

1  
00:00:00,000 --> 00:00:30,134

2  
00:00:30,134 --> 00:00:32,938  
Mark, mark eight.

3  
00:00:32,938 --> 00:00:35,320  
Set.

4  
00:00:35,320 --> 00:00:38,260  
So the liquidation  
of the ghetto--

5  
00:00:38,260 --> 00:00:43,610  
can you tell me what  
happened and what you saw?

6  
00:00:43,610 --> 00:00:46,990  
I escaped 90 days before  
the final liquidation.

7  
00:00:46,990 --> 00:00:51,540

8  
00:00:51,540 --> 00:00:57,105  
I was liberated by the Russian  
army July the 31st on a Monday.

9  
00:00:57,105 --> 00:01:01,980

10  
00:01:01,980 --> 00:01:06,340  
We could hardly talk to each  
other because, while in hiding,

11  
00:01:06,340 --> 00:01:08,260  
we had to be very careful.

12  
00:01:08,260 --> 00:01:11,850  
We were in a little  
old warehouse

13  
00:01:11,850 --> 00:01:14,880  
under the hay, eight people.

14  
00:01:14,880 --> 00:01:20,760  
And we were told by  
some Russian officers

15  
00:01:20,760 --> 00:01:23,520  
to stay where we are,  
because it happens

16  
00:01:23,520 --> 00:01:28,200  
quite often that  
the Russians have

17  
00:01:28,200 --> 00:01:31,470  
to retreat because, all  
of a sudden, the Germans

18  
00:01:31,470 --> 00:01:33,000  
are pushing them back.

19  
00:01:33,000 --> 00:01:38,250  
So we were still staying at the  
farm for the next five days.

20  
00:01:38,250 --> 00:01:42,030  
And then, a few days  
later, we decided

21  
00:01:42,030 --> 00:01:46,290  
to go back to see what  
happened to the ghetto.

22  
00:01:46,290 --> 00:01:50,520  
When we got there, the  
gate was wide open.

23  
00:01:50,520 --> 00:01:53,280  
There was no housing.

24

00:01:53,280 --> 00:01:55,990  
We entered the ghetto.

25  
00:01:55,990 --> 00:02:02,220  
And we saw foundations  
without housing,

26  
00:02:02,220 --> 00:02:05,640  
because you must know that  
there were not fancy apartments

27  
00:02:05,640 --> 00:02:07,530  
or skyscrapers.

28  
00:02:07,530 --> 00:02:12,990  
There were just  
little old housing,

29  
00:02:12,990 --> 00:02:16,800  
which most of the times,  
while we got in there three

30  
00:02:16,800 --> 00:02:19,660  
years earlier, didn't have  
any electricity and no water,

31  
00:02:19,660 --> 00:02:22,050  
and sometimes not even floors.

32  
00:02:22,050 --> 00:02:23,610  
And what we saw--

33  
00:02:23,610 --> 00:02:27,840  
and unfortunately, I  
didn't have a camera.

34  
00:02:27,840 --> 00:02:30,870  
And I don't know if  
anybody took pictures.

35  
00:02:30,870 --> 00:02:36,810  
But some people did not believe  
that, in the last minute,

36  
00:02:36,810 --> 00:02:39,690  
they were told that they  
are going to be evacuated.

37  
00:02:39,690 --> 00:02:43,080  
And they were hiding in the  
basement of the housing.

38  
00:02:43,080 --> 00:02:48,870  
And the Einsatzgruppen--  
before the German army

39  
00:02:48,870 --> 00:02:51,600  
pulled out, the  
Einsatzgruppen, which

40  
00:02:51,600 --> 00:02:54,960  
was a special German unit  
who was doing the killing,

41  
00:02:54,960 --> 00:02:57,090  
they were burning the houses.

42  
00:02:57,090 --> 00:03:02,370  
And we saw house after  
house, bodies of papa, mama,

43  
00:03:02,370 --> 00:03:06,840  
and children brunt from smoke.

44  
00:03:06,840 --> 00:03:13,470  
And I went to the house where my  
mother and my sister were left.

