

1
00:00:00,000 --> 00:00:41,150

2
00:00:41,150 --> 00:00:43,760
For the charoises, I believe
that's bitter herbs, right?

3
00:00:43,760 --> 00:00:46,340
Yes.

4
00:00:46,340 --> 00:00:48,740
Should I say bitter
herbs charoises?

5
00:00:48,740 --> 00:00:49,440
It's up to you.

6
00:00:49,440 --> 00:00:50,065
It's up to you.

7
00:00:50,065 --> 00:00:52,310
But I'm just curious
to know why--

8
00:00:52,310 --> 00:00:55,820
do you think that had any
significance, her choice

9
00:00:55,820 --> 00:00:56,720
to bring that dish?

10
00:00:56,720 --> 00:01:00,460
He can come in for
a second, yeah.

11
00:01:00,460 --> 00:01:00,960
OK.

12
00:01:00,960 --> 00:01:02,242
I'm on the way.

13

00:01:02,242 --> 00:01:03,200
You're leaving already?

14

00:01:03,200 --> 00:01:03,800
[INAUDIBLE]

15

00:01:03,800 --> 00:01:05,930
Yeah, it's 5:00.

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00:01:05,930 --> 00:01:10,470
Yeah, so maybe you could tell
us about that a little bit.

17

00:01:10,470 --> 00:01:14,960
Well, this little dish was,
I believe, very meaningful

18

00:01:14,960 --> 00:01:20,120
to my mother because it has a
special significance because we

19

00:01:20,120 --> 00:01:24,030
used it during the
Seder for charoises,

20

00:01:24,030 --> 00:01:30,680
and one of the reasons
I feel that she--

21

00:01:30,680 --> 00:01:32,850
one of the main reasons--

22

00:01:32,850 --> 00:01:35,630
one of the reasons I think
she might have decided

23

00:01:35,630 --> 00:01:39,410
on taking that is that
it was small enough

24

00:01:39,410 --> 00:01:42,080
for her to either

carry it in her pocket

25

00:01:42,080 --> 00:01:45,800
and put it in her little case.

26

00:01:45,800 --> 00:01:52,130
And of course, I think it
had a very special religious

27

00:01:52,130 --> 00:01:56,720
and holiday significance
for her remembrance,

28

00:01:56,720 --> 00:01:59,600
and she just wanted to
take it along with her.

29

00:01:59,600 --> 00:02:01,400
Was she very sentimental?

30

00:02:01,400 --> 00:02:05,180
Very sentimental mother,
very sentimental.

31

00:02:05,180 --> 00:02:10,720
And I think she raised
us to be that way, too.

32

00:02:10,720 --> 00:02:14,320

33

00:02:14,320 --> 00:02:17,350
What's the significance
of that bag?

34

00:02:17,350 --> 00:02:25,780
Well, this is a silver
evening bag that she had.

35

00:02:25,780 --> 00:02:30,670
I don't know if--

36

00:02:30,670 --> 00:02:34,360
since my father
owned a jewelry shop,

37
00:02:34,360 --> 00:02:38,680
maybe they were selling
it, at least they sell it,

38
00:02:38,680 --> 00:02:41,170
or maybe it was her own.

39
00:02:41,170 --> 00:02:42,730
But she had it.

40
00:02:42,730 --> 00:02:48,310
I remember her having
it, and I guess

41
00:02:48,310 --> 00:02:55,060
it also may have had a special
sentimental value to her

42
00:02:55,060 --> 00:03:00,640
because there were not
many places that they used

43
00:03:00,640 --> 00:03:08,200
such dress-up silver evening
bags in our little town,

44
00:03:08,200 --> 00:03:15,280
but maybe mother used it when
she was first married or maybe

45
00:03:15,280 --> 00:03:20,710
during her early years with
her husband, with my father.

46
00:03:20,710 --> 00:03:24,370
I never recall
seeing her using it.

47
00:03:24,370 --> 00:03:28,060

Did she take any of
your father's mementos?

48
00:03:28,060 --> 00:03:37,570

Yes, she has a
silver little brush--

49
00:03:37,570 --> 00:03:40,870

I believe, since
he had a mustache,

50
00:03:40,870 --> 00:03:43,330

it was a mustache brush--

51
00:03:43,330 --> 00:03:45,085

and a little silver pencil.

52
00:03:45,085 --> 00:03:49,680

53
00:03:49,680 --> 00:03:53,240

How about this clock?

54
00:03:53,240 --> 00:03:59,900

That is a gold-plated clock
that was made in France.

