

1
00:00:00,000 --> 00:00:30,355

2
00:00:30,355 --> 00:00:30,855
Seven.

3
00:00:30,855 --> 00:00:44,130

4
00:00:44,130 --> 00:00:45,360
You were talking about--

5
00:00:45,360 --> 00:00:47,280
--about religion, right, yes.

6
00:00:47,280 --> 00:00:51,240
Now, as I said, we were
traditional, more than--

7
00:00:51,240 --> 00:00:56,190
really, very, very observant,
to a certain degree--

8
00:00:56,190 --> 00:00:57,060
to keep kosher?

9
00:00:57,060 --> 00:01:01,050
Yes, to the point
where, once, as I said,

10
00:01:01,050 --> 00:01:06,600
my mother smuggled in
foods, whatever she could,

11
00:01:06,600 --> 00:01:12,210
and she got some pork and what
is called in German speck.

12
00:01:12,210 --> 00:01:15,522
I think that's it's what
you make bacon off it.

13
00:01:15,522 --> 00:01:16,230
I'm not too sure.

14
00:01:16,230 --> 00:01:17,605
I'm not too familiar
with-- but I

15
00:01:17,605 --> 00:01:20,640
think it's what you make bacon.

16
00:01:20,640 --> 00:01:23,640
And it wasn't the--

17
00:01:23,640 --> 00:01:24,760
but it was all white.

18
00:01:24,760 --> 00:01:30,030
I don't know how it's
processed, how it's done.

19
00:01:30,030 --> 00:01:31,590
It was called speck.

20
00:01:31,590 --> 00:01:32,940
I didn't know what it was.

21
00:01:32,940 --> 00:01:36,610
I've never seen it in my life
because I've never eaten it.

22
00:01:36,610 --> 00:01:39,060
But my mother and
my father decided

23
00:01:39,060 --> 00:01:43,110
that the children need
nourishment, need fat,

24
00:01:43,110 --> 00:01:45,720
so they lied to me.

25

00:01:45,720 --> 00:01:51,150

My mother fried it or
whatever, and she told me

26

00:01:51,150 --> 00:02:01,400

that it was lamb so that I would
eat it because I was brought up

27

00:02:01,400 --> 00:02:03,950

to eat kosher.

28

00:02:03,950 --> 00:02:11,990

As far as observing the religion
as a rule, not to that extent.

29

00:02:11,990 --> 00:02:17,810

In the ghetto, it was difficult.
There was really no synagogue

30

00:02:17,810 --> 00:02:19,460

that I remember.

31

00:02:19,460 --> 00:02:20,960

The people must
have gone together

32

00:02:20,960 --> 00:02:24,320

to have a minyan, a
quorum of 10, probably.

33

00:02:24,320 --> 00:02:28,290

I don't think my father
was involved in that.

34

00:02:28,290 --> 00:02:33,240

What about marriages
or holidays?

35

00:02:33,240 --> 00:02:35,940

All right, now,
marriages-- as I mentioned

36

00:02:35,940 --> 00:02:39,750
before, I know of this couple
who live in Toronto now,

37
00:02:39,750 --> 00:02:41,340
and they got married
in the ghetto.

38
00:02:41,340 --> 00:02:44,360

39
00:02:44,360 --> 00:02:49,340
And I know of children that
were born in the ghetto.

40
00:02:49,340 --> 00:02:51,970

41
00:02:51,970 --> 00:02:55,030
I heard of other people who got
married, but I never met them.

42
00:02:55,030 --> 00:02:57,310
But this couple I
know to this day.

43
00:02:57,310 --> 00:03:01,060

44
00:03:01,060 --> 00:03:11,550
Observing holidays-- no,
not in my experience.

45
00:03:11,550 --> 00:03:13,830
It wasn't a matter
of not observing.

46
00:03:13,830 --> 00:03:16,620
It was a matter of
not having the means.

47
00:03:16,620 --> 00:03:20,673
You couldn't get

ready for the holiday.