45  
00:03:13,470 --> 00:03:16,350  
While being in hiding,  
we tried very, very hard

46  
00:03:16,350 --> 00:03:18,620  
to get them out.

47

00:03:18,620 --> 00:03:25,133  
My wife went from the hiding  
twice back to the neighborhood.

48  
00:03:25,133 --> 00:03:27,300  
She didn't go into the  
ghetto, because otherwise she

49  
00:03:27,300 --> 00:03:29,110  
wouldn't be able to get out.

50  
00:03:29,110 --> 00:03:32,580  
But the very same people  
who helped us to get out,

51  
00:03:32,580 --> 00:03:36,120  
she tried to get out  
my mother and sister.

52  
00:03:36,120 --> 00:03:40,440  
Unfortunately, she  
wasn't able to do it.

53  
00:03:40,440 --> 00:03:43,920  
And then I found out that  
my mother and my sister

54  
00:03:43,920 --> 00:03:46,110  
were sent west.

55  
00:03:46,110 --> 00:03:49,230  
And they ended up in Stutthof.

56  
00:03:49,230 --> 00:03:56,030  
The men who were there  
were sent to Dachau.

57  
00:03:56,030 --> 00:03:59,960  
The tragic story of my  
life is that at least I

58  
00:03:59,960 --> 00:04:05,750  
do know that my father

and my brother were shot,

59

00:04:05,750 --> 00:04:09,170

and hopefully didn't  
have too long to suffer

60

00:04:09,170 --> 00:04:10,970

before they expired.

61

00:04:10,970 --> 00:04:14,660

But I found out from  
women who were in Stutthof

62

00:04:14,660 --> 00:04:21,810

and did witness under what  
circumstances my mother

63

00:04:21,810 --> 00:04:24,080

and my sister died.

64

00:04:24,080 --> 00:04:30,500

And I think I'm a very strong  
man mentally that I can still

65

00:04:30,500 --> 00:04:33,830

take it, because I understand  
that there was suffering

66

00:04:33,830 --> 00:04:38,690

for weeks without food,  
without water, being affected

67

00:04:38,690 --> 00:04:42,600

by typhus before they died.

68

00:04:42,600 --> 00:04:44,770

And I tell this to my  
German [? friend ?]

69

00:04:44,770 --> 00:04:48,000

when I see him, quite  
often now, in El Paso.

70

00:04:48,000 --> 00:04:49,720

And he is speechless.

71

00:04:49,720 --> 00:04:53,010

He doesn't know what to tell me.

72

00:04:53,010 --> 00:04:54,330

Some women survived.

73

00:04:54,330 --> 00:04:57,690

Some stronger women  
survived in Stutthof.

74

00:04:57,690 --> 00:05:01,290

My sister and my mother did not.

75

00:05:01,290 --> 00:05:06,600

And I was still 13  
months in Kovno,

76

00:05:06,600 --> 00:05:09,870

because the war  
was still going on.

77

00:05:09,870 --> 00:05:11,790

The war was over.

78

00:05:11,790 --> 00:05:15,810

Being an engineer, I  
got a very good position

79

00:05:15,810 --> 00:05:17,100

with the Russians.

80

00:05:17,100 --> 00:05:22,110

However, I wasn't--  
under no circumstances--

81

00:05:22,110 --> 00:05:25,410

I would like to leave, at that  
time with the Soviet Union.

82

00:05:25,410 --> 00:05:28,380

And I was very, very lucky  
to get out from there.

83

00:05:28,380 --> 00:05:32,190

When I say lucky, because the  
borders were already closed.

84

00:05:32,190 --> 00:05:36,010

And somehow, along came out that  
anybody who was born in Poland

85

00:05:36,010 --> 00:05:36,840

can go to Poland.

86

00:05:36,840 --> 00:05:40,470

And from Poland, I  
smuggled myself to Germany.

87

00:05:40,470 --> 00:05:45,450

And lucky Henry Kellen  
ended up in El Paso, Texas

88

00:05:45,450 --> 00:05:49,230

and had a good years of  
his second time being

89

00:05:49,230 --> 00:05:50,670

born in the United States.

