

1
00:00:00,000 --> 00:00:58,882

2
00:00:58,882 --> 00:01:00,640
Where you want me to put this?

3
00:01:00,640 --> 00:01:02,020
Just put them down
here for time?

4
00:01:02,020 --> 00:01:03,770
Just want to make sure
it doesn't get wet.

5
00:01:03,770 --> 00:01:04,335
Yeah.

6
00:01:04,335 --> 00:01:05,650
OK, we'll remember that.

7
00:01:05,650 --> 00:01:09,110

8
00:01:09,110 --> 00:01:12,590
OK, ready when you are.

9
00:01:12,590 --> 00:01:15,430
Yeah, we're all set.

10
00:01:15,430 --> 00:01:18,590
You want me to give
my Hungarian name?

11
00:01:18,590 --> 00:01:19,240
OK.

12
00:01:19,240 --> 00:01:20,060
We can do that too.

13
00:01:20,060 --> 00:01:20,560

OK.

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00:01:20,560 --> 00:01:22,240

All right.

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00:01:22,240 --> 00:01:26,380

We'll go ahead and begin by
saying that this is Beth Jacob,

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00:01:26,380 --> 00:01:31,540

and we are giving here the
interview for Mr. Irwin Barany.

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00:01:31,540 --> 00:01:33,370

And we're going to
have Mr. Barany begin

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00:01:33,370 --> 00:01:37,300

by telling us his name and
where he's from and what

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00:01:37,300 --> 00:01:39,130

his childhood was like.

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00:01:39,130 --> 00:01:45,040

Well, I was born on
November 21st, 1920

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00:01:45,040 --> 00:01:49,090

in Hungary, the
city of Debrecen.

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00:01:49,090 --> 00:01:57,400

And I had a happy childhood,
because those days it

23

00:01:57,400 --> 00:02:02,740

didn't have any difference
you went to Jewish schools

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00:02:02,740 --> 00:02:05,200

grammar schools
and high schools.

25
00:02:05,200 --> 00:02:09,910
After the Germans
occupied Hungary

26
00:02:09,910 --> 00:02:14,710
they put all the Jews instead
of the Hungarian army,

27
00:02:14,710 --> 00:02:17,200
they put us in a labor camp.

28
00:02:17,200 --> 00:02:22,510
Now, I was a young
kid and in 1941 they

29
00:02:22,510 --> 00:02:25,240
took me in a labor
camp in Hungary

30
00:02:25,240 --> 00:02:30,100
where you didn't wear
military clothes,

31
00:02:30,100 --> 00:02:33,610
you wear your own civil clothes.

32
00:02:33,610 --> 00:02:35,320
Well--

33
00:02:35,320 --> 00:02:36,715
That was the Hungarian army?

34
00:02:36,715 --> 00:02:38,830
That's the Hungarian army.

35
00:02:38,830 --> 00:02:41,650
Well, we stayed
in the labor camp.

36
00:02:41,650 --> 00:02:48,610
Then when a German army went

out to Poland and Russia

37

00:02:48,610 --> 00:02:50,800

they took the Hungarian
Jews with them

38

00:02:50,800 --> 00:02:58,810

as a laborer, where we
worked all kinds of work,

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00:02:58,810 --> 00:03:00,220

we did all kinds of work.

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00:03:00,220 --> 00:03:03,910

First of all, we did
picking up mines.

41

00:03:03,910 --> 00:03:07,600

We thought mine detect mine.

42

00:03:07,600 --> 00:03:10,420

43

00:03:10,420 --> 00:03:12,700

Like bits of the mine?

44

00:03:12,700 --> 00:03:13,982

Yeah.

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00:03:13,982 --> 00:03:14,815

With mine detectors?

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00:03:14,815 --> 00:03:15,648

With mine detectors.

47

00:03:15,648 --> 00:03:23,170

You know the-- and we build
the front line shooting

48

00:03:23,170 --> 00:03:26,110

facilities for a German army.

49

00:03:26,110 --> 00:03:29,860

And we did all
this kind of work.

50

00:03:29,860 --> 00:03:32,500

A lot of people died
picking up mine.

51

00:03:32,500 --> 00:03:36,700

A lot of people died
just starvation.

52

00:03:36,700 --> 00:03:40,660

Myself, I was I guess
I call myself lucky

53

00:03:40,660 --> 00:03:43,120

because I made it through.

54

00:03:43,120 --> 00:03:44,260

Now, I was--

55

00:03:44,260 --> 00:03:45,760

How old were you
about that time?

56

00:03:45,760 --> 00:03:47,170

21.

57

00:03:47,170 --> 00:03:54,610

I was 21 years old, and
later on the German army

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00:03:54,610 --> 00:03:57,070

took us to Poland--

59

00:03:57,070 --> 00:04:02,860

to Kyiv, I mean Russia,
Kyiv, Pinsk, Minsk,

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00:04:02,860 --> 00:04:07,540

all those areas where they

made us work like a slave.

61

00:04:07,540 --> 00:04:09,430

Did you know when
you were working

62

00:04:09,430 --> 00:04:13,040

in the forced labor camps what
had happened to your family?

63

00:04:13,040 --> 00:04:15,020

Did you have any
contact with them?

64

00:04:15,020 --> 00:04:17,079

Well, no I didn't
have any contact.

65

00:04:17,079 --> 00:04:25,400

My father passed away in 1941,
but they didn't let me go home.

66

00:04:25,400 --> 00:04:30,730

And my mother and my sister
and the brother, my sister

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00:04:30,730 --> 00:04:32,710

had a small child.

68

00:04:32,710 --> 00:04:40,000

They took him to Lager, you
know concentration camp Lager.

69

00:04:40,000 --> 00:04:45,730

And probably because she had
a kid, they cremated them.

70

00:04:45,730 --> 00:04:47,600

When did they take your sister?

71

00:04:47,600 --> 00:04:49,615

My sister was 1941 or '42.

72

00:04:49,615 --> 00:04:51,310

I see.

73

00:04:51,310 --> 00:04:58,360

And my brother also was in
the service as a laborer.

74

00:04:58,360 --> 00:05:01,825

So it was a small town
that you were from?

75

00:05:01,825 --> 00:05:07,270

No, Debrecen is the third
largest city of Hungary.

76

00:05:07,270 --> 00:05:10,760

They have a population
of about 100,000 or more.

77

00:05:10,760 --> 00:05:12,580

So what happened when
the Germans came in?

78

00:05:12,580 --> 00:05:14,620

Did they come in
all in one day or--

79

00:05:14,620 --> 00:05:17,950

No, the Germans came in,
if I recall correctly,

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00:05:17,950 --> 00:05:22,930

the Germans came in and they
actually occupied Hungary.

81

00:05:22,930 --> 00:05:27,820

Well, the Hungarian
government did what

82

00:05:27,820 --> 00:05:30,010

the Germans told them to do.

83

00:05:30,010 --> 00:05:37,780
Well, all the Jews, younger
Jews, went to the labor camp.

84
00:05:37,780 --> 00:05:45,100
Elderly Jews they transferred
to Mauthausen or Buchenwald

85
00:05:45,100 --> 00:05:47,930
or who knows where.

86
00:05:47,930 --> 00:05:49,480
So they were
separated, the families

87
00:05:49,480 --> 00:05:50,910
were separated right away?

88
00:05:50,910 --> 00:05:53,260
The young ones who
could work to the camp?

89
00:05:53,260 --> 00:05:54,520
To the labor camp.

90
00:05:54,520 --> 00:05:58,070
And the older one, probably they
send them to the gas chamber.

91
00:05:58,070 --> 00:06:00,525
So but you didn't know what
was happening at that time?

92
00:06:00,525 --> 00:06:02,150
I don't know what
happened to my mother

93
00:06:02,150 --> 00:06:03,890
and my sister and my brother.

94
00:06:03,890 --> 00:06:09,840
Because once we had no
contact to get information.

95

00:06:09,840 --> 00:06:15,920

And they, as I said, they
sent us to Russia and Poland.

96

00:06:15,920 --> 00:06:30,230

I was near Warsaw also,
where when the Germans moved

97

00:06:30,230 --> 00:06:39,920

the ghetto out, I saw the Polish
Jews walking on the highways.

98

00:06:39,920 --> 00:06:45,380

And if anybody couldn't make it,
they shoot them right on sight.

99

00:06:45,380 --> 00:06:48,080

No such a thing
as transportation.

100

00:06:48,080 --> 00:06:54,980

Now for instance, ourself also
was captured by the Anderson

101

00:06:54,980 --> 00:06:56,360

underground army.

102

00:06:56,360 --> 00:06:59,390

That's a Polish underground.

103

00:06:59,390 --> 00:07:00,320

You were captured?

104

00:07:00,320 --> 00:07:01,010

Yeah.

105

00:07:01,010 --> 00:07:07,010

Now, we were captured
and when they find out

106

00:07:07,010 --> 00:07:10,550

we were Jews they give
us something to eat.

107
00:07:10,550 --> 00:07:13,340
Then they told us
there is a road,

108
00:07:13,340 --> 00:07:17,000
you go back to the German Army.

109
00:07:17,000 --> 00:07:21,320
Even Anderson Army was
financed by the United States

110
00:07:21,320 --> 00:07:22,490
and England.

111
00:07:22,490 --> 00:07:26,630
They still was anti-Semitic,
you know those people,

112
00:07:26,630 --> 00:07:29,270
and didn't want anything
to do with Jews.

113
00:07:29,270 --> 00:07:31,710
So they were a partisan army?

114
00:07:31,710 --> 00:07:34,640
They were partisans.

115
00:07:34,640 --> 00:07:35,862
They were--

116
00:07:35,862 --> 00:07:37,010
Polish partisans.

117
00:07:37,010 --> 00:07:38,300
Polish partisans, yeah.

118
00:07:38,300 --> 00:07:46,058
And they lived in a forest.

119
00:07:46,058 --> 00:07:48,380
How did they capture you?

120
00:07:48,380 --> 00:07:54,110
Well, they captured
the whole Jews

121
00:07:54,110 --> 00:07:56,720
when we were walking on
the road, on the highway.

122
00:07:56,720 --> 00:07:59,120
Oh, like a road gang?

123
00:07:59,120 --> 00:08:03,230
Well, they not only us, they
captured the Germans also

124
00:08:03,230 --> 00:08:12,110
who were guard us.

125
00:08:12,110 --> 00:08:13,760
They captured everybody.

126
00:08:13,760 --> 00:08:15,500
And after a while,
when they find out

127
00:08:15,500 --> 00:08:18,710
that I said we Jews, that's
the only thing they did,

128
00:08:18,710 --> 00:08:20,120
give us something to eat.

129
00:08:20,120 --> 00:08:23,510
And after awhile
they sent us back.

130
00:08:23,510 --> 00:08:24,890
Did you speak any Polish?

131
00:08:24,890 --> 00:08:26,450
No, I didn't.

132
00:08:26,450 --> 00:08:30,090
At that time, the only
thing I speak Hungarian.

133
00:08:30,090 --> 00:08:39,500
And we were in as I said,
Pinsk, Minsk, and Warsaw.

134
00:08:39,500 --> 00:08:44,179
Then took us back to
Prague, Czechoslovakia.

135
00:08:44,179 --> 00:08:47,180
We're walking, we didn't know
such a thing transportation.

136
00:08:47,180 --> 00:08:50,600
And you use your own clothes.

137
00:08:50,600 --> 00:08:55,700
If your shoes, for
instance, has been bad then

138
00:08:55,700 --> 00:09:04,730
you walk barefooted, and
sleep outside on the field.

139
00:09:04,730 --> 00:09:07,080
Always under the German guard?

140
00:09:07,080 --> 00:09:11,170
Under the German guard, always
we had the German guard.

141
00:09:11,170 --> 00:09:14,480
Then they went back
to-- we walked back

142

00:09:14,480 --> 00:09:18,380
as a Russian army pushed
the German army back,

143
00:09:18,380 --> 00:09:20,900
they pushed us back with them.

144
00:09:20,900 --> 00:09:27,635
And then in 1944 they
took us to Dachau.

145
00:09:27,635 --> 00:09:35,570
Well, Dachau was what anything
got left they took away from us

146
00:09:35,570 --> 00:09:39,620
everything and give
us a prison uniform.

147
00:09:39,620 --> 00:09:42,710
And they cut our hair.

148
00:09:42,710 --> 00:09:47,930
They put a stripe in your
hair for recognition,

149
00:09:47,930 --> 00:09:53,120
see because nobody could
escape from a prison camp.

150
00:09:53,120 --> 00:09:56,210
But if by any chance
you could escape,

151
00:09:56,210 --> 00:10:03,140
the Germans civilians they
could report to the army

152
00:10:03,140 --> 00:10:05,720
and they take you
back to the camp.

153
00:10:05,720 --> 00:10:07,640

Now we are, as I
said, in Dachau.

