1 00:00:00,000 --> 00:00:01,770

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00:00:01,770 --> 00:00:04,290 OK, go ahead.

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00:00:04,290 --> 00:00:09,540 My mother's-- her name is Mushke.

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00:00:09,540 --> 00:00:12,870 The maiden name is Zuler.

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00:00:12,870 --> 00:00:15,550 And then after, when she married the father,

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00:00:15,550 --> 00:00:17,700 she becomes the last name Menyuk.

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00:00:17,700 --> 00:00:20,100 Mm-hmm, and Zuler was her maiden name.

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00:00:20,100 --> 00:00:22,350 Maiden name, yes.

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00:00:22,350 --> 00:00:30,000 She was born approximately 1900 year.

10 00:00:30,000 --> 00:00:33,835 In the village, Komarowo.

11 00:00:33,835 --> 00:00:40,620 That's in-- it was Poland in this time.

12 00:00:40,620 --> 00:00:42,920 She was born in 1900?

13 00:00:42,920 --> 00:00:47,790 Approximately, yeah 1900.

14 00:00:47,790 --> 00:00:49,950 Do you remember what month she was born?

15 00:00:49,950 --> 00:00:51,900 I don't remember, no.

16 00:00:51,900 --> 00:00:54,840

17 00:00:54,840 --> 00:00:57,210 Did she ever tell you any stories about her childhood

18 00:00:57,210 --> 00:00:58,620 and growing up in Komarowo?

19 00:00:58,620 --> 00:01:02,250 No, she was-- she got--

20 00:01:02,250 --> 00:01:09,750 the child at the time, not very well.

21 00:01:09,750 --> 00:01:14,680 She was-- it was a poor family in a village.

22 00:01:14,680 --> 00:01:21,420 She was working hard to make the living.

23 00:01:21,420 --> 00:01:23,430 And one time, until--

24 00:01:23,430 --> 00:01:26,370 I don't-- I know only what she was telling, 25 00:01:26,370 --> 00:01:27,750 she and the father.

26 00:01:27,750 --> 00:01:35,010 The father was in the war, in the Russian-German war.

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00:01:35,010 --> 00:01:41,730 She was by herself at home and waiting for the father, what

28 00:01:41,730 --> 00:01:43,650 he will come.

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00:01:43,650 --> 00:01:50,010 I was born after that, when the father came from the war.

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00:01:50,010 --> 00:01:54,170 And she got hard time.

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00:01:54,170 --> 00:01:56,290 It was a big family.

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00:01:56,290 --> 00:01:58,260 It was your father who was in World War I?

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00:01:58,260 --> 00:01:59,020 Yes.

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00:01:59,020 --> 00:01:59,520 Yes.

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00:01:59,520 --> 00:02:01,350 And he fought on the Russian side?

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00:02:01,350 --> 00:02:03,600 Yes, on the Russian side. 5/

00:02:03,600 --> 00:02:09,780 Do you know when your mother got married, what year?

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00:02:09,780 --> 00:02:11,250 No, it's hard to tell.

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00:02:11,250 --> 00:02:17,040 Only I can tell you I was born in 1922.

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00:02:17,040 --> 00:02:19,770 I think--

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00:02:19,770 --> 00:02:21,570 Maybe a few years before you were born?

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00:02:21,570 --> 00:02:24,570 A few years that I born.

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00:02:24,570 --> 00:02:28,080 A few, maybe about three, three years.

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00:02:28,080 --> 00:02:31,590 Because she married with the father.

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00:02:31,590 --> 00:02:34,260 And the father was in the war.

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00:02:34,260 --> 00:02:36,130 And then he came from the war.

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00:02:36,130 --> 00:02:39,000 He was one year maybe, not a full year.

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00:02:39,000 --> 00:02:43,040 He was in Germany and how it's called the-- 49

00:02:43,040 --> 00:02:45,680 [NON-ENGLISH].

50 00:02:45,680 --> 00:02:46,940 Oh, was he a prisoner of war?

51 00:02:46,940 --> 00:02:53,000 Prisoner of war, yeah, a war prisoner in Germany.

52 00:02:53,000 --> 00:02:53,915 And then he came.

53 00:02:53,915 --> 00:02:55,730 And after that, I was born.

54 00:02:55,730 --> 00:02:59,450 It was in a year.

55 00:02:59,450 --> 00:03:04,950 OK, can you tell me a little bit about your mother's parents,

56 00:03:04,950 --> 00:03:05,750 your grandparents?

57 00:03:05,750 --> 00:03:06,920 Did you know them very well?

58 00:03:06,920 --> 00:03:10,460 Yes, I remember only the grandfather.

59 00:03:10,460 --> 00:03:13,520 When I was in--

60 00:03:13,520 --> 00:03:16,350 I was study in Sarna.

61 00:03:16,350 --> 00:03:22,310 And I was living my aunt, that mean that's my mother's sister

62 00:03:22,310 --> 00:03:23,660 family.

63 00:03:23,660 --> 00:03:31,520 And one time, we went to the uncle, the one

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00:03:31,520 --> 00:03:34,940 to come to us in the village, to Komarowo.

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00:03:34,940 --> 00:03:37,400 And he said we will come in a place

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00:03:37,400 --> 00:03:42,830 where my grandfather lives.

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00:03:42,830 --> 00:03:44,000 And I saw him.

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00:03:44,000 --> 00:03:47,540 This one time, I saw him in a village.

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00:03:47,540 --> 00:03:50,000 Then we stayed--

70 00:03:50,000 --> 00:03:50,990

I was a child. 71

00:03:50,990 --> 00:03:51,660 I didn't talk.

72 00:03:51,660 --> 00:03:53,670 He was this old, old man.

73 00:03:53,670 --> 00:03:55,730 And he was sick in this time. 74

00:03:55,730 --> 00:03:59,870 And we stayed maybe one night.

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00:03:59,870 --> 00:04:05,180 And then we came to Komarowo to my home with my uncle

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00:04:05,180 --> 00:04:06,980 from Sarna.

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00:04:06,980 --> 00:04:11,750 That's what I remember, my grandfather.

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00:04:11,750 --> 00:04:14,810 The grandmother I don't remember at all.

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00:04:14,810 --> 00:04:17,360 Do you remember what your grandfather did for a living

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00:04:17,360 --> 00:04:18,890 before?

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00:04:18,890 --> 00:04:23,870 He was living-- at this time he was living in Liubytivs'ka.

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00:04:23,870 --> 00:04:25,040 That's a place--

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00:04:25,040 --> 00:04:32,970 Liubytivs'ka, that's close to Rovno, Sarny.

84 00:04:32,970 --> 00:04:35,720

85 00:04:35,720 --> 00:04:38,870 What he was doing, I

don't remember this time.

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00:04:38,870 --> 00:04:42,295 I saw him only when he was sick.

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00:04:42,295 --> 00:04:43,670 Did your mother ever say anything

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00:04:43,670 --> 00:04:48,920 about what he had done, what his job was earlier?

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00:04:48,920 --> 00:04:58,910 I think he was work in the field, like in a village.

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00:04:58,910 --> 00:05:02,165 But that's got his own cows and horses.

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00:05:02,165 --> 00:05:03,790 He was a farmer or something like that.

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00:05:03,790 --> 00:05:05,720 Like a farmer, like this.

93 00:05:05,720 --> 00:05:11,720

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00:05:11,720 --> 00:05:16,160 Did your mother-- did she go to school when she was younger?

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00:05:16,160 --> 00:05:17,600 Or was she-- do you remember?

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00:05:17,600 --> 00:05:19,460 Or did she tell you?

97 00:05:19,460 --> 00:05:23,600

As this time in Poland, we lived--

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00:05:23,600 --> 00:05:30,220 not a lot of people got to have education, some.

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00:05:30,220 --> 00:05:32,720 That's why I asked, because I wasn't sure if she did or not.

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00:05:32,720 --> 00:05:36,740 Most of them, people didn't got education.

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00:05:36,740 --> 00:05:40,460 Most of them is three grade, four grade,

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00:05:40,460 --> 00:05:42,410 this was the highest.

103 00:05:42,410 --> 00:05:44,750 Because people begin to work.

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00:05:44,750 --> 00:05:48,980 And somebody-for me, my parents

105 00:05:48,980 --> 00:05:50,850 tried to give me more education.

106 00:05:50,850 --> 00:05:53,300 They sent me to Sarna to study.

107 00:05:53,300 --> 00:05:57,620 And most of them, a couple grades, and that's it.

108 00:05:57,620 --> 00:05:59,870 And people go to work, some cook.

109 00:05:59,870 --> 00:06:02,960

110 00:06:02,960 --> 00:06:06,000 Many different business.

111 00:06:06,000 --> 00:06:12,300 That's what I think what she didn't get a high education.

112 00:06:12,300 --> 00:06:18,350 And the father got more education than the mother.

113 00:06:18,350 --> 00:06:22,370 The father, he begin to teach me Russian language.

114 00:06:22,370 --> 00:06:24,980 When the Russian came with this, he

115 00:06:24,980 --> 00:06:26,750 begin to teach me Russian language.

116 00:06:26,750 --> 00:06:29,150 I didn't know too Russian.

117 00:06:29,150 --> 00:06:34,940 I studied Jewish, Yiddish, Hebrew, and Polish.

118 00:06:34,940 --> 00:06:36,380 And Russian, I didn't know.

119 00:06:36,380 --> 00:06:40,660

120 00:06:40,660 --> 00:06:41,170 Go ahead. 121 00:06:41,170 --> 00:06:44,050

122 00:06:44,050 --> 00:06:44,680 That's it.

123 00:06:44,680 --> 00:06:46,490 OK.

124 00:06:46,490 --> 00:06:49,420 Let me ask you about after you were born.

125 00:06:49,420 --> 00:06:50,680 Were you the oldest?

126 00:06:50,680 --> 00:06:51,190 Yes.

127 00:06:51,190 --> 00:06:52,023 You were the oldest?

128 00:06:52,023 --> 00:06:52,630 Yes.

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00:06:52,630 --> 00:06:56,090 And how many children, or how many brothers and sisters did

130 00:06:56,090 --> 00:06:56,590 you have?

131 00:06:56,590 --> 00:06:57,610 I got one sister.

132 00:06:57,610 --> 00:06:58,150 One sister.

133 00:06:58,150 --> 00:06:59,530 Yes, she was younger. 134 00:06:59,530 --> 00:07:02,230 The name's Rachel.

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00:07:02,230 --> 00:07:08,230 And she was younger than me, maybe two years or one year.

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00:07:08,230 --> 00:07:11,080 I don't remember exactly.

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00:07:11,080 --> 00:07:14,710 She was the youngest and I was the older.

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00:07:14,710 --> 00:07:17,473 When you were growing up, what did your parents,

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00:07:17,473 --> 00:07:19,390 like your father, what did he do for a living?

140 00:07:19,390 --> 00:07:22,270 And your mother, what was she doing?

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00:07:22,270 --> 00:07:27,922 The father he was--

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00:07:27,922 --> 00:07:33,550 we got land, not a lot, but a little.

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00:07:33,550 --> 00:07:39,130 And we got a cow, we got a horse.

144 00:07:39,130 --> 00:07:42,500 Most of them, we was--

145 00:07:42,500 --> 00:07:46,810 the father was working and mother in own field.

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00:07:46,810 --> 00:07:50,800 Then he managed a little--

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00:07:50,800 --> 00:07:56,980 it was-- how it's called, [NON-ENGLISH]..

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00:07:56,980 --> 00:08:01,510 A man from-- he was living in Warsaw.

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00:08:01,510 --> 00:08:12,010 And he got a lot of forest and the field in Komarowo.

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00:08:12,010 --> 00:08:21,520 And he managed this place for [NON-ENGLISH]..

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00:08:21,520 --> 00:08:22,270 How it's called?

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00:08:22,270 --> 00:08:23,290 The landowner?

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00:08:23,290 --> 00:08:23,930 Landowner.

154 00:08:23,930 --> 00:08:25,750 A landowner.

155 00:08:25,750 --> 00:08:28,630 And the name was-- his name was Shelkowski.

156 00:08:28,630 --> 00:08:33,070 I remember his name, Shelkowski.

157 00:08:33,070 --> 00:08:35,470 And he was from--

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he was from Warsaw?

158 00:08:35,470 --> 00:08:37,520 Yes, he was living in Warsaw.

159 00:08:37,520 --> 00:08:43,630 And in a couple of months, he came to Komarowo and look.

160 00:08:43,630 --> 00:08:44,860 To see how things were going.

161 00:08:44,860 --> 00:08:46,990 See how is everything going.

162 00:08:46,990 --> 00:08:48,970 And then he left.

163 00:08:48,970 --> 00:08:52,100 And he got a lot of land.

164 00:08:52,100 --> 00:08:54,720 It was not only in Komarowo.

165 00:08:54,720 --> 00:08:56,110 He got Kulykovychi.

166 00:08:56,110 --> 00:09:00,100 That's across the River Styr.

167 00:09:00,100 --> 00:09:05,920 He got land in one place in Komarowo, his land.

168 00:09:05,920 --> 00:09:09,760 That's what my father and mother got a living from that.

169 00:09:09,760 --> 00:09:16,985 00:09:16,985 --> 00:09:19,610 You said-- when did you start-you said that your parents sent

171 00:09:19,610 --> 00:09:23,790 you away to school in Sarna.

172 00:09:23,790 --> 00:09:24,290 Yes.

173 00:09:24,290 --> 00:09:27,480 When did when did you first go to school there?

174 00:09:27,480 --> 00:09:34,790 They send me to school to Sarna, that's in 1934.

175 00:09:34,790 --> 00:09:36,590 And I begin--

176 00:09:36,590 --> 00:09:37,690 I came to Sarna.

177 00:09:37,690 --> 00:09:42,320 And I went and I begin from the fourth grade.

178 00:09:42,320 --> 00:09:46,042 And I finished in Sarna eighth grade.

179 00:09:46,042 --> 00:09:57,370 1938 I came back from Sarna.

180 00:09:57,370 --> 00:10:01,090 When you went to school there, did you stay the whole year?

181 00:10:01,090 --> 00:10:03,333 Or did you just go for a week and then come back 182 00:10:03,333 --> 00:10:04,000 on the weekends?

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00:10:04,000 --> 00:10:10,160 No, only in the winter vacations and summer vacations

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00:10:10,160 --> 00:10:12,040 I came home.

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00:10:12,040 --> 00:10:14,800 And that's always I stay, because it's not

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00:10:14,800 --> 00:10:17,150 very, very close.

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00:10:17,150 --> 00:10:20,670 It was-- from our village to Sarna,

188 00:10:20,670 --> 00:10:25,810 it's 100, 110 kilometers.

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00:10:25,810 --> 00:10:30,230 And my parents was not rich people

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00:10:30,230 --> 00:10:33,940 to pay to come Sarna and go back.

191 00:10:33,940 --> 00:10:34,600 By train.

192 00:10:34,600 --> 00:10:36,430 And it's not a train.

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00:10:36,430 --> 00:10:39,790 We got a train only to Chartoriysk. 194 00:10:39,790 --> 00:10:45,610 And then with horses we went to our village.

195 00:10:45,610 --> 00:10:49,790 And this take a long time.

196 00:10:49,790 --> 00:10:51,680 Did your sister also go away to school?

197 00:10:51,680 --> 00:10:52,180 No.

198 00:10:52,180 --> 00:10:52,680 No.

199 00:10:52,680 --> 00:10:54,820 She was study in the village.

200 00:10:54,820 --> 00:10:55,390 In Komarowo.

201 00:10:55,390 --> 00:10:56,200 In Komarowo.

202 00:10:56,200 --> 00:11:09,200

203 00:11:09,200 --> 00:11:13,710 And then you said that you came back to Komarowo in 1938.

204 00:11:13,710 --> 00:11:14,210 Yes.

205 00:11:14,210 --> 00:11:17,900 And how many grades did you finish by then?

206 00:11:17,900 --> 00:11:18,440 Eight.

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00:11:18,440 --> 00:11:19,460 You were in the eighth grade.

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00:11:19,460 --> 00:11:19,960 Yes.

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00:11:19,960 --> 00:11:22,490 OK.

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00:11:22,490 --> 00:11:26,360 That was a school, eighth grade.

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00:11:26,360 --> 00:11:30,420 And I came at home, maybe the parents were-- not the war,

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00:11:30,420 --> 00:11:34,940 maybe the parents were thinking to send me some more to study.

213 00:11:34,940 --> 00:11:35,750 It's happening.

214 00:11:35,750 --> 00:11:44,390 But in 1939, it's come the war between Poland and Germany.

215 00:11:44,390 --> 00:11:46,790

Then Stalin came, the Russian.

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00:11:46,790 --> 00:11:51,598 And I began to work and stopped my education.

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00:11:51,598 --> 00:11:53,390 So you started working after you came home?

218 00:11:53,390 --> 00:11:54,200 Yes.

219 00:11:54,200 --> 00:11:58,380 came home, the first year, from 1938.

220 00:11:58,380 --> 00:12:02,750 And I was working at home to help the parents.

221 00:12:02,750 --> 00:12:05,740

222 00:12:05,740 --> 00:12:13,240 And then when it's 1939, came the Russians.

223 00:12:13,240 --> 00:12:17,770 I began to work for the Russians.

224 00:12:17,770 --> 00:12:21,370 That we got all government jobs.

225 00:12:21,370 --> 00:12:24,880 We didn't got own jobs because they feel they take away

226 00:12:24,880 --> 00:12:27,430 everything we got.

227 00:12:27,430 --> 00:12:33,050 I begin to work and my father begin to work.

228 00:12:33,050 --> 00:12:35,530 And in a couple years, we're in the other war.

229 00:12:35,530 --> 00:12:38,290 That's 1941.

230 00:12:38,290 --> 00:12:41,170 Can you tell me a little bit about--

231 00:12:41,170 --> 00:12:43,630 did the Germans ever come to Komarowo?

232 00:12:43,630 --> 00:12:44,130 Yes.

233 00:12:44,130 --> 00:12:46,570 In 1939, did they make it that far?

234 00:12:46,570 --> 00:12:47,120 Yes.

235 00:12:47,120 --> 00:12:47,620 Yes.

236 00:12:47,620 --> 00:12:51,025 In approximately in 10 days.

237 00:12:51,025 --> 00:12:54,680

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00:12:54,680 --> 00:12:57,220 You mean in 1939?