90

00:05:50,670 --> 00:05:53,250

And I appreciate this  
country, because like I

91

00:05:53,250 --> 00:06:01,260

said before, freedom has to  
be appreciate and not taken

92

00:06:01,260 --> 00:06:09,690

for granted, because it's a  
very, very wonderful commodity.

93



00:06:09,690 --> 00:06:11,787

Let me ask you a couple  
of others things.

94

00:06:11,787 --> 00:06:14,649

The instruments-- you told me  
they took your instruments.

95

00:06:14,649 --> 00:06:18,000

And you were going to  
tell me something else.

96

00:06:18,000 --> 00:06:19,710

I told you about  
the instruments,

97

00:06:19,710 --> 00:06:21,330

because in the very  
first beginning,

98

00:06:21,330 --> 00:06:23,460

they took everything  
away from us.

99

00:06:23,460 --> 00:06:25,710

I mean everything of value,  
including the instruments.

100

00:06:25,710 --> 00:06:31,020

And then, all of a sudden,  
when the [? Wilhelm-- ?]

101

00:06:31,020 --> 00:06:36,690

to the very end, when the camp  
was changed to a concentration

102

00:06:36,690 --> 00:06:42,370

camp, in order to give us  
another lie, all of a sudden

103

00:06:42,370 --> 00:06:43,620

they want a concert.

104

00:06:43,620 --> 00:06:48,030

And they brought the  
instruments back to the--

105

00:06:48,030 --> 00:06:52,777

yeah, this is a story, because  
we didn't have any instruments.

106

00:06:52,777 --> 00:06:54,060

OK.

107

00:06:54,060 --> 00:06:57,420

And the forts-- tell  
me about the forts

108

00:06:57,420 --> 00:07:00,330

as if I don't know  
about the forts.

109

00:07:00,330 --> 00:07:03,000

The history of the  
fort is naturally,

110

00:07:03,000 --> 00:07:05,070

for you being in  
America, something

111

00:07:05,070 --> 00:07:09,060

which you don't understand.

112

00:07:09,060 --> 00:07:19,560

Going back, Russia, which  
was bordering with Germany

113

00:07:19,560 --> 00:07:22,720

all along-- because Poland,  
and Lithuania, and all

114

00:07:22,720 --> 00:07:25,740

those countries did not  
exist for 200 years.

115

00:07:25,740 --> 00:07:28,530

They were all  
occupied by Russians.

116  
00:07:28,530 --> 00:07:34,140  
Poland was divided between  
Austria, Germany, and Russia.

117  
00:07:34,140 --> 00:07:38,220  
And somehow, the  
czar was always,

118  
00:07:38,220 --> 00:07:42,360  
from this experience, afraid of  
being attacked by the Germans.

119  
00:07:42,360 --> 00:07:47,850  
So all the borders were  
built with fortification,

120  
00:07:47,850 --> 00:07:50,490  
with forts, which was  
not like in America.

121  
00:07:50,490 --> 00:07:53,040  
You got in my town  
Fort Bliss, which

122  
00:07:53,040 --> 00:07:55,200  
is an open, beautiful  
space with barracks.

123  
00:07:55,200 --> 00:07:57,480  
They were like  
fortifications in case,

124  
00:07:57,480 --> 00:08:00,390  
if the Germans will  
attack, the Russian army

125  
00:08:00,390 --> 00:08:03,300  
will hide behind the  
walls of the fort facing

126

00:08:03,300 --> 00:08:04,860  
the windows to the west.

127  
00:08:04,860 --> 00:08:06,360  
And while the Germans  
are attacking,

128  
00:08:06,360 --> 00:08:07,440  
they could shoot at them.

129  
00:08:07,440 --> 00:08:09,660  
And you can see the  
same thing in England

130  
00:08:09,660 --> 00:08:12,040  
in many, many places  
going back to history

131  
00:08:12,040 --> 00:08:14,490  
of many, many  
thousands of years.

132  
00:08:14,490 --> 00:08:19,170  
But while Lithuania  
was independent,

133  
00:08:19,170 --> 00:08:20,250  
everything was open.

