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00:00:00,000 --> 00:00:07,320

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00:00:07,320 --> 00:00:12,300

Dr. Goldman, in
your autobiography

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00:00:12,300 --> 00:00:18,210

when you write in retrospect
about the Holocaust,

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00:00:18,210 --> 00:00:26,040

you condemn very seriously, and
with very harsh words, not only

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00:00:26,040 --> 00:00:31,380

the non-Jewish world for
the appeasement policy,

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00:00:31,380 --> 00:00:37,710

but mostly to the
Jews themselves.

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00:00:37,710 --> 00:00:41,400

And if I can quote
you exactly, you

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00:00:41,400 --> 00:00:46,140

talk about total
failure of what might be

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00:00:46,140 --> 00:00:49,530

called the Jewish leadership.

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00:00:49,530 --> 00:00:56,760

You accuse them of myopy, of
shortsightedness and so on.

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00:00:56,760 --> 00:01:02,550

And you say that they
were unable to foresee

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00:01:02,550 --> 00:01:06,510

the catastrophe
which was coming on,

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00:01:06,510 --> 00:01:13,560

and not to take any kind of
decisive measure to avoid this.

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00:01:13,560 --> 00:01:17,430

Today it's something which is
very difficult to understand,

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00:01:17,430 --> 00:01:20,880

because the Jewish world
today, thanks to the Holocaust

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00:01:20,880 --> 00:01:25,290

precisely, is more or
less united in spite

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00:01:25,290 --> 00:01:27,600

of the divisions and so on.

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00:01:27,600 --> 00:01:29,820

That is very
difficult for us today

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00:01:29,820 --> 00:01:33,690

to understand what was the
Jewish world at the time,

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00:01:33,690 --> 00:01:36,600

and what was the
Jewish leadership?

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00:01:36,600 --> 00:01:39,900

This is my first
question if you want.

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00:01:39,900 --> 00:01:43,620

Well, the Jewish world
is today more united

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00:01:43,620 --> 00:01:47,830

as you rightly say,
for two reasons.

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00:01:47,830 --> 00:01:50,970

The major reason
historically we've seen

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00:01:50,970 --> 00:01:56,520

is that there exists the
state of Israel, which

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00:01:56,520 --> 00:02:02,680

90% of those Jews are interested
to be Jews and 100,000

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00:02:02,680 --> 00:02:07,680

with no interest in it, is
supporting very passionately.

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00:02:07,680 --> 00:02:10,500

And this itself
creates already a basis

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00:02:10,500 --> 00:02:16,080

for united action and
feeling, gathering the people

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00:02:16,080 --> 00:02:17,580

around Israel.

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00:02:17,580 --> 00:02:22,680

The second reason, less
important historically

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00:02:22,680 --> 00:02:26,430

but important, is that
the World Jewish Congress,

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00:02:26,430 --> 00:02:30,610

which is really, if I
will not be misunderstood,

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00:02:30,610 --> 00:02:32,820
a creation of Hitler.

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00:02:32,820 --> 00:02:35,460
Those who founded this,
Steven Wise and myself,

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00:02:35,460 --> 00:02:39,570
did it because we saw the
danger of Nazism looming.

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00:02:39,570 --> 00:02:44,010
The World Jewish Congress has
succeeded in the last few years

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00:02:44,010 --> 00:02:47,640
to really represent
the vast majority

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00:02:47,640 --> 00:02:49,290
of the Jews in the free world.

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00:02:49,290 --> 00:02:52,740
Eastern European Jews,
Russian Jews cannot join,

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00:02:52,740 --> 00:02:55,030
so it cannot be counted.

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00:02:55,030 --> 00:02:57,390
And so there are two bases--

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00:02:57,390 --> 00:03:00,720
one emotional,
intellectual, moral.

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00:03:00,720 --> 00:03:06,600
The other one organizational,
which make it more easier today

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00:03:06,600 --> 00:03:11,490
for the Jewish leadership

to act in a united way.

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00:03:11,490 --> 00:03:18,630

When Hitler began to
appear the Jewish diaspora

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00:03:18,630 --> 00:03:20,700

was very much divided.

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00:03:20,700 --> 00:03:26,330

First, by a majority were
non- or anti-Zionist.

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00:03:26,330 --> 00:03:29,680

Every country acted on its own.

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00:03:29,680 --> 00:03:32,160

I remember the
tremendous efforts

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00:03:32,160 --> 00:03:36,720

it required two, three years to
get in the beginning of a World

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00:03:36,720 --> 00:03:40,200

Jewish Congress, and the first
conference of the Congress

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00:03:40,200 --> 00:03:43,170

in the thirties in Geneva.

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00:03:43,170 --> 00:03:46,590

And therefore, for
this reason alone,

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00:03:46,590 --> 00:03:49,990

united action was
very difficult.

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00:03:49,990 --> 00:03:53,220

In addition, it's not
maybe directly in answer

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00:03:53,220 --> 00:03:57,270

to your questions
connected with it,

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00:03:57,270 --> 00:04:00,550

the Jewish people,
as you quoted me,

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00:04:00,550 --> 00:04:05,610

reacted with a lack
of any foresight.

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00:04:05,610 --> 00:04:09,720

The Jews are a people
of tremendous optimism.

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00:04:09,720 --> 00:04:12,690

It's one of the reasons
why they survived

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00:04:12,690 --> 00:04:14,850

2000 years of diaspora.

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00:04:14,850 --> 00:04:16,940

Yes, but in such
a case they died.

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00:04:16,940 --> 00:04:22,800

Yeah, but I often said that
the peoples and the individuals

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00:04:22,800 --> 00:04:27,450

pay for everything, for virtue
sometimes more than for vices.

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00:04:27,450 --> 00:04:31,230

Jewish optimism has
a second aspect,

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00:04:31,230 --> 00:04:35,550

which makes Jews'
wishful thinking

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00:04:35,550 --> 00:04:39,330

overly optimistic and
not foreseeing danger,

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00:04:39,330 --> 00:04:41,250

so eliminating them.

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00:04:41,250 --> 00:04:45,930

And Jewish history is
full of such examples.

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00:04:45,930 --> 00:04:47,640

I'm sure-- not sure--

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00:04:47,640 --> 00:04:52,380

I learned it from
historians, the Jews in Spain

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00:04:52,380 --> 00:04:58,080

were warned by many of the
coming expulsion from Spain

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00:04:58,080 --> 00:05:01,470

and 100,000 could have saved
themselves with their fortune

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00:05:01,470 --> 00:05:03,040

if they would have believed it.

