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00:00:00,000 --> 00:00:50,430

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00:00:50,430 --> 00:00:52,638

Left Auschwitz-- you went to--

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00:00:52,638 --> 00:00:53,430

This working camp--

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00:00:53,430 --> 00:00:57,730

The work camp and that whole  
period of your life and then

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00:00:57,730 --> 00:01:01,140

the liberation and the post-war  
and how you met your husband

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00:01:01,140 --> 00:01:02,660

is a whole lot.

7

00:01:02,660 --> 00:01:03,160

Sure.

8

00:01:03,160 --> 00:01:04,030

There's a whole lot.

9

00:01:04,030 --> 00:01:04,530

Right.

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00:01:04,530 --> 00:01:06,155

And maybe in the  
meanwhile, some things

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00:01:06,155 --> 00:01:08,550

will occur to you of the stuff  
you already talked about.

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00:01:08,550 --> 00:01:12,540

And please do speak about those,  
too, any details or stories

13

00:01:12,540 --> 00:01:14,520  
that you and have more.

14

00:01:14,520 --> 00:01:17,340  
And I want to hear the fate  
of your other relatives, too.

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00:01:17,340 --> 00:01:20,126  
Well, there are some that  
could talk for themselves.

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00:01:20,126 --> 00:01:21,293  
They want to be interviewed.

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00:01:21,293 --> 00:01:22,918  
If they would, that  
would be wonderful.

18

00:01:22,918 --> 00:01:23,850  
It's very hard.

19

00:01:23,850 --> 00:01:27,670  
Like I said, when I walked  
in, nobody wanted to hear us.

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00:01:27,670 --> 00:01:33,250  
Nobody-- and they shut us off so  
much that we somehow said, OK.

21

00:01:33,250 --> 00:01:34,530  
You don't want to hear us.

22

00:01:34,530 --> 00:01:35,700  
That's what it is.

23

00:01:35,700 --> 00:01:38,520  
But I always talk to  
my children about it.

24

00:01:38,520 --> 00:01:41,250  
My son, I always-- and  
when he was a little boy,

25  
00:01:41,250 --> 00:01:45,250  
he would scare me, because  
he said, when I grow up,

26  
00:01:45,250 --> 00:01:47,970  
I'm going to shoot the Germans.

27  
00:01:47,970 --> 00:01:51,150  
So I thought, well,  
somehow, I have

28  
00:01:51,150 --> 00:01:55,980  
to talk more mild  
about these things,

29  
00:01:55,980 --> 00:01:59,400  
not quite that way so he feels  
that that's all he wants to do

30  
00:01:59,400 --> 00:02:02,580  
is shoot the German.

31  
00:02:02,580 --> 00:02:04,620  
And I talk to my  
grandson about it.

32  
00:02:04,620 --> 00:02:06,240  
And he's very interested.

33  
00:02:06,240 --> 00:02:10,530  
And my granddaughter,  
she's seven.

34  
00:02:10,530 --> 00:02:14,100  
So she starts-- she feels that  
there is something going on.

35  
00:02:14,100 --> 00:02:15,430  
And I talk about it.

36  
00:02:15,430 --> 00:02:18,400

And she quite  
doesn't understand.

37  
00:02:18,400 --> 00:02:21,120  
But on the other hand,  
I'm a little bit afraid

38  
00:02:21,120 --> 00:02:27,105  
to express that this happened  
to us only because we are Jews,

39  
00:02:27,105 --> 00:02:28,980  
because I'm afraid that  
they're going to say,

40  
00:02:28,980 --> 00:02:30,022  
I don't want to be a Jew.

41  
00:02:30,022 --> 00:02:30,680  
Mm-hmm.

42  
00:02:30,680 --> 00:02:32,100  
Well, there is that danger.

43  
00:02:32,100 --> 00:02:33,300  
Yeah, definitely.

44  
00:02:33,300 --> 00:02:36,240  
And I am so afraid because  
today, it's so easy.

45  
00:02:36,240 --> 00:02:38,940  
It's so easy.

46  
00:02:38,940 --> 00:02:41,610  
With us, there was no question.

47  
00:02:41,610 --> 00:02:45,255  
In fact, we wouldn't be.

