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00:00:00,000 --> 00:00:26,270

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00:00:26,270 --> 00:00:27,450

Good afternoon.

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00:00:27,450 --> 00:00:30,680

I'm Bernard Weinstein, Director
of the Kean College Oral

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00:00:30,680 --> 00:00:34,070

Testimonies Project of the
Holocaust Resource Center.

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00:00:34,070 --> 00:00:35,840

I'm speaking with David Dorfman.

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00:00:35,840 --> 00:00:36,635

Thank you.

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00:00:36,635 --> 00:00:38,977

Yes, my name is David Dorfman.

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00:00:38,977 --> 00:00:40,310

I was born in Brussels, Belgium.

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00:00:40,310 --> 00:00:44,527

And I came here in
September of 1939.

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00:00:44,527 --> 00:00:46,610

When the war broke out, I
was crossing the Channel

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00:00:46,610 --> 00:00:50,562

from Antwerp to Liverpool.

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00:00:50,562 --> 00:00:52,520

I don't believe we stayed
more than about a day

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00:00:52,520 --> 00:00:53,270
or two over there.

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00:00:53,270 --> 00:00:54,980
Because when the
war broke out, I

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00:00:54,980 --> 00:00:57,980
remember the sirens going off.

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00:00:57,980 --> 00:00:58,512
And I was--

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00:00:58,512 --> 00:01:00,470
I don't recall anybody
else being in the hotel.

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00:01:00,470 --> 00:01:02,150
How old were you?

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00:01:02,150 --> 00:01:03,300
I was five--

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00:01:03,300 --> 00:01:05,680
4 and 1/2, five years old.

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00:01:05,680 --> 00:01:09,666
Yes, five, five years old.

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00:01:09,666 --> 00:01:13,480
I [INAUDIBLE] with the other
people, as they did it.

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00:01:13,480 --> 00:01:17,450
It was just a routine schedule.

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00:01:17,450 --> 00:01:20,500
It wasn't an actual air raid.

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00:01:20,500 --> 00:01:22,640
It probably was the

first one since the war--

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00:01:22,640 --> 00:01:25,100
when the war broke out.

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00:01:25,100 --> 00:01:26,300
I went out of the building.

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00:01:26,300 --> 00:01:28,290
I remember seeing all the--

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00:01:28,290 --> 00:01:32,340
at least they looked like
mini blimps to me at the time.

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00:01:32,340 --> 00:01:33,900
And that's about all I remember.

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00:01:33,900 --> 00:01:36,650
The rest of it was just
a sea-sickening trip

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00:01:36,650 --> 00:01:38,060
to the United States.

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00:01:38,060 --> 00:01:41,030
I was sick all the
way across the ocean.

34
00:01:41,030 --> 00:01:42,560
I hated it.

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00:01:42,560 --> 00:01:46,370
Breaking apart from my
family, it destroyed me.

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00:01:46,370 --> 00:01:47,660
Who were you with on the boat?

37
00:01:47,660 --> 00:01:48,200
My father.

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00:01:48,200 --> 00:01:50,853

My father was coming here
because my grandmother

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00:01:50,853 --> 00:01:51,770

lived in this country.

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00:01:51,770 --> 00:01:53,750

And she wanted-- my
father's coming basically

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00:01:53,750 --> 00:01:57,610

to see if we can establish a
new life in the United States.

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00:01:57,610 --> 00:01:59,722

He didn't bring my mother.

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00:01:59,722 --> 00:02:02,180

I never understood the reason
why he went out to the United

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00:02:02,180 --> 00:02:05,820

States when the war broke out,
why he left England rather

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00:02:05,820 --> 00:02:09,560

than going back to
mainland Europe,

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00:02:09,560 --> 00:02:13,310

picking up my mother
and my sisters.

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00:02:13,310 --> 00:02:16,550

The rest of my relatives
were basically in Poland--

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00:02:16,550 --> 00:02:19,120

uncles, nieces, nephews.

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00:02:19,120 --> 00:02:21,990

I had a grandmother--

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00:02:21,990 --> 00:02:23,540

a grandmother and
a great aunt who

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00:02:23,540 --> 00:02:26,690

lived in France
most of the time.

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00:02:26,690 --> 00:02:32,840

So outside of France and
Belgium, the rest of the family

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00:02:32,840 --> 00:02:35,060

were in Poland.

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00:02:35,060 --> 00:02:36,810

I don't know of
anyone who survived.

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00:02:36,810 --> 00:02:40,970

I know one uncle survived
out of all of them.

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00:02:40,970 --> 00:02:43,070

And I don't know what
happened to the rest,

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00:02:43,070 --> 00:02:45,320

but they must have
perished in Auschwitz.

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00:02:45,320 --> 00:02:47,750

My uncles were in Auschwitz.

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00:02:47,750 --> 00:02:52,780

I had a-- my two sisters and
my mother, during the war,

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00:02:52,780 --> 00:02:57,290

around 1941-42, when the Germans
went through the [INAUDIBLE]

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00:02:57,290 --> 00:03:03,070
countries, the migration
was south for all people.

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00:03:03,070 --> 00:03:04,220
And when they got into--

63
00:03:04,220 --> 00:03:05,220
they were heading south.

64
00:03:05,220 --> 00:03:08,990
They were trying to reach my
grandmother's home for safety.

65
00:03:08,990 --> 00:03:12,900
But this was in the
Vichy part of France,

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00:03:12,900 --> 00:03:17,810
which was occupied only by
French forces, Vichy forces.

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00:03:17,810 --> 00:03:20,250
And they had to report
to the police station.

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00:03:20,250 --> 00:03:21,930
On reporting to
the police station,

69
00:03:21,930 --> 00:03:23,600
they were taking
right from the station

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00:03:23,600 --> 00:03:28,160
to camp Gurs, which
is in the mountains,

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00:03:28,160 --> 00:03:32,450
in the Pyrenees, which was set
up originally for all of the--

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00:03:32,450 --> 00:03:36,440

for many of the Spanish
loyalists who escaped Spain

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00:03:36,440 --> 00:03:38,170

from the civil war.

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00:03:38,170 --> 00:03:40,850

So when the war broke out, they
had all the Spanish trapped

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00:03:40,850 --> 00:03:42,140

in one camp.

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00:03:42,140 --> 00:03:44,720

And now they were
taking in Jews.

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00:03:44,720 --> 00:03:46,250

Originally there
were-- there were

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00:03:46,250 --> 00:03:49,960

Jews from France and Germany.

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00:03:49,960 --> 00:03:55,120

But after a while they came
from all over the place--

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00:03:55,120 --> 00:03:57,233

Holland, Yugoslavia.

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00:03:57,233 --> 00:04:01,940

I'm not sure, I think-- no,
not Yugoslavia, but basically

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00:04:01,940 --> 00:04:03,250

Western Europe.

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00:04:03,250 --> 00:04:04,520

Who was in charge of the camp?

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00:04:04,520 --> 00:04:05,540

Vichy or SS?

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00:04:05,540 --> 00:04:12,110

The German SS ran the hierarchy,
but they were manned by Vichy.

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00:04:12,110 --> 00:04:17,899

And some of them were
even the money people

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00:04:17,899 --> 00:04:21,560

in the Vichy establishment.

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00:04:21,560 --> 00:04:25,210

During that time, in
the first six months,

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00:04:25,210 --> 00:04:27,350

Red Cross didn't do anything.

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00:04:27,350 --> 00:04:29,180

Did not do anything
for the first 4 and 1/2

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00:04:29,180 --> 00:04:31,820

years of the war anyway.

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00:04:31,820 --> 00:04:35,620

Help, assistance only came
from the Jewish organizations,

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00:04:35,620 --> 00:04:39,590

the youth movements,
the scouts, the leagues,

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00:04:39,590 --> 00:04:41,750

these kind of groups.

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00:04:41,750 --> 00:04:46,010

And they had an operation
that took and tried

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00:04:46,010 --> 00:04:48,740
to save the lives of children.

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00:04:48,740 --> 00:04:51,100
Not of adults, but of
children, and bring them

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00:04:51,100 --> 00:04:55,670
over the Swiss border
into these Swiss farms

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00:04:55,670 --> 00:05:00,990
run by key people who knew
what they were getting into.

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00:05:00,990 --> 00:05:04,040
My two sisters, after the
first six months in Gurs,

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00:05:04,040 --> 00:05:09,290
were obtained this way and
had gotten out to Switzerland.

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00:05:09,290 --> 00:05:10,850
Meanwhile, my
mother had to stay.

103

00:05:10,850 --> 00:05:12,743
She was brutalized.

104

00:05:12,743 --> 00:05:14,660
She tried to escape, she
told me, a few times.

105

00:05:14,660 --> 00:05:15,820
Was worked over.

106

00:05:15,820 --> 00:05:19,910
When I saw her, she
had a hole right here.

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00:05:19,910 --> 00:05:22,160

Worked over by the
SS and the French--

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00:05:22,160 --> 00:05:24,500

I forget that they're
called, but the French

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00:05:24,500 --> 00:05:29,330

SS, the French secret police
that worked with the Germans.

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00:05:29,330 --> 00:05:32,200

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00:05:32,200 --> 00:05:35,510

And then I'm holding the
papers, the documents in here.

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00:05:35,510 --> 00:05:37,790

These are part of the
documents that when

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00:05:37,790 --> 00:05:40,640

they had to report to
the police station,

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00:05:40,640 --> 00:05:42,460

it was their document
to go to Gurs

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00:05:42,460 --> 00:05:45,260

and some of the
documents in Gurs.

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00:05:45,260 --> 00:05:46,880

If you had to take
time off to go

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00:05:46,880 --> 00:05:50,210

to a certain person or
certain place in the camp,

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00:05:50,210 --> 00:05:51,910
this is what they gave you.

119
00:05:51,910 --> 00:05:57,200
But she didn't-- she
said it was a horror.

120
00:05:57,200 --> 00:06:01,017

121
00:06:01,017 --> 00:06:03,350
For the first year, she said,
while she was living there

122
00:06:03,350 --> 00:06:05,630
she was like a zombie.

123
00:06:05,630 --> 00:06:10,640
My mother was a very small
woman, about 4-10, 5 feet.

124
00:06:10,640 --> 00:06:14,720
I only remembered her as very
soft, very compassionate,

125
00:06:14,720 --> 00:06:17,410
sensitive person.

126
00:06:17,410 --> 00:06:18,850
And she said after
the first year

127
00:06:18,850 --> 00:06:20,810
she just didn't
give a damn anymore.

128
00:06:20,810 --> 00:06:23,670
She sort of like said
the hell with everything,

129
00:06:23,670 --> 00:06:25,520
and decided just to
make the best of it,

130
00:06:25,520 --> 00:06:28,070
and get out if she can.

131
00:06:28,070 --> 00:06:29,920
Well, during the
period when they

132
00:06:29,920 --> 00:06:33,650
were beginning to start
shipping Jews out first,

133
00:06:33,650 --> 00:06:35,300
in the Vichy camp--

134
00:06:35,300 --> 00:06:38,690
I guess there were
16 camps in France

135
00:06:38,690 --> 00:06:46,270
and one experimental camp,
Stutthof, [PLACE NAME]..

136
00:06:46,270 --> 00:06:47,270
I forgot the name of it.

137
00:06:47,270 --> 00:06:52,550
But there was sending
out the women--

138
00:06:52,550 --> 00:06:56,810
first, the men and then the
women to outside the camp.

139
00:06:56,810 --> 00:06:59,480
And they know basically
it was going to be over

140
00:06:59,480 --> 00:07:01,915
once they left the Vichy camp.

141
00:07:01,915 --> 00:07:04,290

And a lot of husbands-- the
men and women were separated,

142
00:07:04,290 --> 00:07:06,710
my mother told me, but a lot
of the men, the husbands,

143
00:07:06,710 --> 00:07:09,800
or parents, or
fathers of the women

144
00:07:09,800 --> 00:07:13,670
were telling the women got
pregnant from the guards.

145
00:07:13,670 --> 00:07:15,590
Because in the
beginning, they were not

146
00:07:15,590 --> 00:07:19,820
shipping out pregnant women
or women with children.