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00:05:03,040 --> 00:05:05,880

But the majority
thought it's nonsense.

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00:05:05,880 --> 00:05:10,480

The same applied to Jewish
attitudes vis-a-vis Hitler.

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00:05:10,480 --> 00:05:14,980

When friends of mine,
Stephen Wise, myself,

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00:05:14,980 --> 00:05:19,540

warned not of Auschwitz-- one
is to have the imagination

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00:05:19,540 --> 00:05:23,710
of a Hitler to foresee the
possibility of Auschwitz--

81
00:05:23,710 --> 00:05:26,680
but in speeches
which are printed

82
00:05:26,680 --> 00:05:33,550
and everybody can read
in 1933, 1932, '34,

83
00:05:33,550 --> 00:05:35,740
I warned that the
greatest attack

84
00:05:35,740 --> 00:05:37,630
on the existence of
the Jewish people

85
00:05:37,630 --> 00:05:40,750
is being propelled by
the Germans, a people

86
00:05:40,750 --> 00:05:45,430
with an organizational
genius, and therefore Jews

87
00:05:45,430 --> 00:05:47,270
have to react to it.

88
00:05:47,270 --> 00:05:52,780
And most people took it for the
imagination of hysterical Jews.

89
00:05:52,780 --> 00:05:55,960
I'll give one example.

90
00:05:55,960 --> 00:06:01,630
I left Germany on

the 4th of July '33,

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00:06:01,630 --> 00:06:04,900

three days before the
Gestapo came to arrest me.

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00:06:04,900 --> 00:06:11,140

Not because I foresaw that they
will coming, I too wasn't so--

93

00:06:11,140 --> 00:06:14,410

had such foresight, but
because my father, who

94

00:06:14,410 --> 00:06:16,630

lived in Palestine,
was very sick

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00:06:16,630 --> 00:06:20,260

and I had to rush to
see him still alive.

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00:06:20,260 --> 00:06:23,926

He died a few weeks later.

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00:06:23,926 --> 00:06:27,520

Later on I came to
Paris, and I called

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00:06:27,520 --> 00:06:32,140

a meeting of a number of
French leaders, intellectuals,

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00:06:32,140 --> 00:06:36,910

rich men and I remember
even, if I may quote myself,

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00:06:36,910 --> 00:06:40,660

I told them, look here,
the German Jews til Hitler

101

00:06:40,660 --> 00:06:43,720

were sure that what you

call the Jewish problem

102
00:06:43,720 --> 00:06:47,020
ends on the Reichland's Elbe.

103
00:06:47,020 --> 00:06:49,420
But Hitler has proved
that the Jewish problem

104
00:06:49,420 --> 00:06:52,900
can jump over the Elbe,
another serious Jewish problem

105
00:06:52,900 --> 00:06:54,250
in Germany.

106
00:06:54,250 --> 00:06:57,890
You think here that the
frontier for the Jewish problem

107
00:06:57,890 --> 00:06:58,990
is the Rhine.

108
00:06:58,990 --> 00:07:02,845
I warn you that one day
it may jump over the Rhine

109
00:07:02,845 --> 00:07:07,990
and you'll be menaced the same
way as the German Jews will be

110
00:07:07,990 --> 00:07:09,400
are today.

111
00:07:09,400 --> 00:07:11,830
So most of the
people looked at me,

112
00:07:11,830 --> 00:07:14,110
they are very
polite to lecturers.

113

00:07:14,110 --> 00:07:15,490
They didn't react.

114
00:07:15,490 --> 00:07:20,410
They thought with a kind of
pity, panic-stricken Jew,

115
00:07:20,410 --> 00:07:22,900
to run away from
Germany is hysterical.

116
00:07:22,900 --> 00:07:25,710
Nobody took it seriously,
except very few.

117
00:07:25,710 --> 00:07:27,010
This was obvious?

118
00:07:27,010 --> 00:07:27,700
It was.

119
00:07:27,700 --> 00:07:30,160
It was obvious that was --

120
00:07:30,160 --> 00:07:32,470
And the reaction
was, what nonsense.

121
00:07:32,470 --> 00:07:37,870
In France, they won't be a
war, and no Hitler in France.

122
00:07:37,870 --> 00:07:44,500
Now this 30 or 40 Jews,
at least 10 or 12 of them,

123
00:07:44,500 --> 00:07:47,320
a few years later when
the war broke out,

124
00:07:47,320 --> 00:07:49,980
I sent visas to come to America.

125

00:07:49,980 --> 00:07:52,330

And the money for
the transportation

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00:07:52,330 --> 00:07:54,220

of former millionaires.

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00:07:54,220 --> 00:07:57,220

So here you have a
very personal example

128

00:07:57,220 --> 00:08:02,860

of the optimism of the Jews.

129

00:08:02,860 --> 00:08:07,210

And the worst was in America,
because America Jewry was

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00:08:07,210 --> 00:08:10,180

the most influential,
as it is today,

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00:08:10,180 --> 00:08:16,240

and we wanted to proclaim
a real boycott of Germany.

132

00:08:16,240 --> 00:08:19,560

And I'm convinced, you can
never prove something in history

133

00:08:19,560 --> 00:08:22,330

and you tried it
out, it's just that--

134

00:08:22,330 --> 00:08:28,810

I'm sure that if world
Jewry would have united

135

00:08:28,810 --> 00:08:36,700

to fight Hitler, '33, '34,
'35, and the very [? one ?] yet

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00:08:36,700 --> 00:08:42,020
is powerful and was
looking for his ways,

137
00:08:42,020 --> 00:08:48,400
and hundreds of thousands of
Jews could have been saved.

138
00:08:48,400 --> 00:08:51,610
But when we proclaimed
the boycott,

139
00:08:51,610 --> 00:08:54,790
a minority of Jews in
America followed us.

140
00:08:54,790 --> 00:08:57,850
The majority, especially
the so-called establishment,

141
00:08:57,850 --> 00:09:01,270
the rich Jews, says, well we
cannot disturb normal trade

142
00:09:01,270 --> 00:09:06,550
relations with America and
Hitler, and we can't do it.

143
00:09:06,550 --> 00:09:07,690
I have another example.

