he can bring me?

719

00:40:07,950 --> 00:40:13,050

So I and he went there, and
we had a very nice time.

720

00:40:13,050 --> 00:40:14,880

They treated us very nicely too.

721

00:40:14,880 --> 00:40:16,830

It was a religious kibbutz.

722

00:40:16,830 --> 00:40:20,080

But they didn't
bother us with that.

723

00:40:20,080 --> 00:40:25,960

So on the day that the
United Nations had--

724

00:40:25,960 --> 00:40:27,520

Voted.

725

00:40:27,520 --> 00:40:32,320

--had voted for that,
we were on our way home,

726

00:40:32,320 --> 00:40:34,390

to kibbutz Ein HaShofet.

727

00:40:34,390 --> 00:40:42,070

So we came to
Jerusalem, and we were

728

00:40:42,070 --> 00:40:49,120

in a bus that took us to Haifa

because kibbutz Ein HaShofet is

729

00:40:49,120 --> 00:40:53,810
in that neighborhood you have
to go through, Emek Israel,

730

00:40:53,810 --> 00:40:55,630
to reach that.

731

00:40:55,630 --> 00:41:02,110
So we come to Haifa.

732

00:41:02,110 --> 00:41:02,920
We had tickets.

733

00:41:02,920 --> 00:41:04,780
We had paid for the tickets.

734

00:41:04,780 --> 00:41:07,060
We had no other money though.

735

00:41:07,060 --> 00:41:11,060
We had been given a little
bit of money and so on.

736

00:41:11,060 --> 00:41:13,400
And we are there.

737

00:41:13,400 --> 00:41:15,550
And we are in Haifa.

738

00:41:15,550 --> 00:41:17,890
And we don't have money.

739

00:41:17,890 --> 00:41:19,150
You can take a bus.

740

00:41:19,150 --> 00:41:21,160
There was a bus to Ein HaShofet.

741

00:41:21,160 --> 00:41:26,120

But you had to go to the center
of town and pay the driver.

742
00:41:26,120 --> 00:41:30,270
So what do we decide?

743
00:41:30,270 --> 00:41:34,340
This bus station,
which was down in the--

744
00:41:34,340 --> 00:41:36,200
not on the Carmel.

745
00:41:36,200 --> 00:41:39,080
And said, well, Shlomo--

746
00:41:39,080 --> 00:41:41,810
that's the name of my friend--

747
00:41:41,810 --> 00:41:45,380
why don't we go on foot?

748
00:41:45,380 --> 00:41:49,070
Exit Haifa, and
we'll go to Yagur--

749
00:41:49,070 --> 00:41:51,800
this is a kibbutz,
Yagur, where we

750
00:41:51,800 --> 00:41:54,860
knew that the bus that
was going to Ein HaShofet

751
00:41:54,860 --> 00:41:56,280
is going to stop there.

752
00:41:56,280 --> 00:41:58,030
So we'll wait for them.

753
00:41:58,030 --> 00:41:59,520
Oh, sure, we go.

754
00:41:59,520 --> 00:42:04,670
We had this bags and so on.

755
00:42:04,670 --> 00:42:08,330
And we are in shorts and so on.

756
00:42:08,330 --> 00:42:15,170
And the equipment was sold or
bought from the British army.

757
00:42:15,170 --> 00:42:17,120
And then we start walking.

758
00:42:17,120 --> 00:42:18,800
And how do we start walking?

759
00:42:18,800 --> 00:42:22,790
In the bottom of Haifa to exit.

760
00:42:22,790 --> 00:42:25,910
And we have to pass
through a neighborhood.

761
00:42:25,910 --> 00:42:27,680
What kind of neighborhood?

762
00:42:27,680 --> 00:42:30,740
All Arabs.

763
00:42:30,740 --> 00:42:35,660
And at some point, as we
go there, you see them.

764
00:42:35,660 --> 00:42:40,190
There were coffee
shops with the tables

765
00:42:40,190 --> 00:42:43,310
outside and on the sidewalks.

766

00:42:43,310 --> 00:42:47,870
And they all sit and
smoke and drink coffee.

767
00:42:47,870 --> 00:42:52,010
And suddenly, for one of them,
one guy comes out running.

768
00:42:52,010 --> 00:42:56,610
And it was kind of toward us.

769
00:42:56,610 --> 00:43:01,560
And I say, Shlomo,
[NON-ENGLISH]..

770
00:43:01,560 --> 00:43:06,630
And then we hear another
shout, and another guy comes.

771
00:43:06,630 --> 00:43:10,270
But he was after that guy.

772
00:43:10,270 --> 00:43:13,465
And Shlomo was a
bigger guy than I.

773
00:43:13,465 --> 00:43:16,030
I was kind of short
in those days.

774
00:43:16,030 --> 00:43:18,190
I grew up later.

775
00:43:18,190 --> 00:43:21,650
And I said, Shlomo,
let's go a little faster.

776
00:43:21,650 --> 00:43:22,150
Said, no.

777
00:43:22,150 --> 00:43:22,750
I'm tired.

778

00:43:22,750 --> 00:43:25,990

Well, I said let's go.

779

00:43:25,990 --> 00:43:28,270

But nothing really happened.

780

00:43:28,270 --> 00:43:31,450

So we came out of Haifa.

781

00:43:31,450 --> 00:43:37,630

And a bus stops
toward the exit--

782

00:43:37,630 --> 00:43:39,730

came from the [NON-ENGLISH].