55
00:03:59,900 --> 00:04:07,550

It has Russian-- it was
made for a family in Russia

56
00:04:07,550 --> 00:04:11,090

because it has Russian
inscription in it,

57
00:04:11,090 --> 00:04:15,320

and it also has the name
of the manufacturer that

58
00:04:15,320 --> 00:04:17,660

manufactured that clock.

59

00:04:17,660 --> 00:04:22,280

I also believe that that
clock was in the family.

60

00:04:22,280 --> 00:04:27,870

It was my maybe my
grandparents' clock,

61

00:04:27,870 --> 00:04:31,310

and I know I remember
it always in the house.

62

00:04:31,310 --> 00:04:32,630

We used it.

63

00:04:32,630 --> 00:04:35,690

It's a seven-day clock,
and it has a chime.

64

00:04:35,690 --> 00:04:38,150

It chimes on every
half-hour and the hour,

65

00:04:38,150 --> 00:04:40,970

and it was used all the time.

66

00:04:40,970 --> 00:04:46,250

And it comes in a special
leather carry case,

67

00:04:46,250 --> 00:04:50,510

and she was able to carry it.

68

00:04:50,510 --> 00:04:53,780

How on Earth they let
her go through with it,

69

00:04:53,780 --> 00:04:59,900

I don't know because they used
to confiscate a lot of things.

70

00:04:59,900 --> 00:05:03,350

It obviously had some

big sentimental value.

71
00:05:03,350 --> 00:05:07,850
Very sentimental
value, I'm sure.

72
00:05:07,850 --> 00:05:09,560
And now we're on to pictures.

73
00:05:09,560 --> 00:05:11,300
What's going on here?

74
00:05:11,300 --> 00:05:12,380
Can you describe that?

75
00:05:12,380 --> 00:05:16,820

76
00:05:16,820 --> 00:05:22,160
This picture was taken
on August 12, 1940,

77
00:05:22,160 --> 00:05:27,290
the day that my sister and
I received a Sugihara visa.

78
00:05:27,290 --> 00:05:32,810
We were waiting after we got
the visa, and we quiet down.

79
00:05:32,810 --> 00:05:37,250
And we had a couple of
hours before our train

80
00:05:37,250 --> 00:05:39,170
was leaving for Vilna.

81
00:05:39,170 --> 00:05:41,220
And there was a
little park nearby,

82
00:05:41,220 --> 00:05:44,150

and we walked around
and sat there.

83
00:05:44,150 --> 00:05:47,020
A photographer came
over to us and asked us

84
00:05:47,020 --> 00:05:50,390
if he could take our
picture if we pay him.

85
00:05:50,390 --> 00:05:54,950
We had a few dollars or
whatever the money was there,

86
00:05:54,950 --> 00:05:57,710
and we said, we
don't live in Kovno.

87
00:05:57,710 --> 00:05:58,640
We live in Vilna.

88
00:05:58,640 --> 00:06:00,770
He said, oh, I'll
send it to you.

89
00:06:00,770 --> 00:06:03,890
And we never thought
he would, but he did.

90
00:06:03,890 --> 00:06:09,865
He sent us this picture, and
it's a very memorable one.

91
00:06:09,865 --> 00:06:12,240
So are you going to need this
on the camera, the picture,

92
00:06:12,240 --> 00:06:13,115
at all for reference?

93
00:06:13,115 --> 00:06:16,130
Or are you going to know which

picture she's talking about?

94

00:06:16,130 --> 00:06:18,620

Do you want to get a quick
shot of it or anything?

95

00:06:18,620 --> 00:06:19,990

Oh, no.

96

00:06:19,990 --> 00:06:21,740

OK, just checking.

97

00:06:21,740 --> 00:06:25,550

But that's actually not a
good-- that's a good idea.

98

00:06:25,550 --> 00:06:26,990

Hold it in the light.

99

00:06:26,990 --> 00:06:29,030

That's the one.

100

00:06:29,030 --> 00:06:30,850

There's one of us
us standig up too.

101

00:06:30,850 --> 00:06:36,070

102

00:06:36,070 --> 00:06:37,180

Let's go to this one.

103

00:06:37,180 --> 00:06:41,150

That was the one previous.

104

00:06:41,150 --> 00:06:41,650

OK.

105

00:06:41,650 --> 00:06:47,410

106

00:06:47,410 --> 00:06:52,150
Tell me who's in the picture
and when and where it was taken.

107
00:06:52,150 --> 00:06:54,160
Yeah, just one sec.

108
00:06:54,160 --> 00:06:57,260
and that was taken in Vilna.

109
00:06:57,260 --> 00:06:57,760
Yes.

110
00:06:57,760 --> 00:07:01,450

111
00:07:01,450 --> 00:07:08,010
This picture was taken in Vilna
during the time we were there,

112
00:07:08,010 --> 00:07:11,860
and these are friends of ours.

