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This is the United States
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Collection Interview with
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by Gail Schwartz on August 9,
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This is track number one.

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What is your full name?

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Julie Ann Kiefer.

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00:00:36,510 --> 00:00:40,050

And the name you had
when you were born?

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Jula J-U-L-A Weinstock
W-E-I-N-S-T-O-C-K.

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00:00:50,700 --> 00:00:52,720

And where were you born?

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00:00:52,720 --> 00:00:56,530

I was born in Lvov, Poland.

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00:00:56,530 --> 00:00:57,720

And when?

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00:00:57,720 --> 00:01:02,070

In 1941, April 19.

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Let's talk a little bit about
your parents, your family.

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How far back can you
trace the family in Lvov?

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00:01:09,720 --> 00:01:13,140

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00:01:13,140 --> 00:01:16,685

To my grandfather's parents.

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00:01:16,685 --> 00:01:22,220

And my grandfather
was the oldest of six.

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00:01:22,220 --> 00:01:24,240

And his name?

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00:01:24,240 --> 00:01:25,670

Isaak Eisen.

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00:01:25,670 --> 00:01:29,610

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00:01:29,610 --> 00:01:40,350

And his name was Eisen
because the parents got

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00:01:40,350 --> 00:01:44,160

married, had their
Jewish wedding,

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00:01:44,160 --> 00:01:47,160
and that did not
count in Poland.

26
00:01:47,160 --> 00:01:51,480
And they had their official
Polish wedding afterwards.

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00:01:51,480 --> 00:01:55,920
And my grandfather was born
before the Polish wedding,

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00:01:55,920 --> 00:01:59,820
so he has his
mother's name Eisen.

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00:01:59,820 --> 00:02:06,255
And the others have the father's
last name, which is Grussgott.

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00:02:06,255 --> 00:02:08,880

31
00:02:08,880 --> 00:02:13,860
And the birth order
was my grandfather--

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00:02:13,860 --> 00:02:16,000
Is this your paternal
or your maternal?

33
00:02:16,000 --> 00:02:16,500
Maternal.

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00:02:16,500 --> 00:02:17,000
Maternal.

35
00:02:17,000 --> 00:02:20,010

36
00:02:20,010 --> 00:02:25,980
My grandfather, then
came his sister Rosa.

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00:02:25,980 --> 00:02:31,520
Then came three
brothers and then,

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00:02:31,520 --> 00:02:33,720
again, I don't
remember their names.

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00:02:33,720 --> 00:02:39,600
And then came the
youngest sister, Helen.

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00:02:39,600 --> 00:02:46,470
The parents sent the two
girls to the United States

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00:02:46,470 --> 00:02:49,810
to escape the pogroms.

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00:02:49,810 --> 00:02:53,880
And that's my maternal side.

43
00:02:53,880 --> 00:02:58,740
My paternal side I
know almost nothing.

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00:02:58,740 --> 00:03:05,070
I only know that my father had
an aunt here and an uncle here

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00:03:05,070 --> 00:03:07,440
in the United States.

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00:03:07,440 --> 00:03:10,500
That was Tante Helen
Siegel, and she's

47
00:03:10,500 --> 00:03:13,335
the one who sponsored me to
come to the United States.

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00:03:13,335 --> 00:03:16,360

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00:03:16,360 --> 00:03:18,160

Let's talk about your parents.

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00:03:18,160 --> 00:03:19,880

Their names?

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00:03:19,880 --> 00:03:29,410

My mother's name was
Sala Eisen Weinstock.

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00:03:29,410 --> 00:03:34,090

My father was Hermann Weinstock.

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00:03:34,090 --> 00:03:38,470

My mother was born in 1913.

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00:03:38,470 --> 00:03:40,060

I don't know when.

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00:03:40,060 --> 00:03:49,870

My father was born in 1912.

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00:03:49,870 --> 00:03:52,240

And what kind of work
did your father do?

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00:03:52,240 --> 00:03:55,210

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00:03:55,210 --> 00:03:56,290

I think he was a plumber.

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00:03:56,290 --> 00:03:59,480

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00:03:59,480 --> 00:04:02,140

And your mother, did she
work or was she home?

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00:04:02,140 --> 00:04:07,910

I think she was home, but she
had been a Jewish opera singer.

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00:04:07,910 --> 00:04:09,370

Oh.

63

00:04:09,370 --> 00:04:11,740

So she had performed?

64

00:04:11,740 --> 00:04:12,540

I don't know.

65

00:04:12,540 --> 00:04:13,525

You don't know.

66

00:04:13,525 --> 00:04:14,025

OK.

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00:04:14,025 --> 00:04:16,660

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00:04:16,660 --> 00:04:25,190

So you were born in 1941.

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00:04:25,190 --> 00:04:29,060

And what were you told
about what happened

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00:04:29,060 --> 00:04:32,700

when the Germans first came?

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00:04:32,700 --> 00:04:36,710

I was told when the
Nazis first came

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00:04:36,710 --> 00:04:45,920

that my father's
wife, Clara, was

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00:04:45,920 --> 00:04:49,010

taken to concentration camp.

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00:04:49,010 --> 00:04:50,230

Your father's wife?

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00:04:50,230 --> 00:04:50,820

Clara.

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00:04:50,820 --> 00:04:51,320

Yeah.

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00:04:51,320 --> 00:04:52,710

Grandfather's wife.

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00:04:52,710 --> 00:04:55,380

Oh, OK.

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00:04:55,380 --> 00:05:02,240

And I don't know about his
brothers and their wives,

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00:05:02,240 --> 00:05:06,450

but at least some were
taken to concentration camp.

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00:05:06,450 --> 00:05:08,390

I know my grandfather's--

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00:05:08,390 --> 00:05:10,010

This is maternal grandfather.

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00:05:10,010 --> 00:05:11,300

Again, yes.

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00:05:11,300 --> 00:05:13,910

Were at some point,
they were killed.

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00:05:13,910 --> 00:05:14,740

I don't know where.

86

00:05:14,740 --> 00:05:19,010

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00:05:19,010 --> 00:05:25,070

There were all kinds of
actions and my grandfather

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00:05:25,070 --> 00:05:33,290

was taken to a hard labor camp.

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00:05:33,290 --> 00:05:45,000

And what I was told was
that he had escaped and came

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00:05:45,000 --> 00:05:50,880

to where my mother and my
father and I were living.

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00:05:50,880 --> 00:05:53,550

And my mother didn't
recognize her father

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00:05:53,550 --> 00:05:57,090

because, suddenly, he
had lost 100 pounds

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00:05:57,090 --> 00:05:58,200

and his hair was white.

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00:05:58,200 --> 00:06:01,800

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00:06:01,800 --> 00:06:02,850

But I did.

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00:06:02,850 --> 00:06:05,970

And I was, according
to my grandfather

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00:06:05,970 --> 00:06:09,460

this is, I just grabbed
his leg and said,

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00:06:09,460 --> 00:06:14,100

"dziadzio, dziadzio," which
means "grandpa, grandpa."

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00:06:14,100 --> 00:06:19,200

Because he was-- and that was,
by the way, the first words

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00:06:19,200 --> 00:06:23,580

I spoke were not "mama"
or "dada" but "dziadzio."

101

00:06:23,580 --> 00:06:28,030

Because he and I had
a very special bond.

102

00:06:28,030 --> 00:06:30,480

He would take me
on his shoulders.

103

00:06:30,480 --> 00:06:37,350

And I just remember he'd go play
cards, and he'd have a beer,

104

00:06:37,350 --> 00:06:40,680

and I'd drink the foam,
and he had the beer.

105

00:06:40,680 --> 00:06:43,810

And yeah.

106

00:06:43,810 --> 00:06:46,310

So did your family go into
the ghetto in the fall,

107

00:06:46,310 --> 00:06:47,160

in September?

108

00:06:47,160 --> 00:06:48,015

I do not know.

109

00:06:48,015 --> 00:06:48,640

You don't know.

110
00:06:48,640 --> 00:06:49,620
I don't know.

111
00:06:49,620 --> 00:06:51,680
The dates of that,
I do not know.

112
00:06:51,680 --> 00:06:54,460

113
00:06:54,460 --> 00:06:58,230
But they did eventually
go into the ghetto?

114
00:06:58,230 --> 00:06:59,380
Uh-huh, yes.

115
00:06:59,380 --> 00:06:59,880
OK.

116
00:06:59,880 --> 00:07:01,860
So it was you and your parents.

117
00:07:01,860 --> 00:07:02,430
Right.

118
00:07:02,430 --> 00:07:04,170
And your grandfather.

119
00:07:04,170 --> 00:07:04,740
No.

120
00:07:04,740 --> 00:07:05,280
Not yet.

121
00:07:05,280 --> 00:07:06,330
No.

122
00:07:06,330 --> 00:07:12,840

My grandfather was
hiding somewhere else.

123
00:07:12,840 --> 00:07:14,908
I don't know where.

124
00:07:14,908 --> 00:07:17,810
OK.

125
00:07:17,810 --> 00:07:22,190
We were in hiding in the
ghetto at that point.

126
00:07:22,190 --> 00:07:24,230
In hiding in the ghetto.

127
00:07:24,230 --> 00:07:26,450
Did you have any siblings?

128
00:07:26,450 --> 00:07:32,480
Yes, my baby sister
was born, well, she's

129
00:07:32,480 --> 00:07:34,160
a year and a half
younger than I.

130
00:07:34,160 --> 00:07:37,880
I can't remember
exactly her birthday.

131
00:07:37,880 --> 00:07:39,730
And her name?

132
00:07:39,730 --> 00:07:42,950
Tola Weinstock.

133
00:07:42,950 --> 00:07:44,510
She was born in the ghetto?

