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00:00:00,000 --> 00:00:01,476

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00:00:01,476 --> 00:00:03,936
[SPEAKING FRENCH]

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00:00:03,936 --> 00:00:06,720

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00:00:06,720 --> 00:00:08,170
[SPEAKING GERMAN]

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00:00:08,170 --> 00:00:11,750
These Nuremberg racial
laws had, of course,

6
00:00:11,750 --> 00:00:16,560
some effect which may perhaps
also sound very funny.

7
00:00:16,560 --> 00:00:19,280
There were people
who had Jewish names.

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00:00:19,280 --> 00:00:24,740
And they felt that this could of
course cause them difficulties.

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00:00:24,740 --> 00:00:26,480
And then they started
or somebody else

10
00:00:26,480 --> 00:00:33,920
started to go into details or go
into investigations to find out

11
00:00:33,920 --> 00:00:37,220
whether there was perhaps
a Jewish background, which

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00:00:37,220 --> 00:00:39,260

would have done this
man a lot of harm

13
00:00:39,260 --> 00:00:41,340
in his professional career.

14
00:00:41,340 --> 00:00:46,400
So there's a joke, for example.

15
00:00:46,400 --> 00:00:49,370
Somebody-- I hope I'm
telling this joke correctly,

16
00:00:49,370 --> 00:00:51,800
but in my memory it's like this.

17
00:00:51,800 --> 00:00:56,990
That somebody in a company
presents himself and says,

18
00:00:56,990 --> 00:00:59,120
my name is Ungern.

19
00:00:59,120 --> 00:01:03,980
And the other man to whom he
presented himself says my name

20
00:01:03,980 --> 00:01:06,500
is Ungern Sternberg.

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00:01:06,500 --> 00:01:09,860
Which means-- "ungern"
means "I dislike

22
00:01:09,860 --> 00:01:12,170
to be called Sternberg."

23
00:01:12,170 --> 00:01:15,870
So anyway, Sternberg was
obviously a Jewish name.

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00:01:15,870 --> 00:01:19,250

And of course, it might
be that the Nazis said,

25
00:01:19,250 --> 00:01:20,520
what about this man?

26
00:01:20,520 --> 00:01:22,310
He must have a Jewish
background, perhaps

27
00:01:22,310 --> 00:01:23,600
a Jewish grandmother.

28
00:01:23,600 --> 00:01:25,490
Which meant he was
a quarter Jewish.

29
00:01:25,490 --> 00:01:28,720
Which meant he had no
rights, or his rights

30
00:01:28,720 --> 00:01:30,770
were curtailed
something like this.

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00:01:30,770 --> 00:01:33,740
These Nuremberg laws
really made a difference.

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00:01:33,740 --> 00:01:39,620
But excuse me, does it mean that
the Germans had Jewish names,

33
00:01:39,620 --> 00:01:43,570
or that the Jews
had German names?

34
00:01:43,570 --> 00:01:46,340
No, it means, of course,
that some people--

35
00:01:46,340 --> 00:01:48,697
in the course of the

centuries, or only perhaps

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00:01:48,697 --> 00:01:50,530

at the beginning of the
century or whenever,

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00:01:50,530 --> 00:01:52,310

had changed their religion.

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00:01:52,310 --> 00:01:55,550

Some Jews didn't want to
like to go on being Jewish.

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00:01:55,550 --> 00:01:58,460

It was so much easier
to be non-Jewish.

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00:01:58,460 --> 00:02:02,600

And some Jews or perhaps
the majority, of course,

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00:02:02,600 --> 00:02:04,850

was hoping for the
emancipation, to be

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00:02:04,850 --> 00:02:07,010

accepted as a full German.

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00:02:07,010 --> 00:02:09,650

Others thought to
speed this process up

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00:02:09,650 --> 00:02:12,680

by converting to
being Christians.

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00:02:12,680 --> 00:02:15,830

But of course, they kept the
name Goldschmidt or Sternberg

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00:02:15,830 --> 00:02:16,880

in this sense.

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00:02:16,880 --> 00:02:20,150

Which didn't really matter
until Hitler came to power.

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00:02:20,150 --> 00:02:22,610

And to have a name like
Sternberg or Goldschmidt

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00:02:22,610 --> 00:02:27,140

meant that you were
immediately under the suspicion

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00:02:27,140 --> 00:02:29,220

that you were not Jewish.

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00:02:29,220 --> 00:02:30,680

You see what I mean?

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00:02:30,680 --> 00:02:33,200

That explains the question?

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00:02:33,200 --> 00:02:34,600

Yes, yes.

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00:02:34,600 --> 00:02:37,040

And the people started
to look in their past.

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00:02:37,040 --> 00:02:38,720

To look into their past.

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00:02:38,720 --> 00:02:40,970

They themselves
sometimes, because it

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00:02:40,970 --> 00:02:42,560

may have been centuries
back, and they

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00:02:42,560 --> 00:02:45,680

wanted to prove that it
was not their grandmother,

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00:02:45,680 --> 00:02:47,310
but much further back.

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00:02:47,310 --> 00:02:50,750
And if it was much further back,
of course, they were clear.

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00:02:50,750 --> 00:02:54,080
And they would also, I
believe, been given the right

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00:02:54,080 --> 00:02:57,230
to change their names, so that
they wouldn't have this trouble

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00:02:57,230 --> 00:02:58,400
anymore, to be looked at.

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00:02:58,400 --> 00:02:59,420
What, Goldschmidt?

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00:02:59,420 --> 00:03:03,380
You know, this sort of
being under the suspicion

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00:03:03,380 --> 00:03:07,940
of being Jewish and being
unacceptable in the Reich.

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00:03:07,940 --> 00:03:09,800
But of course, if it
was a grandmother,

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00:03:09,800 --> 00:03:12,290
it was not so good.

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00:03:12,290 --> 00:03:16,000
At any rate, these
were the things that--

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00:03:16,000 --> 00:03:18,470

But there were
professions at the time

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00:03:18,470 --> 00:03:23,660
which were newly created in
order to look in the Stammbaum.

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00:03:23,660 --> 00:03:25,340
I believe there were.

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00:03:25,340 --> 00:03:27,080
But of course, this
is a subject which

74
00:03:27,080 --> 00:03:28,620
didn't concern me so very much.

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00:03:28,620 --> 00:03:31,530
I believe there were
what you called [GERMAN]..

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00:03:31,530 --> 00:03:35,270
But as I said, it was not
my concern so very much.

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00:03:35,270 --> 00:03:38,420
And I must say, I
remember I hadn't much

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00:03:38,420 --> 00:03:39,980
patience with this
sort of people,

79
00:03:39,980 --> 00:03:44,540
who would try make some people
believe that they were Aryan.

80
00:03:44,540 --> 00:03:47,750
I mean, I understood that this
was much more pleasant for them

81
00:03:47,750 --> 00:03:49,320
and much easier for them.

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00:03:49,320 --> 00:03:51,530
But I thought it
was very cowardly.

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00:03:51,530 --> 00:03:54,260
But you see, I was
brought up a fighter.

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00:03:54,260 --> 00:03:56,970
And therefore I accepted
what was my fate.

85
00:03:56,970 --> 00:03:59,720
Now, of course these
Nuremberg laws,

86
00:03:59,720 --> 00:04:02,810
and all this being
thrown out of jobs,

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00:04:02,810 --> 00:04:09,650
and having now difficulties made
people believe that perhaps it

88
00:04:09,650 --> 00:04:16,290
was better to at least consider
emigration, if nothing else.