48  
00:02:45,255 --> 00:02:46,190  
We're all set.

49  
00:02:46,190 --> 00:02:47,150  
OK.

50  
00:02:47,150 --> 00:02:47,650  
All right.

51  
00:02:47,650 --> 00:02:49,320  
Rick, I'm ready if you are.

52  
00:02:49,320 --> 00:02:50,726  
Do I have to wait  
the 10 seconds?

53  
00:02:50,726 --> 00:02:52,440  
No, we've been running.

54  
00:02:52,440 --> 00:02:53,400  
Oh, you are running.

55  
00:02:53,400 --> 00:02:53,970  
OK.

56  
00:02:53,970 --> 00:02:54,590  
OK.

57  
00:02:54,590 --> 00:02:55,090  
Well--

58  
00:02:55,090 --> 00:02:56,173  
No, I just wanted to ask--

59  
00:02:56,173 --> 00:03:01,767  
We have here Steve Posin  
as a second interviewer.

60  
00:03:01,767 --> 00:03:03,892  
And he has some questions  
he would like to ask you.

61  
00:03:03,892 --> 00:03:05,112

Sure.

62  
00:03:05,112 --> 00:03:06,570  
We were talking  
about the time when

63  
00:03:06,570 --> 00:03:09,010  
you were liberated by  
the Russians near Breslau

64  
00:03:09,010 --> 00:03:11,290  
in the work camp.

65  
00:03:11,290 --> 00:03:11,790  
No.

66  
00:03:11,790 --> 00:03:13,230  
From the work  
camp, we were death

67  
00:03:13,230 --> 00:03:17,730  
marching until a certain  
place in Silesia,

68  
00:03:17,730 --> 00:03:21,660  
which is part of Germany,  
where we ran away and then were

69  
00:03:21,660 --> 00:03:22,740  
liberated.

70  
00:03:22,740 --> 00:03:23,520  
By Russian people.

71  
00:03:23,520 --> 00:03:24,220  
By the Russian.

72  
00:03:24,220 --> 00:03:24,720  
Yes.

73  
00:03:24,720 --> 00:03:25,530  
What happened then?

74  
00:03:25,530 --> 00:03:27,550  
How did you finally get  
back to Czechoslovakia?

75  
00:03:27,550 --> 00:03:28,050  
OK.

76  
00:03:28,050 --> 00:03:30,510  
So we worked for the  
Russians, as I told you.

77  
00:03:30,510 --> 00:03:31,530  
We worked for them.

78  
00:03:31,530 --> 00:03:39,120  
And when the war was  
over, they always

79  
00:03:39,120 --> 00:03:40,860  
told us the news  
what's happening.

80  
00:03:40,860 --> 00:03:42,390  
The Americans are here.

81  
00:03:42,390 --> 00:03:44,460  
The Germans are there,  
that this is there.

82  
00:03:44,460 --> 00:03:45,810  
They talked politics.

83  
00:03:45,810 --> 00:03:46,470  
Why not?

84  
00:03:46,470 --> 00:03:48,960  
They were happy that the  
war is getting to the end.

85  
00:03:48,960 --> 00:03:51,330  
And May 8, he came.

86  
00:03:51,330 --> 00:03:53,340  
And he says the war is over.

87  
00:03:53,340 --> 00:03:54,240  
What?

88  
00:03:54,240 --> 00:03:56,250  
Yeah, the war ended.

89  
00:03:56,250 --> 00:03:57,270  
Now, we're all free.

90  
00:03:57,270 --> 00:03:59,580  
There's no more war.

91  
00:03:59,580 --> 00:04:01,500  
How are we going  
to get back home?

92  
00:04:01,500 --> 00:04:03,340  
That was our first question.

93  
00:04:03,340 --> 00:04:07,300  
So this Russian said to us--

94  
00:04:07,300 --> 00:04:10,140  
in the meantime, we already  
befriended some of them.

95  
00:04:10,140 --> 00:04:12,690  
Some of them were nice men.

96  
00:04:12,690 --> 00:04:14,910  
Not everybody was so wild.

