1 00:00:00,000 --> 00:00:10,930

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00:00:10,930 --> 00:00:12,280 So why don't you start?

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00:00:12,280 --> 00:00:16,340 Tell me where you were, and what was going on,

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00:00:16,340 --> 00:00:20,370 and how you came to be liberated.

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00:00:20,370 --> 00:00:28,500 I was in 3 concentration camps, in GÃ¹/₄ntherbrÃ¹/₄cke Kletendorf,

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00:00:28,500 --> 00:00:31,710 and Ludwigsdorf in Germany.

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00:00:31,710 --> 00:00:34,440 The last one was ammunition place.

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00:00:34,440 --> 00:00:36,480 I was making ammunition.

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00:00:36,480 --> 00:00:42,940 And my whole body was green, blue-green from the powder.

10 00:00:42,940 --> 00:00:44,830 But I will tell you, the last night,

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00:00:44,830 --> 00:00:51,130 it was the 7th May, 1945.

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00:00:51,130 --> 00:00:53,230 The oldest in the Contact reference@ushmm.org for further information about this collection

Lager came, and she

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00:00:53,230 --> 00:00:57,550 said, you should be very quiet and lie down,

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00:00:57,550 --> 00:01:02,050 because we're going to blow up the whole camp.

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00:01:02,050 --> 00:01:04,750 But thank god, the 8th of May, the Russians

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00:01:04,750 --> 00:01:07,650 came and liberated us.

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00:01:07,650 --> 00:01:14,530 May 8, 1945.

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00:01:14,530 --> 00:01:18,170 We couldn't really believe it when it happened.

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00:01:18,170 --> 00:01:21,220 But I remember that when the Russians came,

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00:01:21,220 --> 00:01:23,980 my girlfriend opened the door, and she spoke.

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00:01:23,980 --> 00:01:25,870 She was from Odessa.

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 $00:01:25,870 \rightarrow 00:01:31,030$ But she came to Europe to see her grandmother.

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00:01:31,030 --> 00:01:34,180 And then-- you know, that was when the war started and then 24

00:01:34,180 --> 00:01:36,340 got in concentration camp.

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00:01:36,340 --> 00:01:37,840 And she opened the gate and she said

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00:01:37,840 --> 00:01:41,240 to the Russians, [RUSSIAN].

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00:01:41,240 --> 00:01:44,020 And they open the gate, and you are free.

28 00:01:44,020 --> 00:01:46,960

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00:01:46,960 --> 00:01:48,920 You know, we couldn't believe it.

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00:01:48,920 --> 00:01:51,100 And we didn't know what to do with ourselves.

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00:01:51,100 --> 00:01:53,280 Where we going to go?

32 00:01:53,280 --> 00:01:54,720 Who do we have?

33 00:01:54,720 --> 00:01:56,700 I want to go home.

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00:01:56,700 --> 00:01:59,820 I was naive, I was believing that maybe my mother,

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00:01:59,820 --> 00:02:02,280 or my father, or my brother are still there. Contact reference@ushmm.org for further information about this collection

36 00:02:02,280 --> 00:02:05,880 That's what kept me going in concentration camp.

37 00:02:05,880 --> 00:02:07,920 I was hoping.

38 00:02:07,920 --> 00:02:10,530 And I remember, whenever I got upset,

39 00:02:10,530 --> 00:02:13,620 I went back home in my mind.

40 00:02:13,620 --> 00:02:16,130

41 00:02:16,130 --> 00:02:18,320 That's what helped me.

42 00:02:18,320 --> 00:02:23,070 I even went back to Poland, but everybody was slaughtered.

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00:02:23,070 --> 00:02:24,910 Didn't have anybody.

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00:02:24,910 --> 00:02:29,160 So I just turned around and went back to Germany.

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00:02:29,160 --> 00:02:33,030 Before we do that, tell me-right after the liberation,

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00:02:33,030 --> 00:02:34,380 what kinds of things--

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00:02:34,380 --> 00:02:37,800 how did things get organized?

00:02:37,800 --> 00:02:40,210 You know, did you get new clothes?

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00:02:40,210 --> 00:02:40,710 No.

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00:02:40,710 --> 00:02:42,600 Get a toothbrush?

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00:02:42,600 --> 00:02:45,540 No.

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00:02:45,540 --> 00:02:48,270 I remember that it was four girls--

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00:02:48,270 --> 00:02:50,396 Giza, Tonya.

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00:02:50,396 --> 00:02:53,670 Gisa, Tonya, Sarah, and myself.

