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00:00:00,000 --> 00:00:19,520

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00:00:19,520 --> 00:00:24,300

We're back after a pause,
and we are in Feldafing.

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00:00:24,300 --> 00:00:26,210

Yes, you're right.

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00:00:26,210 --> 00:00:30,230

And that's the time
when I came back,

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00:00:30,230 --> 00:00:34,460

and I decided that we
are getting married.

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00:00:34,460 --> 00:00:35,450

We married.

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00:00:35,450 --> 00:00:37,050

My husband went to school.

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00:00:37,050 --> 00:00:39,860

He wanted to become
a dentist, and I

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00:00:39,860 --> 00:00:44,390

wanted to know as much as
possible about dentistry.

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00:00:44,390 --> 00:00:52,280

So I went to a dentist that
was in Starnberg, in Starnberg.

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00:00:52,280 --> 00:00:55,250

I traveled everyday
by train, and I

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00:00:55,250 --> 00:00:58,730

worked for Dr. Bibertaler.

13
00:00:58,730 --> 00:01:02,120
He was very nice to
me, and I learned

14
00:01:02,120 --> 00:01:09,330
how to be a dental assistant.

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00:01:09,330 --> 00:01:10,500
But that wasn't enough.

16
00:01:10,500 --> 00:01:14,730
I wanted, also, to know
how to do mechanical work,

17
00:01:14,730 --> 00:01:19,620
and in Feldafing, we
had the ORT school,

18
00:01:19,620 --> 00:01:23,100
and there you could learn
how to sew and dental

19
00:01:23,100 --> 00:01:26,190
mechanical-- all kinds of
professions and trades,

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00:01:26,190 --> 00:01:28,532
rather trades, not professions.

21
00:01:28,532 --> 00:01:31,650
Professions, you have to
go to school, but trades.

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00:01:31,650 --> 00:01:36,400
So I went to a dental
mechanic school.

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00:01:36,400 --> 00:01:39,570
I don't think I was
good in modeling teeth.

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00:01:39,570 --> 00:01:40,860

I had an idea.

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00:01:40,860 --> 00:01:46,840

I knew how many teeth you need
and the purpose of everything,

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00:01:46,840 --> 00:01:48,810

but I didn't really like--

27

00:01:48,810 --> 00:01:50,730

I'm not good in modeling.

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00:01:50,730 --> 00:01:52,440

I went for a few weeks.

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00:01:52,440 --> 00:01:55,980

And I did go to Dr. Bibertaler
for quite a long time,

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00:01:55,980 --> 00:01:59,970

and my husband went every day
to MÃ¼nchen to the dentist--

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00:01:59,970 --> 00:02:03,750

to the school to
learn to be a dentist.

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00:02:03,750 --> 00:02:09,210

And we were married,
and we worked in--

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00:02:09,210 --> 00:02:12,810

after he finished-- that
school wasn't too long,

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00:02:12,810 --> 00:02:17,190

I think about two years.

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00:02:17,190 --> 00:02:18,570

Did he have a certificate?

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00:02:18,570 --> 00:02:19,980

He had the diploma, yeah.

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00:02:19,980 --> 00:02:23,190

He had the diploma,
and he worked in camp.

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00:02:23,190 --> 00:02:27,620

In that room we
had a few patients.

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00:02:27,620 --> 00:02:29,110

It wasn't easy.

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00:02:29,110 --> 00:02:33,450

We had to buy all the equipment.

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00:02:33,450 --> 00:02:37,800

Like he had to have the machine
to work on the people's teeth,

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00:02:37,800 --> 00:02:42,480

and then he bought a
[? ront gun ?] to make X-rays.

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00:02:42,480 --> 00:02:46,170

But that was because we
wanted to go to Israel.

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00:02:46,170 --> 00:02:48,510

We were supposed
to go to Israel,

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00:02:48,510 --> 00:02:55,860

but somehow in between we
decided to go to United States.

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00:02:55,860 --> 00:03:01,200

My husband-- before the war, his
dream was to get to Australia.

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00:03:01,200 --> 00:03:03,990

He had already all his
papers, but in the last moment

48
00:03:03,990 --> 00:03:06,840
it was too late somehow,
and he didn't go.

49
00:03:06,840 --> 00:03:10,260
I guess he was supposed
to be my husband somehow.

50
00:03:10,260 --> 00:03:12,090
I believe very much in all that.

51
00:03:12,090 --> 00:03:16,020

52
00:03:16,020 --> 00:03:20,060
Then he was working in
an office, too, in the--

53
00:03:20,060 --> 00:03:21,240
wait, wait.

54
00:03:21,240 --> 00:03:22,300
It was before.

55
00:03:22,300 --> 00:03:26,230
Let's do with the dentist
because we skip all that.

56
00:03:26,230 --> 00:03:28,770
And after a while,
we had an opportunity

57
00:03:28,770 --> 00:03:34,350
to be registered to go to United
States, and we did register.

58
00:03:34,350 --> 00:03:37,750
And we went to
the United States.

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00:03:37,750 --> 00:03:38,850

This is what year?

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00:03:38,850 --> 00:03:40,028

That was in 194--

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00:03:40,028 --> 00:03:44,160

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00:03:44,160 --> 00:03:48,135

in 1949 we came to

the United States.

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00:03:48,135 --> 00:03:49,575

Who sponsored you here?

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00:03:49,575 --> 00:03:51,720

The Joint sponsored.

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00:03:51,720 --> 00:03:54,840

We got the papers, and

we went to Florida.

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00:03:54,840 --> 00:03:59,250

That was where we were supposed

to come, not our choice--

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00:03:59,250 --> 00:04:00,390

we had no idea--

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00:04:00,390 --> 00:04:02,790

as long as we could get

to the United States.

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00:04:02,790 --> 00:04:07,140

We came in August with a ship.

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00:04:07,140 --> 00:04:08,380

I forgot the name.

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00:04:08,380 --> 00:04:09,630

Bad time to be in Florida.

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00:04:09,630 --> 00:04:10,130

What?

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00:04:10,130 --> 00:04:11,190

A bad time to be in Florida.

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00:04:11,190 --> 00:04:11,690

A bad time.

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00:04:11,690 --> 00:04:13,440

We came to New Orleans.

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00:04:13,440 --> 00:04:15,930

I will never forget
when we came to--

77

00:04:15,930 --> 00:04:18,990

it was so extremely
hot, and we were there,

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00:04:18,990 --> 00:04:20,310

I guess, for one day.

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00:04:20,310 --> 00:04:22,680

And from there, they
took us by train,

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00:04:22,680 --> 00:04:24,990

but the ladies were so
nice in New Orleans.

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00:04:24,990 --> 00:04:26,940

They knew that the
transport is coming,

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00:04:26,940 --> 00:04:28,360

and the wealthy ladies--

83

00:04:28,360 --> 00:04:31,230

they prepared the best

food, and they really

84

00:04:31,230 --> 00:04:34,050

looked in how amount what
they could do for us, very

85

00:04:34,050 --> 00:04:36,330

nice ladies, very, very nice.

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00:04:36,330 --> 00:04:37,890

And then we left.

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00:04:37,890 --> 00:04:41,070

They made a nice meal
for us, and we left,

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00:04:41,070 --> 00:04:44,620

and we went to Miami, Florida.

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00:04:44,620 --> 00:04:50,070

In Miami were waiting already
the people from the Joint.

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00:04:50,070 --> 00:04:56,610

I remember Mrs. Mindlin
was our representative

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00:04:56,610 --> 00:04:59,130

for me and my husband.

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00:04:59,130 --> 00:05:01,710

And we came.

93

00:05:01,710 --> 00:05:03,240

They took us in a hotel.

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00:05:03,240 --> 00:05:05,250

We lived for a short time--

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00:05:05,250 --> 00:05:08,340

I don't remember how long,
two, three weeks maybe--

96
00:05:08,340 --> 00:05:09,420
in the hotel.

97
00:05:09,420 --> 00:05:11,220
I don't remember that hotel.

98
00:05:11,220 --> 00:05:12,660
We really had fun there.

99
00:05:12,660 --> 00:05:13,620
We really enjoyed.

