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00:00:00,000 --> 00:00:06,230

2
00:00:06,230 --> 00:00:07,720
(film slating)

3
00:00:07,720 --> 00:00:16,780

4
00:00:16,780 --> 00:00:20,645
There's one in [INAUDIBLE]
that just got out.

5
00:00:20,645 --> 00:00:23,128
I mean, I know what
I'm talking about.

6
00:00:23,128 --> 00:00:25,545
There's one in [INAUDIBLE],,
but I don't how to get there.

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00:00:25,545 --> 00:00:28,940

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00:00:28,940 --> 00:00:48,756
[INAUDIBLE]

9
00:00:48,756 --> 00:00:50,572
You said there is one.

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00:00:50,572 --> 00:00:54,598
There's one, but
just [INAUDIBLE]..

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00:00:54,598 --> 00:00:56,140
There is one that
just got out there.

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00:00:56,140 --> 00:01:00,416
The kids aren't there yet,
but they purchased the place.

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00:01:00,416 --> 00:01:00,958
OK, let's go.

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00:01:00,958 --> 00:01:01,840
Let's walk down.

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00:01:01,840 --> 00:01:03,048
[INAUDIBLE]

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00:01:03,048 --> 00:01:11,460

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00:01:11,460 --> 00:01:17,400
OK, now can you tell me
why Rabbi Weissmandel is

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00:01:17,400 --> 00:01:23,820
so important and so unique in
the story of the Holocaust.

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00:01:23,820 --> 00:01:29,010
Because Rabbi Weissmandel
was the first person

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00:01:29,010 --> 00:01:36,360
that explored if the
Nazis could be bought off

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00:01:36,360 --> 00:01:40,840
with money in that way
to save Jewish people.

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00:01:40,840 --> 00:01:48,830
And as he did it in Bratislava.

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00:01:48,830 --> 00:01:56,920
He sent Hochberg that came
along with Wisliceny from Vienna

24
00:01:56,920 --> 00:02:03,850
to be his Judenhilfe to help

them out in the Jewish problem.

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00:02:03,850 --> 00:02:07,090

He asked Hochberg
to go into Wisliceny

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00:02:07,090 --> 00:02:13,390

and, thereby, to explore with
him if, for a certain price,

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00:02:13,390 --> 00:02:15,720

the deportations
could be stopped.

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00:02:15,720 --> 00:02:18,950

Rabbi Weissmandel, of course,
had no idea if it would work,

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00:02:18,950 --> 00:02:23,770

but the rabbi of Nitra, Rabbi
Ungar, his father-in-law,

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00:02:23,770 --> 00:02:27,550

told him to do
this method, and he

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00:02:27,550 --> 00:02:32,420

had told him two years before
he did it in the first place.

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00:02:32,420 --> 00:02:36,070

But because of Rabbi
Weissmandel's need

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00:02:36,070 --> 00:02:39,700

to be in a committee
with other members,

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00:02:39,700 --> 00:02:44,200

that no one should be able
to divert the rescue efforts

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00:02:44,200 --> 00:02:47,080

one from the, other
people did not

36
00:02:47,080 --> 00:02:49,180
want to go along
in this way, which

37
00:02:49,180 --> 00:02:55,600
they said was the
old-fashioned way of the Jews

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00:02:55,600 --> 00:02:57,940
in the Middle Ages
and in Europe, which

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00:02:57,940 --> 00:03:00,820
was no good anymore and that
the Germans can't be bought off

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00:03:00,820 --> 00:03:02,242
with money.

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00:03:02,242 --> 00:03:04,760
And what is your own
opinion about this?

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00:03:04,760 --> 00:03:09,070
And we see from the way that
Rabbi Weissmandel handled

43
00:03:09,070 --> 00:03:13,630
the matter that the Germans
were possible to be dealt

44
00:03:13,630 --> 00:03:20,380
with in this way, not because
they really wanted money,

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00:03:20,380 --> 00:03:23,650
even though the
individuals did want money

46
00:03:23,650 --> 00:03:26,140

for their own personal pockets.

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00:03:26,140 --> 00:03:30,730

They felt that if the Jews
would be able to give money

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00:03:30,730 --> 00:03:38,770

in this deal, it's very possible
that the whole way of the war

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00:03:38,770 --> 00:03:45,040

may be changed, which means that
instead of the Allies, England

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00:03:45,040 --> 00:03:50,620

and America, fighting the
Nazis with Russia together,

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00:03:50,620 --> 00:03:56,020

they had in their minds that if
the Jews would be giving money

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00:03:56,020 --> 00:04:01,810

to them, their hearts would
also change in some direction

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00:04:01,810 --> 00:04:03,460

that some kind of
deal would be made

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00:04:03,460 --> 00:04:12,730

in the long range with America,
contrary, not with Russia.

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00:04:12,730 --> 00:04:14,710

You mean the Nazi hearts?

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00:04:14,710 --> 00:04:15,820

The Nazi hearts, right.

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00:04:15,820 --> 00:04:18,519

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00:04:18,519 --> 00:04:19,959

And you believe in this?

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00:04:19,959 --> 00:04:22,540

Not that we believe in it.

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00:04:22,540 --> 00:04:29,560

Always, until the end, the
Nazis couldn't understand

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00:04:29,560 --> 00:04:32,620

why the Americans
and the British

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00:04:32,620 --> 00:04:37,690

picked the Russians to be
their Allies against the Nazis,

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00:04:37,690 --> 00:04:39,400

why they didn't
consider communism

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00:04:39,400 --> 00:04:42,490

as a worse enemy than Nazism.

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00:04:42,490 --> 00:04:45,880

But of course, this
wasn't the main objective.

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00:04:45,880 --> 00:04:50,740

Rabbi Weissmandel's main
objective was only for rescue.

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00:04:50,740 --> 00:04:51,850

Yes.

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00:04:51,850 --> 00:04:53,640

OK, could you elaborate on this.