48

00:03:20,673 --> 00:03:22,590

You couldn't prepare
yourself for the holiday.

49

00:03:22,590 --> 00:03:26,910

There was no way to get the
right food for the holiday,

50

00:03:26,910 --> 00:03:32,790

for the atmosphere, for the
state of mind for the holiday.

51

00:03:32,790 --> 00:03:35,820

And you had to go to
work on the holiday.

52

00:03:35,820 --> 00:03:38,640

It wasn't as if the
holiday was a day of rest.

53

00:03:38,640 --> 00:03:43,500

It wasn't anymore, so there was
no such thing as a day of rest.

54

00:03:43,500 --> 00:03:48,975

So you made of it as best you
could, I suppose, from what I--

55

00:03:48,975 --> 00:03:51,360

I don't really
remember that well.

56

00:03:51,360 --> 00:03:56,400

I don't recall celebrating
to make it a point

57

00:03:56,400 --> 00:03:59,430

to celebrate the holidays.

58

00:03:59,430 --> 00:04:03,660

I remember fasting Yom

Kippur later on, when I was--

59

00:04:03,660 --> 00:04:07,380

later on, yes.

60

00:04:07,380 --> 00:04:10,600

In the quiet period

in the ghetto,

61

00:04:10,600 --> 00:04:12,870

do you remember having fun?

62

00:04:12,870 --> 00:04:15,130

Yes, there were--

yes, a matter of fact,

63

00:04:15,130 --> 00:04:18,820

there was such a

time, a quiet time.

64

00:04:18,820 --> 00:04:23,740

As a matter of fact, I

remember going to the beach

65

00:04:23,740 --> 00:04:25,120

because we lived--

66

00:04:25,120 --> 00:04:27,100

it's interesting that

you should even--

67

00:04:27,100 --> 00:04:30,430

sometimes I think of it,

and I think to myself,

68

00:04:30,430 --> 00:04:33,500

is it possible that

there was such a time?

69

00:04:33,500 --> 00:04:38,460

But now that you mention it to

me, yes, there was such a time.

70

00:04:38,460 --> 00:04:42,560

And our street was
next to the river.

71

00:04:42,560 --> 00:04:46,500

There was a field of pasture.

72

00:04:46,500 --> 00:04:49,560

After that, people who lived
on the side of the river--

73

00:04:49,560 --> 00:04:53,793

they had little gardens in
the backyards, potatoes,

74

00:04:53,793 --> 00:04:54,960

and all kinds of vegetables.

75

00:04:54,960 --> 00:04:56,880

They grew all kinds
of vegetables.

76

00:04:56,880 --> 00:05:01,380

And passed that, there
was pasture for cattle,

77

00:05:01,380 --> 00:05:06,570

and beyond that there was a
beautiful white, clean beach.

78

00:05:06,570 --> 00:05:12,810

People pay hundreds of dollars
to go all over, to Nassau

79

00:05:12,810 --> 00:05:15,000

and wherever you go.

80

00:05:15,000 --> 00:05:17,680

We had it in our front
yard, so to speak,

81

00:05:17,680 --> 00:05:19,980

and people had it
in their backyard.

82
00:05:19,980 --> 00:05:25,180
And there was a time when we
were allowed, the kids, to go.

83
00:05:25,180 --> 00:05:27,930
We were allowed to go to that
beach, to go to the water.

84
00:05:27,930 --> 00:05:28,560
It was quiet.

85
00:05:28,560 --> 00:05:34,390

86
00:05:34,390 --> 00:05:37,550
Tell me about the Kinder Aktion.

87
00:05:37,550 --> 00:05:38,050
OK.

88
00:05:38,050 --> 00:05:43,390

89
00:05:43,390 --> 00:05:45,040
Life went on.

90
00:05:45,040 --> 00:05:49,870
Every time the ghetto got
smaller, smaller, smaller,

91
00:05:49,870 --> 00:05:54,040
people were deported
to Estonia, and people

92
00:05:54,040 --> 00:05:56,800
were deported to Latvia.