100
00:05:13,620 --> 00:05:15,360
We had the whole group there.

101
00:05:15,360 --> 00:05:16,440
We were so young.

102
00:05:16,440 --> 00:05:18,840
What was it, 1949?

103
00:05:18,840 --> 00:05:20,490
I was 24 years old.

104
00:05:20,490 --> 00:05:23,890

105
00:05:23,890 --> 00:05:25,350
And age means a lot.

106
00:05:25,350 --> 00:05:29,070
When you're young and
you're with people--

107
00:05:29,070 --> 00:05:32,340
we went out to eat, and
we slept in the hotel.

108
00:05:32,340 --> 00:05:33,480
They gave us some money.

109

00:05:33,480 --> 00:05:35,790

We bought some clothing.

110

00:05:35,790 --> 00:05:39,020

We were so poor.

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00:05:39,020 --> 00:05:42,000

But when you're young, you
really don't need much.

112

00:05:42,000 --> 00:05:44,790

And then they were looking
for us for an apartment.

113

00:05:44,790 --> 00:05:47,890

No, I think I told
her, Mrs. Mindlin,

114

00:05:47,890 --> 00:05:51,930

that I think that I didn't
come here to sit in a hotel.

115

00:05:51,930 --> 00:05:53,250

We should go to work.

116

00:05:53,250 --> 00:05:57,180

I felt that-- you see, I
was brought up from home

117

00:05:57,180 --> 00:05:59,820

that you don't take
money for nothing.

118

00:05:59,820 --> 00:06:01,980

You have to work for your money.

119

00:06:01,980 --> 00:06:04,215

I felt very poorly.

120

00:06:04,215 --> 00:06:06,840

121
00:06:06,840 --> 00:06:09,730
And she found us an apartment.

122
00:06:09,730 --> 00:06:17,470
We had a efficiency, and I found
myself a job in the laundry.

123
00:06:17,470 --> 00:06:19,600
I will never forget that.

124
00:06:19,600 --> 00:06:20,890
I didn't know the language.

125
00:06:20,890 --> 00:06:23,380
I knew a little bit
the English language

126
00:06:23,380 --> 00:06:25,810
because my husband
taught me, and I

127
00:06:25,810 --> 00:06:29,680
had been a teacher for a
few weeks there, how to--

128
00:06:29,680 --> 00:06:35,620
I learned how to spell, writing
and grammar, not spelling.

129
00:06:35,620 --> 00:06:37,690
Spelling I was very poor.

130
00:06:37,690 --> 00:06:39,460
And we came to--

131
00:06:39,460 --> 00:06:42,360
when I got the job
in the laundry,

132
00:06:42,360 --> 00:06:45,700
it was close where

we got the apartment.

133

00:06:45,700 --> 00:06:48,160

And I went into that
laundry, and I asked the man

134

00:06:48,160 --> 00:06:50,130

if you would take me,
that I would like that.

135

00:06:50,130 --> 00:06:54,010

I'm realizing what a job that
this-- work in the laundry.

136

00:06:54,010 --> 00:06:55,930

I don't think I realized.

137

00:06:55,930 --> 00:07:01,240

But anything was good, and I was
working there for a short time.

138

00:07:01,240 --> 00:07:04,720

And I saw that I
don't belong there.

139

00:07:04,720 --> 00:07:08,980

I remember there was coming
a mailman, and he saw me.

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00:07:08,980 --> 00:07:11,140

And I don't know
why he always said,

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00:07:11,140 --> 00:07:15,070

why is this Jewish girl
working in the laundry?

142

00:07:15,070 --> 00:07:18,160

And the boss used to tell me--
he was a nice man, a couple.

143

00:07:18,160 --> 00:07:21,130

They had a small child,

a very nice couple.

144
00:07:21,130 --> 00:07:23,830
And he said, can't she
work something better than

145
00:07:23,830 --> 00:07:25,490
in the laundry?

146
00:07:25,490 --> 00:07:27,700
And he was right,
and I decided--

147
00:07:27,700 --> 00:07:31,120
I said to Mrs. Mindlin,
that's not for me.

148
00:07:31,120 --> 00:07:32,500
I won't work in the laundry.

149
00:07:32,500 --> 00:07:34,210
I must learn something.

150
00:07:34,210 --> 00:07:37,550
And she said, OK, if you
are ready to go to school.

151
00:07:37,550 --> 00:07:44,740
So I went to school, also
dental school that was--

152
00:07:44,740 --> 00:07:47,470
what do you call those
schools that you learn trades?

153
00:07:47,470 --> 00:07:49,885
It was a school--

154
00:07:49,885 --> 00:07:50,800
A vocational school?

155
00:07:50,800 --> 00:07:51,580

Vocational school.

156
00:07:51,580 --> 00:07:52,538
Vocational school, yes.

157
00:07:52,538 --> 00:07:58,930
And I took typing there, and
I took dental assistance.

158
00:07:58,930 --> 00:08:04,870
And I knew it because I was
working for Dr. Bibertaler.

159
00:08:04,870 --> 00:08:06,730
I liked it, and
at the same time,

160
00:08:06,730 --> 00:08:10,270
we learned, also,
dental mechanics.

161
00:08:10,270 --> 00:08:15,130
And I couldn't stay there
longer because I was pregnant,

162
00:08:15,130 --> 00:08:19,840
and I was so sick in
the first few months

163
00:08:19,840 --> 00:08:23,800
that I couldn't take the smell
from all that medication.

164
00:08:23,800 --> 00:08:27,160
And then there were young
girls there, very young,

165
00:08:27,160 --> 00:08:34,510
16, 17-year-old girls, American
girls, and I felt sick.

166
00:08:34,510 --> 00:08:37,030
So I was running to the

bathroom to do something

167

00:08:37,030 --> 00:08:38,409
to hide that I'm sick.

168

00:08:38,409 --> 00:08:42,740
I didn't want they should know
that I'm pregnant or anything.

169

00:08:42,740 --> 00:08:44,460
And I thought,
that's not for me.

170

00:08:44,460 --> 00:08:51,480
And then one day I was assisting
a dentist who was left-handed.

171

00:08:51,480 --> 00:08:53,550
I will never forget that.

172

00:08:53,550 --> 00:08:58,770
Whatever I gave him, I gave
him into the wrong hand.

173

00:08:58,770 --> 00:09:01,260
I was so clumsy,
and he looked at me

174

00:09:01,260 --> 00:09:04,650
as if to say, why
are you so clumsy.

175

00:09:04,650 --> 00:09:08,010
And I felt very bad, and
I decided at that moment,

176

00:09:08,010 --> 00:09:10,680
if I ever have-- did I
mention that to you--

177

00:09:10,680 --> 00:09:14,700
a child who will be left-handed,
I will do everything possible

178
00:09:14,700 --> 00:09:18,630
to teach him to do the most
important and easy things with

179
00:09:18,630 --> 00:09:21,330
the right hand because,
you see, my sister-in-law,

180
00:09:21,330 --> 00:09:22,890
my husband's sister--

181
00:09:22,890 --> 00:09:26,490
she is left-handed, so
I knew it's inherited.

182
00:09:26,490 --> 00:09:28,800
So you really have to watch.

183
00:09:28,800 --> 00:09:33,060
Good enough, my son was
born, and he was left-handed.

184
00:09:33,060 --> 00:09:37,630
And from very day
he was born, as soon

185
00:09:37,630 --> 00:09:40,950
as he could do
anything, I watched him,

186
00:09:40,950 --> 00:09:42,570
and he was left-handed.

187
00:09:42,570 --> 00:09:45,240
And always, whenever he
grabbed with his left hand,

188
00:09:45,240 --> 00:09:47,130
I put in right hand.

189
00:09:47,130 --> 00:09:49,770

Whatever he was doing
with his left hand,

190
00:09:49,770 --> 00:09:52,570
I put it into right hand.

191
00:09:52,570 --> 00:10:00,390
And when my son was born,
I was very, very sick,

192
00:10:00,390 --> 00:10:03,270
and I wanted to
make a big party.

193
00:10:03,270 --> 00:10:05,190
To me, it was--

194
00:10:05,190 --> 00:10:09,760
the first name was
after my father.