97  
00:04:14,910 --> 00:04:20,220  
And they said, a convoy's  
going to Prague tomorrow

98  
00:04:20,220 --> 00:04:21,510



or after tomorrow.

99

00:04:21,510 --> 00:04:25,230

And we are going to-- you want  
to, we'll give you a lift.

100

00:04:25,230 --> 00:04:27,930

And said, of course, we do.

101

00:04:27,930 --> 00:04:31,150

So we got together  
our possessions,

102

00:04:31,150 --> 00:04:35,610

which were just a few  
rags already we had.

103

00:04:35,610 --> 00:04:42,000

And they took us with  
the truck, motor truck.

104

00:04:42,000 --> 00:04:44,653

And all these girls to  
date we met already,

105

00:04:44,653 --> 00:04:45,820

they're from Czechoslovakia.

106

00:04:45,820 --> 00:04:48,870

We're about nine or 10 of  
us and took us to Prague.

107

00:04:48,870 --> 00:04:50,190

And so we arrived to Prague.

108

00:04:50,190 --> 00:04:53,630

And of course, these girls  
that were from Prague,

109

00:04:53,630 --> 00:04:57,005

they knew exactly where  
to go and where to go.

110

00:04:57,005 --> 00:05:00,090

And of course, we went  
to the Joint, naturally.

111

00:05:00,090 --> 00:05:02,430

No, it's an interesting thing.

112

00:05:02,430 --> 00:05:06,600

We went up to the  
Communist Party.

113

00:05:06,600 --> 00:05:11,250

And we said we are liberated.

114

00:05:11,250 --> 00:05:15,760

We are halflings, liberated,  
and we need a place to live.

115

00:05:15,760 --> 00:05:17,940

I don't know why we went there.

116

00:05:17,940 --> 00:05:20,790

And they gave us a  
beautiful apartment, just

117

00:05:20,790 --> 00:05:24,060

a beautiful apartment.

118

00:05:24,060 --> 00:05:29,280

And I'm sure that  
there was Czech before.

119

00:05:29,280 --> 00:05:30,780

And then some  
Germans lived there.

120

00:05:30,780 --> 00:05:33,960

And they left everything,  
furniture and all that.

121

00:05:33,960 --> 00:05:37,440

And we stayed there

for some weeks.

122

00:05:37,440 --> 00:05:42,000

And of course, we were eating in  
the kitchen, the Joint kitchen.

123

00:05:42,000 --> 00:05:43,470

And then we went  
there very often

124

00:05:43,470 --> 00:05:46,650

because we wanted to hear who  
survived and who come through.

125

00:05:46,650 --> 00:05:47,730

And we met people.

126

00:05:47,730 --> 00:05:51,170

And they were telling  
us that this is alive

127

00:05:51,170 --> 00:05:54,320

and that I met and this  
one died and then this one

128

00:05:54,320 --> 00:05:56,720

this and this one that.

129

00:05:56,720 --> 00:06:00,470

And in the meantime,  
this sister of mine

130

00:06:00,470 --> 00:06:04,790

who was the one that was  
hid, her old boyfriend,

131

00:06:04,790 --> 00:06:07,160

she met in Prague.

132

00:06:07,160 --> 00:06:12,050

He came back with the  
Czech army from Palestine.

133

00:06:12,050 --> 00:06:15,890

He ran away to Palestine  
in 1930-something.

134

00:06:15,890 --> 00:06:18,620

He was one of the smart ones.

135

00:06:18,620 --> 00:06:19,760

He went to Palestine.

136

00:06:19,760 --> 00:06:23,820

And when they  
organized the armies,

137

00:06:23,820 --> 00:06:26,930

he joined the Czech army.

138

00:06:26,930 --> 00:06:28,250

And he was fighting.

139

00:06:28,250 --> 00:06:29,960

He was in Africa.

140

00:06:29,960 --> 00:06:30,800

He was in war.

141

00:06:30,800 --> 00:06:33,140

He was fighting  
with the English--

142

00:06:33,140 --> 00:06:35,690

under the English  
for the Czechs.

143

00:06:35,690 --> 00:06:37,850

And he came to liberate Prague.

144

00:06:37,850 --> 00:06:39,560

He was one of them.