239 00:12:57,220 --> 00:12:58,990 In 1939, yeah.

240 00:12:58,990 --> 00:13:01,990 Did they ever reach Komarowo?

241 00:13:01,990 --> 00:13:06,700 No, in 1939, it's come not the German.

242 00:13:06,700 --> 00:13:13,080 Our place take Russia in 1939. 243 00:13:13,080 --> 00:13:14,830 So you were in the Eastern part of Poland.

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00:13:14,830 --> 00:13:16,045 Yes, in the Eastern.

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 $00:13:16,045 \rightarrow 00:13:22,810$ And this was in the side after the Bug, the boarder start,

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00:13:22,810 --> 00:13:26,500 the Germans start on the boarder on Bug.

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00:13:26,500 --> 00:13:29,500 And the Russian came and they take our place.

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00:13:29,500 --> 00:13:35,560 And then we begin to live in Russia, 1939.

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00:13:35,560 --> 00:13:43,420 And we live until 1941, until begin the war between Russia

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00:13:43,420 --> 00:13:44,350 and Germany.

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00:13:44,350 --> 00:13:50,110 That was the war between Poland and Germany.

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00:13:50,110 --> 00:13:50,960 Was in 1939.

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00:13:50,960 --> 00:13:52,300 In 1939.

254 00:13:52,300 --> 00:13:57,070 And our place take Russia. 255 00:13:57,070 --> 00:14:00,550 And it's become Russia in 1939.

256 00:14:00,550 --> 00:14:05,890 We didn't leave until 1941.

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00:14:05,890 --> 00:14:11,740 Until begin, again, during the war.

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00:14:11,740 --> 00:14:16,460 In the days after September 1st, 1939,

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00:14:16,460 --> 00:14:20,470 when the Germans invaded Poland, what did your parents do?

260 00:14:20,470 --> 00:14:22,960 What were they thinking?

261 00:14:22,960 --> 00:14:25,240 Were they are frightened of the Germans?

262 00:14:25,240 --> 00:14:28,090 Were they apprehensive about what was going on?

263 00:14:28,090 --> 00:14:29,463 How did they feel at that time?

264 00:14:29,463 --> 00:14:30,130 Do you remember?

265 00:14:30,130 --> 00:14:35,020 What I remember, what my father explained to me, he--

266 00:14:35,020 --> 00:14:40,040 we here what is, what Germany killed a lot of people.

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00:14:40,040 --> 00:14:44,380 And then people run away from Germany.

268 00:14:44,380 --> 00:14:46,840 Sometimes, the father was--

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00:14:46,840 --> 00:14:49,330 I remember he was talking.

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00:14:49,330 --> 00:14:53,020 He was saying, I cannot believe what can happen that.

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00:14:53,020 --> 00:14:57,530 He was a war prisoner in a time in Germany.

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00:14:57,530 --> 00:15:02,350 And he said how the German was very good to Jewish people that

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00:15:02,350 --> 00:15:05,620 were prisoners.

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00:15:05,620 --> 00:15:07,090 And it was good.

275 00:15:07,090 --> 00:15:10,090 He say, I cannot believe what they can--

276 00:15:10,090 --> 00:15:12,760 what Hitler changed the situation.

277 00:15:12,760 --> 00:15:17,620 Because in this, when my father was in-- 00:15:17,620 --> 00:15:19,840 it was, I think, Wilhelm--

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00:15:19,840 --> 00:15:26,380 Wilhelm was the president in Germany.

280 00:15:26,380 --> 00:15:30,730 And then become when Hitler come to the power.

281 00:15:30,730 --> 00:15:33,490 And he changed.

282 00:15:33,490 --> 00:15:35,710 I remember when the German--

283 00:15:35,710 --> 00:15:40,210 the war with Russia, he told me, no, he say,

284 00:15:40,210 --> 00:15:42,700 I cannot believe was will kill us for what.

285 00:15:42,700 --> 00:15:45,320 We people, we live in a village.

286 00:15:45,320 --> 00:15:48,940 We Jewish, we live good with all the people.

287 00:15:48,940 --> 00:15:52,150 Because in the village was not a lot of Jewish people.

288 00:15:52,150 --> 00:15:55,310 It was maybe five families, not more.

289 00:15:55,310 --> 00:15:59,770 And we didn't know the difference between us 290 00:15:59,770 --> 00:16:02,650 and the people, the Ukraine people.

291 00:16:02,650 --> 00:16:07,240 Like everything was together, most to Ukraine people.

292 00:16:07,240 --> 00:16:09,700 And we didn't that when German--

293 00:16:09,700 --> 00:16:13,840 the Germans came, we didn't know all this,

294 00:16:13,840 --> 00:16:16,060 the bad stuff they begin to do.

295 00:16:16,060 --> 00:16:20,290 Did your parents think about trying

296 00:16:20,290 --> 00:16:23,860 to get away or move to the East?

297 00:16:23,860 --> 00:16:26,700 But I guess because your father wasn't that frightened--

298 00:16:26,700 --> 00:16:30,310 Yes, we was talking.

299 00:16:30,310 --> 00:16:36,820 In this time, I didn't have life experience,

300 00:16:36,820 --> 00:16:40,660 like no in this time.

301 00:16:40,660 --> 00:16:43,390 And their father say, no, why will go?

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00:16:43,390 --> 00:16:44,170 Where will go?

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00:16:44,170 --> 00:16:47,290 Who knows how we-- we'll need to leave the home,

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00:16:47,290 --> 00:16:49,240 you need to leave everything.

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00:16:49,240 --> 00:16:51,430 Where will we live?

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00:16:51,430 --> 00:16:53,500 And it was a big mistake, our big mistake.

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00:16:53,500 --> 00:16:58,180 And the father was saying, we'll go to Russia.

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00:16:58,180 --> 00:17:04,579 And a lot of people, they escaped from Germany.

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00:17:04,579 --> 00:17:08,859 And he didn't-- no, I don't know how it will be when we left.

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00:17:08,859 --> 00:17:11,589 No, the father didn't want to leave.

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00:17:11,589 --> 00:17:13,030 He say we stay--

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00:17:13,030 --> 00:17:16,780 we stay in our village.

313 00:17:16,780 --> 00:17:19,000

People say German to work, we will work.

314 00:17:19,000 --> 00:17:21,880 We will cooperate for working.

315 00:17:21,880 --> 00:17:25,900 No, it was a big difference, not only to work.

316 00:17:25,900 --> 00:17:28,720 They began to kill us.

317 00:17:28,720 --> 00:17:30,310 That's what they begin the trouble.

318 00:17:30,310 --> 00:17:32,890 In couple-- the Germans come to us.

319 00:17:32,890 --> 00:17:34,930 In 10 days-- in 10 days--

320 00:17:34,930 --> 00:17:36,160 And that's in 1941.

321 00:17:36,160 --> 00:17:40,540 In 1941, in 10 days the German was in our village.

322 00:17:40,540 --> 00:17:44,500 I remember I see them, the Germans how they came,

323 00:17:44,500 --> 00:17:46,180 like it was--

324 00:17:46,180 --> 00:17:51,490 the soldiers like in a [NON-ENGLISH]---- 00:17:51,490 --> 00:17:54,330 in a rest place, they came.

326 00:17:54,330 --> 00:17:56,940 They drank and ate chocolate.

327 00:17:56,940 --> 00:18:00,510 And it was no fighting.

328 00:18:00,510 --> 00:18:07,080 No, we feel this time as we will have trouble.

329 00:18:07,080 --> 00:18:11,310 My father didn't-- he speaked very well German.

330 00:18:11,310 --> 00:18:14,310 And he was talking with one--

331 00:18:14,310 --> 00:18:16,800 the young people was very bad.

332 00:18:16,800 --> 00:18:20,610 The older Germans was much, much better.

333 00:18:20,610 --> 00:18:24,120 And one German, I remember, the father explained to me,

334 00:18:24,120 --> 00:18:27,330 one German told him what--

335 00:18:27,330 --> 00:18:28,830 he told him, are you Jewish?

336 00:18:28,830 --> 00:18:30,090 And he say, yes.

337 00:18:30,090 --> 00:18:34,260 You will have a lot of Contact reference@ushmm.org for further information about this collection

trouble, he told him.

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00:18:34,260 --> 00:18:36,540 And no, it was late.

339 00:18:36,540 --> 00:18:37,680 The German was here.

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00:18:37,680 --> 00:18:39,730 You cannot go anywhere.

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00:18:39,730 --> 00:18:41,880 Then he told us, the father, yes, there

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00:18:41,880 --> 00:18:45,330 are German men, soldiers.

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00:18:45,330 --> 00:18:49,410 He said, but we told me that we will have a lot of trouble.

344 00:18:49,410 --> 00:18:53,780 And after 10 days, when they came,

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00:18:53,780 --> 00:18:58,380 we feel it, what was begin to done to us.

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00:18:58,380 --> 00:19:05,610 And the helpers was the Russian, Nazi,

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00:19:05,610 --> 00:19:09,330 what they got, they didn't want, what

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00:19:09,330 --> 00:19:14,900 people live another nationality in the villages. 00:19:14,900 --> 00:19:17,010

It begin trouble and trouble.

350 00:19:17,010 --> 00:19:18,150 Yeah.

351 00:19:18,150 --> 00:19:22,170 Can I go back just a little bit to when the Russians

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00:19:22,170 --> 00:19:23,490 came into the town.

353 00:19:23,490 --> 00:19:25,890 Can you tell me a little bit about what happened then,

354 00:19:25,890 --> 00:19:28,050 how they came in?

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00:19:28,050 --> 00:19:30,660 Did they seize property, and businesses,

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00:19:30,660 --> 00:19:32,550 and things like that?

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 $00:19:32,550 \rightarrow 00:19:39,930$ When Russia came to us, we didn't get no troubles.

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00:19:39,930 --> 00:19:40,680 They came.

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00:19:40,680 --> 00:19:42,210 We begin to work.

360 00:19:42,210 --> 00:19:44,070 They didn't say nothing.

361 00:19:44,070 --> 00:19:45,990 No nationalism. 362 00:19:45,990 --> 00:19:49,650 It was everybody like, we was feeling like the Ukraine

363 00:19:49,650 --> 00:19:51,570 people.

364 00:19:51,570 --> 00:19:52,560 It was not bad.

365 00:19:52,560 --> 00:19:55,830 We begin to work for the government.

366 00:19:55,830 --> 00:19:58,770 Any work, I was beginning to work.

367 00:19:58,770 --> 00:20:02,610 I got more education than other people.

368 00:20:02,610 --> 00:20:06,300 And the Ukraine people, they vote

369 00:20:06,300 --> 00:20:15,240 for me to make me the head of government,

370 00:20:15,240 --> 00:20:17,760 business government--

371 00:20:17,760 --> 00:20:19,140 how it--

372 00:20:19,140 --> 00:20:20,040 The stores.

373 00:20:20,040 --> 00:20:20,550 The stores. 374 00:20:20,550 --> 00:20:23,970 [NON-ENGLISH]---- called business-- government business.

375 00:20:23,970 --> 00:20:26,760 And they vote for me, what to make me--

376 00:20:26,760 --> 00:20:30,240 I was in this time, oh, from--

377 00:20:30,240 --> 00:20:32,880 I was maybe 16.

378 00:20:32,880 --> 00:20:33,900 Retail?

379 00:20:33,900 --> 00:20:35,260 16 years.

380 00:20:35,260 --> 00:20:38,970 And I was the head of the stores, what it was

381 00:20:38,970 --> 00:20:41,400 around the villages, Komarowo.

382 00:20:41,400 --> 00:20:46,620 This was maybe 12--

383 00:20:46,620 --> 00:20:50,010 12 or 15 villages.

384 00:20:50,010 --> 00:20:52,710 And I was the head of the stores.

385 00:20:52,710 --> 00:20:53,730 You were the commissar. 00:20:53,730 --> 00:20:56,500 No, commissar, that's a political--

387 00:20:56,500 --> 00:20:57,360

Yeah.

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00:20:57,360 --> 00:21:01,020 No, I didn't know nothing about political.

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00:21:01,020 --> 00:21:01,620 Yeah.

390 00:21:01,620 --> 00:21:03,990 I know only knew how to work.

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00:21:03,990 --> 00:21:06,300 I didn't know how to begin to work.

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00:21:06,300 --> 00:21:10,550 And one Russian guy, he was-he came always from Kolki.

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00:21:10,550 --> 00:21:12,300 He was looking-- he made--

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00:21:12,300 --> 00:21:17,480 in the beginning to make Russian government, people

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00:21:17,480 --> 00:21:19,350 we were lived in Poland.

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00:21:19,350 --> 00:21:22,410 We didn't know a lot of stuff, what is going on.

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00:21:22,410 --> 00:21:23,010 Yeah. Contact reference@ushmm.org for further information about this collection

00:21:23,010 --> 00:21:25,410 And I remember, he begin to teach me.

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00:21:25,410 --> 00:21:27,120 I told him-- people--

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00:21:27,120 --> 00:21:29,340 I don't know how from what to begin.

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00:21:29,340 --> 00:21:32,760 And he begins to teach me how to work.

402 00:21:32,760 --> 00:21:34,500 And I begin to work.

403 00:21:34,500 --> 00:21:36,580 And it was not bad.

404 00:21:36,580 --> 00:21:50,010 And they had from Kolki what was the higher grade officer,

405 00:21:50,010 --> 00:21:51,840 or how it's called.

406 00:21:51,840 --> 00:21:55,830 Oh, he tell me, oh, you

work very well and good.

407 00:21:55,830 --> 00:21:57,870 And then I came--

408 00:21:57,870 --> 00:21:58,920 it's a meeting.

409 00:21:58,920 --> 00:22:02,280 I was the youngest person.

410 00:22:02,280 --> 00:22:08,490 It was most of them, the old people, 50, 40.

411 00:22:08,490 --> 00:22:11,020 And I came 17 years.

412 00:22:11,020 --> 00:22:15,040 They was looking on to me, why does a child come to us.

413 00:22:15,040 --> 00:22:21,060 And I was-- in this time I was not very tall.

414 00:22:21,060 --> 00:22:22,440 And I was beginning to work.

415 00:22:22,440 --> 00:22:25,590 And I was working until begin the war.

416 00:22:25,590 --> 00:22:26,640 Up until 1941.

417 00:22:26,640 --> 00:22:28,680 Until 1941.

418 00:22:28,680 --> 00:22:31,410 And it was a big mistake why I didn't--

419 00:22:31,410 --> 00:22:35,370 why the parents, why we didn't leave this place

420 00:22:35,370 --> 00:22:37,290 and go to Russia.

421 00:22:37,290 --> 00:22:45,780 No, we got-- and when I take the money from the stores, 00:22:45,780 --> 00:22:49,620 I keep-- they bring all the money to me.

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00:22:49,620 --> 00:22:52,950 And I put them in the bank, to Manevychi.

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00:22:52,950 --> 00:22:55,380 I went to take.

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00:22:55,380 --> 00:22:57,930 When it begin the war, I got money.

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00:22:57,930 --> 00:22:59,850 I got the government's money.

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00:22:59,850 --> 00:23:03,480 Then they come to me at night time, the Ukraine people--

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00:23:03,480 --> 00:23:04,590 To get the money.

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00:23:04,590 --> 00:23:05,520 The money.

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00:23:05,520 --> 00:23:09,280 I take-- over night left, I take the money with me.

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00:23:09,280 --> 00:23:12,430 And we got-- it was more--

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00:23:12,430 --> 00:23:15,510

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00:23:15,510 --> 00:23:18,150 it was possible to have money.

434 00:23:18,150 --> 00:23:19,530

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It's government's money.

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00:23:19,530 --> 00:23:22,630 No, I can-- it's a war, I can.

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00:23:22,630 --> 00:23:25,500 Then we didn't left.

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00:23:25,500 --> 00:23:26,250 We stayed.

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00:23:26,250 --> 00:23:29,310 And maybe in a couple days, they come to me

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00:23:29,310 --> 00:23:33,300 at night time, the Ukraine people, and say give the money.

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00:23:33,300 --> 00:23:39,660 And give the-- that was only a [NON-ENGLISH]..

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00:23:39,660 --> 00:23:42,570 You have gun or you have--

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00:23:42,570 --> 00:23:43,840 I didn't a gun.

443 00:23:43,840 --> 00:23:46,260

I never got a gun.

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00:23:46,260 --> 00:23:51,630 And they begin to do a lot, a lot of bad things with this.

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00:23:51,630 --> 00:23:54,330 Terrible today have to remind this.

446 00:23:54,330 --> 00:23:57,090 447 00:23:57,090 --> 00:24:00,630 Did your-- you said that you worked for the Russians.

448 00:24:00,630 --> 00:24:02,310 Did your parents also work?

449 00:24:02,310 --> 00:24:02,890 Yes.

450 00:24:02,890 --> 00:24:03,390 Yes.

451 00:24:03,390 --> 00:24:05,682 What did your mother and father-- what were they doing?

452 00:24:05,682 --> 00:24:10,230 The mother was working at home.

453 00:24:10,230 --> 00:24:11,890 Most of them, she--

454 00:24:11,890 --> 00:24:12,642 Housewife.

455 00:24:12,642 --> 00:24:13,850 Yeah, a housewife.

456 00:24:13,850 --> 00:24:17,550 We got, in this time, we--

457 00:24:17,550 --> 00:24:20,850 when the Russians came, we got a cow.

458 00:24:20,850 --> 00:24:23,100 Then later, you cannot have.

459 00:24:23,100 --> 00:24:26,490 In the beginning, we got a cow.

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00:24:26,490 --> 00:24:30,330 She was making the food and the house.

461 00:24:30,330 --> 00:24:33,660 And the father was working.

462 00:24:33,660 --> 00:24:38,530 He teach young people the [NON-ENGLISH]..

463 00:24:38,530 --> 00:24:42,240 How it's called--

464 00:24:42,240 --> 00:24:44,940 It was related to the military.

465 00:24:44,940 --> 00:24:47,040 He used to teach Russian, yes.

466 00:24:47,040 --> 00:24:48,270 Yes, Russian.

467 00:24:48,270 --> 00:24:49,200 He taught Russian.

468 00:24:49,200 --> 00:24:50,400 He teach them how--

469 00:24:50,400 --> 00:24:51,960 To the Polish children, yeah.

470 00:24:51,960 --> 00:24:53,263 No, no, not Polish--

471 00:24:53,263 --> 00:24:53,805 the children.