195
00:10:09,760 --> 00:10:12,740
I was very close to my
father during the war,

196
00:10:12,740 --> 00:10:16,070
especially when he
survived for a few years.

197
00:10:16,070 --> 00:10:20,330
I became so close, and my dream
was that I should have a boy,

198
00:10:20,330 --> 00:10:23,480
and his name should
be my father's name.

199
00:10:23,480 --> 00:10:27,680
And as a matter of fact, his
name is my father's name.

200
00:10:27,680 --> 00:10:31,420
I was very close with my father.

201
00:10:31,420 --> 00:10:35,890
And now, my husband got--

202
00:10:35,890 --> 00:10:38,620
me he couldn't get
a job as a dentist.

203
00:10:38,620 --> 00:10:40,750
He was suffering immensely.

204
00:10:40,750 --> 00:10:43,990
He had different
jobs, and he just

205
00:10:43,990 --> 00:10:46,450
couldn't accept why he
couldn't be a dentist.

206
00:10:46,450 --> 00:10:47,980
And that Mrs. Mindlin--

207
00:10:47,980 --> 00:10:51,640
she really tried that
she should get something,

208
00:10:51,640 --> 00:10:56,350
but they wouldn't
recognize his diploma.

209
00:10:56,350 --> 00:10:59,670
And he was working
on different places.

210
00:10:59,670 --> 00:11:04,310
He was very, very
unhappy, very heartbroken

211
00:11:04,310 --> 00:11:08,230
that all his study
and all his work he

212

00:11:08,230 --> 00:11:12,040
was doing such nuisance work.

213
00:11:12,040 --> 00:11:15,790
My husband was a
very educated person.

214
00:11:15,790 --> 00:11:19,330
He had the memory
you could admire.

215
00:11:19,330 --> 00:11:23,980
He knew English because he
took it and he learned that, I

216
00:11:23,980 --> 00:11:27,490
mentioned before, in Poland.

217
00:11:27,490 --> 00:11:33,550
He had extremely good
memory and very unhappy.

218
00:11:33,550 --> 00:11:36,250
He never accepted his life.

219
00:11:36,250 --> 00:11:40,240
He never accepted the fact
that he lost his four brothers,

220
00:11:40,240 --> 00:11:44,440
and he had one sister, the
youngest sister, who survived.

221
00:11:44,440 --> 00:11:50,530
He never accepted-- because
they were more-- he was--

222
00:11:50,530 --> 00:11:53,320
how to tell you-- a
person who was educated,

223
00:11:53,320 --> 00:11:55,690
but he wasn't a businessman

like his brothers.

224

00:11:55,690 --> 00:11:59,660

They were the one who
always made the business.

225

00:11:59,660 --> 00:12:02,890

He took care on the books
and all the other things,

226

00:12:02,890 --> 00:12:04,525

but not a business man.

227

00:12:04,525 --> 00:12:07,600

He was far from it.

228

00:12:07,600 --> 00:12:10,990

And we were in Florida
for not too long.

229

00:12:10,990 --> 00:12:13,720

My son was born, and he
was a year and a half.

230

00:12:13,720 --> 00:12:17,380

In 1952, he couldn't
get a decent job.

231

00:12:17,380 --> 00:12:22,360

We decided to move to New
York because his sister,

232

00:12:22,360 --> 00:12:25,570

my sister-in-law--
she came from Israel.

233

00:12:25,570 --> 00:12:29,110

She went to Germany
back from Israel.

234

00:12:29,110 --> 00:12:33,010

She couldn't adjust
herself to the climate,

235

00:12:33,010 --> 00:12:34,880
and they had a very hard life.

236

00:12:34,880 --> 00:12:37,220
And they came to
Germany, and from Germany

237

00:12:37,220 --> 00:12:38,980
they came to the United States.

238

00:12:38,980 --> 00:12:44,350
They came to New York, and they
wrote for us every day letters.

239

00:12:44,350 --> 00:12:45,700
We should come to New York.

240

00:12:45,700 --> 00:12:47,660
We should be together.

241

00:12:47,660 --> 00:12:53,040
And after a while, we
saved as much as possible,

242

00:12:53,040 --> 00:12:57,590
a few dollars that we would
be able to come to New York.

243

00:12:57,590 --> 00:13:00,640
And it was 1952.

244

00:13:00,640 --> 00:13:02,830
We came to New York.

245

00:13:02,830 --> 00:13:05,320
At that time, can
you recapture for us

246

00:13:05,320 --> 00:13:07,965
any sense of how you
felt being in America?

247

00:13:07,965 --> 00:13:10,600

You see, that's what I missed.

248

00:13:10,600 --> 00:13:14,170

The most important thing

I will never forget.

249

00:13:14,170 --> 00:13:18,400

When we were in hotel then

finally we got the apartment,

250

00:13:18,400 --> 00:13:20,500

we had \$20 left.

251

00:13:20,500 --> 00:13:24,520

We bought equipment.

252

00:13:24,520 --> 00:13:25,330

We had more.

253

00:13:25,330 --> 00:13:32,260

We had \$200 and

\$20 separate, \$220.

254

00:13:32,260 --> 00:13:33,920

A guy who went to Israel--

255

00:13:33,920 --> 00:13:38,500

he bought my

husband's equipment.

256

00:13:38,500 --> 00:13:41,440

The X-ray machine he bought.

257

00:13:41,440 --> 00:13:43,360

And the other things--

we thought maybe

258

00:13:43,360 --> 00:13:45,820

he will be able to work

as a dental mechanic,

259

00:13:45,820 --> 00:13:48,730

so we had it with us.

260

00:13:48,730 --> 00:13:50,840

When we came, we had the \$20.

261

00:13:50,840 --> 00:13:53,620

We went, and we bought
a very good radio.

262

00:13:53,620 --> 00:13:56,050

For \$20 at that time,
you could have--

263

00:13:56,050 --> 00:14:00,700

I forgot the brand, but it was
a very good brand of radio.

264

00:14:00,700 --> 00:14:04,330

And I didn't know the station,
what kind of stations.

265

00:14:04,330 --> 00:14:06,580

And I put up, and
somehow I guess

266

00:14:06,580 --> 00:14:08,500

I hit the Jewish station--

267

00:14:08,500 --> 00:14:11,770

I will never forget--
in the Jewish language.

268

00:14:11,770 --> 00:14:16,540

In radio, to hear
a Jewish language,

269

00:14:16,540 --> 00:14:22,180

that was, for me, something
impossible because in Europe,

270

00:14:22,180 --> 00:14:25,840
you couldn't hear a Jewish
language on the station.

271
00:14:25,840 --> 00:14:30,760
The anti-Semitism in
Europe was so great

272
00:14:30,760 --> 00:14:35,200
that they would never let
us to have a Jewish station.

273
00:14:35,200 --> 00:14:37,660
We didn't have a
radio in first place.

274
00:14:37,660 --> 00:14:39,930
Radios were unusual.

275
00:14:39,930 --> 00:14:42,340
You really have to be
in a big city to have,

276
00:14:42,340 --> 00:14:48,050
and I come from such a small
town, a village, actually.

277
00:14:48,050 --> 00:14:54,220
And when I heard the Jewish
radio, the Jewish language,

278
00:14:54,220 --> 00:14:57,910
you wouldn't believe,
but my tears were just

279
00:14:57,910 --> 00:14:59,740
coming without any control.

280
00:14:59,740 --> 00:15:07,620
And I was thinking, my
parents, and my sisters,

281
00:15:07,620 --> 00:15:15,290

my brothers couldn't survive
to see a free country that you

282

00:15:15,290 --> 00:15:18,760
could use a Jewish language,
you could hear a Jewish station.

283

00:15:18,760 --> 00:15:23,810
You can be free to speak
up your mind, everything

284

00:15:23,810 --> 00:15:25,880
possible what a Jew could do.

285

00:15:25,880 --> 00:15:28,590

286

00:15:28,590 --> 00:15:32,360
And this I will never
forget, never, never.

