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00:00:00,000 --> 00:00:00,875

2

00:00:00,875 --> 00:00:03,690

Go closer to your
telephone because I

3

00:00:03,690 --> 00:00:05,460

hear like it's far away.

4

00:00:05,460 --> 00:00:06,920

You can't-- is this better?

5

00:00:06,920 --> 00:00:07,840

Yeah that's better.

6

00:00:07,840 --> 00:00:08,340

OK.

7

00:00:08,340 --> 00:00:10,870

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00:00:10,870 --> 00:00:14,160

This is the United States
Holocaust Memorial Museum

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00:00:14,160 --> 00:00:17,190

interview with Paula Gutter.

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00:00:17,190 --> 00:00:23,540

It is being conducted by Gail
Schwartz on November 13, 2015

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00:00:23,540 --> 00:00:27,060

and it's taking place over the
telephone at the United States

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00:00:27,060 --> 00:00:32,130

Holocaust Memorial Museum and
in Fresh Meadows, New York.

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00:00:32,130 --> 00:00:35,760

This is track number one.

14

00:00:35,760 --> 00:00:38,290

What is your full name?

15

00:00:38,290 --> 00:00:42,690

My full name is Paula Gutter.

16

00:00:42,690 --> 00:00:45,540

And what is the name
you were born with?

17

00:00:45,540 --> 00:00:49,110

That was Schwartzberg.

18

00:00:49,110 --> 00:00:51,780

My family name was Schwartzberg.

19

00:00:51,780 --> 00:00:53,650

And when were you born?

20

00:00:53,650 --> 00:00:59,070

I was born August 18, 1935.

21

00:00:59,070 --> 00:01:00,820

And where were you born?

22

00:01:00,820 --> 00:01:02,490

Zamosc, Poland.

23

00:01:02,490 --> 00:01:06,480

And I'll spell it for you.

24

00:01:06,480 --> 00:01:10,220

Zamosc, it's spelled--
it's in Polish

25

00:01:10,220 --> 00:01:12,840

but that's how it
should be written.

26
00:01:12,840 --> 00:01:19,574
It's Z-A-M-O-S-C, Zamosc.

27
00:01:19,574 --> 00:01:20,570
Thank you.

28
00:01:20,570 --> 00:01:25,160
A little line over the S
and a little line over the C

29
00:01:25,160 --> 00:01:25,880
at the end.

30
00:01:25,880 --> 00:01:27,050
OK.

31
00:01:27,050 --> 00:01:27,920
Thank you.

32
00:01:27,920 --> 00:01:29,240
It's Zamosc, Poland.

33
00:01:29,240 --> 00:01:38,270
And the region is
called Lubelskie

34
00:01:38,270 --> 00:01:41,570
if you want to write it down.

35
00:01:41,570 --> 00:01:42,450
No, that's OK.

36
00:01:42,450 --> 00:01:42,950
That's OK.

37
00:01:42,950 --> 00:01:43,490
OK.

38
00:01:43,490 --> 00:01:48,120
The region is Lubelskie

but it's Zamosc.

39

00:01:48,120 --> 00:01:49,670

Tell me your parents--

40

00:01:49,670 --> 00:01:51,050

let's talk about your family.

41

00:01:51,050 --> 00:01:53,100

Your parents' names?

42

00:01:53,100 --> 00:01:56,540

My mother's name was

Rela Schwartzberg

43

00:01:56,540 --> 00:02:00,800

and my father's name

was Nathan Schwartzberg.

44

00:02:00,800 --> 00:02:04,970

And how long had

they been in Zamosc?

45

00:02:04,970 --> 00:02:09,110

When the war started,

I was four years old.

46

00:02:09,110 --> 00:02:14,020

When the war broke out,

the Germans came in--

47

00:02:14,020 --> 00:02:15,570

No, no, no, we'll

talk about that

48

00:02:15,570 --> 00:02:19,135

but I'm talking about before the

war, your parents' background.

49

00:02:19,135 --> 00:02:19,760

I want to get--

50

00:02:19,760 --> 00:02:22,100
They were born in Zamosc.

51
00:02:22,100 --> 00:02:24,390
So they were born in Zamosc.

52
00:02:24,390 --> 00:02:25,790
Sure.

53
00:02:25,790 --> 00:02:30,110
And the children and I, me
and a sister and a brother, we

54
00:02:30,110 --> 00:02:31,400
were born in Zamosc.

55
00:02:31,400 --> 00:02:33,840
And what are their names?

56
00:02:33,840 --> 00:02:38,600
My sister's name is
Sara but in Poland, she

57
00:02:38,600 --> 00:02:45,470
was called Sura and my
brother's name, Meir.

58
00:02:45,470 --> 00:02:48,350
And tell me about
your extended family.

59
00:02:48,350 --> 00:02:50,840
What about grandparents?

60
00:02:50,840 --> 00:02:54,680
The grandparents,
they were all killed.

61
00:02:54,680 --> 00:02:57,695
But your grandparents originally
were from Zamosc also?

62

00:02:57,695 --> 00:02:59,150
Also from Zamosc.

63
00:02:59,150 --> 00:03:04,670
So how far back does your family
go in Zamosc, many generations?

64
00:03:04,670 --> 00:03:08,690
I only know about
the grandparents.

65
00:03:08,690 --> 00:03:11,610
What kind of work
did your father do?

66
00:03:11,610 --> 00:03:14,210
He had a horse and
carriage and he

67
00:03:14,210 --> 00:03:20,180
was driving people to places.

68
00:03:20,180 --> 00:03:21,800
He had a horse and carriage.

69
00:03:21,800 --> 00:03:26,900
That's how we escaped Zamosc
when the Nazis came in,

70
00:03:26,900 --> 00:03:28,500
with the horse and carriage--

71
00:03:28,500 --> 00:03:30,110
Yeah, we'll talk about that.

72
00:03:30,110 --> 00:03:34,270
I want to get some before
the war information first.

73
00:03:34,270 --> 00:03:36,560
So that's what he did
as a full-time job?

74

00:03:36,560 --> 00:03:38,150

That was his job, yeah.

75

00:03:38,150 --> 00:03:39,870

And did your mother work?

76

00:03:39,870 --> 00:03:40,370

No.

77

00:03:40,370 --> 00:03:43,940

She had one child after another.

78

00:03:43,940 --> 00:03:47,060

And did you live right
in the center of town?

79

00:03:47,060 --> 00:03:49,520

In the center of town, yeah.

80

00:03:49,520 --> 00:03:52,740

In the center of town.

81

00:03:52,740 --> 00:03:55,070

And were you in a
house or an apartment?

82

00:03:55,070 --> 00:03:57,590

It was a house.

83

00:03:57,590 --> 00:04:01,460

I even wrote down the name
they sent me from Israel

84

00:04:01,460 --> 00:04:04,760

the name of the street.

85

00:04:04,760 --> 00:04:06,890

Do you remember what the
name of the street is?

86

00:04:06,890 --> 00:04:07,520

Yeah.

87

00:04:07,520 --> 00:04:11,350

I have to look it up.

88

00:04:11,350 --> 00:04:13,280

Right now, I cannot look it up.

89

00:04:13,280 --> 00:04:14,210

I have to look it up.

90

00:04:14,210 --> 00:04:14,910

I wrote it down.

91

00:04:14,910 --> 00:04:15,750

OK.

92

00:04:15,750 --> 00:04:17,630

And your brother
and sister, were

93

00:04:17,630 --> 00:04:19,160

they older or younger than you?

94

00:04:19,160 --> 00:04:22,490

My sister was the oldest,
the brother was next,

95

00:04:22,490 --> 00:04:23,540

I was the youngest.

96

00:04:23,540 --> 00:04:25,050

So you were the youngest.

97

00:04:25,050 --> 00:04:25,550

Yeah.

98

00:04:25,550 --> 00:04:26,780

All right.

99

00:04:26,780 --> 00:04:32,660

Do you have any memories
of cousins and aunts

100
00:04:32,660 --> 00:04:35,570
and uncles before the war?

101
00:04:35,570 --> 00:04:36,890
I know you were very young.

102
00:04:36,890 --> 00:04:37,982
I was very young.

103
00:04:37,982 --> 00:04:38,690
Yes, I know that.

104
00:04:38,690 --> 00:04:42,035
I don't have any memories,
but they were all killed.

105
00:04:42,035 --> 00:04:44,870

106
00:04:44,870 --> 00:04:48,770
Do you know if your family was
very religious, your parents?

107
00:04:48,770 --> 00:04:51,650

108
00:04:51,650 --> 00:04:54,260
Not too religious, no.

109
00:04:54,260 --> 00:04:58,200
Not too religious, no.

110
00:04:58,200 --> 00:05:00,390
Not orthodox.

111
00:05:00,390 --> 00:05:01,870
But did you, let's say--

112

00:05:01,870 --> 00:05:05,070
well, I guess you were too young
to remember if you observed

113
00:05:05,070 --> 00:05:07,230
any holidays before the war.

114
00:05:07,230 --> 00:05:08,410
You were too young.

115
00:05:08,410 --> 00:05:12,810
I was too young, but I
remembered Zamosc was burning.

116
00:05:12,810 --> 00:05:14,910
That I remember.

117
00:05:14,910 --> 00:05:18,480
The houses were
burning, a few houses.

118
00:05:18,480 --> 00:05:19,500
Really?

119
00:05:19,500 --> 00:05:20,610
So that was-- all right.

120
00:05:20,610 --> 00:05:22,900
Let's talk about the
beginning of the war now.

121
00:05:22,900 --> 00:05:26,640
So your very first memory,
is that your first one?

122
00:05:26,640 --> 00:05:27,360
Yes.

123
00:05:27,360 --> 00:05:28,490
It was.

124
00:05:28,490 --> 00:05:31,260

Was this in 1939?

125

00:05:31,260 --> 00:05:34,980

Summer of 1939, yes.

126

00:05:34,980 --> 00:05:40,770

It started that fateful
day in summer of 1939.

127

00:05:40,770 --> 00:05:42,660

I was four years old then.

128

00:05:42,660 --> 00:05:45,600

Right, and you saw
houses burning?

129

00:05:45,600 --> 00:05:46,770

Yes.

130

00:05:46,770 --> 00:05:49,560

You see things, when
it's something terrible,

131

00:05:49,560 --> 00:05:50,310

you remember.

132

00:05:50,310 --> 00:05:51,030

Yes.

133

00:05:51,030 --> 00:05:52,290

Yes, of course.

134

00:05:52,290 --> 00:05:57,222

Other things I don't
remember, but this I remember.

135

00:05:57,222 --> 00:05:58,680

And what did your--
do you remember

136

00:05:58,680 --> 00:06:00,890

what your parents said to you?

137
00:06:00,890 --> 00:06:02,000
No.

138
00:06:02,000 --> 00:06:07,320
I remember my mother said, we
are going to run from here.

139
00:06:07,320 --> 00:06:13,410
She was afraid of the Germans
so she forced my father

140
00:06:13,410 --> 00:06:15,870
to take us to Lublin.

141
00:06:15,870 --> 00:06:18,780
In Lublin, they
were not yet there.