145

00:06:39,560 --> 00:06:42,860

And of course, he knew where  
he has to go and inquire.

146  
00:06:42,860 --> 00:06:45,320  
He went to the Joint  
to see who survived.

147  
00:06:45,320 --> 00:06:50,100  
By then, people knew what's  
happening-- what happened.

148  
00:06:50,100 --> 00:06:53,990  
And there, they told  
him that my sister--

149  
00:06:53,990 --> 00:06:56,720  
she did not marry him  
to start out with.

150  
00:06:56,720 --> 00:06:58,190  
She married somebody else.

151  
00:06:58,190 --> 00:07:00,200  
And he was always  
in love with her.

152  
00:07:00,200 --> 00:07:03,620  
And he went to  
Palestine at that time.

153  
00:07:03,620 --> 00:07:05,630  
And he never married.

154  
00:07:05,630 --> 00:07:09,410  
And then after they  
met, her husband,

155  
00:07:09,410 --> 00:07:12,020  
she was told that he died.

156  
00:07:12,020 --> 00:07:15,920  
She had some witnesses telling  
that her husband died somewhere

157  
00:07:15,920 --> 00:07:18,210  
along the way.

158  
00:07:18,210 --> 00:07:21,980  
And so he was still  
in love with her.

159  
00:07:21,980 --> 00:07:24,780  
He was helping us a lot,  
I don't have to tell you.

160  
00:07:24,780 --> 00:07:26,570  
He brought us candy--

161  
00:07:26,570 --> 00:07:28,130  
candy.

162  
00:07:28,130 --> 00:07:34,220  
He made other guys that he was  
with to buy clothes for us.

163  
00:07:34,220 --> 00:07:38,400  
One of them brought me a  
beautiful polka-dot dress.

164  
00:07:38,400 --> 00:07:40,160  
My husband fell in  
love with me when

165  
00:07:40,160 --> 00:07:43,220  
I wore that polka-dot dress.

166  
00:07:43,220 --> 00:07:47,300  
And they did really--

167  
00:07:47,300 --> 00:07:51,470  
we had kind of an easy,  
happy-go-lucky life in Prague

168  
00:07:51,470 --> 00:07:53,150  
for a while.

169  
00:07:53,150 --> 00:07:56,270  
And then we started thinking,  
well, we have to do something.

170  
00:07:56,270 --> 00:07:57,620  
We can't live like this.

171  
00:07:57,620 --> 00:07:59,900  
The Joint can't feed us forever.

172  
00:07:59,900 --> 00:08:01,700  
This is going to  
stop, and we have

173  
00:08:01,700 --> 00:08:04,890  
to see what we can  
do for ourselves.

174  
00:08:04,890 --> 00:08:07,880  
And I went to school.

175  
00:08:07,880 --> 00:08:11,510  
I wanted to continue  
my schooling.

176  
00:08:11,510 --> 00:08:14,390  
And I wanted to  
go to university.

177  
00:08:14,390 --> 00:08:18,240  
And I went up there,  
and I started talking.

178  
00:08:18,240 --> 00:08:20,900  
And they asked me where  
were you born and whatnot.

179  
00:08:20,900 --> 00:08:22,010  
They were willing.

180  
00:08:22,010 --> 00:08:22,760

They were willing.

181

00:08:22,760 --> 00:08:25,420

And they asked me what school  
did I go to and where and what.

182

00:08:25,420 --> 00:08:28,640

And when I told them what  
school I went to and where,

183

00:08:28,640 --> 00:08:29,510

he looked at me.

184

00:08:29,510 --> 00:08:32,450

He says, my god, your  
accent is so perfect.

185

00:08:32,450 --> 00:08:38,659

I would never believe that you  
are not from this Prague area.

186

00:08:38,659 --> 00:08:44,370

So meantime-- I wanted  
to talk about the accent.

187

00:08:44,370 --> 00:08:48,160

So they had no  
problem with talking.

188

00:08:48,160 --> 00:08:52,070

In the meantime,  
I get a telegram

189

00:08:52,070 --> 00:08:56,240

from Bratislava, which  
is another big city.

190

00:08:56,240 --> 00:09:01,100

My sister, Helen, was  
the second oldest--

191

00:09:01,100 --> 00:09:02,330

sent me a telegram.