287

00:15:32,360 --> 00:15:35,900
And then I saw
many things that--

288

00:15:35,900 --> 00:15:38,300
what I didn't like is--

289

00:15:38,300 --> 00:15:44,480
I was talking to Mrs. Mindlin,
how come, when we went by bus,

290

00:15:44,480 --> 00:15:45,290
I saw--

291

00:15:45,290 --> 00:15:48,440
the colored people were
separated at that time.

292

00:15:48,440 --> 00:15:50,250
They had to sit in the back.

293

00:15:50,250 --> 00:15:50,750
Segregation?

294
00:15:50,750 --> 00:15:52,010
Segregation.

295
00:15:52,010 --> 00:15:54,980
In movies, I could
see "Water for--

296
00:15:54,980 --> 00:15:57,590
they couldn't come to
the-- for colored people

297
00:15:57,590 --> 00:16:01,730
to drink water from
a separate fountain,

298
00:16:01,730 --> 00:16:05,210
for Jews that went
through as much as we did,

299
00:16:05,210 --> 00:16:09,230
it was very, very painful
because, to me, people

300
00:16:09,230 --> 00:16:09,860
were people.

301
00:16:09,860 --> 00:16:12,140
They were colored, OK.

302
00:16:12,140 --> 00:16:14,120
That's not their fault.

303
00:16:14,120 --> 00:16:18,320
And once I asked Ms. Mindlin--

304
00:16:18,320 --> 00:16:20,090
she was a Ms. Mindlin--

305
00:16:20,090 --> 00:16:22,610

tell me, why is it like that?

306

00:16:22,610 --> 00:16:24,320

Why do they keep them separate?

307

00:16:24,320 --> 00:16:27,730

She said, when you will be--

308

00:16:27,730 --> 00:16:31,340

in a few years, when you
will understand the language,

309

00:16:31,340 --> 00:16:35,390

when you will understand the
life, maybe see the life,

310

00:16:35,390 --> 00:16:38,030

maybe you will get acquainted
more with the people,

311

00:16:38,030 --> 00:16:41,750

maybe you will understand
better the situation.

312

00:16:41,750 --> 00:16:44,555

And she was right.

313

00:16:44,555 --> 00:16:47,960

314

00:16:47,960 --> 00:16:52,190

We had the store when we came--

315

00:16:52,190 --> 00:16:56,930

in the later years, my husband
was working on many jobs.

316

00:16:56,930 --> 00:16:59,415

When we had the store,
we had the store

317

00:16:59,415 --> 00:17:02,360

in colored section here in--

318
00:17:02,360 --> 00:17:04,670
it was in Newark.

319
00:17:04,670 --> 00:17:08,839
After he was suffering going
from one job to another,

320
00:17:08,839 --> 00:17:15,900
finally we bought a store, and
a friend of ours lent us money.

321
00:17:15,900 --> 00:17:19,910
That was in the colored
section, South Orange Avenue,

322
00:17:19,910 --> 00:17:21,530
and those colored people--

323
00:17:21,530 --> 00:17:25,099
we had only colored
people as customers.

324
00:17:25,099 --> 00:17:29,030
I saw the reason
why she told me why.

325
00:17:29,030 --> 00:17:31,970
The colored people--
we can't generalize,

326
00:17:31,970 --> 00:17:35,160
but we had a lot of
trouble with them, a lot.

327
00:17:35,160 --> 00:17:38,810
They were buying from--
we were so naive.

328
00:17:38,810 --> 00:17:44,060
We gave them food without
money, and they never paid us.

329

00:17:44,060 --> 00:17:48,830

And we lost-- but after a
while, we learned, but we really

330

00:17:48,830 --> 00:17:52,010

lost quite a lot of
money, a lot to us.

331

00:17:52,010 --> 00:17:54,110

Every penny mattered.

332

00:17:54,110 --> 00:17:56,390

We lost money by
giving them on credit.

333

00:17:56,390 --> 00:17:57,860

They never paid us.

334

00:17:57,860 --> 00:18:00,860

Then they used to steal from us.

335

00:18:00,860 --> 00:18:04,040

They used to open up the
back of the store and steal.

336

00:18:04,040 --> 00:18:05,730

We had a lot of trouble.

337

00:18:05,730 --> 00:18:08,870

So that's what I
understood she meant

338

00:18:08,870 --> 00:18:12,260

by telling us that, when
you will be a while,

339

00:18:12,260 --> 00:18:13,700

you will understand why.

340

00:18:13,700 --> 00:18:20,240

But I don't know if that

was the right reason

341

00:18:20,240 --> 00:18:25,400

to do what was done here,
but in another country maybe

342

00:18:25,400 --> 00:18:29,660

they would even be worse
than they were here

343

00:18:29,660 --> 00:18:34,220

because, in Europe, look what
they did to the gypsy people.

344

00:18:34,220 --> 00:18:36,350

They finished them off.

345

00:18:36,350 --> 00:18:38,600

I don't think that
colored people would

346

00:18:38,600 --> 00:18:41,120

have so much freedom
in Europe than they

347

00:18:41,120 --> 00:18:42,530

have in the United States.

348

00:18:42,530 --> 00:18:46,580

I think that people in the
United States are very good

349

00:18:46,580 --> 00:18:51,880

people, very, very good people
because anybody who can work--

350

00:18:51,880 --> 00:18:57,740

if he is a tailor, he's
any trade, any profession,

351

00:18:57,740 --> 00:18:58,730

it's no shame.

352

00:18:58,730 --> 00:19:02,780

You can always-- as long
as you make a good living,

353

00:19:02,780 --> 00:19:05,420

there's no difference, really.

354

00:19:05,420 --> 00:19:07,940

In Europe, there
were casts of people.

355

00:19:07,940 --> 00:19:12,290

Like if you were a barber,
or a tailor, or a shoemaker,

356

00:19:12,290 --> 00:19:14,930

you really belonged
to the lower classes.

357

00:19:14,930 --> 00:19:19,670

In Yiddish, there
is a word for it.

358

00:19:19,670 --> 00:19:21,317

What do you call it?

359

00:19:21,317 --> 00:19:22,192

[NON-ENGLISH SPEECH].

360

00:19:22,192 --> 00:19:23,500

Do you know what
[NON-ENGLISH SPEECH] is?

361

00:19:23,500 --> 00:19:23,600

Status.

362

00:19:23,600 --> 00:19:24,110

Status.

363

00:19:24,110 --> 00:19:26,000

Status.

364

00:19:26,000 --> 00:19:30,320

Here maybe I don't see it, but
maybe I don't want to see it.

365

00:19:30,320 --> 00:19:35,970

But I feel that we are free.

366

00:19:35,970 --> 00:19:38,390

It's a wonderful,
wonderful country.

367

00:19:38,390 --> 00:19:39,590

Respectful.

368

00:19:39,590 --> 00:19:41,510

Respectful, yes.

369

00:19:41,510 --> 00:19:42,440

I have a letter.

370

00:19:42,440 --> 00:19:45,500

I have that letter
to [INAUDIBLE]..

371

00:19:45,500 --> 00:19:46,850

I don't know if you remember.

372

00:19:46,850 --> 00:19:53,810

It was a column in New
York news many years ago.

373

00:19:53,810 --> 00:19:58,550

That letter is
about 25 years old.

374

00:19:58,550 --> 00:19:59,840

I still have it.

375

00:19:59,840 --> 00:20:02,710

A lady wrote-- a
Polish lady wrote to--

376

00:20:02,710 --> 00:20:09,430

no, a guy wrote to [INAUDIBLE],,
that he came as a visitor

377

00:20:09,430 --> 00:20:11,410

to the United States.

378

00:20:11,410 --> 00:20:14,590

And he-- what kind
of horrible people

379

00:20:14,590 --> 00:20:16,450

are in the United States?

380

00:20:16,450 --> 00:20:18,820

The libraries are empty.

381

00:20:18,820 --> 00:20:21,910

He sees a lot of
drunkards on the street,

382

00:20:21,910 --> 00:20:27,910

and the people are really
not educated enough.

383

00:20:27,910 --> 00:20:31,060

He criticized those
people so terribly.

384

00:20:31,060 --> 00:20:33,230

I should have
brought that letter.

385

00:20:33,230 --> 00:20:36,520

And he insults him so beautiful.

386

00:20:36,520 --> 00:20:41,060

He said so, United
States is a free country.