472 00:24:53,805 --> 00:24:55,820 He did, because they didn't know Russian.

473 00:24:55,820 --> 00:24:56,020 Oh, they didn't know Russian.

474 00:24:56,020 --> 00:24:57,660 They didn't know Russian.

475 00:24:57,660 --> 00:25:01,680 And the father, he was in the Russian army.

476 00:25:01,680 --> 00:25:04,530 And he was a good--

477 00:25:04,530 --> 00:25:06,090 maybe he was an officer.

478 00:25:06,090 --> 00:25:07,440 I don't remember.

479 00:25:07,440 --> 00:25:10,920 Because he got no--

480 00:25:10,920 --> 00:25:17,950 from Czar's military, he got new crests.

481 00:25:17,950 --> 00:25:19,300 [NON-ENGLISH].

482 00:25:19,300 --> 00:25:22,540 That's crosses.

483 00:25:22,540 --> 00:25:23,740 Like a medal or something?

484 00:25:23,740 --> 00:25:25,210 Yes, medals. $00:25:25,210 \rightarrow 00:25:31,030$ No, when the Russian came, no to teach the records.

486 00:25:31,030 --> 00:25:33,490 And people say we know him.

487 00:25:33,490 --> 00:25:34,720 He was a good soldier.

488 00:25:34,720 --> 00:25:36,310 And he can teach us.

489 00:25:36,310 --> 00:25:38,030 And he know Russian language good.

490 00:25:38,030 --> 00:25:38,530 Yeah.

491 00:25:38,530 --> 00:25:39,710 And he begins to teach.

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00:25:39,710 --> 00:25:42,310 And the government paid him money for this.

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00:25:42,310 --> 00:25:44,990 And that was his living.

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00:25:44,990 --> 00:25:45,490 Yeah.

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00:25:45,490 --> 00:25:48,790 And I was working.

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00:25:48,790 --> 00:25:50,020 We was not rich.

497 00:25:50,020 --> 00:25:50,710 No.

498 00:25:50,710 --> 00:25:55,150 Not rich, were not rich, poor, poor.

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00:25:55,150 --> 00:25:56,140
Yeah.
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500 00:25:56,140 --> 00:26:00,310 We didn't got a life like we live now in America.

501 00:26:00,310 --> 00:26:04,510 Mm-hmm, so, your mother, she didn't work outside the house.

502 00:26:04,510 --> 00:26:06,310 She worked in the house and that was--

503 00:26:06,310 --> 00:26:07,470 Yes, in the house.

504 00:26:07,470 --> 00:26:08,830 OK.

505 00:26:08,830 --> 00:26:11,290 Can you tell me-- you started to tell me and I stopped you.

506 00:26:11,290 --> 00:26:12,665 Can you tell me a little bit more

507 00:26:12,665 --> 00:26:17,310 about the war starting when the Germans came in 1941?

508 00:26:17,310 --> 00:26:19,500 You said when they came into the town.

509 00:26:19,500 --> 00:26:21,920 Can you tell me a little bit more about that?

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00:26:21,920 --> 00:26:25,880 When they came in the town, I told you, from the first day,

511 00:26:25,880 --> 00:26:32,780 from the first day, after 10 days, when they came in,

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00:26:32,780 --> 00:26:36,740 the father tell, we'll go in the forest for a while.

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00:26:36,740 --> 00:26:40,668 Maybe the first soldiers will go.

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00:26:40,668 --> 00:26:41,210 And we'll go.

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00:26:41,210 --> 00:26:44,900 And then maybe later it will be better

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00:26:44,900 --> 00:26:49,740 to be not in the wrong time in the house.

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00:26:49,740 --> 00:26:52,010 So, he wanted he wanted to leave for a little bit.

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00:26:52,010 --> 00:26:52,760 For a little bit--

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00:26:52,760 --> 00:26:54,552 --let he soldiers leave and then come back?

520 00:26:54,552 --> 00:26:57,260 Yes, and we went in the

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00:26:57,260 --> 00:26:58,280 in the forest.

522 00:26:58,280 --> 00:27:03,600 We got a horse, yes.

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00:27:03,600 --> 00:27:04,920 And we went in the forest.

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00:27:04,920 --> 00:27:06,587 And the whole family went to the forest?

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00:27:06,587 --> 00:27:08,010 Yes, all the family.

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00:27:08,010 --> 00:27:13,740 And we came back maybe in a couple of days.

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00:27:13,740 --> 00:27:19,500 They take everything out from our home.

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00:27:19,500 --> 00:27:24,090 And we came, the home, it was empty, everything.

529 00:27:24,090 --> 00:27:25,920 And we cannot live in our home.

530 00:27:25,920 --> 00:27:29,410 And we live in the home where my mother's

531 00:27:29,410 --> 00:27:32,220 sister in the same village.

532 00:27:32,220 --> 00:27:38,570 And we stay together with Contact reference@ushmm.org for further information about this collection

the mother's sister family.

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00:27:38,570 --> 00:27:47,190 Then and maybe-- they used us in village the worst work,

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00:27:47,190 --> 00:27:53,760 but you can think they give the-- they tell us to do this.

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00:27:53,760 --> 00:27:54,600 We begin.

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00:27:54,600 --> 00:27:57,690 They send us to clean--

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00:27:57,690 --> 00:28:04,240 it was officers, to clean toilets.

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00:28:04,240 --> 00:28:05,970 We didn't got toilets.

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00:28:05,970 --> 00:28:07,980 That was everything outside.

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00:28:07,980 --> 00:28:12,210 And they keep us to clean what that.

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00:28:12,210 --> 00:28:20,545 You cannot tell-- some was the worst jobs they give to us.

542 00:28:20,545 --> 00:28:21,420 To the Jewish people.

543 00:28:21,420 --> 00:28:22,320 To the Jewish people.

544 00:28:22,320 --> 00:28:22,820 Yeah.

545 00:28:22,820 --> 00:28:27,505 Then in a couple months, they take us to the ghettos.

546 00:28:27,505 --> 00:28:31,020 They take us to Kolki ghetto.

547 00:28:31,020 --> 00:28:34,190 They arrest the people--

548 00:28:34,190 --> 00:28:38,010 their relatives-- they got relatives in Chartoriysk they

549 00:28:38,010 --> 00:28:38,630 took them--

550 00:28:38,630 --> 00:28:39,780 Sent them to there.

551 00:28:39,780 --> 00:28:41,640 --in other ghettos.

552 00:28:41,640 --> 00:28:44,400 And they was in Chartoriysk ghetto.

553 00:28:44,400 --> 00:28:54,150 And our family and the fireman's family, we was in Kolki ghetto.

554 00:28:54,150 --> 00:28:57,970 In ghetto, you want to explain to you Kolki ghetto?

555 00:28:57,970 --> 00:29:00,528 Well, let me ask you a question and then I'll

556 00:29:00,528 --> 00:29:01,570 ask you about the ghetto. 557 00:29:01,570 --> 00:29:02,440 Yes.

558 00:29:02,440 --> 00:29:04,863 How many Jewish people were in your town?

559 00:29:04,863 --> 00:29:05,530 Do you remember?

560 00:29:05,530 --> 00:29:06,990 About approximately?

561 00:29:06,990 --> 00:29:08,240 In what town you mean?

562 00:29:08,240 --> 00:29:08,740 In Komarowo.

563 00:29:08,740 --> 00:29:10,030 In Komarowo.

564 00:29:10,030 --> 00:29:13,060 In Komarowo, it was five families.

565 00:29:13,060 --> 00:29:16,600 Approximately in each family it was--

566 00:29:16,600 --> 00:29:23,710 it was bigger-- it was six person a family.

567 00:29:23,710 --> 00:29:26,340 That's 5, 30--

568 00:29:26,340 --> 00:29:33,520 30 people, 30, 35 people was in the village, Komarowo. 569 00:29:33,520 --> 00:29:38,550 Kolki, it was-- most of them, that was Jewish people.

570 00:29:38,550 --> 00:29:42,430 Kolki I think it was 7,000.

571 00:29:42,430 --> 00:29:45,430 How far away is Komarowo from Kolki?

572 00:29:45,430 --> 00:29:49,708 That was 12 kilometers from Komarowo to Kolki.

573 00:29:49,708 --> 00:29:53,920

574 00:29:53,920 --> 00:29:59,260 They didn't give us nothing to take with us, only what

575 00:29:59,260 --> 00:30:02,080 you can got.

576 00:30:02,080 --> 00:30:08,050 They give one-- what word?

577 00:30:08,050 --> 00:30:11,060 [NON-ENGLISH] What word?

578 00:30:11,060 --> 00:30:12,480 From the horse?

579 00:30:12,480 --> 00:30:16,130 A wagon with one horse, what you can put some.

580 00:30:16,130 --> 00:30:17,650 Whatever you can put on the wagon. 581 00:30:17,650 --> 00:30:21,140 Yes, for all of us, one.

582 00:30:21,140 --> 00:30:23,150 We go by foot.

583 00:30:23,150 --> 00:30:26,120 We walk to Kolki.

584 00:30:26,120 --> 00:30:29,075 And then we came to--

585 00:30:29,075 --> 00:30:30,440 no we didn't got.

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00:30:30,440 --> 00:30:35,300 They take us, everything what we got they take in Komarowo.

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00:30:35,300 --> 00:30:40,430 Some things we take to Kolki, some clothes.

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00:30:40,430 --> 00:30:41,930 Yeah, do you remember what you took,

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00:30:41,930 --> 00:30:43,830 other than clothes and things?

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00:30:43,830 --> 00:30:45,710 Was there much to take?

591 00:30:45,710 --> 00:30:47,300 No, we didn't got because they--

592 00:30:47,300 --> 00:30:48,800 They took everything from the house.

593 00:30:48,800 --> 00:30:50,840 They took everything from the house.

594 00:30:50,840 --> 00:30:54,080 It's only what we got with us and that's it.

595 00:30:54,080 --> 00:30:55,780 And that's it.

596 00:30:55,780 --> 00:31:00,800 Some little food we got, we take this to the ghetto.

597 00:31:00,800 --> 00:31:06,080 Because to the ghetto, in Kolki they give--

598 00:31:06,080 --> 00:31:09,050 I don't remember-one hour, you must

599 00:31:09,050 --> 00:31:11,330 to take everything what you want for one hour

600 00:31:11,330 --> 00:31:12,320 and come to ghetto.

601 00:31:12,320 --> 00:31:14,360 Oh, they gave you an hour to collect things.

602 00:31:14,360 --> 00:31:16,070 Yes, to come ghetto.

603 00:31:16,070 --> 00:31:22,250 It was two blocks in the city.

604 00:31:22,250 --> 00:31:25,880 And if you late to come in the ghetto, 605 00:31:25,880 --> 00:31:28,610 they will kill you where they will find-- after the time what

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00:31:28,610 --> 00:31:31,535 they give for one hour, if you didn't come they will kill you

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00:31:31,535 --> 00:31:33,260 in this place.

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00:31:33,260 --> 00:31:38,090 Because everybody was trying to come faster in the ghetto.

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00:31:38,090 --> 00:31:41,360 They give you an hour to go from Komarowo to Kolki?

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00:31:41,360 --> 00:31:43,560 No, from Komarowo we got more.

611 00:31:43,560 --> 00:31:44,060 OK.

612 00:31:44,060 --> 00:31:46,940 No, I say that it's one hour in city Kolki.

613 00:31:46,940 --> 00:31:51,560 They give the time to come to the ghetto.

614 00:31:51,560 --> 00:31:56,850 In the ghetto, when we come to Kolki, in ghetto, in one room,

615 00:31:56,850 --> 00:32:01,610 was maybe 10 people in one room.

616 00:32:01,610 --> 00:32:02,540 Yeah.

617 00:32:02,540 --> 00:32:07,910 It was very, very no [NON-ENGLISH] But you cannot--

618 00:32:07,910 --> 00:32:13,010 you cannot live in a situation like that.

619 00:32:13,010 --> 00:32:13,925 It was very hard.

620 00:32:13,925 --> 00:32:17,330

621 00:32:17,330 --> 00:32:19,018 When did you arrive in Kolki?

622 00:32:19,018 --> 00:32:20,060 Do you remember the date?

623 00:32:20,060 --> 00:32:22,820

624 00:32:22,820 --> 00:32:25,295 The date was June.

625 00:32:25,295 --> 00:32:28,320

626 00:32:28,320 --> 00:32:31,670 The date's approximately in August--

627 00:32:31,670 --> 00:32:35,570 August month.

628 00:32:35,570 --> 00:32:37,790 No, the date, I don't remember the date.

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00:32:37,790 --> 00:32:38,690 But it was in August?

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00:32:38,690 --> 00:32:43,220 Yes, approximately it was in August.

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00:32:43,220 --> 00:32:44,510 And we came in ghetto.

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00:32:44,510 --> 00:32:47,460

633 00:32:47,460 --> 00:32:49,480

They gave us to--

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00:32:49,480 --> 00:32:54,240 when we came from Komarowo they say us to put yellow

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00:32:54,240 --> 00:32:55,560 [NON-ENGLISH]

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00:32:55,560 --> 00:32:57,130 Patches.

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00:32:57,130 --> 00:32:57,790 A patch?

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00:32:57,790 --> 00:33:02,860 Patch, one in front and one in back.

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00:33:02,860 --> 00:33:03,840 And that's when--

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00:33:03,840 --> 00:33:05,980 With the Mogen David.

641 00:33:05,980 --> 00:33:07,270 No, it's only the--

642 00:33:07,270 --> 00:33:09,000 we got on yellows--

643 00:33:09,000 --> 00:33:13,630 yellow patches with one in front, one.

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00:33:13,630 --> 00:33:18,850 And if German want to try how he kill, he come in ghetto,

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00:33:18,850 --> 00:33:22,640 how many people they kill, nobody care about this.

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00:33:22,640 --> 00:33:26,230 He got the power in ghetto.

647 00:33:26,230 --> 00:33:29,110

648 00:33:29,110 --> 00:33:33,625 So, your family, then, you found a room together?

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00:33:33,625 --> 00:33:36,070 Yes, we stayed together.

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00:33:36,070 --> 00:33:40,270 I remember only my mother and the father,

651 00:33:40,270 --> 00:33:42,370 there was crying all the time.

652 00:33:42,370 --> 00:33:45,520 It was looking after me, my sister,

653 00:33:45,520 --> 00:33:48,163 how we will be in this one. 654 00:33:48,163 --> 00:33:52,840 And a lot of times, they say the older people, no,

655 00:33:52,840 --> 00:33:56,510 you young people, you cannot live more.

656 00:33:56,510 --> 00:34:01,070 What can happen at every hour.

657 00:34:01,070 --> 00:34:06,050 And we went to work some places.

658 00:34:06,050 --> 00:34:07,640 I work in one place.

659 00:34:07,640 --> 00:34:10,040 The father was working in another place.

660 00:34:10,040 --> 00:34:13,580 They took us to jobs, terrible jobs.

661 00:34:13,580 --> 00:34:16,060 No food.

662 00:34:16,060 --> 00:34:18,800 And you don't know if you will come back.

663 00:34:18,800 --> 00:34:21,960 They take us to job and we don't know if we

664 00:34:21,960 --> 00:34:23,630 will come back at home or not.

665 00:34:23,630 --> 00:34:28,850 666 00:34:28,850 --> 00:34:32,280 Do you remember how big the ghetto was?

667 00:34:32,280 --> 00:34:42,179 The ghetto was approximately three, four blocks around,

668 00:34:42,179 --> 00:34:44,190 was the ghetto.

669 00:34:44,190 --> 00:34:44,690 Maybe.

670 00:34:44,690 --> 00:34:45,360 No, this was--

671 00:34:45,360 --> 00:34:46,620 It's not cold?

672 00:34:46,620 --> 00:34:48,907 Because I opened a little bit the--

673 00:34:48,907 --> 00:34:50,778 It's OK.

674 00:34:50,778 --> 00:34:53,070 More people than you would-there was a lot of people.

675 00:34:53,070 --> 00:34:54,929 Because they put in one room.

676 00:34:54,929 --> 00:34:57,400 They didn't watch bedrooms.

677 00:34:57,400 --> 00:34:57,900 Yeah.

678 00:34:57,900 --> 00:35:02,840 They put in each room, 10, 8, 12 people in one room.

679 00:35:02,840 --> 00:35:06,660 It was a lot of people.

680 00:35:06,660 --> 00:35:12,305 No, I think this was 7,000 Jewish people

681 00:35:12,305 --> 00:35:14,590 in Kolki in ghetto.

682 00:35:14,590 --> 00:35:18,210 Do you remember what your mother was doing?

683 00:35:18,210 --> 00:35:19,590 Did they take her to work also?

684 00:35:19,590 --> 00:35:20,625 They take her to work.

685 00:35:20,625 --> 00:35:23,850 She was working.

686 00:35:23,850 --> 00:35:28,650 They make a Germans farm.

687 00:35:28,650 --> 00:35:31,050 It was a farm.

688 00:35:31,050 --> 00:35:36,420 And they took her every day to work on the farm.

689 00:35:36,420 --> 00:35:37,367 And she did whatever--

690 00:35:37,367 --> 00:35:37,867 Different-- 691 00:35:37,867 --> 00:35:39,060 --yeah, different things.

692 00:35:39,060 --> 00:35:41,760 Different jobs, different.

693 00:35:41,760 --> 00:35:44,010 In field and to clean.

694 00:35:44,010 --> 00:35:47,250 And different jobs.

695 00:35:47,250 --> 00:35:51,840 Every day was another, another job, every day.

696 00:35:51,840 --> 00:35:56,130 And nobody paid and nobody gave food.

697 00:35:56,130 --> 00:36:03,570 Hungry and the most situation is the morality,

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00:36:03,570 --> 00:36:05,730 it was very, very bad.

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00:36:05,730 --> 00:36:09,240 But you know what, now you work, and then one hour you

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00:36:09,240 --> 00:36:15,240 don't know he will kill you or kill somebody from the family.

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00:36:15,240 --> 00:36:17,810 And it was every day.

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00:36:17,810 --> 00:36:20,410 They killed, they killed, killed, killed. 703 00:36:20,410 --> 00:36:23,940

704 00:36:23,940 --> 00:36:27,210 Terrible situation, terrible.

705 00:36:27,210 --> 00:36:30,270 How did your family get food in the ghetto?