144
00:09:07,690 --> 00:09:11,050

145
00:09:11,050 --> 00:09:15,130
Roosevelt had one day the idea--

146
00:09:15,130 --> 00:09:17,710
I had it from Stephen
Wise, a very close friend,

147
00:09:17,710 --> 00:09:21,640
I don't have it directly

from Roosevelt--

148

00:09:21,640 --> 00:09:26,680

had once that idea to send a
man like Stephen Wise ambassador

149

00:09:26,680 --> 00:09:32,080

to Hitler, which would
have brought a showdown.

150

00:09:32,080 --> 00:09:33,850

He wanted to appoint him

151

00:09:33,850 --> 00:09:36,100

Either Wise or a similar man.

152

00:09:36,100 --> 00:09:38,170

This would have been
a very great idea.

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00:09:38,170 --> 00:09:41,170

Wise himself was
reluctant, but most

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00:09:41,170 --> 00:09:44,050

of the so-called
respectable Jewish leaders

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00:09:44,050 --> 00:09:48,880

warned him it would be
a provocation of Hitler,

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00:09:48,880 --> 00:09:51,100

and his idea was dropped.

157

00:09:51,100 --> 00:09:55,060

But excuse me, the idea with
an idea of Roosevelt himself?

158

00:09:55,060 --> 00:09:57,490

As far as I heard from
Wise, from Roosevelt,

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00:09:57,490 --> 00:10:00,730
and maybe somebody suggested to
the men like Felix Frankfurter,

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00:10:00,730 --> 00:10:02,860
you know he had very
close Jewish friends.

161

00:10:02,860 --> 00:10:08,270
Wise, Frankfurter,
Brandeis and so on.

162

00:10:08,270 --> 00:10:12,640
So the majority of American
Jews didn't go along.

163

00:10:12,640 --> 00:10:17,050
Now, I must say if I
may, be very personal,

164

00:10:17,050 --> 00:10:21,110
that maybe I myself not in
protesting against Hitler.

165

00:10:21,110 --> 00:10:27,100
You know, World Jewish Congress
proclaimed a world boycott

166

00:10:27,100 --> 00:10:27,880
against Hitler.

167

00:10:27,880 --> 00:10:33,910
That's a reason why I was
denaturalized for high treason.

168

00:10:33,910 --> 00:10:36,050
Goebbels insisted on it.

169

00:10:36,050 --> 00:10:40,780
And after a year of discussion
the foreign minister in Germany

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00:10:40,780 --> 00:10:42,320
was against it.

171
00:10:42,320 --> 00:10:46,030
After I got the proclamation
of the world boycott,

172
00:10:46,030 --> 00:10:50,200
they denaturalized me, as
I say, for high treason,

173
00:10:50,200 --> 00:10:55,090
to be shot whenever apprehended,
but they didn't catch me.

174
00:10:55,090 --> 00:10:59,020
But I myself may have
missed certain occasions.

175
00:10:59,020 --> 00:11:02,860
I think I mentioned
in my autobiography

176
00:11:02,860 --> 00:11:06,700
that Mussolini wanted one day
to arrange a meeting for me

177
00:11:06,700 --> 00:11:08,560
with Hitler.

178
00:11:08,560 --> 00:11:09,400
One second.

179
00:11:09,400 --> 00:11:15,910

180
00:11:15,910 --> 00:11:19,750
Yes, Doctor, I
understand perfectly what

181
00:11:19,750 --> 00:11:25,450
you say, but I ask what would
have been possible to do?

182
00:11:25,450 --> 00:11:31,570
Because what was the strength
at the time of the Jewish world?

183
00:11:31,570 --> 00:11:35,740
The trend was that Hitler
is not too serious.

184
00:11:35,740 --> 00:11:37,570
The trend was the same as--

185
00:11:37,570 --> 00:11:40,690
No, I asked the
strength, the power.

186
00:11:40,690 --> 00:11:41,750
Oh, the power.

187
00:11:41,750 --> 00:11:43,000
The power of the Jewish world.

188
00:11:43,000 --> 00:11:47,560
The power was not
as great as today.

189
00:11:47,560 --> 00:11:50,080
First, for the power
is greater today

190
00:11:50,080 --> 00:11:53,710
because the Western
world has still

191
00:11:53,710 --> 00:11:58,000
a bad conscience about
having not done anything

192
00:11:58,000 --> 00:11:59,860
to save the Jews.

193
00:11:59,860 --> 00:12:02,350

So Jews are being
treated for the time

194
00:12:02,350 --> 00:12:04,030
being with silken gloves.

195
00:12:04,030 --> 00:12:05,890
It won't last too long.

196
00:12:05,890 --> 00:12:09,040
I warn Israel and
the Jewish people,

197
00:12:09,040 --> 00:12:11,680
they shouldn't
overreach themselves

198
00:12:11,680 --> 00:12:14,210
and overestimate their power.

199
00:12:14,210 --> 00:12:17,250
For instance a Jewish
lobby in America

200
00:12:17,250 --> 00:12:19,840
is a little bit too spectacular.

201
00:12:19,840 --> 00:12:23,260
And people are losing
their bad conscience.

202
00:12:23,260 --> 00:12:28,390
I feel to Germany's self
especially the younger

203
00:12:28,390 --> 00:12:31,980
generation gotta be responsible
and so I can give you

204
00:12:31,980 --> 00:12:36,790
an example because I
negotiated with the Germans til

205

00:12:36,790 --> 00:12:40,180
about reparations problems.

206

00:12:40,180 --> 00:12:42,790
And the same applies
in other countries.

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00:12:42,790 --> 00:12:46,580
At that time the power
of Jews was much smaller,

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00:12:46,580 --> 00:12:52,760
nevertheless American Jewry
was even then powerful,

209

00:12:52,760 --> 00:12:57,190
especially has had good contacts
with Roosevelt. Roosevelt

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00:12:57,190 --> 00:13:00,070
was not a great
believer in Zionism,

211

00:13:00,070 --> 00:13:02,980
but he was a great believer
in helping underdogs

212

00:13:02,980 --> 00:13:04,700
and all the persecuted Jews.

213

00:13:04,700 --> 00:13:06,370
There he was genuine.

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00:13:06,370 --> 00:13:10,150
He was an extraordinary
mixture of a moral figure

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00:13:10,150 --> 00:13:12,580
with a great politician.

216

00:13:12,580 --> 00:13:19,060
Very few people who could

combine these two qualities.

217

00:13:19,060 --> 00:13:22,570

On helping Jews
he was very keen,

218

00:13:22,570 --> 00:13:26,250

also later on in admitting Jews
he didn't act that very well,

219

00:13:26,250 --> 00:13:30,130

and the bureaucracy prevented
America to save Jews.