142
00:06:18,780 --> 00:06:23,460
Lublin was next to
Zamosc, not too far

143
00:06:23,460 --> 00:06:26,710
and it was a bigger town
so we went to Lublin.

144
00:06:26,710 --> 00:06:28,275
Did your father
want-- do you know

145
00:06:28,275 --> 00:06:30,900
if your father wanted to
go and to leave Zamosc

146
00:06:30,900 --> 00:06:31,860
or you don't know?

147
00:06:31,860 --> 00:06:33,690
No, he wanted to go.

148
00:06:33,690 --> 00:06:36,770

Whatever my mother
said, he listened.

149
00:06:36,770 --> 00:06:38,410
And what about other relatives?

150
00:06:38,410 --> 00:06:39,550
Did they leave with you?

151
00:06:39,550 --> 00:06:41,400
They didn't want to leave.

152
00:06:41,400 --> 00:06:42,780
And so they stayed?

153
00:06:42,780 --> 00:06:43,560
They stayed.

154
00:06:43,560 --> 00:06:45,720
Oh my.

155
00:06:45,720 --> 00:06:49,370
So this is after
September 1, '39 right?

156
00:06:49,370 --> 00:06:52,620
Right, 1939.

157
00:06:52,620 --> 00:06:55,680
So do you remember
leaving Zamosc and going--

158
00:06:55,680 --> 00:06:56,970
I remember.

159
00:06:56,970 --> 00:06:58,800
What did you take with you?

160
00:06:58,800 --> 00:07:00,090
Whatever we could.

161

00:07:00,090 --> 00:07:02,820

We couldn't take
too much because we

162

00:07:02,820 --> 00:07:05,550

had to do it very fast.

163

00:07:05,550 --> 00:07:08,480

Did you take a favorite
toy or anything like that?

164

00:07:08,480 --> 00:07:09,480

No, nothing.

165

00:07:09,480 --> 00:07:12,210

166

00:07:12,210 --> 00:07:15,630

And you said you went
in your father's--?

167

00:07:15,630 --> 00:07:16,170

Carriage.

168

00:07:16,170 --> 00:07:17,490

Horse and carriage.

169

00:07:17,490 --> 00:07:18,720

We went to Lublin.

170

00:07:18,720 --> 00:07:22,140

You all fit in with
your belongings?

171

00:07:22,140 --> 00:07:24,180

Whatever we were able to take.

172

00:07:24,180 --> 00:07:26,880

Some clothes but not too much.

173

00:07:26,880 --> 00:07:28,270

We left everything.

174
00:07:28,270 --> 00:07:31,480

175
00:07:31,480 --> 00:07:34,210
But do you remember
being very frightened?

176
00:07:34,210 --> 00:07:36,460
Very frightened.

177
00:07:36,460 --> 00:07:40,240
And how did your
mother console you?

178
00:07:40,240 --> 00:07:41,500
She calmed us down.

179
00:07:41,500 --> 00:07:43,240
We were crying.

180
00:07:43,240 --> 00:07:48,100
I remembered the
burning of the homes.

181
00:07:48,100 --> 00:07:51,700
I remember that very well.

182
00:07:51,700 --> 00:07:53,770
So now you get to Lublin?

183
00:07:53,770 --> 00:07:57,850
To Lublin and we stayed in
Lublin for about a month

184
00:07:57,850 --> 00:08:00,520
and they came to Lublin.

185
00:08:00,520 --> 00:08:01,750
Where did you stay in Lublin?

186

00:08:01,750 --> 00:08:04,360
With relatives or friends or--?

187
00:08:04,360 --> 00:08:11,530
I think it was some relatives,
some cousins that was stayed,

188
00:08:11,530 --> 00:08:13,540
yes.

189
00:08:13,540 --> 00:08:15,280
I don't remember exactly--

190
00:08:15,280 --> 00:08:15,980
Right.

191
00:08:15,980 --> 00:08:16,480
I know.

192
00:08:16,480 --> 00:08:17,440
I know you were--

193
00:08:17,440 --> 00:08:20,050
In a house, where they
had a house and they let

194
00:08:20,050 --> 00:08:21,370
us stay for a month.

195
00:08:21,370 --> 00:08:22,090
OK.

196
00:08:22,090 --> 00:08:24,170
And then the Germans came there?

197
00:08:24,170 --> 00:08:27,280
The Germans came
there so we escaped.

198
00:08:27,280 --> 00:08:31,190
We took the train and
we went to Russia.

199
00:08:31,190 --> 00:08:33,730
This is your mother and your
father and your sister--

200
00:08:33,730 --> 00:08:34,840
And the three children.

201
00:08:34,840 --> 00:08:36,169
And the three of you?

202
00:08:36,169 --> 00:08:37,510
Yes.

203
00:08:37,510 --> 00:08:38,860
But no other relatives?

204
00:08:38,860 --> 00:08:40,039
No other relatives.

205
00:08:40,039 --> 00:08:42,220
They didn't want to leave.

206
00:08:42,220 --> 00:08:44,620
They didn't believe
that something bad will

207
00:08:44,620 --> 00:08:51,590
happen like that but
my mother said, no.

208
00:08:51,590 --> 00:08:55,730
I am afraid of the Nazis.

209
00:08:55,730 --> 00:08:58,720
They're going to do harm to us.

210
00:08:58,720 --> 00:09:01,090
So she was right.

211
00:09:01,090 --> 00:09:03,490

So now you leave Lublin.

212

00:09:03,490 --> 00:09:09,610

And we take the train and they
took us where they can take us.

213

00:09:09,610 --> 00:09:16,240

They took us to Kazan,
Russia and we went,

214

00:09:16,240 --> 00:09:18,910

it was fall already.

215

00:09:18,910 --> 00:09:20,740

Do you remember the train ride?

216

00:09:20,740 --> 00:09:22,270

I remember the train ride.

217

00:09:22,270 --> 00:09:25,660

Can you describe it?

218

00:09:25,660 --> 00:09:29,260

It was a poor train.

219

00:09:29,260 --> 00:09:32,640

It was not a nice--

220

00:09:32,640 --> 00:09:33,880

no seats.

221

00:09:33,880 --> 00:09:35,140

No seats?

222

00:09:35,140 --> 00:09:37,030

No.

223

00:09:37,030 --> 00:09:39,040

We were sitting on something.

224

00:09:39,040 --> 00:09:42,085

We had some clothes
on the floor.

225
00:09:42,085 --> 00:09:44,920

226
00:09:44,920 --> 00:09:47,380
It wasn't a regular train.

227
00:09:47,380 --> 00:09:52,930
It was like a workers train.

228
00:09:52,930 --> 00:09:57,040

229
00:09:57,040 --> 00:10:00,730
Do you remember how
long the journey took?

230
00:10:00,730 --> 00:10:06,160
I don't remember how long,
but it was a long ride.

231
00:10:06,160 --> 00:10:06,910
I don't remember--

232
00:10:06,910 --> 00:10:09,400
So this is October '39?

233
00:10:09,400 --> 00:10:11,110
Right.

234
00:10:11,110 --> 00:10:12,640
And so then you get--?

235
00:10:12,640 --> 00:10:14,470
Then we get to Kazan.

236
00:10:14,470 --> 00:10:18,880
That's where they took
us and they gave us

237

00:10:18,880 --> 00:10:21,130
a room in a building.

238

00:10:21,130 --> 00:10:22,570
We had one room.

239

00:10:22,570 --> 00:10:24,730
We were five people.

240

00:10:24,730 --> 00:10:27,250
When you say they gave
us, who was the they?

241

00:10:27,250 --> 00:10:28,090
The Russians.

242

00:10:28,090 --> 00:10:29,710
The government.

243

00:10:29,710 --> 00:10:34,750
They knew that we escaped
Poland so they gave us

244

00:10:34,750 --> 00:10:39,280
an apartment house, one room.

245

00:10:39,280 --> 00:10:41,200
One room for five people.

246

00:10:41,200 --> 00:10:43,300
I slept with my brother.

247

00:10:43,300 --> 00:10:51,050
He was two years older than
me in one bed for five years.

248

00:10:51,050 --> 00:10:52,600
Oh my.

249

00:10:52,600 --> 00:10:54,010
We came '39.

250
00:10:54,010 --> 00:10:57,055
We left-- it's actually
almost six years.

251
00:10:57,055 --> 00:10:59,650

252
00:10:59,650 --> 00:11:02,050
It was cold.

253
00:11:02,050 --> 00:11:05,080
One room, the kitchen
was in that room.

254
00:11:05,080 --> 00:11:08,310
The beds were in that room.

255
00:11:08,310 --> 00:11:10,510
Everything was in one room.

256
00:11:10,510 --> 00:11:12,890
And where was the bathroom,
outside or in the building?

257
00:11:12,890 --> 00:11:13,390
Outside.

258
00:11:13,390 --> 00:11:14,650
It was outside.

259
00:11:14,650 --> 00:11:19,160
We had to go out to
go to the bathroom.

260
00:11:19,160 --> 00:11:19,660
OK.

261
00:11:19,660 --> 00:11:22,510
Well, let's talk
about your experience

262

00:11:22,510 --> 00:11:24,700

there because that's
very important.

263

00:11:24,700 --> 00:11:27,940

So you get there and of course
as I said, you're quite young.

264

00:11:27,940 --> 00:11:28,690

I'm young.

265

00:11:28,690 --> 00:11:31,270

I was four years old.

266

00:11:31,270 --> 00:11:36,460

I didn't go to school until
I was six so for two years,

267

00:11:36,460 --> 00:11:37,660

I didn't go to school.

268

00:11:37,660 --> 00:11:40,450

And do you remember what you
did during those two years?

269

00:11:40,450 --> 00:11:42,760

Just nothing?

270

00:11:42,760 --> 00:11:44,260

I stayed home.

271

00:11:44,260 --> 00:11:47,170

Sometimes my mother
used to take me.

272

00:11:47,170 --> 00:11:53,260

She worked in a restaurant,
a government restaurant

273

00:11:53,260 --> 00:11:56,740

and she took me with
her to stay while she

274
00:11:56,740 --> 00:12:00,670
was cooking and working there.

275
00:12:00,670 --> 00:12:02,320
The other two went to school.

276
00:12:02,320 --> 00:12:04,870

277
00:12:04,870 --> 00:12:06,970
And did you have
enough warm clothes?

278
00:12:06,970 --> 00:12:09,490

279
00:12:09,490 --> 00:12:11,440
Not enough.

280
00:12:11,440 --> 00:12:18,970
Whatever we had, we had some
boots, old boots and coats

281
00:12:18,970 --> 00:12:22,780
but not warm, no.

282
00:12:22,780 --> 00:12:25,100
And what kind of work
did your father do?

283
00:12:25,100 --> 00:12:32,460
My father, after we arrived
there, he worked also

284
00:12:32,460 --> 00:12:39,700
in a place where they build or
they do things, he helped out.

285
00:12:39,700 --> 00:12:42,510
But then they took
him to Siberia

286

00:12:42,510 --> 00:12:48,330
he should do the work so he went
to Siberia for a couple years.

287

00:12:48,330 --> 00:12:51,000
Do you know what
year he left Kazan?

288

00:12:51,000 --> 00:12:52,730
Two years later.