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00:04:53,640 --> 00:04:57,000

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00:04:57,000 --> 00:04:59,600
film logistics - cut)

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00:04:59,600 --> 00:05:00,870

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00:05:00,870 --> 00:05:02,930
New York (film slating)

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00:05:02,930 --> 00:05:03,430
OK.

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00:05:03,430 --> 00:05:29,150

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00:05:29,150 --> 00:05:29,940
Get more specific.

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00:05:29,940 --> 00:05:39,960

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00:05:39,960 --> 00:05:40,710
All right.

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00:05:40,710 --> 00:05:47,160
Why money was the most important
problem for Weissmandel?

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00:05:47,160 --> 00:05:51,630
Rabbi Weissmandel opened
this source of rescue

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00:05:51,630 --> 00:05:55,680
in 1942 after the
deportations had started.

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00:05:55,680 --> 00:05:56,850
In Slovakia?

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00:05:56,850 --> 00:06:00,480
In Slovakia, which was the first

country that began deportations

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00:06:00,480 --> 00:06:03,540

after the Wannsee
Conference, where

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00:06:03,540 --> 00:06:06,600

all the Nazi leaders
got together and decided

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00:06:06,600 --> 00:06:09,390

on the final solution.

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00:06:09,390 --> 00:06:12,660

Rabbi Weissmandel, in
the spring of 1942,

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00:06:12,660 --> 00:06:20,910

visited Hochberg, who was
Wisliceny's aide in Pressburg,

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00:06:20,910 --> 00:06:25,620

where they had their office to
deal with the Jewish problem

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00:06:25,620 --> 00:06:27,690

in the entire Slovakia.

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00:06:27,690 --> 00:06:32,130

And he told Hochberg,
and he showed them

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00:06:32,130 --> 00:06:35,260

that he was a rabbi
among the Jewish people.

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00:06:35,260 --> 00:06:37,230

He returned from
Europe on the day

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00:06:37,230 --> 00:06:43,260

the war began to
be here in Slovakia

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00:06:43,260 --> 00:06:52,230

to let world Jewry, of which
the Joint is its established

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00:06:52,230 --> 00:06:54,090

leader, established head--

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00:06:54,090 --> 00:06:54,640

Body?

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00:06:54,640 --> 00:07:00,780

--body and to let the joint
know of all the things happening

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00:07:00,780 --> 00:07:02,460

to the Jews in Europe.

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00:07:02,460 --> 00:07:05,790

He showed Hochberg
his passport, and he

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00:07:05,790 --> 00:07:08,190

told Hochberg that
religious Jews were always

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00:07:08,190 --> 00:07:12,000

against the boycott against
Germany, which the Zionists had

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00:07:12,000 --> 00:07:14,230

established, had begun.

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00:07:14,230 --> 00:07:14,730

Why?

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00:07:14,730 --> 00:07:17,635

Can you explain why religious
Jews were against this boycott?

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00:07:17,635 --> 00:07:19,260

Religious Jews were

against the boycott

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00:07:19,260 --> 00:07:24,330

because the boycott is a show
of force against the country,

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00:07:24,330 --> 00:07:27,240

and the Jews are
not allowed to show

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00:07:27,240 --> 00:07:29,400

any force against any
country, especially if they

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00:07:29,400 --> 00:07:33,270

could do harm to Jews living in
that country, which eventually

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00:07:33,270 --> 00:07:36,480

happened because there were
still 500,000 Jews living

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00:07:36,480 --> 00:07:40,530

in Germany when Stephen Wise
declared the boycott in 1933

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00:07:40,530 --> 00:07:41,610

of all German goods.

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00:07:41,610 --> 00:07:43,860

Yes, but why do you say
that the Jews are not

114

00:07:43,860 --> 00:07:45,643

allowed to use force?

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00:07:45,643 --> 00:07:46,935

This is a very important point.

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00:07:46,935 --> 00:07:51,300

The Jews have
always been a people

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00:07:51,300 --> 00:07:56,820

that have acted modestly and
with humility and humbleness

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00:07:56,820 --> 00:07:58,800

in all the countries
of their abode

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00:07:58,800 --> 00:08:00,550

because the Jews were sent--

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00:08:00,550 --> 00:08:03,870

we believe the Jewish
people were sent into exile

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00:08:03,870 --> 00:08:08,190

by the Almighty, were
sent into golus, exile,

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00:08:08,190 --> 00:08:12,090

to atone for their sins
because they were not humble,

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00:08:12,090 --> 00:08:16,740

because they relied on force
and didn't rely on the Almighty.

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00:08:16,740 --> 00:08:21,760

And the Jews who were dispersed
in all corners of the world,

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00:08:21,760 --> 00:08:26,730

in every country are told
to be faithful citizens

126

00:08:26,730 --> 00:08:28,620

of every country
where they live.

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00:08:28,620 --> 00:08:33,000

Jeremiah, the prophet, said
so after the first destruction

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00:08:33,000 --> 00:08:37,559
of the temple when
he told Jews that

129

00:08:37,559 --> 00:08:39,840
were going to Babylon
that they should

130

00:08:39,840 --> 00:08:42,570
pray for the peace of
the land where they live.

131

00:08:42,570 --> 00:08:47,520
And if the land will have peace,
they will have peace in turn.

132

00:08:47,520 --> 00:08:50,460
This is why the Jewish people
were against this show of force

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00:08:50,460 --> 00:08:54,510
against Hitler, which they
felt would not do anything

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00:08:54,510 --> 00:08:57,460
but harm the Jews
living in Germany.

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00:08:57,460 --> 00:09:00,271
Yeah, do you want to return?

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00:09:00,271 --> 00:09:03,640

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00:09:03,640 --> 00:09:07,490
When Rabbi Weissmandel
went into Hochberg--

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00:09:07,490 --> 00:09:07,990
Excuse me.

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00:09:07,990 --> 00:09:08,490

Excuse me.