220

00:13:30,130 --> 00:13:32,980

But at that time,
with him, fighting

221

00:13:32,980 --> 00:13:38,920

Hitler, a great international
Jewish conference attended

222

00:13:38,920 --> 00:13:42,850

by all the Jewish communities,
could have had a great effect.

223

00:13:42,850 --> 00:13:48,290

And just to mention
another example,

224

00:13:48,290 --> 00:13:52,920

after the Nuremberg laws,
Benes was, at that time

225

00:13:52,920 --> 00:13:56,430

the foreign minister
of Czechoslovakia

226

00:13:56,430 --> 00:13:59,340

was a great friend of the Jews
and he even of the Zionist

227

00:13:59,340 --> 00:14:03,070

idea, and a personal friend.

228

00:14:03,070 --> 00:14:06,700

I'll never forget it, I think

I said memoirs my talk with him

229

00:14:06,700 --> 00:14:09,640

was one of my best

experiences in my life.

230

00:14:09,640 --> 00:14:12,190

He called me a few

days later to his hotel

231

00:14:12,190 --> 00:14:18,310

in Geneva, Beau Rivage, I

can see him in the salon,

232

00:14:18,310 --> 00:14:20,980

he was raging.

233

00:14:20,980 --> 00:14:22,810

He said, are you Jews crazy?

234

00:14:22,810 --> 00:14:25,300

Are you such fools,

you don't know

235

00:14:25,300 --> 00:14:27,400

what the Nuremberg laws mean?

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00:14:27,400 --> 00:14:30,400

A signal for a great

attack on the existence

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00:14:30,400 --> 00:14:31,840

of the Jewish people?

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00:14:31,840 --> 00:14:35,200

Why don't you call immediately

an international conference

239

00:14:35,200 --> 00:14:38,380
and organize political
and economic measures

240
00:14:38,380 --> 00:14:42,010
against Hitler,
boycotting all this kind?

241
00:14:42,010 --> 00:14:45,400
And you will have a lot
of non-Jews with them.

242
00:14:45,400 --> 00:14:49,030
I knew that I couldn't get
together a great conference,

243
00:14:49,030 --> 00:14:52,370
certainly not of the influential
rich Jews in England,

244
00:14:52,370 --> 00:14:54,890
in France, especially
in America.

245
00:14:54,890 --> 00:15:00,190
And I tried a bit to
justify it, and I said,

246
00:15:00,190 --> 00:15:03,120
you know it's very difficult,
when the communities,

247
00:15:03,120 --> 00:15:05,530
it's near the Jewish holidays.

248
00:15:05,530 --> 00:15:06,880
And I felt very bad.

249
00:15:06,880 --> 00:15:10,220
And he laughed at me
and yelled, he said,

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00:15:10,220 --> 00:15:12,250

don't come with all this
nonsense, Dr. Goldmann,

251
00:15:12,250 --> 00:15:16,040
you are too smart
to use an argument.

252
00:15:16,040 --> 00:15:17,740
It is a shame for
you, and I warn

253
00:15:17,740 --> 00:15:20,890
you what will happen to
you won't react in time.

254
00:15:20,890 --> 00:15:25,750
And I never forget, as I said
in my memoirs, this talk.

255
00:15:25,750 --> 00:15:28,205
But as a matter of
fact, he was right.

256
00:15:28,205 --> 00:15:29,830
if he would have
called the conference,

257
00:15:29,830 --> 00:15:32,740
we called then later, the
preparatory conference

258
00:15:32,740 --> 00:15:36,040
of the World Jewish Congress,
but the rich and influential

259
00:15:36,040 --> 00:15:37,430
Jews didn't participate.

260
00:15:37,430 --> 00:15:38,910
Yes but this is a paradox.

261
00:15:38,910 --> 00:15:41,245
The non-Jews are

much more confident

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00:15:41,245 --> 00:15:44,660

in the power of the Jews
than the Jews themselves.

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00:15:44,660 --> 00:15:48,940

I've had often this experience,
that the non- Jews are not

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00:15:48,940 --> 00:15:51,790

leaning back as
some Jews who feel

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00:15:51,790 --> 00:15:55,030

they have to be more
patriotic than the non-Jews,

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00:15:55,030 --> 00:15:59,430

and more considerate, which
was a natural phenomena

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00:15:59,430 --> 00:16:03,030

at the time of Jewish life.

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00:16:03,030 --> 00:16:06,820

One of the reasons why most
of the great Jews of the very

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00:16:06,820 --> 00:16:09,150

important Jewish
organizations at that time

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00:16:09,150 --> 00:16:12,790

fortunately it has all changed
didn't join the Congress,

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00:16:12,790 --> 00:16:15,385

because patriotism,
international Jewry,

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00:16:15,385 --> 00:16:19,180

The Elders of Zion, because

anti-Semitism-- and so on.

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00:16:19,180 --> 00:16:21,565

Yes, it is an

antisemitic stereotype

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00:16:21,565 --> 00:16:23,020

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00:16:23,020 --> 00:16:25,150

On the French Jewish leaders.

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00:16:25,150 --> 00:16:26,535

I'll give you another example.

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00:16:26,535 --> 00:16:29,420

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00:16:29,420 --> 00:16:35,110

When we called the First

World Jewish Congress in '36,

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00:16:35,110 --> 00:16:40,090

the official French Jewish
community boycotted.

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00:16:40,090 --> 00:16:43,780

So I established a section

of the world Jewish Congress

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00:16:43,780 --> 00:16:49,540

in France of Zionist and some
courageous Jewish leaders who

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00:16:49,540 --> 00:16:51,460

joined me.

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00:16:51,460 --> 00:16:55,450

And [Personal name] who was a
foreign minister at that time,

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00:16:55,450 --> 00:16:56,380

and I--

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00:16:56,380 --> 00:17:00,140

possible to say friend,
but I knew him well--

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00:17:00,140 --> 00:17:04,579

send the cable of
congratulation to Wise and me.

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00:17:04,579 --> 00:17:09,550

Then he told me later that
a delegation of the Alliance

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00:17:09,550 --> 00:17:13,819

Israelite and the
Consistoire the two

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00:17:13,819 --> 00:17:17,720

official Jewish organizations,
came to him complaining

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00:17:17,720 --> 00:17:20,960

and said, why do you
felicitate or congratulate

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00:17:20,960 --> 00:17:23,000

Dr. Wise and Dr.
Goldmann, World Jewish

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00:17:23,000 --> 00:17:27,569

Congress, official French
Jewry is dead against it.

