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00:00:00,000 --> 00:00:08,380

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00:00:08,380 --> 00:00:11,320  
This is the United States  
Holocaust Memorial Museum

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00:00:11,320 --> 00:00:18,340  
volunteer collection interview  
with Sarah Ludwig, conducted

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00:00:18,340 --> 00:00:22,690  
by Gail Schwartz  
on August 19, 2013

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00:00:22,690 --> 00:00:24,610  
at the United States  
Holocaust Memorial

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00:00:24,610 --> 00:00:27,340  
Museum in Washington, DC.

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00:00:27,340 --> 00:00:31,400  
This track the number 1.

8  
00:00:31,400 --> 00:00:33,290  
What is your full name?

9  
00:00:33,290 --> 00:00:34,970  
Sarah Ludwig.

10  
00:00:34,970 --> 00:00:37,570  
And what was the name  
that you were born with?

11  
00:00:37,570 --> 00:00:41,210  
Sarah Racimora.

12  
00:00:41,210 --> 00:00:43,280  
And where were you born?

13  
00:00:43,280 --> 00:00:45,060  
Radom, Poland.

14  
00:00:45,060 --> 00:00:46,890  
And when?

15  
00:00:46,890 --> 00:00:52,470  
I was born May 18, 1940.

16  
00:00:52,470 --> 00:00:55,150  
Let's talk a little bit about  
your family, your parents.

17  
00:00:55,150 --> 00:00:56,470  
Your father's name?

18  
00:00:56,470 --> 00:00:58,700  
Leon Racimora.

19  
00:00:58,700 --> 00:01:01,590  
And where-- was he  
originally from there?

20  
00:01:01,590 --> 00:01:02,310  
Yes, he was.

21  
00:01:02,310 --> 00:01:06,120  
What's the story of his family--  
a little bit about that.

22  
00:01:06,120 --> 00:01:08,690  
His parents had a  
restaurant in Radom.

23  
00:01:08,690 --> 00:01:12,210  
Radom was a very  
big city in Poland,

24  
00:01:12,210 --> 00:01:14,010  
one of the largest cities.

25

00:01:14,010 --> 00:01:17,550  
There was a large  
Jewish population there.

26  
00:01:17,550 --> 00:01:20,400  
Very close-knitted.

27  
00:01:20,400 --> 00:01:23,430  
They were very  
friendly, and most

28  
00:01:23,430 --> 00:01:25,920  
of the people who  
lived in Radom used

29  
00:01:25,920 --> 00:01:30,190  
to come to my  
grandparent's restaurant.

30  
00:01:30,190 --> 00:01:31,200  
I don't know the name.

31  
00:01:31,200 --> 00:01:33,150  
I would like to find  
out what the name was.

32  
00:01:33,150 --> 00:01:34,410  
We're still researching it.

33  
00:01:34,410 --> 00:01:37,410

34  
00:01:37,410 --> 00:01:40,990  
They were very well--

35  
00:01:40,990 --> 00:01:42,510  
how can I put it--

36  
00:01:42,510 --> 00:01:44,790  
friendly with all the families.

37  
00:01:44,790 --> 00:01:47,340

Every family knew each other.

38  
00:01:47,340 --> 00:01:52,050  
Not only the parents,  
but also the children

39  
00:01:52,050 --> 00:01:53,640  
and the grandparents.

40  
00:01:53,640 --> 00:01:59,430  
So it was a very nice  
knit Jewish community.

41  
00:01:59,430 --> 00:02:00,990  
Was your father born in Radom?

42  
00:02:00,990 --> 00:02:02,670  
Yes, he was.

43  
00:02:02,670 --> 00:02:07,620  
1912-- May 20, 1912.

44  
00:02:07,620 --> 00:02:13,370  
And I think that he went  
to school up to high school

45  
00:02:13,370 --> 00:02:14,850  
in Radom.

46  
00:02:14,850 --> 00:02:16,110  
I'm not sure.

47  
00:02:16,110 --> 00:02:19,680  
My mother, whose name  
is Stella Szetiski,

48  
00:02:19,680 --> 00:02:21,940  
That was her maiden name.

49  
00:02:21,940 --> 00:02:27,610  
And when she married my father,  
she became Stella Racimora.

50  
00:02:27,610 --> 00:02:31,620  
Her Hebrew name  
was Esther Malka.

51  
00:02:31,620 --> 00:02:32,453  
And her family?

52  
00:02:32,453 --> 00:02:33,870  
What do you know  
about her family?

53  
00:02:33,870 --> 00:02:38,910  
Her family-- her mother  
was Devora Szetiski.

54  
00:02:38,910 --> 00:02:42,720  
Her father was Sam Szetiski.

55  
00:02:42,720 --> 00:02:47,010  
And she had-- she was  
the oldest daughter.

56  
00:02:47,010 --> 00:02:52,300  
Then she had a sister  
named Tova or Tobka.

57  
00:02:52,300 --> 00:02:54,760  
Then she had a brother.

58  
00:02:54,760 --> 00:02:56,980  
He was Shmulek.

59  
00:02:56,980 --> 00:03:00,510  
And then she had a  
younger sister, Fela,

60  
00:03:00,510 --> 00:03:07,130  
that we just found out yesterday  
who she was on the picture.

61  
00:03:07,130 --> 00:03:15,300

Her brother was a Jewish  
policeman in Radom

62  
00:03:15,300 --> 00:03:17,980  
where the Germans  
kept touch with him

63  
00:03:17,980 --> 00:03:21,820  
to see what's going with  
the Jewish community.

64  
00:03:21,820 --> 00:03:24,550  
Shmulek was the one  
who took care of me.

65  
00:03:24,550 --> 00:03:26,480  
OK, we'll get to  
that in a minute.

66  
00:03:26,480 --> 00:03:28,520  
So you had a large  
extended family--

67  
00:03:28,520 --> 00:03:29,020  
Yes.

68  
00:03:29,020 --> 00:03:30,190  
--in Radom.

69  
00:03:30,190 --> 00:03:33,485  
And were your  
parents, do you know--

70  
00:03:33,485 --> 00:03:35,110  
obviously you weren't  
born at the time,

71  
00:03:35,110 --> 00:03:37,900  
but do you know if they were  
very religious, observant?

72  
00:03:37,900 --> 00:03:38,410  
Yes.

73  
00:03:38,410 --> 00:03:41,800  
They came from an  
orthodox background.

74  
00:03:41,800 --> 00:03:44,510  
And what were they, Zionists?

75  
00:03:44,510 --> 00:03:47,462  
Yes, well at that time  
they lived in Poland.

76  
00:03:47,462 --> 00:03:49,670  
I don't think that they were  
that aware about Israel,

77  
00:03:49,670 --> 00:03:51,540  
to be very honest with you.

78  
00:03:51,540 --> 00:03:53,390  
It was Palestine at that time.

79  
00:03:53,390 --> 00:03:53,890  
I got that.

80  
00:03:53,890 --> 00:03:56,570  
You weren't born,  
so I just didn't

81  
00:03:56,570 --> 00:03:58,710  
know what you found out later.

82  
00:03:58,710 --> 00:04:04,160  
So you had this large extended  
family and had the restaurant.

83  
00:04:04,160 --> 00:04:07,550  
Now you are born,  
you said, in 1940.

84  
00:04:07,550 --> 00:04:08,080  
Correct.

85  
00:04:08,080 --> 00:04:12,310  
OK, and what are  
your first memories?

86  
00:04:12,310 --> 00:04:15,920  
Very little, to be  
very honest with you.

87  
00:04:15,920 --> 00:04:18,570  
I was born in a very--

88  
00:04:18,570 --> 00:04:21,310  
The Germans had already  
invaded Poland obviously.

89  
00:04:21,310 --> 00:04:22,089  
Exactly.

90  
00:04:22,089 --> 00:04:24,670  
So you were born  
after the invasion.

91  
00:04:24,670 --> 00:04:27,310  
Exactly.

92  
00:04:27,310 --> 00:04:30,730  
The community in Radom did  
not believe that anything

93  
00:04:30,730 --> 00:04:32,650  
would happen to them.

94  
00:04:32,650 --> 00:04:36,700  
They just sat still,  
didn't do nothing about it.

95  
00:04:36,700 --> 00:04:39,040  
There was no warning  
they figured,

96  
00:04:39,040 --> 00:04:41,140



you know, they  
lived a nice life.

97  
00:04:41,140 --> 00:04:43,060  
They were happy with each other.

98  
00:04:43,060 --> 00:04:45,670  
There were [INAUDIBLE] they  
went to and everything else.

99  
00:04:45,670 --> 00:04:52,760  
Nothing will happen to us,  
until the Germans invaded Radom.

100  
00:04:52,760 --> 00:04:55,340  
This is in 1942?

101  
00:04:55,340 --> 00:04:56,950  
Yes.

102  
00:04:56,950 --> 00:05:02,590  
So did your parents tell you  
anything about your first two

103  
00:05:02,590 --> 00:05:04,100  
years of life?

104  
00:05:04,100 --> 00:05:04,600  
No, no.

105  
00:05:04,600 --> 00:05:05,335  
I was too young.

106  
00:05:05,335 --> 00:05:06,460  
No, no, you were too young.

107  
00:05:06,460 --> 00:05:08,627  
I'm just saying did your  
parents ever tell you later

108  
00:05:08,627 --> 00:05:10,390  
about those first two years?

109  
00:05:10,390 --> 00:05:12,810  
My mother never spoke about it.

110  
00:05:12,810 --> 00:05:14,500  
OK.

111  
00:05:14,500 --> 00:05:18,640  
My father was the one that  
was instrumental in setting up

112  
00:05:18,640 --> 00:05:19,660  
a society--

113  
00:05:19,660 --> 00:05:26,310  
a Radom society with all  
the survivors in New York

114  
00:05:26,310 --> 00:05:27,880  
presently, you know.

115  
00:05:27,880 --> 00:05:30,830  
And they used to get together  
on all the [INAUDIBLE]..

116  
00:05:30,830 --> 00:05:34,370  
And there were quite a few  
survivors that survived.

117  
00:05:34,370 --> 00:05:39,040  
And that's how they kept  
their memories about Radom.

118  
00:05:39,040 --> 00:05:40,420  
They became Zionists.

119  
00:05:40,420 --> 00:05:44,440  
They started sending  
money to Israel.

120  
00:05:44,440 --> 00:05:48,055  
They bought an ambulance

for Israel, Magen David.

121  
00:05:48,055 --> 00:05:50,820

122  
00:05:50,820 --> 00:05:53,730  
All right, so now  
the Germans invade,

123  
00:05:53,730 --> 00:05:56,570  
and then what happened in Radom.

124  
00:05:56,570 --> 00:06:00,800  
The Germans invaded,  
and of course they--

125  
00:06:00,800 --> 00:06:01,780  
The ghetto was set up.

126  
00:06:01,780 --> 00:06:02,730  
The ghetto was set up.

127  
00:06:02,730 --> 00:06:04,610  
So you were born in the ghetto?

128  
00:06:04,610 --> 00:06:06,430  
No, I was born in Radom.

129  
00:06:06,430 --> 00:06:07,980  
OK.

130  
00:06:07,980 --> 00:06:09,990  
The Germans invaded.

131  
00:06:09,990 --> 00:06:13,590  
We were all  
evacuated from Radom,

132  
00:06:13,590 --> 00:06:23,880  
and we went to Pionki,  
which was a labor camp.

133

00:06:23,880 --> 00:06:26,055

And how did you get there?

134

00:06:26,055 --> 00:06:27,180

Well, I couldn't get there.

135

00:06:27,180 --> 00:06:32,330

They didn't allow the children there to the labor camp.

136

00:06:32,330 --> 00:06:35,040

No children were allowed in the labor camp.

137

00:06:35,040 --> 00:06:36,400

So your parents left first?

138

00:06:36,400 --> 00:06:37,610

What--

139

00:06:37,610 --> 00:06:39,890

They left Radom.

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00:06:39,890 --> 00:06:41,540

Your parents left together?

141

00:06:41,540 --> 00:06:42,690

Together.

142

00:06:42,690 --> 00:06:47,840

And we came to this big lot, and we were separated.

143

00:06:47,840 --> 00:06:52,880

The women were in one row, and the men were in the other row.

144

00:06:52,880 --> 00:06:55,700

And what they did, they tattooed us.

145

00:06:55,700 --> 00:06:57,660

Well, I think that's  
a little bit later.

146

00:06:57,660 --> 00:06:59,040

I think a little bit later.

147

00:06:59,040 --> 00:07:02,510

Let's move back in time.

148

00:07:02,510 --> 00:07:07,850

You were in the  
ghetto, and then--

149

00:07:07,850 --> 00:07:09,960

We evacuated from the ghetto.

150

00:07:09,960 --> 00:07:12,590

Yeah, but was your  
father taken away first?

151

00:07:12,590 --> 00:07:14,900

Did you mother-- was  
he taken away first?

152

00:07:14,900 --> 00:07:19,060

153

00:07:19,060 --> 00:07:19,892

Probably.

154

00:07:19,892 --> 00:07:21,440

Probably-- I don't recall.

155

00:07:21,440 --> 00:07:21,940

I was--

156

00:07:21,940 --> 00:07:22,710

No, I know.

157

00:07:22,710 --> 00:07:22,940

I know.

158  
00:07:22,940 --> 00:07:24,620  
I'm just saying  
this is information

159  
00:07:24,620 --> 00:07:26,390  
that gotten later on.

160  
00:07:26,390 --> 00:07:28,030  
So he was taken away.

161  
00:07:28,030 --> 00:07:29,560  
And then your mother--

162  
00:07:29,560 --> 00:07:31,660  
was she then taken away later?

163  
00:07:31,660 --> 00:07:33,160  
No my mother was with me.

164  
00:07:33,160 --> 00:07:34,890  
Stayed in--

165  
00:07:34,890 --> 00:07:37,636  
Radom until we were  
evacuated from Radom.

166  
00:07:37,636 --> 00:07:38,136  
OK.

167  
00:07:38,136 --> 00:07:45,710

168  
00:07:45,710 --> 00:07:49,970  
So can you maybe just  
tell me more specifically

169  
00:07:49,970 --> 00:07:53,180  
what happened in Radom  
when you were in the ghetto

170

00:07:53,180 --> 00:07:55,860  
and how your parents got out?

171  
00:07:55,860 --> 00:07:57,420  
OK.

172  
00:07:57,420 --> 00:07:58,840  
And your uncle, Shmulek.

173  
00:07:58,840 --> 00:08:03,890  
Shmulek was my mother's  
brother, and Shmulek

174  
00:08:03,890 --> 00:08:09,040  
was a Jewish policeman  
under the Nazis--

175  
00:08:09,040 --> 00:08:11,690  
under this thing.

176  
00:08:11,690 --> 00:08:13,610  
I could not go into  
the labor camp.

177  
00:08:13,610 --> 00:08:16,350  
No children were allowed  
in the labor camp.

178  
00:08:16,350 --> 00:08:20,720  
So Shmulek said to my father,  
I'll take care of Sarah.

179  
00:08:20,720 --> 00:08:23,820  
And he took care of  
me for quite a while.

180  
00:08:23,820 --> 00:08:26,790  
I don't know how long, to  
be very honest with you.

181  
00:08:26,790 --> 00:08:30,140  
Then the time came, and  
he called my father up,

182  
00:08:30,140 --> 00:08:34,440  
and he says, Leon, my  
position was diminished,

183  
00:08:34,440 --> 00:08:36,500  
and I cannot take  
care of Sarah anymore.

184  
00:08:36,500 --> 00:08:39,530  
Your father is now in  
Pionki, and you're in Radom.

185  
00:08:39,530 --> 00:08:40,090  
I see.

186  
00:08:40,090 --> 00:08:40,590  
Yes.

187  
00:08:40,590 --> 00:08:44,370  
And your mother is where?

188  
00:08:44,370 --> 00:08:45,160  
Pionki also.

189  
00:08:45,160 --> 00:08:45,660  
Yeah.