93
00:05:56,800 --> 00:06:07,880
And all of a sudden, we had

to move from our quarters.

94

00:06:07,880 --> 00:06:12,170

All these years that we--
until the end of 1943,

95

00:06:12,170 --> 00:06:13,430

we stayed in that part.

96

00:06:13,430 --> 00:06:15,590

I think it was the end of 1943.

97

00:06:15,590 --> 00:06:18,470

That's when my photograph
was taken, actually,

98

00:06:18,470 --> 00:06:20,540

now that-- because
we still lived

99

00:06:20,540 --> 00:06:26,390

in that part of the ghetto,
and we were required

100

00:06:26,390 --> 00:06:29,360

to find our own quarters.

101

00:06:29,360 --> 00:06:31,930

Nobody said to us, now
this belongs to you,

102

00:06:31,930 --> 00:06:32,870

or you come here.

103

00:06:32,870 --> 00:06:35,600

You have to go and
find your own quarters.

104

00:06:35,600 --> 00:06:38,030

And now I have to
retract a little bit.

105

00:06:38,030 --> 00:06:41,960
When the Russians came in-- they
were there with us for a year--

106
00:06:41,960 --> 00:06:45,740
they built far into the--

107
00:06:45,740 --> 00:06:48,200
where it turned out to
be deep into the ghetto

108
00:06:48,200 --> 00:06:51,650
and turned out to be
with the other gate.

109
00:06:51,650 --> 00:06:55,280
There was another ghetto gate.

110
00:06:55,280 --> 00:06:59,000
Then it turned out to be
the main gate later on.

111
00:06:59,000 --> 00:07:03,790
They built three buildings,
and they called them blocks.

112
00:07:03,790 --> 00:07:07,420
Like they are
apartment buildings.

113
00:07:07,420 --> 00:07:09,580
They were supposed--
they were putting

114
00:07:09,580 --> 00:07:17,960
in running water, and
sewers, and the toilets,

115
00:07:17,960 --> 00:07:21,340
indoor toilets,
everything, beautiful.

116
00:07:21,340 --> 00:07:23,170

And they had to--

117
00:07:23,170 --> 00:07:31,760
our street was dug up because
they put in the sewers,

118
00:07:31,760 --> 00:07:33,470
and eventually, we
would have probably

119
00:07:33,470 --> 00:07:36,590
had running water
in our house, too.

120
00:07:36,590 --> 00:07:40,280
But it was never to be.

121
00:07:40,280 --> 00:07:46,550
So there were the three
blocks, A, B, C, A, B,

122
00:07:46,550 --> 00:07:54,490
C. We ended up in the block C,
and we have to fight over it,

123
00:07:54,490 --> 00:07:55,540
over the quarters.

124
00:07:55,540 --> 00:07:57,760
We had to fight
with other people.

125
00:07:57,760 --> 00:08:03,320
The block C was an
unfinished building.

126
00:08:03,320 --> 00:08:08,510
The other two, the A and B,
were finished, so to speak.

127
00:08:08,510 --> 00:08:10,430
I don't know if they
had the running water,

128
00:08:10,430 --> 00:08:12,740
but the rooms were done.

129
00:08:12,740 --> 00:08:14,420
Here, nothing was done.

130
00:08:14,420 --> 00:08:16,290
I don't know if
there was a roof.

131
00:08:16,290 --> 00:08:19,430
It was all open.

132
00:08:19,430 --> 00:08:23,030
There were stairs, but there
were no guardrails or anything.

133
00:08:23,030 --> 00:08:26,690
It was in the middle
of building it.

134
00:08:26,690 --> 00:08:28,610
And we ended up
in that building,

135
00:08:28,610 --> 00:08:33,990
but the people who were there
ahead of us or something

136
00:08:33,990 --> 00:08:36,990
wouldn't let us take
a corner, and that's

137
00:08:36,990 --> 00:08:39,390
exactly what we
wanted, just a corner,

138
00:08:39,390 --> 00:08:42,240
because there were
no rooms there.