113
00:07:11,860 --> 00:07:13,770
And we were one day in a park--

114
00:07:13,770 --> 00:07:15,810
I don't remember exactly--

115
00:07:15,810 --> 00:07:18,850
and we had taken that picture.

116
00:07:18,850 --> 00:07:22,950
But these are very good friends
of my sister and myself,

117
00:07:22,950 --> 00:07:24,075
but they did not survive.

118
00:07:24,075 --> 00:07:36,880

119

00:07:36,880 --> 00:07:39,670

Did that happen-- did you
have many friends that

120

00:07:39,670 --> 00:07:41,640

didn't survive in Vilna?

121

00:07:41,640 --> 00:07:49,410

122

00:07:49,410 --> 00:07:53,970

None of our friends
survived in Vilna.

123

00:07:53,970 --> 00:07:55,470

You were the only
ones that got out?

124

00:07:55,470 --> 00:07:58,370

My sister and I were the
only ones that got out.

125

00:07:58,370 --> 00:08:02,350

126

00:08:02,350 --> 00:08:06,910

That were our friends,
some were our friends.

127

00:08:06,910 --> 00:08:09,580

Well, then how come
they didn't get out?

128

00:08:09,580 --> 00:08:12,670

Well, I guess I
should have-- yeah.

129

00:08:12,670 --> 00:08:17,210

I'm really thinking in
terms of a girl friends.

130

00:08:17,210 --> 00:08:20,470

Yes, well, I'll qualify that.

131

00:08:20,470 --> 00:08:22,090

Do you want me to qualify that?

132

00:08:22,090 --> 00:08:27,910

Did you-- were these friends
that you made in Vilna?

133

00:08:27,910 --> 00:08:30,550

Because I want to--

134

00:08:30,550 --> 00:08:32,510

yes.

135

00:08:32,510 --> 00:08:37,448

No, one of them is from
Volozhin, this one here.

136

00:08:37,448 --> 00:08:38,240

And the other was--

137

00:08:38,240 --> 00:08:40,399

The other that we made in Vilna.

138

00:08:40,399 --> 00:08:44,410

139

00:08:44,410 --> 00:08:49,480

So did many of your friends
not make it out of Vilna?

140

00:08:49,480 --> 00:08:55,490

141

00:08:55,490 --> 00:08:57,500

Were you one of the
lucky ones to escape,

142

00:08:57,500 --> 00:09:01,430

or did most of the people you
were associated with escape?

143
00:09:01,430 --> 00:09:04,210

144
00:09:04,210 --> 00:09:07,905
Most of the people that we
associated with did not escape.

145
00:09:07,905 --> 00:09:11,295

146
00:09:11,295 --> 00:09:17,100
They have no place where
to go to or how to go,

147
00:09:17,100 --> 00:09:21,870
and they were caught
by the Germans.

148
00:09:21,870 --> 00:09:25,230
And they were put
into the ghetto,

149
00:09:25,230 --> 00:09:28,741
and they were just eliminated.

150
00:09:28,741 --> 00:09:36,110

151
00:09:36,110 --> 00:09:37,340
How did she hear about that?

152
00:09:37,340 --> 00:09:40,710
How did she-- yeah, how
did you hear about--

153
00:09:40,710 --> 00:09:42,720
how do you know [INAUDIBLE]?

154
00:09:42,720 --> 00:09:45,970
And were those Betar members?

155

00:09:45,970 --> 00:09:47,850

Yes, yes.

156

00:09:47,850 --> 00:09:48,840

How did you hear--

157

00:09:48,840 --> 00:09:53,540

158

00:09:53,540 --> 00:09:57,140

well, the Vilna

Ghetto was destroyed.

159

00:09:57,140 --> 00:10:00,020

Everyone in the Vilna

Ghetto was destroyed.

160

00:10:00,020 --> 00:10:01,670

Very few survived.

161

00:10:01,670 --> 00:10:04,740

Very few survived

the Vilna Ghetto.

162

00:10:04,740 --> 00:10:10,820

And they never

arrived in Israel.

163

00:10:10,820 --> 00:10:15,960

They had no-- we never

heard of anybody.

164

00:10:15,960 --> 00:10:24,530

It was just like they

disappeared from this Earth.

165

00:10:24,530 --> 00:10:27,170

166

00:10:27,170 --> 00:10:30,680

These were girls who

left their families, who

167
00:10:30,680 --> 00:10:33,860
tried to rescue themselves,
just like we did,

168
00:10:33,860 --> 00:10:43,820
but we were the lucky ones that
had family who were concerned

169
00:10:43,820 --> 00:10:46,550
and who tried so hard.