147
00:07:19,820 --> 00:07:23,600
This is a beginning of '42, '43.

148
00:07:23,600 --> 00:07:25,010
My mother was involved in that.

149
00:07:25,010 --> 00:07:33,490
That's my half sister, Claudine,
who was born 1943 or '44.

150
00:07:33,490 --> 00:07:36,740
But they had a pass.

151
00:07:36,740 --> 00:07:38,770
They had a pass
that they gave her.

152
00:07:38,770 --> 00:07:40,570
They must have had a--

153

00:07:40,570 --> 00:07:43,780

in the environs
of Gurs area, they

154

00:07:43,780 --> 00:07:47,020

had a little setup where
all the pregnant women

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00:07:47,020 --> 00:07:48,000

went and gave birth.

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00:07:48,000 --> 00:07:49,800

And they were brought
back to the camp.

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00:07:49,800 --> 00:07:52,296

My mother escaped en route.

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00:07:52,296 --> 00:07:54,653

And then joined the--

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00:07:54,653 --> 00:07:56,520

I forget how she
joined the Maquis.

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00:07:56,520 --> 00:07:58,270

She said that they had
helped her get out.

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00:07:58,270 --> 00:08:01,990

162

00:08:01,990 --> 00:08:03,640

So she was there
for about a year.

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00:08:03,640 --> 00:08:04,390

Is that correct?

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00:08:04,390 --> 00:08:07,310

She was there for about a
year and a half, two years,

165
00:08:07,310 --> 00:08:08,810
somewhere between
one and two years.

166
00:08:08,810 --> 00:08:09,730
OK.

167
00:08:09,730 --> 00:08:10,680
Yes.

168
00:08:10,680 --> 00:08:14,440
And she became a
letter carrier--

169
00:08:14,440 --> 00:08:16,840
a letter drop basically.

170
00:08:16,840 --> 00:08:22,090
And she went from place to
place just carrying messages

171
00:08:22,090 --> 00:08:24,310
with the baby in her arms.

172
00:08:24,310 --> 00:08:26,020
My mother spoke five languages--

173
00:08:26,020 --> 00:08:34,220
German, French, Polish,
some Russian, and German--

174
00:08:34,220 --> 00:08:36,159
and Yiddish and German.

175
00:08:36,159 --> 00:08:38,260
So she was able to
get by in many cases

176
00:08:38,260 --> 00:08:41,117
just by hearing people talk.

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00:08:41,117 --> 00:08:42,909

She was even-- one day,
she was telling me,

178

00:08:42,909 --> 00:08:45,040

she was on a bus going to a--

179

00:08:45,040 --> 00:08:47,740

she says-- she
told me, she says,

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00:08:47,740 --> 00:08:51,250

nobody is as clever or
as quick as the Germans

181

00:08:51,250 --> 00:08:53,830

when it comes to
appearing out of nowhere

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00:08:53,830 --> 00:08:55,420

and then disappearing.

183

00:08:55,420 --> 00:08:57,710

She was sitting at
the bus stop one time,

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00:08:57,710 --> 00:08:59,350

en route from one
place to another

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00:08:59,350 --> 00:09:00,660

to bring some information.

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00:09:00,660 --> 00:09:02,910

And all the sudden,
she heard this whistle.

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00:09:02,910 --> 00:09:05,110

And you know right off
the bat it's the Germans.

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00:09:05,110 --> 00:09:06,527

And all the sudden,
all the troops

189
00:09:06,527 --> 00:09:09,020
appear, surrounding the area.

190
00:09:09,020 --> 00:09:11,680
And they go, and then they get
everybody to check the papers,

191
00:09:11,680 --> 00:09:13,860
and they catch people,
that kind of thing.

192
00:09:13,860 --> 00:09:14,720
And all the sudden
you hear-- when

193
00:09:14,720 --> 00:09:17,012
they finished their whistle,
all the sudden their gone.

194
00:09:17,012 --> 00:09:18,460
That's how she described it.

195
00:09:18,460 --> 00:09:24,670
She had a few other incidents,
but of the same nature.

196
00:09:24,670 --> 00:09:27,040
And my mother spent the
rest of the war years

197
00:09:27,040 --> 00:09:29,480
basically with the--

198
00:09:29,480 --> 00:09:29,980
with the

199
00:09:29,980 --> 00:09:30,480
Maquis.

200

00:09:30,480 --> 00:09:30,980
Maquis.

201
00:09:30,980 --> 00:09:32,500
Yeah.

202
00:09:32,500 --> 00:09:39,320
After the war years, that's
another half of the story.

203
00:09:39,320 --> 00:09:43,130
Most of our relatives
were destroyed overseas.

204
00:09:43,130 --> 00:09:44,750
And I don't know--

205
00:09:44,750 --> 00:09:48,410
most of them on my father's
side, many on my mother's side.

206
00:09:48,410 --> 00:09:50,820
I don't know--

207
00:09:50,820 --> 00:09:52,310
I had an aunt and uncle here.

208
00:09:52,310 --> 00:09:54,380
And they were dead.

209
00:09:54,380 --> 00:09:56,870
I discovered only four
or five years ago,

210
00:09:56,870 --> 00:09:58,370
I had an uncle who
was in Auschwitz.

211
00:09:58,370 --> 00:09:59,958
The one-- I didn't
know he was here.

212

00:09:59,958 --> 00:10:01,250
He was living in the Rockaways.

213
00:10:01,250 --> 00:10:01,700
And then died.

214
00:10:01,700 --> 00:10:04,075
And I got a letter one day to
come down to the court to--

215
00:10:04,075 --> 00:10:07,190
the will was being probated.

216
00:10:07,190 --> 00:10:08,010
Very mixed up.

217
00:10:08,010 --> 00:10:11,970
I don't have any real hold on
where's or why's on families.

218
00:10:11,970 --> 00:10:14,780
There was always an
internal problem.

219
00:10:14,780 --> 00:10:21,420
But what I'm getting to is
she married another man.

220
00:10:21,420 --> 00:10:23,090
Because my father
couldn't forgive her

221
00:10:23,090 --> 00:10:25,950
for having a child
out of wedlock.

222
00:10:25,950 --> 00:10:28,890
Why he didn't understand the
circumstances is beyond me,

223
00:10:28,890 --> 00:10:31,670
but that's the way he was.

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00:10:31,670 --> 00:10:32,910

My mother remarried.

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00:10:32,910 --> 00:10:37,910

I have a half brother named
Mark, who is a sweet young man.

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00:10:37,910 --> 00:10:38,930

I love him.

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00:10:38,930 --> 00:10:42,980

I love my sister, Claudine.

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00:10:42,980 --> 00:10:49,040

When I met my sister, Claudine,
for the first time last year,

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00:10:49,040 --> 00:10:50,415

I couldn't keep
my hands off her.

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00:10:50,415 --> 00:10:52,680

She reminded me of my mother.

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00:10:52,680 --> 00:10:57,330

She was a sweet,
sensitive, soft mother

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00:10:57,330 --> 00:10:59,580

that I had left
behind in Europe.

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00:10:59,580 --> 00:11:03,900

When I met my mother
after the war, she was--

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00:11:03,900 --> 00:11:07,500

of course, I love my mother,
but powerful, and strong,

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00:11:07,500 --> 00:11:11,070

and the determination

to live and everything.

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00:11:11,070 --> 00:11:16,800

She died a year and a
half ago of liver cancer--

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00:11:16,800 --> 00:11:19,900

pancreas-- pancreatic cancer.

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00:11:19,900 --> 00:11:24,870

And I was very moved by it.

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00:11:24,870 --> 00:11:29,490

And I'll explain what I
did in relation to that.

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00:11:29,490 --> 00:11:36,000

But as of now, three generations
of children, my brother Mark,

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00:11:36,000 --> 00:11:38,250

my half-sister
Claudine-- and I never

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00:11:38,250 --> 00:11:40,930

call her that-- my sister,
Claudine, and my other sisters,

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00:11:40,930 --> 00:11:44,980

and I, we're creating the new
roots of the family again.

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00:11:44,980 --> 00:11:48,430

I'm writing a history,
history of the family

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00:11:48,430 --> 00:11:52,640

and making four copies,
with a lineage, illuminated

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00:11:52,640 --> 00:11:53,740

by lineage.

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00:11:53,740 --> 00:11:55,540

And then handing it
out to each family

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00:11:55,540 --> 00:11:59,350

so it will go down in
the family as a record.

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00:11:59,350 --> 00:12:02,500

I discovered, oddly
enough, when my uncle here

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00:12:02,500 --> 00:12:05,920

died four years
ago, I had a cousin

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00:12:05,920 --> 00:12:10,430

who was a Hasidic living
in a kibbutz in Israel.

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00:12:10,430 --> 00:12:11,800

I didn't know that.

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00:12:11,800 --> 00:12:15,000

Strangely enough, he
was born after the war,

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00:12:15,000 --> 00:12:16,540

or right at the war.

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00:12:16,540 --> 00:12:18,320

I forget how old he is.

256

00:12:18,320 --> 00:12:21,250

I think he was
born in a DP camp.

257

00:12:21,250 --> 00:12:23,110

And he grew up in France.

258

00:12:23,110 --> 00:12:24,580

He was in the French army.

259
00:12:24,580 --> 00:12:27,400
Fought in the
French-Algerian war.

260
00:12:27,400 --> 00:12:31,000
Then went to Israel and
eventually became Hasidic.

261
00:12:31,000 --> 00:12:34,158
He fought in a few of
the Arab-Israeli wars.

262
00:12:34,158 --> 00:12:34,950
And he's there now.

263
00:12:34,950 --> 00:12:37,568
And I'm writing letters.

264
00:12:37,568 --> 00:12:39,110
We're writing letters
back and forth.

265
00:12:39,110 --> 00:12:42,380
And that's going to be
part of our history.

266
00:12:42,380 --> 00:12:44,440
That doesn't sound like much.

267
00:12:44,440 --> 00:12:46,630
I didn't go through
anything except grief,

268
00:12:46,630 --> 00:12:49,750
and pain, and emotional concern.

269
00:12:49,750 --> 00:12:56,040
But after the war,
what happened was

270
00:12:56,040 --> 00:13:04,310

it was a great infection
of the family roots.

271
00:13:04,310 --> 00:13:06,830

272
00:13:06,830 --> 00:13:10,160
My father really
went off on his end.

273
00:13:10,160 --> 00:13:15,470
My mother never forgave
him for something.

274
00:13:15,470 --> 00:13:16,730
I don't really know what.

275
00:13:16,730 --> 00:13:19,670
I never intruded upon
personal matters.

276
00:13:19,670 --> 00:13:21,230
Did he ever remarry?

277
00:13:21,230 --> 00:13:22,420
He remarried.

278
00:13:22,420 --> 00:13:25,790
But my father was
not a happy man.

279
00:13:25,790 --> 00:13:28,880
He wasn't a chauvinist,
but it was no longer

280
00:13:28,880 --> 00:13:31,610
a marriage-- it was more of
a marriage of convenience.

281
00:13:31,610 --> 00:13:37,280
It wasn't more a marriage
of sharing, no love.

282

00:13:37,280 --> 00:13:39,370

There were tender
moments, but it wasn't

283

00:13:39,370 --> 00:13:43,340

a lengthy, long-term thing.

284

00:13:43,340 --> 00:13:45,530

My father just wasn't up to it.

285

00:13:45,530 --> 00:13:47,665

I never realized it
until after the war,

286

00:13:47,665 --> 00:13:50,850

the strength in my family
was my mother, not my father.

287

00:13:50,850 --> 00:13:51,808

I never realized that.

288

00:13:51,808 --> 00:13:54,100

I always thought it was my
father and it really wasn't.

289

00:13:54,100 --> 00:13:57,420

Was it the war that
made them that way?

290

00:13:57,420 --> 00:13:57,920

No.

291

00:13:57,920 --> 00:14:01,190

My father was the way
he was before the war.

292

00:14:01,190 --> 00:14:03,160

He was someone of a--

293

00:14:03,160 --> 00:14:03,950

he was a good man.

294

00:14:03,950 --> 00:14:07,040

He wasn't a thief or a
bad guy and everything.

