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00:00:00,000 --> 00:00:02,230

2
00:00:02,230 --> 00:00:05,410
You can go ahead.

3
00:00:05,410 --> 00:00:08,770
Why don't you just state
your grandmother's name

4
00:00:08,770 --> 00:00:11,330
and the date of birth
and place of birth,

5
00:00:11,330 --> 00:00:14,530
if you can remember that.

6
00:00:14,530 --> 00:00:20,620
My grandmother's name
was Etta Moscovitz.

7
00:00:20,620 --> 00:00:21,740
E-T-T-A?

8
00:00:21,740 --> 00:00:22,240
Yes.

9
00:00:22,240 --> 00:00:25,130

10
00:00:25,130 --> 00:00:28,580
Moscovitz, can you
spell that for me?

11
00:00:28,580 --> 00:00:29,870
Let me write it.

12
00:00:29,870 --> 00:00:32,540
OK.

13

00:00:32,540 --> 00:00:36,380

You can write it on
the back of here.

14

00:00:36,380 --> 00:00:38,130

I think I [INAUDIBLE].

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00:00:38,130 --> 00:00:39,510

Oh, right.

16

00:00:39,510 --> 00:00:40,010

Here.

17

00:00:40,010 --> 00:00:40,986

[INAUDIBLE]

18

00:00:40,986 --> 00:00:53,700

19

00:00:53,700 --> 00:00:54,386

Oh, I'm sorry.

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00:00:54,386 --> 00:00:54,886

That's OK.

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00:00:54,886 --> 00:00:55,984

No problem.

22

00:00:55,984 --> 00:00:57,680

[INAUDIBLE] my pen [INAUDIBLE].

23

00:00:57,680 --> 00:01:05,310

24

00:01:05,310 --> 00:01:08,650

Do you remember
where she was born?

25

00:01:08,650 --> 00:01:10,715

She was born in Volosyanka.

26

00:01:10,715 --> 00:01:15,140

27

00:01:15,140 --> 00:01:18,080

And do you remember
how old she was?

28

00:01:18,080 --> 00:01:19,610

She was about 80.

29

00:01:19,610 --> 00:01:20,540

She was 80 years old?

30

00:01:20,540 --> 00:01:21,530

Yes.

31

00:01:21,530 --> 00:01:25,950

And that was-- she was
80, do you remember when?

32

00:01:25,950 --> 00:01:28,790

When they got her-- when
they took her to Auschwitz.

33

00:01:28,790 --> 00:01:31,025

In 1942?

34

00:01:31,025 --> 00:01:33,290

Between '42 and '43.

35

00:01:33,290 --> 00:01:39,760

I'm not-- I think
it's been documented

36

00:01:39,760 --> 00:01:44,170

when these people have been
taken to Auschwitz from where

37

00:01:44,170 --> 00:01:44,950

I come from.

38

00:01:44,950 --> 00:01:49,450

39

00:01:49,450 --> 00:01:52,120

Let's see, so she grew
up in Volosyanka .

40

00:01:52,120 --> 00:01:52,870

Volosyanka .

41

00:01:52,870 --> 00:01:54,470

And she lived there.

42

00:01:54,470 --> 00:01:57,235

You see, Jews lived
there for years.

43

00:01:57,235 --> 00:02:04,088

44

00:02:04,088 --> 00:02:05,755

Now she was married
to your grandfather,

45

00:02:05,755 --> 00:02:07,047

you were telling me about this.

46

00:02:07,047 --> 00:02:07,727

Right.

47

00:02:07,727 --> 00:02:08,310

But you know--

48

00:02:08,310 --> 00:02:09,820

Can you tell me his name?

49

00:02:09,820 --> 00:02:11,790

His name was Sander.

50

00:02:11,790 --> 00:02:15,110

51

00:02:15,110 --> 00:02:19,680
A matter of fact, my
grandchild is named after him.

52
00:02:19,680 --> 00:02:21,900
They call him short, Seth.

53
00:02:21,900 --> 00:02:22,440
Set?

54
00:02:22,440 --> 00:02:23,190
Seth, but--

55
00:02:23,190 --> 00:02:23,890
S-E-T?

56
00:02:23,890 --> 00:02:26,400
Yes.

57
00:02:26,400 --> 00:02:30,630
T-H-- Seth, S-E-T-H.
But at home,

58
00:02:30,630 --> 00:02:33,600
they used to call
him Sander Moscovitz.

59
00:02:33,600 --> 00:02:40,337

60
00:02:40,337 --> 00:02:41,420
And you said that you're--

61
00:02:41,420 --> 00:02:41,920
He--

62
00:02:41,920 --> 00:02:42,620
--oh, go ahead.

63
00:02:42,620 --> 00:02:43,820
He was 86.

64

00:02:43,820 --> 00:02:51,500

That I know for sure, he
was 86 because he would cry.

65

00:02:51,500 --> 00:02:53,802

And oy what happened
to him, poor guy.

66

00:02:53,802 --> 00:02:56,930

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00:02:56,930 --> 00:02:59,998

Now you said that
your grandfather

68

00:02:59,998 --> 00:03:01,040

was a very religious man.

69

00:03:01,040 --> 00:03:03,490

Was your grandmother also--
she was very religious?

70

00:03:03,490 --> 00:03:04,580

Sort of.

71

00:03:04,580 --> 00:03:07,450

But women didn't show it.

72

00:03:07,450 --> 00:03:10,400

Women didn't worship
as much as men did.

73

00:03:10,400 --> 00:03:17,390

74

00:03:17,390 --> 00:03:21,950

He was terribly upset with
God that he didn't die.

75

00:03:21,950 --> 00:03:24,110

He had no fear of death.

76
00:03:24,110 --> 00:03:29,180
He had no fear of death
because he was so religious.

77
00:03:29,180 --> 00:03:32,240
He felt he goes to--

78
00:03:32,240 --> 00:03:33,530
so he was upset with--

79
00:03:33,530 --> 00:03:41,900
I remember in the ghetto,
when they took him--

80
00:03:41,900 --> 00:03:46,140
they took him to the square.

81
00:03:46,140 --> 00:03:51,455
But more all the people
that had beards--

82
00:03:51,455 --> 00:03:55,640
he had a long beard, not just a
small beard, but a long beard.

83
00:03:55,640 --> 00:03:59,760
He never cut his beard
because of religion.

84
00:03:59,760 --> 00:04:04,340
So they got this old
man on the square.

85
00:04:04,340 --> 00:04:06,630
And they were cutting
the beard with scissors.

86
00:04:06,630 --> 00:04:09,740
And they were beating on him.

87
00:04:09,740 --> 00:04:13,400
So he was bloody.

88
00:04:13,400 --> 00:04:18,110
And my mother was the daughter.

89
00:04:18,110 --> 00:04:20,570
So my mother
finally got to him--

90
00:04:20,570 --> 00:04:24,060
you couldn't go to rescue him
because you would get shot.

91
00:04:24,060 --> 00:04:25,190
You wouldn't get beaten up.

92
00:04:25,190 --> 00:04:26,810
But you would get shot.

93
00:04:26,810 --> 00:04:28,550
So she couldn't go rescue.

94
00:04:28,550 --> 00:04:31,790
But then when they were finished
beating him up and cutting

95
00:04:31,790 --> 00:04:36,320
his beard, they
brought him home.

96
00:04:36,320 --> 00:04:40,020
And he was just crying terribly.

97
00:04:40,020 --> 00:04:42,440
And we thought
that he was crying

98
00:04:42,440 --> 00:04:44,060
because he was full of pain.

99
00:04:44,060 --> 00:04:49,550
His face was bloated and black.

100

00:04:49,550 --> 00:04:54,800

And after a few days, the man
just couldn't stop crying.

101

00:04:54,800 --> 00:04:57,630

So we told them we understand.

102

00:04:57,630 --> 00:05:00,335

He must be in terrible
pain from the blows

103

00:05:00,335 --> 00:05:02,828

that he got over the head.

104

00:05:02,828 --> 00:05:06,710

And he says, no, he
really is not in--

105

00:05:06,710 --> 00:05:08,660

he doesn't cry out of pain.

106

00:05:08,660 --> 00:05:13,070

But he is not him.

107

00:05:13,070 --> 00:05:18,830

He felt so humiliated.

108

00:05:18,830 --> 00:05:20,750

So my mother took a scarf.

109

00:05:20,750 --> 00:05:25,635

And she put it on his face
and tied it on the top.

110

00:05:25,635 --> 00:05:28,220

And put his hat on--

111

00:05:28,220 --> 00:05:30,380

a black hat.

112

00:05:30,380 --> 00:05:33,735

And somehow that made him
feel better and stop crying.

113
00:05:33,735 --> 00:05:37,380

114
00:05:37,380 --> 00:05:41,948
So that's how he went to
Auschwitz a few days later.

115
00:05:41,948 --> 00:05:43,740
That was right before
he went to Auschwitz?

116
00:05:43,740 --> 00:05:45,040
Just before.

117
00:05:45,040 --> 00:05:47,290
I just don't understand.

118
00:05:47,290 --> 00:05:52,290
I don't understand why
they needed to do this him.

119
00:05:52,290 --> 00:05:55,980
They knew that he would
wind up in Auschwitz.

120
00:05:55,980 --> 00:06:03,060
What happened was they
kept us in a ghetto

121
00:06:03,060 --> 00:06:08,390
until they accumulated enough
Jews to put in a transport

122
00:06:08,390 --> 00:06:11,645
because the trains
were many long.

123
00:06:11,645 --> 00:06:18,530

124

00:06:18,530 --> 00:06:22,160

Do you remember what
your father did--

125

00:06:22,160 --> 00:06:24,410

or your grandfather
did for a living, what

126

00:06:24,410 --> 00:06:25,700

he had worked at before?

127

00:06:25,700 --> 00:06:27,920

Yeah.

128

00:06:27,920 --> 00:06:30,800

They had us a store with--

129

00:06:30,800 --> 00:06:33,050

they had a store.

130

00:06:33,050 --> 00:06:37,225

They were selling
flour there and sugar--

131

00:06:37,225 --> 00:06:39,410

it wasn't a big store.

132

00:06:39,410 --> 00:06:40,680

Like a grocery store sort of?

133

00:06:40,680 --> 00:06:42,440

A small grocery store, yeah.

134

00:06:42,440 --> 00:06:46,460

Small-- it wasn't a giant.

135

00:06:46,460 --> 00:06:49,198

And both your grandmother and
your grandfather worked there?

136

00:06:49,198 --> 00:06:49,990

Worked there, yeah.

137
00:06:49,990 --> 00:06:52,980

138
00:06:52,980 --> 00:06:54,220
And that was in the town?

139
00:06:54,220 --> 00:06:54,720
Yes.

140
00:06:54,720 --> 00:07:06,070

141
00:07:06,070 --> 00:07:08,090
Do you know when
they got married?

142
00:07:08,090 --> 00:07:08,590
No.

143
00:07:08,590 --> 00:07:12,650

144
00:07:12,650 --> 00:07:14,960
And how many children
did they have?

145
00:07:14,960 --> 00:07:20,210
Oh, they had 10
boys and 2 girls.

146
00:07:20,210 --> 00:07:28,090
And the 2 girls,
while I was growing--

147
00:07:28,090 --> 00:07:29,630
when they were still about--

148
00:07:29,630 --> 00:07:33,860
I have pictures of about six 6.

149

00:07:33,860 --> 00:07:36,500
And I was in the United States.

150

00:07:36,500 --> 00:07:37,820
And a few of them died.

151

00:07:37,820 --> 00:07:42,470
But they had a lot of children.

152

00:07:42,470 --> 00:07:44,240
I have pictures.

153

00:07:44,240 --> 00:07:45,740
My mother was the daughter.

154

00:07:45,740 --> 00:07:46,990
And then I had an aunt.

155

00:07:46,990 --> 00:07:51,590

156

00:07:51,590 --> 00:07:55,160
Your mother in that family,
was she one of the older ones

157

00:07:55,160 --> 00:07:56,900
or one of the younger?

158

00:07:56,900 --> 00:07:57,592
In between.

159

00:07:57,592 --> 00:07:58,550
In between, the middle?

160

00:07:58,550 --> 00:07:59,050
Yeah.

161

00:07:59,050 --> 00:08:13,660

162

00:08:13,660 --> 00:08:18,710
Do you remember-- this is
probably difficult for you

163
00:08:18,710 --> 00:08:19,210
to remember.

164
00:08:19,210 --> 00:08:24,040
But do you remember
them talking about--

165
00:08:24,040 --> 00:08:27,070
or even your parents talking
about when the Germans came

166
00:08:27,070 --> 00:08:29,920
to power-- when the Nazis
came to power in Germany

167
00:08:29,920 --> 00:08:30,820
in the '30s?

168
00:08:30,820 --> 00:08:31,390
Yes.

169
00:08:31,390 --> 00:08:34,030
Do you remember, were
they frightened at all?

170
00:08:34,030 --> 00:08:37,730
Or were they were
they apprehensive?

171
00:08:37,730 --> 00:08:39,220
Very.

172
00:08:39,220 --> 00:08:43,940
But I'll tell you, as
I talk in the tapes--

173
00:08:43,940 --> 00:08:47,080
you'll see the tape--

174

00:08:47,080 --> 00:08:51,790

we knew somehow-- the Jews have
suffered through the last 2000

175

00:08:51,790 --> 00:08:53,350

years, if you know--

176

00:08:53,350 --> 00:08:56,140

I'm sure you know history.

177

00:08:56,140 --> 00:09:02,020

But this has never happened
before to no group of people.

178

00:09:02,020 --> 00:09:07,090

So as much as we were
frightened and scared,

179

00:09:07,090 --> 00:09:15,020

but we didn't fear actual
death and destruction,

180

00:09:15,020 --> 00:09:16,885

the kind that has happened.

181

00:09:16,885 --> 00:09:19,390

182

00:09:19,390 --> 00:09:22,360

We felt, they're going
to take the manpower.

183

00:09:22,360 --> 00:09:24,360

And they're going to work them.

184

00:09:24,360 --> 00:09:28,100

Or they're going to
do things like that.

185

00:09:28,100 --> 00:09:33,790

But to take small little
kids, and gas them,

186
00:09:33,790 --> 00:09:36,840
we did not expect it.

187
00:09:36,840 --> 00:09:38,965
But your parents were
scared when the Nazi's--

188
00:09:38,965 --> 00:09:39,100
Yes.

189
00:09:39,100 --> 00:09:39,767
--came to power?

190
00:09:39,767 --> 00:09:41,230
They were frightened of death?

191
00:09:41,230 --> 00:09:42,820
Yeah, because what
he was saying.

192
00:09:42,820 --> 00:09:46,820
He was actually saying
what he was going to do.

193
00:09:46,820 --> 00:09:50,120

194
00:09:50,120 --> 00:09:55,760
But I think human nature has a
way of protecting themselves.

195
00:09:55,760 --> 00:09:58,645
They don't want to
think of the words.

196
00:09:58,645 --> 00:10:02,260

197
00:10:02,260 --> 00:10:04,690
You said something about
what he was actually

198
00:10:04,690 --> 00:10:06,910
saying when Hitler proclaimed
these kind of things

199
00:10:06,910 --> 00:10:07,450
in speeches.

200
00:10:07,450 --> 00:10:10,690
Were their radios and that
kind of thing in your town,

201
00:10:10,690 --> 00:10:11,590
not many?

202
00:10:11,590 --> 00:10:14,110
When we were at the Czech.

203
00:10:14,110 --> 00:10:18,890
Then when the Hungarians
came in, there was no radio.

204
00:10:18,890 --> 00:10:21,250
We had to hand it
in, the radios.

205
00:10:21,250 --> 00:10:26,170
And the newspaper, it just
wasn't-- the news was not

206
00:10:26,170 --> 00:10:27,520
available anymore.

207
00:10:27,520 --> 00:10:32,050
But there were some people
that had hid a radio.

208
00:10:32,050 --> 00:10:34,810
And they would come
with some news.

209
00:10:34,810 --> 00:10:37,540

But people wouldn't even
believe such things.

210
00:10:37,540 --> 00:10:39,420
You know what I mean?

211
00:10:39,420 --> 00:10:43,270
If the person that had the
radio, and they would come,

212
00:10:43,270 --> 00:10:45,010
and they said--

213
00:10:45,010 --> 00:10:51,050
they surrounded some Jews and
threw them down the balcony

214
00:10:51,050 --> 00:10:56,090
or killed them for no reason, it
was a little bit difficult to--

215
00:10:56,090 --> 00:10:56,800
To believe?

216
00:10:56,800 --> 00:10:58,930
--to believe in the beginning.

217
00:10:58,930 --> 00:11:02,380
But then again and
again and again

218
00:11:02,380 --> 00:11:05,620
and again, they
cleaned out the town.

219
00:11:05,620 --> 00:11:07,720
Then they started
cleaning the towns.

220
00:11:07,720 --> 00:11:12,040
Then we already understood.

221

00:11:12,040 --> 00:11:16,120
Did Germans, refugees
from Germany, German Jews,

222

00:11:16,120 --> 00:11:19,900
or Polish Jews come
into Czechoslovakia?

223

00:11:19,900 --> 00:11:22,990
Do you remember seeing any?

224

00:11:22,990 --> 00:11:23,650
No.

225

00:11:23,650 --> 00:11:24,370
They didn't.

226

00:11:24,370 --> 00:11:26,620
But of course, I
don't think that has

227

00:11:26,620 --> 00:11:28,510
anything to do with my life.

228

00:11:28,510 --> 00:11:33,390
But when the Germans
occupied Poland,

229

00:11:33,390 --> 00:11:37,330
and we lived near the Polish
border at that time, that was--

230

00:11:37,330 --> 00:11:41,487
so the Polish soldiers were
going through our town.

231

00:11:41,487 --> 00:11:42,070
I [INAUDIBLE].

232

00:11:42,070 --> 00:11:43,237
They came through your town?

233

00:11:43,237 --> 00:11:45,730
Yeah.

234
00:11:45,730 --> 00:11:48,910
When they had the war, maybe
within a week or 10 days,

235
00:11:48,910 --> 00:11:50,950
they occupied Poland.

236
00:11:50,950 --> 00:11:52,200
I don't know, maybe two weeks.

237
00:11:52,200 --> 00:11:53,000
Very short time.

238
00:11:53,000 --> 00:11:53,140
Yeah.

239
00:11:53,140 --> 00:11:53,830
Yeah.

240
00:11:53,830 --> 00:11:54,940
So I remember that.

241
00:11:54,940 --> 00:11:58,370

242
00:11:58,370 --> 00:12:00,270
When did the Hungarians
come in and occupy?

243
00:12:00,270 --> 00:12:00,770
'39.

244
00:12:00,770 --> 00:12:14,860

245
00:12:14,860 --> 00:12:18,970
Do you remember, especially--

246

00:12:18,970 --> 00:12:20,500
you told me about
the cutting off

247
00:12:20,500 --> 00:12:22,750
of the beard of your grandfather
and things like that.

248
00:12:22,750 --> 00:12:26,530
Do you remember
any other instances

249
00:12:26,530 --> 00:12:29,680
of antisemitism directed
against either your parents

250
00:12:29,680 --> 00:12:33,880
or your grandparents or
anything like that before?

251
00:12:33,880 --> 00:12:37,540
It was sort of quiet
while the Czechs.

252
00:12:37,540 --> 00:12:39,190
It was sort of--

253
00:12:39,190 --> 00:12:40,870
we had a democracy.

254
00:12:40,870 --> 00:12:44,350
So we were allowed
to go to school.

255
00:12:44,350 --> 00:12:49,900
Matter of fact, I had an uncle
that was a Czech officer.

256
00:12:49,900 --> 00:12:52,960
And he was a college
graduate because they allowed

257
00:12:52,960 --> 00:12:55,030

the Jews to go to school.

