

1
00:00:00,000 --> 00:01:17,720

2
00:01:17,720 --> 00:01:21,630
OK, you were just telling me--

3
00:01:21,630 --> 00:01:26,490
As the main body of
people became less

4
00:01:26,490 --> 00:01:28,710
because they moved
through the line

5
00:01:28,710 --> 00:01:34,470
where the German, whose
name I'll never forget,

6
00:01:34,470 --> 00:01:37,560
his name was Ralke,
and he is the one

7
00:01:37,560 --> 00:01:41,010
who made life-and-death
decisions

8
00:01:41,010 --> 00:01:45,810
on who would go on what side.

9
00:01:45,810 --> 00:01:50,130
Those who went to the left,
to the good side so to speak,

10
00:01:50,130 --> 00:01:54,300
went all the way
around and came back

11
00:01:54,300 --> 00:01:57,000
to where they came from
to the Democratic Platz.

12

00:01:57,000 --> 00:02:00,280

The others were taken
over the other side.

13

00:02:00,280 --> 00:02:04,950

So as those who had not yet
gone through the selection

14

00:02:04,950 --> 00:02:09,600

there was a piece of room
between those who already gone

15

00:02:09,600 --> 00:02:12,540

through, those who had
not, and occasionally some

16

00:02:12,540 --> 00:02:14,640

would realize this
was the good side

17

00:02:14,640 --> 00:02:17,130

and they would sneak
over, even though there

18

00:02:17,130 --> 00:02:23,640

were Lithuanian guards guarding
all the way across the line

19

00:02:23,640 --> 00:02:27,420

demarking those who
had not yet gone

20

00:02:27,420 --> 00:02:29,610

through the selection
and those already

21

00:02:29,610 --> 00:02:33,060

who had gone through
to the good side.

22

00:02:33,060 --> 00:02:36,790

That went on until
very late that night.

23

00:02:36,790 --> 00:02:42,630

And when it was over, those
who had gone to the right side,

24

00:02:42,630 --> 00:02:46,170

to the bad side, were
taken to that small ghetto

25

00:02:46,170 --> 00:02:48,390

that I described earlier.

26

00:02:48,390 --> 00:02:50,380

And there they were held.

27

00:02:50,380 --> 00:02:53,640

Us, we could go
back to our homes.

28

00:02:53,640 --> 00:02:56,430

And when we came
back to our homes,

29

00:02:56,430 --> 00:02:59,080

we weren't quite sure
what to make of it.

30

00:02:59,080 --> 00:03:05,340

And the wish was that they would
be living in the small ghetto

31

00:03:05,340 --> 00:03:11,760

and ours would become, because
we are people, the healthier

32

00:03:11,760 --> 00:03:18,190

and the older children, we
would become a workforce

33

00:03:18,190 --> 00:03:22,100

and they would become someone
that had to be helped.

34

00:03:22,100 --> 00:03:24,100
But that was just the wish.

35
00:03:24,100 --> 00:03:27,430
We, deep in our hearts,
we knew that this was not

36
00:03:27,430 --> 00:03:28,970
going to happen.

37
00:03:28,970 --> 00:03:33,960
And we had gone to sleep.

38
00:03:33,960 --> 00:03:36,070
We were very tired.

39
00:03:36,070 --> 00:03:43,390
At 4 o'clock in the
morning my father woke me.

40
00:03:43,390 --> 00:03:46,060
And of course at that
time our household

41
00:03:46,060 --> 00:03:50,560
was reduced from
16 members to nine.

42
00:03:50,560 --> 00:03:54,320
Seven had gone to
the other side.

43
00:03:54,320 --> 00:03:58,600
And my father woke
me and said that they

44
00:03:58,600 --> 00:04:02,140
are beginning to move the
people from the small ghetto

45
00:04:02,140 --> 00:04:06,970
out towards the hill
towards the Ninth Fort.

