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00:00:00,000 --> 00:00:03,170

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00:00:03,170 --> 00:00:04,830
That someone was behind me.

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00:00:04,830 --> 00:00:06,920
And that was my father.

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00:00:06,920 --> 00:00:12,180
I always felt that he
is watching over me.

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00:00:12,180 --> 00:00:14,190
And whenever I was
in the biggest--

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00:00:14,190 --> 00:00:25,262

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00:00:25,262 --> 00:00:26,690
I came out.

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00:00:26,690 --> 00:00:31,880
I came out with flying
colors all right.

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00:00:31,880 --> 00:00:34,310
It doesn't mean that I
was always the winner,

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00:00:34,310 --> 00:00:37,940
but even I was beaten
up but I came out alive.

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00:00:37,940 --> 00:00:42,470
A separate story about my
father is written in the story

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00:00:42,470 --> 00:00:46,310
that I gave about how the

ghetto works which we'll see it.

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00:00:46,310 --> 00:00:50,990

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00:00:50,990 --> 00:00:55,330

I will just mention
one particular instance

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00:00:55,330 --> 00:01:00,250

of my father what
happened in 1940.

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00:01:00,250 --> 00:01:04,450

Some time in 1940, the
Germans came with an order

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00:01:04,450 --> 00:01:13,910

that the Jews, the coalition
must supply 150 men to be sent

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00:01:13,910 --> 00:01:19,700

to Biala Podlaska This is a town
on the way before Brest-Litovsk

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00:01:19,700 --> 00:01:24,226

which there is a work camp and
they will have to work there.

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00:01:24,226 --> 00:01:27,990

Of course, nobody
wanted to go there

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00:01:27,990 --> 00:01:31,530

as everyone already knew who the
Germans are and what they are

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00:01:31,530 --> 00:01:34,380

and what their stories are.

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00:01:34,380 --> 00:01:39,790

But who can say no to
the Germans all the way?

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00:01:39,790 --> 00:01:44,170
With all kind of work
in all persuasions,

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00:01:44,170 --> 00:01:50,440
my father persuaded them
to take only 40, from 150

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00:01:50,440 --> 00:01:52,270
to knock them down to 40.

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00:01:52,270 --> 00:01:56,410
But only 38 went there.

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00:01:56,410 --> 00:02:00,760
As soon as the young boys
came to Biala Podlaska,

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00:02:00,760 --> 00:02:03,590
they had a very bad experience.

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00:02:03,590 --> 00:02:05,090
Of course it's not
a bad experience,

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00:02:05,090 --> 00:02:06,548
they never had any
other experience

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00:02:06,548 --> 00:02:10,960
because they were young boys
and there were no such things.

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00:02:10,960 --> 00:02:13,480
They were forced to do
certain types of labor.

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00:02:13,480 --> 00:02:17,140
They were not used to it,
they were not accustomed.

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00:02:17,140 --> 00:02:20,350
The accommodations,
the life was very hard,

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00:02:20,350 --> 00:02:24,070
food was very mean and bad.

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00:02:24,070 --> 00:02:26,860
From the letters that they
wrote was very alarming

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00:02:26,860 --> 00:02:30,280
to their parents, and of course
those letters came back to you

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00:02:30,280 --> 00:02:32,050
Judenrat.

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00:02:32,050 --> 00:02:37,570
My father, being that
he's under practically all

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00:02:37,570 --> 00:02:43,990
the arrangements, all the
things to get things done,

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00:02:43,990 --> 00:02:47,170
he took a trip to Biala
Podlaska to see if he can

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00:02:47,170 --> 00:02:50,640
bring the boys back by himself.

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00:02:50,640 --> 00:02:59,710
He had to receive a permit
from the county Germans

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00:02:59,710 --> 00:03:03,340
to go there, as Jews were
not permitted to go by train.

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00:03:03,340 --> 00:03:06,010
When he came there

he got all the story

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00:03:06,010 --> 00:03:09,580
from the boys what
they were doing.

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00:03:09,580 --> 00:03:11,630
He could only see 12 of them.

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00:03:11,630 --> 00:03:13,360
The other ones
they were at work,

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00:03:13,360 --> 00:03:16,700
they were not
allowed to be seen.

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00:03:16,700 --> 00:03:22,030
And he was talking to
the Germans in that camp

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00:03:22,030 --> 00:03:23,980
to release them,
to let them go home

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00:03:23,980 --> 00:03:25,900
because we need them at home.

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00:03:25,900 --> 00:03:29,760
We have industries that work
for the German Wehrmacht,

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00:03:29,760 --> 00:03:32,350
for the German army.

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00:03:32,350 --> 00:03:35,320
For the nerve to tell the
Germans to let them out,

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00:03:35,320 --> 00:03:41,660
he got so beaten up that
he could not do anything.

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00:03:41,660 --> 00:03:43,160

And luckily he came home.

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00:03:43,160 --> 00:03:48,780

He was in bed, laid in
bed for about two weeks

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00:03:48,780 --> 00:03:50,660

till he came back to him.

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00:03:50,660 --> 00:03:54,010

Seeing the conditions that
was there at Biala Podlaska,

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00:03:54,010 --> 00:03:59,510

he decided that he
must do something.

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00:03:59,510 --> 00:04:01,730

We cannot leave
those boys there.

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00:04:01,730 --> 00:04:04,490

And he went to the
authorities in the county

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00:04:04,490 --> 00:04:09,140

again with a story that, why
don't they give us a paper

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00:04:09,140 --> 00:04:12,050

that we need those boys
in the factory that

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00:04:12,050 --> 00:04:16,940

is producing a product
for the German army

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00:04:16,940 --> 00:04:25,290

like the sheepskin coats which
the Germans need for winter

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00:04:25,290 --> 00:04:27,630
clothing and other things?

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00:04:27,630 --> 00:04:28,830
This helped.

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00:04:28,830 --> 00:04:32,220
Again he made a trip to Biala
Podlaska with that letter

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00:04:32,220 --> 00:04:34,420
and he brought the boys back.

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00:04:34,420 --> 00:04:37,770
As you can sometimes see
Moses going out of Egypt?

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00:04:37,770 --> 00:04:44,380
Well Moses came back with
38 people from that camp.

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00:04:44,380 --> 00:04:47,110
That was my father.

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00:04:47,110 --> 00:04:50,260
And for this I believe that
he stayed behind me also,

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00:04:50,260 --> 00:04:50,950
all the time.

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00:04:50,950 --> 00:04:56,920
Whenever I was in a jam,
whatever I couldn't do,

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00:04:56,920 --> 00:04:59,740
he was behind me and
he brought me out.

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00:04:59,740 --> 00:05:16,967

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00:05:16,967 --> 00:05:18,550

As you can see there
are two pictures.

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00:05:18,550 --> 00:05:22,360

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00:05:22,360 --> 00:05:24,610

One is with a
synagogue standing,

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00:05:24,610 --> 00:05:28,150

and around it are
bombed-out houses

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00:05:28,150 --> 00:05:34,630

which was done in 1939 when
the Germans fought in Kaluszyń.

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00:05:34,630 --> 00:05:37,540

The synagogue remained
during this time

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00:05:37,540 --> 00:05:47,070

until 1941 when the Germans
destroyed it and took away

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00:05:47,070 --> 00:05:49,970

the bricks to make an airfield.

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00:05:49,970 --> 00:05:58,108