258

00:12:55,030 --> 00:12:59,170

But when the Hungarians came
in in '39, that was already--

259

00:12:59,170 --> 00:13:01,780

the schools were closed
for the Jewish kids.

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00:13:01,780 --> 00:13:03,670

And the synagogues were closed.

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00:13:03,670 --> 00:13:06,380

262

00:13:06,380 --> 00:13:10,930

But I remember we
had a teacher--

263

00:13:10,930 --> 00:13:13,430

we were so many children,
we had a teacher

264

00:13:13,430 --> 00:13:17,330

in the house that
was teaching us.

265

00:13:17,330 --> 00:13:18,355

They called it a cheder.

266

00:13:18,355 --> 00:13:21,200

267

00:13:21,200 --> 00:13:22,130

So they were--

268

00:13:22,130 --> 00:13:25,436

269

00:13:25,436 --> 00:13:27,675

Did your grandparents

live very far from you?

270
00:13:27,675 --> 00:13:29,058
No, very close.

271
00:13:29,058 --> 00:13:29,975
That was my happiness.

272
00:13:29,975 --> 00:13:31,360
But you didn't live in the
same house or anything?

273
00:13:31,360 --> 00:13:32,480
No.

274
00:13:32,480 --> 00:13:36,500
But I had very
good grandparents.

275
00:13:36,500 --> 00:13:38,300
We were also seven kids.

276
00:13:38,300 --> 00:13:40,910
So I had loving parents.

277
00:13:40,910 --> 00:13:44,240
But I was the sixth child.

278
00:13:44,240 --> 00:13:46,790
So I wasn't getting
that much attention

279
00:13:46,790 --> 00:13:48,410
because there was no time.

280
00:13:48,410 --> 00:13:49,670
They loved me.

281
00:13:49,670 --> 00:13:52,260
So my grandmother would
give me all the attention.

282

00:13:52,260 --> 00:13:54,470

She would talk to me.

283

00:13:54,470 --> 00:13:57,362

And I remember she was
a big comfort to me.

284

00:13:57,362 --> 00:13:59,570

Do you remember what kind
of things you talked about?

285

00:13:59,570 --> 00:14:02,480

286

00:14:02,480 --> 00:14:03,410

The fear.

287

00:14:03,410 --> 00:14:08,150

Even as little as I was,
I remember she feared.

288

00:14:08,150 --> 00:14:11,510

She worried when
the war will be over

289

00:14:11,510 --> 00:14:15,110

and what will happen to us.

290

00:14:15,110 --> 00:14:17,270

That's what it comes--

291

00:14:17,270 --> 00:14:20,310

that's what I remember the most.

292

00:14:20,310 --> 00:14:22,950

You remember talking to her
right after-- in late '30s?

293

00:14:22,950 --> 00:14:25,650

294

00:14:25,650 --> 00:14:27,170
Yeah.

295
00:14:27,170 --> 00:14:30,550
When the Hungarians came in, we
already felt that we weren't--

296
00:14:30,550 --> 00:14:35,600

297
00:14:35,600 --> 00:14:39,530
the Jewish young guys
were taken to a work camp.

298
00:14:39,530 --> 00:14:41,900
They weren't soldiers anymore.

299
00:14:41,900 --> 00:14:45,350
Where the Czechs, they did
take the Jews to be soldiers.

300
00:14:45,350 --> 00:14:48,470

301
00:14:48,470 --> 00:14:55,910
By the Czechs, we were treated
like first-class citizens--

302
00:14:55,910 --> 00:14:57,710
not first--

303
00:14:57,710 --> 00:15:00,380
we didn't feel it so bad.

304
00:15:00,380 --> 00:15:02,150
We didn't feel it so bad.

305
00:15:02,150 --> 00:15:04,810
It's the Hungarians--
when the Germans came,

306
00:15:04,810 --> 00:15:07,020

that was already murdered.

307

00:15:07,020 --> 00:15:10,550

It was already
completely disaster.

308

00:15:10,550 --> 00:15:13,820

Do you remember-- can
you describe to me

309

00:15:13,820 --> 00:15:15,350

your grandparents' house?

310

00:15:15,350 --> 00:15:15,920

Yes.

311

00:15:15,920 --> 00:15:16,760

Do you remember it and where--

312

00:15:16,760 --> 00:15:17,635

It was a stone house.

313

00:15:17,635 --> 00:15:20,000

--it was situated in the town?

314

00:15:20,000 --> 00:15:23,190

They had a stone house.

315

00:15:23,190 --> 00:15:31,640

And they had they had lots
of cows and horses and goats.

316

00:15:31,640 --> 00:15:41,000

And it was like a family
in a smaller town.

317

00:15:41,000 --> 00:15:44,990

It was like a normal family--

318

00:15:44,990 --> 00:15:46,520

a big family.

319

00:15:46,520 --> 00:15:50,360
And on Saturday, nobody worked.

320

00:15:50,360 --> 00:15:51,950
So we would get together.

321

00:15:51,950 --> 00:15:53,580
And we would have
meals together.

322

00:15:53,580 --> 00:15:54,205
At their house?

323

00:15:54,205 --> 00:15:54,830
At their house.

324

00:15:54,830 --> 00:15:55,310
At your grandparents' house?

325

00:15:55,310 --> 00:15:56,120
Yes.

326

00:15:56,120 --> 00:16:00,260
And I'll tell you,
me as a child,

327

00:16:00,260 --> 00:16:03,770
I thought I was a happy
child because everybody--

328

00:16:03,770 --> 00:16:05,270
my uncles loved me.

329

00:16:05,270 --> 00:16:07,310
And I was a child.

330

00:16:07,310 --> 00:16:14,240
And to me, it looked like
it was a happy situation.

331

00:16:14,240 --> 00:16:17,270

While I was--

332
00:16:17,270 --> 00:16:20,090
Sure.

333
00:16:20,090 --> 00:16:22,500
Was the store that they owned
separate from the house,

334
00:16:22,500 --> 00:16:23,000
or was it--

335
00:16:23,000 --> 00:16:23,420
No.

336
00:16:23,420 --> 00:16:24,628
It was in the house together?

337
00:16:24,628 --> 00:16:26,000
It was sort of--

338
00:16:26,000 --> 00:16:27,560
here were the living quarters.

339
00:16:27,560 --> 00:16:30,200
And there was a long room.

340
00:16:30,200 --> 00:16:31,445
And they kept [INAUDIBLE].

341
00:16:31,445 --> 00:16:32,570
That's where the store was?

342
00:16:32,570 --> 00:16:34,182
That's where the
store was, yeah.

343
00:16:34,182 --> 00:16:41,420

344
00:16:41,420 --> 00:16:44,720

Can you tell me a little
bit about how things changed

345
00:16:44,720 --> 00:16:47,690
when the Hungarians
came in, especially

346
00:16:47,690 --> 00:16:51,930
for your grandparents, how
it changed their lives?

347
00:16:51,930 --> 00:16:56,630
You see-- I'll start
with my grandparents.

348
00:16:56,630 --> 00:17:00,050
That's why it's better when you
ask me because I go in from one

349
00:17:00,050 --> 00:17:00,710
to another.

350
00:17:00,710 --> 00:17:04,940

351
00:17:04,940 --> 00:17:07,369
When the Hungarians came
in, the Jews no longer

352
00:17:07,369 --> 00:17:09,080
could have stores even.

353
00:17:09,080 --> 00:17:14,810
The Jews no longer
could do things

354
00:17:14,810 --> 00:17:18,859
because when you had a
store, you needed a permit.

355
00:17:18,859 --> 00:17:21,650
So you couldn't-- they
took it away from you.

356
00:17:21,650 --> 00:17:25,260
So they had to close the store.

357
00:17:25,260 --> 00:17:27,980
And you say, but did they leave?

358
00:17:27,980 --> 00:17:30,860
But they had some
piece of grounds.

359
00:17:30,860 --> 00:17:33,830
And they had these
cows that gave milk.

360
00:17:33,830 --> 00:17:36,890
And they made the
butter and potatoes--

361
00:17:36,890 --> 00:17:40,070
they put potatoes in
the-- they had potatoes.

362
00:17:40,070 --> 00:17:42,050
It wasn't a wonderful life.

363
00:17:42,050 --> 00:17:45,150
And they didn't live in
a house like I'm living.

364
00:17:45,150 --> 00:17:46,722
They had two rooms.

365
00:17:46,722 --> 00:17:47,930
But they could still survive?

366
00:17:47,930 --> 00:17:49,130
They would survive.

367
00:17:49,130 --> 00:17:51,800
To give you an
example, my parents--

368
00:17:51,800 --> 00:17:56,030
but the Czechs, they
had a backyard store.

369
00:17:56,030 --> 00:17:58,040
It was a shoe store.

370
00:17:58,040 --> 00:17:58,820
It was--

371
00:17:58,820 --> 00:18:00,440
And this is what
your parents had?

372
00:18:00,440 --> 00:18:02,060
My parents had.

373
00:18:02,060 --> 00:18:04,140
And they made a
living out of that.

374
00:18:04,140 --> 00:18:06,320
But as soon as the
Hungarians came in,

375
00:18:06,320 --> 00:18:07,740
it was taken away from them.

376
00:18:07,740 --> 00:18:08,265
Took the store away?

377
00:18:08,265 --> 00:18:08,765
Yeah.

378
00:18:08,765 --> 00:18:10,813
Yeah.

379
00:18:10,813 --> 00:18:12,230
I'm just show you
because I have--

380
00:18:12,230 --> 00:18:13,040
Sure.

381
00:18:13,040 --> 00:18:15,890
Were there restrictions?

382
00:18:15,890 --> 00:18:18,507
I know that when the Germans
came in to many towns,

383
00:18:18,507 --> 00:18:20,840
they put restrictions on what
the Jews-- when they could

384
00:18:20,840 --> 00:18:22,880
be outside, where they could
shop, that kind of-- did

385
00:18:22,880 --> 00:18:24,255
the Hungarians do
the same thing?

386
00:18:24,255 --> 00:18:25,430
No.

387
00:18:25,430 --> 00:18:28,702
We didn't have to wear a
yellow star by the Hungarians.

388
00:18:28,702 --> 00:18:31,140

389
00:18:31,140 --> 00:18:31,640
Jewish--

390
00:18:31,640 --> 00:18:34,490

391
00:18:34,490 --> 00:18:37,350
I remember in Poland,
I've spoken with people,

392

00:18:37,350 --> 00:18:39,500

they say, you couldn't
walk on the sidewalk.

393

00:18:39,500 --> 00:18:40,880

You had to walk in the street.

394

00:18:40,880 --> 00:18:44,260

You couldn't do certain things
or go in parks or whatever.

395

00:18:44,260 --> 00:18:45,980

When the Germans came?

396

00:18:45,980 --> 00:18:46,730

Yeah.

397

00:18:46,730 --> 00:18:51,020

But you see, when the Hungarians
came, they restricted us

398

00:18:51,020 --> 00:18:55,160

to a certain extent, that
we tried now be invisible.

399

00:18:55,160 --> 00:18:57,830

Who went to the park?

400

00:18:57,830 --> 00:18:59,400

You wouldn't do that.

401

00:18:59,400 --> 00:19:06,200

You wouldn't-- when they wanted
to worship, it was a secret.

402

00:19:06,200 --> 00:19:08,720

It was in somebody's room.

403

00:19:08,720 --> 00:19:11,060

And then you watched.

404

00:19:11,060 --> 00:19:15,740
You shouldn't be seen going
in there too many times.

405
00:19:15,740 --> 00:19:18,020
Then they didn't worship
every day anymore.

406
00:19:18,020 --> 00:19:19,820
If they could get
to it on Saturday,

407
00:19:19,820 --> 00:19:22,400
they would be glad to do it.

408
00:19:22,400 --> 00:19:24,410
These old religious
people because they

409
00:19:24,410 --> 00:19:25,275
were afraid of God--

410
00:19:25,275 --> 00:19:29,780

411
00:19:29,780 --> 00:19:32,520
So your grandparents
then would worship--

412
00:19:32,520 --> 00:19:34,770
they couldn't worship every
day, or they would do it--

413
00:19:34,770 --> 00:19:35,925
He would do it by himself--

414
00:19:35,925 --> 00:19:36,633
By himself, yeah.

415
00:19:36,633 --> 00:19:40,310
--but not anymore in a group.

416

00:19:40,310 --> 00:19:41,750
So they closed the synagogue?

417
00:19:41,750 --> 00:19:42,540
Oh, yeah.

418
00:19:42,540 --> 00:19:51,700

419
00:19:51,700 --> 00:19:57,040
Do you remember anything
else under the Hungarians

420
00:19:57,040 --> 00:20:00,760
that your grandparents
may have had to do?

421
00:20:00,760 --> 00:20:04,420
Or were they forced to give
up some of their property

422
00:20:04,420 --> 00:20:08,980
or any of their livestock
or that kind of thing?

423
00:20:08,980 --> 00:20:12,070
Because it was a war,
so they were taking it

424
00:20:12,070 --> 00:20:14,283
from the non-Jews too, actually.

425
00:20:14,283 --> 00:20:16,450
So they were taking it from
everybody at this point?

426
00:20:16,450 --> 00:20:17,980
They were taking
it from everybody

427
00:20:17,980 --> 00:20:20,890
because the war was going on,
and there wasn't enough food.

428
00:20:20,890 --> 00:20:24,850
So it wasn't that
people lived by laws.

429
00:20:24,850 --> 00:20:27,340
There was no law.

430
00:20:27,340 --> 00:20:32,080
Any hooligan, if he beat up
a Jew, he wasn't persecuted.

431
00:20:32,080 --> 00:20:34,150
There was no place
to go to complain.

432
00:20:34,150 --> 00:20:35,030
There was a place.

433
00:20:35,030 --> 00:20:36,760
We did have police.

434
00:20:36,760 --> 00:20:38,590
But you couldn't
go and complain,

435
00:20:38,590 --> 00:20:42,310
somebody beat me up,
because you would get more.

436
00:20:42,310 --> 00:20:43,330
Did that happen often?

437
00:20:43,330 --> 00:20:45,290
Do you remember people
getting beat up and--

438
00:20:45,290 --> 00:20:46,800
Sure.

439
00:20:46,800 --> 00:20:51,940
Children-- it was very funny.

440
00:20:51,940 --> 00:20:55,840

441
00:20:55,840 --> 00:21:03,460
It was very funny because by the
Czechs, when we went to school,

442
00:21:03,460 --> 00:21:05,305
we went to school
with our neighbors.

443
00:21:05,305 --> 00:21:06,430
And who were our neighbors?

444
00:21:06,430 --> 00:21:08,200
The non-Jews.

445
00:21:08,200 --> 00:21:10,660
And I always thought--

446
00:21:10,660 --> 00:21:14,140
I walk to school with
this non-Jewish child.

447
00:21:14,140 --> 00:21:18,920
And I really thought,
oh, it wasn't--

448
00:21:18,920 --> 00:21:21,640
I always thought
it was my friend.

449
00:21:21,640 --> 00:21:24,850
As a child, you
played with this kid.

450
00:21:24,850 --> 00:21:27,340
This is my friend
that I play with.

451
00:21:27,340 --> 00:21:34,030

But as soon as the government
has changed, and gave

452
00:21:34,030 --> 00:21:40,450
the red light to
vandalism, maybe the people

453
00:21:40,450 --> 00:21:42,640
were scared or something.

454
00:21:42,640 --> 00:21:43,850
I don't know.

455
00:21:43,850 --> 00:21:53,320
So I immediately lost
my friend, my playmate.

456
00:21:53,320 --> 00:21:55,330
They didn't want to have
anything to do with me.

457
00:21:55,330 --> 00:22:01,110

458
00:22:01,110 --> 00:22:03,750
I'm just telling you
from my point of view,

459
00:22:03,750 --> 00:22:06,180
the way I was a child,
that bothered me.

460
00:22:06,180 --> 00:22:09,330
My father bothered
because he didn't have

461
00:22:09,330 --> 00:22:10,750
to give us a piece of bread.

462
00:22:10,750 --> 00:22:11,250
But--

463

00:22:11,250 --> 00:22:14,640

464

00:22:14,640 --> 00:22:17,310

Did your grandparents ever--

465

00:22:17,310 --> 00:22:19,080

did they ever tell

you things like you're

466

00:22:19,080 --> 00:22:20,790

saying to try to be invisible?

467

00:22:20,790 --> 00:22:22,660

Did they say things

like that to you,

468

00:22:22,660 --> 00:22:24,720

to not go out in the

street at certain times

469

00:22:24,720 --> 00:22:25,860

or anything like that?

470

00:22:25,860 --> 00:22:28,815

471

00:22:28,815 --> 00:22:34,530

A child is-- now looking back

on it, if there was a wedding--

472

00:22:34,530 --> 00:22:38,340

let's say there was

a non-Jewish wedding.

473

00:22:38,340 --> 00:22:41,670

By the Czechs, we would

go and watch a wedding

474

00:22:41,670 --> 00:22:42,930

to a [INAUDIBLE] to me--

475

00:22:42,930 --> 00:22:47,440
I'm talking about I'd like
to go and watch a wedding.

476
00:22:47,440 --> 00:22:49,290
And so I went.

477
00:22:49,290 --> 00:22:50,370
And I watched a wedding.

478
00:22:50,370 --> 00:22:52,470
And I came back.

479
00:22:52,470 --> 00:22:56,310
I was let free by the Czechs.

480
00:22:56,310 --> 00:23:00,420
But when the Hungarians
came, my mother

481
00:23:00,420 --> 00:23:02,790
wouldn't let me
go there anymore.

482
00:23:02,790 --> 00:23:04,485
I'm just giving you
a small example.

483
00:23:04,485 --> 00:23:07,930

484
00:23:07,930 --> 00:23:11,010
She wouldn't let me go
because everybody in town

485
00:23:11,010 --> 00:23:12,580
knew that I was Jewish.

486
00:23:12,580 --> 00:23:15,540
And therefore I was out there
[? the ?] [? target. ?] So

487

00:23:15,540 --> 00:23:18,840
let's say even there
were 10 good non-Jews,

488
00:23:18,840 --> 00:23:23,580
but you would always find one
that would want to get me over

489
00:23:23,580 --> 00:23:25,185
the head, you know
what I'm saying?

490
00:23:25,185 --> 00:23:28,660

491
00:23:28,660 --> 00:23:29,400
Let's see, so--

492
00:23:29,400 --> 00:23:32,580

493
00:23:32,580 --> 00:23:34,910
I just gave you an example.

494
00:23:34,910 --> 00:23:39,150
Let's say-- lots of examples.

495
00:23:39,150 --> 00:23:42,405

496
00:23:42,405 --> 00:23:43,030
Sure, go ahead.

497
00:23:43,030 --> 00:23:44,780
But I don't want to
take too [INAUDIBLE]..

498
00:23:44,780 --> 00:23:46,080
No, go ahead.

499
00:23:46,080 --> 00:23:49,320
This was just a

child's [INAUDIBLE]

500
00:23:49,320 --> 00:23:51,290
especially maybe because
I was a little girl,

501
00:23:51,290 --> 00:23:54,330
I liked to look at a
bride or something.

502
00:23:54,330 --> 00:23:58,500
But many things-- at night,
definitely you wouldn't go out.

503
00:23:58,500 --> 00:24:01,860
Oh, definitely you
wouldn't go out.

504
00:24:01,860 --> 00:24:10,980
If we needed-- if we went to
a store, they would sell us.

505
00:24:10,980 --> 00:24:12,870
They would sell us
so we had the money.

506
00:24:12,870 --> 00:24:14,010
They would.

507
00:24:14,010 --> 00:24:18,495
But we're still talking
about the Hungarians now

508
00:24:18,495 --> 00:24:19,265
or the Germans?

509
00:24:19,265 --> 00:24:20,140
The Hungarians, yeah.