706 00:36:30,270 --> 00:36:32,040 Did the Germans provide any food?

707 00:36:32,040 --> 00:36:36,970 Any food, what is left from closure.

708 00:36:36,970 --> 00:36:42,990 The change comes from the villages, people.

709 00:36:42,990 --> 00:36:46,860 For a piece bread-- we give our suit for a piece of bread.

710 00:36:46,860 --> 00:36:48,330 Yeah.

711 00:36:48,330 --> 00:36:52,110 Who got the clothes, it was--

712 00:36:52,110 --> 00:36:53,805 They sold the clothes for food.

713 00:36:53,805 --> 00:36:54,900 Yes, for food.

714 00:36:54,900 --> 00:36:59,160 We didn't got-- some people, friendly people, 715 00:36:59,160 --> 00:37:01,950 they brought to us a little food.

716 00:37:01,950 --> 00:37:04,020 What we got, we changed.

717 00:37:04,020 --> 00:37:05,880 Then the Germans, when we was working,

718 00:37:05,880 --> 00:37:13,620 they begin to give us 100 gram for a person bread.

719 00:37:13,620 --> 00:37:17,910 100 gram, that's a quarter--

720 00:37:17,910 --> 00:37:19,120 a quarter pound.

721 00:37:19,120 --> 00:37:19,730 Yeah.

722 00:37:19,730 --> 00:37:21,570 This is like two slices.

723 00:37:21,570 --> 00:37:22,380 Small slices.

724 00:37:22,380 --> 00:37:25,710 They begin to give us the bread.

725 00:37:25,710 --> 00:37:29,850 And that's what we live, hungry, and no clothes.

726 00:37:29,850 --> 00:37:30,350 Yeah.

727 00:37:30,350 --> 00:37:32,970 728 00:37:32,970 --> 00:37:35,040 We stay in ghetto.

729 00:37:35,040 --> 00:37:39,900 Over wintertime, the wintertime they take us to hard jobs,

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00:37:39,900 --> 00:37:48,460 that's to put the wood in the forest, and bridges,

731 00:37:48,460 --> 00:37:51,540 and to repair--

732 00:37:51,540 --> 00:37:53,280 any jobs, any jobs.

733 00:37:53,280 --> 00:37:53,970 They need this.

734 00:37:53,970 --> 00:38:00,480 What they don't need, they keep us, what we will die.

735 00:38:00,480 --> 00:38:01,710 We was working.

736 00:38:01,710 --> 00:38:03,780 It's was very hard.

737 00:38:03,780 --> 00:38:04,850 It was a terrible time.

738 00:38:04,850 --> 00:38:08,250

739 00:38:08,250 --> 00:38:09,930 Was the ghetto heavily guarded?

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00:38:09,930 --> 00:38:10,840 Was it walled in?

741 00:38:10,840 --> 00:38:11,340 Yes.

742 00:38:11,340 --> 00:38:12,400 No, not with a wall.

743 00:38:12,400 --> 00:38:17,790 They got police always, day and time,

744 00:38:17,790 --> 00:38:19,950 they were going around and watching

745 00:38:19,950 --> 00:38:22,875 what nobody can come in ghetto, nobody

746 00:38:22,875 --> 00:38:25,620 can come out from the ghetto.

747 00:38:25,620 --> 00:38:28,352 And the people smuggling.

748 00:38:28,352 --> 00:38:29,310 People came in and out.

749 00:38:29,310 --> 00:38:32,610 Came in and out-- no, we were not allowed.

750 00:38:32,610 --> 00:38:36,240 Because if they catch somebody with Jewish people,

751 00:38:36,240 --> 00:38:37,210 they will kill.

752 00:38:37,210 --> 00:38:41,010 And if it's Ukraine, they will make them trouble.

753 00:38:41,010 --> 00:38:44,530 And if he brought some food, they can kill him too.

754 00:38:44,530 --> 00:38:46,210 Yeah.

755 00:38:46,210 --> 00:38:48,990 Did you know people who were smuggling things in and out?

756 00:38:48,990 --> 00:38:51,670

757 00:38:51,670 --> 00:38:53,440 From the Jewish people?

758 00:38:53,440 --> 00:38:54,580 Or anybody?

759 00:38:54,580 --> 00:38:56,380 No, that's what-we live together,

760 00:38:56,380 --> 00:38:58,160 we know what-- they smuggling.

761 00:38:58,160 --> 00:39:01,960 They went to brought something and brought some food.

762 00:39:01,960 --> 00:39:07,000 Everybody, he brought is for him.

763 00:39:07,000 --> 00:39:11,250 And he didn't brought something, a lot of stuff, food. 00:39:11,250 --> 00:39:13,000 It's a little, a little.

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00:39:13,000 --> 00:39:17,950 And to keep for day, and for one day, two days.

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00:39:17,950 --> 00:39:20,800 Ukraine people, I remember smuggling people

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00:39:20,800 --> 00:39:27,430 from our village, bring some people to us, food.

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00:39:27,430 --> 00:39:31,690 It's for one day, a piece of bread, or a little potatoes,

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00:39:31,690 --> 00:39:35,450 or something more.

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00:39:35,450 --> 00:39:38,060 No, it's good-- it was in this time

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00:39:38,060 --> 00:39:39,320 good people and bad people.

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00:39:39,320 --> 00:39:45,640 Some people was happy there are Jewish people in ghettos,

773 00:39:45,640 --> 00:39:46,660 killing you.

774 00:39:46,660 --> 00:39:51,473

775 00:39:51,473 --> 00:39:53,640 How long did you and your family stay in the ghetto?

776 00:39:53,640 --> 00:39:56,220

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00:39:56,220 --> 00:39:57,520 A year.

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00:39:57,520 --> 00:39:58,620 About a year.

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00:39:58,620 --> 00:39:59,807 About a year.

780 00:39:59,807 --> 00:40:11,240

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00:40:11,240 --> 00:40:14,280 And now in the next summer, when did--

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00:40:14,280 --> 00:40:18,120 what happened when-- did they liquidate the ghetto

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00:40:18,120 --> 00:40:21,900 or did they start sending people away?

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00:40:21,900 --> 00:40:24,240 They make to pogroms.

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00:40:24,240 --> 00:40:28,410 The first pogrom, when they make that was after that--

786 00:40:28,410 --> 00:40:31,560

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00:40:31,560 --> 00:40:34,810 in August, approximately in this time. Contact reference@ushmm.org for further information about this collection

00:40:34,810 --> 00:40:37,500 In August was the first pogrom.

789 00:40:37,500 --> 00:40:42,350

790 00:40:42,350 --> 00:40:48,950 They take us, me and my father, they took--

791 00:40:48,950 --> 00:40:54,620 and more, maybe 40 people or 50, I don't remember how much.

792 00:40:54,620 --> 00:40:56,910 And they closed us one night--

793 00:40:56,910 --> 00:41:01,160 they took us in the evening and put us in a warehouse

794 00:41:01,160 --> 00:41:02,960 and locked up.

795 00:41:02,960 --> 00:41:05,000 We didn't know what--

796 00:41:05,000 --> 00:41:08,780 we was thinking was they would kill us.

797 00:41:08,780 --> 00:41:12,680 And we stay all the night in the warehouse.

798 00:41:12,680 --> 00:41:17,320 In the morning, they open up us.

799 00:41:17,320 --> 00:41:20,620 And take us.

800 00:41:20,620 --> 00:41:26,740 Contact reference@ushmm.org for further information about this collection

That was maybe-- they opened us maybe by 12:00 in day time

801 00:41:26,740 --> 00:41:29,510 and take us to the ghetto.

802 00:41:29,510 --> 00:41:32,740 When we came to the ghetto, we see that nobody's

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00:41:32,740 --> 00:41:36,280 in ghetto, no people.

804 00:41:36,280 --> 00:41:40,210 And they kill all of the people.

805 00:41:40,210 --> 00:41:42,160 They put us in trucks.

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00:41:42,160 --> 00:41:47,380 And they take them out from the city.

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00:41:47,380 --> 00:41:50,920 When we came the first night, I and my father,

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00:41:50,920 --> 00:41:54,650 we come to the house where we was living.

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00:41:54,650 --> 00:41:55,880 We came.

810 00:41:55,880 --> 00:

00:41:55,880 --> 00:41:58,450 It was a big building.

811 00:41:58,450 --> 00:42:02,600 We came in the apartment, in the room, nobody.

812 00:42:02,600 --> 00:42:04,065 We begin to cry.

813 00:42:04,065 --> 00:42:07,190

814 00:42:07,190 --> 00:42:13,280 I cannot express to you how the situation.

815 00:42:13,280 --> 00:42:14,990 And I came--

816 00:42:14,990 --> 00:42:21,516 I will never forget what this-how I came in the basement.

817 00:42:21,516 --> 00:42:24,480 [CRYING]

818 00:42:24,480 --> 00:42:30,920

819 00:42:30,920 --> 00:42:31,760 I am sorry.

820 00:42:31,760 --> 00:42:32,400 It's OK.

821 00:42:32,400 --> 00:42:56,480 Just-- you know what, if you don't talk about this, it's--

822 00:42:56,480 --> 00:43:19,130

823 00:43:19,130 --> 00:43:20,960 Just--

824 00:43:20,960 --> 00:43:22,910 Just-- thank you. 00:43:22,910 --> 00:43:26,840 If you don't talk, a person believes

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00:43:26,840 --> 00:43:30,090 life has come on every day.

827 00:43:30,090 --> 00:43:34,470 And if you begin to remind mind with this, the time,

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00:43:34,470 --> 00:43:37,640 it will be never forgotten, never.

829 00:43:37,640 --> 00:43:42,120

830 00:43:42,120 --> 00:43:44,370 And the moments, there are moments

831 00:43:44,370 --> 00:43:52,500 for any person, for any, if it's a hard time, you can--

832 00:43:52,500 --> 00:43:55,500 the time was when I explained to you,

833 00:43:55,500 --> 00:43:58,200 I came at home with my father.

834 00:43:58,200 --> 00:44:00,150 Father would begin to cry.

835 00:44:00,150 --> 00:44:01,260 I began to cry.

836 00:44:01,260 --> 00:44:03,690 And called mother, mother. Contact reference@ushmm.org for further information about this collection

00:44:03,690 --> 00:44:05,250 Nobody answered.

838 00:44:05,250 --> 00:44:06,030 We understand.

839 00:44:06,030 --> 00:44:08,520 What they brought us and they tell us,

840 00:44:08,520 --> 00:44:10,410 the Germans with the police, they

841 00:44:10,410 --> 00:44:15,810 told us to take all the stuff, what is in the apartments,

842 00:44:15,810 --> 00:44:17,250 in the houses.

843 00:44:17,250 --> 00:44:19,230 And we begin to do this.

844 00:44:19,230 --> 00:44:22,800 A lot of people we saw what was killed

845 00:44:22,800 --> 00:44:25,890 in the apartments and outside.

846 00:44:25,890 --> 00:44:31,952 And they tell us to take the people, what they shot--

847 00:44:31,952 --> 00:44:32,660 The bodies, yeah.

848 00:44:32,660 --> 00:44:37,110 The bodies, we take them in the wagons.

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00:44:37,110 --> 00:44:41,280 And they take-somebody take them

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00:44:41,280 --> 00:44:43,110 to this place where they kill.

851 00:44:43,110 --> 00:44:43,845

It was outside.

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00:44:43,845 --> 00:44:47,220

853 00:44:47,220 --> 00:44:51,690 And they stay-- the Germans, the police, say what we doing.

854 00:44:51,690 --> 00:44:56,820 We cannot-- they say faster, faster, faster.

855 00:44:56,820 --> 00:45:01,150 We was-- everything what it was, they take everything.

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00:45:01,150 --> 00:45:07,050 And from some things, what it will be, take it.

857 00:45:07,050 --> 00:45:08,490 And don't leave nothing.

858 00:45:08,490 --> 00:45:14,090 In boxes or in the wagons put them.

859 00:45:14,090 --> 00:45:16,170 And we do that job.

860 00:45:16,170 --> 00:45:17,730 And it's left. 00:45:17,730 --> 00:45:21,270 I told you, that's 50 or 60, I don't

862 00:45:21,270 --> 00:45:23,610 know exactly how many persons.

863 00:45:23,610 --> 00:45:28,080 Then they tell us, now you can live in these buildings.

864 00:45:28,080 --> 00:45:30,840 We will not touch you.

865 00:45:30,840 --> 00:45:33,420 It's left, all people.

866 00:45:33,420 --> 00:45:37,560 They killed some in the families,

867 00:45:37,560 --> 00:45:39,430 children, or they killed their parents,

868 00:45:39,430 --> 00:45:43,200 the children left, or the husband they killed,

869 00:45:43,200 --> 00:45:44,760 the wife left.

870 00:45:44,760 --> 00:45:50,700 It was not-- any family, what came, all the family alive.

871 00:45:50,700 --> 00:45:54,030 And we begin to stay in this place again.

872 00:45:54,030 --> 00:45:55,650 And he was working the same-- 873 00:45:55,650 --> 00:46:02,670

874 00:46:02,670 --> 00:46:05,890 in the farmer, the German farm.

875 00:46:05,890 --> 00:46:08,160 They take not only to the farms.

876 00:46:08,160 --> 00:46:10,290 The Germans, they take us to clean out

877 00:46:10,290 --> 00:46:15,855 where their horses stay, to clean the toilets--

878 00:46:15,855 --> 00:46:16,500 The stables.

879 00:46:16,500 --> 00:46:19,080 --also, this, yes.

880 00:46:19,080 --> 00:46:24,320 In one time, a lot of--

881 00:46:24,320 --> 00:46:27,320 it not was a lot of people, but they left--

882 00:46:27,320 --> 00:46:29,577

from Germany, when they left from Poland,

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00:46:29,577 --> 00:46:30,410 they came to Russia.

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00:46:30,410 --> 00:46:33,770 And now there was a lot of people. 00:46:33,770 --> 00:46:39,580 A couple people lived in this city where it was the ghetto.

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00:46:39,580 --> 00:46:43,750 One night came, the guy telling me,

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00:46:43,750 --> 00:46:46,100 you know what, the Germans came.

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00:46:46,100 --> 00:46:52,570 He was a good jeweler, but he make jewelry.

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00:46:52,570 --> 00:46:58,960 And he take-- he meaning the German take all this stuff.

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00:46:58,960 --> 00:47:05,270 And he tell me maybe something can happen today, or tomorrow,

891 00:47:05,270 --> 00:47:06,950 or after tomorrow.

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00:47:06,950 --> 00:47:09,250 It was why he came in to take this.

893 00:47:09,250 --> 00:47:16,060

894 00:47:16,060 --> 00:47:16,960 Large ditches.

895 00:47:16,960 --> 00:47:19,492 Large ditches, very large ditches.

896 00:47:19,492 --> 00:47:20,950 Or trenches or something like that. 897 00:47:20,950 --> 00:47:21,640 Yes.

898 00:47:21,640 --> 00:47:25,780 And they bring the people, take off the clothes from them,

899 00:47:25,780 --> 00:47:27,265 and they shot them, shot.

900 00:47:27,265 --> 00:47:36,230

901 00:47:36,230 --> 00:47:40,540 And we stay, maybe after that, when

902 00:47:40,540 --> 00:47:43,460 after the first pogrom, what they said, you will live.

903 00:47:43,460 --> 00:47:44,540 And you need to work.

904 00:47:44,540 --> 00:47:46,400 And we was working.

905 00:47:46,400 --> 00:47:52,450 And it passed maybe three weeks, maybe 20 days,

906 00:47:52,450 --> 00:47:54,590 I don't exactly know.

907 00:47:54,590 --> 00:47:56,390 It's a short time.

908 00:47:56,390 --> 00:48:03,230 And people come, people come back from the forest. 909 00:48:03,230 --> 00:48:06,950 Because in the forest it was very hard

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00:48:06,950 --> 00:48:12,170 because the Ukraine was killing in the places.

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00:48:12,170 --> 00:48:15,065 And they come back in the ghetto.

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00:48:15,065 --> 00:48:17,950 And come again a couple hundred people.

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00:48:17,950 --> 00:48:25,240 And one day, I and the father, we work in the farm.

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00:48:25,240 --> 00:48:29,050 And we didn't go to sleep in the ghetto after this, what

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00:48:29,050 --> 00:48:31,480 the guy say, what the German take from him,

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00:48:31,480 --> 00:48:36,580 all the stuff, the gold stuff, what he need to work and that.

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00:48:36,580 --> 00:48:39,910 And we were sleeping in the farm.

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 $00:48:39,910 \rightarrow 00:48:47,910$ One night we stay with the father in the farm.

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00:48:47,910 --> 00:48:51,060 And we hear in morning it's quiet. 920 00:48:51,060 --> 00:48:56,310 Everything is-- nothing happened in the farm.

921 00:48:56,310 --> 00:49:00,130 And it was straw, yes--

922 00:49:00,130 --> 00:49:02,910 straw, hay, we sleep in this place.

923 00:49:02,910 --> 00:49:04,380 And I get up.

924 00:49:04,380 --> 00:49:06,240 And I said to father, get up.

925 00:49:06,240 --> 00:49:07,380 And we come.

926 00:49:07,380 --> 00:49:12,330 It was there in the barn, you have--

927 00:49:12,330 --> 00:49:12,930 A loft.

928 00:49:12,930 --> 00:49:15,720 Uh-huh, in the top.

929 00:49:15,720 --> 00:49:17,550 And we begin to come out.

930 00:49:17,550 --> 00:49:18,495 We see and nobody.

931 00:49:18,495 --> 00:49:20,290 Is quiet.

932 00:49:20,290 --> 00:49:24,390

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And we come only to see down somebody,

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00:49:24,390 --> 00:49:28,900 and the Germans, the police, they come very quiet.

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00:49:28,900 --> 00:49:33,120 They was knowing what somebody is inside.

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00:49:33,120 --> 00:49:37,260 When they see us, "verfluchte Jude, los!"

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00:49:37,260 --> 00:49:41,700 That's in German.

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00:49:41,700 --> 00:49:44,790 And we, with the father, we come down,

938 00:49:44,790 --> 00:49:46,890 from the ladder, come down.

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00:49:46,890 --> 00:49:51,090 And there is a German, one or two, I don't remember.

940 00:49:51,090 --> 00:49:55,950 The begin to-- they beat us, they beat me, with the father.