46
00:04:06,970 --> 00:04:09,910
And since my mother was
not in very good shape,

47
00:04:09,910 --> 00:04:13,750
he said that he will stay
with my mother and watch her.

48
00:04:13,750 --> 00:04:16,720
Because she had gone
into a stupor and she

49
00:04:16,720 --> 00:04:19,600
just sat there and
would not speak

50
00:04:19,600 --> 00:04:24,380
and would not eat or anything.

51
00:04:24,380 --> 00:04:26,120
She couldn't sleep.

52
00:04:26,120 --> 00:04:27,490
And she hadn't slept at all.

53
00:04:27,490 --> 00:04:32,491
And he asked me to go back to
take a look what was happening.

54
00:04:32,491 --> 00:04:35,320

55
00:04:35,320 --> 00:04:36,850
I did go back.

56
00:04:36,850 --> 00:04:40,150
And because they
wouldn't let us close

57
00:04:40,150 --> 00:04:46,510
to the fence of the small

ghetto I was standing--

58

00:04:46,510 --> 00:04:49,990

That was the Jewish
ghetto police

59

00:04:49,990 --> 00:04:53,230

who kept us about 10
meters away from the fence.

60

00:04:53,230 --> 00:04:56,050

61

00:04:56,050 --> 00:04:59,800

But I saw columns of
people walking up the hill.

62

00:04:59,800 --> 00:05:09,130

And the first 100 meters or
so the road they were walking

63

00:05:09,130 --> 00:05:12,670

was very close to the
fence of the large ghetto.

64

00:05:12,670 --> 00:05:15,210

And they were walking
right by and then

65

00:05:15,210 --> 00:05:17,350

it turned away from it.

66

00:05:17,350 --> 00:05:23,830

Those people realized
what was happening,

67

00:05:23,830 --> 00:05:26,960

and those who had
very small children,

68

00:05:26,960 --> 00:05:31,270

babies that were rather
light and they carried them,

69

00:05:31,270 --> 00:05:35,050

began to throw them over
the fence, the babies,

70

00:05:35,050 --> 00:05:35,880

hoping that--

71

00:05:35,880 --> 00:06:00,690

72

00:06:00,690 --> 00:06:07,140

hoping someone would pick
them up and care for them.

73

00:06:07,140 --> 00:06:10,350

74

00:06:10,350 --> 00:06:13,530

One baby got hung on the
barbed wire and I saw it,

75

00:06:13,530 --> 00:06:14,400

perhaps more did.

76

00:06:14,400 --> 00:06:17,430

I saw one that hung on the
barbed wire and the child

77

00:06:17,430 --> 00:06:21,300

was screaming from
fear and pain.

78

00:06:21,300 --> 00:06:24,440

79

00:06:24,440 --> 00:06:31,670

And a Lithuanian guard shot the
child point blank in the head

80

00:06:31,670 --> 00:06:36,380

and it splattered all over.

81
00:06:36,380 --> 00:06:38,720
We knew what was
happening at that time.

82
00:06:38,720 --> 00:06:41,520

83
00:06:41,520 --> 00:06:48,020
I went back home and didn't
say anything to my parents.

84
00:06:48,020 --> 00:06:53,840
They didn't see what I saw, and
to this day I never told them.

85
00:06:53,840 --> 00:06:55,520
Because they never knew.

86
00:06:55,520 --> 00:06:56,960
They are dead now, both of them.

87
00:06:56,960 --> 00:07:01,250

88
00:07:01,250 --> 00:07:08,210
But as the morning progressed,
we lived very close to the hill

89
00:07:08,210 --> 00:07:20,750
and we could hear the machine
guns starting to work in bursts

90
00:07:20,750 --> 00:07:24,350
and we knew what was happening.

91
00:07:24,350 --> 00:07:27,230
Every time the machine
guns would start shooting,

92
00:07:27,230 --> 00:07:31,430
I could feel my stomach

turning inside out.