139

00:08:42,240 --> 00:08:45,360
People partitioned
off their own corners,

140
00:08:45,360 --> 00:08:48,570
and that's what my father and
mother wanted was one corner.

141
00:08:48,570 --> 00:08:50,800
It so happened
that my mother had

142
00:08:50,800 --> 00:08:55,420
a friend who had
an acquaintance who

143
00:08:55,420 --> 00:09:01,790
was in the Jewish police force,
the militia in the ghetto.

144
00:09:01,790 --> 00:09:07,850
So she told me to
please go to this man

145
00:09:07,850 --> 00:09:12,780
to ask him for his assistance,
would intercede on our behalf

146
00:09:12,780 --> 00:09:17,410
so that we should be able
to stay in that corner.

147
00:09:17,410 --> 00:09:18,550
And it worked.

148
00:09:18,550 --> 00:09:22,690
We stayed in block
C, in the block.

149
00:09:22,690 --> 00:09:25,660
We stayed there.

150
00:09:25,660 --> 00:09:27,985

That was by the
end of, as I said,

151
00:09:27,985 --> 00:09:29,860
I think by the end-- it
was during the winter

152
00:09:29,860 --> 00:09:33,820
by the end of '43.

153
00:09:33,820 --> 00:09:39,340
Come March '44,
the end of March.

154
00:09:39,340 --> 00:09:43,420
By some fluke, my mother
stayed home that day.

155
00:09:43,420 --> 00:09:46,200
She didn't go to work.

156
00:09:46,200 --> 00:09:47,820
Whether she was allowed to--

157
00:09:47,820 --> 00:09:48,660
I really don't know.

158
00:09:48,660 --> 00:09:50,400
The point was, she stayed home.

159
00:09:50,400 --> 00:09:54,300

160
00:09:54,300 --> 00:09:57,870
And we didn't know what was--

161
00:09:57,870 --> 00:09:59,640
now, how should I--

162
00:09:59,640 --> 00:10:01,170
I have to retract a--

163

00:10:01,170 --> 00:10:03,450

no, I'll retract after.

164

00:10:03,450 --> 00:10:06,170

We didn't know at
first what-- we

165

00:10:06,170 --> 00:10:13,600

were hear rumors that they're
taking children and elderly.

166

00:10:13,600 --> 00:10:19,050

Now, by then, I was 11.

167

00:10:19,050 --> 00:10:24,140

My brother-- in
'44, he was seven.

168

00:10:24,140 --> 00:10:28,820

169

00:10:28,820 --> 00:10:35,590

Sure enough, we hear steps,
like running, and the military,

170

00:10:35,590 --> 00:10:39,010

and yelling, and
running, and yelling.

171

00:10:39,010 --> 00:10:45,460

And we were sort of-- the three
of us-- my father was at work,

172

00:10:45,460 --> 00:10:47,350

and the three of us--

173

00:10:47,350 --> 00:10:50,620

and here I have to go
in the way our quarters,

174

00:10:50,620 --> 00:10:54,600

our accommodations were divided.

175
00:10:54,600 --> 00:11:00,960
We had a big-- there was
a big room with corners,

176
00:11:00,960 --> 00:11:03,180
and we had the first coroner.

177
00:11:03,180 --> 00:11:05,790
But there was also
a little alcove

178
00:11:05,790 --> 00:11:08,970
with a door to go
into our partition.

179
00:11:08,970 --> 00:11:10,500
And through our
partition, you had

180
00:11:10,500 --> 00:11:16,410
to go in through the next
family, so everybody-- they

181
00:11:16,410 --> 00:11:19,080
had to go through our room.

182
00:11:19,080 --> 00:11:25,080
And there was a door, as I said,
to go into us and the big door

183
00:11:25,080 --> 00:11:27,200
to go into everybody.