783

00:43:39,730 --> 00:43:47,500

And he sees us there, two
little youngsters there.

784

00:43:47,500 --> 00:43:50,980

He opens the door to
the bus and get in.

785

00:43:50,980 --> 00:43:53,200

Said, we don't have money.

786

00:43:53,200 --> 00:43:57,760

[NON-ENGLISH] said,
[NON-ENGLISH]..

787

00:43:57,760 --> 00:43:58,870

You're stupid.

788

00:43:58,870 --> 00:44:01,120

Don't you know what
happened today?

789

00:44:01,120 --> 00:44:02,150

It's this.

790

00:44:02,150 --> 00:44:04,420
Arabs are attacking.

791
00:44:04,420 --> 00:44:07,060
They are mad.

792
00:44:07,060 --> 00:44:12,040
And he took us to Yagur
and let us off there.

793
00:44:12,040 --> 00:44:16,870
And then later on, a bus
came, the kibbutz bus.

794
00:44:16,870 --> 00:44:21,040
And we ended up in the
kibbutz, safe and--

795
00:44:21,040 --> 00:44:22,790
but that was the experience.

796
00:44:22,790 --> 00:44:25,960
What about in '48 when
the state was declared?

797
00:44:25,960 --> 00:44:27,595
Well, that was--

798
00:44:27,595 --> 00:44:28,570
You're on the kibbutz.

799
00:44:28,570 --> 00:44:29,780
I was still in the kibbutz.

800
00:44:29,780 --> 00:44:30,280
Right.

801
00:44:30,280 --> 00:44:40,810
And we were left since the army
was just started and so on.

802
00:44:40,810 --> 00:44:45,910

We were about like
17 at the time.

803
00:44:45,910 --> 00:44:51,940
But they were not taking
people who were in the kibbutz

804
00:44:51,940 --> 00:44:55,450
because they needed
the food that was--

805
00:44:55,450 --> 00:45:00,070
there was no other way, just to
import and so on [INAUDIBLE]..

806
00:45:00,070 --> 00:45:04,820
So they didn't take youngsters
like myself at the time.

807
00:45:04,820 --> 00:45:07,810
So we were still in the kibbutz.

808
00:45:07,810 --> 00:45:13,000
Later on, basically, in 1949--

809
00:45:13,000 --> 00:45:14,630
but for us, this was--

810
00:45:14,630 --> 00:45:18,550
I must say this because
the feeling that we

811
00:45:18,550 --> 00:45:22,490
had in those days when the--

812
00:45:22,490 --> 00:45:25,420
one may say, oh, we were
scared, right, and so on.

813
00:45:25,420 --> 00:45:26,740
Something is going to be war.

814

00:45:26,740 --> 00:45:29,320
We knew that that's
going to happen.

815
00:45:29,320 --> 00:45:30,100
Didn't care.

816
00:45:30,100 --> 00:45:32,440
We didn't care one
bit about that.

817
00:45:32,440 --> 00:45:38,980
What we were, this, after
2,000 years, we have our state.

818
00:45:38,980 --> 00:45:43,540
And this experience is something
that nothing else in my life

819
00:45:43,540 --> 00:45:49,120
can be as that
experience, to hear it.

820
00:45:49,120 --> 00:45:52,840
We are back after all
this and being there.

821
00:45:52,840 --> 00:45:58,120
I'm sure many other Jews
outside felt equally.

822
00:45:58,120 --> 00:45:59,810
But we were there.

823
00:45:59,810 --> 00:46:01,260
We were there in the place.

824
00:46:01,260 --> 00:46:04,810

825
00:46:04,810 --> 00:46:09,670
So we had been there, as I
said, for about three years

826
00:46:09,670 --> 00:46:10,310
and so on.

827
00:46:10,310 --> 00:46:17,410
So in 1949, our group was
getting-- we were by now 18.

828
00:46:17,410 --> 00:46:25,030
And [INAUDIBLE] Kibbutz Artzi,
which is the organization

829
00:46:25,030 --> 00:46:28,840
of the Hashomer Hatzair,
decided to put us--

830
00:46:28,840 --> 00:46:35,490
to send this group, instead
of leaving us in Ein HaShofet,

831
00:46:35,490 --> 00:46:40,950
they decided that they have a
place to send us, to a place

832
00:46:40,950 --> 00:46:45,600
called Gan Shmuel kibbutz,
Gan Shmuel near Hadera.

833
00:46:45,600 --> 00:46:47,400
And why?

834
00:46:47,400 --> 00:46:51,390
Because the people
there were elderly.

835
00:46:51,390 --> 00:46:53,670
They were not even
Hashomer Hatzair.

836
00:46:53,670 --> 00:46:57,750
So in the past, a year or two
or three years before that,

837

00:46:57,750 --> 00:47:02,400

another group came in
from Hashomer Hatzair.

838

00:47:02,400 --> 00:47:05,220

So the kibbutz will survive.

839

00:47:05,220 --> 00:47:09,480

But there weren't enough people.

840

00:47:09,480 --> 00:47:14,710

So they decided-- because it
was political as well to have--

841

00:47:14,710 --> 00:47:17,670

so take this group,
[NON-ENGLISH],,

842

00:47:17,670 --> 00:47:20,700

that was our name,
bring us there.

843

00:47:20,700 --> 00:47:24,390

And so they decided that.

844

00:47:24,390 --> 00:47:26,220

We were all sad.

845

00:47:26,220 --> 00:47:34,470

And later, we found out that
the kibbutz was sad as well.