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00:02:53,670 --> 00:02:57,840 And we got together and we went from Ludwigsdorf to Waldenburg.

56 00:02:57,840 --> 00:03:00,450

57 00:03:00,450 --> 00:03:03,460 And there, we just found our apartment.

58 00:03:03,460 --> 00:03:04,140 And we moved.

59 00:03:04,140 --> 00:03:06,370 We just moved to our apartment.

60 00:03:06,370 --> 00:03:08,070 And we found brooches. 61 00:03:08,070 --> 00:03:10,410 And I don't remember those things.

62 00:03:10,410 --> 00:03:11,880 I don't remember.

63 00:03:11,880 --> 00:03:15,060 And I think we were helped by--

64 00:03:15,060 --> 00:03:17,280 somebody had to help us.

65 00:03:17,280 --> 00:03:20,320 Because we didn't have any money,

66 00:03:20,320 --> 00:03:24,730 we didn't have any clothes, we didn't have anything.

67 00:03:24,730 --> 00:03:27,610 I don't remember those things.

68 00:03:27,610 --> 00:03:28,110 OK.

69 00:03:28,110 --> 00:03:29,850 Now, tell me about--

70 00:03:29,850 --> 00:03:32,480

71 00:03:32,480 --> 00:03:35,585 tell me about the trip back to Poland.

72 00:03:35,585 --> 00:03:38,360 00:03:38,360 --> 00:03:39,890 I didn't have any papers.

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00:03:39,890 --> 00:03:41,900 I didn't have any money.

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00:03:41,900 --> 00:03:44,000 But somebody went--

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00:03:44,000 --> 00:03:46,550 I got a letter from my cousin from Poland.

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00:03:46,550 --> 00:03:50,870 If I come back home, they will see that I go back to school,

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00:03:50,870 --> 00:03:53,240 and I get lessons.

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00:03:53,240 --> 00:03:56,060 And I was very, you know, I was looking forward

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00:03:56,060 --> 00:03:58,130 to hear something like that.

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00:03:58,130 --> 00:04:00,500 And I was very eager to do something like that.

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00:04:00,500 --> 00:04:02,330 And I went back to Poland.

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00:04:02,330 --> 00:04:04,340 We had a candy factory in Poland.

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00:04:04,340 --> 00:04:06,570 And I went back, they were working. 00:04:06,570 --> 00:04:10,370 My cousin was there and people were working.

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00:04:10,370 --> 00:04:13,640 But I couldn't be there because everything

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00:04:13,640 --> 00:04:18,740 wherever I went remind me of my parents.

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00:04:18,740 --> 00:04:21,380 And everybody said, oh, you are here.

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00:04:21,380 --> 00:04:23,060 We are so glad to see you.

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00:04:23,060 --> 00:04:25,670 And I went to friends of mine parents

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00:04:25,670 --> 00:04:28,230 who had things from my mother who want to give it to me.

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00:04:28,230 --> 00:04:29,480 And I said, I don't need them.

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00:04:29,480 --> 00:04:30,300 You keep them.

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00:04:30,300 --> 00:04:31,520 Where I'm going to take them?

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00:04:31,520 --> 00:04:34,520 And one day, I just disappear.

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00:04:34,520 --> 00:04:37,370 Didn't say anything to my cousin, just went. 97 00:04:37,370 --> 00:04:40,690 And I'm glad I did.

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00:04:40,690 --> 00:04:45,580 Tell me, when you went back, were you afraid?

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00:04:45,580 --> 00:04:46,420 You weren't afraid?

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00:04:46,420 --> 00:04:48,520 There was no antisemitism?

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00:04:48,520 --> 00:04:52,180 You're not afraid of anything, you just hope for the best.

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00:04:52,180 --> 00:04:56,290 I was hoping that I had my parents.

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00:04:56,290 --> 00:04:59,140 I didn't think about things like that.

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00:04:59,140 --> 00:05:02,780 I just want to go home and see somebody, see my mother,

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00:05:02,780 --> 00:05:04,760 my father, my brother, somebody.

106 00:05:04,760 --> 00:05:07,870 That's what kept me going.

107 00:05:07,870 --> 00:05:12,740 So when you went back, there wasn't any antisemitism?

108 00:05:12,740 --> 00:05:13,940 Yes it was.

109 00:05:13,940 --> 00:05:15,050 Tell me about it.

110 00:05:15,050 --> 00:05:17,870 Because-- not toward me.

111 00:05:17,870 --> 00:05:21,080 But I heard, when they said, are you still alive?

