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00:00:00,000 --> 00:00:21,370

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00:00:21,370 --> 00:00:24,070

We're now resuming the
second part of our interview

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00:00:24,070 --> 00:00:26,523

with Mrs. Sally Chase.

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00:00:26,523 --> 00:00:27,940

Mrs. Chase, you
mentioned that you

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00:00:27,940 --> 00:00:31,640

decided that you would remove
the number from your arm.

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00:00:31,640 --> 00:00:34,580

Could you tell us a little
bit more about that, please?

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00:00:34,580 --> 00:00:36,520

Yes.

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00:00:36,520 --> 00:00:43,090

In 1953, I took a leave of
absence from school and work.

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00:00:43,090 --> 00:00:45,970

And I decided to take
a trip to Israel,

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00:00:45,970 --> 00:00:49,120

where my little sister
at the time was residing.

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00:00:49,120 --> 00:00:54,190

And one of my cousins,
who was also a survivor,

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00:00:54,190 --> 00:00:57,070
persuaded me to go
and have it taken off.

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00:00:57,070 --> 00:01:00,290
Because I told him that every
time in the summertime I'd

14
00:01:00,290 --> 00:01:04,060
go to work and hang on to
the strap in the subway,

15
00:01:04,060 --> 00:01:07,780
people stare at the
number and ask questions.

16
00:01:07,780 --> 00:01:10,490
And I'm always very
self-conscious about it.

17
00:01:10,490 --> 00:01:12,200
So he said, now
that you're free,

18
00:01:12,200 --> 00:01:15,460
why should you be branded
for the rest of your life?

19
00:01:15,460 --> 00:01:20,200
And it was given to you,
or put on without you--

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00:01:20,200 --> 00:01:23,650
it was not your
choice to be tattooed.

21
00:01:23,650 --> 00:01:25,240
And now that you're
a free person,

22
00:01:25,240 --> 00:01:26,408
you should really remove it.

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00:01:26,408 --> 00:01:28,700

You don't have to be branded
for the rest of your life.

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00:01:28,700 --> 00:01:32,980

And so I decided to go to a
surgeon, a plastic surgeon,

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00:01:32,980 --> 00:01:34,780

and have it removed.

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00:01:34,780 --> 00:01:38,320

And now I'm kind of
sorry that I did it

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00:01:38,320 --> 00:01:41,440

because when I do lecture
in different schools,

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00:01:41,440 --> 00:01:44,110

and when I speak
to children, and I

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00:01:44,110 --> 00:01:46,070

try to tell them
about the number,

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00:01:46,070 --> 00:01:49,300

I have a scar to show
rather than the number.

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00:01:49,300 --> 00:01:52,600

But at the time it seemed
reasonable to remove it.

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00:01:52,600 --> 00:01:55,120

Because I used to get very
nervous and upset when

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00:01:55,120 --> 00:02:01,300

people used to stare at my arm,
wondering why I have a number.

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00:02:01,300 --> 00:02:02,585
So that was my decision.

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00:02:02,585 --> 00:02:05,420

36
00:02:05,420 --> 00:02:08,690
Could you tell us how you think
the experience of the Holocaust

37
00:02:08,690 --> 00:02:11,090
has influenced your
sense of being Jewish?

38
00:02:11,090 --> 00:02:15,930

39
00:02:15,930 --> 00:02:21,210
In spite of what
happened to us, there

40
00:02:21,210 --> 00:02:27,030
must be some sort of a religious
or philosophical explanation.

41
00:02:27,030 --> 00:02:28,950
It's hard for me
to come to terms

42
00:02:28,950 --> 00:02:33,030
with why this happened to us.

43
00:02:33,030 --> 00:02:36,570
But no one ever has
come up with an answer.

44
00:02:36,570 --> 00:02:40,560
And I certainly don't consider
myself smart enough to say such

45
00:02:40,560 --> 00:02:44,730
and such happened and that's
why this happened to us.

46
00:02:44,730 --> 00:02:49,830
But for 2,000 years the
Jews have been persecuted

47
00:02:49,830 --> 00:02:51,990
because of their religion.

48
00:02:51,990 --> 00:02:54,270
And hopefully, one
day I hope it will

49
00:02:54,270 --> 00:02:58,050
come, according to
the Isaiah prophecies,

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00:02:58,050 --> 00:03:02,820
that we are the chosen
people and all the dead

51
00:03:02,820 --> 00:03:05,130
will come to life again.