510
00:24:20,140 --> 00:24:23,580

511

00:24:23,580 --> 00:24:25,170
I wouldn't be allowed--

512
00:24:25,170 --> 00:24:31,230
the children weren't allowed
no more to go to the store.

513
00:24:31,230 --> 00:24:34,740
Sometimes my uncle
would give me \$0.25.

514
00:24:34,740 --> 00:24:36,570
And I would go and
buy an ice cream.

515
00:24:36,570 --> 00:24:42,290
I no longer-- they wouldn't
allow me to go by myself.

516
00:24:42,290 --> 00:24:45,330
They brought it into the house.

517
00:24:45,330 --> 00:24:49,530
But at that time,
there was no money to--

518
00:24:49,530 --> 00:24:51,450
so at that time,
if my mother could

519
00:24:51,450 --> 00:24:54,570
get some different
things to survive,

520
00:24:54,570 --> 00:24:59,850
but they wouldn't
let us go out to--

521
00:24:59,850 --> 00:25:03,400
my brother would go
and get it for us.

522
00:25:03,400 --> 00:25:06,450

And then they also
took him away to--

523
00:25:06,450 --> 00:25:08,710
I had an older
brother than this.

524
00:25:08,710 --> 00:25:10,410
Oh, than in this photo?

525
00:25:10,410 --> 00:25:12,120
Yeah, I had an older brother.

526
00:25:12,120 --> 00:25:17,818
But then they took
him away to work.

527
00:25:17,818 --> 00:25:19,360
What was his name,
[? your older-- ?]

528
00:25:19,360 --> 00:25:21,270
His name was Larry.

529
00:25:21,270 --> 00:25:23,250
My son is named after him.

530
00:25:23,250 --> 00:25:24,660
We called him Leibel.

531
00:25:24,660 --> 00:25:27,240
But my son is named after him.

532
00:25:27,240 --> 00:25:28,500
His name was Larry.

533
00:25:28,500 --> 00:25:35,750

534
00:25:35,750 --> 00:25:42,440
Can you tell me a little bit
about when the Germans came,

535
00:25:42,440 --> 00:25:44,120
what year it was
and what happened,

536
00:25:44,120 --> 00:25:45,860
how life changed at that point?

537
00:25:45,860 --> 00:25:48,620

538
00:25:48,620 --> 00:25:55,160
When the Germans came, they
right away said that the Jews

539
00:25:55,160 --> 00:25:57,870
cannot--

540
00:25:57,870 --> 00:26:01,620
they could only go out let's
say a couple hours a day,

541
00:26:01,620 --> 00:26:03,820
not only at night, a
couple hours a day.

542
00:26:03,820 --> 00:26:08,254
And if you found a
Jew on the street,

543
00:26:08,254 --> 00:26:12,520
wanting to buy something,
you could be shot for that.

544
00:26:12,520 --> 00:26:16,790
Or you could be taken away to
this concentration camp, which

545
00:26:16,790 --> 00:26:20,490
eventually wound
up in Auschwitz.

546

00:26:20,490 --> 00:26:30,500
And the Jews had to wear the
Jewish stars, even children.

547
00:26:30,500 --> 00:26:35,300
And then the non-Jews were
not allow the cell to Jews

548
00:26:35,300 --> 00:26:38,270
or aid them in any way.

549
00:26:38,270 --> 00:26:40,100
You see, they gave--

550
00:26:40,100 --> 00:26:43,910
when the Germans came
already, I'll tell you

551
00:26:43,910 --> 00:26:45,650
I don't blame the non--

552
00:26:45,650 --> 00:26:50,090
at that time, when I read now--

553
00:26:50,090 --> 00:26:52,310
not I read, but
I know that there

554
00:26:52,310 --> 00:26:57,110
were some very righteous
non-Jews that really what they

555
00:26:57,110 --> 00:26:59,030
did, I don't know if
I will do it today

556
00:26:59,030 --> 00:27:01,760
that I have the children and
grandchildren, because when

557
00:27:01,760 --> 00:27:06,990
they aide a Jew, they would be
taken away to a concentration

558
00:27:06,990 --> 00:27:07,490
camp.

559
00:27:07,490 --> 00:27:08,573
If they were caught, yeah.

560
00:27:08,573 --> 00:27:09,170
Yeah.

561
00:27:09,170 --> 00:27:14,450
So the punishment was
so tremendous of aiding

562
00:27:14,450 --> 00:27:20,300
a Jew, that he
himself wasn't safe.

563
00:27:20,300 --> 00:27:22,730
I'm talking the
non-Jew wasn't safe.

564
00:27:22,730 --> 00:27:24,155
That was by the Germans.

565
00:27:24,155 --> 00:27:27,080

566
00:27:27,080 --> 00:27:30,820
Do you remember when the
Germans came to the town?

567
00:27:30,820 --> 00:27:33,850
I think it was
between '42 or '43.

568
00:27:33,850 --> 00:27:37,530
But I am not sure exactly.

569
00:27:37,530 --> 00:27:39,280
I can look it up,
the exact date.

570
00:27:39,280 --> 00:27:42,660
Yeah, you can-- because
you have the town.

571
00:27:42,660 --> 00:27:43,810
And I'm sure--

572
00:27:43,810 --> 00:27:47,890

573
00:27:47,890 --> 00:27:49,900
Now you said that you
were-- and you told me

574
00:27:49,900 --> 00:27:52,990
the story about your
grandfather having his beard cut

575
00:27:52,990 --> 00:27:55,850
and everything before
they were deported.

576
00:27:55,850 --> 00:27:56,350
Yeah.

577
00:27:56,350 --> 00:28:01,030
That was after they took us
away from home into a ghetto.

578
00:28:01,030 --> 00:28:02,810
That wasn't while we were home.

579
00:28:02,810 --> 00:28:07,030
But when the Germans came
though, they worked so fast.

580
00:28:07,030 --> 00:28:08,380
They worked so fast.

581
00:28:08,380 --> 00:28:12,070

582
00:28:12,070 --> 00:28:16,703
Within weeks, they
took us to a ghetto.

583
00:28:16,703 --> 00:28:18,370
And they put us into
the gas [INAUDIBLE]

584
00:28:18,370 --> 00:28:20,080
So you were taking
away the ghetto

585
00:28:20,080 --> 00:28:22,590
within a few weeks of
them coming into town?

586
00:28:22,590 --> 00:28:24,130
Yes, within weeks.

587
00:28:24,130 --> 00:28:26,650
It wasn't months.

588
00:28:26,650 --> 00:28:30,075
Now, and this-- and they
took every Jew in the town?

589
00:28:30,075 --> 00:28:32,450
Whoever was Jewish in the
town, they took to this ghetto?

590
00:28:32,450 --> 00:28:34,270
Yes.

591
00:28:34,270 --> 00:28:37,870
Now you see, it's true--

592
00:28:37,870 --> 00:28:39,700
I always had this color.

593
00:28:39,700 --> 00:28:42,970
Now I have to put a little

bit of color [INAUDIBLE]

594

00:28:42,970 --> 00:28:44,170
because I'm white.

595

00:28:44,170 --> 00:28:46,460
But I always was this color.

596

00:28:46,460 --> 00:28:50,170
So when I talk, many people
ask me, you don't look Jewish.

597

00:28:50,170 --> 00:28:53,760
I said, how is a Jew
supposed to look?

598

00:28:53,760 --> 00:29:00,130
So what happened
was the non-Jews

599

00:29:00,130 --> 00:29:03,640
handed over to the Germans,
you know what I'm saying?

600

00:29:03,640 --> 00:29:04,540
They pointed you out.

601

00:29:04,540 --> 00:29:05,040
Yeah.

602

00:29:05,040 --> 00:29:05,540
Yeah.

603

00:29:05,540 --> 00:29:10,960
Even we had to have a star
of David on the house too.

604

00:29:10,960 --> 00:29:15,790
But let's say they didn't know
that my parents had seven kids,

605

00:29:15,790 --> 00:29:18,747

but the non-Jews-- so
there was no place to hide.

606
00:29:18,747 --> 00:29:20,830
And they were afraid to
hide us because if they're

607
00:29:20,830 --> 00:29:24,800
going to find us, then
they all go where we are.

608
00:29:24,800 --> 00:29:27,570
So it was a no-win
situation there.

609
00:29:27,570 --> 00:29:34,210

610
00:29:34,210 --> 00:29:37,240
Can you tell me the name of the
town that the ghetto was in?

611
00:29:37,240 --> 00:29:38,440
Uzhhorod.

612
00:29:38,440 --> 00:29:40,420
It was a bigger
town-- it was a city.

613
00:29:40,420 --> 00:29:42,910
I would call that
a city already.

614
00:29:42,910 --> 00:29:47,050
How far away from
your town was it?

615
00:29:47,050 --> 00:29:49,060
I'm not sure.

616
00:29:49,060 --> 00:29:51,270
Not very far or a long way?

617

00:29:51,270 --> 00:29:51,770

No.

618

00:29:51,770 --> 00:29:54,920

It was maybe an hour
ride with a train.

619

00:29:54,920 --> 00:29:56,650

It wasn't [INAUDIBLE].

620

00:29:56,650 --> 00:29:57,970

So they put you on trains?

621

00:29:57,970 --> 00:30:00,200

Was there a train
station in your town?

622

00:30:00,200 --> 00:30:04,030

Yes, there was a train
station in our town.

623

00:30:04,030 --> 00:30:06,310

And so did you all go
together in your family,

624

00:30:06,310 --> 00:30:07,840

your grandparents and your--

625

00:30:07,840 --> 00:30:10,480

My grandparents and my--

626

00:30:10,480 --> 00:30:13,760

the stronger uncles
were taken away--

627

00:30:13,760 --> 00:30:14,300

To work?

628

00:30:14,300 --> 00:30:15,010

--to work.

629

00:30:15,010 --> 00:30:20,350
My brother Larry was
taken away to work.

630
00:30:20,350 --> 00:30:26,080
My brother Saul was
taken away to work.

631
00:30:26,080 --> 00:30:29,440
But the rest of them,
the smaller children--

632
00:30:29,440 --> 00:30:30,910
and that's another thing.

633
00:30:30,910 --> 00:30:33,100
They planned it so.

634
00:30:33,100 --> 00:30:39,150
By the time they came to
take us to the gas chambers,

635
00:30:39,150 --> 00:30:42,580
there wasn't enough
strong manpower.

636
00:30:42,580 --> 00:30:45,870
They left the old people,
the little kids, the women,

637
00:30:45,870 --> 00:30:46,395
the older--

638
00:30:46,395 --> 00:30:50,580

639
00:30:50,580 --> 00:30:53,435
they planned it so
just in case that we--

640
00:30:53,435 --> 00:30:54,810
There wouldn't be
any resistance.

641
00:30:54,810 --> 00:30:55,710
To rebel.

642
00:30:55,710 --> 00:30:59,310
And another thing that
they asked me many times,

643
00:30:59,310 --> 00:31:01,740
how come you didn't fight back?

644
00:31:01,740 --> 00:31:05,010
Jews were such
law-abiding citizens,

645
00:31:05,010 --> 00:31:09,120
that not only that that, but
if somebody would have found--

646
00:31:09,120 --> 00:31:13,530
it was against the law to
have a gun in the house.

647
00:31:13,530 --> 00:31:17,940
So Jews just didn't
keep guns in the house.

648
00:31:17,940 --> 00:31:20,490

649
00:31:20,490 --> 00:31:25,002
I spoke in front
of Navy officers.

650
00:31:25,002 --> 00:31:26,460
And that was their
first question--

651
00:31:26,460 --> 00:31:27,418
Why didn't you do yeah.

652
00:31:27,418 --> 00:31:30,850

I understood what
they were saying.

653
00:31:30,850 --> 00:31:34,920
It's just that I don't know
if I could have given them

654
00:31:34,920 --> 00:31:40,110
a sufficient enough answer of
the situation that was there.

655
00:31:40,110 --> 00:31:44,490
When you don't have a gun, and
you don't have the manpower

656
00:31:44,490 --> 00:31:47,820
anymore, how can you fight?

657
00:31:47,820 --> 00:31:51,570
And then nobody really knew that
you're going to a gas chamber.

658
00:31:51,570 --> 00:31:52,938
It was a big secret.

659
00:31:52,938 --> 00:31:54,480
Oftentimes the
Germans would tell you

660
00:31:54,480 --> 00:31:55,899
that you're going to work
or something like that.

661
00:31:55,899 --> 00:31:56,610
Relocated.

662
00:31:56,610 --> 00:32:01,170
They said they need
manpower to work.

663
00:32:01,170 --> 00:32:03,540
But I'll tell you,
the way they dealt,

664
00:32:03,540 --> 00:32:07,320
we should have known
something is horribly wrong.

665
00:32:07,320 --> 00:32:09,840
The way they dealt
with a human being,

666
00:32:09,840 --> 00:32:14,010
if they wanted to
make us work, you

667
00:32:14,010 --> 00:32:19,230
don't go and beat
someone to death

668
00:32:19,230 --> 00:32:21,210
or beat someone half dead.

669
00:32:21,210 --> 00:32:26,456

670
00:32:26,456 --> 00:32:28,967
We weren't dealt
like we were human.

671
00:32:28,967 --> 00:32:34,240

672
00:32:34,240 --> 00:32:35,790
Can you describe
to me a little bit

673
00:32:35,790 --> 00:32:40,570
what you remember of
the ghetto in Uzhhorod?

674
00:32:40,570 --> 00:32:45,140
Also again, they didn't keep
us long in the ghetto either

675

00:32:45,140 --> 00:32:46,270
because it was--

676
00:32:46,270 --> 00:32:48,850

677
00:32:48,850 --> 00:32:53,770
I think they knew when we
were there that the war

678
00:32:53,770 --> 00:32:55,000
or whatever--

679
00:32:55,000 --> 00:32:58,090
now looking back on it,
they didn't keep us long

680
00:32:58,090 --> 00:33:00,160
in the ghetto either.

681
00:33:00,160 --> 00:33:07,630
But the living quarters, the
ghetto was a brick factory.

682
00:33:07,630 --> 00:33:10,390
They emptied out
a brick factory.

683
00:33:10,390 --> 00:33:11,830
It was big.

684
00:33:11,830 --> 00:33:16,030
And there were no beds or
kitchens in a brick factory.

685
00:33:16,030 --> 00:33:19,945
So we brought some
blankets with us.

686
00:33:19,945 --> 00:33:22,270
We carried certain things.

687

00:33:22,270 --> 00:33:28,150

And they gave us a little
place there in the ghetto,

688

00:33:28,150 --> 00:33:35,800

where we stayed, where we had
our little place on the floor.

689

00:33:35,800 --> 00:33:39,580

And then they gave us rations,
soup, in the morning, coffee,

690

00:33:39,580 --> 00:33:41,890

and at night, soup.

691

00:33:41,890 --> 00:33:43,900

And of course, the
living quarters

692

00:33:43,900 --> 00:33:47,050

were horrible because
there was no place to wash.

693

00:33:47,050 --> 00:33:51,130

And the kids, there
were no bathrooms.

694

00:33:51,130 --> 00:33:53,660

So it was a horrible situation.

695

00:33:53,660 --> 00:33:56,950

696

00:33:56,950 --> 00:34:00,280

And the worst of all, we didn't
know what will happen next.

697

00:34:00,280 --> 00:34:05,662

All we saw is that every day
they brought in more Jews.

698

00:34:05,662 --> 00:34:08,120

And we just didn't know what

were they going to do with us.

699

00:34:08,120 --> 00:34:11,235

700

00:34:11,235 --> 00:34:13,110

How long did you stay
there, do you remember?

701

00:34:13,110 --> 00:34:13,860

Not very long?

702

00:34:13,860 --> 00:34:15,270

Probably months.

703

00:34:15,270 --> 00:34:20,520

Just maybe a month or
two the most maybe.

704

00:34:20,520 --> 00:34:24,575

From what I
remember, it wasn't--

705

00:34:24,575 --> 00:34:29,570

706

00:34:29,570 --> 00:34:32,719

the Polish Jews were
in ghettos for years.

707

00:34:32,719 --> 00:34:34,880

But this wasn't a work ghetto.

708

00:34:34,880 --> 00:34:37,310

The Polish Jews were
in a work ghetto.

709

00:34:37,310 --> 00:34:38,690

This was not a work ghetto.

710

00:34:38,690 --> 00:34:40,940

This was more like maybe a

transit point or something?

711
00:34:40,940 --> 00:34:41,969
The transit, yeah.

712
00:34:41,969 --> 00:34:43,280
They got us together.

713
00:34:43,280 --> 00:34:47,540
And they shipped us to Auschwitz
because at that time already,

714
00:34:47,540 --> 00:34:49,880
they had a capacity.

715
00:34:49,880 --> 00:34:51,770
Even the Polish
Jews, they didn't

716
00:34:51,770 --> 00:34:56,060
probably from what-- they didn't
have the capacity of destroying

717
00:34:56,060 --> 00:34:56,600
that many.

718
00:34:56,600 --> 00:34:58,580
So they had to kill
them by bullets.

719
00:34:58,580 --> 00:35:01,220

720
00:35:01,220 --> 00:35:04,730
So it was different.

721
00:35:04,730 --> 00:35:08,810
But with us, they could
gas thousands of them.

722
00:35:08,810 --> 00:35:11,980

723
00:35:11,980 --> 00:35:15,240
So let's see, you
were there for about a

724
00:35:15,240 --> 00:35:17,370
month, maybe two months--

725
00:35:17,370 --> 00:35:18,455
I would say months.

726
00:35:18,455 --> 00:35:19,330
--somewhere in there?

727
00:35:19,330 --> 00:35:19,830
Yeah.

728
00:35:19,830 --> 00:35:21,970
And would this be
in '43 or still

729
00:35:21,970 --> 00:35:23,720
in '42 or a right
around the-- wintertime?

730
00:35:23,720 --> 00:35:28,260
Right around-- it's
middle, between '42, '43--

731
00:35:28,260 --> 00:35:29,790
'43 maybe.

732
00:35:29,790 --> 00:35:32,220
Let's say '43 already.

733
00:35:32,220 --> 00:35:36,750
And then you were deported to
Auschwitz in a train, right?

734
00:35:36,750 --> 00:35:41,520
Yes, in a cattle car train.

735

00:35:41,520 --> 00:35:44,850

And then I'll tell you, when
I think back of that ride,

736

00:35:44,850 --> 00:35:48,630

they put so many people
into that cattle car,

737

00:35:48,630 --> 00:35:50,460

we had no bathrooms.

738

00:35:50,460 --> 00:35:55,035

Small kids, sick people,
they just packed us in there.

739

00:35:55,035 --> 00:35:59,154

740

00:35:59,154 --> 00:36:03,630

If they would have taken
us to work someplace,

741

00:36:03,630 --> 00:36:06,469

they wouldn't have
done to us what they--

742

00:36:06,469 --> 00:36:07,052

What they did.

743

00:36:07,052 --> 00:36:08,410

--did.

744

00:36:08,410 --> 00:36:11,190

Just even the transport,
that in itself

745

00:36:11,190 --> 00:36:13,380

should have said
something to us.

746

00:36:13,380 --> 00:36:15,180

But we couldn't imagine--

747
00:36:15,180 --> 00:36:19,860
we couldn't imagine
that they're going to--

748
00:36:19,860 --> 00:36:22,080
that we're going
to the gas chamber.

749
00:36:22,080 --> 00:36:23,700
We couldn't imagine that.

750
00:36:23,700 --> 00:36:26,582

751
00:36:26,582 --> 00:36:28,290
So your grandparents
were still with you.

752
00:36:28,290 --> 00:36:29,430
Were they in the car with you--

753
00:36:29,430 --> 00:36:29,685
With us.

754
00:36:29,685 --> 00:36:30,510
--when you were there?