140
00:09:08,490 --> 00:09:10,540
And this was the
outlook by Weissmandel?

141
00:09:10,540 --> 00:09:12,190
This was Rabbi
Weissmandel's outlook

142
00:09:12,190 --> 00:09:17,060
and the outlook of all religious
Jews in the world at that time.

143
00:09:17,060 --> 00:09:19,840
Rabbi Weissmandel, who was
the son-in-law of the rabbi

144
00:09:19,840 --> 00:09:23,320
of Nitra and lived in Nitra--

145
00:09:23,320 --> 00:09:25,000
Nitra is a little
town in Slovakia?

146
00:09:25,000 --> 00:09:29,420
It is town in Slovakia,
went to Pressburg,

147
00:09:29,420 --> 00:09:33,790
which is called
Bratislava, to deal

148
00:09:33,790 --> 00:09:38,710
with Hochberg first
on an individual basis

149
00:09:38,710 --> 00:09:39,640
for some people.

150
00:09:39,640 --> 00:09:40,360
This was the--

151

00:09:40,360 --> 00:09:45,310

But when he heard from Hochberg
speaking on the telephone

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00:09:45,310 --> 00:09:47,345

to Wisliceny and
reporting to him--

153

00:09:47,345 --> 00:09:48,970

Wisliceny was the
aide of Eichmann, no?

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00:09:48,970 --> 00:09:52,000

Yes, Wisliceny was
Eichmann's aide

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00:09:52,000 --> 00:09:54,640

and was in charge
of the deportations

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00:09:54,640 --> 00:09:58,840

from the entire
Slovakian territory.

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00:09:58,840 --> 00:10:01,540

And Eichmann was in charge
of all the deportations

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00:10:01,540 --> 00:10:04,000

in the Jewish section of the SS.

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00:10:04,000 --> 00:10:14,320

160

00:10:14,320 --> 00:10:16,360

(film logistics)

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00:10:16,360 --> 00:10:20,480

162

00:10:20,480 --> 00:10:33,970

New York (film slating)

163
00:10:33,970 --> 00:10:35,746
OK, [INAUDIBLE].

164
00:10:35,746 --> 00:10:38,840

165
00:10:38,840 --> 00:10:45,100
Do you believe that if the Jews
of Germany and the American

166
00:10:45,100 --> 00:10:51,980
Jews would have behaved towards
the Nazi in the traditional way

167
00:10:51,980 --> 00:10:53,610
you just talked about--

168
00:10:53,610 --> 00:10:56,240
do you believe
sincerely that things

169
00:10:56,240 --> 00:10:58,310
would have taken another turn?

170
00:10:58,310 --> 00:11:02,847
Because the extermination
of the Jews was one of the--

171
00:11:02,847 --> 00:11:06,260
New York (film slating)

172
00:11:06,260 --> 00:11:08,630
We, of course, believed
that the boycott

173
00:11:08,630 --> 00:11:12,860
was a very grave
catastrophe that

174
00:11:12,860 --> 00:11:17,390
fell upon German Jewry and then

upon the entire European Jewry

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00:11:17,390 --> 00:11:20,030
because of what later happened.

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00:11:20,030 --> 00:11:26,270
Jewry always considered that
antagonism against any power,

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00:11:26,270 --> 00:11:29,960
especially a world power like
Germany-- that was 1933--

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00:11:29,960 --> 00:11:33,470
would have very grave
consequences, which

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00:11:33,470 --> 00:11:38,390
it turned out because of the
history of the Jewish people,

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00:11:38,390 --> 00:11:40,490
by the First Temple,
by the Second Temple,

181

00:11:40,490 --> 00:11:42,980
and consequent history
all through the ages

182

00:11:42,980 --> 00:11:46,230
when rabbis, and
orthodox leaders,

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00:11:46,230 --> 00:11:51,770
religious Jewry always tried
to appease various world powers

184

00:11:51,770 --> 00:11:54,630
and not to wage
war against them.

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00:11:54,630 --> 00:11:56,510
These things are written

down countless times

186
00:11:56,510 --> 00:11:59,360
in the passages of the Bible.

187
00:11:59,360 --> 00:12:03,500
We have this in the chapter
of Judges in the Bible

188
00:12:03,500 --> 00:12:07,970
when one of the nations
around Palestine--

189
00:12:07,970 --> 00:12:10,970
Israel-- at that time
wanted to wage war.

190
00:12:10,970 --> 00:12:14,630
And at that time, also,
the chief judge, Yiftach

191
00:12:14,630 --> 00:12:16,250
sent messages.

192
00:12:16,250 --> 00:12:18,230
Why do you want to wage war?

193
00:12:18,230 --> 00:12:19,490
What do you want?

194
00:12:19,490 --> 00:12:20,690
Let's do peace.

195
00:12:20,690 --> 00:12:25,460
And King [Personal name] also
at the same time, many years

196
00:12:25,460 --> 00:12:28,280
later, during the
First Temple, also

197
00:12:28,280 --> 00:12:31,250

tried to work with
peace and not with war.

198
00:12:31,250 --> 00:12:33,530
Do you think clearly
that it would

199
00:12:33,530 --> 00:12:35,830
have been possible to
appease in that day?

200
00:12:35,830 --> 00:12:36,830
Nothing could be known--

201
00:12:36,830 --> 00:12:38,372
Because the
extermination of the Jews

202
00:12:38,372 --> 00:12:39,890
was the basic plan of Hitler.

203
00:12:39,890 --> 00:12:43,520
History cannot be turned back.

204
00:12:43,520 --> 00:12:48,860
It all happened, but we
know from basic history

205
00:12:48,860 --> 00:12:52,160
that if this could
have happened,

206
00:12:52,160 --> 00:12:57,830
you could never know what
things might have changed.