170
00:10:46,550 --> 00:10:51,090
And also, we were lucky
that we had the affidavit.

171
00:10:51,090 --> 00:10:54,620
It was all-- and we were lucky
we got this Sugihara visa.

172
00:10:54,620 --> 00:10:55,445
We were just lucky.

173
00:10:55,445 --> 00:10:59,060

174
00:10:59,060 --> 00:11:00,020
[WHISPERING]

175
00:11:00,020 --> 00:11:02,590

176
00:11:02,590 --> 00:11:05,270
OK.

177
00:11:05,270 --> 00:11:09,280
This picture was taken
of the Tarbut Hebrew

178
00:11:09,280 --> 00:11:12,700
School in Volozhin,
and my sister and I--

179
00:11:12,700 --> 00:11:17,320
I was in kindergarten then, and
that was like the graduating

180
00:11:17,320 --> 00:11:18,970
picture.

181
00:11:18,970 --> 00:11:24,320
Out of this whole
group, I could say

182
00:11:24,320 --> 00:11:32,120
maybe there are about 10 or
a dozen people who survived,

183
00:11:32,120 --> 00:11:36,530
not my sister and myself,
and some people who

184
00:11:36,530 --> 00:11:39,980
left for Israel in
the earlier years,

185
00:11:39,980 --> 00:11:44,060
like in the 1933
or 1934, who went

186
00:11:44,060 --> 00:11:48,750
through the illegal
immigration to Israel.

187
00:11:48,750 --> 00:11:52,190
I could say I don't think
more than a dozen people are

188
00:11:52,190 --> 00:11:55,946
alive out of that whole group.

189
00:11:55,946 --> 00:11:57,413
OK.

190

00:11:57,413 --> 00:11:58,391
[WHISPERING]

191
00:11:58,391 --> 00:12:02,107

192
00:12:02,107 --> 00:12:03,065
Do you need it closer--

193
00:12:03,065 --> 00:12:03,370
No, that's fine.

194
00:12:03,370 --> 00:12:04,570
--or just for reference?

195
00:12:04,570 --> 00:12:05,970
This is just for reference.

196
00:12:05,970 --> 00:12:11,420
This is what we were just
talking about, this picture.

197
00:12:11,420 --> 00:12:14,140
And I skipped this one.

198
00:12:14,140 --> 00:12:16,866
Yes, I can see that.

199
00:12:16,866 --> 00:12:22,850

200
00:12:22,850 --> 00:12:26,080
That's me, the one--

201
00:12:26,080 --> 00:12:26,620
This one?

202
00:12:26,620 --> 00:12:30,860
Yes, somebody put a
checkmark right on my chest,

203

00:12:30,860 --> 00:12:35,270
and I tried to have it erased,
but it wouldn't come off.

204
00:12:35,270 --> 00:12:38,840
So this really refers to you
being in a cafe in Vilna?

205
00:12:38,840 --> 00:12:41,240
No, it's not a cafe.

206
00:12:41,240 --> 00:12:44,960
It was at the [? internat, ?]
where we are--

207
00:12:44,960 --> 00:12:53,570
And at that, I believe, the
Joint Distribution or one

208
00:12:53,570 --> 00:12:58,880
of the relief organization
were taking pictures,

209
00:12:58,880 --> 00:13:02,300
I guess to show
what they're doing.

210
00:13:02,300 --> 00:13:05,660
And this was the during
one of our meals.

211
00:13:05,660 --> 00:13:08,150
They came, and they
took a picture of that.

212
00:13:08,150 --> 00:13:10,460
I remember that day.

213
00:13:10,460 --> 00:13:12,590
It was, I think, breakfast.

214
00:13:12,590 --> 00:13:16,685
They came, and they took some

pictures of the whole place.

215
00:13:16,685 --> 00:13:19,670

216
00:13:19,670 --> 00:13:22,850
It was taken.

217
00:13:22,850 --> 00:13:25,730
I don't remember
during what time.

218
00:13:25,730 --> 00:13:31,130
So could you describe,
though, not necessarily the--

219
00:13:31,130 --> 00:13:35,150
when you were in
Vilna, you were--

220
00:13:35,150 --> 00:13:38,020
And any time.

221
00:13:38,020 --> 00:13:41,701
This picture was
taken during a--

222
00:13:41,701 --> 00:13:44,890
as I recall, it
was breakfast time,

223
00:13:44,890 --> 00:13:50,080
and the relief
organizations came.