755
00:36:30,510 --> 00:36:31,010
Yes.

756
00:36:31,010 --> 00:36:35,113

757
00:36:35,113 --> 00:36:36,530
Can you tell me
what happened when

758
00:36:36,530 --> 00:36:38,450
the train came to Auschwitz?

759

00:36:38,450 --> 00:36:40,640
It stopped.

760
00:36:40,640 --> 00:36:44,435
And the smell-- you're
probably going to see--

761
00:36:44,435 --> 00:36:46,520
I think I do because I tell--

762
00:36:46,520 --> 00:36:49,820
A little bit, yeah, in the tape.

763
00:36:49,820 --> 00:36:52,980
I tell the day in Auschwitz,
one day in Auschwitz,

764
00:36:52,980 --> 00:36:53,900
I think I tell.

765
00:36:53,900 --> 00:36:57,982

766
00:36:57,982 --> 00:36:59,690
But if you want me
to, I'll [INAUDIBLE]..

767
00:36:59,690 --> 00:37:01,180
Go ahead, yeah.

768
00:37:01,180 --> 00:37:02,240
I should tell it again?

769
00:37:02,240 --> 00:37:02,740
Mm-hmm.

770
00:37:02,740 --> 00:37:06,850
Because I want to tell you new
stuff, not repeating myself.

771
00:37:06,850 --> 00:37:09,950
When we stopped in Auschwitz,

they didn't open up the door.

772

00:37:09,950 --> 00:37:11,660

We didn't know where we were.

773

00:37:11,660 --> 00:37:17,450

We just saw a big sign
that said-- a round sign.

774

00:37:17,450 --> 00:37:19,730

It was like this.

775

00:37:19,730 --> 00:37:23,780

And it says, the Arbeit
macht das Leben schön.

776

00:37:23,780 --> 00:37:30,095

And that means, in English,
work makes life sweet.

777

00:37:30,095 --> 00:37:34,700

778

00:37:34,700 --> 00:37:37,880

But still, the
smell was terrible.

779

00:37:37,880 --> 00:37:39,780

The smell was terrible.

780

00:37:39,780 --> 00:37:42,620

And there was a big fire.

781

00:37:42,620 --> 00:37:46,057

A big building or
something was on fire.

782

00:37:46,057 --> 00:37:46,640

You could see.

783

00:37:46,640 --> 00:37:50,870

And far in from the tracks.

784
00:37:50,870 --> 00:37:53,750
But they didn't
open up the wagons

785
00:37:53,750 --> 00:37:56,180
until it got completely dark.

786
00:37:56,180 --> 00:37:58,550
It was dark, dark.

787
00:37:58,550 --> 00:38:03,690
All of a sudden, floodlights
came on the train.

788
00:38:03,690 --> 00:38:12,480
And we saw these SS there
on the platform and dogs.

789
00:38:12,480 --> 00:38:18,450
And they opened up the doors.

790
00:38:18,450 --> 00:38:20,490
And they started
screaming, [NON-ENGLISH]..

791
00:38:20,490 --> 00:38:21,210
Fast.

792
00:38:21,210 --> 00:38:23,040
Everything should go fast.

793
00:38:23,040 --> 00:38:26,310
[NON-ENGLISH].

794
00:38:26,310 --> 00:38:30,660
And from that trip,
a lot of people

795
00:38:30,660 --> 00:38:35,760
died because they threw in
sick people and old people.

796
00:38:35,760 --> 00:38:42,570
And so whoever could
run out from this train,

797
00:38:42,570 --> 00:38:44,310
they were going out.

798
00:38:44,310 --> 00:38:46,830
If not, you got beaten up.

799
00:38:46,830 --> 00:38:49,260
As people were going,
they were beaten.

800
00:38:49,260 --> 00:38:52,410
So they rushed, so that
they shouldn't get beaten.

801
00:38:52,410 --> 00:38:54,720
But a lot of them
that stayed there,

802
00:38:54,720 --> 00:38:57,330
they just carried them out
and put them on the truck.

803
00:38:57,330 --> 00:39:04,440
There was a truck, a big open
truck, was right there, not far

804
00:39:04,440 --> 00:39:05,610
from the platform.

805
00:39:05,610 --> 00:39:09,470

806
00:39:09,470 --> 00:39:12,600
And everybody tried
taking out the few things

807
00:39:12,600 --> 00:39:13,650

that they had with them.

808
00:39:13,650 --> 00:39:18,870
Not that it was anything, but
everybody is trying to survive.

809
00:39:18,870 --> 00:39:21,510
So they think they'll
be needing it.

810
00:39:21,510 --> 00:39:23,130
And then there was a ditch.

811
00:39:23,130 --> 00:39:25,380
And they were yelling
at people, they

812
00:39:25,380 --> 00:39:27,555
should throw away this luggage.

813
00:39:27,555 --> 00:39:29,352
Their belongings.

814
00:39:29,352 --> 00:39:30,810
People didn't want
to part with it.

815
00:39:30,810 --> 00:39:33,618
One was screaming, I
don't have the name on it.

816
00:39:33,618 --> 00:39:35,160
They were worrying
that they'll never

817
00:39:35,160 --> 00:39:38,950
find their luggage because
they don't have the name on it.

818
00:39:38,950 --> 00:39:42,630
And so that was a commotion.

819

00:39:42,630 --> 00:39:44,850
So they were hitting
on the people.

820
00:39:44,850 --> 00:39:47,910
When they got beaten
up, they threw away

821
00:39:47,910 --> 00:39:51,090
those few little things
that they had there.

822
00:39:51,090 --> 00:39:53,810
But with my grandfather,
he didn't want it.

823
00:39:53,810 --> 00:39:55,200
And he was getting beaten up.

824
00:39:55,200 --> 00:39:57,640
But he wouldn't part with it.

825
00:39:57,640 --> 00:40:00,490
And so you know what
they did to him.

826
00:40:00,490 --> 00:40:01,755
Shall I repeat?

827
00:40:01,755 --> 00:40:02,860
Should I say it?

828
00:40:02,860 --> 00:40:03,360
You can.

829
00:40:03,360 --> 00:40:04,620
Yeah, go ahead.

830
00:40:04,620 --> 00:40:05,520
The tape is on?

831
00:40:05,520 --> 00:40:06,780

Mm-hmm.

832
00:40:06,780 --> 00:40:10,860
So he didn't want to part
with these Ten Commandments,

833
00:40:10,860 --> 00:40:11,743
with this Torah.

834
00:40:11,743 --> 00:40:12,910
So they were beating on him.

835
00:40:12,910 --> 00:40:14,730
We were pleading with
him, throw it away.

836
00:40:14,730 --> 00:40:16,020
Throw it away.

837
00:40:16,020 --> 00:40:17,590
He didn't want to do it.

838
00:40:17,590 --> 00:40:19,440
And so they beat him.

839
00:40:19,440 --> 00:40:20,620
They kicked him.

840
00:40:20,620 --> 00:40:23,400
And then he no
longer could get up.

841
00:40:23,400 --> 00:40:24,370
I was there.

842
00:40:24,370 --> 00:40:27,660
And then they were beating
on us to go to the right,

843
00:40:27,660 --> 00:40:31,600
to the left, and what
I remember seeing is

844
00:40:31,600 --> 00:40:35,220
they just took my grandfather,
and they threw him on the truck

845
00:40:35,220 --> 00:40:38,550
because he couldn't
get up anymore.

846
00:40:38,550 --> 00:40:43,140
And the Torah, the
Ten Commandments,

847
00:40:43,140 --> 00:40:44,730
were in the ditch.

848
00:40:44,730 --> 00:40:51,090
And me and my sister, they put
us to the right with my mother.

849
00:40:51,090 --> 00:40:53,940
And my mother held
on to my brother.

850
00:40:53,940 --> 00:40:55,710
She wouldn't let go of him.

851
00:40:55,710 --> 00:40:57,180
Now this was your
youngest brother?

852
00:40:57,180 --> 00:40:59,370
That was my youngest
brother because he was

853
00:40:59,370 --> 00:41:03,110
six years younger than I was.

854
00:41:03,110 --> 00:41:05,710
And so she wouldn't
let go of him.

855

00:41:05,710 --> 00:41:07,830
So they started
beating on my brother.

856
00:41:07,830 --> 00:41:09,270
So she let go.

857
00:41:09,270 --> 00:41:11,945
But she didn't know that they're
going to put them to the left--

858
00:41:11,945 --> 00:41:12,570
The other side.

859
00:41:12,570 --> 00:41:15,210
--that they're going to
put them on the other side.

860
00:41:15,210 --> 00:41:17,910
And my brother's already
screamed and cried.

861
00:41:17,910 --> 00:41:20,370
There were other cries
from other children.

862
00:41:20,370 --> 00:41:27,970
But she must have
recognized his cry.

863
00:41:27,970 --> 00:41:34,110
So she looked back, and he
was trying to go to my mother.

864
00:41:34,110 --> 00:41:37,110
So they were hitting on him.

865
00:41:37,110 --> 00:41:41,880
And so my mother ran to him
from the right to the left.

866
00:41:41,880 --> 00:41:45,250
And they wouldn't let

her go to the left.

867
00:41:45,250 --> 00:41:46,680
So they were beating
on my mother.

868
00:41:46,680 --> 00:41:47,760
She fell.

869
00:41:47,760 --> 00:41:50,580
And she was crawling and
pleading with this SS,

870
00:41:50,580 --> 00:41:52,230
please let me go to my kid.

871
00:41:52,230 --> 00:41:56,130
Please, let me go to my kid.

872
00:41:56,130 --> 00:42:00,910
So finally after she was on the
floor and pleading with him,

873
00:42:00,910 --> 00:42:03,090
and I don't know, he--

874
00:42:03,090 --> 00:42:04,240
change of heart.

875
00:42:04,240 --> 00:42:05,340
He kicked her.

876
00:42:05,340 --> 00:42:07,860
And she went to the left.

877
00:42:07,860 --> 00:42:12,060
He kicked, and she
moved to the left.

878
00:42:12,060 --> 00:42:13,680
She ran to my brother.

879
00:42:13,680 --> 00:42:16,440
And she got a hold of him.

880
00:42:16,440 --> 00:42:20,370

881
00:42:20,370 --> 00:42:24,510
And my brother cried
anyway because he

882
00:42:24,510 --> 00:42:27,630
saw my mother so beaten up.

883
00:42:27,630 --> 00:42:30,780
And then they walked off.

884
00:42:30,780 --> 00:42:33,630
I'll tell you the truth.

885
00:42:33,630 --> 00:42:37,980
I'll tell you the truth,
when I think of sometimes

886
00:42:37,980 --> 00:42:42,490
in good moments, I said, I
bet my mother would survive.

887
00:42:42,490 --> 00:42:45,300
But right after
the war, I knew she

888
00:42:45,300 --> 00:42:47,610
would have not survived anyway.

889
00:42:47,610 --> 00:42:54,360
So I think to myself, maybe
a good thing that happened.

890
00:42:54,360 --> 00:42:56,610
There were so many
kids, they went

891

00:42:56,610 --> 00:43:00,720

to their deaths so
frightened, so scared

892

00:43:00,720 --> 00:43:03,900

because they didn't have
their parents with them.

893

00:43:03,900 --> 00:43:06,270

Now the little infants,
they didn't know.

894

00:43:06,270 --> 00:43:10,720

But the 4, 5, 6-year-old
child, it was dark.

895

00:43:10,720 --> 00:43:12,610

It was dark.

896

00:43:12,610 --> 00:43:16,900

And the beating-- they
were hitting on children.

897

00:43:16,900 --> 00:43:19,410

You would think they would
leave children alone,

898

00:43:19,410 --> 00:43:23,460

if the child let's say
didn't obey what they said.

899

00:43:23,460 --> 00:43:25,285

If they wanted to
go here or there,

900

00:43:25,285 --> 00:43:28,740

they were hitting on kids
like they hit on adults.

901

00:43:28,740 --> 00:43:30,810

And why they needed
to do that, I

902

00:43:30,810 --> 00:43:34,790

don't understand, why they
needed to hit on kids.

903

00:43:34,790 --> 00:43:37,110

And so I say to
myself, maybe she

904

00:43:37,110 --> 00:43:39,600

was a comfort to
another child there.

905

00:43:39,600 --> 00:43:40,890

I'm sure.

906

00:43:40,890 --> 00:43:42,010

She had seven kids.

907

00:43:42,010 --> 00:43:46,121

908

00:43:46,121 --> 00:43:47,582

When--

909

00:43:47,582 --> 00:43:50,690

So that's how my mother left.
[? And ?] [? I ?] [? thought ?]

910

00:43:50,690 --> 00:43:52,640

[? that-- ?]

911

00:43:52,640 --> 00:43:56,030

So when they split
you to the right,

912

00:43:56,030 --> 00:44:01,430

people went who ended up at
least at that point surviving?

913

00:44:01,430 --> 00:44:05,050

And the people who were on the
left went to the gas chamber?

914
00:44:05,050 --> 00:44:07,190
They went to the gas
chamber right away.

915
00:44:07,190 --> 00:44:11,982

916
00:44:11,982 --> 00:44:13,690
Did your grandmother
also go to the left?

917
00:44:13,690 --> 00:44:13,990
Or was she--

918
00:44:13,990 --> 00:44:14,580
Yes.

919
00:44:14,580 --> 00:44:15,790
She went to the left also?

920
00:44:15,790 --> 00:44:16,390
Oh, yes.

921
00:44:16,390 --> 00:44:19,820

922
00:44:19,820 --> 00:44:25,880
The parting was difficult.
Times were terrible.

923
00:44:25,880 --> 00:44:27,890
But we were together.

924
00:44:27,890 --> 00:44:33,250
And if you try to separate
families, it's just--

925
00:44:33,250 --> 00:44:36,790
I can't tell you how
painful the price

926
00:44:36,790 --> 00:44:40,300
they had to pay while
they were separating them.

927
00:44:40,300 --> 00:44:46,225
Beside a physical pain, the
emotional pain was horrible.

928
00:44:46,225 --> 00:44:57,810

929
00:44:57,810 --> 00:45:00,300
Do you remember-- you said
that you and your sister

930
00:45:00,300 --> 00:45:01,170
were on the right.

931
00:45:01,170 --> 00:45:02,797
Did your father also
go to the right?

932
00:45:02,797 --> 00:45:03,630
Was he on the right?

933
00:45:03,630 --> 00:45:06,120
The men were
separated separately.

934
00:45:06,120 --> 00:45:08,245
So it was men and then
women and then divided again

935
00:45:08,245 --> 00:45:09,203
between left and right?

936
00:45:09,203 --> 00:45:10,330
[INAUDIBLE] left and right.

937
00:45:10,330 --> 00:45:12,630
So that was the end.

938

00:45:12,630 --> 00:45:15,690

So that was the last
time you saw your father?

939

00:45:15,690 --> 00:45:17,945

When they opened up the trains.

940

00:45:17,945 --> 00:45:24,140

941

00:45:24,140 --> 00:45:26,840

It was so chaotic.

942

00:45:26,840 --> 00:45:29,626

They let the dogs bite--

943

00:45:29,626 --> 00:45:30,920

jump on you.

944

00:45:30,920 --> 00:45:33,590

You're scared.

945

00:45:33,590 --> 00:45:34,970

I can't tell you.

946

00:45:34,970 --> 00:45:36,320

It was like hell on earth.

947

00:45:36,320 --> 00:45:55,260

948

00:45:55,260 --> 00:46:00,000

Why don't I ask you some
questions about your parents

949

00:46:00,000 --> 00:46:03,075

before the war and a couple
of things about their parents

950

00:46:03,075 --> 00:46:03,950

and things like that?

951
00:46:03,950 --> 00:46:08,270

952
00:46:08,270 --> 00:46:11,978
Could you just tell
me their names and--

953
00:46:11,978 --> 00:46:13,520
the same thing for
your grandmother--

954
00:46:13,520 --> 00:46:15,395
when they were born and
where they were born,

955
00:46:15,395 --> 00:46:17,600
that kind of thing,
if you remember?

956
00:46:17,600 --> 00:46:21,830
My mother's name was Rose.

957
00:46:21,830 --> 00:46:23,780
Her maiden name was Moscovitz.

958
00:46:23,780 --> 00:46:28,884
But then as she was married
to my father, was Lebowitz.

959
00:46:28,884 --> 00:46:35,660

960
00:46:35,660 --> 00:46:37,360
Do you remember
when she was born?

961
00:46:37,360 --> 00:46:37,860
No.

962
00:46:37,860 --> 00:46:39,680
When her birthday was?

963

00:46:39,680 --> 00:46:42,110

On this picture, she
doesn't look so young.

964

00:46:42,110 --> 00:46:46,410

But they put her
with us together.

965

00:46:46,410 --> 00:46:51,230

So she was maybe in the
late 30s, early 40s.

966

00:46:51,230 --> 00:46:52,400

When you were taken away?

967

00:46:52,400 --> 00:46:54,020

When we were taken to Auschwitz.

968

00:46:54,020 --> 00:47:05,280

969

00:47:05,280 --> 00:47:13,200

And she was [AUDIO OUT] your
mother was born in Volosyanka ?

970

00:47:13,200 --> 00:47:13,783

Yes.

971

00:47:13,783 --> 00:47:15,450

But your father was
born somewhere else?

972

00:47:15,450 --> 00:47:16,650

[PLACENAME]

973

00:47:16,650 --> 00:47:18,985

Another town.

974

00:47:18,985 --> 00:47:21,930

You spelled that for me.

975

00:47:21,930 --> 00:47:23,850

Can you give me
your father's name?

976

00:47:23,850 --> 00:47:24,350

Martin.

977

00:47:24,350 --> 00:47:27,770

978

00:47:27,770 --> 00:47:28,530

Martin Lebowitz

979

00:47:28,530 --> 00:47:29,030

Yeah.

980

00:47:29,030 --> 00:47:42,160

981

00:47:42,160 --> 00:47:44,170

Do you remember how old
he was or his birthday?

982

00:47:44,170 --> 00:47:45,520

Do you remember his birthday?

983

00:47:45,520 --> 00:47:48,250

I know that he was six
years older than my mother.

984

00:47:48,250 --> 00:47:51,190

But I don't know
exactly the dates.

985

00:47:51,190 --> 00:47:53,860

He must have been in the late--

986

00:47:53,860 --> 00:47:54,730

Mid-40s, maybe?

987

00:47:54,730 --> 00:47:56,200

Mid-40s, yes.

988
00:47:56,200 --> 00:48:02,210

989
00:48:02,210 --> 00:48:04,480
Do you remember when
they got married?

990
00:48:04,480 --> 00:48:05,720
You don't remember?

991
00:48:05,720 --> 00:48:09,240

992
00:48:09,240 --> 00:48:10,717
And let's see, you
said, you had--

993
00:48:10,717 --> 00:48:11,925
there were seven kids in all.

994
00:48:11,925 --> 00:48:13,080
Seven kids.

995
00:48:13,080 --> 00:48:14,220
Do you remember how many--

996
00:48:14,220 --> 00:48:15,303
there were how many girls?

997
00:48:15,303 --> 00:48:18,120
Three brothers and four
girls, including me.

998
00:48:18,120 --> 00:48:20,130
There were three sisters.

999
00:48:20,130 --> 00:48:23,580
But I was the fourth girl.

1000

00:48:23,580 --> 00:48:25,320
So four girls--

1001
00:48:25,320 --> 00:48:26,240
And three brothers.

1002
00:48:26,240 --> 00:48:28,322
--and three boys.

1003
00:48:28,322 --> 00:48:29,530
Can you give me their names--

1004
00:48:29,530 --> 00:48:29,830
Yes.

1005
00:48:29,830 --> 00:48:31,747
--the four girls, and
then including yourself,

1006
00:48:31,747 --> 00:48:34,377
so you have Helen and--

1007
00:48:34,377 --> 00:48:35,960
Shall I give you
from the oldest down?

