

1  
00:00:00,000 --> 00:00:31,060

2  
00:00:31,060 --> 00:00:31,690  
Six, marker.

3  
00:00:31,690 --> 00:00:34,926

4  
00:00:34,926 --> 00:00:35,730  
We're rolling.

5  
00:00:35,730 --> 00:00:40,900

6  
00:00:40,900 --> 00:00:43,690  
Another question about  
the Kinder Aktion--

7  
00:00:43,690 --> 00:00:48,350  
did some parents choose  
to go with their child?

8  
00:00:48,350 --> 00:00:50,020  
Oh, sure.

9  
00:00:50,020 --> 00:00:53,560  
Not too many parents were  
around because mostly they

10  
00:00:53,560 --> 00:00:57,850  
were working, but for  
instance, there was one man,

11  
00:00:57,850 --> 00:01:00,670  
and he was a policeman  
in the ghetto.

12  
00:01:00,670 --> 00:01:04,629  
And he did not give his  
child, and he went along.

13  
00:01:04,629 --> 00:01:10,970  
It was Mr. [? Buch. ?]  
And a few others

14  
00:01:10,970 --> 00:01:13,840  
who were there-- for  
sure, quite a few

15  
00:01:13,840 --> 00:01:18,510  
were taking older parents.

16  
00:01:18,510 --> 00:01:20,340  
Do you know what  
happened to the children?

17  
00:01:20,340 --> 00:01:23,330

18  
00:01:23,330 --> 00:01:28,190  
Whatever was said, that  
they were taken and gasses.

19  
00:01:28,190 --> 00:01:31,340  
I really don't know.

20  
00:01:31,340 --> 00:01:34,205  
No witnesses are  
there to support.

21  
00:01:34,205 --> 00:01:37,610

22  
00:01:37,610 --> 00:01:39,740  
But nobody came back.

23  
00:01:39,740 --> 00:01:41,030  
Let's put it that way.

24  
00:01:41,030 --> 00:01:46,580  
So the imagination is there.

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00:01:46,580 --> 00:01:51,940  
The hiding place-- did you spend  
some time in the hiding place?

26

00:01:51,940 --> 00:01:53,380  
Yes, we did.

27

00:01:53,380 --> 00:01:55,750  
When the ghetto was  
liquidated, we all

28

00:01:55,750 --> 00:02:00,190  
went into that same hiding  
place, the whole house

29

00:02:00,190 --> 00:02:02,810  
where we lived.

30

00:02:02,810 --> 00:02:09,400  
And it was terrible, and  
the few children who were--

31

00:02:09,400 --> 00:02:10,870  
like my cousin's children.

32

00:02:10,870 --> 00:02:14,060  
At that time, we lived  
in the same house.

33

00:02:14,060 --> 00:02:19,120  
And as soon as the ghetto  
got always smaller, smaller,

34

00:02:19,120 --> 00:02:24,850  
they closed off parts.

35

00:02:24,850 --> 00:02:29,920  
So when my mother was taken  
away and my husband's family,

36

00:02:29,920 --> 00:02:33,460  
we all went together with

my dad, and my brother,

37

00:02:33,460 --> 00:02:36,520  
and my cousin, and my  
aunt, and the children.

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00:02:36,520 --> 00:02:39,160  
We all lived together.

39

00:02:39,160 --> 00:02:40,750  
And the children  
were really good

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00:02:40,750 --> 00:02:45,460  
because they were told that  
they should hardly breathe,

41

00:02:45,460 --> 00:02:50,920  
not a sound out of them,  
but the air was so stuffy.

42

00:02:50,920 --> 00:02:55,870  
And really, I couldn't  
breathe, so I said,

43

00:02:55,870 --> 00:03:00,430  
whatever will happen  
to me, I'm going out.

44

00:03:00,430 --> 00:03:04,540  
So my husband and  
my dad came along,

45

00:03:04,540 --> 00:03:09,040  
and I was pleading with  
my brother to come also.

46

00:03:09,040 --> 00:03:10,990  
And he said no.

47

00:03:10,990 --> 00:03:14,440  
He said, whatever will  
happen, I'm staying here.

48  
00:03:14,440 --> 00:03:16,570  
I'm not moving.

