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KEY QUOTES

“It was a quiet life. We didn’t know anything better, and we didn’t have any complaints. Everybody lived their own life.”

“When they went through the main street, whoever was on the street was shot. But the main objective was just how to start to degrade the Jews. Before they killed them they have to degrade them, turn to nothing.”

“I remember I looked, a dog passed the street. I was a young girl and I felt, ‘Look, that dog is luckier than I am.’ I envied him. I saw he had a master, he was fed. We didn’t have anybody to take our side. They were able to do with us what they wanted.”

“The non-Jews watched like a show, and laughed, and we cried. The feeling that time was so painful. ‘Look, we are nothing.’”

“I remember the snow was crunching under the shoes because it was so cold outside. Everybody was shaking. And we came to the train station and there already cattle trains waiting for us.”

“When we came, we were stuffed inside like herrings next to each other.”

“You oldest of three, you three. You go out. Maybe somebody survive to be able to tell what is happening to us, because we know where we are going, and we have to stay with the little children together. Because the little children no matter what, they won’t be able to survive, even if they were free.”

“But my little brother, the youngest, who was three years old, and he started to cry, ‘I want to live too! I want to live too!’ And these words stayed with me the whole life, no matter how I tried to forget.”

“As I walked back I saw just corpses. All those people whom I knew, I knew everybody. It was a small Jewish community. Everybody was dead. I found my sister and my brother dead. From that train I was the only one to survive.”

“She let me stay ‘til evening. Later she gave me a shawl to keep warm, half bread, few Polish zlotys, and I went. She told me to go.”

“When he opened door, I was sitting on the chair. I thought I was seeing a ghost. I almost fainted, and Henry came to me and said, ‘We are getting married.’”

“I lived in several countries. The United States is the best country in the world to live.”

“We have all to avoid prejudice and hatred. Because all those atrocities result, their results, only from hatred and prejudice.”

“But I think everybody should be treated equal and everybody should be given a chance. And I hope the history won’t repeat itself.”

“Of course I can’t forget that I had a family, what way my family was taken away from me. I hope that forgiveness will teach people not to do what was done before.”