207
00:12:57,830 --> 00:13:01,850
We know from the destruction of
the First Temple Rabbi Yohanan

208
00:13:01,850 --> 00:13:04,880
ben Zakkai also wanted
to appease and make peace

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00:13:04,880 --> 00:13:09,470
with the Romans while there
was a sect among the Jews

210

00:13:09,470 --> 00:13:12,020
that didn't, wanted to make war.

211

00:13:12,020 --> 00:13:15,980
And they brought
about the catastrophe.

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00:13:15,980 --> 00:13:18,980
But Rabbi Yohanan
ben Zakkai, who

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00:13:18,980 --> 00:13:22,670
did make peace with the Romans,
was allowed to open a yeshiva

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00:13:22,670 --> 00:13:25,970
and to do various different
types of rescue work.

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00:13:25,970 --> 00:13:28,220
But because he couldn't
persuade all the Jews

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00:13:28,220 --> 00:13:31,490
to do the same thing,
the temple was destroyed.

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00:13:31,490 --> 00:13:35,360
Our sages tell us that if
the Jewish people wouldn't

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00:13:35,360 --> 00:13:38,450
have listened to the
hoodlums at the time

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00:13:38,450 --> 00:13:40,100
of the first
destruction by Jeremiah

220
00:13:40,100 --> 00:13:42,235
and at the time of
the second destruction

221
00:13:42,235 --> 00:13:44,360
by Rabbi Yohanan ben Zakkai
the temples would never

222
00:13:44,360 --> 00:13:45,240
have been destroyed.

223
00:13:45,240 --> 00:13:50,000
We can only go by what our
sages tell us in the Talmud

224
00:13:50,000 --> 00:13:52,190
and by past Jewish
history, and that

225
00:13:52,190 --> 00:13:56,720
is why the Jews, during
the time of World War Two,

226
00:13:56,720 --> 00:13:59,750
tried not to antagonize
the Germans, not

227
00:13:59,750 --> 00:14:01,760
to antagonize the Nazis,
especially the power

228
00:14:01,760 --> 00:14:02,540
that they were.

229
00:14:02,540 --> 00:14:04,190
We see from many
different powers

230
00:14:04,190 --> 00:14:08,420
in the world that also tried
at first to appease Hitler--

231

00:14:08,420 --> 00:14:10,550

what Hitler's plans
were at the beginning

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00:14:10,550 --> 00:14:13,940

and what went on in his mind
nobody, of course, could say.

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00:14:13,940 --> 00:14:16,767

Anything could have changed
like things changed anyway.

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00:14:16,767 --> 00:14:18,350

In the middle of the
war, no one could

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00:14:18,350 --> 00:14:21,070

say that if he wouldn't have--

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00:14:21,070 --> 00:14:26,420

You didn't say that you are
against any kind of resistance.

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00:14:26,420 --> 00:14:29,730

It's not resistance so to speak.

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00:14:29,730 --> 00:14:33,680

If someone goes to come upon you
and says he wants to kill you,

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00:14:33,680 --> 00:14:35,750

of course you're
permitted to save yourself

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00:14:35,750 --> 00:14:39,140

if you can save yourself.

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00:14:39,140 --> 00:14:42,830

And each instance of
resistance in World War Two

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00:14:42,830 --> 00:14:46,110

must be judged on
its own merits.

243
00:14:46,110 --> 00:14:50,120
But the basic idea was
that if there never

244
00:14:50,120 --> 00:14:53,450
would have been a boycott and
if there wouldn't have never

245
00:14:53,450 --> 00:14:56,750
been declarations of
war against Hitler,

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00:14:56,750 --> 00:15:00,200
as Stephen Wise had declared in
front of a mass meeting in New

247
00:15:00,200 --> 00:15:02,210
York in 1938--

248
00:15:02,210 --> 00:15:06,650
and when Hitler saw the
clippings of the newspapers--

249
00:15:06,650 --> 00:15:10,160
Yiddish newspapers were brought
to him and English newspapers

250
00:15:10,160 --> 00:15:13,340
where it had mentioned that
Stephen Wise had declared war

251
00:15:13,340 --> 00:15:15,620
in the name of all of Jewry.

252
00:15:15,620 --> 00:15:18,830
Hitler fell flat on the
floor and bit the carpet,

253
00:15:18,830 --> 00:15:21,290
Rabbi Weissmandel mentions

in his book, Min HaMeitzar,

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00:15:21,290 --> 00:15:23,600

and he said, now I
will destroy them.

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00:15:23,600 --> 00:15:24,950

Now I'll destroy them.

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00:15:24,950 --> 00:15:29,690

And if Stephen Wise is
declaring war on him--

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00:15:29,690 --> 00:15:30,980

he doesn't have any guns.

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00:15:30,980 --> 00:15:32,760

He doesn't have any power.

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00:15:32,760 --> 00:15:34,280

So if he makes a
declaration of war,

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00:15:34,280 --> 00:15:36,200

he's declaring war in the name
of the Jewish people, which

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00:15:36,200 --> 00:15:38,750

means all the Jewish people
and the Jewish people in Europe

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00:15:38,750 --> 00:15:39,890

as well.

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00:15:39,890 --> 00:15:42,410

And Rabbi Weissmandel
mentions this.

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00:15:42,410 --> 00:15:45,680

Stephen Wise was in a very safe
place, in the United States

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00:15:45,680 --> 00:15:48,860
and wasn't close to where Hitler
was, but at the same time,

266
00:15:48,860 --> 00:15:51,360
he was endangering the
Jewish people in Europe

267
00:15:51,360 --> 00:15:55,200
by his declarations
against Hitler.

268
00:15:55,200 --> 00:15:57,690
Yes, but the first
declaration of war

269
00:15:57,690 --> 00:15:59,670
was made by Hitler
against the Jews.

270
00:15:59,670 --> 00:16:01,080
Don't forget this.

271
00:16:01,080 --> 00:16:03,930
So the only recourse
Jewish people

272
00:16:03,930 --> 00:16:12,240
have is to try to appease
this ruler or any rulers that

273
00:16:12,240 --> 00:16:13,410
come out against Jews.