134  
00:08:20,250 --> 00:08:22,410  
It was just you saw  
that there's some--

135  
00:08:22,410 --> 00:08:24,300  
Holland was underground.

136  
00:08:24,300 --> 00:08:27,510  
And when the Germans came,  
they took advantage of it.

137  
00:08:27,510 --> 00:08:29,980  
And this was the place  
of exterminations.

138  
00:08:29,980 --> 00:08:32,690

139  
00:08:32,690 --> 00:08:35,799  
But this is basically  
when I talked about you

140  
00:08:35,799 --> 00:08:37,429  
Nine Fort or Seven Fort.

141  
00:08:37,429 --> 00:08:39,409  
The whole city of  
Kaunas, which was

142  
00:08:39,409 --> 00:08:41,960  
only 40 miles from  
the German borders,

143  
00:08:41,960 --> 00:08:43,850  
were lots of fortification.

144  
00:08:43,850 --> 00:08:48,990  
This is the meaning of a  
European fort, not American.

145  
00:08:48,990 --> 00:08:52,920  
Just at the time-- can you tell  
me about your father again?

146  
00:08:52,920 --> 00:08:56,490  
Was that a pogrom, basically,  
that killed your father?

147  
00:08:56,490 --> 00:08:57,120  
No.

148  
00:08:57,120 --> 00:08:58,980  
This was not a pogrom.

149  
00:08:58,980 --> 00:09:04,800  
Pogrom, like I said, is a

strictly Russian expression

150  
00:09:04,800 --> 00:09:07,290  
where the czar was getting  
mad because something

151  
00:09:07,290 --> 00:09:09,360  
was going wrong  
with the economy,

152  
00:09:09,360 --> 00:09:11,807  
or defeats in [INAUDIBLE].

153  
00:09:11,807 --> 00:09:13,140  
So he had the special units of--

154  
00:09:13,140 --> 00:09:17,400  
But the Lithuanian  
acts of violence--

155  
00:09:17,400 --> 00:09:18,470  
tell me about that.

156  
00:09:18,470 --> 00:09:19,830  
And tell me about your father.

157  
00:09:19,830 --> 00:09:26,100

158  
00:09:26,100 --> 00:09:28,290  
The telephone  
system in Europe was

159  
00:09:28,290 --> 00:09:30,850  
just the same like in America.

160  
00:09:30,850 --> 00:09:34,320  
And his sister was  
living in the city.

161  
00:09:34,320 --> 00:09:39,000  
And we were living in the

suburbs, divided by a river.

162

00:09:39,000 --> 00:09:43,860

And when the Germans  
came, my mother,

163

00:09:43,860 --> 00:09:48,651

like any other housewife,  
has always some food

164

00:09:48,651 --> 00:09:49,395

in the kitchen.

165

00:09:49,395 --> 00:09:52,440

166

00:09:52,440 --> 00:09:55,440

Not fresh vegetables, which  
you couldn't preserve.

167

00:09:55,440 --> 00:09:59,460

And not butter, because  
anything of perishable goods

168

00:09:59,460 --> 00:10:03,000

at that time was spoiling,  
because we didn't

169

00:10:03,000 --> 00:10:04,860

have such a thing  
50, 60 years ago

170

00:10:04,860 --> 00:10:08,170

like Frigidaires or iceboxes.

171

00:10:08,170 --> 00:10:14,580

But like I said, we had a call  
from his sister asking him

172

00:10:14,580 --> 00:10:18,600

if he can bring some sugar,  
which my mother presumably

173

00:10:18,600 --> 00:10:19,620  
had some.

174

00:10:19,620 --> 00:10:21,360  
And he just took the sugar.

175

00:10:21,360 --> 00:10:24,270  
And he was crossing the bridge.

176

00:10:24,270 --> 00:10:29,830  
And he was stopped by two  
Lithuanian uniformed soldiers

177

00:10:29,830 --> 00:10:33,270  
who were collaborating  
with the Germans.

178

00:10:33,270 --> 00:10:34,348  
And they arrested him.