190  
00:08:45,660 --> 00:08:47,380  
Oh, so she left also.

191  
00:08:47,380 --> 00:08:48,220  
Right.

192  
00:08:48,220 --> 00:08:51,730  
So you were by yourself with  
your uncle in the Radom ghetto.

193  
00:08:51,730 --> 00:08:52,560  
Right.

194



00:08:52,560 --> 00:08:55,090  
OK, and so then he  
contacted your father.

195  
00:08:55,090 --> 00:08:58,330  
And he said, Leon, my  
job was diminished,

196  
00:08:58,330 --> 00:09:01,870  
and I cannot take  
care of Sarah anymore.

197  
00:09:01,870 --> 00:09:04,720  
You have to find a solution  
to take care of Sarah.

198  
00:09:04,720 --> 00:09:07,450

199  
00:09:07,450 --> 00:09:11,500  
My father was a very  
industrious human being--

200  
00:09:11,500 --> 00:09:13,850  
knew how to solve problems.

201  
00:09:13,850 --> 00:09:17,230  
He called one of his friends,  
and he says, listen guys.

202  
00:09:17,230 --> 00:09:20,420  
We gotta get Sarah into Pionki.

203  
00:09:20,420 --> 00:09:27,300  
So they managed to get a  
truck, and in the truck

204  
00:09:27,300 --> 00:09:32,440  
with potato sacks, they  
put me in a potato sack.

205  
00:09:32,440 --> 00:09:37,280  
And my father caught

me on this truck

206  
00:09:37,280 --> 00:09:39,630  
and smuggled me into Pionki.

207  
00:09:39,630 --> 00:09:41,790  
They threw you out  
in the potato sack.

208  
00:09:41,790 --> 00:09:44,800  
[INTERPOSING VOICES]

209  
00:09:44,800 --> 00:09:48,728  
And put me in a potato sack, and  
someone threw the potato sack

210  
00:09:48,728 --> 00:09:49,270  
at my father.

211  
00:09:49,270 --> 00:09:50,270  
Into your father's arms.

212  
00:09:50,270 --> 00:09:51,910  
To catch it-- right, exactly.

213  
00:09:51,910 --> 00:09:53,390  
And they--

214  
00:09:53,390 --> 00:09:56,040  
Now when you say your  
uncle called your father

215  
00:09:56,040 --> 00:09:57,940  
and so forth, what  
do you mean by that?

216  
00:09:57,940 --> 00:10:00,190  
Well, he let him know that  
he couldn't take care of me

217  
00:10:00,190 --> 00:10:00,310  
anymore.

218  
00:10:00,310 --> 00:10:01,810  
You don't know how  
he contacted him.

219  
00:10:01,810 --> 00:10:02,520  
I have no idea.

220  
00:10:02,520 --> 00:10:04,562  
No, I have no idea how  
they contacted each other.

221  
00:10:04,562 --> 00:10:06,250  
I know it's all  
layered, of course.

222  
00:10:06,250 --> 00:10:09,700  
I don't know, but he contacted  
my father that he cannot take

223  
00:10:09,700 --> 00:10:15,190  
care of me anymore-- that it  
was his responsibility to get me

224  
00:10:15,190 --> 00:10:17,580  
into the labor camp.

225  
00:10:17,580 --> 00:10:19,190  
Because children  
were not allowed.

226  
00:10:19,190 --> 00:10:21,560  
It was only adults.

227  
00:10:21,560 --> 00:10:23,450  
So now you're there.

228  
00:10:23,450 --> 00:10:29,620  
We're there-- took me out of a  
potato sack, and I was there.

229  
00:10:29,620 --> 00:10:33,880

They obviously had some  
kind of a room where

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00:10:33,880 --> 00:10:39,880  
my father and mother stayed, and  
I lived there with my parents.

231

00:10:39,880 --> 00:10:42,310  
And the only thing that my  
parents said to me-- they said,

232

00:10:42,310 --> 00:10:48,910  
Sarah, when you hear  
the footsteps of boots,

233

00:10:48,910 --> 00:10:50,800  
those are Germans.

234

00:10:50,800 --> 00:10:54,010  
You have to make sure that  
you hide under the bed

235

00:10:54,010 --> 00:10:55,340  
so they will not discover.

236

00:10:55,340 --> 00:10:58,714  
Because you're really are  
not allowed to be here.

237

00:10:58,714 --> 00:11:05,230  
And that's how I survives  
that whole era in Pionki.

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00:11:05,230 --> 00:11:08,710  
Do you have any memories  
of being under the bed?

239

00:11:08,710 --> 00:11:12,820  
I remember-- that I remember.

240

00:11:12,820 --> 00:11:14,140  
What was it like?

241

00:11:14,140 --> 00:11:15,160

What was it like?

242

00:11:15,160 --> 00:11:19,510

It was scary as a young  
child to say to you,

243

00:11:19,510 --> 00:11:24,380

you can't-- you can't play  
when you hear those footsteps.

244

00:11:24,380 --> 00:11:28,420

And my mother made sure that I  
understood what was going on.

245

00:11:28,420 --> 00:11:30,730

I wasn't a rebellious child.

246

00:11:30,730 --> 00:11:31,903

I listened.

247

00:11:31,903 --> 00:11:33,570

My mother said you  
gotta do that, Sarah,

248

00:11:33,570 --> 00:11:36,030

if you want to survive.

249

00:11:36,030 --> 00:11:41,030

And whenever I heard footsteps  
and the boots of the Germans,

250

00:11:41,030 --> 00:11:43,880

I hid under the bed.

251

00:11:43,880 --> 00:11:45,790

And they obviously  
never found you.

252

00:11:45,790 --> 00:11:47,950

No, no.

253

00:11:47,950 --> 00:11:50,920

That's why I'm here  
telling the story.

254

00:11:50,920 --> 00:11:54,080

What kind of work did  
your parents do in Pionki?

255

00:11:54,080 --> 00:11:58,270

My father worked for his  
parents in the restaurant.

256

00:11:58,270 --> 00:12:01,000

I told you they had a  
restaurant in Radom.

257

00:12:01,000 --> 00:12:01,560

No, no, no.

258

00:12:01,560 --> 00:12:02,560

In Pionki.

259

00:12:02,560 --> 00:12:06,910

In Pionki he went into  
the food business.

260

00:12:06,910 --> 00:12:12,780

He went out and he bought  
food, and he started a kitchen

261

00:12:12,780 --> 00:12:15,380

in Pionki to feed  
the people that

262

00:12:15,380 --> 00:12:17,742

were there in the labor camp.

263

00:12:17,742 --> 00:12:19,200

And your mother  
did the same thing.

264

00:12:19,200 --> 00:12:21,640

Yeah, they worked together.

265

00:12:21,640 --> 00:12:23,720

And so you were there for--

266

00:12:23,720 --> 00:12:25,600

so do you have any  
memories of what you did

267

00:12:25,600 --> 00:12:27,760

when you weren't under the bed?

268

00:12:27,760 --> 00:12:28,260

I don't.

269

00:12:28,260 --> 00:12:29,170

No memories.

270

00:12:29,170 --> 00:12:31,910

Of course you were very young.

271

00:12:31,910 --> 00:12:32,470

No.

272

00:12:32,470 --> 00:12:33,340

I had no toys.

273

00:12:33,340 --> 00:12:34,570

I know that.

274

00:12:34,570 --> 00:12:40,420

It's not like I had maybe a  
doll or something, you know.

275

00:12:40,420 --> 00:12:42,280

I had nothing, no.

276

00:12:42,280 --> 00:12:46,230

It was survival of the fittest.

277

00:12:46,230 --> 00:12:48,510

Did you ever go  
outside the room?

278  
00:12:48,510 --> 00:12:49,320  
I don't remember.

279  
00:12:49,320 --> 00:12:52,150  
You don't remember.

280  
00:12:52,150 --> 00:12:55,210  
If you tell me  
describe the room,

281  
00:12:55,210 --> 00:12:57,970  
I couldn't describe it, to  
be very honest with you.

282  
00:12:57,970 --> 00:13:00,880  
Because my mother  
never spoke about it.

283  
00:13:00,880 --> 00:13:01,730  
Later, yeah.

284  
00:13:01,730 --> 00:13:04,330  
Yeah, later.

285  
00:13:04,330 --> 00:13:07,480  
But do you have any sense that  
it was a scary time for you?

286  
00:13:07,480 --> 00:13:08,570  
Oh, absolutely.

287  
00:13:08,570 --> 00:13:09,337  
Absolutely.

288  
00:13:09,337 --> 00:13:10,170  
You have that sense.

289  
00:13:10,170 --> 00:13:11,740  
Oh, sure.



290  
00:13:11,740 --> 00:13:12,490  
Absolutely.

291  
00:13:12,490 --> 00:13:17,320  
OK, so you're there when  
you're 2 and 3 and possibly 4.

292  
00:13:17,320 --> 00:13:20,650  
And is there anything else  
you want to say about Pionki?

293  
00:13:20,650 --> 00:13:23,740  
Your parents stayed  
for how long?

294  
00:13:23,740 --> 00:13:27,820  
In Pionki we were how long?

295  
00:13:27,820 --> 00:13:31,420  
I know you didn't leave  
until probably August '44.

296  
00:13:31,420 --> 00:13:35,340  
But did your father  
leave before that?

297  
00:13:35,340 --> 00:13:37,910  
But from Pionki I went  
to Auschwitz, didn't I?

298  
00:13:37,910 --> 00:13:38,410  
Yes.

299  
00:13:38,410 --> 00:13:39,760  
Yes, that's what I'm saying.

300  
00:13:39,760 --> 00:13:43,470  
So you were there  
from '42 to '44.

301  
00:13:43,470 --> 00:13:45,290

No, not that long.

302  
00:13:45,290 --> 00:13:48,420  
Yeah, OK, '42 to '44.

303  
00:13:48,420 --> 00:13:50,530  
Do you remember leaving Pionki?

304  
00:13:50,530 --> 00:13:51,030  
No.

305  
00:13:51,030 --> 00:13:51,750  
You don't.

306  
00:13:51,750 --> 00:13:52,650  
I don't remember.

307  
00:13:52,650 --> 00:13:56,160  
And then the three of you  
were taken to Auschwitz--

308  
00:13:56,160 --> 00:13:58,740  
your mother, your  
father, and you.

309  
00:13:58,740 --> 00:14:02,080  
Not really no.

310  
00:14:02,080 --> 00:14:07,780  
I was taken to Auschwitz, but  
before we went to Auschwitz,

311  
00:14:07,780 --> 00:14:10,010  
they tattooed us.

312  
00:14:10,010 --> 00:14:12,150  
They put numbers on our arms.

313  
00:14:12,150 --> 00:14:13,910  
You sure that  
wasn't in Auschwitz?

314

00:14:13,910 --> 00:14:18,620

No, before we went  
into Auschwitz.

315

00:14:18,620 --> 00:14:21,350

The tattooing began before  
we went to Auschwitz.

316

00:14:21,350 --> 00:14:23,930

317

00:14:23,930 --> 00:14:26,490

Do you know where that was?

318

00:14:26,490 --> 00:14:27,040

Auschwitz?

319

00:14:27,040 --> 00:14:27,670

No, no, no.

320

00:14:27,670 --> 00:14:29,220

Where-- the  
tattooing took place.

321

00:14:29,220 --> 00:14:29,730

Right here.

322

00:14:29,730 --> 00:14:30,870

No, no, no.

323

00:14:30,870 --> 00:14:32,250

The city or the town.

324

00:14:32,250 --> 00:14:32,910

The city?

325

00:14:32,910 --> 00:14:36,040

Probably Radom.

326

00:14:36,040 --> 00:14:40,230

They evacuated all of Radom.

327  
00:14:40,230 --> 00:14:43,910  
You went from Radom to Pionki,  
from Pionki to Auschwitz.

328  
00:14:43,910 --> 00:14:44,410  
Right.

329  
00:14:44,410 --> 00:14:45,460  
From what I understand.

330  
00:14:45,460 --> 00:14:46,500  
OK.

331  
00:14:46,500 --> 00:14:49,970  
But before we entered  
Auschwitz, we were tattooed.

332  
00:14:49,970 --> 00:14:52,450  
OK, we can talk about  
that a little later.

333  
00:14:52,450 --> 00:14:55,080  
So now three of you  
are leaving together

334  
00:14:55,080 --> 00:14:59,760  
from Radom to going on  
your way to Auschwitz,

335  
00:14:59,760 --> 00:15:03,420  
and you said before you got to  
Auschwitz, they put on a tattoo

336  
00:15:03,420 --> 00:15:04,458  
on your arm.

337  
00:15:04,458 --> 00:15:05,750  
What was that like for a child.

338  
00:15:05,750 --> 00:15:06,760  
Do you remember that?

339  
00:15:06,760 --> 00:15:07,552  
Getting the tattoo?

340  
00:15:07,552 --> 00:15:08,400  
I remember that.

341  
00:15:08,400 --> 00:15:11,520  
Standing in line--  
there was a big line.

342  
00:15:11,520 --> 00:15:13,500  
I remember my mother--

343  
00:15:13,500 --> 00:15:16,380  
they put a tattoo on  
my mother's hand first,

344  
00:15:16,380 --> 00:15:21,800  
and then my mother held  
me, and they touched me.

345  
00:15:21,800 --> 00:15:23,080  
And you got a number.

346  
00:15:23,080 --> 00:15:23,990  
Yes.

347  
00:15:23,990 --> 00:15:25,055  
What was the number?

348  
00:15:25,055 --> 00:15:26,520  
Do you know what the number is?

349  
00:15:26,520 --> 00:15:27,380  
Do you remember?

350  
00:15:27,380 --> 00:15:28,910  
What the number is?

351  
00:15:28,910 --> 00:15:30,345

We have it somewhere, you know.

352

00:15:30,345 --> 00:15:30,970

You don't know.

353

00:15:30,970 --> 00:15:31,750

Yeah.

354

00:15:31,750 --> 00:15:32,330

Yeah.

355

00:15:32,330 --> 00:15:37,940

So what was the trip like  
between Pionki and Auschwitz?

356

00:15:37,940 --> 00:15:42,410

The trip was they  
got cattle cars--

357

00:15:42,410 --> 00:15:47,360

trains that the Germans  
used to take cattle

358

00:15:47,360 --> 00:15:49,460

to different places.

359

00:15:49,460 --> 00:15:53,510

And all of us had to go  
into those cattle trains.

360

00:15:53,510 --> 00:15:54,635

That I remember distinctly.

361

00:15:54,635 --> 00:15:55,640

You do remember.

362

00:15:55,640 --> 00:15:56,825

That I remember.

363

00:15:56,825 --> 00:15:58,200

With your mother  
and your father?

364  
00:15:58,200 --> 00:16:00,080  
My mother and my father--

365  
00:16:00,080 --> 00:16:02,190  
our whole family.

366  
00:16:02,190 --> 00:16:03,880  
Was it more relatives?

367  
00:16:03,880 --> 00:16:05,750  
Yeah, my grandparents.

368  
00:16:05,750 --> 00:16:07,940  
My grandparents, all of us.

369  
00:16:07,940 --> 00:16:10,700  
It was very crowded, smelly.

370  
00:16:10,700 --> 00:16:14,210  
There were no facilities  
for bathrooms.

371  
00:16:14,210 --> 00:16:17,010  
There was no air coming  
in or anything like that.

372  
00:16:17,010 --> 00:16:18,810  
This is August 1944.

373  
00:16:18,810 --> 00:16:19,790  
Right.

374  
00:16:19,790 --> 00:16:24,290  
And they took us to  
Auschwitz from there.

375  
00:16:24,290 --> 00:16:27,680  
Now when we got to  
Auschwitz, we were separated.

376

00:16:27,680 --> 00:16:31,760  
The children went to the  
kinder house in Auschwitz.

377  
00:16:31,760 --> 00:16:38,250  
My mother-- we found out now  
that she was in Czechoslovakia.

378  
00:16:38,250 --> 00:16:40,180  
We did some research.