224
00:13:50,080 --> 00:13:54,070
The Joint Distribution
people came

225
00:13:54,070 --> 00:13:58,480
to take some pictures to
show some of the work--

226

00:13:58,480 --> 00:14:01,390
to go back to the United
States and show the people some

227

00:14:01,390 --> 00:14:04,490
of the work they were
doing and how they helping,

228

00:14:04,490 --> 00:14:08,170
and that was during the time--

229

00:14:08,170 --> 00:14:14,090
that was taken during one of our
communal meals we used to have.

230

00:14:14,090 --> 00:14:17,170
I believe this was
breakfast time.

231

00:14:17,170 --> 00:14:19,780
They did a wonderful job.

232

00:14:19,780 --> 00:14:20,920
Can you just told me that--

233

00:14:20,920 --> 00:14:23,930

234

00:14:23,930 --> 00:14:25,180
I'm just asking this question.

235

00:14:25,180 --> 00:14:32,590

236

00:14:32,590 --> 00:14:33,520
How did you survive?

237

00:14:33,520 --> 00:14:35,650
How did you eat?

238

00:14:35,650 --> 00:14:36,910

Where did you get food from?

239

00:14:36,910 --> 00:14:40,210

240

00:14:40,210 --> 00:14:43,660

Well, when we were
at the communal

241

00:14:43,660 --> 00:14:46,510

pla--, the [? internat, ?]
that was supplied

242

00:14:46,510 --> 00:14:50,080

by the relief organizations.

243

00:14:50,080 --> 00:14:51,520

What was supplied by the--

244

00:14:51,520 --> 00:14:54,800

The food was supplied by
the relief organizations.

245

00:14:54,800 --> 00:14:55,810

So start "when we were."

246

00:14:55,810 --> 00:15:00,580

When we were at
the [? internat, ?]

247

00:15:00,580 --> 00:15:06,580

all meals and food were supplied
by the relief organizations.

248

00:15:06,580 --> 00:15:09,250

What they did was
they actually--

249

00:15:09,250 --> 00:15:14,620

they created kitchens
right on the premises

250

00:15:14,620 --> 00:15:18,370
where some of the members
used to do their own cooking,

251
00:15:18,370 --> 00:15:19,880
and each took turns.

252
00:15:19,880 --> 00:15:22,840
Some of the meals are
better than others.

253
00:15:22,840 --> 00:15:24,470
But there was enough food--

254
00:15:24,470 --> 00:15:25,630
let's put it that way--

255
00:15:25,630 --> 00:15:27,950
and didn't go hungry.

256
00:15:27,950 --> 00:15:30,910
And they did a wonderful job.

257
00:15:30,910 --> 00:15:37,030
They also even created
sewing factories

258
00:15:37,030 --> 00:15:40,120
where they used to make
clothes for the people,

259
00:15:40,120 --> 00:15:44,740
and they used to give you a
dress, a suit, a pair of pants

260
00:15:44,740 --> 00:15:48,370
because some people were
there for a longer time.

261
00:15:48,370 --> 00:15:51,640
Did you and your sister run
out of clothes at one point

262

00:15:51,640 --> 00:15:54,970
and have to share clothing?

263

00:15:54,970 --> 00:15:56,020
Yes, we did.

264

00:15:56,020 --> 00:16:00,400

265

00:16:00,400 --> 00:16:07,360
Actually, the clothes
got a little bit raggedy

266

00:16:07,360 --> 00:16:07,930
and all that.

267

00:16:07,930 --> 00:16:12,220
But they supplied--
you got a dress

268

00:16:12,220 --> 00:16:16,160
like once in three months
or something like that.

269

00:16:16,160 --> 00:16:17,710
And on the pictures--

270

00:16:17,710 --> 00:16:20,260
I have pictures that
were taken on the boat.

271

00:16:20,260 --> 00:16:22,330
When we left for
the United States,

272

00:16:22,330 --> 00:16:29,860
my sister and I both had a
dress and a skirt and blouse.

273

00:16:29,860 --> 00:16:33,370
Those were our clothes each.

274

00:16:33,370 --> 00:16:39,430

And well, we
traveled first class,

275

00:16:39,430 --> 00:16:42,190

and they used to
dress very fancy.

276

00:16:42,190 --> 00:16:44,980

And my sister and I
used to take turns.

277

00:16:44,980 --> 00:16:48,245

One night we would wear a
dress, and the next night we

278

00:16:48,245 --> 00:16:49,495

would wear a skirt and blouse.

279

00:16:49,495 --> 00:16:52,340

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00:16:52,340 --> 00:16:58,390

And those were the clothes that
were given to us by the relief

281

00:16:58,390 --> 00:16:59,690

organizations.

282

00:16:59,690 --> 00:17:01,270

Actually, what
happened was they used

283

00:17:01,270 --> 00:17:03,610

to have people sewing there.

284

00:17:03,610 --> 00:17:07,390

You went, and they measured you.