274
00:16:13,410 --> 00:16:15,600
We have had this
all through history,

275
00:16:15,600 --> 00:16:19,050
that many times big
tyrants were very much

276
00:16:19,050 --> 00:16:20,520

against the Jewish people.

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00:16:20,520 --> 00:16:25,410

But like it says in the
Torah, the minds of kings

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00:16:25,410 --> 00:16:26,820

is in the hands of the Almighty.

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00:16:26,820 --> 00:16:28,470

You never know
what could happen.

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00:16:28,470 --> 00:16:32,160

In Russia, the Jews were
also on the [INAUDIBLE],,

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00:16:32,160 --> 00:16:35,010

and at the same time, when
they made very large, very

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00:16:35,010 --> 00:16:38,160

great edicts and
decrees, they also

283

00:16:38,160 --> 00:16:40,867

changed after a
certain time as well.

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00:16:40,867 --> 00:16:43,200

And you could have never known
what could have happened.

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00:16:43,200 --> 00:16:45,150

We only know that
the consequences

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00:16:45,150 --> 00:16:48,370

were bad with all
this against Hitler.

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00:16:48,370 --> 00:16:51,600

Yes, this was the outlook

of Rabbi Weissmandel?

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00:16:51,600 --> 00:16:53,250

This was Rabbi

Weissmandel's outlook.

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00:16:53,250 --> 00:16:56,190

At the same time,

the Zionists, who,

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00:16:56,190 --> 00:16:58,980

in the United States in all

the countries of the world,

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00:16:58,980 --> 00:17:04,890

made a boycott against Hitler,

Ben-Gurion and Sharett,

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00:17:04,890 --> 00:17:10,500

the Zionists in Palestine,

made an agreement with Hitler,

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00:17:10,500 --> 00:17:12,270

with the SS in 1933.

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00:17:12,270 --> 00:17:15,869

The agreement was called the

Haavara Agreement, the Transfer

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00:17:15,869 --> 00:17:16,589

Agreement.

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00:17:16,589 --> 00:17:19,440

The Zionists who were

interested to make

297

00:17:19,440 --> 00:17:21,990

a boycott against German

goods all over the world

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00:17:21,990 --> 00:17:26,550

for their own personal interest,

for Palestine to bring Jews

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00:17:26,550 --> 00:17:30,750
there, and for the interest that
Nazi Germany should kick out

300

00:17:30,750 --> 00:17:33,390
the Jews--

301

00:17:33,390 --> 00:17:35,460
which Germany was
also interested

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00:17:35,460 --> 00:17:37,290
in ridding Germany of Jews.

303

00:17:37,290 --> 00:17:39,640
They together came to
the same conclusion.

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00:17:39,640 --> 00:17:41,640
And this way, they made
this Transfer Agreement

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00:17:41,640 --> 00:17:47,160
where Jews would leave
Germany without any goods,

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00:17:47,160 --> 00:17:49,140
without any money.

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00:17:49,140 --> 00:17:52,740
But they could deposit
money in a Reichsbank.

308

00:17:52,740 --> 00:17:57,630
50,000 reichsmarks were
permitted for every Jew,

309

00:17:57,630 --> 00:18:02,250
and this money could be
transferred to a Deutsche Bank

310

00:18:02,250 --> 00:18:05,370
in Palestine, where the
money was given over

311
00:18:05,370 --> 00:18:07,410
in goods in Palestine.

312
00:18:07,410 --> 00:18:10,110
No other German could
import into Palestine

313
00:18:10,110 --> 00:18:14,550
any goods from Germany
except these goods

314
00:18:14,550 --> 00:18:19,180
that were brought about
through the Haavara Agreement.

315
00:18:19,180 --> 00:18:23,400
Another show of Zionists'
collaboration with the Nazis

316
00:18:23,400 --> 00:18:29,040
was in 1938 when
the Zionists invited

317
00:18:29,040 --> 00:18:37,410
Adolf Eichmann and his superior,
Hagan, to come to Palestine.

318
00:18:37,410 --> 00:18:41,310
They both came, but because
the Arab riots had begun,

319
00:18:41,310 --> 00:18:43,290
they had to leave after a day.

320
00:18:43,290 --> 00:18:48,570
And [Personal
name] went to Cairo

321
00:18:48,570 --> 00:18:53,460

to visit both of these
Nazis, to go about

322
00:18:53,460 --> 00:18:56,370
on the entire agreement and
to get, of course, more Jews.

323
00:18:56,370 --> 00:18:59,160
The Zionists were
interested that German Jews

324
00:18:59,160 --> 00:19:01,350
would leave Germany and
come to Palestine because

325
00:19:01,350 --> 00:19:05,280
of their interest of having a
majority of Jews in Palestine,

326
00:19:05,280 --> 00:19:08,470
where they could later say that
they are a vibrant settlement

327
00:19:08,470 --> 00:19:12,900
and therefore ask the nations
of the world to grant them

328
00:19:12,900 --> 00:19:15,090
some kind of independence.

329
00:19:15,090 --> 00:19:18,060
And the Nazis had their
interest of bringing Germany

330
00:19:18,060 --> 00:19:20,250
to be judenrein, and
both of these interests

331
00:19:20,250 --> 00:19:26,532
came to the same point with
the Haavara Transfer Agreement.

332
00:19:26,532 --> 00:19:29,930

333
00:19:29,930 --> 00:19:32,750
New York (film slating)

334
00:19:32,750 --> 00:19:34,260
Yes.

335
00:19:34,260 --> 00:19:36,870
For instance, if you had been--

336
00:19:36,870 --> 00:19:40,050
God forbid-- in
Poland during the war,

337
00:19:40,050 --> 00:19:43,590
and if a Nazi had come to
you to cut your payos, to cut

338
00:19:43,590 --> 00:19:46,320
your beard to
humiliate you, as they

339
00:19:46,320 --> 00:19:50,155
did with many
orthodox Jews, what

340
00:19:50,155 --> 00:19:51,405
would have been your reaction?