179

00:10:34,348 --> 00:10:35,140  
And this was early.

180

00:10:35,140 --> 00:10:37,180  
Then I never saw him again.

181

00:10:37,180 --> 00:10:40,860  
And then I found out that he  
was in the group of the 3,000

182

00:10:40,860 --> 00:10:46,440  
Jewish people who were  
massacred on the Seventh Fort,

183

00:10:46,440 --> 00:10:49,650  
because they were taking  
advantage of all the forts.

184

00:10:49,650 --> 00:10:52,230  
But they were suffering  
for three days.



185

00:10:52,230 --> 00:10:57,510

And two people who were let  
out, having some connections,

186

00:10:57,510 --> 00:10:58,860

they told us how it happened.

187

00:10:58,860 --> 00:11:00,796

And photos are  
available of this, too.

188

00:11:00,796 --> 00:11:04,530

189

00:11:04,530 --> 00:11:10,020

Like I said, my brother, to my  
knowledge, was shot right away.

190

00:11:10,020 --> 00:11:13,950

I was shot while in  
the camp, right here.

191

00:11:13,950 --> 00:11:18,090

People ask me quite  
often if I have a number.

192

00:11:18,090 --> 00:11:22,800

The numbers were given  
mostly in Auschwitz.

193

00:11:22,800 --> 00:11:24,840

In ghettos, we were  
not getting numbers,

194

00:11:24,840 --> 00:11:29,130

because from the very first  
beginning when the ghettos were

195

00:11:29,130 --> 00:11:33,587

created with the intention of  
being liquidated as soon as

196

00:11:33,587 --> 00:11:34,170  
possible, so--

197  
00:11:34,170 --> 00:11:42,990

198  
00:11:42,990 --> 00:11:46,440  
Mark nine.

199  
00:11:46,440 --> 00:11:48,648  
So you're going to tell  
me about how you got shot.

200  
00:11:48,648 --> 00:11:51,930

201  
00:11:51,930 --> 00:11:54,900  
After the airport  
was finished, we

202  
00:11:54,900 --> 00:11:58,140  
were getting different  
assignment every single day.

203  
00:11:58,140 --> 00:12:00,840  
My brother was physically  
a whole lot stronger

204  
00:12:00,840 --> 00:12:05,280  
than I. I was mostly mama's  
little boy, being the youngest

205  
00:12:05,280 --> 00:12:06,310  
one.

206  
00:12:06,310 --> 00:12:10,140  
And even if I would  
have been not hungry,

207  
00:12:10,140 --> 00:12:16,350  
I wouldn't be able to carry  
cement for 12 hours and loading

208  
00:12:16,350 --> 00:12:18,570  
trucks.

209  
00:12:18,570 --> 00:12:22,350  
Well, one day, since we were  
getting every day different

210  
00:12:22,350 --> 00:12:25,020  
assignments, a group  
of about 40 men

211  
00:12:25,020 --> 00:12:29,190  
were sent to a railroad  
track someplace.

212  
00:12:29,190 --> 00:12:34,950  
And there were about 27 carts  
loaded with pipes, steel pipes,

213  
00:12:34,950 --> 00:12:41,140  
for diameter for about, I  
would say, 40 or 50 inches.

214  
00:12:41,140 --> 00:12:44,830  
There were two Lithuanian guards  
who brought us over there.

215  
00:12:44,830 --> 00:12:47,070  
And while we were,  
there they told

216  
00:12:47,070 --> 00:12:50,880  
us to unload everything and  
have those pipes taken out

217  
00:12:50,880 --> 00:12:56,760  
from the open railroad cars,  
throw them on the ground.

218  
00:12:56,760 --> 00:13:03,240  
Somehow, because I always did  
my best to keep myself clean,

219

00:13:03,240 --> 00:13:04,800  
shaved--

220

00:13:04,800 --> 00:13:08,830  
by the way, believe it or  
not, the one razor blade,

221

00:13:08,830 --> 00:13:10,150  
I used for three years.

222

00:13:10,150 --> 00:13:12,000  
And somehow, I  
managed to have it.