52
00:03:05,130 --> 00:03:13,170
And part of the prophecy
has been realized, that we

53
00:03:13,170 --> 00:03:14,520
have our own country now.

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00:03:14,520 --> 00:03:16,380
Israel came to being.

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00:03:16,380 --> 00:03:19,380
At one time, the
Christian religion

56
00:03:19,380 --> 00:03:21,540
was teaching that the
Jews are the devils

57
00:03:21,540 --> 00:03:25,500

and all the evils of the
world were blamed on the Jews.

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00:03:25,500 --> 00:03:28,590
And I even am very
shocked that, reading

59
00:03:28,590 --> 00:03:31,140
the literature of
Shakespeare and Dickens,

60
00:03:31,140 --> 00:03:36,420
there was so much antisemitism
in their literature, even

61
00:03:36,420 --> 00:03:41,070
people who were intellectual
writers and scholars.

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00:03:41,070 --> 00:03:46,200
And it seems to me, especially
the clergy or the pope,

63
00:03:46,200 --> 00:03:49,830
which I'm aware of the fact
that they know Hebrew as well

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00:03:49,830 --> 00:03:52,800
as anybody else, they
know the scriptures,

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00:03:52,800 --> 00:03:55,620
the Bible, the commentaries.

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00:03:55,620 --> 00:03:59,550
And there are very,
very many things

67
00:03:59,550 --> 00:04:02,880
that they interpreted
to their liking,

68
00:04:02,880 --> 00:04:05,390

to their way of
thinking, rather the way

69
00:04:05,390 --> 00:04:07,260
it should be interpreted.

70
00:04:07,260 --> 00:04:13,620
So hopefully, one day all
is going to come very clear

71
00:04:13,620 --> 00:04:16,230
and we will be--

72
00:04:16,230 --> 00:04:21,600
hopefully, will have a world
free of hatred and prejudices.

73
00:04:21,600 --> 00:04:24,810
And the things will be
seen as they really are.

74
00:04:24,810 --> 00:04:28,980
And the fact that Israel
did come to being,

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00:04:28,980 --> 00:04:32,700
I really think if Israel
was a state that would

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00:04:32,700 --> 00:04:36,120
have never happened in Europe.

77
00:04:36,120 --> 00:04:37,230
The Jews had--

78
00:04:37,230 --> 00:04:43,350
I remember reading that Hitler
had proposed an exchange.

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00:04:43,350 --> 00:04:46,890
He wanted trucks-- to acquire
trucks from the United States

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00:04:46,890 --> 00:04:50,610
in exchange for Jews and
President Roosevelt refused

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00:04:50,610 --> 00:04:53,850
to make that exchange.

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00:04:53,850 --> 00:04:59,520
It's a sad commentary
on history, the exchange

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00:04:59,520 --> 00:05:01,200
of human beings for trucks.

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00:05:01,200 --> 00:05:03,900
But nevertheless,
there was that chance

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00:05:03,900 --> 00:05:06,810
and it wasn't being
taken advantage of.

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00:05:06,810 --> 00:05:10,560
The Jews were not
wanted anywhere.

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00:05:10,560 --> 00:05:18,270
And it seems to be now-- to
me now that we have Israel

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00:05:18,270 --> 00:05:21,460
and we hope that this
will never happen again.

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00:05:21,460 --> 00:05:23,910
And it can't happen
because we have Israel.

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00:05:23,910 --> 00:05:27,180
And this is part of the prophecy
that really came through,

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00:05:27,180 --> 00:05:30,810
if you are familiar with
the Isaiah prophecy.

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00:05:30,810 --> 00:05:32,790
And the other
thing I want to say

93
00:05:32,790 --> 00:05:37,680
is the Holocaust is a crime--

94
00:05:37,680 --> 00:05:41,220
was hideous crime that
men committed on Earth

95
00:05:41,220 --> 00:05:44,880
since men walked on
the face of this Earth.

96
00:05:44,880 --> 00:05:48,690
And more shameful is the
fact that these forces

97
00:05:48,690 --> 00:05:54,180
of evil now trying to deny that
the Holocaust ever took place.