93

00:07:31,430 --> 00:07:38,240

I could feel the pain and
that I will never forget.

94

00:07:38,240 --> 00:07:42,890

That was something that
has stayed with me forever.

95

00:07:42,890 --> 00:07:45,380

There are many things that
happened during the four

96

00:07:45,380 --> 00:07:48,470

years of ghettos and
concentration camps

97

00:07:48,470 --> 00:07:53,580

that I have forgotten or
I don't think about it.

98

00:07:53,580 --> 00:07:56,660

But this day is
one of the two days

99

00:07:56,660 --> 00:08:00,080

that stays with me forever
because I witnessed all that.

100

00:08:00,080 --> 00:08:04,710

101

00:08:04,710 --> 00:08:10,770

My mother, who was sitting
and still not speaking,

102

00:08:10,770 --> 00:08:13,680

suddenly got up the next day--

103

00:08:13,680 --> 00:08:19,230

because it took more than one
day to kill 10,000 people--

104
00:08:19,230 --> 00:08:25,350
she got up and said, Oh,
I hear the machine guns,

105
00:08:25,350 --> 00:08:29,490
she said, but I know they
are shooting over their heads

106
00:08:29,490 --> 00:08:36,179
because they are just
trying to make us believe

107
00:08:36,179 --> 00:08:37,320
that they are killing them.

108
00:08:37,320 --> 00:08:39,120
But they are just scaring us.

109
00:08:39,120 --> 00:08:41,233
They want us to
stay in line so they

110
00:08:41,233 --> 00:08:43,650
are shooting over their head
and making us think that they

111
00:08:43,650 --> 00:08:44,692
are killing those people.

112
00:08:44,692 --> 00:08:47,220
Of course, let her believe that.

113
00:08:47,220 --> 00:08:50,250
That was her way of
coping with the tragedy

114
00:08:50,250 --> 00:08:53,790
that she lost her sister,
her brother, and nephews

115
00:08:53,790 --> 00:08:58,770

and nieces, and her
father, my grandfather that

116
00:08:58,770 --> 00:09:01,250
disappeared in that selection.

117
00:09:01,250 --> 00:09:04,650

118
00:09:04,650 --> 00:09:11,220
Some of the things that
her sister left behind she

119
00:09:11,220 --> 00:09:16,000
kept for the rest of the time
that we were in the ghetto.

120
00:09:16,000 --> 00:09:18,960
She would not let
anyone touch it

121
00:09:18,960 --> 00:09:22,440
because she says, when
my sister comes back

122
00:09:22,440 --> 00:09:25,518
she's going to want that.

123
00:09:25,518 --> 00:09:33,650
That was the end of the
innocent time in the ghetto.

124
00:09:33,650 --> 00:09:39,470
And that two days,
10,000 people,

125
00:09:39,470 --> 00:09:46,130
or nearly half the population
of the ghetto, were killed.

126
00:09:46,130 --> 00:09:49,410

127

00:09:49,410 --> 00:09:55,860

That was a tragedy that will
remain with me until the day I

128

00:09:55,860 --> 00:09:56,360

die.

129

00:09:56,360 --> 00:10:03,990

130

00:10:03,990 --> 00:10:06,780

Then you were 12.

131

00:10:06,780 --> 00:10:11,910

Then you had to work and
you had to try to find food,

132

00:10:11,910 --> 00:10:13,170

among other things.

133

00:10:13,170 --> 00:10:14,120

That's right.

134

00:10:14,120 --> 00:10:14,745

That's correct.

135

00:10:14,745 --> 00:10:18,180

Tell me about the kinds
of things you did.

136

00:10:18,180 --> 00:10:35,140

Well, when the 10,000 people
were killed, of course,

137

00:10:35,140 --> 00:10:40,500

there were empty spaces
left in the ghetto,

138

00:10:40,500 --> 00:10:42,540

or what the Germans
and Lithuanians

139

00:10:42,540 --> 00:10:44,920
thought were empty spaces.