192  
00:09:02,330 --> 00:09:06,080  
We are in Bratislava,  
this and this address.

193  
00:09:06,080 --> 00:09:09,090  
And my husband, Alex, is also--

194  
00:09:09,090 --> 00:09:09,590  
no.

195  
00:09:09,590 --> 00:09:12,260  
And she says, we are  
here in Bratislava.

196  
00:09:12,260 --> 00:09:14,180  
This and this is our address.

197  
00:09:14,180 --> 00:09:17,540  
Love, Helen and Alex.

198  
00:09:17,540 --> 00:09:22,610  
Well, I just couldn't  
believe that she survived it

199  
00:09:22,610 --> 00:09:23,750  
because she was--

200  
00:09:23,750 --> 00:09:26,570  
not that she was that  
old, but that she survived

201  
00:09:26,570 --> 00:09:30,230  
because usually, it was  
only, let's say, up to 30,

202  
00:09:30,230 --> 00:09:33,860  
35 the most that survived.

203  
00:09:33,860 --> 00:09:34,850  
How old was she?

204

00:09:34,850 --> 00:09:37,730

Well, she was 60  
years old in Nice.

205

00:09:37,730 --> 00:09:40,670

So that was--  
count, count, count.

206

00:09:40,670 --> 00:09:43,805

32, 32, and 6--

207

00:09:43,805 --> 00:09:46,190

38.

208

00:09:46,190 --> 00:09:51,830

So then I said, I have  
to go and see her.

209

00:09:51,830 --> 00:09:54,080

She was my real sister,  
an older sister.

210

00:09:54,080 --> 00:09:56,540

And she was always  
like a mother to me.

211

00:09:56,540 --> 00:09:58,820

And I said to this  
sister of mine

212

00:09:58,820 --> 00:10:01,490

that we survived the  
whole ordeal together,

213

00:10:01,490 --> 00:10:02,570

the stepsister of mine.

214

00:10:02,570 --> 00:10:06,080

I said, I have to go to see  
her and see what's what.

215

00:10:06,080 --> 00:10:06,980

Maybe I come back.

216  
00:10:06,980 --> 00:10:07,700  
Maybe I don't.

217  
00:10:07,700 --> 00:10:08,930  
I don't know.

218  
00:10:08,930 --> 00:10:10,940  
But in the meantime, they  
were already in love.

219  
00:10:10,940 --> 00:10:12,780  
I knew she was going  
to get married to him.

220  
00:10:12,780 --> 00:10:15,290  
So she was kind  
of taken care of.

221  
00:10:15,290 --> 00:10:19,110  
And my younger sister,  
who was our child--

222  
00:10:19,110 --> 00:10:20,480  
her mother and my father--

223  
00:10:20,480 --> 00:10:25,310  
she wanted to stay with Isabel,  
with the older sister, Isabel.

224  
00:10:25,310 --> 00:10:28,820  
My niece, she came with me.

225  
00:10:28,820 --> 00:10:30,260  
She just clung to me.

226  
00:10:30,260 --> 00:10:32,180  
I was her everything.

227  
00:10:32,180 --> 00:10:33,590  
She was like a zombie.

228  
00:10:33,590 --> 00:10:37,700  
All through the whole camp,  
through the whole thing,

229  
00:10:37,700 --> 00:10:39,740  
she was just like a zombie.

230  
00:10:39,740 --> 00:10:41,390  
She didn't care.

231  
00:10:41,390 --> 00:10:42,990  
I had to give her food.

232  
00:10:42,990 --> 00:10:48,140  
I have to nudge  
her to do anything.

233  
00:10:48,140 --> 00:10:52,010  
She would have never survived  
if I wouldn't have been there--

234  
00:10:52,010 --> 00:10:53,580  
if we wouldn't be there.

235  
00:10:53,580 --> 00:10:55,920  
So she just, oh, I go with you.

236  
00:10:55,920 --> 00:10:58,910  
Wherever you go, I go.

237  
00:10:58,910 --> 00:11:04,355  
So we went down to  
Bratislava and met my sister

238  
00:11:04,355 --> 00:11:06,650  
and was very happy to see her.