379  
00:16:40,180 --> 00:16:42,410  
Yeah.

380  
00:16:42,410 --> 00:16:44,760  
Do remember the arrival  
in Auschwitz at all?

381  
00:16:44,760 --> 00:16:47,270  
Do you have any memories  
of that as a child?

382  
00:16:47,270 --> 00:16:48,680  
Yeah, very young child.

383  
00:16:48,680 --> 00:16:51,210  
I couldn't tell  
you specifically.

384  
00:16:51,210 --> 00:16:56,130  
All I knew that we were on this  
train for quite a few days.

385  
00:16:56,130 --> 00:16:56,970  
It was smelly.

386  
00:16:56,970 --> 00:16:59,170  
I couldn't wait to  
get out of there.

387  
00:16:59,170 --> 00:17:03,120  
And the next thing I knew  
we were in Auschwitz.



388  
00:17:03,120 --> 00:17:07,109  
And then I was separated  
from my mother, my father.

389  
00:17:07,109 --> 00:17:08,700  
And I was taken to  
the kinder house.

390  
00:17:08,700 --> 00:17:12,359  
Was your mother our father  
able to say goodbye to you?

391  
00:17:12,359 --> 00:17:14,490  
I don't remember specifics.

392  
00:17:14,490 --> 00:17:16,170  
I really don't.

393  
00:17:16,170 --> 00:17:18,119  
I'm sure that we have  
and everything else,

394  
00:17:18,119 --> 00:17:20,109  
you know what I mean?

395  
00:17:20,109 --> 00:17:22,920  
OK, so now you're in  
the children's house.

396  
00:17:22,920 --> 00:17:25,760  
What memories do  
you have of that?

397  
00:17:25,760 --> 00:17:27,319  
None.

398  
00:17:27,319 --> 00:17:30,530  
None whatsoever, to be  
very honest with you.

399  
00:17:30,530 --> 00:17:31,700

Who took care of me?

400  
00:17:31,700 --> 00:17:33,620  
We were discussing it.

401  
00:17:33,620 --> 00:17:36,590  
I had no idea who took care  
of the children in Auschwitz.

402  
00:17:36,590 --> 00:17:39,410

403  
00:17:39,410 --> 00:17:42,100  
And what did you do?

404  
00:17:42,100 --> 00:17:43,400  
What did we do?

405  
00:17:43,400 --> 00:17:44,560  
I couldn't tell you.

406  
00:17:44,560 --> 00:17:47,797  
I don't remember, to  
be very honest with--

407  
00:17:47,797 --> 00:17:49,130  
Were there people who helped me?

408  
00:17:49,130 --> 00:17:50,390  
I don't know.

409  
00:17:50,390 --> 00:17:53,510  
But we found out later on  
when we went on the internet

410  
00:17:53,510 --> 00:17:56,450  
some more information  
that we know now

411  
00:17:56,450 --> 00:17:58,430  
what was happening to me.

412  
00:17:58,430 --> 00:17:59,450  
Which was?

413  
00:17:59,450 --> 00:18:04,340  
Which was the Russians came in.

414  
00:18:04,340 --> 00:18:06,500  
Oh, this is towards the end.

415  
00:18:06,500 --> 00:18:07,000  
OK.

416  
00:18:07,000 --> 00:18:09,300  
And but the Russians  
were instrumental enough

417  
00:18:09,300 --> 00:18:13,440  
to bring in help to  
care for the kids there.

418  
00:18:13,440 --> 00:18:19,530  
So they brought nannies,  
and some of the prisoners

419  
00:18:19,530 --> 00:18:22,200  
that were in prison  
in Auschwitz,

420  
00:18:22,200 --> 00:18:27,300  
they were helping to  
take care of the kids.

421  
00:18:27,300 --> 00:18:29,866  
They made sure that the  
children were taken care of.

422  
00:18:29,866 --> 00:18:33,338

423  
00:18:33,338 --> 00:18:35,605  
And so you remember  
the Russians?

424

00:18:35,605 --> 00:18:37,980

I don't remember the Russians,  
but I knew there was help.

425

00:18:37,980 --> 00:18:39,930

There were people who helped us.

426

00:18:39,930 --> 00:18:42,060

You know, there were  
women who helped us

427

00:18:42,060 --> 00:18:43,710

if we needed anything.

428

00:18:43,710 --> 00:18:45,420

You ask me, what  
did they feed you?

429

00:18:45,420 --> 00:18:46,980

I don't know.

430

00:18:46,980 --> 00:18:47,820

Did you sleep?

431

00:18:47,820 --> 00:18:48,960

I don't know.

432

00:18:48,960 --> 00:18:53,880

But they were adults  
there to supervise us,

433

00:18:53,880 --> 00:18:56,670

because the Russians were there.

434

00:18:56,670 --> 00:18:59,550

And the other children  
were just as young as you?

435

00:18:59,550 --> 00:19:00,490

They were all ages.

436

00:19:00,490 --> 00:19:00,990

All ages.

437

00:19:00,990 --> 00:19:02,580

They were all ages.

438

00:19:02,580 --> 00:19:06,240

Do you have any memories  
of any of these children?

439

00:19:06,240 --> 00:19:06,870

Not really.

440

00:19:06,870 --> 00:19:07,740

No.

441

00:19:07,740 --> 00:19:09,870

What language did you speak?

442

00:19:09,870 --> 00:19:12,810

I spoke Polish, and  
I spoke Yiddish.

443

00:19:12,810 --> 00:19:13,470

Yiddish, OK.

444

00:19:13,470 --> 00:19:15,630

Yeah, those two languages.

445

00:19:15,630 --> 00:19:17,260

OK.

446

00:19:17,260 --> 00:19:23,390

So now the Russians have come,  
so it's January, obviously '45.

447

00:19:23,390 --> 00:19:27,405

And you hadn't-- did  
you see your parents?

448

00:19:27,405 --> 00:19:29,790

Do you know if you saw your  
parents when you went--

449  
00:19:29,790 --> 00:19:30,980  
Didn't see anyone, no.

450  
00:19:30,980 --> 00:19:33,720  
In children's house-- while  
you were in children's house.

451  
00:19:33,720 --> 00:19:34,428  
Until liberation.

452  
00:19:34,428 --> 00:19:36,240  
What happened with--  
until liberation.

453  
00:19:36,240 --> 00:19:38,510  
What happened with your parents?

454  
00:19:38,510 --> 00:19:41,897  
Did they tell you later  
after you were separated?

455  
00:19:41,897 --> 00:19:43,980  
When you went to Auschwitz  
and you were separated,

456  
00:19:43,980 --> 00:19:45,438  
you went into the  
children's house.

457  
00:19:45,438 --> 00:19:46,830  
What happened to your parents?

458  
00:19:46,830 --> 00:19:48,750  
Well, I know that my  
father was in Dachau.

459  
00:19:48,750 --> 00:19:51,450

460

00:19:51,450 --> 00:19:54,970  
And my mother, we found out  
that she was in Czechoslovakia--

461  
00:19:54,970 --> 00:19:58,380  
through research now  
that we found out.

462  
00:19:58,380 --> 00:19:59,880  
That's where she was sent.

463  
00:19:59,880 --> 00:20:00,610  
She was sent.

464  
00:20:00,610 --> 00:20:03,360  
So they did not stay, and you  
were the only want to stay.

465  
00:20:03,360 --> 00:20:04,290  
In Auschwitz.

466  
00:20:04,290 --> 00:20:06,240  
What about grandparents  
and aunts and uncles?

467  
00:20:06,240 --> 00:20:09,850

468  
00:20:09,850 --> 00:20:12,880  
My father's parents perished.

469  
00:20:12,880 --> 00:20:13,450  
In Auschwitz.

470  
00:20:13,450 --> 00:20:15,070  
Yeah, in Auschwitz.

471  
00:20:15,070 --> 00:20:19,120  
And my mother's father survived.

472  
00:20:19,120 --> 00:20:20,500  
His wife did not survive.

473  
00:20:20,500 --> 00:20:21,715  
Devora did not survive.

474  
00:20:21,715 --> 00:20:26,920

475  
00:20:26,920 --> 00:20:31,840  
My mother had-- she was the  
oldest of four children,

476  
00:20:31,840 --> 00:20:34,060  
so she survived.

477  
00:20:34,060 --> 00:20:38,310  
Her sister, Tobka, survived.

478  
00:20:38,310 --> 00:20:43,270  
Shmulek, that saved me,  
he was the policeman.

479  
00:20:43,270 --> 00:20:45,490  
He did not survive.

480  
00:20:45,490 --> 00:20:47,470  
He had gone to Aschwitz?

481  
00:20:47,470 --> 00:20:48,800  
I have no idea.

482  
00:20:48,800 --> 00:20:52,960  
I have no idea where he  
landed, but he did not survive.

483  
00:20:52,960 --> 00:20:57,370  
Then there was a younger  
sister that we found out

484  
00:20:57,370 --> 00:20:58,430  
about yesterday--

485



00:20:58,430 --> 00:20:59,350  
Fela.

486  
00:20:59,350 --> 00:21:03,340  
She was in the picture,  
and I used to say to Betsy,

487  
00:21:03,340 --> 00:21:04,450  
I have to find out.

488  
00:21:04,450 --> 00:21:08,430  
This was my mother's  
younger sister.

489  
00:21:08,430 --> 00:21:09,190  
Her name was Fela.

490  
00:21:09,190 --> 00:21:10,990  
We found out about it yesterday.

491  
00:21:10,990 --> 00:21:14,140

492  
00:21:14,140 --> 00:21:17,160  
So now it's liberation time.

493  
00:21:17,160 --> 00:21:22,150  
You're being taken care  
of by Russian nannies.

494  
00:21:22,150 --> 00:21:23,430  
And then what happened?

495  
00:21:23,430 --> 00:21:25,980  
Then what happened?

496  
00:21:25,980 --> 00:21:28,720  
The children were  
evacuated from Auschwitz.

497  
00:21:28,720 --> 00:21:30,480  
Do you know about how many?

498  
00:21:30,480 --> 00:21:31,330  
I have no idea.

499  
00:21:31,330 --> 00:21:32,580  
I couldn't give you a numbers.

500  
00:21:32,580 --> 00:21:33,180  
No, I know.

501  
00:21:33,180 --> 00:21:34,620  
I know.

502  
00:21:34,620 --> 00:21:39,870  
I was put in a kinder  
house in Krakow,

503  
00:21:39,870 --> 00:21:46,350  
and my mother was liberated  
from Czechoslovakia.

504  
00:21:46,350 --> 00:21:51,060  
At that time, the Jewish  
community put out lists.

505  
00:21:51,060 --> 00:21:54,030  
There was a list of all  
the men that survived.

506  
00:21:54,030 --> 00:21:57,160  
There was a list of all  
the women that survived,

507  
00:21:57,160 --> 00:21:59,380  
and a list of all the  
children that survived

508  
00:21:59,380 --> 00:22:03,060  
and where you could locate them.

509  
00:22:03,060 --> 00:22:04,470  
My mother was instrumental.

510  
00:22:04,470 --> 00:22:18,930  
She got on the train, and  
she was on the way to Krakow,

511  
00:22:18,930 --> 00:22:22,380  
not knowing there was  
a man from Radom there.

512  
00:22:22,380 --> 00:22:23,100  
On the train?

513  
00:22:23,100 --> 00:22:24,560  
On the train.

514  
00:22:24,560 --> 00:22:29,340  
And he said to her, Stella,  
your father is here.

515  
00:22:29,340 --> 00:22:30,900  
And she said, my father?

516  
00:22:30,900 --> 00:22:33,570  
She didn't know  
that he survived.

517  
00:22:33,570 --> 00:22:36,210  
She got off the train.

518  
00:22:36,210 --> 00:22:40,590  
They met by this train station,  
and they walked together

519  
00:22:40,590 --> 00:22:43,020  
to the orphanage.

520  
00:22:43,020 --> 00:22:46,250

521  
00:22:46,250 --> 00:22:49,640  
They saw my name on the list.

522

00:22:49,640 --> 00:22:52,070

They knew-- she had known  
you were in this orphanage.

523

00:22:52,070 --> 00:22:53,750

Right.

524

00:22:53,750 --> 00:22:54,860

From the list.

525

00:22:54,860 --> 00:23:00,410

It was divided in a  
very reasonable way

526

00:23:00,410 --> 00:23:04,730

where the survivors could  
find their relatives.

527

00:23:04,730 --> 00:23:10,880

And my grandfather and  
my mom came to Krakow.

528

00:23:10,880 --> 00:23:14,810

In the orphanage, they were  
prepared already for survivors

529

00:23:14,810 --> 00:23:17,945

to come and claim the children.

530

00:23:17,945 --> 00:23:22,920

531

00:23:22,920 --> 00:23:25,290

They lined you up.

532

00:23:25,290 --> 00:23:27,810

My mother walked in, and  
my grandfather walked in.

533

00:23:27,810 --> 00:23:30,500

534

00:23:30,500 --> 00:23:34,220

I haven't seen my  
mother in a long time.

535

00:23:34,220 --> 00:23:35,910

I recognized her.

536

00:23:35,910 --> 00:23:37,640

And I said, mamushka.

537

00:23:37,640 --> 00:23:41,240

That's Polish for mother.

538

00:23:41,240 --> 00:23:42,827

And that's how they found me.

539

00:23:42,827 --> 00:23:46,650

540

00:23:46,650 --> 00:23:48,165

What was the name  
of the orphanage?

541

00:23:48,165 --> 00:23:49,540

Do you know where  
it was located?

542

00:23:49,540 --> 00:23:51,088

I don't know.

543

00:23:51,088 --> 00:23:51,630

I don't know.

544

00:23:51,630 --> 00:23:52,975

It was in Krakow.

545

00:23:52,975 --> 00:23:53,660

In Krakow.

546

00:23:53,660 --> 00:23:56,160

In Krakow, you know.

547  
00:23:56,160 --> 00:23:59,970  
I don't know how many  
surviving children were there.

548  
00:23:59,970 --> 00:24:01,680  
I have no idea.

549  
00:24:01,680 --> 00:24:03,630  
We didn't research it yet.

550  
00:24:03,630 --> 00:24:06,420  
We're still researching it.

551  
00:24:06,420 --> 00:24:11,820  
So after that very emotional  
reunion, what happened?

552  
00:24:11,820 --> 00:24:15,990  
What happened-- we found  
out that my father was

553  
00:24:15,990 --> 00:24:21,750  
very sick when he was liberated  
from Dachau by the Americans.

554  
00:24:21,750 --> 00:24:25,120  
And the Red Cross  
took care of him.

555  
00:24:25,120 --> 00:24:28,980  
He was in the hospital,  
and they brought him back

556  
00:24:28,980 --> 00:24:31,740  
to good health.

557  
00:24:31,740 --> 00:24:35,010  
There was a sergeant  
there, a Jewish sergeant.

558  
00:24:35,010 --> 00:24:38,060

And he took a liking to my dad.

559

00:24:38,060 --> 00:24:40,250

And he said to him,  
you know, Leon?

560

00:24:40,250 --> 00:24:43,440

I'm going to be  
stationed in Germany.

561

00:24:43,440 --> 00:24:46,380

The name of the town  
was FÄ¼rstenfeldbruck.

562

00:24:46,380 --> 00:24:48,910

I don't know if I'm  
pronouncing it correctly.

563

00:24:48,910 --> 00:24:51,090

And he says, I'm going to  
give you a house there.

564

00:24:51,090 --> 00:24:54,532

I want you to stay  
there until you relocate

565

00:24:54,532 --> 00:24:55,490

with your whole family.

566

00:24:55,490 --> 00:24:58,400

567

00:24:58,400 --> 00:25:00,888

And he says, you'll  
do some jobs for me.

568

00:25:00,888 --> 00:25:02,180

You know, like what can you do?

569

00:25:02,180 --> 00:25:05,840

My father said whatever you  
want me to do, I'll do it.