941 00:49:55,950 --> 00:49:59,135 The father begin to talk to them in German.

942 00:49:59,135 --> 00:50:01,350 They didn't want to talk at all.

943 00:50:01,350 --> 00:50:05,400 And I see he beat the father and beat me. 944 00:50:05,400 --> 00:50:07,650 In a couple of minutes, he became

945 00:50:07,650 --> 00:50:10,470 to keep a lot, a lot of people.

946 00:50:10,470 --> 00:50:12,710 But they didn't go, a lot of people-- when they left,

947 00:50:12,710 --> 00:50:15,540 they didn't go to ghetto too.

948 00:50:15,540 --> 00:50:17,610 Then they take us--

949 00:50:17,610 --> 00:50:21,000 again, brought to the ghetto again.

950 00:50:21,000 --> 00:50:27,210 When we come to the ghetto, we see this trucks, and police,

951 00:50:27,210 --> 00:50:29,820 a lot of police, and Germans.

952 00:50:29,820 --> 00:50:33,060 The Germans was in forms.

953 00:50:33,060 --> 00:50:36,090 It was what kind of soldier, I don't know.

954 00:50:36,090 --> 00:50:38,020 It was in black forms.

955 00:50:38,020 --> 00:50:38,520 SS. 956 00:50:38,520 --> 00:50:39,020 In black.

957 00:50:39,020 --> 00:50:42,110

958 00:50:42,110 --> 00:50:45,240 A color like that, that was the SS.

959 00:50:45,240 --> 00:50:49,380 The SS and green colors, uniforms.

960 00:50:49,380 --> 00:50:54,350 And we see what they stay around the ghetto.

961 00:50:54,350 --> 00:50:55,710 They took us in the ghetto.

962 00:50:55,710 --> 00:50:58,950 And we stay in the house.

963 00:50:58,950 --> 00:51:03,630 How many people they can put in one room or two rooms

964 00:51:03,630 --> 00:51:06,450 in the buildings, they put us.

965 00:51:06,450 --> 00:51:13,950 Then, maybe by 1:00 or 2:00 at daytime

966 00:51:13,950 --> 00:51:18,180 comes the first truck to the door

967 00:51:18,180 --> 00:51:20,250 where they can take the people. 968 00:51:20,250 --> 00:51:22,525 And they make like a corridor.

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00:51:22,525 --> 00:51:25,065 They stayed, the Germans, the police, with--

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00:51:25,065 --> 00:51:28,020

971 00:51:28,020 --> 00:51:29,580 Clubs?

972 00:51:29,580 --> 00:51:30,960 No, like the police have--

973 00:51:30,960 --> 00:51:33,300 A truncheon or something.

974 00:51:33,300 --> 00:51:36,180 And they begin to beat us.

975 00:51:36,180 --> 00:51:40,770 They take from the house into the corridor.

976 00:51:40,770 --> 00:51:42,192 And you had to run through.

977 00:51:42,192 --> 00:51:42,900 Run to the truck.

978 00:51:42,900 --> 00:51:47,400 Because the truck is open, you need to run.

979 00:51:47,400 --> 00:51:52,150 In house, I told you what it was,

980 00:51:52,150 --> 00:51:54,100 what there, the guy, what he told us,

981 00:51:54,100 --> 00:51:55,690 and he was a couple more.

982 00:51:55,690 --> 00:51:59,600 What they say we have a gun.

983 00:51:59,600 --> 00:52:05,830 Then we'll go with the young people, we'll go in the truck.

984 00:52:05,830 --> 00:52:09,460 Maybe we can save our lives.

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00:52:09,460 --> 00:52:15,010 He said, I will begin to shoot and everybody will help me.

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00:52:15,010 --> 00:52:18,440 I come to my father and tell him, let me--

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00:52:18,440 --> 00:52:20,860 we will go together.

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00:52:20,860 --> 00:52:24,520 That's when he was inside in the house.

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00:52:24,520 --> 00:52:29,180 Maybe we'll have a chance to run away.

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00:52:29,180 --> 00:52:32,440 He told me, you know, son, I don't want to go.

991 00:52:32,440 --> 00:52:36,250 I don't want to see your death.

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00:52:36,250 --> 00:52:39,580 And you will not see mine.

993 00:52:39,580 --> 00:52:40,510 And I went.

994 00:52:40,510 --> 00:52:46,810 I and a couple people more, we come ourselves to the door.

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00:52:46,810 --> 00:52:47,590 They hit us.

996 00:52:47,590 --> 00:52:49,510 And we come on the truck.

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00:52:49,510 --> 00:52:53,960 They put us in the truck.

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00:52:53,960 --> 00:52:58,600 If you sit, you're straight up, your feet straight,

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00:52:58,600 --> 00:53:03,070 and on your feet sit another person.

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00:53:03,070 --> 00:53:06,130 I got the chance to sit--

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00:53:06,130 --> 00:53:13,750 it was my-- in the back truck in the corner.

1002 00:53:13,750 --> 00:53:16,510

1003 00:53:16,510 --> 00:53:25,120 They put us and I see what they sat maybe five

1004 00:53:25,120 --> 00:53:30,610 policemen inside and a couple Germans in the inside,

1005 00:53:30,610 --> 00:53:33,130 in the truck.

1006 00:53:33,130 --> 00:53:38,740 And they take us outside the city.

1007 00:53:38,740 --> 00:53:43,930 Outside, we see that the guy, what he has, the gun.

1008 00:53:43,930 --> 00:53:47,740 He begin-- he take to shot.

1009 00:53:47,740 --> 00:53:50,050 It didn't work, the gun.

1010 00:53:50,050 --> 00:53:52,570 And they kill him straight.

1011 00:53:52,570 --> 00:53:57,640 When they kill him, I was sitting in left side.

1012 00:53:57,640 --> 00:54:01,600 And I jumped from the truck on the floor.

1013 00:54:01,600 --> 00:54:02,650 I hit my face.

1014 00:54:02,650 --> 00:54:03,490 It was blood.

1015 00:54:03,490 --> 00:54:07,240 And I begin to run, run from the truck.

1016 00:54:07,240 --> 00:54:09,580 Contact reference@ushmm.org for further information about this collection

It was different people.

1017 00:54:09,580 --> 00:54:11,027

It was people what they--

1018 00:54:11,027 --> 00:54:13,940

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00:54:13,940 --> 00:54:17,620 just got a sympathy to the Jewish people.

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00:54:17,620 --> 00:54:20,800 They didn't want to do for them like that.

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00:54:20,800 --> 00:54:22,810 It was a different people too, it

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00:54:22,810 --> 00:54:24,940 was a difference what they said one.

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00:54:24,940 --> 00:54:30,040 And they begin to say [NON-ENGLISH]..

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00:54:30,040 --> 00:54:34,780 That's mean one Jewish guy, he's running.

1025 00:54:34,780 --> 00:54:37,030 The policeman run away.

1026 00:54:37,030 --> 00:54:42,955 I was jumped to [NON-ENGLISH]---- two fences.

1027 00:54:42,955 --> 00:54:43,720 Fences.

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00:54:43,720 --> 00:54:45,190 Fences.

1029 00:54:45,190 --> 00:54:50,110 Now when somebody to jump this fence, tell you can kill me,

1030 00:54:50,110 --> 00:54:51,310 I will not jump.

1031 00:54:51,310 --> 00:54:52,900 And this time it was so--

1032 00:54:52,900 --> 00:54:59,050 and then you saw what to life, to be in life.

1033 00:54:59,050 --> 00:55:02,320 And he began to shot after me.

1034 00:55:02,320 --> 00:55:05,440 He shot me two, three times.

1035 00:55:05,440 --> 00:55:07,250 And he didn't shot me.

1036 00:55:07,250 --> 00:55:11,800 And I come in a barn--

1037 00:55:11,800 --> 00:55:12,820 a barn.

1038 00:55:12,820 --> 00:55:14,590 It was a pig.

1039 00:55:14,590 --> 00:55:16,870 And I jumped where the pig--

1040 00:55:16,870 --> 00:55:20,200 I know what somebody is running after me. 1041 00:55:20,200 --> 00:55:21,550 And I see what to do.

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00:55:21,550 --> 00:55:25,360 In Poland or in Russia, it was where the pigs,

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00:55:25,360 --> 00:55:28,210 it was a small barn.

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00:55:28,210 --> 00:55:31,540 Then you can go up.

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00:55:31,540 --> 00:55:35,170 In stays straw or something more, hay.

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00:55:35,170 --> 00:55:36,730 And I jumped.

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00:55:36,730 --> 00:55:41,110 It's only when you're young, when you're physically

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00:55:41,110 --> 00:55:42,760 fast what you can do that.

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00:55:42,760 --> 00:55:44,320 That's seconds, second.

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00:55:44,320 --> 00:55:47,230 Because and I jumped in the barn.

1051 00:55:47,230 --> 00:55:49,030 And I come in the--

1052 00:55:49,030 --> 00:55:50,380 it was straw.

1053 00:55:50,380 --> 00:55:53,710 And I come in the corner.

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00:55:53,710 --> 00:55:56,170 And I put on me straw.

1055 00:55:56,170 --> 00:56:00,400 And it take maybe not more--

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00:56:00,400 --> 00:56:05,120 maybe two minutes, three minutes, maybe not more.

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00:56:05,120 --> 00:56:08,140 And I hear what it's open, the barn is open.

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00:56:08,140 --> 00:56:10,330 And the policemen-how many it was,

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00:56:10,330 --> 00:56:13,990 I don't know, the policemen and the German.

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00:56:13,990 --> 00:56:16,660 As they said here jumped--

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00:56:16,660 --> 00:56:20,230 a Jewish guy jumped inside.

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00:56:20,230 --> 00:56:22,030 Then I hear this.

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00:56:22,030 --> 00:56:23,800 I think that's it.

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00:56:23,800 --> 00:56:24,520 Yeah.

1065 00:56:24,520 --> 00:56:30,700 When I jumped from the truck, my face was all in blood.

1066 00:56:30,700 --> 00:56:31,748 I hit my nose.

1067 00:56:31,748 --> 00:56:32,290 I don't know.

1068 00:56:32,290 --> 00:56:34,420 I was thinking what he shot me.

1069 00:56:34,420 --> 00:56:36,550 And I am wounded.

1070 00:56:36,550 --> 00:56:37,380 And I stayed.

1071 00:56:37,380 --> 00:56:42,790 And I hear when the policeman comes up.

1072 00:56:42,790 --> 00:56:45,100 And begin to look for me.

1073 00:56:45,100 --> 00:56:54,270 And I was lucky, from God or how I can I say.

1074 00:56:54,270 --> 00:56:59,020 I was in the corner and he take from the middle a couple,

1075 00:56:59,020 --> 00:57:01,470 the straw.

1076 00:57:01,470 --> 00:57:02,680 You know what it's called.

1077 00:57:02,680 --> 00:57:03,240 The bales.

1078 00:57:03,240 --> 00:57:05,790

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I don't know how it's called, a bale.

1079 00:57:05,790 --> 00:57:09,780 And he take them one side, then the other side.

1080 00:57:09,780 --> 00:57:14,580 Believe me, I didn't know how I was not in life and not dead,

1081 00:57:14,580 --> 00:57:15,900 I don't know.

1082 00:57:15,900 --> 00:57:20,940 And I see what he say, [NON-ENGLISH] in Ukraine.

1083 00:57:20,940 --> 00:57:22,350 He's not here.

1084 00:57:22,350 --> 00:57:24,540 And he comes down.

1085 00:57:24,540 --> 00:57:25,940 And they left.

1086 00:57:25,940 --> 00:57:27,420 And I stay in this.

1087 00:57:27,420 --> 00:57:32,730 And then I hear the trucks, the wagons,

1088 00:57:32,730 --> 00:57:35,120 what they think these Jewish people in.

1089 00:57:35,120 --> 00:57:37,320 And it was the place where they shot.

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00:57:37,320 --> 00:57:41,530 It was not far away, what I hear all the guns,

1091 00:57:41,530 --> 00:57:45,570 was working, shot and

shot all the time.

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00:57:45,570 --> 00:57:54,600 Then the children, women, they take them to walk--

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00:57:54,600 --> 00:57:57,420 walk [NON-ENGLISH].

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00:57:57,420 --> 00:57:58,680 A circle.

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00:57:58,680 --> 00:58:02,205 A circle with soldiers.

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00:58:02,205 --> 00:58:07,350 And how long-- and it was-- the barn was on the--

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00:58:07,350 --> 00:58:10,710 on the way that they put to the place.

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00:58:10,710 --> 00:58:13,020 How long I will live, I will never

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00:58:13,020 --> 00:58:20,760 forget the voices, the crying, the children, women, the men.

1100 00:58:20,760 --> 00:58:22,720 I will never forget.

1101 00:58:22,720 --> 00:58:25,200 What I can do, I cannot do and help them. 1102 00:58:25,200 --> 00:58:28,450 I cannot, nothing to do to help.

1103 00:58:28,450 --> 00:58:31,790 And I was staying in this barn.

1104 00:58:31,790 --> 00:58:34,300 In a couple hours, it stopped.

1105 00:58:34,300 --> 00:58:35,440 They stopped the shootings.

1106 00:58:35,440 --> 00:58:37,140 They finished the job.

1107 00:58:37,140 --> 00:58:38,220 Stopped the shooting.

1108 00:58:38,220 --> 00:58:41,880 Then the owner, his wife, I think,

1109 00:58:41,880 --> 00:58:44,940 or who this was, because it was a lady too,

1110 00:58:44,940 --> 00:58:46,890 they come in the barn and they said,

1111 00:58:46,890 --> 00:58:49,500 the policemen, the Germans, they killed--

1112 00:58:49,500 --> 00:58:54,165 they killed a couple more people and their bodies

1113 00:58:54,165 --> 00:58:56,010 stay on the way. 1114 00:58:56,010 --> 00:59:00,360 And they told to take them and to bring in the place

1115 00:59:00,360 --> 00:59:02,880 where they killed them.

1116 00:59:02,880 --> 00:59:04,430 The owner from--

1117 00:59:04,430 --> 00:59:05,610 He buried them.

1118 00:59:05,610 --> 00:59:06,110 No--

1119 00:59:06,110 --> 00:59:06,610 Buried them.

1120 00:59:06,610 --> 00:59:09,270 Yes.

1121 00:59:09,270 --> 00:59:12,330 The owner take the horse and take them,

1122 00:59:12,330 --> 00:59:16,200 and a couple times, went up, took

1123 00:59:16,200 --> 00:59:20,490 a while, maybe a half hour, 40 minutes, or hour.

1124 00:59:20,490 --> 00:59:22,590 I don't know how long it was.

1125 00:59:22,590 --> 00:59:23,580 He come back.

1126 00:59:23,580 --> 00:59:26,460

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And he begin to explain to the wife--

1127 00:59:26,460 --> 00:59:29,940 I think this was a wife--

1128 00:59:29,940 --> 00:59:32,580 what he saw, terrible he said.

1129 00:59:32,580 --> 00:59:33,480 They shot them.

1130 00:59:33,480 --> 00:59:36,340 They take off their clothes.

1131 00:59:36,340 --> 00:59:39,750 It's terrible to stay to see them, what they're doing.

1132 00:59:39,750 --> 00:59:42,180 And he couldn't come.

1133 00:59:42,180 --> 00:59:45,480 Then I begin to think what I can do.

1134 00:59:45,480 --> 00:59:47,460 I stayed that.

1135 00:59:47,460 --> 00:59:48,750 I need to wait.

1136 00:59:48,750 --> 00:59:53,700 When it will be the night come, then where to go, I don't know.

1137 00:59:53,700 --> 00:59:57,840 If I will go back to the cities, they will kill me.

1138 00:59:57,840 --> 01:00:00,900 Then I decided I Contact reference@ushmm.org for further information about this collection

will go in my village

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01:00:00,900 --> 01:00:05,120 where I was born, where I know the people and somebody maybe

1140 01:00:05,120 --> 01:00:06,622 will help me out.

1141 01:00:06,622 --> 01:00:10,320 And I come out at night time.

1142 01:00:10,320 --> 01:00:13,380 To come out at night, begin to open the door.

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01:00:13,380 --> 01:00:15,750 The owner, he locked the door from outside.

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01:00:15,750 --> 01:00:17,820 I cannot come out.

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01:00:17,820 --> 01:00:22,650 Then I find [NON-ENGLISH] that's what--

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01:00:22,650 --> 01:00:23,160 it's--

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01:00:23,160 --> 01:00:25,440 A pitchfork.

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01:00:25,440 --> 01:00:26,140 Pitch?

1149 01:00:26,140 --> 01:00:26,780 Pitchfork.

1150 01:00:26,780 --> 01:00:27,400 Pitchfork. 1151 01:00:27,400 --> 01:00:29,460 Yeah, it looks like a fork.

1152 01:00:29,460 --> 01:00:30,210 Pitchfork.

1153 01:00:30,210 --> 01:00:34,350 I find, I think somebody leave it, happened with me.

1154 01:00:34,350 --> 01:00:36,390 I will be dead anyway.

1155 01:00:36,390 --> 01:00:37,560 Yeah.

1156 01:00:37,560 --> 01:00:39,300 How to go-- I take--

1157 01:00:39,300 --> 01:00:42,690 I went back up where I was.

1158 01:00:42,690 --> 01:00:45,280 And it was-- they cover with straw.

1159 01:00:45,280 --> 01:00:47,100 In the villages, they put straw.

1160 01:00:47,100 --> 01:00:54,283 And I make a hole in the-- in the--

1161 01:00:54,283 --> 01:00:55,200 no, it's not the roof.

1162 01:00:55,200 --> 01:00:55,700 The roof.

1163 01:00:55,700 --> 01:00:57,210 No, down the roof. 1164 01:00:57,210 --> 01:00:59,610 And I come down.

1165 01:00:59,610 --> 01:01:03,660 And you know what, you do with that, the work,

1166 01:01:03,660 --> 01:01:06,720 and you have so afraid.

1167 01:01:06,720 --> 01:01:10,890 And I see, stay in my mind what Germans what

1168 01:01:10,890 --> 01:01:13,140 the police, what did.

1169 01:01:13,140 --> 01:01:16,380 And then I come out.

1170 01:01:16,380 --> 01:01:19,440 I left across the way.

1171 01:01:19,440 --> 01:01:25,110 And its maybe, to the forest, was maybe half kilometer

1172 01:01:25,110 --> 01:01:27,960 or what, approximately this.