223

00:13:12,000 --> 00:13:16,040  
Today, a razor blade is good  
maybe for three or four shaves.

224

00:13:16,040 --> 00:13:18,510  
He, the Lithuanian, told me--

225

00:13:18,510 --> 00:13:20,810  
first of all, he asked who  
was in Lithuanian army, what

226

00:13:20,810 --> 00:13:21,960  
gun did I have?

227

00:13:21,960 --> 00:13:23,730  
And then he said,  
you are going to be

228

00:13:23,730 --> 00:13:26,520  
charged of unloading the train.

229

00:13:26,520 --> 00:13:28,200  
And they went away.

230

00:13:28,200 --> 00:13:31,380  
And they was someplace  
drinking the whole morning.

231

00:13:31,380 --> 00:13:35,940

And when they came  
back, we did manage.

232

00:13:35,940 --> 00:13:42,780

The pipes were, like I told  
you, at least about 2 feet long

233

00:13:42,780 --> 00:13:44,400

and--

234

00:13:44,400 --> 00:13:45,480

long.

235

00:13:45,480 --> 00:13:46,650

I couldn't even describe.

236

00:13:46,650 --> 00:13:49,380

Just imagine, at least about--

237

00:13:49,380 --> 00:13:53,400

I really don't know-- long, very  
long, just the length of a car.

238

00:13:53,400 --> 00:13:57,600

We did manage, being very weak,  
to take out the pipes which

239

00:13:57,600 --> 00:13:58,680

were on the top.

240

00:13:58,680 --> 00:14:02,340

But on the bottom, only a  
crane could take them out.

241

00:14:02,340 --> 00:14:05,520

And when they came  
back at noon and they

242

00:14:05,520 --> 00:14:09,990

saw that the train is not  
unloaded, he got to me

243  
00:14:09,990 --> 00:14:12,100  
and started to  
curse me and says,

244  
00:14:12,100 --> 00:14:16,590  
well, why didn't you  
do what I told you?

245  
00:14:16,590 --> 00:14:20,610  
And I said that  
it is impossible.

246  
00:14:20,610 --> 00:14:29,110  
He did hit me with the rifle  
in the back of my head.

247  
00:14:29,110 --> 00:14:31,120  
This must be made out of  
steel, because I don't

248  
00:14:31,120 --> 00:14:32,620  
know how he didn't kill me.

249  
00:14:32,620 --> 00:14:37,760  
And then he was  
just in a distance,

250  
00:14:37,760 --> 00:14:40,630  
a little bit further  
than the gentleman here.

251  
00:14:40,630 --> 00:14:46,630  
And he pulled out the bullet.

252  
00:14:46,630 --> 00:14:48,640  
I bent down.

253  
00:14:48,640 --> 00:14:53,290  
The bullet somehow  
went over my head.

254

00:14:53,290 --> 00:14:57,790

And then he saw that  
I am still alive.

255

00:14:57,790 --> 00:14:59,840

And he didn't have  
another bullet.

256

00:14:59,840 --> 00:15:01,980

And he just hit me in my--

257

00:15:01,980 --> 00:15:04,060

right here, in this place.

258

00:15:04,060 --> 00:15:07,960

And this was wintertime.

259

00:15:07,960 --> 00:15:09,790

This was at noon.

260

00:15:09,790 --> 00:15:13,240

I was bleeding on the  
snow for five hours.

261

00:15:13,240 --> 00:15:15,810

And he was sure that I am dead.

262

00:15:15,810 --> 00:15:17,440

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00:15:17,440 --> 00:15:23,440

In the meantime,  
they changed guards,

264

00:15:23,440 --> 00:15:27,375

and some other two guys came in.

265

00:15:27,375 --> 00:15:28,325

Mark 10.

266

00:15:28,325 --> 00:15:32,600

267  
00:15:32,600 --> 00:15:34,340  
The guards changed at 4:00.

268  
00:15:34,340 --> 00:15:37,520  
Two other Lithuanians  
came in, and if it

269  
00:15:37,520 --> 00:15:41,450  
wouldn't be two friends of  
mine who were both engineers

270  
00:15:41,450 --> 00:15:42,020  
from Hungary.