570

00:25:05,840 --> 00:25:11,030

But this young man was  
an American sergeant,

571

00:25:11,030 --> 00:25:12,290

and he says, don't worry.

572

00:25:12,290 --> 00:25:13,610

I'll take care of you.

573

00:25:13,610 --> 00:25:16,280

And you just stay in  
this house until you

574

00:25:16,280 --> 00:25:19,240

gather your whole family.

575

00:25:19,240 --> 00:25:21,540

And that's what my father did.

576

00:25:21,540 --> 00:25:25,630

My father found out through  
the Red Cross that he survived,

577

00:25:25,630 --> 00:25:27,610

and he was in this  
town in Germany--

578

00:25:27,610 --> 00:25:29,692

in Filston Fellbrook.

579

00:25:29,692 --> 00:25:33,570

And so she took me  
and my grandfather,

580

00:25:33,570 --> 00:25:37,042

and we went to meet my father.

581

00:25:37,042 --> 00:25:39,290

You said she took me.

582



00:25:39,290 --> 00:25:40,250  
My mother.

583  
00:25:40,250 --> 00:25:42,450  
My mother, my  
grandfather, and I--

584  
00:25:42,450 --> 00:25:43,250  
Yeah, went to--

585  
00:25:43,250 --> 00:25:47,360  
We went to FÃ¼rstenfeldbruck  
to my father's house,

586  
00:25:47,360 --> 00:25:49,790  
and we were reunited there.

587  
00:25:49,790 --> 00:25:53,300  
Do you have memories  
of that time?

588  
00:25:53,300 --> 00:25:55,430  
I just know that we  
went there, you know,

589  
00:25:55,430 --> 00:25:58,430  
because afterwards my parents  
told me exactly what happened.

590  
00:25:58,430 --> 00:25:58,640  
That's what I'm saying.

591  
00:25:58,640 --> 00:25:59,973  
You don't have memories of the--

592  
00:25:59,973 --> 00:26:02,090  
I don't have memories  
of it, but I remember

593  
00:26:02,090 --> 00:26:05,930  
that we went back to Germany.

594

00:26:05,930 --> 00:26:08,820  
My mother's sister,  
Topa, survived.

595  
00:26:08,820 --> 00:26:10,580  
And she found out that, too.

596  
00:26:10,580 --> 00:26:14,930  
So she came to  
FÄ¼rstenfeldbruck, too.

597  
00:26:14,930 --> 00:26:15,930  
How do I know this?

598  
00:26:15,930 --> 00:26:20,310  
Because I have all  
pictures with all there.

599  
00:26:20,310 --> 00:26:23,250  
And we stayed there  
for quite awhile.

600  
00:26:23,250 --> 00:26:27,460

601  
00:26:27,460 --> 00:26:29,020  
Was it summer of '45?

602  
00:26:29,020 --> 00:26:31,060  
Do you have any idea?

603  
00:26:31,060 --> 00:26:31,960  
Yeah, I think so.

604  
00:26:31,960 --> 00:26:33,190  
It must have been '45.

605  
00:26:33,190 --> 00:26:33,810  
Yeah.

606  
00:26:33,810 --> 00:26:36,040  
Yeah, it was '45.

607  
00:26:36,040 --> 00:26:37,580  
So you stayed there.

608  
00:26:37,580 --> 00:26:38,830  
We stayed there.

609  
00:26:38,830 --> 00:26:44,550  
Then, of course, my father  
was the youngest child

610  
00:26:44,550 --> 00:26:47,050  
in the rest of our family.

611  
00:26:47,050 --> 00:26:51,190  
Before the war, his  
oldest sister, Ruth,

612  
00:26:51,190 --> 00:26:56,320  
married an older man, and she  
left for the United States.

613  
00:26:56,320 --> 00:26:58,490  
So she wasn't even  
involved in the Holocaust.

614  
00:26:58,490 --> 00:27:01,150  
Right.

615  
00:27:01,150 --> 00:27:02,140  
She had a brother--

616  
00:27:02,140 --> 00:27:05,140  
my father had a brother, Morris.

617  
00:27:05,140 --> 00:27:08,060  
And he decided-- he  
married in Poland.

618  
00:27:08,060 --> 00:27:12,360  
And he took his wife,  
and they went to Belgium.

619  
00:27:12,360 --> 00:27:14,730  
They settled in Belgium.

620  
00:27:14,730 --> 00:27:17,930  
Then he had another  
sister, Rivka.

621  
00:27:17,930 --> 00:27:20,880  
Rivka married a young  
man, and they made aliyah.

622  
00:27:20,880 --> 00:27:22,310  
They went to Israel.

623  
00:27:22,310 --> 00:27:23,490  
And they settled in Israel.

624  
00:27:23,490 --> 00:27:26,080

625  
00:27:26,080 --> 00:27:30,730  
My father was the only one  
left for the Holocaust.

626  
00:27:30,730 --> 00:27:35,120  
My Aunt Ruth, who lived in the  
United States, called Poland.

627  
00:27:35,120 --> 00:27:37,810  
And she said to her  
father, Dad, why don't you

628  
00:27:37,810 --> 00:27:40,030  
come to the United States?

629  
00:27:40,030 --> 00:27:41,770  
It's very nice here.

630  
00:27:41,770 --> 00:27:43,510  
Well my grandfather had a beard.

631

00:27:43,510 --> 00:27:46,575

He was Orthodox Jew and  
everything else, you know.

632

00:27:46,575 --> 00:27:48,000

He was very pious.

633

00:27:48,000 --> 00:27:52,270

And Ruth invited grandpa  
to stay with her.

634

00:27:52,270 --> 00:27:55,995

So he came to the United  
States, and he stayed here.

635

00:27:55,995 --> 00:27:57,370

He didn't like  
the United States.

636

00:27:57,370 --> 00:28:02,260

However, he changed  
his whole image.

637

00:28:02,260 --> 00:28:04,390

He shaved his beard.

638

00:28:04,390 --> 00:28:06,690

He came back to Poland just  
with a little mustache.

639

00:28:06,690 --> 00:28:08,650

I have a picture of it.

640

00:28:08,650 --> 00:28:12,460

And he came back to Poland.

641

00:28:12,460 --> 00:28:14,570

Had he been wise  
enough, he would

642

00:28:14,570 --> 00:28:20,270

have said "kindalach, we're

going to the United States."

643

00:28:20,270 --> 00:28:22,220

They were very comfortable.

644

00:28:22,220 --> 00:28:24,710

This was their home, Poland.

645

00:28:24,710 --> 00:28:28,040

And they figured no one  
is going to touch them.

646

00:28:28,040 --> 00:28:33,000

So he came back to  
Poland, and, of course,

647

00:28:33,000 --> 00:28:35,300

we were all involved  
in the Holocaust.

648

00:28:35,300 --> 00:28:39,950

You know, my father's  
father perished,

649

00:28:39,950 --> 00:28:42,410

and his mother, Chaya, perished.

650

00:28:42,410 --> 00:28:45,718

I don't know what  
happened to them exactly,

651

00:28:45,718 --> 00:28:46,760

but they did not survive.

652

00:28:46,760 --> 00:28:49,280

653

00:28:49,280 --> 00:28:52,700

My grandfather-- my  
mother's father-- survived.

654

00:28:52,700 --> 00:28:55,475

His wife, Devora  
did not survive.

655  
00:28:55,475 --> 00:28:57,980

656  
00:28:57,980 --> 00:29:01,160  
Shmulek, of course, did  
not survive as I told you,

657  
00:29:01,160 --> 00:29:06,800  
and my mother's youngest  
sister did not survive.

658  
00:29:06,800 --> 00:29:10,920  
So now you're all  
together in Germany.

659  
00:29:10,920 --> 00:29:12,798  
In Germany.

660  
00:29:12,798 --> 00:29:13,590  
Where did you stay.

661  
00:29:13,590 --> 00:29:15,298  
And we were all well  
and everything else.

662  
00:29:15,298 --> 00:29:17,730

663  
00:29:17,730 --> 00:29:19,920  
His brother,  
Morris, contact him.

664  
00:29:19,920 --> 00:29:22,020  
He lives in Belgium.

665  
00:29:22,020 --> 00:29:24,900  
He was in the pocketbook  
business there.

666

00:29:24,900 --> 00:29:27,450  
Then we crossed into Brussels.

667  
00:29:27,450 --> 00:29:30,480  
He had two children, and  
Morris said to him, Leon,

668  
00:29:30,480 --> 00:29:31,800  
why don't you come to Belgium?

669  
00:29:31,800 --> 00:29:33,870  
Stay with us.

670  
00:29:33,870 --> 00:29:36,340  
My father wanted  
to see his family.

671  
00:29:36,340 --> 00:29:43,510

672  
00:29:43,510 --> 00:29:45,250  
So we traveled to Belgium.

673  
00:29:45,250 --> 00:29:47,990  
So were you ever in  
a DP camp in Germany?

674  
00:29:47,990 --> 00:29:48,490  
No.

675  
00:29:48,490 --> 00:29:49,120  
You never were.

676  
00:29:49,120 --> 00:29:50,560  
No.

677  
00:29:50,560 --> 00:29:56,440  
We traveled to Belgium,  
and my father settled down.

678  
00:29:56,440 --> 00:30:00,760  
We got a nice apartment, and



he worked for his brother

679  
00:30:00,760 --> 00:30:02,380  
for two years.

680  
00:30:02,380 --> 00:30:04,210  
He was very prosperous, Morris--

681  
00:30:04,210 --> 00:30:06,910  
the big factory,  
pocketbook factory.

682  
00:30:06,910 --> 00:30:11,050  
He had two sons, and I had  
a good time with my cousins.

683  
00:30:11,050 --> 00:30:12,453  
Albert and--

684  
00:30:12,453 --> 00:30:13,870  
So you have memories  
of that time.

685  
00:30:13,870 --> 00:30:14,870  
Yes, that I do.

686  
00:30:14,870 --> 00:30:16,660  
Yeah, that I do.

687  
00:30:16,660 --> 00:30:19,520  
And we stayed in  
Belgium for 2 years.

688  
00:30:19,520 --> 00:30:21,870  
Now you still have the tattoo  
on your arm at that point.

689  
00:30:21,870 --> 00:30:22,370  
Yes.

690  
00:30:22,370 --> 00:30:24,520  
I'll tell you later on

what happened with that.

691  
00:30:24,520 --> 00:30:28,350

692  
00:30:28,350 --> 00:30:31,650  
Rivka calls Morris, and  
she says what do you

693  
00:30:31,650 --> 00:30:33,900  
mean keeping Leon in Belgium?

694  
00:30:33,900 --> 00:30:35,770  
I want to see him.

695  
00:30:35,770 --> 00:30:37,682  
So of course he  
speaks to my father.

696  
00:30:37,682 --> 00:30:39,390  
And my father was like  
the wandering Jew.

697  
00:30:39,390 --> 00:30:41,460  
He wanted to see  
his whole family.

698  
00:30:41,460 --> 00:30:44,770  
So Rivka says, Leon, you  
survived, you come to Israel.

699  
00:30:44,770 --> 00:30:53,540

700  
00:30:53,540 --> 00:30:57,340  
So we picked up again,  
and we went to Israel.

701  
00:30:57,340 --> 00:30:59,200  
OK, this was when?

702  
00:30:59,200 --> 00:31:03,500

This must have been after  
Israel became a state.

703  
00:31:03,500 --> 00:31:04,060  
After '48.

704  
00:31:04,060 --> 00:31:04,560  
Yes.

705  
00:31:04,560 --> 00:31:06,290  
After '48.

706  
00:31:06,290 --> 00:31:10,380  
And we lived with Rivka  
for quite a while.

707  
00:31:10,380 --> 00:31:11,920  
She had a nice house.

708  
00:31:11,920 --> 00:31:12,860  
Where in Israel?

709  
00:31:12,860 --> 00:31:14,420  
In Tel Aviv.

710  
00:31:14,420 --> 00:31:15,890  
Tel Aviv.

711  
00:31:15,890 --> 00:31:19,390  
And the government at that  
time was building the shikun.

712  
00:31:19,390 --> 00:31:21,040  
Know what shikun is?

713  
00:31:21,040 --> 00:31:25,700  
OK-- for survivors  
of the Holocaust.

714  
00:31:25,700 --> 00:31:28,530  
So we lived with Rivka  
for quite a while

715  
00:31:28,530 --> 00:31:30,970  
until the shikun was ready.

716  
00:31:30,970 --> 00:31:33,470  
The shikun was built  
in Giv'at Rambam,

717  
00:31:33,470 --> 00:31:36,980  
which is just the  
outskirts of Tel Aviv.

718  
00:31:36,980 --> 00:31:40,960  
Once it was ready, we  
moved to Giv'at Rambam.

719  
00:31:40,960 --> 00:31:42,730  
And you had to learn Hebrew.

720  
00:31:42,730 --> 00:31:43,260  
Yes.

721  
00:31:43,260 --> 00:31:46,340  
Now I switch--

722  
00:31:46,340 --> 00:31:50,000  
I spoke Polish, I spoke  
Yiddish, I spoke French.

723  
00:31:50,000 --> 00:31:50,570  
From Belgium.

724  
00:31:50,570 --> 00:31:51,590  
From Belgium.

725  
00:31:51,590 --> 00:31:52,970  
Fluent in French.

726  
00:31:52,970 --> 00:31:59,290  
So my father says, you know,  
there's a school in Jaffa.

727

00:31:59,290 --> 00:32:01,240

The outskirts of Tel Aviv.

728

00:32:01,240 --> 00:32:04,770

I want Sarah to go and  
not to forget French.

729

00:32:04,770 --> 00:32:06,520

It's a nice language,  
and it sounds

730

00:32:06,520 --> 00:32:08,350

good and everything else.

731

00:32:08,350 --> 00:32:10,932

Well, Rivka was very  
angry that-- she

732

00:32:10,932 --> 00:32:11,890

goes, what do you mean?

733

00:32:11,890 --> 00:32:13,100

You're in Israel.

734

00:32:13,100 --> 00:32:16,180

She's got to speak Hebrew.

735

00:32:16,180 --> 00:32:17,620

So my father let it go.

736

00:32:17,620 --> 00:32:22,350

He didn't push it, and I  
got enrolled in school,

737

00:32:22,350 --> 00:32:23,770

and I went to school in Israel.

738

00:32:23,770 --> 00:32:27,640

We lived in Israel  
for five years,

739

00:32:27,640 --> 00:32:30,520  
and I spoke Hebrew fluently.

740  
00:32:30,520 --> 00:32:32,800  
So I spoke Yiddish.

741  
00:32:32,800 --> 00:32:33,970  
I still spoke Polish.

742  
00:32:33,970 --> 00:32:36,520  
I still remember that.

743  
00:32:36,520 --> 00:32:40,212  
French-- I'm starting to forget.

744  
00:32:40,212 --> 00:32:41,170  
And, of course, Hebrew.

745  
00:32:41,170 --> 00:32:43,690

746  
00:32:43,690 --> 00:32:46,720  
Well, things were changing  
in the United States

747  
00:32:46,720 --> 00:32:49,851  
at that time under Roosevelt.

748  
00:32:49,851 --> 00:32:51,190  
That was in the '50s.

749  
00:32:51,190 --> 00:32:52,030  
Yes.

750  
00:32:52,030 --> 00:32:57,280  
First he did not allow the  
people from Poland to come in.

751  
00:32:57,280 --> 00:32:58,990  
There was a quota.

752

00:32:58,990 --> 00:33:02,530  
It's not like now--  
anyone can come in.

753  
00:33:02,530 --> 00:33:08,580  
And we had to wait.

754  
00:33:08,580 --> 00:33:14,030  
One year, Rivka calls us  
to Belgium, and she says--

755  
00:33:14,030 --> 00:33:15,270  
no, no, to Israel.

756  
00:33:15,270 --> 00:33:16,720  
I'm sorry, to Israel.

757  
00:33:16,720 --> 00:33:21,310  
And she says, things have  
changed in the United States.

758  
00:33:21,310 --> 00:33:23,860  
The Polish quota was lifted.