140

00:10:44,920 --> 00:10:46,890
So they cut a
piece of the ghetto

141

00:10:46,890 --> 00:10:53,460
off and made the rest of us
move in towards the front

142

00:10:53,460 --> 00:10:54,160
of the ghetto.

143

00:10:54,160 --> 00:10:57,450
So where we lived
we had to move out.

144

00:10:57,450 --> 00:11:00,880

145

00:11:00,880 --> 00:11:08,020
So we eventually found a
small, empty little house

146

00:11:08,020 --> 00:11:11,620
we moved into and
we again started

147

00:11:11,620 --> 00:11:18,050
to try to make some sense
out of the rest of our lives.

148

00:11:18,050 --> 00:11:20,590
I grew up very quickly
in those few months.

149

00:11:20,590 --> 00:11:25,060
And I knew that
part of our survival

150

00:11:25,060 --> 00:11:28,900

would have to be that
everyone has to pitch in

151
00:11:28,900 --> 00:11:31,630
to provide something to eat.

152
00:11:31,630 --> 00:11:35,110

153
00:11:35,110 --> 00:11:40,960
I joined at first the
workforce, the brigade

154
00:11:40,960 --> 00:11:46,480
to we used to go
outside to work.

155
00:11:46,480 --> 00:11:50,440
And there we would
take things with us

156
00:11:50,440 --> 00:11:58,000
to trade with some of the
Lithuanians outside for food.

157
00:11:58,000 --> 00:12:15,810

158
00:12:15,810 --> 00:12:21,540
So we're talking about
daily life and training.

159
00:12:21,540 --> 00:12:30,600
I personally worked
in for a time

160
00:12:30,600 --> 00:12:34,380
it was called the
children's brigade.

161
00:12:34,380 --> 00:12:39,960
Our job was to pull
weeds out of gardens.

162
00:12:39,960 --> 00:12:44,880
So that was a good place to
work because we pulled out

163
00:12:44,880 --> 00:12:46,140
the gardens.

164
00:12:46,140 --> 00:12:49,440
Usually there were
carrots and potatoes

165
00:12:49,440 --> 00:12:54,750
and all sorts of different
vegetables, radishes.

166
00:12:54,750 --> 00:12:58,620
So we could at least eat some
there when they didn't see us.

167
00:12:58,620 --> 00:13:02,970
And occasionally we could even
take some and bring it home.

168
00:13:02,970 --> 00:13:07,800
In addition to that, we used
to take some things to trade.

169
00:13:07,800 --> 00:13:12,720
And occasionally you would
get a stick of butter

170
00:13:12,720 --> 00:13:18,090
or a piece of bread
or a sack of flour.

171
00:13:18,090 --> 00:13:25,440
One time I remember I got
a chicken for a tablecloth.

172
00:13:25,440 --> 00:13:31,530
And the chicken was live
and we had to kill it.

173
00:13:31,530 --> 00:13:35,460
But the woman gave
me a small ax and I

174
00:13:35,460 --> 00:13:43,070
had to chop the
head of the chicken.

175
00:13:43,070 --> 00:13:45,440
And I did, but the
chicken got up and started

176
00:13:45,440 --> 00:13:47,670
running around without a head.

177
00:13:47,670 --> 00:13:54,800
And finally it died and I put
the chicken inside my pants

178
00:13:54,800 --> 00:13:59,360
and tied my pant leg
around so that nobody

179
00:13:59,360 --> 00:14:01,430
would see the chicken.

180
00:14:01,430 --> 00:14:09,290
And when we walked back
to the ghetto gate,

181
00:14:09,290 --> 00:14:13,940
I carried a small sack of
potatoes that I had gathered

182
00:14:13,940 --> 00:14:18,000
and the chicken
that nobody did see.

