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00:00:00,000 --> 00:00:04,960

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00:00:04,960 --> 00:00:08,710
It's very, very
puzzling what you say,

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00:00:08,710 --> 00:00:12,450
because [INAUDIBLE]
a teacher would

4
00:00:12,450 --> 00:00:14,920
have succeeded in
this destroying

5
00:00:14,920 --> 00:00:16,670
the whole of the Jewish people.

6
00:00:16,670 --> 00:00:21,280
It was his plan from
[INAUDIBLE] In such a case,

7
00:00:21,280 --> 00:00:22,550
there is no Jew life anymore.

8
00:00:22,550 --> 00:00:25,270
If there are no Jews,
there is no Judaism.

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00:00:25,270 --> 00:00:30,600
First, we have a
promise by the Almighty

10
00:00:30,600 --> 00:00:37,390
brought down on the Torah in
chapters of the Bible, later

11
00:00:37,390 --> 00:00:43,480
the prophets, that never
will the children of Israel

12

00:00:43,480 --> 00:00:45,190
cease to exist.

13
00:00:45,190 --> 00:00:47,650
But we have in the
Talmud expressed,

14
00:00:47,650 --> 00:00:50,500
quotes also brought
down from the Torah

15
00:00:50,500 --> 00:00:57,670
that the Almighty had done a
gratitude to the Jewish people

16
00:00:57,670 --> 00:01:04,599
by making them disperse through
a large number of nations.

17
00:01:04,599 --> 00:01:06,400
So if ever a
catastrophe could fall

18
00:01:06,400 --> 00:01:08,380
upon the Jewish
people in one place,

19
00:01:08,380 --> 00:01:13,000
they always have another
place to run away.

20
00:01:13,000 --> 00:01:16,990
We learned all this
from one of the chapters

21
00:01:16,990 --> 00:01:19,570
in the first volume
of the Book of Moses

22
00:01:19,570 --> 00:01:26,560
when Jacob, the patriarch,
was meeting Asa, his brother.

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00:01:26,560 --> 00:01:31,060
And he divided his children
into a couple of camps.

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00:01:31,060 --> 00:01:35,590
One of the camps, he
divided it to fight,

25
00:01:35,590 --> 00:01:39,280
but one camp be divided
to be able to run away--

26
00:01:39,280 --> 00:01:42,520
to be able to save, just
in case the first camp

27
00:01:42,520 --> 00:01:45,700
is destroyed in the fight--

28
00:01:45,700 --> 00:01:46,840
lost.

29
00:01:46,840 --> 00:01:50,080
All the commentaries
bring that this

30
00:01:50,080 --> 00:01:55,390
goes on the way Jewish people
are in exile through diaspora.

31
00:01:55,390 --> 00:01:59,340
Wherever there was one tyrant
that made some kind of decree

32
00:01:59,340 --> 00:02:01,480
on Jewish people in
one country, there

33
00:02:01,480 --> 00:02:03,400
was always a
different country that

34
00:02:03,400 --> 00:02:05,110

opened the doors for the Jews.

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00:02:05,110 --> 00:02:06,782

When there was a
Spanish Inquisition,

36

00:02:06,782 --> 00:02:08,699

the doors of Poland were
opened for the Jews--

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00:02:08,699 --> 00:02:12,100

the doors of Turkey,
the doors of Holland,

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00:02:12,100 --> 00:02:15,430

and so on, and so
forth in many places.

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00:02:15,430 --> 00:02:18,580

We find this all along
through the history

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00:02:18,580 --> 00:02:19,510

of the Jewish people.

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00:02:19,510 --> 00:02:21,177

Whenever there was
trouble in one place,

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00:02:21,177 --> 00:02:24,130

Jews were able to
exist in another place.

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00:02:24,130 --> 00:02:27,490

The deep meaning
of the diaspora.

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00:02:27,490 --> 00:02:32,830

This is one of the
reasons of the diaspora.

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00:02:32,830 --> 00:02:36,580

There are many other reasons

of the golus of the exile--

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00:02:36,580 --> 00:02:38,830

many spiritual and
religious reasons.

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00:02:38,830 --> 00:02:41,080

But this is a reason.

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00:02:41,080 --> 00:02:43,060

This is one of the basics--

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00:02:43,060 --> 00:02:47,770

how Jews are able to exist
also in the diaspora because

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00:02:47,770 --> 00:02:55,540

of the promise from the Almighty
and the fact that they are

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00:02:55,540 --> 00:02:58,870

dispersed through all
the nations of the world.

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00:02:58,870 --> 00:03:02,140

Even Hitler when he came
about, when he made his Wannsee

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00:03:02,140 --> 00:03:08,500

Conference, had only plans
for Europe, North Africa,

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00:03:08,500 --> 00:03:11,390

and parts of Asia.