49  
00:03:16,570 --> 00:03:24,190  
And unfortunately, he got--  
because when we were taken away

50  
00:03:24,190 --> 00:03:28,300  
from the ghetto, the  
ghetto was already burning,

51  
00:03:28,300 --> 00:03:31,635  
and they all perished.

52  
00:03:31,635 --> 00:03:34,860

53  
00:03:34,860 --> 00:03:38,460  
And I'm sure that if he  
would have come with us,

54  
00:03:38,460 --> 00:03:46,820  
he probably would have been  
alive because my dad survived,

55  
00:03:46,820 --> 00:03:48,800  
and my husband survived.

56  
00:03:48,800 --> 00:03:50,840  
So he probably would  
have survived, too.

57  
00:03:50,840 --> 00:03:54,600

58  
00:03:54,600 --> 00:03:59,160  
Tell me what that hiding  
place was like inside.

59  
00:03:59,160 --> 00:04:00,060  
You didn't even see.

60  
00:04:00,060 --> 00:04:06,030  
It was dark, and we had there  
provided a few pails of water

61  
00:04:06,030 --> 00:04:06,750  
to drink.

62  
00:04:06,750 --> 00:04:09,940  
And I don't know if  
we had bread or what.

63  
00:04:09,940 --> 00:04:11,640  
I really don't remember.

64  
00:04:11,640 --> 00:04:16,110  
I only remember the water,  
and from time to time,

65  
00:04:16,110 --> 00:04:19,089  
it was passed a few  
drops for each one.

66  
00:04:19,089 --> 00:04:20,279  
And we stayed there like--

67  
00:04:20,279 --> 00:04:24,100  
I think I stayed there  
like about maybe two days,

68  
00:04:24,100 --> 00:04:27,970  
and then I couldn't  
take it anymore.

69  
00:04:27,970 --> 00:04:30,360  
And I said at that time--

70  
00:04:30,360 --> 00:04:34,050  
I asked my aunt and my  
cousin also to come,

71  
00:04:34,050 --> 00:04:36,360

and my cousin said,  
look, where will I

72  
00:04:36,360 --> 00:04:40,830  
go with my old mother and  
my two small children?

73  
00:04:40,830 --> 00:04:41,880  
I don't have a chance.

74  
00:04:41,880 --> 00:04:44,370  
Where will I go?

75  
00:04:44,370 --> 00:04:47,430  
So she stayed, and  
my brother didn't go.

76  
00:04:47,430 --> 00:04:51,370  
He also opted to stay.

77  
00:04:51,370 --> 00:04:53,440  
Was it hot in there?

78  
00:04:53,440 --> 00:04:54,640  
Terrible hot.

79  
00:04:54,640 --> 00:05:01,870  
We were practically  
naked because it

80  
00:05:01,870 --> 00:05:08,390  
was a small hole, no walls and  
nothing, a hole in the ground.

81  
00:05:08,390 --> 00:05:11,140  
But it was under--

82  
00:05:11,140 --> 00:05:15,010  
there was a shed on  
top, so under the floor

83  
00:05:15,010 --> 00:05:16,960

they had dug out, the men.

84

00:05:16,960 --> 00:05:23,950

And I don't know how many were  
there, 30, 40, or 50 people, 30

85

00:05:23,950 --> 00:05:30,130

for sure because  
when you start to run

86

00:05:30,130 --> 00:05:33,190

and somebody else from  
the neighborhood came,

87

00:05:33,190 --> 00:05:36,120

you couldn't tell  
him he can't come in.

88

00:05:36,120 --> 00:05:37,860

You had to let them in, too.

89

00:05:37,860 --> 00:05:39,660

So I'm sure there  
were a few still

90

00:05:39,660 --> 00:05:41,340

who didn't belong to our house.

91

00:05:41,340 --> 00:05:44,940

92

00:05:44,940 --> 00:05:48,210

And so when you came out,  
describe what you saw

93

00:05:48,210 --> 00:05:52,110

and how long it took  
before you were deported.

94

00:05:52,110 --> 00:05:58,140

When we came out, we opted  
to go to those Werkstätten,



95

00:05:58,140 --> 00:05:59,190  
where they--

96

00:05:59,190 --> 00:06:03,630  
and there, we even met up  
with a few of our friends.