846

00:47:34,470 --> 00:47:37,150

And we go there.

847

00:47:37,150 --> 00:47:40,500

So in the meantime,
it is 3 and 1/2 years,

848

00:47:40,500 --> 00:47:43,150

we've learned all
sorts of things to do.

849
00:47:43,150 --> 00:47:44,130
We worked.

850
00:47:44,130 --> 00:47:45,480
We studied.

851
00:47:45,480 --> 00:47:51,150
And I worked in the gardens
[INAUDIBLE] fruit and all this

852
00:47:51,150 --> 00:47:53,530
and became an expert on that.

853
00:47:53,530 --> 00:47:57,660
But I learned also
mechanical things to do.

854
00:47:57,660 --> 00:47:58,810
And we worked.

855
00:47:58,810 --> 00:48:01,560

856
00:48:01,560 --> 00:48:09,120
I remember carrying, on my
back, a 200 pound sack of stuff

857
00:48:09,120 --> 00:48:13,520
over some and so on to put
it on a truck and so on.

858
00:48:13,520 --> 00:48:16,710
And it was OK.

859
00:48:16,710 --> 00:48:19,530
We were proud of doing that.

860
00:48:19,530 --> 00:48:28,930
We learned how to be on a rope
and go up and down on a rope.

861

00:48:28,930 --> 00:48:30,490
That was the British army way.

862

00:48:30,490 --> 00:48:32,100
That is the best way that ever.

863

00:48:32,100 --> 00:48:35,010
And they still can do it.

864

00:48:35,010 --> 00:48:38,160
So we were proud of
all these things.

865

00:48:38,160 --> 00:48:40,410
But we come to this kibbutz.

866

00:48:40,410 --> 00:48:42,240
We didn't know
where we are going.

867

00:48:42,240 --> 00:48:45,330
And they were strangers to us.

868

00:48:45,330 --> 00:48:49,860
And they behaved
not like strangers

869

00:48:49,860 --> 00:48:55,200
but like bitter towards us.

870

00:48:55,200 --> 00:48:58,350
They put us to do
all sorts of things

871

00:48:58,350 --> 00:49:04,590
that only us to clean
the bathrooms and so on.

872

00:49:04,590 --> 00:49:07,440

873

00:49:07,440 --> 00:49:12,510

And we had a man who
was our supervisor.

874

00:49:12,510 --> 00:49:14,640

Madrich.

875

00:49:14,640 --> 00:49:18,080

We didn't know that he
was really a communist--

876

00:49:18,080 --> 00:49:20,450

amazing-- If he's alive.

877

00:49:20,450 --> 00:49:23,000

He still is probably.

878

00:49:23,000 --> 00:49:30,350

And at one meeting with him and
so on, we started complaining.

879

00:49:30,350 --> 00:49:31,700

What are you doing, to us?

880

00:49:31,700 --> 00:49:38,150

We have [NON-ENGLISH],, meaning
we have learned how to do this.

881

00:49:38,150 --> 00:49:43,670

And you are sending us only to
do only the bad work and so on.

882

00:49:43,670 --> 00:49:46,370

And you're not
treating us properly

883

00:49:46,370 --> 00:49:48,815

because in the kibbutz,
it wasn't like that.

884

00:49:48,815 --> 00:49:52,760

If we learned something,
and that was that.

885
00:49:52,760 --> 00:49:55,070
You could do what we learned.

886
00:49:55,070 --> 00:50:02,240
So they put us in some old, not
buildings, barracks and so on

887
00:50:02,240 --> 00:50:04,220
and crowded.

888
00:50:04,220 --> 00:50:08,420
And everything was so--

889
00:50:08,420 --> 00:50:12,380
when I was one of
those complaining.

890
00:50:12,380 --> 00:50:22,790
And I said, that's not
nice what you are doing.

891
00:50:22,790 --> 00:50:27,420
And said, if you don't
like it, you can leave.

892
00:50:27,420 --> 00:50:29,820
And at that time,
at the same time,

893
00:50:29,820 --> 00:50:34,040
I said, that's exactly
what I'm going to do.

894
00:50:34,040 --> 00:50:39,470
And next day or two days
after, I went to Hadera,

895
00:50:39,470 --> 00:50:41,990
and I enlisted in the army.

896
00:50:41,990 --> 00:50:45,320

897

00:50:45,320 --> 00:50:49,840

But the army said, you have
to come a week from now.

898

00:50:49,840 --> 00:50:52,930

So where do I go?

899

00:50:52,930 --> 00:50:54,970

I have no place to sit, to stay.

900

00:50:54,970 --> 00:50:58,600

I have not one
penny in my pocket.

901

00:50:58,600 --> 00:51:01,840

So I come back to the kibbutz.

902

00:51:01,840 --> 00:51:04,600

I don't know even
how did I come?

903

00:51:04,600 --> 00:51:07,240

There were some buses,
but sometimes you

904

00:51:07,240 --> 00:51:09,740

could do hitchhiking and so on.

905

00:51:09,740 --> 00:51:11,650

So I came back.

906

00:51:11,650 --> 00:51:16,690

And he found out
that I was back.

907

00:51:16,690 --> 00:51:25,420

And he said to me, you cannot
eat in the Hadera [NON-ENGLISH]

908

00:51:25,420 --> 00:51:26,740

no more.

909

00:51:26,740 --> 00:51:28,590

You should get out.