289

00:12:52,730 --> 00:12:54,330
The first two years,
he was with you?

290

00:12:54,330 --> 00:12:54,830
Right.

291

00:12:54,830 --> 00:12:57,530

292

00:12:57,530 --> 00:12:58,670
They took him.

293

00:12:58,670 --> 00:13:02,740
They took the men
to work in Siberia.

294

00:13:02,740 --> 00:13:04,430
It was very difficult.

295

00:13:04,430 --> 00:13:05,930
What was it like to say goodbye?

296

00:13:05,930 --> 00:13:07,850
Do you have any
memories of that?

297

00:13:07,850 --> 00:13:09,180
What is it like what?

298

00:13:09,180 --> 00:13:12,440

To say goodbye to him when he
left, do you have any memories?

299

00:13:12,440 --> 00:13:13,850

Yes, I have memories.

300

00:13:13,850 --> 00:13:15,410

What was it?

301

00:13:15,410 --> 00:13:19,130

Very sad and he had to go.

302

00:13:19,130 --> 00:13:20,750

How was your mother
at that time?

303

00:13:20,750 --> 00:13:21,830

Was she--?

304

00:13:21,830 --> 00:13:22,800

She was upset.

305

00:13:22,800 --> 00:13:27,890

She wrote a letter to Stalin,
please to send him back.

306

00:13:27,890 --> 00:13:28,970

Oh my.

307

00:13:28,970 --> 00:13:30,590

Yes, she wrote a letter.

308

00:13:30,590 --> 00:13:33,210

She made somebody write
a beautiful letter.

309

00:13:33,210 --> 00:13:36,200

I remember it.

310

00:13:36,200 --> 00:13:44,900

But they didn't let him go
until finally they did, finally.

311
00:13:44,900 --> 00:13:50,990
So then he came back
and he wasn't very good

312
00:13:50,990 --> 00:13:52,805
after he came back from Siberia.

313
00:13:52,805 --> 00:13:56,390
He was not feeling good.

314
00:13:56,390 --> 00:13:58,340
What years were
your parents born?

315
00:13:58,340 --> 00:13:59,060
Do you know?

316
00:13:59,060 --> 00:14:00,470
Yes.

317
00:14:00,470 --> 00:14:11,540
My father was born in
1903 and my mother 1904.

318
00:14:11,540 --> 00:14:16,580
So now you're left with
your mother and your two--?

319
00:14:16,580 --> 00:14:20,150
And the two-- and my
sister and brother.

320
00:14:20,150 --> 00:14:23,710
And were there many
other children?

321
00:14:23,710 --> 00:14:25,400
No.

322

00:14:25,400 --> 00:14:29,210
No, from other families nearby?

323
00:14:29,210 --> 00:14:31,960
Oh, children, Russian children.

324
00:14:31,960 --> 00:14:33,870
You mean in the building?

325
00:14:33,870 --> 00:14:34,610
Yeah.

326
00:14:34,610 --> 00:14:35,120
Yes.

327
00:14:35,120 --> 00:14:36,620
There were children.

328
00:14:36,620 --> 00:14:39,500
What about Jewish refugee
children like you?

329
00:14:39,500 --> 00:14:42,830
Were there others like you?

330
00:14:42,830 --> 00:14:45,240
Not in that area.

331
00:14:45,240 --> 00:14:51,320
We used to meet some of
them in a different area.

332
00:14:51,320 --> 00:14:53,900
How would you describe
the town you were, Kazan?

333
00:14:53,900 --> 00:14:55,490
What was it like?

334
00:14:55,490 --> 00:14:56,172
Kazan?

335

00:14:56,172 --> 00:14:56,672

Yeah.

336

00:14:56,672 --> 00:14:59,450

337

00:14:59,450 --> 00:15:02,630

During the war, it
didn't look too good.

338

00:15:02,630 --> 00:15:07,130

It was very-- it was a sad town.

339

00:15:07,130 --> 00:15:11,540

It was not good, Cold.

340

00:15:11,540 --> 00:15:15,110

When the winter
came, it was so cold.

341

00:15:15,110 --> 00:15:21,170

Snow, winds, the apartment
didn't have heat.

342

00:15:21,170 --> 00:15:22,370

It was terrible.

343

00:15:22,370 --> 00:15:24,080

There was no stove, no furnace?

344

00:15:24,080 --> 00:15:25,970

There was a stove.

345

00:15:25,970 --> 00:15:33,950

So my mother put it on at night
to warm up the house because we

346

00:15:33,950 --> 00:15:36,530

didn't have the wood.

347

00:15:36,530 --> 00:15:43,490

We had to buy the wood so we didn't have it for too long.

348

00:15:43,490 --> 00:15:46,250

And so your mother got money from her job, right?

349

00:15:46,250 --> 00:15:47,420

Yes.

350

00:15:47,420 --> 00:15:49,340

That was the only money she had?

351

00:15:49,340 --> 00:15:51,680

That's the only money, yeah.

352

00:15:51,680 --> 00:15:55,820

Had she brought any jewelry from home or stuff like that?

353

00:15:55,820 --> 00:15:57,510

No, no.

354

00:15:57,510 --> 00:15:58,010

Nothing.

355

00:15:58,010 --> 00:16:00,770

356

00:16:00,770 --> 00:16:03,140

Was your mother able to read and write?

357

00:16:03,140 --> 00:16:05,210

Yes.

358

00:16:05,210 --> 00:16:10,730

She was able to write a letter to Stalin.

359

00:16:10,730 --> 00:16:14,990

How much education did she have?

360
00:16:14,990 --> 00:16:15,890
Public school.

361
00:16:15,890 --> 00:16:18,490

362
00:16:18,490 --> 00:16:20,980
So the first two years,
you stayed with your mother

363
00:16:20,980 --> 00:16:23,260
and went to work and then
you said you started school?

364
00:16:23,260 --> 00:16:25,480
School when I was six years old.

365
00:16:25,480 --> 00:16:28,960
And tell me about the school.

366
00:16:28,960 --> 00:16:33,100
It was walking
distance, not close.

367
00:16:33,100 --> 00:16:37,000
It was quite a long walk.

368
00:16:37,000 --> 00:16:38,710
I liked the school.

369
00:16:38,710 --> 00:16:41,530
They fed me in school.

370
00:16:41,530 --> 00:16:42,760
Was it a Russian school?

371
00:16:42,760 --> 00:16:43,990
A Russian school, yes.

372
00:16:43,990 --> 00:16:47,570

Were there any other
Jewish children?

373
00:16:47,570 --> 00:16:49,850
I don't think so.

374
00:16:49,850 --> 00:16:53,320
No, I don't think so.

375
00:16:53,320 --> 00:16:56,680
They used to call me--
even the teacher once

376
00:16:56,680 --> 00:16:58,310
didn't call me by my name.

377
00:16:58,310 --> 00:17:00,595
She called me "yevreyka".

378
00:17:00,595 --> 00:17:04,300
It means the Jew.

379
00:17:04,300 --> 00:17:05,410
The Jewish child.

380
00:17:05,410 --> 00:17:06,870
The Jewish child, right.

381
00:17:06,870 --> 00:17:10,520

382
00:17:10,520 --> 00:17:14,800
"Yevreyka", that's
how she called me.

383
00:17:14,800 --> 00:17:19,720
So you went to school and
then you would come home.

384
00:17:19,720 --> 00:17:21,829
Did you go by yourself?

385
00:17:21,829 --> 00:17:22,660
No, no.

386
00:17:22,660 --> 00:17:24,160
My mother walked me.

387
00:17:24,160 --> 00:17:26,609
Both ways?

388
00:17:26,609 --> 00:17:27,900
Both ways.

389
00:17:27,900 --> 00:17:31,290
She went to pick me
up and walked me, yes.

390
00:17:31,290 --> 00:17:34,253
I was young still.

391
00:17:34,253 --> 00:17:35,670
What were the other
children like?

392
00:17:35,670 --> 00:17:36,170
Did they--

393
00:17:36,170 --> 00:17:38,280
They were able to walk.

394
00:17:38,280 --> 00:17:39,630
No, no, no.

395
00:17:39,630 --> 00:17:42,810
Was there any antisemitism
that they showed?

396
00:17:42,810 --> 00:17:45,540
Sure, it was.

397
00:17:45,540 --> 00:17:46,570
What kind of things?

398
00:17:46,570 --> 00:17:50,805
The oldest sister
used to complain.

399
00:17:50,805 --> 00:17:52,950
What did she say happened?

400
00:17:52,950 --> 00:17:56,230
Oh, things like
the children were

401
00:17:56,230 --> 00:17:59,410
making fun and teasing her.

402
00:17:59,410 --> 00:18:01,390
Yeah, it was.

403
00:18:01,390 --> 00:18:03,130
She used to complain.

404
00:18:03,130 --> 00:18:04,630
And your brother, did he--?

405
00:18:04,630 --> 00:18:06,260
No, he didn't complain.

406
00:18:06,260 --> 00:18:06,850
He didn't?

407
00:18:06,850 --> 00:18:07,350
No.

408
00:18:07,350 --> 00:18:09,880

409
00:18:09,880 --> 00:18:12,090
The boy is different.

410
00:18:12,090 --> 00:18:13,360
Right.

411
00:18:13,360 --> 00:18:15,430
Any physical problems?

412
00:18:15,430 --> 00:18:18,410
Did anybody hurt
you or your sister?

413
00:18:18,410 --> 00:18:19,360
No, no.

414
00:18:19,360 --> 00:18:20,277
It was just all words.

415
00:18:20,277 --> 00:18:21,530
No, they didn't hurt me, no

416
00:18:21,530 --> 00:18:22,600
It was just words?

417
00:18:22,600 --> 00:18:23,830
Words.

418
00:18:23,830 --> 00:18:27,373
And besides the teacher
that called you "yevreyka",

419
00:18:27,373 --> 00:18:28,540
what were the teachers like?

420
00:18:28,540 --> 00:18:32,410
Were they friendly to you or did
they give you a difficult time?

421
00:18:32,410 --> 00:18:36,640
No, they did their job but
instead to call me Paula,

422
00:18:36,640 --> 00:18:39,430
they called me "yevreyka".

423

00:18:39,430 --> 00:18:40,630
That's how they did it.

424
00:18:40,630 --> 00:18:43,300

425
00:18:43,300 --> 00:18:49,150
And then you would
come home and then

426
00:18:49,150 --> 00:18:51,740
just life kept
going on like that?

427
00:18:51,740 --> 00:18:54,940
Yeah, for five years,
almost six years.

428
00:18:54,940 --> 00:18:57,730
What did you do besides
going to school?

429
00:18:57,730 --> 00:18:59,970
Did you do anything else?

430
00:18:59,970 --> 00:19:02,280
Nothing.

431
00:19:02,280 --> 00:19:06,760
We played in the
yard at summertime.

432
00:19:06,760 --> 00:19:09,690
We went and played
in the yard, yes.

433
00:19:09,690 --> 00:19:12,880
Did the children invite
you over to their house?

434
00:19:12,880 --> 00:19:13,690
No, no.

435

00:19:13,690 --> 00:19:16,150

We played in the yard.