239  
00:11:06,650 --> 00:11:08,972  
And she said, oh, you're  
not going to be in Prague.

240

00:11:08,972 --> 00:11:10,430

You're not going  
to stay in Prague.

241

00:11:10,430 --> 00:11:11,090

We go home.

242

00:11:11,090 --> 00:11:11,720

We go home.

243

00:11:11,720 --> 00:11:12,330

We go back.

244

00:11:12,330 --> 00:11:14,100

We go home.

245

00:11:14,100 --> 00:11:16,490

Well, it was easy to  
talk me into that--

246

00:11:16,490 --> 00:11:17,120

go home.

247

00:11:17,120 --> 00:11:18,092

Go home.

248

00:11:18,092 --> 00:11:19,050

Let's see who survived.

249

00:11:19,050 --> 00:11:21,690

250

00:11:21,690 --> 00:11:24,140

So then I let my  
sister know in Prague

251

00:11:24,140 --> 00:11:27,140

that I'm not coming back.

252

00:11:27,140 --> 00:11:28,700

And I went back home.

253  
00:11:28,700 --> 00:11:32,240  
And my sister, Isabel, and  
her husband, she married.

254  
00:11:32,240 --> 00:11:36,530  
And my younger sister, they  
came to the United States

255  
00:11:36,530 --> 00:11:38,870  
about two years before I came.

256  
00:11:38,870 --> 00:11:39,770  
They came straight.

257  
00:11:39,770 --> 00:11:42,410  
They went through  
Sweden or somewhere.

258  
00:11:42,410 --> 00:11:45,080  
They came to the United States.

259  
00:11:45,080 --> 00:11:48,000  
And I went back home.

260  
00:11:48,000 --> 00:11:52,860

261  
00:11:52,860 --> 00:11:54,810  
My sister did not live  
in the same village.

262  
00:11:54,810 --> 00:11:55,830  
She lived in Romania.

263  
00:11:55,830 --> 00:11:57,420  
At that time, it  
was already Romania.

264  
00:11:57,420 --> 00:11:58,380  
This became Russia.

265

00:11:58,380 --> 00:11:59,520

That became Romania.

266

00:11:59,520 --> 00:12:01,470

There was no Hungary anymore.

267

00:12:01,470 --> 00:12:04,560

And I came to her house.

268

00:12:04,560 --> 00:12:07,020

She found her house.

269

00:12:07,020 --> 00:12:10,560

And some of the pictures  
maybe even come from her.

270

00:12:10,560 --> 00:12:12,810

She found some in  
the loft somewhere,

271

00:12:12,810 --> 00:12:15,750

but very little  
furniture or anything.

272

00:12:15,750 --> 00:12:16,890

But she found the house.

273

00:12:16,890 --> 00:12:17,730

She moved in.

274

00:12:17,730 --> 00:12:18,850

I moved in with her.

275

00:12:18,850 --> 00:12:20,550

My niece moved in with her.

276

00:12:20,550 --> 00:12:23,760

And some Russians  
lived there, too.

277

00:12:23,760 --> 00:12:26,400

Every house was occupied  
with the Russian.

278  
00:12:26,400 --> 00:12:29,160  
And this Russian,  
too, he was Jewish.

279  
00:12:29,160 --> 00:12:31,560  
She wasn't, the wife.

280  
00:12:31,560 --> 00:12:34,307  
And he said Yiddish.

281  
00:12:34,307 --> 00:12:35,515  
I don't know so much Yiddish.

282  
00:12:35,515 --> 00:12:40,320  
He says, [YIDDISH],  
don't stay here.

283  
00:12:40,320 --> 00:12:41,020  
Go.

284  
00:12:41,020 --> 00:12:43,530  
I said, Josef, but  
why don't you go?

285  
00:12:43,530 --> 00:12:44,640  
You have a chance.

286  
00:12:44,640 --> 00:12:45,390  
I can't.

287  
00:12:45,390 --> 00:12:46,650  
I have a family at home.

288  
00:12:46,650 --> 00:12:49,560  
He says, my wife is a shiksa.

289  
00:12:49,560 --> 00:12:50,910  
He says, I can't.



