

Testimony of Rose Gran
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10:09 b. Poland; married at 22

10:21 2 brothers, younger sister(all married); 8000 Jews in city travelled one day to synagogue-took away everything, even blankets. Father-Hebrew teacher/mother-housewife

10:12 button factory(father); mother baker's helper; many friends

10:14 Polish people told Germans were coming and would chase out of homes. Family family to fix up home(new fence etc.) Could do nothing. Folks(Deutchen came to our house. My They took everything.

10:17 DAYRIDE IN WAGON TO SYNAGOGUE W/INLAWS & 3 CHILDREN. I WANTED TO RUN, BUT HAD CHILDREN AND FAMILY. THE SICK PEOPLE WERE TAKEN BEHIND SYNAGOGUE AND SHOT. IN THE MORNING WE WERE TAKEN TO TRAINS MEANT FOR CATTLE. Men were seperated. Jewelry etc. taken. No toilet/no water; no air. One stop when Poles brought pails w/water.

10:21 Mother & daughter in train. SS wanted to take a girl for sex. Killed 3 people with one bull because she refused. Brother jumped from train.

10:23 Mjdanek for 3 months. Barracks w/no food or water. Worked making cesment. Mother-in-law and father in-law died in ghetto(Kotzk)

10:24 Before Mjdanek, taken to Kotzk..HID CHILDREN IN ATTIC. I WAS HIDDEN ELSEWHERE. POLISH BOY SHOWED NAZIS WHERE KIDS WERE HIDDEN.

10:29 Worked for Polish family. Fed horses etc. in return for food. Religious Jews taken to dig own graves. Spent 1 year in Kotzk. Local people angry Jews came. Husband worked to build roads to Russia.

10:34 Lice. LOST YEAR OLD CHILD FROM STARVATION IN KOTCZK. Gathered wood to sell. Polish children cut string holding wood on our shoulders.

10:36 Ghetto reduced in numbers. No food. Taken to another city. Children gone. Met man from my city. Gave me a place to sleep. At night brought bread thru wires. Sold for food. Miracle that SS sawme and did nothing. I hid money in dress hems. At Mjdanik Germans took clothes w/money. My brother was with me and had money. SAW GAS CHAMBERS.

10:40 Sent to work for 3 months. SS women w/ German shepards. "DOGS WERE MENCHES. I WA: THE DOG." Greek Jews came and were killed.

10:42 We were taken to Auschwitz. My 12 yr. old niece was with us. Taken to work in Lager. Took stones from one place to another in apron, back and forth. Made braids from clothe for carpets. We were prisoners. Kapot hit on head for no reason. Spent 2 hears in Auschwit. When first came, barracks were covered with rags. Counted. Lines for coffee. Couted us so much. 200 people made pools for fish. Wheel barrels without wheels. Never enuf food.

10:52 Man found dead bird in well. No one wanted it. I took it and hid it between my legs. Walked in the middle of 4 other women. Sold bird for potatoes.

10:55 Own black market. Got cigarettes went to musicians block and exchanged for food.

10:58 Stole potatoes peels, washed, cooked in soup. Hid fire while cooking. Sold soup for bread. Helped other people. They helped me.

11:00 Heard screaming and gunfire at nite. Daily transports.

11:02 Dr. Mengele made selections. Took away 1 of my friends. I showed my tongue to him. He felt the muscle on my arm. He was young and handsome. My hair was shaved. Deliced. Long shirt. Made kerchief with hem.

11:06 Czech block elder punished me for leaving block. I had to hold 2 bricks in air.

11:13 Auschwitz. We thought wouldn't live. Hungesr main problem. Wanted to die not hungry. Always with 2 other girls. Shared food. (1 in Israel/found brother in Germany) I LOST HUSBAND AND CHILDREN.

11:15 I WALKED TO TRAINS. TAKEN TO BERGEN BELSEN. 3 MONTHS. Carried thermoses with food. Cleaning. Girl with hair full of lice and scabs. Cut her hair. Lice fell off all over the place or ground. I was still with 1 friend. She wanted to electocute herself on wires. Hungary, wet, cold, I wouldn't let her. I knew liberation was near. I COULN'T DIE UNTIL I WAS NO LONGER HUNGAR!

11:20 Liberated by English. Saw SS killed in swimming pool(killed by Jews)
I was young & strong, always moving. Heard bombing 8 days before liberation.

11:23 Afraid at liberation. Didn't know what was happening. English soldiers tried so hard to help. Many people died after liberation from too much food.

11:25 After liberation had 2 rooms. Met boy from home. Cooked & tried to make us better. Thief tole everything.

11:26 Met my husband in Bergen Belsen after liberation. Sold stuff to shoemaker where my husband was working. He had a girlfriend from camp who was young and beautiful and cheated

on him. He caught her with another man. He married me after 4 weeks. My daughter Ana was born in Bergen-Belsen.

11:30 Auschwitz. Children screaming for water. Taken at nite and put in gas chambers. No room in crematorium. so burned in fire. I SAW THIS.

11:31 1945 STAYED THERE UNTIL JULY 5, 1949 WHEN CAME TO U.S. HIAS. MY HUSBAND WAS 15 YEARS OLDER THAN ME...GOOD MAN, EDUCATED, RELIGIOUS, SHOEMAKER. "WHAT FLOWERS" WE WERE MARRIED BY A RABBI