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00:04:16,290 --> 00:04:18,779
Now, to emigrate was not
the easiest of things.

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00:04:18,779 --> 00:04:20,890
You just couldn't buy
a ticket to America

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00:04:20,890 --> 00:04:23,000
and then this was it.

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00:04:23,000 --> 00:04:26,930
There was a quota system, and
many countries didn't want us.

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00:04:26,930 --> 00:04:30,770

At any rate, one
thing was clear.

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00:04:30,770 --> 00:04:33,500

Emigration meant you couldn't
go as an intellectual

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00:04:33,500 --> 00:04:38,000

and as a teacher or a lawyer
or whatever to a country

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00:04:38,000 --> 00:04:40,190

and think that
you could continue

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00:04:40,190 --> 00:04:43,770

working there as a lawyer or a
teacher or something like this.

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00:04:43,770 --> 00:04:49,250

So this Jewish community,
which was really

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00:04:49,250 --> 00:04:52,480

trying to help the
people started up

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00:04:52,480 --> 00:04:57,590

courses for changing
professions.

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00:04:57,590 --> 00:05:02,130

Now you could suddenly
become an artisan.

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00:05:02,130 --> 00:05:05,340

And as a matter of fact,
all artisans at the time,

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00:05:05,340 --> 00:05:08,640

those Jewish artisans

that existed in Berlin,

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00:05:08,640 --> 00:05:11,880
were considered the aristocracy
of the Jewish people.

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00:05:11,880 --> 00:05:12,940
What was a lawyer?

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00:05:12,940 --> 00:05:19,980
He was a senseless, useless
man considering his future

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00:05:19,980 --> 00:05:21,020
in Germany.

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00:05:21,020 --> 00:05:24,750
Now, this changing
of professions,

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00:05:24,750 --> 00:05:29,100
or rather taking courses
to be able to execute

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00:05:29,100 --> 00:05:33,260
another profession
abroad in a new country,

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00:05:33,260 --> 00:05:36,240
it was called
Berufsumschichtung.

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00:05:36,240 --> 00:05:38,920
I don't know whether there's
a good English word for it.

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00:05:38,920 --> 00:05:42,480
At any rate, I remember there
were courses for shoemakers.

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00:05:42,480 --> 00:05:45,840
There were courses for
people who made chocolates.

115
00:05:45,840 --> 00:05:48,180
There were people
who could learn

116
00:05:48,180 --> 00:05:51,550
how to milk a cow
and things like this,

117
00:05:51,550 --> 00:05:54,610
to do agricultural work
and all that sort of thing.

118
00:05:54,610 --> 00:05:58,110
Now, my father, for
example, thought

119
00:05:58,110 --> 00:06:01,170
perhaps it would be a good
idea, I wouldn't do any harm,

120
00:06:01,170 --> 00:06:07,050
you know, to do something like
this, to pass such a course.

121
00:06:07,050 --> 00:06:10,070
And he chose to be a shoemaker.

122
00:06:10,070 --> 00:06:13,560
Now, whenever I asked
him why shoemaker?--

123
00:06:13,560 --> 00:06:16,060
and I have to add
here that my father is

124
00:06:16,060 --> 00:06:17,970
a very unpractical man.

125
00:06:17,970 --> 00:06:21,930
To this day, he can't
hit a nail into the wall.

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00:06:21,930 --> 00:06:25,090

So he said, you know, I
remember when I was a child,

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00:06:25,090 --> 00:06:27,660

there was a shoemaker
in our village.

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00:06:27,660 --> 00:06:29,720

And it looked so nice
when he was sitting there

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00:06:29,720 --> 00:06:33,150

with his big glass bulb.

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00:06:33,150 --> 00:06:35,860

And I was looking and
watching him for hours.

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00:06:35,860 --> 00:06:38,250

And so this is the reason
that I chose this profession.

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00:06:38,250 --> 00:06:38,950

It was just--

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00:06:38,950 --> 00:06:40,140

A child's dream.

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00:06:40,140 --> 00:06:41,520

Child dream, yes.

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00:06:41,520 --> 00:06:46,950

And so he bought himself the
outfit, this leather apron

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00:06:46,950 --> 00:06:49,110

and all these tools you needed.

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00:06:49,110 --> 00:06:50,910

And he was sitting
somewhere here, also

138
00:06:50,910 --> 00:06:51,930
not very far from here.

139
00:06:51,930 --> 00:06:55,320
I think it was in Pariser
Strasse at a Jewish shoemaker's

140
00:06:55,320 --> 00:06:58,770
place, and tried to
learn to hammer nails

141
00:06:58,770 --> 00:07:00,960
into the soles of people.

142
00:07:00,960 --> 00:07:04,396
I'll never gave him my
shoes to repair, I bet you.

143
00:07:04,396 --> 00:07:06,720
We didn't trust his
skill very much.

144
00:07:06,720 --> 00:07:11,400
But there were other people
like my uncle, who learned

145
00:07:11,400 --> 00:07:14,920
to make chocolates, you see.

146
00:07:14,920 --> 00:07:19,530
And we always laughed
about these things.

147
00:07:19,530 --> 00:07:23,790
I remember there was a family
who were very rich still,

148
00:07:23,790 --> 00:07:25,140
relatively rich.

149
00:07:25,140 --> 00:07:29,730

And they decided to, if at all,
they wanted to go to Palestine

150
00:07:29,730 --> 00:07:31,230
and start a farm there.

151
00:07:31,230 --> 00:07:33,360
The man was a businessman.

152
00:07:33,360 --> 00:07:35,040
He'd never seen
a cow, I believe.

153
00:07:35,040 --> 00:07:39,420
I mean, not more than when
you go on holidays where

154
00:07:39,420 --> 00:07:41,310
you see cows, you see.

155
00:07:41,310 --> 00:07:45,810
And he bought the outfit,
you know, how to milk cows.

156
00:07:45,810 --> 00:07:47,850
So there were
lying these things,

157
00:07:47,850 --> 00:07:49,980
these very strange
things which you

158
00:07:49,980 --> 00:07:52,230
put into the udder of a cow.

159
00:07:52,230 --> 00:07:54,410
And we're all looking at
this, and were wondering

160
00:07:54,410 --> 00:07:55,770
how to use this, you know?

161

00:07:55,770 --> 00:07:58,540

And we had our
great fun with it.

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00:07:58,540 --> 00:08:01,830

So it was serious, and
it was yet not serious.

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00:08:01,830 --> 00:08:04,680

You know, it's sort of
a mixture of thinking,

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00:08:04,680 --> 00:08:07,560

well, one should
perhaps do something.

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00:08:07,560 --> 00:08:12,510

And yet, one thought it
might never be necessary.

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00:08:12,510 --> 00:08:15,070

But in those years, there
was at least this feeling,

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00:08:15,070 --> 00:08:15,995

perhaps it was better.

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00:08:15,995 --> 00:08:17,370

Now, I remember,
for example this

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00:08:17,370 --> 00:08:19,410

is a very interesting case.

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00:08:19,410 --> 00:08:24,120

I had an uncle who was
a doctor in Berlin,

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00:08:24,120 --> 00:08:26,070

a very successful one.