436

00:19:16,150 --> 00:19:19,090

We didn't invite because
they all had only one

437

00:19:19,090 --> 00:19:22,030

room like we had one room.

438

00:19:22,030 --> 00:19:24,640

The Russians had also one room.

439

00:19:24,640 --> 00:19:26,890

So these were Russians
who were brought there?

440

00:19:26,890 --> 00:19:27,610

They weren't--

441

00:19:27,610 --> 00:19:31,720

They came, some of
them were-- this town,

442

00:19:31,720 --> 00:19:36,820

it was a Tatar Republic.

443

00:19:36,820 --> 00:19:41,830

I don't know if you know
the Tatars, like Uzbekistan?

444

00:19:41,830 --> 00:19:44,950

This was Tatar
Republic so there were

445

00:19:44,950 --> 00:19:48,040

a lot of them also
came to Russia,

446

00:19:48,040 --> 00:19:49,900

escaped from their country.

447

00:19:49,900 --> 00:19:50,860

Oh, I see.

448

00:19:50,860 --> 00:19:53,890

449

00:19:53,890 --> 00:19:57,400

Was there a big
city nearby or--?

450

00:19:57,400 --> 00:20:01,360

The big city was Moscow.

451

00:20:01,360 --> 00:20:03,940

This was the big city.

452

00:20:03,940 --> 00:20:07,750

And how far away
from Moscow were you?

453

00:20:07,750 --> 00:20:09,800

By train?

454

00:20:09,800 --> 00:20:14,965

By train, I don't know,
probably a whole day riding.

455

00:20:14,965 --> 00:20:17,680

456

00:20:17,680 --> 00:20:20,080

And now obviously when
you were growing up,

457

00:20:20,080 --> 00:20:22,720

were you speaking-- before
you left Poland, were

458

00:20:22,720 --> 00:20:25,510

you speaking Polish?

459

00:20:25,510 --> 00:20:26,860
With my parents?

460
00:20:26,860 --> 00:20:27,550
Yeah.

461
00:20:27,550 --> 00:20:30,180
No, we were speaking Yiddish.

462
00:20:30,180 --> 00:20:32,260
You spoke Yiddish.

463
00:20:32,260 --> 00:20:35,020
Did you know Polish at
all before you left?

464
00:20:35,020 --> 00:20:37,660
I knew Polish, yes.

465
00:20:37,660 --> 00:20:42,987
I understand very well but
I don't speak it fluent.

466
00:20:42,987 --> 00:20:45,070
But when you were home,
when you were very little,

467
00:20:45,070 --> 00:20:45,940
it was Yiddish?

468
00:20:45,940 --> 00:20:46,610
Right.

469
00:20:46,610 --> 00:20:50,980
OK, now you're in Kazan and
you have to learn Russian?

470
00:20:50,980 --> 00:20:52,930
That's right.

471
00:20:52,930 --> 00:20:55,000
Were you able to

pick that up easily?

472

00:20:55,000 --> 00:20:55,990

Right away.

473

00:20:55,990 --> 00:20:56,860

Really?

474

00:20:56,860 --> 00:20:59,890

Yeah, right away.

475

00:20:59,890 --> 00:21:02,740

I spoke very good Russian.

476

00:21:02,740 --> 00:21:05,050

Were your parents able
to pick up the language?

477

00:21:05,050 --> 00:21:07,480

Yes, they were.

478

00:21:07,480 --> 00:21:12,040

They were young when
we came to Russia.

479

00:21:12,040 --> 00:21:13,570

They were in their--

480

00:21:13,570 --> 00:21:14,980

Late 30s, weren't they?

481

00:21:14,980 --> 00:21:18,190

In their 30s, yeah.

482

00:21:18,190 --> 00:21:21,260

At that time, it used
to be not so young

483

00:21:21,260 --> 00:21:24,250

but today 30s is very young.

484

00:21:24,250 --> 00:21:24,850
Right.

485
00:21:24,850 --> 00:21:28,570
Now did your parents
have any communication

486
00:21:28,570 --> 00:21:30,160
with your grandparents?

487
00:21:30,160 --> 00:21:32,910

488
00:21:32,910 --> 00:21:33,810
Did they hear from--

489
00:21:33,810 --> 00:21:35,820
They wish they could have.

490
00:21:35,820 --> 00:21:36,602
They didn't have.

491
00:21:36,602 --> 00:21:38,310
They had no communication
once they left?

492
00:21:38,310 --> 00:21:40,650
No communication.

493
00:21:40,650 --> 00:21:45,180
When we left Russia,
we went back to Poland

494
00:21:45,180 --> 00:21:48,450
to look if anybody stayed alive.

495
00:21:48,450 --> 00:21:52,650
Only one cousin from
my mother's side.

496
00:21:52,650 --> 00:21:56,940
My mother's sister's

son we found

497

00:21:56,940 --> 00:22:04,320
and he was hiding in the sewer
and he lived through the war.

498

00:22:04,320 --> 00:22:05,850
What was his name?

499

00:22:05,850 --> 00:22:09,210
Chaim Dorenfeld.

500

00:22:09,210 --> 00:22:12,650
But while you were in Kazan,
there was no communication?

501

00:22:12,650 --> 00:22:13,890
No, no, no.

502

00:22:13,890 --> 00:22:17,220
We couldn't communicate.

503

00:22:17,220 --> 00:22:17,855
Oh, dear.

504

00:22:17,855 --> 00:22:21,090

505

00:22:21,090 --> 00:22:25,410
So now life just goes on,
and what about communication

506

00:22:25,410 --> 00:22:27,300
with your father after he left?

507

00:22:27,300 --> 00:22:29,400
Was he able to write
to your mother?

508

00:22:29,400 --> 00:22:32,250
Yeah, he was able to write.

509

00:22:32,250 --> 00:22:35,040

In Russia he was able to write.

510

00:22:35,040 --> 00:22:37,000

Not to family in Poland.

511

00:22:37,000 --> 00:22:39,330

Right, so you knew he was OK.

512

00:22:39,330 --> 00:22:40,050

Yes.

513

00:22:40,050 --> 00:22:43,170

And what did he say
he did in Siberia?

514

00:22:43,170 --> 00:22:44,970

He worked hard.

515

00:22:44,970 --> 00:22:48,450

Do you know what
kind of work he did?

516

00:22:48,450 --> 00:22:49,350

Build buildings.

517

00:22:49,350 --> 00:22:50,272

Build buildings?

518

00:22:50,272 --> 00:22:50,772

Yes.

519

00:22:50,772 --> 00:22:53,580

520

00:22:53,580 --> 00:22:56,970

And how was his
health in Siberia?

521

00:22:56,970 --> 00:23:04,320

When he came home, he wasn't

healthy but then he improved.

522

00:23:04,320 --> 00:23:07,920

And how did your mother
get food to feed you all?

523

00:23:07,920 --> 00:23:08,760

From her job?

524

00:23:08,760 --> 00:23:11,790

She brought from work, sure.

525

00:23:11,790 --> 00:23:15,050

Yeah, she brought
whatever she can.

526

00:23:15,050 --> 00:23:19,770

She brought the peels
from the potatoes

527

00:23:19,770 --> 00:23:24,810

and she cooked those
peels, whatever

528

00:23:24,810 --> 00:23:27,690

she was allowed to take.

529

00:23:27,690 --> 00:23:32,050

And did you and your
brother and sister

530

00:23:32,050 --> 00:23:34,320

stay healthy while
you were there?

531

00:23:34,320 --> 00:23:36,540

Yes, we were OK.

532

00:23:36,540 --> 00:23:37,950

Nobody got sick or anything?

533

00:23:37,950 --> 00:23:39,525

No, no.

534
00:23:39,525 --> 00:23:43,590
We got sick with the
cold but not serious.

535
00:23:43,590 --> 00:23:47,430
Nothing serious, and did
they have Russian friends,

536
00:23:47,430 --> 00:23:48,670
your brother and sister?

537
00:23:48,670 --> 00:23:50,970
Yes, yes.

538
00:23:50,970 --> 00:23:55,170
I had some Russian
friends in the building.

539
00:23:55,170 --> 00:24:05,610
I remember my mother took a
heavy blanket made out of down

540
00:24:05,610 --> 00:24:09,530
and that, she was able to
take two of those blankets

541
00:24:09,530 --> 00:24:12,330
so it was good to
lay on the bed.

542
00:24:12,330 --> 00:24:15,270

543
00:24:15,270 --> 00:24:16,400
It kept us warm.

544
00:24:16,400 --> 00:24:19,380

545
00:24:19,380 --> 00:24:22,980

And do you remember
what your mother said

546
00:24:22,980 --> 00:24:25,890
about what was happening and
why your father was away?

547
00:24:25,890 --> 00:24:27,330
How did she explain it to you?

548
00:24:27,330 --> 00:24:29,490
No, she explained
that he had to go.

549
00:24:29,490 --> 00:24:30,720
That's what they wanted.

550
00:24:30,720 --> 00:24:34,746
The government wanted him to
go and help out over there.

551
00:24:34,746 --> 00:24:38,620

552
00:24:38,620 --> 00:24:42,130
And do you know if she
knew what was happening

553
00:24:42,130 --> 00:24:44,170
in Europe to the Jews?

554
00:24:44,170 --> 00:24:47,920
Did she know anything
about that at the time?

555
00:24:47,920 --> 00:24:50,480
We found out later on.

556
00:24:50,480 --> 00:24:50,980
Later.

557
00:24:50,980 --> 00:24:52,570

You didn't know while
it was happening?

558
00:24:52,570 --> 00:24:53,070
No, no.

559
00:24:53,070 --> 00:24:57,460
Later on we found out that
they're killing the Jews.

560
00:24:57,460 --> 00:25:02,930
Was there anybody else from
Zamosc with you in Kazan?

561
00:25:02,930 --> 00:25:05,230
No.

562
00:25:05,230 --> 00:25:07,100
So these were all
new people for you?

563
00:25:07,100 --> 00:25:08,020
All new people.

564
00:25:08,020 --> 00:25:11,930

565
00:25:11,930 --> 00:25:13,720
Nobody from Zamosc, no.

566
00:25:13,720 --> 00:25:19,510
Was there any dangerous
times when you were there?

567
00:25:19,510 --> 00:25:20,650
In Kazan?

568
00:25:20,650 --> 00:25:22,360
Yeah.

569
00:25:22,360 --> 00:25:24,650
Any bombing or

anything like that?

570

00:25:24,650 --> 00:25:25,450

No, no.

571

00:25:25,450 --> 00:25:27,310

So it was quiet?

572

00:25:27,310 --> 00:25:29,710

In Kazan it was quiet.

573

00:25:29,710 --> 00:25:32,770

Remember they tried
to go to Moscow

574

00:25:32,770 --> 00:25:38,590

and it got very, very
cold so they backed out.

575

00:25:38,590 --> 00:25:40,120

You remember the story?

576

00:25:40,120 --> 00:25:41,350

Yeah.

577

00:25:41,350 --> 00:25:42,010

No, no.

578

00:25:42,010 --> 00:25:43,760

They didn't come to Kazan.

579

00:25:43,760 --> 00:25:45,035

We didn't hear any bombing.