184
00:11:27,200 --> 00:11:28,200
So there were two doors.

185
00:11:28,200 --> 00:11:31,080
So the big door to go
into everybody was open,

186
00:11:31,080 --> 00:11:34,440

and also, the door to go
into us was also open.

187
00:11:34,440 --> 00:11:41,850

188
00:11:41,850 --> 00:11:42,350
Mark.

189
00:11:42,350 --> 00:11:51,560

190
00:11:51,560 --> 00:11:53,330
OK, so you're describing--

191
00:11:53,330 --> 00:11:55,670
I'm describing.

192
00:11:55,670 --> 00:12:00,380
I was sort of left on my own
to make my own decision what

193
00:12:00,380 --> 00:12:02,150
to do with me.

194
00:12:02,150 --> 00:12:06,830
Now, I have to go back a little
bit to the way our coroner

195
00:12:06,830 --> 00:12:09,800
that we had was--

196
00:12:09,800 --> 00:12:12,490
how it was situated, rather.

197
00:12:12,490 --> 00:12:16,220
There were two sofas, head to
a sort of-- not head to head

198
00:12:16,220 --> 00:12:19,160
exactly but one this
way and one that way.

199
00:12:19,160 --> 00:12:22,580
And there was a
space in between.

200
00:12:22,580 --> 00:12:27,350
My mother didn't know what
to do with my brother.

201
00:12:27,350 --> 00:12:31,490
The best thing she
could do is put him

202
00:12:31,490 --> 00:12:37,610
behind one of the sofas,
sort of hide him this way.

203
00:12:37,610 --> 00:12:40,010
And me-- where do I go?

204
00:12:40,010 --> 00:12:41,480
What do I do?

205
00:12:41,480 --> 00:12:47,270
Instinctively, I put myself
behind that door that was--

206
00:12:47,270 --> 00:12:48,800
like this is the
door, and there was

207
00:12:48,800 --> 00:12:52,845
a corner between the door
and that little alcove.

208
00:12:52,845 --> 00:12:53,720
That's where I stood.

209
00:12:53,720 --> 00:12:56,600

210
00:12:56,600 --> 00:13:01,220

Now, all those--
there were Ukrainians,

211
00:13:01,220 --> 00:13:09,780
Lithuanians who were really
did the actual taking away

212
00:13:09,780 --> 00:13:14,730
the children, and
they spoke in their--

213
00:13:14,730 --> 00:13:15,660
and how do I know it?

214
00:13:15,660 --> 00:13:21,850
Because they spoke to each
other in their own tongue,

215
00:13:21,850 --> 00:13:27,970
and all one had to do
is just inadvertently

216
00:13:27,970 --> 00:13:34,110
just look like that, look behind
the door, and there I was.

217
00:13:34,110 --> 00:13:35,610
But nobody did.

218
00:13:35,610 --> 00:13:42,240
I saw them run by me just from
behind the door through the--

219
00:13:42,240 --> 00:13:43,710
didn't see my brother.

220
00:13:43,710 --> 00:13:48,085
They just ran in and
out, didn't take anybody.

221
00:13:48,085 --> 00:13:50,460
I didn't know at that point
what happened to the children

222
00:13:50,460 --> 00:13:51,840
in the other--

223
00:13:51,840 --> 00:13:53,880
like there was a
wall cornered off.

224
00:13:53,880 --> 00:13:57,000
The other family or families--

225
00:13:57,000 --> 00:13:59,530

226
00:13:59,530 --> 00:14:03,590
and ran out, and here we are.

227
00:14:03,590 --> 00:14:04,840
We weren't taken away.

228
00:14:04,840 --> 00:14:07,900

229
00:14:07,900 --> 00:14:08,860
Thank God.

230
00:14:08,860 --> 00:14:09,970
We are safe.

231
00:14:09,970 --> 00:14:11,770
For the time being, we're safe.

