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00:00:00,000 --> 00:01:06,100

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00:01:06,100 --> 00:01:09,880

Today's Tuesday,  
December 10, 1991.

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00:01:09,880 --> 00:01:11,260

And we're in San Francisco.

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00:01:11,260 --> 00:01:14,920

And I'm Barbara Barer  
interviewing Miriam Samuel.

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00:01:14,920 --> 00:01:19,240

And Susie Kisber is  
the second interviewer

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00:01:19,240 --> 00:01:23,890

and Laurie Sosna is  
with camera person.

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00:01:23,890 --> 00:01:27,310

And Miriam's done  
an interview before,

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00:01:27,310 --> 00:01:30,110

so I'm just going to do a  
little bit of background,

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00:01:30,110 --> 00:01:31,810

and then talk about  
more of the things

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00:01:31,810 --> 00:01:33,550

that you want to talk about.

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00:01:33,550 --> 00:01:36,520

But let me just start by  
asking how old are you now.

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00:01:36,520 --> 00:01:38,380  
I'm 67.

13  
00:01:38,380 --> 00:01:39,560  
And where were you born?

14  
00:01:39,560 --> 00:01:41,290  
I was born in Czechoslovakia.

15  
00:01:41,290 --> 00:01:42,190  
In which city?

16  
00:01:42,190 --> 00:01:46,810  
In a small time it  
was called Dolvo.

17  
00:01:46,810 --> 00:01:52,300  
D-O-L-V-O. Dolvo.

18  
00:01:52,300 --> 00:01:56,410  
And how many children  
were in your family?

19  
00:01:56,410 --> 00:01:59,200  
There were eight children.

20  
00:01:59,200 --> 00:02:00,340  
I had seven brothers.

21  
00:02:00,340 --> 00:02:04,950  
One was older than me and  
the rest were all younger.

22  
00:02:04,950 --> 00:02:06,410  
So you are the second of eight.

23  
00:02:06,410 --> 00:02:08,259  
Of eight children.

24  
00:02:08,259 --> 00:02:11,740  
And my parents, when they  
took us away, were very young.

25  
00:02:11,740 --> 00:02:14,950  
My father was 41 and  
my mother was 40.

26  
00:02:14,950 --> 00:02:17,260  
What kind of work  
did your father do?

27  
00:02:17,260 --> 00:02:24,460  
We had businesses like  
tobacco and alcohol licenses,

28  
00:02:24,460 --> 00:02:29,470  
the only ones in town because  
my father was a war veteran.

29  
00:02:29,470 --> 00:02:33,520  
And my father also did  
other kinds of business.

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00:02:33,520 --> 00:02:35,320  
Because for a large  
family like that

31  
00:02:35,320 --> 00:02:40,900  
it was hard to just have  
make a living out of that.

32  
00:02:40,900 --> 00:02:44,260  
We also owned land.

33  
00:02:44,260 --> 00:02:47,900  
My father was a little  
bit of everything.

34  
00:02:47,900 --> 00:02:48,920  
He was an engineer.

35  
00:02:48,920 --> 00:02:53,980  
He designed bridges  
for the towns.

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00:02:53,980 --> 00:02:57,640

They weren't like the San  
Francisco bridge or anything,

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00:02:57,640 --> 00:03:02,560

but they were the smaller  
bridges over rivers and stuff.

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00:03:02,560 --> 00:03:08,860

He also was exporting  
fruit to friends.

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00:03:08,860 --> 00:03:11,740

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00:03:11,740 --> 00:03:15,580

And he worked with other  
kinds of wood materials

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00:03:15,580 --> 00:03:18,320

for ties for railroads.

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00:03:18,320 --> 00:03:19,870

He was selling them.

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00:03:19,870 --> 00:03:22,240

He did all kinds of things.

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00:03:22,240 --> 00:03:25,540

And the time when I was growing  
up, there was a Depression,

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00:03:25,540 --> 00:03:27,340

and business just  
couldn't make it.

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00:03:27,340 --> 00:03:30,430

The taxes were very  
high at the time,

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00:03:30,430 --> 00:03:33,190

so he had to do

other things to make

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00:03:33,190 --> 00:03:36,115

a good living for the family,  
to make a living for the family,

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00:03:36,115 --> 00:03:36,790

I should say.

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00:03:36,790 --> 00:03:38,710

What was your family name?

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00:03:38,710 --> 00:03:39,790

Farach.

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00:03:39,790 --> 00:03:44,920

My father's name  
was Martin Farach.

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00:03:44,920 --> 00:03:53,830

F-A-R-A-C-H. And it was spelled  
differently at different times

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00:03:53,830 --> 00:03:57,250

because when the Russians  
were there it was with an O.

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00:03:57,250 --> 00:04:03,970

When the Hungarians came in, it  
was with an A. But it's Farach.

56

00:04:03,970 --> 00:04:07,870

And it was always spelled one  
way when you were growing up?

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00:04:07,870 --> 00:04:14,260

No, there were 0 too  
because our country had

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00:04:14,260 --> 00:04:22,660

Czech offices, Russian  
people working in it,

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00:04:22,660 --> 00:04:25,630

and it was really  
kind of Czechoslovakia

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00:04:25,630 --> 00:04:27,520

was just in power for 20 years.

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00:04:27,520 --> 00:04:33,410

So things changed a little bit.

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00:04:33,410 --> 00:04:36,610

You talked about your  
parents being taken away

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00:04:36,610 --> 00:04:37,730

when they were very young.

64

00:04:37,730 --> 00:04:38,230

Yes.

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00:04:38,230 --> 00:04:40,690

Do want to talk about that?

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00:04:40,690 --> 00:04:42,640

Yes, I would like to  
talk about that, too,

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00:04:42,640 --> 00:04:48,190

because I don't think that  
any people from those people

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00:04:48,190 --> 00:04:52,840

survived except, as  
far as I know, myself.

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00:04:52,840 --> 00:04:54,250

I'm the only one who survived.

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00:04:54,250 --> 00:04:57,190

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00:04:57,190 --> 00:05:06,100

First of all, I did lose all my  
seven brothers there in Poland

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00:05:06,100 --> 00:05:08,350

where they took us  
to, and my father.

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00:05:08,350 --> 00:05:11,260

And my mother survived  
with me and she came back

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00:05:11,260 --> 00:05:13,430

and I'll come to that later.

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00:05:13,430 --> 00:05:14,260

But I will start.

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00:05:14,260 --> 00:05:17,060

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00:05:17,060 --> 00:05:21,880

Where we lived, the  
Jews were separate.

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00:05:21,880 --> 00:05:23,800

We didn't live in  
a ghetto, but we

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00:05:23,800 --> 00:05:26,830

kept together,  
the Jewish people,

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00:05:26,830 --> 00:05:33,070

and lived pretty close  
to one another also.

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00:05:33,070 --> 00:05:36,000

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00:05:36,000 --> 00:05:41,410

When Hungary and Germany  
divided Czechoslovakia,

83  
00:05:41,410 --> 00:05:43,030  
the Hungarian took us.

84  
00:05:43,030 --> 00:05:45,610  
We were in the  
Carpathian part where

85  
00:05:45,610 --> 00:05:49,960  
it was before Austro-Hungary.

86  
00:05:49,960 --> 00:05:58,600  
And the Hungarians I  
think they occupied

87  
00:05:58,600 --> 00:06:06,150  
us late in '39 and in '41,  
and don't keep me to the dates

88  
00:06:06,150 --> 00:06:08,310  
because I don't remember dates.

89  
00:06:08,310 --> 00:06:12,960  
But in '41, in the  
middle of the summer,

90  
00:06:12,960 --> 00:06:15,450  
it was late June or early July--

91  
00:06:15,450 --> 00:06:19,230  
I know it was before  
my 17th birthday--

92  
00:06:19,230 --> 00:06:22,770  
I came to the door on Saturday  
morning, knocked on the door

93  
00:06:22,770 --> 00:06:24,810  
and told us to be  
ready in two hours.

94  
00:06:24,810 --> 00:06:26,250



Who knocked on the door?

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00:06:26,250 --> 00:06:31,260

Gendarmes and the town police.

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00:06:31,260 --> 00:06:37,477

Whoever was volunteering  
to be police in town.

97

00:06:37,477 --> 00:06:41,460

98

00:06:41,460 --> 00:06:45,810

By that time, they  
already have taken away

99

00:06:45,810 --> 00:06:49,290

from the Jewish  
people all the rights.

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00:06:49,290 --> 00:06:51,690

We couldn't go to school.

101

00:06:51,690 --> 00:06:57,720

Our house was taken over in  
part by the Hungarian army

102

00:06:57,720 --> 00:07:01,380

because we had a bigger house  
than most people because

103

00:07:01,380 --> 00:07:02,700

of the businesses.

104

00:07:02,700 --> 00:07:06,000

So they took it over  
for a field hospital,

105

00:07:06,000 --> 00:07:10,840

for two doctors  
living in our house,

106

00:07:10,840 --> 00:07:13,030  
and we just got the  
kitchen and two rooms.

107  
00:07:13,030 --> 00:07:15,030  
Do you want to talk  
about what your life was

108  
00:07:15,030 --> 00:07:16,440  
like before that time?

109  
00:07:16,440 --> 00:07:19,320  
Or do you want to go ahead?

110  
00:07:19,320 --> 00:07:21,960  
About what your childhood was  
like, what your normal life was

111  
00:07:21,960 --> 00:07:23,130  
like before?

112  
00:07:23,130 --> 00:07:28,395  
Well, I would say that my  
childhood was quite happy.

113  
00:07:28,395 --> 00:07:31,380

114  
00:07:31,380 --> 00:07:35,940  
I was an only girl  
with seven brothers,

115  
00:07:35,940 --> 00:07:38,580  
and my father didn't have  
a sister, just one brother,

116  
00:07:38,580 --> 00:07:44,580  
and I was I was cherished  
like I don't know what.

117  
00:07:44,580 --> 00:07:52,050  
I also was my mother's  
helper because boys usually

118  
00:07:52,050 --> 00:07:53,790  
had to study.

119  
00:07:53,790 --> 00:07:56,200  
In Europe they were thinking  
boys have to make a living,

120  
00:07:56,200 --> 00:07:59,310  
so they have to study  
more than the girls.

121  
00:07:59,310 --> 00:08:01,230  
And I was my mother's helper.

122  
00:08:01,230 --> 00:08:03,240  
With so many children,  
you can imagine

123  
00:08:03,240 --> 00:08:06,820  
that she needed all the help.

124  
00:08:06,820 --> 00:08:09,960  
I also used to help my  
father in the business.

125  
00:08:09,960 --> 00:08:12,870  
When he wasn't there, I  
made decisions for him,

126  
00:08:12,870 --> 00:08:15,300  
and most of the time  
they worked out.

127  
00:08:15,300 --> 00:08:26,490  
So he took me to all kinds  
of business meetings,

128  
00:08:26,490 --> 00:08:27,420  
his little girl.

129  
00:08:27,420 --> 00:08:29,370

I was I was his--

130  
00:08:29,370 --> 00:08:33,600  
whenever he made some deal,  
he always brought me along.

131  
00:08:33,600 --> 00:08:38,220  
He called me his [INAUDIBLE],,  
which means his lawyer.

132  
00:08:38,220 --> 00:08:42,270  
So life for me was happy.

133  
00:08:42,270 --> 00:08:43,919  
I had a happy childhood.

134  
00:08:43,919 --> 00:08:45,600  
How far did you go to school?

135  
00:08:45,600 --> 00:08:47,020  
Eighth grade.

136  
00:08:47,020 --> 00:08:48,780  
And then after that  
there was no school.

137  
00:08:48,780 --> 00:08:52,710  
Schools were closed  
because the war started.

138  
00:08:52,710 --> 00:08:58,770  
You see, the Czechs  
mobilized, and in our towns

139  
00:08:58,770 --> 00:09:00,480  
we just had school  
to the eighth grade.

140  
00:09:00,480 --> 00:09:03,270  
And if you wanted to  
go to middle school

141

00:09:03,270 --> 00:09:05,730  
you had to go to another town.

142  
00:09:05,730 --> 00:09:10,740  
And my brother went to the  
gymnasium, which was in Proust.

143  
00:09:10,740 --> 00:09:13,110  
He was going to be a doctor.

144  
00:09:13,110 --> 00:09:17,190  
But then as time went on,  
he couldn't go to school

145  
00:09:17,190 --> 00:09:18,300  
because he was Jewish.

146  
00:09:18,300 --> 00:09:20,930  
And our businesses  
were also taken away

147  
00:09:20,930 --> 00:09:21,900  
because we were Jews.

148  
00:09:21,900 --> 00:09:24,990  
When did you first start  
noticing things changing

149  
00:09:24,990 --> 00:09:27,710  
because you were Jewish?

150  
00:09:27,710 --> 00:09:33,350  
Oh, as soon as we were taken  
over by the Hungarians.

151  
00:09:33,350 --> 00:09:38,330  
As soon as Hitler  
started mobilizing.

152  
00:09:38,330 --> 00:09:43,700  
When the war started, they  
took a part of Silesia.

153

00:09:43,700 --> 00:09:46,700

154

00:09:46,700 --> 00:09:52,430

England gave away part of  
Czechoslovakia to Germany.

155

00:09:52,430 --> 00:09:57,140

And there was among the  
people certain unrest,

156

00:09:57,140 --> 00:09:59,120

and right away they  
picked on the Jews.

157

00:09:59,120 --> 00:10:01,520

How old were you at that time?

158

00:10:01,520 --> 00:10:05,670

When the whole thing  
started, I was 14 years old,

159

00:10:05,670 --> 00:10:07,745

a little bit over 14.

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00:10:07,745 --> 00:10:11,060

161

00:10:11,060 --> 00:10:18,810

And then, as I say, there  
was no school at all.

162

00:10:18,810 --> 00:10:22,340

And then when there  
was, Jewish children

163

00:10:22,340 --> 00:10:27,140

weren't allowed to go to  
middle school or to gymnasiums.

164

00:10:27,140 --> 00:10:29,840

It also was private

and very expensive.

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00:10:29,840 --> 00:10:32,750

Were all your friends Jewish?

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00:10:32,750 --> 00:10:34,920

No, I had friends  
that weren't Jewish.

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00:10:34,920 --> 00:10:39,470

I used to study with  
non-Jewish friends.

168

00:10:39,470 --> 00:10:42,513

And they used to stay overnight  
and we used to have breakfast.

169

00:10:42,513 --> 00:10:44,180

They used to have  
breakfast at our house

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00:10:44,180 --> 00:10:51,130

because of course I  
wouldn't eat at there house.

171

00:10:51,130 --> 00:10:55,160

We also used to have a Shabbat  
goy, that's what we call them.

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00:10:55,160 --> 00:10:58,955

We used to hire somebody  
who carried on our business

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00:10:58,955 --> 00:10:59,455

on Shabbat.

174

00:10:59,455 --> 00:11:02,560

175

00:11:02,560 --> 00:11:07,240

Life for me, for where I  
was at that time, I thought

176

00:11:07,240 --> 00:11:09,640  
was pretty good.

177

00:11:09,640 --> 00:11:13,150  
I didn't know any other either.

178

00:11:13,150 --> 00:11:18,100  
My father also wanted to  
send me away to England.

179

00:11:18,100 --> 00:11:20,890  
From there he thought I might  
find my way to the United

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00:11:20,890 --> 00:11:22,365  
States.

181

00:11:22,365 --> 00:11:23,740  
Why did he want  
to send you away?

182

00:11:23,740 --> 00:11:27,100  
Because when things started  
he saw the writing on the wall

183

00:11:27,100 --> 00:11:29,350  
that things are  
happening that aren't

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00:11:29,350 --> 00:11:31,990  
very good for the Jewish  
people and he wanted

185

00:11:31,990 --> 00:11:34,490  
to save some of his children.

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00:11:34,490 --> 00:11:37,435  
And I guess I was the one  
who he was going to save.

187

00:11:37,435 --> 00:11:40,870



188  
00:11:40,870 --> 00:11:43,060  
I had the passport  
ready and everything,

189  
00:11:43,060 --> 00:11:45,880  
but I couldn't travel  
because Germany already

190  
00:11:45,880 --> 00:11:49,990  
had closed borders and we  
had to go through Germany

191  
00:11:49,990 --> 00:11:52,270  
to go anyplace.

192  
00:11:52,270 --> 00:11:54,980  
And I was too young  
to travel by myself.

193  
00:11:54,980 --> 00:11:56,860  
I wasn't allowed to travel.

194  
00:11:56,860 --> 00:12:00,000  
We had to be over a certain age.

195  
00:12:00,000 --> 00:12:02,510  
So I didn't go anyplace.

196  
00:12:02,510 --> 00:12:05,850

197  
00:12:05,850 --> 00:12:10,060  
As I say, things  
were very difficult.

198  
00:12:10,060 --> 00:12:13,500  
I did talk quite a lot  
about that in other tape,

199  
00:12:13,500 --> 00:12:15,700  
how hard it was

to make a living.

200

00:12:15,700 --> 00:12:20,160

And I would like to get more  
into some of the other things

201

00:12:20,160 --> 00:12:20,910

that happened.

202

00:12:20,910 --> 00:12:24,120

203

00:12:24,120 --> 00:12:26,250

As I said, when they  
knocked on the door one

204

00:12:26,250 --> 00:12:32,430

Saturday morning in  
1941, the Hungarians,

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00:12:32,430 --> 00:12:40,140

there was going around a  
story that a lot of the Jews

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00:12:40,140 --> 00:12:41,830

are on the blacklist.

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00:12:41,830 --> 00:12:45,810

The Jews they don't  
want to have around.

208

00:12:45,810 --> 00:12:49,300

And I think my father  
was one of them.

209

00:12:49,300 --> 00:12:52,120

And the reason is because  
my father was a veteran.

210

00:12:52,120 --> 00:12:55,230

He was a little bit  
more educated than most

211

00:12:55,230 --> 00:12:58,020

and could make  
some trouble maybe.

212

00:12:58,020 --> 00:13:00,150

Which war was he a veteran of?

213

00:13:00,150 --> 00:13:05,250

World War I. He  
was 17 years old.

214

00:13:05,250 --> 00:13:10,890

And he lost a hand in  
the war when he was 17.

215

00:13:10,890 --> 00:13:12,990

And they could have  
took out the bullet

216

00:13:12,990 --> 00:13:14,580

and he would have  
been all right,

217

00:13:14,580 --> 00:13:19,530

but the nurse thought because  
he is such a milk-faced kid,

218

00:13:19,530 --> 00:13:23,220

my father was a redhead,  
looked very young,

219

00:13:23,220 --> 00:13:25,150

that she didn't want  
him to go to the war,

220

00:13:25,150 --> 00:13:28,530

so she didn't take out the  
bullet and let him get infected

221

00:13:28,530 --> 00:13:31,440

and they had to  
cut off his hand.