112 00:05:21,080 --> 00:05:26,300 I was thinking that it's like every one of the Jews.

113 00:05:26,300 --> 00:05:28,040 It was.

114 00:05:28,040 --> 00:05:29,780 But you know.

115 00:05:29,780 --> 00:05:34,700

116 00:05:34,700 --> 00:05:40,610 And so then tell me how you ended up

117 00:05:40,610 --> 00:05:46,310 coming back, and ending up at Landsberg DP camp.

118 00:05:46,310 --> 00:05:47,720 I just didn't know.

119 00:05:47,720 --> 00:05:51,270 I met one of my girlfriends, and we just traveled together.

120 00:05:51,270 --> 00:05:52,440 Then we went to Landsberg. 00:05:52,440 --> 00:05:54,350 We went.

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00:05:54,350 --> 00:05:56,030 How did you travel?

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00:05:56,030 --> 00:05:56,690 By train.

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00:05:56,690 --> 00:06:00,080 We didn't have any money, by train.

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00:06:00,080 --> 00:06:01,650 How did that work?

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00:06:01,650 --> 00:06:03,650 How could you get on trains?

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00:06:03,650 --> 00:06:04,640 How did I?

128 00:06:04,640 --> 00:06:07,970 I don't remember, we just went.

129 00:06:07,970 --> 00:06:09,950 When somebody saw-nobody stopped

130 00:06:09,950 --> 00:06:12,620 and nobody asked questions.

131 00:06:12,620 --> 00:06:15,560 It was just after the war.

132 00:06:15,560 --> 00:06:18,620 Few days, you know, maybe two weeks after the war.

133 00:06:18,620 --> 00:06:22,440 134 00:06:22,440 --> 00:06:25,240 Tell me about Landsberg, what it was like to live there.

135 00:06:25,240 --> 00:06:34,280

136 00:06:34,280 --> 00:06:37,160 To me, when I came to Landsberg, we

137 00:06:37,160 --> 00:06:39,950 had the apartment with my girlfriend.

138 00:06:39,950 --> 00:06:42,930 And later, I met my husband.

139 00:06:42,930 --> 00:06:45,470 I mean, I accept everything.

140 00:06:45,470 --> 00:06:48,170 You had to.

141 00:06:48,170 --> 00:06:52,550 You had to be very positive, doesn't matter

142 00:06:52,550 --> 00:06:54,662 that everything was wrong.

143 00:06:54,662 --> 00:06:56,120 But you have to think for the best.

144 00:06:56,120 --> 00:06:59,430

145 00:06:59,430 --> 00:07:00,550 Could you come and go? 00:07:00,550 --> 00:07:01,275 Were there marks?

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00:07:01,275 --> 00:07:03,600 Yes, you could come and go wherever you want to go.

148 00:07:03,600 --> 00:07:05,190 You could go to school.

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00:07:05,190 --> 00:07:09,120 They had art in DP camp, they had other organization

150 00:07:09,120 --> 00:07:10,710 who helped.

151 00:07:10,710 --> 00:07:11,940 I was knitting.

152 00:07:11,940 --> 00:07:15,540 I was knitting little things and we were sending it to Israel.

153 00:07:15,540 --> 00:07:20,630

154 00:07:20,630 --> 00:07:24,380 In the DP camp, was there barbed wire around?

155 00:07:24,380 --> 00:07:26,310 No, not in the DP camp--

156 00:07:26,310 --> 00:07:26,820 What about--

157 00:07:26,820 --> 00:07:27,403 --where I was.

158 00:07:27,403 --> 00:07:30,770 --the attitude of the

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00:07:30,770 --> 00:07:32,000 Were you afraid of them?

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00:07:32,000 --> 00:07:33,580 Were you afraid when you went out?

161 00:07:33,580 --> 00:07:36,240

162 00:07:36,240 --> 00:07:37,880 No, I was not afraid.

163 00:07:37,880 --> 00:07:39,290 I didn't go too much out.

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00:07:39,290 --> 00:07:41,840 But when I went out, I was not afraid.

165 00:07:41,840 --> 00:07:45,410

166 00:07:45,410 --> 00:07:50,870 Tell me about the incident with your--

167 00:07:50,870 --> 00:07:52,000 how you met your husband.

168 00:07:52,000 --> 00:07:57,910

169 00:07:57,910 --> 00:07:59,980 We went dancing one night.

170 00:07:59,980 --> 00:08:01,930 I had little cafes. 00:08:01,930 --> 00:08:04,540 And people were playing music.