910

00:51:28,590 --> 00:51:32,010

But my friends who
were still there,

911

00:51:32,010 --> 00:51:36,220

they came and brought me the
food and so on, and survived.

912

00:51:36,220 --> 00:51:38,610

And it was only two
of us who did that.

913

00:51:38,610 --> 00:51:43,650

I and another member,
Ze'ev, Ze'ev [NON-ENGLISH]..

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00:51:43,650 --> 00:51:44,610

They were two of them.

915

00:51:44,610 --> 00:51:47,550

One is small Ze'ev
[NON-ENGLISH]..

916

00:51:47,550 --> 00:51:49,680

And we enlisted.

917

00:51:49,680 --> 00:51:55,020

And then a week later,
we were taken from Hadera

918

00:51:55,020 --> 00:51:58,920

to another place where we
trained in real training

919

00:51:58,920 --> 00:52:02,020

and so on.

920

00:52:02,020 --> 00:52:04,540
How long were you in the army?

921
00:52:04,540 --> 00:52:06,490
Four years.

922
00:52:06,490 --> 00:52:11,740
And it was supposed to
be really only two years.

923
00:52:11,740 --> 00:52:19,970
But they said you can enter
into the regular army.

924
00:52:19,970 --> 00:52:23,620
[? In fact, ?] you can
continue if you want.

925
00:52:23,620 --> 00:52:26,560
And then you are a member
of the [NON-ENGLISH],,

926
00:52:26,560 --> 00:52:28,720
the regular army.

927
00:52:28,720 --> 00:52:33,790
So I stayed because my
parents had just arrived.

928
00:52:33,790 --> 00:52:35,870
It was like 1950.

929
00:52:35,870 --> 00:52:38,110
And I stayed in the army.

930
00:52:38,110 --> 00:52:44,480
I went into the Air Force,
not as a pilot or anything

931
00:52:44,480 --> 00:52:45,320
like that.

932

00:52:45,320 --> 00:52:51,710
They sent me to the adjutant
general of the Air Force

933
00:52:51,710 --> 00:52:56,450
which was in Jaffa, Yafo.

934
00:52:56,450 --> 00:53:02,580
And I worked on kind of--

935
00:53:02,580 --> 00:53:05,690
what can I call it--

936
00:53:05,690 --> 00:53:08,870
an organizer, not the
community organizer.

937
00:53:08,870 --> 00:53:13,400
But at the time, that was--

938
00:53:13,400 --> 00:53:18,320
we're work on making
units of the soldiers.

939
00:53:18,320 --> 00:53:22,160
And the Air Force was interested
to have from the reserves

940
00:53:22,160 --> 00:53:24,500
because there were
people in the reserves

941
00:53:24,500 --> 00:53:29,030
to actually organize them.

942
00:53:29,030 --> 00:53:32,150
We didn't have-- we had planes--

943
00:53:32,150 --> 00:53:35,930
but we didn't have
airports, for instance,

944

00:53:35,930 --> 00:53:39,570
where we could go in the
Negev or other places.

945
00:53:39,570 --> 00:53:46,790
So the idea was if they want
to bring help to our troops

946
00:53:46,790 --> 00:53:51,200
somewhere, we need to have that
to build an airport on there.

947
00:53:51,200 --> 00:53:54,240
And they were very
smart in doing.

948
00:53:54,240 --> 00:53:56,600
I was designing,
at the time, just--

949
00:53:56,600 --> 00:53:58,550
young as I was--

950
00:53:58,550 --> 00:54:03,470
put together people and so
on and in this making groups

951
00:54:03,470 --> 00:54:06,560
and so on that from
the reserve people.

952
00:54:06,560 --> 00:54:10,860
The reserves, until
you were 50 years old,

953
00:54:10,860 --> 00:54:13,440
you were still in the reserves.

954
00:54:13,440 --> 00:54:17,360
So I worked like that.

955
00:54:17,360 --> 00:54:22,550
In the meantime, I

was allowed, rather,

956

00:54:22,550 --> 00:54:29,390

the army put together after
work schools, evening schools

957

00:54:29,390 --> 00:54:33,140

to get the Bagrut to
finish high school,

958

00:54:33,140 --> 00:54:35,300

which I started in the kibbutz.

959

00:54:35,300 --> 00:54:36,890

But that was not--

960

00:54:36,890 --> 00:54:38,450

I didn't have a--

961

00:54:38,450 --> 00:54:44,430

so that actually was the way
that within the last two years,

962

00:54:44,430 --> 00:54:45,290

I went.

963

00:54:45,290 --> 00:54:48,650

And I went through the exams--

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00:54:48,650 --> 00:54:50,660

external exams.

965

00:54:50,660 --> 00:54:53,270

But that was exactly
like the ones

966

00:54:53,270 --> 00:54:55,760

given in the
schools at the time.

967

00:54:55,760 --> 00:54:59,370

The same time and so on

and the same questions.

968

00:54:59,370 --> 00:55:03,800

And I succeeded very
well due to my teachers.

969

00:55:03,800 --> 00:55:16,120

And at the end of that,
in 1950, I started--

970

00:55:16,120 --> 00:55:17,290

I went to the university.

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00:55:17,290 --> 00:55:20,170

I was accepted at university,
Hebrew University.

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00:55:20,170 --> 00:55:28,290

And I studied there
for my degree.

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00:55:28,290 --> 00:55:30,030

In what field?

974

00:55:30,030 --> 00:55:32,070

I studied in physics.