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00:08:26,070 --> 00:08:29,310

And he one day decided to

be the pioneer among us

173
00:08:29,310 --> 00:08:32,370
and to go to Palestine.

174
00:08:32,370 --> 00:08:34,860
And he brought--
those people who

175
00:08:34,860 --> 00:08:38,250
still had money bought all the
things new, new instruments,

176
00:08:38,250 --> 00:08:41,460
and they sort of invested
their money in this way.

177
00:08:41,460 --> 00:08:44,130
And he went-- I think
he went to Haifa.

178
00:08:44,130 --> 00:08:47,580
And I didn't remember
whether we had any mail,

179
00:08:47,580 --> 00:08:48,780
but that's not the thing.

180
00:08:48,780 --> 00:08:53,130
After a year or so,
or not even that much,

181
00:08:53,130 --> 00:08:55,260
he was back in Berlin.

182
00:08:55,260 --> 00:08:58,020
Because he said, I
can't live there.

183
00:08:58,020 --> 00:09:00,030
I can't work there.

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00:09:00,030 --> 00:09:02,550

These strange people
that are there.

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00:09:02,550 --> 00:09:05,880

And the dirt, and the
insects, and the heat.

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00:09:05,880 --> 00:09:08,460

And you see, he thought
that Nazi Germany was still

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00:09:08,460 --> 00:09:11,340

better than the people
of Haifa, perhaps

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00:09:11,340 --> 00:09:14,490

the Arabs who were so strange
for him, and perhaps--

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00:09:14,490 --> 00:09:17,920

well, the insects that did exist
and the heat, indeed it exists,

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00:09:17,920 --> 00:09:22,230

but all this was
preferable in Germany.

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00:09:22,230 --> 00:09:25,380

So you see, it was sort
of a mixture of feelings.

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00:09:25,380 --> 00:09:31,380

There was also an institution,
the Hilfsverein, an association

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00:09:31,380 --> 00:09:36,720

to help Jews to emigrate,
giving all sorts of advice,

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00:09:36,720 --> 00:09:38,370

what to take, what to do.

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00:09:38,370 --> 00:09:41,700
But it was sort of
half-hearted, all this.

196
00:09:41,700 --> 00:09:47,480
It's very interesting to look at
Jewish newspapers of the time.

197
00:09:47,480 --> 00:09:49,980
For instance,
JÃ¼dische Rundschau.

198
00:09:49,980 --> 00:09:54,840
There are full pages of
advertisements, Spedition,

199
00:09:54,840 --> 00:09:57,700
which means to--

200
00:09:57,700 --> 00:09:58,680
Removal.

201
00:09:58,680 --> 00:10:02,925
To change the place for return.

202
00:10:02,925 --> 00:10:06,500
And these ads were
put by non-Jews.

203
00:10:06,500 --> 00:10:07,670
Of course.

204
00:10:07,670 --> 00:10:09,410
They wanted to make money.

205
00:10:09,410 --> 00:10:12,950
The non-Jews made a lot of
money out of us already then.

206
00:10:12,950 --> 00:10:15,650
For example, there was
also a new profession

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00:10:15,650 --> 00:10:18,530
of a specialist for emigration.

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00:10:18,530 --> 00:10:21,870
For example, when
we later on, this

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00:10:21,870 --> 00:10:27,860
is really a later story,
decided to pack all our things

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00:10:27,860 --> 00:10:31,640
for emigration purposes,
we had to employ

211

00:10:31,640 --> 00:10:36,920
a man who would advise us what
we were allowed to take out

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00:10:36,920 --> 00:10:38,300
of Germany and what not.

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00:10:38,300 --> 00:10:40,580
You see, this is
the funny thing.

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00:10:40,580 --> 00:10:43,190
The Nazis might have wanted
us out of this country,

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00:10:43,190 --> 00:10:46,500
but they didn't want us to take
all we had out of this country.

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00:10:46,500 --> 00:10:50,880
So then of course, we had
to sell a lot of our things.

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00:10:50,880 --> 00:10:55,490
And I remember very well
that this man arranged

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00:10:55,490 --> 00:10:56,770
the sale of our things.

219
00:10:56,770 --> 00:10:57,270
And--

220
00:10:57,270 --> 00:10:58,190
He was a professional.

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00:10:58,190 --> 00:10:59,720
He was a professional.

222
00:10:59,720 --> 00:11:02,840
And there came the
German customers.

223
00:11:02,840 --> 00:11:09,710
And I remember how they
wanted us to sell cheaply.

224
00:11:09,710 --> 00:11:13,250
They wanted to have
a bargain, of course.

225
00:11:13,250 --> 00:11:14,135
They used to say--

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00:11:14,135 --> 00:11:17,246

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00:11:17,246 --> 00:11:19,601
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00:11:19,601 --> 00:11:21,970

229
00:11:21,970 --> 00:11:27,030
The people who came to us to
buy something off us, of course

230
00:11:27,030 --> 00:11:28,220
wanted things cheaply.

231
00:11:28,220 --> 00:11:30,000
I mean, they
thought these people

232
00:11:30,000 --> 00:11:32,970
will give us these things
cheaply because they

233
00:11:32,970 --> 00:11:34,290
have to get rid of it.

234
00:11:34,290 --> 00:11:36,660
They can't take
everything with them.

235
00:11:36,660 --> 00:11:38,790
And I remember very
well people coming, sort

236
00:11:38,790 --> 00:11:43,050
of staring at all the things
that were after all our home.

237
00:11:43,050 --> 00:11:45,720
And for me, it was sort of--

238
00:11:45,720 --> 00:11:51,240
for every young child, it's
like a nest, of course, a home.

239
00:11:51,240 --> 00:11:53,640
And there came strangers
and touched everything,

240
00:11:53,640 --> 00:11:55,640
said, what is this worth?

241
00:11:55,640 --> 00:12:00,450
Or what do you need this
Meissener vase when you

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00:12:00,450 --> 00:12:02,427
go to a country like Palestine?

243
00:12:02,427 --> 00:12:03,510
What do you need this for?

244
00:12:03,510 --> 00:12:05,670
All right, give
it cheaply to us.

245
00:12:05,670 --> 00:12:10,560
And when prices were fixed,
and this man, the specialist,

246
00:12:10,560 --> 00:12:11,550
did this for us.

247
00:12:11,550 --> 00:12:14,010
Of course, sometimes
he consulted us

248
00:12:14,010 --> 00:12:17,410
and said, all right, why
don't you perhaps edit

249
00:12:17,410 --> 00:12:19,420
the thing, or a bit lower.

250
00:12:19,420 --> 00:12:22,410
It will be very difficult
to sell all this.

251
00:12:22,410 --> 00:12:26,700
And I remember very well when
somebody said, well, you know,

252
00:12:26,700 --> 00:12:34,380
if you want me to take
this vase or this picture,

253
00:12:34,380 --> 00:12:37,890
I think you will have to
add half a meter of books

254
00:12:37,890 --> 00:12:41,040
to that, to make the
price worthwhile.

255
00:12:41,040 --> 00:12:44,663
You see, this was the situation,
and it was heartbreaking.

256
00:12:44,663 --> 00:12:45,390
Horrible.

257
00:12:45,390 --> 00:12:50,040
My parents were very
perturbed by the whole thing.

