

Do you remember this document? Tell me about this.

These were your last page of the document.

What was it? Give me--

Don't put your glasses on yet. Tell me about the picture.

This was a wedding.

Wait, take your glasses off. You have to take your glasses off and you have to sit back. OK, now tell me about that picture.

This was the set of the rooms of the ghetto collected in one place.

You ordered it, is that right?

I composed it.

How?

I collected from what it was and then put it together.

With your own hands?

Yes.

You pasted it together?

Yes.

And tell me about the picture. The picture.

The picture was symbolic to show that there is no equality in the ghetto.

Did you bury this document?

Yes.

Do you remember where you buried it?

Well, I used to-- There was a building that was called Block C, and below this Block C we buried the five crates.

How did you get guns?

Guns?

Guns, yeah.

Well, we bought from the clandestine.

What kind of guns?

Well, not very important guns. Not important guns.

Who had guns?

Somebody of the police at some from the underground.

Did you ever have a gun?

No.

But did you help buy a gun?

Yes.

How? Tell me how you did it.

What?

How did you do it?

How did I bury it?

How did you buy guns? Who did you meet?

I didn't buy them. Some of the underground, members of the underground went to the city and they used to buy guns and bring it into the ghetto.

Did anyone get away from the Ninth Fort ever and come back and tell you about it?

No. There was an escape of the Ninth Fort, the famous escape of the Ninth Fort?

But did anyone ever come out who didn't get killed? Did a little boy come back to the ghetto?

He came back to the ghetto, yes.

What did he tell you?

Well, he was a little boy and there was not much you could learn from him. But nevertheless, he was the only one, the first one that escaped from the Ninth Fortress.

Was he left there? Did they think they killed him?

I don't think so.

He got away before-- He wasn't in the pit. He was not shot at?

No.

No.

OK. And the yearbook. Do you remember the yearbook?

Yes. Tell me about this. Are there maps in the yearbook?

Maps and all kinds of documentation.

Was this your book?

Yes. And who kept this for you?

In the underground below the house in the Block C, in the building of the Block C. Below the earth.

OK, let's cut picture for a second.

So tell me that again.

[INAUDIBLE] the German told us that birth is restricted. and there should not be births in the ghetto and all kinds of such restrictions.

So what do people do with that? Were there abortions in the ghetto?

Yes, there were abortion.

Some people had babies in the ghetto too.

Before, before the restriction.

What kind of orders were there? What kinds of things did the Germans--

What kinds of things did the Germans order?

For instance, they ordered to submit all the electric equipment that we had. All kinds of things, whatever they had in their head.

How often did they give orders?

All the time.

How did they do it? Who would they tell? Would they tell you?

They would tell the Jewish committee.

And then what would you do? How would you tell the people? Announce. Announcement, public announcement on the walls of the ghetto. On the places special for announcements.

Did the Germans give you the orders in writing or did they just tell you what they were and then you had to--

Mostly they gave it oral, bit sometimes also in writing.

And then what did you do?

We used to proclaim in writing to the Jewish population together.

So every day you would go to Gadiel and you would say, OK, now make a poster about this?

Not every day. More or less frequently.

They took away milk from the ghetto?

Yes. The cows they took away. There were six cows in the ghetto. They took them away.

What else did they take away? They took away valuables.

Of course.

What did they make you hand over? All kinds of things that happened. they used to say electrical equipment. All kinds [INAUDIBLE] from time to time.

Thank you. Let's cut the picture.

Avraham, when the Germans gave you the order by word and you had to give it out in writing, did you have to write it yourself?

Of course. We had the secretariat. Usually we had a secretariat. A secretary, a typist.

Who put the verbal order into writing? If the Germans told you orally, who wrote the order down?

I and my assistant, the secretariat.

Did you ever get in trouble for how you wrote the order?

No.

The Germans never got angry that you did it wrong?

No.

That it wasn't tough enough?

I don't think so. I don't remember. I think.

Tell me how many different kinds of orders. Did you think they were all the same or did you think they were-- Were you surprised?

There was no surprise because German orders. We lived on it. They were all kinds of orders-- economically, spiritually, verbally, all kinds.

You knew what to expect.

Yes.

Was there a sense of irony?