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00:17:27,569 --> 00:17:30,330

So he was a very able
man, historian too.

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00:17:30,330 --> 00:17:36,120

He said, gentlemen I am being
paid as a foreign minister

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00:17:36,120 --> 00:17:39,660

to gain sympathies for
France in the world,

296
00:17:39,660 --> 00:17:41,380
not to gain your sympathy.

297
00:17:41,380 --> 00:17:42,720
I don't have to do anything.

298
00:17:42,720 --> 00:17:44,670
You are sure, I'm
sure, French patriots.

299
00:17:44,670 --> 00:17:46,530
You always support France.

300
00:17:46,530 --> 00:17:48,540
But Dr. Wise and
Nahum Goldmann can

301
00:17:48,540 --> 00:17:50,400
be pro-French and anti-French.

302
00:17:50,400 --> 00:17:53,730
Much more important to get their
sympathies than your sympathy.

303
00:17:53,730 --> 00:17:58,600
[INAUDIBLE] but it
characterizes the attitude

304
00:17:58,600 --> 00:18:00,780
the official Jewish
establishment.

305
00:18:00,780 --> 00:18:05,790
And the German Jews
were highly responsible.

306
00:18:05,790 --> 00:18:09,840
They warn the rich American Jews
that the whole Hitler episode

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00:18:09,840 --> 00:18:13,590

is a passing episode,
and American Jews

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00:18:13,590 --> 00:18:15,510

shouldn't fight too
much Hitler because it

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00:18:15,510 --> 00:18:18,330

will endanger their position.

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00:18:18,330 --> 00:18:21,010

They hope that they will
find some modus vivendi,

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00:18:21,010 --> 00:18:24,040

in addition, maybe it
will not last very long.

312

00:18:24,040 --> 00:18:28,920

I knew it myself, as long as I
lived in Germany till April '33

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00:18:28,920 --> 00:18:30,130

at the time.

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00:18:30,130 --> 00:18:32,430

Did you have yourself
personal contacts

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00:18:32,430 --> 00:18:35,160

with the leaders of
the German Jewry?

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00:18:35,160 --> 00:18:37,650

Yes, certainly, I was active.

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00:18:37,650 --> 00:18:41,490

First of all, as
a Zionist leader,

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00:18:41,490 --> 00:18:47,820

but the majority of them
were non- and anti-Zionists.

319
00:18:47,820 --> 00:18:50,910
But I knew them well
naturally, even in fighting.

320
00:18:50,910 --> 00:18:52,980
And I know people
either and support

321
00:18:52,980 --> 00:18:55,200
and cooperate on
fighting them you know.

322
00:18:55,200 --> 00:18:58,920

323
00:18:58,920 --> 00:19:01,890
Do you think that
it's possible to talk

324
00:19:01,890 --> 00:19:06,080
about real responsibility
of the German Jewry?

325
00:19:06,080 --> 00:19:10,680
I think the responsibility
was in a lack of foresight

326
00:19:10,680 --> 00:19:15,210
in their overdoing
German patriotism.

327
00:19:15,210 --> 00:19:19,530
You know, there was a group
in Germany led by a man, Dr.

328
00:19:19,530 --> 00:19:23,730
Norman, who died in Israel, or
Palestine for the a paradox, you

329
00:19:23,730 --> 00:19:29,340

know, who was a leader of
nationalistic German Jews.

330
00:19:29,340 --> 00:19:33,870
And the joke was that if the
Nazi party would have accepted

331
00:19:33,870 --> 00:19:36,802
Jewish members, which they
didn't, he would march

332
00:19:36,802 --> 00:19:41,580
in anti-Jewish parades
with a slogan, Out with Us,

333
00:19:41,580 --> 00:19:43,500
[NON-ENGLISH].

334
00:19:43,500 --> 00:19:46,620
Well this man had finally
escaped to Palestine

335
00:19:46,620 --> 00:19:47,820
and died here.

336
00:19:47,820 --> 00:19:50,850
It wasn't a strong group,
I don't want to exaggerate,

337
00:19:50,850 --> 00:19:53,700
but the official largest
German Jewish group,

338
00:19:53,700 --> 00:20:00,570
so-called [NON-ENGLISH]
was not only anti-Zionist--

339
00:20:00,570 --> 00:20:02,970
I remember when I was
in the First World

340
00:20:02,970 --> 00:20:06,930
War for a certain time,

a member and an employee

341

00:20:06,930 --> 00:20:08,700
of the foreign
minister, they came

342

00:20:08,700 --> 00:20:12,780
to protest why they
engaged a Zionist young man

343

00:20:12,780 --> 00:20:16,750
as a German diplomat,
that's another story.

344

00:20:16,750 --> 00:20:20,970
So they were also warning
against radical steps

345

00:20:20,970 --> 00:20:26,640
against Hitler because
it may deteriorate,

346

00:20:26,640 --> 00:20:28,160
may harm German Jewry.

347

00:20:28,160 --> 00:20:30,090
There's no question
that they carry--

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00:20:30,090 --> 00:20:34,530
I wouldn't say out of
conscious will to betray Jewish

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00:20:34,530 --> 00:20:38,220
interests-- but out of
overoptimism, over-patriotism,

350

00:20:38,220 --> 00:20:38,720
lack of--

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00:20:38,720 --> 00:20:40,720
[INTERPOSING VOICES]

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00:20:40,720 --> 00:20:43,650

--the Jewish ability
to fool themselves,

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00:20:43,650 --> 00:20:45,480

everything will be all right.

354

00:20:45,480 --> 00:20:46,530

Yes.

355

00:20:46,530 --> 00:20:50,970

And they were even prepared to
live with the Nuremberg laws.

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00:20:50,970 --> 00:20:56,670

Ya, they thought they will find
accommodation, could be better.

357

00:20:56,670 --> 00:21:00,300

Because at that
time in my opinion

358

00:21:00,300 --> 00:21:02,990

could have been
arranged vis-a-vis

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00:21:02,990 --> 00:21:06,980

the German authorities, the Jews
could have left with a fortune

360

00:21:06,980 --> 00:21:09,720

later began part to
the chavurah Israel

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00:21:09,720 --> 00:21:13,680

for a small number of
them, and there maybe

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00:21:13,680 --> 00:21:17,310

have been not such
harsh measures.