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00:03:11,390 --> 00:03:13,600

The United States wasn't
even in the plans.

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00:03:13,600 --> 00:03:17,920

He had plans made up for the
extermination, god forbid,

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00:03:17,920 --> 00:03:21,130
of 12 million Jews,
which he counted,

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00:03:21,130 --> 00:03:23,780
as all the Jews living
in North Africa,

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00:03:23,780 --> 00:03:25,510
Europe, which included
Russia as well,

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00:03:25,510 --> 00:03:29,130
and parts of Asia, which he
had entered into his mind

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00:03:29,130 --> 00:03:31,480
that this is what
he wants to conquer.

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00:03:31,480 --> 00:03:34,240
For Jews on the other
side of the Atlantic,

63

00:03:34,240 --> 00:03:36,190
North America and
South America, were not

64

00:03:36,190 --> 00:03:39,970
even entered into his
plans in the original form.

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00:03:39,970 --> 00:03:45,490
This was, of course, his
political fight, anyway.

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00:03:45,490 --> 00:03:47,520
All right.

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00:03:47,520 --> 00:03:53,620
Now let's come
back to Weissmandel

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00:03:53,620 --> 00:03:56,230

Getting back to
our Weissmandel--

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00:03:56,230 --> 00:04:03,940

when he entered into Hochberg's
office to approach him

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00:04:03,940 --> 00:04:07,870

with the deal, he told--

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00:04:07,870 --> 00:04:09,820

The deal was his own idea?

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00:04:09,820 --> 00:04:12,170

The deal was his own idea.

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00:04:12,170 --> 00:04:18,790

But he had concurred
together with Rabbi Ungar,

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00:04:18,790 --> 00:04:22,330

his father-in-law, that had told
him that this path should be

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00:04:22,330 --> 00:04:25,280

taken from the very first day.

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00:04:25,280 --> 00:04:28,180

So Weissmandel went
into Hochberg's office,

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00:04:28,180 --> 00:04:30,910

and he told Hochberg that
he was a representative

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00:04:30,910 --> 00:04:37,280

of the Jewish organizations
of the free world of America

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00:04:37,280 --> 00:04:40,060

and England, and

their representatives

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00:04:40,060 --> 00:04:41,870
were in Switzerland.

81
00:04:41,870 --> 00:04:45,850
And he was here in
Pressburg specifically

82
00:04:45,850 --> 00:04:47,470
for these organizations
to let them

83
00:04:47,470 --> 00:04:52,270
know on the outcome of
the war and whatever

84
00:04:52,270 --> 00:04:53,710
would happen to
the Jewish people

85
00:04:53,710 --> 00:04:56,470
in that part of the world.

86
00:04:56,470 --> 00:05:00,250
He asked Hochberg
if there was any way

87
00:05:00,250 --> 00:05:04,910
to be able to annul
the decree of deporting

88
00:05:04,910 --> 00:05:08,480
the Jews to Poland.

89
00:05:08,480 --> 00:05:13,490
He told Hochberg
that on one side,

90
00:05:13,490 --> 00:05:16,760
he had already done enough--

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00:05:16,760 --> 00:05:20,300
satisfied the Germans,
satisfied Hitler--

92
00:05:20,300 --> 00:05:23,690
by expelling a large
number of Jews.

93
00:05:23,690 --> 00:05:25,430
On the other side,
there's nothing

94
00:05:25,430 --> 00:05:27,740
to be sure about
that the Germans are

95
00:05:27,740 --> 00:05:30,320
going to win the war.

96
00:05:30,320 --> 00:05:34,280
And then if the Germans lose
the war and the Allies win,

97
00:05:34,280 --> 00:05:36,320
they'll all get up
to a day of judgment.

98
00:05:36,320 --> 00:05:38,870
And they will all be judged
for whatever they did.

99
00:05:38,870 --> 00:05:40,910
So he told Hochberg there's
a chance, of course,

100
00:05:40,910 --> 00:05:43,010
that the Germans, if
they lose the war,

101
00:05:43,010 --> 00:05:45,860
make sure you have something
on their side as well.

102

00:05:45,860 --> 00:05:48,890
And go to Wisliceny,
go to your boss,

103
00:05:48,890 --> 00:05:52,670
and put these words
into his ear as well.

104
00:05:52,670 --> 00:05:55,370
I'm sure he's also thinking
about this time just in case

105
00:05:55,370 --> 00:05:58,250
if the Germans
may lose the war--

106
00:05:58,250 --> 00:06:00,660
and ask him if
they have a price.