290

00:12:50,910 --> 00:12:51,970

I have children.

291

00:12:51,970 --> 00:12:52,980

I have parents.

292

00:12:52,980 --> 00:12:53,850

I can't do it.

293

00:12:53,850 --> 00:12:57,570

But you've got to  
get away from here.

294

00:12:57,570 --> 00:12:58,410

I never forget.

295

00:12:58,410 --> 00:12:59,580

I said, [YIDDISH].

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00:12:59,580 --> 00:13:04,950

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00:13:04,950 --> 00:13:07,260

So we stayed in the house.

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00:13:07,260 --> 00:13:10,680

And my brother-in-law  
started making business.

299

00:13:10,680 --> 00:13:13,020

And life wasn't so bad.

300

00:13:13,020 --> 00:13:16,230

301

00:13:16,230 --> 00:13:18,990

And then my sister  
had a baby, the one

302

00:13:18,990 --> 00:13:24,180

that lived in Hungary, the

one that we visited afterward.

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00:13:24,180 --> 00:13:25,380

Her husband came back.

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00:13:25,380 --> 00:13:26,700

Yeah, she was married before.

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00:13:26,700 --> 00:13:27,850

And her husband came back.

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00:13:27,850 --> 00:13:29,130

They both came back.

307

00:13:29,130 --> 00:13:32,070

And she lived in Hungary,  
and she had a baby.

308

00:13:32,070 --> 00:13:36,210

And my sister, this older  
sister, said to me, Helen,

309

00:13:36,210 --> 00:13:40,650

you have to go to your sister  
and help her out with the baby.

310

00:13:40,650 --> 00:13:42,330

There was a custom  
in our family.

311

00:13:42,330 --> 00:13:43,980

The younger always  
went to the older

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00:13:43,980 --> 00:13:47,430

to help out with the  
children in a way.

313

00:13:47,430 --> 00:13:48,120

Well, OK.

314

00:13:48,120 --> 00:13:48,870

I go.

315

00:13:48,870 --> 00:13:50,560

You say so, I go.

316

00:13:50,560 --> 00:13:52,772

So I went to Hungary to  
go through the border.

317

00:13:52,772 --> 00:13:54,480

It wasn't exactly  
easy, but I went there.

318

00:13:54,480 --> 00:13:56,460

But my niece stayed.

319

00:13:56,460 --> 00:14:00,390

She found some family  
from her father's side.

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00:14:00,390 --> 00:14:03,420

And she went there, and  
they just embraced her.

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00:14:03,420 --> 00:14:05,010

And she was a baby there.

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00:14:05,010 --> 00:14:06,613

And that was wonderful for her.

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00:14:06,613 --> 00:14:07,905

Those people were not deported.

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00:14:07,905 --> 00:14:11,640

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00:14:11,640 --> 00:14:13,140

They were in hiding  
or something.

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00:14:13,140 --> 00:14:15,820

So anyway, she had

a nice life there.

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00:14:15,820 --> 00:14:16,820

So I knew she's OK.

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00:14:16,820 --> 00:14:17,320

So I went--

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00:14:17,320 --> 00:14:19,290

Must have been difficult for  
her to separate from you.

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00:14:19,290 --> 00:14:19,990

Well, it was.

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00:14:19,990 --> 00:14:22,620

But we're together still.

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00:14:22,620 --> 00:14:25,350

We're together.

333

00:14:25,350 --> 00:14:27,630

It was just temporary.

334

00:14:27,630 --> 00:14:30,210

So I went to my sister,  
and I stayed with her

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00:14:30,210 --> 00:14:31,740

for some months.

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00:14:31,740 --> 00:14:33,580

And then that was enough.

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00:14:33,580 --> 00:14:37,200

And then I came back and  
said, we have to start life.

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00:14:37,200 --> 00:14:38,760

We have to do something.

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00:14:38,760 --> 00:14:41,970

You can't live on  
somebody else's goodwill,

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00:14:41,970 --> 00:14:43,440

what they give you.

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00:14:43,440 --> 00:14:49,230

And coming back home, I  
stopped in Szatmare, Szatmar.

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00:14:49,230 --> 00:14:51,570

You probably heard  
of Szatmar by now.