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00:21:17,310 --> 00:21:19,020

Naturally, very
difficult to say what

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00:21:19,020 --> 00:21:22,110

could have happened
unless you tried it,

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00:21:22,110 --> 00:21:24,330

but the official
Jewish leadership

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00:21:24,330 --> 00:21:28,230

prevented any
energetic measures.

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00:21:28,230 --> 00:21:33,630

Do you think that there would
have been measures which

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00:21:33,630 --> 00:21:37,800

would have succeed in
the fight against Hitler,

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00:21:37,800 --> 00:21:41,565

in spite of the general
stand which was a--

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00:21:41,565 --> 00:21:45,780

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00:21:45,780 --> 00:21:47,760

Dr. Goldmann, roll number three.

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00:21:47,760 --> 00:21:52,720

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00:21:52,720 --> 00:21:56,200

To your question, what could
have been achieved by united

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00:21:56,200 --> 00:22:00,700

and energetic action, instead

of indulging in these protests

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00:22:00,700 --> 00:22:03,460

what could have been done,
which you cannot prove?

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00:22:03,460 --> 00:22:10,330

I will quote two examples of my
political activity, it shows.

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00:22:10,330 --> 00:22:16,420

When Hitler came to power there
existed a treaty with Poland

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00:22:16,420 --> 00:22:19,600

from the day of the
peace treaty which

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00:22:19,600 --> 00:22:24,940

gave the Jews in Upper Silesia
equal rights and minority

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00:22:24,940 --> 00:22:26,260

rights.

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00:22:26,260 --> 00:22:29,770

It expired 1935 I think.

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00:22:29,770 --> 00:22:30,550

Seven.

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00:22:30,550 --> 00:22:37,280

The Nazi laws
naturally violated it.

384

00:22:37,280 --> 00:22:43,420

So we got one Jew in Katowice,
a lawyer Bernheim, the World

385

00:22:43,420 --> 00:22:46,600

Jewish Congress did
it, to make a petition

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00:22:46,600 --> 00:22:49,150
to the League of Nations.

387

00:22:49,150 --> 00:22:51,430
Now Hitler wasn't at that
time yet in the League

388

00:22:51,430 --> 00:22:53,440
of Nations in Europe.

389

00:22:53,440 --> 00:23:00,110
And the League of Nations passed
a resolution that Hitler cannot

390

00:23:00,110 --> 00:23:03,620
do it, because there is
an international treaty

391

00:23:03,620 --> 00:23:06,300
guaranteeing their equal rights.

392

00:23:06,300 --> 00:23:08,240
So he abolished it.

393

00:23:08,240 --> 00:23:10,760
For as long as the
treaty was enforced,

394

00:23:10,760 --> 00:23:14,000
the Nuremberg laws did not
apply to Upper Silesian Jews.

395

00:23:14,000 --> 00:23:15,140
[INTERPOSING VOICES]

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00:23:15,140 --> 00:23:18,110
When the treaty expired,
he refused to renew it.

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00:23:18,110 --> 00:23:19,190
Then you couldn't do it.

398

00:23:19,190 --> 00:23:20,720

One example.

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00:23:20,720 --> 00:23:24,410

Second example is

the Jews of the Saar.

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00:23:24,410 --> 00:23:28,070

There was a plebiscite which

a majority of the Saar,

401

00:23:28,070 --> 00:23:30,380

which was administered

by France,

402

00:23:30,380 --> 00:23:33,300

voted to return to Germany.

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00:23:33,300 --> 00:23:39,620

So the Jews of the Saar wanted

that before this return is

404

00:23:39,620 --> 00:23:42,500

sanctioned by the

League of Nations,

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00:23:42,500 --> 00:23:45,690

they should have the right

to leave the Saar with all

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00:23:45,690 --> 00:23:47,850

their fortune in

French francs, which

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00:23:47,850 --> 00:23:50,060

was on German law forbidden.

408

00:23:50,060 --> 00:23:52,780

No foreign currency transfer.

409

00:23:52,780 --> 00:23:55,660

And they asked me

to take up the case,

410
00:23:55,660 --> 00:24:01,600
and it's a long story
and I got the Security,

411
00:24:01,600 --> 00:24:03,900
it was called at that
time the Council,

412
00:24:03,900 --> 00:24:07,420
the Assembly and the -- was
today's Security Council.

413
00:24:07,420 --> 00:24:12,160
And I got the Council to
vote such a resolution.

414
00:24:12,160 --> 00:24:14,080
The chairman of
the committee which

415
00:24:14,080 --> 00:24:17,140
had to make the transfer on
behalf of the United Nations

416
00:24:17,140 --> 00:24:21,580
was Italy, and that's what
brought me to see Mussolini.

417
00:24:21,580 --> 00:24:26,350
And Mussolini refused, for
I don't know how many weeks,

418
00:24:26,350 --> 00:24:30,700
to sign the transfer
because the Nazis didn't

419
00:24:30,700 --> 00:24:32,650
want to agree that
the Jews should

420
00:24:32,650 --> 00:24:35,500

leave with their whole fortune.

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00:24:35,500 --> 00:24:39,490

Finally had to give in, and
there were never one Nazi--

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00:24:39,490 --> 00:24:42,430

is a Jewish refugee
from the Saar

423

00:24:42,430 --> 00:24:44,600

because they all went
to France or America.

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00:24:44,600 --> 00:24:47,740

They were wealthy Jews with all
their fortune in French francs

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00:24:47,740 --> 00:24:51,520

on in dollar, and there was
no problem of the Jews Saar.

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00:24:51,520 --> 00:24:54,790

So here you have two
examples, small ones,

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00:24:54,790 --> 00:25:00,670

but very impressive and
effective in my opinion,

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00:25:00,670 --> 00:25:03,340

that by international
action you could

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00:25:03,340 --> 00:25:07,120

achieve in the early years
of Nazism, something,

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00:25:07,120 --> 00:25:10,360

and force the Nazis to give in.

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00:25:10,360 --> 00:25:14,320

Now suppose that would have

been a united Jewish action,

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00:25:14,320 --> 00:25:18,130
and we have pressured the
government to break relations

433

00:25:18,130 --> 00:25:22,540
or do what the government do
today with Franco and fire six

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00:25:22,540 --> 00:25:25,780
people-- well actually what
Hitler did is a hundred million

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00:25:25,780 --> 00:25:27,640
times worse--

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00:25:27,640 --> 00:25:31,960
and proclaim a boycott,
and reduce trade relations.