387

00:20:41,060 --> 00:20:47,080

We give the possibility

for everybody

388
00:20:47,080 --> 00:20:52,000
who wants to work here,
have a decent job.

389
00:20:52,000 --> 00:20:54,760
He can do anything he wants.

390
00:20:54,760 --> 00:20:57,550
And those people that
don't think that it's

391
00:20:57,550 --> 00:20:59,470
a nice country for them--

392
00:20:59,470 --> 00:21:00,340
it's freedom.

393
00:21:00,340 --> 00:21:04,660
You can leave the country
and go back to your home

394
00:21:04,660 --> 00:21:08,020
if you don't think we have
good earth, we have freedom,

395
00:21:08,020 --> 00:21:10,510
we are nice.

396
00:21:10,510 --> 00:21:12,820
And she was so right.

397
00:21:12,820 --> 00:21:16,120
As a matter of fact,
I keep this letter.

398
00:21:16,120 --> 00:21:18,520
What hurts me most
is that people

399
00:21:18,520 --> 00:21:20,530

don't appreciate the country.

400

00:21:20,530 --> 00:21:22,750

They criticize constantly.

401

00:21:22,750 --> 00:21:24,430

They wound the country.

402

00:21:24,430 --> 00:21:28,690

They mess, for instance,
what they do in the subways

403

00:21:28,690 --> 00:21:30,160

or on the streets.

404

00:21:30,160 --> 00:21:31,420

They throw garbage.

405

00:21:31,420 --> 00:21:34,810

In Europe, you are not allowed,
but this is part of freedom,

406

00:21:34,810 --> 00:21:35,860

I guess.

407

00:21:35,860 --> 00:21:40,540

Maybe not everybody's
ready for freedom.

408

00:21:40,540 --> 00:21:42,490

You really have to
be educated to be

409

00:21:42,490 --> 00:21:45,940

able to appreciate and
to respect freedom.

410

00:21:45,940 --> 00:21:50,560

You've told us what being
an American or living

411

00:21:50,560 --> 00:21:53,830

in American society
has meant to you.

412
00:21:53,830 --> 00:21:55,960
In summing up, can
you give us a sense

413
00:21:55,960 --> 00:22:00,110
of how what you went through
has affected your life?

414
00:22:00,110 --> 00:22:05,440
Is there a way to tie it all
in for you as you are now?

415
00:22:05,440 --> 00:22:08,830
First of all, I am
in the country--

416
00:22:08,830 --> 00:22:13,570
I would never accomplish what
I accomplished with my both

417
00:22:13,570 --> 00:22:16,345
children here by giving--

418
00:22:16,345 --> 00:22:24,430
where in Europe could I have
the opportunity or the know-how

419
00:22:24,430 --> 00:22:28,720
to have two of the most
educated people, as I have?

420
00:22:28,720 --> 00:22:32,260
My son is working for--

421
00:22:32,260 --> 00:22:34,690
he's a doctor in neurology.

422
00:22:34,690 --> 00:22:36,460
He specialized in neurology.

423

00:22:36,460 --> 00:22:40,810

He was working for the
Rockefeller University

424

00:22:40,810 --> 00:22:43,420

in research for two years.

425

00:22:43,420 --> 00:22:48,610

And recently he decided,
since last year--

426

00:22:48,610 --> 00:22:49,270

when was it?

427

00:22:49,270 --> 00:22:51,520

July 1.

428

00:22:51,520 --> 00:22:57,070

He took a position in
the veteran hospital.

429

00:22:57,070 --> 00:23:03,400

He's chief of staff in
neurology in veteran hospital.

430

00:23:03,400 --> 00:23:04,870

He has such a high position.

431

00:23:04,870 --> 00:23:06,860

He's very happy there.

432

00:23:06,860 --> 00:23:09,850

And besides, now he
tells me he opened up,

433

00:23:09,850 --> 00:23:13,330

two days in a week,
half a day a week--

434

00:23:13,330 --> 00:23:16,360

Sunday and Wednesday, I guess.

435

00:23:16,360 --> 00:23:21,040

He tries to build up an
office, a private office

436

00:23:21,040 --> 00:23:23,720

for his patients.

437

00:23:23,720 --> 00:23:25,690

Where could he accomplish that?

438

00:23:25,690 --> 00:23:28,450

439

00:23:28,450 --> 00:23:32,220

You have to be a billionaire
in Europe to do all that.

440

00:23:32,220 --> 00:23:34,330

What was I and my husband?

441

00:23:34,330 --> 00:23:35,530

Plain work.

442

00:23:35,530 --> 00:23:37,840

We really struggled.

443

00:23:37,840 --> 00:23:42,650

A job is no shame in the United
States, which is a nice part.

444

00:23:42,650 --> 00:23:46,450

Any job, any trade, any
profession is wonderful.

445

00:23:46,450 --> 00:23:49,420

It's no shame to work,
no matter what you do,

446

00:23:49,420 --> 00:23:51,850

as long as you work,
you don't steal.

447

00:23:51,850 --> 00:23:53,595

And that's why I--

448

00:23:53,595 --> 00:23:54,470

And your other child?

449

00:23:54,470 --> 00:23:57,580

--love-- yeah-- that
country so much.

450

00:23:57,580 --> 00:24:01,870

I don't think there is any
other country in this world.

451

00:24:01,870 --> 00:24:06,340

Now, my daughter-- she was
unfortunate because my husband

452

00:24:06,340 --> 00:24:13,480

died right after she
graduate, not even.

453

00:24:13,480 --> 00:24:16,870

She graduated, but the
graduation procedure

454

00:24:16,870 --> 00:24:18,910

wasn't yet.

455

00:24:18,910 --> 00:24:19,630

From college?

456

00:24:19,630 --> 00:24:21,250

From college, from Rutgers.

457

00:24:21,250 --> 00:24:28,270

She finished
Rutgers-New Brunswick.

458

00:24:28,270 --> 00:24:32,260

She's four years
younger than my son.

459

00:24:32,260 --> 00:24:39,120

When we moved here, she
was born in Newark in 1954,

460

00:24:39,120 --> 00:24:42,760

my song 1950 and she '54.

461

00:24:42,760 --> 00:24:52,720

And she majored in biology,
and when she finished college,

462

00:24:52,720 --> 00:24:54,935

the graduation was supposed
to be a week later,

463

00:24:54,935 --> 00:24:56,110

and my husband died.

464

00:24:56,110 --> 00:25:00,230

465

00:25:00,230 --> 00:25:09,640

So she got a very nice
position in the laboratory,

466

00:25:09,640 --> 00:25:16,281

and I don't remember the
place, her first position.

467

00:25:16,281 --> 00:25:19,130

And then that was traveling,
a lot of traveling.

468

00:25:19,130 --> 00:25:22,110

And she looked
here in Irvington,

469

00:25:22,110 --> 00:25:28,260

in [? Day-Baldwin. ?] It
was a pharmaceutical place

470

00:25:28,260 --> 00:25:31,950
on Chestnut Street in
Irvington or Hillside.

471
00:25:31,950 --> 00:25:35,080
I don't remember if it belonged
to Hillside or Irvington.

472
00:25:35,080 --> 00:25:36,070
She got the position.

473
00:25:36,070 --> 00:25:38,100
She came back from that place.

474
00:25:38,100 --> 00:25:42,210
I forgot where it
was, that first place.

475
00:25:42,210 --> 00:25:48,760
And she got a very nice position
in that place, in biology.

476
00:25:48,760 --> 00:25:50,160
She was working on--

477
00:25:50,160 --> 00:25:52,680

478
00:25:52,680 --> 00:25:56,040
she was checking the
plates, where they were

479
00:25:56,040 --> 00:25:59,865
making all kinds of products.

480
00:25:59,865 --> 00:26:06,340

481
00:26:06,340 --> 00:26:07,960
What do you call--

482
00:26:07,960 --> 00:26:10,900

pharmaceutical products.

483

00:26:10,900 --> 00:26:14,260

You see, my memories
just disappear.