134
00:07:44,510 --> 00:07:45,057
Mm-hmm.

135
00:07:45,057 --> 00:07:46,430
OK.

136
00:07:46,430 --> 00:07:49,430
So what is your first memory?

137
00:07:49,430 --> 00:07:54,650
My first memory
is in the bunker.

138
00:07:54,650 --> 00:07:55,910
In the ghetto?

139
00:07:55,910 --> 00:07:58,670
No.

140
00:07:58,670 --> 00:08:05,750
My grandfather had then
was in concentration camp,

141
00:08:05,750 --> 00:08:11,510
captured and put into the
[? Janow ?] killing camp.

142
00:08:11,510 --> 00:08:15,920
That must have been around 1943.

143
00:08:15,920 --> 00:08:16,660
OK.

144
00:08:16,660 --> 00:08:18,120
And, yeah.

145
00:08:18,120 --> 00:08:19,670
So you're now two years old.

146
00:08:19,670 --> 00:08:20,810
Right.

147
00:08:20,810 --> 00:08:27,180

And while we're hiding in the
ghetto, my mother, my father,

148
00:08:27,180 --> 00:08:33,500
my baby sister, and I, he
escapes from concentration camp

149
00:08:33,500 --> 00:08:38,960
and manages to get
across a railroad track

150
00:08:38,960 --> 00:08:43,370
just as a Nazi munitions
train is going.

151
00:08:43,370 --> 00:08:49,470
So the sentries had
shot his finger.

152
00:08:49,470 --> 00:08:53,390
But as he was jumping down,
they shot him in the hand

153
00:08:53,390 --> 00:08:56,210
and shot his finger.

154
00:08:56,210 --> 00:09:06,500
And he started running away
as the train was coming back.

155
00:09:06,500 --> 00:09:10,520
And of course, they did
not dare fire at that train

156
00:09:10,520 --> 00:09:12,700
because it would be
a massive explosion.

157
00:09:12,700 --> 00:09:13,480
OK.

158
00:09:13,480 --> 00:09:16,500
Then while he was running,

this was in the woods,

159

00:09:16,500 --> 00:09:23,000

a very deep woods in Lvov.

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00:09:23,000 --> 00:09:31,580

And he met a peasant

named Mr. Borecki.

161

00:09:31,580 --> 00:09:38,090

And Mr. Borecki, a lot of this

is in my grandfather's diary.

162

00:09:38,090 --> 00:09:40,010

OK.

163

00:09:40,010 --> 00:09:47,320

Mr. Borecki gave him a jacket,

rags to wrap around his feet

164

00:09:47,320 --> 00:09:50,440

because my grandfather

was a very big man

165

00:09:50,440 --> 00:09:52,750

and no shoes could fit him.

166

00:09:52,750 --> 00:09:59,290

So and he gave him and

he bandaged his hand

167

00:09:59,290 --> 00:10:05,920

and had him sleep in the barn

and gave him three breads.

168

00:10:05,920 --> 00:10:11,350

And my grandfather said, look,

I know helping Jews could--

169

00:10:11,350 --> 00:10:15,060

he said, well, I'll just

leave my barn door open.

170

00:10:15,060 --> 00:10:17,290

And then if I get
asked, I could say

171

00:10:17,290 --> 00:10:20,470

I don't know who
sleeps in my barn.

172

00:10:20,470 --> 00:10:23,170

So my grandfather did that.

173

00:10:23,170 --> 00:10:25,870

And the next day, he left.

174

00:10:25,870 --> 00:10:28,360

And when he was in the woods--

175

00:10:28,360 --> 00:10:30,720

oh, and he was given a shovel.

176

00:10:30,720 --> 00:10:35,920

And in the woods, he
was sitting there.

177

00:10:35,920 --> 00:10:42,910

And suddenly, he heard two or
three men speaking Yiddish.

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00:10:42,910 --> 00:10:51,340

And they had escaped an
action very near this woods.

179

00:10:51,340 --> 00:10:54,320

And one of them had a gun.

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00:10:54,320 --> 00:11:03,280

And my grandfather had been
trained for military service

181

00:11:03,280 --> 00:11:07,240

as an officer I guess
because he looked good

182
00:11:07,240 --> 00:11:10,830
on a horse for the
Polish cavalry.

183
00:11:10,830 --> 00:11:12,000
He did.

184
00:11:12,000 --> 00:11:14,020
And I think that's
what they took him.

185
00:11:14,020 --> 00:11:24,370
But anyway, so they
made him the leader.

186
00:11:24,370 --> 00:11:27,340
They had dug this tunnel,
and that's the one

187
00:11:27,340 --> 00:11:29,410
that I called the bunker.

188
00:11:29,410 --> 00:11:29,960
Oh, oh.

189
00:11:29,960 --> 00:11:30,460
OK?

190
00:11:30,460 --> 00:11:32,367
It's a tunnel in this woods.

191
00:11:32,367 --> 00:11:32,950
It's a tunnel?

192
00:11:32,950 --> 00:11:33,870
Yes.

193
00:11:33,870 --> 00:11:36,520
OK.

194

00:11:36,520 --> 00:11:39,590
How far from the ghetto?

195
00:11:39,590 --> 00:11:41,270
Quite a ways, I think.

196
00:11:41,270 --> 00:11:43,940
Because this was in the
woods and the ghetto--

197
00:11:43,940 --> 00:11:46,170
Was in the city.

198
00:11:46,170 --> 00:11:49,893
And, well, I'll describe
the bunker in just a moment.

199
00:11:49,893 --> 00:11:50,640
OK.

200
00:11:50,640 --> 00:11:57,470
But when grandfather
went back to Mr. Borecki,

201
00:11:57,470 --> 00:11:58,890
he asked him two things.

202
00:11:58,890 --> 00:12:04,430
One was, did he know anything?

203
00:12:04,430 --> 00:12:09,170
Mr. Borecki's son had
been killed by the Nazis

204
00:12:09,170 --> 00:12:12,590
because he was in
the resistance,

205
00:12:12,590 --> 00:12:14,150
in the Polish resistance.

206
00:12:14,150 --> 00:12:17,870

207
00:12:17,870 --> 00:12:22,310
But before then, he
had told his father

208
00:12:22,310 --> 00:12:28,670
that the Nazis were going to
bomb the ghetto very soon.

209
00:12:28,670 --> 00:12:33,080
So my grandfather knew that
it was just a matter of time

210
00:12:33,080 --> 00:12:37,130
before my father, my mother,
my baby sister, and I lost

211
00:12:37,130 --> 00:12:37,880
our lives.

212
00:12:37,880 --> 00:12:39,140
OK.

213
00:12:39,140 --> 00:12:42,670
Now, I'm going to switch back
and tell you about the bunker.

214
00:12:42,670 --> 00:12:44,330
OK.

215
00:12:44,330 --> 00:12:56,530
The bunker, to me, of course,
I remember cold, damp mud.

216
00:12:56,530 --> 00:13:00,640
And there was a ladder to go in.

217
00:13:00,640 --> 00:13:04,120
And as I remember,
it seemed very tall.

218

00:13:04,120 --> 00:13:08,180

Probably, it was no
more than six feet.

219

00:13:08,180 --> 00:13:16,060

And as you walked around,
you felt this cold, wet mud.

220

00:13:16,060 --> 00:13:21,850

And at one side, here
was the entrance,

221

00:13:21,850 --> 00:13:25,910

then there was
this cold, wet mud.

222

00:13:25,910 --> 00:13:32,620

And here, at the
corner, at the very end,

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00:13:32,620 --> 00:13:38,230

was a table like the kind
that electric wire comes on,

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00:13:38,230 --> 00:13:39,175

those spool tables.

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00:13:39,175 --> 00:13:40,720

The spools.

226

00:13:40,720 --> 00:13:44,320

And I just I remember
it feeling splintering.

227

00:13:44,320 --> 00:13:48,550

And I remember the
smell of candle wax

228

00:13:48,550 --> 00:13:54,790

because there was a fat
candle sitting on that table.

229

00:13:54,790 --> 00:13:57,590

And then, again,
some more wet mud.

230
00:13:57,590 --> 00:14:03,625
Then like an archway out of
mud again and a separate room.

231
00:14:03,625 --> 00:14:07,360

232
00:14:07,360 --> 00:14:12,400
As you walked into
that room, on the left,

233
00:14:12,400 --> 00:14:19,180
were things that I later found
out where guns and rifles.

234
00:14:19,180 --> 00:14:24,320
And I only knew
that I touched them

235
00:14:24,320 --> 00:14:28,510
and my grandfather smacked
my hand and yelled.

236
00:14:28,510 --> 00:14:34,420
And he never, ever raised his
voice to me much less his hand.

237
00:14:34,420 --> 00:14:38,170
And that's what I realized
those were dangerous.

238
00:14:38,170 --> 00:14:40,810

239
00:14:40,810 --> 00:14:45,175
I don't remember the
people in the tunnel.

240
00:14:45,175 --> 00:14:48,380

241
00:14:48,380 --> 00:14:50,530
Now, I'm going to switch back.

242
00:14:50,530 --> 00:14:53,980
I'm telling you
eventually, there

243
00:14:53,980 --> 00:14:59,260
were 37 people in the tunnel.

244
00:14:59,260 --> 00:15:08,310
But when my
grandfather found out

245
00:15:08,310 --> 00:15:11,850
that the Nazis were
going to bomb the ghetto,

246
00:15:11,850 --> 00:15:14,730
he asked for volunteers.

247
00:15:14,730 --> 00:15:18,300
And everybody, all
the men, volunteered.

248
00:15:18,300 --> 00:15:22,200
And he took two.