107
00:06:00,660 --> 00:06:06,590
Hochberg first was
screaming at him,

108
00:06:06,590 --> 00:06:09,440
but then he started listening.

109
00:06:09,440 --> 00:06:10,880
And he said, OK, wait.

110
00:06:10,880 --> 00:06:14,510
While he went into Wisliceny,
and the hours passed,

111
00:06:14,510 --> 00:06:17,870
and Hochberg came back in
a rush, and he said, yes--

112
00:06:17,870 --> 00:06:20,700
the Nazis have given the OK.

113
00:06:20,700 --> 00:06:21,890
And there's a price.

114
00:06:21,890 --> 00:06:27,921
The price is \$50,000
in American dollars--

115
00:06:27,921 --> 00:06:30,470
in two payments.

116
00:06:30,470 --> 00:06:36,980
The Nazi will show his goodwill
by diverting the first three

117
00:06:36,980 --> 00:06:39,620
transports to Poland.

118
00:06:39,620 --> 00:06:45,440
Every week, two transports left,
and the next three transports

119
00:06:45,440 --> 00:06:46,830
will not go.

120
00:06:46,830 --> 00:06:51,980
After these three
transports are delayed,

121
00:06:51,980 --> 00:06:55,370
you must bring up \$25,000.

122
00:06:55,370 --> 00:06:57,170
Then the Nazis will
show their goodwill

123
00:06:57,170 --> 00:07:00,320
and stop transportations
for another seven weeks.

124
00:07:00,320 --> 00:07:04,100
Then you should be able to
bring the other \$25,000.

125
00:07:04,100 --> 00:07:05,480

This was in 1942.

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00:07:05,480 --> 00:07:08,500

This was all in
the spring of 1942

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00:07:08,500 --> 00:07:12,090

after 100,000 Jews from
Slovakia were already

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00:07:12,090 --> 00:07:17,570

deported into Poland and there
were still 35,000 Jews left.

129

00:07:17,570 --> 00:07:22,400

Rabbi Weissmandel
accepted the deal.

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00:07:22,400 --> 00:07:29,360

There was one condition, besides
settling with the Slovakian

131

00:07:29,360 --> 00:07:32,180

government as well,
that the money must

132

00:07:32,180 --> 00:07:36,470

have some proof that it
came from out of Europe--

133

00:07:36,470 --> 00:07:39,590

that the dollars had come from
Switzerland, from America,

134

00:07:39,590 --> 00:07:40,890

from the free world.

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00:07:40,890 --> 00:07:41,660

Why?

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00:07:41,660 --> 00:07:43,830

Why was it necessary?

137

00:07:43,830 --> 00:07:47,263

This is going into the politics.

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00:07:47,263 --> 00:07:48,430

Do you want to go into that?

139

00:07:48,430 --> 00:07:50,300

No, I want to understand.

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00:07:50,300 --> 00:07:53,390

Wisliceny wanted proof.

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00:07:53,390 --> 00:07:56,630

Rabbi Weissmandel had
mentioned that he is here

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00:07:56,630 --> 00:08:01,940

from the outside world,
and Wisliceny wanted proof

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00:08:01,940 --> 00:08:06,530

that the Jews that they
felt had brought the United

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00:08:06,530 --> 00:08:10,520

States into war with Germany--

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00:08:10,520 --> 00:08:12,980

in their mind they
thought that the Jews were

146

00:08:12,980 --> 00:08:17,120

the ones that had brought the
United States into the war--

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00:08:17,120 --> 00:08:19,310

if the Jews were
already softened up

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00:08:19,310 --> 00:08:21,950

in their attitude against
the German government,

149
00:08:21,950 --> 00:08:24,560
and the best proof
of softening up

150
00:08:24,560 --> 00:08:29,180
is paying the Germans for
the lives of some other Jews

151
00:08:29,180 --> 00:08:32,460
in Slovakia, or in other
countries in Europe--

152
00:08:32,460 --> 00:08:35,870
I think that this was
because Wisliceny [INAUDIBLE]

153
00:08:35,870 --> 00:08:41,100
the belief in the reality
of an international jury--

154
00:08:41,100 --> 00:08:41,600
True.

155
00:08:41,600 --> 00:08:42,799
They planned on this.

156
00:08:42,799 --> 00:08:44,900
It's true.

157
00:08:44,900 --> 00:08:50,300
They believed in the strength
of international jury.

158
00:08:50,300 --> 00:08:53,090
It is true.

159
00:08:53,090 --> 00:08:56,850
They believed into this,
but which was not true.

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00:08:56,850 --> 00:08:59,270

And they also
believed that the Jews

161
00:08:59,270 --> 00:09:01,810
would care about one another.

162
00:09:01,810 --> 00:09:10,000