580

00:25:45,035 --> 00:25:47,750

581

00:25:47,750 --> 00:25:50,680

It was at least safe that way.

582

00:25:50,680 --> 00:25:53,440

583

00:25:53,440 --> 00:25:59,500

When you look back at it, was
it a very frightening time or--?

584

00:25:59,500 --> 00:26:05,020

Very frightening time, but when
you go through difficult times,

585

00:26:05,020 --> 00:26:09,010

you learn a lesson and you
appreciate what you have now.

586

00:26:09,010 --> 00:26:09,760

Yes.

587

00:26:09,760 --> 00:26:11,060

Oh, yes.

588

00:26:11,060 --> 00:26:16,120

We had it very difficult,
very difficult.

589

00:26:16,120 --> 00:26:20,970

It wasn't easy especially for
my mother it was very difficult.

590

00:26:20,970 --> 00:26:23,620

Was her health OK
during that time?

591

00:26:23,620 --> 00:26:24,350

Yes.

592

00:26:24,350 --> 00:26:26,620

She went to work every day.

593

00:26:26,620 --> 00:26:27,850

She did?

594

00:26:27,850 --> 00:26:29,650

Yes, she did.

595

00:26:29,650 --> 00:26:31,990

Did you observe any
of the Jewish holidays

596

00:26:31,990 --> 00:26:33,770

while you were in Kazan?

597

00:26:33,770 --> 00:26:34,270

No.

598

00:26:34,270 --> 00:26:36,790

599

00:26:36,790 --> 00:26:41,110

So then your father came back.

600

00:26:41,110 --> 00:26:43,500

Do you remember what year
that was he came back?

601

00:26:43,500 --> 00:26:47,980

He came back two
years later and so

602

00:26:47,980 --> 00:26:52,280

we stayed in Russia until '45.

603

00:26:52,280 --> 00:26:56,960

At the end of '45, we
went back to Poland.

604

00:26:56,960 --> 00:26:57,460

OK.

605

00:26:57,460 --> 00:27:00,550

How did you know that
the war was over?

606

00:27:00,550 --> 00:27:05,710

No, it was in the

streets, a celebration.

607

00:27:05,710 --> 00:27:11,130

Sure, in school, in the street.

608

00:27:11,130 --> 00:27:16,230

And here you're 10 years
old so you obviously

609

00:27:16,230 --> 00:27:17,370

knew what was happening.

610

00:27:17,370 --> 00:27:19,270

Sure, absolutely.

611

00:27:19,270 --> 00:27:21,000

What did it mean
to a 10-year-old?

612

00:27:21,000 --> 00:27:23,490

Do you remember any
of your thoughts?

613

00:27:23,490 --> 00:27:30,180

My thoughts were now,
it's going to be good.

614

00:27:30,180 --> 00:27:34,240

Until now it was very difficult.

615

00:27:34,240 --> 00:27:36,460

And did you celebrate yourself?

616

00:27:36,460 --> 00:27:38,740

Did you celebrate?

617

00:27:38,740 --> 00:27:39,580

Celebrate--?

618

00:27:39,580 --> 00:27:41,770

Well, when you knew
the war was over.

619
00:27:41,770 --> 00:27:43,510
Oh, sure.

620
00:27:43,510 --> 00:27:48,580
We were running outside and
singing and dancing, yes.

621
00:27:48,580 --> 00:27:51,930

622
00:27:51,930 --> 00:27:55,560
So then you returned, you said?

623
00:27:55,560 --> 00:28:01,290
We went back to Poland
to see if we find anybody

624
00:28:01,290 --> 00:28:06,840
so I told you we only found
this cousin and the streets

625
00:28:06,840 --> 00:28:10,500
in Poland were unbelievable.

626
00:28:10,500 --> 00:28:13,380
Bodies still laying.

627
00:28:13,380 --> 00:28:15,390
You wouldn't believe it.

628
00:28:15,390 --> 00:28:20,860
The end of '45, you
see the skeletons.

629
00:28:20,860 --> 00:28:22,180
Terrible, terrible.

630
00:28:22,180 --> 00:28:22,860
Very sad.

631

00:28:22,860 --> 00:28:25,540

632

00:28:25,540 --> 00:28:32,620

So we didn't find anybody and
so from Poland they took us.

633

00:28:32,620 --> 00:28:36,430

The DP took us to Germany.

634

00:28:36,430 --> 00:28:40,600

Yeah, but before that did you
go back to your house in Zamosc?

635

00:28:40,600 --> 00:28:42,250

We didn't go to Zamosc.

636

00:28:42,250 --> 00:28:43,277

We went to Lublin.

637

00:28:43,277 --> 00:28:44,110

Oh, you went Lublin.

638

00:28:44,110 --> 00:28:48,130

To see if anybody is alive
and they told us nobody.

639

00:28:48,130 --> 00:28:49,383

Right.

640

00:28:49,383 --> 00:28:50,800

But you did not
go back to Zamosc?

641

00:28:50,800 --> 00:28:53,590

No.

642

00:28:53,590 --> 00:28:58,300

All right, and now who
took you to the DP camps?

643

00:28:58,300 --> 00:29:02,110

I guess it was the Americans.

644

00:29:02,110 --> 00:29:09,610
Yeah, they took us to a DP camp
in Germany called Heidenheim

645

00:29:09,610 --> 00:29:13,300
and we stayed in
Germany from '46

646

00:29:13,300 --> 00:29:18,940
to '48, two years in that camp.

647

00:29:18,940 --> 00:29:22,330
And there they gave
us canned food,

648

00:29:22,330 --> 00:29:26,080
all kinds of things
from America and that's

649

00:29:26,080 --> 00:29:29,770
how we survived in Heidenheim.

650

00:29:29,770 --> 00:29:32,800
Now there obviously were
other children your age

651

00:29:32,800 --> 00:29:35,230
who had gone through the same--

652

00:29:35,230 --> 00:29:37,090
The same, gone through
the same thing.

653

00:29:37,090 --> 00:29:40,497
And did you talk to them and
did you each tell your stories

654

00:29:40,497 --> 00:29:41,080
to each other?

655

00:29:41,080 --> 00:29:41,260

Yes, yes.

656

00:29:41,260 --> 00:29:42,010

Absolutely.

657

00:29:42,010 --> 00:29:45,490

658

00:29:45,490 --> 00:29:47,890

They went through
the same thing.

659

00:29:47,890 --> 00:29:49,656

They also escaped to Russia.

660

00:29:49,656 --> 00:29:52,270

661

00:29:52,270 --> 00:29:56,700

Some of them escaped from
the concentration camps.

662

00:29:56,700 --> 00:29:58,030

Some of them.

663

00:29:58,030 --> 00:29:58,840

Really?

664

00:29:58,840 --> 00:30:00,650

Yeah.

665

00:30:00,650 --> 00:30:05,180

And so you made friends
as a 10, 11, 12-year-old?

666

00:30:05,180 --> 00:30:06,480

You made some friends?

667

00:30:06,480 --> 00:30:06,980

Yes, yes.

668

00:30:06,980 --> 00:30:12,860

And also I went to
school in that DP camp.

669

00:30:12,860 --> 00:30:19,460

They had a Hebrew school
and they taught us Hebrew.

670

00:30:19,460 --> 00:30:21,350

Did they want you
to go to Palestine?

671

00:30:21,350 --> 00:30:23,460

They wanted us to
go to Palestine.

672

00:30:23,460 --> 00:30:28,400

In fact my sister,
she went to help out.

673

00:30:28,400 --> 00:30:34,340

She went to at that time,
it was called Palestine.

674

00:30:34,340 --> 00:30:37,290

She went-- they took
her, she was already 17

675

00:30:37,290 --> 00:30:43,490

so they took her so we went
to Israel after two years,

676

00:30:43,490 --> 00:30:45,770

in '48 we went to Israel.

677

00:30:45,770 --> 00:30:47,885

Oh, so she went first or
you all went together?

678

00:30:47,885 --> 00:30:50,930

She went herself first.

679

00:30:50,930 --> 00:30:53,140
They collected teenagers.

680
00:30:53,140 --> 00:30:55,130
Teenagers, yeah.

681
00:30:55,130 --> 00:30:57,920
To help.

682
00:30:57,920 --> 00:31:02,030
Her they took, and then we went.

683
00:31:02,030 --> 00:31:05,850
So you were in the DP camp
for a couple of years.

684
00:31:05,850 --> 00:31:06,350
Right.

685
00:31:06,350 --> 00:31:08,180
And what did your parents do?

686
00:31:08,180 --> 00:31:10,130
Where they working then?

687
00:31:10,130 --> 00:31:12,620
No, they were not working.

688
00:31:12,620 --> 00:31:14,930
You didn't have jobs there.

689
00:31:14,930 --> 00:31:17,030
We were just in camp.

690
00:31:17,030 --> 00:31:20,120
My mother was cooking
and my father,

691
00:31:20,120 --> 00:31:22,160
I think he did some work.

692

00:31:22,160 --> 00:31:24,080

I'm not sure what he did.

693

00:31:24,080 --> 00:31:26,570

And what was the
living arrangements?

694

00:31:26,570 --> 00:31:29,570

Were you in barracks or were
you in apartments or what?

695

00:31:29,570 --> 00:31:31,460

It's in a little house.

696

00:31:31,460 --> 00:31:32,430

A little house, oh.

697

00:31:32,430 --> 00:31:35,420

Yeah, they gave
us a little house

698

00:31:35,420 --> 00:31:38,660

but it was like
an attached house

699

00:31:38,660 --> 00:31:42,020

so there were apartments
in each section.

700

00:31:42,020 --> 00:31:46,540

701

00:31:46,540 --> 00:31:50,770

And you had enough food, enough
clothing and you were warm?

702

00:31:50,770 --> 00:31:55,810

Enough, it wasn't
enough but it's--

703

00:31:55,810 --> 00:32:00,850

I did some babysitting
so I got paid a little.

704
00:32:00,850 --> 00:32:04,580
Yeah, I was already
10 years old,

705
00:32:04,580 --> 00:32:08,130
11 so I was able to babysit.

706
00:32:08,130 --> 00:32:11,140

707
00:32:11,140 --> 00:32:13,820
So then your sister
goes off to Palestine

708
00:32:13,820 --> 00:32:17,590
and then you and your
family go over there also?

709
00:32:17,590 --> 00:32:20,560
And we meet her at
the airport, yes.

710
00:32:20,560 --> 00:32:26,645
How did you how did you get
from Germany to Palestine?

711
00:32:26,645 --> 00:32:30,740
By boat.

712
00:32:30,740 --> 00:32:31,240
Oh.

713
00:32:31,240 --> 00:32:33,890
I thought you said airport?

714
00:32:33,890 --> 00:32:37,130
No, I think it was by boat.

715
00:32:37,130 --> 00:32:38,100
By boat?

716

00:32:38,100 --> 00:32:40,490

Yes, it was by boat.

717

00:32:40,490 --> 00:32:41,870

Did Palestine--

718

00:32:41,870 --> 00:32:43,310

Yes, I remember.

719

00:32:43,310 --> 00:32:49,745

It was a special boat that
went from Germany to Palestine.