249
00:15:22,200 --> 00:15:25,470
And they dressed
in Nazi uniforms.

250
00:15:25,470 --> 00:15:29,670
Now, I have to tell you that
how they lived at this time

251
00:15:29,670 --> 00:15:34,860
was that the men would go
out and raid Nazi trucks.

252
00:15:34,860 --> 00:15:44,760

They would kill the
drivers and take--

253
00:15:44,760 --> 00:15:47,040
They would escape
from the ghetto.

254
00:15:47,040 --> 00:15:50,067
They were not in the ghetto,
they were in this woods,

255
00:15:50,067 --> 00:15:50,650
in the bunker.

256
00:15:50,650 --> 00:15:52,650
Oh, in the woods.

257
00:15:52,650 --> 00:15:56,280
And they would go
out on raids where

258
00:15:56,280 --> 00:16:03,300
they would raid Nazi
munitions trucks, outposts,

259
00:16:03,300 --> 00:16:08,400
take whatever, food,
clothing, everything.

260
00:16:08,400 --> 00:16:15,600
Now, at this time,
the Bandrowski,

261
00:16:15,600 --> 00:16:21,720
who were Ukrainian resistance
were in this woods,

262
00:16:21,720 --> 00:16:26,940
and they were very powerful,
and they were very numerous.

263
00:16:26,940 --> 00:16:30,570
And the Nazis would keep trying

to bomb and try to get rid

264

00:16:30,570 --> 00:16:32,760
of them and they didn't.

265

00:16:32,760 --> 00:16:41,100
So the Nazis thought that these
Jews who were raiding them

266

00:16:41,100 --> 00:16:46,500
were Bandrowski, these
Ukrainian resistance fighters,

267

00:16:46,500 --> 00:16:48,390
but they were not.

268

00:16:48,390 --> 00:16:52,640
Now, the Bandrowski
didn't like Jews

269

00:16:52,640 --> 00:16:56,600
much at all except
they would take Jews

270

00:16:56,600 --> 00:16:59,070
if the Jews were doctors.

271

00:16:59,070 --> 00:17:03,330
Otherwise, and the agreement
was, OK, stay out of our way,

272

00:17:03,330 --> 00:17:05,540
we'll stay out of your
way kind of thing.

273

00:17:05,540 --> 00:17:08,430
We'll leave you alone.

274

00:17:08,430 --> 00:17:10,349
And that's what happened.

275

00:17:10,349 --> 00:17:14,060

Well, my grandfather
found out that the Nazis,

276
00:17:14,060 --> 00:17:19,040
from Mr. Borecki who had
just found out from his son,

277
00:17:19,040 --> 00:17:21,030
that Nazis were going
to burn the ghetto.

278
00:17:21,030 --> 00:17:23,510
So he got the two volunteers.

279
00:17:23,510 --> 00:17:26,630
They all dressed
in Nazi uniforms.

280
00:17:26,630 --> 00:17:34,160
Had commandeered a Nazi Jeep
and drove to the outskirts

281
00:17:34,160 --> 00:17:37,510
of the ghetto at night.

282
00:17:37,510 --> 00:17:38,840
The two men stayed.

283
00:17:38,840 --> 00:17:47,510
My grandfather, in Nazi
regalia, went into the ghetto,

284
00:17:47,510 --> 00:17:52,640
got my mother, my father,
my baby sister, and me out,

285
00:17:52,640 --> 00:18:00,800
put us in this Jeep, and brought
us to the home of Mr. Borecki

286
00:18:00,800 --> 00:18:06,020
because my grandfather
had spoken to Mr. Borecki

287
00:18:06,020 --> 00:18:11,240
and asked him if he would save
my mother and the two girls'

288
00:18:11,240 --> 00:18:12,710
lives.

289
00:18:12,710 --> 00:18:14,580
And he said, of course.

290
00:18:14,580 --> 00:18:20,420
And so we came on the
middle of the night.

291
00:18:20,420 --> 00:18:24,650
And we were at Mr.
Borecki's house.

292
00:18:24,650 --> 00:18:27,800
And my mother said
I will not leave

293
00:18:27,800 --> 00:18:30,290
my husband or you, father.

294
00:18:30,290 --> 00:18:31,490
I will not.

295
00:18:31,490 --> 00:18:33,200
I've already lost my mother.

296
00:18:33,200 --> 00:18:35,640
I'm not going to lose you.

297
00:18:35,640 --> 00:18:42,450
So they had no choice but all
of us now went to the bunker.

298
00:18:42,450 --> 00:18:43,880
This is 1943.

299

00:18:43,880 --> 00:18:45,336
1943.

300

00:18:45,336 --> 00:18:47,205
Do you know what
month or what season?

301

00:18:47,205 --> 00:18:50,492

302

00:18:50,492 --> 00:18:50,992
OK.

303

00:18:50,992 --> 00:18:53,820
All right.

304

00:18:53,820 --> 00:19:02,370
Probably, was still winter
because there was snow

305

00:19:02,370 --> 00:19:06,270
and the bunker was
still relatively

306

00:19:06,270 --> 00:19:08,790
safe because the Nazis--

307

00:19:08,790 --> 00:19:11,550
dogs could not get
the scent and stuff

308

00:19:11,550 --> 00:19:15,740
so it was winter, probably.

309

00:19:15,740 --> 00:19:17,820
End of '43?

310

00:19:17,820 --> 00:19:18,450
Yes.

311

00:19:18,450 --> 00:19:20,338

End of '43.

312
00:19:20,338 --> 00:19:22,230
OK.

313
00:19:22,230 --> 00:19:23,510
Towards the end of '43.

314
00:19:23,510 --> 00:19:24,010
Right.

315
00:19:24,010 --> 00:19:25,420
OK.

316
00:19:25,420 --> 00:19:32,370
Then, apparently, and this
I hear from my grandfather,

317
00:19:32,370 --> 00:19:33,480
my baby sister--

318
00:19:33,480 --> 00:19:38,490
oh, there were 37
people in that tunnel.

319
00:19:38,490 --> 00:19:44,340
My mother, my father, and
us, my grandfather's son,

320
00:19:44,340 --> 00:19:48,930
my uncle, his wife, and
I think their two boys,

321
00:19:48,930 --> 00:19:51,870
they had two boys.

322
00:19:51,870 --> 00:19:55,290
My sister and I were
the youngest by far,

323
00:19:55,290 --> 00:20:02,680
and I guess we cried and

got lice and people were

324

00:20:02,680 --> 00:20:07,120

very afraid because
we endangered

325

00:20:07,120 --> 00:20:09,670

the lives of everybody.

326

00:20:09,670 --> 00:20:13,370

And my grandfather felt that
he just could not do that

327

00:20:13,370 --> 00:20:18,400

and his family could not
endanger everybody else

328

00:20:18,400 --> 00:20:23,090

because everyone wanted to live,
and they had the right to live.

329

00:20:23,090 --> 00:20:26,890

So he decided to take us.

330

00:20:26,890 --> 00:20:31,630

He had gotten a peasant
sheepskin jacket.

331

00:20:31,630 --> 00:20:41,320

He dressed himself as a Polish
peasant and took my baby sister

332

00:20:41,320 --> 00:20:43,420

and me out.

333

00:20:43,420 --> 00:20:46,660

I guess, according
to my grandfather,

334

00:20:46,660 --> 00:20:49,210

I had blond hair and dark eyes.

335

00:20:49,210 --> 00:20:55,030

My sister had light
hair and gray eyes.

336

00:20:55,030 --> 00:20:56,860

And he took us both.

337

00:20:56,860 --> 00:21:01,240

And he went to the
local market looking

338

00:21:01,240 --> 00:21:04,810

for someone named Dr. Gruen.

339

00:21:04,810 --> 00:21:08,680

Dr. Gruen was a Pole.

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00:21:08,680 --> 00:21:14,020

I think he was Catholic,
very famous pediatrician, who

341

00:21:14,020 --> 00:21:20,340

ran an orphanage for
Catholic children.

342

00:21:20,340 --> 00:21:24,000

And he looked for him.

343

00:21:24,000 --> 00:21:26,130

He couldn't find him.

344

00:21:26,130 --> 00:21:29,980

And he was so desperate, and
this he writes in his diary.

345

00:21:29,980 --> 00:21:37,410

He was so desperate about what
to do with us when he couldn't

346

00:21:37,410 --> 00:21:45,090

find Dr. Gruen that he was
ready to leave us in the market

347

00:21:45,090 --> 00:21:50,250

thinking somebody would
find us and keep us and keep

348

00:21:50,250 --> 00:21:55,150

us alive during the war.

349

00:21:55,150 --> 00:21:57,100

But just as he was
thinking of that,

350

00:21:57,100 --> 00:22:01,390

he saw a woman who had
been a former neighbor,

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00:22:01,390 --> 00:22:05,200

a Polish Catholic
woman, whose husband had

352

00:22:05,200 --> 00:22:14,280

been killed by the Nazis in
one of their mass reprisals.

353

00:22:14,280 --> 00:22:18,690

And my grandfather had helped
her with her horse and carriage

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00:22:18,690 --> 00:22:21,120

business.

355

00:22:21,120 --> 00:22:28,620

So she saw him and recognized
him and he brought her

356

00:22:28,620 --> 00:22:33,030

to the side where they
would not be heard.

357

00:22:33,030 --> 00:22:36,270

And, of course, she said
she was so happy to know

358

00:22:36,270 --> 00:22:38,880
that he was alive.

359
00:22:38,880 --> 00:22:45,750
And then, he said he
had these two children

360
00:22:45,750 --> 00:22:49,080
and he couldn't find Dr. Gruen.

361
00:22:49,080 --> 00:22:53,310
At that point, he said,
could you take them?