97

00:06:03,630 --> 00:06:08,040  
And there we stayed  
until the Germans came,

98

00:06:08,040 --> 00:06:12,090  
and they said that they  
have the trucks ready

99

00:06:12,090 --> 00:06:13,590  
and we should move.

100

00:06:13,590 --> 00:06:15,810  
And they put us on  
trucks, and they took us

101

00:06:15,810 --> 00:06:18,840  
to the railroad station.

102

00:06:18,840 --> 00:06:21,000  
And when did you see  
the ghetto burning?

103

00:06:21,000 --> 00:06:23,240  
While we were on the trucks.

104

00:06:23,240 --> 00:06:26,970  
They went already to each house,  
and they started to shoot,

105

00:06:26,970 --> 00:06:30,540  
and they started to  
burn because they

106

00:06:30,540 --> 00:06:33,000  
knew that people were hiding.

107  
00:06:33,000 --> 00:06:37,830  
And some even came  
out running and also

108  
00:06:37,830 --> 00:06:40,710  
the very poorly  
dressed because I'm

109  
00:06:40,710 --> 00:06:44,460  
sure in each hiding place  
it was the same situation

110  
00:06:44,460 --> 00:06:49,590  
like in ours, so people started  
to undress their clothes.

111  
00:06:49,590 --> 00:06:51,840  
And some were caught,  
and some probably

112  
00:06:51,840 --> 00:06:56,430  
were shot because  
we heard shots, too.

113  
00:06:56,430 --> 00:06:58,005  
So some were killed on the spot.

114  
00:06:58,005 --> 00:07:05,790

115  
00:07:05,790 --> 00:07:08,490  
But you made your way  
from the hiding place

116  
00:07:08,490 --> 00:07:10,320  
to the workshop safely?

117  
00:07:10,320 --> 00:07:12,330  
Yeah, yeah.

118  
00:07:12,330 --> 00:07:15,150

You sort of sneaked there or--

119

00:07:15,150 --> 00:07:20,460

Well, we did it probably  
at night, when it was dark,

120

00:07:20,460 --> 00:07:24,870

and the ghetto was  
not miles and miles.

121

00:07:24,870 --> 00:07:27,420

It probably was a  
couple of blocks.

122

00:07:27,420 --> 00:07:30,210

So we went one after  
the other, and we

123

00:07:30,210 --> 00:07:35,210

were three people, my father,  
my husband, and I, so slowly,

124

00:07:35,210 --> 00:07:36,680

slowly until we made it.

125

00:07:36,680 --> 00:07:39,330

126

00:07:39,330 --> 00:07:44,420

And you were married  
in the ghetto,

127

00:07:44,420 --> 00:07:46,340

and did you get  
pregnant in the ghetto?

128

00:07:46,340 --> 00:07:47,480

Yes, I was.

129

00:07:47,480 --> 00:07:50,780

I was pregnant twice, and  
I had to have abortions

130

00:07:50,780 --> 00:07:53,970

because that was the law.

131

00:07:53,970 --> 00:07:57,260

And so how did you arrange that?

132

00:07:57,260 --> 00:07:59,540

Oh, there were doctors

[? that was ?] [? with the ?]

133

00:07:59,540 --> 00:08:00,170

Germans.

134

00:08:00,170 --> 00:08:01,700

In fact, one of the doctors--

135

00:08:01,700 --> 00:08:04,640

he was in a person,

and they released him

136

00:08:04,640 --> 00:08:11,090

because he was an obstetrician,

and they needed him.

137

00:08:11,090 --> 00:08:14,810

And that was his job.

138

00:08:14,810 --> 00:08:19,400

139

00:08:19,400 --> 00:08:25,010

And can you tell

me how different

140

00:08:25,010 --> 00:08:29,930

it was in the concentration

camp from in the ghetto?

141

00:08:29,930 --> 00:08:33,590

First of all, we didn't

have our clothes.

142

00:08:33,590 --> 00:08:38,380

We also didn't have our families, for instance.

143

00:08:38,380 --> 00:08:41,690

As I said before, I didn't know too many people,

144

00:08:41,690 --> 00:08:44,340

so I was really alone like a stone.

145

00:08:44,340 --> 00:08:49,160

Some had a mother, a sister, a sister-in-law.

146

00:08:49,160 --> 00:08:50,420

I was all alone.