720

00:32:49,745 --> 00:32:52,760

Do you remember the
name of the boat or not?

721

00:32:52,760 --> 00:32:54,410

I think Zion?

722

00:32:54,410 --> 00:32:55,040

Oh, really?

723

00:32:55,040 --> 00:32:57,950

Or something like that.

724

00:32:57,950 --> 00:33:00,950

And were there a lot of
other children on the boat?

725

00:33:00,950 --> 00:33:01,790

Yes, a lot.

726

00:33:01,790 --> 00:33:03,620

Filled, the boat was filled.

727

00:33:03,620 --> 00:33:06,260

Filled with children
and families?

728

00:33:06,260 --> 00:33:06,890

Yeah.

729

00:33:06,890 --> 00:33:08,794

Boats were coming constantly.

730

00:33:08,794 --> 00:33:12,260

731

00:33:12,260 --> 00:33:15,620

And do you know what port
you'd left from or not?

732

00:33:15,620 --> 00:33:17,310

What port, from Germany?

733

00:33:17,310 --> 00:33:18,610

Yeah.

734

00:33:18,610 --> 00:33:19,110

No.

735

00:33:19,110 --> 00:33:30,560

I know we were driven by
a big truck to the port.

736

00:33:30,560 --> 00:33:33,570

Yeah, that I remember.

737

00:33:33,570 --> 00:33:34,070

All right.

738

00:33:34,070 --> 00:33:38,750

So now you arrive in Palestine
and what does that mean to you?

739

00:33:38,750 --> 00:33:41,690

Oh, it changed completely.

740

00:33:41,690 --> 00:33:44,060

It's like home.

741

00:33:44,060 --> 00:33:47,870
Yes, it was like home.

742
00:33:47,870 --> 00:33:49,160
And we worked.

743
00:33:49,160 --> 00:33:54,350
They took us to a field to
collect oranges from the trees.

744
00:33:54,350 --> 00:33:56,960

745
00:33:56,960 --> 00:34:00,050
Had the state of Israel
been declared already?

746
00:34:00,050 --> 00:34:01,850
In '48?

747
00:34:01,850 --> 00:34:04,640
Not right away, not right away.

748
00:34:04,640 --> 00:34:07,440
When we came, was
still shooting.

749
00:34:07,440 --> 00:34:08,449
Oh, my.

750
00:34:08,449 --> 00:34:11,050
Yes, not right away.

751
00:34:11,050 --> 00:34:13,500
I think it took a couple months.

752
00:34:13,500 --> 00:34:16,370
Do you know what
month you arrived?

753
00:34:16,370 --> 00:34:25,909
We arrived I think in

the fall, the end of '48.

754

00:34:25,909 --> 00:34:29,239

Oh, so it was the
state of Israel by then

755

00:34:29,239 --> 00:34:30,620

but they were still fighting.

756

00:34:30,620 --> 00:34:34,159

They were still fighting, yeah.

757

00:34:34,159 --> 00:34:38,929

And out fighting, shooting.

758

00:34:38,929 --> 00:34:41,120

Where did you live?

759

00:34:41,120 --> 00:34:42,380

Where did say--

760

00:34:42,380 --> 00:34:47,100

Lod, L-O-D, Lod.

761

00:34:47,100 --> 00:34:48,810

That's the town?

762

00:34:48,810 --> 00:34:49,800

That's the town.

763

00:34:49,800 --> 00:34:50,850

That's near the airport.

764

00:34:50,850 --> 00:34:51,989

Near the airport, right.

765

00:34:51,989 --> 00:34:52,830

Near the port.

766

00:34:52,830 --> 00:34:54,120

Yes, near the airport.

767
00:34:54,120 --> 00:34:55,110
Right.

768
00:34:55,110 --> 00:34:58,410
So you settled there
and what was that--

769
00:34:58,410 --> 00:35:05,250
For a short time and then
we went, we lived in Jaffa.

770
00:35:05,250 --> 00:35:08,930
And what was life like then?

771
00:35:08,930 --> 00:35:10,940
Did your father work?

772
00:35:10,940 --> 00:35:12,710
Oh yes, he worked.

773
00:35:12,710 --> 00:35:13,580
What did he do?

774
00:35:13,580 --> 00:35:14,790
And my mother worked.

775
00:35:14,790 --> 00:35:17,870
What did they do in Jaffa?

776
00:35:17,870 --> 00:35:21,890
He got himself a
horse and carriage.

777
00:35:21,890 --> 00:35:26,630
He worked-- he had
it in Poland so he

778
00:35:26,630 --> 00:35:30,470
got himself that and my
mother, she was babysitting.

779

00:35:30,470 --> 00:35:35,930

She was watching children
when the parents went to work.

780

00:35:35,930 --> 00:35:38,130

And your sister and brother,
what were they doing?

781

00:35:38,130 --> 00:35:45,980

They went to school in Israel
and after that, my sister

782

00:35:45,980 --> 00:35:52,700

got married at a young
age and she worked also.

783

00:35:52,700 --> 00:35:54,830

She worked.

784

00:35:54,830 --> 00:35:56,450

And you were at school?

785

00:35:56,450 --> 00:35:57,950

I'm in school, yes.

786

00:35:57,950 --> 00:36:01,580

And did you know Hebrew before?

787

00:36:01,580 --> 00:36:05,360

In Germany, they taught
me Hebrew so I knew.

788

00:36:05,360 --> 00:36:09,290

Not fluent but I knew.

789

00:36:09,290 --> 00:36:14,420

I knew how to write
and read, yes.

790

00:36:14,420 --> 00:36:16,250

I still know how
to write and read.

791
00:36:16,250 --> 00:36:18,680
Wonderful.

792
00:36:18,680 --> 00:36:21,110
So then you continue
on until when?

793
00:36:21,110 --> 00:36:25,010

794
00:36:25,010 --> 00:36:36,500
Then they gave us a little house
in a suburbia near Tel Aviv

795
00:36:36,500 --> 00:36:40,140
so then we all moved
to that suburbia.

796
00:36:40,140 --> 00:36:43,190
It was called--

797
00:36:43,190 --> 00:36:44,450
I forgot.

798
00:36:44,450 --> 00:36:49,190
I forgot what it was called
but it was a nice little house.

799
00:36:49,190 --> 00:36:53,070
It was an all-new home.

800
00:36:53,070 --> 00:36:54,260
Oh, how interesting.

801
00:36:54,260 --> 00:36:55,400
From the government.

802
00:36:55,400 --> 00:36:57,020
How interesting.

803

00:36:57,020 --> 00:36:59,740

So you moved from
Jaffa to there?

804

00:36:59,740 --> 00:37:03,320

From Jaffa to there, yeah.

805

00:37:03,320 --> 00:37:04,952

I forgot the name of the town.

806

00:37:04,952 --> 00:37:05,660

That's all right.

807

00:37:05,660 --> 00:37:08,780

All the way from Tel Aviv.

808

00:37:08,780 --> 00:37:10,280

Do you know Israel?

809

00:37:10,280 --> 00:37:11,370

Yes I do but--

810

00:37:11,370 --> 00:37:14,600

It was near Ramat Gan.

811

00:37:14,600 --> 00:37:15,800

I forgot the name.

812

00:37:15,800 --> 00:37:20,060

And you stayed in
Israel for how long?

813

00:37:20,060 --> 00:37:25,220

I stayed until I met my
husband and he wanted to go--

814

00:37:25,220 --> 00:37:28,430

his parents were in
the United States.

815

00:37:28,430 --> 00:37:33,290

They came straight from

Russia to United States.

816

00:37:33,290 --> 00:37:39,230

They didn't go back to Poland
so they wanted us to come there.

817

00:37:39,230 --> 00:37:41,210

I met my husband in Israel.

818

00:37:41,210 --> 00:37:43,440

How did you meet him?

819

00:37:43,440 --> 00:37:49,010

I met him in Tel
Aviv through friends

820

00:37:49,010 --> 00:37:51,740

and so then we
started going out.

821

00:37:51,740 --> 00:37:55,820

We married in Israel
and two years later, we

822

00:37:55,820 --> 00:37:58,050

went to the United States.

823

00:37:58,050 --> 00:38:02,030

And that was in what year?

824

00:38:02,030 --> 00:38:04,910

'59, the end of '59.

825

00:38:04,910 --> 00:38:09,380

So you got married in '57 then?

826

00:38:09,380 --> 00:38:13,700

I got married in '57, yes.

827

00:38:13,700 --> 00:38:18,050

And then you left in '59 to
come to the United States?

828
00:38:18,050 --> 00:38:20,750

829
00:38:20,750 --> 00:38:22,960
Actually it was almost '60.

830
00:38:22,960 --> 00:38:28,010
It was December, the
end of December in '59.

831
00:38:28,010 --> 00:38:31,162
And how did you feel
about leaving Israel

832
00:38:31,162 --> 00:38:32,370
to come to the United States?

833
00:38:32,370 --> 00:38:38,510
I said I'm going but if I
don't like it I'm coming back.

834
00:38:38,510 --> 00:38:39,600
And your husband's name?

835
00:38:39,600 --> 00:38:42,590
Because I like Israel very much.

836
00:38:42,590 --> 00:38:47,540
Life is very warm over there.

837
00:38:47,540 --> 00:38:50,630
It's different.

838
00:38:50,630 --> 00:38:52,970
And your husband's name?

839
00:38:52,970 --> 00:38:55,520
My husband's name is Fred.

840
00:38:55,520 --> 00:38:58,220

His Polish name was Romek.

841
00:38:58,220 --> 00:39:01,100

842
00:39:01,100 --> 00:39:06,110
Fred, but I called him by
his Hebrew name Ephraim.

843
00:39:06,110 --> 00:39:08,660

844
00:39:08,660 --> 00:39:12,515
And so where did you come when
you came to the United States?

845
00:39:12,515 --> 00:39:13,140
Where did you--

846
00:39:13,140 --> 00:39:14,240
Brooklyn.

847
00:39:14,240 --> 00:39:17,270
That's where my in-laws live.

848
00:39:17,270 --> 00:39:19,730
We stayed with them
for a little while

849
00:39:19,730 --> 00:39:24,050
but then we rented an apartment.

850
00:39:24,050 --> 00:39:25,400
We lived in Brooklyn.

851
00:39:25,400 --> 00:39:26,930
Now I live in Queens.

852
00:39:26,930 --> 00:39:31,310
Right, and then
you had children?

853

00:39:31,310 --> 00:39:38,570

Right, after we came
to the United States.

854

00:39:38,570 --> 00:39:42,600

My daughter was
born a year later.

855

00:39:42,600 --> 00:39:49,220

I had my daughter and
then in '64 I had my son.

856

00:39:49,220 --> 00:39:52,190

And you've been
there ever since.

857

00:39:52,190 --> 00:39:52,820

What?

858

00:39:52,820 --> 00:39:54,790

You've been there ever since.

859

00:39:54,790 --> 00:39:56,240

I'm here ever since.

860

00:39:56,240 --> 00:40:01,820

I went to Israel a
couple times but now

861

00:40:01,820 --> 00:40:07,010

I'm so used to the United
States that I love it.

862

00:40:07,010 --> 00:40:09,860

I like America.