232
00:14:11,770 --> 00:14:12,700
Now what?

233
00:14:12,700 --> 00:14:15,700
Meanwhile, the day's gone.

234
00:14:15,700 --> 00:14:23,740
My father comes back from work,
and bad news travels fast.

235

00:14:23,740 --> 00:14:26,920

He didn't know
what he would find

236

00:14:26,920 --> 00:14:31,150

or who he wouldn't find
anymore, if he would come back

237

00:14:31,150 --> 00:14:36,791

to empty walls there, whatever.

238

00:14:36,791 --> 00:14:43,240

Lo and behold, we were there
still, but my parents knew--

239

00:14:43,240 --> 00:14:47,170

and everybody-- there was sort
of a gathering of the people

240

00:14:47,170 --> 00:14:50,020

because we practically
lived together

241

00:14:50,020 --> 00:14:56,927

in one compound with
boarded-off walls.

242

00:14:56,927 --> 00:14:57,760

There weren't walls.

243

00:14:57,760 --> 00:15:00,340

There were partitions.

244

00:15:00,340 --> 00:15:02,620

And there were other
kids, also, that remained,

245

00:15:02,620 --> 00:15:07,330

that weren't taken away, and
somebody must have known--

246

00:15:07,330 --> 00:15:09,220
I don't know how it came about--

247
00:15:09,220 --> 00:15:14,200
that there was a hiding place
within the walls of this block

248
00:15:14,200 --> 00:15:17,820
C. Now, what was
the hiding place?

249
00:15:17,820 --> 00:15:23,920
There was a space between
two walls, very narrow,

250
00:15:23,920 --> 00:15:31,310
and that night, all the children
that were left behind that day

251
00:15:31,310 --> 00:15:39,890
were put to hide in
between the two walls,

252
00:15:39,890 --> 00:15:41,300
including my brother and me.

253
00:15:41,300 --> 00:15:44,160

254
00:15:44,160 --> 00:15:47,490
We spent the night, not
a peep out of anybody.

255
00:15:47,490 --> 00:15:53,300
There was even a baby, probably
a two-year-old, not a peep.

256
00:15:53,300 --> 00:15:55,650
And children just new.

257
00:15:55,650 --> 00:15:59,430
Children just knew not to cry.

258

00:15:59,430 --> 00:16:04,040

But the following morning--

259

00:16:04,040 --> 00:16:07,050

I don't know what time it was--

260

00:16:07,050 --> 00:16:11,310

the door was opened to that--

it wasn't really a door.

261

00:16:11,310 --> 00:16:13,260

We crawled in, and

we crawled out.

262

00:16:13,260 --> 00:16:16,650

It was opened to

that hiding place,

263

00:16:16,650 --> 00:16:18,270

and we were ordered to get out.

264

00:16:18,270 --> 00:16:21,450

And we were found out.

265

00:16:21,450 --> 00:16:22,860

We were found out.

266

00:16:22,860 --> 00:16:24,630

Now, how we were found out--

267

00:16:24,630 --> 00:16:29,220

later on, we learned

how we were found out.

268

00:16:29,220 --> 00:16:38,460

The Jewish militia were taken to

the Ninth Fort, and they were--

269

00:16:38,460 --> 00:16:40,860

that was what we

were told, that they

270

00:16:40,860 --> 00:16:45,330
were taken to the Ninth Fort,
that they were threatened.

271

00:16:45,330 --> 00:16:50,010
They and their families would
be killed if they know of places

272

00:16:50,010 --> 00:16:51,420
and don't tell.

273

00:16:51,420 --> 00:16:55,770
Well, whatever reason that
was, however it happened,

274

00:16:55,770 --> 00:17:01,460
we were found out, and we were
taken out of the building.

275

00:17:01,460 --> 00:17:05,440
And this was March,
and the building

276

00:17:05,440 --> 00:17:10,329
that we lived in for the
few months until then--

277

00:17:10,329 --> 00:17:16,000
there was lots of mud and still
traces of snow and lots of mud

278

00:17:16,000 --> 00:17:17,990
because it wasn't finished.