295

00:14:07,040 --> 00:14:09,530

But he had no sense of family.

296

00:14:09,530 --> 00:14:12,390

He wasn't interested
really in having a family.

297

00:14:12,390 --> 00:14:16,140

He was some-- he worked,
he worked very hard.

298

00:14:16,140 --> 00:14:19,430

But in between jobs he gambled.

299

00:14:19,430 --> 00:14:20,615

He wasted time.

300

00:14:20,615 --> 00:14:22,940

He wasted money,
that kind of thing.

301

00:14:22,940 --> 00:14:26,585

That's what my mother
told me from Belgium.

302

00:14:26,585 --> 00:14:28,040

He sold ice cream.

303

00:14:28,040 --> 00:14:29,550

He jewelry work.

304

00:14:29,550 --> 00:14:31,340

He did tool and die working.

305

00:14:31,340 --> 00:14:33,045

He went through a
whole number of jobs.

306

00:14:33,045 --> 00:14:34,670

And I guess the
Depression didn't help.

307

00:14:34,670 --> 00:14:37,040

Him being Jewish
didn't help either.

308

00:14:37,040 --> 00:14:39,650

But here in this country, he
wanted to the rag business,

309

00:14:39,650 --> 00:14:40,700

of clothing.

310

00:14:40,700 --> 00:14:43,270

And he lived the job throughout.

311

00:14:43,270 --> 00:14:45,165

And eventually-- he
was never a success

312

00:14:45,165 --> 00:14:46,290

in New York, where we live.

313

00:14:46,290 --> 00:14:48,110

We grew up in the
Lower East Side.

314

00:14:48,110 --> 00:14:49,990

I couldn't speak English.

315

00:14:49,990 --> 00:14:51,740

I went through the
trials and tribulations

316

00:14:51,740 --> 00:14:54,580

of growing up in the--

317

00:14:54,580 --> 00:14:59,660

with some kids who don't
respect, that kind of thing.

318
00:14:59,660 --> 00:15:02,010
But it was a mixed
neighborhood, Lower East Side.

319
00:15:02,010 --> 00:15:02,840
[INAUDIBLE] Jewish.

320
00:15:02,840 --> 00:15:06,810
I went to Yeshiva for
about 4, or 5, or 6 years.

321
00:15:06,810 --> 00:15:11,690
Rabbi Jacob Joseph, which
is now in Staten Island.

322
00:15:11,690 --> 00:15:15,194
I remember Rabbi--

323
00:15:15,194 --> 00:15:19,980
I forgot his name, the rabbi
of the Yeshiva at the time,

324
00:15:19,980 --> 00:15:25,310
he held the services
over on Rivington Street,

325
00:15:25,310 --> 00:15:28,580
the synagogue, and he
gave me my bar mitzvah.

326
00:15:28,580 --> 00:15:29,280
I was alone.

327
00:15:29,280 --> 00:15:31,530
I had no family.

328
00:15:31,530 --> 00:15:37,085
I had a grandmother, who
was a very disturbed person.

329
00:15:37,085 --> 00:15:39,320

And that was the family I had.

330

00:15:39,320 --> 00:15:43,460

And my sisters came here
in 1947 after the war

331

00:15:43,460 --> 00:15:44,210

without my mother.

332

00:15:44,210 --> 00:15:46,250

I'm sorry, I didn't
mention that before.

333

00:15:46,250 --> 00:15:48,070

My sister, Irene,
and my sister, Mary.

334

00:15:48,070 --> 00:15:51,180

And I should tell a
little bit about that.

335

00:15:51,180 --> 00:15:52,430

I was so happy when they came.

336

00:15:52,430 --> 00:15:54,050

I dreamed about them.

337

00:15:54,050 --> 00:15:57,910

I was-- I didn't understand--
well, I did and I didn't.

338

00:15:57,910 --> 00:15:59,310

My father was very angry.

339

00:15:59,310 --> 00:16:00,572

And my mother didn't come.

340

00:16:00,572 --> 00:16:02,030

I just never
understood why he just

341

00:16:02,030 --> 00:16:05,340

didn't let her come and
let her go her own way.

342
00:16:05,340 --> 00:16:08,030
But my two sisters are changed.

343
00:16:08,030 --> 00:16:10,580
In other words,
they didn't really--

344
00:16:10,580 --> 00:16:13,010
we didn't really know
each other anymore.

345
00:16:13,010 --> 00:16:19,602
I was happy with my life,
with my mental life of them.

346
00:16:19,602 --> 00:16:23,420
And I found out that after
I came down to reality,

347
00:16:23,420 --> 00:16:28,040
came down to earth, my
younger sister, Mary,

348
00:16:28,040 --> 00:16:32,240
for the longest time had
this look on her face

349
00:16:32,240 --> 00:16:36,290
like she was in shock
constantly, in constant shock.

350
00:16:36,290 --> 00:16:38,060
I was so hurt for her.

351
00:16:38,060 --> 00:16:40,820
I was so pained.

352
00:16:40,820 --> 00:16:43,730
My oldest sister,
Irene, had changed.

353

00:16:43,730 --> 00:16:46,610

She became a
self-serving person.

354

00:16:46,610 --> 00:16:48,650

The war years had changed her.

355

00:16:48,650 --> 00:16:53,240

She was highly affected
in that respect.

356

00:16:53,240 --> 00:16:59,550

She was no-- she wasn't
an honest person,

357

00:16:59,550 --> 00:17:01,870

not with her self,
nor with anyone else.

358

00:17:01,870 --> 00:17:04,130

So she went her own way.

359

00:17:04,130 --> 00:17:07,430

In other words, the
fiber of the family

360

00:17:07,430 --> 00:17:10,430

was strayed also from the
war, which may or may not

361

00:17:10,430 --> 00:17:13,010

have happened if the
war never broken out,

362

00:17:13,010 --> 00:17:15,440

but not to the
extent that it did.

363

00:17:15,440 --> 00:17:20,180

Everybody in the family
just left the roots

364

00:17:20,180 --> 00:17:21,540
and went their own way.

365

00:17:21,540 --> 00:17:23,510
Did this remain the case?

366

00:17:23,510 --> 00:17:25,410
Yes, it remained the case.

367

00:17:25,410 --> 00:17:28,850
In other words,
at this time now I

368

00:17:28,850 --> 00:17:32,330
don't consider my older sister,
Irene, as part of the family.

369

00:17:32,330 --> 00:17:34,920

370

00:17:34,920 --> 00:17:37,100
I consider my youngest
sister, my brother, Mark,

371

00:17:37,100 --> 00:17:39,470
and my brother, Claudine
and as the roots

372

00:17:39,470 --> 00:17:44,628
of a healthy and sensitive
loving four families

373

00:17:44,628 --> 00:17:45,670
to bring up our children.

374

00:17:45,670 --> 00:17:49,280
Because I have nieces and
nephews overseas now in France.

375

00:17:49,280 --> 00:17:54,170
My brother lives in Rambouillet,
about 40 miles from Paris.

376
00:17:54,170 --> 00:17:56,370
My sister lives in Paris.

377
00:17:56,370 --> 00:17:59,540
And my brother is a--

378
00:17:59,540 --> 00:18:02,480
well, I think he's a VIP.

379
00:18:02,480 --> 00:18:04,740
He works for-- I forget
the name of the company,

380
00:18:04,740 --> 00:18:08,930
but he's had of about 200
people in three plants--

381
00:18:08,930 --> 00:18:12,300
one in England, one in
Spain, one in France I think.

382
00:18:12,300 --> 00:18:16,790
And they produce heating
and cooling units for cars.

383
00:18:16,790 --> 00:18:20,390
And they work with Volkswagen,
with the American Ford company,

384
00:18:20,390 --> 00:18:21,590
that kind of thing.

385
00:18:21,590 --> 00:18:22,460
He does very well.

386
00:18:22,460 --> 00:18:24,620
But he's a nice,
sweet young man.

387
00:18:24,620 --> 00:18:28,520
My sister, Claudine,

has pains from the war.

388

00:18:28,520 --> 00:18:33,395

They've left their marks,
their bitter marks on her.

389

00:18:33,395 --> 00:18:36,230

Does she remember anything
about the life there?

390

00:18:36,230 --> 00:18:38,550

Yes, I'm trying to
get it now on paper.

391

00:18:38,550 --> 00:18:40,520

I've written away and
I've talked about it

392

00:18:40,520 --> 00:18:41,840

when she was here in April.

393

00:18:41,840 --> 00:18:44,570

She just didn't want
to talk about it.

394

00:18:44,570 --> 00:18:48,870

And can't do anything
at that point.

395

00:18:48,870 --> 00:18:51,890

But I do want to put whatever
she gives me on paper.

396

00:18:51,890 --> 00:18:55,550

I want to put in our
family history books.

397

00:18:55,550 --> 00:19:00,410

Did you find a kind of
fathering in your mother's

398

00:19:00,410 --> 00:19:01,460

second husband?

399
00:19:01,460 --> 00:19:03,140
Was he--

400
00:19:03,140 --> 00:19:06,360
I never knew him, but he
had to be a very good man.

401
00:19:06,360 --> 00:19:09,970
He loved my mother and
he loved his children.

402
00:19:09,970 --> 00:19:11,330
He didn't come to America.

403
00:19:11,330 --> 00:19:12,350
No, he was over there.

404
00:19:12,350 --> 00:19:14,050
He also went through the war.

405
00:19:14,050 --> 00:19:17,800
He was in, I think,
in Auschwitz.

406
00:19:17,800 --> 00:19:19,342
Strange, my mother
was in Gurs, and I

407
00:19:19,342 --> 00:19:21,925
don't know if they gave numbers,
but she had numbers on there.

408
00:19:21,925 --> 00:19:24,062
She said she was being
shipped out to Gurs.

409
00:19:24,062 --> 00:19:25,520
At some point there
was information

410
00:19:25,520 --> 00:19:27,230

that was a little confusing.

411

00:19:27,230 --> 00:19:28,647

She would tell me,
basically, when

412

00:19:28,647 --> 00:19:30,980

she tried to get
away one time, she

413

00:19:30,980 --> 00:19:34,510

took a crew hair cut on
a train, en route to--

414

00:19:34,510 --> 00:19:40,160

while she was on escape on the
train with two other women,

415

00:19:40,160 --> 00:19:42,860

she dressed up-- this was a
trainload of French prisoners,

416

00:19:42,860 --> 00:19:44,490

French soldier prisoners.

417

00:19:44,490 --> 00:19:46,790

And she spoke fluent German.

418

00:19:46,790 --> 00:19:50,900

So she had a crew haircut
and she acted as a male

419

00:19:50,900 --> 00:19:52,608

and then as a male nurse.

420

00:19:52,608 --> 00:19:53,900

And they eventually caught her.

421

00:19:53,900 --> 00:19:55,300

She was jumping off the train.

422

00:19:55,300 --> 00:19:56,300

She had broken her foot.

423

00:19:56,300 --> 00:19:58,460

And the other two
women were killed.

424

00:19:58,460 --> 00:20:02,210

It was coming like this
in pieces after a while.

425

00:20:02,210 --> 00:20:06,380

I couldn't put the timing,
timeframe together correctly.

426

00:20:06,380 --> 00:20:09,680

My sister, Claudine,
had a terrible time.

427

00:20:09,680 --> 00:20:14,200

Her father was Spaniard, one
of the Spaniards in the camp.

428

00:20:14,200 --> 00:20:18,670

And I'm very proud of it.

429

00:20:18,670 --> 00:20:21,260

The man did everything he
could to save my mother.

430

00:20:21,260 --> 00:20:23,900

He helped her get out.

431

00:20:23,900 --> 00:20:28,860

And helped give my mother
a sweet sister for me,

432

00:20:28,860 --> 00:20:30,710

which I love.

433

00:20:30,710 --> 00:20:35,960

But the impact after the
war was a broken family.

434

00:20:35,960 --> 00:20:38,930

When she died-- my mother
died from pancreatic cancer

435

00:20:38,930 --> 00:20:42,440

in 1988--

436

00:20:42,440 --> 00:20:46,660

'87, I was broken up.

437

00:20:46,660 --> 00:20:49,050

And I didn't realize
what was going on in me.