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00:55:32,070 --> 00:55:35,660

And that's what I did.

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00:55:35,660 --> 00:55:42,020

At the time, they didn't have
a bachelor's degree there.

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00:55:42,020 --> 00:55:49,340

So you had-- at least in
the mathematics and physics

978

00:55:49,340 --> 00:55:57,650

and so on and chemistry,
the hard sciences, maybe

979

00:55:57,650 --> 00:55:58,368
others as well.

980
00:55:58,368 --> 00:55:58,910
I don't know.

981
00:55:58,910 --> 00:56:01,400
But you have to get
a master's degree.

982
00:56:01,400 --> 00:56:05,190
A master's degree meant that you
have to write a thesis as well.

983
00:56:05,190 --> 00:56:08,810
And so I did all that.

984
00:56:08,810 --> 00:56:12,850
And I got my master's
degree after four years

985
00:56:12,850 --> 00:56:15,520
at the Hebrew University.

986
00:56:15,520 --> 00:56:21,470
And that was good.

987
00:56:21,470 --> 00:56:24,970
In fact, later on, when
I came to this country,

988
00:56:24,970 --> 00:56:29,320
I realized that what I have
done for my master's degree

989
00:56:29,320 --> 00:56:31,780
was considered-- it could
have been considered here

990
00:56:31,780 --> 00:56:37,660
as a PhD thesis because it was
different standards at the time

991
00:56:37,660 --> 00:56:38,440
there.

992
00:56:38,440 --> 00:56:43,090
And in fact, some of the
people who didn't do it,

993
00:56:43,090 --> 00:56:44,560
they didn't get their degree.

994
00:56:44,560 --> 00:56:47,710
If they didn't do
that in Israel,

995
00:56:47,710 --> 00:56:50,260
they didn't get their degree.

996
00:56:50,260 --> 00:56:54,140
So they did something else.

997
00:56:54,140 --> 00:56:56,585
So that was my--

998
00:56:56,585 --> 00:56:58,210
So then you finished
at the university.

999
00:56:58,210 --> 00:56:59,710
Then what did you do?

1000
00:56:59,710 --> 00:57:08,030
Well, I went to the
Weizmann Institute

1001
00:57:08,030 --> 00:57:10,490
because there was
somebody there who was

1002
00:57:10,490 --> 00:57:14,540
looking for somebody like me.

1003

00:57:14,540 --> 00:57:22,460

He was an American guy
who had got his PhD at MIT

1004

00:57:22,460 --> 00:57:26,950

in engineering, but
nuclear engineering.

1005

00:57:26,950 --> 00:57:29,380

And he was advised
by the Institute.

1006

00:57:29,380 --> 00:57:35,410

And he said he needed somebody
with knowledge of what

1007

00:57:35,410 --> 00:57:38,800

was the modern physics--

1008

00:57:38,800 --> 00:57:41,350

quantum mechanics,
stuff like that.

1009

00:57:41,350 --> 00:57:43,540

And he accepted me.

1010

00:57:43,540 --> 00:57:49,570

And he was supposed
to lead to a PhD

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00:57:49,570 --> 00:57:52,240

given by the Weizmann Institute.

1012

00:57:52,240 --> 00:57:57,280

But we didn't quite
see eye to eye.

1013

00:57:57,280 --> 00:57:59,510

In what sense?

1014

00:57:59,510 --> 00:58:04,640

I was trained in the
Hebrew University,

1015
00:58:04,640 --> 00:58:09,440
particularly in mathematics at
a level that MIT didn't have it.

1016
00:58:09,440 --> 00:58:14,540
And very few of university, the
best universities in the world,

1017
00:58:14,540 --> 00:58:17,060
we had that kind of training.

1018
00:58:17,060 --> 00:58:21,820
And this man really didn't.

1019
00:58:21,820 --> 00:58:27,715
So he gave me a topic to--

1020
00:58:27,715 --> 00:58:30,910
and so on-- to go into it.

1021
00:58:30,910 --> 00:58:32,560
And I did.

1022
00:58:32,560 --> 00:58:36,580
I studied the literature
and so on and what I had.

1023
00:58:36,580 --> 00:58:40,230
And I would come to
him with my results.

1024
00:58:40,230 --> 00:58:50,280
And so the one time that I
present to him, he said, oh.

1025
00:58:50,280 --> 00:58:53,740
What you wrote here on the
blackboard, it's not true.

1026
00:58:53,740 --> 00:58:59,560
And I say, Dr.

Lipkin, it's true.

1027
00:58:59,560 --> 00:59:02,710
And he got red in the face.

1028
00:59:02,710 --> 00:59:06,650
And then I said, I'm
going to prove it to you.

1029
00:59:06,650 --> 00:59:08,190
And I did.

1030
00:59:08,190 --> 00:59:11,010
So that was the end with him.

1031
00:59:11,010 --> 00:59:17,480
So he comes back to
me a little later on,

1032
00:59:17,480 --> 00:59:18,680
not the day, that day.

1033
00:59:18,680 --> 00:59:20,680
Say, you know what?

1034
00:59:20,680 --> 00:59:24,130

1035
00:59:24,130 --> 00:59:31,230
You should go to the US
and get your PhD there.

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00:59:31,230 --> 00:59:34,080

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00:59:34,080 --> 00:59:35,730
So how do I do that?

1038
00:59:35,730 --> 00:59:37,100
I mean, I had no money.