279

00:17:17,990 --> 00:17:19,990
As I said before, it
wasn't a finished building,

280

00:17:19,990 --> 00:17:22,599
so there was lots
of mud and ditches

281

00:17:22,599 --> 00:17:26,030
around that they were still
digging for whatever reason.

282
00:17:26,030 --> 00:17:29,410
Maybe they were going to put
up another building, too, yet.

283
00:17:29,410 --> 00:17:35,620
And we were chased out our
doors in front of the building,

284
00:17:35,620 --> 00:17:39,820
and there were trucks
standing around.

285
00:17:39,820 --> 00:17:42,250
There were soldiers with guns.

286
00:17:42,250 --> 00:17:45,700
There were dogs,
German shepherds,

287
00:17:45,700 --> 00:17:49,960
around us, surrounding us.

288
00:17:49,960 --> 00:17:56,776
And we are ordered
to get on the trucks.

289
00:17:56,776 --> 00:18:00,260
We need to stop
recording the tape.

290
00:18:00,260 --> 00:18:00,760
Mark.

291
00:18:00,760 --> 00:18:05,710

292
00:18:05,710 --> 00:18:12,430
Now, I must add that
my mother was not

293

00:18:12,430 --> 00:18:16,690
with us, with my brother
and me in this hiding place,

294

00:18:16,690 --> 00:18:19,810
and my mother had to go
to work that day, too.

295

00:18:19,810 --> 00:18:21,850
So we were just
left, the two of us,

296

00:18:21,850 --> 00:18:25,750
with the rest of the people,
the children and some mothers

297

00:18:25,750 --> 00:18:28,810
who were hiding
together with us.

298

00:18:28,810 --> 00:18:30,490
I don't remember
how many there were.

299

00:18:30,490 --> 00:18:34,530
We were a group, and there was
just myself and my brother,

300

00:18:34,530 --> 00:18:35,910
for me to look after my brother.

301

00:18:35,910 --> 00:18:38,730

302

00:18:38,730 --> 00:18:40,800
Now, I stand there.

303

00:18:40,800 --> 00:18:44,370
We are told to go, And I don't
know whether I'm told to go

304

00:18:44,370 --> 00:18:46,450
or not, so I don't budge.

305
00:18:46,450 --> 00:18:49,650
But what I remember--

306
00:18:49,650 --> 00:18:50,940
how my brother--

307
00:18:50,940 --> 00:18:52,740
I was holding him.

308
00:18:52,740 --> 00:18:55,450
He pressed with his back to me.

309
00:18:55,450 --> 00:18:57,570
I was holding him right
in front of me, like this,

310
00:18:57,570 --> 00:18:59,250
and with my arms I
was holding onto him.

311
00:18:59,250 --> 00:19:00,180
And I didn't move.

312
00:19:00,180 --> 00:19:04,810

313
00:19:04,810 --> 00:19:07,930
And a dog jumped under--

314
00:19:07,930 --> 00:19:12,100
it was told by somebody,
I supposed, to jump on me

315
00:19:12,100 --> 00:19:14,830
and jumped on my arm and bit me.

316
00:19:14,830 --> 00:19:18,740
And I let go of my brother,
and before I knew it,

317
00:19:18,740 --> 00:19:21,080
he was taken away from me.

318
00:19:21,080 --> 00:19:25,370
And I was left standing there.

319
00:19:25,370 --> 00:19:29,260

320
00:19:29,260 --> 00:19:35,340
And the last thing--
and to this day,

321
00:19:35,340 --> 00:19:40,160
I remember my brother's
eyes looking at me

322
00:19:40,160 --> 00:19:44,120
and that I didn't go
with him voluntarily.

323
00:19:44,120 --> 00:19:47,720

324
00:19:47,720 --> 00:19:51,290
I stayed behind, and
he just turned around.

