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Video Transcripts

Video 1 First Thing Germans Did

The first thing the Germans came, they sealed all the businesses the Jew's businesses. Nobody was allowed to go in or take anything out. That was the first thing. The second thing: every Jew was ordered to return any radio that they had

I remember we just bought a beautiful new [telefulkin] radio, the newest, there was no television at the time. There was the newest model, we had to turn it in. the telephones were turned off, we couldn't use them.

All bicycles had to be turned in, my younger brother just was a boy of 18 years old or 16 how old, he just got his first new bike and he had to turn it in

Video 2 Arriving in Auschwitz

When we got to Auschwitz, again they told us to leave everything our bundles on the train that pretty soon we'll go back on it and we can take it. And when we left the trains we saw columns of women walking, shaven heads and with uniforms with the white and blue uniforms.

And we thought that they were from a mental hospital, that they. We still didn't know what's going on, we were so dumb but then some people found pieces of paper in the cracks on the train that 'you're going to die, you're going to die' and we still somehow

And they took us and they counted us, 500 children and old. Young and old. And they didn't take us the right or left just be counted and they took us to a certain place and they told us to undress and they shaved almost all the women had their head shaven

Video 3 Conditions in the Camp

A lot of children died already because there was malnutrition. There, we were sitting we were picking lice, that was our occupation, picking lice off, that's all we did. There was we didn't, there was no washing, maybe once in two weeks we had a chance to get some water.

There were what like one , washroom. And with cold water and we had maybe to splash a little bit of water, that's all. The conditions were unbearable in Studthoff and they never improved, we still were on the floor in the straw

We never get the what do you call, bridges to sleep on, bridges? What do you call them? The beds. Bunk bed. We never got bunk beds, nothing. We slept on the floor in the straw.

Video 4 Selection

And then they one day, there was an order for everybody to com, there was a court in the middle of the building, everybody had to come down, young and old, everybody had to come down. And well they called it [selectia], to select people, that they whoever.

Did not, an SS man came and pointed out this, this, this has to come. And my mother didn't look very good, she was only in her 50s but she aged a lot with what happening and my nephew in the evening we decided that my mama and the little boy won't come down.

That they should hide out because she was pale and she was got gray hair. And we were worried about her, and I with my husband went in our apartment in the morning, we were young, I wasn't worried about myself. We came down I didn't see mother and the little boy.

(interviewer) what which boy again, which name?

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(I) The Same one.

That's my nephew, my nephew and he was only 3 years old I think, only 3 or 4. And I thought oh good, then she didn't come down, she's hiding. When it was over it turned out that they took my mother and the little boy.