222

00:13:31,440 --> 00:13:34,800

So he was a very  
young war veteran,

223

00:13:34,800 --> 00:13:36,160

but he was a war veteran.

224

00:13:36,160 --> 00:13:43,655

225

00:13:43,655 --> 00:13:47,900

And then the war  
ended, First World War.

226

00:13:47,900 --> 00:13:49,820

But I'm jumping here  
from place to place.

227

00:13:49,820 --> 00:13:51,230

So he was on the blacklist.

228

00:13:51,230 --> 00:13:53,960

He was on the  
blacklist, I think,

229

00:13:53,960 --> 00:13:59,420

because he usually used  
to fight about taxes.

230

00:13:59,420 --> 00:14:02,480

Because he was more read,  
he could write letters

231

00:14:02,480 --> 00:14:10,880

and go to talk to the  
head of the government

232

00:14:10,880 --> 00:14:13,290

and stuff like that.

233

00:14:13,290 --> 00:14:17,390

So he was considered a threat.

234  
00:14:17,390 --> 00:14:19,310  
And some other Jews, too.

235  
00:14:19,310 --> 00:14:22,760  
Whoever had something  
against a certain Jew,

236  
00:14:22,760 --> 00:14:25,130  
they were on the blacklist.

237  
00:14:25,130 --> 00:14:30,660  
Well, when they came and they  
got us this Saturday morning,

238  
00:14:30,660 --> 00:14:32,150  
they told us we have two hours.

239  
00:14:32,150 --> 00:14:38,270  
Take three days of food, bring  
all of your valuables with you,

240  
00:14:38,270 --> 00:14:39,950  
and whatever you can carry.

241  
00:14:39,950 --> 00:14:43,910

242  
00:14:43,910 --> 00:14:48,860  
Well, they didn't give us  
the two hours they told us.

243  
00:14:48,860 --> 00:14:51,230  
But the neighbors  
came to the house

244  
00:14:51,230 --> 00:14:53,900  
and they were right away  
dividing our fortune.

245  
00:14:53,900 --> 00:14:57,650  
I'm going to take this,

and I'm going to take that.

246

00:14:57,650 --> 00:15:01,010

Anti-Semitism so great  
that it's unbelievable.

247

00:15:01,010 --> 00:15:05,000

These were people that we  
were next-door neighbors with

248

00:15:05,000 --> 00:15:07,910

and were the best of friends.

249

00:15:07,910 --> 00:15:10,160

And they even asked my  
mother, wouldn't you, Hannah,

250

00:15:10,160 --> 00:15:13,130

like me to have  
your kitchen set?

251

00:15:13,130 --> 00:15:16,040

Or wouldn't you like me  
to have your bathroom set?

252

00:15:16,040 --> 00:15:19,040

Or I would like to  
take your linen.

253

00:15:19,040 --> 00:15:20,640

That type of stuff.

254

00:15:20,640 --> 00:15:26,330

So it was very  
heartbreaking to hear that.

255

00:15:26,330 --> 00:15:28,190

And it was very sudden.

256

00:15:28,190 --> 00:15:30,740

They took us illegally.

257

00:15:30,740 --> 00:15:34,520

They did not have permission  
from any government

258

00:15:34,520 --> 00:15:39,350

or from any upper  
office to take us.

259

00:15:39,350 --> 00:15:43,400

They just took us because they  
wanted to take us at this time

260

00:15:43,400 --> 00:15:45,908

illegally, just like kidnapping.

261

00:15:45,908 --> 00:15:47,450

What was the difference  
between those

262

00:15:47,450 --> 00:15:49,490

who were taken legally and--

263

00:15:49,490 --> 00:15:50,750

It was later.

264

00:15:50,750 --> 00:15:52,960

You see, they didn't  
take all of the Jews

265

00:15:52,960 --> 00:15:56,510

then in '41 from where we lived.

266

00:15:56,510 --> 00:15:57,770

They took our group.

267

00:15:57,770 --> 00:16:02,780

And by the time it got to the  
higher offices, a lot of people

268

00:16:02,780 --> 00:16:06,690

were on the other  
side of the border.

269

00:16:06,690 --> 00:16:09,440

So we were illegally taken.

270

00:16:09,440 --> 00:16:11,960

They claimed that all  
the Jews came from Poland

271

00:16:11,960 --> 00:16:15,290

and they wanted to  
send us to Poland.

272

00:16:15,290 --> 00:16:20,600

Anyway, my father took  
all of his release papers

273

00:16:20,600 --> 00:16:25,160

from the army, that he  
was honorably discharged,

274

00:16:25,160 --> 00:16:31,310

and all of his citizenship  
papers, all of that thing.

275

00:16:31,310 --> 00:16:33,410

They told us to  
take those things.

276

00:16:33,410 --> 00:16:35,750

They took us to a  
railroad station.

277

00:16:35,750 --> 00:16:40,310

From the railroad station, they  
brought together other people

278

00:16:40,310 --> 00:16:43,250

from other towns taken  
the same way as us.

279

00:16:43,250 --> 00:16:47,330

And it was on Shabbat,  
we were very observant,



280

00:16:47,330 --> 00:16:49,790

so it was another shock.

281

00:16:49,790 --> 00:16:53,090

By that time, Jews

already suffered the type

282

00:16:53,090 --> 00:16:57,920

of anti-Semitism like cutting

off their beards, beating them.

283

00:16:57,920 --> 00:17:02,880

They did that before, too, but

at this time they did it more.

284

00:17:02,880 --> 00:17:16,500

So they took us on a train

to the Polish border.

285

00:17:16,500 --> 00:17:20,130

We rode all day

Saturday, and then

286

00:17:20,130 --> 00:17:22,290

during the night and the

next morning, like Sunday

287

00:17:22,290 --> 00:17:25,050

morning, we got to the border.

288

00:17:25,050 --> 00:17:33,405

And on the border were Hungarian

and Polish military groups.

289

00:17:33,405 --> 00:17:36,720

290

00:17:36,720 --> 00:17:38,970

They told us to

get off the train.

291

00:17:38,970 --> 00:17:42,969

You were on the border  
of Czechoslovakia and--

292  
00:17:42,969 --> 00:17:45,240  
And Poland.

293  
00:17:45,240 --> 00:17:47,340  
They brought us there by train.

294  
00:17:47,340 --> 00:17:49,680  
They told us to get off.

295  
00:17:49,680 --> 00:17:54,690  
And my father took  
his papers and he

296  
00:17:54,690 --> 00:18:01,470  
went to the general who  
was in charge there.

297  
00:18:01,470 --> 00:18:06,360  
And he said, sir, I am from  
such-and-such regiment.

298  
00:18:06,360 --> 00:18:09,390  
And my father and  
my grandfather,

299  
00:18:09,390 --> 00:18:12,210  
my great-grandfather,  
my wife's parents

300  
00:18:12,210 --> 00:18:18,780  
were all born here in the  
town where we were taken from.

301  
00:18:18,780 --> 00:18:23,670  
And I was a loyal  
soldier, and all of that.

302  
00:18:23,670 --> 00:18:27,090  
And he said to my  
father, are you a Jew?

303  
00:18:27,090 --> 00:18:28,350  
My father said, yes.

304  
00:18:28,350 --> 00:18:33,180  
He says, there is no Jewish  
citizens in this country.

305  
00:18:33,180 --> 00:18:36,150  
I remember my  
father coming back.

306  
00:18:36,150 --> 00:18:37,680  
He aged at that time.

307  
00:18:37,680 --> 00:18:41,400  
He came back and  
he was bent over.

308  
00:18:41,400 --> 00:18:43,230  
And we saw that  
something's wrong.

309  
00:18:43,230 --> 00:18:51,960  
And then came the Polish or  
the Ukrainian black shirts.

310  
00:18:51,960 --> 00:18:54,270  
They wore black uniforms.

311  
00:18:54,270 --> 00:18:58,918  
They were like military  
police or from their country.

312  
00:18:58,918 --> 00:18:59,460  
I don't know.

313  
00:18:59,460 --> 00:19:04,950  
They were the same as  
SS except they were

314  
00:19:04,950 --> 00:19:08,490

the Ukrainians and the Poles.

315

00:19:08,490 --> 00:19:12,420

And they took us and  
told us to line up

316

00:19:12,420 --> 00:19:17,580

with our kids and our packages  
and just told us to march.

317

00:19:17,580 --> 00:19:23,880

And they herded us from place  
to place for three weeks.

318

00:19:23,880 --> 00:19:28,020

Now, they weren't very kind.

319

00:19:28,020 --> 00:19:32,100

I think what happened  
is they were--

320

00:19:32,100 --> 00:19:34,500

In each town they  
changed the groups.

321

00:19:34,500 --> 00:19:37,170

From each town there  
was a different group

322

00:19:37,170 --> 00:19:39,540

of people taking us over.

323

00:19:39,540 --> 00:19:41,700

And they have  
nightsticks and switches

324

00:19:41,700 --> 00:19:44,640

like that you do for cattle.

325

00:19:44,640 --> 00:19:47,260

And they were beating us.

326

00:19:47,260 --> 00:19:52,200  
And if some of the older  
people who couldn't keep up

327  
00:19:52,200 --> 00:19:54,060  
or people with children  
were left behind,

328  
00:19:54,060 --> 00:19:58,240  
they were beaten to death,  
clubbed to death by them.

329  
00:19:58,240 --> 00:20:00,780  
So at this point were you all  
together with your family?

330  
00:20:00,780 --> 00:20:02,742  
At this point, we  
were all together.

331  
00:20:02,742 --> 00:20:03,450  
What did you eat?

332  
00:20:03,450 --> 00:20:04,290  
Where did you sleep?

333  
00:20:04,290 --> 00:20:08,070  
Well, we slept wherever  
they let us sleep.

334  
00:20:08,070 --> 00:20:10,410  
On the side of the road.

335  
00:20:10,410 --> 00:20:14,898  
We slept by creeks, wherever  
they brought us and told us,

336  
00:20:14,898 --> 00:20:16,440  
this is where you're  
staying tonight.

337  
00:20:16,440 --> 00:20:18,120  
That's where we stayed.

338  
00:20:18,120 --> 00:20:19,770  
We did not sleep.

339  
00:20:19,770 --> 00:20:22,920  
It was lucky it was summer.

340  
00:20:22,920 --> 00:20:25,930  
We did not sleep  
indoors at any time.

341  
00:20:25,930 --> 00:20:28,260  
What did you eat?

342  
00:20:28,260 --> 00:20:30,030  
Not very much.

343  
00:20:30,030 --> 00:20:32,490  
They did not, in the  
whole three weeks,

344  
00:20:32,490 --> 00:20:37,140  
I'll tell you as the time  
goes on what we got once.

345  
00:20:37,140 --> 00:20:39,570  
Just what we took along.

346  
00:20:39,570 --> 00:20:45,390  
And the bread and dried fruit  
or whatever we had with us

347  
00:20:45,390 --> 00:20:49,590  
by then we at it up.

348  
00:20:49,590 --> 00:20:55,740  
And there wasn't much left,  
so people had some raw beans

349  
00:20:55,740 --> 00:20:57,630  
or whatever.

350

00:20:57,630 --> 00:21:00,750

There wasn't very  
much food left.

351

00:21:00,750 --> 00:21:05,160

And we didn't even  
think about eating.

352

00:21:05,160 --> 00:21:08,350

They were beating us  
because we were hungry.

353

00:21:08,350 --> 00:21:10,270

They were beating us.

354

00:21:10,270 --> 00:21:14,500

And when families saw that some  
of their family was left behind

355

00:21:14,500 --> 00:21:21,000

and killed, people were running  
more everybody frontwards.

356

00:21:21,000 --> 00:21:25,630

And this was going on, as  
I say, for three weeks.

357

00:21:25,630 --> 00:21:29,640

Then at some point  
they brought us

358

00:21:29,640 --> 00:21:32,670

to where farmers were  
working in the fields

359

00:21:32,670 --> 00:21:36,600

and they told us to sit  
down on the side of the road

360

00:21:36,600 --> 00:21:38,250

where the farmers were working.

361

00:21:38,250 --> 00:21:41,160

And we thought they're  
going to give us a rest.

362

00:21:41,160 --> 00:21:45,420

But instead of that, the  
people from the fields

363

00:21:45,420 --> 00:21:48,450

came with their shovels and  
implements and were beating us

364

00:21:48,450 --> 00:21:50,580

over our heads.

365

00:21:50,580 --> 00:21:55,150

I'm talking about all kinds  
of people, young and old.

366

00:21:55,150 --> 00:21:57,990

Nobody said, don't do it.

367

00:21:57,990 --> 00:22:01,140

If they saw somebody had  
on shoes that they wanted,

368

00:22:01,140 --> 00:22:02,710

they took it off.

369

00:22:02,710 --> 00:22:05,140

They tore out my earrings.

370

00:22:05,140 --> 00:22:11,900

For many years I couldn't  
wear earrings because of it.

371

00:22:11,900 --> 00:22:14,090

What else happened to you?

372

00:22:14,090 --> 00:22:18,700

Well, on this trip  
I was just beaten



373

00:22:18,700 --> 00:22:21,190

with a switch that  
went around my legs

374

00:22:21,190 --> 00:22:23,170

and I had welts all over.

375

00:22:23,170 --> 00:22:26,260

And my mother told me not  
to let my father see it

376

00:22:26,260 --> 00:22:28,300

because she was afraid  
he would commit suicide

377

00:22:28,300 --> 00:22:31,750

if he sees that I was--

378

00:22:31,750 --> 00:22:33,520

I was in the back carrying my--

379

00:22:33,520 --> 00:22:37,430

I had a little brother  
who was three years old,

380

00:22:37,430 --> 00:22:39,660

and I carried him.

381

00:22:39,660 --> 00:22:42,610

I had a tablecloth  
tied around my back,

382

00:22:42,610 --> 00:22:46,330

carried him in the back,  
carried him in the front.

383

00:22:46,330 --> 00:22:49,930

Because my mother had  
other small children.

384

00:22:49,930 --> 00:22:54,050

She didn't carry them, but

she had to take care of them.

385

00:22:54,050 --> 00:22:58,820

And I always felt like  
I was stronger than her,

386

00:22:58,820 --> 00:23:03,220

so I carried my little  
brother this whole time,

387

00:23:03,220 --> 00:23:04,600

my three-year-old brother.

388

00:23:04,600 --> 00:23:08,770

389

00:23:08,770 --> 00:23:11,620

And then that was one occasion.

390

00:23:11,620 --> 00:23:13,300

There was a lot of things.

391

00:23:13,300 --> 00:23:16,900

Then at each stop when they  
let us stop for a while,

392

00:23:16,900 --> 00:23:19,600

usually it was at  
some point where

393

00:23:19,600 --> 00:23:22,960

there was water at a creek  
or a river or something.

394

00:23:22,960 --> 00:23:27,130

So we drank the water,  
washed our feet.

395

00:23:27,130 --> 00:23:29,560

Most of us didn't have  
shoes anymore because they

396

00:23:29,560 --> 00:23:31,880  
were taken away from us.

397  
00:23:31,880 --> 00:23:34,750  
So many people  
changed in each town.

398  
00:23:34,750 --> 00:23:37,360  
Everybody wanted something.

399  
00:23:37,360 --> 00:23:39,940  
They also took out  
the young girls

400  
00:23:39,940 --> 00:23:42,130  
and raped them along the way.

401  
00:23:42,130 --> 00:23:46,480  
Some came back, some never did.

402  
00:23:46,480 --> 00:23:49,480  
And some of these places  
when they stopped they said,

403  
00:23:49,480 --> 00:23:53,890  
we need 10 or 20 strong men  
who are willing to work.

404  
00:23:53,890 --> 00:23:56,260  
Of course, everybody  
wanted to work.

405  
00:23:56,260 --> 00:24:01,570  
Nobody wanted to be hungry and  
just be herded like animals.

406  
00:24:01,570 --> 00:24:06,370  
So people came and  
they were picked out.

407  
00:24:06,370 --> 00:24:09,400  
These people were taken  
and shot for sport.

408  
00:24:09,400 --> 00:24:12,000

409  
00:24:12,000 --> 00:24:14,010  
And we never saw them again.

410  
00:24:14,010 --> 00:24:17,250  
And I'll tell you how  
I know about it after.

411  
00:24:17,250 --> 00:24:21,660  
Then we came to a  
place where it was

412  
00:24:21,660 --> 00:24:25,590  
a farm that had a big barn  
just with the roof on it.

413  
00:24:25,590 --> 00:24:30,690  
And they told us to  
get in there and rest.

414  
00:24:30,690 --> 00:24:34,350  
And then town people  
brought us boiled potatoes.

415  
00:24:34,350 --> 00:24:36,570  
Everybody got one boiled potato.

416  
00:24:36,570 --> 00:24:40,260  
And we thought, what a wonderful  
community that they finally

417  
00:24:40,260 --> 00:24:42,000  
recognized that we  
are human beings

418  
00:24:42,000 --> 00:24:45,480  
and they're giving  
us something to eat.

419

00:24:45,480 --> 00:24:50,460  
When we finish the potato,  
they told us to lie down

420  
00:24:50,460 --> 00:24:54,510  
and they walked on  
us with their boots--

421  
00:24:54,510 --> 00:24:58,530  
not one or two, but  
a group of people--

422  
00:24:58,530 --> 00:25:01,800  
on our heads and on our feet.

423  
00:25:01,800 --> 00:25:05,730  
We were just kind of  
lying down like sardines.

424  
00:25:05,730 --> 00:25:09,690  
They also picked up 20 men  
there and they picked out

425  
00:25:09,690 --> 00:25:13,440  
a lot of girls and they raped  
them and we heard them scream.

426  
00:25:13,440 --> 00:25:19,530  
But they picked out 20 men  
and they took them to a field.

427  
00:25:19,530 --> 00:25:22,050  
And they were making  
sport out of them.

428  
00:25:22,050 --> 00:25:24,270  
They were shooting them.

429  
00:25:24,270 --> 00:25:28,980  
And it was late in the day and  
it started getting dark and one

430  
00:25:28,980 --> 00:25:34,140

of those people jumped-- there  
was a creek close by the bushes

431  
00:25:34,140 --> 00:25:34,980  
around it--

432  
00:25:34,980 --> 00:25:41,400  
he jumped in and hid  
there and he wasn't shot.

433  
00:25:41,400 --> 00:25:46,620  
That's how we found out,  
because somehow he got back

434  
00:25:46,620 --> 00:25:48,450  
and I got back.

435  
00:25:48,450 --> 00:25:50,670  
Then he told me,  
but he isn't alive

436  
00:25:50,670 --> 00:25:53,190  
either because he went  
to Auschwitz later.