258
00:12:50,040 --> 00:12:53,010
It was really sort of--

259
00:12:53,010 --> 00:12:57,540
today it sounds all very
odd that one is hurt by this

260
00:12:57,540 --> 00:13:00,960
or was hurt by this, because
such things, much worse things

261
00:13:00,960 --> 00:13:02,250
happened afterwards.

262
00:13:02,250 --> 00:13:05,830
But at the time, this was
rather difficult to bear.

263
00:13:05,830 --> 00:13:07,670
Yes, but this is the same lines.

264
00:13:07,670 --> 00:13:09,180
This is the same process.

265
00:13:09,180 --> 00:13:10,380
It is the same process.

266
00:13:10,380 --> 00:13:12,690
Yes, and it really
sort of it was

267
00:13:12,690 --> 00:13:15,720
a time when we
were becoming very

268
00:13:15,720 --> 00:13:17,720
separate from the German people.

269
00:13:17,720 --> 00:13:20,530
That means our interests
were different ones.

270
00:13:20,530 --> 00:13:22,350
They had a happy, happy life.

271
00:13:22,350 --> 00:13:25,050
Hitler succeeded in everything.

272
00:13:25,050 --> 00:13:28,410
The German people who had
been doubtful in the beginning

273
00:13:28,410 --> 00:13:32,480
suddenly thought, well, he
is really making headway,

274
00:13:32,480 --> 00:13:34,490
and the whole world looks on.

275
00:13:34,490 --> 00:13:37,590
On the contrary, they
even help him so to speak.

276
00:13:37,590 --> 00:13:43,980
When he started the Wehrmacht
in '35, nobody objected.

277
00:13:43,980 --> 00:13:48,060

When he conquered the Rhineland
or entered the Rhineland,

278
00:13:48,060 --> 00:13:49,463
nobody objected.

279
00:13:49,463 --> 00:13:50,880
You know, and they
dealt with him.

280
00:13:50,880 --> 00:13:52,950
They came to negotiate with him.

281
00:13:52,950 --> 00:13:56,040
So obviously many Germans
had doubts before.

282
00:13:56,040 --> 00:13:58,640
I'm not talking about
the staunch socialists

283
00:13:58,640 --> 00:14:00,570
or the staunch democrats.

284
00:14:00,570 --> 00:14:04,230
There were such people, and
they were still our friends.

285
00:14:04,230 --> 00:14:07,590
But the masses, you
know, it had become

286
00:14:07,590 --> 00:14:11,310
very difficult to be anti-Hitler
because of all these successes,

287
00:14:11,310 --> 00:14:14,550
and because of the whole
world which looked on and even

288
00:14:14,550 --> 00:14:17,370
applauded this man.

289

00:14:17,370 --> 00:14:21,300

So the situation was
that we were really

290

00:14:21,300 --> 00:14:25,560

sort of getting very separated
from the German people.

291

00:14:25,560 --> 00:14:35,070

And we tried to look at
the world, and tried--

292

00:14:35,070 --> 00:14:36,160

what did I want to say?

293

00:14:36,160 --> 00:14:36,660

Sorry.

294

00:14:36,660 --> 00:14:38,060

I forgot now.

295

00:14:38,060 --> 00:14:40,910

We come to the year '38.

296

00:14:40,910 --> 00:14:41,520

Yes.

297

00:14:41,520 --> 00:14:42,900

Well, yes.

298

00:14:42,900 --> 00:14:46,650

And then I would say that
the whole thing, this sort

299

00:14:46,650 --> 00:14:51,450

of separation from the Germans
culminated in the year '38,

300

00:14:51,450 --> 00:14:54,090

which I always call the
year of the marking.

301

00:14:54,090 --> 00:15:01,410

Because it was then that we
were told to have Kennkarten.

302

00:15:01,410 --> 00:15:02,460

That means--

303

00:15:02,460 --> 00:15:03,360

Identity cards.

304

00:15:03,360 --> 00:15:05,730

Identity cards, but they
were something special.

305

00:15:05,730 --> 00:15:08,340

They were not just
identity cards.

306

00:15:08,340 --> 00:15:12,230

Not only that, they had to have
a big J on the outside and they

307

00:15:12,230 --> 00:15:17,490

inside, they had to
have our fingerprints.

308

00:15:17,490 --> 00:15:21,980

Now, at that time, this was done
only for criminals, of course.

309

00:15:21,980 --> 00:15:27,120

And I remember still this
feeling of, what shall I say?

310

00:15:27,120 --> 00:15:29,130

It's very, very
strange to say today

311

00:15:29,130 --> 00:15:33,450

that one felt awful or awkward
when one took fingerprints,

312

00:15:33,450 --> 00:15:37,650
because it's so
trivial, really, today.

313
00:15:37,650 --> 00:15:40,350
And not only this,
then we were told

314
00:15:40,350 --> 00:15:43,100
that every photographs that
had to be in the Kennkarte

315
00:15:43,100 --> 00:15:46,530
had to be with
the left ear free,

316
00:15:46,530 --> 00:15:54,450
because the ear, or the forming,
the shape, the shape of the ear

317
00:15:54,450 --> 00:15:57,470
would identify us as Jews.

318
00:15:57,470 --> 00:15:58,200
I remember--

319
00:15:58,200 --> 00:16:00,620
Why, why, why?

320
00:16:00,620 --> 00:16:03,930
You have to ask a Nazi
for that, because I really

321
00:16:03,930 --> 00:16:09,030
can't explain this, what was so
special about the Jewish ear.

322
00:16:09,030 --> 00:16:11,940
I myself, I remember
as I was very young,

323
00:16:11,940 --> 00:16:16,440
when I was traveling in a bus,

or in the S-Bahn or electric

324

00:16:16,440 --> 00:16:20,790
train, I used to look at
the ears of the people,

325

00:16:20,790 --> 00:16:23,390
of the ordinary people around
me who were not Jewish,

326

00:16:23,390 --> 00:16:26,660
and I tried to find out what
was special about their ear

327

00:16:26,660 --> 00:16:30,050
and what was different
to my ear, but I'm sorry,

328

00:16:30,050 --> 00:16:31,100
I didn't find it.

329

00:16:31,100 --> 00:16:35,360
And again to come back to
say that the Jews still

330

00:16:35,360 --> 00:16:37,370
tried to relieve
themselves of all

331

00:16:37,370 --> 00:16:39,860
this terrible
pressure and trouble

332

00:16:39,860 --> 00:16:41,380
by making jokes about it.

333

00:16:41,380 --> 00:16:45,990
Or perhaps the story is
even true, I can't say.

334

00:16:45,990 --> 00:16:52,340
There was talk at the time
about a big meeting, where

335
00:16:52,340 --> 00:16:57,740
a lecturer explained how
one would see from an ear

336
00:16:57,740 --> 00:17:01,260
that somebody was
Jewish or not Jewish.

337
00:17:01,260 --> 00:17:05,270
And he said to somebody in the
public, perhaps you come up.

338
00:17:05,270 --> 00:17:08,010
I can perhaps prove
it from your ear.

339
00:17:08,010 --> 00:17:10,410
And really, he proved
it from this ear--

340
00:17:10,410 --> 00:17:11,119
I'm sorry.

341
00:17:11,119 --> 00:17:13,160
I don't know the details--

342
00:17:13,160 --> 00:17:15,022
that this man was an Aryan.

343
00:17:15,022 --> 00:17:16,730
And it turned out of
course he was a Jew,

344
00:17:16,730 --> 00:17:18,750
but he didn't say
this in the meeting.