154
00:10:07,640 --> 00:10:14,510
By that time they didn't give
us any tattoo because they felt

155
00:10:14,510 --> 00:10:19,100
the war probably been lost.

156
00:10:19,100 --> 00:10:24,230
And I worked then for
six or seven months,

157
00:10:24,230 --> 00:10:33,050
we were building a underground
hangar for airplanes.

158
00:10:33,050 --> 00:10:41,090
What actually we did, we fed
the cement machines with cement.

159
00:10:41,090 --> 00:10:46,700
And all day long we walked
around like a circle.

160
00:10:46,700 --> 00:10:50,750
You had to when you dumped
one sack, then you came down,

161
00:10:50,750 --> 00:10:52,160
picked up the other sack.

162
00:10:52,160 --> 00:10:56,090
This is why a lot of
people died doing the work.

163
00:10:56,090 --> 00:10:57,170
Because it was so hard?

164
00:10:57,170 --> 00:10:58,820
Because it was hard
work, number one.

165
00:10:58,820 --> 00:11:03,950
Number two, they didn't
give us any good any food.

166
00:11:03,950 --> 00:11:07,220
We were so hungry we
went out to the garbage

167
00:11:07,220 --> 00:11:08,810
and picked a potato peel.

168
00:11:08,810 --> 00:11:12,230
We were lucky when we're
able to eat potato peel.

169
00:11:12,230 --> 00:11:16,615
And we had to get up, as
I said, around 4:00, 4:30

170
00:11:16,615 --> 00:11:17,240
in the morning.

171
00:11:17,240 --> 00:11:17,990
We had appell.

172
00:11:17,990 --> 00:11:21,920
The appell means they
called everybody, not name,

173
00:11:21,920 --> 00:11:22,530
they count.

174
00:11:22,530 --> 00:11:25,250
They made a count
if everybody there.

175
00:11:25,250 --> 00:11:26,120
By numbers?

176
00:11:26,120 --> 00:11:28,070
By numbers, yeah.

177
00:11:28,070 --> 00:11:32,360
And then you walk to work.

178
00:11:32,360 --> 00:11:36,190
The walk to work was
about 10 kilometer.

179
00:11:36,190 --> 00:11:40,850
A lot of people during
the walk passed on,

180
00:11:40,850 --> 00:11:43,760
and they shoot
them right on site.

181
00:11:43,760 --> 00:11:45,290
Were they all men in your group?

182
00:11:45,290 --> 00:11:45,830
All men.

183
00:11:45,830 --> 00:11:49,460
In our group it was
a man lager, yeah.

184
00:11:49,460 --> 00:11:54,650
I was lucky, I guess, I
was a young and strong boy

185
00:11:54,650 --> 00:11:56,900
able to came through.

186
00:11:56,900 --> 00:12:01,030
Was your lager all made
up of Hungarian Jews?

187
00:12:01,030 --> 00:12:03,590
No, no.

188
00:12:03,590 --> 00:12:06,800
My lager was in, the

name was Muhldorf.

189

00:12:06,800 --> 00:12:08,710

It's near Munich.

190

00:12:08,710 --> 00:12:11,210

They had Greek Jews,
they had Polish Jews.

191

00:12:11,210 --> 00:12:15,200

They had all not only
gypsies, and they

192

00:12:15,200 --> 00:12:20,360

had all the political
prisoners, just like myself.

193

00:12:20,360 --> 00:12:24,950

I was kept there
because they called

194

00:12:24,950 --> 00:12:30,210

the Jews political
enemies of German Reich.

195

00:12:30,210 --> 00:12:31,730

I see.

196

00:12:31,730 --> 00:12:33,560

How did the people
communicate with one

197

00:12:33,560 --> 00:12:38,100

another from Greece and
Italy and all over Europe?

198

00:12:38,100 --> 00:12:41,300

Well, for instance, I didn't
know any of the language,

199

00:12:41,300 --> 00:12:44,880

but they were separated.

200

00:12:44,880 --> 00:12:47,660

Each was a Greek lager,
there was a Hungarian,

201

00:12:47,660 --> 00:12:48,920

and there was a German.

202

00:12:48,920 --> 00:12:53,510

As I said, we didn't
communicate with other lagers

203

00:12:53,510 --> 00:12:55,440

because I couldn't
speak the language.

204

00:12:55,440 --> 00:12:55,940

I see.

205

00:12:55,940 --> 00:12:58,100

So you only spoke with
the other Hungarians?

206

00:12:58,100 --> 00:12:58,670

Yeah.

207

00:12:58,670 --> 00:13:01,060

Were there people from
your home town with you?

208

00:13:01,060 --> 00:13:04,460

Well, there were other
young kids with us, yeah.

209

00:13:04,460 --> 00:13:08,250

But as the time went on,
some of them got sick.

210

00:13:08,250 --> 00:13:09,260

Some of them passed on.

211

00:13:09,260 --> 00:13:14,480

Some of them they transferred

them to different lagers.

212
00:13:14,480 --> 00:13:21,270
And I was liberated in 1949.

213
00:13:21,270 --> 00:13:22,850
'49?

214
00:13:22,850 --> 00:13:29,090
No, 1945, pardon
me, 1945 in April.

215
00:13:29,090 --> 00:13:34,460
What actually they did
with us, they probably

216
00:13:34,460 --> 00:13:37,850
the German government knew
the war had been lost.

217
00:13:37,850 --> 00:13:46,070
They put all the people in a
transport, the train transport.

218
00:13:46,070 --> 00:13:51,710
They wanted to send us to the
Tyrol, that's a mountains,

219
00:13:51,710 --> 00:13:54,470
and get rid of us.

220
00:13:54,470 --> 00:14:00,410
But meantime, the American
army came in, some part of it.

221
00:14:00,410 --> 00:14:03,050
Well, they let us
loose on the field

222
00:14:03,050 --> 00:14:10,170
and the German aircraft came
by and they shoot the people,

223

00:14:10,170 --> 00:14:12,530
anybody who they got hit.

224

00:14:12,530 --> 00:14:13,220
I was lucky.

225

00:14:13,220 --> 00:14:14,810
The guy next to me died.

226

00:14:14,810 --> 00:14:17,030
I was alive.

227

00:14:17,030 --> 00:14:19,045
This was at the lager
that was near Munich?

228

00:14:19,045 --> 00:14:20,705
Near Munich, yeah.

229

00:14:20,705 --> 00:14:23,270

230

00:14:23,270 --> 00:14:26,930
I was liberated in Feldafing,
but actually all this area

231

00:14:26,930 --> 00:14:28,910
is close to Munich.

232

00:14:28,910 --> 00:14:29,480
Yeah.

233

00:14:29,480 --> 00:14:32,720
Did you realize that you
were being liberated?

234

00:14:32,720 --> 00:14:37,430
Well, only we were realized it
when the American army picked

235

00:14:37,430 --> 00:14:41,390

us up and gave us some food.

236

00:14:41,390 --> 00:14:48,950

See, and a lot of people
died during they eat so fast.

237

00:14:48,950 --> 00:14:50,810

Just their stomach,
they couldn't take it,

238

00:14:50,810 --> 00:14:53,840

and they died.

239

00:14:53,840 --> 00:14:54,800

After liberation--

240

00:14:54,800 --> 00:14:55,640

After liberation.

241

00:14:55,640 --> 00:14:56,450

--they had eaten
too much too fast?

242

00:14:56,450 --> 00:14:56,600

Eaten too much.

243

00:14:56,600 --> 00:14:59,120

That's right, because we
never had anything to eat.

244

00:14:59,120 --> 00:15:01,730

We was hungry all the time.

245

00:15:01,730 --> 00:15:05,164

Myself, probably I was
nothing but skin and bones.

246

00:15:05,164 --> 00:15:06,590

I see.

247

00:15:06,590 --> 00:15:10,190

When you were working, you had

been working for years then

248

00:15:10,190 --> 00:15:12,710
already in the forced
labor camp when

249

00:15:12,710 --> 00:15:14,510
they took you from Hungary?

250

00:15:14,510 --> 00:15:17,240
And they took you all
around Europe by foot.

251

00:15:17,240 --> 00:15:20,420
Did you think that you
were going to make it

252

00:15:20,420 --> 00:15:22,020
through during all those times?

253

00:15:22,020 --> 00:15:23,660
I'll be honest
with you, I didn't

254

00:15:23,660 --> 00:15:25,910
give a penny for my life.

255

00:15:25,910 --> 00:15:30,890
I never dreamed I'm
going to be liberated

256

00:15:30,890 --> 00:15:33,800
or I'm going to be alive.

257

00:15:33,800 --> 00:15:38,840
The days just or hours didn't
mean a damn thing to us.

258

00:15:38,840 --> 00:15:42,620
Because we knew that it
was a labor camp where

259

00:15:42,620 --> 00:15:45,920
they make you work
long as you're alive,

260
00:15:45,920 --> 00:15:49,770
long as you're able to work.

261
00:15:49,770 --> 00:15:54,590
After all they get rid of you.

262
00:15:54,590 --> 00:15:58,760
Medical care, we didn't
have any medical care.

263
00:15:58,760 --> 00:16:04,710
If anybody got sick,
just one of those things.

264
00:16:04,710 --> 00:16:08,150
So when you were living
then in the third largest

265
00:16:08,150 --> 00:16:10,040
town in Hungary.

266
00:16:10,040 --> 00:16:13,310
And the Germans come
in, they take away

267
00:16:13,310 --> 00:16:17,700
your family on one hand,
and on the other hand

268
00:16:17,700 --> 00:16:20,060
you're put into this labor camp.

269
00:16:20,060 --> 00:16:22,010
Before the Germans
had come, what

270
00:16:22,010 --> 00:16:25,430
had life been like for
your town, for your people?

271
00:16:25,430 --> 00:16:30,870
Well, before the Germans
come I mean, as I said,

272
00:16:30,870 --> 00:16:36,020
I can recall as a kid
we went to the Jewish--

273
00:16:36,020 --> 00:16:37,088
Did you go to cheder?

274
00:16:37,088 --> 00:16:38,255
Oh, yeah, we went to cheder.

275
00:16:38,255 --> 00:16:39,470
We were bar mitzvah.

276
00:16:39,470 --> 00:16:43,380
I went to the
Jewish high schools.

277
00:16:43,380 --> 00:16:45,620
And we had a good life.

278
00:16:45,620 --> 00:16:51,005
Now, when Hitler
began his propaganda

279
00:16:51,005 --> 00:16:54,650
it started to
change a little bit.

280
00:16:54,650 --> 00:16:57,410
For instance, just
like my father,

281
00:16:57,410 --> 00:17:00,230
he was an insurance executive.

282
00:17:00,230 --> 00:17:06,200
But after all the companies get

rid of all Jewish executives

283

00:17:06,200 --> 00:17:09,030
and they made him retire.

284

00:17:09,030 --> 00:17:11,599
So who made them retire exactly?

285

00:17:11,599 --> 00:17:12,770
Did the Hungarians?

286

00:17:12,770 --> 00:17:13,579
The Hungarians.

287

00:17:13,579 --> 00:17:15,890
That time, the Hungarian
probably the government

288

00:17:15,890 --> 00:17:18,440
put the push on
the big companies

289

00:17:18,440 --> 00:17:21,589
to get rid of executives.

290

00:17:21,589 --> 00:17:23,569
So what was it like in the town?

291

00:17:23,569 --> 00:17:26,060
You had grown up with
all of these people

292

00:17:26,060 --> 00:17:27,980
and all of a sudden
the Germans are around.

293

00:17:27,980 --> 00:17:31,910
How did your neighbors behave?

294

00:17:31,910 --> 00:17:38,720
The Hungarians, also
there was anti-Semitic.

295

00:17:38,720 --> 00:17:46,680

They didn't show, but once
they had the opportunity,

296

00:17:46,680 --> 00:17:49,040

they didn't give
us too much help.

297

00:17:49,040 --> 00:17:52,370

Had they been anti-Semitic as
you were growing up as a boy?

298

00:17:52,370 --> 00:17:55,190

Or what was life
like, the relationship

299

00:17:55,190 --> 00:17:58,820

between the Gentiles and the
Jews when you were growing up?

300

00:17:58,820 --> 00:18:04,730

When we were growing up I
didn't see too much difference.

301

00:18:04,730 --> 00:18:16,790

Well, the anti-Semitic
movement always been there.

302

00:18:16,790 --> 00:18:17,450

Right.

303

00:18:17,450 --> 00:18:21,770

But didn't show too much.

304

00:18:21,770 --> 00:18:23,600

Did you have relationships
with each other?

305

00:18:23,600 --> 00:18:27,770

Oh, we had good relationship
with the Gentile people.

306

00:18:27,770 --> 00:18:31,950

But still, you always see
there was a line there.