437  
00:25:53,190 --> 00:25:55,760

438  
00:25:55,760 --> 00:25:58,640  
This was all still in  
the first few weeks,

439  
00:25:58,640 --> 00:26:00,410  
in the first three weeks.

440  
00:26:00,410 --> 00:26:02,690  
Then they took us  
all the way to where

441  
00:26:02,690 --> 00:26:05,240  
the fighting was going  
on between the Germans

442

00:26:05,240 --> 00:26:07,832  
and the Russians.

443

00:26:07,832 --> 00:26:09,200  
Where was that?

444

00:26:09,200 --> 00:26:11,930  
I don't remember the town.

445

00:26:11,930 --> 00:26:13,070  
I remember the scene.

446

00:26:13,070 --> 00:26:15,170  
And we didn't know  
what town we were

447

00:26:15,170 --> 00:26:18,260  
in because they didn't  
tell us and they

448

00:26:18,260 --> 00:26:20,810  
were herding us like animals.

449

00:26:20,810 --> 00:26:22,490  
We couldn't look.

450

00:26:22,490 --> 00:26:24,380  
They took us whichever  
way they want to.

451

00:26:24,380 --> 00:26:27,470

452

00:26:27,470 --> 00:26:33,350  
We walked between 35  
and 40 kilometers a day.

453

00:26:33,350 --> 00:26:36,800  
Now that's with bundles  
and the children

454

00:26:36,800 --> 00:26:41,700  
and without shoes and hungry.

455  
00:26:41,700 --> 00:26:45,530  
So we came to this  
place where the war was.

456  
00:26:45,530 --> 00:26:49,280  
They were fighting the day  
before and by a church.

457  
00:26:49,280 --> 00:26:51,320  
They brought us by a  
church for some reason.

458  
00:26:51,320 --> 00:26:54,390  
They told us to said there.

459  
00:26:54,390 --> 00:26:59,400  
The grass was still bloody and  
fresh from the fighting the day

460  
00:26:59,400 --> 00:26:59,900  
before.

461  
00:26:59,900 --> 00:27:03,350  
I think they had a fight there.

462  
00:27:03,350 --> 00:27:05,000  
And we could smell the blood.

463  
00:27:05,000 --> 00:27:08,330  
And they told us that  
it's all of our fault

464  
00:27:08,330 --> 00:27:12,650  
because we're communists  
and that the Jews are

465  
00:27:12,650 --> 00:27:18,230  
at fault for this war.

466



00:27:18,230 --> 00:27:20,930  
So every time that things--

467  
00:27:20,930 --> 00:27:25,220  
We were beaten more  
and punished more.

468  
00:27:25,220 --> 00:27:27,770  
And they turned us  
around from there

469  
00:27:27,770 --> 00:27:32,960  
and brought us to  
Stanislawow, which

470  
00:27:32,960 --> 00:27:37,070  
was a very large Jewish  
city in the Ukraine.

471  
00:27:37,070 --> 00:27:41,540  
It's Poland, but it's  
the Ukrainian part.

472  
00:27:41,540 --> 00:27:45,950  
Then they took us  
to the Gestapo.

473  
00:27:45,950 --> 00:27:48,860  
They took us in a courtyard  
which went around a circle

474  
00:27:48,860 --> 00:27:50,720  
like a maze.

475  
00:27:50,720 --> 00:27:52,340  
They took us in there.

476  
00:27:52,340 --> 00:27:59,570  
Now this is still people who  
are local citizens dressed

477  
00:27:59,570 --> 00:28:03,080  
in these black shirts

and act as police,

478

00:28:03,080 --> 00:28:08,180  
as some type of authority there.

479

00:28:08,180 --> 00:28:15,980  
They brought us in there  
between two buildings--

480

00:28:15,980 --> 00:28:18,800  
one building had the  
back and one the front--

481

00:28:18,800 --> 00:28:20,900  
two two-story buildings.

482

00:28:20,900 --> 00:28:26,120  
They told us to stand  
in for against the wall.

483

00:28:26,120 --> 00:28:30,860  
While we were there, this is  
the first time I saw a German.

484

00:28:30,860 --> 00:28:36,620  
Germans came, German  
officers, with their dogs

485

00:28:36,620 --> 00:28:40,910  
and their tall, shiny  
boots, and we all

486

00:28:40,910 --> 00:28:42,950  
had to stand at attention.

487

00:28:42,950 --> 00:28:45,840  
All the men have to  
take off their hats.

488

00:28:45,840 --> 00:28:48,980  
There was one old man who  
didn't take off his hat.

489

00:28:48,980 --> 00:28:52,760

I think he was beaten so much  
he didn't know where he was.

490

00:28:52,760 --> 00:28:55,400

He was just shaking  
forth and back.

491

00:28:55,400 --> 00:28:59,270

He was completely out of it.

492

00:28:59,270 --> 00:29:10,550

Then this German officer  
went and sent his dog

493

00:29:10,550 --> 00:29:13,670

to kill him in the front of us.

494

00:29:13,670 --> 00:29:16,340

The dog tore him  
apart to pieces.

495

00:29:16,340 --> 00:29:18,515

This was our first  
reception with the Germans.

496

00:29:18,515 --> 00:29:21,190

497

00:29:21,190 --> 00:29:25,120

Now this was a German Gestapo.

498

00:29:25,120 --> 00:29:27,460

That's a German prison  
that we were in now,

499

00:29:27,460 --> 00:29:29,270

but we were outside.

500

00:29:29,270 --> 00:29:32,200

We were facing the prison.

501

00:29:32,200 --> 00:29:36,310  
And we stayed there for 10 days.

502

00:29:36,310 --> 00:29:38,170  
They told us to sit against--

503

00:29:38,170 --> 00:29:40,420  
the way we were  
standing to sit down

504

00:29:40,420 --> 00:29:43,150  
and we weren't supposed to  
move any other place, just

505

00:29:43,150 --> 00:29:44,200  
sit there.

506

00:29:44,200 --> 00:29:45,760  
We were facing the prison.

507

00:29:45,760 --> 00:29:47,950  
To the prison  
during the day they

508

00:29:47,950 --> 00:29:51,760  
used to bring in some people.

509

00:29:51,760 --> 00:29:53,730  
They would come  
like business people

510

00:29:53,730 --> 00:29:59,110  
with their satchel  
or attache case.

511

00:29:59,110 --> 00:30:01,780  
Mostly men.

512

00:30:01,780 --> 00:30:04,820  
Fairly young, well-dressed.

513

00:30:04,820 --> 00:30:05,890  
They brought them in.

514  
00:30:05,890 --> 00:30:07,660  
During the night, we  
heard them scream.

515  
00:30:07,660 --> 00:30:12,260  
In the morning we saw them  
being brought up dead.

516  
00:30:12,260 --> 00:30:14,680  
So I think they  
felt like these are

517  
00:30:14,680 --> 00:30:17,720  
people who are against  
them or are not with them.

518  
00:30:17,720 --> 00:30:18,502  
I don't know.

519  
00:30:18,502 --> 00:30:19,210  
Were they Jewish?

520  
00:30:19,210 --> 00:30:22,330

521  
00:30:22,330 --> 00:30:23,270  
I don't know.

522  
00:30:23,270 --> 00:30:25,130  
I have no idea.

523  
00:30:25,130 --> 00:30:27,110  
But this is where--

524  
00:30:27,110 --> 00:30:29,080  
Was all your family  
together still?

525  
00:30:29,080 --> 00:30:31,490

Well, we are still  
not with our family.

526  
00:30:31,490 --> 00:30:32,365  
We were there about--

527  
00:30:32,365 --> 00:30:35,350

528  
00:30:35,350 --> 00:30:38,950  
We started out  
like 2,000 people.

529  
00:30:38,950 --> 00:30:42,370  
Here we were maybe  
800 or something.

530  
00:30:42,370 --> 00:30:43,390  
But still the 10 of you.

531  
00:30:43,390 --> 00:30:45,080  
Yeah, we were still together.

532  
00:30:45,080 --> 00:30:48,160  
We were still sitting there.

533  
00:30:48,160 --> 00:30:50,170  
Now because we didn't  
have food or water,

534  
00:30:50,170 --> 00:30:53,350  
a lot of the younger  
children and some old people

535  
00:30:53,350 --> 00:30:55,030  
died right there.

536  
00:30:55,030 --> 00:30:56,560  
Some of them were  
killed on the way

537  
00:30:56,560 --> 00:31:00,280

because they couldn't make  
it, you know, walk so fast.

538  
00:31:00,280 --> 00:31:03,130  
But some of them died  
there, sitting there,

539  
00:31:03,130 --> 00:31:08,800  
because it's a long time  
to be there for that long.

540  
00:31:08,800 --> 00:31:12,400  
It was actually the first  
few days that they died.

541  
00:31:12,400 --> 00:31:16,030  
And we asked the people who were  
standing there watching over

542  
00:31:16,030 --> 00:31:19,630  
us, would they please  
take away the dead.

543  
00:31:19,630 --> 00:31:22,120  
It was summer, mind you.

544  
00:31:22,120 --> 00:31:24,010  
They said, no.

545  
00:31:24,010 --> 00:31:28,540  
You'll be so hungry  
you'll eat them.

546  
00:31:28,540 --> 00:31:34,240  
There were rain barrels of water  
on the side of the building

547  
00:31:34,240 --> 00:31:42,370  
and we would go at night and  
steal a handful of water.

548  
00:31:42,370 --> 00:31:48,310  
That was about all we

got the whole time.

549

00:31:48,310 --> 00:31:53,380

Then the ninth day, a  
lot of German trucks

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00:31:53,380 --> 00:31:57,160

came, and German  
officers, and they again

551

00:31:57,160 --> 00:32:01,300

said we want to get all  
of the healthy people

552

00:32:01,300 --> 00:32:03,460

to stand up and come with us.

553

00:32:03,460 --> 00:32:06,520

We need people to go to work.

554

00:32:06,520 --> 00:32:11,590

Everybody was running to go  
to work I went with my father

555

00:32:11,590 --> 00:32:16,900

and with my three brothers,  
one older and two younger,

556

00:32:16,900 --> 00:32:21,670

but they the rest of them  
were real little still.

557

00:32:21,670 --> 00:32:25,660

And they were supposed  
to go up in the next,

558

00:32:25,660 --> 00:32:28,990

as I say it was like a maze,  
back in the other courtyard

559

00:32:28,990 --> 00:32:31,810

and I went with them.



560

00:32:31,810 --> 00:32:34,020

And they didn't  
watch so much anymore

561

00:32:34,020 --> 00:32:38,170

over the women in the old  
people who were left behind.

562

00:32:38,170 --> 00:32:41,590

My mother came running and she  
said, I want you to come back.

563

00:32:41,590 --> 00:32:44,560

And she again told me  
to put on the scarf

564

00:32:44,560 --> 00:32:46,570

and she told me to  
hold my little brother

565

00:32:46,570 --> 00:32:49,120

and say if they ask  
me that he's my child.

566

00:32:49,120 --> 00:32:51,720

567

00:32:51,720 --> 00:32:52,980

I listened to my mother.

568

00:32:52,980 --> 00:32:57,310

I came back and I left my father  
and my three brothers there.

569

00:32:57,310 --> 00:33:01,770

There were trucks there,  
parked, and they were loading.

570

00:33:01,770 --> 00:33:05,115

In the way we were kind of  
excited and happy that they're

571

00:33:05,115 --> 00:33:06,240  
going to take them to work.

572  
00:33:06,240 --> 00:33:08,910  
Because if they  
take people to work

573  
00:33:08,910 --> 00:33:12,300  
they're going to give  
them water and food.

574  
00:33:12,300 --> 00:33:14,230  
Well, I guess it didn't happen.

575  
00:33:14,230 --> 00:33:16,800  
These are the people who  
were the very first ones

576  
00:33:16,800 --> 00:33:22,315  
to be executed over those  
graves that they had to--

577  
00:33:22,315 --> 00:33:24,780  
you probably saw in  
the films that they had

578  
00:33:24,780 --> 00:33:26,550  
to get undressed and be shot.

579  
00:33:26,550 --> 00:33:29,770

580  
00:33:29,770 --> 00:33:32,870  
My mother, as I  
say, saved me then

581  
00:33:32,870 --> 00:33:36,430  
because she brought me back  
and told me to hold my brother.

582  
00:33:36,430 --> 00:33:42,790  
Then the following day  
they let us out of there.

583

00:33:42,790 --> 00:33:48,130  
But before they did, they went  
from the second story windows

584

00:33:48,130 --> 00:33:51,040  
and they threw some  
food at us that I

585

00:33:51,040 --> 00:33:53,320  
think those prisoners  
brought days before.

586

00:33:53,320 --> 00:33:56,660  
There were all kinds of  
sandwiches, hard-boiled eggs,

587

00:33:56,660 --> 00:33:59,680  
I don't know, just food.

588

00:33:59,680 --> 00:34:02,003  
And they threw it from  
the second story window

589

00:34:02,003 --> 00:34:04,420  
to see how we were going to  
kill each other over it to try

590

00:34:04,420 --> 00:34:06,880  
to catch food.

591

00:34:06,880 --> 00:34:09,320  
They didn't give it  
to us, they threw it

592

00:34:09,320 --> 00:34:13,550  
and the things just fell  
apart all over the place.

593

00:34:13,550 --> 00:34:19,090  
But then that same day they  
took us out through the gate

594

00:34:19,090 --> 00:34:25,540  
and they handed us over to the  
Jewish agency in Stanislawow.

595

00:34:25,540 --> 00:34:28,060  
Stanislawow had a ghetto.

596

00:34:28,060 --> 00:34:31,989  
Inside the ghetto,  
they had a place

597

00:34:31,989 --> 00:34:34,389  
it was called Rudolfsmuhle.

598

00:34:34,389 --> 00:34:37,120  
And they surrounded  
this with barbed wire

599

00:34:37,120 --> 00:34:40,030  
and made it into a camp for us.

600

00:34:40,030 --> 00:34:46,830  
By then I think there were  
left 250 or so people left

601

00:34:46,830 --> 00:34:48,699  
of the original 2,000.

602

00:34:48,699 --> 00:34:53,739  
These were mostly women and  
children and very old people

603

00:34:53,739 --> 00:35:01,030  
who weren't capable of working,  
or that's what we thought.

604

00:35:01,030 --> 00:35:04,540  
Then they brought us--

605

00:35:04,540 --> 00:35:06,760  
I still remember  
we were so hungry

606  
00:35:06,760 --> 00:35:11,530  
and they gave us cooked arabus.

607  
00:35:11,530 --> 00:35:12,700  
I don't think they had--

608  
00:35:12,700 --> 00:35:14,680  
You don't know what that means.

609  
00:35:14,680 --> 00:35:20,320  
Those are the big horse beans,  
cava beans, I think, cooked.

610  
00:35:20,320 --> 00:35:24,295

611  
00:35:24,295 --> 00:35:28,150  
Everybody got about a  
ladle full in the hand.

612  
00:35:28,150 --> 00:35:31,300

613  
00:35:31,300 --> 00:35:36,890  
This is the first food that  
we had in who knows how long.

614  
00:35:36,890 --> 00:35:40,960  
Then they took us  
to this Rudolfsmuehle

615  
00:35:40,960 --> 00:35:45,490  
and there was established  
already a kitchen

616  
00:35:45,490 --> 00:35:50,020  
with some people who  
are cooking there.

617  
00:35:50,020 --> 00:35:56,050  
And they fed us very

thin soup and some bread.

618  
00:35:56,050 --> 00:35:58,840

619  
00:35:58,840 --> 00:36:02,680  
And we were surrounded with  
barbed wire like in a camp

620  
00:36:02,680 --> 00:36:08,110  
and Jewish police were  
at the gates watching.

621  
00:36:08,110 --> 00:36:10,990  
So we were inside of a ghetto.

622  
00:36:10,990 --> 00:36:13,720  
And inside of the  
ghetto, there was a camp,

623  
00:36:13,720 --> 00:36:16,100  
and we were in that camp.

624  
00:36:16,100 --> 00:36:18,460  
So we weren't equal  
with the other Jews

625  
00:36:18,460 --> 00:36:19,960  
who lived in the ghetto.

626  
00:36:19,960 --> 00:36:22,480  
What were the Jewish  
policemen watching for?

627  
00:36:22,480 --> 00:36:25,840  
Well you see, in the  
ghetto when the Germans

628  
00:36:25,840 --> 00:36:28,810  
were occupying their area  
they had Jewish police.

629

00:36:28,810 --> 00:36:34,210

They had a complete  
Jewish community that

630

00:36:34,210 --> 00:36:36,260

had to take care of themselves.

631

00:36:36,260 --> 00:36:41,680

In other words, there  
were the Yiddish gemeinde

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00:36:41,680 --> 00:36:47,260

they called it, the Jewish  
agency had their own directors.

633

00:36:47,260 --> 00:36:51,790

And they had to have police,  
and they had to have order,

634

00:36:51,790 --> 00:36:55,810

and they had to have  
people who divided the food

635

00:36:55,810 --> 00:36:59,020

and housing and what have you.

636

00:36:59,020 --> 00:37:03,170

So they had their own  
government, in other words.

637

00:37:03,170 --> 00:37:06,408

So we weren't supposed  
to leave that place.

638

00:37:06,408 --> 00:37:07,450

They wouldn't let us out.

639

00:37:07,450 --> 00:37:09,070

We were locked up.

640

00:37:09,070 --> 00:37:11,990

641

00:37:11,990 --> 00:37:16,180

In that kitchen worked

a German woman--

642

00:37:16,180 --> 00:37:19,730

well, she called

herself a German woman--

643

00:37:19,730 --> 00:37:25,940

who was sent back from Germany

because they said that she

644

00:37:25,940 --> 00:37:28,730

is from Polish ancestors.

645

00:37:28,730 --> 00:37:30,170

She worked in that kitchen, too.

646

00:37:30,170 --> 00:37:32,750

647

00:37:32,750 --> 00:37:39,950

When we came there, by that time

I had an infected foot from I

648

00:37:39,950 --> 00:37:43,115

think a little stone

got in it or whatever.

649

00:37:43,115 --> 00:37:50,090

It was infected to the

point that some young medics

650

00:37:50,090 --> 00:37:53,240

or people who

started to be doctors

651

00:37:53,240 --> 00:37:57,950

came to see us to see

what's wrong with us

652

00:37:57,950 --> 00:38:00,140



if they can help some.

653

00:38:00,140 --> 00:38:02,245

And when they came to  
me and they saw my foot,

654

00:38:02,245 --> 00:38:04,370

they said that they have  
to take me to the hospital

655

00:38:04,370 --> 00:38:07,760

because my leg has  
to be amputated.

656

00:38:07,760 --> 00:38:14,860

It was swollen all the  
way up, red, infected,

657

00:38:14,860 --> 00:38:17,000

and it was very painful.