1173 01:01:27,960 --> 01:01:31,520 And I begin to run to the forest.

1174 01:01:31,520 --> 01:01:36,750 In the time what I was running, maybe 1,000 times I

1175 01:01:36,750 --> 01:01:42,150 was falling, falling, and then come back and run. 1176 01:01:42,150 --> 01:01:45,660 When I came to the forest, I came to the forest,

1177 01:01:45,660 --> 01:01:46,950 it was easier.

1178 01:01:46,950 --> 01:01:51,300 In the forest, nobody shot after me.

1179 01:01:51,300 --> 01:01:52,470 And I came.

1180 01:01:52,470 --> 01:01:54,660 And I was very tired.

1181 01:01:54,660 --> 01:02:05,250 You know, when you're in fear, in fear, already very--

1182 01:02:05,250 --> 01:02:06,930 become--

1183 01:02:06,930 --> 01:02:07,920 Stronger.

1184 01:02:07,920 --> 01:02:11,310 Not strong.

1185 01:02:11,310 --> 01:02:12,000 Very weak.

1186 01:02:12,000 --> 01:02:12,730 Very weak.

1187 01:02:12,730 --> 01:02:14,070 Very weak.

1188 01:02:14,070 --> 01:02:19,740 And I came in forest And I sit on the floor, on the ground.

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01:02:19,740 --> 01:02:23,310 And believe me, my hair on my head

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01:02:23,310 --> 01:02:29,020 comes like get up from fear.

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01:02:29,020 --> 01:02:29,520 Yeah.

1192 01:02:29,520 --> 01:02:31,050 I didn't know what to do.

1193 01:02:31,050 --> 01:02:33,990 I decided let me go to--

1194 01:02:33,990 --> 01:02:37,290 I can watch the way.

1195 01:02:37,290 --> 01:02:41,310 If I will go anywhere, I can lost in the forest.

1196 01:02:41,310 --> 01:02:44,240 As I was watching the way, and I will go not with the way,

1197 01:02:44,240 --> 01:02:46,770 with the highway, what is going to my forest.

1198 01:02:46,770 --> 01:02:50,100 I will go around.

1199 01:02:50,100 --> 01:02:55,960 I will go-- it's the River Styr.

1200 01:02:55,960 --> 01:02:57,930 I will go by the River Styr. 1201 01:02:57,930 --> 01:03:00,630 And then I will come to the nearest

1202 01:03:00,630 --> 01:03:04,620 I know, the places I was knowing very well.

1203 01:03:04,620 --> 01:03:07,450 And I begin to run, run.

1204 01:03:07,450 --> 01:03:08,970 And I know what I need--

1205 01:03:08,970 --> 01:03:12,210 until the day will come, I need to be in another forest

1206 01:03:12,210 --> 01:03:12,990 in my village.

1207 01:03:12,990 --> 01:03:16,410 Because if they will catch me in this place,

1208 01:03:16,410 --> 01:03:19,860 I don't know the people, I don't know to whom to come.

1209 01:03:19,860 --> 01:03:22,740 In the daytime, they will see, they will kill me.

1210 01:03:22,740 --> 01:03:26,590 At nighttime I came to the village, to Kulykovychi.

1211 01:03:26,590 --> 01:03:32,640 And it was something wrong, what I didn't mean to do. 01:03:32,640 --> 01:03:35,530 I came the first house, nighttime.

1213 01:03:35,530 --> 01:03:38,770 And I have my how it's called--

1214 01:03:38,770 --> 01:03:39,467 what you--

1215 01:03:39,467 --> 01:03:40,050 The pitchfork.

1216 01:03:40,050 --> 01:03:41,280 The pitchfork.

1217 01:03:41,280 --> 01:03:43,710 I can't remember it.

1218 01:03:43,710 --> 01:03:46,470 And I knock on the door at nighttime.

1219 01:03:46,470 --> 01:03:48,270 A lady answered.

1220 01:03:48,270 --> 01:03:49,130 What you want.

1221 01:03:49,130 --> 01:03:53,920 I say, take me over the river.

1222 01:03:53,920 --> 01:03:54,420 Across.

1223 01:03:54,420 --> 01:03:57,600 Across the river, take me on the other side.

1224 01:03:57,600 --> 01:04:00,300 She got afraid too, more than I am. 1225 01:04:00,300 --> 01:04:02,160 I stayed in--

1226 01:04:02,160 --> 01:04:03,090 I feel afraid.

1227 01:04:03,090 --> 01:04:04,770 And she got afraid too.

1228 01:04:04,770 --> 01:04:06,510 Who knows who is.

1229 01:04:06,510 --> 01:04:09,840 And she said, you know what, I have small children.

1230 01:04:09,840 --> 01:04:10,740 I am afraid.

1231 01:04:10,740 --> 01:04:11,550 I will not go.

1232 01:04:11,550 --> 01:04:12,870 I say to her nothing.

1233 01:04:12,870 --> 01:04:15,300 And I run away to the other one.

1234 01:04:15,300 --> 01:04:17,820 And the other house, it's happened the same,

1235 01:04:17,820 --> 01:04:21,390 nobody want to go in the night time out.

1236 01:04:21,390 --> 01:04:23,700 And I don't know to whom I can come.

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01:04:23,700 --> 01:04:27,240 In one house they say-- they tell-- the husband tell me,

1238 01:04:27,240 --> 01:04:28,740 open my--

1239 01:04:28,740 --> 01:04:30,420 he didn't come out.

1240 01:04:30,420 --> 01:04:34,310 He said only, open my [NON-ENGLISH]..

1241 01:04:34,310 --> 01:04:34,810 That's--

1242 01:04:34,810 --> 01:04:36,130 Barn.

1243 01:04:36,130 --> 01:04:38,510 No, a place where he has--

1244 01:04:38,510 --> 01:04:39,360 Keeps his boat.

1245 01:04:39,360 --> 01:04:41,820 No, the boat is in the river.

1246 01:04:41,820 --> 01:04:43,320 And the boat slats.

1247 01:04:43,320 --> 01:04:44,130 Oh, the oars.

1248 01:04:44,130 --> 01:04:44,880 Yes.

1249 01:04:44,880 --> 01:04:46,320 And that's how it's called--

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01:04:46,320 --> 01:04:47,760 The oar.

1251 01:04:47,760 --> 01:04:48,926 What you--

1252 01:04:48,926 --> 01:04:49,960 What you paddle with.

1253 01:04:49,960 --> 01:04:50,460 Yeah.

1254 01:04:50,460 --> 01:04:51,780 It's called an oar, yeah.

1255 01:04:51,780 --> 01:04:54,000 Open, and you will take--

1256 01:04:54,000 --> 01:04:57,690 stay in the river, my boat.

1257 01:04:57,690 --> 01:04:59,220 I opened this door.

1258 01:04:59,220 --> 01:05:00,270 And I am afraid.

1259 01:05:00,270 --> 01:05:02,090 Who knows who will come.

1260 01:05:02,090 --> 01:05:05,400 No, I didn't find nothing.

1261 01:05:05,400 --> 01:05:09,341 What I was thinking, I got my--

1262 01:05:09,341 --> 01:05:10,140 The oar.

1263 01:05:10,140 --> 01:05:10,830 The oar. 1264 01:05:10,830 --> 01:05:12,750 I will think I will take some clothes

1265 01:05:12,750 --> 01:05:16,500 and put them to fast there because the river is

1266 01:05:16,500 --> 01:05:17,820 going very fast, the water.

1267 01:05:17,820 --> 01:05:20,910 So it will take me very far away.

1268 01:05:20,910 --> 01:05:23,820 I came to the river.

1269 01:05:23,820 --> 01:05:27,520 All boats is locked, locked, locked.

1270 01:05:27,520 --> 01:05:30,030 I cannot have.

1271 01:05:30,030 --> 01:05:32,610 I see what the time is passing.

1272 01:05:32,610 --> 01:05:37,170 I begin to walk in one to open that.

1273 01:05:37,170 --> 01:05:40,770 As I take off, I cannot break the chain.

1274 01:05:40,770 --> 01:05:41,580 I cannot.

1275 01:05:41,580 --> 01:05:44,340 As I take off this piece of wood,

1276 01:05:44,340 --> 01:05:48,870 what they put in the ground, the ground to keep the outside.

1277 01:05:48,870 --> 01:05:52,980 And I take off the piece of wood from the ground.

1278 01:05:52,980 --> 01:05:58,080 And I take from my clothes something, put in my--

1279 01:05:58,080 --> 01:05:59,100 to make--

1280 01:05:59,100 --> 01:05:59,610 An oar.

1281 01:05:59,610 --> 01:06:01,270 An oar.

1282 01:06:01,270 --> 01:06:03,360 And I take--

1283 01:06:03,360 --> 01:06:07,620 I come to the other side river.

1284 01:06:07,620 --> 01:06:08,880 And I begin to run.

1285 01:06:08,880 --> 01:06:15,750 And I got to the forest, maybe to come, maybe three kilometers

1286 01:06:15,750 --> 01:06:16,290 to run.

1287 01:06:16,290 --> 01:06:17,220 And I begin to run. 1288 01:06:17,220 --> 01:06:18,990 And I see it's begin--

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01:06:18,990 --> 01:06:25,200 because from Kolki to this village, it's 10 kilometers.

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01:06:25,200 --> 01:06:27,450 And I run.

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01:06:27,450 --> 01:06:32,400 When I came, I came the first house

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01:06:32,400 --> 01:06:35,070 with some men, what I know, the people that's

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01:06:35,070 --> 01:06:37,350 in the same village, Komarowo.

1294 01:06:37,350 --> 01:06:39,780 I came to him in morning.

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01:06:39,780 --> 01:06:41,040 It begin.

1296 01:06:41,040 --> 01:06:43,470 And he opened for me the door.

1297 01:06:43,470 --> 01:06:45,420 And I came in.

1298 01:06:45,420 --> 01:06:46,530 And he was very--

1299 01:06:46,530 --> 01:06:49,260

1300 01:06:49,260 --> 01:06:50,640 knew-- how it's called-- 1301 01:06:50,640 --> 01:06:53,220 wondered from where I came.

1302 01:06:53,220 --> 01:06:54,387 He knows what in the ghetto.

1303 01:06:54,387 --> 01:06:55,553 He was surprised to see you.

1304 01:06:55,553 --> 01:06:56,460 Surprised to see you.

1305 01:06:56,460 --> 01:06:59,400 I told him what is happening with me.

1306 01:06:59,400 --> 01:07:03,300 He say, I cannot keep you in my house because if somebody will

1307 01:07:03,300 --> 01:07:07,650 find you, they'll kill me, they will kill you.

1308 01:07:07,650 --> 01:07:12,720 He said, a guy what he left from the first pogrom,

1309 01:07:12,720 --> 01:07:14,490 he's in the forest.

1310 01:07:14,490 --> 01:07:16,890 That's what I show you in the picture.

1311 01:07:16,890 --> 01:07:17,910 That's fireman.

1312 01:07:17,910 --> 01:07:19,980 Now where he is, I don't know. 1313 01:07:19,980 --> 01:07:23,878 He tell me approximately in this place he must be.

1314 01:07:23,878 --> 01:07:25,170 And you should go and find him.

1315 01:07:25,170 --> 01:07:30,270 Yes, the places in the forest I know very well.

1316 01:07:30,270 --> 01:07:34,710 The people in the area, I know.

1317 01:07:34,710 --> 01:07:38,280 And I went from here, maybe, in the forest,

1318 01:07:38,280 --> 01:07:42,570 I was maybe by myself, very weak.

1319 01:07:42,570 --> 01:07:44,010 You cannot eat.

1320 01:07:44,010 --> 01:07:45,780 You cannot sleep.

1321 01:07:45,780 --> 01:07:49,450 And you cannot-- everything that what happened,

1322 01:07:49,450 --> 01:07:50,700 it's in your mind.

1323 01:07:50,700 --> 01:07:57,210 And it's-- it's there when you don't what to be in future with

1324 01:07:57,210 --> 01:07:58,110 you. 1325 01:07:58,110 --> 01:08:00,800 One day in forest, it was a nice day.

1326 01:08:00,800 --> 01:08:02,150 And I was walking in forest.

1327 01:08:02,150 --> 01:08:04,210 And they see somebody.

1328 01:08:04,210 --> 01:08:07,140 Somebody is walking the forest.

1329 01:08:07,140 --> 01:08:09,030 I got afraid to go.

1330 01:08:09,030 --> 01:08:15,480 It's instinctive-- instinct.

1331 01:08:15,480 --> 01:08:18,090 Like said to me, go.

1332 01:08:18,090 --> 01:08:20,910 And I see he goes in front of me.

1333 01:08:20,910 --> 01:08:22,710 And I go to him.

1334 01:08:22,710 --> 01:08:26,970 And while I recognized him and he recognized me.

1335 01:08:26,970 --> 01:08:29,120 And that was this fireman.

1336 01:08:29,120 --> 01:08:32,109 He left from the first pogrom.

1337 01:08:32,109 --> 01:08:36,840 He told me how he escaped from the pogrom the first.

1338 01:08:36,840 --> 01:08:39,060 And I told him how I escaped.

1339 01:08:39,060 --> 01:08:42,990 He escaped when they take them to kill.

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01:08:42,990 --> 01:08:51,870 He escaped-- he come to the water and jumped in the water.

1341 01:08:51,870 --> 01:08:54,359 And he was a good swimmer.

1342 01:08:54,359 --> 01:08:57,100 And he comes the other side.

1343 01:08:57,100 --> 01:09:01,290 And it was woods.

1344 01:09:01,290 --> 01:09:02,700 And they didn't find him.

1345 01:09:02,700 --> 01:09:06,280 At nighttime, he came to Komarowo, too.

1346 01:09:06,280 --> 01:09:09,930 And we begin, two of us.

1347 01:09:09,930 --> 01:09:11,790 He cried, I cried.

1348 01:09:11,790 --> 01:09:12,960 Know what to do.

1349 01:09:12,960 --> 01:09:15,390 You cannot do nothing, no.

01:09:15,390 --> 01:09:21,510 And we begin, with him, together, to stay in forest.

1351 01:09:21,510 --> 01:09:23,550 No clothes, no food.

1352 01:09:23,550 --> 01:09:24,990 When it was in--

1353 01:09:24,990 --> 01:09:26,680 Let me stop you for one second.

1354 01:09:26,680 --> 01:09:28,229 OK.

1355 01:09:28,229 --> 01:09:29,250 OK, go ahead.

1356 01:09:29,250 --> 01:09:32,170

1357 01:09:32,170 --> 01:09:33,550 Now this is your aunt, right?

1358 01:09:33,550 --> 01:09:34,656 Yes, that's my mother--

1359 01:09:34,656 --> 01:09:35,364 Rifka Perlmutter.

1360 01:09:35,364 --> 01:09:39,250 Yes, that's my mother's sister.

1361 01:09:39,250 --> 01:09:43,810 She was the older, our older sister.

1362 01:09:43,810 --> 01:09:47,470 The name is Rifka Perlmutter.

1364 01:09:50,260 --> 01:09:51,534 They was living in Sarna.

1365 01:09:51,534 --> 01:09:54,220

1366 01:09:54,220 --> 01:09:58,060 Last time, when the Germans came, it was Sarna, in ghetto.

1367 01:09:58,060 --> 01:10:03,520 She was living with her husband, Abel Perlmutter.

1368 01:10:03,520 --> 01:10:05,350 He was-- he makes--

1369 01:10:05,350 --> 01:10:07,675 he put glass in the windows.

1370 01:10:07,675 --> 01:10:09,820 How it's called?

1371 01:10:09,820 --> 01:10:11,800 He didn't make the glass, but he installed it.

1372 01:10:11,800 --> 01:10:14,590 He installed the glass in the windows.

1373 01:10:14,590 --> 01:10:18,890 And he got a horse and a wagon.

1374 01:10:18,890 --> 01:10:23,230 He was getting in the villages.

1375 01:10:23,230 --> 01:10:26,170 For all the week, he was left. 1376 01:10:26,170 --> 01:10:28,720 On Monday he came.

1377 01:10:28,720 --> 01:10:31,510 And Thursday, back at home for--

1378 01:10:31,510 --> 01:10:33,200 So, he traveled each village.

1379 01:10:33,200 --> 01:10:35,900 He travelled to each village and put glass.

1380 01:10:35,900 --> 01:10:38,260 And he brought some jobs.

1381 01:10:38,260 --> 01:10:40,780 At home, I remember I was a child,

1382 01:10:40,780 --> 01:10:42,100 and I was studying in school.

1383 01:10:42,100 --> 01:10:45,730 And I was helping to put the glass.

1384 01:10:45,730 --> 01:10:48,050 Because he was working in the villages.

1385 01:10:48,050 --> 01:10:52,910 And then what he brought at home,

1386 01:10:52,910 --> 01:10:54,070 and he was working at home.

1387 01:10:54,070 --> 01:10:58,030 Then, the next week, he took this, finished up. 1388 01:10:58,030 --> 01:10:59,675 And take them again to the--

1389 01:10:59,675 --> 01:11:00,550 To a different place.

1390 01:11:00,550 --> 01:11:04,060 --difference places to the people where he takes me.

1391 01:11:04,060 --> 01:11:08,470

Do you-- now Rifka was born in Komarowo.

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01:11:08,470 --> 01:11:13,000 No, Rifka, she was born in Liubytivs'ka.

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01:11:13,000 --> 01:11:14,980 The name, I remember Liubytivs'ka.

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01:11:14,980 --> 01:11:17,650 I don't know how it's called now.

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01:11:17,650 --> 01:11:22,380 In this time, they called this Liubytivs'ka.

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01:11:22,380 --> 01:11:24,220 OK.

1397 01:11:24,220 --> 01:11:28,230 Do you remember about how old she was when the war started?

1398 01:11:28,230 --> 01:11:30,718 Or how much older than your mother she was?

01:11:30,718 --> 01:11:31,635 Contact reference@ushmm.org for further information about this collection

She was older, maybe--

1400 01:11:31,635 --> 01:11:35,790

1401 01:11:35,790 --> 01:11:40,680 maybe 10 years older from my mother.

1402 01:11:40,680 --> 01:11:45,180 Because between they got more sisters.

1403 01:11:45,180 --> 01:11:49,440 I think approximately 10 years older.