759  
00:33:23,860 --> 00:33:26,950  
I'm coming to tell you  
all about it, Leon.

760  
00:33:26,950 --> 00:33:30,220  
So Ruth took a trip to Israel--

761  
00:33:30,220 --> 00:33:31,810  
the first trip.

762  
00:33:31,810 --> 00:33:34,420  
And she sat down,  
and she told us

763  
00:33:34,420 --> 00:33:37,780  
that now you can come  
to the United States,

764

00:33:37,780 --> 00:33:40,210  
as long as you have a sponsor.

765  
00:33:40,210 --> 00:33:43,720  
And she said to my father,  
I'm going to be your sponsor.

766  
00:33:43,720 --> 00:33:45,760  
So when you come to  
the United States,

767  
00:33:45,760 --> 00:33:47,170  
I'll take care of you, Leon.

768  
00:33:47,170 --> 00:33:47,710  
Don't worry.

769  
00:33:47,710 --> 00:33:49,900  
You'll move in with me.

770  
00:33:49,900 --> 00:33:55,180  
My aunt lived in the  
Bronx on Walton Avenue--

771  
00:33:55,180 --> 00:33:59,740  
beautiful building and  
one-bedroom apartment.

772  
00:33:59,740 --> 00:34:02,920  
She says you move in with me.

773  
00:34:02,920 --> 00:34:03,760  
You move in with me.

774  
00:34:03,760 --> 00:34:05,300  
So we moved in with--

775  
00:34:05,300 --> 00:34:06,190  
So you left Israel.

776  
00:34:06,190 --> 00:34:09,219  
How did you feel



about leaving Israel?

777

00:34:09,219 --> 00:34:10,699

I liked Israel.

778

00:34:10,699 --> 00:34:14,480

That was my best  
memories of my life.

779

00:34:14,480 --> 00:34:16,210

I was sad to leave Israel.

780

00:34:16,210 --> 00:34:19,199

By then I was  
already bat mitzvah.

781

00:34:19,199 --> 00:34:23,350

I had my bat mitzvah in Israel,  
and by then I was I think 13.

782

00:34:23,350 --> 00:34:23,889

13, yeah.

783

00:34:23,889 --> 00:34:25,449

13 years old.

784

00:34:25,449 --> 00:34:27,550

And we left Israel.

785

00:34:27,550 --> 00:34:30,610

When you were in Israel, did  
you mix with any other refugee

786

00:34:30,610 --> 00:34:32,590

children from the Holocaust?

787

00:34:32,590 --> 00:34:33,190

No.

788

00:34:33,190 --> 00:34:35,203

Did you talk to  
your young friends

789  
00:34:35,203 --> 00:34:36,370  
about what you went through?

790  
00:34:36,370 --> 00:34:38,300  
No, no, no, no.

791  
00:34:38,300 --> 00:34:38,840  
You did not.

792  
00:34:38,840 --> 00:34:44,330  
No, I just concentrated with  
the Hebrew, having a lot of fun.

793  
00:34:44,330 --> 00:34:48,370  
I had a lot of friends in  
Israel and learned the language.

794  
00:34:48,370 --> 00:34:51,100  
Did you speak about your  
Holocaust experiences

795  
00:34:51,100 --> 00:34:53,409  
at that time with your parents?

796  
00:34:53,409 --> 00:34:54,250  
No.

797  
00:34:54,250 --> 00:34:56,048  
My mother never spoke about it.

798  
00:34:56,048 --> 00:34:56,840  
Your mother didn't.

799  
00:34:56,840 --> 00:34:57,757  
My mother never spoke.

800  
00:34:57,757 --> 00:34:58,880  
What about your father?

801  
00:34:58,880 --> 00:35:01,390

My father was busy  
earning a living,

802  
00:35:01,390 --> 00:35:05,280  
and we just didn't have time  
to dwell on it, you know?

803  
00:35:05,280 --> 00:35:07,060  
So you were moving on.

804  
00:35:07,060 --> 00:35:08,390  
With your life.

805  
00:35:08,390 --> 00:35:09,970  
So now you leave Israel.

806  
00:35:09,970 --> 00:35:12,310  
You come to the United States  
and live with your aunt.

807  
00:35:12,310 --> 00:35:14,830  
Right, we lived with  
my aunt for a year,

808  
00:35:14,830 --> 00:35:23,050  
and my mother's sister, Toni,  
had a wonderful position

809  
00:35:23,050 --> 00:35:25,570  
with a garment--

810  
00:35:25,570 --> 00:35:27,770  
what do you call it--

811  
00:35:27,770 --> 00:35:28,270  
factory.

812  
00:35:28,270 --> 00:35:31,710

813  
00:35:31,710 --> 00:35:35,130  
Her husband that

she married was--

814  
00:35:35,130 --> 00:35:38,850  
I had an uncle in the AFL.

815  
00:35:38,850 --> 00:35:42,960  
And he was prominent  
to get him a job there.

816  
00:35:42,960 --> 00:35:46,260  
And my aunt got a job  
in the garment district.

817  
00:35:46,260 --> 00:35:50,595  
Became very well  
known-- she traveled all

818  
00:35:50,595 --> 00:35:53,400  
through the country,  
the United States,

819  
00:35:53,400 --> 00:35:55,970  
to see what the factories  
were manufacturing.

820  
00:35:55,970 --> 00:35:57,990  
And she was in charge.

821  
00:35:57,990 --> 00:36:01,320  
At that time, my mother  
was a terrific seamstress,

822  
00:36:01,320 --> 00:36:03,720  
and she said, Stella,  
do you want a job?

823  
00:36:03,720 --> 00:36:04,770  
And my mother said, yes.

824  
00:36:04,770 --> 00:36:05,687  
What am I going to do.

825

00:36:05,687 --> 00:36:07,290  
I'm going to sit around here?

826  
00:36:07,290 --> 00:36:10,690  
So she got her a job there,  
and she became the sample maker

827  
00:36:10,690 --> 00:36:12,480  
there.

828  
00:36:12,480 --> 00:36:15,840  
They manufactured  
robes, and then they

829  
00:36:15,840 --> 00:36:18,180  
went into the dress business.

830  
00:36:18,180 --> 00:36:21,930  
So my mother always  
made the sample dress.

831  
00:36:21,930 --> 00:36:23,790  
From the sample  
dress, my mother had

832  
00:36:23,790 --> 00:36:28,710  
to supervise the people in  
the factory in Manhattan

833  
00:36:28,710 --> 00:36:32,700  
to make sure that the  
product that they made

834  
00:36:32,700 --> 00:36:35,630  
was equivalent to the sample.

835  
00:36:35,630 --> 00:36:38,050  
And so she was in  
charge of that.

836  
00:36:38,050 --> 00:36:40,290  
And where did you go to school?

837  
00:36:40,290 --> 00:36:40,920  
In New York?

838  
00:36:40,920 --> 00:36:41,420  
Mm-hmm.

839  
00:36:41,420 --> 00:36:43,480  
I went to the public school.

840  
00:36:43,480 --> 00:36:44,230  
The public school.

841  
00:36:44,230 --> 00:36:45,570  
Public school, yeah.

842  
00:36:45,570 --> 00:36:46,920  
And what was that like?

843  
00:36:46,920 --> 00:36:48,130  
In the Bronx.

844  
00:36:48,130 --> 00:36:48,630  
Well--

845  
00:36:48,630 --> 00:36:50,810  
Were there other refugee  
children in your class?

846  
00:36:50,810 --> 00:36:51,553  
No, no.

847  
00:36:51,553 --> 00:36:52,470  
You were the only one.

848  
00:36:52,470 --> 00:36:52,970  
Yeah.

849  
00:36:52,970 --> 00:36:54,797  
Did the kids ask  
about your experience?

850

00:36:54,797 --> 00:36:56,130

This is what I want to tell you.

851

00:36:56,130 --> 00:36:59,200

852

00:36:59,200 --> 00:37:04,590

I was in public school in  
the Bronx, one of 35 kids

853

00:37:04,590 --> 00:37:05,970

in a classroom.

854

00:37:05,970 --> 00:37:08,940

I'm a teacher, so that I can  
tell you from the education

855

00:37:08,940 --> 00:37:17,820

point of view, it was in a  
kind of educational situation

856

00:37:17,820 --> 00:37:21,660

for a child that just  
came out of the Holocaust.

857

00:37:21,660 --> 00:37:24,570

I had a number on my hand.

858

00:37:24,570 --> 00:37:29,220

In those days in New York, they  
never taught the Holocaust.

859

00:37:29,220 --> 00:37:33,443

It was mandated, like in  
the state of New Jersey.

860

00:37:33,443 --> 00:37:34,860

And the kids looked  
at the number,

861

00:37:34,860 --> 00:37:37,660

and they said, Sarah, what's

that number on your hand?

862  
00:37:37,660 --> 00:37:39,530  
And I said, well,  
let me tell you.

863  
00:37:39,530 --> 00:37:42,730  
I was in the  
Holocaust in Germany,

864  
00:37:42,730 --> 00:37:44,950  
and a German put  
this number on me.

865  
00:37:44,950 --> 00:37:47,080  
I wasn't Sarah Racimora.

866  
00:37:47,080 --> 00:37:48,550  
I was this number.

867  
00:37:48,550 --> 00:37:51,570  
That's how they referred to me.

868  
00:37:51,570 --> 00:37:53,410  
You're talking crazy.

869  
00:37:53,410 --> 00:37:55,780  
There was no such  
thing as the Holocaust.

870  
00:37:55,780 --> 00:37:58,280  
New York never  
taught the Holocaust.

871  
00:37:58,280 --> 00:38:01,880  
This was in 1954.

872  
00:38:01,880 --> 00:38:03,980  
Those kids were never educated.

873  
00:38:03,980 --> 00:38:05,280  
Never heard the word.



874  
00:38:05,280 --> 00:38:08,240  
What's Holocaust.

875  
00:38:08,240 --> 00:38:11,720  
Well, I didn't like  
to talk about it,

876  
00:38:11,720 --> 00:38:14,450  
and I went to my parents,  
and I said, you know what?

877  
00:38:14,450 --> 00:38:17,510  
I have to have this  
number removed.

878  
00:38:17,510 --> 00:38:21,800  
Because I am just too inundated  
with questions that I cannot

879  
00:38:21,800 --> 00:38:24,110  
answer.

880  
00:38:24,110 --> 00:38:27,220  
So we went to Mountain  
View hospital.

881  
00:38:27,220 --> 00:38:32,180  
They got a surgeon, and  
unfortunately, the surgeon

882  
00:38:32,180 --> 00:38:33,140  
got sick.

883  
00:38:33,140 --> 00:38:35,600  
And they brought someone else.

884  
00:38:35,600 --> 00:38:37,220  
Did a lousy job with this.

885  
00:38:37,220 --> 00:38:41,390  
This should have been

just that thin stripe.

886  
00:38:41,390 --> 00:38:45,530  
And that's why I  
have a scar here.

887  
00:38:45,530 --> 00:38:46,610  
I had it removed.

888  
00:38:46,610 --> 00:38:51,740  
I felt better, because the  
kids stopped talking about it.

889  
00:38:51,740 --> 00:38:58,550  
I went to my education in New  
York, finished high school,

890  
00:38:58,550 --> 00:39:02,740  
and then I met my husband.

891  
00:39:02,740 --> 00:39:04,780  
How did I meet my husband?

892  
00:39:04,780 --> 00:39:06,430  
I went to Moodus, Connecticut.

893  
00:39:06,430 --> 00:39:08,140  
Did you hear of that place?

894  
00:39:08,140 --> 00:39:10,420  
It was a place  
where young people

895  
00:39:10,420 --> 00:39:15,340  
were able to meet  
young Jewish young men.

896  
00:39:15,340 --> 00:39:18,010  
And I went with  
a friend of mine.

897  
00:39:18,010 --> 00:39:20,320

I took courses at  
Hunter College,

898  
00:39:20,320 --> 00:39:22,990  
and then we went for a  
week to Moodus, Connecticut

899  
00:39:22,990 --> 00:39:25,870  
to meet some guys.

900  
00:39:25,870 --> 00:39:31,880  
We got there, and we didn't  
meet anyone a whole week.

901  
00:39:31,880 --> 00:39:33,280  
And then I said--

902  
00:39:33,280 --> 00:39:35,140  
Sunday we were  
supposed to leave.

903  
00:39:35,140 --> 00:39:38,240  
We had a cab take us there.

904  
00:39:38,240 --> 00:39:39,770  
So I said to my friend, Brenda--

905  
00:39:39,770 --> 00:39:41,750  
I said, you know, I'm hungry.

906  
00:39:41,750 --> 00:39:44,140  
Let's go to the  
dining room, because I

907  
00:39:44,140 --> 00:39:46,790  
feel like a salami sandwich.

908  
00:39:46,790 --> 00:39:50,520  
So we went down,  
and I stood in line.

909  
00:39:50,520 --> 00:39:52,120

And there was a young man there.

910

00:39:52,120 --> 00:39:55,073

And he says, hi, how are you?

911

00:39:55,073 --> 00:39:55,990

What are you ordering?

912

00:39:55,990 --> 00:39:57,610

I said a salami sandwich.

913

00:39:57,610 --> 00:39:59,260

He says, me, too.

914

00:39:59,260 --> 00:40:01,390

He says, I'm here  
with my friends.

915

00:40:01,390 --> 00:40:06,040

He came with a 4 or 5 of  
his friends from New Jersey.

916

00:40:06,040 --> 00:40:08,020

They were ready to  
meet new people.

917

00:40:08,020 --> 00:40:11,230

He says why don't you come over  
to the table and sit with us?

918

00:40:11,230 --> 00:40:12,040

Get your sandwich.

919

00:40:12,040 --> 00:40:13,660

So Brenda and I  
got our sandwiches.

920

00:40:13,660 --> 00:40:18,370

We sat down with them,  
and we got to talking.

921

00:40:18,370 --> 00:40:19,960

And he says, where are you from?

922

00:40:19,960 --> 00:40:22,160

You have an accent.

923

00:40:22,160 --> 00:40:24,670

I said, well, I'm from Israel.

924

00:40:24,670 --> 00:40:26,070

He says, you're from Israel?

925

00:40:26,070 --> 00:40:26,980

I said yes.

926

00:40:26,980 --> 00:40:28,670

You have an accent.

927

00:40:28,670 --> 00:40:31,540

I said, well, can  
you understand me?

928

00:40:31,540 --> 00:40:34,310

I can still speak English?

929

00:40:34,310 --> 00:40:38,050

And he made a derogatory  
comment about Israel,

930

00:40:38,050 --> 00:40:40,540

and I was very angry.

931

00:40:40,540 --> 00:40:41,860

I'm a rebel.

932

00:40:41,860 --> 00:40:43,850

I picked up the  
bottle of wine, and I

933

00:40:43,850 --> 00:40:47,060

was ready to hit  
him with the bottle.

934  
00:40:47,060 --> 00:40:49,885  
My husband, Billy--  
later on we got married.

935  
00:40:49,885 --> 00:40:50,980  
He grab my hand.

936  
00:40:50,980 --> 00:40:52,780  
He says, put that bottle down.

937  
00:40:52,780 --> 00:40:54,700  
He's not worth it.

938  
00:40:54,700 --> 00:40:57,130  
Well, we sat and we spent  
the evening with his friends.

939  
00:40:57,130 --> 00:41:00,790  
We had a very nice evening,  
and then the next day we

940  
00:41:00,790 --> 00:41:04,420  
were leaving Moodus,  
Connecticut, Banner lodge.

941  
00:41:04,420 --> 00:41:06,520  
I don't think it exists anymore.

942  
00:41:06,520 --> 00:41:11,290  
And Billy says, you know what?

943  
00:41:11,290 --> 00:41:12,140  
I'll take you home.

944  
00:41:12,140 --> 00:41:12,870  
Would you?

945  
00:41:12,870 --> 00:41:14,660  
I said, I live in  
the Bronx, right

946

00:41:14,660 --> 00:41:16,867  
across the street  
from Yankee Stadium.