341
00:19:51,405 --> 00:19:55,490

342
00:19:55,490 --> 00:19:56,930
Quit that.

343
00:19:56,930 --> 00:19:59,390
Why not?

344
00:19:59,390 --> 00:20:01,020
It's not relevant.

345

00:20:01,020 --> 00:20:04,280

I want to know why
it's not relevant.

346

00:20:04,280 --> 00:20:06,920

I want to know why
it's not relevant.

347

00:20:06,920 --> 00:20:09,920

You can't go back and say,
what I would have done.

348

00:20:09,920 --> 00:20:13,190

Can only see what
other Jews did.

349

00:20:13,190 --> 00:20:14,270

OK, what did they do?

350

00:20:14,270 --> 00:20:16,250

They did nothing.

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00:20:16,250 --> 00:20:19,940

Why they thought in this way?

352

00:20:19,940 --> 00:20:22,280

They were under the
beasts, under these Nazis,

353

00:20:22,280 --> 00:20:24,710

and the Nazis were doing with
them whatever they wanted.

354

00:20:24,710 --> 00:20:26,970

Maybe this way they
wouldn't be killed.

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00:20:26,970 --> 00:20:28,970

It's hard to say what
every Jew had in his mind.

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00:20:28,970 --> 00:20:31,881

Nobody knows because there's
nobody around to ask anymore.

357
00:20:31,881 --> 00:20:34,470

358
00:20:34,470 --> 00:20:39,780
Yes, but you are talking
yourself about non-resistance,

359
00:20:39,780 --> 00:20:43,120
and this is a point that I would
like to understand clearly.

360
00:20:43,120 --> 00:20:45,690
There's a difference
between the non-resistance

361
00:20:45,690 --> 00:20:49,590
of the Jews in this
way that they did not

362
00:20:49,590 --> 00:20:51,330
resist during World War Two.

363
00:20:51,330 --> 00:20:54,618
They didn't have nothing to
make any resistance with.

364
00:20:54,618 --> 00:20:55,410
What could they do?

365
00:20:55,410 --> 00:20:57,897
The Germans were a mighty army,
and they conquered France,

366
00:20:57,897 --> 00:20:58,980
and they conquered Poland.

367
00:20:58,980 --> 00:21:00,390
They conquered everybody.

368

00:21:00,390 --> 00:21:02,443
So while Jews without guns
and without anything--

369
00:21:02,443 --> 00:21:03,360
how could they resist?

370
00:21:03,360 --> 00:21:05,400
Jews that had their families,
their women and children

371
00:21:05,400 --> 00:21:07,350
with them, and they
thought maybe the war would

372
00:21:07,350 --> 00:21:08,725
end, maybe something,
maybe there

373
00:21:08,725 --> 00:21:10,047
would be a turn of events.

374
00:21:10,047 --> 00:21:11,130
Maybe something would be--

375
00:21:11,130 --> 00:21:14,685
Yes, but let's suppose
that they would have guns.

376
00:21:14,685 --> 00:21:17,970
Are you, in principle,
against using guns?

377
00:21:17,970 --> 00:21:21,330

378
00:21:21,330 --> 00:21:25,030
It's very hard to
answer such a question.

379
00:21:25,030 --> 00:21:25,530
It's not--

380

00:21:25,530 --> 00:21:31,689

381

00:21:31,689 --> 00:21:35,910

New York (film slating)

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00:21:35,910 --> 00:21:40,803

We have such an
idea of resistance

383

00:21:40,803 --> 00:21:43,095

and what Jews are supposed
to do between the difference

384

00:21:43,095 --> 00:21:45,600

of Hanukkah and Purim.

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00:21:45,600 --> 00:21:50,790

Hanukkah and Purim are two
holidays that Jewish people

386

00:21:50,790 --> 00:21:55,080

celebrate over the entire
world for two occasions

387

00:21:55,080 --> 00:21:58,710

that miracles occurred for them.

388

00:21:58,710 --> 00:22:01,320

But there's a basic
difference between the two,

389

00:22:01,320 --> 00:22:05,010

Hanukkah, which
is 8 days, is made

390

00:22:05,010 --> 00:22:09,550

not for feast and from
merriment, mainly to pray.

391

00:22:09,550 --> 00:22:11,940

We say Hallel, the

verses of praise,

392

00:22:11,940 --> 00:22:16,620

which are in King

David's book, the Psalms.

393

00:22:16,620 --> 00:22:21,720

Purim is mainly a holiday

of feasting, and drinking,

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00:22:21,720 --> 00:22:23,280

and merriment.

395

00:22:23,280 --> 00:22:25,180

The rabbis tell us

what the difference

396

00:22:25,180 --> 00:22:27,720

is between these two holidays.

397

00:22:27,720 --> 00:22:35,250

Hanukkah was made because there

was a decree from the Greeks

398

00:22:35,250 --> 00:22:38,970

to tear away the entire

religion, Judaism,

399

00:22:38,970 --> 00:22:42,150

during the Second Temple.

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00:22:42,150 --> 00:22:44,970

They gave out various

decrees that Jews are not

401

00:22:44,970 --> 00:22:47,520

allowed to observe

the Sabbath, and Jews

402

00:22:47,520 --> 00:22:51,450

are not to circumcise their

children on the eighth day,

403

00:22:51,450 --> 00:22:55,410
and Jews are not allowed to
learn Torah at that time.

404

00:22:55,410 --> 00:23:00,480
Matisyahu, the high priest,
gathered together the Jews,

405

00:23:00,480 --> 00:23:02,400
and he made a rebellion.

406

00:23:02,400 --> 00:23:07,200
He revolted against these
Greeks, the Assyrians,

407

00:23:07,200 --> 00:23:11,310
which wanted to transform
Judaism to take the people away

408

00:23:11,310 --> 00:23:12,450
from the faith.