98
00:05:54,180 --> 00:05:55,470
And there are professors.

99
00:05:55,470 --> 00:05:59,190
And one of them is Arthur
Butz, of high standing

100
00:05:59,190 --> 00:06:02,190
from Northwestern
University, wrote a book

101
00:06:02,190 --> 00:06:04,030
that the Holocaust is a hoax.

102
00:06:04,030 --> 00:06:05,790
It never happened.

103
00:06:05,790 --> 00:06:09,630
It's just the
Zionist propaganda.

104
00:06:09,630 --> 00:06:15,930
And my blood boils in me
when I read this at first.

105
00:06:15,930 --> 00:06:20,400
And it really made me more
eager to share my experiences

106
00:06:20,400 --> 00:06:23,220
and to speak out loud and clear.

107
00:06:23,220 --> 00:06:27,000
And let people know, Jew
or Christian, of what

108
00:06:27,000 --> 00:06:30,630
really went on during the war.

109
00:06:30,630 --> 00:06:37,320
And how dare he tell me to
erase the memory of my parents,

110
00:06:37,320 --> 00:06:41,670
my relatives, my cousins,
my uncles, friends,

111
00:06:41,670 --> 00:06:44,970
six million who perished
for the only crime

112
00:06:44,970 --> 00:06:48,240
they committed, that
they were born Jewish.

113
00:06:48,240 --> 00:06:52,500
And that in itself, it
seems that it should not

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00:06:52,500 --> 00:06:53,220
be permitted.

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00:06:53,220 --> 00:06:58,140
I'm very-- very--

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00:06:58,140 --> 00:07:02,730
I'm a spokesman for justice and
democracy, but things like that

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00:07:02,730 --> 00:07:04,890
should not be
permitted to be printed

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00:07:04,890 --> 00:07:08,490
because it's a disgrace
that this should even

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00:07:08,490 --> 00:07:09,750
be printed on paper.

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00:07:09,750 --> 00:07:11,550
Because they're a bunch of lies.

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00:07:11,550 --> 00:07:18,470
And during our lifetime they're
trying to deny and desecrate

122

00:07:18,470 --> 00:07:22,310
the names of our loved ones
who perished only because they

123

00:07:22,310 --> 00:07:24,590
were born Jewish.

124

00:07:24,590 --> 00:07:28,280
And can you imagine what's going
to happen 50 years from now

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00:07:28,280 --> 00:07:32,210
when we are not around to
even fight it or testify

126
00:07:32,210 --> 00:07:34,250
to the contrary?

127
00:07:34,250 --> 00:07:37,400
I remember reading in
one of the newspapers

128
00:07:37,400 --> 00:07:41,960
many, many years ago, when
rabbi, a survivor, said,

129
00:07:41,960 --> 00:07:43,970
I bet you--

130
00:07:43,970 --> 00:07:45,980
he was speaking
to another rabbi--

131
00:07:45,980 --> 00:07:50,000
that during our
lifetime these murderers

132
00:07:50,000 --> 00:07:53,090
are going to try to
deny that they did that.

133
00:07:53,090 --> 00:07:55,640
And they're going to try to
turn around this whole thing

134
00:07:55,640 --> 00:07:57,860
and say that the Jews
are lying about it

135
00:07:57,860 --> 00:08:02,090
and it's just the Jewish
Zionist propaganda.

136
00:08:02,090 --> 00:08:06,110
What really upset me the
other day, a friend of mine

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00:08:06,110 --> 00:08:09,950

came and told me that
she teaches in Colonia,

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00:08:09,950 --> 00:08:13,100

and there was one little
Christian child that said,

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00:08:13,100 --> 00:08:18,920

all this about the Holocaust
is really a way for Israel

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00:08:18,920 --> 00:08:21,290

to collect money.

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00:08:21,290 --> 00:08:24,080

I'm very anxious to get in
touch with the principal

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00:08:24,080 --> 00:08:27,170

of this school and go to
speak to these children.

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00:08:27,170 --> 00:08:29,570

Because from my experiences--

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00:08:29,570 --> 00:08:32,330

I have spoken to high
schools and junior highs

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00:08:32,330 --> 00:08:39,260

in Edison, which was really
inspired by my younger

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00:08:39,260 --> 00:08:40,460

daughter.