863

00:40:09,860 --> 00:40:12,440

864

00:40:12,440 --> 00:40:19,480

And can we now just
talk about some

865
00:40:19,480 --> 00:40:26,410
of your thoughts and feelings
about what you went through?

866
00:40:26,410 --> 00:40:28,970
When you think
about your childhood

867
00:40:28,970 --> 00:40:30,580
which was so difficult--

868
00:40:30,580 --> 00:40:32,020
Very difficult.

869
00:40:32,020 --> 00:40:34,480
Do you feel you lost
part of your childhood?

870
00:40:34,480 --> 00:40:37,870
Absolutely, absolutely.

871
00:40:37,870 --> 00:40:42,360
Yeah, very difficult.
But you know?

872
00:40:42,360 --> 00:40:49,230
We didn't complain and it wasn't
things like it's happening now.

873
00:40:49,230 --> 00:40:53,610
Sometimes you hear children take
drugs, take this, take that.

874
00:40:53,610 --> 00:40:59,010
This never happened,
never happened.

875
00:40:59,010 --> 00:41:02,940
Not with my brother,
not with my sister.

876

00:41:02,940 --> 00:41:05,560

Did they stay in Israel,
your brother and sister?

877

00:41:05,560 --> 00:41:06,090

Yes.

878

00:41:06,090 --> 00:41:07,560

They lived in Israel.

879

00:41:07,560 --> 00:41:13,980

They passed away unfortunately.

880

00:41:13,980 --> 00:41:23,430

My brother passed away in
2012 and my sister 2008.

881

00:41:23,430 --> 00:41:25,470

They had cancer.

882

00:41:25,470 --> 00:41:27,420

Did they get married
and have children?

883

00:41:27,420 --> 00:41:28,560

They had children, yes.

884

00:41:28,560 --> 00:41:32,040

885

00:41:32,040 --> 00:41:36,450

Can you tell me what your
thoughts are now about Germany?

886

00:41:36,450 --> 00:41:38,685

Do you have any special
thoughts about the country?

887

00:41:38,685 --> 00:41:41,100

You mean about
Germany after the war

888

00:41:41,100 --> 00:41:43,490
when we stayed in that DP camp?

889
00:41:43,490 --> 00:41:43,990
No, no.

890
00:41:43,990 --> 00:41:46,980
Just your general feelings
now about Germany.

891
00:41:46,980 --> 00:41:50,430
Oh, the general feeling?

892
00:41:50,430 --> 00:41:56,010
Look, it's not their fault
what happened during the Nazis.

893
00:41:56,010 --> 00:42:00,450
Right now Germany is very--

894
00:42:00,450 --> 00:42:03,570
they are upset what happened.

895
00:42:03,570 --> 00:42:07,530
Germany itself is
very against what

896
00:42:07,530 --> 00:42:16,140
happened but it happened
during the war in '39.

897
00:42:16,140 --> 00:42:22,170
It was terrible, terrible
what they did to people.

898
00:42:22,170 --> 00:42:26,130
Not only Jews, they were a
lot of Christians killed.

899
00:42:26,130 --> 00:42:30,225
If they were hiding a Jewish
person then they were killed.

900

00:42:30,225 --> 00:42:33,300

901

00:42:33,300 --> 00:42:41,080

Are there any sights or
sounds or smells that remind

902

00:42:41,080 --> 00:42:44,900

you of your life in
Poland and Siberia,

903

00:42:44,900 --> 00:42:49,510

anything that brings
back memories for you?

904

00:42:49,510 --> 00:42:53,470

I'm not thinking about it
because if I start thinking,

905

00:42:53,470 --> 00:42:57,790

I get depressed so I
don't want to look back.

906

00:42:57,790 --> 00:43:00,180

It was rough.

907

00:43:00,180 --> 00:43:02,440

It was rough.

908

00:43:02,440 --> 00:43:04,250

When your children
were growing up,

909

00:43:04,250 --> 00:43:05,785

did you talk about
your childhood?

910

00:43:05,785 --> 00:43:06,285

Yes.

911

00:43:06,285 --> 00:43:07,600

They know.

912
00:43:07,600 --> 00:43:11,620
My granddaughter wrote the
whole thing in school about me.

913
00:43:11,620 --> 00:43:12,380
Really?

914
00:43:12,380 --> 00:43:13,540
Yeah.

915
00:43:13,540 --> 00:43:17,800
I have it right in front of me.

916
00:43:17,800 --> 00:43:20,830
She writes, "My
grandmother was born

917
00:43:20,830 --> 00:43:25,420
Perla Schwartzberg,
American name Paula--"

918
00:43:25,420 --> 00:43:27,730
but it's spelled different.

919
00:43:27,730 --> 00:43:31,540
In Polish it's spelled
different and here it's

920
00:43:31,540 --> 00:43:34,330
spelled differently.

921
00:43:34,330 --> 00:43:44,320
In Polish it's spelled S-Z-W-A-R
and then in here it's S-C-H-W.

922
00:43:44,320 --> 00:43:47,800
So she wrote a whole megillah.

923
00:43:47,800 --> 00:43:50,020
So your name at birth was Perla?

924
00:43:50,020 --> 00:43:50,740
Perla, yes.

925
00:43:50,740 --> 00:43:52,310
Not Paula.

926
00:43:52,310 --> 00:43:52,810
No.

927
00:43:52,810 --> 00:43:55,250
My name here is Paula.

928
00:43:55,250 --> 00:43:59,755
In Russia also was Paula
but spelled different.

929
00:43:59,755 --> 00:44:05,980
Here it's P-A-U-L-A. In
Russia, it's P-O-L-A, Pola.

930
00:44:05,980 --> 00:44:08,900
Have you ever been to Germany?

931
00:44:08,900 --> 00:44:09,520
No.

932
00:44:09,520 --> 00:44:10,420
Would you go?

933
00:44:10,420 --> 00:44:11,650
No.

934
00:44:11,650 --> 00:44:12,220
Why not?

935
00:44:12,220 --> 00:44:13,360
Not to Germany.

936
00:44:13,360 --> 00:44:17,560
I would like to go to
Kazan where I lived.

937
00:44:17,560 --> 00:44:19,990
Oh, I would love it.

938
00:44:19,990 --> 00:44:22,820
But I'm too old now.

939
00:44:22,820 --> 00:44:25,840
I should have gone
when I was younger.

940
00:44:25,840 --> 00:44:30,520
My nephew, my sister's
son went to Poland

941
00:44:30,520 --> 00:44:35,950
to see the street where
his mother was born

942
00:44:35,950 --> 00:44:40,510
and he wrote to me the
name of the street.

943
00:44:40,510 --> 00:44:49,450
[? Ryavrushuk ?] that was
the name of the street.

944
00:44:49,450 --> 00:44:52,300
Do you get reparations?

945
00:44:52,300 --> 00:44:57,970
I applied but it's not so easy.

946
00:44:57,970 --> 00:45:02,280
You have to be in
concentration camps.

947
00:45:02,280 --> 00:45:06,840
They gave some money, those
that had to leave Poland

948
00:45:06,840 --> 00:45:11,220

but I didn't get
anything, not yet.

949
00:45:11,220 --> 00:45:12,390
Maybe.

950
00:45:12,390 --> 00:45:15,100
Yeah, I'm registered.

951
00:45:15,100 --> 00:45:18,150
I'm registered with
an organization.

952
00:45:18,150 --> 00:45:22,260
It's called-- what is it called?

953
00:45:22,260 --> 00:45:22,920
I forgot.

954
00:45:22,920 --> 00:45:27,530

955
00:45:27,530 --> 00:45:30,320
Do you feel totally assimilated?

956
00:45:30,320 --> 00:45:31,760
How would you describe yourself?

957
00:45:31,760 --> 00:45:34,220
Are you American or--?

958
00:45:34,220 --> 00:45:34,790
No.

959
00:45:34,790 --> 00:45:37,190
I'm American.

960
00:45:37,190 --> 00:45:39,770
I'm all the way American.

961
00:45:39,770 --> 00:45:47,600

I put out the flag when
we had the holiday.

962
00:45:47,600 --> 00:45:50,390
Every holiday, I
put out the flag.

963
00:45:50,390 --> 00:45:53,840
When did you become a citizen?

964
00:45:53,840 --> 00:45:56,660
Five years later, 1965.

965
00:45:56,660 --> 00:45:57,920
What was that like?

966
00:45:57,920 --> 00:45:59,750
Beautiful.

967
00:45:59,750 --> 00:46:01,720
I answered all the questions.

968
00:46:01,720 --> 00:46:02,480
I studied.

969
00:46:02,480 --> 00:46:06,530
I went at night to high
school to finish up.

970
00:46:06,530 --> 00:46:07,760
So I studied anew.

971
00:46:07,760 --> 00:46:10,410

972
00:46:10,410 --> 00:46:13,230
What language do you think in?

973
00:46:13,230 --> 00:46:14,830
What language I'm thinking?

974

00:46:14,830 --> 00:46:15,330
Yeah, in.

975
00:46:15,330 --> 00:46:16,290
In English.

976
00:46:16,290 --> 00:46:17,520
You think in English?

977
00:46:17,520 --> 00:46:19,110
Yeah.

978
00:46:19,110 --> 00:46:21,030
Yeah, I think in English.

979
00:46:21,030 --> 00:46:23,550
So I guess you are
totally assimilated.

980
00:46:23,550 --> 00:46:25,420
Right.

981
00:46:25,420 --> 00:46:31,080
But I also speak Hebrew
and I speak Russian.

982
00:46:31,080 --> 00:46:37,500
Polish, I'm not so perfect
but I understand very good

983
00:46:37,500 --> 00:46:41,400
and I speak a little German.

984
00:46:41,400 --> 00:46:44,520
You know, I was in Germany
for two to three years.

985
00:46:44,520 --> 00:46:45,300
I was young.

986
00:46:45,300 --> 00:46:49,230
You pick up fast the language.

987
00:46:49,230 --> 00:46:53,670
Do you think about your
experience as a child

988
00:46:53,670 --> 00:46:57,990
more so now as you get older?

989
00:46:57,990 --> 00:47:01,380
Are you finding that you're
thinking about it more?

990
00:47:01,380 --> 00:47:05,220
As I'm getting older if I'm
thinking about my childhood?

991
00:47:05,220 --> 00:47:05,760
Yeah.

992
00:47:05,760 --> 00:47:08,070
Yes, I'm thinking.

993
00:47:08,070 --> 00:47:11,010
I'm always telling
my grandchildren,

994
00:47:11,010 --> 00:47:17,310
you don't know how I lived
through the war being a child,

995
00:47:17,310 --> 00:47:20,930
how difficult it was.

996
00:47:20,930 --> 00:47:23,420
You have it very
good, I tell them.

997
00:47:23,420 --> 00:47:26,440

998
00:47:26,440 --> 00:47:29,920
They know, they know.

999

00:47:29,920 --> 00:47:32,410

Are you more comfortable
around people

1000

00:47:32,410 --> 00:47:35,680

who are also survivors, people
who lived through the war

1001

00:47:35,680 --> 00:47:39,280

than being around
people who never

1002

00:47:39,280 --> 00:47:42,100

had to experience any of that?