307

00:18:31,950 --> 00:18:33,140

I see.

308

00:18:33,140 --> 00:18:36,885

Were you part of
any youth groups?

309

00:18:36,885 --> 00:18:39,605

Were there any
Zionists in your town?

310

00:18:39,605 --> 00:18:42,470

Well, we used to belong
to the youth group.

311

00:18:42,470 --> 00:18:47,290

And we figured those days
when it comes to Israel

312

00:18:47,290 --> 00:18:53,930

we are going to go to
Israel, the Zionist children

313

00:18:53,930 --> 00:19:00,020

was taught as a Zionist
movement going to be.

314

00:19:00,020 --> 00:19:04,400

And we're going to have
a homeland in Israel.

315

00:19:04,400 --> 00:19:07,430

And we went to youth groups.

316

00:19:07,430 --> 00:19:10,760

But what did your parents
think about that idea?

317

00:19:10,760 --> 00:19:13,820
Well, my parents, they let us--

318
00:19:13,820 --> 00:19:18,680
they believed we should
have a safer place

319
00:19:18,680 --> 00:19:25,010
to live than Hungary
or any other place.

320
00:19:25,010 --> 00:19:32,570
Maybe it was in
1941, '42, if we hope

321
00:19:32,570 --> 00:19:38,240
we can have a Jewish
state, then we're

322
00:19:38,240 --> 00:19:43,070
going to go from
Hungary to Israel.

323
00:19:43,070 --> 00:19:46,670
Had your family been living
in Hungary for a long time?

324
00:19:46,670 --> 00:19:51,150
Yeah, my family was
raised and born there.

325
00:19:51,150 --> 00:20:00,530
And my mother, her parents also
for generation and generation

326
00:20:00,530 --> 00:20:02,390
lived in Hungary.

327
00:20:02,390 --> 00:20:05,900
But in all of those
times people had

328
00:20:05,900 --> 00:20:09,200

been able to go to synagogue
and have their own life?

329

00:20:09,200 --> 00:20:13,700

And they hadn't had too much
trouble before in Hungary?

330

00:20:13,700 --> 00:20:15,620

They had no problem to
go to the synagogue.

331

00:20:15,620 --> 00:20:20,480

They had no problem
for religion.

332

00:20:20,480 --> 00:20:26,120

If you wanted to practice
your own religion,

333

00:20:26,120 --> 00:20:28,190

nobody stopped you for that.

334

00:20:28,190 --> 00:20:30,860

Could they serve in the
Hungarian army, the Jews?

335

00:20:30,860 --> 00:20:36,050

Before the Germans came in, yes.

336

00:20:36,050 --> 00:20:40,280

The Jews served in
the Hungarian army.

337

00:20:40,280 --> 00:20:42,530

And then when the Germans
came, that changed?

338

00:20:42,530 --> 00:20:44,810

When the Germans came,
that changed, yeah.

339

00:20:44,810 --> 00:20:49,430

I mean, just like anybody else,

that wasn't a volunteer army.

340

00:20:49,430 --> 00:20:53,930

You must go to the army when
you're 20 or 21 years old.

341

00:20:53,930 --> 00:20:54,630

I see.

342

00:20:54,630 --> 00:21:00,110

And then you are in the service.

343

00:21:00,110 --> 00:21:02,420

That changed when
the Germans came in.

344

00:21:02,420 --> 00:21:07,100

As I mentioned, they
may a labor battalion

345

00:21:07,100 --> 00:21:09,350

out of the Jewish people.

346

00:21:09,350 --> 00:21:13,100

Did you say your brother also
went to such a labor battalion?

347

00:21:13,100 --> 00:21:15,560

Yeah, my brother
went also, yeah.

348

00:21:15,560 --> 00:21:17,652

But to a different
section of it?

349

00:21:17,652 --> 00:21:19,110

Or did you know
what was happening?

350

00:21:19,110 --> 00:21:21,350

No, I didn't know
what happened to him.

351
00:21:21,350 --> 00:21:22,130
I see.

352
00:21:22,130 --> 00:21:23,990
No, I didn't know.

353
00:21:23,990 --> 00:21:26,422
So did you find out at
the end of the war what

354
00:21:26,422 --> 00:21:27,380
became of your brother?

355
00:21:27,380 --> 00:21:33,110
At the end of the war I find
out my brother got killed.

356
00:21:33,110 --> 00:21:38,900
And my sister, as I
mentioned, had a small child.

357
00:21:38,900 --> 00:21:45,890
They separate them from the
working people to the people

358
00:21:45,890 --> 00:21:47,120
who cannot do any work.

359
00:21:47,120 --> 00:21:48,080
I see.

360
00:21:48,080 --> 00:21:50,600
So as soon as you were separated
from your family then that

361
00:21:50,600 --> 00:21:52,190
was the end of information?

362
00:21:52,190 --> 00:21:54,500
That was end of
information, yeah.

363

00:21:54,500 --> 00:21:58,610

We were never able to
go back to our city.

364

00:21:58,610 --> 00:22:05,490

No such a thing Furlough,
because just you are a slave.

365

00:22:05,490 --> 00:22:06,300

I see.

366

00:22:06,300 --> 00:22:11,370

So when they took you
to the labor battalion,

367

00:22:11,370 --> 00:22:13,920

were they all Jews in your
battalion or was it mixed?

368

00:22:13,920 --> 00:22:16,140

Our battalion was
all Jews, yeah.

369

00:22:16,140 --> 00:22:16,890

I see.

370

00:22:16,890 --> 00:22:21,510

Now, they had the separate
battalion for at that time

371

00:22:21,510 --> 00:22:25,350

they took the gypsies
also and the communists.

372

00:22:25,350 --> 00:22:29,440

They took them from Hungary,
from all over the world.

373

00:22:29,440 --> 00:22:31,330

So were they in your
battalion as well.?

374

00:22:31,330 --> 00:22:35,120
No, it wasn't in our batallion,
but the separate groups.

375
00:22:35,120 --> 00:22:36,180
I see.

376
00:22:36,180 --> 00:22:40,290
So when you got
in there then you

377
00:22:40,290 --> 00:22:41,940
said they didn't
give you a uniform?

378
00:22:41,940 --> 00:22:44,570
You were just working.

379
00:22:44,570 --> 00:22:46,590
What was the everyday
life like when

380
00:22:46,590 --> 00:22:48,480
you were in the battalions?

381
00:22:48,480 --> 00:22:52,110
Well, every day, I mean they
had to use your own clothes.

382
00:22:52,110 --> 00:22:59,460
Now, if everyday life just
like if you're in the service.

383
00:22:59,460 --> 00:23:02,640
You get up 4:00,
4:30 in the morning.

384
00:23:02,640 --> 00:23:08,280
Then they make a count
if everybody there.

385
00:23:08,280 --> 00:23:12,240
Then they send you out

to work in your clothes.

386
00:23:12,240 --> 00:23:14,760
I see.

387
00:23:14,760 --> 00:23:21,630
It was hard to get clean
clothes because just

388
00:23:21,630 --> 00:23:24,840
there was no facilities.

389
00:23:24,840 --> 00:23:26,970
But it was the Germans
who were running things?

390
00:23:26,970 --> 00:23:29,400
Oh, the German army
ran the whole thing.

391
00:23:29,400 --> 00:23:36,900
Because the Hungarians let
them to take over these labor

392
00:23:36,900 --> 00:23:37,740
battalions.

393
00:23:37,740 --> 00:23:41,530
Why did the Hungarians let
them take over like that?

394
00:23:41,530 --> 00:23:49,390
Well, I guess from the top,
just like anything else,

395
00:23:49,390 --> 00:23:51,930
Hungary was occupied
by the Germans,

396
00:23:51,930 --> 00:23:54,750
and they dictated the policy.

397

00:23:54,750 --> 00:23:56,010
I see.

398
00:23:56,010 --> 00:23:59,550
Were the other
young Hungarian men

399
00:23:59,550 --> 00:24:01,800
having to do the same thing?

400
00:24:01,800 --> 00:24:03,250
What you mean?

401
00:24:03,250 --> 00:24:06,420
Were they being taken into
work battalions as well?

402
00:24:06,420 --> 00:24:08,790
Or were they only taking
the gypsies and the Jews?

403
00:24:08,790 --> 00:24:10,650
Only just the Jews.

404
00:24:10,650 --> 00:24:15,400
Only there was no
Hungarian labor battalion.

405
00:24:15,400 --> 00:24:16,410
Christians, I mean.

406
00:24:16,410 --> 00:24:18,743
No Christians doing the same
kind of work that you were?

407
00:24:18,743 --> 00:24:20,280
No, only just the Jews, yeah.

408
00:24:20,280 --> 00:24:21,480
And there was no escape.

409
00:24:21,480 --> 00:24:24,850

Did anybody ever get away
from those labor battalions?

410
00:24:24,850 --> 00:24:27,940
Well, possibility
always for somebody

411
00:24:27,940 --> 00:24:29,970
escape, but not too many.

412
00:24:29,970 --> 00:24:33,540
Not I don't think, I can't
recall anybody missing

413
00:24:33,540 --> 00:24:36,000
from our labor battalion.

414
00:24:36,000 --> 00:24:38,250
How could you understand
the German orders?

415
00:24:38,250 --> 00:24:41,235
Did they use a Hungarian
to give the orders?

416
00:24:41,235 --> 00:24:48,750
Well, the German probably
used the Hungarian people

417
00:24:48,750 --> 00:24:52,290
to give them the order.

418
00:24:52,290 --> 00:24:59,255
And they make sure everything
been done the right way.

419
00:24:59,255 --> 00:25:00,880
I see, so through translators.

420
00:25:00,880 --> 00:25:01,380
Yeah.

421

00:25:01,380 --> 00:25:01,920
OK, great.

422
00:25:01,920 --> 00:25:03,503
Let's take a little
break for a second

423
00:25:03,503 --> 00:25:06,820
and collect our wits here.

424
00:25:06,820 --> 00:25:08,195
Let's see how
we're coming along.

425
00:25:08,195 --> 00:25:13,987

426
00:25:13,987 --> 00:25:15,320
There a bathroom here someplace?

427
00:25:15,320 --> 00:25:16,430
Yeah.

428
00:25:16,430 --> 00:25:17,850
You're moving up in the world.

429
00:25:17,850 --> 00:25:18,420
That's right.

430
00:25:18,420 --> 00:25:18,920
That's good.

431
00:25:18,920 --> 00:25:20,152
Is that what you call it?

432
00:25:20,152 --> 00:25:21,860
That's what I'd call
it if I got somebody

433
00:25:21,860 --> 00:25:23,540
to drive me around all day.

434

00:25:23,540 --> 00:25:26,310

Yeah, but what
about [INAUDIBLE]..

435

00:25:26,310 --> 00:25:28,220

We'll have to talk
about your story next.

436

00:25:28,220 --> 00:25:28,970

One at a time.

437

00:25:28,970 --> 00:25:29,610

Yeah.

438

00:25:29,610 --> 00:25:30,860

My mother lost all her family.

439

00:25:30,860 --> 00:25:32,750

Oh, did she?

440

00:25:32,750 --> 00:25:34,280

OK, we're ready.

441

00:25:34,280 --> 00:25:35,280

Any time.

442

00:25:35,280 --> 00:25:36,290

OK.

443

00:25:36,290 --> 00:25:40,220

I wanted to ask you then
your labor battalion,

444

00:25:40,220 --> 00:25:43,370

were you young man
from Buda and Pest

445

00:25:43,370 --> 00:25:46,190

and all over the different
cities and areas?

446

00:25:46,190 --> 00:25:49,250
Or were you just from
your own hometown?

447
00:25:49,250 --> 00:25:54,680
Far as I know, Hungary
had 600,000 Jews.

448
00:25:54,680 --> 00:26:02,390
Now, a lot of young kids
were in the labor battalion

449
00:26:02,390 --> 00:26:04,130
from our area.

450
00:26:04,130 --> 00:26:07,220
I know I had only
for different areas

451
00:26:07,220 --> 00:26:09,360
also they had
different battalions.

452
00:26:09,360 --> 00:26:12,715
I see, so yours was
from your own area?

453
00:26:12,715 --> 00:26:13,340
Our area, yeah.

454
00:26:13,340 --> 00:26:14,180
I see.

455
00:26:14,180 --> 00:26:19,160
And so they had you
working first of all,

456
00:26:19,160 --> 00:26:21,600
picking up the mines, right?

457
00:26:21,600 --> 00:26:22,100
Yeah, well--

458

00:26:22,100 --> 00:26:23,600

Is that what you
said the first was?

459

00:26:23,600 --> 00:26:25,620

What they did with
us, they don't

460

00:26:25,620 --> 00:26:27,860

care-- our life didn't
mean anything to them.

461

00:26:27,860 --> 00:26:28,360

Right.