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00:08:40,460 --> 00:08:42,740

And these kids were
very receptive.

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00:08:42,740 --> 00:08:44,775

And they were very
compassionate.

149
00:08:44,775 --> 00:08:47,150
And they were interested to
know everything that went on.

150
00:08:47,150 --> 00:08:50,840
And they asked very varied
and interesting questions.

151
00:08:50,840 --> 00:08:55,430
And one little child ran after
me when I walked to my car,

152
00:08:55,430 --> 00:08:58,680
and she said, Mrs. Chase,
you were really wonderful.

153
00:08:58,680 --> 00:09:02,660
And I really admire that
you have the courage

154
00:09:02,660 --> 00:09:05,150
to come and speak of
all your experiences.

155
00:09:05,150 --> 00:09:07,190
And if I can help
it, I'll see to it

156
00:09:07,190 --> 00:09:09,390
that it will never happen again.

157
00:09:09,390 --> 00:09:12,290
And this is the kind
of response I had.

158
00:09:12,290 --> 00:09:19,580
But to hear that this is just
a figment of Jewish imagination

159
00:09:19,580 --> 00:09:23,390

and propaganda really is--

160
00:09:23,390 --> 00:09:27,110
it's criminal as far
as I'm concerned.

161
00:09:27,110 --> 00:09:34,610
Because it's-- these people
perished and their ashes went

162
00:09:34,610 --> 00:09:35,750
into the winds.

163
00:09:35,750 --> 00:09:41,180
And they were burned in ovens.

164
00:09:41,180 --> 00:09:43,080
And they're not here.

165
00:09:43,080 --> 00:09:44,910
I don't have my parents.

166
00:09:44,910 --> 00:09:48,380
Whoever was alive
found each other.

167
00:09:48,380 --> 00:09:51,950
And believe me, out of
4 and 1/2 million Jews--

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00:09:51,950 --> 00:09:57,560
Poland was-- in 1939, the
population was 32 million,

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00:09:57,560 --> 00:10:00,860
out of which 4 and 1/2
million was Jewish.

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00:10:00,860 --> 00:10:03,590
Out of the 4 and
1/2 million Jews,

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00:10:03,590 --> 00:10:08,810
I don't believe there are more
maybe than 50,000 survivors,

172
00:10:08,810 --> 00:10:09,800
if that.

173
00:10:09,800 --> 00:10:11,480
I don't know the exact figures.

174
00:10:11,480 --> 00:10:14,750
How could they come and
tell me that this is just

175
00:10:14,750 --> 00:10:18,560
a figment of my imagination
or Zionist propaganda.

176
00:10:18,560 --> 00:10:22,790
Or like Professor Butz
states in his books,

177
00:10:22,790 --> 00:10:27,740
that are the pictures that
were found and produced

178
00:10:27,740 --> 00:10:32,060
of the bones, of the
bodies that they found

179
00:10:32,060 --> 00:10:35,150
after the liberation, that the
Germans did not have a chance

180
00:10:35,150 --> 00:10:38,930
to burn, this was done
by the Jewish artists.

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00:10:38,930 --> 00:10:40,250
They're so talented.

182
00:10:40,250 --> 00:10:42,920
And just paintings.

183
00:10:42,920 --> 00:10:46,160
They're not the real thing.

184
00:10:46,160 --> 00:10:48,830
I remember going to a
memorial of the Warsaw ghetto

185
00:10:48,830 --> 00:10:50,910
to Temple Emanu-El in New York.

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00:10:50,910 --> 00:10:55,370
And there was a colonel
from the American army

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00:10:55,370 --> 00:10:56,615
who liberated Dachau.

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00:10:56,615 --> 00:11:00,030

189
00:11:00,030 --> 00:11:03,350
And he got up and
spoke a few words.

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00:11:03,350 --> 00:11:05,570
And when he got
up, he was shaking.

191
00:11:05,570 --> 00:11:10,130
And he said, when
I entered Dachau--

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00:11:10,130 --> 00:11:12,218
his name was Colonel--

193
00:11:12,218 --> 00:11:15,710
I don't recall, but
I'll think of his name.

194
00:11:15,710 --> 00:11:19,460
He said when I entered

Dachau to liberate that camp,

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00:11:19,460 --> 00:11:23,720

I found thousands upon
thousands of bodies and bones

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00:11:23,720 --> 00:11:27,980

that those murderers didn't
have a chance to burn.