1404 01:11:49,440 --> 01:11:56,340 Do you know where Abel was born?

1405 01:11:56,340 --> 01:12:00,200 I think in Zelipk.

1406 01:12:00,200 --> 01:12:01,110 In Zelipk, it was

1407 01:12:01,110 --> 01:12:02,193 Can you spell that for me.

1408 01:12:02,193 --> 01:12:05,280

1409 01:12:05,280 --> 01:12:18,490 I think it begins Z-E-L-I-K, it's- Zelipk.

1410 01:12:18,490 --> 01:12:22,110

1411 01:12:22,110 --> 01:12:24,060 Put a P between-- 1412 01:12:24,060 --> 01:12:25,990 before the K, a P--

1413 01:12:25,990 --> 01:12:26,490 Zelipk.

1414 01:12:26,490 --> 01:12:33,100

1415 01:12:33,100 --> 01:12:36,730 And do you remember how old he was?

1416 01:12:36,730 --> 01:12:43,600 Maybe he was maybe a year older than Rifka.

1417 01:12:43,600 --> 01:12:48,540 He was approximately the same age.

1418 01:12:48,540 --> 01:12:53,346 He was very religion man, very religion.

1419 01:12:53,346 --> 01:12:53,846 That's--

1420 01:12:53,846 --> 01:13:00,710

1421 01:13:00,710 --> 01:13:02,290 He went to synagogue every day?

1422 01:13:02,290 --> 01:13:08,960 Every-- except in the week when he's in the villages, he not.

1423 01:13:08,960 --> 01:13:17,060 When he came, the first day when he came for Friday, Saturday, Contact reference@ushmm.org for further information about this collection

1424 01:13:17,060 --> 01:13:18,470 he was coming sometimes.

1425 01:13:18,470 --> 01:13:23,660 For Friday morning, or Tuesday, in evening,

1426 01:13:23,660 --> 01:13:28,010 before when he came, he run straight to the synagogue.

1427 01:13:28,010 --> 01:13:30,590 Straight, that was the first.

1428 01:13:30,590 --> 01:13:33,260 He was very religious.

1429 01:13:33,260 --> 01:13:36,200 And he make me too.

1430 01:13:36,200 --> 01:13:38,550 In this time, I was really even--

1431 01:13:38,550 --> 01:13:43,160 he didn't give me to make my homework, go in synagogue,

1432 01:13:43,160 --> 01:13:43,880 go in synagogue.

1433 01:13:43,880 --> 01:13:48,200 Yeah, was Sarna a large town?

1434 01:13:48,200 --> 01:13:49,070 Yes.

1435 01:13:49,070 --> 01:13:50,590 Did it have a lot of Jewish people? 1436 01:13:50,590 --> 01:13:51,260 A lot.

1437 01:13:51,260 --> 01:13:56,920 Sarna got maybe-- maybe three times more than Kolki.

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01:13:56,920 --> 01:14:01,730 Sarna got maybe 20,000--

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01:14:01,730 --> 01:14:04,320 18,000 Jewish people.

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01:14:04,320 --> 01:14:06,116 It's a big city.

1441 01:14:06,116 --> 01:14:12,930

1442 01:14:12,930 --> 01:14:14,350 And they had two children.

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01:14:14,350 --> 01:14:16,890 Do you remember how old they were?

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01:14:16,890 --> 01:14:20,460 The one son that's--

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01:14:20,460 --> 01:14:24,930 the oldest children, they went to Canada.

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01:14:24,930 --> 01:14:27,060 They went to Brazil.

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01:14:27,060 --> 01:14:29,370 I don't know in what time they left.

1448 01:14:29,370 --> 01:14:31,890

Do you know how many other children they had besides

1449 01:14:31,890 --> 01:14:33,720 these-- besides Shimon and--

1450 01:14:33,720 --> 01:14:38,760 No, in this time, when the Germans came to Russia.

1451 01:14:38,760 --> 01:14:42,870 It was only when I was, and the family were to leave,

1452 01:14:42,870 --> 01:14:45,210 it was Shimon and Dvora.

1453 01:14:45,210 --> 01:14:46,650 Nobody more.

1454 01:14:46,650 --> 01:14:49,950 The rest children was in Brazil--

1455 01:14:49,950 --> 01:14:51,240 Brazil and Canada.

1456 01:14:51,240 --> 01:14:57,710

1457 01:14:57,710 --> 01:14:58,210 Can you--

1458 01:14:58,210 --> 01:15:03,410

1459 01:15:03,410 --> 01:15:07,750 OK, so the older children went to Brazil and Canada?

1460 01:15:07,750 --> 01:15:08,770 Yes. 1461 01:15:08,770 --> 01:15:11,470 And the only two who stayed were Shimon--

1462 01:15:11,470 --> 01:15:12,470 Shimon and Dvora.

1463 01:15:12,470 --> 01:15:13,090 Dvora, OK.

1464 01:15:13,090 --> 01:15:15,430 Yes.

1465 01:15:15,430 --> 01:15:20,320 Do you remember about how old Shimon and Dvora were?

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01:15:20,320 --> 01:15:30,530 Shimon, it was older from me, approximately 10, 12 years.

1467 01:15:30,530 --> 01:15:31,870 Oh, so they're not young.

1468 01:15:31,870 --> 01:15:33,100 No.

1469 01:15:33,100 --> 01:15:34,990 he was grown.

1470 01:15:34,990 --> 01:15:43,495 And Dvora was older from me, maybe eight years, nine years.

1471 01:15:43,495 --> 01:15:52,420

1472 01:15:52,420 --> 01:15:55,210 And they were both born in Sarna. 1473 01:15:55,210 --> 01:15:59,305 In Sarna, yes, the children was born in Sarna.

1474 01:15:59,305 --> 01:16:01,090 Let's me see.

1475 01:16:01,090 --> 01:16:05,110 What did Shimon do?

1476 01:16:05,110 --> 01:16:06,730 What was his job?

1477 01:16:06,730 --> 01:16:09,790 They helped all the fathers.

1478 01:16:09,790 --> 01:16:11,170 He was working.

1479 01:16:11,170 --> 01:16:19,210 Because he brought jobs at home.

1480 01:16:19,210 --> 01:16:22,000 And he lives at home the week.

1481 01:16:22,000 --> 01:16:26,860 And Shimon and Dvora, I was a child, a student, whatever.

1482 01:16:26,860 --> 01:16:29,440 When I got the spare time, I was working.

1483 01:16:29,440 --> 01:16:30,250 You helped also?

1484 01:16:30,250 --> 01:16:34,490 I helped also to put the glass in the windows.

1485 01:16:34,490 --> 01:16:34,990 Mm-hmm.

1486 01:16:34,990 --> 01:16:44,060

1487 01:16:44,060 --> 01:16:47,750 Did Shimon, he to school in Sarna.

1488 01:16:47,750 --> 01:16:49,653 When I was-- he finished the school.

1489 01:16:49,653 --> 01:16:50,570 He'd already finished.

1490 01:16:50,570 --> 01:16:51,778 But he went in Sarna, though?

1491 01:16:51,778 --> 01:16:53,070 Yes, in Sarna.

1492 01:16:53,070 --> 01:16:57,020 He finished what the--

1493 01:16:57,020 --> 01:17:03,440 Dvora, she finished the school too in Sarna.

1494 01:17:03,440 --> 01:17:07,370 Did they go to public school or to a Jewish school?

1495 01:17:07,370 --> 01:17:09,270 No public, Polish.

1496 01:17:09,270 --> 01:17:10,490 Polish public school.

1497 01:17:10,490 --> 01:17:18,280 1498 01:17:18,280 --> 01:17:19,780 And that's what you attended, right?

1499 01:17:19,780 --> 01:17:20,988 You attended a public school?

1500 01:17:20,988 --> 01:17:25,640 No, I attended-- I finished the Jewish school.

1501 01:17:25,640 --> 01:17:27,440 The name was Tarbut.

1502 01:17:27,440 --> 01:17:31,175 It was Hebrew, Yiddish, and Polish.

1503 01:17:31,175 --> 01:17:36,610

1504 01:17:36,610 --> 01:17:39,370 And its called Tarbut school.

1505 01:17:39,370 --> 01:17:46,490

1506 01:17:46,490 --> 01:17:52,160 Now, so even after he got out of school and got older, Shimon,

1507 01:17:52,160 --> 01:17:54,200 he was still helping his father with the job.

1508 01:17:54,200 --> 01:17:54,740 Yes.

1509 01:17:54,740 --> 01:17:57,037 Was he going to-was he eventually 1510 01:17:57,037 --> 01:17:58,370 going to take over the business?

1511 01:17:58,370 --> 01:18:02,090 Is that was what was going to happen at some

1512 01:18:02,090 --> 01:18:03,300 point in the future?

1513 01:18:03,300 --> 01:18:06,590 I don't know if it will be like this, he will take it.

1514 01:18:06,590 --> 01:18:07,320 But maybe.

1515 01:18:07,320 --> 01:18:08,840 Maybe, it can be maybe.

1516 01:18:08,840 --> 01:18:15,890 Because he was-- the father was another kind people

1517 01:18:15,890 --> 01:18:17,230 and he was another kind.

1518 01:18:17,230 --> 01:18:18,570 Yeah, they were different.

1519 01:18:18,570 --> 01:18:22,950 He got more [NON-ENGLISH].

1520 01:18:22,950 --> 01:18:23,450 Education.

1521 01:18:23,450 --> 01:18:26,030 Education.

1522 01:18:26,030 --> 01:18:30,260 The father he got very low education.

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01:18:30,260 --> 01:18:31,880 He was a very religious man.

1524 01:18:31,880 --> 01:18:36,230 And he was working to make his living for the family.

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01:18:36,230 --> 01:18:38,020 No, I don't know what it--

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01:18:38,020 --> 01:18:41,120 when he's in life, what he--

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01:18:41,120 --> 01:18:42,590 what will be happen.

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01:18:42,590 --> 01:18:44,720 OK.

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01:18:44,720 --> 01:18:48,800 What happened-- now, you left Sarna in 1938.

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01:18:48,800 --> 01:18:50,270 You stopped going to school there.

1531 01:18:50,270 --> 01:18:54,440 Yes, 1938, I finished the school.

1532 01:18:54,440 --> 01:18:57,410 And I went to my village, Komarowo.

1533 01:18:57,410 --> 01:19:04,430 Did you see-- did you see the family after that, after 1938,

1534 01:19:04,430 --> 01:19:05,410

before the war started?

1535 01:19:05,410 --> 01:19:05,910 Or no?

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01:19:05,910 --> 01:19:06,180
No.
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1537 01:19:06,180 --> 01:19:06,740 OK.

1538 01:19:06,740 --> 01:19:08,060 No.

1539 01:19:08,060 --> 01:19:11,370 We got only letters.

1540 01:19:11,370 --> 01:19:12,080 We was writing.

1541 01:19:12,080 --> 01:19:13,700 No, we didn't see them.

1542 01:19:13,700 --> 01:19:16,365 Now Sarna, you said, is about 100 kilometers

1543 01:19:16,365 --> 01:19:18,770 or so away from Komarowo.

1544 01:19:18,770 --> 01:19:21,170 From Komarowo.

1545 01:19:21,170 --> 01:19:24,200 And was it to the East to the West?

1546 01:19:24,200 --> 01:19:25,790 To the East.

1547 01:19:25,790 --> 01:19:27,230 So it was closer to Russia.

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01:19:27,230 --> 01:19:29,480 Closer to Russia, yes?

1549 01:19:29,480 --> 01:19:33,830 So they-- when the Germans came in to Poland,

1550 01:19:33,830 --> 01:19:36,740 they were on the side that the Soviet Union took.

1551 01:19:36,740 --> 01:19:37,430 Right.

1552 01:19:37,430 --> 01:19:38,360 Yes.

1553 01:19:38,360 --> 01:19:39,660 Do you remember what happened?

1554 01:19:39,660 --> 01:19:42,020 Or did you hear about what happened to them when

1555 01:19:42,020 --> 01:19:44,300 the Russians came in to Poland?

1556 01:19:44,300 --> 01:19:47,690 When the Russians came, they was working.

1557 01:19:47,690 --> 01:19:50,300 Did they seize his little business?

1558 01:19:50,300 --> 01:19:56,480 Somebody telling me in that time what the father and the mother

1559 01:19:56,480 --> 01:19:59,090 was, and the daughter was.

1560 01:19:59,090 --> 01:20:04,010 He was run away from the Russian.

1561 01:20:04,010 --> 01:20:05,870 I don't know the--

1562 01:20:05,870 --> 01:20:06,710 Shimon did this.

1563 01:20:06,710 --> 01:20:07,550 Shimon, yes.

1564 01:20:07,550 --> 01:20:13,430 He didn't want-- and he left to Litva or Latvia.

1565 01:20:13,430 --> 01:20:14,780 I don't know why.

1566 01:20:14,780 --> 01:20:17,690 I didn't understand what the problem was.

1567 01:20:17,690 --> 01:20:20,180 No, he left.

1568 01:20:20,180 --> 01:20:21,380 He left.

1569 01:20:21,380 --> 01:20:24,380 And he went to one of the Baltic states, Latvia or Lithuania?

1570 01:20:24,380 --> 01:20:25,700 To the Baltic states.

1571 01:20:25,700 --> 01:20:31,100 No, I don't know what has happened. 1572 01:20:31,100 --> 01:20:34,190 For them, I know what.

1573 01:20:34,190 --> 01:20:35,030 They was in ghetto.

1574 01:20:35,030 --> 01:20:37,890

1575 01:20:37,890 --> 01:20:41,043 The rest, the other three, Dvora, Abel and Rifka

1576 01:20:41,043 --> 01:20:42,210 were in the ghetto in Sarna.

1577 01:20:42,210 --> 01:20:43,980 Yes, in Sarna.

1578 01:20:43,980 --> 01:20:48,250 But that was-- but that was after the Germans came.

1579 01:20:48,250 --> 01:20:48,970 Yes.

1580 01:20:48,970 --> 01:20:49,470 Yeah.

1581 01:20:49,470 --> 01:20:52,505 Now in what ghetto he was, I don't know.

1582 01:20:52,505 --> 01:20:53,130 And you never--

1583 01:20:53,130 --> 01:20:54,240 Sarna was a big ghetto.

1584 01:20:54,240 --> 01:20:55,392 A big ghetto, Sarna.

1585 01:20:55,392 --> 01:20:57,600 And you never heard any more about Shimon after that.

1586 01:20:57,600 --> 01:20:59,420 No, no.

1587 01:20:59,420 --> 01:20:59,920 OK.

1588 01:20:59,920 --> 01:21:04,640

1589 01:21:04,640 --> 01:21:10,220 Sarna is very close to this city in Russia, where I was born.

1590 01:21:10,220 --> 01:21:10,880 Oh, yeah?

1591 01:21:10,880 --> 01:21:12,590 But I was in Russia born.

1592 01:21:12,590 --> 01:21:14,523 This is on the border with Russia, Sarna.

1593 01:21:14,523 --> 01:21:15,440 Close to Poland, yeah.

1594 01:21:15,440 --> 01:21:16,510 It's close to the border.

1595 01:21:16,510 --> 01:21:18,170 To border, Russian border.

1596 01:21:18,170 --> 01:21:19,852 The city where I was born.

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01:21:23,310 --> 01:21:25,470 OK, so he ran.

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01:21:25,470 --> 01:21:27,360 As soon as the Russians came, he ran away.

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01:21:27,360 --> 01:21:28,560 Yes.

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01:21:28,560 --> 01:21:29,490 But they stayed.

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01:21:29,490 --> 01:21:30,120 They stayed.

1603

01:21:30,120 --> 01:21:30,840 They stayed.

1604

01:21:30,840 --> 01:21:34,650 Do you know if the Russians seized Abel's business?

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01:21:34,650 --> 01:21:42,540 Or if he-- his window, the glass window making,

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01:21:42,540 --> 01:21:43,980 did they stop him from doing that?

1607 01:21:43,980 --> 01:21:45,390 Or did he continue to do that?

1608 01:21:45,390 --> 01:21:48,120 No, I think they stopped him.

1609 01:21:48,120 --> 01:21:53,070 Because it was in Russia, you

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cannot have your own business.

1610 01:21:53,070 --> 01:21:58,890 It was what-- it was very, very small business.

1611 01:21:58,890 --> 01:22:00,050 He was working by his self.

1612 01:22:00,050 --> 01:22:03,417 He didn't got people what somebody worked for him.

1613 01:22:03,417 --> 01:22:04,875 Yeah, he didn't have any employees.

1614 01:22:04,875 --> 01:22:05,910 No, no employees.

1615 01:22:05,910 --> 01:22:07,440 Only family.

1616 01:22:07,440 --> 01:22:09,270 His family and that's all.

1617 01:22:09,270 --> 01:22:11,970 No, I think they stopped him to do this.

1618 01:22:11,970 --> 01:22:15,150 Because in Russia you cannot do this.

1619 01:22:15,150 --> 01:22:18,150 No, we didn't see them in the time from Brazil.

1620 01:22:18,150 --> 01:22:20,070 I remember only it was letters.

1621 01:22:20,070 --> 01:22:23,680 But they're healthy and everything is OK.

1622 01:22:23,680 --> 01:22:24,180 Yeah.

1623 01:22:24,180 --> 01:22:27,600 And the mother and father was written letters to them.

1624 01:22:27,600 --> 01:22:35,280

1625 01:22:35,280 --> 01:22:39,900 Do you know when the Germans came in,

1626 01:22:39,900 --> 01:22:42,930 do you know when they reached Sarna in 1941,

1627 01:22:42,930 --> 01:22:45,060 when they invaded the Soviet Union?

1628 01:22:45,060 --> 01:22:48,540 They reached Sarna later than--

1629 01:22:48,540 --> 01:22:50,010 they reached first our.

1630 01:22:50,010 --> 01:22:54,000 Because we was more closer to German,

1631 01:22:54,000 --> 01:22:56,350 to Bug, where the Germans came.

1632 01:22:56,350 --> 01:23:03,794 No, maybe it take a week more, when they came to Sarna.

1634 01:23:06,540 --> 01:23:08,940 They was going fast, the Germans, very fast.

1635 01:23:08,940 --> 01:23:11,790

1636 01:23:11,790 --> 01:23:16,980 Russian soldiers, run away, run away.

1637 01:23:16,980 --> 01:23:22,755 Yeah, now the German set up a ghetto in Sarna.