438

00:20:49,050 --> 00:20:52,810

But I'd like to show you
an expression of mine.

439

00:20:52,810 --> 00:21:00,195

What I try to do, I put
my material on paper.

440

00:21:00,195 --> 00:21:05,810

And I tried to go around
to give informational talks

441

00:21:05,810 --> 00:21:07,790

to children, to children
of the right ages,

442

00:21:07,790 --> 00:21:11,650

and adults on the
Holocaust period.

443

00:21:11,650 --> 00:21:16,410

The first page is
this, titled Holocaust.

444

00:21:16,410 --> 00:21:21,210

And it's the [NON-ENGLISH]
Kaddish prayer for the dead.

445

00:21:21,210 --> 00:21:22,040
Kaddish, yes.

446
00:21:22,040 --> 00:21:24,830
I'm sorry, Kaddish.

447
00:21:24,830 --> 00:21:29,500
And I'll try to get
out of the way here.

448
00:21:29,500 --> 00:21:34,350
The first two pages are
taken from the survivors book

449
00:21:34,350 --> 00:21:37,290
in the United States,
from Buchenwald.

450
00:21:37,290 --> 00:21:40,080
And on the inside of each,
beginning of the pages,

451
00:21:40,080 --> 00:21:43,020
whenever they had
a yearly book, they

452
00:21:43,020 --> 00:21:49,540
would state one side
in Hebrew and the other

453
00:21:49,540 --> 00:21:56,142
said in English to
point out basically

454
00:21:56,142 --> 00:21:57,100
what they went through.

455
00:21:57,100 --> 00:21:58,310
Could you read some of that?

456
00:21:58,310 --> 00:21:59,055
Yes.

457

00:21:59,055 --> 00:22:01,600

The Earth concealed
not the blood

458

00:22:01,600 --> 00:22:05,510

shed on our brothers and
our sisters, the men, women,

459

00:22:05,510 --> 00:22:08,380

and children who were murdered,
and drowned, and slaughtered,

460

00:22:08,380 --> 00:22:12,430

and strangled, and burned alive
but the German claws of cruelty

461

00:22:12,430 --> 00:22:15,790

in ghetto and concentration
camps, gas chambers and fiery

462

00:22:15,790 --> 00:22:20,900

furnaces, in forests and
fields all over Europe.

463

00:22:20,900 --> 00:22:23,600

And this means the
blood on the Earth.

464

00:22:23,600 --> 00:22:27,740

465

00:22:27,740 --> 00:22:28,990

I won't go through every page.

466

00:22:28,990 --> 00:22:30,280

There are 86 pages here.

467

00:22:30,280 --> 00:22:35,710

But I will try to
give you some ideas.

468

00:22:35,710 --> 00:22:39,610

This page basically identifies
some of the major plans,

469
00:22:39,610 --> 00:22:41,800
mostly by the Nazi
governments in how

470
00:22:41,800 --> 00:22:46,670
to relocate all the Jews
in Europe to get them out.

471
00:22:46,670 --> 00:22:51,290
I can tell you
basically that in 1938,

472
00:22:51,290 --> 00:22:54,700
in the Conference of Evian,
which is in, I believe,

473
00:22:54,700 --> 00:22:55,940
Switzerland or France.

474
00:22:55,940 --> 00:22:56,650
Switzerland, yes.

475
00:22:56,650 --> 00:22:57,760
Switzerland.

476
00:22:57,760 --> 00:23:01,600
There were approximately
38 allied countries.

477
00:23:01,600 --> 00:23:08,140
Even at the time, Himmler
allowed the Jewish group

478
00:23:08,140 --> 00:23:11,500
from Austria to speak for the
Austrian Jews and the German

479
00:23:11,500 --> 00:23:15,490
Jews to get them out, to take--

480

00:23:15,490 --> 00:23:17,170

immigration-- to
go to countries,

481

00:23:17,170 --> 00:23:18,570

emigrate from
Germany and Austria

482

00:23:18,570 --> 00:23:19,910

into the other countries.

483

00:23:19,910 --> 00:23:26,055

All 38 countries went to
the seminar, as I call it.

484

00:23:26,055 --> 00:23:27,430

And they all agreed
to one thing,

485

00:23:27,430 --> 00:23:29,576

they will not talk
about immigration.

486

00:23:29,576 --> 00:23:32,365

The English didn't want
the Jews in Palestine.

487

00:23:32,365 --> 00:23:34,240

The French didn't want
to immigrate any Jews.

488

00:23:34,240 --> 00:23:36,250

The United States wanted
no immigration of Jews,

489

00:23:36,250 --> 00:23:38,300

et cetera, et cetera.

490

00:23:38,300 --> 00:23:42,610

And they were told
totally destroyed.

491

00:23:42,610 --> 00:23:46,960

When they went back to Germany,
Himmler says, nobody wants you.

492

00:23:46,960 --> 00:23:49,090

That was in April of 1938.

493

00:23:49,090 --> 00:23:52,000

That, I think, was
one of the backgrounds

494

00:23:52,000 --> 00:23:54,820

for the Kristallnacht,
the same year.

495

00:23:54,820 --> 00:23:57,700

That's what really began
the free hand of destruction

496

00:23:57,700 --> 00:24:00,550

of the Jews but
the Nazi hierarchy.

497

00:24:00,550 --> 00:24:02,920

These pages basically
identify somebody

498

00:24:02,920 --> 00:24:07,190

major and infamous camps.

499

00:24:07,190 --> 00:24:11,940

Half of them-- in all of Europe
and Africa there were a total

500

00:24:11,940 --> 00:24:16,740

of 1,600 camps specifically
made for Jews for all different

501

00:24:16,740 --> 00:24:17,460

reasons--

502

00:24:17,460 --> 00:24:23,700

extermination, experiments, work

labor forces, penalty camps.

503

00:24:23,700 --> 00:24:26,810

504

00:24:26,810 --> 00:24:28,490

Are these names that the camps?

505

00:24:28,490 --> 00:24:30,870

Yes, these are
names of the camps.

506

00:24:30,870 --> 00:24:33,490

Oranienburg-- I put them
in Gothic lettering,

507

00:24:33,490 --> 00:24:35,160

because that's--

508

00:24:35,160 --> 00:24:39,280

Oranienburg, Niederhagen,
Oswiecim, which is Auschwitz.

509

00:24:39,280 --> 00:24:40,950

Auschwitz.

510

00:24:40,950 --> 00:24:44,380

Ponary, those are the
pits, Ponary pits.

511

00:24:44,380 --> 00:24:48,270

Ravensbruck, which
was an experimental

512

00:24:48,270 --> 00:24:50,220

for women and children.

513

00:24:50,220 --> 00:24:53,400

Sachsenhausen, another one.

514

00:24:53,400 --> 00:24:55,340

Sobibor, which were pits.

515
00:24:55,340 --> 00:25:01,380
Stutthof, this was an
experimental camp on women.

516
00:25:01,380 --> 00:25:04,050
Theresienstadt,
which was Terezín.

517
00:25:04,050 --> 00:25:07,200
Terezín was in Czechoslovakia,
which was one of the phony

518
00:25:07,200 --> 00:25:09,750
camps that the Germans set up
for the Red Cross and the world

519
00:25:09,750 --> 00:25:11,340
to see how nice their treating.

520
00:25:11,340 --> 00:25:17,420
Treblinka, of course, is
the famous one put up just

521
00:25:17,420 --> 00:25:19,020
for Jews.

522
00:25:19,020 --> 00:25:22,230
I just put individual pages
in between the historical data

523
00:25:22,230 --> 00:25:27,870
pages to identify
the agony of this.

524
00:25:27,870 --> 00:25:30,255
In Auschwitz, I put
a little history

525
00:25:30,255 --> 00:25:31,380
on each one of these pages.

526

00:25:31,380 --> 00:25:32,830
And it's my--

527
00:25:32,830 --> 00:25:36,870
I'm very symbolic
in my material.

528
00:25:36,870 --> 00:25:39,520
And you'll never find a page
really where everyone is whole.

529
00:25:39,520 --> 00:25:43,400
Because in the war, I just
can't picture people whole.

530
00:25:43,400 --> 00:25:47,320
There was always something
missing, an arm, a leg, a head.

531
00:25:47,320 --> 00:25:49,140
They were never
allowed to be whole.

532
00:25:49,140 --> 00:25:50,350
So you have them--

533
00:25:50,350 --> 00:25:52,500
your figures are disembodied.

534
00:25:52,500 --> 00:25:53,832
That is correct.

535
00:25:53,832 --> 00:25:56,040
That was correct, but they
all have something to say.

536
00:25:56,040 --> 00:25:58,870

537
00:25:58,870 --> 00:26:02,050
That's in one of the
stories of the Auschwitz.

538

00:26:02,050 --> 00:26:08,970

539

00:26:08,970 --> 00:26:12,490

This is a famous poem by
the famous Russian poet,

540

00:26:12,490 --> 00:26:16,020

Yevtushenko, who was finally
allowed to be released

541

00:26:16,020 --> 00:26:17,775

by the Russians in the '80s.

542

00:26:17,775 --> 00:26:21,590

It's a two-pager.

543

00:26:21,590 --> 00:26:26,200

It kind of tells the story
of the pits of Babi Yar.

544

00:26:26,200 --> 00:26:29,170

Some of these pits held as
many as almost 4,000 people

545

00:26:29,170 --> 00:26:30,880

that they killed
and slaughtered,

546

00:26:30,880 --> 00:26:32,410

dead and alive both.

547

00:26:32,410 --> 00:26:35,610

They are horrible
stories to read about.

548

00:26:35,610 --> 00:26:42,110

But no one was immune
if you were a Jew.

549

00:26:42,110 --> 00:26:46,850

The Jews were the only

group, which is obviously

550

00:26:46,850 --> 00:26:49,160

will advertised

today, the only group

551

00:26:49,160 --> 00:26:53,590

that specific guidelines,

specific rules,

552

00:26:53,590 --> 00:26:58,580

specific directives, specific

plans for destruction.

553

00:26:58,580 --> 00:27:01,430

No other group, even though

they were hated, like gypsies,

554

00:27:01,430 --> 00:27:03,260

Slavs, Russians,

no matter who they

555

00:27:03,260 --> 00:27:06,260

were had this kind

of condition for them

556

00:27:06,260 --> 00:27:08,670

in the war under

German occupation.

557

00:27:08,670 --> 00:27:12,590

558

00:27:12,590 --> 00:27:13,360

This is Belzec.

559

00:27:13,360 --> 00:27:16,070

560

00:27:16,070 --> 00:27:19,820

This is a statement basically

by one of the survivors.

561

00:27:19,820 --> 00:27:23,030

And again, it just
tells of the horror.

562

00:27:23,030 --> 00:27:27,020

They had one man
known as a barber.

563

00:27:27,020 --> 00:27:29,840

And you go into a
bathhouse, into a building

564

00:27:29,840 --> 00:27:32,380

with a bath house.

565

00:27:32,380 --> 00:27:36,560

And the following morning,
first train, so they just

566

00:27:36,560 --> 00:27:37,630

do horrible things.

567

00:27:37,630 --> 00:27:41,010

And somebody in Belzec,
if I remember right,

568

00:27:41,010 --> 00:27:46,458

they had horrible
baths or pits, trenches

569

00:27:46,458 --> 00:27:48,500

for blood, all the
bloodletting of all the people

570

00:27:48,500 --> 00:27:49,810

that they killed.

571

00:27:49,810 --> 00:27:54,830

In many of these camps, most of
the people died on the ground.

572

00:27:54,830 --> 00:27:55,785

It was in feces.

573

00:27:55,785 --> 00:27:56,660

It was in everything.

574

00:27:56,660 --> 00:27:59,450

The people had to
clean environments

575

00:27:59,450 --> 00:28:03,000

like that with their
hands, with their bodies.

576

00:28:03,000 --> 00:28:05,570

This is the second page of--

577

00:28:05,570 --> 00:28:06,950

I have them confused--

578

00:28:06,950 --> 00:28:10,429

579

00:28:10,429 --> 00:28:14,222

by an SS man.

580

00:28:14,222 --> 00:28:15,180

Kurt Gerstein.