172 00:08:04,540 --> 00:08:09,506 And it was a Greek who came to our place

173 00:08:09,506 --> 00:08:12,280 and put a knife on the table.

174 00:08:12,280 --> 00:08:14,440 And he said, if I'm not going to marry him,

175 00:08:14,440 --> 00:08:16,030 he's going to hurt me.

176 00:08:16,030 --> 00:08:20,050 And we called the police, and my husband came.

177 00:08:20,050 --> 00:08:21,150 And that's how I met him.

178 00:08:21,150 --> 00:08:25,430

179 00:08:25,430 --> 00:08:28,730 And tell me what happened after that.

180 00:08:28,730 --> 00:08:33,030 What did this Greek do to you?

181 00:08:33,030 --> 00:08:34,549 Didn't do anything to me.

182 00:08:34,549 --> 00:08:40,471 It was just-- gee, I'm embarrassed.

183 00:08:40,471 --> 00:08:41,179

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Tell me about it.

184 00:08:41,179 --> 00:08:43,169

He really didn't do anything to me.

185 00:08:43,169 --> 00:08:46,280 He just organized a whole Greek group

186 00:08:46,280 --> 00:08:49,295 and I just attacked us, myself and my husband.

187 00:08:49,295 --> 00:08:52,020

188 00:08:52,020 --> 00:08:56,310 I remember they broke mine, too, there was nothing.

189 00:08:56,310 --> 00:08:57,900 But they were nice people, anyhow.

190 00:08:57,900 --> 00:09:00,740 Just you know, if somebody instigates you,

191 00:09:00,740 --> 00:09:01,980 sometimes you believe him.

192 00:09:01,980 --> 00:09:06,190

193 00:09:06,190 --> 00:09:08,680 After that first time that you met your husband,

194 00:09:08,680 --> 00:09:10,450 when did you see him again? 00:09:10,450 --> 00:09:12,070 The next day.

196 00:09:12,070 --> 00:09:13,000 He wrote me poems.

197 00:09:13,000 --> 00:09:15,530

198 00:09:15,530 --> 00:09:19,280 I'm sorry I didn't bring it with me, I still have one.

199 00:09:19,280 --> 00:09:21,050 Tell me what else happened with him.

200 00:09:21,050 --> 00:09:21,920 Tell me about this.

201 00:09:21,920 --> 00:09:24,290 I just knew my husband three month and I married him.

202 00:09:24,290 --> 00:09:27,630

203 00:09:27,630 --> 00:09:32,120 And we will be married 50 years this December.

204 00:09:32,120 --> 00:09:33,260 He's my best friend.

205 00:09:33,260 --> 00:09:38,660

206 00:09:38,660 --> 00:09:41,630 Tell me about the time before the wedding.

207 00:09:41,630 --> 00:09:44,450 Tell me about the things you did together in Landsberg.

208 00:09:44,450 --> 00:09:49,450

209 00:09:49,450 --> 00:09:53,780 Like young couples, you go dancing, you see each other,

210 00:09:53,780 --> 00:09:54,680 you go for walks.

211 00:09:54,680 --> 00:09:59,000

212 00:09:59,000 --> 00:10:00,470 But I will tell you something.

213 00:10:00,470 --> 00:10:03,560 After the war, we were walking on the street,

214 00:10:03,560 --> 00:10:07,310 and young men were approaching you and kissing you.

215 00:10:07,310 --> 00:10:08,730 Ladies, I apologize to you.

216 00:10:08,730 --> 00:10:11,660 Oh, I was thinking you were my cousin or you're my sister.

217 00:10:11,660 --> 00:10:16,010 You look like that in the back, you know.

218 00:10:16,010 --> 00:10:18,320 It was after the war, after the liberation.

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00:10:21,620 --> 00:10:23,160 We're just about going to run out.

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00:10:23,160 --> 00:10:25,640 I think we should probably put another roll on.

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00:10:25,640 --> 00:10:27,710 OK.

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00:10:27,710 --> 00:10:30,500 Camera roll number two is up, slate two is up.

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00:10:30,500 --> 00:10:33,440

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00:10:33,440 --> 00:10:34,130 Still two.

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00:10:34,130 --> 00:10:37,010 Wonderful.

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00:10:37,010 --> 00:10:38,600 Put another roll on.

228 00:10:38,600 --> 00:10:40,230 OK.

229 00:10:40,230 --> 00:10:43,010 Camera number two is up, slate two is up.

230 00:10:43,010 --> 00:10:45,930

231 00:10:45,930 --> 00:10:46,960 Still two.