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00:11:27,980 --> 00:11:34,040

And he shook his hands and he
said, I saw Lucifer at work.

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00:11:34,040 --> 00:11:37,280

He said he couldn't believe that
one human being could do this

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00:11:37,280 --> 00:11:38,660

to another.

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00:11:38,660 --> 00:11:42,830

And the enacted all these
brutalities in the background,

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00:11:42,830 --> 00:11:46,880

to the background of Mozart,
Beethoven, Wagner, et cetera.

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00:11:46,880 --> 00:11:50,270

The German Nazis
were a kind of being

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00:11:50,270 --> 00:11:55,490

who could torture a Jewish baby
and child without any feeling,

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00:11:55,490 --> 00:12:00,980

without any remorse, and yet
embrace his own child lovingly.

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00:12:00,980 --> 00:12:04,520

And have no pains of

conscience or remorse.

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00:12:04,520 --> 00:12:07,560

And go to sleep without washing
the blood off his hands.

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00:12:07,560 --> 00:12:10,430

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00:12:10,430 --> 00:12:18,020

He-- for centuries
we have nurtured

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00:12:18,020 --> 00:12:21,560

the illusion that
culture, and education,

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00:12:21,560 --> 00:12:25,760

and noble and civilized men.

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00:12:25,760 --> 00:12:31,016

I say to the German
people, your universities,

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00:12:31,016 --> 00:12:35,900

and your education betrayed you
because it failed to convert

213

00:12:35,900 --> 00:12:38,840

you into a decent human being.

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00:12:38,840 --> 00:12:42,800

These people had no
remorse, have no feelings

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00:12:42,800 --> 00:12:46,640

when it came to kill a
Jewish child or baby,

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00:12:46,640 --> 00:12:50,540

not even talking
about a grown person.

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00:12:50,540 --> 00:12:52,910

These people-- these
children didn't even

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00:12:52,910 --> 00:12:56,490

know the meaning of
Jewish or non-Jewish.

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00:12:56,490 --> 00:13:01,160

And this has always
bothered me for years,

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00:13:01,160 --> 00:13:07,310

to be able to understand how
could a cultural nation--

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00:13:07,310 --> 00:13:10,790

because the German--
the German nation

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00:13:10,790 --> 00:13:14,570

was really the cradle
of culture in Europe.

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00:13:14,570 --> 00:13:19,340

And they were really looked up
to in all intellectual circles.

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00:13:19,340 --> 00:13:25,430

How could they get themselves
to commit all these crimes

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00:13:25,430 --> 00:13:31,200

and be so insensitive
to another human being?

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00:13:31,200 --> 00:13:33,500

And I have never found
the answer to that.

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00:13:33,500 --> 00:13:36,840

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00:13:36,840 --> 00:13:41,310

You said something earlier
about speaking in schools.

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00:13:41,310 --> 00:13:44,190

And you used the phrase
about being inspired

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00:13:44,190 --> 00:13:47,880

by your daughter, I believe.

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00:13:47,880 --> 00:13:54,090

Could you tell us a little bit
about what your children have--

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00:13:54,090 --> 00:13:58,320

what way they have influenced
what you're doing right now?

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00:13:58,320 --> 00:14:02,820

They're very proud of the
fact that I'm doing this.

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00:14:02,820 --> 00:14:05,430

They really started
calling on me

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00:14:05,430 --> 00:14:09,570

before anybody even thought of
speaking about the Holocaust.

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00:14:09,570 --> 00:14:12,570

It was something that most
people didn't want to remember,

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00:14:12,570 --> 00:14:14,580

didn't want to talk about it.

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00:14:14,580 --> 00:14:18,090

Because when we first
came to this country,

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00:14:18,090 --> 00:14:21,120
everybody was very
busy putting--

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00:14:21,120 --> 00:14:24,360
getting their pieces together,
putting their life together,

241
00:14:24,360 --> 00:14:25,780
starting all over again.

242
00:14:25,780 --> 00:14:26,880
We came penniless.

243
00:14:26,880 --> 00:14:31,620
We came without
knowing the language.

244
00:14:31,620 --> 00:14:35,070
And lots of them had
families already.