462

00:26:28,360 --> 00:26:32,690

They sent us, they says
there is a mine field

463

00:26:32,690 --> 00:26:36,230

and go try to get it.

464

00:26:36,230 --> 00:26:37,380

Pick them up.

465

00:26:37,380 --> 00:26:40,910

A lot of guys blow
up right on the spot

466

00:26:40,910 --> 00:26:43,330

because we had no equipment.

467

00:26:43,330 --> 00:26:50,690

We had to do the
best you could do.

468

00:26:50,690 --> 00:26:55,720

So you must have been a mixed
group, some fellows religious,

469

00:26:55,720 --> 00:26:59,300

some secular, every kind

of background, I imagine.

470
00:26:59,300 --> 00:27:00,260
Is that true?

471
00:27:00,260 --> 00:27:05,900
Well, we had a lot of Orthodox
Jews and reformed Jews.

472
00:27:05,900 --> 00:27:12,230
And now, you couldn't pray.

473
00:27:12,230 --> 00:27:16,460
I mean, we go to temple or such
and such something like that,

474
00:27:16,460 --> 00:27:18,680
they won't let us do it.

475
00:27:18,680 --> 00:27:20,500
So you couldn't
daven or any kind?

476
00:27:20,500 --> 00:27:21,830
You couldn't daven, no, no.

477
00:27:21,830 --> 00:27:22,670
I see.

478
00:27:22,670 --> 00:27:26,270
No such a thing for you
practice your religion.

479
00:27:26,270 --> 00:27:27,800
And no holidays?

480
00:27:27,800 --> 00:27:28,300
No.

481
00:27:28,300 --> 00:27:30,450
Nothing you could do?

482

00:27:30,450 --> 00:27:33,140

No days off, no day off.

483

00:27:33,140 --> 00:27:36,080

When you had to work, you work.

484

00:27:36,080 --> 00:27:40,460

So did people have different
sort of philosophies

485

00:27:40,460 --> 00:27:41,390

of how to get through?

486

00:27:41,390 --> 00:27:45,470

Some of the religious ones
were thinking about god,

487

00:27:45,470 --> 00:27:47,448

and some thinking
about their family?

488

00:27:47,448 --> 00:27:48,740

Did everyone have a different--

489

00:27:48,740 --> 00:27:51,980

Well, you never lost your--

490

00:27:51,980 --> 00:27:54,950

you knew you were a Jew.

491

00:27:54,950 --> 00:28:00,800

But you never lost your
belief of a Jewish person.

492

00:28:00,800 --> 00:28:07,850

And a lot of Orthodox, they
prayed among themselves

493

00:28:07,850 --> 00:28:08,720

if they could.

494

00:28:08,720 --> 00:28:09,620
I see.

495
00:28:09,620 --> 00:28:12,620
But no such a thing
you go Friday night

496
00:28:12,620 --> 00:28:14,390
you go to service or
something like that.

497
00:28:14,390 --> 00:28:16,760
There was no services.

498
00:28:16,760 --> 00:28:19,220
What was your family
background like as far

499
00:28:19,220 --> 00:28:21,020
as religious training?

500
00:28:21,020 --> 00:28:26,450
Well, as I mentioned, we went
to the Jewish elementary school.

501
00:28:26,450 --> 00:28:28,760
We went to Jewish high school.

502
00:28:28,760 --> 00:28:32,960
And we went to cheder.

503
00:28:32,960 --> 00:28:37,340
And we were bar mitzvah,
I was bar mitzvahed.

504
00:28:37,340 --> 00:28:43,760
My parents was religious people.

505
00:28:43,760 --> 00:28:46,940
I mean, they kept
all the holidays

506

00:28:46,940 --> 00:28:48,680
and went to the temple.

507
00:28:48,680 --> 00:28:49,580
Kept kosher?

508
00:28:49,580 --> 00:28:55,760
Kept kosher, well,
we did what we could.

509
00:28:55,760 --> 00:29:01,280
Kosher is no, my parents
wasn't 100% kosher.

510
00:29:01,280 --> 00:29:09,050
But my grandparents was
really, really 100% kosher.

511
00:29:09,050 --> 00:29:11,810
Because I remember
when I went to school

512
00:29:11,810 --> 00:29:14,840
and during the vacation I
went to my grandparents.

513
00:29:14,840 --> 00:29:18,620
When it comes to Friday night
then you empty your pockets

514
00:29:18,620 --> 00:29:20,090
and you go to temple.

515
00:29:20,090 --> 00:29:27,260
And Saturday you go to the
yeshiva for Talmud learning.

516
00:29:27,260 --> 00:29:31,580
Saturday afternoon and
and Saturday night,

517
00:29:31,580 --> 00:29:40,460
when Shabbos is over, then you

made berakhah and kiddush cup

518

00:29:40,460 --> 00:29:42,200
and everything else.

519

00:29:42,200 --> 00:29:43,070
Yeah.

520

00:29:43,070 --> 00:29:46,010
Was that fun for you, it was a
kind of repressive at the time?

521

00:29:46,010 --> 00:29:46,980
That was different.

522

00:29:46,980 --> 00:29:51,740
No, it was different from
what our parents did.

523

00:29:51,740 --> 00:29:54,380
But during the three
months vacation

524

00:29:54,380 --> 00:29:57,470
I always went to
my grandparents.

525

00:29:57,470 --> 00:29:58,620
Where did they live?

526

00:29:58,620 --> 00:30:08,330
They lived near the town name
was near Tokaj where the wine

527

00:30:08,330 --> 00:30:15,850
country is, Szerncs There was
a big chocolate factory there,

528

00:30:15,850 --> 00:30:19,600
and they lived there, as I said.

529

00:30:19,600 --> 00:30:25,240

And the Gentiles respected
some of those Jewish people.

530
00:30:25,240 --> 00:30:27,820
I remember when my
grandfather passed

531
00:30:27,820 --> 00:30:33,830
away then all the
businesses closed down

532
00:30:33,830 --> 00:30:38,890
their doors while the ceremony.

533
00:30:38,890 --> 00:30:39,520
For respect?

534
00:30:39,520 --> 00:30:41,590
For respect, yeah.

535
00:30:41,590 --> 00:30:42,400
I see.

536
00:30:42,400 --> 00:30:44,500
But all of that
ended then when you

537
00:30:44,500 --> 00:30:46,750
got into the work batallion?

538
00:30:46,750 --> 00:30:49,060
All of that ended for everybody.

539
00:30:49,060 --> 00:30:53,950
Not only the younger
people, the elderly people.

540
00:30:53,950 --> 00:30:57,160
Actually, the younger people,
they took them to work.

541
00:30:57,160 --> 00:30:59,380

The elderly people,
they deported them

542
00:30:59,380 --> 00:31:03,250
to different Auschwitz
or Buchenwald

543
00:31:03,250 --> 00:31:06,850
or all the different camps.

544
00:31:06,850 --> 00:31:12,610
And there they
separated who could,

545
00:31:12,610 --> 00:31:15,790
middle aged who could
work, and the elderly

546
00:31:15,790 --> 00:31:16,840
couldn't do anything.

547
00:31:16,840 --> 00:31:18,760
I see.

548
00:31:18,760 --> 00:31:20,950
When the Germans came
in, did the people

549
00:31:20,950 --> 00:31:24,520
realize right away what
serious trouble it was?

550
00:31:24,520 --> 00:31:27,025
Or did it take some
time to kind of realize?

551
00:31:27,025 --> 00:31:31,900
Well, we heard about it,
what went on with Austria,

552
00:31:31,900 --> 00:31:37,900
because the German occupied
first Austria and some part

553
00:31:37,900 --> 00:31:39,370
of Poland.

554
00:31:39,370 --> 00:31:41,800
We knew about it
what they did there.

555
00:31:41,800 --> 00:31:43,330
What did you know actually?

556
00:31:43,330 --> 00:31:49,120
Well, we read in the paper
the Germans rerouted the Jews

557
00:31:49,120 --> 00:31:53,560
and sent them to
different camps.

558
00:31:53,560 --> 00:31:54,490
Rerouted them?

559
00:31:54,490 --> 00:31:55,660
Yeah.

560
00:31:55,660 --> 00:31:59,730
Just like when I was
in Italy about four

561
00:31:59,730 --> 00:32:09,120
or five years ago I drove by the
temple where they celebrated,

562
00:32:09,120 --> 00:32:15,520
it was the 40th anniversary
of the displaced persons who

563
00:32:15,520 --> 00:32:23,122
was rerouted in Rome and
they sent them to camp.

564
00:32:23,122 --> 00:32:24,580

When you read in
the newspaper, you

565
00:32:24,580 --> 00:32:27,640
didn't realize that they were
being rerouted to death camps?

566
00:32:27,640 --> 00:32:28,720
That we didn't know that.

567
00:32:28,720 --> 00:32:30,117
No, we didn't know that.

568
00:32:30,117 --> 00:32:32,200
We didn't know that they
rerouted for death camps.

569
00:32:32,200 --> 00:32:35,830
The only thing we knew they sent
them to-- reroute them and send

570
00:32:35,830 --> 00:32:38,170
them to camps.

571
00:32:38,170 --> 00:32:39,760
What did you think,
what kind of camps

572
00:32:39,760 --> 00:32:42,370
did people imagine they
were being sent to?

573
00:32:42,370 --> 00:32:46,510
Well, as far as I figured,
it was the labor camps.

574
00:32:46,510 --> 00:32:48,190
Oh, labor camps.

575
00:32:48,190 --> 00:32:48,880
Yeah, labor.

576

00:32:48,880 --> 00:32:55,210
I figured they're sending out my
parents, my mother or my sister

577
00:32:55,210 --> 00:32:57,610
or my brother,
sending to labor camp.

578
00:32:57,610 --> 00:33:01,510
But they made a
difference between working

579
00:33:01,510 --> 00:33:04,270
and the non-working people.

580
00:33:04,270 --> 00:33:06,160
So and then people
really weren't

581
00:33:06,160 --> 00:33:10,180
thinking about escaping because
they assumed it was just

582
00:33:10,180 --> 00:33:12,220
some kind of a labor camp?

583
00:33:12,220 --> 00:33:15,625
Well, you know well as I
do, I mean no escaping.

584
00:33:15,625 --> 00:33:18,460

585
00:33:18,460 --> 00:33:21,190
Where can you go?

586
00:33:21,190 --> 00:33:23,830
You have no place to
go, because you're

587
00:33:23,830 --> 00:33:28,810
surrounded with the
Germans or Hungarians who

588

00:33:28,810 --> 00:33:34,440
followed the German occupation.

589

00:33:34,440 --> 00:33:37,990
And if you go, where you go?

590

00:33:37,990 --> 00:33:45,970
Maybe they had a few people
who hide you, give you

591

00:33:45,970 --> 00:33:47,770
a place to stay.

592

00:33:47,770 --> 00:33:53,320
There was those kind of
possibilities always occurs.

593

00:33:53,320 --> 00:33:55,160
You heard about a few of those?

594

00:33:55,160 --> 00:34:00,250
We heard about a few, just
like different countries,

595

00:34:00,250 --> 00:34:06,250
people hide some Jewish
kids or some Jewish persons.

596

00:34:06,250 --> 00:34:07,670
But it wasn't possible for the--

597

00:34:07,670 --> 00:34:09,384
It wasn't too many, no.

598

00:34:09,384 --> 00:34:12,699
So then when you
got in the labor

599

00:34:12,699 --> 00:34:17,900
battalion they started
sending you around to--

600

00:34:17,900 --> 00:34:19,810

it sounds like you
walked all over Europe.

601

00:34:19,810 --> 00:34:21,340

You were in Minsk and Pinsk.

602

00:34:21,340 --> 00:34:27,520

Yeah, well actually, first,
they send you out to, as I said,

603

00:34:27,520 --> 00:34:29,740

we moved with the German army.

604

00:34:29,740 --> 00:34:34,780

When the German army,
wherever they were stationed,

605

00:34:34,780 --> 00:34:37,719

we were with them as
a working battalion.

606

00:34:37,719 --> 00:34:42,189

When the army moved back,
then we moved back with them.

607

00:34:42,189 --> 00:34:42,969

I see.

608

00:34:42,969 --> 00:34:47,600

Because of a push
of the Russian army.

609

00:34:47,600 --> 00:34:50,230

You knew exactly how
well the German army

610

00:34:50,230 --> 00:34:52,600

was doing because you were
with them at every point?

611

00:34:52,600 --> 00:34:55,090
Well, I mean, we didn't
have too much information,

612
00:34:55,090 --> 00:34:58,870
but we had our own idea
of what's going on.

613
00:34:58,870 --> 00:35:00,970
What did you talk
about among yourselves?

614
00:35:00,970 --> 00:35:04,540
How did you keep
your spirits up?