325
00:19:51,290 --> 00:19:56,240
And he went off, and that was
the last time I ever saw him.

326
00:19:56,240 --> 00:19:58,520
There is not a trace
that he ever existed.

327
00:19:58,520 --> 00:20:02,450
There's not a photograph of
him anywhere because my parents

328
00:20:02,450 --> 00:20:06,110

were lax in sending
photographs to family from out

329
00:20:06,110 --> 00:20:08,520
of the country, to Canada--

330
00:20:08,520 --> 00:20:10,730
have had relatives here--

331
00:20:10,730 --> 00:20:12,380
not a trace that
he ever existed.

332
00:20:12,380 --> 00:20:17,610
Once I die, nobody will
ever know that he existed,

333
00:20:17,610 --> 00:20:20,400
and that is--

334
00:20:20,400 --> 00:20:24,270
and I was just there,
and my hand was bleeding.

335
00:20:24,270 --> 00:20:27,450
And I didn't know
whether I was in shock

336
00:20:27,450 --> 00:20:29,100
and what happened
because I was bitten

337
00:20:29,100 --> 00:20:32,280
by this big-- this
big dog jumped on me.

338
00:20:32,280 --> 00:20:35,330

339
00:20:35,330 --> 00:20:40,210
And they were driven off,
and we were left behind.

340

00:20:40,210 --> 00:20:42,220

Some mothers went
with the children.

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00:20:42,220 --> 00:20:44,020

Some mothers stayed
behind and let

342

00:20:44,020 --> 00:20:47,710

the children go because maybe
they had other children.

343

00:20:47,710 --> 00:20:48,760

I don't know.

344

00:20:48,760 --> 00:20:53,815

Who's to judge, and who is
to say, and who's to guess?

345

00:20:53,815 --> 00:20:57,090

346

00:20:57,090 --> 00:21:01,620

Well, when my parents came
home, there was good news,

347

00:21:01,620 --> 00:21:07,800

and there was bad news, the
good news that I was still here.

348

00:21:07,800 --> 00:21:10,230

And the bad news was
that my brother was gone.

349

00:21:10,230 --> 00:21:26,300

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00:21:26,300 --> 00:21:30,560

We still stayed in the same
quarters where we lived.

351

00:21:30,560 --> 00:21:35,960

That was the end of March 1944.

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00:21:35,960 --> 00:21:40,520

To this day, until I saw
the photograph of myself--

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00:21:40,520 --> 00:21:42,350

again, I have to refer
to the photograph--

354

00:21:42,350 --> 00:21:47,180

all my life I've wondered,
I have questioned,

355

00:21:47,180 --> 00:21:50,450

I have thought, why--

356

00:21:50,450 --> 00:21:53,660

I know that they've taken away--

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00:21:53,660 --> 00:21:58,310

I've heard who was taken away,
youngsters whom I used to know,

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00:21:58,310 --> 00:21:59,630

whom I knew.

359

00:21:59,630 --> 00:22:02,930

They were taken away
with the children.

360

00:22:02,930 --> 00:22:04,560

I was left behind.

361

00:22:04,560 --> 00:22:06,530

Why was I left behind?

362

00:22:06,530 --> 00:22:08,150

Now, I look at this
photograph, and I

363

00:22:08,150 --> 00:22:12,420

can see I looked,
probably, 15, 16 years old.

364
00:22:12,420 --> 00:22:13,920
I don't know what
I looked to them.

365
00:22:13,920 --> 00:22:16,190
I don't know what I
looked like, but if I

366
00:22:16,190 --> 00:22:19,730
looked like on this
photograph, then I look older.

367
00:22:19,730 --> 00:22:21,020
That's my answer.

368
00:22:21,020 --> 00:22:28,840
I cannot imagine what else that
was that I was left to stay

369
00:22:28,840 --> 00:22:34,290
behind or maybe just to give
testimony like I do now.

370
00:22:34,290 --> 00:25:01,000