183
00:14:18,000 --> 00:14:23,240
But they started searching us.

184

00:14:23,240 --> 00:14:27,290

And all the time
while I was walking I

185

00:14:27,290 --> 00:14:30,930

was so happy that I would bring
home a chicken from my mother.

186

00:14:30,930 --> 00:14:35,330

We hadn't seen a chicken perhaps
by that time maybe a year.

187

00:14:35,330 --> 00:14:39,740

And I was so happy that my
mother would see a chicken.

188

00:14:39,740 --> 00:14:43,280

And when I got to the gate
they started searching us

189

00:14:43,280 --> 00:14:47,900

and they found the
chicken and took it away.

190

00:14:47,900 --> 00:14:50,210

I was heartbroken.

191

00:14:50,210 --> 00:14:55,490

They let me keep the potatoes,
but they took away my chicken.

192

00:14:55,490 --> 00:15:00,530

Something that you remember,
something that I remember.

193

00:15:00,530 --> 00:15:07,970

But generally speaking, we had
a relatively period of quiet

194

00:15:07,970 --> 00:15:10,550

in the ghetto.

195

00:15:10,550 --> 00:15:13,850

Every day people were
being killed and being shot

196
00:15:13,850 --> 00:15:15,850
and dying.

197
00:15:15,850 --> 00:15:21,710
The underground was working,
and that we heard about.

198
00:15:21,710 --> 00:15:26,750
They were taking up arms against
the Germans in the forests

199
00:15:26,750 --> 00:15:28,400
and in the highways.

200
00:15:28,400 --> 00:15:34,430
And the Germans were shooting
back and taking revenge

201
00:15:34,430 --> 00:15:37,040
on some of the
Jews in the ghetto.

202
00:15:37,040 --> 00:15:40,160
Because they had
a standing order

203
00:15:40,160 --> 00:15:43,610
that if anyone kills
a German, 100 Jews

204
00:15:43,610 --> 00:15:49,845
would die if they could
prove to themselves, which

205
00:15:49,845 --> 00:15:50,970
they didn't really have to.

206
00:15:50,970 --> 00:15:54,020
They could kill Jews
anytime they wanted to

207
00:15:54,020 --> 00:15:57,690
and they did it sometimes.

208
00:15:57,690 --> 00:16:00,410
But other than that it
was relatively quiet.

209
00:16:00,410 --> 00:16:05,960
They had taken 500
people to send them

210
00:16:05,960 --> 00:16:09,230
for work in Riga, Latvia.

211
00:16:09,230 --> 00:16:14,900
Because all the Latvian
Jews had been completely

212
00:16:14,900 --> 00:16:21,333
destroyed and massacred the
same as in the beginning,

213
00:16:21,333 --> 00:16:22,375
the same as in Lithuania.

214
00:16:22,375 --> 00:16:30,170
The one thing is that in the
first 7 to 10 days of the war

215
00:16:30,170 --> 00:16:34,670
all the Jews in the small towns
were massacred completely.

216
00:16:34,670 --> 00:16:35,360
All died.

217
00:16:35,360 --> 00:16:38,570
All my relatives,
my grandparents

218
00:16:38,570 --> 00:16:41,450

were killed by the
Lithuanians, not the Germans.

219

00:16:41,450 --> 00:16:48,170
They took them out in the middle
of a square and machine guns

220

00:16:48,170 --> 00:16:50,960
were waiting and just mowed
them right down the middle

221

00:16:50,960 --> 00:16:51,650
of the square.

222

00:16:51,650 --> 00:16:57,950
And then whoever volunteered to
carry the body for burial would

223

00:16:57,950 --> 00:17:01,400
get to keep their clothing and
whatever else they were they

224

00:17:01,400 --> 00:17:02,530
had with them.