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00:59:37,100 --> 00:59:39,500

My parents don't have
money to send me there

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00:59:39,500 --> 00:59:41,730

or anything like that.

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00:59:41,730 --> 00:59:45,350

Well, they had
advertised at the time,

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00:59:45,350 --> 00:59:55,130

in 1959, they advertised that
they are looking for people

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00:59:55,130 --> 01:00:00,350

in physics and to apply.

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01:00:00,350 --> 01:00:01,670

Universities were applying.

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01:00:01,670 --> 01:00:02,990

And how come?

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01:00:02,990 --> 01:00:04,430

Where did they get the money?

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01:00:04,430 --> 01:00:09,620

Their money came from
the armed services

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01:00:09,620 --> 01:00:12,770

because if you
recall the Sputnik,

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01:00:12,770 --> 01:00:16,280

everybody was scared
that the Russians have

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01:00:16,280 --> 01:00:17,790

taken over and so on.

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01:00:17,790 --> 01:00:20,270
And they really didn't
have enough people

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01:00:20,270 --> 01:00:23,270
in those hard sciences.

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01:00:23,270 --> 01:00:27,510
So they were putting this
throughout the whole world.

1054
01:00:27,510 --> 01:00:29,380
Come over.

1055
01:00:29,380 --> 01:00:33,910
I applied to one of the--

1056
01:00:33,910 --> 01:00:37,600
it was-- one was Yale,
and one was Harvard.

1057
01:00:37,600 --> 01:00:41,470
And they said at the
time, they sent me back.

1058
01:00:41,470 --> 01:00:42,010
Yes.

1059
01:00:42,010 --> 01:00:43,120
I'm acceptable.

1060
01:00:43,120 --> 01:00:47,980
But not for the very first
semester in September.

1061
01:00:47,980 --> 01:00:52,690
But if I wait, I'm accepted.

1062
01:00:52,690 --> 01:00:59,050
And only one other university,
University of Maryland,

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01:00:59,050 --> 01:01:02,020
said come on over.

1064
01:01:02,020 --> 01:01:03,860
So of course, I--

1065
01:01:03,860 --> 01:01:11,230
and they were going to give
me a salary to live and study.

1066
01:01:11,230 --> 01:01:15,540
Well, what other
country does that?

1067
01:01:15,540 --> 01:01:17,290
Of course, I came.

1068
01:01:17,290 --> 01:01:24,220
And I, again, separated from
my parents and my family.

1069
01:01:24,220 --> 01:01:28,540
And I arrived here.

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01:01:28,540 --> 01:01:34,330
[? At ?] the time, the
foreign currency in Israel was

1071
01:01:34,330 --> 01:01:41,830
so tough, they would give
you \$120, one at a time,

1072
01:01:41,830 --> 01:01:44,890
if you leave and don't
[? want ?] [? to ?] travel.

1073
01:01:44,890 --> 01:01:49,760
So my parents bought
a ticket and so on.

1074
01:01:49,760 --> 01:01:53,450
And I arrived in New York.

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01:01:53,450 --> 01:01:59,200

And I had a little bit of money.

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01:01:59,200 --> 01:02:00,680

Did you know English?

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01:02:00,680 --> 01:02:05,380

By that time, yes, yeah,

because I used English

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01:02:05,380 --> 01:02:06,500

at the Hebrew University.

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01:02:06,500 --> 01:02:09,740

I also shared a room at the

Weizmann Institute with a guy

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01:02:09,740 --> 01:02:16,190

from South Africa, a Jewish guy

who was also a student there.

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01:02:16,190 --> 01:02:17,930

And so it helped.

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01:02:17,930 --> 01:02:22,340

And I learned in the kibbutz.

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01:02:22,340 --> 01:02:24,110

That's a little bit

of another story,

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01:02:24,110 --> 01:02:25,850

how I learned English there.

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01:02:25,850 --> 01:02:27,530

I said there were Americans.

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01:02:27,530 --> 01:02:34,710

And particularly my

professor, teacher,

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01:02:34,710 --> 01:02:39,980
[? Josef ?] [? Vilfund ?],,
he got his degree here

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01:02:39,980 --> 01:02:42,390
in the United States.

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01:02:42,390 --> 01:02:44,700
Himself was born in Russia.

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01:02:44,700 --> 01:02:48,690
Came with his
widowed mother here.

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01:02:48,690 --> 01:02:52,170
And he managed to go
and study and so on.

1092
01:02:52,170 --> 01:02:54,720
Got his master's
degree in literature.

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01:02:54,720 --> 01:03:00,250
And so I said, I want to learn.

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01:03:00,250 --> 01:03:03,020
So he said OK.

1095
01:03:03,020 --> 01:03:08,220
He gave me some things to do
and so on and ultimately said,

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01:03:08,220 --> 01:03:12,180
oh, here is the Encyclopedia
Britannica Junior,

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01:03:12,180 --> 01:03:15,150
and here is an
article about coal.

1098
01:03:15,150 --> 01:03:18,390
And translate it into Hebrew.

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01:03:18,390 --> 01:03:19,500

So I did.

1100

01:03:19,500 --> 01:03:21,930

So he would check,
do these things.

1101

01:03:21,930 --> 01:03:25,470

And that's how I
learned English.

1102

01:03:25,470 --> 01:03:33,000

So I wasn't-- but I became
really very easily here too.

1103

01:03:33,000 --> 01:03:34,080

So you went to Maryland.

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01:03:34,080 --> 01:03:35,250

I went to Maryland.