147

00:08:50,420 --> 00:08:55,340

148

00:08:55,340 --> 00:08:58,085

And so you shared with a friend.

149

00:08:58,085 --> 00:09:01,400

150

00:09:01,400 --> 00:09:05,360

And there you didn't have anything.

151

00:09:05,360 --> 00:09:07,640

You had your dress and your coat.

152

00:09:07,640 --> 00:09:10,370

You also didn't have--

153

00:09:10,370 --> 00:09:13,730

not a piece of soap, not a comb, not a piece

154  
00:09:13,730 --> 00:09:18,470  
of toilet paper even, nothing.

155  
00:09:18,470 --> 00:09:22,310  
I didn't even have any shoes  
until the end of November,

156  
00:09:22,310 --> 00:09:27,590  
until they brought  
the wooden shoes.

157  
00:09:27,590 --> 00:09:32,930  
And they were very bad  
because up in the north, when

158  
00:09:32,930 --> 00:09:35,420  
you have snow, you have snow.

159  
00:09:35,420 --> 00:09:41,780  
So it was very-- and the  
snow used to be on the wood,

160  
00:09:41,780 --> 00:09:44,770  
and it was very hard to walk.

161  
00:09:44,770 --> 00:09:48,380  
You walked like this,  
and if you didn't

162  
00:09:48,380 --> 00:09:52,820  
walk like four in a  
row or three in a row,

163  
00:09:52,820 --> 00:09:57,270  
you got hit by the German.

164  
00:09:57,270 --> 00:10:02,460  
We also lived in  
little scout tents

165  
00:10:02,460 --> 00:10:05,700

where you couldn't walk in  
like you walk through a door.

166  
00:10:05,700 --> 00:10:10,440  
You had to crawl like a dog.

167  
00:10:10,440 --> 00:10:15,690  
There were 10 people,  
10 women to a tent,

168  
00:10:15,690 --> 00:10:18,150  
and the tents were  
already-- from the rain

169  
00:10:18,150 --> 00:10:23,430  
and from the snow, they were  
not even anymore waterproof.

170  
00:10:23,430 --> 00:10:33,220  
So in the morning, our heads  
were frozen to the material.

171  
00:10:33,220 --> 00:10:34,740  
You also didn't have any--

172  
00:10:34,740 --> 00:10:37,740  
if it rained and  
you came back, there

173  
00:10:37,740 --> 00:10:41,410  
was no way of taking off  
your clothes and trying it.

174  
00:10:41,410 --> 00:10:43,620  
So you went to sleep  
with the wet clothes,

175  
00:10:43,620 --> 00:10:45,000  
and in the morning,  
you went back

176  
00:10:45,000 --> 00:10:47,520  
to work with the

same wet clothes

177  
00:10:47,520 --> 00:10:49,470  
until it finally dried on you.

178  
00:10:49,470 --> 00:10:57,460

179  
00:10:57,460 --> 00:10:59,630  
I think we did everything.

180  
00:10:59,630 --> 00:11:00,340  
Let's cut.

181  
00:11:00,340 --> 00:11:01,450  
I think we're almost out--

182  
00:11:01,450 --> 00:11:27,550

183  
00:11:27,550 --> 00:11:28,220  
Seven, marker.

184  
00:11:28,220 --> 00:11:33,370

185  
00:11:33,370 --> 00:11:35,770  
You want to ask me  
the question now?

186  
00:11:35,770 --> 00:11:37,270  
Which one do you  
want to start with?

187  
00:11:37,270 --> 00:11:40,930  
Well, let's start  
with the festivities.

188  
00:11:40,930 --> 00:11:43,780  
So tell me about the  
festivities in the ghetto.



189

00:11:43,780 --> 00:11:45,070

When we got married--

190

00:11:45,070 --> 00:11:47,410

first of all, my husband--

he had a lot of friends,

191

00:11:47,410 --> 00:11:49,390

and he knew a lot of people.

192

00:11:49,390 --> 00:11:55,120

And also, because I had

saved my aunt and my cousin,

193

00:11:55,120 --> 00:11:58,390

they at that time said,

listen, when you get married--

194

00:11:58,390 --> 00:12:01,810

but not thinking that I'll

get married in the ghetto--

195

00:12:01,810 --> 00:12:04,600

we'll really go to town.