409

00:23:12,450 --> 00:23:13,830
And he succeeded.

410

00:23:13,830 --> 00:23:16,260
The few against the many,
we say in our prayers,

411

00:23:16,260 --> 00:23:17,950
the weak against the strong.

412

00:23:17,950 --> 00:23:18,450
Why?

413

00:23:18,450 --> 00:23:20,550
Because the Almighty
was with them.

414

00:23:20,550 --> 00:23:26,200
It was a fight to make Judaism
enabled to exist, to survive.

415

00:23:26,200 --> 00:23:27,210

And they won.

416

00:23:27,210 --> 00:23:29,850

Purim, which happened a
couple of hundred years

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00:23:29,850 --> 00:23:33,870

before, during the
Babylonian exile,

418

00:23:33,870 --> 00:23:37,890

toward the end of the Babylonian
exile, was also at a time

419

00:23:37,890 --> 00:23:40,410

when there was decrees on Jews.

420

00:23:40,410 --> 00:23:44,100

There was a decree
which Haman had

421

00:23:44,100 --> 00:23:48,960

gotten through the Persian
kings to kill all the Jews.

422

00:23:48,960 --> 00:23:54,210

There was no insistence that
the Jews could save themselves

423

00:23:54,210 --> 00:23:57,210

if they would not
observe Judaism,

424

00:23:57,210 --> 00:24:01,050

if they would
desecrate the Sabbath,

425

00:24:01,050 --> 00:24:02,843

and so on, and so forth.

426

00:24:02,843 --> 00:24:04,260

Nothing could have
saved the Jews.

427

00:24:04,260 --> 00:24:06,900

It was a decree to kill
all the Jewish people.

428

00:24:06,900 --> 00:24:11,070

At that time, the Jewish
people, through the sages,

429

00:24:11,070 --> 00:24:14,790

did not make a rebellion,
did not revolt.

430

00:24:14,790 --> 00:24:19,080

They fasted, and they prayed,
as it says, in the Megillah

431

00:24:19,080 --> 00:24:24,030

that we read on Purim, the whole
entire story of Queen Esther

432

00:24:24,030 --> 00:24:28,620

and Mordecai, that the
Jews entreated and went

433

00:24:28,620 --> 00:24:30,990

to bed before the king.

434

00:24:30,990 --> 00:24:34,560

And in that way,
they were saved.

435

00:24:34,560 --> 00:24:37,110

Different, of
course, is Hanukkah,

436

00:24:37,110 --> 00:24:39,630

when the Jews could
have saved themselves

437

00:24:39,630 --> 00:24:43,825
by changing their religion,
by not observing Judaism,

438
00:24:43,825 --> 00:24:46,200
but at that time, when there
was a fight about the Torah,

439
00:24:46,200 --> 00:24:49,500
the Jews have to go
out and fight in battle

440
00:24:49,500 --> 00:24:52,420
to save Judaism,
and they succeeded.

441
00:24:52,420 --> 00:24:54,630
The rabbis which saw
at the time of Purim

442
00:24:54,630 --> 00:24:57,270
that this is not the
way to do battle--

443
00:24:57,270 --> 00:25:03,750
it's a decree from heaven, so
the only way was to entreat.

444
00:25:03,750 --> 00:25:06,960
In every time, Jews
did the same thing.

445
00:25:06,960 --> 00:25:13,290
They always want to analyze
what situation was it

446
00:25:13,290 --> 00:25:14,790
that brought about the decree.

447
00:25:14,790 --> 00:25:20,220
Is it a decree against
the faith, against Judaism

448

00:25:20,220 --> 00:25:23,880
as a faith, as its spiritual is?

449
00:25:23,880 --> 00:25:26,730
Or is it a decree that
nothing will help?

450
00:25:26,730 --> 00:25:29,250
It's just to kill out
everybody, and that's all.

451
00:25:29,250 --> 00:25:32,790
Can they be saved if
they convert or not?

452
00:25:32,790 --> 00:25:37,140
In each effort through
history, the Jewish people

453
00:25:37,140 --> 00:25:40,080
analyze through their
rabbis, through the sages

454
00:25:40,080 --> 00:25:42,150
what they have to do.

455
00:25:42,150 --> 00:25:45,120
The same thing happened
many thousands of years

456
00:25:45,120 --> 00:25:51,105
later, during Czar Nikolai
in the 1840s in Poland.

457
00:25:51,105 --> 00:25:55,830
It was that time
taken by Russia,

458
00:25:55,830 --> 00:25:58,890
and there was a decree
which came about

459
00:25:58,890 --> 00:26:04,470

through the influence of
reformed and enlightened Jews

460
00:26:04,470 --> 00:26:08,010
that went to Czar Nikolai
and, through his ministers,

461
00:26:08,010 --> 00:26:11,220
decreed that all the Jews
must change their garb.

462
00:26:11,220 --> 00:26:14,970
They should not wear their
traditional long coats,

463
00:26:14,970 --> 00:26:16,710
their hats, their
beards, and payos.

464
00:26:16,710 --> 00:26:21,000
The women should
not wear the dress

465
00:26:21,000 --> 00:26:25,080
that they had, all different
from the gentiles around them

466
00:26:25,080 --> 00:26:26,910
where they had lived.

467
00:26:26,910 --> 00:26:29,160
The only way to get the
Jews to be the same like all

468
00:26:29,160 --> 00:26:32,910
the other people would be
if they would throw away

469
00:26:32,910 --> 00:26:36,360
their garb, which was
considered a religious garb,

470
00:26:36,360 --> 00:26:38,430

and dress like all
the other people.

471
00:26:38,430 --> 00:26:43,170
Czar Nikolai, in turn, decreed
that all the Jewish men

472
00:26:43,170 --> 00:26:46,390
must have their beards
and payos cut off.

473
00:26:46,390 --> 00:26:50,730
He sent them soldiers
to do this work.