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01:03:35,250 --> 01:03:36,720

For how long?

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01:03:36,720 --> 01:03:39,930

Well, I was there 1960.

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01:03:39,930 --> 01:03:46,140

And I was there until 1964.

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01:03:46,140 --> 01:03:52,100

So I got my degree and PhD.

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01:03:52,100 --> 01:03:58,830

And my advisor was a
guy named George Weiss.

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01:03:58,830 --> 01:04:02,460

He was Jewish and
religious Jewish too.

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01:04:02,460 --> 01:04:05,370

And he lives not
far away from here.

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01:04:05,370 --> 01:04:07,680

It's an amazing situation.

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01:04:07,680 --> 01:04:14,560

And at the time
when I finished, it

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01:04:14,560 --> 01:04:18,220

was quite a different--
a difficult time

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01:04:18,220 --> 01:04:20,260

with jobs for physicists.

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01:04:20,260 --> 01:04:20,920

It's amazing.

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01:04:20,920 --> 01:04:26,770

In a short time, the
situation had changed because

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01:04:26,770 --> 01:04:34,400

with the ride to the moon
and so on suddenly they said,

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01:04:34,400 --> 01:04:35,560

[? we've ?] reached out.

1120

01:04:35,560 --> 01:04:37,760

That's no more money.

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01:04:37,760 --> 01:04:40,160

So whatever you
try to get a job,

1122

01:04:40,160 --> 01:04:42,590

they said, we were
firing people.

1123

01:04:42,590 --> 01:04:45,590

And indeed, there
was a disaster, 1966.

1124

01:04:45,590 --> 01:04:53,720

So I got all sorts of little
jobs in-between 1964 and '66.

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01:04:53,720 --> 01:05:02,910

Finally, I managed to get
a job with a company in--

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01:05:02,910 --> 01:05:08,990

Raytheon Company-- way back on--

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01:05:08,990 --> 01:05:10,100

what is the name?

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01:05:10,100 --> 01:05:11,970

Rhode Island.

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01:05:11,970 --> 01:05:16,180

And I worked for them.

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01:05:16,180 --> 01:05:20,860

And I was doing work.

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01:05:20,860 --> 01:05:23,380

And what they were interested
[? which ?] [? was ?] actually

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01:05:23,380 --> 01:05:28,170

was supported by the Navy.

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01:05:28,170 --> 01:05:32,400

I didn't know that at
the time, that the Navy.

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01:05:32,400 --> 01:05:36,300

But it dealt with
problems of the Navy.

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01:05:36,300 --> 01:05:41,475

And I was there for about--

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01:05:41,475 --> 01:05:44,330

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01:05:44,330 --> 01:05:50,660

but actually, before

that, actually, I

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01:05:50,660 --> 01:05:59,920

had the benefit of working

after I got my PhD,

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01:05:59,920 --> 01:06:07,840

the National Research Council

awarded me a two-year salary

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01:06:07,840 --> 01:06:11,130

to work at NASA.

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01:06:11,130 --> 01:06:14,640

And actually, I have all

this stuff here that--

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01:06:14,640 --> 01:06:16,950

my documents, OK,

I'm not saying.

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01:06:16,950 --> 01:06:22,590

So I worked at NASA,

Greenbelt, Maryland.

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01:06:22,590 --> 01:06:25,410

And that was very interesting.

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01:06:25,410 --> 01:06:33,390

And actually, this

was basically before--

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01:06:33,390 --> 01:06:37,120

a little bit before

I got my PhD.

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01:06:37,120 --> 01:06:45,830
And I finished my PhD and
submitted a thesis at Maryland.

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01:06:45,830 --> 01:06:52,340
And I was working
at the time at NASA.

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01:06:52,340 --> 01:06:57,810
And among the people
on the committee that--

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01:06:57,810 --> 01:07:00,180
the final thing, you
know, you give a talk

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01:07:00,180 --> 01:07:05,020
about-- you show them
your PhD thesis and so on.

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01:07:05,020 --> 01:07:06,510
And they ask
questions and so on.

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01:07:06,510 --> 01:07:09,720
And there is one guy
from the committee

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01:07:09,720 --> 01:07:16,350
that was part of the faculty
at Maryland in the physics--

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01:07:16,350 --> 01:07:18,210
nuclear physics.

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01:07:18,210 --> 01:07:21,660
And said to some people
there, wait a minute.

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01:07:21,660 --> 01:07:24,630
In front of me,

this is not physics.

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01:07:24,630 --> 01:07:29,990

This is what you
did is mathematics.

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01:07:29,990 --> 01:07:30,490

Why?

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01:07:30,490 --> 01:07:35,900

Because my advisor
was a mathematician,

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01:07:35,900 --> 01:07:37,370

applied mathematician.

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01:07:37,370 --> 01:07:40,160

So actually, he
did work on areas

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01:07:40,160 --> 01:07:44,660

that were connected
with physical things.

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01:07:44,660 --> 01:07:48,500

And what I've done,
where I worked for NASA.

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01:07:48,500 --> 01:07:53,420

And I worked on
things that dealt

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01:07:53,420 --> 01:07:58,200

with what are called
solar flares from the sun

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01:07:58,200 --> 01:08:02,800

and things that hadn't
been done before

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01:08:02,800 --> 01:08:06,370

except in my work at the time.

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01:08:06,370 --> 01:08:13,550

So as I'm there and he
is talking like that.