196

00:12:04,600 --> 00:12:08,350

So when we decided to get

married in the ghetto--

197

00:12:08,350 --> 00:12:10,940

and you wanted to have

a little something.

198

00:12:10,940 --> 00:12:14,230

So first of all, I had

to still my dresses what

199

00:12:14,230 --> 00:12:21,700

were made to order before the

war, and my sister-in-law had,

200

00:12:21,700 --> 00:12:23,500

probably, a little veil or what.

201

00:12:23,500 --> 00:12:26,320

So anyhow, I was a nice pride.

202

00:12:26,320 --> 00:12:29,360

And the food consisted of--

203

00:12:29,360 --> 00:12:33,430

they took potatoes, and  
they took out the inside.

204

00:12:33,430 --> 00:12:37,900

And they made it like  
gefilte fish with the spices,

205

00:12:37,900 --> 00:12:41,170

and they cooked it  
back with onions.

206

00:12:41,170 --> 00:12:44,350

And somebody had  
gone and-- and I

207

00:12:44,350 --> 00:12:48,910

think my husband even  
went to a brigade.

208

00:12:48,910 --> 00:12:51,490

Because he was a  
bridegroom, they

209

00:12:51,490 --> 00:12:56,210

let him do more exchanging  
than the others.

210

00:12:56,210 --> 00:13:00,040

So he brought back some  
flour, and so my aunt--

211

00:13:00,040 --> 00:13:03,160

she made even cream puffs.

212

00:13:03,160 --> 00:13:04,660

I don't know if  
they were filling,

213

00:13:04,660 --> 00:13:06,400

but they were  
little cream puffs.

214

00:13:06,400 --> 00:13:08,080

You cooked it.

215

00:13:08,080 --> 00:13:13,380

And then from the peels of the  
potatoes, we made pancakes.

216

00:13:13,380 --> 00:13:18,790

They were washed, and that was  
done not only for festivities.

217

00:13:18,790 --> 00:13:23,470

That was really  
sometimes our main dish.

218

00:13:23,470 --> 00:13:26,050

You washed them, and  
then you chopped them up.

219

00:13:26,050 --> 00:13:30,040

And you put in a little  
flour, and you baked them.

220

00:13:30,040 --> 00:13:33,160

Or if you had a little  
oil, you fried them,

221

00:13:33,160 --> 00:13:36,970

and that was the pancakes.

222

00:13:36,970 --> 00:13:39,880

And I don't know if  
he even had, I think,

223

00:13:39,880 --> 00:13:41,950  
a chicken or  
something, but anyhow,

224  
00:13:41,950 --> 00:13:45,920  
it was a very nice celebration.

225  
00:13:45,920 --> 00:13:49,300  
And that was our wedding.

226  
00:13:49,300 --> 00:13:52,990  
Who were some of the guests,  
and how many people came?

227  
00:13:52,990 --> 00:13:55,830  
The guests were-- as I  
said, we didn't have family.

228  
00:13:55,830 --> 00:14:00,250  
It was only my aunt, and my  
cousin, and the two children.

229  
00:14:00,250 --> 00:14:04,000  
My husband had to married  
sisters and his mother,

230  
00:14:04,000 --> 00:14:09,400  
and the rest were his  
friends because he

231  
00:14:09,400 --> 00:14:12,580  
was a very outgoing person.

232  
00:14:12,580 --> 00:14:15,910  
And he liked to have  
people around himself

233  
00:14:15,910 --> 00:14:22,330  
and to be like the center  
and to talk to everybody.

234  
00:14:22,330 --> 00:14:26,290  
And so all his

fraternity brothers

235

00:14:26,290 --> 00:14:30,040  
came and all the people he knew.

236

00:14:30,040 --> 00:14:35,710  
And we had a rabbi, and  
it was like according

237

00:14:35,710 --> 00:14:38,890  
to the Jewish law.

238

00:14:38,890 --> 00:14:42,880  
In fact, after the war, my  
grandfather, who was a rabbi

239

00:14:42,880 --> 00:14:48,250  
and who had come to  
Palestine at that time--

240

00:14:48,250 --> 00:14:52,060  
we started to correspond,  
that we are alive,

241

00:14:52,060 --> 00:14:55,330  
and so the first  
question in his letter

242

00:14:55,330 --> 00:15:00,340  
was who was the rabbi  
who married us because,

243

00:15:00,340 --> 00:15:03,370  
for him, that was the  
most important thing

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00:15:03,370 --> 00:15:05,350  
as a religious man.