245
00:14:35,070 --> 00:14:38,430
They tried to make a
new life for themselves.

246
00:14:38,430 --> 00:14:39,892
And they worked very hard.

247
00:14:39,892 --> 00:14:41,850
And they didn't want to
remember what happened.

248
00:14:41,850 --> 00:14:45,900
They didn't want to speak about
it because it was too painful.

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00:14:45,900 --> 00:14:51,630
And yet, I, myself,
felt that oh, everybody

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00:14:51,630 --> 00:14:52,890
must know what went on.

251
00:14:52,890 --> 00:14:55,350
I mean, it would
never occur to me

252
00:14:55,350 --> 00:14:58,650
that the information
and that people

253
00:14:58,650 --> 00:15:01,170
really did not have the
details of what went on.

254
00:15:01,170 --> 00:15:05,820
And I was really taking for
granted that everybody knew.

255
00:15:05,820 --> 00:15:10,320
It wasn't necessary for me to
speak, or inform, or relate

256
00:15:10,320 --> 00:15:11,460
my experiences.

257
00:15:11,460 --> 00:15:13,470
It was a known fact.

258
00:15:13,470 --> 00:15:15,360
But I found out it wasn't so.

259
00:15:15,360 --> 00:15:20,910
Because all the information was
withheld from the population.

260
00:15:20,910 --> 00:15:25,770
I read many books
written by, for instance,

261
00:15:25,770 --> 00:15:32,620
The Abandonment of the Jews,
between 1939 and 1945 by--

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00:15:32,620 --> 00:15:33,330
David Wyman.

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00:15:33,330 --> 00:15:34,560
--David Wyman.

264
00:15:34,560 --> 00:15:38,550
And I found things out
that I was utterly amazed.

265
00:15:38,550 --> 00:15:41,160
And these dates
corresponded with the dates

266
00:15:41,160 --> 00:15:44,160
when they took my parents,
when they took my brothers.

267
00:15:44,160 --> 00:15:48,450
And these telegrams were
coming in to Washington

268
00:15:48,450 --> 00:15:50,790
letting President
Roosevelt know what's

269
00:15:50,790 --> 00:15:53,580
going on, that the Jews
were being slaughtered.

270
00:15:53,580 --> 00:15:56,910
And yet, President
Roosevelt said we--

271
00:15:56,910 --> 00:15:57,680
hushed it up.

272
00:15:57,680 --> 00:16:00,120
Pushed the telegrams
into the drawer.

273
00:16:00,120 --> 00:16:01,260
Don't tell anyone.

274
00:16:01,260 --> 00:16:06,690
We're not allowed to make
this known to the people.

275
00:16:06,690 --> 00:16:08,640
I still wonder why.

276
00:16:08,640 --> 00:16:10,500
I feel it was immoral.

277
00:16:10,500 --> 00:16:12,870
I feel it was unjust.

278
00:16:12,870 --> 00:16:16,890
Maybe there was a way
of saving some Jews.

279
00:16:16,890 --> 00:16:20,430
There were times
where Hitler did

280
00:16:20,430 --> 00:16:24,900
say he wanted to make
exchanges for different things.

281
00:16:24,900 --> 00:16:28,200
And yet, no one was
willing to save these Jews.

282
00:16:28,200 --> 00:16:31,170
I still don't understand why.

283
00:16:31,170 --> 00:16:33,810
It always puzzled me.

284
00:16:33,810 --> 00:16:38,470
And it doesn't make sense.

285
00:16:38,470 --> 00:16:42,780
It doesn't make sense why they
wanted all these people killed

286
00:16:42,780 --> 00:16:45,000
and let this go on.

287
00:16:45,000 --> 00:16:50,190
And I think the world's silence
and the apathy of the world

288
00:16:50,190 --> 00:16:53,490
was Hitler's best ally.

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00:16:53,490 --> 00:16:56,400
And this is what I
feel very hurt about.

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00:16:56,400 --> 00:16:58,470
I always felt that
President Roosevelt

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00:16:58,470 --> 00:17:00,060
was a friend of the Jews.

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00:17:00,060 --> 00:17:02,310
We were always hoping
he was going to help us.

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00:17:02,310 --> 00:17:05,880
When we found out that he died
a few months before the war

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00:17:05,880 --> 00:17:07,530
ended, we all cried.