285

00:17:07,390 --> 00:17:13,210

And they tried on, and
it was pretty good.

286
00:17:13,210 --> 00:17:14,500
It was not hand-me-down.

287
00:17:14,500 --> 00:17:15,460
It was new.

288
00:17:15,460 --> 00:17:18,220

289
00:17:18,220 --> 00:17:18,879
Oh, gosh.

290
00:17:18,879 --> 00:17:25,910

291
00:17:25,910 --> 00:17:26,660
Are you ready?

292
00:17:26,660 --> 00:17:27,500
Yeah.

293
00:17:27,500 --> 00:17:31,510
This picture is of
two little girls.

294
00:17:31,510 --> 00:17:34,760
Their name is
Shoshanale and Chaja.

295
00:17:34,760 --> 00:17:38,690
And they were the children
of this friend of ours,

296
00:17:38,690 --> 00:17:43,970
the principal of this school
and kindergarten teacher

297
00:17:43,970 --> 00:17:48,920
who was so close to us
and helped us, helped

298

00:17:48,920 --> 00:17:52,340

my mother make the
decision to send us off.

299

00:17:52,340 --> 00:17:55,070

Those two little
girls and their father

300

00:17:55,070 --> 00:18:00,860

were killed during
the Holocaust.

301

00:18:00,860 --> 00:18:06,500

They were actually killed
during one of the--

302

00:18:06,500 --> 00:18:10,010

when the Germans were
fighting the Russians,

303

00:18:10,010 --> 00:18:16,070

and they were hiding
in a cellar of a home.

304

00:18:16,070 --> 00:18:20,885

And one of the Polish people
who knew they were there--

305

00:18:20,885 --> 00:18:25,360

306

00:18:25,360 --> 00:18:26,630

what do you call it--

307

00:18:26,630 --> 00:18:29,630

exposed them.

308

00:18:29,630 --> 00:18:32,990

And as they got out
of their hiding place,

309

00:18:32,990 --> 00:18:36,410

they killed them, the
father and the two children.

310
00:18:36,410 --> 00:18:40,680
Their mother is still
alive in Israel.

311
00:18:40,680 --> 00:18:44,490
She's about 91, 92 years old.

312
00:18:44,490 --> 00:18:50,460
She was my kindergarten
teacher, and we're very close.

313
00:18:50,460 --> 00:18:53,020
I always see her.

314
00:18:53,020 --> 00:18:56,130
What was the name of the
principal who advised--

315
00:18:56,130 --> 00:18:58,370
can you tell me the story again?

316
00:18:58,370 --> 00:19:04,070
His name was Yakov Lifshitz.

317
00:19:04,070 --> 00:19:05,060
The principal who--

318
00:19:05,060 --> 00:19:08,150
The principal of the Tarbut--

319
00:19:08,150 --> 00:19:08,810
I'm sorry.

320
00:19:08,810 --> 00:19:13,400

321
00:19:13,400 --> 00:19:17,510
The principal of
the Tarbut school

322
00:19:17,510 --> 00:19:23,270
which my sister and I
went to, and his name was

323
00:19:23,270 --> 00:19:26,990
Yakov Lifshitz, and his
wife was Fruma Lifshitz.

324
00:19:26,990 --> 00:19:29,420
She was our
kindergarten teacher.

325
00:19:29,420 --> 00:19:36,770
And they had two little
girls, Chaja and Shoshana.

326
00:19:36,770 --> 00:19:41,030
As a matter of fact, my sister
and I used to babysit for them.

327
00:19:41,030 --> 00:19:43,880
And the father and
the little girls

328
00:19:43,880 --> 00:19:47,360
were killed during the period.

329
00:19:47,360 --> 00:19:51,440
I believe it was in '43.

330
00:19:51,440 --> 00:19:52,280
I don't know.

331
00:19:52,280 --> 00:19:56,660
I had the date written
down somewhere.

332
00:19:56,660 --> 00:20:01,310
Can you tell me again the
principal of the school.

333

00:20:01,310 --> 00:20:04,430
Give me his name and
everything, "advised my mother

334
00:20:04,430 --> 00:20:06,200
to send us to Vilna."

335
00:20:06,200 --> 00:20:15,870
Well, my mother had
a very difficult time

336
00:20:15,870 --> 00:20:18,180
to make the decision,
a very hard time

337
00:20:18,180 --> 00:20:23,190
making the decision of sending
us off to Vilna all by us

338
00:20:23,190 --> 00:20:24,630
ourselves.