362
00:22:53,310 --> 00:22:58,950
My grandmother had had to sell
her house because the people

363
00:22:58,950 --> 00:23:00,980
she had working
for her were Jews

364
00:23:00,980 --> 00:23:02,820
and they were all in the ghetto.

365
00:23:02,820 --> 00:23:07,480
And so she couldn't
make a living.

366
00:23:07,480 --> 00:23:13,290
So she started working as a
cook for a retired engineer

367
00:23:13,290 --> 00:23:19,750
and his wife, the Schwartenskis,
somewhere in the country,

368
00:23:19,750 --> 00:23:21,360
must have been near Lvov.

369
00:23:21,360 --> 00:23:24,170

370

00:23:24,170 --> 00:23:32,510

And the story they told was that
my grandfather was her husband,

371

00:23:32,510 --> 00:23:36,170

that the two of us were
her sisters' children.

372

00:23:36,170 --> 00:23:40,370

Now at that time, many
people were back and forth

373

00:23:40,370 --> 00:23:44,360

going towards the Ukraine.

374

00:23:44,360 --> 00:23:47,840

And so the story she
told was that her sisters

375

00:23:47,840 --> 00:23:53,230

had gone to the Ukraine and
left their babies with her.

376

00:23:53,230 --> 00:23:57,340

And then, she asked Mrs.
Schwartenski, could Grandma

377

00:23:57,340 --> 00:23:59,450

take both?

378

00:23:59,450 --> 00:24:07,760

And Mrs. Schwartenski said,
yes, she could take me,

379

00:24:07,760 --> 00:24:12,900

but she couldn't take
a six-month-old baby.

380

00:24:12,900 --> 00:24:18,440

So my grandfather went again.

381

00:24:18,440 --> 00:24:25,280

He asked for how to find Dr.
Gruen and this orphanage.

382
00:24:25,280 --> 00:24:30,290
And apparently, Mr.
Schwartenski knew Dr. Gruen

383
00:24:30,290 --> 00:24:33,660
and he told him where the
orphanage was and so forth.

384
00:24:33,660 --> 00:24:39,230
So Grandpa had-- now,
remember, all this time

385
00:24:39,230 --> 00:24:43,790
he's passing as a Polish
peasant, very big one,

386
00:24:43,790 --> 00:24:45,800
but a Polish peasant.

387
00:24:45,800 --> 00:24:50,600
And because my grandfather
was six-two and well

388
00:24:50,600 --> 00:24:51,785
over 200 pounds.

389
00:24:51,785 --> 00:24:54,700

390
00:24:54,700 --> 00:25:00,230
Just an aside, the first
time I read Les Misérables,

391
00:25:00,230 --> 00:25:04,660
I kept thinking of my
grandfather because remember

392
00:25:04,660 --> 00:25:09,370
Jean Valjean lifts a cart and
that's how Javert knows that

393
00:25:09,370 --> 00:25:10,570
it's Jean Valjean?

394
00:25:10,570 --> 00:25:12,880
Well, my grandfather
could lift a car.

395
00:25:12,880 --> 00:25:17,320
So anyway, sidebar finished.

396
00:25:17,320 --> 00:25:19,790
Now back to--

397
00:25:19,790 --> 00:25:21,790
Your sister, you were
talking about your sister.

398
00:25:21,790 --> 00:25:25,570
My sister's name was
changed from Tola

399
00:25:25,570 --> 00:25:32,230
to Antonina Novicka which
was the name of the woman who

400
00:25:32,230 --> 00:25:36,470
saved our lives, Lucia Novicka.

401
00:25:36,470 --> 00:25:41,200

402
00:25:41,200 --> 00:25:45,010
And that's when
she was left there.

403
00:25:45,010 --> 00:25:49,240
And I stayed with
the Schwartenskis

404
00:25:49,240 --> 00:25:50,350
and my grandmother.

405
00:25:50,350 --> 00:25:55,660

406
00:25:55,660 --> 00:25:56,650
I have a picture.

407
00:25:56,650 --> 00:26:02,790
The first picture I have of
me was at around that time.

408
00:26:02,790 --> 00:26:06,570
I was probably around
two and 1/2 at this point

409
00:26:06,570 --> 00:26:11,340
maybe even three,
maybe even three.

410
00:26:11,340 --> 00:26:15,270
And I had been following
my grandmother, who

411
00:26:15,270 --> 00:26:19,620
was going in to the countryside
to forage for whatever she

412
00:26:19,620 --> 00:26:21,675
could find in the way of food.

413
00:26:21,675 --> 00:26:24,600

414
00:26:24,600 --> 00:26:27,090
Do you remember this time?

415
00:26:27,090 --> 00:26:31,990
I again, I remember flashes.

416
00:26:31,990 --> 00:26:32,490
Flashes.

417

00:26:32,490 --> 00:26:34,320

That's right.

418

00:26:34,320 --> 00:26:37,840

I remember that I wanted
her to play with me.

419

00:26:37,840 --> 00:26:42,060

I remember that we picked
dandelions together

420

00:26:42,060 --> 00:26:46,350

and she made me a wreath
out of dandelions.

421

00:26:46,350 --> 00:26:51,090

And I remember putting it on
and then following her but then

422

00:26:51,090 --> 00:26:56,280

falling asleep,
just falling asleep.

423

00:26:56,280 --> 00:27:05,520

And this I was told later that
grandma had gone home thinking

424

00:27:05,520 --> 00:27:08,640

that I had probably gone home.

425

00:27:08,640 --> 00:27:11,040

And when she didn't
find me there,

426

00:27:11,040 --> 00:27:14,190

she was standing
outside waiting for me

427

00:27:14,190 --> 00:27:20,370

and ready to go look for
me with Mrs. Schwartenski.

428

00:27:20,370 --> 00:27:25,380
And she saw a Nazi soldier
carrying what she thought

429
00:27:25,380 --> 00:27:28,210
was my dead body.

430
00:27:28,210 --> 00:27:32,700
And so she was
about to scream when

431
00:27:32,700 --> 00:27:36,750
Mrs. Schwartenski put
her hand over her mouth

432
00:27:36,750 --> 00:27:38,670
and told her to stay calm.

433
00:27:38,670 --> 00:27:41,160
And the soldier came.

434
00:27:41,160 --> 00:27:47,100
And at that point, I
don't know, but I woke up.

435
00:27:47,100 --> 00:27:52,770
And so grandma was just
unbelievably relieved.

436
00:27:52,770 --> 00:27:56,780
And the soldier had
said that I was asleep

437
00:27:56,780 --> 00:28:00,120
that he found me there and I
reminded him of his children

438
00:28:00,120 --> 00:28:01,410
back home.

439
00:28:01,410 --> 00:28:05,070
And so he was bringing
me to the closest house

440
00:28:05,070 --> 00:28:08,770
because he was sure
that's where I lived.

441
00:28:08,770 --> 00:28:12,900
So some kind of way
later, he had the picture

442
00:28:12,900 --> 00:28:15,840
developed and grandma got it.

443
00:28:15,840 --> 00:28:20,830
And she took that
picture and saved it.

444
00:28:20,830 --> 00:28:23,500
And after the war,
and by the way,

445
00:28:23,500 --> 00:28:25,875
that picture is in
the Holocaust Museum.

446
00:28:25,875 --> 00:28:27,110
Is it?

447
00:28:27,110 --> 00:28:29,070
Good.

448
00:28:29,070 --> 00:28:35,250
As is a picture of my birth
mother, father, uncle,

449
00:28:35,250 --> 00:28:36,390
and two friends.

450
00:28:36,390 --> 00:28:37,920
OK.

451
00:28:37,920 --> 00:28:46,370
Well, anyway, then we were still

there with the Schwartenski's.

452

00:28:46,370 --> 00:28:52,170

The Schwartenski's had a dog,
great big huge German shepherd,

453

00:28:52,170 --> 00:28:56,650

really fierce watchdog.

454

00:28:56,650 --> 00:28:59,780

So fierce that he
was not in the house.

455

00:28:59,780 --> 00:29:06,430

He was kept on a chain outdoors
and fed with a log stick.

456

00:29:06,430 --> 00:29:11,410

And one day-- again,
this I was told.

457

00:29:11,410 --> 00:29:11,910

OK.

458

00:29:11,910 --> 00:29:15,250

459

00:29:15,250 --> 00:29:20,490

One day, the dog was outside,
and I went over to the dog.

460

00:29:20,490 --> 00:29:23,550

And my grandmother was
about to scream again.

461

00:29:23,550 --> 00:29:26,880

And Mrs. Schwartenski
kept her from yelling.

462

00:29:26,880 --> 00:29:29,910

And I went over to the
dog and petted the dog

463

00:29:29,910 --> 00:29:36,000

and he started licking me
and we became great buddies.

464

00:29:36,000 --> 00:29:44,910

Now, what I do remember is
that when the Nazis came,

465

00:29:44,910 --> 00:29:47,580

I was told to take
the dog and go

466

00:29:47,580 --> 00:29:51,420

under the table with the dog.

467

00:29:51,420 --> 00:29:59,800

Now, one possibility
is that, just

468

00:29:59,800 --> 00:30:02,530

as they said, to make
sure that the dog didn't

469

00:30:02,530 --> 00:30:08,230

remove the Nazi's leg because
he had bitten the Nazi before.

470

00:30:08,230 --> 00:30:11,410

The other possibility is,
although it's fairly remote,

471

00:30:11,410 --> 00:30:14,740

is that they suspected
I was a Jewish child,

472

00:30:14,740 --> 00:30:20,710

but I think that's fairly
remote because they

473

00:30:20,710 --> 00:30:24,040

were a bit anti-Semitic also.