474
00:26:50,730 --> 00:26:55,860
A great rabbi, in conjunction
with a number of other rabbis,

475
00:26:55,860 --> 00:26:58,740
got together and
decided that this

476
00:26:58,740 --> 00:27:00,850
was a decree against the faith.

477
00:27:00,850 --> 00:27:05,550
This was not a decree to
kill out the Jews per se.

478
00:27:05,550 --> 00:27:09,300
It was a decree only against
a certain part of the faith.

479
00:27:09,300 --> 00:27:12,660
At that time, when there was
a decree against the faith,

480
00:27:12,660 --> 00:27:15,970
Jew had to sacrifice their
lives, even though, in Judaism,

481
00:27:15,970 --> 00:27:19,260

there are only three things
where a Jew is always

482
00:27:19,260 --> 00:27:23,250
required to sacrifice his
life and not to transgress.

483
00:27:23,250 --> 00:27:25,020
One is murder.

484
00:27:25,020 --> 00:27:31,470
Another is promiscuity, and
a third is idol worship.

485
00:27:31,470 --> 00:27:38,160
In this case, where there is
a certain amount of semblance

486
00:27:38,160 --> 00:27:41,610
that they want to transform
the Jewish people,

487
00:27:41,610 --> 00:27:45,960
even with a minor
edict, as Czar Nikolai

488
00:27:45,960 --> 00:27:48,970
wanted to by cutting
off the bears and payos.

489
00:27:48,970 --> 00:27:51,390
The rabbi saw to
it that it should

490
00:27:51,390 --> 00:27:55,140
be known throughout Poland
that this thing-- the Jew

491
00:27:55,140 --> 00:27:59,400
must rather sacrifice his
life and not to transgress.

492
00:27:59,400 --> 00:28:03,630

When Czar Nikolai saw that
the Jews were resisting

493
00:28:03,630 --> 00:28:09,490
in such a way, he went
and changed the decree,

494
00:28:09,490 --> 00:28:10,740
and it was abolished.

495
00:28:10,740 --> 00:28:12,500
How did they resist?

496
00:28:12,500 --> 00:28:19,720
The Jews resisted
the decree by hiding.

497
00:28:19,720 --> 00:28:21,940
This was mostly the
resistance, by hiding.

498
00:28:21,940 --> 00:28:23,290
They didn't comply.

499
00:28:23,290 --> 00:28:25,360
They did not comply
with the decree.

500
00:28:25,360 --> 00:28:29,740
There were some Jews
that wanted to show

501
00:28:29,740 --> 00:28:33,280
that if the government
says so, we must do it,

502
00:28:33,280 --> 00:28:39,070
but it was a minuscule
minority, just individuals.

503
00:28:39,070 --> 00:28:43,820
And they were despised
by the entire population.

504
00:28:43,820 --> 00:28:47,620
The majority of
Jews, well over 99%,

505
00:28:47,620 --> 00:28:54,900
did not comply and kept
their garb until the end.

506
00:28:54,900 --> 00:28:59,960
This means that, according
to the religious outlook,

507
00:28:59,960 --> 00:29:03,700
whether to fight
only when the Torah,

508
00:29:03,700 --> 00:29:06,076
when the faith is in danger?

509
00:29:06,076 --> 00:29:11,230
According to our
faith, the only time

510
00:29:11,230 --> 00:29:16,480
when one is permitted to resist
is when the faith is in danger.

511
00:29:16,480 --> 00:29:19,240
The same thing happened--

512
00:29:19,240 --> 00:29:22,330
And do you consider that,
during the Hitler time,

513
00:29:22,330 --> 00:29:23,260
it was the case?

514
00:29:23,260 --> 00:29:24,350
Was the faith in danger?

515
00:29:24,350 --> 00:29:26,260

During the Hitler
time, we consider

516
00:29:26,260 --> 00:29:30,760
that this was a case just like
Purim, not when the faith was

517
00:29:30,760 --> 00:29:32,260
endangered.

518
00:29:32,260 --> 00:29:36,460
It was a decree for
all the Jews as such.

519
00:29:36,460 --> 00:29:37,480
There was no such thing.

520
00:29:37,480 --> 00:29:40,810
Hitler did not say that the
Jews could save themselves

521
00:29:40,810 --> 00:29:44,890
by becoming Christians
or by being un-Jewish.

522
00:29:44,890 --> 00:29:48,460
Hitler made the Nuremberg
laws that looked back

523
00:29:48,460 --> 00:29:52,480
if a Jewish grandparent
was on either side

524
00:29:52,480 --> 00:29:55,165
of a singular individual
person, and if such,

525
00:29:55,165 --> 00:29:58,300
he was still considered a Jew
according to the Nuremberg laws

526
00:29:58,300 --> 00:30:02,560
and was so dealt with, was

sent to concentration camps.

527

00:30:02,560 --> 00:30:07,000

In that case, because this was
a decree not against the faith,

528

00:30:07,000 --> 00:30:12,820

against Judaism per se but
against the Jew as a person,

529

00:30:12,820 --> 00:30:18,070

the Jew as a people, this
was a case just as Purim,

530

00:30:18,070 --> 00:30:18,880

where the Jews--

531

00:30:18,880 --> 00:30:21,760

the only way to turn
was to pray, of course,

532

00:30:21,760 --> 00:30:26,200

to the Almighty, who, in
his infinite wisdom, who

533

00:30:26,200 --> 00:30:30,760

the minds of kings and the mind
of leaders are all in his hand,

534

00:30:30,760 --> 00:30:33,160

should be able to
change his mind

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00:30:33,160 --> 00:30:36,550

or to appease them in
different ways, definitely

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00:30:36,550 --> 00:30:39,190

not to antagonize
them and not to make

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00:30:39,190 --> 00:30:44,370

such a mad dog, Hitler, madder

than he was in the first place.

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00:30:44,370 --> 00:31:04,427