658

00:38:17,000 --> 00:38:18,350

And it was hard as a rock.

659

00:38:18,350 --> 00:38:24,260

So of course, first of all,  
they didn't take me right away

660

00:38:24,260 --> 00:38:28,220

and secondly I wouldn't  
have gone anyway.

661

00:38:28,220 --> 00:38:33,200

And there was nothing  
in this Rudolfsmuehle.

662

00:38:33,200 --> 00:38:41,570

All we had where we stayed is  
sawhorses with boards on it.

663

00:38:41,570 --> 00:38:45,390

That's what we slept on,  
a little beds like that.

664  
00:38:45,390 --> 00:38:47,100  
And it was one  
next to the other.

665  
00:38:47,100 --> 00:38:50,990  
It was a four-story building.

666  
00:38:50,990 --> 00:38:53,370  
And we were pretty  
close together.

667  
00:38:53,370 --> 00:38:58,940  
What did they call it, the  
encampment inside the ghetto?

668  
00:38:58,940 --> 00:39:00,260  
What did they call it?

669  
00:39:00,260 --> 00:39:01,700  
They called it a lager.

670  
00:39:01,700 --> 00:39:03,600  
Rudolfsmuhle Lager.

671  
00:39:03,600 --> 00:39:07,460  
This place where we  
stayed used to be a mill,

672  
00:39:07,460 --> 00:39:09,500  
and it was Rudolf's  
Mill, so they

673  
00:39:09,500 --> 00:39:11,630  
called it Rudolfsmuhle Lager.

674  
00:39:11,630 --> 00:39:12,530  
What's Lager?

675  
00:39:12,530 --> 00:39:17,780  
Lager means a camp, like  
a concentration camp.

676  
00:39:17,780 --> 00:39:20,190  
But you see they brought  
us from someplace else,

677  
00:39:20,190 --> 00:39:22,250  
so we weren't allowed  
into the ghetto.

678  
00:39:22,250 --> 00:39:24,320  
Why?

679  
00:39:24,320 --> 00:39:27,200  
You don't ask questions.

680  
00:39:27,200 --> 00:39:28,110  
That's how it was.

681  
00:39:28,110 --> 00:39:30,140  
That's how it was.

682  
00:39:30,140 --> 00:39:36,080  
So we were getting  
very little food, and--

683  
00:39:36,080 --> 00:39:37,710  
I interrupted you about the leg.

684  
00:39:37,710 --> 00:39:38,210  
Yeah.

685  
00:39:38,210 --> 00:39:39,800  
Oh, with a leg.

686  
00:39:39,800 --> 00:39:42,350  
So they were going to amputate.

687  
00:39:42,350 --> 00:39:45,655  
They said they're going to bring  
a doctor with more experience

688

00:39:45,655 --> 00:39:47,780  
and they're going to take  
me to the hospital there.

689  
00:39:47,780 --> 00:39:50,370

690  
00:39:50,370 --> 00:39:55,310  
In the meantime, we  
didn't have any water

691  
00:39:55,310 --> 00:39:57,560  
and we didn't have  
anything to soak my foot in

692  
00:39:57,560 --> 00:40:02,840  
or anything to help  
me, so my mother, I

693  
00:40:02,840 --> 00:40:05,090  
don't know where she  
heard it or what,

694  
00:40:05,090 --> 00:40:10,010  
but she asked a  
policeman by the gate

695  
00:40:10,010 --> 00:40:13,880  
could she go out in the street  
and bring in cow or horse

696  
00:40:13,880 --> 00:40:17,990  
manure and she packed  
my foot in that

697  
00:40:17,990 --> 00:40:19,370  
because it had moisture in it.

698  
00:40:19,370 --> 00:40:23,090

699  
00:40:23,090 --> 00:40:25,760  
But what people can do in need.

700  
00:40:25,760 --> 00:40:28,250  
And she wrapped  
it around in there

701  
00:40:28,250 --> 00:40:31,520  
and it started feeling  
better because it took

702  
00:40:31,520 --> 00:40:35,150  
some of the heat out, you see.

703  
00:40:35,150 --> 00:40:39,080  
And by morning the  
thing turned white.

704  
00:40:39,080 --> 00:40:42,680  
The bottom of my foot  
turned completely white,

705  
00:40:42,680 --> 00:40:46,220  
like soaked out from this stuff.

706  
00:40:46,220 --> 00:40:49,520  
And I wiped it off.

707  
00:40:49,520 --> 00:40:53,600  
My mother sharpened a knife  
and we got a big needle

708  
00:40:53,600 --> 00:40:56,210  
from somebody and I myself cut.

709  
00:40:56,210 --> 00:41:01,430  
Everybody left the place I  
myself stuck the needle and saw

710  
00:41:01,430 --> 00:41:06,580  
with that knife that my mother  
sharpened from a stone until I

711  
00:41:06,580 --> 00:41:08,540

cut the thing-- it  
was very thick--

712  
00:41:08,540 --> 00:41:13,100  
until I cut the thing through  
where the infection was.

713  
00:41:13,100 --> 00:41:15,830  
And the thing started coming  
out and my foot got better.

714  
00:41:15,830 --> 00:41:19,220

715  
00:41:19,220 --> 00:41:26,510  
So when I did this, then  
when these doctors came again

716  
00:41:26,510 --> 00:41:29,690  
to look and my foot looked  
better and I cleaned it out

717  
00:41:29,690 --> 00:41:31,550  
and I did--

718  
00:41:31,550 --> 00:41:35,810  
It helped me because the thing  
was a lot of pus that came out.

719  
00:41:35,810 --> 00:41:40,070  
I remember squeezing  
and screaming

720  
00:41:40,070 --> 00:41:48,140  
so nobody was around there  
until blood came after the pus.

721  
00:41:48,140 --> 00:41:51,950  
Anyway, that started healing  
and they thought I'm something

722  
00:41:51,950 --> 00:41:57,290  
and they wanted to

help me, these doctors.

723

00:41:57,290 --> 00:42:00,350

They set up a little office  
and they took me in there

724

00:42:00,350 --> 00:42:02,270

to wash bottles and  
stuff like that.

725

00:42:02,270 --> 00:42:03,410

It was nothing to do.

726

00:42:03,410 --> 00:42:05,930

Then this German  
woman decided that I

727

00:42:05,930 --> 00:42:08,960

could help her in the kitchen.

728

00:42:08,960 --> 00:42:09,650

I was lucky.

729

00:42:09,650 --> 00:42:14,390

They took me into  
the kitchen, and I

730

00:42:14,390 --> 00:42:18,140

would help with some of the  
work, wash the kettles--

731

00:42:18,140 --> 00:42:21,240

I would get in the  
kettle they were so big--

732

00:42:21,240 --> 00:42:24,650

wash and lick out the food  
whatever was left over.

733

00:42:24,650 --> 00:42:27,597

Every little bit helps  
when you're really hungry

734

00:42:27,597 --> 00:42:28,680  
and you need the calories.

735

00:42:28,680 --> 00:42:33,250

736

00:42:33,250 --> 00:42:41,860  
We were there from, well I don't  
know, from about August in '41

737

00:42:41,860 --> 00:42:43,420  
until Passover.

738

00:42:43,420 --> 00:42:45,820  
Were you together with  
your mother and brothers?

739

00:42:45,820 --> 00:42:49,010  
Except for the brothers  
that were taken away.

740

00:42:49,010 --> 00:42:53,890  
And then my youngest brother  
died there from hunger.

741

00:42:53,890 --> 00:42:56,120  
I remember when I  
went in the morning,

742

00:42:56,120 --> 00:42:57,340  
in the kitchen I saw him.

743

00:42:57,340 --> 00:42:58,970  
He was very quiet.

744

00:42:58,970 --> 00:43:01,510  
He had this big belly like  
you see in the pictures

745

00:43:01,510 --> 00:43:03,790  
with the thin little legs.



746

00:43:03,790 --> 00:43:05,560

He didn't cry.

747

00:43:05,560 --> 00:43:11,770

he was just lying there listless  
and we had nothing to give him.

748

00:43:11,770 --> 00:43:15,130

749

00:43:15,130 --> 00:43:17,500

Children need nourishment.

750

00:43:17,500 --> 00:43:21,850

And when I came out came  
up last night my mother

751

00:43:21,850 --> 00:43:23,830

told me he's dead.

752

00:43:23,830 --> 00:43:26,620

And you'd carried him on  
your back for three weeks.

753

00:43:26,620 --> 00:43:28,650

Yeah.

754

00:43:28,650 --> 00:43:38,400

So I don't think I even cried  
because somehow it seemed

755

00:43:38,400 --> 00:43:42,210

like maybe he's better off.

756

00:43:42,210 --> 00:43:43,560

And I said, well, where is he?

757

00:43:43,560 --> 00:43:45,360

And she said, well  
they took him away.

758

00:43:45,360 --> 00:43:48,420  
He died they took him away.

759  
00:43:48,420 --> 00:43:53,910  
And then the hunger  
was so great there.

760  
00:43:53,910 --> 00:43:57,750  
During the winter the Germans  
wanted the food for themselves.

761  
00:43:57,750 --> 00:44:01,600  
They didn't give  
enough food for us.

762  
00:44:01,600 --> 00:44:05,130  
They took everything away anyway  
that was in the country there.

763  
00:44:05,130 --> 00:44:08,550  
So they didn't give too  
much food for the ghetto

764  
00:44:08,550 --> 00:44:09,850  
and especially for us.

765  
00:44:09,850 --> 00:44:12,210  
We were even lower than  
that because they brought us

766  
00:44:12,210 --> 00:44:13,050  
from someplace else.

767  
00:44:13,050 --> 00:44:15,830  
Did you have any contact  
with the Jews in the ghetto?

768  
00:44:15,830 --> 00:44:17,450  
No.

769  
00:44:17,450 --> 00:44:19,410  
No, nobody came.

770

00:44:19,410 --> 00:44:21,480

I think everybody  
had their problem.

771

00:44:21,480 --> 00:44:24,660

Except for these few  
people who came in to work

772

00:44:24,660 --> 00:44:26,340

there like the police.

773

00:44:26,340 --> 00:44:28,560

And I think a  
couple of times they

774

00:44:28,560 --> 00:44:30,000

brought me a half a sandwich.

775

00:44:30,000 --> 00:44:32,170

They shared their food with me.

776

00:44:32,170 --> 00:44:35,340

They didn't have much.

777

00:44:35,340 --> 00:44:42,440

So then my other  
three little brothers,

778

00:44:42,440 --> 00:44:46,640

they were quite  
talented and two of them

779

00:44:46,640 --> 00:44:54,710

got themselves into  
the children's home,

780

00:44:54,710 --> 00:44:59,810

it was called orphan's home,  
right there in the same block.

781

00:44:59,810 --> 00:45:03,170

Some of the parents died

and there was nobody.

782

00:45:03,170 --> 00:45:06,290

They got themselves  
in as entertainers.

783

00:45:06,290 --> 00:45:10,490

One of my brother played the  
violin and they were singing.

784

00:45:10,490 --> 00:45:15,610

As I told you, we had  
that very happy home

785

00:45:15,610 --> 00:45:17,010

with a lot of singing.

786

00:45:17,010 --> 00:45:20,040

My father was a singer  
and all of that.

787

00:45:20,040 --> 00:45:23,750

So they two of them, because  
they got a little bit

788

00:45:23,750 --> 00:45:27,560

more food, took up in  
there and the older one

789

00:45:27,560 --> 00:45:34,850

stayed with me and my mother  
and the three-year-old died.

790

00:45:34,850 --> 00:45:38,030

When I went to Israel to Yad  
Vashem, I saw these pictures

791

00:45:38,030 --> 00:45:41,630

and it almost looked like  
it's my brother, the big belly

792

00:45:41,630 --> 00:45:43,220

and the thin little feet.

793  
00:45:43,220 --> 00:45:44,150  
Couldn't stand it.

794  
00:45:44,150 --> 00:45:48,710

795  
00:45:48,710 --> 00:45:52,520  
Then a few days later,  
my mother started

796  
00:45:52,520 --> 00:45:58,670  
swelling up like she's going  
to be dying from hunger.

797  
00:45:58,670 --> 00:46:03,800  
For about three or four weeks  
we didn't get any food at all.

798  
00:46:03,800 --> 00:46:05,220  
How do you live?

799  
00:46:05,220 --> 00:46:07,250  
You live-- I mean, you survive.

800  
00:46:07,250 --> 00:46:09,770  
Some did, some didn't.

801  
00:46:09,770 --> 00:46:12,830  
My mother started swelling up.

802  
00:46:12,830 --> 00:46:15,320  
They gave us warm water.

803  
00:46:15,320 --> 00:46:17,090  
The people there  
came in the kitchen

804  
00:46:17,090 --> 00:46:20,300  
and heated some warm  
water, which helps.

805

00:46:20,300 --> 00:46:23,090

And it was winter  
and the people,

806

00:46:23,090 --> 00:46:25,625

you already suffered  
through so many months.

807

00:46:25,625 --> 00:46:28,310

808

00:46:28,310 --> 00:46:30,560

My mother started,  
and because my brother

809

00:46:30,560 --> 00:46:35,030

was swelling up too before  
he died it really scared me

810

00:46:35,030 --> 00:46:38,570

my mother is getting swollen.

811

00:46:38,570 --> 00:46:42,230

And this German woman knew that.

812

00:46:42,230 --> 00:46:44,930

813

00:46:44,930 --> 00:46:48,140

She brought me a  
cube of sugar for me.

814

00:46:48,140 --> 00:46:53,330

She wanted me to survive, so  
she brought me a cube of sugar.

815

00:46:53,330 --> 00:46:55,730

Her name was Wassermann.

816

00:46:55,730 --> 00:47:02,480

And I remember putting it in  
my bosom and running upstairs--

817  
00:47:02,480 --> 00:47:06,560  
we were on the fourth floor--  
to give it to my mother

818  
00:47:06,560 --> 00:47:08,340  
because I thought  
that might save her,

819  
00:47:08,340 --> 00:47:11,420  
and it probably did, believe  
it or not, a cube of sugar.

820  
00:47:11,420 --> 00:47:14,110

821  
00:47:14,110 --> 00:47:21,460  
Because it's somehow  
unbelievable it stops hurting.

822  
00:47:21,460 --> 00:47:27,160  
Hunger just makes a person  
weak and not caring.

823  
00:47:27,160 --> 00:47:31,070

824  
00:47:31,070 --> 00:47:39,950  
So a few days after that  
food came to our camp,

825  
00:47:39,950 --> 00:47:44,360  
a full truckload of food.

826  
00:47:44,360 --> 00:47:50,210  
Before they even unloaded  
it, everybody got in line.

827  
00:47:50,210 --> 00:47:52,430  
And the food wasn't even cooked.

828  
00:47:52,430 --> 00:47:55,010

So they're going to cook  
it and they waited in line

829  
00:47:55,010 --> 00:47:56,820  
to get the food.

830  
00:47:56,820 --> 00:48:02,360  
At the same time,  
the German trucks

831  
00:48:02,360 --> 00:48:10,160  
came with their machine  
guns and soldiers

832  
00:48:10,160 --> 00:48:13,700  
and surrounded the  
whole Rudolfsmuehle.

833  
00:48:13,700 --> 00:48:17,480  
They came in-- we couldn't  
escape anyway there

834  
00:48:17,480 --> 00:48:21,530  
was no way to go, no way out.

835  
00:48:21,530 --> 00:48:23,720  
They surrounded it while  
we were standing to get

836  
00:48:23,720 --> 00:48:27,080  
our first meal in a long time.

837  
00:48:27,080 --> 00:48:30,710  
And people took their food and  
went straight on the trucks.

838  
00:48:30,710 --> 00:48:32,990  
They knew where they were going.

839  
00:48:32,990 --> 00:48:37,460  
Just like, I don't  
care type of thing.



840

00:48:37,460 --> 00:48:40,040

They just went on the trucks.

841

00:48:40,040 --> 00:48:45,890

And my mother came down and  
we were both standing in line

842

00:48:45,890 --> 00:48:47,810

to get the food.

843

00:48:47,810 --> 00:48:51,620

And I said to my mother,  
how can we think of food

844

00:48:51,620 --> 00:48:53,690

when we are going to be killed?

845

00:48:53,690 --> 00:48:57,770

By this time we knew we  
are going to be killed.

846

00:48:57,770 --> 00:49:02,810

And my mother said at least  
I'll die with a full stomach.

847

00:49:02,810 --> 00:49:09,500

And we stood there  
and we got our food.

848

00:49:09,500 --> 00:49:12,890

It was just, I think,  
some type of grits

849

00:49:12,890 --> 00:49:19,260

cooked, wheat ground up and  
just in water, nothing else.

850

00:49:19,260 --> 00:49:26,150

We got our watery soup  
and we can't climb up.

851

00:49:26,150 --> 00:49:28,340

It's so hard to when  
you're so weak to go up

852  
00:49:28,340 --> 00:49:30,860  
four flights of stairs.

853  
00:49:30,860 --> 00:49:34,730  
We go up the stairs and  
my mother says to me,

854  
00:49:34,730 --> 00:49:37,400  
I'm not going on that truck and  
you're not going on that truck.

855  
00:49:37,400 --> 00:49:39,380  
And I talked to your brothers.

856  
00:49:39,380 --> 00:49:42,800  
We have to escape.

857  
00:49:42,800 --> 00:49:45,350  
I said, how do you escape?

858  
00:49:45,350 --> 00:49:47,630  
She says, well, and  
she was thinking

859  
00:49:47,630 --> 00:49:51,920  
about this kind of  
constantly, she says,

860  
00:49:51,920 --> 00:49:54,680  
if they take me on the  
truck I'll jump off.

861  
00:49:54,680 --> 00:49:57,110  
If they take you or  
if they took us both,

862  
00:49:57,110 --> 00:50:00,380  
don't think that if I'm  
there that you have to go.

863

00:50:00,380 --> 00:50:03,140

Jump off and I'll jump  
and I told your brothers

864

00:50:03,140 --> 00:50:04,130

to do the same.

865

00:50:04,130 --> 00:50:07,370

They cannot kill you twice.

866

00:50:07,370 --> 00:50:11,720

And it's better to be alive  
rabbit than a dead lion.

867

00:50:11,720 --> 00:50:14,120

Don't be proud.

868

00:50:14,120 --> 00:50:17,030

If you break a leg, you'll  
break a leg or an arm,

869

00:50:17,030 --> 00:50:22,340

but at least you're not  
going to be going willingly

870

00:50:22,340 --> 00:50:24,290

to the slaughter.

871

00:50:24,290 --> 00:50:29,570

So I guess I  
listened to my mother

872

00:50:29,570 --> 00:50:32,360

very closely what  
she was telling me.