947  
00:41:16,867 --> 00:41:18,200  
Well, he says, I know that area.

948  
00:41:18,200 --> 00:41:18,800  
Don't worry.

949  
00:41:18,800 --> 00:41:20,700  
I'll get you home safe.

950  
00:41:20,700 --> 00:41:26,090  
So Brenda took a cab home,  
because we paid for that,

951  
00:41:26,090 --> 00:41:29,510  
and he took me home.

952  
00:41:29,510 --> 00:41:31,070  
And that's the history.

953  
00:41:31,070 --> 00:41:33,200  
After that was a romance.

954  
00:41:33,200 --> 00:41:39,360  
We dated for a year or  
so, and he says, you know,

955  
00:41:39,360 --> 00:41:42,000  
I really want you to  
move to New Jersey.

956  
00:41:42,000 --> 00:41:44,280  
You can continue education.

957  
00:41:44,280 --> 00:41:50,160  
So I switched colleges, and  
I went to New York State.

958  
00:41:50,160 --> 00:41:52,780

Was a teaching college.

959

00:41:52,780 --> 00:41:55,470

Now, it's Kean University.

960

00:41:55,470 --> 00:41:59,460

And I finished my  
education and my degree

961

00:41:59,460 --> 00:42:01,980

certified in New  
Jersey, Kindergarten

962

00:42:01,980 --> 00:42:04,530

through eighth grade.

963

00:42:04,530 --> 00:42:09,240

And I got a position in  
Scotch Plains-Fanwood teaching

964

00:42:09,240 --> 00:42:11,160

third grade.

965

00:42:11,160 --> 00:42:14,730

I taught there for a  
year, a year and a half.

966

00:42:14,730 --> 00:42:17,920

And I became pregnant  
with my daughter Debbie.

967

00:42:17,920 --> 00:42:20,997

So I had to stop teaching.

968

00:42:20,997 --> 00:42:22,580

And I said, Billy,  
can I hire someone?

969

00:42:22,580 --> 00:42:25,660

There was a very nice  
woman living next to us

970



00:42:25,660 --> 00:42:28,650  
in the apartment house.

971  
00:42:28,650 --> 00:42:30,980  
And she said she was willing  
to take care of Debbie

972  
00:42:30,980 --> 00:42:33,360  
while I went to work.

973  
00:42:33,360 --> 00:42:35,750  
My husband says no one is  
going to take over my daughter.

974  
00:42:35,750 --> 00:42:37,640  
You stay home.

975  
00:42:37,640 --> 00:42:40,260  
So I had to give up teaching.

976  
00:42:40,260 --> 00:42:42,390  
And I stayed home and  
I raised my daughter.

977  
00:42:42,390 --> 00:42:45,060

978  
00:42:45,060 --> 00:42:47,490  
Later on, we saved enough money.

979  
00:42:47,490 --> 00:42:49,950  
We lived in the village  
for quite a while.

980  
00:42:49,950 --> 00:42:53,370  
We lived there for 10  
years, and we bought a house

981  
00:42:53,370 --> 00:42:54,800  
in Livingston, New Jersey--

982  
00:42:54,800 --> 00:42:58,380

a very affluent community,  
a Jewish community.

983  
00:42:58,380 --> 00:43:02,940  
And we're there  
now for 40 years.

984  
00:43:02,940 --> 00:43:05,880  
My daughter lives in Manalapan.

985  
00:43:05,880 --> 00:43:09,600  
She has two children-- boys.

986  
00:43:09,600 --> 00:43:14,220  
They are now in college at  
the University of Indiana.

987  
00:43:14,220 --> 00:43:17,190  
They both decided to  
go to the same college.

988  
00:43:17,190 --> 00:43:19,530  
Cody is a senior.

989  
00:43:19,530 --> 00:43:21,510  
Tyler is a freshman.

990  
00:43:21,510 --> 00:43:24,330  
She just took out the  
car, she's not even home.

991  
00:43:24,330 --> 00:43:31,230  
And my son became a spinal  
surgeon in Baltimore--

992  
00:43:31,230 --> 00:43:34,810  
has a very nice  
group of doctors.

993  
00:43:34,810 --> 00:43:38,280  
Does a lot of traveling  
throughout the world educating

994

00:43:38,280 --> 00:43:42,540

other doctors in  
orthopedic surgery.

995

00:43:42,540 --> 00:43:43,600

He went to China.

996

00:43:43,600 --> 00:43:45,790

He went to Japan.

997

00:43:45,790 --> 00:43:48,070

He does a lot of traveling.

998

00:43:48,070 --> 00:43:49,650

And he has two children--

999

00:43:49,650 --> 00:43:51,960

Katie, a little princess.

1000

00:43:51,960 --> 00:43:55,020

Katie is now 11.

1001

00:43:55,020 --> 00:43:58,530

Ethan is 13.

1002

00:43:58,530 --> 00:44:00,960

And they both go  
to private schools,

1003

00:44:00,960 --> 00:44:04,180

because the Baltimore school  
system is not that great.

1004

00:44:04,180 --> 00:44:06,270

So they're both in  
two different schools.

1005

00:44:06,270 --> 00:44:07,980

They're not in the same school.

1006

00:44:07,980 --> 00:44:12,030

Katie goes to an all girls  
school where my daughter-in-law

1007  
00:44:12,030 --> 00:44:16,650  
graduated from, and Ethan  
is in the school from--

1008  
00:44:16,650 --> 00:44:19,530  
very big school  
from kindergarten

1009  
00:44:19,530 --> 00:44:21,450  
through high school.

1010  
00:44:21,450 --> 00:44:22,890  
And that whole school--

1011  
00:44:22,890 --> 00:44:26,100  
money was donated  
by Jewish families.

1012  
00:44:26,100 --> 00:44:27,450  
How do I know?

1013  
00:44:27,450 --> 00:44:29,490  
Every building  
has a Jewish name.

1014  
00:44:29,490 --> 00:44:34,185  
We went to visit the school  
to see where Ethan was.

1015  
00:44:34,185 --> 00:44:35,310  
Very, very, very nice life.

1016  
00:44:35,310 --> 00:44:38,190  
Now they're traveling by bikes.

1017  
00:44:38,190 --> 00:44:40,500  
They are in Switzerland  
and going through all

1018

00:44:40,500 --> 00:44:42,310  
the other countries.

1019  
00:44:42,310 --> 00:44:44,010  
Going to be away for two weeks.

1020  
00:44:44,010 --> 00:44:44,940  
So I'll see them.

1021  
00:44:44,940 --> 00:44:46,700  
Let's talk a little  
bit about your story.

1022  
00:44:46,700 --> 00:44:50,550

1023  
00:44:50,550 --> 00:44:54,830  
Do you think about your wartime  
experiences-- the Holocaust--

1024  
00:44:54,830 --> 00:44:59,630  
more now that so many years  
have passed, or is it less?

1025  
00:44:59,630 --> 00:45:02,570  
Absolutely.

1026  
00:45:02,570 --> 00:45:05,090  
For a very long time, I  
was busy with my career,

1027  
00:45:05,090 --> 00:45:09,230  
raising my kids, and I  
just put everything aside.

1028  
00:45:09,230 --> 00:45:11,330  
I didn't want to think about it.

1029  
00:45:11,330 --> 00:45:12,860  
My father put the video.

1030  
00:45:12,860 --> 00:45:15,710

After he made a video  
with Steven Spielberg,

1031  
00:45:15,710 --> 00:45:18,830  
we showed it to my children.

1032  
00:45:18,830 --> 00:45:21,290  
We spoke about it,  
and whenever Dad

1033  
00:45:21,290 --> 00:45:23,130  
came to visit me in New Jersey--

1034  
00:45:23,130 --> 00:45:25,910  
he lived in New  
York at that time.

1035  
00:45:25,910 --> 00:45:27,530  
My mother had died.

1036  
00:45:27,530 --> 00:45:31,820  
He remarried a Holocaust  
survivor, his second wife.

1037  
00:45:31,820 --> 00:45:35,150  
And he used to visit, so  
everything else was fine.

1038  
00:45:35,150 --> 00:45:41,490  
And we didn't  
discuss it that much.

1039  
00:45:41,490 --> 00:45:45,180  
Years later--  
recently I picked up,

1040  
00:45:45,180 --> 00:45:50,180  
and I said I have to  
do something about it.

1041  
00:45:50,180 --> 00:45:53,280  
And this is why I get  
involved being a teacher,

1042  
00:45:53,280 --> 00:45:58,710  
being involved in teaching  
about the Holocaust.

1043  
00:45:58,710 --> 00:46:00,360  
I learned from my  
father's video--

1044  
00:46:00,360 --> 00:46:03,160  
which I know you have  
a copy of that here--

1045  
00:46:03,160 --> 00:46:05,850  
the whole story how he saved me.

1046  
00:46:05,850 --> 00:46:11,370  
And this was the basic of my  
foundation for these PowerPoint

1047  
00:46:11,370 --> 00:46:13,430  
sessions.

1048  
00:46:13,430 --> 00:46:17,490  
I contacted my good  
friend, Elizabeth Bess,

1049  
00:46:17,490 --> 00:46:23,240  
who is a principal at a very  
prestigious reform temple.

1050  
00:46:23,240 --> 00:46:26,980  
And we got together, and  
we wrote this program.

1051  
00:46:26,980 --> 00:46:29,530  
And now what we're doing--

1052  
00:46:29,530 --> 00:46:32,670  
we are managing  
to go out and talk

1053

00:46:32,670 --> 00:46:38,040  
about the Holocaust in a  
very, very educational way,

1054  
00:46:38,040 --> 00:46:42,630  
and also in a creative way--  
let children learn about it,

1055  
00:46:42,630 --> 00:46:44,730  
walking out of one  
of these sessions

1056  
00:46:44,730 --> 00:46:47,320  
that they can go home  
and say to the parents,

1057  
00:46:47,320 --> 00:46:49,470  
this is what we are doing.

1058  
00:46:49,470 --> 00:46:51,120  
A lot of people in  
the United States--

1059  
00:46:51,120 --> 00:46:53,790  
even though they  
belong to a synagogue,

1060  
00:46:53,790 --> 00:46:59,060  
they are not that  
educated in the Holocaust.

1061  
00:46:59,060 --> 00:47:00,950  
So this is what  
we are doing now.

1062  
00:47:00,950 --> 00:47:05,060  
That's why we came out  
here, Elizabeth and I--

1063  
00:47:05,060 --> 00:47:07,310  
to seek more information.

1064  
00:47:07,310 --> 00:47:08,930



We found that a  
lot of information

1065  
00:47:08,930 --> 00:47:13,250  
yesterday, as I told  
you, about my family.

1066  
00:47:13,250 --> 00:47:17,000  
And we are writing a whole  
curriculum for the Holocaust

1067  
00:47:17,000 --> 00:47:20,610  
programs that we're  
going to be doing.

1068  
00:47:20,610 --> 00:47:23,150  
Do you think you were  
at an advantage being

1069  
00:47:23,150 --> 00:47:27,050  
so young and not remembering,  
as opposed to if you had been

1070  
00:47:27,050 --> 00:47:30,740  
older during the Holocaust?

1071  
00:47:30,740 --> 00:47:31,490  
I can't tell you.

1072  
00:47:31,490 --> 00:47:33,560  
It would just be a guess.

1073  
00:47:33,560 --> 00:47:35,660  
My whole survival is--

1074  
00:47:35,660 --> 00:47:38,550  
I use the word when I  
speak to my students,

1075  
00:47:38,550 --> 00:47:39,980  
it was [SPEAKING YIDDISH].

1076

00:47:39,980 --> 00:47:41,530

A lot of them don't  
know the word.

1077

00:47:41,530 --> 00:47:42,800

It's a Yiddish word.

1078

00:47:42,800 --> 00:47:48,430

And I said, I guess I was chosen  
to survive to tell the story

1079

00:47:48,430 --> 00:47:53,430

and to come here and teach  
you about the Holocaust,

1080

00:47:53,430 --> 00:47:55,150

so you can share it  
with your parents.

1081

00:47:55,150 --> 00:47:57,730

1082

00:47:57,730 --> 00:48:02,450

Many of these children are  
not Jewish where we go.

1083

00:48:02,450 --> 00:48:05,395

We go to many  
affluent day schools.

1084

00:48:05,395 --> 00:48:08,100

1085

00:48:08,100 --> 00:48:10,110

Some of them are  
Jewish, some aren't.

1086

00:48:10,110 --> 00:48:12,600

Some don't know anything  
about the Holocaust.

1087

00:48:12,600 --> 00:48:15,540

But the main thing that

Elizabeth and I see

1088  
00:48:15,540 --> 00:48:19,740  
is that we are reaching  
that population.

1089  
00:48:19,740 --> 00:48:23,400  
When they walk out of  
one of our sessions,

1090  
00:48:23,400 --> 00:48:29,130  
they say, Sarah, we  
learned so much today

1091  
00:48:29,130 --> 00:48:31,080  
that we didn't know before.

1092  
00:48:31,080 --> 00:48:33,510  
I had them write evaluation.

1093  
00:48:33,510 --> 00:48:37,200  
We went-- I don't know if you're  
familiar with the Princeton Day

1094  
00:48:37,200 --> 00:48:38,940  
School in Jersey.

1095  
00:48:38,940 --> 00:48:41,880  
Very affluent school.

1096  
00:48:41,880 --> 00:48:44,100  
My cousin's daughter  
teaches there,

1097  
00:48:44,100 --> 00:48:46,260  
which is a big plus also.

1098  
00:48:46,260 --> 00:48:52,330  
She set a class up for  
us to give our spiel.

1099  
00:48:52,330 --> 00:48:55,300

The kids were mesmerized.

1100  
00:48:55,300 --> 00:48:56,050  
They walked out.

1101  
00:48:56,050 --> 00:48:57,280  
They wrote evaluations.

1102  
00:48:57,280 --> 00:48:58,990  
What did they want to know?

1103  
00:48:58,990 --> 00:49:03,570  
The most-- tell us more  
stories about your father.

1104  
00:49:03,570 --> 00:49:05,850  
He knew exactly what happened.

1105  
00:49:05,850 --> 00:49:09,290  
They loved the stories where  
he put me in a potato sack

1106  
00:49:09,290 --> 00:49:10,080  
and he threw me.

1107  
00:49:10,080 --> 00:49:11,840  
They're what happened to you?

1108  
00:49:11,840 --> 00:49:12,620  
Did you survive?

1109  
00:49:12,620 --> 00:49:15,710  
I said, well, I'm here  
telling the story.

1110  
00:49:15,710 --> 00:49:22,370  
It was very personal, and we  
are getting very successful.

1111  
00:49:22,370 --> 00:49:24,170  
We're working very hard.

1112  
00:49:24,170 --> 00:49:25,370  
That's wonderful.

1113  
00:49:25,370 --> 00:49:28,850  
Do you feel that you are two  
people, one on the outside

1114  
00:49:28,850 --> 00:49:30,710  
and one on inside?

1115  
00:49:30,710 --> 00:49:32,750  
You can say that.

1116  
00:49:32,750 --> 00:49:35,330  
I would never describe  
it, but it's possible.

1117  
00:49:35,330 --> 00:49:36,950  
Absolutely.

1118  
00:49:36,950 --> 00:49:39,890  
I have a lot of feelings  
that are hidden within me.

1119  
00:49:39,890 --> 00:49:40,740  
Yes, absolutely.

1120  
00:49:40,740 --> 00:49:43,320  
And to the outside world,  
you somebody different.

1121  
00:49:43,320 --> 00:49:45,020  
Right, a different face.

1122  
00:49:45,020 --> 00:49:46,470  
Different face, yeah.

1123  
00:49:46,470 --> 00:49:49,180  
Yeah.

1124  
00:49:49,180 --> 00:49:51,230

What were your thoughts--

1125

00:49:51,230 --> 00:49:54,220

do you remember your thoughts  
during the Eichmann trial?