484

00:26:14,260 --> 00:26:17,260

And she was working
here, and when

485

00:26:17,260 --> 00:26:22,750

you take a first job from
college, you, in my opinion--

486

00:26:22,750 --> 00:26:25,870

I told her, you better,
after a short time,

487

00:26:25,870 --> 00:26:30,740

get away because you are
always treated as a student.

488

00:26:30,740 --> 00:26:32,800

You're just not experienced.

489

00:26:32,800 --> 00:26:36,040

So if you work for a
while, you should change,

490

00:26:36,040 --> 00:26:37,040

and that's what--

491

00:26:37,040 --> 00:26:41,350

she changed her position
here from that first position

492

00:26:41,350 --> 00:26:45,130

to this one position,
to Irvington.

493

00:26:45,130 --> 00:26:47,170

And here she didn't--

494

00:26:47,170 --> 00:26:50,110

yeah, they liquidated
that place,

495

00:26:50,110 --> 00:26:54,070

and they moved to Long Island.

496

00:26:54,070 --> 00:26:56,560

And it was a lot of traveling.

497

00:26:56,560 --> 00:27:01,600

She was working there, and they
gave her a very nice raise.

498

00:27:01,600 --> 00:27:05,020

And she traveled every
day to Long Island,

499

00:27:05,020 --> 00:27:10,240

and one day, I asked her,
take me to your place.

500

00:27:10,240 --> 00:27:14,950

I like to know how
long you travel there

501

00:27:14,950 --> 00:27:19,180

and what conditions there are to
travel, and she took me there.

502

00:27:19,180 --> 00:27:24,170

And it took us two hours one
way to go, and I told her,

503

00:27:24,170 --> 00:27:27,910

Marion, now that you
do have experience,

504

00:27:27,910 --> 00:27:30,220

I think you should apply--

505

00:27:30,220 --> 00:27:31,360

you have a nice--

506
00:27:31,360 --> 00:27:33,720
when you fill out your--

507
00:27:33,720 --> 00:27:35,930
from college, your--
what do you call it?

508
00:27:35,930 --> 00:27:36,490
Transcript?

509
00:27:36,490 --> 00:27:37,120
Not transcript.

510
00:27:37,120 --> 00:27:37,620
Application?

511
00:27:37,620 --> 00:27:39,040
Application?

512
00:27:39,040 --> 00:27:41,890
Resume-- when you
fill up your resume,

513
00:27:41,890 --> 00:27:45,470
you already have practice
from first position,

514
00:27:45,470 --> 00:27:49,300
and here in
[? Day-Baldwin ?] place--

515
00:27:49,300 --> 00:27:51,220
I think it was
[? Day-Baldwin-- ?] and then

516
00:27:51,220 --> 00:27:54,460
the one that you
are in Long Island.

517
00:27:54,460 --> 00:27:56,665

My daughter is a
very hard worker.

518
00:27:56,665 --> 00:28:00,100

519
00:28:00,100 --> 00:28:03,910
She's a pusher, and she
really pushed herself up

520
00:28:03,910 --> 00:28:05,950
from one position to another.

521
00:28:05,950 --> 00:28:08,950
She learned very
fast, and when she

522
00:28:08,950 --> 00:28:11,470
took me and I saw
in what conditions--

523
00:28:11,470 --> 00:28:14,900
that she has to travel so
far, wintertime, especially--

524
00:28:14,900 --> 00:28:18,460
and with the buses,
you come late and so.

525
00:28:18,460 --> 00:28:20,260
She went by car, actually.

526
00:28:20,260 --> 00:28:22,990
She bought herself a car.

527
00:28:22,990 --> 00:28:26,530
But you have to spend-- you
know how long on the highway

528
00:28:26,530 --> 00:28:27,700
to go to Long Island?

529

00:28:27,700 --> 00:28:31,240

I know because I lived
for a short time.

530

00:28:31,240 --> 00:28:36,580

Anyhow, and she listened to
me, and she filled out resumes

531

00:28:36,580 --> 00:28:39,130

in New Jersey after a while.

532

00:28:39,130 --> 00:28:41,200

And she got a New
Jersey position--

533

00:28:41,200 --> 00:28:45,520

534

00:28:45,520 --> 00:28:47,530

what do you call--
in Johnson & Johnson.

535

00:28:47,530 --> 00:28:53,260

But that wasn't by Johnson
& Johnson products but by--

536

00:28:53,260 --> 00:28:59,110

she made those threads
for the operations.

537

00:28:59,110 --> 00:28:59,710

Sutures.

538

00:28:59,710 --> 00:29:04,900

Sutures, yeah, that was
Ethicon, Ethicon Company.

539

00:29:04,900 --> 00:29:07,360

It belongs to Johnson & Johnson.

540

00:29:07,360 --> 00:29:10,720

And she was working
there for quite a while.

541
00:29:10,720 --> 00:29:15,580
And recently, she
had a very bad boss,

542
00:29:15,580 --> 00:29:19,921
and she had to
change her position.

543
00:29:19,921 --> 00:29:22,630
From Ethicon, she went
to Johnson & Johnson.

544
00:29:22,630 --> 00:29:28,040
Now she works in New Brunswick.

545
00:29:28,040 --> 00:29:29,350
She bought herself a house.

546
00:29:29,350 --> 00:29:31,030
She's a very capable--

547
00:29:31,030 --> 00:29:33,490
One thing what she doesn't
want is to get married.

548
00:29:33,490 --> 00:29:37,300
She bought herself a very
nice house, one house

549
00:29:37,300 --> 00:29:39,610
and two-family, and
she made money on it.

550
00:29:39,610 --> 00:29:42,040
And she recently
bought a one-family.

551
00:29:42,040 --> 00:29:43,630
She's a capable girl.

552
00:29:43,630 --> 00:29:45,940

With me, it was when
my husband died--

553
00:29:45,940 --> 00:29:47,980
I don't have to tell you.

554
00:29:47,980 --> 00:29:50,200
Is that what you want, my
life, not the children's?

555
00:29:50,200 --> 00:29:52,330
Yes.

556
00:29:52,330 --> 00:29:55,420
I don't have to tell
you what it meant

557
00:29:55,420 --> 00:29:59,620
for me because he was
everything for me,

558
00:29:59,620 --> 00:30:00,910
a companion and everything.

559
00:30:00,910 --> 00:30:01,990
What else did I have?

560
00:30:01,990 --> 00:30:03,460
I don't have any family.

561
00:30:03,460 --> 00:30:09,160
Yeah, I have my children,
but children leave the house.

562
00:30:09,160 --> 00:30:12,790
And I was left alone.

563
00:30:12,790 --> 00:30:15,080
I will never forget.

564
00:30:15,080 --> 00:30:17,620
But what my son did--

he stayed with me.

565

00:30:17,620 --> 00:30:19,630

He traveled to college.

566

00:30:19,630 --> 00:30:24,880

When he was accepted to medical
school in New Brunswick--

567

00:30:24,880 --> 00:30:28,270

no, in Piscataway--
he stayed with me,

568

00:30:28,270 --> 00:30:29,530

and he traveled every day.

569

00:30:29,530 --> 00:30:30,760

And that's what helped me.

570

00:30:30,760 --> 00:30:32,080

I wanted to work.

571

00:30:32,080 --> 00:30:34,810

I worked in the bakery
as the salesgirl.

572

00:30:34,810 --> 00:30:36,670

That's why I wanted
my daughter to go

573

00:30:36,670 --> 00:30:40,270

to school so much because I
had no profession, no trade,

574

00:30:40,270 --> 00:30:41,185

nothing.

575

00:30:41,185 --> 00:30:42,710

It was very hard.

576

00:30:42,710 --> 00:30:47,530

And I worked hard and

didn't make much money.

577

00:30:47,530 --> 00:30:51,370

But we somehow tried
to save every penny,

578

00:30:51,370 --> 00:30:54,580

and my son got a scholarship.

579

00:30:54,580 --> 00:30:58,270

My daughter was working on--

580

00:30:58,270 --> 00:31:04,300

she was studying,
and my husband died.

581

00:31:04,300 --> 00:31:05,830

I went back.

582

00:31:05,830 --> 00:31:12,210

I worked in that bakery, and my
son was struggling every day.