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00:15:05,350 --> 00:15:08,140  
So we wrote him at that  
time who it was, and it

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00:15:08,140 --> 00:15:13,528

was with his approval,  
that it was legit.

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00:15:13,528 --> 00:15:15,580

And now we have to  
backtrack a bit,

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00:15:15,580 --> 00:15:19,300

and tell me about the woman who  
approached you in the street

249

00:15:19,300 --> 00:15:22,240

so that we can learn how  
you met your husband.

250

00:15:22,240 --> 00:15:23,320

Oh, OK.

251

00:15:23,320 --> 00:15:27,940

So she approached me on the  
street with the letters--

252

00:15:27,940 --> 00:15:29,650

You have to back  
up a little bit.

253

00:15:29,650 --> 00:15:30,550

Oh, because you don't have that?

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00:15:30,550 --> 00:15:31,258

We don't have it.

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00:15:31,258 --> 00:15:32,650

Oh, OK.

256

00:15:32,650 --> 00:15:35,860

One day, when I was working  
from work to the ghetto,

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00:15:35,860 --> 00:15:37,930

I was walking in a gutters.

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00:15:37,930 --> 00:15:42,400

And I saw that the woman is  
going, and she's looking at me,

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00:15:42,400 --> 00:15:46,120

and she's like keeping  
up the steps with me.

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00:15:46,120 --> 00:15:49,270

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00:15:49,270 --> 00:15:52,330

And so I looked at her,  
and then she motioned me

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00:15:52,330 --> 00:15:53,380

I should come closer.

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00:15:53,380 --> 00:15:56,170

And she came closer  
to the curb, and she

264

00:15:56,170 --> 00:16:00,490

said that she has some  
letters from Jewish people

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00:16:00,490 --> 00:16:05,840

from a ghetto in Vilna, if I  
would take it to the ghetto.

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00:16:05,840 --> 00:16:10,870

And she said that she would  
be there in two or three days,

267

00:16:10,870 --> 00:16:15,020

and if they are replies,  
she would bring them back.

268

00:16:15,020 --> 00:16:17,230

So I took the letters,  
and I went back.

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00:16:17,230 --> 00:16:20,630

And I gave it to my mother,  
and we looked at them.

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00:16:20,630 --> 00:16:24,760

And my mother, the  
biggest bulk, she

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00:16:24,760 --> 00:16:29,440

took to the Dr. Elkes,  
who was our oldest

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00:16:29,440 --> 00:16:34,360

man, our elder from  
the Judenrat because,

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00:16:34,360 --> 00:16:38,290

as I said before, she  
connected with him.

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00:16:38,290 --> 00:16:42,640

And a few I kept  
because I thought

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00:16:42,640 --> 00:16:47,410

I knew them because it was  
addressed to a Dr. Bloomberg,

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00:16:47,410 --> 00:16:51,010

and we had friends  
Dr. Bloomberg, who

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00:16:51,010 --> 00:16:54,610

came not from Memel but  
from the region of Memel,

278

00:16:54,610 --> 00:16:56,530

and we knew them very well.

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00:16:56,530 --> 00:17:01,720

So I said, the few what I know  
I would like to deliver myself.



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00:17:01,720 --> 00:17:04,970

So I took that  
letter, and I asked

281

00:17:04,970 --> 00:17:06,760

where the Dr. Bloomberg lives.

282

00:17:06,760 --> 00:17:09,085

And they told me, in the white--

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00:17:09,085 --> 00:17:12,339

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00:17:12,339 --> 00:17:13,240

what was it called?

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00:17:13,240 --> 00:17:15,550

I forgot what it was called.

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00:17:15,550 --> 00:17:17,020

--in the white block.

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00:17:17,020 --> 00:17:21,220

So I went there, and  
I knocked at the door.

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00:17:21,220 --> 00:17:26,349

And my husband-to-be  
opened the door,

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00:17:26,349 --> 00:17:29,380

and I had known him from  
before, from Ponewesch,

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00:17:29,380 --> 00:17:32,650

when we came out of Memel and  
when we went to Ponewesch.