1008
00:48:35,960 --> 00:48:37,270
Sure.

1009
00:48:37,270 --> 00:48:39,360
Larry--

1010
00:48:39,360 --> 00:48:40,120
Is for the boys?

1011
00:48:40,120 --> 00:48:41,170
We called him Laib.

1012
00:48:41,170 --> 00:48:43,903
Shall I call them
what we called them?

1013

00:48:43,903 --> 00:48:45,820

Sure. tell me what you--
you can give me both.

1014

00:48:45,820 --> 00:48:47,890

You can give me his real
given name and then--

1015

00:48:47,890 --> 00:48:51,130

We call them Laib.

1016

00:48:51,130 --> 00:48:55,570

And then I named my son
after him, is Larry.

1017

00:48:55,570 --> 00:48:58,090

So Laib would be L-A-I-B?

1018

00:48:58,090 --> 00:49:03,183

B.

1019

00:49:03,183 --> 00:49:04,600

And he was the
oldest of the boys?

1020

00:49:04,600 --> 00:49:05,500

He was the oldest.

1021

00:49:05,500 --> 00:49:08,380

No actually, wait a
minute, I had a sister.

1022

00:49:08,380 --> 00:49:10,030

She was the oldest.

1023

00:49:10,030 --> 00:49:12,198

But she came to
the United States.

1024

00:49:12,198 --> 00:49:14,240

So she didn't go through
the concentration camps.

1025
00:49:14,240 --> 00:49:15,880
So she came before the war?

1026
00:49:15,880 --> 00:49:21,010
Before, in '39, would
you believe it, just

1027
00:49:21,010 --> 00:49:22,475
before the whole disaster.

1028
00:49:22,475 --> 00:49:27,550

1029
00:49:27,550 --> 00:49:28,970
And what was her name?

1030
00:49:28,970 --> 00:49:31,992
Her name was here, we
called her [? Liya ?]..

1031
00:49:31,992 --> 00:49:33,575
But Francis-- they
called one of the--

1032
00:49:33,575 --> 00:49:34,075
Francis?

1033
00:49:34,075 --> 00:49:35,190
--United States, Francis.

1034
00:49:35,190 --> 00:49:37,720

1035
00:49:37,720 --> 00:49:40,810
So you were in contact with
her after you got here?

1036
00:49:40,810 --> 00:49:43,360
It's another story.

1037

00:49:43,360 --> 00:49:44,830
That's why it's
good that you ask

1038
00:49:44,830 --> 00:49:47,283
me questions because I can
sit here a half an hour

1039
00:49:47,283 --> 00:49:48,700
telling you how
we got in contact.

1040
00:49:48,700 --> 00:49:51,400

1041
00:49:51,400 --> 00:49:52,780
And then it was Laib.

1042
00:49:52,780 --> 00:49:54,190
And then was--

1043
00:49:54,190 --> 00:49:56,900
I had a sister.

1044
00:49:56,900 --> 00:50:01,900
Her name-- [INAUDIBLE] my god.

1045
00:50:01,900 --> 00:50:03,400
Her name was Sura.

1046
00:50:03,400 --> 00:50:05,030
Sura, S-U-R-A?

1047
00:50:05,030 --> 00:50:05,530
Yes.

1048
00:50:05,530 --> 00:50:10,500

1049
00:50:10,500 --> 00:50:12,630
And she had a child.

1050

00:50:12,630 --> 00:50:13,990

And it was at night.

1051

00:50:13,990 --> 00:50:16,210

So she just walked
away with the child.

1052

00:50:16,210 --> 00:50:19,200

Some children were torn--

1053

00:50:19,200 --> 00:50:20,870

mothers were torn away.

1054

00:50:20,870 --> 00:50:21,490

And probably--

1055

00:50:21,490 --> 00:50:22,350

You mean when you
came to Auschwitz?

1056

00:50:22,350 --> 00:50:22,850

Yes.

1057

00:50:22,850 --> 00:50:25,437

And probably she
was the lucky one.

1058

00:50:25,437 --> 00:50:27,270

She just walked off
with a kid [INAUDIBLE]..

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00:50:27,270 --> 00:50:28,488

And she had the kid with her?

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00:50:28,488 --> 00:50:29,530

She had the kid with her.

1061

00:50:29,530 --> 00:50:32,220

1062

00:50:32,220 --> 00:50:33,330

And then my brother--

1063
00:50:33,330 --> 00:50:36,210

1064
00:50:36,210 --> 00:50:38,410
this is my brother.

1065
00:50:38,410 --> 00:50:40,515
His name was Saul.

1066
00:50:40,515 --> 00:50:43,850

1067
00:50:43,850 --> 00:50:47,000
Did he have a nickname, or
did you call him just Saul?

1068
00:50:47,000 --> 00:50:49,300
No, his name is
[? Schloyme ?],, actually,

1069
00:50:49,300 --> 00:50:50,300
we called him in Jewish.

1070
00:50:50,300 --> 00:50:50,900
Oh, so you called him--

1071
00:50:50,900 --> 00:50:51,400
OK.

1072
00:50:51,400 --> 00:50:55,040

1073
00:50:55,040 --> 00:51:01,910
And then this is my sister
that I live through my life

1074
00:51:01,910 --> 00:51:03,110
during the war.

1075

00:51:03,110 --> 00:51:04,640
Her name is Sylvia.

1076
00:51:04,640 --> 00:51:05,795
And we called her Zeisl.

1077
00:51:05,795 --> 00:51:09,260

1078
00:51:09,260 --> 00:51:12,800
Zeisl, how would you spell that?

1079
00:51:12,800 --> 00:51:15,800
Spell it, Zeisl.

1080
00:51:15,800 --> 00:51:18,920
I would Z-E-I-S-L.

1081
00:51:18,920 --> 00:51:20,090
Yeah.

1082
00:51:20,090 --> 00:51:22,940
In Jewish, we would call
each other these names.

1083
00:51:22,940 --> 00:51:25,160
And right now, her
name is Sylvia.

1084
00:51:25,160 --> 00:51:28,520
And then it's me.

1085
00:51:28,520 --> 00:51:30,680
So it was Helen,
Sura, and Sylvia,

1086
00:51:30,680 --> 00:51:33,180
and then the oldest was Francis?

1087
00:51:33,180 --> 00:51:34,850
Yes.

1088

00:51:34,850 --> 00:51:37,246

And then you had--

1089

00:51:37,246 --> 00:51:38,545

oh, we've got Larry and Saul.

1090

00:51:38,545 --> 00:51:40,170

And what was your
other brother's name?

1091

00:51:40,170 --> 00:51:40,670

Ephraim.

1092

00:51:40,670 --> 00:51:53,450

1093

00:51:53,450 --> 00:51:56,510

Now you said that your
parents had a shoe--

1094

00:51:56,510 --> 00:51:57,260

[? Batya ?] store.

1095

00:51:57,260 --> 00:51:58,120

It was a store?

1096

00:51:58,120 --> 00:51:59,860

Yes.

1097

00:51:59,860 --> 00:52:05,360

It was like a franchise.

1098

00:52:05,360 --> 00:52:07,910

There were lots of places.

1099

00:52:07,910 --> 00:52:10,820

That was only by the Czechs.

1100

00:52:10,820 --> 00:52:13,720

And then the Jews weren't
allowed to have no franchise.

1101
00:52:13,720 --> 00:52:17,550

1102
00:52:17,550 --> 00:52:18,675
Did he repair shoes?

1103
00:52:18,675 --> 00:52:19,800
Or did they just sell them?

1104
00:52:19,800 --> 00:52:20,300
Or--

1105
00:52:20,300 --> 00:52:22,200
They just sold them.

1106
00:52:22,200 --> 00:52:24,600
There was a factory
that supplied

1107
00:52:24,600 --> 00:52:25,740
these [? batya ?] stores.

1108
00:52:25,740 --> 00:52:31,780

1109
00:52:31,780 --> 00:52:32,830
Like Hahn's, you know?

1110
00:52:32,830 --> 00:52:35,560
Yeah, sure.

1111
00:52:35,560 --> 00:52:38,170
But it wasn't that big of--

1112
00:52:38,170 --> 00:52:40,360
everything was smaller there.

1113
00:52:40,360 --> 00:52:49,340

1114
00:52:49,340 --> 00:52:50,810
I didn't ask you this before.

1115
00:52:50,810 --> 00:52:57,950
Were there Jewish youth
groups or community groups

1116
00:52:57,950 --> 00:52:58,880
in the town?

1117
00:52:58,880 --> 00:53:00,963
Or was it just
people saw each other

1118
00:53:00,963 --> 00:53:02,630
at the synagogue and
that kind of thing?

1119
00:53:02,630 --> 00:53:03,890
In the synagogue.

1120
00:53:03,890 --> 00:53:07,730
And then we had to
make our own schools.

1121
00:53:07,730 --> 00:53:11,930
So we saw each other
in the schools.

1122
00:53:11,930 --> 00:53:13,700
Did you all and your
brothers and sisters

1123
00:53:13,700 --> 00:53:16,470
go to private Jewish schools,
or did you go to public schools?

1124
00:53:16,470 --> 00:53:17,480
A Czech.

1125
00:53:17,480 --> 00:53:23,085
With the Czechs, we

went to public school.

1126
00:53:23,085 --> 00:53:24,710
But under the
Hungarians, you went to--

1127
00:53:24,710 --> 00:53:27,050
To private because
we weren't allowed

1128
00:53:27,050 --> 00:53:28,690
no more to go to school.

1129
00:53:28,690 --> 00:53:35,050

1130
00:53:35,050 --> 00:53:37,720
And the schools
were held at home.

1131
00:53:37,720 --> 00:53:39,640
It wasn't a private building.

1132
00:53:39,640 --> 00:53:42,910
It wasn't a building where
the kids could go to.

1133
00:53:42,910 --> 00:53:44,281
It was in different homes.

1134
00:53:44,281 --> 00:53:52,350

1135
00:53:52,350 --> 00:53:55,410
Your father was-- you said
he was about in his mid-40s

1136
00:53:55,410 --> 00:53:59,760
in 1940.

1137
00:53:59,760 --> 00:54:02,712
Was he involved in

World War I or anything?

1138
00:54:02,712 --> 00:54:03,420
Was he a veteran?

1139
00:54:03,420 --> 00:54:03,730
Do you remember?

1140
00:54:03,730 --> 00:54:04,560
Yes.

1141
00:54:04,560 --> 00:54:07,938
Believe it or not, that's
why he didn't understand.

1142
00:54:07,938 --> 00:54:09,980
He didn't understand why
the Germans are treating

1143
00:54:09,980 --> 00:54:10,980
people the way they did?

1144
00:54:10,980 --> 00:54:13,050
He kept on saying that he--

1145
00:54:13,050 --> 00:54:15,820
he fought for the
Hungarians, actually.

1146
00:54:15,820 --> 00:54:16,820
The Austrian-Hungarians.

1147
00:54:16,820 --> 00:54:19,100
The Austrian-Hungarians.

1148
00:54:19,100 --> 00:54:21,102
That's why he
thought he was safe.

1149
00:54:21,102 --> 00:54:22,310
He thought the Germans were--

1150

00:54:22,310 --> 00:54:25,640

Yeah, that they'll recognize
that even though he is a Jew,

1151

00:54:25,640 --> 00:54:26,560

but he served--

1152

00:54:26,560 --> 00:54:27,560

He fought on their side.

1153

00:54:27,560 --> 00:54:28,690

--this country.

1154

00:54:28,690 --> 00:54:33,310

Yeah, he served for the
country he lived in.

1155

00:54:33,310 --> 00:54:39,960

1156

00:54:39,960 --> 00:54:45,410

Matter of fact, he was
wounded right here.

1157

00:54:45,410 --> 00:54:47,270

A bullet went through his leg.

1158

00:54:47,270 --> 00:54:49,550

So he fought against the
Russians, do you remember?

1159

00:54:49,550 --> 00:54:52,220

And actually, I
was a little kid.

1160

00:54:52,220 --> 00:54:54,280

So I don't really remember.

1161

00:54:54,280 --> 00:54:57,800

But I know that he was in a war.

1162

00:54:57,800 --> 00:54:58,615
And--

1163
00:54:58,615 --> 00:55:01,286
Did he use to tell stories
to your brothers and sisters

1164
00:55:01,286 --> 00:55:03,078
and you about the war
and things like that?

1165
00:55:03,078 --> 00:55:04,785
Yes, he did.

1166
00:55:04,785 --> 00:55:15,970

1167
00:55:15,970 --> 00:55:18,780
And he believed that
the Germans were just--

1168
00:55:18,780 --> 00:55:21,430
they couldn't do the things
that maybe people were saying?

1169
00:55:21,430 --> 00:55:24,100
Did he believed that
the Germans were--

1170
00:55:24,100 --> 00:55:30,340
We believed maybe it'll
happen to one, to two,

1171
00:55:30,340 --> 00:55:35,710
maybe a German that is that a--

1172
00:55:35,710 --> 00:55:37,780
a German that isn't educated.

1173
00:55:37,780 --> 00:55:40,430

1174

00:55:40,430 --> 00:55:43,690
We didn't think it would
be an organized situation.

1175
00:55:43,690 --> 00:55:44,710
You see what I'm saying?

1176
00:55:44,710 --> 00:55:45,210
Mm-hmm.

1177
00:55:45,210 --> 00:55:48,790

1178
00:55:48,790 --> 00:55:58,930
How can a country or whatever
organize to eliminate a people?

1179
00:55:58,930 --> 00:56:03,400
We thought it would
be one person that

1180
00:56:03,400 --> 00:56:06,070
will vandalize us or--

1181
00:56:06,070 --> 00:56:12,350

1182
00:56:12,350 --> 00:56:18,470
Were your parents
fairly well educated?

1183
00:56:18,470 --> 00:56:19,505
They were educated--

1184
00:56:19,505 --> 00:56:20,713
Did they go to a good school?

1185
00:56:20,713 --> 00:56:22,700
--in Jewish, very much so.

1186
00:56:22,700 --> 00:56:27,370

1187
00:56:27,370 --> 00:56:29,870
I'm Jewish, but I'm
not that religious.

1188
00:56:29,870 --> 00:56:32,990
I have difficulties today.

1189
00:56:32,990 --> 00:56:35,430
I have difficulties today.

1190
00:56:35,430 --> 00:56:40,370
I'm afraid to think
that there is nothing

1191
00:56:40,370 --> 00:56:43,160
because it can't be worse.

1192
00:56:43,160 --> 00:56:50,280
But I don't think I'm as
religious as my people.

1193
00:56:50,280 --> 00:56:55,920
My parents, my grandparents
definitely believed.

1194
00:56:55,920 --> 00:57:00,420
They would definitely believers.

1195
00:57:00,420 --> 00:57:07,350
To them, a sin was
maybe doubting God.

1196
00:57:07,350 --> 00:57:11,045

1197
00:57:11,045 --> 00:57:12,420
Did your parents,
do you remember

1198
00:57:12,420 --> 00:57:13,800
if they went to public schools?

1199
00:57:13,800 --> 00:57:15,800
Or did they go to
Jewish schools?

1200
00:57:15,800 --> 00:57:16,980
I don't know.

1201
00:57:16,980 --> 00:57:19,830
But I know they were well
educated [INAUDIBLE] Jewish.

1202
00:57:19,830 --> 00:57:23,730
They recalled things
from the Bible.

1203
00:57:23,730 --> 00:57:26,190
Maybe that was their
way of educating

1204
00:57:26,190 --> 00:57:28,140
us to be human beings.

1205
00:57:28,140 --> 00:57:30,670
I'm not sure why they did that.

1206
00:57:30,670 --> 00:57:35,790
But if there was any
correction in our behavior--

1207
00:57:35,790 --> 00:57:38,190
kids act up sometimes.

1208
00:57:38,190 --> 00:57:41,550
So they would quote us from
the Bible, what is right

1209
00:57:41,550 --> 00:57:44,610
and what is wrong, and
the Bible says this,

1210
00:57:44,610 --> 00:57:45,795

and the Bible says that.

1211
00:57:45,795 --> 00:57:59,118

1212
00:57:59,118 --> 00:58:02,950
Now you said when the
Hungarians came in,

1213
00:58:02,950 --> 00:58:07,023
that they seized the shoe store.

1214
00:58:07,023 --> 00:58:07,940
They seized the store.

1215
00:58:07,940 --> 00:58:09,090
And seized things.

1216
00:58:09,090 --> 00:58:12,090
Did your parents-- can you
tell me a little bit about

1217
00:58:12,090 --> 00:58:12,750
your house--

1218
00:58:12,750 --> 00:58:13,250
Yes.

1219
00:58:13,250 --> 00:58:16,710
--and where you grew up and
maybe how much land you had,

1220
00:58:16,710 --> 00:58:19,620
where it was, it was
a wooded area or--

1221
00:58:19,620 --> 00:58:20,670
No.

1222
00:58:20,670 --> 00:58:22,420
We had a house.

1223

00:58:22,420 --> 00:58:23,548

And we had also--

1224

00:58:23,548 --> 00:58:25,590

Was it also a stone house
like your grandparents?

1225

00:58:25,590 --> 00:58:26,480

No.

1226

00:58:26,480 --> 00:58:28,860

It was a stucco house.

1227

00:58:28,860 --> 00:58:30,510

Boy, if I would go
back there, I bet

1228

00:58:30,510 --> 00:58:34,110

I would recognize it because
I remember it so vividly.

1229

00:58:34,110 --> 00:58:35,340

Have you been back?

1230

00:58:35,340 --> 00:58:36,420

No.

1231

00:58:36,420 --> 00:58:43,530

I went back to see my brother
in Russia because he was--

1232

00:58:43,530 --> 00:58:46,460

I was there in Belgium when--

1233

00:58:46,460 --> 00:58:48,330

so the English--

1234

00:58:48,330 --> 00:58:49,380

When they liberated you?

1235

00:58:49,380 --> 00:58:50,580

Liberated me.

1236
00:58:50,580 --> 00:58:53,980
And the Russians, when
my brother was liberated,

1237
00:58:53,980 --> 00:58:55,525
he was liberated
under the Russians.

1238
00:58:55,525 --> 00:58:58,638
So then he could
no longer leave.

1239
00:58:58,638 --> 00:59:00,180
Does he still live
in Czechoslovakia?

1240
00:59:00,180 --> 00:59:04,350
No, we brought
him over here in--

1241
00:59:04,350 --> 00:59:06,240
he was in Russia for many years.

1242
00:59:06,240 --> 00:59:08,370
But then we brought
him over here.

1243
00:59:08,370 --> 00:59:09,820
And he died--

1244
00:59:09,820 --> 00:59:11,300
Just not long ago?

1245
00:59:11,300 --> 00:59:12,940
--about three years ago.

1246
00:59:12,940 --> 00:59:18,390

1247
00:59:18,390 --> 00:59:20,490

So let's see, you said
you had a stucco house.

1248
00:59:20,490 --> 00:59:21,630
Yes.

1249
00:59:21,630 --> 00:59:25,130
And we had cows and sheep.

1250
00:59:25,130 --> 00:59:29,910
And we had a different
house for the animals.

1251
00:59:29,910 --> 00:59:30,630
Like a barn?

1252
00:59:30,630 --> 00:59:32,880
Like a barn, yeah.

1253
00:59:32,880 --> 00:59:34,935
And we had some--

1254
00:59:34,935 --> 00:59:36,990
we had a house.

1255
00:59:36,990 --> 00:59:41,550
Under the Czechs, the
reason why my grandparents

1256
00:59:41,550 --> 00:59:51,270
had more cows and all kinds of
animals, because they had land.

1257
00:59:51,270 --> 00:59:54,128
We were allowed to own land.