583

00:31:12,210 --> 00:31:14,910

And my daughter finished
four years college,

584

00:31:14,910 --> 00:31:19,730

and she got a job.

585

00:31:19,730 --> 00:31:23,160

She didn't need help from me.

586

00:31:23,160 --> 00:31:25,400

My son didn't need.

587

00:31:25,400 --> 00:31:28,130

But he took a loan.

588

00:31:28,130 --> 00:31:29,905

And my life is not--

589

00:31:29,905 --> 00:31:35,070

there wasn't not much there
because all I did was work

590

00:31:35,070 --> 00:31:37,700

and cried.

591

00:31:37,700 --> 00:31:39,590

And for many years--

592

00:31:39,590 --> 00:31:43,230

as long as my son was with
me, four years, it was nice.

593

00:31:43,230 --> 00:31:50,600

And then he had to leave
because he had to be an intern,

594

00:31:50,600 --> 00:31:55,400

and his job as an
intern he got in Boston.

595

00:31:55,400 --> 00:31:56,480

And he left me.

596

00:31:56,480 --> 00:31:59,900

It was a terrible
year when he left me.

597

00:31:59,900 --> 00:32:06,900

But then somehow a friend
of mine introduced me--

598

00:32:06,900 --> 00:32:11,170

I was introduced to
a friend of mine,

599

00:32:11,170 --> 00:32:15,780

and I married a second time.

600

00:32:15,780 --> 00:32:21,740

And I wasn't lucky because

he lived only nine months,

601

00:32:21,740 --> 00:32:24,990

and he fell asleep.

602

00:32:24,990 --> 00:32:30,040

But before I married

to my second husband,

603

00:32:30,040 --> 00:32:33,820

I knew somebody

else, my neighbor,

604

00:32:33,820 --> 00:32:37,500

had a brother in France.

605

00:32:37,500 --> 00:32:42,930

And she liked me very

much, and she introduced me

606

00:32:42,930 --> 00:32:44,280

to her brother.

607

00:32:44,280 --> 00:32:47,940

She went to France,

as a matter of fact,

608

00:32:47,940 --> 00:32:52,010

and she told him about me.

609

00:32:52,010 --> 00:32:54,660

And he came to

the United States,

610

00:32:54,660 --> 00:33:01,070

and he stayed with her,

of course, four weeks.

611

00:33:01,070 --> 00:33:04,760

And I got to know him.

612

00:33:04,760 --> 00:33:08,810

Anyhow, he went back,
and he was there quite

613
00:33:08,810 --> 00:33:13,610
a few months because he had
to liquidate his business

614
00:33:13,610 --> 00:33:15,110
and apartment.

615
00:33:15,110 --> 00:33:18,470
And he liquidated all
that, and he came here.

616
00:33:18,470 --> 00:33:22,556
And he had to wait, of course.

617
00:33:22,556 --> 00:33:26,870
I waited a year and a
half, and we married.

618
00:33:26,870 --> 00:33:29,000
Now it's much easier
because I don't

619
00:33:29,000 --> 00:33:31,350
have to depend on my children.

620
00:33:31,350 --> 00:33:33,870
They don't have to sacrifice
their time because, you see,

621
00:33:33,870 --> 00:33:36,080
if a mother doesn't sacrifice--

622
00:33:36,080 --> 00:33:39,860
for a mother to do for
children, it's a pleasure,

623
00:33:39,860 --> 00:33:42,610
but the children have
to sacrifice somehow.

624

00:33:42,610 --> 00:33:45,050

You know the saying, a
mother can have 10 children,

625

00:33:45,050 --> 00:33:46,610

not that I have bad children.

626

00:33:46,610 --> 00:33:48,440

Don't misunderstand.

627

00:33:48,440 --> 00:33:52,580

I have very good children,
but I don't want them

628

00:33:52,580 --> 00:33:54,550

to sacrifice their life for me.

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00:33:54,550 --> 00:33:56,060

No, I'm very independent.

630

00:33:56,060 --> 00:34:00,230

I always was independent,
and I continue.

631

00:34:00,230 --> 00:34:08,300

And I never butt into their
life, and my son married--

632

00:34:08,300 --> 00:34:14,010

he met a girl when
he was an intern.

633

00:34:14,010 --> 00:34:19,350

Then when he moved back
here he went to New York,

634

00:34:19,350 --> 00:34:22,820

and he stayed for
a while with me.

635

00:34:22,820 --> 00:34:23,719

He commuted.

636
00:34:23,719 --> 00:34:25,610
I helped him as much as I could.

637
00:34:25,610 --> 00:34:26,389
And then he had--

638
00:34:26,389 --> 00:34:29,630

639
00:34:29,630 --> 00:34:32,210
after internship,
you have residency.

640
00:34:32,210 --> 00:34:37,830
You moved to New
York, and I had my--

641
00:34:37,830 --> 00:34:42,516
I married my third
husband just to see.

642
00:34:42,516 --> 00:34:44,420
And he's a tailor.

643
00:34:44,420 --> 00:34:51,620
He works, and I make
the best possible.

644
00:34:51,620 --> 00:34:55,200
He's very kind to me, and
he's very kind to my children.

645
00:34:55,200 --> 00:34:58,000
He likes these children.

646
00:34:58,000 --> 00:35:02,220
And we continued to live--

647
00:35:02,220 --> 00:35:05,580
Has your writing, your
poetry, in a sense,

648
00:35:05,580 --> 00:35:08,490
been a source of help to you?

649
00:35:08,490 --> 00:35:10,560
Oh, which I did-- and I
didn't mention to you.

650
00:35:10,560 --> 00:35:18,420
When we first came to Miami, my
husband organized from that--

651
00:35:18,420 --> 00:35:23,310
right away, the first year when
we came, he was very capable.

652
00:35:23,310 --> 00:35:24,570
He made the sketch--

653
00:35:24,570 --> 00:35:26,100
you say a sketch--

654
00:35:26,100 --> 00:35:34,320
about the last night before the
uprising in the Warsaw ghetto,

655
00:35:34,320 --> 00:35:36,480
in his imagination.

656
00:35:36,480 --> 00:35:37,440
And he did it.

657
00:35:37,440 --> 00:35:40,120
It was very successful.

658
00:35:40,120 --> 00:35:42,030
We made this.

659
00:35:42,030 --> 00:35:45,480
But for me, one of the
guys that participated-- he

660

00:35:45,480 --> 00:35:48,270
gave me a poem, [HEBREW].

661

00:35:48,270 --> 00:35:49,910
That means that's all gone.

662

00:35:49,910 --> 00:35:50,610
All gone.

663

00:35:50,610 --> 00:35:54,390
And that was my first
poem that he gave me.

664

00:35:54,390 --> 00:35:57,750
He took, also, fragments from
that poem, and he gave me.

665

00:35:57,750 --> 00:36:04,680
And I think-- you see, I can't
do anything to pay the Poles,

666

00:36:04,680 --> 00:36:08,460
or the Germans, what
they did, so I decided,

667

00:36:08,460 --> 00:36:12,090
by learning to
recite in such a way,

668

00:36:12,090 --> 00:36:16,790
that people maybe will hear
the tragedy, what had happened,

669

00:36:16,790 --> 00:36:19,915
what happened during the war.

670

00:36:19,915 --> 00:36:24,180
By reciting-- you can see
how I recite, that I really

671

00:36:24,180 --> 00:36:26,550
express myself in

the way that you

672

00:36:26,550 --> 00:36:36,150

can feel the sorrow and the
message, what each poem brings.

673

00:36:36,150 --> 00:36:38,970

The most important is that
people shouldn't forget

674

00:36:38,970 --> 00:36:42,195

and that, really, they
should continue to remember.

675

00:36:42,195 --> 00:36:46,410

676

00:36:46,410 --> 00:36:49,080

The Jews of Europe.

677

00:36:49,080 --> 00:36:50,700

They were not
wealthy, it's true.

678

00:36:50,700 --> 00:36:57,540

But they were very educated,
very Jewish, to say.

679

00:36:57,540 --> 00:37:01,140

American people, American
Jews are very nice people.

680

00:37:01,140 --> 00:37:04,380

They are very good people.