232 00:10:46,960 --> 00:10:50,052 Wonderful.

233 00:10:50,052 --> 00:10:50,552 OK.

234 00:10:50,552 --> 00:10:54,790

235 00:10:54,790 --> 00:10:55,290 Two.

236 00:10:55,290 --> 00:10:58,290

237 00:10:58,290 --> 00:11:02,050 In Landsberg, do you remember the American commander,

238 00:11:02,050 --> 00:11:04,090 a man named Major Heimont?

239 00:11:04,090 --> 00:11:05,200 Did you ever see him?

240 00:11:05,200 --> 00:11:07,600 I think I have his book.

241 00:11:07,600 --> 00:11:08,260 Heimont.

242 00:11:08,260 --> 00:11:10,650 Heimont.

243 00:11:10,650 --> 00:11:11,730 I don't.

244 00:11:11,730 --> 00:11:13,890 I wouldn't remember things like that. 245 00:11:13,890 --> 00:11:15,990 What about-- do you remember when David Ben

246 00:11:15,990 --> 00:11:18,090 Gurion came and visited?

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00:11:18,090 --> 00:11:19,980 My husband remember.

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00:11:19,980 --> 00:11:23,610 He gave him a letter to take to somebody.

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00:11:23,610 --> 00:11:24,170 He remember.

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00:11:24,170 --> 00:11:25,590 Do you remember him talking?

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00:11:25,590 --> 00:11:28,650 I remember that he came but I didn't see him.

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00:11:28,650 --> 00:11:32,910 Tell me, do you remember that the camp got decorated?

253 00:11:32,910 --> 00:11:40,440 The camp got decorated and people were ecstatic, so happy,

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00:11:40,440 --> 00:11:41,560 and running around.

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00:11:41,560 --> 00:11:43,230 But I don't know if I had a child.

256 00:11:43,230 --> 00:11:44,080 I don't remember. 257 00:11:44,080 --> 00:11:46,890 I couldn't go.

258 00:11:46,890 --> 00:11:49,620 How did they decorate the camp?

259 00:11:49,620 --> 00:11:53,700 With paper, I think, with colorful paper.

260 00:11:53,700 --> 00:11:57,090 Such a long time, I really don't remember.

261 00:11:57,090 --> 00:12:01,380 Major Heimont says that they took all his toilet paper

262 00:12:01,380 --> 00:12:05,400 and decorated all the trees when Ben Gurion came.

263 00:12:05,400 --> 00:12:07,470 Like I said, decorated with colored paper,

264 00:12:07,470 --> 00:12:08,910 with different things.

265 00:12:08,910 --> 00:12:11,880 I really don't, I wasn't there.

266 00:12:11,880 --> 00:12:15,840 But I remember that that was such a big fuss.

267 00:12:15,840 --> 00:12:20,610 They were screaming and they were so happy, everybody.

268 00:12:20,610 --> 00:12:22,500 Contact reference@ushmm.org for further information about this collection

They were meeting.

269 00:12:22,500 --> 00:12:26,630

Tell me about the wedding.

270 00:12:26,630 --> 00:12:27,220 Which wedding?

271 00:12:27,220 --> 00:12:27,970 Your wedding.

272 00:12:27,970 --> 00:12:30,940 The first wedding in Landsberg with your husband.

273 00:12:30,940 --> 00:12:32,410 Describe to me the wedding.

274 00:12:32,410 --> 00:12:37,380

275 00:12:37,380 --> 00:12:39,270 I didn't have a dress.

276 00:12:39,270 --> 00:12:41,970 Somebody brought a dress.

277 00:12:41,970 --> 00:12:44,370 Somebody brought me a veil.

278 00:12:44,370 --> 00:12:46,800 I really don't know who it was.

279 00:12:46,800 --> 00:12:48,330 And we didn't have any money so we

280 00:12:48,330 --> 00:12:51,300 couldn't buy any-- people were baking and cooking. 00:12:51,300 --> 00:12:56,640 Somebody brought drinks from Berlin.

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00:12:56,640 --> 00:13:03,810 And so many people, so much music.

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00:13:03,810 --> 00:13:06,550 That were playing off-key.

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00:13:06,550 --> 00:13:10,770 But it's such a long time, I can't remember.

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00:13:10,770 --> 00:13:14,480 But those things I remember, just few.

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00:13:14,480 --> 00:13:16,330 How did he ask you to marry him?

287 00:13:16,330 --> 00:13:19,573

288 00:13:19,573 --> 00:13:20,490 This I don't remember.