437

00:25:31,960 --> 00:25:34,050
Germany was bankrupt
at that time.

438

00:25:34,050 --> 00:25:35,800
I don't know what
Hitler would have done--

439

00:25:35,800 --> 00:25:39,280
It do you think that the
Jews had the force to--

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00:25:39,280 --> 00:25:41,200
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00:25:41,200 --> 00:25:43,600
Millions of non-Jews
would have joined them.

442

00:25:43,600 --> 00:25:44,110
Yes.

443

00:25:44,110 --> 00:25:46,180

Just as in their fight
for a Jewish state,

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00:25:46,180 --> 00:25:50,470

we had support of millions
of progressive Jews of labor,

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00:25:50,470 --> 00:25:52,840

of democratic non-Jews.

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00:25:52,840 --> 00:25:55,990

OK, this leads me to
another question, which

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00:25:55,990 --> 00:25:57,610

is for me rather complicated.

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00:25:57,610 --> 00:26:01,300

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00:26:01,300 --> 00:26:06,400

At the time, what was the
main factor of unification

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00:26:06,400 --> 00:26:09,040

of the Jewish world?

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00:26:09,040 --> 00:26:10,960

Well the main
factor before Hitler

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00:26:10,960 --> 00:26:12,760

should have been, in
my opinion, to fight

453

00:26:12,760 --> 00:26:16,630

against the Nazi danger by
the majority didn't accept.

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00:26:16,630 --> 00:26:20,380

I couldn't even say the

majority, I want to be fair.

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00:26:20,380 --> 00:26:22,840

Let American Jew
understood it, they all

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00:26:22,840 --> 00:26:26,530

joined the Congress,
Canadian Jewry,

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00:26:26,530 --> 00:26:29,840

some of the smaller
Jewish communities.

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00:26:29,840 --> 00:26:32,590

But the decisive
Jewish community

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00:26:32,590 --> 00:26:36,150

in Europe, the English
one, and the French,

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00:26:36,150 --> 00:26:40,230

and the more important
American Jews didn't want,

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00:26:40,230 --> 00:26:43,260

so that's why the
Congress at that time was,

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00:26:43,260 --> 00:26:45,930

I wouldn't say
powerless to achieve

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00:26:45,930 --> 00:26:50,400

certain things, the Saar,
or [INAUDIBLE] petition,

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00:26:50,400 --> 00:26:53,040

and that attempt
in Romania by Goga

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00:26:53,040 --> 00:26:56,640

to abolish Jewish equality we
prevented through our action,

466
00:26:56,640 --> 00:27:00,180
but to impress Hitler
we needed the support

467
00:27:00,180 --> 00:27:02,790
of the great Jewish community,
which we didn't get.

468
00:27:02,790 --> 00:27:03,930
Yes.

469
00:27:03,930 --> 00:27:06,660
No, but I mean
precisely my idea is

470
00:27:06,660 --> 00:27:10,590
that the main factor of
unification of the Jewish world

471
00:27:10,590 --> 00:27:12,900
at the time was Zionism.

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00:27:12,900 --> 00:27:17,760
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00:27:17,760 --> 00:27:20,625
At that time you couldn't
achieve unification by Zionism,

474
00:27:20,625 --> 00:27:21,390
because--

475
00:27:21,390 --> 00:27:22,680
Precisely.

476
00:27:22,680 --> 00:27:25,720
Because the majority didn't
accept the Zionist idea.

477

00:27:25,720 --> 00:27:26,220
Yes.

478
00:27:26,220 --> 00:27:30,690
What I mean, the Jewish
fighters at the time and the--

479
00:27:30,690 --> 00:27:33,170
Ya, I would say
primarily Zionists.

480
00:27:33,170 --> 00:27:34,500
Yes

481
00:27:34,500 --> 00:27:35,670
I married Zionist.

482
00:27:35,670 --> 00:27:40,110
Primarily Eastern European
Jewry was non-Zionist the Bund.

483
00:27:40,110 --> 00:27:42,840
but they didn't carry
much political weight

484
00:27:42,840 --> 00:27:45,190
because they had no influence
on the government, which

485
00:27:45,190 --> 00:27:48,540
felt a bit antisemitic,
the Polish, the Romanian,

486
00:27:48,540 --> 00:27:52,380
and they were not rich and
they were not very influential.

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00:27:52,380 --> 00:27:56,485
And by [INAUDIBLE]
America, there

488
00:27:56,485 --> 00:27:59,700
were groups, not only

Zionists who help,

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00:27:59,700 --> 00:28:02,290

let's say, I give
you an example,

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00:28:02,290 --> 00:28:05,460

the chairman of the
anti-Nazi boycott committee

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00:28:05,460 --> 00:28:08,880

was a very famous lawyer,
Untermeyer, he wasn't a Zionist,

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00:28:08,880 --> 00:28:11,190

he wasn't an anti-Zionist.

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00:28:11,190 --> 00:28:14,070

He was an American Jew,
didn't accept the Zionist

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00:28:14,070 --> 00:28:18,240

ideology of a Jewish state or
Homeland, but was very active,

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00:28:18,240 --> 00:28:23,610

and like many like him too,
in organizing a boycott as far

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00:28:23,610 --> 00:28:25,470

as it could succeed in America.

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00:28:25,470 --> 00:28:28,710

No, but what I mean is
that the dynamic force--

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00:28:28,710 --> 00:28:29,660

[INTERPOSING VOICES]

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00:28:29,660 --> 00:28:30,550

Mostly Zionists.

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00:28:30,550 --> 00:28:33,467
Of the Jewish world
with a positive goal--

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00:28:33,467 --> 00:28:35,550
Because the founders of
the World Jewish Congress,

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00:28:35,550 --> 00:28:38,730
we are 90% Zionist.

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00:28:38,730 --> 00:28:43,260
So the Congress didn't take a
position on Zionism officially,

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00:28:43,260 --> 00:28:45,112
but without Zionism
there wouldn't have

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00:28:45,112 --> 00:28:46,320
been a World Jewish Congress.

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00:28:46,320 --> 00:28:50,070
The main leaders,
Wise, Josh [? Meck ?]

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00:28:50,070 --> 00:28:54,840
was a very important
man, and myself,

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00:28:54,840 --> 00:28:56,910
then those who came
from Eastern Europe,

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00:28:56,910 --> 00:28:59,580
were mostly Zionist,
nearly all Zionists.