873

00:50:32,360 --> 00:50:36,000

In the mean time, when everybody  
willingly went on the trucks,

874

00:50:36,000 --> 00:50:39,290

the trucks are driving away

and coming back and loading.

875

00:50:39,290 --> 00:50:42,890

Then finally they  
started, the Germans

876

00:50:42,890 --> 00:50:46,250

with their dogs, started  
going from floor to floor

877

00:50:46,250 --> 00:50:47,510

to see that nobody is hiding.

878

00:50:47,510 --> 00:50:50,180

There was no place to  
hide except they just

879

00:50:50,180 --> 00:50:55,970

had these boards on  
top of the sawhorses,

880

00:50:55,970 --> 00:50:57,530

so there was no place to hide.

881

00:50:57,530 --> 00:50:58,505

There were no closets.

882

00:50:58,505 --> 00:51:00,260

Where were you?

883

00:51:00,260 --> 00:51:06,560

We were waiting for them to  
come up to the fourth floor.

884

00:51:06,560 --> 00:51:11,960

When they came up there, we  
hid under two of those things

885

00:51:11,960 --> 00:51:13,730

together.

886

00:51:13,730 --> 00:51:17,240

And my mother on purpose  
was sticking out.

887  
00:51:17,240 --> 00:51:19,550  
She was on top of me.

888  
00:51:19,550 --> 00:51:22,400  
I was against the wall,  
she was sticking out.

889  
00:51:22,400 --> 00:51:30,380  
The Germans came in and they  
said, [GERMAN] and my mother

890  
00:51:30,380 --> 00:51:34,685  
said, jawohl, and she  
moved the sawhorse

891  
00:51:34,685 --> 00:51:38,270  
from underneath the board so  
the board fell on top of me

892  
00:51:38,270 --> 00:51:41,150  
one sided.

893  
00:51:41,150 --> 00:51:43,250  
And I stayed there  
and they took her.

894  
00:51:43,250 --> 00:51:45,800

895  
00:51:45,800 --> 00:51:47,910  
And by then it  
was already night.

896  
00:51:47,910 --> 00:51:48,410  
It was dark.

897  
00:51:48,410 --> 00:51:49,430  
Were you alone?

898

00:51:49,430 --> 00:51:50,180  
Alone.

899  
00:51:50,180 --> 00:51:51,230  
Completely alone.

900  
00:51:51,230 --> 00:51:54,290  
There was nobody left  
in the whole camp.

901  
00:51:54,290 --> 00:51:56,730  
I was all by myself.

902  
00:51:56,730 --> 00:52:00,020  
I remember my heart beating so  
I wanted to get up and go too.

903  
00:52:00,020 --> 00:52:04,100  
After all, my mother is going.

904  
00:52:04,100 --> 00:52:06,590  
I have nobody.

905  
00:52:06,590 --> 00:52:13,540  
But she told me that  
I stay, so I did.

906  
00:52:13,540 --> 00:52:16,780  
And I knew that she  
did this to protect me.

907  
00:52:16,780 --> 00:52:19,495  
And she told me that  
I better not move.

908  
00:52:19,495 --> 00:52:22,390  
Do you remember the last  
thing she said to you?

909  
00:52:22,390 --> 00:52:23,950  
At that time?

910

00:52:23,950 --> 00:52:25,900  
She told me don't move.

911  
00:52:25,900 --> 00:52:30,170  
She says, if they  
take you, jump.

912  
00:52:30,170 --> 00:52:33,550  
She says, they can't  
kill you twice.

913  
00:52:33,550 --> 00:52:36,790  
And all along she was  
telling me that somebody

914  
00:52:36,790 --> 00:52:38,730  
needs to tell the  
story to her brothers.

915  
00:52:38,730 --> 00:52:43,300  
She had three  
brothers in Oakland.

916  
00:52:43,300 --> 00:52:46,080  
Somebody has to tell my  
brothers what's happened to us.

917  
00:52:46,080 --> 00:52:51,250

918  
00:52:51,250 --> 00:52:52,250  
So I stayed there.

919  
00:52:52,250 --> 00:52:53,800  
I remember my heart  
beating so hard

920  
00:52:53,800 --> 00:52:56,133  
that I thought that's going  
to make a hole in the floor.

921  
00:52:56,133 --> 00:52:58,510

922  
00:52:58,510 --> 00:53:02,850  
And I don't know, I stayed  
there until morning.

923  
00:53:02,850 --> 00:53:06,690  
I think I partially probably  
slept, I don't remember.

924  
00:53:06,690 --> 00:53:10,620  
But then in the  
morning then I got up,

925  
00:53:10,620 --> 00:53:13,510  
I came out from underneath, I  
still was under those boards,

926  
00:53:13,510 --> 00:53:19,380  
I got out from under the  
boards and I came downstairs.

927  
00:53:19,380 --> 00:53:22,170  
The gate was open.

928  
00:53:22,170 --> 00:53:23,550  
There were no police.

929  
00:53:23,550 --> 00:53:26,880  
There was not a soul.

930  
00:53:26,880 --> 00:53:29,310  
To think with the  
camp was empty,

931  
00:53:29,310 --> 00:53:33,030  
everybody was taken away.

932  
00:53:33,030 --> 00:53:38,290  
So I walked out into the ghetto.

933  
00:53:38,290 --> 00:53:42,060  
And as I walked,



this woman who was

934

00:53:42,060 --> 00:53:46,020

working in the kitchen

this Mrs. Wassermann,

935

00:53:46,020 --> 00:53:49,690

saw me and she dragged

me into her apartment.

936

00:53:49,690 --> 00:53:55,560

And so she said, you will

stay with me until whatever.

937

00:53:55,560 --> 00:53:59,130

So she dragged me in

and I stayed with her

938

00:53:59,130 --> 00:54:01,830

for about two days.

939

00:54:01,830 --> 00:54:04,560

And then my mother

showed up on the street.

940

00:54:04,560 --> 00:54:07,100

941

00:54:07,100 --> 00:54:11,020

She was limping, but she

jumped off the truck.

942

00:54:11,020 --> 00:54:14,500

943

00:54:14,500 --> 00:54:18,640

And we found each other,

so that is miracle one.

944

00:54:18,640 --> 00:54:21,520

We found each other.

945

00:54:21,520 --> 00:54:28,390  
Then we heard that two or  
maybe all three of my brothers

946  
00:54:28,390 --> 00:54:33,610  
are alive, the little ones, that  
they jumped off the trucks too.

947  
00:54:33,610 --> 00:54:37,000  
See, my mother was  
coaching us how to--

948  
00:54:37,000 --> 00:54:39,280  
But you know what they did?

949  
00:54:39,280 --> 00:54:42,550  
They didn't look  
Jewish so they walked

950  
00:54:42,550 --> 00:54:46,390  
underneath the bridge from  
Stanislawow to a small town

951  
00:54:46,390 --> 00:54:46,990  
and escaped.

952  
00:54:46,990 --> 00:54:49,090  
And they found  
some Jewish people.

953  
00:54:49,090 --> 00:54:54,370  
Those people thought that if  
they knew a way how to escape,

954  
00:54:54,370 --> 00:54:57,290  
maybe they can get from the  
ghetto out their relatives.

955  
00:54:57,290 --> 00:54:58,570  
So they sent them back.

956  
00:54:58,570 --> 00:55:00,640  
They gave them some

food and they gave them

957

00:55:00,640 --> 00:55:04,600

some money so they could  
survive and said, why don't you

958

00:55:04,600 --> 00:55:09,670

go and bring my family back, and  
that's when they caught them.

959

00:55:09,670 --> 00:55:11,230

How do you know  
that's what happened?

960

00:55:11,230 --> 00:55:15,220

Because we came to the same  
town after, me and my mother.

961

00:55:15,220 --> 00:55:19,690

Let me explain now when we  
were in Stanislawow ghetto.

962

00:55:19,690 --> 00:55:22,510

They got rid first of us.

963

00:55:22,510 --> 00:55:24,130

We were first.

964

00:55:24,130 --> 00:55:27,850

Then they gathered up the  
people from the ghetto.

965

00:55:27,850 --> 00:55:30,430

But they did it gradually.

966

00:55:30,430 --> 00:55:32,700

They told the police or the  
Jewish gemeinde, Yiddish

967

00:55:32,700 --> 00:55:38,710

gemeinde to gather up, today  
they need 2,000 people.

968

00:55:38,710 --> 00:55:40,420

And they would get  
these people, they

969

00:55:40,420 --> 00:55:44,200

knew where they were going, and  
they took them to the cemetery

970

00:55:44,200 --> 00:55:50,020

to they dug a big hole  
and they shot them

971

00:55:50,020 --> 00:55:52,390

and they would  
just fall in there.

972

00:55:52,390 --> 00:55:56,470

And then they would bury them  
with a little bit of dirt

973

00:55:56,470 --> 00:56:01,975

and the grave would move  
for days as the bodies sank.

974

00:56:01,975 --> 00:56:04,990

975

00:56:04,990 --> 00:56:09,610

So it was a known  
fact in Stanislawow.

976

00:56:09,610 --> 00:56:15,640

They were doing that,  
today we need 2,000,

977

00:56:15,640 --> 00:56:19,420

tomorrow we need 5,000,  
then we need 200.

978

00:56:19,420 --> 00:56:23,470

It depends what mood they  
were in, the Germans.

979

00:56:23,470 --> 00:56:29,960

They had the German police  
gather these people,

980

00:56:29,960 --> 00:56:35,103

gather your neighbor, and  
they said they can't do it.

981

00:56:35,103 --> 00:56:36,520

They said, if you  
don't do it then

982

00:56:36,520 --> 00:56:39,190

we'll take your wife and you.

983

00:56:39,190 --> 00:56:44,800

So to survive, one Jew  
gathered up the other one

984

00:56:44,800 --> 00:56:47,107

and gave them to the Germans.

985

00:56:47,107 --> 00:56:48,940

Of course, they would  
have taken them anyway

986

00:56:48,940 --> 00:56:52,960

but they also went  
to dig the graves.

987

00:56:52,960 --> 00:56:56,080

The Jews from the ghetto  
went to dig the graves

988

00:56:56,080 --> 00:56:59,260

for a loaf of bread.

989

00:56:59,260 --> 00:57:01,090

So you can imagine  
how great the hunger.

990

00:57:01,090 --> 00:57:03,100

And they were shooting people.

991

00:57:03,100 --> 00:57:06,490

At that time they didn't  
have crematoriums there.

992

00:57:06,490 --> 00:57:11,290

They just took the people,  
they dug a large hole,

993

00:57:11,290 --> 00:57:16,000

and they just told  
them to get undressed,

994

00:57:16,000 --> 00:57:21,250

I mind you, stand over the grave  
and they just shot them there.

995

00:57:21,250 --> 00:57:23,800

996

00:57:23,800 --> 00:57:26,860

The hunger was also great  
and people were dying anyway

997

00:57:26,860 --> 00:57:29,380

on the streets.

998

00:57:29,380 --> 00:57:33,700

This was around Passover.

999

00:57:33,700 --> 00:57:40,660

And anyway it was  
really a horror how--

1000

00:57:40,660 --> 00:57:43,900

We suffered through  
so much and we felt

1001

00:57:43,900 --> 00:57:45,560

like we had lost everybody.

1002

00:57:45,560 --> 00:57:49,980  
We couldn't understand how  
one Jew can go and give

1003  
00:57:49,980 --> 00:57:52,680  
the other Jew to  
the Germans to kill.

1004  
00:57:52,680 --> 00:57:57,310  
They gathered them up  
and they just sent them.

1005  
00:57:57,310 --> 00:58:00,240  
But that's what happened.

1006  
00:58:00,240 --> 00:58:02,140  
Finally, then they  
gathered up the people

1007  
00:58:02,140 --> 00:58:04,690  
from the surrounding towns too.

1008  
00:58:04,690 --> 00:58:07,240  
Did you know at the time  
that's what they were doing?

1009  
00:58:07,240 --> 00:58:07,770  
Oh yeah.

1010  
00:58:07,770 --> 00:58:09,940  
How did you know?

1011  
00:58:09,940 --> 00:58:13,180  
In the ghetto they  
were talking about it.

1012  
00:58:13,180 --> 00:58:15,100  
They just went and they  
gathered up the people

1013  
00:58:15,100 --> 00:58:17,840  
and you saw them taking them.

1014

00:58:17,840 --> 00:58:20,470

It was no secret.

1015

00:58:20,470 --> 00:58:23,380

This was pretty  
open what they did.

1016

00:58:23,380 --> 00:58:26,950

They also gathered up the  
people from surrounding towns,

1017

00:58:26,950 --> 00:58:28,870

were taking them across  
a bridge and then

1018

00:58:28,870 --> 00:58:30,760

they lined them up  
and shot them all

1019

00:58:30,760 --> 00:58:32,620

and they all fall in the water.

1020

00:58:32,620 --> 00:58:34,375

So that the river couldn't pass.

1021

00:58:34,375 --> 00:58:37,190

1022

00:58:37,190 --> 00:58:38,540

No, we heard all of this.

1023

00:58:38,540 --> 00:58:39,530

Only Jews?

1024

00:58:39,530 --> 00:58:41,090

Only Jews.

1025

00:58:41,090 --> 00:58:43,310

Now this was in the  
Ukraine in Poland.

1026



00:58:43,310 --> 00:58:46,670  
You see, this cannot happen  
in a country where the hatred

1027  
00:58:46,670 --> 00:58:48,080  
isn't that big.

1028  
00:58:48,080 --> 00:58:50,810  
They didn't do that  
in Germany either

1029  
00:58:50,810 --> 00:58:53,180  
because they have more  
intelligent people maybe,

1030  
00:58:53,180 --> 00:58:54,200  
I don't know.

1031  
00:58:54,200 --> 00:58:57,080  
Maybe there would have been  
some type of an outcry.

1032  
00:58:57,080 --> 00:58:59,510  
Here there wasn't.

1033  
00:58:59,510 --> 00:59:02,060  
By the way, while we were  
there a neighbor of ours

1034  
00:59:02,060 --> 00:59:03,950  
jumped off the bridge.

1035  
00:59:03,950 --> 00:59:06,830  
He gave his little girl's  
hand to his mother--

1036  
00:59:06,830 --> 00:59:08,810  
he had two little girls--

1037  
00:59:08,810 --> 00:59:10,820  
and he went on the  
bridge and jumped

1038

00:59:10,820 --> 00:59:14,030  
and his whole family watched  
and then they were shooting him

1039

00:59:14,030 --> 00:59:16,560  
just in case he'll survive.

1040

00:59:16,560 --> 00:59:18,590  
So there was a lot of horrors.

1041

00:59:18,590 --> 00:59:22,130  
People were going  
completely mad.

1042

00:59:22,130 --> 00:59:25,340  
You know they just went mad.

1043

00:59:25,340 --> 00:59:29,300  
They couldn't take it.

1044

00:59:29,300 --> 00:59:31,850  
You have to be very  
strong and a very strong

1045

00:59:31,850 --> 00:59:35,750  
will to survive, to make it.

1046

00:59:35,750 --> 00:59:38,090  
What gave you that?

1047

00:59:38,090 --> 00:59:40,610  
I think my parents.

1048

00:59:40,610 --> 00:59:42,880  
I think my parents.

1049

00:59:42,880 --> 00:59:45,470  
Were you ever  
raped in that time?

1050

00:59:45,470 --> 00:59:46,317

No.

1051  
00:59:46,317 --> 00:59:47,900  
Because you were a  
young, pretty girl.

1052  
00:59:47,900 --> 00:59:50,270  
Well, but my mother  
told me how--

1053  
00:59:50,270 --> 00:59:53,540  
You know I always kind  
of covered my face

1054  
00:59:53,540 --> 00:59:59,165  
and I wore dark clothes and  
carried my little brother.

1055  
00:59:59,165 --> 01:00:04,040

1056  
01:00:04,040 --> 01:00:06,050  
There were a lot  
of beautiful girls

1057  
01:00:06,050 --> 01:00:12,110  
and very striking and maybe they  
didn't succumb to the what--

1058  
01:00:12,110 --> 01:00:15,110  
I was more like a  
little mother there.

1059  
01:00:15,110 --> 01:00:17,990  
And I tried always  
to be in the middle

1060  
01:00:17,990 --> 01:00:20,900  
so I wouldn't be easily seen.

1061  
01:00:20,900 --> 01:00:23,390  
Because the walked  
alongside of us.

1062  
01:00:23,390 --> 01:00:27,200

1063  
01:00:27,200 --> 01:00:37,910  
Anyway, when we were there  
for a week or maybe two weeks,

1064  
01:00:37,910 --> 01:00:43,580  
we got some potato peels in and  
cooked in that woman's house

1065  
01:00:43,580 --> 01:00:45,200  
and had that.

1066  
01:00:45,200 --> 01:00:48,800  
Or once in a while she  
shared something with us.

1067  
01:00:48,800 --> 01:00:55,130  
And then we saw that they're  
taking them, too, everybody.

1068  
01:00:55,130 --> 01:00:56,270  
There is no people left.

1069  
01:00:56,270 --> 01:01:01,070  
There was very few people left  
except the Jewish gemeinde

1070  
01:01:01,070 --> 01:01:02,360  
was still in fact.

1071  
01:01:02,360 --> 01:01:03,530  
They still were there.

1072  
01:01:03,530 --> 01:01:06,620  
Their families were still alive.

1073  
01:01:06,620 --> 01:01:10,520  
But the rest of the town is  
gone so they would be next

1074  
01:01:10,520 --> 01:01:13,280  
because they close.

1075  
01:01:13,280 --> 01:01:21,740  
So one day the wagon was going  
by that house with dead bodies

1076  
01:01:21,740 --> 01:01:23,810  
all the time,  
people who just kill

1077  
01:01:23,810 --> 01:01:27,587  
themselves or they were found  
or somebody else kill them.

1078  
01:01:27,587 --> 01:01:29,420  
They gathered up the  
people from the streets

1079  
01:01:29,420 --> 01:01:31,830  
and just took them to  
the Jewish cemetery.

1080  
01:01:31,830 --> 01:01:35,540  
The Jewish cemetery  
was out of the ghetto.

1081  
01:01:35,540 --> 01:01:38,390  
We had to go through a gate.

1082  
01:01:38,390 --> 01:01:44,120  
So one day my mother said  
to me, we're leaving here.

1083  
01:01:44,120 --> 01:01:46,640  
And I said, how?

1084  
01:01:46,640 --> 01:01:50,990  
She said, just come with me.

1085  
01:01:50,990 --> 01:01:54,590

And as the wagon  
was going, we held

1086  
01:01:54,590 --> 01:01:58,730  
onto the wagon on one side as  
it what's going through the gate

1087  
01:01:58,730 --> 01:02:03,860  
and went through the Jewish  
cemetery with the dead people.

1088  
01:02:03,860 --> 01:02:09,220  
There we jumped off before  
they took them to the graves.