345
00:17:18,750 --> 00:17:23,180
It was only told afterwards
that this was it, you see.

346

00:17:23,180 --> 00:17:27,319
Now, the Kennkarte--

347
00:17:27,319 --> 00:17:29,510
And the passport, too.

348
00:17:29,510 --> 00:17:30,220
Just a minute.

349
00:17:30,220 --> 00:17:31,840
We didn't have a passport.

350
00:17:31,840 --> 00:17:34,020
Only those who emigrated.

351
00:17:34,020 --> 00:17:36,590
The Kennkarte had to
be worn by everybody,

352
00:17:36,590 --> 00:17:39,440
had to be in the possession
by everybody every minute.

353
00:17:39,440 --> 00:17:42,200
Meaning I had to go with
this Kennkarte from I

354
00:17:42,200 --> 00:17:44,190
think the age of 16.

355
00:17:44,190 --> 00:17:46,400
I'm not sure now of what age.

356
00:17:46,400 --> 00:17:49,070
Everybody had to have this
Kennkarte in his pocket

357
00:17:49,070 --> 00:17:51,720
and to present it the very
minute that somebody said,

358
00:17:51,720 --> 00:17:53,300

who are you?

359

00:17:53,300 --> 00:17:55,010

And there was something else.

360

00:17:55,010 --> 00:17:59,480

From that time onwards,
we were also told to have,

361

00:17:59,480 --> 00:18:05,090

ordered to have the name
"Israel" for men and the name

362

00:18:05,090 --> 00:18:08,400

"Sarah" for women
added to our names.

363

00:18:08,400 --> 00:18:11,900

So in the Kennkarte,
I had to sign already

364

00:18:11,900 --> 00:18:15,170

Ingeborg Sarah
Deutschkron, which we also

365

00:18:15,170 --> 00:18:16,550

thought very funny, you know.

366

00:18:16,550 --> 00:18:19,140

I mean, what else
could you say to this?

367

00:18:19,140 --> 00:18:22,660

Sarah if it was for the woman,
and for the men, it was Israel?

368

00:18:22,660 --> 00:18:23,370

Israel.

369

00:18:23,370 --> 00:18:23,870

Israel.

370

00:18:23,870 --> 00:18:27,635

My father was then Dr.
Martin Israel Deutschkron.

371

00:18:27,635 --> 00:18:32,590

And whatever we signed, we had
to sign with that name, which

372

00:18:32,590 --> 00:18:35,840

is Ingeborg Sarah Deutschkron.

373

00:18:35,840 --> 00:18:38,170

Now, my father made
a joke about this.

374

00:18:38,170 --> 00:18:40,190

All of the Jewish
women were Sarah?

375

00:18:40,190 --> 00:18:41,420

All the Jewish women.

376

00:18:41,420 --> 00:18:44,420

And the children
that were still born,

377

00:18:44,420 --> 00:18:49,250

there were still marriages,
Jewish marriages in this town.

378

00:18:49,250 --> 00:18:51,710

Mind you, of course, very
few, but there were some.

379

00:18:51,710 --> 00:18:53,510

And some people also
married because they

380

00:18:53,510 --> 00:18:55,670

wanted to go together to
emigration or something

381

00:18:55,670 --> 00:18:56,420

like this.

382
00:18:56,420 --> 00:18:58,610
And there were all
the children born.

383
00:18:58,610 --> 00:19:03,110
There was a list of
names, which the Jews were

384
00:19:03,110 --> 00:19:04,220
allowed to take on.

385
00:19:04,220 --> 00:19:07,760
Now, there were of
course names like Itzig.

386
00:19:07,760 --> 00:19:09,850
Which were of course
to discriminate us.

387
00:19:09,850 --> 00:19:10,350
Itzig?

388
00:19:10,350 --> 00:19:11,750
Itzig, yeah.

389
00:19:11,750 --> 00:19:12,920
Or Jankele.

390
00:19:12,920 --> 00:19:14,630
The list is very funny.

391
00:19:14,630 --> 00:19:16,700
I think you'll
find it somewhere,

392
00:19:16,700 --> 00:19:18,590
you will laugh your
head off, of course.

393
00:19:18,590 --> 00:19:22,980

Some names were beautiful,
like Rachel or Lea and so on.

394
00:19:22,980 --> 00:19:24,590
But there were such
things like Itzig,

395
00:19:24,590 --> 00:19:26,480
it was meant to discriminate.

396
00:19:26,480 --> 00:19:29,860
It was meant to show
that dirty Jew, you know.

397
00:19:29,860 --> 00:19:34,310
And it was forbidden to
take Inge, for instance?

398
00:19:34,310 --> 00:19:35,840
Impossible.

399
00:19:35,840 --> 00:19:39,110
As I said, you know, those like
me, who were grown up already,

400
00:19:39,110 --> 00:19:43,340
we had add Sarah as women,
and the men had to add Israel.

401
00:19:43,340 --> 00:19:45,350
And those children
that were born

402
00:19:45,350 --> 00:19:48,500
were born with names
that were on this list.

403
00:19:48,500 --> 00:19:51,650
I think there were I don't
remember how many names.

404
00:19:51,650 --> 00:19:53,330
It wasn't a very long--

405
00:19:53,330 --> 00:19:55,190
very long list.

406
00:19:55,190 --> 00:19:59,120
I had a little niece,
well, the child

407
00:19:59,120 --> 00:20:04,850
of my cousin, who was born
then, I think in '37 or '38.

408
00:20:04,850 --> 00:20:08,060
And she was called Bila.

409
00:20:08,060 --> 00:20:10,340
I don't know where
the names come from.

410
00:20:10,340 --> 00:20:12,050
I don't know who
composed the list.

411
00:20:12,050 --> 00:20:13,400
That's immaterial.

412
00:20:13,400 --> 00:20:15,890
At any rate, she did not
need to have the name

413
00:20:15,890 --> 00:20:17,930
Sarah, because her
name was already

414
00:20:17,930 --> 00:20:19,580
considered a Jewish name.

415
00:20:19,580 --> 00:20:20,960
So this was it.

416
00:20:20,960 --> 00:20:22,100
We had the Kennkarte.

417
00:20:22,100 --> 00:20:23,630
We had the fingerprints taken.

418
00:20:23,630 --> 00:20:26,060
We had the ear.

419
00:20:26,060 --> 00:20:31,550
The photographs were
not to be retouched.

420
00:20:31,550 --> 00:20:32,420
Can you say that?

421
00:20:32,420 --> 00:20:35,480
Were not to be made look nice.

422
00:20:35,480 --> 00:20:37,070
On the contrary,
they had to be--

423
00:20:37,070 --> 00:20:38,350
they had to be ugly.

424
00:20:38,350 --> 00:20:40,970
This was sort of an order
for the photographer.

425
00:20:40,970 --> 00:20:42,960
Not to be ugly, but
not to be touched up.

426
00:20:42,960 --> 00:20:44,630
This is the word, I think.

427
00:20:44,630 --> 00:20:46,680
And then you had these names.

428
00:20:46,680 --> 00:20:49,490
So this is what I
would call marking.

429

00:20:49,490 --> 00:20:52,520

And we had to keep in
mind also our number.

430

00:20:52,520 --> 00:20:56,690

It was actually, I think,
the first numbering.

431

00:20:56,690 --> 00:21:00,740

Let's call it marking
of the Jewish people.