289 00:13:20,490 --> 00:13:24,050

290 00:13:24,050 --> 00:13:27,380 Who married you?

291 00:13:27,380 --> 00:13:30,840 First we got married--

292 00:13:30,840 --> 00:13:36,620 the first wedding was in Landshut, not in Landsberg.

293 00:13:36,620 --> 00:13:38,240 Contact reference@ushmm.org for further information about this collection

Was in Landshut.

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00:13:38,240 --> 00:13:41,150 I had to have somebody who signed for me.

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00:13:41,150 --> 00:13:45,170 I had to have a father, you know, because I was--

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00:13:45,170 --> 00:13:48,780 you know, I was 16, 16 and a few months.

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00:13:48,780 --> 00:13:51,870 So we went to the city hall and got married.

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00:13:51,870 --> 00:13:54,230 We got married three times.

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00:13:54,230 --> 00:13:58,040 So somebody said we should have a religious wedding.

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00:13:58,040 --> 00:14:00,020 So on December--

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00:14:00,020 --> 00:14:03,980 January the 27th, we got the religious wedding,

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00:14:03,980 --> 00:14:05,270 two weddings.

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00:14:05,270 --> 00:14:07,863 Mine with a friend and ours together.

304 00:14:07,863 --> 00:14:09,155

But we were married by a rabbi.

306 00:14:11,820 --> 00:14:13,470 And before we came to America, we

307 00:14:13,470 --> 00:14:16,350 had to get another wedding, another.

308 00:14:16,350 --> 00:14:19,860 So but was one of them in the Landsberg itself?

309 00:14:19,860 --> 00:14:21,750 Yeah, one was in Landsberg.

310 00:14:21,750 --> 00:14:25,770 The religious wedding was in Landsberg.

311 00:14:25,770 --> 00:14:26,790 Describe that.

312 00:14:26,790 --> 00:14:28,140 Who came?

313 00:14:28,140 --> 00:14:30,930 Everybody.

314 00:14:30,930 --> 00:14:32,760 Everybody came.

315 00:14:32,760 --> 00:14:37,000 Everybody from the DP camp.

316 00:14:37,000 --> 00:14:40,740 I don't know how many thousands of people.

317 00:14:40,740 --> 00:14:41,400 Everybody.

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00:14:41,400 --> 00:14:45,255 Well, they were coming and going and coming and going.

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00:14:45,255 --> 00:14:46,510 It was very exciting.

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00:14:46,510 --> 00:14:49,510

321 00:14:49,510 --> 00:14:51,990 Why was it exciting?

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00:14:51,990 --> 00:14:55,560 Because we saw so many people after the war.

323 00:14:55,560 --> 00:14:58,180 We had music, we had food.

324 00:14:58,180 --> 00:14:59,520 We could exchange wishes.

325 00:14:59,520 --> 00:15:03,500

326 00:15:03,500 --> 00:15:05,835 Was that wedding like starting over again--

327 00:15:05,835 --> 00:15:06,335 Yes.

328 00:15:06,335 --> 00:15:07,850 --for you?

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00:15:07,850 --> 00:15:11,300 For me it was like starting over again. 330 00:15:11,300 --> 00:15:12,980 Because I was not by myself, I had

331 00:15:12,980 --> 00:15:16,215 somebody who loved me, who was there with me,

332 00:15:16,215 --> 00:15:17,870 who was taking care of me.

333 00:15:17,870 --> 00:15:19,610 He does until still.

334 00:15:19,610 --> 00:15:29,160

335 00:15:29,160 --> 00:15:33,150 When you went back to Poland, one time

336 00:15:33,150 --> 00:15:35,700 when you told about it, you said your heart was beating.

337 00:15:35,700 --> 00:15:36,974 Yes.

338 00:15:36,974 --> 00:15:37,770 Describe that.

339 00:15:37,770 --> 00:15:40,980

340 00:15:40,980 --> 00:15:45,300 When I came to Poland, to the city I am from,

341 00:15:45,300 --> 00:15:48,150 I went down from the train and I call-- 342 00:15:48,150 --> 00:15:51,650

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 $00:15:51,650 \rightarrow 00:15:54,560$ I came on the street where we had our candy shop.

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00:15:54,560 --> 00:15:58,120 You know, we had a [POLISH],, candy shop.

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00:15:58,120 --> 00:15:59,920 And I just looked at it.

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00:15:59,920 --> 00:16:02,290 And I remember, I was going on those streets,

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00:16:02,290 --> 00:16:03,820 I was going to the movies, we took

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00:16:03,820 --> 00:16:08,050 walks there with my parents, with my brother.