1638 01:23:22,755 --> 01:23:23,490 Yes.

1639 01:23:23,490 --> 01:23:25,590 Just one ghetto or was there more than one ghetto?

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01:23:25,590 --> 01:23:26,130 Do you know?

1641 01:23:26,130 --> 01:23:28,656 I don't know how many.

1642 01:23:28,656 --> 01:23:30,500 No, I think in the big cities, they

1643 01:23:30,500 --> 01:23:32,580 was doing the same, one ghetto.

1644 01:23:32,580 --> 01:23:39,990 The make only bigger the size from the ghetto.

01:23:39,990 --> 01:23:45,510 If in when we got, for example, four blocks, to put in Sarna,

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01:23:45,510 --> 01:23:47,100 they need may be 10 blocks--

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01:23:47,100 --> 01:23:48,240 10 or 12 blocks, yeah.

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01:23:48,240 --> 01:23:50,550 12 blocks.

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01:23:50,550 --> 01:23:55,830 And Rifka, Abel and Dvora were all put in the ghetto.

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01:23:55,830 --> 01:23:56,610 Yes.

1651 01:23:56,610 --> 01:23:59,070 That's was in ghetto I'm sure.

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01:23:59,070 --> 01:24:01,320 Do you know how long they stayed in the ghetto

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01:24:01,320 --> 01:24:03,120 and what they may have been doing there?

1654

01:24:03,120 --> 01:24:05,490 No, I don't know what.

1655 01:24:05 49

01:24:05,490 --> 01:24:11,010 The ghetto, everywhere it was the same, everywhere.

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01:24:11,010 --> 01:24:14,200 The same, it was take them to work.

01:24:14,200 --> 01:24:16,350 No food.

1658 01:24:16,350 --> 01:24:18,300 The principal, the same all the ghettos.

1659 01:24:18,300 --> 01:24:20,850

1660 01:24:20,850 --> 01:24:24,052 A lot of them, they came to us, Russia.

1661 01:24:24,052 --> 01:24:25,830 And they stayed us.

1662 01:24:25,830 --> 01:24:27,830 We left our place.

1663 01:24:27,830 --> 01:24:29,040 We didn't stay.

1664 01:24:29,040 --> 01:24:31,890 No, that was not in the time ghetto.

1665 01:24:31,890 --> 01:24:34,230 From ghetto, they didn't go to Russia.

1666 01:24:34,230 --> 01:24:35,820 I say a lot of Sarna--

1667 01:24:35,820 --> 01:24:38,070 Oh, no, this was before.

1668 01:24:38,070 --> 01:24:39,570 They ran before the Germans came.

1669 01:24:39,570 --> 01:24:40,960 Contact reference@ushmm.org for further information about this collection

Before the Germans, yeah.

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01:24:40,960 --> 01:24:42,120 Yes, people, they run away.

1671 01:24:42,120 --> 01:24:42,780 Oh, no.

1672 01:24:42,780 --> 01:24:46,530 In the ghetto they stayed.

1673 01:24:46,530 --> 01:24:50,670 Now do you know what happened to the three of them?

1674 01:24:50,670 --> 01:24:52,000 They was killed in ghetto.

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01:24:52,000 --> 01:24:54,000 They were killed when the ghetto was liquidated?

1676 01:24:54,000 --> 01:24:54,500 Yes.

1677 01:24:54,500 --> 01:25:17,560

1678 01:25:17,560 --> 01:25:20,270 OK.

1679 01:25:20,270 --> 01:25:22,820 And you didn't hear anything after they were in the ghetto?

1680 01:25:22,820 --> 01:25:24,695 You didn't get letters or anything like that?

1681 01:25:24,695 --> 01:25:28,790 No, when the Germans, we didn't got any connection. 1682 01:25:28,790 --> 01:25:31,850 Were people allowed to send things out of the ghetto?

1683 01:25:31,850 --> 01:25:32,950 Mail and things like that?

1684 01:25:32,950 --> 01:25:36,890 No, no, not any--

1685 01:25:36,890 --> 01:25:38,330 nothing.

1686 01:25:38,330 --> 01:25:41,150 In the ghetto, you cannot do nothing.

1687 01:25:41,150 --> 01:25:42,230 No letters.

1688 01:25:42,230 --> 01:25:46,130 Is the tape on?

1689 01:25:46,130 --> 01:25:46,670 Yes.

1690 01:25:46,670 --> 01:25:47,170 Oh, OK.

1691 01:25:47,170 --> 01:25:50,270 I understand.

1692 01:25:50,270 --> 01:25:52,130 OK, now this is your cousin, right?

1693 01:25:52,130 --> 01:25:52,700 Yes.

1694 01:25:52,700 --> 01:25:53,410 Rakhil Menyuk.

1695 01:25:53,410 --> 01:25:55,370 Menyuk.

1696 01:25:55,370 --> 01:25:56,960 But Freyman is her married name.

1697 01:25:56,960 --> 01:25:58,610 Freyman is her married name.

1698 01:25:58,610 --> 01:26:01,740

1699 01:26:01,740 --> 01:26:03,660 Now was she older than you were?

1700 01:26:03,660 --> 01:26:04,650 Older.

1701 01:26:04,650 --> 01:26:07,080 Do you remember about how much older?

1702 01:26:07,080 --> 01:26:12,330 She was older-- she was older, say about 10 years maybe.

1703 01:26:12,330 --> 01:26:16,990

1704 01:26:16,990 --> 01:26:21,060 I'm sure the 10 years-- that's--

1705 01:26:21,060 --> 01:26:22,600 And where was she born?

1706 01:26:22,600 --> 01:26:24,132 She was born in Komarowo.

1707 01:26:24,132 --> 01:26:24,632

1708 01:26:24,632 --> 01:26:27,790

1709 01:26:27,790 --> 01:26:31,780 [NON-ENGLISH] Komarowo.

1710 01:26:31,780 --> 01:26:35,770 And how about Borik.

1711 01:26:35,770 --> 01:26:40,330 Borik, he was he was older from--

1712 01:26:40,330 --> 01:26:40,830 Dvora?

1713 01:26:40,830 --> 01:26:41,770 This is--

1714 01:26:41,770 --> 01:26:42,810 No, no, Borik.

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01:26:42,810 --> 01:26:44,110 Oh, Borik.

1716 01:26:44,110 --> 01:26:46,840 He was older, maybe a couple of years from me,

1717 01:26:46,840 --> 01:26:48,880 but two years older.

1718 01:26:48,880 --> 01:26:52,570 And he was born in Bil's'ka Volya.

1719 01:26:52,570 --> 01:26:55,330 Bil's'ka Volya, that was from Chartoriysk.

1720 01:26:55,330 --> 01:26:58,256

1721 01:26:58,256 --> 01:27:05,910 That's about 10, 12 kilometers from Chartoriysk.

1722 01:27:05,910 --> 01:27:09,850 They was in ghetto, in Chartoriysk ghetto.

1723 01:27:09,850 --> 01:27:12,970 And they was killed in Chartoriysk ghetto.

1724 01:27:12,970 --> 01:27:14,080 The Germans killed them.

1725 01:27:14,080 --> 01:27:26,270

1726 01:27:26,270 --> 01:27:28,550 In ghetto's, it was working.

1727 01:27:28,550 --> 01:27:33,500 Same like in all the ghettos, the same.

1728 01:27:33,500 --> 01:27:38,360 Do you know-- now Rakhil, she was born Menyuk.

1729 01:27:38,360 --> 01:27:39,620 And she was born in Komarowo.

1730 01:27:39,620 --> 01:27:40,660 And she was born--

1731 01:27:40,660 --> 01:27:42,410 she was your sister--

01:27:42,410 --> 01:27:44,240 your mother's sister's daughter.

1733 01:27:44,240 --> 01:27:44,740 Daughter.

1734 01:27:44,740 --> 01:27:45,380 Right.

1735 01:27:45,380 --> 01:27:48,980 And do you remember the name of her parents?

1736 01:27:48,980 --> 01:27:56,270 Yachvid, Yachvid Menyuk.

1737 01:27:56,270 --> 01:28:02,310 Because her husband was a relative to my father.

1738 01:28:02,310 --> 01:28:02,810 OK.

1739 01:28:02,810 --> 01:28:04,820 And it was double.

1740 01:28:04,820 --> 01:28:08,435 The sisters and their husbands was

1741 01:28:08,435 --> 01:28:11,810 related, the same last name.

1742 01:28:11,810 --> 01:28:17,180 Yachvid Menyuk and her father Shia Menyuk.

1743 01:28:17,180 --> 01:28:17,840 Shia?

1744 01:28:17,840 --> 01:28:18,980 Shia. 1745 01:28:18,980 --> 01:28:20,660 Shia Menyuk.

1746 01:28:20,660 --> 01:28:24,506

1747 01:28:24,506 --> 01:28:26,920 And that's the mother?

1748 01:28:26,920 --> 01:28:27,780 Shia is the father.

1749 01:28:27,780 --> 01:28:28,780 That's the father sorry.

1750 01:28:28,780 --> 01:28:30,130 The father, Shia Menyuk.

1751 01:28:30,130 --> 01:28:31,400 And the mother is Yachvid.

1752 01:28:31,400 --> 01:28:33,940

1753 01:28:33,940 --> 01:28:34,810 OK.

1754 01:28:34,810 --> 01:28:39,880 I know the names, it's very hard.

1755 01:28:39,880 --> 01:28:44,570 Did she-- did Rakhil go to school in Komarowo?

1756 01:28:44,570 --> 01:28:46,630 Or did she--

1757 01:28:46,630 --> 01:28:49,768 I remember she Contact reference@ushmm.org for further information about this collection

finished the school.

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01:28:49,768 --> 01:28:50,810 She had already finished.

1759 01:28:50,810 --> 01:28:51,977 But she didn't go to school.

1760 01:28:51,977 --> 01:28:53,530 She went to school.

1761 01:28:53,530 --> 01:28:54,610 She went to school.

1762 01:28:54,610 --> 01:28:58,330 In the beginning they got, when we

1763 01:28:58,330 --> 01:29:01,900 didn't got the schools, all the families,

1764 01:29:01,900 --> 01:29:05,230 the Jewish families take a teacher

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01:29:05,230 --> 01:29:10,745 and they was teaching the study by the teacher in the village.

1766 01:29:10,745 --> 01:29:12,760 I see, OK.

1767 01:29:12,760 --> 01:29:13,960 How it's called, I don't--

1768 01:29:13,960 --> 01:29:17,095

1769 01:29:17,095 --> 01:29:19,420 No, she finished the school. 1770 01:29:19,420 --> 01:29:21,460 And she studied with us with the teacher.

1771 01:29:21,460 --> 01:29:28,260

1772 01:29:28,260 --> 01:29:28,790 All right.

1773 01:29:28,790 --> 01:29:31,350

1774 01:29:31,350 --> 01:29:34,440 Now, do you remember when she got married to Borik?

1775 01:29:34,440 --> 01:29:37,110

1776 01:29:37,110 --> 01:29:39,300 Were you a child then?

1777 01:29:39,300 --> 01:29:41,100 I'll tell you, just a minute.

1778 01:29:41,100 --> 01:29:58,040 It was approximately in 1937.

1779 01:29:58,040 --> 01:30:03,320 I think, approximately, because before the war,

1780 01:30:03,320 --> 01:30:07,130 was when they got all the papers to leave for Brazil.

1781 01:30:07,130 --> 01:30:08,090 Yeah.

1782 01:30:08,090 --> 01:30:10,350 So they were trying to leave for Brazil.

1783 01:30:10,350 --> 01:30:18,260 For Brazil and become the war, 1939, and it stopped them.

1784 01:30:18,260 --> 01:30:19,500 Had they gone through--

1785 01:30:19,500 --> 01:30:21,110 had they gotten their papers already?

1786 01:30:21,110 --> 01:30:22,190 They got their papers.

1787 01:30:22,190 --> 01:30:23,190 But they couldn't leave.

1788 01:30:23,190 --> 01:30:26,360 They couldn't leave because it became the war.

1789 01:30:26,360 --> 01:30:27,710 And it stopped everything.

1790 01:30:27,710 --> 01:30:29,260 And that's all.

1791 01:30:29,260 --> 01:30:30,710 And it's finished.

1792 01:30:30,710 --> 01:30:32,670 Everything, it was packed.

1793 01:30:32,670 --> 01:30:33,920 They were all packed to leave.

1794 01:30:33,920 --> 01:30:35,240 All packed to leave. 1795 01:30:35,240 --> 01:30:41,942

1796 01:30:41,942 --> 01:30:43,150 How do they get their papers?

1797 01:30:43,150 --> 01:30:46,370 Did they have to go to Warsaw?

1798 01:30:46,370 --> 01:30:52,250 They make the papers in the city, Kolk city,

1799 01:30:52,250 --> 01:30:54,590 they make all the papers.

1800 01:30:54,590 --> 01:30:59,750 And in this time, you didn't got flights.

1801 01:30:59,750 --> 01:31:01,950 It's only the port.

1802 01:31:01,950 --> 01:31:03,890 It was Gdansk.

1803 01:31:03,890 --> 01:31:07,100 I know where they got the papers to go to Gdansk.

1804 01:31:07,100 --> 01:31:09,125 That's in Poland.

1805 01:31:09,125 --> 01:31:14,000 [NON-ENGLISH]-- port, the same?

1806 01:31:14,000 --> 01:31:14,500 Port?

1807 01:31:14,500 --> 01:31:15,740 Mm-hmm, port. 1808 01:31:15,740 --> 01:31:17,850 Port, Gdansk.

1809 01:31:17,850 --> 01:31:21,880

1810 01:31:21,880 --> 01:31:25,240 Come begin the war, everything stopped.

1811 01:31:25,240 --> 01:31:30,560

1812 01:31:30,560 --> 01:31:36,430 Now did-- what did Borik do for a living?

1813 01:31:36,430 --> 01:31:39,190 He was in business.

1814 01:31:39,190 --> 01:31:44,300 He was-- he bought [NON-ENGLISH]..

1815 01:31:44,300 --> 01:31:46,850 That's--

1816 01:31:46,850 --> 01:31:47,390 Cows.

1817 01:31:47,390 --> 01:31:49,010 Cows, he bought cows--

1818 01:31:49,010 --> 01:31:51,320 Oh, yeah.

1819 01:31:51,320 --> 01:31:53,090 --in the villages.

1820 01:31:53,090 --> 01:31:58,740 And he brought them, it was [NON-ENGLISH]..

1821 01:31:58,740 --> 01:31:59,240 Bazaar.

1822 01:31:59,240 --> 01:32:00,560 Bazaar.

1823 01:32:00,560 --> 01:32:05,610 And he was selling cows, horses.

1824 01:32:05,610 --> 01:32:07,080 So he traded livestock.

1825

01:32:07,080 --> 01:32:07,720 Yes.

1826

01:32:07,720 --> 01:32:08,990 Yes.

1827 01:32:08,990 --> 01:32:10,160 This was his business.

1828 01:32:10,160 --> 01:32:18,110

1829 01:32:18,110 --> 01:32:19,980 Did they have any children?

1830 01:32:19,980 --> 01:32:21,020 No, no children.

1831 01:32:21,020 --> 01:32:22,047 No children, OK.

1832 01:32:22,047 --> 01:32:26,720

1833 01:32:26,720 --> 01:32:29,570 Now, I would imagine when the 1834

01:32:29,570 --> 01:32:32,200 him from trading in livestock.

1835 01:32:32,200 --> 01:32:32,700 Yes?

1836 01:32:32,700 --> 01:32:34,682

1837 01:32:34,682 --> 01:32:36,140 What did he start

to do after that?

1838

Yeah.

01:32:36,140 --> 01:32:37,348 Did he work for the Russians?

1839 01:32:37,348 --> 01:32:41,610

1840 01:32:41,610 --> 01:32:42,930 He worked for them.

1841

01:32:42,930 --> 01:32:46,750 I don't remember what he was doing.

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01:32:46,750 --> 01:32:49,290 But he did something for the Russians?

1843

01:32:49,290 --> 01:32:51,720 Yes, he was doing something for the--

1844

01:32:51,720 --> 01:32:54,300 I don't remember what he was doing for the Russians.

1845 01:32:54,300 --> 01:32:58,130 1846 01:32:58,130 --> 01:32:59,780 Because he left.

1847 01:32:59,780 --> 01:33:03,200 When the Russians came, he left from Komarowo.

1848 01:33:03,200 --> 01:33:05,540 He left to Bil's'ka Volya.

1849 01:33:05,540 --> 01:33:07,633 And he was living in this place near--

1850 01:33:07,633 --> 01:33:09,050 He went back to where he was born.

1851 01:33:09,050 --> 01:33:09,980 Where he was born.

1852 01:33:09,980 --> 01:33:11,780 And Rakhil went with him?

1853 01:33:11,780 --> 01:33:13,100 And Rakhil too, yes.

1854 01:33:13,100 --> 01:33:16,820

1855 01:33:16,820 --> 01:33:19,610 And he was in Chartoriysk ghetto.

1856 01:33:19,610 --> 01:33:22,204 He was not in Kolki, Chartoriysk.

1857 01:33:22,204 --> 01:33:27,253 1858 01:33:27,253 --> 01:33:28,670 And that's where they were killed?

1859 01:33:28,670 --> 01:33:30,120 Yes.

1860 01:33:30,120 --> 01:33:32,120 Do you know how long they were there before they

1861 01:33:32,120 --> 01:33:33,080 liquidated the ghetto?

1862 01:33:33,080 --> 01:33:36,720

1863 01:33:36,720 --> 01:33:40,830 Same, maybe eight months, nine months, 10 months.

1864 01:33:40,830 --> 01:33:43,510

1865 01:33:43,510 --> 01:33:48,690 Most of them, all the ghettos, they

1866 01:33:48,690 --> 01:34:00,270 was killed in a time with eight, or nine months, a year.

1867 01:34:00,270 --> 01:34:04,342 It depend how they was using the people.

1868 01:34:04,342 --> 01:34:04,842 Yeah.

1869 01:34:04,842 --> 01:34:09,090 1870 01:34:09,090 --> 01:34:13,900 Now, do you know anything about Borik's childhood,

1871 01:34:13,900 --> 01:34:15,460 about when he was younger?

1872 01:34:15,460 --> 01:34:18,500 Do you know anything about his--

1873 01:34:18,500 --> 01:34:19,000

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