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00:17:32,650 --> 00:17:36,260

So I said, I have a  
letter for Dr. Bloomberg.

292

00:17:36,260 --> 00:17:39,050

He said, yes, come in  
that's my brother-in-law.

293

00:17:39,050 --> 00:17:41,860

So I right away knew that  
it was not that same Dr.

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00:17:41,860 --> 00:17:46,390

Bloomberg what I thought  
he was, but anyhow,

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00:17:46,390 --> 00:17:47,960

I delivered that letter.

296

00:17:47,960 --> 00:17:50,410

And that's how [? was ?]  
the friendship.

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00:17:50,410 --> 00:17:54,520

And then later, the  
courtship started,

298

00:17:54,520 --> 00:17:58,300

and we got married in two weeks.

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00:17:58,300 --> 00:18:01,030

But after the war--

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00:18:01,030 --> 00:18:06,340

we were liberated by the  
Russians in January of '45,

301

00:18:06,340 --> 00:18:08,800

and the war was still going on.

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00:18:08,800 --> 00:18:12,550

So we figured that  
we-- so then we were--

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00:18:12,550 --> 00:18:16,330

from the whole camp, we

were about 700 women.

304  
00:18:16,330 --> 00:18:19,870  
About 20 were sent  
to a hospital,

305  
00:18:19,870 --> 00:18:22,600  
and I was among the 20.

306  
00:18:22,600 --> 00:18:24,580  
So after that, when  
we stayed there--

307  
00:18:24,580 --> 00:18:28,060  
and the Russians themselves--  
they didn't have any food,

308  
00:18:28,060 --> 00:18:30,260  
and they didn't have  
any food for us.

309  
00:18:30,260 --> 00:18:32,260  
So we were lingering around.

310  
00:18:32,260 --> 00:18:38,860  
And then they said that they'll  
send us back to Lithuania.

311  
00:18:38,860 --> 00:18:41,350  
And we ourselves wanted  
to go because that's

312  
00:18:41,350 --> 00:18:43,780  
where we came from, and we  
wanted to go back there.

313  
00:18:43,780 --> 00:18:47,800  
We didn't know-- that was  
already, then, after the war--

314  
00:18:47,800 --> 00:18:49,940  
who survived and  
who will come back.

315  
00:18:49,940 --> 00:18:53,500  
And so we started going  
back to Lithuania,

316  
00:18:53,500 --> 00:18:56,140  
and we went through Poland.

317  
00:18:56,140 --> 00:19:01,600  
And at that time, you couldn't  
go with train like you go now.

318  
00:19:01,600 --> 00:19:03,550  
You buy a ticket, and you go.

319  
00:19:03,550 --> 00:19:05,710  
You went to the  
railroad station,

320  
00:19:05,710 --> 00:19:09,760  
and whenever you saw a train and  
you felt that it's going north,

321  
00:19:09,760 --> 00:19:15,520  
you jumped on it, and  
you went to another town

322  
00:19:15,520 --> 00:19:18,640  
or another town,  
always closer, closer.

323  
00:19:18,640 --> 00:19:23,320  
So in one town, we  
stayed on the railroad,

324  
00:19:23,320 --> 00:19:29,110  
and a few people in  
Polish uniforms came by.

325  
00:19:29,110 --> 00:19:30,850  
And they were talking--

326

00:19:30,850 --> 00:19:35,740  
and at that time, Poland  
was still very antisemitic,

327  
00:19:35,740 --> 00:19:40,840  
so they were talking a little  
Polish and a little Jewish.

328  
00:19:40,840 --> 00:19:47,090  
And they asked us, are  
you from [NON-ENGLISH]??

329  
00:19:47,090 --> 00:19:50,860  
And [POLISH] in  
Poland means a town,

330  
00:19:50,860 --> 00:19:56,110  
and [HEBREW] is a Hebrew  
word for the Jewish people.

331  
00:19:56,110 --> 00:19:59,890  
So we knew there were Jews,  
so we nodded our heads.

332  
00:19:59,890 --> 00:20:02,380  
So they said we  
should come down,

333  
00:20:02,380 --> 00:20:04,990  
and then when we came down,  
they started to talk to us

334  
00:20:04,990 --> 00:20:05,560  
in Jewish.