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00:16:08,050 --> 00:16:11,830 And I called a carriage, and they took me

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00:16:11,830 --> 00:16:13,690 where I was living.

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00:16:13,690 --> 00:16:16,900 And my heart was pumping, how do you say it?

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00:16:16,900 --> 00:16:17,640 Palpitation?

353 00:16:17,640 --> 00:16:21,360 354 00:16:21,360 --> 00:16:23,610 Because everything comes back to you.

355 00:16:23,610 --> 00:16:26,640 Even if you suppress things, they are back.

356 00:16:26,640 --> 00:16:29,640

357 00:16:29,640 --> 00:16:34,440 And now, just tell me something about how long

358 00:16:34,440 --> 00:16:36,720 you've been with your husband, starting

359 00:16:36,720 --> 00:16:39,000 from that point in Landsberg.

360 00:16:39,000 --> 00:16:40,290 How long has that lasted?

361 00:16:40,290 --> 00:16:42,990 And how many children do you have?

362 00:16:42,990 --> 00:16:46,770 We got married in 1945.

363 00:16:46,770 --> 00:16:49,830 Like I said, December the 21st.

364 00:16:49,830 --> 00:16:51,030 And today is what?

365 00:16:51,030 --> 00:16:53,550 366 00:16:53,550 --> 00:16:58,960 February the 10th, 1995?

367 00:16:58,960 --> 00:17:01,177 We are still together, thank god.

368 00:17:01,177 --> 00:17:02,760 We're going to be together for always.

369 00:17:02,760 --> 00:17:08,960

370 00:17:08,960 --> 00:17:11,510 50 years in December.

371 00:17:11,510 --> 00:17:16,230 Can you think of anything else about the wedding?

372 00:17:16,230 --> 00:17:20,569 How did people organize the food?

373 00:17:20,569 --> 00:17:22,069 People were baking.

374 00:17:22,069 --> 00:17:24,530 Just strangers were bringing things.

375 00:17:24,530 --> 00:17:28,820 And I had a cousin who was baking, who knew how to bake,

376 00:17:28,820 --> 00:17:30,410 and he was baking.

377 00:17:30,410 --> 00:17:35,020 And everybody was bringing something. 378 00:17:35,020 --> 00:17:40,450 You know, right after the War, three or four months

379 00:17:40,450 --> 00:17:44,200 after the war, everybody was excited.

380 00:17:44,200 --> 00:17:50,630 It's like, life goes on, you know, we made it.

381 00:17:50,630 --> 00:17:52,690 We are here.

382 00:17:52,690 --> 00:17:57,280 Because all of us, well, we couldn't

383 00:17:57,280 --> 00:18:00,310 understand that our parents perished, we are still here.

384 00:18:00,310 --> 00:18:02,410 We felt very guilty about it.

385 00:18:02,410 --> 00:18:03,600 Which we still do.

386 00:18:03,600 --> 00:18:06,850

387 00:18:06,850 --> 00:18:08,570 We shouldn't, but we do.

388 00:18:08,570 --> 00:18:13,450

389 00:18:13,450 --> 00:18:16,120 So everyone just pitched in and helped for the wedding? 390

00:18:16,120 --> 00:18:17,560 Yes, yes.

391 00:18:17,560 --> 00:18:19,990 How did you guys tell everyone you were getting married?

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00:18:19,990 --> 00:18:21,520 How did people know?

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00:18:21,520 --> 00:18:26,320
Oh, people tell each other
about good stuff, good things.

394 00:18:26,320 --> 00:18:30,450 Tell me how that works in the DP camp.

395 00:18:30,450 --> 00:18:32,210 One tells the other.

396 00:18:32,210 --> 00:18:37,380 When you tell somebody something nice and good,

397 00:18:37,380 --> 00:18:44,360 he decided to share with somebody else, which was good.

398 00:18:44,360 --> 00:18:46,880 Do you remember the newspaper in Landsberg?

399 00:18:46,880 --> 00:18:49,280 Was there a newspaper in Landsberg?

400 00:18:49,280 --> 00:18:50,570 It's possible.

401 00:18:50,570 --> 00:18:51,740 It's possible there was.

402 00:18:51,740 --> 00:18:55,840

403 00:18:55,840 --> 00:18:58,300 When you lived in Landsberg, did you

404 00:18:58,300 --> 00:19:00,640 have private enough quarters?

405 00:19:00,640 --> 00:19:02,680 Yeah, we had one room.