474

00:30:24,040 --> 00:30:34,240

And there was a
woman on the street

475

00:30:34,240 --> 00:30:36,610

near where the
Schwartenski's lived

476

00:30:36,610 --> 00:30:41,650

who had told the Nazis
that Lucia Novicka was

477

00:30:41,650 --> 00:30:45,070

hiding a Jewish child.

478

00:30:45,070 --> 00:30:49,150

So the Nazis came
and took her and she

479

00:30:49,150 --> 00:30:54,100

was imprisoned and tortured.

480

00:30:54,100 --> 00:30:57,850

And my grandfather, of
course, found out about that,

481

00:30:57,850 --> 00:31:03,490

and he went to Mrs.
Schwartenski and said, look,

482

00:31:03,490 --> 00:31:04,570

you have to do something.

483

00:31:04,570 --> 00:31:06,590

We have to get my wife out.

484

00:31:06,590 --> 00:31:10,540

And Mrs. Schwartenski
was a good friend

485

00:31:10,540 --> 00:31:15,410

of the wife of the commandant.

486

00:31:15,410 --> 00:31:18,920

And so Mrs. Schwartenski
went to the commandant

487

00:31:18,920 --> 00:31:27,350

and said, no, to the wife,
and said to her, look,

488

00:31:27,350 --> 00:31:31,100

you know the Nazis
have taken my cook,

489

00:31:31,100 --> 00:31:32,600

and I don't know
what we're going

490

00:31:32,600 --> 00:31:36,170

to do because we need her.

491

00:31:36,170 --> 00:31:42,080

And she certainly is not
hiding any Jewish children.

492

00:31:42,080 --> 00:31:47,200

And the commandant's wife
talked to her husband,

493

00:31:47,200 --> 00:31:53,480

and the next thing is that
the commandant came and she

494

00:31:53,480 --> 00:31:56,240

was released from
prison and told

495

00:31:56,240 --> 00:31:59,090

not to talk about it to anyone.

496

00:31:59,090 --> 00:32:03,110

And she was released
and came back.

497

00:32:03,110 --> 00:32:10,580

Now, what I remember, I
was in a kind of a crib.

498

00:32:10,580 --> 00:32:15,500

I remember a crib with a
ladder to get to the crib.

499

00:32:15,500 --> 00:32:20,840

And I just remember a ladder
that I would climb out

500

00:32:20,840 --> 00:32:24,810

of the crib in and into.

501

00:32:24,810 --> 00:32:32,730

One day, I heard some noise,
lots and lots of noise.

502

00:32:32,730 --> 00:32:40,980

And the dog came and
grabbed me some kind of way.

503

00:32:40,980 --> 00:32:43,350

Either I was on the
ladder, I don't know.

504

00:32:43,350 --> 00:32:48,240

But the dog grabbed my clothing
or grabbed me, something,

505

00:32:48,240 --> 00:32:54,960

and took me to the
door of the house.

506

00:32:54,960 --> 00:32:58,800

And I don't know where this
was, vis-a-vie, the bedroom, I

507

00:32:58,800 --> 00:33:01,650

don't remember any of this.

508

00:33:01,650 --> 00:33:04,650

I do remember the dog taking me.

509

00:33:04,650 --> 00:33:09,090

And I do remember
that a bomb fell

510

00:33:09,090 --> 00:33:12,450

on where I had been sleeping.

511

00:33:12,450 --> 00:33:15,330

512

00:33:15,330 --> 00:33:21,060

So because there was lots of
bombing going on at that time.

513

00:33:21,060 --> 00:33:23,970

This is what, spring of '44?

514

00:33:23,970 --> 00:33:31,280

This is, I think, yes.

515

00:33:31,280 --> 00:33:38,645

Not spring yet,
probably like February.

516

00:33:38,645 --> 00:33:41,180

517

00:33:41,180 --> 00:33:49,220

In April of 1944 right
around my birthday,

518

00:33:49,220 --> 00:33:54,300

my grandfather talked to
my grandmother and said,

519

00:33:54,300 --> 00:33:57,470

look, I have to go back and
see how everybody's doing

520

00:33:57,470 --> 00:34:01,260

in the bunker, in the tunnel.

521
00:34:01,260 --> 00:34:05,010
And so I'm going to go back.

522
00:34:05,010 --> 00:34:15,150
And so he went
back to the tunnel.

523
00:34:15,150 --> 00:34:18,050
He went by himself?

524
00:34:18,050 --> 00:34:26,100
And he saw one other
man there who was alive

525
00:34:26,100 --> 00:34:31,690
and everybody else had
been shot and bombed.

526
00:34:31,690 --> 00:34:35,233
And he buried everyone.

527
00:34:35,233 --> 00:34:36,592
Your grandfather?

528
00:34:36,592 --> 00:34:44,380

529
00:34:44,380 --> 00:34:52,929
And then, in 1944 in June,
the Russians came to Lvov.

530
00:34:52,929 --> 00:34:56,800
And the one advantage we had
with the Russians at that time

531
00:34:56,800 --> 00:35:02,020
was because grandpa was a
survivor of a killing camp,

532
00:35:02,020 --> 00:35:04,990

the Russians gave him
preferential treatment

533
00:35:04,990 --> 00:35:08,770
which meant that he could get
an apartment in the bombed

534
00:35:08,770 --> 00:35:10,240
out buildings.

535
00:35:10,240 --> 00:35:14,780
He could get rags for
clothes, that kind of thing.

536
00:35:14,780 --> 00:35:19,330
So that's what happened.

537
00:35:19,330 --> 00:35:24,820
And that was right around
my birthday, I think.

538
00:35:24,820 --> 00:35:35,550
And then we went to one DP camp
which is displaced persons,

539
00:35:35,550 --> 00:35:40,280
but I like to think of
it as delayed pilgrims.

540
00:35:40,280 --> 00:35:43,320
Very delayed.

541
00:35:43,320 --> 00:35:46,440
Do you remember the time
of leaving where you were--

542
00:35:46,440 --> 00:35:49,920
I remember the first
apartment because it was--

543
00:35:49,920 --> 00:35:52,170
Well, I didn't know if you
remember leaving the house.

544
00:35:52,170 --> 00:35:53,390
Do you remember that at all?

545
00:35:53,390 --> 00:35:56,330
With the dog?

546
00:35:56,330 --> 00:36:00,310
No, after the Russians
had come and you left.

547
00:36:00,310 --> 00:36:02,323
No, I don't remember that.

548
00:36:02,323 --> 00:36:02,823
You don't.

549
00:36:02,823 --> 00:36:03,323
OK.

550
00:36:03,323 --> 00:36:07,560

551
00:36:07,560 --> 00:36:08,380
So you go on.

552
00:36:08,380 --> 00:36:15,570

553
00:36:15,570 --> 00:36:17,640
My grandfather, in
between, had been

554
00:36:17,640 --> 00:36:21,890
trying to locate Dr.
Gruen's orphanage.

555
00:36:21,890 --> 00:36:22,968
For your sister?

556
00:36:22,968 --> 00:36:24,600

Uh-huh.

557

00:36:24,600 --> 00:36:30,350

And nothing at that point.

558

00:36:30,350 --> 00:36:34,090

And then, we went to our first--

559

00:36:34,090 --> 00:36:36,820

560

00:36:36,820 --> 00:36:39,280

well, I guess our
second DP camp.

561

00:36:39,280 --> 00:36:43,210

And what I remember
was that Grandma

562

00:36:43,210 --> 00:36:47,980

took one look and she said,
no, we're not staying here.

563

00:36:47,980 --> 00:36:55,900

Turned out that a girl had
died of TB in one of the beds.

564

00:36:55,900 --> 00:37:01,300

And so Grandma was going to
stay there no matter what.

565

00:37:01,300 --> 00:37:07,710

Then, we went to
another DP camp and--

566

00:37:07,710 --> 00:37:10,342

Do you remember the names?

567

00:37:10,342 --> 00:37:10,842

You don't.

568

00:37:10,842 --> 00:37:11,760

OK.

569

00:37:11,760 --> 00:37:15,060

And there was a fire.

570

00:37:15,060 --> 00:37:17,310

You're three years old now?

571

00:37:17,310 --> 00:37:20,510

Probably older.

572

00:37:20,510 --> 00:37:25,170

At this point, I'm older,
probably four or five.

573

00:37:25,170 --> 00:37:29,480

Probably four at
least, so it's '45.

574

00:37:29,480 --> 00:37:29,980

'45.

575

00:37:29,980 --> 00:37:32,490

576

00:37:32,490 --> 00:37:35,940

I don't remember exactly
when the war is over,

577

00:37:35,940 --> 00:37:39,002

but I'm at least,
yeah, I'm five.

578

00:37:39,002 --> 00:37:41,800

Do you have any memories of
hearing that the war was over?

579

00:37:41,800 --> 00:37:43,240

Or did that mean anything to me?

580

00:37:43,240 --> 00:37:43,990

You were so young.

581

00:37:43,990 --> 00:37:51,690

It didn't mean anything to me
because I have vague memories,

582

00:37:51,690 --> 00:37:59,910

but they're of stores that it
looks like almost a washboard.

583

00:37:59,910 --> 00:38:00,810

And the stores--

584

00:38:00,810 --> 00:38:01,800

They pull it down.

585

00:38:01,800 --> 00:38:03,850

Yeah, over all like that.

586

00:38:03,850 --> 00:38:08,550

And I remember the
streets being torn up

587

00:38:08,550 --> 00:38:11,850

and boulders here and there.

588

00:38:11,850 --> 00:38:19,630

Grandma says that
she was with me.

589

00:38:19,630 --> 00:38:22,140

I have no idea what this was.