1126

00:49:54,220 --> 00:49:58,020

You were a young adult.  
Do you have any--

1127

00:49:58,020 --> 00:50:01,410

what your feelings were  
when Eichmann went on trial?

1128

00:50:01,410 --> 00:50:06,060

Well, I knew Eichmann went on  
trial, what he did exactly.

1129

00:50:06,060 --> 00:50:09,870

I had very, very good  
feelings that he was captured,

1130

00:50:09,870 --> 00:50:11,880

to be very honest with you.

1131

00:50:11,880 --> 00:50:16,770

And I hope that  
more of those people

1132

00:50:16,770 --> 00:50:19,590

would be captured  
and taught a lesson--

1133

00:50:19,590 --> 00:50:22,110

that that should  
never happen again.

1134

00:50:22,110 --> 00:50:23,640

Do you think it  
could happen again?

1135

00:50:23,640 --> 00:50:24,990

Absolutely.

1136  
00:50:24,990 --> 00:50:27,510  
Betsy and I would were  
just discussing it.

1137  
00:50:27,510 --> 00:50:28,710  
Absolutely.

1138  
00:50:28,710 --> 00:50:31,740  
With the way the  
world is now, anyone

1139  
00:50:31,740 --> 00:50:33,450  
can come into the United States.

1140  
00:50:33,450 --> 00:50:38,370  
We had to wait until  
our visas were cleared.

1141  
00:50:38,370 --> 00:50:44,470  
We could have been here  
earlier in the United States.

1142  
00:50:44,470 --> 00:50:45,340  
There was a quota.

1143  
00:50:45,340 --> 00:50:47,230  
They have no quotas now.

1144  
00:50:47,230 --> 00:50:53,260  
Anyone can come to the  
United States, unfortunately.

1145  
00:50:53,260 --> 00:50:56,140

1146  
00:50:56,140 --> 00:50:58,720  
What was it like when  
you became a citizen?

1147  
00:50:58,720 --> 00:50:59,470  
It was marvelous.

1148  
00:50:59,470 --> 00:51:02,810  
I was a senior in high school.

1149  
00:51:02,810 --> 00:51:08,590  
My father made sure that he  
knew about the Constitution.

1150  
00:51:08,590 --> 00:51:12,100  
I sat down and I prompted them.

1151  
00:51:12,100 --> 00:51:17,530  
My father at that time started  
to read the New York Times.

1152  
00:51:17,530 --> 00:51:23,860  
He went to Taft High School,  
took some lessons in English

1153  
00:51:23,860 --> 00:51:27,670  
with my mother, and we went  
for citizen papers 5 years

1154  
00:51:27,670 --> 00:51:28,840  
afterwards.

1155  
00:51:28,840 --> 00:51:30,680  
Very proud.

1156  
00:51:30,680 --> 00:51:32,930  
That specific day--  
do you remember?

1157  
00:51:32,930 --> 00:51:33,430  
Yeah.

1158  
00:51:33,430 --> 00:51:34,790  
I was very proud.

1159  
00:51:34,790 --> 00:51:38,750  
It was a big room somewhere  
downtown in Manhattan,



1160  
00:51:38,750 --> 00:51:40,430  
I don't remember exactly.

1161  
00:51:40,430 --> 00:51:46,785  
And it was a big group of  
people who became citizens.

1162  
00:51:46,785 --> 00:51:50,070  
I was very proud.

1163  
00:51:50,070 --> 00:51:54,720  
When your children  
were your age when

1164  
00:51:54,720 --> 00:51:57,750  
they were infants and young  
children and 2 years old

1165  
00:51:57,750 --> 00:52:00,270  
and 4 years, all  
the ages that you

1166  
00:52:00,270 --> 00:52:02,490  
were when you went through  
all that terrible time,

1167  
00:52:02,490 --> 00:52:10,630  
did that bring up feelings  
for you for the wartime?

1168  
00:52:10,630 --> 00:52:12,580  
No, no.

1169  
00:52:12,580 --> 00:52:16,420  
I separated myself  
psychologically.

1170  
00:52:16,420 --> 00:52:20,948  
I was a mother of children  
born in the United States.

1171

00:52:20,948 --> 00:52:22,990  
Yeah, but I meant, for  
instance, when they were 2

1172  
00:52:22,990 --> 00:52:24,520  
and when they were  
4, you were going

1173  
00:52:24,520 --> 00:52:26,120  
through such terrible  
times yourself.

1174  
00:52:26,120 --> 00:52:27,090  
It did not bring up--

1175  
00:52:27,090 --> 00:52:29,290  
No, I never discussed  
it with them.

1176  
00:52:29,290 --> 00:52:30,520  
No, I didn't mean discuss it.

1177  
00:52:30,520 --> 00:52:32,910  
Did it bring up emotionally--

1178  
00:52:32,910 --> 00:52:36,080  
when I was 2, when I was 4,  
this is what happened to me.

1179  
00:52:36,080 --> 00:52:37,870  
No, no.

1180  
00:52:37,870 --> 00:52:39,940  
I just set it aside.

1181  
00:52:39,940 --> 00:52:42,940  
How much did you tell them  
when they were growing up

1182  
00:52:42,940 --> 00:52:44,800  
about your experience?

1183

00:52:44,800 --> 00:52:48,490

Well, it didn't come to  
discussing the Holocaust

1184

00:52:48,490 --> 00:52:51,625

until my father was interviewed  
by Steven Spielberg.

1185

00:52:51,625 --> 00:52:52,540

Oh, OK.

1186

00:52:52,540 --> 00:52:54,970

And my father came to the house.

1187

00:52:54,970 --> 00:53:00,187

He still lived in New York and  
showed my father's interview.

1188

00:53:00,187 --> 00:53:01,270

So that's when it started.

1189

00:53:01,270 --> 00:53:03,130

That's when they really learned.

1190

00:53:03,130 --> 00:53:04,210

I think by that time--

1191

00:53:04,210 --> 00:53:09,360

I think Debbie and Steven, they  
were maybe 4th or 5th graders,

1192

00:53:09,360 --> 00:53:11,050

not before that.

1193

00:53:11,050 --> 00:53:12,010

Nothing before that.

1194

00:53:12,010 --> 00:53:12,510

No.

1195

00:53:12,510 --> 00:53:13,940

They knew nothing

about your life.

1196  
00:53:13,940 --> 00:53:14,440  
No.

1197  
00:53:14,440 --> 00:53:15,670  
Your wartime life.

1198  
00:53:15,670 --> 00:53:16,720  
No.

1199  
00:53:16,720 --> 00:53:17,470  
What do you feel--

1200  
00:53:17,470 --> 00:53:23,020  
Well, they knew that I was  
born in Poland during the war.

1201  
00:53:23,020 --> 00:53:25,510  
They knew that, just that.

1202  
00:53:25,510 --> 00:53:28,130  
They didn't ask me details.

1203  
00:53:28,130 --> 00:53:30,660  
You know, then of course as  
they got older, they studied it,

1204  
00:53:30,660 --> 00:53:33,310  
and they knew what  
was happening.

1205  
00:53:33,310 --> 00:53:35,740  
Later on they asked me  
questions when they got older.

1206  
00:53:35,740 --> 00:53:39,860

1207  
00:53:39,860 --> 00:53:47,800  
And are there any sights  
or sounds or smells

1208  
00:53:47,800 --> 00:53:51,340  
that bring back memories  
of the war time?

1209  
00:53:51,340 --> 00:53:52,780  
Well, I told you.

1210  
00:53:52,780 --> 00:53:54,520  
Traveling in those cattle cars--

1211  
00:53:54,520 --> 00:53:56,080  
I was just going to  
say for instance.

1212  
00:53:56,080 --> 00:53:56,580  
Yes, that.

1213  
00:53:56,580 --> 00:53:57,600  
Absolutely.

1214  
00:53:57,600 --> 00:54:01,150  
No, no, no but are  
there any sounds today

1215  
00:54:01,150 --> 00:54:04,860  
or smells today that  
trigger that experience.

1216  
00:54:04,860 --> 00:54:06,960  
Nothing, no, no.

1217  
00:54:06,960 --> 00:54:10,180

1218  
00:54:10,180 --> 00:54:10,960  
Oh, dogs.

1219  
00:54:10,960 --> 00:54:13,120  
Yes, I am fearful of dogs.

1220

00:54:13,120 --> 00:54:14,990  
Thank you, Betsy.

1221  
00:54:14,990 --> 00:54:15,490  
Yeah.

1222  
00:54:15,490 --> 00:54:17,428  
You're fearful of  
the dogs because?

1223  
00:54:17,428 --> 00:54:20,010

1224  
00:54:20,010 --> 00:54:22,830  
At times the Germans  
sometimes walked around

1225  
00:54:22,830 --> 00:54:26,280  
with a dog in Radom.

1226  
00:54:26,280 --> 00:54:30,970

1227  
00:54:30,970 --> 00:54:33,930  
And so even today  
when you see any dog?

1228  
00:54:33,930 --> 00:54:37,130  
No, it's nothing major, you  
know what I'm saying to you?

1229  
00:54:37,130 --> 00:54:39,590  
It's just that I  
don't like dogs.

1230  
00:54:39,590 --> 00:54:41,419  
You don't.

1231  
00:54:41,419 --> 00:54:43,690  
Yeah, yeah.

1232  
00:54:43,690 --> 00:54:46,400

Do you think you would have  
been a different person

1233  
00:54:46,400 --> 00:54:51,080  
today if you hadn't had  
the childhood that you had?

1234  
00:54:51,080 --> 00:54:53,600  
Absolutely, I'm sure.

1235  
00:54:53,600 --> 00:54:54,920  
I'm sure.

1236  
00:54:54,920 --> 00:54:55,910  
In what sense?

1237  
00:54:55,910 --> 00:54:57,050  
In what sense?

1238  
00:54:57,050 --> 00:55:00,050  
Oh, I would have been brought  
up completely differently,

1239  
00:55:00,050 --> 00:55:00,740  
you know?

1240  
00:55:00,740 --> 00:55:04,870  
I wouldn't have missed  
all those young years

1241  
00:55:04,870 --> 00:55:09,370  
that I missed being  
fearful, remembering that I

1242  
00:55:09,370 --> 00:55:11,470  
had to hide under the bed.

1243  
00:55:11,470 --> 00:55:12,790  
I wouldn't experience that.

1244  
00:55:12,790 --> 00:55:16,200

1245  
00:55:16,200 --> 00:55:19,650  
It probably would have been a  
more positive kind of growing

1246  
00:55:19,650 --> 00:55:21,500  
up, to be very honest with you.

1247  
00:55:21,500 --> 00:55:23,490  
A happier growing up--

1248  
00:55:23,490 --> 00:55:26,790  
not being fearful of  
what would happen.

1249  
00:55:26,790 --> 00:55:27,630  
Not being cautious.

1250  
00:55:27,630 --> 00:55:31,470

1251  
00:55:31,470 --> 00:55:33,470  
It would have been a  
completely different story.

1252  
00:55:33,470 --> 00:55:36,110  
Absolutely.

1253  
00:55:36,110 --> 00:55:41,040  
How has this affected you  
spiritually, religiously?

1254  
00:55:41,040 --> 00:55:46,880  
Well religiously, once  
my father made the tape

1255  
00:55:46,880 --> 00:55:52,720  
with Steven Spielberg,  
he came back to Judaism.

1256  
00:55:52,720 --> 00:55:56,080  
He used to go to shul



when he lived in Florida.

1257

00:55:56,080 --> 00:56:00,920

Every Saturday morning, he'd gather a couple of his friends.

1258

00:56:00,920 --> 00:56:02,110

They got in the car.

1259

00:56:02,110 --> 00:56:03,900

They went to services.

1260

00:56:03,900 --> 00:56:06,220

Holidays he loved to observe.

1261

00:56:06,220 --> 00:56:09,770

I used to make all the holidays, and he

1262

00:56:09,770 --> 00:56:11,230

used to come to my house.

1263

00:56:11,230 --> 00:56:13,930

And we celebrated all the holidays.

1264

00:56:13,930 --> 00:56:17,350

That was the pinnacle of happiness.

1265

00:56:17,350 --> 00:56:17,910

He remembers.

1266

00:56:17,910 --> 00:56:20,990

He used to say remember when your grandmother made

1267

00:56:20,990 --> 00:56:22,870

this stuff, you know?

1268

00:56:22,870 --> 00:56:25,120

His memories came back.

1269  
00:56:25,120 --> 00:56:27,340  
| grandfather did  
the same time, too.

1270  
00:56:27,340 --> 00:56:29,980  
I mean, Passover was beautiful,  
because my grandfather

1271  
00:56:29,980 --> 00:56:32,030  
had a beautiful voice.

1272  
00:56:32,030 --> 00:56:35,960  
And at the end of the Seder, we  
used to sit with the Haggadah

1273  
00:56:35,960 --> 00:56:38,470  
and he used to sing the songs.

1274  
00:56:38,470 --> 00:56:40,480  
My kids still remember that.

1275  
00:56:40,480 --> 00:56:42,760  
They used to-- he said  
to me the other day

1276  
00:56:42,760 --> 00:56:48,100  
I remember when great  
grandpa was singing all

1277  
00:56:48,100 --> 00:56:49,800  
these songs from the Haggadah.

1278  
00:56:49,800 --> 00:56:51,760  
He had a beautiful voice.

1279  
00:56:51,760 --> 00:56:53,990  
And of course my kids were  
going to Hebrew school,

1280  
00:56:53,990 --> 00:56:55,210  
so they joined with them.

1281  
00:56:55,210 --> 00:56:57,550  
So you kept up a religious life.

1282  
00:56:57,550 --> 00:56:59,190  
Yes, absolutely.

1283  
00:56:59,190 --> 00:57:02,040  
Do you feel totally assimilated  
in the United States?

1284  
00:57:02,040 --> 00:57:03,120  
Yes, absolutely.

1285  
00:57:03,120 --> 00:57:03,620  
You do.

1286  
00:57:03,620 --> 00:57:06,135  
Yes.

1287  
00:57:06,135 --> 00:57:07,490  
In a very positive way.

1288  
00:57:07,490 --> 00:57:09,020  
I mean, we've  
lived in Livingston

1289  
00:57:09,020 --> 00:57:14,480  
now for over 40 years in  
a very Jewish community.

1290  
00:57:14,480 --> 00:57:15,455  
I know a lot of people.

1291  
00:57:15,455 --> 00:57:17,930  
I have taught at  
a lot of temples--

1292  
00:57:17,930 --> 00:57:23,810  
not only conservative,  
but reform temples also.

1293

00:57:23,810 --> 00:57:30,085

So I'm very well aware of  
the Jewish religious life.

1294

00:57:30,085 --> 00:57:31,460

We've been members  
at the temple.

1295

00:57:31,460 --> 00:57:36,350

My kids were bar mitzvah'd and  
bat mitzvah'd at Beth Shalom.

1296

00:57:36,350 --> 00:57:41,900

My grandchildren, we had them  
up at the bimah, naming them.

1297

00:57:41,900 --> 00:57:44,190

You know, very involved.

1298

00:57:44,190 --> 00:57:47,650

What are your thoughts  
about Germany today?

1299

00:57:47,650 --> 00:57:51,560

That's very interesting  
that you ask that.

1300

00:57:51,560 --> 00:57:55,560

I have very negative  
feelings against Germany.

1301

00:57:55,560 --> 00:57:56,700

Absolutely.

1302

00:57:56,700 --> 00:58:01,980

My grandson, Cody,  
which just on a trip

1303

00:58:01,980 --> 00:58:10,660

this summer in some of  
the European countries.

1304

00:58:10,660 --> 00:58:11,660  
And what he said to me--

1305  
00:58:11,660 --> 00:58:14,480  
Grandma, I'm going  
to go to Poland.

1306  
00:58:14,480 --> 00:58:16,730  
I want to see Auschwitz.

1307  
00:58:16,730 --> 00:58:19,970  
He went to Poland, and I hadn't  
had time to discuss with him,

1308  
00:58:19,970 --> 00:58:22,970  
because he's so busy getting  
ready to go back to school.