339
00:20:24,630 --> 00:20:33,270
And she tried to get the advice
from this friend of ours who

340
00:20:33,270 --> 00:20:40,680
was the principal of
Tarbut, and he advised her

341
00:20:40,680 --> 00:20:43,890
that if it was
his two daughters,

342
00:20:43,890 --> 00:20:48,870
he would send them away
because he thought maybe

343
00:20:48,870 --> 00:20:55,860
they would have a chance to
get through and be rescued.

344
00:20:55,860 --> 00:20:58,710

And that had a big
influence on my mother,

345
00:20:58,710 --> 00:21:01,760
and she made up her
mind to send us away.

346
00:21:01,760 --> 00:21:04,740

347
00:21:04,740 --> 00:21:07,370
Is that OK?

348
00:21:07,370 --> 00:21:07,870
Yep.

349
00:21:07,870 --> 00:21:11,774

350
00:21:11,774 --> 00:21:15,680
How about this?

351
00:21:15,680 --> 00:21:18,170
Yes.

352
00:21:18,170 --> 00:21:21,020
This picture is of--

353
00:21:21,020 --> 00:21:23,190
Tell me the story
behind that photo.

354
00:21:23,190 --> 00:21:24,820
Oh, about Mrs. [? Jund ?]?

355
00:21:24,820 --> 00:21:25,790
Yes, just--

356
00:21:25,790 --> 00:21:28,100
How we met her?

357

00:21:28,100 --> 00:21:29,660
Tell me that you
went first class

358
00:21:29,660 --> 00:21:31,570
and how you met her
and she helped you.

359
00:21:31,570 --> 00:21:34,210

360
00:21:34,210 --> 00:21:39,350
My sister and I went on
the President Coolidge,

361
00:21:39,350 --> 00:21:40,400
first class.

362
00:21:40,400 --> 00:21:44,090
And when we got out on
the boat, the people there

363
00:21:44,090 --> 00:21:48,260
asked us some questions, and
we didn't understand English.

364
00:21:48,260 --> 00:21:51,840
And there was a
woman sitting nearby,

365
00:21:51,840 --> 00:21:56,240
and we did mention the fact that
we speak Yiddish and Polish.

366
00:21:56,240 --> 00:21:59,120
And there was a
woman sitting there,

367
00:21:59,120 --> 00:22:02,990
and she happened to
overhear the conversation.

368
00:22:02,990 --> 00:22:05,900

She said that she speaks
Yiddish and if she

369
00:22:05,900 --> 00:22:08,060
could be of some help.

370
00:22:08,060 --> 00:22:11,060
And of course, they were
delighted and so were we,

371
00:22:11,060 --> 00:22:15,050
and they asked if she would--

372
00:22:15,050 --> 00:22:19,430
she translated all the
questions that they asked of us,

373
00:22:19,430 --> 00:22:21,470
and then they asked
her if she would

374
00:22:21,470 --> 00:22:26,510
mind sitting with us in
the dining room at a table.

375
00:22:26,510 --> 00:22:28,700
And she said, of course not.

376
00:22:28,700 --> 00:22:36,740
And they put us at the
table, and the picture--

377
00:22:36,740 --> 00:22:39,320
Mrs. [? Jund ?] was her name.

378
00:22:39,320 --> 00:22:44,030
She came from San Diego,
but she lived in Shanghai.

379
00:22:44,030 --> 00:22:48,020
And her husband was
an American officer,

380

00:22:48,020 --> 00:22:51,260

and she was coming
home for a visit.

381

00:22:51,260 --> 00:22:57,000

And she was very helpful to
us because in the dining room,

382

00:22:57,000 --> 00:22:59,510

she used to-- it
was very elegant,

383

00:22:59,510 --> 00:23:05,060

and they used to serve crystal,
and china, and sterling,

384

00:23:05,060 --> 00:23:09,630

and about half a dozen forks
on one side, and spoons.

385

00:23:09,630 --> 00:23:13,400

And we didn't know
which one to take first,

386

00:23:13,400 --> 00:23:15,270

and she taught us how to do it.

387

00:23:15,270 --> 00:23:17,840

She says, always take
the one from the left

388

00:23:17,840 --> 00:23:19,550

or from the right,
from the outside.

389

00:23:19,550 --> 00:23:22,400

390

00:23:22,400 --> 00:23:24,110

And it was a good lesson.

391

00:23:24,110 --> 00:23:28,670

I always used to teach
that to my grandchildren.

392
00:23:28,670 --> 00:23:31,490
Did you feel guilty that you
were living in such luxury

393
00:23:31,490 --> 00:23:33,830
when you knew everyone
back in Vilna--

394
00:23:33,830 --> 00:23:35,170
You mean on the boat?

395
00:23:35,170 --> 00:23:35,670
Yeah.