590

00:38:22,140 --> 00:38:24,210

But probably where
that apartment

591

00:38:24,210 --> 00:38:27,750

was where we were living.

592

00:38:27,750 --> 00:38:36,990

And that she was
with me and we saw

593

00:38:36,990 --> 00:38:43,560

a truck go by with blood
and bodies and blood oozing

594

00:38:43,560 --> 00:38:50,120

and that she fainted
and she was holding me

595

00:38:50,120 --> 00:38:53,870

and I fell to the
ground and broke

596

00:38:53,870 --> 00:38:57,480

my nose for the first time.

597

00:38:57,480 --> 00:38:59,900

So I don't remember that.

598

00:38:59,900 --> 00:39:01,770

I don't remember that at all.

599

00:39:01,770 --> 00:39:03,320

I remember her telling that.

600

00:39:03,320 --> 00:39:05,090

She told you that.

601

00:39:05,090 --> 00:39:11,690

But I do remember lots
of broken buildings.

602

00:39:11,690 --> 00:39:13,980

I remember people
kind of frantic.

603

00:39:13,980 --> 00:39:20,680

604

00:39:20,680 --> 00:39:26,110

I remember a man and a
woman and a little girl

605

00:39:26,110 --> 00:39:31,750

and they were all going very
fast and everybody was frowning

606

00:39:31,750 --> 00:39:36,430

and this little girl
was trying to keep up.

607

00:39:36,430 --> 00:39:38,080

I remember watching that.

608

00:39:38,080 --> 00:39:46,120

609

00:39:46,120 --> 00:39:49,960

I don't know where that was,
but I remember that well.

610

00:39:49,960 --> 00:39:57,110

Then we moved, as I say,
to this third DP camp.

611

00:39:57,110 --> 00:39:59,010

I have no idea where it was.

612

00:39:59,010 --> 00:40:00,610

What about the name?

613

00:40:00,610 --> 00:40:02,680

I have no idea.

614

00:40:02,680 --> 00:40:07,570

And that's the one where
we were asleep at night

615

00:40:07,570 --> 00:40:12,990

and, suddenly, Grandma smelled
smoke and woke us all up

616

00:40:12,990 --> 00:40:17,120

and the barrack we

were in was on fire.

617

00:40:17,120 --> 00:40:19,670

So we got out with our pajamas.

618

00:40:19,670 --> 00:40:23,620

And we had a suitcase that
was filled with, I guess,

619

00:40:23,620 --> 00:40:27,640

some old fur coats
and some gold and--

620

00:40:27,640 --> 00:40:29,110

When you say we--

621

00:40:29,110 --> 00:40:33,990

Grandpa and Grandma, yeah,
we were all together.

622

00:40:33,990 --> 00:40:40,050

And it had beads and fur
coats, and they all burned out.

623

00:40:40,050 --> 00:40:44,950

And so we were left
with our pajamas period.

624

00:40:44,950 --> 00:40:51,940

And then, the next thing I
know we were in our final DP

625

00:40:51,940 --> 00:40:54,490

camp, which I do remember.

626

00:40:54,490 --> 00:40:57,790

And I was told how we got there.

627

00:40:57,790 --> 00:41:05,130

Ignacio-- oh, let me
think of this last day.

628

00:41:05,130 --> 00:41:09,018

629

00:41:09,018 --> 00:41:10,310

It will come to me in a moment.

630

00:41:10,310 --> 00:41:15,140

But anyway, he had been a
friend of Grandpa's, and he

631

00:41:15,140 --> 00:41:19,568

ran this particular DP
camp in Lintz, Austria.

632

00:41:19,568 --> 00:41:20,110

Oh, in Lintz.

633

00:41:20,110 --> 00:41:20,870

OK.

634

00:41:20,870 --> 00:41:26,390

And it was called Camp
Taylor in Wegscheid.

635

00:41:26,390 --> 00:41:31,200

And I found that it was
called Camp Taylor when

636

00:41:31,200 --> 00:41:36,510

I looked at my so-called
birth certificate.

637

00:41:36,510 --> 00:41:39,390

Do you know who the Taylor
was that was named after?

638

00:41:39,390 --> 00:41:40,618

Somebody American, probably.

639

00:41:40,618 --> 00:41:41,160

Yeah, I know.

640

00:41:41,160 --> 00:41:45,030

No, no idea.

641

00:41:45,030 --> 00:41:51,620

And I remember being big there.

642

00:41:51,620 --> 00:41:59,120

And I remember we lived in one
room of like an army barracks.

643

00:41:59,120 --> 00:42:01,700

Every family got a room.

644

00:42:01,700 --> 00:42:05,110

And we got a galvanized tub.

645

00:42:05,110 --> 00:42:10,060

And when we could find wood
or something to make fires,

646

00:42:10,060 --> 00:42:15,580

we could have hot drinks
and a bath once a week.

647

00:42:15,580 --> 00:42:20,560

And the bath was with
lye soap and kerosene

648

00:42:20,560 --> 00:42:25,480

because of the lice,
to try to prevent lice.

649

00:42:25,480 --> 00:42:29,440

And the bathrooms were
like wooden privvies

650

00:42:29,440 --> 00:42:34,210

all in a row
together at one side.

651

00:42:34,210 --> 00:42:40,300

And in this camp,
there was a shul

652
00:42:40,300 --> 00:42:42,550
where we went every
week for Friday night

653
00:42:42,550 --> 00:42:47,110
services and all day Saturday.

654
00:42:47,110 --> 00:42:56,760
And I remember I was
kind of a ringleader,

655
00:42:56,760 --> 00:43:01,700
and I was always climbing
trees and whatever, whatever.

656
00:43:01,700 --> 00:43:03,650
Were there a lot of
other children there?

657
00:43:03,650 --> 00:43:06,950
There were other children,
yes, there were other children.

658
00:43:06,950 --> 00:43:08,790
Mm-hmm.

659
00:43:08,790 --> 00:43:14,970
And what language were
you speaking, Polish?

660
00:43:14,970 --> 00:43:17,475

661
00:43:17,475 --> 00:43:17,975
It depended.

662
00:43:17,975 --> 00:43:20,750

663
00:43:20,750 --> 00:43:29,750
Mainly Polish, but Grandpa

was hospitalized in the Alps.

664

00:43:29,750 --> 00:43:33,530

He said it was for his
heart, but the translator--

665

00:43:33,530 --> 00:43:35,210

and I probably agree--

666

00:43:35,210 --> 00:43:39,330

it was a psychiatric hospital
probably that he was said to

667

00:43:39,330 --> 00:43:42,700

and this was well after the war.

668

00:43:42,700 --> 00:43:44,480

And in the Alps.

669

00:43:44,480 --> 00:43:47,360

And what I remember
is grandma and I

670

00:43:47,360 --> 00:43:50,840

going to visit him in
one of those chairs,

671

00:43:50,840 --> 00:43:53,900

like a ski lift kind of thing.

672

00:43:53,900 --> 00:43:58,130

And Grandma holding on to
me for all she was worth

673

00:43:58,130 --> 00:44:01,290

and me feeling, Grandma, let go.

674

00:44:01,290 --> 00:44:04,070

675

00:44:04,070 --> 00:44:08,070

So, yeah, I remember

Grandpa being there.

676

00:44:08,070 --> 00:44:12,570

And we ran black market sugar.

677

00:44:12,570 --> 00:44:16,080

And when grandpa

left, I had to do it

678

00:44:16,080 --> 00:44:21,480

because grandma couldn't

read or write in any language

679

00:44:21,480 --> 00:44:25,180

or really figure.

680

00:44:25,180 --> 00:44:26,805

How did you know how

to read and write?

681

00:44:26,805 --> 00:44:27,170

Did you go to school?

682

00:44:27,170 --> 00:44:28,760

I went to a Hebrew school.

683

00:44:28,760 --> 00:44:30,530

A Hebrew school.

684

00:44:30,530 --> 00:44:31,340

In the DP camp?

685

00:44:31,340 --> 00:44:33,590

Mm-hmm.

686

00:44:33,590 --> 00:44:36,935

Where I got smacked

because I was left handed

687

00:44:36,935 --> 00:44:39,500

and that was a

sign of the devil.

688
00:44:39,500 --> 00:44:41,615
So I kept getting
my hands smacked.

689
00:44:41,615 --> 00:44:44,210

690
00:44:44,210 --> 00:44:47,910
But according to
Grandpa, I was so smart

691
00:44:47,910 --> 00:44:52,580
and but that, of
course, is my Grandpa.

692
00:44:52,580 --> 00:44:58,370
Well, anyway, I do remember
I had a little dog.

693
00:44:58,370 --> 00:45:00,410
Grandma sided with me.

694
00:45:00,410 --> 00:45:01,700
And we got a dog.

695
00:45:01,700 --> 00:45:07,090
Oh, first, grandpa
wanted to marry grandma.

696
00:45:07,090 --> 00:45:10,940
Because she did
love him very much.

697
00:45:10,940 --> 00:45:12,970
And she had saved our lives.

698
00:45:12,970 --> 00:45:15,110
And he had asked her if
he could give her money.

699
00:45:15,110 --> 00:45:20,390

And she said, no, my life is
with you and with Julia, no.

700
00:45:20,390 --> 00:45:25,200
So in order to convert,
the rabbi said, OK,

701
00:45:25,200 --> 00:45:29,780
but she would have to shave her
head, and go into the mikveh.

702
00:45:29,780 --> 00:45:35,750
I remember grandma saying,
Isaac, I have so little hair.

703
00:45:35,750 --> 00:45:40,100
And I remember sometimes when
grandpa made up his mind,

704
00:45:40,100 --> 00:45:42,500
you didn't mess with grandpa.