581

00:28:15,180 --> 00:28:16,360

Kurt Gerstein, yes.

582

00:28:16,360 --> 00:28:22,970

And I believe the first page
should be talking about one

583

00:28:22,970 --> 00:28:23,540

of the camps.

584

00:28:23,540 --> 00:28:24,935

I don't remember
which one it is.

585

00:28:24,935 --> 00:28:30,118

I have the pages not in sync.

586

00:28:30,118 --> 00:28:30,910

The same thing as--

587

00:28:30,910 --> 00:28:35,520

588

00:28:35,520 --> 00:28:39,050

this is something I heard,
which to me fit the bill.

589

00:28:39,050 --> 00:28:44,270

It says, I will never close my
eyes again, not even in death.

590

00:28:44,270 --> 00:28:46,890

There are some people
who just never did.

591

00:28:46,890 --> 00:28:49,805

Again, it's my own
sense of things,

592

00:28:49,805 --> 00:28:50,930

my own sense of the horror.

593

00:28:50,930 --> 00:28:53,570

594

00:28:53,570 --> 00:28:58,490

I was deeply affected
by the war and what

595

00:28:58,490 --> 00:29:00,710

I heard and visualized.

596

00:29:00,710 --> 00:29:05,110

I was never able to get a
lot of it out of my system.

597

00:29:05,110 --> 00:29:07,933

Bergen-Belsen, this
is the first camp

598

00:29:07,933 --> 00:29:09,350

that was liberated
by the British,

599

00:29:09,350 --> 00:29:11,300

the famous Bergen-Belsen.

600

00:29:11,300 --> 00:29:14,480

There were 20,000
women and 42,000 men,

601

00:29:14,480 --> 00:29:15,980

13,000 unburied corpse.

602

00:29:15,980 --> 00:29:17,870

When they first
came into the camp

603

00:29:17,870 --> 00:29:20,792

all these thousands of the
corpses were just lying around.

604

00:29:20,792 --> 00:29:21,750

And there was a stench.

605

00:29:21,750 --> 00:29:22,625

There was diphtheria.

606

00:29:22,625 --> 00:29:24,530

There was smallpox,
all sorts of diseases.

607

00:29:24,530 --> 00:29:26,210

What they did was--

608

00:29:26,210 --> 00:29:30,900

which-- well, they
made a large pit.

609
00:29:30,900 --> 00:29:34,980
And with the tractors
with large blades,

610
00:29:34,980 --> 00:29:38,090
they just pushed these heaps
of bodies into the pit.

611
00:29:38,090 --> 00:29:41,340
Covered up with lime and
then covered up the bodies.

612
00:29:41,340 --> 00:29:44,750
Within two or three days,
thousands more died afterwards.

613
00:29:44,750 --> 00:29:48,560
Nobody-- it just was a horror.

614
00:29:48,560 --> 00:29:50,180
There was no rhyme or reason.

615
00:29:50,180 --> 00:29:52,420
People just didn't know
what was happening.

616
00:29:52,420 --> 00:29:53,420
Gates were being opened.

617
00:29:53,420 --> 00:29:57,080
People just walking all over the
woods, not understanding, a lot

618
00:29:57,080 --> 00:29:59,645
of the people.

619
00:29:59,645 --> 00:30:02,500

620
00:30:02,500 --> 00:30:07,290
This, this is the invocation

that we pray to you.

621
00:30:07,290 --> 00:30:12,340
It's just people,
many people did that.

622
00:30:12,340 --> 00:30:14,320
In the camps, in the
concentration camps,

623
00:30:14,320 --> 00:30:16,850
a total of 12,000 were murdered.

624
00:30:16,850 --> 00:30:18,390
12,000.

625
00:30:18,390 --> 00:30:19,630
And the gas chambers.

626
00:30:19,630 --> 00:30:23,090
And 6,000-- or 4,000 were Jews.

627
00:30:23,090 --> 00:30:27,280
And 2,000 [INAUDIBLE] in some
of these experimental camps

628
00:30:27,280 --> 00:30:29,030
lived in pits.

629
00:30:29,030 --> 00:30:31,960
Out of 12 million people
who died in the camps,

630
00:30:31,960 --> 00:30:33,860
50% were Jews.

631
00:30:33,860 --> 00:30:38,083
And they were burning
the smokestacks,

632
00:30:38,083 --> 00:30:39,875
the Nazis were burning

smokestacks right up

633

00:30:39,875 --> 00:30:44,330
to the last day of
the war in May 1945.

634

00:30:44,330 --> 00:30:45,830
They stopped
everything else, but it

635

00:30:45,830 --> 00:30:48,710
didn't stop killing Jews.

636

00:30:48,710 --> 00:30:50,570
In Poland, they were
still killing Jews

637

00:30:50,570 --> 00:30:52,670
five years after the war.

638

00:30:52,670 --> 00:30:55,430
The Russians had imprisoned
thousands of Jews,

639

00:30:55,430 --> 00:30:57,090
Hungarian Jews especially.

640

00:30:57,090 --> 00:31:00,140
And didn't let them out
until the early '50s.

641

00:31:00,140 --> 00:31:02,390
They went from one
camp on the German side

642

00:31:02,390 --> 00:31:05,960
and then they were captured
in Hungary, what they had

643

00:31:05,960 --> 00:31:08,510
were labor detachments,
labor forces.

644

00:31:08,510 --> 00:31:10,700

And they went with
the Hungarian army.

645

00:31:10,700 --> 00:31:13,240

And of course, they were
abused by the Hungarian army.

646

00:31:13,240 --> 00:31:15,080

In the process, when
they came into the--

647

00:31:15,080 --> 00:31:20,030

they fought along the
Ukraine and Russia,

648

00:31:20,030 --> 00:31:23,570

and [INAUDIBLE], when the
Russians overpowered them,

649

00:31:23,570 --> 00:31:28,350

they took all of the prisoners,
Romanians, Germans, and Jews.

650

00:31:28,350 --> 00:31:30,140

And they dumped them altogether.

651

00:31:30,140 --> 00:31:32,430

They didn't care.

652

00:31:32,430 --> 00:31:34,550

They didn't feel they
had time to separate

653

00:31:34,550 --> 00:31:37,190

who was a Jew, who was
forced to work for them,

654

00:31:37,190 --> 00:31:40,805

as opposed to Germans
and Hungarian prisoners.

655

00:31:40,805 --> 00:31:44,510

So they went from one
prison into another one,

656

00:31:44,510 --> 00:31:45,590

that kind of thing.

657

00:31:45,590 --> 00:31:48,530

What inspired you to
select this kind of medium

658

00:31:48,530 --> 00:31:51,470

for telling this story?

659

00:31:51,470 --> 00:31:55,820

Rather than writing it
down, say, in a book?

660

00:31:55,820 --> 00:31:59,450

Because I want to get
mostly to the vision.

661

00:31:59,450 --> 00:32:02,810

A picture is worth
so many words.

662

00:32:02,810 --> 00:32:05,780

And there is material
here that is not

663

00:32:05,780 --> 00:32:09,620

part of the general
material, the cliché material

664

00:32:09,620 --> 00:32:10,835

that they always give you.

665

00:32:10,835 --> 00:32:14,420

In other words, if we're
going to get a message of what

666

00:32:14,420 --> 00:32:18,010

actually happened into some

sort of historical detail,

667

00:32:18,010 --> 00:32:22,200

it should be not only visual
to draw attention to it,

668

00:32:22,200 --> 00:32:23,810

but also the material
on here should

669

00:32:23,810 --> 00:32:28,200

be material that are
more historical in nature

670

00:32:28,200 --> 00:32:31,130

and not cliché and
standard, which

671

00:32:31,130 --> 00:32:37,400

basically bores the viewer.

672

00:32:37,400 --> 00:32:40,260

This draws the attention,
especially with the children.

673

00:32:40,260 --> 00:32:42,100

So each page is on
a different theme?

674

00:32:42,100 --> 00:32:42,600

Yes.

675

00:32:42,600 --> 00:32:43,820

Or each page is on
a different facet.

676

00:32:43,820 --> 00:32:44,320

Yes.

677

00:32:44,320 --> 00:32:46,520

It's all on the Holocaust,
but to each page, to me,

678

00:32:46,520 --> 00:32:49,910

basically represents
what I have on drawings.

679

00:32:49,910 --> 00:32:51,000

These are the actual--

680

00:32:51,000 --> 00:32:56,340

when I think of Buchenwald,
I think of things like this.

681

00:32:56,340 --> 00:32:57,920

Because if you go
to some camps, they

682

00:32:57,920 --> 00:33:01,020

had specific unique conditions.

683

00:33:01,020 --> 00:33:04,250

You had the doctor-- the
Angel of Death in one camp.

684

00:33:04,250 --> 00:33:06,080

You had the 186
steps, where Jews

685

00:33:06,080 --> 00:33:09,770

were forced, in another camp,
first to climb up these 186--

686

00:33:09,770 --> 00:33:12,710

famous infamous 186
steps in the quarry,

687

00:33:12,710 --> 00:33:14,080

with stones and boulders.

688

00:33:14,080 --> 00:33:16,330

And then the Germans would
just trip them on the side.

689

00:33:16,330 --> 00:33:18,630

They would fall, and they
were crush themselves.

690
00:33:18,630 --> 00:33:21,230
So these are things
basically that I put in here.

691
00:33:21,230 --> 00:33:22,820
In other words, they
stick out to me.

692
00:33:22,820 --> 00:33:28,605
And they relate only to that
specific camp, or environment,

693
00:33:28,605 --> 00:33:29,105
or story.

694
00:33:29,105 --> 00:33:32,570

695
00:33:32,570 --> 00:33:35,600
And it's always--

696
00:33:35,600 --> 00:33:39,520
I can never put anyone
together in these stories.

697
00:33:39,520 --> 00:33:42,350
They're always apart.

698
00:33:42,350 --> 00:33:44,540
Because when you read
about what they did,

699
00:33:44,540 --> 00:33:47,010
they took not only
their heart away,

700
00:33:47,010 --> 00:33:50,830
they took-- in the experiments,
they took everything else away.

701

00:33:50,830 --> 00:33:56,610

No-- well, it's horrible.

702

00:33:56,610 --> 00:34:01,607

And I do it sometimes with a
Gothic effect to show the war.

703

00:34:01,607 --> 00:34:02,690

I want it black and white.

704

00:34:02,690 --> 00:34:06,110

705

00:34:06,110 --> 00:34:11,290

This is Buchenwald's
famous experiments.

706

00:34:11,290 --> 00:34:13,199

This is my statement,
the Lord is

707

00:34:13,199 --> 00:34:17,310

my shepherd in the [? gray ?].

708

00:34:17,310 --> 00:34:24,110

I just hope that they went
out with that in mind.

709

00:34:24,110 --> 00:34:27,980

This is Chelmno, Kulmhof.

710

00:34:27,980 --> 00:34:30,920

And this-- Chelmo is the camp.

711

00:34:30,920 --> 00:34:33,060

Kulmhof was near-- not
all of these camps,

712

00:34:33,060 --> 00:34:35,741

basically, were in the town.

713

00:34:35,741 --> 00:34:37,699

Sometimes they have the
name of a camp and then

714

00:34:37,699 --> 00:34:40,429

the nearest town is the
name that they'll give you--

715

00:34:40,429 --> 00:34:43,070

the added name,
Kulmhof, which is

716

00:34:43,070 --> 00:34:46,380

the nearest town that was near
the camp or the camp was near.

717

00:34:46,380 --> 00:34:47,120

Yeah.

718

00:34:47,120 --> 00:34:50,060

And you can see this is
where the musicians played

719

00:34:50,060 --> 00:34:52,239

to lull the people.

720

00:34:52,239 --> 00:34:55,590

But 340,000 Jews were
gassed in this one camp.

721

00:34:55,590 --> 00:34:58,640

722

00:34:58,640 --> 00:35:02,740

There are-- within four major
camps, more than two million

723

00:35:02,740 --> 00:35:05,330

were gassed, just
out of four camps.

724

00:35:05,330 --> 00:35:06,938

Auschwitz, of course,

is one of them.

