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Visit in Turobin in 2017

We went to Turobin on June [2017] and met the descendants of Antek Teklak – the grandson of his brother. He has no children, Antek Teklak. The descendant is Krzysztof Tutka. And we went out to meet him. We were in a group and one of the days, we went only our family. And for me, to be in the town of my grandmother and grandfather and to meet these people... He called all the family to see us, from Warsaw and we went out from the taxi, and all the people cried. We don't know these people, they don't know us, but it was so exciting for us and for them also to meet, and the stories came together in this meeting. I think that it's the most exciting moment maybe in my life, this human meeting together. And we were in their house and we told them that because of Antek Teklak me and my mother that was with me, we exist, and all my brothers and 13 people. They were very exciting also, Krzysztof and his wife Anna, and son, and daughter. And I thought to myself and told them also that Antek made a choice and risk his life, and in Hebrew we have some kind of saying from the Talmud book, one of the holiest books, that "Whoever saved one person saves all world". And Antek Teklak gave my grandmother foods all the time, and the family of Tutko gave us food. And I thought also, I thought to myself, maybe my grandmother were killed if she was caught, but also Antek Teklak and also all his family. So they we're even it this, I don't know... Crazy situation of World War II. And we know in Israel about many people that risked their lives to save Jewish people – maybe the neighbor and maybe a person that they didn't know about him. And I think something like 6000 people were recognized as a Righteous Among the Nations [from Poland]. And for me to went in this town, with my grandfather's hat and went to the town. And they took us where the synagogue stood and where the cemetery stood. And I said a prayer, a kaddish over there, it was very exciting. Touching and emotional.

And I know about the also that Poles caught Jews and take them to the Nazis and also

my grandmother's brother also was killed after the war. The times were very crazy, but many people saved the life of Jews. And I know also about the Polish suffer in the war. 3 million Jewish people from Poland were killed, 3 million Polish people were killed also in the war. So maybe my generation can talk about the suffer also of the Polish people.

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