406 00:19:02,680 --> 00:19:04,600 I remember, we get up in the morning,

407 00:19:04,600 --> 00:19:07,170 and it was very cold winter time.

408 00:19:07,170 --> 00:19:09,850 We didn't have heat at the winter.

409 00:19:09,850 --> 00:19:14,730 The water was frozen and glasses.

410 00:19:14,730 --> 00:19:18,822 But we were very happy, we were free.

411 00:19:18,822 --> 00:19:22,230 We were looking to the future.

412 00:19:22,230 --> 00:19:23,415 We were hoping for the best.

413 00:19:23,415 --> 00:19:27,390

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414 00:19:27,390 --> 00:19:28,950 All of us, we want to form families.

415 00:19:28,950 --> 00:19:37,510

416 00:19:37,510 --> 00:19:38,010 OK.

417 00:19:38,010 --> 00:19:42,650 Tell me again the story of going to the dance and how

418 00:19:42,650 --> 00:19:46,070 you met your husband.

419 00:19:46,070 --> 00:19:48,230 Oh, I didn't meet my husband on the dance.

420 00:19:48,230 --> 00:19:50,480 He came to our apartment where we were

421 00:19:50,480 --> 00:19:52,970 living because we called him.

422 00:19:52,970 --> 00:19:54,980 I didn't call him, somebody called him

423 00:19:54,980 --> 00:20:00,260 that a Greek is there, a man is there who is disturbing,

424 00:20:00,260 --> 00:20:03,020 who is threatening me.

425 00:20:03,020 --> 00:20:04,580

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I don't know if my girlfriend called

426 00:20:04,580 --> 00:20:06,590 or somebody from the neighbors.

427 00:20:06,590 --> 00:20:08,360 See, it was a barrack.

428 00:20:08,360 --> 00:20:12,140 I don't know what is a barrack in English.

429 00:20:12,140 --> 00:20:13,670 It's-- Yeah?

430 00:20:13,670 --> 00:20:14,470 OK.

431 00:20:14,470 --> 00:20:16,070 It's a barrack.

432 00:20:16,070 --> 00:20:21,350 And somebody called, and he came.

433 00:20:21,350 --> 00:20:24,590 Then we became friends right then.

434 00:20:24,590 --> 00:20:27,890 Start back at the dance and how you left

435 00:20:27,890 --> 00:20:32,120 and the Greek followed you and threatened you with a knife.

436 00:20:32,120 --> 00:20:33,380 Tell me that again.

437 00:20:33,380 --> 00:20:36,650 We went to a dance in the camp.

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00:20:36,650 --> 00:20:39,245 And so were playing, we were dancing, we were talking.

439 00:20:39,245 --> 00:20:41,750

440 00:20:41,750 --> 00:20:42,860 And I don't remember.

441 00:20:42,860 --> 00:20:44,780 I remember I talked with him later.

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00:20:44,780 --> 00:20:48,710 He came to our place and he said I should marry him.

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00:20:48,710 --> 00:20:51,230 And I said, I don't know you.

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00:20:51,230 --> 00:20:53,270 I barely know you.

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00:20:53,270 --> 00:20:56,243 And he was threatening.

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00:20:56,243 --> 00:20:58,160 Well, I guess that somebody called the police.

447 00:20:58,160 --> 00:21:00,810

448 00:21:00,810 --> 00:21:02,790 He threatened you with a knife?

449 00:21:02,790 --> 00:21:04,530 Tell me how he did that. 450 00:21:04,530 --> 00:21:06,640 He put the knife on the table.

451 00:21:06,640 --> 00:21:09,440 That's why I called them Greco Bandito.

452 00:21:09,440 --> 00:21:12,270 I shouldn't do this.

453 00:21:12,270 --> 00:21:13,610 Because they were nice people.

454 00:21:13,610 --> 00:21:20,390

455 00:21:20,390 --> 00:21:22,190 I don't remember the details.

456 00:21:22,190 --> 00:21:24,396 It's such a long time.

457 00:21:24,396 --> 00:21:25,710 OK.

458 00:21:25,710 --> 00:21:26,600 Thank you, Sonia.

459 00:21:26,600 --> 00:21:27,600 Oh, you're very welcome.

460 00:21:27,600 --> 00:21:34,670

461 00:21:34,670 --> 00:21:38,950 Which means we record just the sound of the room very quietly.

462 00:21:38,950 --> 00:21:42,840 So we just sit very quietly for 30 seconds. 463 00:21:42,840 --> 00:22:03,000