725

00:35:06,938 --> 00:35:09,930

726

00:35:09,930 --> 00:35:18,005

This states-- has a flood
come and laid the world--

727

00:35:18,005 --> 00:35:19,560

am I taking up too much time?

728

00:35:19,560 --> 00:35:20,600

No, please.

729

00:35:20,600 --> 00:35:22,150

No, it's fine.

730

00:35:22,150 --> 00:35:25,090

Neither man, or beast, nor bird.

731

00:35:25,090 --> 00:35:29,940

Have they all perished or
laid down in torment and died?

732

00:35:29,940 --> 00:35:33,690

733

00:35:33,690 --> 00:35:45,680

Again the symbolic-- this would
be the Nazi version, basically,

734

00:35:45,680 --> 00:35:48,410

overlooking all this.

735

00:35:48,410 --> 00:35:53,240

I don't draw scenes with
bombings, or soldiers,

736

00:35:53,240 --> 00:35:58,610

or uniforms, or
bullets, and bayonets.

737
00:35:58,610 --> 00:36:00,440
You don't need it
to tell the story.

738
00:36:00,440 --> 00:36:05,000
Yeah, I was going to ask
you, was there a reason

739
00:36:05,000 --> 00:36:08,440
why you used this kind
of Medieval script,

740
00:36:08,440 --> 00:36:14,000
and the images which seem
to come out of classical--

741
00:36:14,000 --> 00:36:14,500
Yes.

742
00:36:14,500 --> 00:36:17,030
--or Medieval paintings.

743
00:36:17,030 --> 00:36:21,680
Yes, I'm attuned to
that kind of work.

744
00:36:21,680 --> 00:36:24,170
And believe it or not,
it's not necessarily--

745
00:36:24,170 --> 00:36:26,570
yes, some of the
lettering are Medieval,

746
00:36:26,570 --> 00:36:30,950
but I wanted it to have
a Gothic touch, which

747
00:36:30,950 --> 00:36:34,718
depicts the German written
language in a sense.

748

00:36:34,718 --> 00:36:36,260

So you know basically
that this would

749

00:36:36,260 --> 00:36:38,690

relate in a sense,
has a sense basically

750

00:36:38,690 --> 00:36:46,130

of the background of the German,
the entire German philosophy.

751

00:36:46,130 --> 00:36:48,170

And I figured, I don't
want to show a swastika.

752

00:36:48,170 --> 00:36:51,420

I don't want to show an SS man.

753

00:36:51,420 --> 00:36:55,340

I just want to show Gothic
lettering to symbolize that.

754

00:36:55,340 --> 00:36:58,550

755

00:36:58,550 --> 00:37:02,520

In other words, a picture should
basically be just what it says.

756

00:37:02,520 --> 00:37:06,490

I don't need to
amplify what it says

757

00:37:06,490 --> 00:37:09,710

with all, again, the cliches.

758

00:37:09,710 --> 00:37:14,780

I want to get the message across
to the children and adults

759

00:37:14,780 --> 00:37:23,530

that the story has to be
told without embellishments.

760
00:37:23,530 --> 00:37:24,400
Yeah.

761
00:37:24,400 --> 00:37:28,490
Arbeit macht frei, which is
the infamous old statement.

762
00:37:28,490 --> 00:37:30,260
I notice on that
picture, if you can just

763
00:37:30,260 --> 00:37:34,860
push it back a little bit,
the top of the man's head

764
00:37:34,860 --> 00:37:35,450
is missing.

765
00:37:35,450 --> 00:37:35,990
Yes, yes.

766
00:37:35,990 --> 00:37:37,100
Is that what you mean by--

767
00:37:37,100 --> 00:37:38,170
Yes, you'll never see--

768
00:37:38,170 --> 00:37:38,490
--the incomplete.

769
00:37:38,490 --> 00:37:39,615
You'll never see her hands.

770
00:37:39,615 --> 00:37:43,610
There will always be something
missing out of someone.

771
00:37:43,610 --> 00:37:46,440
No legs.

772
00:37:46,440 --> 00:37:49,400
To signify the sense
of loss of self.

773
00:37:49,400 --> 00:37:51,430
No Jew is whole in that war.

774
00:37:51,430 --> 00:37:56,410
So part of him, part of his
family, part of the society,

775
00:37:56,410 --> 00:38:01,060
part of everything, he was
never allowed to be whole.

776
00:38:01,060 --> 00:38:05,470
I never understood until I
get into this to the degree,

777
00:38:05,470 --> 00:38:09,180
when they created a song,
when they composed a song,

778
00:38:09,180 --> 00:38:12,040
[NON-ENGLISH],, where in
the world should I go?

779
00:38:12,040 --> 00:38:16,780
Now I understand,
in the years of 1942

780
00:38:16,780 --> 00:38:23,470
to '44, the British
agents spent as much time

781
00:38:23,470 --> 00:38:27,122
shutting off exit ports, all
along the Mediterranean, all

782
00:38:27,122 --> 00:38:30,422
the way up to Turkey, and
along and going into Africa,

783

00:38:30,422 --> 00:38:32,380
to keep the Jews from
getting off the mainland.

784

00:38:32,380 --> 00:38:35,020
They did not want them
getting off the mainland.

785

00:38:35,020 --> 00:38:36,670
They, in that
action, were partly

786

00:38:36,670 --> 00:38:40,120
responsible for the first one
to two million that were killed.

787

00:38:40,120 --> 00:38:43,030
In other words, nobody
would let them off.

788

00:38:43,030 --> 00:38:44,050
Closed the door on them.

789

00:38:44,050 --> 00:38:47,170
The British, instead
of fighting the war,

790

00:38:47,170 --> 00:38:50,320
they just shut the
doors off on the Jews.

791

00:38:50,320 --> 00:38:53,230
This is without
funding, without having

792

00:38:53,230 --> 00:38:54,730
to give up money,
or these things

793

00:38:54,730 --> 00:38:56,530
that they were worried
about later on.

794
00:38:56,530 --> 00:38:59,290
They just shut the
doors on the Jews.

795
00:38:59,290 --> 00:39:01,460
When the Turks were
taking the Jews in,

796
00:39:01,460 --> 00:39:03,430
the English with there saying--

797
00:39:03,430 --> 00:39:05,260
putting pressure
on them to stop it.

798
00:39:05,260 --> 00:39:06,750
And they did.

799
00:39:06,750 --> 00:39:08,320
And then no more Jews.

800
00:39:08,320 --> 00:39:09,937
Dozens of boats will
found floundering

801
00:39:09,937 --> 00:39:11,770
and eventually capsized
in the Mediterranean

802
00:39:11,770 --> 00:39:12,760
with Jews on them.

803
00:39:12,760 --> 00:39:16,090
Thousands of Jews lost
their lives like that.

804
00:39:16,090 --> 00:39:19,480
There were over 60 penal
camps and concentration

805
00:39:19,480 --> 00:39:21,520

camps in Africa.

806

00:39:21,520 --> 00:39:23,530

I'm sure this isn't
general material,

807

00:39:23,530 --> 00:39:26,590

but Jews suffered over there.

808

00:39:26,590 --> 00:39:29,170

The only Arab nation
that didn't get

809

00:39:29,170 --> 00:39:34,960

involved in that nonsense,
horrible nonsense, is Morocco.

810

00:39:34,960 --> 00:39:37,860

They had no prejudice
for the Jewish community.

811

00:39:37,860 --> 00:39:40,410

One community.

812

00:39:40,410 --> 00:39:43,420

Dora, Nordhausen,
let's see, this

813

00:39:43,420 --> 00:39:49,420

was the famous rocket
factory in 1944-- '42 to '44.

814

00:39:49,420 --> 00:39:52,300

What they used to do
with the Jews-- now,

815

00:39:52,300 --> 00:39:55,370

they did all the work that
they had to do inside-- it

816

00:39:55,370 --> 00:39:56,993

was inside of a mountain.

817

00:39:56,993 --> 00:39:58,660

In fact, I believe

this was the mountain

818

00:39:58,660 --> 00:40:05,710

where the famous man who sells

a lot of the dog food and animal

819

00:40:05,710 --> 00:40:07,140

things--

820

00:40:07,140 --> 00:40:09,562

I forgot the name of it--

821

00:40:09,562 --> 00:40:11,770

well, it's the name-- the

mountain's named after him.

822

00:40:11,770 --> 00:40:12,380

Harz?

823

00:40:12,380 --> 00:40:12,880

Harz.

824

00:40:12,880 --> 00:40:13,887

Yes, that's it.

825

00:40:13,887 --> 00:40:14,470

Harz Mountain.

826

00:40:14,470 --> 00:40:15,470

The Harz Mountains, yes.

827

00:40:15,470 --> 00:40:16,320

Yes.

828

00:40:16,320 --> 00:40:18,820

Yes, that's where they

built the factory.

829

00:40:18,820 --> 00:40:19,490

[INAUDIBLE]

830

00:40:19,490 --> 00:40:21,760

And inside this, building
all these rockets.

831

00:40:21,760 --> 00:40:24,302

And what they would do is they
would have a lot of the timber

832

00:40:24,302 --> 00:40:25,340

all over the place.

833

00:40:25,340 --> 00:40:26,790

And when the Jews--

834

00:40:26,790 --> 00:40:31,690

so you always had a
lot of these SS guards,

835

00:40:31,690 --> 00:40:33,490

a lot of these sadistic ones.

836

00:40:33,490 --> 00:40:36,910

And every day, there was no less
than at least one Jew hanging.

837

00:40:36,910 --> 00:40:40,920

As many as 20 or 30 would be
hanging day in and day out.

838

00:40:40,920 --> 00:40:45,400

That's what this
famous operation did.

839

00:40:45,400 --> 00:40:48,100

They just killed them by
the hundreds in that place,

840

00:40:48,100 --> 00:40:49,810

never to see anything again.

841

00:40:49,810 --> 00:40:52,720

Yeah, was there some kind
of a biblical allusion

842

00:40:52,720 --> 00:40:55,150

that you were trying to make
there in the Nordhausen?

843

00:40:55,150 --> 00:40:57,230

Because it looks like
scrolls or something.

844

00:40:57,230 --> 00:40:59,650

It almost-- it
almost reminds you

845

00:40:59,650 --> 00:41:01,930

of the kind of inverted Sinai.

846

00:41:01,930 --> 00:41:03,578

Yeah, OK.

847

00:41:03,578 --> 00:41:04,120

I don't know.

848

00:41:04,120 --> 00:41:05,070

I don't want to read
anything into it.

849

00:41:05,070 --> 00:41:06,660

These are all eyes
and faces to me.

850

00:41:06,660 --> 00:41:07,160

Yeah.

851

00:41:07,160 --> 00:41:08,660

And it's sort of
like a testimony.

852

00:41:08,660 --> 00:41:09,160

Yeah.

853

00:41:09,160 --> 00:41:09,820

It's a testament.

854

00:41:09,820 --> 00:41:10,240

You're right.

855

00:41:10,240 --> 00:41:11,657

And there's a
figure at the bottom

856

00:41:11,657 --> 00:41:14,075

who looks very much like
Moses, like carrying

857

00:41:14,075 --> 00:41:14,950

scrolls or something.

858

00:41:14,950 --> 00:41:18,198

Yes, there's always a
Jewish scribe writing down--

859

00:41:18,198 --> 00:41:20,240

to me there's always a
Jewish scribe writing down

860

00:41:20,240 --> 00:41:24,880

all this information to be
basically used eventually

861

00:41:24,880 --> 00:41:29,470

for information and publicized
into the world and to God,

862

00:41:29,470 --> 00:41:31,820

of course.

863

00:41:31,820 --> 00:41:32,960

The witness, the voice.

864

00:41:32,960 --> 00:41:33,770

That is correct.

865

00:41:33,770 --> 00:41:35,000

In every one of these.

866

00:41:35,000 --> 00:41:36,490

Every one of these.

867

00:41:36,490 --> 00:41:38,170

That's the only reason for--

868

00:41:38,170 --> 00:41:46,930

869

00:41:46,930 --> 00:41:50,420

This means that I keep
my tongue from evil.

870

00:41:50,420 --> 00:41:50,920

Yeah.