615
00:35:04,540 --> 00:35:09,460
Well, I'll be honest with
you, we work so hard all day

616
00:35:09,460 --> 00:35:13,990
and when it came to
there was no such a thing

617
00:35:13,990 --> 00:35:18,150
social life or talk
among themselves.

618
00:35:18,150 --> 00:35:23,730
Because they had
some of these kapos

619
00:35:23,730 --> 00:35:27,870
who watched over the people.

620
00:35:27,870 --> 00:35:31,020
Some overseers of some kind?

621
00:35:31,020 --> 00:35:37,570
Oversee the whole program
there, what went on.

622
00:35:37,570 --> 00:35:41,340

And as I said, we didn't
have too much to eat.

623
00:35:41,340 --> 00:35:43,920
We had nothing to worry
about anything else.

624
00:35:43,920 --> 00:35:46,050
The only thing we were
worried about what

625
00:35:46,050 --> 00:35:50,220
we're going to have
something to eat next day.

626
00:35:50,220 --> 00:35:50,770
Right.

627
00:35:50,770 --> 00:35:53,440
A little sleep and a
little food, that's all.

628
00:35:53,440 --> 00:35:53,940
Yeah.

629
00:35:53,940 --> 00:35:57,900
So then there was no kind
of divertisment or talk

630
00:35:57,900 --> 00:35:59,440
between people?

631
00:35:59,440 --> 00:36:00,470
Any social--

632
00:36:00,470 --> 00:36:01,250
Very little.

633
00:36:01,250 --> 00:36:02,610
No, no social activity.

634
00:36:02,610 --> 00:36:03,870

No.

635
00:36:03,870 --> 00:36:06,310
And you never got to see
any women, I suppose?

636
00:36:06,310 --> 00:36:06,810
You were--

637
00:36:06,810 --> 00:36:07,650
No.

638
00:36:07,650 --> 00:36:09,030
Only the men.

639
00:36:09,030 --> 00:36:12,990
How many men were you
in your work camp?

640
00:36:12,990 --> 00:36:13,630
Well--

641
00:36:13,630 --> 00:36:14,675
More or less?

642
00:36:14,675 --> 00:36:17,460
Somewhere around
thousands and thousands.

643
00:36:17,460 --> 00:36:23,100
I mean, I can't even
mention how many

644
00:36:23,100 --> 00:36:25,620
thousand people was around,
because there was so many.

645
00:36:25,620 --> 00:36:30,060
For instance, there were
so many barracks or lagers,

646
00:36:30,060 --> 00:36:35,370

and we had 250,
300 in one barrack.

647
00:36:35,370 --> 00:36:40,337
And they didn't
let us move around.

648
00:36:40,337 --> 00:36:42,420
Did you always stay with
the same group of people?

649
00:36:42,420 --> 00:36:45,300
We always stayed the
same group of people.

650
00:36:45,300 --> 00:36:48,130
We didn't associate with nobody.

651
00:36:48,130 --> 00:36:50,400
So you got to know
a few of the people?

652
00:36:50,400 --> 00:36:51,570
That's about all.

653
00:36:51,570 --> 00:36:54,340
You got to know the people
who was in your barrack.

654
00:36:54,340 --> 00:36:55,050
I see.

655
00:36:55,050 --> 00:36:55,990
Yeah.

656
00:36:55,990 --> 00:36:59,230
Did you keep up with any of
those people through time?

657
00:36:59,230 --> 00:37:02,430
Did you follow up with what
happens to any of them?

658

00:37:02,430 --> 00:37:06,300

No, not because after
we were liberated then

659

00:37:06,300 --> 00:37:10,350

I went back to Hungary looking
for my mother and my brother

660

00:37:10,350 --> 00:37:12,180

and my sister.

661

00:37:12,180 --> 00:37:19,380

Then it was 1945, then I came
and I didn't find anybody.

662

00:37:19,380 --> 00:37:25,140

And I went back to Germany
and I stayed near Munich

663

00:37:25,140 --> 00:37:28,740

in the UNRRA lager.

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00:37:28,740 --> 00:37:30,750

What is the Munich UNRRA lager?

665

00:37:30,750 --> 00:37:32,620

Was this the name of that lager?

666

00:37:32,620 --> 00:37:37,714

Yeah, UNRRA was a
United Nation lager.

667

00:37:37,714 --> 00:37:38,214

Where--

668

00:37:38,214 --> 00:37:40,110

Rehabilitation.

669

00:37:40,110 --> 00:37:47,220

--you actually you waited
until some country admits you

670

00:37:47,220 --> 00:37:49,890
to their country.

671

00:37:49,890 --> 00:37:53,400
Now, we had
opportunity to go to--

672

00:37:53,400 --> 00:37:55,860
I had the opportunity to
go to Australia or New

673

00:37:55,860 --> 00:37:58,470
Zealand or United States.

674

00:37:58,470 --> 00:37:59,880
Well, I picked
the United States.

675

00:37:59,880 --> 00:38:01,800
I came over here in 1949.

676

00:38:01,800 --> 00:38:04,500
Why did you pick
the United States?

677

00:38:04,500 --> 00:38:05,490
I don't know.

678

00:38:05,490 --> 00:38:09,220
I just, I figured well, if
I'm going to start a new life,

679

00:38:09,220 --> 00:38:11,730
I have nobody back in
Hungary, start a new life.

680

00:38:11,730 --> 00:38:18,660
And I heard about the United
States is a beautiful country.

681

00:38:18,660 --> 00:38:21,015
And you have a

freedom of religion.

682

00:38:21,015 --> 00:38:23,970

683

00:38:23,970 --> 00:38:26,400

How did you hear all those
things about America?

684

00:38:26,400 --> 00:38:30,690

Well, at the time,
it was after the war.

685

00:38:30,690 --> 00:38:36,690

We heard about it because a
lot of Jewish American soldiers

686

00:38:36,690 --> 00:38:39,210

was in the occupation army.

687

00:38:39,210 --> 00:38:43,170

And some could speak
Yiddish or German.

688

00:38:43,170 --> 00:38:44,340

Did you speak Yiddish?

689

00:38:44,340 --> 00:38:47,260

I learned after when I was in--

690

00:38:47,260 --> 00:38:47,760

yeah.

691

00:38:47,760 --> 00:38:48,540

I learned Yiddish.

692

00:38:48,540 --> 00:38:50,040

I learned German.

693

00:38:50,040 --> 00:38:57,090

And after war, they told us
the life in the United States.

694
00:38:57,090 --> 00:38:59,100
Well, I said, I take a chance.

695
00:38:59,100 --> 00:39:01,710
I came to Oakland.

696
00:39:01,710 --> 00:39:05,610
What kind of shape were you
in when you were liberated,

697
00:39:05,610 --> 00:39:07,170
when you were making
these decisions?

698
00:39:07,170 --> 00:39:08,970
When they let you
out of the camps?

699
00:39:08,970 --> 00:39:16,620
Well, actually, as I mentioned,
the American army liberated us.

700
00:39:16,620 --> 00:39:19,990
At that time, I was
nothing but skin and bone.

701
00:39:19,990 --> 00:39:25,650
Now, then later on,
they feed us very well.

702
00:39:25,650 --> 00:39:27,900
Do you know how much
you weighed actually?

703
00:39:27,900 --> 00:39:30,810
Oh, I probably was
about 80 pounds.

704
00:39:30,810 --> 00:39:31,830
80 pounds.

705

00:39:31,830 --> 00:39:33,810
Just skin and bone.

706
00:39:33,810 --> 00:39:36,240
So were the people,
was there a lot

707
00:39:36,240 --> 00:39:38,040
of disease also going around?

708
00:39:38,040 --> 00:39:39,750
Well, this is why
a lot of people

709
00:39:39,750 --> 00:39:44,610
passed on, because
they had diseases.

710
00:39:44,610 --> 00:39:46,080
Typhus?

711
00:39:46,080 --> 00:39:47,635
Typhus.

712
00:39:47,635 --> 00:39:48,135
And--

713
00:39:48,135 --> 00:39:50,640

714
00:39:50,640 --> 00:39:54,990
Had you been actually able
to work up until the very end

715
00:39:54,990 --> 00:39:56,700
when you were in your lager?

716
00:39:56,700 --> 00:40:00,223
I was working up to
almost to the end, yeah.

717
00:40:00,223 --> 00:40:00,890

To the very end?

718
00:40:00,890 --> 00:40:02,220
To the very end, yeah.

719
00:40:02,220 --> 00:40:03,000
I see.

720
00:40:03,000 --> 00:40:05,760
And so then you were
describing a little bit earlier

721
00:40:05,760 --> 00:40:09,180
when the end came you were
in this lager near Munich

722
00:40:09,180 --> 00:40:15,400
and how did the Germans
know it was the end?

723
00:40:15,400 --> 00:40:17,150
They were trying to
take you to the Tyrol,

724
00:40:17,150 --> 00:40:18,410
but how did they realize--

725
00:40:18,410 --> 00:40:21,380
They tried to take
us to the mountains,

726
00:40:21,380 --> 00:40:25,040
to Tyrol to get rid of us.

727
00:40:25,040 --> 00:40:26,660
But they already
knew right there--

728
00:40:26,660 --> 00:40:28,160
Why did they want
to get rid of you?

729

00:40:28,160 --> 00:40:30,650
Because they didn't
want to feed us anymore.

730
00:40:30,650 --> 00:40:35,720
And in 1945, by April,
the war just about

731
00:40:35,720 --> 00:40:41,200
ended in a European front.

732
00:40:41,200 --> 00:40:47,230
Well, they figured probably they
got the orders from higher up

733
00:40:47,230 --> 00:40:53,860
together they were all persons.

734
00:40:53,860 --> 00:40:57,140
How had the Germans been
treating you all along?

735
00:40:57,140 --> 00:41:00,950
Did you ever meet a kind
one, or was everybody

736
00:41:00,950 --> 00:41:02,960
just following orders?

737
00:41:02,960 --> 00:41:05,810
What did they treat
you like in every day?

738
00:41:05,810 --> 00:41:08,480
Well, according to them,
they followed orders.

739
00:41:08,480 --> 00:41:10,400
Sometimes they saying
they didn't even

740
00:41:10,400 --> 00:41:14,810
know about it what

Hitler did to the Jews

741

00:41:14,810 --> 00:41:19,910
and what Hitler did to the
different nationalities.

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00:41:19,910 --> 00:41:21,560
They did the same
thing to Russians.

743

00:41:21,560 --> 00:41:24,560
How many million
Russians got killed?

744

00:41:24,560 --> 00:41:27,740
And how many, more than
six million Jews got

745

00:41:27,740 --> 00:41:29,630
killed during the war.

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00:41:29,630 --> 00:41:31,730
Some of them didn't
know anything about it.

747

00:41:31,730 --> 00:41:36,240
Maybe they didn't want to know
about it, or they know about it

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00:41:36,240 --> 00:41:37,490
and didn't want to say it.

749

00:41:37,490 --> 00:41:39,480
And you never find out.

750

00:41:39,480 --> 00:41:41,870
Did the guards
who were over you,

751

00:41:41,870 --> 00:41:44,840
did they ever talk
to the prisoners

752
00:41:44,840 --> 00:41:47,160
or have a conversation?

753
00:41:47,160 --> 00:41:47,750
No.

754
00:41:47,750 --> 00:41:49,400
No, we didn't have
any conversation

755
00:41:49,400 --> 00:41:51,170
with the German guards.

756
00:41:51,170 --> 00:41:54,680
The most German guards
was SS troopers,

757
00:41:54,680 --> 00:41:58,740
but the worst was
in the German army.

758
00:41:58,740 --> 00:41:59,390
I see.

759
00:41:59,390 --> 00:42:03,260
Only things they did
just push us on work

760
00:42:03,260 --> 00:42:06,200
and hit you if you
didn't do your work.

761
00:42:06,200 --> 00:42:10,670
And they shoot you if
you're unable to work.

762
00:42:10,670 --> 00:42:12,440
Can you explain a
little bit how you

763
00:42:12,440 --> 00:42:17,362
came from being in the forced

labor battalion, which was

764

00:42:17,362 --> 00:42:18,570
under the Germans, of course?

765

00:42:18,570 --> 00:42:19,070
Yeah.

766

00:42:19,070 --> 00:42:23,450
But how you went straight from
there to the camp, to Dachau,

767

00:42:23,450 --> 00:42:24,710
is that right?

768

00:42:24,710 --> 00:42:26,105
Explain that.

769

00:42:26,105 --> 00:42:31,490
Well, yes, as I said,
we were a slave labor.

770

00:42:31,490 --> 00:42:36,500
OK, as Russia pushed
the front back,

771

00:42:36,500 --> 00:42:39,050
then the German army
moved back with us.

772

00:42:39,050 --> 00:42:40,940
I mean, we moved back
with the German army.

773

00:42:40,940 --> 00:42:42,350
Right.