705
00:45:42,500 --> 00:45:46,730
And he went to the
rabbi and he said, look,

706
00:45:46,730 --> 00:45:50,560
Lucia wants to become a Jew.

707
00:45:50,560 --> 00:46:02,490
She does us great, great proud
by wanting to become a Jew.

708
00:46:02,490 --> 00:46:05,700
She doesn't want
to shave her head.

709
00:46:05,700 --> 00:46:10,230
She will not shave her head.

710
00:46:10,230 --> 00:46:13,050
And rabbi, OK, she said
she won't shave her head.

711
00:46:13,050 --> 00:46:13,700
All right.

712
00:46:13,700 --> 00:46:14,800
All right.

713
00:46:14,800 --> 00:46:16,870
So grandpa became Jewish.

714
00:46:16,870 --> 00:46:20,140
I mean grandma became Jewish.

715
00:46:20,140 --> 00:46:23,800
And became Lea, I guess,
although nobody ever

716
00:46:23,800 --> 00:46:25,240
called her Lea.

717
00:46:25,240 --> 00:46:27,820
Later, she dubbed herself Lucy.

718
00:46:27,820 --> 00:46:31,270
Because she watched I Love Lucy.

719
00:46:31,270 --> 00:46:34,840
But it was Lucia Novicka Eisen.

720
00:46:34,840 --> 00:46:36,010
Oh.

721
00:46:36,010 --> 00:46:44,175
So yeah, can we stop
for a little bit?

722
00:46:44,175 --> 00:46:45,666
Yes, we can.

723
00:46:45,666 --> 00:46:53,640

724
00:46:53,640 --> 00:46:58,050
We would hide the
sugar, and it would

725
00:46:58,050 --> 00:47:03,660
serve as pillows in this huge
bed that grandpa, grandma,

726
00:47:03,660 --> 00:47:04,980
and I all slept in.

727
00:47:04,980 --> 00:47:06,420
These are bags of sugar.

728
00:47:06,420 --> 00:47:09,360
Yes, great big bags of sugar.

729
00:47:09,360 --> 00:47:16,800
And whenever the police came
to look around and so forth,

730
00:47:16,800 --> 00:47:20,922
it was my duty to be in bed.

731
00:47:20,922 --> 00:47:23,750
Asleep on the sugar.

732
00:47:23,750 --> 00:47:25,190
Asleep on my sugar, right.

733
00:47:25,190 --> 00:47:29,200

734
00:47:29,200 --> 00:47:30,970
I remember that.

735
00:47:30,970 --> 00:47:39,770
I remember my grandfather worked
in a matzo making kind of oven

736

00:47:39,770 --> 00:47:41,790
there in Lager.

737
00:47:41,790 --> 00:47:45,010
We called DP Camp, Lager.

738
00:47:45,010 --> 00:47:52,590
And I remember we had Purim
plays and this and that.

739
00:47:52,590 --> 00:47:59,490
I remember where I'd
take the dog to shul,

740
00:47:59,490 --> 00:48:02,880
and tried to stay out of the
way of the men who would--

741
00:48:02,880 --> 00:48:05,280
if they could get close
enough, would smack you.

742
00:48:05,280 --> 00:48:09,040
So you had to kind of make sure
you were running fast enough,

743
00:48:09,040 --> 00:48:14,800
and avoid the smacks with
my little team of cohorts.

744
00:48:14,800 --> 00:48:18,880
And then we'd go outside
shul and make blood pies,

745
00:48:18,880 --> 00:48:21,180
and things like that.

746
00:48:21,180 --> 00:48:28,540
And in the winter, grandma would
wrap me in rags and everything.

747
00:48:28,540 --> 00:48:34,940
And there was a huge hill

that was like a hole, and not

748

00:48:34,940 --> 00:48:35,440
a hill.

749

00:48:35,440 --> 00:48:40,730
It was a hole, a huge
hole that was dug there.

750

00:48:40,730 --> 00:48:45,870
And we kids would
go sledding there.

751

00:48:45,870 --> 00:48:53,580
And to me, I'd walk around
the parameters of this hole,

752

00:48:53,580 --> 00:48:57,170
and that was where God was.

753

00:48:57,170 --> 00:49:03,110
And so I remember always
asking for my baby sister,

754

00:49:03,110 --> 00:49:04,740
that I wanted my baby sister.

755

00:49:04,740 --> 00:49:07,620

756

00:49:07,620 --> 00:49:19,560
And God to me at that
point, was like a puppeteer.

757

00:49:19,560 --> 00:49:22,530
And there were wars
and things went wrong,

758

00:49:22,530 --> 00:49:26,970
because people were
like marionettes,

759

00:49:26,970 --> 00:49:29,280
and the strings
would get tangled.

760
00:49:29,280 --> 00:49:33,630
So that's what I remember.

761
00:49:33,630 --> 00:49:36,510
I remember walking
with my grandfather

762
00:49:36,510 --> 00:49:43,780
once and taking his hand,
and asking him, grandpa,

763
00:49:43,780 --> 00:49:46,900
where are my parents?

764
00:49:46,900 --> 00:49:48,880
And he said, oh,
they went on a trip.

765
00:49:48,880 --> 00:49:51,880
They're far away.

766
00:49:51,880 --> 00:49:58,130
I said dziadzio, they're
never coming back, are they?

767
00:49:58,130 --> 00:50:04,550
And he looked at me, and I saw
these huge tears, fat teardrops

768
00:50:04,550 --> 00:50:05,840
coming from his eyes.

769
00:50:05,840 --> 00:50:09,960
And he was not a man
who cried easily.

770
00:50:09,960 --> 00:50:13,750
Then I knew that was not
a question to ask anymore.

771
00:50:13,750 --> 00:50:17,240
And I knew they were dead.

772
00:50:17,240 --> 00:50:25,900
And I remember once not far
from the bunk we were in,

773
00:50:25,900 --> 00:50:29,090
there was a huge tree.

774
00:50:29,090 --> 00:50:31,760
And there were twin brothers.

775
00:50:31,760 --> 00:50:35,660
They were either late
teens or early 20s.

776
00:50:35,660 --> 00:50:39,440
They seemed ages, very
aged to me at the time.

777
00:50:39,440 --> 00:50:45,150
But that's how old they
probably were, 18 to 21.

778
00:50:45,150 --> 00:50:46,990
And they were
standing by the tree,

779
00:50:46,990 --> 00:50:49,660
and lightning struck,
and they died.

780
00:50:49,660 --> 00:50:51,160
They were killed.

781
00:50:51,160 --> 00:50:53,660
And I remember seeing that.

782
00:50:53,660 --> 00:50:57,450
And that was pretty scary.

783
00:50:57,450 --> 00:51:00,880

784
00:51:00,880 --> 00:51:10,490
And we got a care
package in Lager.

785
00:51:10,490 --> 00:51:15,350
And it was said that I
was going to be leaving.

786
00:51:15,350 --> 00:51:21,650
So everybody in Lager decided
that this blue plastic raincoat

787
00:51:21,650 --> 00:51:23,810
should go to me.

788
00:51:23,810 --> 00:51:28,190
Now, mind you, I
was all of seven,

789
00:51:28,190 --> 00:51:31,340
and this was an adult raincoat.

790
00:51:31,340 --> 00:51:34,890
But nonetheless,
Jula had to have it.

791
00:51:34,890 --> 00:51:39,225
So I was so proud of this
blue plastic raincoat.

792
00:51:39,225 --> 00:51:41,870

793
00:51:41,870 --> 00:51:49,360
And then what I heard
later, was that grandpa

794
00:51:49,360 --> 00:51:54,580

had tried to get us into
Palestine, the three of us.

795
00:51:54,580 --> 00:52:01,370
And then eventually, he
tried to get us into Israel,

796
00:52:01,370 --> 00:52:04,010
because remember, we're in '48.

797
00:52:04,010 --> 00:52:07,460
And Israel was not
accepting, and Palestine

798
00:52:07,460 --> 00:52:13,040
didn't want any old people
and orphaned children.

799
00:52:13,040 --> 00:52:21,480
So we were living on
pretty difficult existence.

800
00:52:21,480 --> 00:52:25,540
So grandpa thought
it would be best

801
00:52:25,540 --> 00:52:28,180
if he sent me to the states.

802
00:52:28,180 --> 00:52:33,220
And my Tante Siegel
sponsored me.

803
00:52:33,220 --> 00:52:44,710
And what I remember is passing
a place with a huge metal

804
00:52:44,710 --> 00:52:47,980
fence, very high metal fence.

805
00:52:47,980 --> 00:52:52,210
And I remember children on one
side of it, the other side,

806
00:52:52,210 --> 00:52:56,590
clinging to that fence
and looking at us.

807
00:52:56,590 --> 00:52:58,440
And I said, dziadzio,
you promise me

808
00:52:58,440 --> 00:53:01,680
you'll never put
me there, promise.

809
00:53:01,680 --> 00:53:02,605
And he promised.

810
00:53:02,605 --> 00:53:05,630

811
00:53:05,630 --> 00:53:12,140
And then I was there.

812
00:53:12,140 --> 00:53:26,240
And because he had decided
to send me to America.

813
00:53:26,240 --> 00:53:30,110
And I had to go through
a series of orphanages.

814
00:53:30,110 --> 00:53:32,510
And they were Catholic
orphanages, or something,

815
00:53:32,510 --> 00:53:34,760
because I remember nuns.

816
00:53:34,760 --> 00:53:35,930
And that was one of them.

817
00:53:35,930 --> 00:53:39,230

818
00:53:39,230 --> 00:53:41,120
Why did you have to
go through a series?

819
00:53:41,120 --> 00:53:41,840
I don't know.

820
00:53:41,840 --> 00:53:43,730
To prove that you
were an orphan.