1089  
01:02:09,220 --> 01:02:11,720  
If they see us they'll shoot us.

1090  
01:02:11,720 --> 01:02:14,090  
It was early spring,  
and they already

1091  
01:02:14,090 --> 01:02:16,880  
had pretty tall grasses.

1092  
01:02:16,880 --> 01:02:19,940  
And we laid down  
in the grass and we

1093  
01:02:19,940 --> 01:02:22,910  
pulled ourselves on our  
stomachs into a field

1094  
01:02:22,910 --> 01:02:24,570  
and stayed there all day.

1095  
01:02:24,570 --> 01:02:27,140  
They didn't see  
you on the wagon.

1096  
01:02:27,140 --> 01:02:28,610  
No.

1097

01:02:28,610 --> 01:02:32,090

They were going by on this side  
and we were on the other side,

1098

01:02:32,090 --> 01:02:37,370

legs up, holding on to the  
things and went through.

1099

01:02:37,370 --> 01:02:38,180

It was lucky.

1100

01:02:38,180 --> 01:02:41,120

1101

01:02:41,120 --> 01:02:46,190

But this was my mother's  
thing of making me survive.

1102

01:02:46,190 --> 01:02:49,200

And she was telling me all the  
time that I have to survive.

1103

01:02:49,200 --> 01:02:51,510

You have to survive.

1104

01:02:51,510 --> 01:02:52,790

You were meant to survive.

1105

01:02:52,790 --> 01:02:56,480

1106

01:02:56,480 --> 01:03:00,980

I want you to live so  
you can tell my brothers.

1107

01:03:00,980 --> 01:03:03,140

That's what she was  
telling me all the time.

1108

01:03:03,140 --> 01:03:06,080

And she reminded me where  
her brothers lived, too,

1109  
01:03:06,080 --> 01:03:08,190  
all the time.

1110  
01:03:08,190 --> 01:03:14,780  
So we were in the fields all  
day and then walked at night.

1111  
01:03:14,780 --> 01:03:16,940  
And when we came  
to a small town,

1112  
01:03:16,940 --> 01:03:19,130  
we went from house  
to house where

1113  
01:03:19,130 --> 01:03:21,080  
we thought Jewish  
people might live

1114  
01:03:21,080 --> 01:03:23,390  
and felt the doorpost  
if there is a mezuzah.

1115  
01:03:23,390 --> 01:03:26,600

1116  
01:03:26,600 --> 01:03:29,660  
It was also when we came some  
place the first thing we look

1117  
01:03:29,660 --> 01:03:30,845  
at is there a place to hide.

1118  
01:03:30,845 --> 01:03:33,390

1119  
01:03:33,390 --> 01:03:35,700  
What would be a place to hide?

1120  
01:03:35,700 --> 01:03:38,820  
Even on the top of the



roof if it's a flat roof.

1121

01:03:38,820 --> 01:03:44,380

Or is there someplace, a  
nook, where you can hide.

1122

01:03:44,380 --> 01:03:50,580

Because we were hunted  
and the Jews were hunted.

1123

01:03:50,580 --> 01:03:57,750

So one night before dawn, we  
found the house with a mezuzah

1124

01:03:57,750 --> 01:03:58,810

on it.

1125

01:03:58,810 --> 01:04:02,180

Now we're not going to knock  
because they would be afraid

1126

01:04:02,180 --> 01:04:04,920

the Germans anyway so we didn't.

1127

01:04:04,920 --> 01:04:10,650

But we stayed by that  
house until morning.

1128

01:04:10,650 --> 01:04:15,600

In the morning, a woman  
came out with mush and milk

1129

01:04:15,600 --> 01:04:18,420

to feed her cat.

1130

01:04:18,420 --> 01:04:20,710

And we tell her where  
we're coming from

1131

01:04:20,710 --> 01:04:22,890

and that we're Jewish.

1132

01:04:22,890 --> 01:04:26,505  
I remember I wanted so much  
to get down with that cat

1133  
01:04:26,505 --> 01:04:30,180  
and eat that mush and milk.

1134  
01:04:30,180 --> 01:04:34,710  
But anyway she led us into the  
house and she made us some tea

1135  
01:04:34,710 --> 01:04:37,320  
and gave us some bread.

1136  
01:04:37,320 --> 01:04:43,170  
And we stayed there in  
that town for about a week.

1137  
01:04:43,170 --> 01:04:44,490  
Hiding at her house?

1138  
01:04:44,490 --> 01:04:46,440  
Not at her house,  
at somebody else's.

1139  
01:04:46,440 --> 01:04:49,710  
My mother stayed in one  
place and an old lady

1140  
01:04:49,710 --> 01:04:52,860  
had me stay with her  
that I would help her out

1141  
01:04:52,860 --> 01:04:57,750  
with the housework and  
whatever she needed help with.

1142  
01:04:57,750 --> 01:05:02,370  
She took me in and she shared  
with me whatever food she had.

1143  
01:05:02,370 --> 01:05:05,640  
Is it dangerous for them?

1144  
01:05:05,640 --> 01:05:06,690  
I suppose.

1145  
01:05:06,690 --> 01:05:09,060  
I mean, who was going to know?

1146  
01:05:09,060 --> 01:05:13,200  
It was an elderly also  
not a German woman

1147  
01:05:13,200 --> 01:05:15,840  
who came from Germany  
before the war.

1148  
01:05:15,840 --> 01:05:20,370  
When Hitler came to power,  
they sent all the Jews away,

1149  
01:05:20,370 --> 01:05:23,920  
the Jews that they  
felt are from Poland.

1150  
01:05:23,920 --> 01:05:27,460  
She had a boarder, this woman.

1151  
01:05:27,460 --> 01:05:31,260  
A young man lived with her too.

1152  
01:05:31,260 --> 01:05:35,430  
And I remember I went  
with her someplace

1153  
01:05:35,430 --> 01:05:37,130  
and I carried a bundle.

1154  
01:05:37,130 --> 01:05:39,160  
I don't remember what it was.

1155  
01:05:39,160 --> 01:05:41,790  
And as we came to  
her house, they

1156  
01:05:41,790 --> 01:05:45,840  
used to have shades on  
windows with strings

1157  
01:05:45,840 --> 01:05:48,390  
that you pull up and down.

1158  
01:05:48,390 --> 01:05:51,990  
And she had this tall window  
with those type of shades.

1159  
01:05:51,990 --> 01:05:55,230  
And as we were coming  
in we saw her boarder

1160  
01:05:55,230 --> 01:05:56,700  
hanging on the things.

1161  
01:05:56,700 --> 01:06:02,100  
He hung himself on the  
things from the window.

1162  
01:06:02,100 --> 01:06:05,430  
And I have to cut him down.

1163  
01:06:05,430 --> 01:06:06,270  
A young man.

1164  
01:06:06,270 --> 01:06:08,580  
He was in his mid 20s.

1165  
01:06:08,580 --> 01:06:13,240

1166  
01:06:13,240 --> 01:06:15,610  
What did you do with him  
after you cut him down?

1167  
01:06:15,610 --> 01:06:19,430  
I don't remember, because I  
think right after we left.

1168  
01:06:19,430 --> 01:06:22,600  
But I had to cut him down  
because she was an older lady

1169  
01:06:22,600 --> 01:06:28,180  
and she told me, I  
guess, So I cut him down

1170  
01:06:28,180 --> 01:06:33,880  
and I remember he was  
kind of like trembling

1171  
01:06:33,880 --> 01:06:38,020  
after I did cut him down,  
his stretched-out body.

1172  
01:06:38,020 --> 01:06:42,670  
And well, anyway, it's not  
the most pleasant thing

1173  
01:06:42,670 --> 01:06:44,840  
to talk about.

1174  
01:06:44,840 --> 01:06:48,350  
All these years I tried  
to forget these things.

1175  
01:06:48,350 --> 01:06:50,980  
Is that hard to do?

1176  
01:06:50,980 --> 01:06:52,910  
Very.

1177  
01:06:52,910 --> 01:06:53,410  
Very.

1178  
01:06:53,410 --> 01:06:56,680  
I mean for some people  
it might not be but

1179  
01:06:56,680 --> 01:06:58,255

to see somebody commit suicide.

1180

01:06:58,255 --> 01:07:00,820

1181

01:07:00,820 --> 01:07:02,960

I mean, I didn't see  
him commit suicide,

1182

01:07:02,960 --> 01:07:09,220

but maybe he was dead  
for minutes or whatever,

1183

01:07:09,220 --> 01:07:10,270

not for long.

1184

01:07:10,270 --> 01:07:14,110

But it comes back to haunt you?

1185

01:07:14,110 --> 01:07:17,120

No, not that.

1186

01:07:17,120 --> 01:07:20,560

I think I had other  
experiences that are--

1187

01:07:20,560 --> 01:07:27,820

There are so many things that  
you can't have everything.

1188

01:07:27,820 --> 01:07:32,240

What do you think is the worst  
thing that happened to you?

1189

01:07:32,240 --> 01:07:34,120

I don't know.

1190

01:07:34,120 --> 01:07:38,320

I think when they took away  
my father and my brothers that

1191

01:07:38,320 --> 01:07:39,250

was the worst thing.

1192

01:07:39,250 --> 01:07:42,310

Do you remember the  
last things they said

1193

01:07:42,310 --> 01:07:44,320

or your father said to you?

1194

01:07:44,320 --> 01:07:45,760

I don't know.

1195

01:07:45,760 --> 01:07:48,280

He just told me, if your mother  
wants you to go with her,

1196

01:07:48,280 --> 01:07:50,110

go with her.

1197

01:07:50,110 --> 01:07:54,580

It was kind of a feeling  
she had that I shouldn't go

1198

01:07:54,580 --> 01:07:58,000

with them because I was a girl.

1199

01:07:58,000 --> 01:07:59,200

I don't know.

1200

01:07:59,200 --> 01:08:03,430

It's very hard to  
say this is the most.

1201

01:08:03,430 --> 01:08:05,941

1202

01:08:05,941 --> 01:08:09,850

Anyway, there were a lot  
of incidences like this.

1203

01:08:09,850 --> 01:08:16,210

The point here is that when

we wandered from town to town,

1204

01:08:16,210 --> 01:08:21,939

we heard that my  
cousin's husband is

1205

01:08:21,939 --> 01:08:28,750

in a work camp on the border  
from Poland and Hungary

1206

01:08:28,750 --> 01:08:31,990

or Czechoslovakia by Ungvar.

1207

01:08:31,990 --> 01:08:33,880

Spell that.

1208

01:08:33,880 --> 01:08:35,569

It's very hard to spell it.

1209

01:08:35,569 --> 01:08:37,479

It's Ungvar.

1210

01:08:37,479 --> 01:08:39,819

There is Munkacs and  
Ungvar too, but the biggest

1211

01:08:39,819 --> 01:08:43,620

cities in our area.

1212

01:08:43,620 --> 01:08:47,670

That he is on the Polish  
side and he is one of those

1213

01:08:47,670 --> 01:08:54,600

work camps where the  
Jewish soldiers dug out

1214

01:08:54,600 --> 01:08:59,430

for the Germans and bury them  
and pick up the live munition

1215

01:08:59,430 --> 01:09:01,319



and stuff like that.

1216  
01:09:01,319 --> 01:09:06,330  
So we heard he was there, and  
that he knew we are alive,

1217  
01:09:06,330 --> 01:09:09,660  
and that if we could  
get to him he might be

1218  
01:09:09,660 --> 01:09:11,910  
able to help us to come home.

1219  
01:09:11,910 --> 01:09:13,439  
This is your mother's cousin.

1220  
01:09:13,439 --> 01:09:17,220  
No, this was my  
cousin's husband.

1221  
01:09:17,220 --> 01:09:18,600  
My cousin's husband.

1222  
01:09:18,600 --> 01:09:20,173  
My mother's niece's husband.

1223  
01:09:20,173 --> 01:09:24,120

1224  
01:09:24,120 --> 01:09:27,750  
So we tried to get there,  
but we didn't have a map

1225  
01:09:27,750 --> 01:09:29,920  
and we couldn't ask  
anybody which way to go.

1226  
01:09:29,920 --> 01:09:30,779  
We just went.

1227  
01:09:30,779 --> 01:09:32,130  
We just walked.

1228

01:09:32,130 --> 01:09:39,720

Now we walked from about April,  
I would think till September.

1229

01:09:39,720 --> 01:09:40,979

It took us that long.

1230

01:09:40,979 --> 01:09:41,880

Hiding every night.

1231

01:09:41,880 --> 01:09:44,609

Hiding during the day.

1232

01:09:44,609 --> 01:09:48,270

We could never go to  
sleep in hay or in a stall

1233

01:09:48,270 --> 01:09:50,770

because we were afraid  
they'll find us.

1234

01:09:50,770 --> 01:09:53,399

So it was mostly in  
the grasses and--

1235

01:09:53,399 --> 01:09:55,830

We you wearing the same--

1236

01:09:55,830 --> 01:09:58,920

We didn't have very much  
clothes and barefoot.

1237

01:09:58,920 --> 01:10:01,380

Barefoot, yeah.

1238

01:10:01,380 --> 01:10:04,880

We both looked a little bit  
wild, I'll tell you that much.

1239

01:10:04,880 --> 01:10:09,750

So we were going

from town to town.

1240

01:10:09,750 --> 01:10:13,200

And when we came to one more  
town we found a Jewish family

1241

01:10:13,200 --> 01:10:19,247

and they gave us some  
raw grits to cook.

1242

01:10:19,247 --> 01:10:21,330

And I remember me and my  
mother stood by the stove

1243

01:10:21,330 --> 01:10:23,940

and put it in hot  
water and we ate it up

1244

01:10:23,940 --> 01:10:27,400

before it came to a boil

1245

01:10:27,400 --> 01:10:29,850

You couldn't wait.

1246

01:10:29,850 --> 01:10:31,680

And then we continued.

1247

01:10:31,680 --> 01:10:38,430

And we finally came where  
this relative was stationed.

1248

01:10:38,430 --> 01:10:43,230

Now mind you, he was also  
in a dangerous situation

1249

01:10:43,230 --> 01:10:45,750

because he was a Jew  
being watched over

1250

01:10:45,750 --> 01:10:49,050

by the Hungarian  
anti-Semites, who would

1251

01:10:49,050 --> 01:10:51,810

rather kill you than help you.

1252

01:10:51,810 --> 01:10:56,610

But somehow we did let him know  
that we're there in the woods

1253

01:10:56,610 --> 01:10:59,202

and he then shared  
his food with us.

1254

01:10:59,202 --> 01:11:00,660

When you were in  
the woods, did you

1255

01:11:00,660 --> 01:11:02,430

see other people  
who were hiding?

1256

01:11:02,430 --> 01:11:06,030

No, you never wanted  
anybody to see you

1257

01:11:06,030 --> 01:11:08,640

because you didn't  
know who they were.

1258

01:11:08,640 --> 01:11:09,870

Just me and my mother.

1259

01:11:09,870 --> 01:11:12,630

And what we were doing is  
we were there in the woods.

1260

01:11:12,630 --> 01:11:14,730

Now this is more dangerous  
because it's already

1261

01:11:14,730 --> 01:11:21,510

on the border between the  
Hungarians and the Poles.

1262

01:11:21,510 --> 01:11:26,130  
So it's more danger because  
there's all kinds of situations

1263  
01:11:26,130 --> 01:11:27,780  
there that they could catch us.

1264  
01:11:27,780 --> 01:11:29,970  
It's more time.

1265  
01:11:29,970 --> 01:11:32,430  
Did you ever get  
close to being caught?

1266  
01:11:32,430 --> 01:11:33,360  
We were caught there.

1267  
01:11:33,360 --> 01:11:34,000  
You were.

1268  
01:11:34,000 --> 01:11:34,890  
Oh yeah.

1269  
01:11:34,890 --> 01:11:38,990  
So me and my mother would  
never lie down there.

1270  
01:11:38,990 --> 01:11:41,220  
It was woods, a lot of woods.

1271  
01:11:41,220 --> 01:11:44,190  
It would be here like  
the Sierras almost.

1272  
01:11:44,190 --> 01:11:48,720  
But it was in the summer,  
in the late summer,

1273  
01:11:48,720 --> 01:11:51,420  
so it wasn't freezing.

1274  
01:11:51,420 --> 01:11:53,880

And there were no berries  
or anything to eat.

1275  
01:11:53,880 --> 01:11:56,310  
We ate grass mostly.

1276  
01:11:56,310 --> 01:12:01,170  
So we would sleep back to  
back, her back to my back,

1277  
01:12:01,170 --> 01:12:03,870  
so we could see in  
every direction.

1278  
01:12:03,870 --> 01:12:04,620  
Sitting up.

1279  
01:12:04,620 --> 01:12:06,660  
Sitting up.

1280  
01:12:06,660 --> 01:12:08,580  
But they did catch us anyway.

1281  
01:12:08,580 --> 01:12:11,910  
Because as I said, there  
was a lot of Hungarians

1282  
01:12:11,910 --> 01:12:17,820  
and Germans and Poles  
and just everybody.

1283  
01:12:17,820 --> 01:12:19,050  
So they caught us.

1284  
01:12:19,050 --> 01:12:20,670  
Tell us the details of that.

1285  
01:12:20,670 --> 01:12:25,510  
Now these details I want  
you to really listen close

1286  
01:12:25,510 --> 01:12:28,650

because this is another  
miracle that did happen.

1287  
01:12:28,650 --> 01:12:31,350  
And I do think it's a miracle.

1288  
01:12:31,350 --> 01:12:35,760  
They caught us and they  
put us in a cellar.

1289  
01:12:35,760 --> 01:12:38,040  
The cellar was good.

1290  
01:12:38,040 --> 01:12:41,100  
Who caught you?

1291  
01:12:41,100 --> 01:12:44,160  
The Hungarians with the Germans.

1292  
01:12:44,160 --> 01:12:45,210  
They were together.

1293  
01:12:45,210 --> 01:12:46,800  
They were allies.

1294  
01:12:46,800 --> 01:12:48,240  
Was this in night  
or the daytime?

1295  
01:12:48,240 --> 01:12:49,530  
In the daytime.

1296  
01:12:49,530 --> 01:12:53,700  
They just came up on us  
as we were sitting there

1297  
01:12:53,700 --> 01:12:55,740  
and, halt or I'll shoot.

1298  
01:12:55,740 --> 01:12:57,480  
That's it.

1299

01:12:57,480 --> 01:13:00,060

So what are you going to do?

1300

01:13:00,060 --> 01:13:01,230

We were caught.

1301

01:13:01,230 --> 01:13:08,910

They brought us close to where  
these people had their barracks

1302

01:13:08,910 --> 01:13:10,500

or whatever.

1303

01:13:10,500 --> 01:13:13,650

And they put us in a cellar.