225

00:17:02,530 --> 00:17:04,670
So this is how they
got Lithuanians

226

00:17:04,670 --> 00:17:07,910
to do the work, in
addition to the fact

227

00:17:07,910 --> 00:17:09,619
that their hatred
towards the Jews

228

00:17:09,619 --> 00:17:14,720
was such that they
did it very gladly.

229

00:17:14,720 --> 00:17:24,920
And so in another time they

took several people to Estonia

230

00:17:24,920 --> 00:17:28,670

to work, and my
sister and her husband

231

00:17:28,670 --> 00:17:35,300

and her husband's mother
went to that area.

232

00:17:35,300 --> 00:17:39,470

And so this was the last of
our relatives in the ghetto.

233

00:17:39,470 --> 00:17:43,190

And after my sister and
her husband and child--

234

00:17:43,190 --> 00:17:45,740

She had a child,
but what happened

235

00:17:45,740 --> 00:17:49,200

was the child was
supposed to go with them

236

00:17:49,200 --> 00:17:54,470

and so her husband's
mother substituted herself

237

00:17:54,470 --> 00:17:58,050

for the child because they knew
the child wouldn't survive.

238

00:17:58,050 --> 00:17:59,570

And the child stayed with us.

239

00:17:59,570 --> 00:18:03,210

240

00:18:03,210 --> 00:18:08,690

So my mother raised or took
care of that little boy.

241
00:18:08,690 --> 00:18:12,260
And that was it.

242
00:18:12,260 --> 00:18:16,130
By that time we were only
four left from our family.

243
00:18:16,130 --> 00:18:17,390
The rest of them were gone.

244
00:18:17,390 --> 00:18:22,970

245
00:18:22,970 --> 00:18:28,730
But as time went on, things
sort of quieted down.

246
00:18:28,730 --> 00:18:34,610
I finally got a job working
in a shop inside the ghetto.

247
00:18:34,610 --> 00:18:39,320
We had shops that were
making wooden shoes

248
00:18:39,320 --> 00:18:43,930
and toys and clothing.

249
00:18:43,930 --> 00:18:46,750
And there was a tailoring
shop and all sorts

250
00:18:46,750 --> 00:18:48,440
of different things.

251
00:18:48,440 --> 00:18:51,700
And so many Jews were
employed to work in what

252
00:18:51,700 --> 00:18:53,960
they called the werkstätten.

253

00:18:53,960 --> 00:18:59,650
And I finally got a job working
in there because you had to.

254

00:18:59,650 --> 00:19:05,590
And you got a
certain certificate

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00:19:05,590 --> 00:19:09,550
that you could stay in
the ghetto and work there.

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00:19:09,550 --> 00:19:12,760
And they had two shifts,
day shift in night shift.

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00:19:12,760 --> 00:19:16,350
And my father also got
a job working there,

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00:19:16,350 --> 00:19:21,520
so my father and I worked the
same but not the same unit.

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00:19:21,520 --> 00:19:25,335
We worked in different
units but in the same place.

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00:19:25,335 --> 00:19:26,710
My mother, on the
other hand, she

261

00:19:26,710 --> 00:19:32,800
would still go outside
to work in some brigades.

262

00:19:32,800 --> 00:19:38,047
Because one of the things had
to trade for food and that

263

00:19:38,047 --> 00:19:39,130
of course, we had to work.

264

00:19:39,130 --> 00:19:44,590
So we switched back and forth
so somebody could stay behind

265

00:19:44,590 --> 00:19:46,120
with the child.

266

00:19:46,120 --> 00:19:50,360
So when I worked night
shift, they worked day shift,

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00:19:50,360 --> 00:19:53,500
and then we would switch
back and forth so somebody

268

00:19:53,500 --> 00:19:55,300
could care for the baby.

269

00:19:55,300 --> 00:19:59,620
And that pretty well went on
for about a couple of years

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00:19:59,620 --> 00:20:07,150
until the beginning of 1944.