871

00:41:50,920 --> 00:41:55,078

No Jew is allowed to speak
without getting punished,

872

00:41:55,078 --> 00:41:55,620

for anything.

873

00:41:55,620 --> 00:42:01,250

Never allowed to express
a personal feeling.

874

00:42:01,250 --> 00:42:05,020

Flossenburg, in
Germany, was a giant--

875

00:42:05,020 --> 00:42:07,000

OK, this was a very famous--

876

00:42:07,000 --> 00:42:08,810

singed by a victim.

877

00:42:08,810 --> 00:42:10,560

He said, "Flossenburg"--

878

00:42:10,560 --> 00:42:14,800

OK-- "Germany was one
giant concentration camp

879

00:42:14,800 --> 00:42:19,293

with Jews marching as prisoners
the length and breadth

880

00:42:19,293 --> 00:42:19,960

of the country."

881

00:42:19,960 --> 00:42:23,110

882

00:42:23,110 --> 00:42:26,170

What happened was, as the
war was getting closer

883

00:42:26,170 --> 00:42:29,990

and the Russians were closing
in from the east in Europe,

884

00:42:29,990 --> 00:42:31,750

all the camps
would then close up

885

00:42:31,750 --> 00:42:34,843

and they would begin new
ones inside of Europe.

886

00:42:34,843 --> 00:42:36,760

And most of them were
basically being created,

887

00:42:36,760 --> 00:42:39,430

popping up all over Germany.

888

00:42:39,430 --> 00:42:42,060

Auschwitz, they're told-- but
there were three Auschwitz.

889

00:42:42,060 --> 00:42:44,860

There was Auschwitz

1, 2, and 3, Birkenau,

890

00:42:44,860 --> 00:42:47,650

and I forgot the other one,

what the other name was.

891

00:42:47,650 --> 00:42:48,820

But there were very large.

892

00:42:48,820 --> 00:42:52,230

Some of them in

the largest cities.

893

00:42:52,230 --> 00:42:57,310

All of these major camps had

sub camps, many sub camps

894

00:42:57,310 --> 00:43:01,090

for a total of 1,600.

895

00:43:01,090 --> 00:43:02,890

And I would say

90% of those being

896

00:43:02,890 --> 00:43:05,860

in Europe, in Western Europe.

897

00:43:05,860 --> 00:43:09,160

For people who claim

that they didn't

898

00:43:09,160 --> 00:43:11,720

know what the hell

was going on, I mean,

899

00:43:11,720 --> 00:43:15,940

they got to be one

big heck of a lie.

900

00:43:15,940 --> 00:43:19,540

I didn't trust the
Austrian population long

901
00:43:19,540 --> 00:43:21,320
before it became popular.

902
00:43:21,320 --> 00:43:23,560
To this day, there are four
countries I won't go to--

903
00:43:23,560 --> 00:43:29,560
Austria, Germany,
Romania, and Hungary.

904
00:43:29,560 --> 00:43:31,350
They all took part
in the savage,

905
00:43:31,350 --> 00:43:33,940
in the savage brutality.

906
00:43:33,940 --> 00:43:35,380
Bulgaria, believe
it or not, which

907
00:43:35,380 --> 00:43:38,530
is in Eastern Europe
today, protected every one

908
00:43:38,530 --> 00:43:40,540
of its Bulgarian Jews.

909
00:43:40,540 --> 00:43:44,192
Not only that, it was the only
Jewish community in Europe

910
00:43:44,192 --> 00:43:46,275
that actually had an
increase in Jewish population

911
00:43:46,275 --> 00:43:49,240
for births, the only
one in the world.

912
00:43:49,240 --> 00:43:50,890
The Spaniards-- the Spaniards--

913
00:43:50,890 --> 00:43:52,780
I'm just reading now on Spain--

914
00:43:52,780 --> 00:43:55,840
they saved approximately
somewhere between 20,000

915
00:43:55,840 --> 00:44:01,132
to 30,000 Jews by pressing
the point of Spanish citizens.

916
00:44:01,132 --> 00:44:02,590
Most of these
countries didn't have

917
00:44:02,590 --> 00:44:04,540
any prejudice in that sense.

918
00:44:04,540 --> 00:44:06,070
There were no laws.

919
00:44:06,070 --> 00:44:08,560
A country like Romania
had anti-Jewish laws long

920
00:44:08,560 --> 00:44:10,398
before became
popular in Germany.

921
00:44:10,398 --> 00:44:11,940
Germans came out
with it in the '30s.

922
00:44:11,940 --> 00:44:15,820
Romanians had it in the '20s,
actual Nuremberg type laws.

923
00:44:15,820 --> 00:44:18,930

924
00:44:18,930 --> 00:44:22,970
Majdanek, another one that
sprung up in Eastern Europe,

925
00:44:22,970 --> 00:44:24,680
which was in Poland.

926
00:44:24,680 --> 00:44:28,710
400,000 Jews died there.

927
00:44:28,710 --> 00:44:31,110
Do these follow an order?

928
00:44:31,110 --> 00:44:31,610
Do they--

929
00:44:31,610 --> 00:44:34,990
They're in an alphabetical order
in the beginning for the camps.

930
00:44:34,990 --> 00:44:37,360
Then they go into
other subject matters.

931
00:44:37,360 --> 00:44:39,452
What I'll try to do is I'll go--

932
00:44:39,452 --> 00:44:44,530
and I'll try to get up
into the next subject.

933
00:44:44,530 --> 00:44:49,450
Because eventually the
camps become overworked.

934
00:44:49,450 --> 00:44:50,640
Can I help you?

935
00:44:50,640 --> 00:44:52,170
No, that's all right.

936
00:44:52,170 --> 00:44:55,890
This is [INAUDIBLE],,
that's a French.

937
00:44:55,890 --> 00:45:00,430
OK, just trying to
see which camp it is--

938
00:45:00,430 --> 00:45:02,026
Ravensbruck.

939
00:45:02,026 --> 00:45:04,930
Ravensbruck, this
was experiments

940
00:45:04,930 --> 00:45:07,480
on women and children.

941
00:45:07,480 --> 00:45:09,310
Very heavy, horrible.

942
00:45:09,310 --> 00:45:12,340

943
00:45:12,340 --> 00:45:16,680
Every Jew was fair meat.

944
00:45:16,680 --> 00:45:23,540
And to just explain a little bit
about these experimental camps,

945
00:45:23,540 --> 00:45:24,335
people--

946
00:45:24,335 --> 00:45:26,210
the average person is
not aware basically how

947
00:45:26,210 --> 00:45:27,760
these things work.

948

00:45:27,760 --> 00:45:31,460

When they had these--
there were many SS doctors

949

00:45:31,460 --> 00:45:34,280

who were experimenting
for one reason or another,

950

00:45:34,280 --> 00:45:37,610

and no matter whether they
were brutal or general.

951

00:45:37,610 --> 00:45:40,430

They used to bring in
professors, German professors

952

00:45:40,430 --> 00:45:42,980

from Germany and Austrian
institutes, to come down

953

00:45:42,980 --> 00:45:46,010

and to view some of these
experiments with their students

954

00:45:46,010 --> 00:45:47,605

so they can learn.

955

00:45:47,605 --> 00:45:48,980

These were actually
classes given

956

00:45:48,980 --> 00:45:52,820

to why they were
butchering people,

957

00:45:52,820 --> 00:45:54,697

not always with anesthetic.

958

00:45:54,697 --> 00:45:56,780

A lot of these students
came with their professors

959

00:45:56,780 --> 00:45:58,400
from Germany and Austria.

960
00:45:58,400 --> 00:46:00,800
And I think it was
[INAUDIBLE] too,

961
00:46:00,800 --> 00:46:03,454
overlooking these experiments
to learn something.

962
00:46:03,454 --> 00:46:04,810
Yes.

963
00:46:04,810 --> 00:46:14,520
OK, this is-- this is another--

964
00:46:14,520 --> 00:46:15,370
I did it too well.

965
00:46:15,370 --> 00:46:16,590
No, this is Stutthof.

966
00:46:16,590 --> 00:46:21,192
OK, Stutthof, this was--

967
00:46:21,192 --> 00:46:22,150
excuse me, [INAUDIBLE].

968
00:46:22,150 --> 00:46:23,692
I'm trying to get
away from that now.

969
00:46:23,692 --> 00:46:26,920

970
00:46:26,920 --> 00:46:29,420
How long did it take you to
produce this, this particular

971
00:46:29,420 --> 00:46:29,920
[INAUDIBLE]?

972
00:46:29,920 --> 00:46:32,004
This took me almost a year.

973
00:46:32,004 --> 00:46:35,170
Because I had no idea what I
was putting on the paper until I

974
00:46:35,170 --> 00:46:36,040
started doing it.

975
00:46:36,040 --> 00:46:38,530
Because the detail
is remarkable.

976
00:46:38,530 --> 00:46:41,950
I don't know if someone
not seeing it up close

977
00:46:41,950 --> 00:46:44,710
could appreciate it as fully
as I can appreciate it,

978
00:46:44,710 --> 00:46:46,980
seeing it in all its detail.

979
00:46:46,980 --> 00:46:48,110
Thank you.

980
00:46:48,110 --> 00:46:50,380
Yeah, I was very moved
when my mother died.

981
00:46:50,380 --> 00:46:51,460
I wanted--

982
00:46:51,460 --> 00:46:52,930
This was as a result of her--

983
00:46:52,930 --> 00:46:53,680
Yes, of her death.

984

00:46:53,680 --> 00:46:54,661
--passing.

985

00:46:54,661 --> 00:46:59,787
Yeah, I-- my mother
died in October of '87

986

00:46:59,787 --> 00:47:01,870
and then my mother-in-law
died in November of '87.

987

00:47:01,870 --> 00:47:02,670
I loved them both.

988

00:47:02,670 --> 00:47:07,720
And I-- for six months,
I just couldn't--

989

00:47:07,720 --> 00:47:08,470
this is all I did.

990

00:47:08,470 --> 00:47:09,595
I poured out day and night.

991

00:47:09,595 --> 00:47:14,844
I slept maybe four to six hours
a day for about a whole year.

992

00:47:14,844 --> 00:47:17,080
I had to do this.

993

00:47:17,080 --> 00:47:18,580
I didn't do enough
for my mother.

994

00:47:18,580 --> 00:47:21,160
I always felt I didn't
do anything for my mother

995

00:47:21,160 --> 00:47:23,360
while she went through
a horrible time.

996
00:47:23,360 --> 00:47:25,750
And I couldn't do anything
anymore after the war

997
00:47:25,750 --> 00:47:27,790
because she was leading
her own family life.

998
00:47:27,790 --> 00:47:29,300
Yeah.

999
00:47:29,300 --> 00:47:32,370
So, I have Treblinka, of course.

1000
00:47:32,370 --> 00:47:35,375
Let me just get to
the [NON-ENGLISH]..

1001
00:47:35,375 --> 00:47:36,530
[NON-ENGLISH] hymn.

1002
00:47:36,530 --> 00:47:38,270
Yeah, the King of Kings.

1003
00:47:38,270 --> 00:47:43,840

1004
00:47:43,840 --> 00:47:47,500
How has all of this
experience and all

1005
00:47:47,500 --> 00:47:50,440
of this work that
you've done affected

1006
00:47:50,440 --> 00:47:54,300
your own feelings about your
religion, and about your faith,

1007
00:47:54,300 --> 00:47:56,670
and you as a Jew?

1008
00:47:56,670 --> 00:47:58,670
It never affected my--

1009
00:47:58,670 --> 00:48:03,330
it affected my faith as a Jew,
basically only reinforcing it.

1010
00:48:03,330 --> 00:48:05,860
What I don't
understand to this day,

1011
00:48:05,860 --> 00:48:11,620
there's a preoccupation of a
human mind who is not Jewish,

1012
00:48:11,620 --> 00:48:18,293
what the hell is so important
about a Jew in their midst

1013
00:48:18,293 --> 00:48:19,960
that they have to go
to such an extreme?

1014
00:48:19,960 --> 00:48:24,380
What is it about a
Jew that's that up--

1015
00:48:24,380 --> 00:48:27,210

1016
00:48:27,210 --> 00:48:29,170
earth shaking, earth shattering.