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00:28:59,580 --> 00:29:05,700
All right, but let's say
for instance in 1936--

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00:29:05,700 --> 00:29:11,100

I just take a date and because
it's the date of the First

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00:29:11,100 --> 00:29:13,530
World Jewish Congress.

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00:29:13,530 --> 00:29:17,250
Were you much
concerned by the fight

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00:29:17,250 --> 00:29:21,935
for the Jewish
Homeland in Palestine,

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00:29:21,935 --> 00:29:24,600
or by the anti-Nazi fight?

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00:29:24,600 --> 00:29:26,150
No, it was more anti-Nazi fight.

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00:29:26,150 --> 00:29:26,650
It

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00:29:26,650 --> 00:29:27,310
You think so.

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00:29:27,310 --> 00:29:27,810
Yeah.

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00:29:27,810 --> 00:29:30,180
But you maybe
personally [INAUDIBLE]..

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00:29:30,180 --> 00:29:33,540
Even the Congress,
I'll tell you.

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00:29:33,540 --> 00:29:40,350
Zionism is an organization as
a world movement recommended

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00:29:40,350 --> 00:29:44,470

in a nearly unanimous decision
of the Zionist Congress

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00:29:44,470 --> 00:29:48,960
that Zionists should help and
join the World Jewish Congress.

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00:29:48,960 --> 00:29:53,650
The Zionist movement as such
did not so much participate.

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00:29:53,650 --> 00:29:56,490
They left it to the local
Zionists, the World Jewish

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00:29:56,490 --> 00:29:58,950
Congress, but there
was strong cooperation

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00:29:58,950 --> 00:30:03,840
because I was a bit of a
leader of the Zionist movement,

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00:30:03,840 --> 00:30:07,260
Wise certainly.

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00:30:07,260 --> 00:30:11,550
But the movement as such, to
care primarily of bringing Jews

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00:30:11,550 --> 00:30:15,630
and saving them from
Germany into Palestine.

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00:30:15,630 --> 00:30:19,020
And you know there was a certain
moment in that, certainly,

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00:30:19,020 --> 00:30:22,080
if you want to say
ideological contradiction

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00:30:22,080 --> 00:30:24,180

by the agreement on Chavurah

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00:30:24,180 --> 00:30:26,750

Yes if you could
explain what is Aliyah.

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00:30:26,750 --> 00:30:33,480

See, when we saw that it's
impossible to get Hitler

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00:30:33,480 --> 00:30:38,450

to relent in his
anti-Jewish policy,

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00:30:38,450 --> 00:30:42,950

we felt, not only because we
wanted more Jews in Palestine

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00:30:42,950 --> 00:30:45,890

but from the point of
view of German Jews

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00:30:45,890 --> 00:30:50,750

that the only best way would
be to bring as many of them

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00:30:50,750 --> 00:30:52,400

to Palestine.

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00:30:52,400 --> 00:30:56,090

Now Palestine by then
under the English mandate,

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00:30:56,090 --> 00:31:01,380

and they set every half a year
a quota, which was very small.

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00:31:01,380 --> 00:31:03,750

But outside the
quota the quota we

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00:31:03,750 --> 00:31:08,520

had to give primarily to poor

Jews in Poland, and so on.

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00:31:08,520 --> 00:31:11,610
But outside the quota
there was a regulation

547
00:31:11,610 --> 00:31:13,950
that every Jew
with 1,000 pounds--

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00:31:13,950 --> 00:31:17,550
at that time, they were real
pounds, not pounds of today--

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00:31:17,550 --> 00:31:20,760
can immigrate to
Palestine as a capitalist.

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00:31:20,760 --> 00:31:23,400
There was no quota
for the capitalists.

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00:31:23,400 --> 00:31:28,410
So we decided that as German
Jews, we are wealthy Jews,

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00:31:28,410 --> 00:31:31,410
but our wealth was
in German marks,

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00:31:31,410 --> 00:31:34,350
that we have to get an
agreement with the Germans,

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00:31:34,350 --> 00:31:39,570
Nazi government, to allow
those Jews who want to leave--

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00:31:39,570 --> 00:31:42,590
and the Nazis were all
for Jews leaving Germany,

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00:31:42,590 --> 00:31:45,120

had no objection to it--

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00:31:45,120 --> 00:31:48,900

to allow them to take
along with them some money,

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00:31:48,900 --> 00:31:51,480

but not in foreign currency
because the Germans were

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00:31:51,480 --> 00:31:53,590

in a very bad position.

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00:31:53,590 --> 00:31:57,400

But by our buying
goods in Germany,

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00:31:57,400 --> 00:32:00,365

which will be paid by
these Jews in Germany--

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00:32:00,365 --> 00:32:01,240

With their own money.

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00:32:01,240 --> 00:32:06,232

The goods will be then
repaid to the Jews in pounds,

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00:32:06,232 --> 00:32:07,950

in Palestine.

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00:32:07,950 --> 00:32:12,000

This what they call Ha'avara
means in Hebrew transfer.

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00:32:12,000 --> 00:32:16,830

It was negotiated primarily
by [INAUDIBLE] who

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00:32:16,830 --> 00:32:19,410

was the foreign
minister who was killed

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00:32:19,410 --> 00:32:23,490

in Palestine before
Sharett in the aliyah

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00:32:23,490 --> 00:32:27,270

And it was a terrific fight,
the Zionist movement, just

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00:32:27,270 --> 00:32:31,050

like the fight when I recommend
after the war to negotiate

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00:32:31,050 --> 00:32:32,140

with Adenauer.

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00:32:32,140 --> 00:32:36,370

It is the same
ideology, especially

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00:32:36,370 --> 00:32:39,630

the revisionist movement
today is called Herut

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00:32:39,630 --> 00:32:43,290

but many others said
it's undignified

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00:32:43,290 --> 00:32:47,190

that we should help the
German economy by buying goods

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00:32:47,190 --> 00:32:49,800

for Palestine.

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00:32:49,800 --> 00:32:51,300

But the majority was for it.

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00:32:51,300 --> 00:32:54,960

Ben-Gurion and
Sharett and I myself

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00:32:54,960 --> 00:32:56,520

was one of the main ones.

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00:32:56,520 --> 00:32:59,640

Even the majority of
American Zionist leaders.

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00:32:59,640 --> 00:33:01,400

Oh, is it finished?

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00:33:01,400 --> 00:33:22,000