1304

01:13:13,650 --> 01:13:15,850

The cellar was a  
dugout, just dirt.

1305

01:13:15,850 --> 01:13:18,990

It didn't have cement,  
just black dirt.

1306

01:13:18,990 --> 01:13:22,050

But it was kind of deep.

1307

01:13:22,050 --> 01:13:30,030

It had air holes, and it  
was much higher than here.

1308

01:13:30,030 --> 01:13:31,860

It was real deep.

1309

01:13:31,860 --> 01:13:35,790

And it had air holes on top.

1310

01:13:35,790 --> 01:13:38,550

When they brought us  
there, me and my mother,

1311



01:13:38,550 --> 01:13:43,900  
they already had  
10, 12 people there.

1312  
01:13:43,900 --> 01:13:47,735  
You don't get introducing  
yourself in a place like that.

1313  
01:13:47,735 --> 01:13:48,235  
It's dark.

1314  
01:13:48,235 --> 01:13:50,740

1315  
01:13:50,740 --> 01:13:54,760  
But my mother wanted  
to know what's

1316  
01:13:54,760 --> 01:13:57,730  
going on, how long were  
they there and all of that.

1317  
01:13:57,730 --> 01:14:00,760  
And they were Polish Jews.

1318  
01:14:00,760 --> 01:14:04,120  
And some of them said that  
they took these people

1319  
01:14:04,120 --> 01:14:07,960  
to be killed, to one of those  
graves, and some of them

1320  
01:14:07,960 --> 01:14:08,530  
escaped.

1321  
01:14:08,530 --> 01:14:12,670  
So some of them were  
from that group.

1322  
01:14:12,670 --> 01:14:16,420  
And they said that  
they're glad they escaped.

1323  
01:14:16,420 --> 01:14:18,010  
They know they're  
going to be killed.

1324  
01:14:18,010 --> 01:14:22,840  
Because they didn't want to be  
beneath so many other bodies

1325  
01:14:22,840 --> 01:14:26,980  
that are settling or  
something like that.

1326  
01:14:26,980 --> 01:14:30,160  
They said the grave was  
moving 10 days later.

1327  
01:14:30,160 --> 01:14:33,030

1328  
01:14:33,030 --> 01:14:39,660  
So when we were in  
that thing, I think

1329  
01:14:39,660 --> 01:14:41,445  
we were there  
maybe for two days.

1330  
01:14:41,445 --> 01:14:45,570

1331  
01:14:45,570 --> 01:14:47,220  
Me and my mother  
spoke Hungarian,

1332  
01:14:47,220 --> 01:14:49,770  
so we could understand-- they  
couldn't-- what they were

1333  
01:14:49,770 --> 01:14:50,610  
talking.

1334

01:14:50,610 --> 01:14:54,180  
And they were talking when  
they were changing guards

1335  
01:14:54,180 --> 01:14:58,030  
to watch this place,  
this little building.

1336  
01:14:58,030 --> 01:14:59,280  
They walked all around it.

1337  
01:14:59,280 --> 01:15:01,590  
After a while you  
figure out exactly when

1338  
01:15:01,590 --> 01:15:04,740  
they're going to be there.

1339  
01:15:04,740 --> 01:15:08,940  
They said that we won't have  
to stand here much longer.

1340  
01:15:08,940 --> 01:15:14,100  
Tonight is going to be  
a dark, moonless night

1341  
01:15:14,100 --> 01:15:17,190  
and they're gonna  
be kaput, they're

1342  
01:15:17,190 --> 01:15:21,470  
going to kill us that night.

1343  
01:15:21,470 --> 01:15:27,450  
So my mother said, I'm not  
going to wait here to be killed.

1344  
01:15:27,450 --> 01:15:30,830  
But they say to my  
mother, stupid woman.

1345  
01:15:30,830 --> 01:15:32,900  
What are you going to do?

1346  
01:15:32,900 --> 01:15:37,190  
You're going to turn into  
a butterfly and disappear?

1347  
01:15:37,190 --> 01:15:39,170  
And she said, you  
see those air holes?

1348  
01:15:39,170 --> 01:15:40,980  
We can get out through there.

1349  
01:15:40,980 --> 01:15:44,180  
And if they catch us, maybe  
they can catch some of us,

1350  
01:15:44,180 --> 01:15:46,610  
but they won't catch us all.

1351  
01:15:46,610 --> 01:15:49,490  
And they said, don't be stupid.

1352  
01:15:49,490 --> 01:15:50,750  
How can you get up there?

1353  
01:15:50,750 --> 01:15:52,400  
It's so high.

1354  
01:15:52,400 --> 01:15:56,990  
And so my mother said, if  
you let my daughter go first,

1355  
01:15:56,990 --> 01:15:58,010  
then I'll be last.

1356  
01:15:58,010 --> 01:16:00,710

1357  
01:16:00,710 --> 01:16:04,340  
And then we went one on top  
of the other to get out.

1358

01:16:04,340 --> 01:16:08,690

And when it started to  
be real dark outside,

1359

01:16:08,690 --> 01:16:11,180

when we saw that hole is  
black you can't see through it

1360

01:16:11,180 --> 01:16:14,270

anymore, that's what they did.

1361

01:16:14,270 --> 01:16:17,270

My mother was on the bottom,  
and then somebody else,

1362

01:16:17,270 --> 01:16:19,820

and on top of that  
person, and I crawled out.

1363

01:16:19,820 --> 01:16:25,310

My mother also told me  
that to run as far as I can

1364

01:16:25,310 --> 01:16:28,760

and not to wait for her.

1365

01:16:28,760 --> 01:16:33,110

Just run as fast and as  
far as you can from here.

1366

01:16:33,110 --> 01:16:34,340

So I did.

1367

01:16:34,340 --> 01:16:37,180

I got out, I crawled  
out from the hole.

1368

01:16:37,180 --> 01:16:41,570

The watch people were on  
the ends and it was dark.

1369

01:16:41,570 --> 01:16:44,210

This is in the  
woods, I mind you.

1370  
01:16:44,210 --> 01:16:48,170  
And I started running with my  
arms going like that because it

1371  
01:16:48,170 --> 01:16:56,400  
is woods and bushes and tall  
grasses, and I go like that.

1372  
01:16:56,400 --> 01:17:02,460  
And then I came to a big  
area place it's very dark.

1373  
01:17:02,460 --> 01:17:05,270  
And I don't know anymore  
which way I should go.

1374  
01:17:05,270 --> 01:17:08,300  
I didn't want to get  
confused and go back.

1375  
01:17:08,300 --> 01:17:11,330  
So I stayed there and I go like  
that and I feel another body.

1376  
01:17:11,330 --> 01:17:12,380  
It's my mother.

1377  
01:17:12,380 --> 01:17:15,557  
Oh my gosh.

1378  
01:17:15,557 --> 01:17:16,890  
That's why I say it's a miracle.

1379  
01:17:16,890 --> 01:17:18,470  
She was the last one.

1380  
01:17:18,470 --> 01:17:21,200  
Well I think that maybe  
somebody pulled her out

1381

01:17:21,200 --> 01:17:23,660  
or maybe somebody let her go  
out that they saw that she

1382

01:17:23,660 --> 01:17:25,250  
was so interested in life.

1383

01:17:25,250 --> 01:17:26,540  
I don't know what happened.

1384

01:17:26,540 --> 01:17:29,270  
I never asked her.

1385

01:17:29,270 --> 01:17:34,130  
But we never, ever seen  
any of the other people.

1386

01:17:34,130 --> 01:17:35,360  
And you found each other.

1387

01:17:35,360 --> 01:17:42,000  
And we found each other in  
the dark just by like that.

1388

01:17:42,000 --> 01:17:43,490  
Amazing.

1389

01:17:43,490 --> 01:17:46,160  
So that's why I say  
this was a real miracle.

1390

01:17:46,160 --> 01:17:51,020  
Then we went back to the woods  
and we were still hiding.

1391

01:17:51,020 --> 01:17:54,695  
Now this cousin would bring us  
every second day his portion

1392

01:17:54,695 --> 01:17:56,080  
of food, because he had to eat.

1393

01:17:56,080 --> 01:17:57,770

How did you find the cousin?

1394

01:17:57,770 --> 01:18:01,490

As I said, this was in  
the place where my cousin

1395

01:18:01,490 --> 01:18:03,830

was, my mother's nephew.

1396

01:18:03,830 --> 01:18:05,570

So how did he know you got out?

1397

01:18:05,570 --> 01:18:10,490

Well, somehow he found  
out that we were in there.

1398

01:18:10,490 --> 01:18:13,910

I don't know how we  
communicated to him,

1399

01:18:13,910 --> 01:18:21,110

but he brought us every second  
day his a ration, dry coffee

1400

01:18:21,110 --> 01:18:23,240

and has food, and  
so we shared it.

1401

01:18:23,240 --> 01:18:26,600

So we had a little bit of food.

1402

01:18:26,600 --> 01:18:27,930

One day he had it--

1403

01:18:27,930 --> 01:18:30,170

And one day we had it.

1404

01:18:30,170 --> 01:18:31,740

Actually, he lived in New York.

1405



01:18:31,740 --> 01:18:34,170

He just died last year.

1406

01:18:34,170 --> 01:18:41,970

So he found somebody that might  
take us across the border.

1407

01:18:41,970 --> 01:18:47,090

Once we were across the border,  
then we can go home to our town

1408

01:18:47,090 --> 01:18:50,520

because they didn't take  
us legally to begin with.

1409

01:18:50,520 --> 01:18:51,620

We can go back.

1410

01:18:51,620 --> 01:18:53,960

Some of the other Jews  
still lived there.

1411

01:18:53,960 --> 01:18:55,650

We could go back.

1412

01:18:55,650 --> 01:19:02,060

So he tried to find  
somebody to take us across,

1413

01:19:02,060 --> 01:19:06,780

and they came and they  
took us for a mile or two

1414

01:19:06,780 --> 01:19:08,340

and then he says,  
no, I'm not going.

1415

01:19:08,340 --> 01:19:13,220

I don't want to be shot and  
gave up and disappeared,

1416

01:19:13,220 --> 01:19:16,490

even after you pay him.

1417  
01:19:16,490 --> 01:19:20,510  
And here we are still  
stuck in these woods.

1418  
01:19:20,510 --> 01:19:25,190  
Then one night sitting back  
to back with my mother I

1419  
01:19:25,190 --> 01:19:27,290  
have a dream.

1420  
01:19:27,290 --> 01:19:30,020  
And I dreamed that  
I'm climbing up

1421  
01:19:30,020 --> 01:19:35,240  
a ladder that is going nowhere,  
just up into heaven like.

1422  
01:19:35,240 --> 01:19:40,040  
And the dream starts and  
I'm kind of in the middle

1423  
01:19:40,040 --> 01:19:42,650  
and I'm walking up.

1424  
01:19:42,650 --> 01:19:46,790  
And I find myself being  
scared of going any further.

1425  
01:19:46,790 --> 01:19:53,180  
And an old man with a white  
beard is holding to the ladder,

1426  
01:19:53,180 --> 01:19:55,430  
and he told me, go  
ahead, go ahead.

1427  
01:19:55,430 --> 01:19:58,790  
And I didn't.

1428

01:19:58,790 --> 01:20:01,590  
I just kind of stand  
there and look at him.

1429  
01:20:01,590 --> 01:20:03,380  
I don't know this person.

1430  
01:20:03,380 --> 01:20:09,650  
And far, far away, I saw  
my father very, very small.

1431  
01:20:09,650 --> 01:20:12,020  
And he said, that's my father.

1432  
01:20:12,020 --> 01:20:14,910  
See, I didn't know  
my grandfather.

1433  
01:20:14,910 --> 01:20:17,780  
He said, that's my father  
and he's going to guide you.

1434  
01:20:17,780 --> 01:20:20,950  
Just go ahead, go ahead.

1435  
01:20:20,950 --> 01:20:26,860  
And I woke up in  
the morning and I

1436  
01:20:26,860 --> 01:20:29,230  
don't know if my mother  
had a dream or what,

1437  
01:20:29,230 --> 01:20:31,420  
and I said, Mom,  
why don't we go?

1438  
01:20:31,420 --> 01:20:33,610  
And she said, yes, let's go.

1439  
01:20:33,610 --> 01:20:37,720  
We both picked up and we  
walked across the border.

1440  
01:20:37,720 --> 01:20:41,320  
With some problems  
hiding and going

1441  
01:20:41,320 --> 01:20:43,450  
on our stomachs and  
all of that, but we

1442  
01:20:43,450 --> 01:20:47,650  
walked across the  
border, came to Ungvar,

1443  
01:20:47,650 --> 01:20:51,880  
went to the Jewish agency,  
found my mother's sister,

1444  
01:20:51,880 --> 01:20:54,460  
send the money to buy  
us a railroad ticket

1445  
01:20:54,460 --> 01:20:57,250  
to come to her house.

1446  
01:20:57,250 --> 01:21:04,450  
And we are kind of barefoot,  
scratched, half naked.

1447  
01:21:04,450 --> 01:21:08,800  
I haven't combed my hair in  
I don't know how many months,

1448  
01:21:08,800 --> 01:21:12,450  
or washed it, for that matter.

1449  
01:21:12,450 --> 01:21:14,110  
And I had curly, long hair.

1450  
01:21:14,110 --> 01:21:15,040  
It's all tangled.

1451  
01:21:15,040 --> 01:21:18,280

I really looked  
like a wild person.

1452  
01:21:18,280 --> 01:21:25,960  
And we got the railroad  
tickets, got on the train,

1453  
01:21:25,960 --> 01:21:29,710  
and everybody is  
dressed beautifully,

1454  
01:21:29,710 --> 01:21:32,730  
like nothing has touched them.

1455  
01:21:32,730 --> 01:21:38,860  
And we are like a couple of  
wild people out of the woods.

1456  
01:21:38,860 --> 01:21:42,250  
And I remember that I sat  
on the edge of the thing,

1457  
01:21:42,250 --> 01:21:46,030  
sticking my feet under  
the thing so nobody would

1458  
01:21:46,030 --> 01:21:49,030  
see my scratched and bare feet.

1459  
01:21:49,030 --> 01:21:52,180

1460  
01:21:52,180 --> 01:21:56,800  
And I tried to get my  
hair to look human.

1461  
01:21:56,800 --> 01:21:59,680  
Came to my aunt's house.

1462  
01:21:59,680 --> 01:22:01,510  
Was this back in your hometown?

1463

01:22:01,510 --> 01:22:03,160

No, my aunt lived  
in the same town

1464

01:22:03,160 --> 01:22:05,170

as my husband is from, Cherna.

1465

01:22:05,170 --> 01:22:07,180

We came to my  
aunt's house first.

1466

01:22:07,180 --> 01:22:08,435

And they weren't touched?

1467

01:22:08,435 --> 01:22:09,310

They weren't touched.

1468

01:22:09,310 --> 01:22:13,680

They just took certain people  
and everyone from our place.

1469

01:22:13,680 --> 01:22:17,150

And in Poland, of course,  
the Polish people.

1470

01:22:17,150 --> 01:22:21,070

So when we came to  
our aunt, she saw

1471

01:22:21,070 --> 01:22:25,390

how skinny we are and bathed  
us and gave us some clothes,

1472

01:22:25,390 --> 01:22:28,870

and fed us and made  
a big meal and we

1473

01:22:28,870 --> 01:22:31,210

ate we the ate and we  
ate, and they looked at us

1474

01:22:31,210 --> 01:22:32,120

like we're crazy.

1475  
01:22:32,120 --> 01:22:35,875  
How can we eat so Much and  
this was already September.

1476  
01:22:35,875 --> 01:22:40,060  
That was just before  
the high holidays.

1477  
01:22:40,060 --> 01:22:43,360  
And they have a plum  
tree outside full

1478  
01:22:43,360 --> 01:22:48,850  
of plums, those big president  
plums, the late ones.

1479  
01:22:48,850 --> 01:22:50,980  
And me and my  
mother went outside

1480  
01:22:50,980 --> 01:22:54,940  
and we started to  
shake the tree.

1481  
01:22:54,940 --> 01:22:59,620  
And we ate about a  
bucket full of plums.

1482  
01:22:59,620 --> 01:23:05,990  
Now, my husband's father was  
my aunt's brother-in-law.

1483  
01:23:05,990 --> 01:23:09,760  
I married kind of  
within the family.

1484  
01:23:09,760 --> 01:23:18,025  
And he said, those  
two women are crazy.

1485  
01:23:18,025 --> 01:23:20,950

1486  
01:23:20,950 --> 01:23:23,260  
And he was a relative.

1487  
01:23:23,260 --> 01:23:26,140  
He says, I have never  
seen anything like it.

1488  
01:23:26,140 --> 01:23:32,950  
Do you know they ate bucket  
full of plums after dinner?

1489  
01:23:32,950 --> 01:23:34,930  
We just couldn't  
get full enough.

1490  
01:23:34,930 --> 01:23:36,520  
You didn't get sick?

1491  
01:23:36,520 --> 01:23:38,110  
No.

1492  
01:23:38,110 --> 01:23:41,245  
We just ate and  
we ate and we ate.

1493  
01:23:41,245 --> 01:23:44,290

1494  
01:23:44,290 --> 01:23:48,190  
We were so starved, and  
we didn't see any fruit

1495  
01:23:48,190 --> 01:23:51,260  
in who knows how long.

1496  
01:23:51,260 --> 01:23:54,020  
Anyway, I'll tell you something.

1497  
01:23:54,020 --> 01:24:00,520  
So if you think this is the end  
of the whole thing, it's not.



1498

01:24:00,520 --> 01:24:04,390

From my aunt, we have to  
go to our own hometown.

1499

01:24:04,390 --> 01:24:09,310

And because we were in  
Poland, because we came back,

1500

01:24:09,310 --> 01:24:12,490

the gendarmes, which are like  
the police department here,

1501

01:24:12,490 --> 01:24:18,520

we had to go to them once  
a week to report to them.

1502

01:24:18,520 --> 01:24:19,960

Because you were Jewish?

1503

01:24:19,960 --> 01:24:21,250

Like prisoners.

1504

01:24:21,250 --> 01:24:24,310

Because like we are prisoners.

1505

01:24:24,310 --> 01:24:26,650

So we won't escape or something.

1506

01:24:26,650 --> 01:24:32,950

They also decided that because  
me and my mother, both women,

1507

01:24:32,950 --> 01:24:36,250

came back and my father and  
all of the seven brothers

1508

01:24:36,250 --> 01:24:38,920

didn't, that we might  
have been prostitutes

1509

01:24:38,920 --> 01:24:43,730

for the German soldiers and  
that's why they let us live.

1510  
01:24:43,730 --> 01:24:47,410  
So here I'm in trouble again.

1511  
01:24:47,410 --> 01:24:49,960  
They want some of  
the same thing.