335  
00:20:05,560 --> 00:20:07,120  
And they said,  
what are you doing?

336  
00:20:07,120 --> 00:20:07,820  
Who are you?

337  
00:20:07,820 --> 00:20:11,290

And so we said we are refugees.

338  
00:20:11,290 --> 00:20:13,270  
We survived the  
camps, and now we

339  
00:20:13,270 --> 00:20:15,550  
want to go back to Lithuania.

340  
00:20:15,550 --> 00:20:19,270  
So the guy said, do  
you know if somebody

341  
00:20:19,270 --> 00:20:21,010  
is alive from your families?

342  
00:20:21,010 --> 00:20:22,480  
And we said no.

343  
00:20:22,480 --> 00:20:25,130  
He said, please, don't go back.

344  
00:20:25,130 --> 00:20:32,320  
It's a very large door in  
but a very small one out.

345  
00:20:32,320 --> 00:20:35,380  
Stay in Poland, and  
if you will hear

346  
00:20:35,380 --> 00:20:38,500  
that somebody of  
the family is there,

347  
00:20:38,500 --> 00:20:41,890  
they'll always let  
you in, the Russians.

348  
00:20:41,890 --> 00:20:45,040  
So we took their advice, and  
we went to a bigger town,

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00:20:45,040 --> 00:20:46,870  
to Lublin.

350  
00:20:46,870 --> 00:20:49,180  
And we stayed there,  
and at that time,

351  
00:20:49,180 --> 00:20:51,640  
also, we didn't have  
anything to eat.

352  
00:20:51,640 --> 00:20:54,400  
We still wore our  
clothes from the camps

353  
00:20:54,400 --> 00:20:57,710  
because we didn't have anything.

354  
00:20:57,710 --> 00:21:00,070  
So we went to the  
market, and we sold--

355  
00:21:00,070 --> 00:21:03,920  
somebody gave us  
some yarn to sell,

356  
00:21:03,920 --> 00:21:07,490  
so we had a few pennies there  
to buy a small piece of bread.

357  
00:21:07,490 --> 00:21:10,100  
And if we didn't have  
it, we didn't have it.

358  
00:21:10,100 --> 00:21:15,250  
So we were three women, and  
one woman had a daughter.

359  
00:21:15,250 --> 00:21:18,110  
And we were all  
from the same camp.

360  
00:21:18,110 --> 00:21:20,410

So we were four.

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00:21:20,410 --> 00:21:25,210

So then one day, some men came--

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00:21:25,210 --> 00:21:27,070

they went to Lithuania--

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00:21:27,070 --> 00:21:30,940

who had given away their  
children to Gentile people,

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00:21:30,940 --> 00:21:33,230

and they wanted to collect them.

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00:21:33,230 --> 00:21:37,330

And when they heard  
my name, they said,

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00:21:37,330 --> 00:21:40,810

oh, your husband and your  
father-- they are both alive,

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00:21:40,810 --> 00:21:44,140

and they are in American  
zone because they

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00:21:44,140 --> 00:21:46,300

were all in Dachau,  
and they were

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00:21:46,300 --> 00:21:48,850

liberated by the Americans.

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00:21:48,850 --> 00:21:52,720

So you can imagine  
that we are very happy.

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00:21:52,720 --> 00:21:54,490

And for the other  
women, they also

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00:21:54,490 --> 00:21:56,620  
said that her husband is alive.

373  
00:21:56,620 --> 00:21:59,920  
And for the next one, they  
said her husband was killed,

374  
00:21:59,920 --> 00:22:03,160  
but the brother-in-law  
was alive.

375  
00:22:03,160 --> 00:22:07,360  
So we decided we'll  
go to Germany already,

376  
00:22:07,360 --> 00:22:10,520  
and that is a story by itself.

377  
00:22:10,520 --> 00:22:13,850  
So also, at that time,  
you couldn't go--

378  
00:22:13,850 --> 00:22:17,560  
so we used to live  
in the train station,

379  
00:22:17,560 --> 00:22:23,080  
and whenever we saw a  
train, we went on it.

380  
00:22:23,080 --> 00:22:28,620  
In one town, we met  
up with two German--

381  
00:22:28,620 --> 00:24:47,000