1258
00:59:54,128 --> 00:59:54,795
But the Czechs--

1259
00:59:54,795 --> 00:59:55,890
Under the Czechs.

1260
00:59:55,890 --> 00:59:59,408
But the Hungarians
came, nothing was ours,

1261
00:59:59,408 --> 01:00:00,450
you know what I'm saying?

1262
01:00:00,450 --> 01:00:01,860
Mm-hmm.

1263
01:00:01,860 --> 01:00:02,640
They took it away.

1264
01:00:02,640 --> 01:00:05,530

1265
01:00:05,530 --> 01:00:08,380
Did you all have chores to
do, like to milk the cows or--

1266
01:00:08,380 --> 01:00:09,730
Yeah.

1267
01:00:09,730 --> 01:00:11,460
What did you do,
do you remember?

1268
01:00:11,460 --> 01:00:14,120
I used to like to play
with the little calves.

1269
01:00:14,120 --> 01:00:15,475
They were my favorite.

1270
01:00:15,475 --> 01:00:19,480
[LAUGHS] Oh, I loved them.

1271
01:00:19,480 --> 01:00:22,525
Did you all have pets,
like a dog or a cat?

1272

01:00:22,525 --> 01:00:23,890
A dog, yeah.

1273
01:00:23,890 --> 01:00:24,970
The kids loved it.

1274
01:00:24,970 --> 01:00:29,240

1275
01:00:29,240 --> 01:00:30,670
There are so many children.

1276
01:00:30,670 --> 01:00:34,020
So that was our life, to--

1277
01:00:34,020 --> 01:00:40,030

1278
01:00:40,030 --> 01:00:41,432
Did you live right in the town?

1279
01:00:41,432 --> 01:00:43,390
Or did you live on the
outside of the town or--

1280
01:00:43,390 --> 01:00:44,057
No, in the town.

1281
01:00:44,057 --> 01:00:44,560
In the town?

1282
01:00:44,560 --> 01:00:45,060
Yes.

1283
01:00:45,060 --> 01:00:47,872

1284
01:00:47,872 --> 01:00:50,080
Now you said that your
grandparents had-- their store

1285

01:00:50,080 --> 01:00:52,160
was connected to the house.

1286
01:00:52,160 --> 01:00:52,660
Yes.

1287
01:00:52,660 --> 01:00:55,540
Was that also the same way
in the shoe store, or no?

1288
01:00:55,540 --> 01:00:56,200
No.

1289
01:00:56,200 --> 01:00:57,450
That was a different building?

1290
01:00:57,450 --> 01:01:00,250
The shoe store was in
a different building

1291
01:01:00,250 --> 01:01:02,890
because it was a
franchise, sort of.

1292
01:01:02,890 --> 01:01:11,720

1293
01:01:11,720 --> 01:01:13,620
Did many people in
the town speak German?

1294
01:01:13,620 --> 01:01:15,300
Did they know German
or no, just Czech?

1295
01:01:15,300 --> 01:01:15,690
Yiddish.

1296
01:01:15,690 --> 01:01:16,190
Yiddish?

1297
01:01:16,190 --> 01:01:16,944

Czech and Yiddish.

1298
01:01:16,944 --> 01:01:17,810
Czech and Yiddish?

1299
01:01:17,810 --> 01:01:24,450
Yeah, from what I remember
because most of my life--

1300
01:01:24,450 --> 01:01:28,062
life in Europe, I
was under Czech.

1301
01:01:28,062 --> 01:01:31,220
On the Hungarian side, it was
only maybe three or four years

1302
01:01:31,220 --> 01:01:32,340
or so.

1303
01:01:32,340 --> 01:01:40,890
And then I didn't see
much of the outside world.

1304
01:01:40,890 --> 01:01:44,175
So to me, the Czech
life was more so--

1305
01:01:44,175 --> 01:01:51,580

1306
01:01:51,580 --> 01:01:55,473
Do you remember what your
parents might have said about--

1307
01:01:55,473 --> 01:01:56,890
or remember anything
they may have

1308
01:01:56,890 --> 01:01:59,113
thought about the Hungarians
when they came in?

1309

01:01:59,113 --> 01:02:00,280

Were they frightened at all?

1310

01:02:00,280 --> 01:02:01,525

Or were they apprehensive?

1311

01:02:01,525 --> 01:02:04,420

Were--

1312

01:02:04,420 --> 01:02:07,480

They were apprehensive
that we weren't allowed--

1313

01:02:07,480 --> 01:02:10,670

no we weren't first class--

1314

01:02:10,670 --> 01:02:12,990

we were a second-class citizen.

1315

01:02:12,990 --> 01:02:16,405

1316

01:02:16,405 --> 01:02:17,530

We were limited.

1317

01:02:17,530 --> 01:02:20,530

We were even limited to worship.

1318

01:02:20,530 --> 01:02:22,510

That doesn't hurt anyone.

1319

01:02:22,510 --> 01:02:26,450

But what can a person
do with worshiping God?

1320

01:02:26,450 --> 01:02:27,655

We pray for better times.

1321

01:02:27,655 --> 01:02:32,550

1322

01:02:32,550 --> 01:02:37,710

And then we were
just preoccupied

1323

01:02:37,710 --> 01:02:44,210

on how to survive, how to feed
all these mouths and how to--

1324

01:02:44,210 --> 01:02:47,840

that was our preoccupation--
and our safety.

1325

01:02:47,840 --> 01:02:53,990

When the Hungarians
seized your store,

1326

01:02:53,990 --> 01:02:57,450

what did your parents do to
try to make a living then?

1327

01:02:57,450 --> 01:03:00,960

It was really very
difficult. We had to live--

1328

01:03:00,960 --> 01:03:05,240

again, like my grandparents,
we had a little place

1329

01:03:05,240 --> 01:03:11,750

near the house that we planted
carrots and potatoes and just

1330

01:03:11,750 --> 01:03:12,490

barely--

1331

01:03:12,490 --> 01:03:15,020

and then we had our cows.

1332

01:03:15,020 --> 01:03:21,350

So we had our cows for milk.

1333

01:03:21,350 --> 01:03:26,150

And people, they lived mostly
on potatoes and milk and bread.

1334
01:03:26,150 --> 01:03:32,000
Or bread was
already a big thing.

1335
01:03:32,000 --> 01:03:35,210
And we had poultry.

1336
01:03:35,210 --> 01:03:37,617
We had--

1337
01:03:37,617 --> 01:03:38,450
Chickens and things?

1338
01:03:38,450 --> 01:03:41,495
Chickens and wild
goose, I remember.

1339
01:03:41,495 --> 01:03:52,600

1340
01:03:52,600 --> 01:03:54,653
But they couldn't have--

1341
01:03:54,653 --> 01:03:57,070
your father couldn't have a
job after the Hungarians came?

1342
01:03:57,070 --> 01:03:57,850
Oh, no.

1343
01:03:57,850 --> 01:04:00,300
Not in a regular job sense,
like working [INAUDIBLE]..

1344
01:04:00,300 --> 01:04:00,800
No.

1345
01:04:00,800 --> 01:04:03,040
He had odd jobs here and there.

1346
01:04:03,040 --> 01:04:06,100
I think my father
was more educated.

1347
01:04:06,100 --> 01:04:08,770
I think he had--

1348
01:04:08,770 --> 01:04:15,660
because he-- I think my
mother was less educated.

1349
01:04:15,660 --> 01:04:18,790
But she was educated
in the Torah.

1350
01:04:18,790 --> 01:04:21,340
She was educated in Jewish--

1351
01:04:21,340 --> 01:04:23,190
She went to a cheder.

1352
01:04:23,190 --> 01:04:27,450
But I think that my father
did go to some school

1353
01:04:27,450 --> 01:04:32,970
because I think he was an
officer in school and worked--

1354
01:04:32,970 --> 01:04:33,600
In the army?

1355
01:04:33,600 --> 01:04:34,660
In the army, yeah.

1356
01:04:34,660 --> 01:04:41,880

1357
01:04:41,880 --> 01:04:43,710
Did you all have
a radio at home?

1358
01:04:43,710 --> 01:04:45,330
We had, but the Hungarians--
you had to hand them in.

1359
01:04:45,330 --> 01:04:46,380
They took it [INAUDIBLE]?

1360
01:04:46,380 --> 01:04:47,850
You had to hand them in.

1361
01:04:47,850 --> 01:04:49,183
Oh, so you had to bring them in?

1362
01:04:49,183 --> 01:04:50,112
And we were scared.

1363
01:04:50,112 --> 01:04:52,140
We were scared that
they'll find us.

1364
01:04:52,140 --> 01:04:53,340
Where can you--

1365
01:04:53,340 --> 01:04:57,250

1366
01:04:57,250 --> 01:05:00,400
Did your parents also read
a newspaper in the town

1367
01:05:00,400 --> 01:05:01,350
before the war?

1368
01:05:01,350 --> 01:05:03,640
Or also before the
Hungarians came in?

1369
01:05:03,640 --> 01:05:07,660
Yes, there was a newspaper,
but not after the Hungarians.

1370

01:05:07,660 --> 01:05:11,120

There was no--

1371

01:05:11,120 --> 01:05:12,820

Was the newspaper from the town?

1372

01:05:12,820 --> 01:05:14,760

Or was it from a
large town elsewhere?

1373

01:05:14,760 --> 01:05:17,020

It was brought in
from the larger town,

1374

01:05:17,020 --> 01:05:19,330

like the New York Times.

1375

01:05:19,330 --> 01:05:23,770

You will find a New York
Times in Washington.

1376

01:05:23,770 --> 01:05:27,910

There was no place
where they made it.

1377

01:05:27,910 --> 01:05:29,680

So your parents
knew about things

1378

01:05:29,680 --> 01:05:31,792

that were going on let's
say Germany or Poland

1379

01:05:31,792 --> 01:05:32,500

or that kind of--

1380

01:05:32,500 --> 01:05:33,260

More or less.

1381

01:05:33,260 --> 01:05:37,202

Then Hitler-- if you knew that--

1382

01:05:37,202 --> 01:05:41,695

when the German--
what was his name?

1383

01:05:41,695 --> 01:05:45,520

1384

01:05:45,520 --> 01:05:47,780

When Hitler became the--

1385

01:05:47,780 --> 01:05:48,280

The leader?

1386

01:05:48,280 --> 01:05:50,550

Got to power-- the leader.

1387

01:05:50,550 --> 01:05:51,230

1933?

1388

01:05:51,230 --> 01:05:51,730

Yeah.

1389

01:05:51,730 --> 01:05:54,130

We knew when Hitler
got to power.

1390

01:05:54,130 --> 01:06:05,060

1391

01:06:05,060 --> 01:06:07,250

Was there ever any--

1392

01:06:07,250 --> 01:06:09,740

when the Hungarians
came in, was there

1393

01:06:09,740 --> 01:06:12,890

ever any discussion in your
family about maybe possibly

1394

01:06:12,890 --> 01:06:14,750

leaving at all?

1395

01:06:14,750 --> 01:06:16,820

There was, yeah?

1396

01:06:16,820 --> 01:06:20,300

We wanted to come
to the United States

1397

01:06:20,300 --> 01:06:22,610

because I had my sister here.

1398

01:06:22,610 --> 01:06:25,130

But we couldn't no longer.

1399

01:06:25,130 --> 01:06:28,700

Now, where could we have gone?

1400

01:06:28,700 --> 01:06:31,010

In Hungarian-- we
were surrounded.

1401

01:06:31,010 --> 01:06:34,880

In the Hungarian, the Jews were
treated like we were treated.

1402

01:06:34,880 --> 01:06:38,930

In Romania, Jews were
treated like we were treated.

1403

01:06:38,930 --> 01:06:42,260

If you see Czechoslovakia
being in the middle--

1404

01:06:42,260 --> 01:06:43,250

No place to go.

1405

01:06:43,250 --> 01:06:45,380

No place to go--

1406

01:06:45,380 --> 01:06:47,000

was no place to go.

1407
01:06:47,000 --> 01:06:58,290

1408
01:06:58,290 --> 01:06:59,700
Now let's see, you--

1409
01:06:59,700 --> 01:07:05,820
we talked about your
father and your mother

1410
01:07:05,820 --> 01:07:10,410
and what happened to them
once they went to Auschwitz.

1411
01:07:10,410 --> 01:07:12,070
And they were with
you the whole time.

1412
01:07:12,070 --> 01:07:16,660
We talked about you going
to the ghetto in Uzhhorod

1413
01:07:16,660 --> 01:07:18,614
and then on to Auschwitz.

1414
01:07:18,614 --> 01:07:21,280

1415
01:07:21,280 --> 01:07:23,430
So I basically
know their stories.

1416
01:07:23,430 --> 01:07:24,420
You've told me that.

1417
01:07:24,420 --> 01:07:27,860
And your father, you
said you were split,

1418
01:07:27,860 --> 01:07:29,733
so the last time you

saw your father was

1419
01:07:29,733 --> 01:07:30,900
when you came off the train.

1420
01:07:30,900 --> 01:07:33,900
But you don't know what
happened to him at all.

1421
01:07:33,900 --> 01:07:38,670
But my brother told
us when he came

1422
01:07:38,670 --> 01:07:41,010
that he met up with the man--

1423
01:07:41,010 --> 01:07:44,370
that was with my older brother--

1424
01:07:44,370 --> 01:07:46,260
and my older--

1425
01:07:46,260 --> 01:07:50,130
Now this is Saul, your brother
you were talking about?

1426
01:07:50,130 --> 01:07:52,200
And now I'm going to
talk about Larry--

1427
01:07:52,200 --> 01:07:58,980
that he actually
survived all this time.

1428
01:07:58,980 --> 01:08:02,370
But when they were
taking them back--

1429
01:08:02,370 --> 01:08:04,050
as the Russian [INAUDIBLE].

1430
01:08:04,050 --> 01:08:05,280

After the war, you mean?

1431
01:08:05,280 --> 01:08:10,600
No, that was almost
the end of the war.

1432
01:08:10,600 --> 01:08:14,010

1433
01:08:14,010 --> 01:08:20,880
He died of starvation in a train
because they were taking them

1434
01:08:20,880 --> 01:08:22,590
away.

1435
01:08:22,590 --> 01:08:31,695
You see, what they were
doing is they were picking--

1436
01:08:31,695 --> 01:08:36,510
you have these grenades
on the floor on the--

1437
01:08:36,510 --> 01:08:41,069
let's say when the
Russians retreated,

1438
01:08:41,069 --> 01:08:43,620
when the Germans saw--

1439
01:08:43,620 --> 01:08:46,560
before the Germans
would make any step,

1440
01:08:46,560 --> 01:08:52,080
they send out these Jewish
boys to the mine field.

1441
01:08:52,080 --> 01:08:53,080
So they would blown up--

1442

01:08:53,080 --> 01:08:54,390
So they would pick up--

1443
01:08:54,390 --> 01:08:56,250
--so they'd know
where the mines.

1444
01:08:56,250 --> 01:08:58,200
So that's what happened.

1445
01:08:58,200 --> 01:08:59,456
He survived that.

1446
01:08:59,456 --> 01:09:01,539
He went through-- he was
actually in one of those,

1447
01:09:01,539 --> 01:09:02,338
your father was?

1448
01:09:02,338 --> 01:09:03,344
No, my brother.

1449
01:09:03,344 --> 01:09:05,069
Your brother.

1450
01:09:05,069 --> 01:09:08,340
But what happened was he died
of starvation because when

1451
01:09:08,340 --> 01:09:13,500
they had to retreat, they were
retreating and taking these--

1452
01:09:13,500 --> 01:09:16,800
whoever was left-- a handful.

1453
01:09:16,800 --> 01:09:20,609
And they weren't given them
to eat or anything or sleep.

1454
01:09:20,609 --> 01:09:25,435

So he just-- that's
what somebody told my--

1455
01:09:25,435 --> 01:09:26,560
Told Saul--

1456
01:09:26,560 --> 01:09:27,420
Saul.

1457
01:09:27,420 --> 01:09:28,164
--about Larry?

1458
01:09:28,164 --> 01:09:28,664
About Larry.

1459
01:09:28,664 --> 01:09:32,040

1460
01:09:32,040 --> 01:09:35,310
But could he have survived
maybe the starvation,

1461
01:09:35,310 --> 01:09:37,758
he would be alive
because he survived--

1462
01:09:37,758 --> 01:09:38,800
He got through the camps.

1463
01:09:38,800 --> 01:09:40,229
[INAUDIBLE] yes.

1464
01:09:40,229 --> 01:09:42,189
But I wasn't there.

1465
01:09:42,189 --> 01:09:42,689
Sure.

1466
01:09:42,689 --> 01:09:45,422
I understand.

1467

01:09:45,422 --> 01:09:47,130
But the last time you
saw-- the last time

1468
01:09:47,130 --> 01:09:48,300
you heard anything
about your father

1469
01:09:48,300 --> 01:09:49,592
was when you got off the train?

1470
01:09:49,592 --> 01:09:50,180
That was it.

1471
01:09:50,180 --> 01:09:54,040

1472
01:09:54,040 --> 01:09:55,855
Let's see, why don't
you tell me about--

1473
01:09:55,855 --> 01:09:58,450

1474
01:09:58,450 --> 01:10:02,830
we can start with Saul
since he survived.

1475
01:10:02,830 --> 01:10:07,000
Do you remember-- it's
Saul Lebowitz is his name.

1476
01:10:07,000 --> 01:10:09,997

1477
01:10:09,997 --> 01:10:11,205
Do you remember his birthday?

1478
01:10:11,205 --> 01:10:15,150

1479
01:10:15,150 --> 01:10:15,685

I should.

1480
01:10:15,685 --> 01:10:18,600

1481
01:10:18,600 --> 01:10:20,230
I think he was born in '23.

1482
01:10:20,230 --> 01:10:23,792

1483
01:10:23,792 --> 01:10:25,750
So he was about five
years older than you were?

1484
01:10:25,750 --> 01:10:26,840
Yes.

1485
01:10:26,840 --> 01:10:30,210
Do you remember what
month and day he was born?

1486
01:10:30,210 --> 01:10:34,380
Do you remember when you used
to celebrate his birthday?

1487
01:10:34,380 --> 01:10:35,975
I don't know exactly.

1488
01:10:35,975 --> 01:10:38,100
I don't want to tell you
what I don't [INAUDIBLE]..

1489
01:10:38,100 --> 01:10:41,820
Do you remember if it was
in the fall or the spring?

1490
01:10:41,820 --> 01:10:44,710
I can find out.

1491
01:10:44,710 --> 01:10:45,270
Yeah.

1492
01:10:45,270 --> 01:10:47,610
If you have a record
of it somewhere,

1493
01:10:47,610 --> 01:10:51,390
you can call me and tell me.

1494
01:10:51,390 --> 01:10:52,040
I'll do that.

1495
01:10:52,040 --> 01:10:55,170

1496
01:10:55,170 --> 01:10:57,870
So basically, is there--

1497
01:10:57,870 --> 01:11:00,480
did your brother go to public
school under the Czechs?

1498
01:11:00,480 --> 01:11:01,600
Under the Czechs, yes.

1499
01:11:01,600 --> 01:11:02,642
Under the Czechs, he did?

1500
01:11:02,642 --> 01:11:04,290
Yes.

1501
01:11:04,290 --> 01:11:08,298
Is there anything special
about your brother's childhood

1502
01:11:08,298 --> 01:11:10,590
that was maybe different from
yours, that you remember,

1503
01:11:10,590 --> 01:11:11,798
that stands out in your mind?

1504

01:11:11,798 --> 01:11:14,510

1505

01:11:14,510 --> 01:11:17,750

He had more
responsibilities than I did.

1506

01:11:17,750 --> 01:11:19,790

What kind of things?

1507

01:11:19,790 --> 01:11:20,630

Let me tell you.