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00:20:07,150 --> 00:20:10,990
And that was another thing,
one of the other days

272

00:20:10,990 --> 00:20:14,660
that has completely
stayed with me forever.

273

00:20:14,660 --> 00:20:17,680
You know there were many things
that happened in those two

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00:20:17,680 --> 00:20:23,860
years that were pretty bad.

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00:20:23,860 --> 00:20:28,420

But things that were so
often that you don't remember

276
00:20:28,420 --> 00:20:30,670
the incidents one of the other.

277
00:20:30,670 --> 00:20:35,862
But when something horrible
happened, that stayed with us.

278
00:20:35,862 --> 00:20:37,570
That was almost at
the end of the ghetto.

279
00:20:37,570 --> 00:20:41,740

280
00:20:41,740 --> 00:20:44,800
Many people already had left.

281
00:20:44,800 --> 00:20:49,240
Another group of people
had been taken over

282
00:20:49,240 --> 00:20:51,670
to the airport
they were building.

283
00:20:51,670 --> 00:20:54,400
Rather than walk them every
day they just took the people

284
00:20:54,400 --> 00:20:56,710
and moved them over
there in barracks.

285
00:20:56,710 --> 00:20:59,620
And by that time the number
of people in the ghetto

286
00:20:59,620 --> 00:21:01,630
was less than 5,000.

287

00:21:01,630 --> 00:21:04,850

And our family was still there.

288

00:21:04,850 --> 00:21:07,360

My father, my mother,
me, and that little boy.

289

00:21:07,360 --> 00:21:09,760

We still stayed in the ghetto.

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00:21:09,760 --> 00:21:25,030

And one day, and that
was March the 27th 1944,

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00:21:25,030 --> 00:21:28,900

I was working night
shift that day

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00:21:28,900 --> 00:21:33,410

so I was home in the morning
with that little boy,

293

00:21:33,410 --> 00:21:38,770

with my nephew, and my
parents had gone to work.

294

00:21:38,770 --> 00:21:43,030

And the night before again
they had doubled or tripled

295

00:21:43,030 --> 00:21:45,370

the guards around
the ghetto, so we

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00:21:45,370 --> 00:21:49,330

knew something was coming up.

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00:21:49,330 --> 00:21:53,240

But we didn't quite
know what could happen.

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00:21:53,240 --> 00:21:55,930

There was only less
than 5,000 people there,

299
00:21:55,930 --> 00:22:00,320
only a few children left,
and what could happen?

300
00:22:00,320 --> 00:22:08,410
But the thing that we didn't
even contemplate happened.

301
00:22:08,410 --> 00:22:12,490
I heard screams, and I
looked out the window

302
00:22:12,490 --> 00:22:14,350
and there were buses.

303
00:22:14,350 --> 00:22:16,570
There were three buses
lined up in front of--

304
00:22:16,570 --> 00:22:23,200
The window of our apartment
faced the gate of the ghetto,

305
00:22:23,200 --> 00:22:29,010
and I saw buses lined
up on the ghetto.

306
00:22:29,010 --> 00:22:34,770
And there were
Ukrainian soldiers

307
00:22:34,770 --> 00:22:39,840
that had joined the Nazis
and Germans the SS that

308
00:22:39,840 --> 00:22:45,030
were taking small children
and putting them on the buses.

309
00:22:45,030 --> 00:22:49,950

Instinctively, I knew
what was happening.

310
00:22:49,950 --> 00:22:52,530
They were taking the children.

311
00:22:52,530 --> 00:22:55,790
We later called that
what we call the Kinder

312
00:22:55,790 --> 00:22:58,350
Aktion, the selection
of the children.

313
00:22:58,350 --> 00:23:00,120
In addition to
that, they also took

314
00:23:00,120 --> 00:23:06,750
some older people that
were incapacitated

315
00:23:06,750 --> 00:23:10,830
as well as the children.

316
00:23:10,830 --> 00:26:17,323