1003

00:47:42,100 --> 00:47:42,710

No.

1004

00:47:42,710 --> 00:47:49,450

I meet-- I go to organization
where people from Poland,

1005

00:47:49,450 --> 00:47:52,990

from Hungary, from--

1006

00:47:52,990 --> 00:47:55,390

it's called Selfhelp I think.

1007

00:47:55,390 --> 00:47:57,790

Selfhelp is the organization.

1008

00:47:57,790 --> 00:48:00,820

It's on Queens Boulevard.

1009

00:48:00,820 --> 00:48:02,200

I belonged there.

1010

00:48:02,200 --> 00:48:08,200

We meet once in a month or
sometimes twice a month.

1011

00:48:08,200 --> 00:48:10,720

They came from
different countries.

1012

00:48:10,720 --> 00:48:12,805

No, I like Americans better.

1013

00:48:12,805 --> 00:48:15,580

1014

00:48:15,580 --> 00:48:17,920

I feel comfortable more.

1015

00:48:17,920 --> 00:48:21,190

1016

00:48:21,190 --> 00:48:23,290

Would you be a
different person today

1017

00:48:23,290 --> 00:48:27,250

if you hadn't had the
experiences you had as a child

1018

00:48:27,250 --> 00:48:28,400

or do you think--?

1019

00:48:28,400 --> 00:48:31,510

I think this taught
me a good lesson.

1020

00:48:31,510 --> 00:48:34,540

What lesson did it teach you?

1021

00:48:34,540 --> 00:48:39,520

To appreciate what we have now
and what we went through before

1022

00:48:39,520 --> 00:48:40,615

and not to complain.

1023

00:48:40,615 --> 00:48:45,640

1024

00:48:45,640 --> 00:48:47,560

I know you were
young, but do you

1025

00:48:47,560 --> 00:48:49,870

remember the Eichmann trial?

1026

00:48:49,870 --> 00:48:50,950

Eichmann trial?

1027

00:48:50,950 --> 00:48:51,957

Sure, I remember.

1028

00:48:51,957 --> 00:48:54,040

What were your feelings
during the Eichmann trial?

1029

00:48:54,040 --> 00:48:58,900

Oh, it was coming to
him, everything he got.

1030

00:48:58,900 --> 00:49:03,730

He was a murderer and
hiding in Argentina.

1031

00:49:03,730 --> 00:49:05,030

Sure I remember.

1032

00:49:05,030 --> 00:49:11,890

I listened constantly
to news when

1033

00:49:11,890 --> 00:49:18,850

they have something special and
I'm very aware of everything.

1034

00:49:18,850 --> 00:49:23,430

Some days, I listen to,
I watch Face the Nation,

1035

00:49:23,430 --> 00:49:28,970

Meet the Press, very
interesting for me.

1036

00:49:28,970 --> 00:49:30,530

Did you work in
the United States

1037

00:49:30,530 --> 00:49:31,790

when you came and settled?

1038

00:49:31,790 --> 00:49:33,950

Yeah, sure I worked.

1039

00:49:33,950 --> 00:49:38,870

I worked in JC
Penney, a salesgirl.

1040

00:49:38,870 --> 00:49:40,370

Yeah, I worked.

1041

00:49:40,370 --> 00:49:41,840

For how long?

1042

00:49:41,840 --> 00:49:43,010

Quite a few years.

1043

00:49:43,010 --> 00:49:47,570

1044

00:49:47,570 --> 00:49:50,060

I worked after the
children grew up

1045

00:49:50,060 --> 00:49:54,170

and they didn't need me
anymore so I went to work.

1046

00:49:54,170 --> 00:49:58,970

I didn't work when I came.

1047

00:49:58,970 --> 00:50:01,940

I had them right
away, a year later.

1048

00:50:01,940 --> 00:50:04,865

Right, and your husband
was able to support?

1049

00:50:04,865 --> 00:50:05,365

Yes.

1050

00:50:05,365 --> 00:50:08,270

1051

00:50:08,270 --> 00:50:17,330

He was working as an electrician
and that's how it was.

1052

00:50:17,330 --> 00:50:23,390

It was a difficult
time but I survived.

1053

00:50:23,390 --> 00:50:24,425

Yes, yes.

1054

00:50:24,425 --> 00:50:28,200

1055

00:50:28,200 --> 00:50:30,060

Do you think the world
has learned anything

1056

00:50:30,060 --> 00:50:32,580

from those years?

1057

00:50:32,580 --> 00:50:37,110

Oh, I don't know if the
world learned anything.

1058

00:50:37,110 --> 00:50:39,900

What do you think?

1059

00:50:39,900 --> 00:50:44,230

Does it look to you
that they learned?

1060

00:50:44,230 --> 00:50:46,405

Look what's going
on now with ISIS.

1061

00:50:46,405 --> 00:50:50,660

1062

00:50:50,660 --> 00:50:58,980

They still hate the Americans
and hate the Europeans.

1063

00:50:58,980 --> 00:51:02,250

1064

00:51:02,250 --> 00:51:06,390

Have you been to the Holocaust
Museum in Washington?

1065

00:51:06,390 --> 00:51:07,650

Oh sure.

1066

00:51:07,650 --> 00:51:08,370

You have?

1067

00:51:08,370 --> 00:51:10,950

Yes, yes.

1068

00:51:10,950 --> 00:51:13,920

I have and the children have.

1069

00:51:13,920 --> 00:51:16,600

My children went
with their children.

1070

00:51:16,600 --> 00:51:19,170

Yes, sure.

1071

00:51:19,170 --> 00:51:21,300

But what do I have to see?

1072
00:51:21,300 --> 00:51:23,520
I know.

1073
00:51:23,520 --> 00:51:26,055
When I came back
to Poland, I knew.

1074
00:51:26,055 --> 00:51:29,320

1075
00:51:29,320 --> 00:51:32,920
I saw the streets with
skeletons, bodies.

1076
00:51:32,920 --> 00:51:36,630
They didn't clean up yet.

1077
00:51:36,630 --> 00:51:37,510
So I know.

1078
00:51:37,510 --> 00:51:41,340

1079
00:51:41,340 --> 00:51:43,930
It was a terrible war, terrible.

1080
00:51:43,930 --> 00:51:48,450

1081
00:51:48,450 --> 00:51:50,460
Well, is there
anything you wanted

1082
00:51:50,460 --> 00:51:52,020
to say that we haven't covered?

1083
00:51:52,020 --> 00:51:54,670

1084

00:51:54,670 --> 00:51:56,160
What things?

1085
00:51:56,160 --> 00:51:59,490
Well, anything about your
experience or your life today

1086
00:51:59,490 --> 00:52:01,680
that we haven't talked about.

1087
00:52:01,680 --> 00:52:03,250
Oh, my life today.

1088
00:52:03,250 --> 00:52:08,280
My husband passed away
in 2002 unfortunately.

1089
00:52:08,280 --> 00:52:14,760
He had a bad heart and
they couldn't do anything.

1090
00:52:14,760 --> 00:52:21,450
He had congestive heart
failure so he died.

1091
00:52:21,450 --> 00:52:23,790
He was too young to die.

1092
00:52:23,790 --> 00:52:24,870
He was only 74.

1093
00:52:24,870 --> 00:52:29,320

1094
00:52:29,320 --> 00:52:31,140
This was a difficult time.

1095
00:52:31,140 --> 00:52:31,705
I'm sure.

1096
00:52:31,705 --> 00:52:34,500

1097
00:52:34,500 --> 00:52:37,980
Otherwise, that's it.

1098
00:52:37,980 --> 00:52:43,160
Do you belong to any
other survivors groups?

1099
00:52:43,160 --> 00:52:45,260
In that Selfhelp, I belong.

1100
00:52:45,260 --> 00:52:48,650
Besides that one, do you
belong to any others?

1101
00:52:48,650 --> 00:52:50,060
No.

1102
00:52:50,060 --> 00:52:52,670
I do get mail from them.

1103
00:52:52,670 --> 00:52:55,340
They send me newspapers.

1104
00:52:55,340 --> 00:53:02,280
I'm registered but that's
the only one that I belong.

1105
00:53:02,280 --> 00:53:04,400
Do they have any others?

1106
00:53:04,400 --> 00:53:06,830
Oh, I'm sure there are
other survivor organizations

1107
00:53:06,830 --> 00:53:09,470
in different cities.

1108
00:53:09,470 --> 00:53:10,490
I have to find out.

1109

00:53:10,490 --> 00:53:14,540

1110
00:53:14,540 --> 00:53:16,440
Well, I want to thank you.

1111
00:53:16,440 --> 00:53:18,290
Thank you.

1112
00:53:18,290 --> 00:53:19,340
Is there any message--

1113
00:53:19,340 --> 00:53:21,695
I tell you, we had
a long interview.

1114
00:53:21,695 --> 00:53:22,970
An hour.

1115
00:53:22,970 --> 00:53:24,890
Right.

1116
00:53:24,890 --> 00:53:28,830
Is there any message you wanted
to leave to your grandchildren,

1117
00:53:28,830 --> 00:53:29,330
anything?

1118
00:53:29,330 --> 00:53:32,930
Oh, I just want to leave
them that I love them

1119
00:53:32,930 --> 00:53:34,190
with all my heart.

1120
00:53:34,190 --> 00:53:35,390
That's beautiful.

1121
00:53:35,390 --> 00:53:39,950
And they're always on my mind.

1122

00:53:39,950 --> 00:53:43,730

And my children,
always on my mind.

1123

00:53:43,730 --> 00:53:47,740

They should have
better than I had.

1124

00:53:47,740 --> 00:53:49,880

They shouldn't have
to go through what

1125

00:53:49,880 --> 00:53:53,660

I, God forbid, went through.

1126

00:53:53,660 --> 00:53:57,290

It was difficult,
difficult times.

1127

00:53:57,290 --> 00:53:59,870

Very difficult.

1128

00:53:59,870 --> 00:54:01,170

Well, I really appreciate you.

1129

00:54:01,170 --> 00:54:03,900

OK, it was good talking to you.

1130

00:54:03,900 --> 00:54:04,590

Thank you.

1131

00:54:04,590 --> 00:54:06,580

And let me just finish--

1132

00:54:06,580 --> 00:54:11,450

And how will my
children get this--?

1133

00:54:11,450 --> 00:54:15,020

You will get a copy
of the interview.

1134
00:54:15,020 --> 00:54:15,690
I will?

1135
00:54:15,690 --> 00:54:16,190
Yes.

1136
00:54:16,190 --> 00:54:18,050
Oh, how wonderful.

1137
00:54:18,050 --> 00:54:19,840
By mail?

1138
00:54:19,840 --> 00:54:20,630
Yes, yes.

1139
00:54:20,630 --> 00:54:21,500
Beautiful.

1140
00:54:21,500 --> 00:54:22,950
Thank you so much.

1141
00:54:22,950 --> 00:54:26,270
Let me just finish by saying
this concludes the United

1142
00:54:26,270 --> 00:54:32,210
States Holocaust Memorial Museum
interview with Paula Gutter.

1143
00:54:32,210 --> 00:54:34,210
Thank you.