1017
00:48:29,170 --> 00:48:31,330
What the hell is it all about?

1018
00:48:31,330 --> 00:48:34,040
I never felt this
towards anyone else.

1019
00:48:34,040 --> 00:48:36,010

I never grew up in
a home like that.

1020
00:48:36,010 --> 00:48:40,360
I had the general
basic prejudices,

1021
00:48:40,360 --> 00:48:42,740
but I didn't grew up
with them in here.

1022
00:48:42,740 --> 00:48:45,190
They were just words after
a while and when grew up,

1023
00:48:45,190 --> 00:48:46,300
it just goes.

1024
00:48:46,300 --> 00:48:49,160
But I don't understand what the
hell all this-- to this day,

1025
00:48:49,160 --> 00:48:51,090
I still say the same thing.

1026
00:48:51,090 --> 00:48:52,990
I tell you the
feeling has left me

1027
00:48:52,990 --> 00:48:55,450
with all of this, what
I read especially,

1028
00:48:55,450 --> 00:48:58,960
and I do a lot of reading
on it now, day in, day out.

1029
00:48:58,960 --> 00:49:01,660
I go to bed with
writing a lot of notes.

1030
00:49:01,660 --> 00:49:05,870
And it's not over.

1031
00:49:05,870 --> 00:49:08,740
We are not really in
a safe environment.

1032
00:49:08,740 --> 00:49:10,480
Maybe that's me.

1033
00:49:10,480 --> 00:49:12,910
But it still exists.

1034
00:49:12,910 --> 00:49:15,940
The problems that were
then are still here today.

1035
00:49:15,940 --> 00:49:17,980
We have the same people.

1036
00:49:17,980 --> 00:49:20,350
[PERSONAL NAME] now
is [PERSONAL NAME]

1037
00:49:20,350 --> 00:49:26,950
during the '60s, 60% of
his people were ex-Nazis.

1038
00:49:26,950 --> 00:49:29,500
The high men on the totem
pole under Eisenhower

1039
00:49:29,500 --> 00:49:32,920
was Hitler's chief minister
who helped design the Nuremberg

1040
00:49:32,920 --> 00:49:34,960
laws.

1041
00:49:34,960 --> 00:49:37,780
I don't understand all this.

1042
00:49:37,780 --> 00:49:39,880
Jews were still

sitting in DP camps,

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00:49:39,880 --> 00:49:42,020

which were a concentration
camp of a form,

1044

00:49:42,020 --> 00:49:46,750

and in Russian camps, up
until the early '50s, while

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00:49:46,750 --> 00:49:48,610

the Nazis, the guys
who perpetrated a lot

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00:49:48,610 --> 00:49:53,050

of the horrors, were
walking out free, going on--

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00:49:53,050 --> 00:49:55,180

I get very upset about this--

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00:49:55,180 --> 00:49:58,270

going on with their lives
and burning up lives.

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00:49:58,270 --> 00:50:03,550

The man who introduced
the first gas chamber

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00:50:03,550 --> 00:50:09,070

was a architect who died in the
'60s in the Black Forrest area

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00:50:09,070 --> 00:50:16,457

somewhere in Germany as a very
adored man in his community.

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00:50:16,457 --> 00:50:17,290

He built the church.

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00:50:17,290 --> 00:50:19,610

It was one of his last
things that he did.

1054
00:50:19,610 --> 00:50:22,120
The man who created the
gas chamber to kill people

1055
00:50:22,120 --> 00:50:24,910
was now building a church
for the local communities

1056
00:50:24,910 --> 00:50:27,210
that he lived in the '60s.

1057
00:50:27,210 --> 00:50:29,140
I don't relate to that.

1058
00:50:29,140 --> 00:50:30,700
I don't relate to that.

1059
00:50:30,700 --> 00:50:32,890
The Warsaw ghetto, we
all know what that is.

1060
00:50:32,890 --> 00:50:33,673
That's--

1061
00:50:33,673 --> 00:50:36,690
You wrote the text
of this yourself too?

1062
00:50:36,690 --> 00:50:37,420
Yes.

1063
00:50:37,420 --> 00:50:38,020
Oh, yeah.

1064
00:50:38,020 --> 00:50:38,520
Well, no.

1065
00:50:38,520 --> 00:50:40,645
Well, no, a lot of the
statements that I've taken--

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00:50:40,645 --> 00:50:41,580

You've taken from--

1067

00:50:41,580 --> 00:50:42,372

--out of the books.

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00:50:42,372 --> 00:50:45,360

But these are actual statements,
almost down to the letter.

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00:50:45,360 --> 00:50:47,110

There are some things
I've done on my own,

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00:50:47,110 --> 00:50:49,660

but nothing of any consequence.

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00:50:49,660 --> 00:50:54,610

This is the famous
SS general, Stroop,

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00:50:54,610 --> 00:50:58,830

who destroyed all of the ghetto
with all the Jews fighting.

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00:50:58,830 --> 00:51:01,600

And his only claim to fame is--

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00:51:01,600 --> 00:51:04,120

his famous statement in
German, "There is no longer

1075

00:51:04,120 --> 00:51:07,380

any Jewish quarter in Warsaw."

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00:51:07,380 --> 00:51:09,820

When they bombarded with
the flame throwers, tanks,

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00:51:09,820 --> 00:51:11,950

and planes.

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00:51:11,950 --> 00:51:14,080

This is a little

[INAUDIBLE],, a Polish lullaby

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00:51:14,080 --> 00:51:15,620

in the '20s and '30s.

1080

00:51:15,620 --> 00:51:18,230

I don't know if many Jews

are familiar with it,

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00:51:18,230 --> 00:51:21,380

but I thought maybe

that people would know.

1082

00:51:21,380 --> 00:51:21,880

So I--

1083

00:51:21,880 --> 00:51:22,540

What is that?

1084

00:51:22,540 --> 00:51:23,290

I'm sorry.

1085

00:51:23,290 --> 00:51:27,915

It's a Polish lullaby sung

before the war in Poland.

1086

00:51:27,915 --> 00:51:28,790

And I figured maybe--

1087

00:51:28,790 --> 00:51:30,640

Is that Rozhinkes mit Mandlen?

1088

00:51:30,640 --> 00:51:34,690

No, not Rozhinkes

mit Mandlen, no, no.

1089

00:51:34,690 --> 00:51:36,680

This is a Polish

lullaby in Poland.

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00:51:36,680 --> 00:51:38,280

Rozhinkes mit Mandlen is a--

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00:51:38,280 --> 00:51:38,805

Is Yiddish.

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00:51:38,805 --> 00:51:39,335

Is Yiddish.

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00:51:39,335 --> 00:51:40,210

I thought you meant--

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00:51:40,210 --> 00:51:42,190

I grew up with the
Yiddish National Theater

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00:51:42,190 --> 00:51:42,820

on the Lower East Side.

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00:51:42,820 --> 00:51:44,070

I used to go when I was a kid.

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00:51:44,070 --> 00:51:44,828

I'd read Shabbos.

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00:51:44,828 --> 00:51:48,950

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00:51:48,950 --> 00:51:51,520

Oh, this I had to take.

1100

00:51:51,520 --> 00:51:52,870

This is contemporary basically.

1101

00:51:52,870 --> 00:51:56,110

But the British government--
the British government,

1102

00:51:56,110 --> 00:51:59,200

to sabotage the UN's general
vote to create a Jewish state

1103
00:51:59,200 --> 00:52:01,350
in November 1947.

1104
00:52:01,350 --> 00:52:03,610
And this malice was
directed against the Jews.

1105
00:52:03,610 --> 00:52:07,120
They disarmed the
Haganah, [INAUDIBLE]..

1106
00:52:07,120 --> 00:52:09,850
Turned over the garrisons
in Jewish territory

1107
00:52:09,850 --> 00:52:12,218
right to the Arabs,
to hostile Arabs.

1108
00:52:12,218 --> 00:52:14,260
And Great Britain then
became an active aggressor

1109
00:52:14,260 --> 00:52:17,560
to the Jews and accessory
to Arab aggression.

1110
00:52:17,560 --> 00:52:22,120
Well, today they complain
about the Israelis

1111
00:52:22,120 --> 00:52:25,748
in handing the Palestinians
and how they burn down

1112
00:52:25,748 --> 00:52:27,290
the homes of everyone
that they catch

1113
00:52:27,290 --> 00:52:31,940
who is party to some sort
of terroristic activity.

1114
00:52:31,940 --> 00:52:34,760
What they don't know is
this was a policy created

1115
00:52:34,760 --> 00:52:38,090
by the English back around
the First World War.

1116
00:52:38,090 --> 00:52:41,120
When the Arabs would go around
killing a British soldier,

1117
00:52:41,120 --> 00:52:44,640
the English didn't bother with
what the Israelis do today.

1118
00:52:44,640 --> 00:52:49,160
They used to go into a town,
knock off 10 or 20 Arabs,

1119
00:52:49,160 --> 00:52:52,700
burn the whole
village in many cases.

1120
00:52:52,700 --> 00:52:56,930
And from then on came the
systematic attitude, destroy,

1121
00:52:56,930 --> 00:52:59,180
burn the houses of
everyone who is a terrorist

1122
00:52:59,180 --> 00:53:01,007
or you feel did
that kind of thing.

1123
00:53:01,007 --> 00:53:03,590
That's been going on since the
First World War by the British.

1124
00:53:03,590 --> 00:53:06,080
It was never created today.

1125
00:53:06,080 --> 00:53:09,260
It's over 70 years
old, 60 years old.

1126
00:53:09,260 --> 00:53:10,260
And they worry about it.

1127
00:53:10,260 --> 00:53:16,140

1128
00:53:16,140 --> 00:53:17,635
I don't know what this means.

1129
00:53:17,635 --> 00:53:19,400
I usually try to
write down my sayings.

1130
00:53:19,400 --> 00:53:23,930

1131
00:53:23,930 --> 00:53:28,660
Oh, yes, it's just a statement
again on the final solution.

1132
00:53:28,660 --> 00:53:29,505
Yeah.

1133
00:53:29,505 --> 00:53:30,880
I ran out of black
ink, so that's

1134
00:53:30,880 --> 00:53:32,290
what you see blue
ink in between.

1135
00:53:32,290 --> 00:53:34,430
Yeah.

1136
00:53:34,430 --> 00:53:37,400
It seems to have an interesting
effect, but I left it.

1137
00:53:37,400 --> 00:53:37,900
Yeah.

1138
00:53:37,900 --> 00:53:45,190

1139
00:53:45,190 --> 00:53:46,285
Oh, this is Vichy France.

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00:53:46,285 --> 00:53:49,660

1141
00:53:49,660 --> 00:53:53,290
There were almost 200,000
Jews who lived in France.

1142
00:53:53,290 --> 00:53:58,810
I think approximately-- oh, OK--

1143
00:53:58,810 --> 00:54:03,120
195 in Vichy and 120
in the occupied France.

1144
00:54:03,120 --> 00:54:04,102
Yeah.

1145
00:54:04,102 --> 00:54:06,880
And I think-- well,
yeah, 90,000 Jews

1146
00:54:06,880 --> 00:54:09,895
died in 16 internment
camps in France.

1147
00:54:09,895 --> 00:54:13,000

1148
00:54:13,000 --> 00:54:13,507
Yeah.

1149

00:54:13,507 --> 00:54:14,340
Have you had enough?

1150
00:54:14,340 --> 00:54:16,990
I think we-- well, I think
I have to pause for a while

1151
00:54:16,990 --> 00:54:17,490
anyway.

1152
00:54:17,490 --> 00:54:17,950
OK.

1153
00:54:17,950 --> 00:54:19,540
Because we have to
take a short break.

1154
00:54:19,540 --> 00:54:20,040
OK.

1155
00:54:20,040 --> 00:54:22,140
So we'll continue-- we'll
continue in a moment.

1156
00:54:22,140 --> 00:54:22,640
OK.

1157
00:54:22,640 --> 00:54:26,180

1158
00:54:26,180 --> 00:54:26,780
Thank you.

1159
00:54:26,780 --> 00:54:28,450
You're welcome.

1160
00:54:28,450 --> 00:54:29,056