432

00:21:00,740 --> 00:21:03,200

As a matter of fact, there
were two different periods,

433

00:21:03,200 --> 00:21:08,690

because the marking of the
identity cards, the Kennkarte,

434

00:21:08,690 --> 00:21:13,450

was in the summer of 1938.

435

00:21:13,450 --> 00:21:17,450

And the changing of names,
the adding of Sarah and Israel

436

00:21:17,450 --> 00:21:18,350

was later on.

437

00:21:18,350 --> 00:21:19,880

It was in Nuremberg.

438

00:21:19,880 --> 00:21:21,720

It was after the Kristallnacht.

439

00:21:21,720 --> 00:21:26,430

Yes, the Kennkarte was
issued, and you had already

440

00:21:26,430 --> 00:21:29,160

to sign with Israel and Sarah.

441
00:21:29,160 --> 00:21:31,208
So I can't remember dates now.

442
00:21:31,208 --> 00:21:32,250
It doesn't really matter.

443
00:21:32,250 --> 00:21:34,800
But at any rate, you
can see my Kennkarte.

444
00:21:34,800 --> 00:21:37,040
I've got it in my
possession still today,

445
00:21:37,040 --> 00:21:39,540
and I've signed Ingeborg
Sarah Deutschkron.

446
00:21:39,540 --> 00:21:44,040
So this was what I
would call the marking.

447
00:21:44,040 --> 00:21:47,940
Now, the J in the
passports, that

448
00:21:47,940 --> 00:21:50,850
only mattered for those who
were given the permission

449
00:21:50,850 --> 00:21:51,520
to emigrate.

450
00:21:51,520 --> 00:21:56,310
The origin of this, it was a
demand of the Swiss government.

451
00:21:56,310 --> 00:22:00,230
Because they wanted to
discriminate the Jews from

452

00:22:00,230 --> 00:22:03,660
Austria after the Anschluss--
the Anschluss was in March

453
00:22:03,660 --> 00:22:05,010
'38--

454
00:22:05,010 --> 00:22:07,740
who wanted to emigrate,
and they didn't want them

455
00:22:07,740 --> 00:22:08,520
in Switzerland.

456
00:22:08,520 --> 00:22:09,420
It's the reason why.

457
00:22:09,420 --> 00:22:13,380
The Swiss themselves asked
to the German government

458
00:22:13,380 --> 00:22:15,480
to have this marking.

459
00:22:15,480 --> 00:22:17,610
It was a Swiss demand.

460
00:22:17,610 --> 00:22:19,050
It's interesting.

461
00:22:19,050 --> 00:22:22,560
- We were aware of the fact
that the Swiss were not very

462
00:22:22,560 --> 00:22:25,720
sympathetic to people who--

463
00:22:25,720 --> 00:22:27,504
[SPEAKING FRENCH]

464
00:22:27,504 --> 00:22:28,920

465
00:22:28,920 --> 00:22:33,000
We knew that the Swiss were
not very sympathetic to people

466
00:22:33,000 --> 00:22:37,830
who wanted to cross the
border and escape the Nazis.

467
00:22:37,830 --> 00:22:39,350
I don't know the reasons for it.

468
00:22:39,350 --> 00:22:40,200
It's immaterial.

469
00:22:40,200 --> 00:22:43,860
But I know that people were
returned at the frontier.

470
00:22:43,860 --> 00:22:45,960
Some were immediately
arrested and put

471
00:22:45,960 --> 00:22:48,810
into concentration camps.

472
00:22:48,810 --> 00:22:51,270
Others skipped that, at least.

473
00:22:51,270 --> 00:22:53,790
But it was a horrible
feeling to know

474
00:22:53,790 --> 00:22:58,020
that a government that should
really be for us and not

475
00:22:58,020 --> 00:23:01,440
against us did what it did.

476
00:23:01,440 --> 00:23:06,150
We heard certain rumors, what

had been possibly the reason

477

00:23:06,150 --> 00:23:09,540

for this, that they
didn't want the influx

478

00:23:09,540 --> 00:23:10,830

of the Austrian Jews.

479

00:23:10,830 --> 00:23:15,840

But of course, we were at a time
so isolated from the Germans,

480

00:23:15,840 --> 00:23:19,560

in a sense, from everybody
who had something to do with

481

00:23:19,560 --> 00:23:22,440

the law-making, if you
like, that we really only--

482

00:23:22,440 --> 00:23:23,640

And from the world, too.

483

00:23:23,640 --> 00:23:25,350

From the world, too, of course.

484

00:23:25,350 --> 00:23:27,720

That we really only knew--

485

00:23:27,720 --> 00:23:30,360

that we really only heard
rumors and never knew

486

00:23:30,360 --> 00:23:32,490

whether these
rumors were correct.

487

00:23:32,490 --> 00:23:34,920

Mind you, the rumors
were sometimes

488

00:23:34,920 --> 00:23:37,200
of course blown up in a sense.

489
00:23:37,200 --> 00:23:42,750
Our fantasy, our imagination
ran away with us.

490
00:23:42,750 --> 00:23:44,190
Which is a normal
thing to happen

491
00:23:44,190 --> 00:23:45,560
for people who are afraid.

492
00:23:45,560 --> 00:23:48,660
And I remember that
my mother said,

493
00:23:48,660 --> 00:23:50,140
I can't hear this anymore.

494
00:23:50,140 --> 00:23:51,900
I don't want to hear it anymore.

495
00:23:51,900 --> 00:23:54,370
It's enough to deal
with it, to have to deal

496
00:23:54,370 --> 00:23:57,550
or to have to cope with
the facts as they are.

497
00:23:57,550 --> 00:23:59,970
And so we were
confronted with things

498
00:23:59,970 --> 00:24:02,370
and wherever they came from--

499
00:24:02,370 --> 00:24:06,750
I mean, at the time things
like in this year, also

500

00:24:06,750 --> 00:24:08,970

it happened that we had to--

501

00:24:08,970 --> 00:24:13,680

all those people who had money
had to declare their money.

502

00:24:13,680 --> 00:24:18,090

Now, I don't know of people
who would like the government

503

00:24:18,090 --> 00:24:19,530

to know how much
money they have.

504

00:24:19,530 --> 00:24:23,190

I mean, today it's
incredible, a thing like this.

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00:24:23,190 --> 00:24:25,945

We did not fall
into this category

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00:24:25,945 --> 00:24:27,570

because we didn't
have that much money.

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00:24:27,570 --> 00:24:30,030

At the time, it was
the limit for those

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00:24:30,030 --> 00:24:34,470

who had to declare their
wealth or that property

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00:24:34,470 --> 00:24:36,740

was 5,000 marks.

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00:24:36,740 --> 00:24:39,180

It sounds very little
these days, but at the time

511

00:24:39,180 --> 00:24:40,530
it was a lot of money.

512
00:24:40,530 --> 00:24:46,230
And then of course they
were given an allowance.

513
00:24:46,230 --> 00:24:49,710
From their money, the government
decided how much money

514
00:24:49,710 --> 00:24:53,110
they were to use every month.

515
00:24:53,110 --> 00:24:55,860
But this didn't apply to us.

516
00:24:55,860 --> 00:25:01,370
So all this I only remember
from my family, and my uncle

517
00:25:01,370 --> 00:25:05,310
and my aunt, who were
very worried, because they

518
00:25:05,310 --> 00:25:08,070
thought maybe they'd take
the money away from us.