1512  
01:24:49,960 --> 01:24:51,340  
I have to escape again.

1513  
01:24:51,340 --> 01:24:54,010

1514  
01:24:54,010 --> 01:24:58,870  
So each time we were supposed  
to go, I hid out or whatever

1515  
01:24:58,870 --> 01:25:01,180  
and my mother was  
punished for it.

1516  
01:25:01,180 --> 01:25:02,620  
Then finally--

1517  
01:25:02,620 --> 01:25:05,440  
How was she punished?

1518  
01:25:05,440 --> 01:25:10,630  
I heard that she was  
beaten, but in the beginning

1519  
01:25:10,630 --> 01:25:13,000  
I was just home for  
two weeks because when

1520  
01:25:13,000 --> 01:25:15,040  
I saw what was happening,  
my mother sent me

1521

01:25:15,040 --> 01:25:21,450  
away to Hungary, which  
was the occupying country.

1522  
01:25:21,450 --> 01:25:24,090  
You see, the occupied  
country was treated different

1523  
01:25:24,090 --> 01:25:25,290  
than the occupiers.

1524  
01:25:25,290 --> 01:25:27,690  
Like the people in  
Hungary, the Jews,

1525  
01:25:27,690 --> 01:25:29,700  
haven't suffered anything yet.

1526  
01:25:29,700 --> 01:25:33,150  
I mean, there was  
anti-Semitism, but they

1527  
01:25:33,150 --> 01:25:35,640  
didn't suffer anything.

1528  
01:25:35,640 --> 01:25:38,070  
They still had businesses.

1529  
01:25:38,070 --> 01:25:39,540  
They still lived a normal life.

1530  
01:25:39,540 --> 01:25:43,980

1531  
01:25:43,980 --> 01:25:46,300  
Somebody told her that  
there is a family who

1532  
01:25:46,300 --> 01:25:51,090  
was looking for somebody  
to come to babysit

1533

01:25:51,090 --> 01:25:57,750  
and the person for a half  
day babysitting after school.

1534  
01:25:57,750 --> 01:26:01,410  
A half a day I could have for  
myself to learn a profession

1535  
01:26:01,410 --> 01:26:02,100  
or something.

1536  
01:26:02,100 --> 01:26:06,540  
Here I knew I already don't  
have anybody to depend on.

1537  
01:26:06,540 --> 01:26:14,430  
So my mother somehow scratched  
together from her sister money.

1538  
01:26:14,430 --> 01:26:16,200  
Everybody was short at the time.

1539  
01:26:16,200 --> 01:26:19,630  
As I say, it was time  
of war to go to Hungary.

1540  
01:26:19,630 --> 01:26:22,230  
And I went to [Place name]

1541  
01:26:22,230 --> 01:26:25,440  
What language did you speak.

1542  
01:26:25,440 --> 01:26:28,890  
I didn't speak  
Hungarian, but I learned.

1543  
01:26:28,890 --> 01:26:30,450  
You know you learn everything.

1544  
01:26:30,450 --> 01:26:33,000  
I already spoke  
Polish, Czech, Russian,

1545

01:26:33,000 --> 01:26:38,430

and I spoke a little bit  
Hungarian and German.

1546

01:26:38,430 --> 01:26:39,480

I spoke Yiddish.

1547

01:26:39,480 --> 01:26:40,810

Where did you learn those?

1548

01:26:40,810 --> 01:26:43,140

Well, because of the--

1549

01:26:43,140 --> 01:26:44,590

Well, not in school.

1550

01:26:44,590 --> 01:26:46,650

I didn't learn them in school.

1551

01:26:46,650 --> 01:26:54,840

So I finally came to Hungary,  
I come to this family

1552

01:26:54,840 --> 01:26:57,030

that I'm supposed to  
go, but because there

1553

01:26:57,030 --> 01:27:00,810

was no such communication here  
like telephones or telegram

1554

01:27:00,810 --> 01:27:02,520

or what have you,  
I just picked up

1555

01:27:02,520 --> 01:27:05,760

and I went there because I  
had no other place to go.

1556

01:27:05,760 --> 01:27:08,460

And I have no money  
except one-way ticket.

1557  
01:27:08,460 --> 01:27:13,320  
I met a girl who was a  
servant, a maid to somebody,

1558  
01:27:13,320 --> 01:27:15,480  
and I befriended  
her on the train

1559  
01:27:15,480 --> 01:27:19,170  
and she took me home to sleep  
with her for that first night.

1560  
01:27:19,170 --> 01:27:22,710  
And then in the morning, I  
went to see these people.

1561  
01:27:22,710 --> 01:27:26,250  
And these people  
left for vacation.

1562  
01:27:26,250 --> 01:27:28,600  
They weren't home.

1563  
01:27:28,600 --> 01:27:29,550  
So here I'm stuck.

1564  
01:27:29,550 --> 01:27:32,880  
I don't have money to  
go home or anything.

1565  
01:27:32,880 --> 01:27:37,650  
But the woman where  
I spent the night,

1566  
01:27:37,650 --> 01:27:39,480  
the people go  
there every morning

1567  
01:27:39,480 --> 01:27:42,720  
in the market to buy food--

1568

01:27:42,720 --> 01:27:48,490  
fruits, vegetables, I don't  
know, all kinds of stuff.

1569  
01:27:48,490 --> 01:27:51,240  
So I think the women  
talk between them

1570  
01:27:51,240 --> 01:27:53,520  
and they say, you know,  
I have a girl here

1571  
01:27:53,520 --> 01:27:56,670  
who came to see such and  
such and she isn't home.

1572  
01:27:56,670 --> 01:27:59,460  
And she has no money to go home.

1573  
01:27:59,460 --> 01:28:00,210  
What is her name?

1574  
01:28:00,210 --> 01:28:02,100  
By then I adopted  
my mother's name.

1575  
01:28:02,100 --> 01:28:04,800  
I knew my father wasn't alive,  
so I took my mother's name,

1576  
01:28:04,800 --> 01:28:05,670  
which is Auch.

1577  
01:28:05,670 --> 01:28:11,070

1578  
01:28:11,070 --> 01:28:18,780  
So I took my mother's name  
when I came there and all

1579  
01:28:18,780 --> 01:28:22,530  
at once there were two families  
who wanted me to come and live

1580  
01:28:22,530 --> 01:28:24,370  
with them.

1581  
01:28:24,370 --> 01:28:26,490  
One woman came and  
she says, you're

1582  
01:28:26,490 --> 01:28:32,610  
an Auch, that was a  
very cultured family

1583  
01:28:32,610 --> 01:28:35,220  
my mother's family came from.

1584  
01:28:35,220 --> 01:28:36,880  
I want you to live with us.

1585  
01:28:36,880 --> 01:28:39,270  
My daughter is getting  
married in a few weeks

1586  
01:28:39,270 --> 01:28:42,120  
and you're going to take  
her place in my house.

1587  
01:28:42,120 --> 01:28:43,440  
And she took me in.

1588  
01:28:43,440 --> 01:28:47,610  
She told me she's a relative  
so that I wouldn't feel that--

1589  
01:28:47,610 --> 01:28:53,160  
I'm sure she wasn't, but  
anyway, I shared one couch

1590  
01:28:53,160 --> 01:28:55,180  
with her daughter  
sleeping together,

1591  
01:28:55,180 --> 01:28:58,410



so she didn't have  
that much room.

1592  
01:28:58,410 --> 01:29:05,100  
And while I was there, I  
got malaria, whooping cough,

1593  
01:29:05,100 --> 01:29:08,490  
all kinds of throat infections.

1594  
01:29:08,490 --> 01:29:11,010  
Doctors said I wouldn't  
be able to survive there,

1595  
01:29:11,010 --> 01:29:14,160  
I have to go someplace else.

1596  
01:29:14,160 --> 01:29:18,270  
People usually don't have  
those type of diseases.

1597  
01:29:18,270 --> 01:29:19,230  
It doesn't come.

1598  
01:29:19,230 --> 01:29:24,240  
I was I was 18 years  
old at the time.

1599  
01:29:24,240 --> 01:29:26,560  
I came up with all of this.

1600  
01:29:26,560 --> 01:29:28,770  
I thought I have a  
lung disease when

1601  
01:29:28,770 --> 01:29:33,780  
I was having the whooping  
cough, or TB or something.

1602  
01:29:33,780 --> 01:29:35,010  
I was coughing like crazy.

1603

01:29:35,010 --> 01:29:38,910

And then right after  
that I got malaria.

1604

01:29:38,910 --> 01:29:43,350

People in those countries  
never heard of malaria,

1605

01:29:43,350 --> 01:29:45,880

but I have malaria.

1606

01:29:45,880 --> 01:29:52,100

So the doctor said he couldn't  
figure out why I have malaria.

1607

01:29:52,100 --> 01:29:55,410

1608

01:29:55,410 --> 01:29:58,770

I had it a few times  
and they gave me

1609

01:29:58,770 --> 01:30:02,830

quinine and all of that stuff.

1610

01:30:02,830 --> 01:30:09,390

And he told me that I better  
go to another climate.

1611

01:30:09,390 --> 01:30:11,160

Was it an allergy or something?

1612

01:30:11,160 --> 01:30:13,740

No, I think it was all  
because I was living

1613

01:30:13,740 --> 01:30:15,490

like an animal for a long time.

1614

01:30:15,490 --> 01:30:20,550

And who knows what bit me up.

1615

01:30:20,550 --> 01:30:22,950  
But he didn't know that.

1616  
01:30:22,950 --> 01:30:27,420  
He just says there is no malaria  
in [Place name] How could you

1617  
01:30:27,420 --> 01:30:29,130  
get malaria?

1618  
01:30:29,130 --> 01:30:30,845  
Maybe whooping cough,  
but no malaria.

1619  
01:30:30,845 --> 01:30:33,540

1620  
01:30:33,540 --> 01:30:40,350  
But at the same time, I felt  
like I should do something.

1621  
01:30:40,350 --> 01:30:42,930

1622  
01:30:42,930 --> 01:30:47,250  
I still didn't want to believe  
that my whole family's gone

1623  
01:30:47,250 --> 01:30:48,690  
except for my mother.

1624  
01:30:48,690 --> 01:30:51,870  
So I decided that  
I'm going to fast.

1625  
01:30:51,870 --> 01:30:52,980  
So I fasted.

1626  
01:30:52,980 --> 01:31:00,570  
I mind you after all of  
this I fasted twice a week,

1627

01:31:00,570 --> 01:31:01,845  
Tuesday and Thursday.

1628  
01:31:01,845 --> 01:31:03,060  
Why?

1629  
01:31:03,060 --> 01:31:10,470  
Well, I did it because I felt  
that if I fast maybe I can

1630  
01:31:10,470 --> 01:31:13,360  
see what's happened to them.

1631  
01:31:13,360 --> 01:31:16,140  
I wanted to do something, OK?

1632  
01:31:16,140 --> 01:31:19,110  
I also came from a very  
religious background,

1633  
01:31:19,110 --> 01:31:22,740  
so it was easy to understand why  
I would do something like that.

1634  
01:31:22,740 --> 01:31:24,970  
But I still didn't have  
the energy to do it,

1635  
01:31:24,970 --> 01:31:28,090  
so I got all of these diseases.

1636  
01:31:28,090 --> 01:31:30,540  
And so these people  
found for me somebody

1637  
01:31:30,540 --> 01:31:33,540  
else who also said  
they're relatives

1638  
01:31:33,540 --> 01:31:36,960  
in another city, which was  
Debrecen So I went there.

1639

01:31:36,960 --> 01:31:37,830

To where?

1640

01:31:37,830 --> 01:31:43,140

Debrecen, another

Hungarian big city.

1641

01:31:43,140 --> 01:31:45,180

I went to Debrecen

and I stayed there

1642

01:31:45,180 --> 01:31:47,680

with a young woman

and two children.

1643

01:31:47,680 --> 01:31:53,400

Her husband was in some hospital

to hide out so he wouldn't

1644

01:31:53,400 --> 01:31:56,250

have to go to the military.

1645

01:31:56,250 --> 01:31:58,200

So I stayed with her.

1646

01:31:58,200 --> 01:32:01,170

Now in the meantime, I

was telling everybody

1647

01:32:01,170 --> 01:32:05,970

what's happened to me and

what's happened to my family.

1648

01:32:05,970 --> 01:32:10,590

And nobody, nobody

wanted to believe me.

1649

01:32:10,590 --> 01:32:13,740

Everybody thought I'm a dreamer.

1650

01:32:13,740 --> 01:32:15,900

I am making it up.

1651  
01:32:15,900 --> 01:32:19,860  
So it came to the point  
that I didn't see any reason

1652  
01:32:19,860 --> 01:32:23,250  
of talking about that anymore.

1653  
01:32:23,250 --> 01:32:30,180  
While I was with this other  
young woman in Debrecen

1654  
01:32:30,180 --> 01:32:32,610  
they were very well off and  
we were like two sisters.

1655  
01:32:32,610 --> 01:32:35,340  
She loved me and I  
loved her, and she

1656  
01:32:35,340 --> 01:32:39,210  
said she's a relative  
if it was OK with me.

1657  
01:32:39,210 --> 01:32:45,060  
Because I was like  
at home with her.

1658  
01:32:45,060 --> 01:32:46,500  
She treated me very well.

1659  
01:32:46,500 --> 01:32:49,218  
She even gave me a fur coat.

1660  
01:32:49,218 --> 01:32:50,760  
And you helped her  
with the children?

1661  
01:32:50,760 --> 01:32:52,052  
I helped her with the children.

1662  
01:32:52,052 --> 01:32:56,300

I was more like a  
companion to her.

1663  
01:32:56,300 --> 01:33:03,950  
So while I was there,  
again before Passover,

1664  
01:33:03,950 --> 01:33:08,450  
the things were getting  
worse for the Jews.

1665  
01:33:08,450 --> 01:33:13,100  
The Germans came in and  
requested all of the Jews

1666  
01:33:13,100 --> 01:33:20,880  
to go to ghettos  
when they came in.

1667  
01:33:20,880 --> 01:33:24,790  
And I said to her,  
no way after what

1668  
01:33:24,790 --> 01:33:28,910  
I lived through am I  
going to go into a ghetto.

1669  
01:33:28,910 --> 01:33:37,470  
So she said her parents  
in another city have

1670  
01:33:37,470 --> 01:33:41,580  
a winery and vineyards and  
I can go and live there

1671  
01:33:41,580 --> 01:33:46,200  
with the people who  
work in the vineyards

1672  
01:33:46,200 --> 01:33:49,510  
and they'll never find  
me that I'm Jewish.

1673

01:33:49,510 --> 01:33:52,320

So it was Passover,  
what Jewish kid is

1674

01:33:52,320 --> 01:33:54,990

going to go to between  
going to the vineyard,

1675

01:33:54,990 --> 01:33:57,210

so I stayed with her  
parents for Passover,

1676

01:33:57,210 --> 01:34:00,360

and after Passover they took us.

1677

01:34:00,360 --> 01:34:05,197

So they took us, then  
they took us to a ghetto.

1678

01:34:05,197 --> 01:34:06,030

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1679

01:34:06,030 --> 01:34:10,120

No, she went back she was  
in Debrecen with her family.

1680

01:34:10,120 --> 01:34:13,170

She lived where her  
husband came from.

1681

01:34:13,170 --> 01:34:15,510

But her parents lived  
in [Place name] They

1682

01:34:15,510 --> 01:34:19,740

were old people,  
like over 70, and I.

1683

01:34:19,740 --> 01:34:22,320

So here they took me with them.

1684

01:34:22,320 --> 01:34:26,310

We went to a ghetto,



and in the ghetto

1685

01:34:26,310 --> 01:34:32,100

I got from my mother a letter  
or some type of correspondence

1686

01:34:32,100 --> 01:34:33,336

that they caught her.

1687

01:34:33,336 --> 01:34:35,880

How did she know where you were?

1688

01:34:35,880 --> 01:34:36,750

We corresponded.

1689

01:34:36,750 --> 01:34:39,420

She came to see me also there.

1690

01:34:39,420 --> 01:34:45,780

So they caught her, then I  
fainted or something and they

1691

01:34:45,780 --> 01:34:46,620

revived me.

1692

01:34:46,620 --> 01:34:48,623

And I decided I'm not running.

1693

01:34:48,623 --> 01:34:50,040

Everybody is going,  
I'm going too.

1694

01:34:50,040 --> 01:34:52,890

There is no way to escape.

1695

01:34:52,890 --> 01:34:57,750

So from there they  
took me to Auschwitz.

1696

01:34:57,750 --> 01:35:03,300

I was in with all strange  
people whom I didn't know.

1697  
01:35:03,300 --> 01:35:05,250  
The language was so-so.

1698  
01:35:05,250 --> 01:35:09,270  
I spoke Hungarian, but I  
wasn't that good in it.

1699  
01:35:09,270 --> 01:35:11,940  
Between all of these people  
I didn't have a friend.

1700  
01:35:11,940 --> 01:35:14,760  
I didn't have people I knew.

1701  
01:35:14,760 --> 01:35:17,670  
And because my name was Auch, I  
was the first one on the truck.

1702  
01:35:17,670 --> 01:35:20,190

1703  
01:35:20,190 --> 01:35:21,730  
And where was your mother?

1704  
01:35:21,730 --> 01:35:25,140  
My mother was back  
in her own home

1705  
01:35:25,140 --> 01:35:29,130  
and taken with the same  
people as Ellis's parents

1706  
01:35:29,130 --> 01:35:30,990  
and all of those  
guys because he come

1707  
01:35:30,990 --> 01:35:32,730  
from pretty much the same area.

1708  
01:35:32,730 --> 01:35:37,290  
They usually brought all of

the Jews to a central place.

1709

01:35:37,290 --> 01:35:38,640

But I was in Hungary.

1710

01:35:38,640 --> 01:35:45,780

So they take me to this  
ghetto and the Germans already

1711

01:35:45,780 --> 01:35:47,160

are putting on their things.

1712

01:35:47,160 --> 01:35:52,080

They have us work  
like digging holes,

1713

01:35:52,080 --> 01:35:59,760

carrying in big bowls like a  
salad bowl except bigger, dirt

1714

01:35:59,760 --> 01:36:02,610

down the hill and up the hill.

1715

01:36:02,610 --> 01:36:04,770

Just to make us work.

1716

01:36:04,770 --> 01:36:06,210

Just to do it.

1717

01:36:06,210 --> 01:36:09,750

There was just one German  
in this specific ghetto.

1718

01:36:09,750 --> 01:36:15,600

But then they loaded us on  
trucks, took us to Auschwitz,

1719

01:36:15,600 --> 01:36:18,120

and maybe we should take  
a rest a little bit?

1720

01:36:18,120 --> 01:36:19,670

Sure.

1721

01:36:19,670 --> 01:38:21,000