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00:14:51,570 --> 00:14:53,190

That's a famous town.

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00:14:53,190 --> 00:14:54,600

My husband is from there.

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00:14:54,600 --> 00:14:58,050

I stopped there because I had  
a cousin that lived there.

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00:14:58,050 --> 00:15:01,710

She survived in Budapest.

347

00:15:01,710 --> 00:15:03,240

She was hiding.

348

00:15:03,240 --> 00:15:04,800

She has a history, too.

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00:15:04,800 --> 00:15:07,680

Her husband-- last minute,  
she lost her husband

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00:15:07,680 --> 00:15:09,990

before liberation.

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00:15:09,990 --> 00:15:11,490

Anyway, they were in hiding.

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00:15:11,490 --> 00:15:15,030

And last minute, just  
a shrapnel hit him.

353

00:15:15,030 --> 00:15:17,760

The Russians were  
fighting in the street.

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00:15:17,760 --> 00:15:20,700

And so I went to visit  
with her, stayed there

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00:15:20,700 --> 00:15:25,920

for a couple of days, and  
that's where I met my husband.

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00:15:25,920 --> 00:15:28,500

How'd you meet him?

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00:15:28,500 --> 00:15:29,890

Walking on the street.

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00:15:29,890 --> 00:15:31,890

We were promenading--

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00:15:31,890 --> 00:15:32,670

[INAUDIBLE]

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00:15:32,670 --> 00:15:35,190

You heard that word all right?

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00:15:35,190 --> 00:15:36,480

It was Saturday afternoon.

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00:15:36,480 --> 00:15:39,870

And I was with my  
cousin and her mother.

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00:15:39,870 --> 00:15:40,980

And we were walking.

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00:15:40,980 --> 00:15:44,640

And here comes my husband and  
a couple other guys, I guess.

365

00:15:44,640 --> 00:15:46,950

And he stopped my cousin  
because they knew each other.

366

00:15:46,950 --> 00:15:49,920

Her husband was a very good  
friend of my husband's, say,

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00:15:49,920 --> 00:15:51,460

before the war.

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00:15:51,460 --> 00:15:52,740

And he said, you know what?

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00:15:52,740 --> 00:15:55,890

Two sisters are getting married,  
and tomorrow is the wedding.

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00:15:55,890 --> 00:15:59,040

I'd like you to come to the  
wedding, he says to my cousin

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00:15:59,040 --> 00:16:00,330

and to my aunt.

372

00:16:00,330 --> 00:16:03,640

And then my cousin  
introduced me and says,

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00:16:03,640 --> 00:16:05,880

well, this is my cousin  
visiting with us.

374

00:16:05,880 --> 00:16:09,150

He says, you can come, too.

375

00:16:09,150 --> 00:16:11,590

That was the end.

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00:16:11,590 --> 00:16:14,970

So anyway, so that's how we met.

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00:16:14,970 --> 00:16:16,890

You were wearing a  
polka-dot dress then?

378

00:16:16,890 --> 00:16:21,820

Yes, I was wearing my polka-dot  
dress with a white collar.

379

00:16:21,820 --> 00:16:23,276

Yes.

380

00:16:23,276 --> 00:16:25,068

Do you have anything  
else you want to talk?

381

00:16:25,068 --> 00:16:25,568

No.

382

00:16:25,568 --> 00:16:26,850

No?

383

00:16:26,850 --> 00:16:27,350

OK.

384

00:16:27,350 --> 00:16:29,710

Well, maybe let's  
just stop for now.

385

00:16:29,710 --> 00:16:30,565

Yeah.

386

00:16:30,565 --> 00:16:31,398

I think it's enough.

387

00:16:31,398 --> 00:16:32,250

Come back again.



388

00:16:32,250 --> 00:16:33,220

I think it's enough.

389

00:16:33,220 --> 00:16:33,720

It's dark.

390

00:16:33,720 --> 00:16:35,137

I don't like to

drive in the dark.

391

00:16:35,137 --> 00:16:36,780

I didn't even realize

it's that dark.

392

00:16:36,780 --> 00:16:38,330

OK.

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00:16:38,330 --> 00:18:38,000