821
00:53:43,730 --> 00:53:44,850
I don't know.

822
00:53:44,850 --> 00:53:46,000
I don't know.

823
00:53:46,000 --> 00:53:46,820
I have no idea.

824
00:53:46,820 --> 00:53:49,490

825
00:53:49,490 --> 00:53:52,810
I know that Grandpa--

826
00:53:52,810 --> 00:53:56,970

827
00:53:56,970 --> 00:54:01,940
yeah, I remember it seemed like
forever that I was in these.

828
00:54:01,940 --> 00:54:04,130
Orphanages.

829
00:54:04,130 --> 00:54:10,290
And I remember being
very, very sad and crying.

830

00:54:10,290 --> 00:54:12,150
And apparently,
the nuns were very

831
00:54:12,150 --> 00:54:15,600
worried that I was going to
die, because I wasn't eating.

832
00:54:15,600 --> 00:54:18,730

833
00:54:18,730 --> 00:54:21,520
I was just kind of fading away.

834
00:54:21,520 --> 00:54:24,640
So they called my
grandfather, or contacted

835
00:54:24,640 --> 00:54:26,770
him some kind of way.

836
00:54:26,770 --> 00:54:31,350
And he and grandma came.

837
00:54:31,350 --> 00:54:33,540
And he brought me
a China doll, which

838
00:54:33,540 --> 00:54:36,360
was the first toy I'd ever had.

839
00:54:36,360 --> 00:54:42,180
Because the only toys I know
were origami soldiers made out

840
00:54:42,180 --> 00:54:46,420
of newspapers on horses,
also made out of newspapers

841
00:54:46,420 --> 00:54:49,380
that grandpa and I would play.

842

00:54:49,380 --> 00:54:52,440
And so I had this doll.

843
00:54:52,440 --> 00:54:54,450
And not only was
she a doll, she had

844
00:54:54,450 --> 00:54:55,900
eyes that opened and closed.

845
00:54:55,900 --> 00:54:59,130

846
00:54:59,130 --> 00:55:02,400
And he also brought
a bag of oranges,

847
00:55:02,400 --> 00:55:09,340
and that was incredibly much
of a huge, huge big deal.

848
00:55:09,340 --> 00:55:11,830
And he found one
of the older girls.

849
00:55:11,830 --> 00:55:15,910
And he asked her if she would
take care of me on the way

850
00:55:15,910 --> 00:55:16,940
to America.

851
00:55:16,940 --> 00:55:19,900
And she said yes.

852
00:55:19,900 --> 00:55:21,910
And grandpa gave the
oranges some to her,

853
00:55:21,910 --> 00:55:26,200
and some to the nun, nuns.

854

00:55:26,200 --> 00:55:36,310
And I remember feeling very sad.

855
00:55:36,310 --> 00:55:40,450
But this girl was very nice,
and she would do my hair,

856
00:55:40,450 --> 00:55:42,580
and she would try to--

857
00:55:42,580 --> 00:55:45,730
she just was there.

858
00:55:45,730 --> 00:55:47,890
I don't remember her
name or anything.

859
00:55:47,890 --> 00:55:50,860
I just remember she was nice.

860
00:55:50,860 --> 00:55:54,370
And I remember that with
the ship we came on,

861
00:55:54,370 --> 00:55:56,740
we slept in hammocks.

862
00:55:56,740 --> 00:56:00,450

863
00:56:00,450 --> 00:56:01,390
Hammock, yeah.

864
00:56:01,390 --> 00:56:02,290
OK.

865
00:56:02,290 --> 00:56:03,750
And there were four of them.

866
00:56:03,750 --> 00:56:07,030
And I was the youngest, so
I was on the bottom one.

867
00:56:07,030 --> 00:56:09,240
And what was your name then?

868
00:56:09,240 --> 00:56:09,820
Jula.

869
00:56:09,820 --> 00:56:11,290
Still?

870
00:56:11,290 --> 00:56:14,470
Jula Weinstock-Eisen.

871
00:56:14,470 --> 00:56:21,900
And then I had a
terrible toothache,

872
00:56:21,900 --> 00:56:25,800
because I grew up on
American Coca-Cola, which

873
00:56:25,800 --> 00:56:27,460
was the big thing.

874
00:56:27,460 --> 00:56:30,300
And if it was American,
it had to be wonderful.

875
00:56:30,300 --> 00:56:33,120
So it's what I lived on.

876
00:56:33,120 --> 00:56:36,840
Well, I had terribly
rotten teeth.

877
00:56:36,840 --> 00:56:39,060
I had a horrible toothache.

878
00:56:39,060 --> 00:56:43,020
And I remember the nun
giving me oil of cloves

879

00:56:43,020 --> 00:56:46,530
for putting oil cloves on me.

880

00:56:46,530 --> 00:56:48,570
So I smelled like oil of cloves.

881

00:56:48,570 --> 00:56:51,330

882

00:56:51,330 --> 00:56:56,670
Then we were on the ship.

883

00:56:56,670 --> 00:56:59,160
What was the name of the ship?

884

00:56:59,160 --> 00:57:00,125
The General Bundy.

885

00:57:00,125 --> 00:57:02,920

886

00:57:02,920 --> 00:57:05,980
I always thought that
it was in December

887

00:57:05,980 --> 00:57:07,750
that I came to the
States, but when

888

00:57:07,750 --> 00:57:13,330
I read the manifest it
said, November 14th.

889

00:57:13,330 --> 00:57:15,100
I don't know that's
when it sailed,

890

00:57:15,100 --> 00:57:16,580
or that's when we landed.

891

00:57:16,580 --> 00:57:18,310

And I don't know
where we landed.

892
00:57:18,310 --> 00:57:20,740
4-- 1948.

893
00:57:20,740 --> 00:57:24,460
I do remember I thought
it was Baltimore.

894
00:57:24,460 --> 00:57:26,260
That's what I
remember, Baltimore.

895
00:57:26,260 --> 00:57:28,230
And what I to remember--

896
00:57:28,230 --> 00:57:30,850
and some of these
I've written about--

897
00:57:30,850 --> 00:57:34,570
was ladies coming with
little American flags

898
00:57:34,570 --> 00:57:37,090
to give us American flags.

899
00:57:37,090 --> 00:57:40,630
Later, I found out
they were the DAR.

900
00:57:40,630 --> 00:57:46,000
And I remember one lady coming
up to me and talking to me,

901
00:57:46,000 --> 00:57:47,500
and giving me my flag.

902
00:57:47,500 --> 00:57:50,920
And I had no idea
what she was saying.

903

00:57:50,920 --> 00:57:53,170

Because the English
I knew was taught

904

00:57:53,170 --> 00:57:56,230

to me by an American
soldier, and I

905

00:57:56,230 --> 00:58:00,860

could count one, two, three,
four, five, six, seven, eight,

906

00:58:00,860 --> 00:58:01,660

nine, then.

907

00:58:01,660 --> 00:58:05,320

That was the extent
of my English.

908

00:58:05,320 --> 00:58:10,330

So when I didn't understand,
the woman spoke louder,

909

00:58:10,330 --> 00:58:13,550

and she screamed in my ear.

910

00:58:13,550 --> 00:58:19,990

And I remember thinking,
why do all Americans yell?

911

00:58:19,990 --> 00:58:22,390

And I couldn't believe it.

912

00:58:22,390 --> 00:58:29,950

But then I remember the
nuns getting us on a bus.

913

00:58:29,950 --> 00:58:32,240

And I said to the nun,
I was very thirsty,

914

00:58:32,240 --> 00:58:34,430

and she gave me an
orange, and that

915
00:58:34,430 --> 00:58:37,370
didn't stop my thirst at all.

916
00:58:37,370 --> 00:58:41,050
But then I remember sleeping,
and it seemed like forever,

917
00:58:41,050 --> 00:58:44,350
and then arriving
at a soot covered

918
00:58:44,350 --> 00:58:46,810
brick building in New York.

919
00:58:46,810 --> 00:58:49,550

920
00:58:49,550 --> 00:58:53,050
And what I loved
about that building

921
00:58:53,050 --> 00:58:57,820
was it had a marble staircase,
and like [? Kevvy, ?] I

922
00:58:57,820 --> 00:59:00,550
loved running up and
down those stairs,

923
00:59:00,550 --> 00:59:05,590
because I loved the
sound that marble made.

924
00:59:05,590 --> 00:59:10,480
And they also had
SweetHeart's soap.

925
00:59:10,480 --> 00:59:14,380
Well, that was the first
time I'd smelled soap

926
00:59:14,380 --> 00:59:17,350
that didn't smell like tar.

927
00:59:17,350 --> 00:59:18,280
And it was--

928
00:59:18,280 --> 00:59:22,020
I kept washing my hands,
and that was glorious.

929
00:59:22,020 --> 00:59:26,120

930
00:59:26,120 --> 00:59:35,470
And I remember coming
down the stairs one day.

931
00:59:35,470 --> 00:59:40,540
And I remember this woman at
the bottom talking to the nun.

932
00:59:40,540 --> 00:59:43,570

933
00:59:43,570 --> 00:59:50,450
And what I heard, and
it was in German was,

934
00:59:50,450 --> 00:59:53,450
she can't be Isaac's
granddaughter.

935
00:59:53,450 --> 00:59:54,815
Isaac is so handsome.

936
00:59:54,815 --> 00:59:57,910

937
00:59:57,910 --> 01:00:01,945
And then look at that
hair, I bet she has lice.

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01:00:01,945 --> 01:00:05,210

939

01:00:05,210 --> 01:00:10,510

And that was my introduction
to my Aunt Helen.

940

01:00:10,510 --> 01:00:16,000