295
00:17:07,530 --> 00:17:11,130
We said that he was our savior.

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00:17:11,130 --> 00:17:16,560
Now he's gone, who's going to
see to it that we'll really

297
00:17:16,560 --> 00:17:17,700
come out of this hell.

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00:17:17,700 --> 00:17:20,970

We really never believed
to come out of this hell.

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00:17:20,970 --> 00:17:22,710

Because I remember
the discussions

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00:17:22,710 --> 00:17:24,630

we had amongst ourselves.

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00:17:24,630 --> 00:17:27,750

We used to say an hour before
the war ends, they'll kill us.

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00:17:27,750 --> 00:17:31,920

They cannot permit the world
to know what we went through,

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00:17:31,920 --> 00:17:34,800

to know the truth about
what we went through.

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00:17:34,800 --> 00:17:37,210

But the world
really didn't care.

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00:17:37,210 --> 00:17:38,980

They really didn't care.

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00:17:38,980 --> 00:17:42,660

They didn't do anything
to lift a finger to help.

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00:17:42,660 --> 00:17:46,650

And even they say that the
Vatican did help, that they

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00:17:46,650 --> 00:17:48,660

took some Jewish children.

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00:17:48,660 --> 00:17:50,430

And they say-- they
didn't save them.

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00:17:50,430 --> 00:17:51,510

They converted them.

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00:17:51,510 --> 00:17:53,760

They raised them Christians.

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00:17:53,760 --> 00:17:57,800

But did not really save
them as Jewish children.

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00:17:57,800 --> 00:18:01,920

They never spoke
out loud and clear

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00:18:01,920 --> 00:18:06,120

or threaten the German
Catholics to say--

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00:18:06,120 --> 00:18:09,510

at least threaten them
with excommunication.

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00:18:09,510 --> 00:18:11,010

I'm not saying it
would have helped,

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00:18:11,010 --> 00:18:15,750

but at least to make an attempt,
to show that they cared.

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00:18:15,750 --> 00:18:21,710

No one ever, ever tried to
do anything to help the Jews.

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00:18:21,710 --> 00:18:25,650

So that's what's really
still bothering me.

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00:18:25,650 --> 00:18:27,190

I'm wondering why.

321
00:18:27,190 --> 00:18:29,640
And how inhuman that is.

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00:18:29,640 --> 00:18:34,380
And how unethical in
the name of humanity.

323
00:18:34,380 --> 00:18:38,600
Are you encouraged by
the revival of interest

324
00:18:38,600 --> 00:18:41,540
and the willingness of
people to speak out?

325
00:18:41,540 --> 00:18:43,730
Do you think that we
have turned, perhaps,

326
00:18:43,730 --> 00:18:48,170
a corner in our understanding
of the Holocaust

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00:18:48,170 --> 00:18:49,400
for future generations?

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00:18:49,400 --> 00:18:52,880
I absolutely am happy
that it's being done.

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00:18:52,880 --> 00:18:55,430
Because as I said
before, I started

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00:18:55,430 --> 00:19:00,080
doing that before anyone even
was willing to talk about it.

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00:19:00,080 --> 00:19:03,710
And I went to schools.

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00:19:03,710 --> 00:19:07,160

And in my own little way I
tried to inform and relate

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00:19:07,160 --> 00:19:08,810

my experiences.

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00:19:08,810 --> 00:19:12,270

I wasn't even aware of the
fact that people didn't know,

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00:19:12,270 --> 00:19:14,630

but I wanted to
share my experiences

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00:19:14,630 --> 00:19:16,580

and tell them what
I went through.

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00:19:16,580 --> 00:19:22,810

So that to make sure that
this will not happen again.

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00:19:22,810 --> 00:19:26,270

Thank you very, Mrs. Chase,
for sharing your experiences

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00:19:26,270 --> 00:19:28,110

with us.

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00:19:28,110 --> 00:19:31,070

This has been one of a series
of interviews with survivors

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00:19:31,070 --> 00:19:34,190

of the Holocaust sponsored
by the Kean College Oral

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00:19:34,190 --> 00:19:35,180

Testimonies Project.

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00:19:35,180 --> 00:19:42,680

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00:19:42,680 --> 00:19:45,730

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00:19:45,730 --> 00:20:18,000