1508

01:11:20,630 --> 01:11:24,690

1509

01:11:24,690 --> 01:11:29,210

He helped my father
with small little jobs.

1510

01:11:29,210 --> 01:11:36,320

1511

01:11:36,320 --> 01:11:36,925

Let's say--

1512

01:11:36,925 --> 01:11:37,425

Go ahead.

1513

01:11:37,425 --> 01:11:41,620

--a non-Jew, it was forbidden
for a non-Jew to have--

1514

01:11:41,620 --> 01:11:44,090

but the Hungarians,
they were allowed.

1515

01:11:44,090 --> 01:11:45,850

But the Hungarians, they--

1516

01:11:45,850 --> 01:11:48,400

the Jews couldn't own anything.

1517
01:11:48,400 --> 01:11:53,800
But the Jews were allowed to
work for the non-Jews, sort of.

1518
01:11:53,800 --> 01:11:54,555
So he used to--

1519
01:11:54,555 --> 01:11:55,930
And this is under
the Hungarians?

1520
01:11:55,930 --> 01:11:58,420
That, we're talking now
about the Hungarians.

1521
01:11:58,420 --> 01:12:01,570
So he would go and
help my father too.

1522
01:12:01,570 --> 01:12:04,587
Oh, so you did-- you mentioned
something about after

1523
01:12:04,587 --> 01:12:06,920
the Hungarians came, your
father worked to try to help--

1524
01:12:06,920 --> 01:12:07,592
Little jobs.

1525
01:12:07,592 --> 01:12:09,490
--support-- did odd
jobs or something?

1526
01:12:09,490 --> 01:12:10,010
Yes.

1527
01:12:10,010 --> 01:12:11,350
And so your brother
helped him with that?

1528

01:12:11,350 --> 01:12:11,850
Right.

1529
01:12:11,850 --> 01:12:15,191

1530
01:12:15,191 --> 01:12:19,580
Did he also have more
responsibility on the farm?

1531
01:12:19,580 --> 01:12:22,890
Did he deal with the
cows or the sheep?

1532
01:12:22,890 --> 01:12:25,650
I'll tell you, under the
Czechs, we had a bigger farm.

1533
01:12:25,650 --> 01:12:28,860
But under Hungarians, we
no longer had the farm.

1534
01:12:28,860 --> 01:12:36,630
Except they let us have a
few cows and a few chickens.

1535
01:12:36,630 --> 01:12:41,490
But as I said, even
under the Hungarians,

1536
01:12:41,490 --> 01:12:43,710
they were taking it
from the non-Jews too.

1537
01:12:43,710 --> 01:12:46,860
But the non-Jews could--

1538
01:12:46,860 --> 01:12:50,200
the ground still
belonged to them.

1539
01:12:50,200 --> 01:12:51,360
You see what I'm saying?

1540
01:12:51,360 --> 01:12:52,550
They took the livestock.

1541
01:12:52,550 --> 01:12:53,610
Right.

1542
01:12:53,610 --> 01:12:56,310
But they could own the ground.

1543
01:12:56,310 --> 01:12:58,395
But we no longer
owned the ground.

1544
01:12:58,395 --> 01:13:02,530

1545
01:13:02,530 --> 01:13:05,160
Had your brother
completed school?

1546
01:13:05,160 --> 01:13:07,620
Had he finished the public
school before the war started,

1547
01:13:07,620 --> 01:13:09,920
or before 1939 when t
he Hungarians came in?

1548
01:13:09,920 --> 01:13:12,690
You know what, we probably
can figure that out.

1549
01:13:12,690 --> 01:13:15,400

1550
01:13:15,400 --> 01:13:18,375
How long did people
go to school?

1551
01:13:18,375 --> 01:13:19,500
When did they start school?

1552
01:13:19,500 --> 01:13:20,333
Went to high school.

1553
01:13:20,333 --> 01:13:22,080
He did go to high school?

1554
01:13:22,080 --> 01:13:24,160
My oldest brother
finished high school.

1555
01:13:24,160 --> 01:13:24,660
Larry did?

1556
01:13:24,660 --> 01:13:25,830
Larry did.

1557
01:13:25,830 --> 01:13:30,252
I don't know if he fully
did finish because--

1558
01:13:30,252 --> 01:13:31,710
Do you remember
what age they would

1559
01:13:31,710 --> 01:13:33,690
have finished high school?

1560
01:13:33,690 --> 01:13:35,025
We started at 6.

1561
01:13:35,025 --> 01:13:35,640
At 6?

1562
01:13:35,640 --> 01:13:37,090
Yeah.

1563
01:13:37,090 --> 01:13:39,090
And how many grades were
there, do you remember?

1564

01:13:39,090 --> 01:13:40,590
Like here.

1565
01:13:40,590 --> 01:13:41,970
So it'd be about to 12th?

1566
01:13:41,970 --> 01:13:43,860
Yes, it was like here.

1567
01:13:43,860 --> 01:13:46,530

1568
01:13:46,530 --> 01:13:52,260
So let's see in 1939, Saul
would have been about 16.

1569
01:13:52,260 --> 01:13:54,450
So he would have been close.

1570
01:13:54,450 --> 01:13:54,950
Yeah.

1571
01:13:54,950 --> 01:14:02,450

1572
01:14:02,450 --> 01:14:08,480
So I guess he never had a real
job before the Hungarians came?

1573
01:14:08,480 --> 01:14:09,625
No.

1574
01:14:09,625 --> 01:14:11,250
Saul, it is that I'm
talking about now.

1575
01:14:11,250 --> 01:14:12,470
No.

1576
01:14:12,470 --> 01:14:14,060
He just helped my father.

1577

01:14:14,060 --> 01:14:16,810

1578

01:14:16,810 --> 01:14:20,320

Was he involved in any activities in the town,

1579

01:14:20,320 --> 01:14:21,967

like sporting club or something?

1580

01:14:21,967 --> 01:14:23,050

There wasn't such a thing.

1581

01:14:23,050 --> 01:14:24,220

There wasn't any clubs?

1582

01:14:24,220 --> 01:14:26,053

No.

1583

01:14:26,053 --> 01:14:27,970

What did he do for amusement, do you remember?

1584

01:14:27,970 --> 01:14:28,740

What did he like to do?

1585

01:14:28,740 --> 01:14:29,573

Did he like to fish?

1586

01:14:29,573 --> 01:14:32,036

Or did he like to--

1587

01:14:32,036 --> 01:14:38,380

It is so difficult to explain a child's life there

1588

01:14:38,380 --> 01:14:40,120

and a child's life here.

1589

01:14:40,120 --> 01:14:43,570

When I see my grandchildren,

may God keep them well.

1590
01:14:43,570 --> 01:14:46,270

1591
01:14:46,270 --> 01:14:50,770
It's just like children
were just not children.

1592
01:14:50,770 --> 01:14:54,610
Children were like old people.

1593
01:14:54,610 --> 01:14:57,820
What they worried about
is how to survive,

1594
01:14:57,820 --> 01:15:03,460
how to see the sadness.

1595
01:15:03,460 --> 01:15:09,340
Let me say this, by the
Czechs, it wasn't so visible.

1596
01:15:09,340 --> 01:15:12,610
But as soon as the
Hungarians came in,

1597
01:15:12,610 --> 01:15:14,530
the children were
no longer children.

1598
01:15:14,530 --> 01:15:15,760
They had to grow up fast?

1599
01:15:15,760 --> 01:15:16,960
They grew up fast.

1600
01:15:16,960 --> 01:15:20,830

1601
01:15:20,830 --> 01:15:21,610
Did he like to--

1602
01:15:21,610 --> 01:15:25,560
did he have any hobbies
when he was younger?

1603
01:15:25,560 --> 01:15:26,722
He liked reading.

1604
01:15:26,722 --> 01:15:27,430
He liked to read?

1605
01:15:27,430 --> 01:15:29,470
Oh, he loved reading.

1606
01:15:29,470 --> 01:15:32,320
He loved reading any book that--

1607
01:15:32,320 --> 01:15:36,430
books weren't as scarce
as they are here.

1608
01:15:36,430 --> 01:15:41,890
And I know that--

1609
01:15:41,890 --> 01:15:47,850

1610
01:15:47,850 --> 01:15:50,630
a Torah is a holy thing.

1611
01:15:50,630 --> 01:15:55,340
But you wouldn't believe that to
us, a book but the holy thing,

1612
01:15:55,340 --> 01:15:58,040
any book that you got hold of.

1613
01:15:58,040 --> 01:16:03,080
I remember we had a breakfront.

1614
01:16:03,080 --> 01:16:05,420

What do you think was
in that breakfront?

1615
01:16:05,420 --> 01:16:09,800
A book that we got a hold of.

1616
01:16:09,800 --> 01:16:11,410
Everybody read it.

1617
01:16:11,410 --> 01:16:12,350
And you read it.

1618
01:16:12,350 --> 01:16:17,240
And we used to dust the books.

1619
01:16:17,240 --> 01:16:18,920
The dust should fall off it.

1620
01:16:18,920 --> 01:16:21,920
That's how scarce a book was.

1621
01:16:21,920 --> 01:16:25,170
So I tell you, when I
came here to this country,

1622
01:16:25,170 --> 01:16:31,790
and I had my children, I kept
on telling them how privileged.

1623
01:16:31,790 --> 01:16:34,505
My children knew when
they go to school,

1624
01:16:34,505 --> 01:16:37,890
they're privileged to
be able to go to school.

1625
01:16:37,890 --> 01:16:42,530
They're privileged to
have an access of books

1626
01:16:42,530 --> 01:16:46,775

that they could have.

1627
01:16:46,775 --> 01:16:47,275
To use.

1628
01:16:47,275 --> 01:16:49,790

1629
01:16:49,790 --> 01:16:54,740
To us, books for like
jewels or some-- yeah,

1630
01:16:54,740 --> 01:16:56,825
that is a good
word, like jewels.

1631
01:16:56,825 --> 01:17:00,620

1632
01:17:00,620 --> 01:17:02,120
So he liked to read a lot?

1633
01:17:02,120 --> 01:17:07,640
Oh, we all-- in that respect,
because there wasn't that much

1634
01:17:07,640 --> 01:17:10,850
that kids could do.

1635
01:17:10,850 --> 01:17:14,330
So what do you get--

1636
01:17:14,330 --> 01:17:18,410
so when you read a book,
your mind was preoccupied--

1637
01:17:18,410 --> 01:17:20,690
your mind was occupied.

1638
01:17:20,690 --> 01:17:21,800
You'd get away from--

1639

01:17:21,800 --> 01:17:26,420
From your sadness, from your--

1640

01:17:26,420 --> 01:17:29,360
Before the war, before
the Hungarians came,

1641

01:17:29,360 --> 01:17:34,490
did you all like to do things
in the outdoors, play a lot,

1642

01:17:34,490 --> 01:17:37,730
or did you go fishing?

1643

01:17:37,730 --> 01:17:40,400
We played like kids play.

1644

01:17:40,400 --> 01:17:42,140
We hopscotched, I remember.

1645

01:17:42,140 --> 01:17:46,250
And I played with my
non-Jewish children, hopscotch,

1646

01:17:46,250 --> 01:17:48,843
I remember.

1647

01:17:48,843 --> 01:17:50,510
Did your brother have
some-- did he have

1648

01:17:50,510 --> 01:17:51,677
a lot of non-Jewish friends?

1649

01:17:51,677 --> 01:17:53,900
Or did he have mostly
Jewish friends?

1650

01:17:53,900 --> 01:18:01,190
When we went to school by the
Czechs, we had non-Jewish--

1651

01:18:01,190 --> 01:18:04,490

we thought they
were our friends.

1652

01:18:04,490 --> 01:18:07,970

Like kids, we don't
think which synagogue

1653

01:18:07,970 --> 01:18:11,240

or which house of
worship you go.

1654

01:18:11,240 --> 01:18:13,580

Kids don't think like that.

1655

01:18:13,580 --> 01:18:14,255

So who cares?

1656

01:18:14,255 --> 01:18:26,852

1657

01:18:26,852 --> 01:18:31,835

When you were deported
to the ghetto, was your--

1658

01:18:31,835 --> 01:18:33,410

you said something
about your brother

1659

01:18:33,410 --> 01:18:35,120

being taken away from work.

1660

01:18:35,120 --> 01:18:36,140

That was--

1661

01:18:36,140 --> 01:18:36,890

Before the ghetto?

1662

01:18:36,890 --> 01:18:37,723

--before the ghetto.

1663

01:18:37,723 --> 01:18:39,598

Can you tell me a little
bit about that, what

1664

01:18:39,598 --> 01:18:40,910

he was doing, if you remember?

1665

01:18:40,910 --> 01:18:43,655

That was another thing to note.

1666

01:18:43,655 --> 01:18:46,880

My mother, they took them away.

1667

01:18:46,880 --> 01:18:49,940

And we didn't get
mail from them.

1668

01:18:49,940 --> 01:18:51,860

The mail wasn't coming.

1669

01:18:51,860 --> 01:18:57,410

So I remember in the
beginning, the mail would come.

1670

01:18:57,410 --> 01:19:02,445

1671

01:19:02,445 --> 01:19:08,790

In very beginning, we would
get a postcard from them.

1672

01:19:08,790 --> 01:19:10,160

We didn't have much.

1673

01:19:10,160 --> 01:19:14,390

So my mother used to bake
cookies and send them

1674

01:19:14,390 --> 01:19:17,130

little packages of cookies.

1675

01:19:17,130 --> 01:19:19,430

Now this was under the
Hungarians, that you

1676
01:19:19,430 --> 01:19:20,990
said the mail was not coming?

1677
01:19:20,990 --> 01:19:21,740
Right.

1678
01:19:21,740 --> 01:19:25,310
But occasionally we did
get at the beginning.

1679
01:19:25,310 --> 01:19:27,710
So then the mail stopped.

1680
01:19:27,710 --> 01:19:30,260
So oh, I remember
how she carried on.

1681
01:19:30,260 --> 01:19:33,110
She felt that they are not
alive anymore because we

1682
01:19:33,110 --> 01:19:34,700
weren't getting mail.

1683
01:19:34,700 --> 01:19:36,980
So my mother was
preoccupied with that,

1684
01:19:36,980 --> 01:19:42,590
that they took away her sons,
and that they are not alive.

1685
01:19:42,590 --> 01:19:47,450
And there was no way to
find out where they were.

1686
01:19:47,450 --> 01:19:49,950
So both Larry and Saul
were taken away to work?

1687

01:19:49,950 --> 01:19:50,450

Yes.

1688

01:19:50,450 --> 01:19:52,820

Was your father also
taken away, or no?

1689

01:19:52,820 --> 01:19:56,030

He was taken away
to work in town.

1690

01:19:56,030 --> 01:19:57,560

But he could sleep at home.

1691

01:19:57,560 --> 01:19:59,030

Oh, I see.

1692

01:19:59,030 --> 01:19:59,740

See what I mean?

1693

01:19:59,740 --> 01:20:00,330

Mm-hmm.

1694

01:20:00,330 --> 01:20:01,850

But the boys left.

1695

01:20:01,850 --> 01:20:09,260

And we didn't see them again.

1696

01:20:09,260 --> 01:20:11,210

So they were in the work camps.

1697

01:20:11,210 --> 01:20:13,818

And when you were deported,
they didn't come with you?

1698

01:20:13,818 --> 01:20:14,360

Not the boys.

1699

01:20:14,360 --> 01:20:15,902

They stayed in the

camps or whatever?

1700

01:20:15,902 --> 01:20:18,350

Or wherever they were.

1701

01:20:18,350 --> 01:20:20,900

Did you know because

of a little bit of mail

1702

01:20:20,900 --> 01:20:23,480

that came, where they were?

1703

01:20:23,480 --> 01:20:25,340

Golly, I don't know.

1704

01:20:25,340 --> 01:20:27,200

That was just in the beginning.

1705

01:20:27,200 --> 01:20:29,210

I'm just as a child,

I remember my mother

1706

01:20:29,210 --> 01:20:31,850

was excited baking cookies

to send it to them.

1707

01:20:31,850 --> 01:20:35,210

And then she was sad

because she no longer

1708

01:20:35,210 --> 01:20:36,320

could send them cookies.

1709

01:20:36,320 --> 01:20:40,170

And being that they don't write,

they're not alive anymore.

1710

01:20:40,170 --> 01:20:41,030

So she was mourning.

1711

01:20:41,030 --> 01:20:44,480

1712

01:20:44,480 --> 01:20:48,170
I remember her crying over that,
that her boys are probably not

1713

01:20:48,170 --> 01:20:51,110
alive anymore because
we didn't get the mail.

1714

01:20:51,110 --> 01:20:53,460
When were they taken away
to go to the work camps,

1715

01:20:53,460 --> 01:20:54,127
do you remember?

1716

01:20:54,127 --> 01:20:57,590
That was after the
Hungarians came.

1717

01:20:57,590 --> 01:21:01,420
So it would've
still been in 1939?

1718

01:21:01,420 --> 01:21:03,160
Maybe a little while later.

1719

01:21:03,160 --> 01:21:04,645
Maybe in 1940 or something?

1720

01:21:04,645 --> 01:21:07,240
Something like it, yes.

1721

01:21:07,240 --> 01:21:08,320
I was a little kid.

1722

01:21:08,320 --> 01:21:12,130
So I don't remember
the exact times.

1723

01:21:12,130 --> 01:21:15,175

1724
01:21:15,175 --> 01:21:17,500
And you said that Saul survived.

1725
01:21:17,500 --> 01:21:20,950
Did he tell you where he had
gone, what happened to him?

1726
01:21:20,950 --> 01:21:23,020
Yes.

1727
01:21:23,020 --> 01:21:29,590
He worked in different
places under the Germans.

1728
01:21:29,590 --> 01:21:32,350
Then the Germans
took over these--

1729
01:21:32,350 --> 01:21:33,130
Camps?

1730
01:21:33,130 --> 01:21:35,560
--Jewish-- yes.

1731
01:21:35,560 --> 01:21:39,340
Was he in Hungary still-- or I
mean in Czechoslovakia still?

1732
01:21:39,340 --> 01:21:40,570
No.

1733
01:21:40,570 --> 01:21:45,790
He was in Poland and in
Russia and all over the place.

1734
01:21:45,790 --> 01:21:51,970

1735
01:21:51,970 --> 01:21:53,980
Was he also in any
concentration camps?

1736
01:21:53,980 --> 01:21:56,860

1737
01:21:56,860 --> 01:21:59,830
He wasn't in Auschwitz.

1738
01:21:59,830 --> 01:22:02,020
He was only in the work camps.

1739
01:22:02,020 --> 01:22:05,640

1740
01:22:05,640 --> 01:22:10,540
And they got liberated
by the Russians marching.

1741
01:22:10,540 --> 01:22:13,878

1742
01:22:13,878 --> 01:22:15,420
Do you know where
they were marching?

1743
01:22:15,420 --> 01:22:17,100
Does he-- do you remember?

1744
01:22:17,100 --> 01:22:17,890
Did he tell you?

1745
01:22:17,890 --> 01:22:20,420

1746
01:22:20,420 --> 01:22:21,820
Was it a death march or--

1747
01:22:21,820 --> 01:22:23,190
Sort of, yeah.

1748
01:22:23,190 --> 01:22:24,410
They were marching them.

1749
01:22:24,410 --> 01:22:27,480
And then one night, the
Russians just showed up.

1750
01:22:27,480 --> 01:22:27,980
Appeared?

1751
01:22:27,980 --> 01:22:29,480
Yes.

1752
01:22:29,480 --> 01:22:34,430
So this was in 1944
maybe, or 1945?

1753
01:22:34,430 --> 01:22:37,190
That dates, I've [? got ?]
[? a problem. ?] Let me tell

1754
01:22:37,190 --> 01:22:38,045
you how he survived.