271  
00:15:42,020 --> 00:15:44,970

272  
00:15:44,970 --> 00:15:47,750  
I was still able  
to be on my feet,

273  
00:15:47,750 --> 00:15:51,000  
in spite of the  
blood which I lost.

274  
00:15:51,000 --> 00:15:53,930  
And we marched  
back to the ghetto.

275  
00:15:53,930 --> 00:15:57,860  
It was about three  
or four miles walk.

276  
00:15:57,860 --> 00:16:04,100  
And there was a little  
hospital in the ghetto.

277  
00:16:04,100 --> 00:16:05,900  
In charge of this  
little hospital

278



00:16:05,900 --> 00:16:10,490  
was and Dr. Kaplan,  
who survived.

279  
00:16:10,490 --> 00:16:15,780  
And you must understand  
that, at that time--

280  
00:16:15,780 --> 00:16:20,460  
and my hair were covering,  
naturally, my wound--

281  
00:16:20,460 --> 00:16:24,720  
she didn't even have a  
razor blade or a razor

282  
00:16:24,720 --> 00:16:27,210  
to shave off my hair.

283  
00:16:27,210 --> 00:16:31,120  
And she managed  
somehow to give me--

284  
00:16:31,120 --> 00:16:33,990  
I don't remember exactly  
how many stitches.

285  
00:16:33,990 --> 00:16:40,050  
But next day, I was running a  
very, very high temperature,

286  
00:16:40,050 --> 00:16:44,880  
no penicillin, no  
medication of any kind.

287  
00:16:44,880 --> 00:16:50,670  
She did manage to  
bandage my wound.

288  
00:16:50,670 --> 00:16:55,990  
And it is only a miracle.

289  
00:16:55,990 --> 00:16:56,830

It's a miracle.

290

00:16:56,830 --> 00:16:59,970

You really have to believe  
that the all mighty wanted

291

00:16:59,970 --> 00:17:03,210

me to survive and be here with  
you to tell you this story.

292

00:17:03,210 --> 00:17:09,960

I survived without  
medication, without food.

293

00:17:09,960 --> 00:17:20,710

And if this wasn't bad  
enough, while constantly

294

00:17:20,710 --> 00:17:24,380

the number of inmates  
were getting smaller,

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00:17:24,380 --> 00:17:28,130

the [? wall ?] was cutting  
the fences smaller,

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00:17:28,130 --> 00:17:30,520

so consequently we wouldn't  
have a little bit more room

297

00:17:30,520 --> 00:17:32,500

for ourself.

298

00:17:32,500 --> 00:17:36,490

And while I was not going to  
work because I couldn't even

299

00:17:36,490 --> 00:17:40,090

walk, the order came  
out that we have

300

00:17:40,090 --> 00:17:44,050

to get out from this particular

house, because in the meantime

301

00:17:44,050 --> 00:17:48,700  
maybe thousands, or maybe  
1,500, were deported.

302

00:17:48,700 --> 00:17:51,400  
And I do remember that my wife--

303

00:17:51,400 --> 00:17:52,735  
Julia, may she rest in peace--

304

00:17:52,735 --> 00:17:55,570

305

00:17:55,570 --> 00:17:57,760  
looked for another corner.

306

00:17:57,760 --> 00:18:04,260  
And somehow, we found  
someplace where to stay.

307

00:18:04,260 --> 00:18:05,940  
And I survived.

308

00:18:05,940 --> 00:18:10,350  
So there's so many  
miracles, so many miracles.

309

00:18:10,350 --> 00:18:14,770  
And I have a belief in my  
obligation to tell my story,

310

00:18:14,770 --> 00:18:21,950  
because if it happened  
once, it can happen again.

311

00:18:21,950 --> 00:18:22,910  
Thank you very much.

312

00:18:22,910 --> 00:18:23,700  
You're welcome.

313

00:18:23,700 --> 00:18:24,300

OK.

314

00:18:24,300 --> 00:18:26,150

Let's cut.

315

00:18:26,150 --> 00:20:37,000