519
00:25:08,070 --> 00:25:10,980
Which of course they later did,
but at the time they did not.

520
00:25:10,980 --> 00:25:13,770
And came things
like in the parks,

521
00:25:13,770 --> 00:25:18,120
there were certain benches
only marked for Jews and so on.

522
00:25:18,120 --> 00:25:21,585
And I didn't need to tell

you that this was not

523

00:25:21,585 --> 00:25:25,760

a very, very pleasant thing.

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00:25:25,760 --> 00:25:27,670

And I never sat on such a bench.

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00:25:27,670 --> 00:25:29,670

And I wouldn't have
sat on it, of course.

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00:25:29,670 --> 00:25:31,245

But some Jews did.

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00:25:31,245 --> 00:25:32,380

Some did?

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00:25:32,380 --> 00:25:33,450

Some did, yes.

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00:25:33,450 --> 00:25:35,130

Well, you know
sometimes of course

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00:25:35,130 --> 00:25:36,520

you want to sit in a park.

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00:25:36,520 --> 00:25:38,580

You want to have a
bit of relaxation.

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00:25:38,580 --> 00:25:40,830

But I didn't like
the idea to be stared

533

00:25:40,830 --> 00:25:44,000

at as a dress from every side.

534

00:25:44,000 --> 00:25:44,500

Yes.

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00:25:44,500 --> 00:25:46,650

And now the Kristallnacht.

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00:25:46,650 --> 00:25:47,927

Can you describe the events?

537

00:25:47,927 --> 00:25:49,260

What do you remember about that?

538

00:25:49,260 --> 00:25:49,800

Oh, yes.

539

00:25:49,800 --> 00:25:51,670

I remember this very well.

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00:25:51,670 --> 00:25:58,520

In fact, Kristallnacht
was probably a welcome--

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00:25:58,520 --> 00:26:00,270

or let's call it
this, the events

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00:26:00,270 --> 00:26:06,150

that led to the Kristallnacht
were a welcome opportunity

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00:26:06,150 --> 00:26:08,393

for the Nazis to do
something against it.

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00:26:08,393 --> 00:26:09,810

I suppose they had
it in their bag

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00:26:09,810 --> 00:26:12,180

all the time, waiting
for an opportunity.

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00:26:12,180 --> 00:26:14,630

And the opportunity
was, first of all,

547
00:26:14,630 --> 00:26:19,770
that this man, Grynszpan,
went into the German embassy

548
00:26:19,770 --> 00:26:20,812
in Paris.

549
00:26:20,812 --> 00:26:22,620
Yes.

550
00:26:22,620 --> 00:26:29,790
And the reason being
that his family had been

551
00:26:29,790 --> 00:26:33,370
deported from Berlin
to the Polish border.

552
00:26:33,370 --> 00:26:37,210
There has been this
action in October '38.

553
00:26:37,210 --> 00:26:38,710
Where they expelled
the Polish Jews.

554
00:26:38,710 --> 00:26:41,510
When they expelled
all the Polish Jews.

555
00:26:41,510 --> 00:26:44,430
And I remember very
well, actually.

556
00:26:44,430 --> 00:26:47,130
I went to a Jewish
school by that time.

557
00:26:47,130 --> 00:26:50,460
And in the morning,
lots of benches

558

00:26:50,460 --> 00:26:54,030
were empty because these
children were of Polish origin

559

00:26:54,030 --> 00:26:56,430
and had been taken away.

560

00:26:56,430 --> 00:26:58,260
We didn't speak much about it.

561

00:26:58,260 --> 00:27:02,610
I mean, you know,
this is probably

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00:27:02,610 --> 00:27:05,263
the protective attitude
of a human being.

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00:27:05,263 --> 00:27:05,930
"It's all right.

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00:27:05,930 --> 00:27:07,590
They were Poles."

565

00:27:07,590 --> 00:27:10,620
And we knew that
the Hitler regime

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00:27:10,620 --> 00:27:14,760
wanted to be Deutsch,
German only, nationalistic.

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00:27:14,760 --> 00:27:16,120
So--

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00:27:16,120 --> 00:27:18,730
They were Poles
of Jewish origin.

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00:27:18,730 --> 00:27:20,010
Yes.

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00:27:20,010 --> 00:27:21,570

Yes, but you see what I mean.

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00:27:21,570 --> 00:27:23,540

I mean, the Jew,
the German Jew tried

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00:27:23,540 --> 00:27:27,960

to find an explanation for
things, and to protect himself.

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00:27:27,960 --> 00:27:31,030

That can't concern me,
because I am really German.

574

00:27:31,030 --> 00:27:33,660

These people were Ostjuden.

575

00:27:33,660 --> 00:27:34,770

Yes.

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00:27:34,770 --> 00:27:37,590

At any rate, so
Grynszpan then went--

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00:27:37,590 --> 00:27:39,140

I mean, this is the
common knowledge.

578

00:27:39,140 --> 00:27:41,730

Went into the German embassy
and shot this German diplomat,

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00:27:41,730 --> 00:27:42,810

Vom Rath.

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00:27:42,810 --> 00:27:47,760

I remember one thing, that
we were all very worried.

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00:27:47,760 --> 00:27:50,790

Because we realized that

this would have consequences.

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00:27:50,790 --> 00:27:52,070

We didn't know which ones.

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00:27:52,070 --> 00:27:56,610

But I mean, from
the hysterical way

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00:27:56,610 --> 00:28:00,960

it was reported in the Nazi
press, Volkischer Beobachter,

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00:28:00,960 --> 00:28:02,760

Angriff, in the
radio, the Jews, you

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00:28:02,760 --> 00:28:06,750

know, "the Jews have committed
a crime against Germans"

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00:28:06,750 --> 00:28:08,400

and so on, it was
perfectly clear

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00:28:08,400 --> 00:28:10,530

that they would do something.

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00:28:10,530 --> 00:28:14,820

So I also remember that
people said to each other,

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00:28:14,820 --> 00:28:17,780

"if only this man doesn't die."

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00:28:17,780 --> 00:28:18,540

Vom Rath.

592

00:28:18,540 --> 00:28:19,770

Vom Rath, yes.

593

00:28:19,770 --> 00:28:24,240

But of course he
died, as you know.

594
00:28:24,240 --> 00:28:27,100
And practically a
few hours later,

595
00:28:27,100 --> 00:28:32,460
and this made it clear it
was all very well prepared,

596
00:28:32,460 --> 00:28:38,460
it happened that we had a phone
call at home from the wife

597
00:28:38,460 --> 00:28:40,740
of a friend of my father's.

598
00:28:40,740 --> 00:28:42,990
In fact, one of those people
who had always thought,

599
00:28:42,990 --> 00:28:46,510
you know, well, everything
would work out fine.

600
00:28:46,510 --> 00:28:48,690
And she said, "they
have been here.

601
00:28:48,690 --> 00:28:51,990
They have taken
away my husband."

602
00:28:51,990 --> 00:28:56,660
And when my mother or my
father tried to ask, but why?

603
00:28:56,660 --> 00:28:58,800
"I can't speak."

604
00:28:58,800 --> 00:29:01,320
And she put down the receiver.

605
00:29:01,320 --> 00:29:03,660
And my father said to my
mother, "what is this?"

606
00:29:03,660 --> 00:29:05,020
What's happening?"