774

00:42:42,350 --> 00:42:46,700
Now, they took us to Germany.

775

00:42:46,700 --> 00:42:49,070
Why was the German army

going back to Germany?

776

00:42:49,070 --> 00:42:54,620

Because the Russians
took over the front.

777

00:42:54,620 --> 00:42:59,365

See, now they took us back and
they put us in Dachau lager,

778

00:42:59,365 --> 00:43:04,370

where they made us--

779

00:43:04,370 --> 00:43:08,330

780

00:43:08,330 --> 00:43:12,230

they took us to Dachau,
where they took away

781

00:43:12,230 --> 00:43:13,760

all our clothes and
everything else,

782

00:43:13,760 --> 00:43:17,910

and made us work in Germany.

783

00:43:17,910 --> 00:43:20,270

But did it feel different
to be in Dachau?

784

00:43:20,270 --> 00:43:23,180

Or was it just like
one more camp for you?

785

00:43:23,180 --> 00:43:25,610

Well, we didn't
know what is Dachau.

786

00:43:25,610 --> 00:43:27,200

Myself, I never heard about it.

787

00:43:27,200 --> 00:43:28,370
Right.

788
00:43:28,370 --> 00:43:30,800
Only time when we
went in there, Dachau,

789
00:43:30,800 --> 00:43:35,120
where the prisoners
told us they're

790
00:43:35,120 --> 00:43:37,370
going to take away
all your clothes

791
00:43:37,370 --> 00:43:42,290
and they're going to give
you just prison uniform.

792
00:43:42,290 --> 00:43:46,430
And you're not going to
have anything but the prison

793
00:43:46,430 --> 00:43:47,630
clothes.

794
00:43:47,630 --> 00:43:48,900
The older prisoners told you?

795
00:43:48,900 --> 00:43:50,540
The older prisoners, yeah.

796
00:43:50,540 --> 00:43:54,860
Did they try and tell you what
life is like in that lager?

797
00:43:54,860 --> 00:43:59,720
Well, if you stay there for a
couple of hours you can tell.

798
00:43:59,720 --> 00:44:03,200
You can tell when there's
some people you get tattooed,

799
00:44:03,200 --> 00:44:04,470
beaten.

800
00:44:04,470 --> 00:44:06,560
I saw some people
who had tattoo.

801
00:44:06,560 --> 00:44:10,190
Now, we didn't get a
tattoo because it was late

802
00:44:10,190 --> 00:44:14,060
of the war in 1944
when I got to Dachau.

803
00:44:14,060 --> 00:44:16,430
So did the people say,
the ones with tattoos

804
00:44:16,430 --> 00:44:18,270
who had been for
a long time there,

805
00:44:18,270 --> 00:44:20,360
did they tell you what
had been going on?

806
00:44:20,360 --> 00:44:25,430
They told us the only
thing you're going to do,

807
00:44:25,430 --> 00:44:30,050
you stay there in
Dachau for a few days.

808
00:44:30,050 --> 00:44:34,310
Then they transport you
to different lagers,

809
00:44:34,310 --> 00:44:35,840
to work lagers.

810

00:44:35,840 --> 00:44:39,890

Because Dachau was
a central area where

811

00:44:39,890 --> 00:44:45,110

prisoners who came back
from slave labor battalions,

812

00:44:45,110 --> 00:44:49,670

put them in Dachau,
where afterward they

813

00:44:49,670 --> 00:44:52,460

send them out to
different lagers to work.

814

00:44:52,460 --> 00:44:53,240

I see.

815

00:44:53,240 --> 00:44:55,820

You didn't work in Dachau.

816

00:44:55,820 --> 00:44:58,460

It was just a
transition point to get

817

00:44:58,460 --> 00:45:00,270

to your next workstation?

818

00:45:00,270 --> 00:45:00,950

Right.

819

00:45:00,950 --> 00:45:02,990

So you were still doing
all different kinds

820

00:45:02,990 --> 00:45:04,910

of manual labor,
whatever they wanted?

821

00:45:04,910 --> 00:45:07,150

Yeah, whenever they

wanted me to do.

822

00:45:07,150 --> 00:45:07,830

I see.

823

00:45:07,830 --> 00:45:10,010

And what kind of food
would they give you

824

00:45:10,010 --> 00:45:12,650

for such work in
the course of a day?

825

00:45:12,650 --> 00:45:19,110

Well, the food,
now for instance,

826

00:45:19,110 --> 00:45:27,520

if I recall the food was I mean,
just we couldn't live on it.

827

00:45:27,520 --> 00:45:30,140

Well, that's why a
lot of people lost

828

00:45:30,140 --> 00:45:32,430

the weight and everything else.

829

00:45:32,430 --> 00:45:36,275

You worked hard, and
they give you some bread.

830

00:45:36,275 --> 00:45:39,620

831

00:45:39,620 --> 00:45:49,610

Potatoes, sometimes some soup,
but actually no regular food,

832

00:45:49,610 --> 00:45:51,960

what you call regular food.

833

00:45:51,960 --> 00:45:54,350
So were you hungry all the time?

834
00:45:54,350 --> 00:45:56,300
Yes I was.

835
00:45:56,300 --> 00:45:59,210
I knew what it was to be hungry.

836
00:45:59,210 --> 00:46:02,730
What kept you going when you
were so hungry and tired?

837
00:46:02,730 --> 00:46:05,300
Well, what kept me going?

838
00:46:05,300 --> 00:46:10,700
As I said, it just was
plain luck I came through.

839
00:46:10,700 --> 00:46:16,310
Because for maybe I was a
younger boy and a strong boy.

840
00:46:16,310 --> 00:46:17,600
You had always been strong?

841
00:46:17,600 --> 00:46:21,320
I always been strong
and I'm young.

842
00:46:21,320 --> 00:46:26,660
And I was thinking
about maybe I'm hoping

843
00:46:26,660 --> 00:46:32,060
what 1% chance I came through.

844
00:46:32,060 --> 00:46:33,890
So you were betting on your 1%?

845
00:46:33,890 --> 00:46:34,940

1%, yeah.

846

00:46:34,940 --> 00:46:37,910

But you never lost
sight of your 1%?

847

00:46:37,910 --> 00:46:43,940

Well, sometimes I did, because
you are so disappointed.

848

00:46:43,940 --> 00:46:48,650

And our life didn't mean
anything to anybody.

849

00:46:48,650 --> 00:46:50,370

You had seen so many people die?

850

00:46:50,370 --> 00:46:52,340

I had seen so many people.

851

00:46:52,340 --> 00:46:55,580

Their life didn't mean
anything to anybody.

852

00:46:55,580 --> 00:46:58,460

So there you were, life
didn't mean anything.

853

00:46:58,460 --> 00:47:03,360

You were so thin and tired,
and all the rest of it.

854

00:47:03,360 --> 00:47:06,650

And finally, the
Germans have really lost

855

00:47:06,650 --> 00:47:12,650

and the time comes when they're
taking you up to the mountains.

856

00:47:12,650 --> 00:47:16,700

And you said that they started
to-- you explain a little more

857
00:47:16,700 --> 00:47:20,620
about the bombing as you
were starting to escape,

858
00:47:20,620 --> 00:47:22,910
starting to leave the lager?

859
00:47:22,910 --> 00:47:24,530
Well, not the lager.

860
00:47:24,530 --> 00:47:27,545
We were starting
to leave the train.

861
00:47:27,545 --> 00:47:29,150
Oh, the train, I see.

862
00:47:29,150 --> 00:47:34,610
The train, because they had
all these people in a train,

863
00:47:34,610 --> 00:47:38,840
maybe they had 100
people in one train

864
00:47:38,840 --> 00:47:42,710
to send us to the
mountains to get rid of us.

865
00:47:42,710 --> 00:47:47,700
Well, probably they
had then the train

866
00:47:47,700 --> 00:47:52,250
stopped one day on the
field and let us go.

867
00:47:52,250 --> 00:47:57,440
Then everybody was running
and the German Air Force

868

00:47:57,440 --> 00:48:02,250
came by and just machine
gunned the people.

869
00:48:02,250 --> 00:48:02,750
Yeah.

870
00:48:02,750 --> 00:48:04,850
So the ones, now you were lucky.

871
00:48:04,850 --> 00:48:06,770
The man next to you
died, but you lived.

872
00:48:06,770 --> 00:48:07,270
Yeah.

873
00:48:07,270 --> 00:48:08,570
Where did you run to?

874
00:48:08,570 --> 00:48:10,190
Where did you go?

875
00:48:10,190 --> 00:48:16,540
Well, I just run and the
the American army just

876
00:48:16,540 --> 00:48:17,560
liberated us.

877
00:48:17,560 --> 00:48:18,910
Were they right there?

878
00:48:18,910 --> 00:48:20,500
Not was close, yeah.

879
00:48:20,500 --> 00:48:21,280
Oh. close.

880
00:48:21,280 --> 00:48:24,850
This is why probably
they let us loose,

881
00:48:24,850 --> 00:48:31,660
because the American army
were close to that area.

882
00:48:31,660 --> 00:48:32,350
I see.

883
00:48:32,350 --> 00:48:36,210
So you more or less ran into
the arms of the Americans?

884
00:48:36,210 --> 00:48:39,100
More or less, we ran into
the arms of the Americans,

885
00:48:39,100 --> 00:48:39,700
that's right.

886
00:48:39,700 --> 00:48:45,340
And once we were in the American
army then we knew we were free.

887
00:48:45,340 --> 00:48:48,850
You knew right away that you
were safe and in good hands?

888
00:48:48,850 --> 00:48:49,540
Yeah.

889
00:48:49,540 --> 00:48:52,120
What did the Americans
say when they

890
00:48:52,120 --> 00:48:54,160
took a look at you, 80 pounds?

891
00:48:54,160 --> 00:48:57,970
Well, Americans what they did
they give us right away, as I

892
00:48:57,970 --> 00:48:59,245

mentioned, is food.

893

00:48:59,245 --> 00:49:01,480

What kind of food
did they give you?

894

00:49:01,480 --> 00:49:04,540

Well, what they have.

895

00:49:04,540 --> 00:49:10,990

Average American soldier eat,
the eggs and pancake, what

896

00:49:10,990 --> 00:49:14,440

we never heard of it, pancake.

897

00:49:14,440 --> 00:49:15,760

Not like a Hungarian pancake?

898

00:49:15,760 --> 00:49:17,980

Not the Hungarian pancake.

899

00:49:17,980 --> 00:49:23,530

And we ate and ate and ate.

900

00:49:23,530 --> 00:49:24,430

Including you?

901

00:49:24,430 --> 00:49:25,060

Including me.

902

00:49:25,060 --> 00:49:26,530

Did you eat and eat too?

903

00:49:26,530 --> 00:49:27,590

I was so hungry.

904

00:49:27,590 --> 00:49:30,490

I mean, you never
think about it,

905

00:49:30,490 --> 00:49:32,530

you're going to
over eat yourself.

906

00:49:32,530 --> 00:49:37,450

And just your stomach
cannot take it.

907

00:49:37,450 --> 00:49:38,320

Right.

908

00:49:38,320 --> 00:49:40,940

So you were kind of lucky
then that your stomach just--

909

00:49:40,940 --> 00:49:41,440

Yeah.

910

00:49:41,440 --> 00:49:42,607

You got through that period?

911

00:49:42,607 --> 00:49:47,080

But once they explain
it to you, after awhile,

912

00:49:47,080 --> 00:49:51,910

you ate a normal food.

913

00:49:51,910 --> 00:49:56,410

Because the army then
took us in the hospitals

914

00:49:56,410 --> 00:49:58,240

and they check us out.

915

00:49:58,240 --> 00:50:00,190

Oh, for infectious diseases?

916

00:50:00,190 --> 00:50:01,990

Yeah.

917

00:50:01,990 --> 00:50:04,360

So you didn't have any
infectious disease then?

918
00:50:04,360 --> 00:50:05,380
You were OK?

919
00:50:05,380 --> 00:50:07,030
I made it.

920
00:50:07,030 --> 00:50:11,650
So then here you get a little
food and you've been saved.

921
00:50:11,650 --> 00:50:13,845
You went right back to
Hungary to try and check

922
00:50:13,845 --> 00:50:14,470
on your family?

923
00:50:14,470 --> 00:50:18,460
No, we stayed in Germany.

924
00:50:18,460 --> 00:50:22,540
We stayed in Germany for a
while in the occupied territory.

925
00:50:22,540 --> 00:50:27,040
Then I went back to Hungary
looking for my mother

926
00:50:27,040 --> 00:50:28,960
and my brother and sister.

927
00:50:28,960 --> 00:50:29,920
How did you get back?

928
00:50:29,920 --> 00:50:31,170
You didn't have any money.

929
00:50:31,170 --> 00:50:32,530
How was the--

930
00:50:32,530 --> 00:50:34,510
They had those transports.