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01:08:13,550 --> 01:08:18,260

And then my advisor
gives a talk to my boss

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01:08:18,260 --> 01:08:22,460

at NASA, Dr. McDonald.

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01:08:22,460 --> 01:08:26,000

And that guy hears about that.

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01:08:26,000 --> 01:08:31,090

Comes immediately
from Greenbelt,

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01:08:31,090 --> 01:08:33,855

and comes to this meeting.

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01:08:33,855 --> 01:08:37,372

He enters and he talks.

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01:08:37,372 --> 01:08:38,080

What do you mean?

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01:08:38,080 --> 01:08:39,689

Mathematics.

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01:08:39,689 --> 01:08:44,439

This man has worked
here for this and so on.

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01:08:44,439 --> 01:08:46,450

He's a physicist.

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01:08:46,450 --> 01:08:48,430

Indeed.

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01:08:48,430 --> 01:08:53,890

And so the committee decided
that I deserved the PhD.

1182
01:08:53,890 --> 01:08:54,850
Was kosher.

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01:08:54,850 --> 01:08:56,200
Yeah.

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01:08:56,200 --> 01:08:58,198
And then you worked for
how long for Raytheon?

1185
01:08:58,198 --> 01:08:59,240
And then what did you do?

1186
01:08:59,240 --> 01:09:01,300
OK.

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01:09:01,300 --> 01:09:07,660
Then at that point, I forgot
to mention the order of the--

1188
01:09:07,660 --> 01:09:09,955
I worked for NASA.

1189
01:09:09,955 --> 01:09:12,010
Now, I have my PhD.

1190
01:09:12,010 --> 01:09:16,040
So because they liked what
I was doing, they said, OK.

1191
01:09:16,040 --> 01:09:19,600
You can stay with
us for two years.

1192
01:09:19,600 --> 01:09:20,950
They couldn't hire.

1193
01:09:20,950 --> 01:09:23,020
I wasn't a citizen.

1194
01:09:23,020 --> 01:09:27,970
So they said, you can work
because the National Research

1195
01:09:27,970 --> 01:09:31,210
Council will give
you a two year.

1196
01:09:31,210 --> 01:09:35,800
They'll pay my salary, which was
not a few dollars, all right.

1197
01:09:35,800 --> 01:09:40,250
And I said, OK,
that's fine with me.

1198
01:09:40,250 --> 01:09:44,770
And I stayed there two years,
and I did some more work

1199
01:09:44,770 --> 01:09:47,050
and published and all that.

1200
01:09:47,050 --> 01:09:53,830
And at some point, I
decided that I really

1201
01:09:53,830 --> 01:10:00,220
didn't want to continue
because the reason is

1202
01:10:00,220 --> 01:10:07,500
that I, as a physicist, when
I look at astrophysics that

1203
01:10:07,500 --> 01:10:11,250
is called today like what NASA
was involved-- but we actually

1204
01:10:11,250 --> 01:10:15,810
were NASA was involved
really in real problems that

1205
01:10:15,810 --> 01:10:21,630
had an impact by the
so-called astrophysics.

1206
01:10:21,630 --> 01:10:28,030
It was not something realistic.

1207
01:10:28,030 --> 01:10:31,930
I liked my work to be
applied to something.

1208
01:10:31,930 --> 01:10:35,440
And it wasn't with the
exception of these things that

1209
01:10:35,440 --> 01:10:37,870
were really important
to study those

1210
01:10:37,870 --> 01:10:42,820
because communications
is actually

1211
01:10:42,820 --> 01:10:47,510
affected by the solar flares.

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01:10:47,510 --> 01:10:50,530
These things that happen
every 11 years or something

1213
01:10:50,530 --> 01:10:51,620
like that.

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01:10:51,620 --> 01:10:58,270
And it was important for the
Air Force, for the military,

1215
01:10:58,270 --> 01:11:01,690
and even for NASA
to know what is

1216

01:11:01,690 --> 01:11:03,220
going to happen in such a case.

1217
01:11:03,220 --> 01:11:05,210
If you send a
signal, for instance,

1218
01:11:05,210 --> 01:11:11,380
it can be affected by--
and really ruin it.

1219
01:11:11,380 --> 01:11:14,740
And that is not
something that you

1220
01:11:14,740 --> 01:11:18,440
want to have when you are
in, say, water or whatever.

1221
01:11:18,440 --> 01:11:21,370
So I decided I want
to go and apply

1222
01:11:21,370 --> 01:11:26,830
to a place that would let me
do things that are applicable.

1223
01:11:26,830 --> 01:11:28,330
And I looked around.

1224
01:11:28,330 --> 01:11:34,120
And one of my friends at
school, from the school,

1225
01:11:34,120 --> 01:11:36,010
said, oh, why don't
you come over here

1226
01:11:36,010 --> 01:11:44,860
to this company in Rhode Island
and Connecticut and so on?

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01:11:44,860 --> 01:11:45,395

We did.

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01:11:45,395 --> 01:11:48,020

[INAUDIBLE],, he was working for
the Navy at the time and said,

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01:11:48,020 --> 01:11:52,070

well, Raytheon may.

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01:11:52,070 --> 01:11:55,730

And indeed, they hire
me, and I was with them.

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01:11:55,730 --> 01:11:59,420

And I worked on
problems and so on.

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01:11:59,420 --> 01:12:06,080

I have even here my work
that I did for them.

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01:12:06,080 --> 01:12:09,740

And then that particular
one collapsed.

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01:12:09,740 --> 01:12:11,290

OK.