1755
01:22:38,045 --> 01:22:41,300

1756
01:22:41,300 --> 01:22:47,930
What happened was when
the Germans were marching

1757
01:22:47,930 --> 01:22:56,540
these guys, at one time, they
rested up someplace at a place.

1758
01:22:56,540 --> 01:22:58,736
I don't know--
what is it, a farm?

1759
01:22:58,736 --> 01:22:59,653
But it's a rest stop--

1760
01:22:59,653 --> 01:23:00,200
He called it--

1761
01:23:00,200 --> 01:23:00,825
--or something?

1762
01:23:00,825 --> 01:23:03,380
Yeah, he called it
let's say a farm.

1763
01:23:03,380 --> 01:23:10,070
So he sneaked away and
went in under the hay.

1764
01:23:10,070 --> 01:23:16,640
He covered himself up with
hay until the next day.

1765
01:23:16,640 --> 01:23:19,430
The Germans left with the group.

1766
01:23:19,430 --> 01:23:20,915
But he had a problem.

1767
01:23:20,915 --> 01:23:24,200

1768
01:23:24,200 --> 01:23:28,008
When the Russians came, he had
a problem to explain himself.

1769
01:23:28,008 --> 01:23:28,800
Where is he coming?

1770
01:23:28,800 --> 01:23:30,020
Where he'd been.

1771
01:23:30,020 --> 01:23:32,200
Where has he been?

1772
01:23:32,200 --> 01:23:37,310
So I tell you when he was
telling these stories, I

1773

01:23:37,310 --> 01:23:39,680

myself couldn't believe
what this guy had

1774

01:23:39,680 --> 01:23:44,800

to go through just even after
the war, how the Russians kept

1775

01:23:44,800 --> 01:23:46,100

them locked up.

1776

01:23:46,100 --> 01:23:50,780

But then he was telling
the story, that this was--

1777

01:23:50,780 --> 01:23:55,640

so finally they caught
up with the group.

1778

01:23:55,640 --> 01:23:59,390

So they knew that he must be
telling the truth because he

1779

01:23:59,390 --> 01:24:01,130

knew about the group.

1780

01:24:01,130 --> 01:24:03,093

And it was lucky that they--

1781

01:24:03,093 --> 01:24:04,010

They found the people.

1782

01:24:04,010 --> 01:24:07,620

--caught up with them
a short time later.

1783

01:24:07,620 --> 01:24:10,182

So they told them to let
them go because, who knows,

1784

01:24:10,182 --> 01:24:11,640

they would have

thought he's a spy.

1785

01:24:11,640 --> 01:24:13,490

And they could have killed them.

1786

01:24:13,490 --> 01:24:15,930

So that was the lucky part.

1787

01:24:15,930 --> 01:24:17,810

So even if you
wanted to survive,

1788

01:24:17,810 --> 01:24:20,870

you could have gotten
killed after the war

1789

01:24:20,870 --> 01:24:23,120

for different reasons.

1790

01:24:23,120 --> 01:24:24,440

So he survived.

1791

01:24:24,440 --> 01:24:28,520

And then he was kept in
Russia after the war?

1792

01:24:28,520 --> 01:24:30,570

Yes.

1793

01:24:30,570 --> 01:24:32,520

Do you know where
in Russia he was?

1794

01:24:32,520 --> 01:24:36,880

The last place he
lived was Uzhhorod.

1795

01:24:36,880 --> 01:24:39,810

Oh, so that's in the
part of Czechoslovakia

1796

01:24:39,810 --> 01:24:41,100

that turned in to the Ukraine?

1797

01:24:41,100 --> 01:24:43,320

To the Ukraine and
the Russians occupied.

1798

01:24:43,320 --> 01:24:46,360

1799

01:24:46,360 --> 01:24:49,510

So he lived there, and
then he came to the US?

1800

01:24:49,510 --> 01:24:51,250

Yeah, I can call
you up and tell you

1801

01:24:51,250 --> 01:24:54,460

exactly when he came
because we brought him out.

1802

01:24:54,460 --> 01:24:57,490

Oh, and did we have a time also.

1803

01:24:57,490 --> 01:24:59,890

Was this in the
'70s or the '80s?

1804

01:24:59,890 --> 01:25:00,390

'70s.

1805

01:25:00,390 --> 01:25:01,150

It was '70s?

1806

01:25:01,150 --> 01:25:04,000

I think it was the '70s
when we brought him out.

1807

01:25:04,000 --> 01:25:06,820

I'll tell you exact dates
because we have the papers.

1808

01:25:06,820 --> 01:25:09,110
Then I can give you the exact.

1809
01:25:09,110 --> 01:25:09,610
That's good.

1810
01:25:09,610 --> 01:25:13,470

1811
01:25:13,470 --> 01:25:20,181
Why don't you tell me the
name of your sister, who was--

1812
01:25:20,181 --> 01:25:21,624
wait a minute--

1813
01:25:21,624 --> 01:25:23,048
Sura?

1814
01:25:23,048 --> 01:25:23,548
She--

1815
01:25:23,548 --> 01:25:24,760
Or is that Sylvia?

1816
01:25:24,760 --> 01:25:25,260
Sylvia.

1817
01:25:25,260 --> 01:25:25,530
This is Sylvia.

1818
01:25:25,530 --> 01:25:26,580
Sylvia's in the picture.

1819
01:25:26,580 --> 01:25:30,240
Sura never went to
that accidentally.

1820
01:25:30,240 --> 01:25:33,105

1821

01:25:33,105 --> 01:25:35,550
You see, when we came to--

1822
01:25:35,550 --> 01:25:37,560
what the Germans did
in the beginning,

1823
01:25:37,560 --> 01:25:43,320
they just gassed everybody
that came to Auschwitz.

1824
01:25:43,320 --> 01:25:47,400
But when we came, at that
time, the German munitions

1825
01:25:47,400 --> 01:25:51,720
factory already said,
don't kill them all out.

1826
01:25:51,720 --> 01:25:53,250
Send me the manpower.

1827
01:25:53,250 --> 01:25:54,660
We need to use them for labor.

1828
01:25:54,660 --> 01:25:58,680
And that's where I worked,
in the munition factory.

1829
01:25:58,680 --> 01:26:01,500
So that's how I survived.

1830
01:26:01,500 --> 01:26:04,800
But my sister, they
probably would have grabbed

1831
01:26:04,800 --> 01:26:07,290
the kid out of her hand.

1832
01:26:07,290 --> 01:26:09,810
But she was short
and skinny, sort of.

1833

01:26:09,810 --> 01:26:13,290

So they weren't paying
much attention to her.

1834

01:26:13,290 --> 01:26:18,030

So she got away, walk into the
gas chamber with her child.

1835

01:26:18,030 --> 01:26:26,160

It was like-- a freak accident.

1836

01:26:26,160 --> 01:26:27,777

Probably would have
been worse for her

1837

01:26:27,777 --> 01:26:29,610

if they would have taken
the kids out of her

1838

01:26:29,610 --> 01:26:32,490

because her kid
was really small.

1839

01:26:32,490 --> 01:26:33,740

Who knows what was worse?

1840

01:26:33,740 --> 01:26:38,813

1841

01:26:38,813 --> 01:26:41,355

Do you remember when Sylvia was
born, what year she was born?

1842

01:26:41,355 --> 01:26:42,510

Yeah, 1925.

1843

01:26:42,510 --> 01:26:43,640

1925?

1844

01:26:43,640 --> 01:26:44,140

Yeah.

1845
01:26:44,140 --> 01:26:45,348
Do you remember her birthday?

1846
01:26:45,348 --> 01:26:46,950
In February, the 10th.

1847
01:26:46,950 --> 01:26:47,790
February the 10th?

1848
01:26:47,790 --> 01:26:48,290
Yes.

1849
01:26:48,290 --> 01:26:53,930

1850
01:26:53,930 --> 01:26:55,610
She was closer in age to you?

1851
01:26:55,610 --> 01:26:56,455
Yes, I was born in--

1852
01:26:56,455 --> 01:26:57,080
A little older.

1853
01:26:57,080 --> 01:26:59,690
--'28, yeah.

1854
01:26:59,690 --> 01:27:04,670
And let's see, she was
also a public school there,

1855
01:27:04,670 --> 01:27:05,660
under the Czechs?

1856
01:27:05,660 --> 01:27:06,270
Yes.

1857
01:27:06,270 --> 01:27:08,255
But she didn't finish.

1858

01:27:08,255 --> 01:27:11,400

1859

01:27:11,400 --> 01:27:14,070

But you'd be surprised
that we tried

1860

01:27:14,070 --> 01:27:21,650

so hard to study even in our
little private cheders, what

1861

01:27:21,650 --> 01:27:22,190

we call.

1862

01:27:22,190 --> 01:27:26,540

1863

01:27:26,540 --> 01:27:29,060

And that was all
that was our outlet.

1864

01:27:29,060 --> 01:27:32,180

You were asking me
whether we had--

1865

01:27:32,180 --> 01:27:36,800

this was our outlet, to
get a pencil and paper

1866

01:27:36,800 --> 01:27:44,660

and write our number work.

1867

01:27:44,660 --> 01:27:46,520

I used to love number work.

1868

01:27:46,520 --> 01:27:47,450

I loved it.

1869

01:27:47,450 --> 01:27:49,730

Actually, I loved that.

1870

01:27:49,730 --> 01:27:55,310

A piece of paper was difficult.
So it was difficult all around.

1871
01:27:55,310 --> 01:27:57,380
My kids grew up, that
they were privileged they

1872
01:27:57,380 --> 01:27:58,731
had enough paper and pencil.

1873
01:27:58,731 --> 01:28:03,680
[LAUGHS] I didn't tell them
the rest of the horror stories.

1874
01:28:03,680 --> 01:28:05,090
But I was just like--

1875
01:28:05,090 --> 01:28:10,750
which is, I really
still feel that a child

1876
01:28:10,750 --> 01:28:16,820
that has the privilege of an
education and doesn't take--

1877
01:28:16,820 --> 01:28:20,360
that doesn't say, like
my daughter went to--

1878
01:28:20,360 --> 01:28:24,590
my first daughter went to
college, I said to her,

1879
01:28:24,590 --> 01:28:27,470
you're privileged to be
able to go to college.

1880
01:28:27,470 --> 01:28:29,640
And I really think
she was there,

1881
01:28:29,640 --> 01:28:36,350
and she felt that something

terrific is happening to her.

1882
01:28:36,350 --> 01:28:38,340
I really think she
felt like that.

1883
01:28:38,340 --> 01:28:42,260

1884
01:28:42,260 --> 01:28:47,280
Do you remember-- you said that
because your brother was older,

1885
01:28:47,280 --> 01:28:51,720
that he had some more
responsibility in your family.

1886
01:28:51,720 --> 01:28:53,970
Did your sister also, since
she was a little bit older

1887
01:28:53,970 --> 01:28:55,570
than you?

1888
01:28:55,570 --> 01:28:56,070
Yes.

1889
01:28:56,070 --> 01:28:59,040
We would go and wash
floors for other people

1890
01:28:59,040 --> 01:29:02,888
and clean because there
were a few doctors there.

1891
01:29:02,888 --> 01:29:04,305
Now was this under
the Hungarians?

1892
01:29:04,305 --> 01:29:05,760
Or was this under the Czechs?

1893

01:29:05,760 --> 01:29:08,940
No not the Czechs,
but I'm telling--

1894
01:29:08,940 --> 01:29:11,785
the Hungarians.

1895
01:29:11,785 --> 01:29:13,160
Matter of fact,
shall I tell you,

1896
01:29:13,160 --> 01:29:20,310
I remember even me, I used
to go in and help out.

1897
01:29:20,310 --> 01:29:22,470
And we were glad
because what happened

1898
01:29:22,470 --> 01:29:26,100
was when I went to help
out to do these chores,

1899
01:29:26,100 --> 01:29:29,450
somebody gave me
a slice of bread.

1900
01:29:29,450 --> 01:29:34,480
And it was--

1901
01:29:34,480 --> 01:29:38,010
I also felt good that
they asked you to come.

1902
01:29:38,010 --> 01:29:40,890
Actually you felt
good that they asked

1903
01:29:40,890 --> 01:29:44,100
you to come in to their
house to help them out

1904
01:29:44,100 --> 01:29:44,910

with these chores.

1905

01:29:44,910 --> 01:29:48,000

It was probably nice to be away
from the house sometimes too.

1906

01:29:48,000 --> 01:29:52,560

1907

01:29:52,560 --> 01:30:00,270

I can't say it was nice because
I had to wash the bathrooms.

1908

01:30:00,270 --> 01:30:01,800

I had to wash the clothes.

1909

01:30:01,800 --> 01:30:05,560

1910

01:30:05,560 --> 01:30:07,200

And I was a little kid.

1911

01:30:07,200 --> 01:30:11,520

I wasn't that old, maybe
about 12, 13 years old,

1912

01:30:11,520 --> 01:30:13,600

and I was doing that.

1913

01:30:13,600 --> 01:30:16,928

But it was OK because that's
how we were surviving.

1914

01:30:16,928 --> 01:30:17,970

You know what I'm saying?

1915

01:30:17,970 --> 01:30:18,520

Sure.

1916

01:30:18,520 --> 01:30:19,860

And they weren't beating on us.

1917

01:30:19,860 --> 01:30:25,590

1918

01:30:25,590 --> 01:30:26,708

Did you play with your--

1919

01:30:26,708 --> 01:30:28,500

you and your sister,
since you were closer,

1920

01:30:28,500 --> 01:30:29,760

did you play a lot together?

1921

01:30:29,760 --> 01:30:30,709

Yes, we fought a lot.

1922

01:30:30,709 --> 01:30:31,417

You fought a lot?

1923

01:30:31,417 --> 01:30:32,580

And we played a lot.

1924

01:30:32,580 --> 01:30:34,770

Yes.

1925

01:30:34,770 --> 01:30:35,795

But we were very close.

1926

01:30:35,795 --> 01:30:39,960

1927

01:30:39,960 --> 01:30:41,460

Matter of fact, I
think you're going

1928

01:30:41,460 --> 01:30:44,560

to hear in the tape that
probably if not for her,

1929

01:30:44,560 --> 01:30:46,290

I probably would

have not survived.

1930

01:30:46,290 --> 01:30:49,950

I'll tell you why, because
I'm not that strong willed.

1931

01:30:49,950 --> 01:30:52,300

And I would have--

1932

01:30:52,300 --> 01:30:54,390

oh, I know many times I was--

1933

01:30:54,390 --> 01:30:56,400

I just didn't want to--

1934

01:30:56,400 --> 01:31:00,960

when I was in the munitions
factory, I was tired.

1935

01:31:00,960 --> 01:31:01,980

And I was hungry.

1936

01:31:01,980 --> 01:31:04,860

And I was half dead.

1937

01:31:04,860 --> 01:31:08,550

So I didn't want to
get up in the morning.

1938

01:31:08,550 --> 01:31:11,830

And these people that they
didn't get up in the morning,

1939

01:31:11,830 --> 01:31:15,180

they were left in the
barracks, where we

1940

01:31:15,180 --> 01:31:17,460

were, you never saw them again.

1941

01:31:17,460 --> 01:31:20,490

They probably-- we just never--

1942
01:31:20,490 --> 01:31:21,420
nobody asked.

1943
01:31:21,420 --> 01:31:22,630
We never saw him again.

1944
01:31:22,630 --> 01:31:25,150
They probably just
did away with them.

1945
01:31:25,150 --> 01:31:26,670
So I would want to do that.

1946
01:31:26,670 --> 01:31:28,560
And she would lift me up.

1947
01:31:28,560 --> 01:31:31,320
And she shook me in the morning.

1948
01:31:31,320 --> 01:31:32,550
And she dragged me out.

1949
01:31:32,550 --> 01:31:33,390
But it was cold.

1950
01:31:33,390 --> 01:31:37,290
You see, where we were in
Germany, it was very cold.

1951
01:31:37,290 --> 01:31:42,840
And here, we had these
wooden shoes and one dress.

1952
01:31:42,840 --> 01:31:48,780
So she would drag me out
to stay there for an hour.

1953
01:31:48,780 --> 01:31:52,050
And she would encourage me.

1954

01:31:52,050 --> 01:31:57,310
She would give me half a slice
of her half slice of bread,

1955

01:31:57,310 --> 01:32:01,150
so that I should just go on.

1956

01:32:01,150 --> 01:32:03,120
She would do a lot
of work for me,

1957

01:32:03,120 --> 01:32:09,680
that I could not work so hard.

1958

01:32:09,680 --> 01:32:16,250
But I remember in
the end, she said,

1959

01:32:16,250 --> 01:32:18,020
you're not going to
leave me here alone.

1960

01:32:18,020 --> 01:32:19,820
She would get angry at me.

1961

01:32:19,820 --> 01:32:24,560
She would get angry at me
because I said, I want to die.

1962

01:32:24,560 --> 01:32:25,790
To her, it was a threat.

1963

01:32:25,790 --> 01:32:27,170
To me, it was real.

1964

01:32:27,170 --> 01:32:32,030
I couldn't go-- mentally, you
see, when your body gives up,

1965

01:32:32,030 --> 01:32:33,710
you still try mentally.

1966

01:32:33,710 --> 01:32:38,885
With me, I think my
mental stage gave up.

1967
01:32:38,885 --> 01:32:41,340
And there is, I don't care.

1968
01:32:41,340 --> 01:32:44,330
So if not for her, I probably
wouldn't be sitting here

1969
01:32:44,330 --> 01:32:46,100
and talking.

1970
01:32:46,100 --> 01:32:49,070
On the tape, do you talk
about her quite a bit

1971
01:32:49,070 --> 01:32:50,020
and where you went?

1972
01:32:50,020 --> 01:32:51,978
Did you always stay
together through the camps?

1973
01:32:51,978 --> 01:32:52,970
Yes.

1974
01:32:52,970 --> 01:32:53,930
That was--

1975
01:32:53,930 --> 01:32:55,380
And she also survived?

1976
01:32:55,380 --> 01:32:56,900
Yes.

1977
01:32:56,900 --> 01:32:58,280
In the end--

1978
01:32:58,280 --> 01:33:00,830
I don't know if I

put that on the tape.

1979

01:33:00,830 --> 01:33:03,560

When they brought
us Bergen-Belsen,

1980

01:33:03,560 --> 01:33:06,830

she was the first one to
get sick because when we got

1981

01:33:06,830 --> 01:33:13,040

to Bergen-Belsen, was already
in the end of the war, sort of--

1982

01:33:13,040 --> 01:33:16,520

so there were so many
dead people there

1983

01:33:16,520 --> 01:33:19,980

that they couldn't
bury any more.

1984

01:33:19,980 --> 01:33:24,860

And so when they threw
us out, civilians

1985

01:33:24,860 --> 01:33:26,510

brought us to Bergen-Belsen.

1986

01:33:26,510 --> 01:33:29,900

The SS ran away.

1987

01:33:29,900 --> 01:33:31,850

And so civilians came.

1988

01:33:31,850 --> 01:33:35,030

And they put us on a truck.

1989

01:33:35,030 --> 01:33:36,890

And they took us
to Bergen-Belsen--

1990

01:33:36,890 --> 01:33:38,120
whatever was left.

1991
01:33:38,120 --> 01:33:39,710
There was very few left.

1992
01:33:39,710 --> 01:33:42,350
But still they took us there.

1993
01:33:42,350 --> 01:33:45,290
And they threw us in
there to a barrack,

1994
01:33:45,290 --> 01:33:49,770
where there were--
people have their dirt.

1995
01:33:49,770 --> 01:33:57,050
And some of them were so
delirious from the Auschwitz--

1996
01:33:57,050 --> 01:34:02,150
the lice were so big that you
would actually see them crawl.

1997
01:34:02,150 --> 01:34:04,210
So she got--

1998
01:34:04,210 --> 01:34:05,000