931
00:50:34,510 --> 00:50:38,470
Well, you just hitchhiking
or whatever it is,

932
00:50:38,470 --> 00:50:39,838
or you took a chance.

933
00:50:39,838 --> 00:50:41,005
You went through the border.

934
00:50:41,005 --> 00:50:45,760

935
00:50:45,760 --> 00:50:47,770
So when you got back
to your hometown

936
00:50:47,770 --> 00:50:51,400
and you asked where's my
family, what did the people say?

937
00:50:51,400 --> 00:50:53,470
The people, they don't know.

938
00:50:53,470 --> 00:50:58,840
They just like anybody else,
they didn't want to know.

939
00:50:58,840 --> 00:51:02,110
Who was living in your house?

940
00:51:02,110 --> 00:51:04,250
Well, we were living
in an apartment.

941
00:51:04,250 --> 00:51:04,750
Apartment.

942

00:51:04,750 --> 00:51:05,667

Apartment house, yeah.

943

00:51:05,667 --> 00:51:08,440

Somebody else took
over the apartment

944

00:51:08,440 --> 00:51:15,530

because it was absent, we were
absent four or five years.

945

00:51:15,530 --> 00:51:19,810

And I didn't have
any of my parents

946

00:51:19,810 --> 00:51:22,960

or myself property, what we had.

947

00:51:22,960 --> 00:51:26,570

Probably who knows, they
gave it to somebody.

948

00:51:26,570 --> 00:51:30,610

So you didn't ask them
for any personal things

949

00:51:30,610 --> 00:51:32,980

maybe that your family
left behind or something?

950

00:51:32,980 --> 00:51:35,930

Well, I asked, but I
didn't find anything.

951

00:51:35,930 --> 00:51:36,430

I see.

952

00:51:36,430 --> 00:51:37,150

Yeah.

953

00:51:37,150 --> 00:51:38,140

So you found out then.

954
00:51:38,140 --> 00:51:40,580
And so then you went
straight back to Germany?

955
00:51:40,580 --> 00:51:41,720
I went back to Germany.

956
00:51:41,720 --> 00:51:43,600
I stayed out there until 1949.

957
00:51:43,600 --> 00:51:45,190
Oh, until '49?

958
00:51:45,190 --> 00:51:45,970
Yeah.

959
00:51:45,970 --> 00:51:49,210
What did you do
during those years?

960
00:51:49,210 --> 00:51:57,970
Well, what I did actually,
once I went to Belgium

961
00:51:57,970 --> 00:52:00,020
working in a coal mine.

962
00:52:00,020 --> 00:52:01,103
I was a young kid.

963
00:52:01,103 --> 00:52:02,020
I said, what the hell.

964
00:52:02,020 --> 00:52:04,360
I mean, listen, I
got to do something.

965
00:52:04,360 --> 00:52:08,110
I signed a contract
working in the coal.

966

00:52:08,110 --> 00:52:10,090

Only way you could
go into Belgium

967

00:52:10,090 --> 00:52:11,980

if you work in a coal mine.

968

00:52:11,980 --> 00:52:14,110

Why did you want
to go to Belgium?

969

00:52:14,110 --> 00:52:15,760

I wanted to leave Germany.

970

00:52:15,760 --> 00:52:16,450

Just to get out.

971

00:52:16,450 --> 00:52:17,770

Just to get out of Germany.

972

00:52:17,770 --> 00:52:21,850

Well anyhow, I worked in a
coal mine for six months.

973

00:52:21,850 --> 00:52:26,890

Then I says this work is
not for a Yiddish boy.

974

00:52:26,890 --> 00:52:28,780

Good thinking.

975

00:52:28,780 --> 00:52:33,640

They locked me up in a
petite chateau in Brussel.

976

00:52:33,640 --> 00:52:34,960

Not only me, everybody else.

977

00:52:34,960 --> 00:52:36,565

Who locked you up?

978

00:52:36,565 --> 00:52:39,160

The Belgians, because I
had a contract with them

979

00:52:39,160 --> 00:52:41,680

to work in the coal mine.

980

00:52:41,680 --> 00:52:43,510

Then they locked us up.

981

00:52:43,510 --> 00:52:44,110

Then--

982

00:52:44,110 --> 00:52:45,610

Because you weren't
working anymore?

983

00:52:45,610 --> 00:52:47,740

Because I didn't
want to work anymore.

984

00:52:47,740 --> 00:52:55,780

Then the Jewish welfare
federation bailed us out.

985

00:52:55,780 --> 00:52:58,510

Oh, so the work
was just too hard?

986

00:52:58,510 --> 00:52:59,892

Well, it was too hard.

987

00:52:59,892 --> 00:53:00,850

I didn't want to do it.

988

00:53:00,850 --> 00:53:01,900

It was too hard.

989

00:53:01,900 --> 00:53:04,990

But also after the
war, you didn't

990

00:53:04,990 --> 00:53:08,040
have your normal
strength at that point?

991
00:53:08,040 --> 00:53:11,450
How long did it take you
to get your strength back?

992
00:53:11,450 --> 00:53:13,460
Well, it took at least enough--

993
00:53:13,460 --> 00:53:16,340
I was liberated
in 1945 in April,

994
00:53:16,340 --> 00:53:19,370
and I went back to
Hungary and I came back.

995
00:53:19,370 --> 00:53:22,970
That took about eight
months or a year

996
00:53:22,970 --> 00:53:27,260
to get back that normal life.

997
00:53:27,260 --> 00:53:30,320
But we didn't do
anything in Germany,

998
00:53:30,320 --> 00:53:35,840
just waiting for the
opportunity to leave Germany.

999
00:53:35,840 --> 00:53:38,480
Had you signed up to
try and leave to--

1000
00:53:38,480 --> 00:53:41,300
Yeah, we signed up a
long, long time ago.

1001
00:53:41,300 --> 00:53:44,420

But just the Congress
had to pass a law

1002
00:53:44,420 --> 00:53:47,500
to let displaced persons
into the United States.

1003
00:53:47,500 --> 00:53:49,370
Were you on a
Hungarian quota list?

1004
00:53:49,370 --> 00:53:51,170
No, it wasn't quota.

1005
00:53:51,170 --> 00:53:53,485
We were just a displaced person.

1006
00:53:53,485 --> 00:53:54,380
I see.

1007
00:53:54,380 --> 00:53:59,570
And the Congress had to
pass a law to let us in.

1008
00:53:59,570 --> 00:54:01,190
The American Congress?

1009
00:54:01,190 --> 00:54:01,910
Yeah.

1010
00:54:01,910 --> 00:54:05,420
Once that went through,
then we got the opportunity

1011
00:54:05,420 --> 00:54:11,690
to go anywhere United--
well, I don't know,

1012
00:54:11,690 --> 00:54:17,810
there were probably
Oakland Jewish Center.

1013

00:54:17,810 --> 00:54:19,460
Or I don't know about
New York or some

1014
00:54:19,460 --> 00:54:24,710
of those places give how
many Jewish people can

1015
00:54:24,710 --> 00:54:25,868
come to this area.

1016
00:54:25,868 --> 00:54:26,910
How many they'll sponsor.

1017
00:54:26,910 --> 00:54:29,720
Yeah, how many sponsors.

1018
00:54:29,720 --> 00:54:31,970
Before I forget, I wanted
you to show the picture

1019
00:54:31,970 --> 00:54:34,880
that you have of
yourself from Dachau

1020
00:54:34,880 --> 00:54:37,280
since we're talking
about that time now.

1021
00:54:37,280 --> 00:54:38,090
OK.

1022
00:54:38,090 --> 00:54:40,700
Maybe explain what it is
that you're holding up.

1023
00:54:40,700 --> 00:54:42,950
Who is the handsome young
man in the picture, and what

1024
00:54:42,950 --> 00:54:43,970
you've got there?

1025

00:54:43,970 --> 00:54:47,715

This handsome young
man is Irwin Barany.

1026

00:54:47,715 --> 00:54:50,650

1027

00:54:50,650 --> 00:54:54,020

Are you ready?

1028

00:54:54,020 --> 00:54:55,132

He's getting you in focus.

1029

00:54:55,132 --> 00:54:56,090

Just hold it like that.

1030

00:54:56,090 --> 00:54:56,525

That's good.

1031

00:54:56,525 --> 00:54:56,960

Hold it steady.

1032

00:54:56,960 --> 00:54:57,630

OK.

1033

00:54:57,630 --> 00:54:58,160

That's good.

1034

00:54:58,160 --> 00:55:01,720

1035

00:55:01,720 --> 00:55:04,360

OK, go ahead, explain
what this is then.

1036

00:55:04,360 --> 00:55:13,690

This handsome Jewish kid who was
in concentration camp and slave

1037

00:55:13,690 --> 00:55:17,650

labor camp for four years

came to the United States.

1038
00:55:17,650 --> 00:55:21,990

1039
00:55:21,990 --> 00:55:23,260
And what are you holding?

1040
00:55:23,260 --> 00:55:25,270
What is that a certificate of?

1041
00:55:25,270 --> 00:55:30,400
This certificate is proof you've
been in a concentration camp?

1042
00:55:30,400 --> 00:55:31,090
Yeah.

1043
00:55:31,090 --> 00:55:34,134
So it's from 1945
or so, or what year?

1044
00:55:34,134 --> 00:55:38,830

1045
00:55:38,830 --> 00:55:45,640
This is proof I was in Dachau,
in concentration camp in 1944

1046
00:55:45,640 --> 00:55:49,360
till 1945, the liberation.

1047
00:55:49,360 --> 00:55:53,570
Then I came to the United
States and I got married here,

1048
00:55:53,570 --> 00:55:57,850
met my wife Annette,
a beautiful woman.

1049
00:55:57,850 --> 00:56:02,290
And I have two children

by name Steven and Gisele.

1050
00:56:02,290 --> 00:56:06,280

1051
00:56:06,280 --> 00:56:09,130
So who the army
issued this to you?

1052
00:56:09,130 --> 00:56:09,700
Yeah.

1053
00:56:09,700 --> 00:56:10,492
The army issued it.

1054
00:56:10,492 --> 00:56:15,565
Before you left Germany the
army gave you this certificate,

1055
00:56:15,565 --> 00:56:19,240
a proof of concentration camp.

1056
00:56:19,240 --> 00:56:21,040
So this picture was taken--

1057
00:56:21,040 --> 00:56:22,090
This picture was in--

1058
00:56:22,090 --> 00:56:24,640
--some time after
the liberation?

1059
00:56:24,640 --> 00:56:29,170
This picture was taken
before I came, let's see,

1060
00:56:29,170 --> 00:56:33,190
it was taken in 1946.

1061
00:56:33,190 --> 00:56:37,450
So you already had
a year to recover?

1062
00:56:37,450 --> 00:56:38,740
Yeah.

1063
00:56:38,740 --> 00:56:39,460
Great.

1064
00:56:39,460 --> 00:56:43,570
So that's just
part of your papers

1065
00:56:43,570 --> 00:56:47,200
then to help you
emigrate to America?

1066
00:56:47,200 --> 00:56:52,990
It's a concentration
camp from 11/11/1944.

1067
00:56:52,990 --> 00:56:58,130
See, here I got my number,
what number, concentration camp

1068
00:56:58,130 --> 00:56:58,630
number.

1069
00:56:58,630 --> 00:57:00,172
Oh, this is the
number that you were?

1070
00:57:00,172 --> 00:57:00,700
Yeah.

1071
00:57:00,700 --> 00:57:01,870
124487?

1072
00:57:01,870 --> 00:57:04,600
Yeah, that was my
concentration camp number.

1073
00:57:04,600 --> 00:57:05,890
I see.

1074
00:57:05,890 --> 00:57:10,600
So then somehow you decided
from the good things

1075
00:57:10,600 --> 00:57:13,130
you'd heard about
America to come.

1076
00:57:13,130 --> 00:57:16,300
And where did you land?

1077
00:57:16,300 --> 00:57:18,650
Where did you wind
up in America?

1078
00:57:18,650 --> 00:57:28,480
Well, I left Bremenhaven
and came direct to Oakland.

1079
00:57:28,480 --> 00:57:29,380
Direct?

1080
00:57:29,380 --> 00:57:32,860
Yeah, well we stopped, we
came through the Panama Canal.

1081
00:57:32,860 --> 00:57:36,400
We stopped in New
Orleans and Los Angeles,

1082
00:57:36,400 --> 00:57:39,880
and from Los Angeles to Oakland.

1083
00:57:39,880 --> 00:57:43,300
Speaking Hungarian,
a little Yiddish,

1084
00:57:43,300 --> 00:57:45,310
some German, but no English?

1085
00:57:45,310 --> 00:57:48,160

But no English.

1086
00:57:48,160 --> 00:57:52,630
Then I came to the
land of the free

1087
00:57:52,630 --> 00:57:55,870
where I'm really very happy.