396
00:23:35,670 --> 00:23:37,730
Oh, yes, it was--

397
00:23:37,730 --> 00:23:41,480

398
00:23:41,480 --> 00:23:44,300
yes.

399
00:23:44,300 --> 00:23:46,130
OK, [INAUDIBLE].

400
00:23:46,130 --> 00:23:52,250
Yes, we did have a lot of guilt
feelings, not only on the boat

401
00:23:52,250 --> 00:23:57,890
but even when we came here,
although we had a hard life

402
00:23:57,890 --> 00:23:59,370
here when we first came.

403
00:23:59,370 --> 00:24:00,660
It wasn't so easy.

404

00:24:00,660 --> 00:24:10,460

But we still had that certain
element of guilt. Why us?

405

00:24:10,460 --> 00:24:14,060

And of course, there
are no answers to that.

406

00:24:14,060 --> 00:24:18,923

407

00:24:18,923 --> 00:24:20,840

Actually, I didn't show
you that last picture.

408

00:24:20,840 --> 00:24:25,540

409

00:24:25,540 --> 00:24:30,720

If I may, this is
the captain's ball,

410

00:24:30,720 --> 00:24:34,030

and we were wearing dresses.

411

00:24:34,030 --> 00:24:34,610

Oh, yes.

412

00:24:34,610 --> 00:24:40,080

413

00:24:40,080 --> 00:24:45,330

This picture was
taken in Volozhin,

414

00:24:45,330 --> 00:24:48,150

and it was taken in
the Polish school.

415

00:24:48,150 --> 00:24:51,390

See, we went to the Hebrew

school up to sixth grade,

416
00:24:51,390 --> 00:24:52,710
and then there was no more.

417
00:24:52,710 --> 00:24:55,770
So we had to transfer
to the Polish school.

418
00:24:55,770 --> 00:24:57,510
And that was taken--

419
00:24:57,510 --> 00:25:00,810
that was during a--

420
00:25:00,810 --> 00:25:01,830
what do you call it?

421
00:25:01,830 --> 00:25:05,220
Some sort of physical
exercise or something.

422
00:25:05,220 --> 00:25:06,120
We played ball.

423
00:25:06,120 --> 00:25:08,610
I could see here
I'm holding a ball.

424
00:25:08,610 --> 00:25:14,160
And out of that group, mostly--

425
00:25:14,160 --> 00:25:17,100
well, there are a few
Christian people here,

426
00:25:17,100 --> 00:25:25,860
but none of the Jewish kids
survived, just my sister and I.

427
00:25:25,860 --> 00:25:27,090
What was your sister's name?

428
00:25:27,090 --> 00:25:31,860
Frances, Fejga,
which is in Polish,

429
00:25:31,860 --> 00:25:35,340
Frances here in
the United States.

430
00:25:35,340 --> 00:25:38,610
Would you want a picture
of my sister included?

431
00:25:38,610 --> 00:25:39,522
Well, we'll--

432
00:25:39,522 --> 00:25:42,300

433
00:25:42,300 --> 00:25:43,893
He said, are we out?

434
00:25:43,893 --> 00:25:44,810
Oh, no, we're not out.

435
00:25:44,810 --> 00:25:45,680
No, we're on.

436
00:25:45,680 --> 00:25:49,580
I was just pausing because I
thought we were [INAUDIBLE]..

437
00:25:49,580 --> 00:25:50,350
No, go ahead.

438
00:25:50,350 --> 00:25:53,610

439
00:25:53,610 --> 00:25:55,370
Could you tell me--

440

00:25:55,370 --> 00:26:01,110
just "my sister" and her
name, "were very, very close."

441
00:26:01,110 --> 00:26:05,260

442
00:26:05,260 --> 00:26:07,540
I'll use her English name.

443
00:26:07,540 --> 00:26:10,150

444
00:26:10,150 --> 00:26:18,400
My sister, Frances, and I were
unusually close and devoted

445
00:26:18,400 --> 00:26:20,080
to each other.

446
00:26:20,080 --> 00:26:24,160
We had unconditional--

447
00:26:24,160 --> 00:26:25,390
I was looking for that word--

448
00:26:25,390 --> 00:26:32,680

449
00:26:32,680 --> 00:26:36,130
love, unconditional devotion.

450
00:26:36,130 --> 00:26:41,530
It was just-- we were like--

451
00:26:41,530 --> 00:26:46,660
[INAUDIBLE] two
bodies and one soul.

452
00:26:46,660 --> 00:26:50,350
We were just very, very close.

453

00:26:50,350 --> 00:26:52,350

How about this picture?

454

00:26:52,350 --> 00:26:56,535

455

00:26:56,535 --> 00:26:58,750

Do you want to take a drink?

456

00:26:58,750 --> 00:28:58,347