1309  
00:58:22,970 --> 00:58:26,870

1310  
00:58:26,870 --> 00:58:27,950  
He saw the world.

1311  
00:58:27,950 --> 00:58:29,660  
He saw what the world  
is like, nothing

1312  
00:58:29,660 --> 00:58:31,520  
like in the United States--

1313  
00:58:31,520 --> 00:58:34,890  
different ways of living.

1314  
00:58:34,890 --> 00:58:38,590  
He visited a lot of countries,  
had a terrific experience

1315  
00:58:38,590 --> 00:58:44,810  
through a very nice program that  
the college ran for students.

1316

00:58:44,810 --> 00:58:49,150  
And he spent, I think, a  
month or so in Europe--

1317  
00:58:49,150 --> 00:58:50,940  
his private school.

1318  
00:58:50,940 --> 00:58:53,100  
I haven't had a  
chance to talk to him.

1319  
00:58:53,100 --> 00:58:55,320  
Have you been back to Poland?

1320  
00:58:55,320 --> 00:58:57,360  
Yes, I went on the  
March of the Living.

1321  
00:58:57,360 --> 00:58:58,740  
You did.

1322  
00:58:58,740 --> 00:59:03,330  
And before I went there,  
I called my daughter up,

1323  
00:59:03,330 --> 00:59:05,670  
and I said, Debbie,  
I can't go by myself.

1324  
00:59:05,670 --> 00:59:07,350  
I need you to go with me.

1325  
00:59:07,350 --> 00:59:10,080  
She said let me  
check with my boss.

1326  
00:59:10,080 --> 00:59:12,690  
And I said, Debbie, is  
going to be only a week.

1327  
00:59:12,690 --> 00:59:15,450  
The March of the Living  
went to Poland first

1328  
00:59:15,450 --> 00:59:17,550  
and then to Israel.

1329  
00:59:17,550 --> 00:59:22,710  
And the man that led  
this group of students,

1330  
00:59:22,710 --> 00:59:25,770  
I had his children at day  
school where I taught.

1331  
00:59:25,770 --> 00:59:30,090  
And Joe called me up, and he  
said, Sarah, why don't you

1332  
00:59:30,090 --> 00:59:32,880  
come with me to Israel?

1333  
00:59:32,880 --> 00:59:35,430  
Not to Israel, I'm  
sorry-- to Poland.

1334  
00:59:35,430 --> 00:59:37,380  
And I said, Debbie  
can afford only one

1335  
00:59:37,380 --> 00:59:39,540  
week to be away from her job.

1336  
00:59:39,540 --> 00:59:42,570  
Is it OK if we just  
come to Poland with you?

1337  
00:59:42,570 --> 00:59:44,460  
He says absolutely.

1338  
00:59:44,460 --> 00:59:47,790  
He had two survivors,  
myself and another man--

1339  
00:59:47,790 --> 00:59:49,260

an older man.

1340  
00:59:49,260 --> 00:59:51,720  
And it was a marvelous,  
marvelous trip.

1341  
00:59:51,720 --> 00:59:54,690  
Good experience.

1342  
00:59:54,690 --> 00:59:56,570  
And I said, Debbie, you  
have to come with me,

1343  
00:59:56,570 --> 01:00:00,776  
because this is the l'dor v'dor.

1344  
01:00:00,776 --> 01:00:04,000  
And we only went to Poland.

1345  
01:00:04,000 --> 01:00:05,110  
And to Auschwitz.

1346  
01:00:05,110 --> 01:00:06,520  
Well, we went to--

1347  
01:00:06,520 --> 01:00:07,860  
we did Poland, the whole thing.

1348  
01:00:07,860 --> 01:00:08,360  
Right.

1349  
01:00:08,360 --> 01:00:12,350  
So when you were in Auschwitz,  
did it stimulate any memories?

1350  
01:00:12,350 --> 01:00:12,850  
No.

1351  
01:00:12,850 --> 01:00:13,350  
No.

1352



01:00:13,350 --> 01:00:16,450  
When we went to  
Auschwitz, I just

1353  
01:00:16,450 --> 01:00:18,670  
said-- he says,  
Mom, you sit down.

1354  
01:00:18,670 --> 01:00:20,290  
Debbie was my photographer.

1355  
01:00:20,290 --> 01:00:23,290  
She took all the pictures  
of our trip to Poland.

1356  
01:00:23,290 --> 01:00:26,320  
And for my birthday, she gave  
me an album of all the pictures.

1357  
01:00:26,320 --> 01:00:29,230  
We visited a school in Poland--

1358  
01:00:29,230 --> 01:00:31,870  
a Jewish school.

1359  
01:00:31,870 --> 01:00:35,460  
Had a marvelous experience  
talking to the rabbi who

1360  
01:00:35,460 --> 01:00:37,930  
was in charge of the school.

1361  
01:00:37,930 --> 01:00:38,935  
Talked to the teachers.

1362  
01:00:38,935 --> 01:00:42,000

1363  
01:00:42,000 --> 01:00:43,620  
They were teaching Hebrew there.

1364  
01:00:43,620 --> 01:00:44,490

Beautiful.

1365

01:00:44,490 --> 01:00:47,500

Was there any familiarity  
when we were in Auschwitz?

1366

01:00:47,500 --> 01:00:49,400

Did anything look  
familiar to you?

1367

01:00:49,400 --> 01:00:49,900

No.

1368

01:00:49,900 --> 01:00:50,400

No.

1369

01:00:50,400 --> 01:00:51,104

1370

01:00:51,104 --> 01:00:53,760

It was just the building, and  
I didn't go into the building,

1371

01:00:53,760 --> 01:00:54,510

to be very honest.

1372

01:00:54,510 --> 01:00:55,330

I couldn't do it.

1373

01:00:55,330 --> 01:00:56,080

You did not go in.

1374

01:00:56,080 --> 01:00:57,510

I couldn't do it.

1375

01:00:57,510 --> 01:00:59,730

Debbie says, Mom,  
you sit here outside.

1376

01:00:59,730 --> 01:01:01,980

I'm going to go in, and  
I'll take all the pictures.

1377  
01:01:01,980 --> 01:01:03,510  
Don't worry about it.

1378  
01:01:03,510 --> 01:01:04,650  
She did a marvelous job.

1379  
01:01:04,650 --> 01:01:05,760  
I have a terrific album.

1380  
01:01:05,760 --> 01:01:11,850

1381  
01:01:11,850 --> 01:01:14,500  
What about-- and  
you say Germany.

1382  
01:01:14,500 --> 01:01:17,700  
Do you have very  
negative feelings?

1383  
01:01:17,700 --> 01:01:18,960  
Oh, absolutely.

1384  
01:01:18,960 --> 01:01:20,910  
Do you get reparations?

1385  
01:01:20,910 --> 01:01:21,520  
Yes I do.

1386  
01:01:21,520 --> 01:01:22,530  
You do.

1387  
01:01:22,530 --> 01:01:23,880  
Yes.

1388  
01:01:23,880 --> 01:01:25,800  
Did your parents  
get reparations?

1389  
01:01:25,800 --> 01:01:26,820

Well, what happened.

1390  
01:01:26,820 --> 01:01:30,390  
My father applied for  
himself, and my mother

1391  
01:01:30,390 --> 01:01:34,020  
said she doesn't want  
any of that dirty money.

1392  
01:01:34,020 --> 01:01:37,290  
She said Leon, do not fill  
out the papers for me.

1393  
01:01:37,290 --> 01:01:39,990  
She was very, very strict.

1394  
01:01:39,990 --> 01:01:41,740  
So my mother never  
got reparation.

1395  
01:01:41,740 --> 01:01:45,800  
My father got reparation,  
and I gave reparations.

1396  
01:01:45,800 --> 01:01:46,500  
It's something.

1397  
01:01:46,500 --> 01:01:50,130  
He was working now with  
the Israeli government

1398  
01:01:50,130 --> 01:01:52,560  
where they want to  
give reparations

1399  
01:01:52,560 --> 01:01:57,310  
for people who are older.

1400  
01:01:57,310 --> 01:02:00,850  
And Israel is trying to work  
out something with Germany.

1401

01:02:00,850 --> 01:02:04,670

I haven't heard anything yet.

1402

01:02:04,670 --> 01:02:07,775

Are you more comfortable  
around survivors?

1403

01:02:07,775 --> 01:02:09,150

Well, I have  
nothing to do with--

1404

01:02:09,150 --> 01:02:13,470

I mean, with the survivors, it  
was only my father's friends

1405

01:02:13,470 --> 01:02:14,380

when I used to come.

1406

01:02:14,380 --> 01:02:17,027

No, but in today's world,  
when you meet with survivors,

1407

01:02:17,027 --> 01:02:17,610

are you more--

1408

01:02:17,610 --> 01:02:19,020

If I meet them fine.

1409

01:02:19,020 --> 01:02:21,390

It's not that I'm  
more comfortable.

1410

01:02:21,390 --> 01:02:22,940

With them then.

1411

01:02:22,940 --> 01:02:23,890

Them, no.

1412

01:02:23,890 --> 01:02:27,100

1413

01:02:27,100 --> 01:02:30,640  
There's no distinction between  
survivors and Americans.

1414  
01:02:30,640 --> 01:02:31,540  
I'm an American.

1415  
01:02:31,540 --> 01:02:33,910  
I'm an educator.

1416  
01:02:33,910 --> 01:02:36,660  
You know, I don't do  
well about the survival,

1417  
01:02:36,660 --> 01:02:38,830  
to be very honest with you.

1418  
01:02:38,830 --> 01:02:42,690  
I couldn't wait to come to  
Washington to the Holocaust

1419  
01:02:42,690 --> 01:02:43,500  
Museum.

1420  
01:02:43,500 --> 01:02:48,180  
My father was the first one when  
the Holocaust Museum opened,

1421  
01:02:48,180 --> 01:02:49,920  
with his friends.

1422  
01:02:49,920 --> 01:02:53,280  
They got a bus of all  
the survivors from Radom

1423  
01:02:53,280 --> 01:02:55,590  
and they came to Washington, DC.

1424  
01:02:55,590 --> 01:02:56,530  
He made sure of that.

1425  
01:02:56,530 --> 01:02:57,727

He was a doer.

1426

01:02:57,727 --> 01:03:01,550

1427

01:03:01,550 --> 01:03:06,690

Before we close, are there any messages to your grandchildren

1428

01:03:06,690 --> 01:03:08,070

you would like to leave--

1429

01:03:08,070 --> 01:03:11,370

a message or anything you'd like to say to them for the future?

1430

01:03:11,370 --> 01:03:15,440

Well, I told my grandchildren--

1431

01:03:15,440 --> 01:03:20,870

my granddaughter came back from camp, and I called her up,

1432

01:03:20,870 --> 01:03:22,940

and I Katie, how was camp?

1433

01:03:22,940 --> 01:03:23,980

How did you do?

1434

01:03:23,980 --> 01:03:25,850

Grandma, it was terrific.

1435

01:03:25,850 --> 01:03:28,970

I said, Katie, I want you to know I'm going with my friend

1436

01:03:28,970 --> 01:03:32,630

to the Holocaust Museum in Washington, DC.

1437

01:03:32,630 --> 01:03:34,850

Grandma, that's terrific.

1438  
01:03:34,850 --> 01:03:39,530  
And I said, when I come  
back, we will make a date,

1439  
01:03:39,530 --> 01:03:42,800  
and you and Ethan  
and daddy and mommy

1440  
01:03:42,800 --> 01:03:45,560  
are going to go with me  
to the Holocaust Museum,

1441  
01:03:45,560 --> 01:03:49,670  
because I want to show you some  
things and some pictures that

1442  
01:03:49,670 --> 01:03:54,320  
are now in the newspapers  
that I didn't even know.

1443  
01:03:54,320 --> 01:03:57,680  
I said, I'm going with a friend  
of mine, Elizabeth Bess--

1444  
01:03:57,680 --> 01:03:59,030  
very good friend of mine.

1445  
01:03:59,030 --> 01:04:02,030  
We're going to do a  
lot of research there.

1446  
01:04:02,030 --> 01:04:04,615  
And when I come back, I'm going  
to show you all the things.

1447  
01:04:04,615 --> 01:04:06,200  
Oh, Grandma, that's terrific.

1448  
01:04:06,200 --> 01:04:08,510  
I can't wait to see it.

1449



01:04:08,510 --> 01:04:12,280  
She was very  
enthusiastic about it.

1450  
01:04:12,280 --> 01:04:14,512  
So I will pass--

1451  
01:04:14,512 --> 01:04:16,730  
how can I say--

1452  
01:04:16,730 --> 01:04:23,270  
these feelings, but  
positive feelings about what

1453  
01:04:23,270 --> 01:04:24,410  
I have learned over this.

1454  
01:04:24,410 --> 01:04:27,430

1455  
01:04:27,430 --> 01:04:29,770  
What you have learned.

1456  
01:04:29,770 --> 01:04:30,550  
What did I learn?

1457  
01:04:30,550 --> 01:04:31,310  
Yes.

1458  
01:04:31,310 --> 01:04:38,510  
I learned that it  
could happen again.

1459  
01:04:38,510 --> 01:04:43,390  
But don't look away and say  
that happened many years ago.

1460  
01:04:43,390 --> 01:04:44,710  
You lived through it.

1461  
01:04:44,710 --> 01:04:46,300  
You survived it.

1462  
01:04:46,300 --> 01:04:48,362  
You were able to come  
to the Holocaust Museum

1463  
01:04:48,362 --> 01:04:49,195  
and tell your story.

1464  
01:04:49,195 --> 01:04:51,770

1465  
01:04:51,770 --> 01:04:54,400  
I am not that sure that  
it wouldn't happen again,

1466  
01:04:54,400 --> 01:04:58,720  
to be very honest with you,  
the way the world is going now,

1467  
01:04:58,720 --> 01:05:00,810  
unfortunately.

1468  
01:05:00,810 --> 01:05:03,660  
I'm very pessimistic, to  
be very honest for you,

1469  
01:05:03,660 --> 01:05:07,890  
to see there are no quotas to  
come into the United States.

1470  
01:05:07,890 --> 01:05:09,960  
We had to wait all  
that time in order

1471  
01:05:09,960 --> 01:05:13,020  
to come here after  
the Holocaust.

1472  
01:05:13,020 --> 01:05:18,760  
Roosevelt had a quota  
for the Polish quota.

1473

01:05:18,760 --> 01:05:20,320  
Now there's no quotas.

1474  
01:05:20,320 --> 01:05:22,740  
Anyone can come in.

1475  
01:05:22,740 --> 01:05:26,120  
The border's so open.

1476  
01:05:26,120 --> 01:05:30,740  
All you hear on TV and  
anywhere that you go--

1477  
01:05:30,740 --> 01:05:34,250  
all the atrocities that are  
happening, unfortunately--

1478  
01:05:34,250 --> 01:05:37,630  
every day it's a new gimmick.

1479  
01:05:37,630 --> 01:05:42,700  
Robbing people, killing people--

1480  
01:05:42,700 --> 01:05:47,130  
the world is terrible now,  
and I'm very sad about it.

1481  
01:05:47,130 --> 01:05:51,830

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01:05:51,830 --> 01:05:53,620  
Let's hope this  
interview contributes

1483  
01:05:53,620 --> 01:05:57,340  
to something positive with  
you telling your story.

1484  
01:05:57,340 --> 01:05:58,970  
Thank you very much.

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01:05:58,970 --> 01:06:00,540

I really appreciate it.

1486  
01:06:00,540 --> 01:06:03,190  
Well, thank you for  
doing the interview.

1487  
01:06:03,190 --> 01:06:03,820  
My pleasure.

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01:06:03,820 --> 01:06:06,520

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01:06:06,520 --> 01:06:09,730  
This concludes the United  
States Holocaust Memorial Museum

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01:06:09,730 --> 01:06:13,500  
interview with Sarah Ludwig.

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01:06:13,500 --> 01:06:14,000