1088
00:57:55,870 --> 00:58:00,930
And the just--

1089
00:58:00,930 --> 00:58:05,135
So you came, and did they
have something set up for you?

1090
00:58:05,135 --> 00:58:07,010
A place for you to live
or what [INAUDIBLE]??

1091
00:58:07,010 --> 00:58:09,690
Well the Jewish
Welfare Federation

1092
00:58:09,690 --> 00:58:15,300
had made arrangement for me
to stay in a private family.

1093
00:58:15,300 --> 00:58:16,350
I see.

1094
00:58:16,350 --> 00:58:17,705
But a Hungarian family or just?

1095
00:58:17,705 --> 00:58:19,080
No, it wasn't a
Hungarian family.

1096
00:58:19,080 --> 00:58:21,580
It was a Jewish family.

1097
00:58:21,580 --> 00:58:29,160

It was Mr. and Mrs. Fass
who gave us the opportunity

1098
00:58:29,160 --> 00:58:30,100
to stay with them.

1099
00:58:30,100 --> 00:58:31,410
Wonderful.

1100
00:58:31,410 --> 00:58:33,870
So just you, you
yourself lived with them?

1101
00:58:33,870 --> 00:58:35,910
I myself, yeah.

1102
00:58:35,910 --> 00:58:37,620
When you came to
live with them did

1103
00:58:37,620 --> 00:58:41,670
they want to know everything
about what had happened to you?

1104
00:58:41,670 --> 00:58:45,300
Well, when I first came
over here and I said my name

1105
00:58:45,300 --> 00:58:50,670
was a Hungarian name Imra,
and they thought Irma.

1106
00:58:50,670 --> 00:58:53,520
They expected a girl.

1107
00:58:53,520 --> 00:58:57,210
They were surprised when
I walked in, here I am.

1108
00:58:57,210 --> 00:59:01,170
And well certainly, they
wanted to know right away

1109

00:59:01,170 --> 00:59:07,690

where I'm from and what my
life been during the war.

1110

00:59:07,690 --> 00:59:14,910

And they introduced me to
different organizations.

1111

00:59:14,910 --> 00:59:22,810

And through that person I
met my wife on a blind date.

1112

00:59:22,810 --> 00:59:24,240

A lucky blind date.

1113

00:59:24,240 --> 00:59:26,070

Lucky blind date, lucky for her.

1114

00:59:26,070 --> 00:59:28,680

1115

00:59:28,680 --> 00:59:31,560

Did they set you up with work?

1116

00:59:31,560 --> 00:59:37,830

Yes, they now, for
instance, they give us--

1117

00:59:37,830 --> 00:59:44,070

the Jewish Welfare Federation
give us money to live on it,

1118

00:59:44,070 --> 00:59:46,050

but we promised
we pay them back.

1119

00:59:46,050 --> 00:59:48,880

1120

00:59:48,880 --> 00:59:51,180

So it was really a loan?

1121

00:59:51,180 --> 00:59:53,610

Well, if you wanted
to, you paid them back.

1122

00:59:53,610 --> 00:59:54,610

If you didn't want to--

1123

00:59:54,610 --> 00:59:55,650

I paid them back.

1124

00:59:55,650 --> 00:59:56,790

I see.

1125

00:59:56,790 --> 01:00:00,930

But also they
searched for a job.

1126

01:00:00,930 --> 01:00:03,880

And they didn't have any
coal mine jobs I hope?

1127

01:00:03,880 --> 01:00:04,380

No.

1128

01:00:04,380 --> 01:00:05,790

They searched for a job.

1129

01:00:05,790 --> 01:00:10,920

And well, I had a hard work
when I first came over here.

1130

01:00:10,920 --> 01:00:16,200

But I improved myself.

1131

01:00:16,200 --> 01:00:17,610

What did you do
at the beginning?

1132

01:00:17,610 --> 01:00:20,680

Well, actually when
I was in Hungary

1133

01:00:20,680 --> 01:00:23,850

I was a linotype
operator, I was a printer

1134

01:00:23,850 --> 01:00:26,010

working for a newspaper.

1135

01:00:26,010 --> 01:00:28,890

When I first came
over here after I

1136

01:00:28,890 --> 01:00:31,230

got married I went to
Laney trade school,

1137

01:00:31,230 --> 01:00:33,810

refresh my linotype operating.

1138

01:00:33,810 --> 01:00:37,800

And two years later, I took
out my citizenship paper

1139

01:00:37,800 --> 01:00:46,158

because I married to an
American girl, lucky for her.

1140

01:00:46,158 --> 01:00:48,540

I see.

1141

01:00:48,540 --> 01:00:51,270

But already you could
speak English at this time?

1142

01:00:51,270 --> 01:00:52,600

Well, I went to school.

1143

01:00:52,600 --> 01:00:57,660

I went to Laney trade school,
and I could impress myself

1144

01:00:57,660 --> 01:01:00,720

pretty well in English.

1145
01:01:00,720 --> 01:01:04,350
Then I started to work for a
company, Lutz Tire company.

1146
01:01:04,350 --> 01:01:07,200
I worked for them for 36 years.

1147
01:01:07,200 --> 01:01:15,390
And I wind up to be a sales
manager for a company.

1148
01:01:15,390 --> 01:01:19,716
And I just retired
three years ago.

1149
01:01:19,716 --> 01:01:21,640
I see.

1150
01:01:21,640 --> 01:01:22,875
Then I didn't retire.

1151
01:01:22,875 --> 01:01:25,620

1152
01:01:25,620 --> 01:01:28,770
They sold the company, and
they went to chapter 11

1153
01:01:28,770 --> 01:01:33,840
with a investment company
and just closed down a place.

1154
01:01:33,840 --> 01:01:34,740
I see.

1155
01:01:34,740 --> 01:01:37,950
So you came and
got right to work

1156
01:01:37,950 --> 01:01:41,900
with the business and school

and trade, all of that,

1157

01:01:41,900 --> 01:01:43,690

and marriage and all the rest.

1158

01:01:43,690 --> 01:01:49,940

Did you just put the war and
the hard years behind you?

1159

01:01:49,940 --> 01:01:52,920

Or did you keep in your mind?

1160

01:01:52,920 --> 01:01:56,670

Well, you never can forget
what happened to you.

1161

01:01:56,670 --> 01:02:03,420

As I said, even my daughter
went to a Holocaust reunion

1162

01:02:03,420 --> 01:02:08,730

to Israel, and I was in
Israel myself, Yad Vashem.

1163

01:02:08,730 --> 01:02:13,440

You see all those history what
happened to the Jewish people,

1164

01:02:13,440 --> 01:02:17,085

you never can forget
what they did to you.

1165

01:02:17,085 --> 01:02:23,610

You maybe try to forgive,
but never forget.

1166

01:02:23,610 --> 01:02:25,650

When you had children,
did you tell them

1167

01:02:25,650 --> 01:02:28,020

about what had happened
to you when you were

1168
01:02:28,020 --> 01:02:30,450
in that portion of your life?

1169
01:02:30,450 --> 01:02:34,440
No, I never gave
anything to them.

1170
01:02:34,440 --> 01:02:38,010
I never said
anything to my kids.

1171
01:02:38,010 --> 01:02:40,140
They find out themselves.

1172
01:02:40,140 --> 01:02:48,030
And this is when
my daughter wanted

1173
01:02:48,030 --> 01:02:53,760
to go to Israel to
find out my background.

1174
01:02:53,760 --> 01:02:57,030
And when she saw in Yad
Vashem and all those places

1175
01:02:57,030 --> 01:03:04,720
what they did, the Germans,
to the European Jews and just

1176
01:03:04,720 --> 01:03:09,160
really made her sad about it.

1177
01:03:09,160 --> 01:03:11,090
So she came to find
out a little bit later?

1178
01:03:11,090 --> 01:03:11,590
Yes.

1179
01:03:11,590 --> 01:03:14,020

She came to find out.

1180

01:03:14,020 --> 01:03:17,560

And for yourself, you just kind
of went ahead with your life?

1181

01:03:17,560 --> 01:03:21,700

You didn't let yourself
dwell on it too much?

1182

01:03:21,700 --> 01:03:28,760

Well, I went along with my
life and tried to forget,

1183

01:03:28,760 --> 01:03:31,120

but you cannot forget.

1184

01:03:31,120 --> 01:03:35,100

Do you ever dream about it
or does it come up sometimes?

1185

01:03:35,100 --> 01:03:39,580

Sometimes when
you come about it.

1186

01:03:39,580 --> 01:03:50,350

And it feels how could
human beings do things

1187

01:03:50,350 --> 01:03:52,620

like that to other human being.

1188

01:03:52,620 --> 01:03:56,870

But those people, just like
Hitler and their regime,

1189

01:03:56,870 --> 01:04:01,530

it was nothing but animals what
they did to the human race.

1190

01:04:01,530 --> 01:04:04,240

So you think that they
were kind of different?

1191
01:04:04,240 --> 01:04:07,055
That it wasn't a regular
kind of human beings?

1192
01:04:07,055 --> 01:04:07,930
No, I don't think so.

1193
01:04:07,930 --> 01:04:10,740

1194
01:04:10,740 --> 01:04:14,070
So now that you've
lived through so much

1195
01:04:14,070 --> 01:04:19,650
and you've made a wonderful life
from all of those hard things,

1196
01:04:19,650 --> 01:04:21,210
what kind of things
do you think are

1197
01:04:21,210 --> 01:04:24,180
important for the rest of
us to remember and keep

1198
01:04:24,180 --> 01:04:26,350
in mind about that time?

1199
01:04:26,350 --> 01:04:30,510
Well, the rest of us and
the younger generation

1200
01:04:30,510 --> 01:04:33,120
is as far as I can say,
the most important thing

1201
01:04:33,120 --> 01:04:39,810
to teach the younger generation
what happened to the older

1202

01:04:39,810 --> 01:04:40,650
generation.

1203
01:04:40,650 --> 01:04:52,233
And it could happen again if we
don't watch out for ourselves.

1204
01:04:52,233 --> 01:04:54,150
And we watch out for
ourselves, just like they

1205
01:04:54,150 --> 01:04:56,100
have all these skinheads.

1206
01:04:56,100 --> 01:05:01,320
They have just like they
had the election in Germany,

1207
01:05:01,320 --> 01:05:10,200
where they outlawed that
party after they won election.

1208
01:05:10,200 --> 01:05:16,930
And what happened in Louisiana
where the KKK was elected,

1209
01:05:16,930 --> 01:05:19,440
that should never happen.

1210
01:05:19,440 --> 01:05:21,810
Those kind of things
for a hate group

1211
01:05:21,810 --> 01:05:28,840
to teach the younger generation
to hate different religion,

1212
01:05:28,840 --> 01:05:31,890
or any other people.

1213
01:05:31,890 --> 01:05:35,430
Do you think it's important
that this generation understand

1214
01:05:35,430 --> 01:05:40,800
about the war and what happened
and everything that happened?

1215
01:05:40,800 --> 01:05:44,730
As far as I can tell, they
should teach in school

1216
01:05:44,730 --> 01:05:45,870
to the younger generation.

1217
01:05:45,870 --> 01:05:49,470

1218
01:05:49,470 --> 01:05:58,980
From junior high and up to have
idea what happened and what

1219
01:05:58,980 --> 01:06:01,116
could happen again.

1220
01:06:01,116 --> 01:06:02,040
Great.

1221
01:06:02,040 --> 01:06:03,660
Well, is there
anything else that you

1222
01:06:03,660 --> 01:06:05,202
can think of that
you'd like to leave

1223
01:06:05,202 --> 01:06:07,680
in the way of a
message on this tape?

1224
01:06:07,680 --> 01:06:09,750
You've told a wonderful story.

1225
01:06:09,750 --> 01:06:13,110
If there is anything else

that you'd like to add.

1226
01:06:13,110 --> 01:06:17,730
Only thing I like to add,
I'm grateful for being

1227
01:06:17,730 --> 01:06:19,980
here in the United States.

1228
01:06:19,980 --> 01:06:31,960
And my family and the
people who I'm associated

1229
01:06:31,960 --> 01:06:37,720
should understand us,
and I leave that way.

1230
01:06:37,720 --> 01:06:38,620
That's good leaving.

1231
01:06:38,620 --> 01:06:41,020
Let's stop it right there.

1232
01:06:41,020 --> 01:06:43,910

1233
01:06:43,910 --> 01:06:45,170
Good job.

1234
01:06:45,170 --> 01:06:46,250
OK, thank you.

1235
01:06:46,250 --> 01:06:47,570
Wonderful, wonderful.

1236
01:06:47,570 --> 01:06:50,510
What happens to these tapes?

1237
01:06:50,510 --> 01:06:54,340
Well, one tape will go to--

1238

01:06:54,340 --> 01:07:54,000