607
00:29:05,020 --> 00:29:05,520
And then--

608
00:29:05,520 --> 00:29:06,570
A Jewish woman?

609
00:29:06,570 --> 00:29:08,460
Of course, Jewish people, sure.

610
00:29:08,460 --> 00:29:13,140
And then several such
phone calls came.

611
00:29:13,140 --> 00:29:17,730
And my mother said,
"what is going on?"

612
00:29:17,730 --> 00:29:21,000
And then we tried to analyze
who were the people who

613
00:29:21,000 --> 00:29:23,830
had been taken away.

614
00:29:23,830 --> 00:29:26,830
And it turned out,
today we know,

615
00:29:26,830 --> 00:29:29,670
it's a historic fact
they took at the time

616
00:29:29,670 --> 00:29:33,420
mainly rich Jews

and intellectuals.

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00:29:33,420 --> 00:29:38,220

So we didn't know what to do.

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00:29:38,220 --> 00:29:41,160

I remember my parents
discussing this.

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00:29:41,160 --> 00:29:42,200

What does it mean?

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00:29:42,200 --> 00:29:44,420

What can one do?

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00:29:44,420 --> 00:29:49,950

But we went to bed, I remember,
without doing anything.

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00:29:49,950 --> 00:29:52,260

My mother or my father--

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00:29:52,260 --> 00:29:55,260

It was the 9th of November.

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00:29:55,260 --> 00:29:58,110

Yes, my parents did
phone a few friends,

625

00:29:58,110 --> 00:30:01,020

to find out whether the
husband was still there

626

00:30:01,020 --> 00:30:02,520

and whether they
had heard anything,

627

00:30:02,520 --> 00:30:03,990

or what had they done with them.

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00:30:03,990 --> 00:30:06,295

But also we didn't dare

to speak on the telephone.

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00:30:06,295 --> 00:30:08,670

There was this feeling, perhaps
the telephone was tapped,

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00:30:08,670 --> 00:30:09,360

you know.

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00:30:09,360 --> 00:30:12,330

Probably wasn't, but I mean,
people in such a situation

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00:30:12,330 --> 00:30:14,550

have imagination, as I said.

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00:30:14,550 --> 00:30:19,560

So the next morning, it was
clear that during the night

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00:30:19,560 --> 00:30:21,630

something had happened.

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00:30:21,630 --> 00:30:24,000

And very soon, we
heard from friends--

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00:30:24,000 --> 00:30:25,945

and it was all
telephonic messages

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00:30:25,945 --> 00:30:31,830

that the synagogues were burning
and the shops had been thrown

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00:30:31,830 --> 00:30:34,140

in the shop windows,
and the Jewish shops

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00:30:34,140 --> 00:30:39,000

had all been cleared off
and plundered and desecrated

640

00:30:39,000 --> 00:30:40,530
and whatnot.

641

00:30:40,530 --> 00:30:42,660
And my mother thought,
you know, I want

642

00:30:42,660 --> 00:30:46,250
to see this with my own eyes.

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00:30:46,250 --> 00:30:47,750
You didn't see actually--

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00:30:47,750 --> 00:30:51,150
We lived in a house where we
couldn't lock onto the street.

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00:30:51,150 --> 00:30:54,090
We lived in a courtyard,
so to speak, here not far

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00:30:54,090 --> 00:30:55,540
from this area.

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00:30:55,540 --> 00:30:58,230
And so we decided to
go out in the morning.

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00:30:58,230 --> 00:31:01,320
My father said the child
doesn't go to school today.

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00:31:01,320 --> 00:31:04,440
The child was I. And
so the three of us

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00:31:04,440 --> 00:31:06,440
went into the street.

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00:31:06,440 --> 00:31:10,410
And there we saw, of course,
here on the Kurfürstendamm what

652
00:31:10,410 --> 00:31:11,440
had happened.

653
00:31:11,440 --> 00:31:15,570
And we saw the Fasanenstrasse,
the synagogue burning.

654
00:31:15,570 --> 00:31:18,570
And we saw also
the German people

655
00:31:18,570 --> 00:31:22,970
hastening along the
street, sort of not

656
00:31:22,970 --> 00:31:25,880
stopping by and just
sort of looking away

657
00:31:25,880 --> 00:31:27,440
from what happened.

658
00:31:27,440 --> 00:31:28,610
On the side.

659
00:31:28,610 --> 00:31:30,090
Yes.

660
00:31:30,090 --> 00:31:33,740
And we saw all this.

661
00:31:33,740 --> 00:31:36,440
And I remember once we
were sort of walking--

662
00:31:36,440 --> 00:31:37,670
we didn't walk very far.

663
00:31:37,670 --> 00:31:39,980
We walked around the
block, just to get

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00:31:39,980 --> 00:31:42,770

an idea of what had happened.

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00:31:42,770 --> 00:31:46,850

We passed a hairdresser's shop.

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00:31:46,850 --> 00:31:51,120

And he must've

recognized us as Jews.

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00:31:51,120 --> 00:31:57,530

And the man was suddenly

shouting [SPEAKING GERMAN]..

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00:31:57,530 --> 00:31:59,930

Which means, "get out of here.

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00:31:59,930 --> 00:32:03,500

Quit Germany, you Jew."

670

00:32:03,500 --> 00:32:10,820

And I still see his fat

face and his white coat,

671

00:32:10,820 --> 00:32:13,760

how he stood in his

door of his shop.

672

00:32:13,760 --> 00:32:16,440

I also remember the

place where it was.

673

00:32:16,440 --> 00:32:19,330

And my father was terrified.

674

00:32:19,330 --> 00:32:22,850

And my mother was a very brave

woman, just walked up to him

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00:32:22,850 --> 00:32:25,400

and said "you dirty swine!"

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00:32:25,400 --> 00:32:28,310

And the man was so surprised
that he walked back

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00:32:28,310 --> 00:32:28,940

into his shop.

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00:32:28,940 --> 00:32:29,890

It was very funny.

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00:32:29,890 --> 00:32:32,390

But my mother-- my father
was horrified about my mother

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00:32:32,390 --> 00:32:34,920

again, because it
could cause trouble.

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00:32:34,920 --> 00:32:36,988

At any rate, we went back home.

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00:32:36,988 --> 00:32:38,780

And my father said,
look, there's no point.

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00:32:38,780 --> 00:32:40,580

I have to go to school.

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00:32:40,580 --> 00:32:43,820

He was working in his
school not as a teacher

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00:32:43,820 --> 00:32:45,320

anymore, because
he was not allowed,

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00:32:45,320 --> 00:32:48,350

but he was doing the
administrative work.

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00:32:48,350 --> 00:32:52,340

And despite all this, he
went as usual to his work.

688
00:32:52,340 --> 00:32:53,900
And my mother said,
please ring me up

689
00:32:53,900 --> 00:32:55,858
whether you arrived and
everything's all right,

690
00:32:55,858 --> 00:32:57,890
and whether you hear
anything and so on.

691
00:32:57,890 --> 00:32:59,750
And he had left.

692
00:32:59,750 --> 00:33:07,400
And an hour or so later, the
Gestapo called at our flat.

693
00:33:07,400 --> 00:33:11,600
And there were two
men standing there.

694
00:33:11,600 --> 00:33:14,296
Those people--

695
00:33:14,296 --> 00:33:16,540
It is like this.

696
00:33:16,540 --> 00:33:34,000