681

00:37:04,380 --> 00:37:09,450

But the history-- they
are not attached so much

682

00:37:09,450 --> 00:37:11,120

to being a Jew.

683

00:37:11,120 --> 00:37:16,620
They are more educated in--

684
00:37:16,620 --> 00:37:17,220
Secular ways.

685
00:37:17,220 --> 00:37:22,340
--secular ways,
subjects in history.

686
00:37:22,340 --> 00:37:27,280
Well, we were forced
because we were in ghettos.

687
00:37:27,280 --> 00:37:30,955
We didn't have freedom,
actually, and the American

688
00:37:30,955 --> 00:37:32,140
Jews.

689
00:37:32,140 --> 00:37:34,030
Have freedom.

690
00:37:34,030 --> 00:37:38,990
Would you like I should wind up?

691
00:37:38,990 --> 00:37:42,280
I really thank you people for
giving me the opportunity.

692
00:37:42,280 --> 00:37:47,350
First of all, I would like
to explain to my children

693
00:37:47,350 --> 00:37:56,510
why I never could tell
them what happened,

694
00:37:56,510 --> 00:37:58,590
so I put a few words to them.

695

00:37:58,590 --> 00:38:01,920

696

00:38:01,920 --> 00:38:17,640

My dear Marion, when
you listen to the video,

697

00:38:17,640 --> 00:38:21,840

when you will look and
listen to the video,

698

00:38:21,840 --> 00:38:24,480

I'm sure that you
will understand

699

00:38:24,480 --> 00:38:28,770

why I could never
sit down with you

700

00:38:28,770 --> 00:38:30,930

and tell the story of my life.

701

00:38:30,930 --> 00:38:36,040

702

00:38:36,040 --> 00:38:38,450

Never, not even one
moment in my life,

703

00:38:38,450 --> 00:38:43,190

did my heart stop
crying and grieving

704

00:38:43,190 --> 00:38:46,940

in silence for my people.

705

00:38:46,940 --> 00:38:53,570

I tried very hard to fulfill
my dear father's last wish

706

00:38:53,570 --> 00:38:56,780

when we were on our last
journey to Auschwitz,

707
00:38:56,780 --> 00:39:01,520
and he begged me, if I
survive, please try to build

708
00:39:01,520 --> 00:39:04,640
a family, continuation.

709
00:39:04,640 --> 00:39:08,930
And only one, God
knows how I tried.

710
00:39:08,930 --> 00:39:13,550
But now that you
will have some idea,

711
00:39:13,550 --> 00:39:17,990
I feel that I fulfilled my
duty, at least in a small way,

712
00:39:17,990 --> 00:39:23,510
but with a tremendous
effort, as you could clearly

713
00:39:23,510 --> 00:39:36,470
see the pain and agony
in my path to tell you.

714
00:39:36,470 --> 00:39:42,910

715
00:39:42,910 --> 00:39:46,870
With the poem Shoes
I tried to tell it

716
00:39:46,870 --> 00:39:52,930
to the people how the innocent,
beautiful European Jews

717
00:39:52,930 --> 00:39:56,080
perished in the
most unspeakable way

718

00:39:56,080 --> 00:40:01,240

due to the indifference of
the people of the free world.

719

00:40:01,240 --> 00:40:06,460

I tried to believe in hope,
that the future generations will

720

00:40:06,460 --> 00:40:12,820

never let it happen again
but will always stay united.

721

00:40:12,820 --> 00:40:18,250

And now I like to thank Dr.
Tobin, Dr. Weinstein, and Dr.

722

00:40:18,250 --> 00:40:23,110

Kaplowitz in the
wonderful video crew

723

00:40:23,110 --> 00:40:26,890

for helping me to fulfill
my duty as a survivor

724

00:40:26,890 --> 00:40:30,190

and a witness of the Holocaust.

725

00:40:30,190 --> 00:40:34,330

By telling our tragic
experience from the war,

726

00:40:34,330 --> 00:40:40,600

more young people will be aware
of the horrendous atrocities

727

00:40:40,600 --> 00:40:46,090

committed by the Nazis to the
innocent people whose big crime

728

00:40:46,090 --> 00:40:48,310

was because they were Jewish.

729

00:40:48,310 --> 00:40:54,140

I hope that this way we
can prevent repetition.

730

00:40:54,140 --> 00:40:54,640

Thank you.

731

00:40:54,640 --> 00:41:00,250

I like to read a
story, a article

732

00:41:00,250 --> 00:41:09,610

that I read a long time ago,
quite a few years ago in the--

733

00:41:09,610 --> 00:41:15,610

that was a Zionist newspaper
in the English language,

734

00:41:15,610 --> 00:41:18,020

translated by Rabbi Teitz.

735

00:41:18,020 --> 00:41:19,540

I thought it was a very--

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00:41:19,540 --> 00:41:21,940

maybe this way people
will understand

737

00:41:21,940 --> 00:41:25,720

why the Jews survived.

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00:41:25,720 --> 00:41:27,770

What is a Jew?

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00:41:27,770 --> 00:41:29,290

Who is this by, Dina?

740

00:41:29,290 --> 00:41:30,570

Who is it by?

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00:41:30,570 --> 00:41:33,760

By-- at the end I will tell.

742
00:41:33,760 --> 00:41:36,400
What is a Jew?

743
00:41:36,400 --> 00:41:37,840
What is a Jew?

744
00:41:37,840 --> 00:41:41,320
This question is not
at all as strange

745
00:41:41,320 --> 00:41:45,730
as it may appear
at first glance.

746
00:41:45,730 --> 00:41:49,540
Lets see what kind of
a peculiar creature

747
00:41:49,540 --> 00:41:52,600
the Jew is, whom all
rules and other nations

748
00:41:52,600 --> 00:41:58,390
have ostracized, oppressed, and
exiled, trampled and butchered,

749
00:41:58,390 --> 00:42:03,340
persecuted, burned, and hanged
yet, in spite of all this,

750
00:42:03,340 --> 00:42:06,010
still lives and thrives.

751
00:42:06,010 --> 00:42:09,880
What is a Jew, who
could never be seduced

752
00:42:09,880 --> 00:42:13,090
by any of the worldly
temptations offered him

753

00:42:13,090 --> 00:42:17,290

by persecutors and
oppressors were he only

754

00:42:17,290 --> 00:42:22,930

to refute the religion and give
up the faith of his ancestors?

755

00:42:22,930 --> 00:42:27,700

The Jew, a sacred being
who has brought down

756

00:42:27,700 --> 00:42:32,230

from heaven the everlasting
flame and illuminated with it

757

00:42:32,230 --> 00:42:34,490

the entire world.

758

00:42:34,490 --> 00:42:37,300

He's the wellspring
and source from which

759

00:42:37,300 --> 00:42:42,760

all other people have derived
their religion and beliefs.

760

00:42:42,760 --> 00:42:46,660

The Jew, the pioneer of culture.

761

00:42:46,660 --> 00:42:49,960

From time immemorial,
ignorance was

762

00:42:49,960 --> 00:42:53,420

impossible in the
Holy Land, even more

763

00:42:53,420 --> 00:42:58,190

than it is impossible in
civilized Europe today.

764

00:42:58,190 --> 00:43:02,050

Furthermore, in
those savage days

765

00:43:02,050 --> 00:43:05,680

when the life and death
of men mattered little,

766

00:43:05,680 --> 00:43:09,650

Rabbi Akiva spoke out
against the death penalty,

767

00:43:09,650 --> 00:43:13,060

which is still considered a
quite admissible punishment

768

00:43:13,060 --> 00:43:15,940

in the most civilized countries.

769

00:43:15,940 --> 00:43:21,100

The Jew, symbol of social
and religious tolerance.

770

00:43:21,100 --> 00:43:25,570

"Love the stranger,"
commands Moses,

771

00:43:25,570 --> 00:43:29,710

as you yourself were a
stranger in the land of Egypt.

772

00:43:29,710 --> 00:43:35,440

These words were uttered in
those remote, barbaric times

773

00:43:35,440 --> 00:43:41,170

when it was customary among
nations to enslave one another.

774

00:43:41,170 --> 00:43:44,320

As for religious
tolerance, not only

775

00:43:44,320 --> 00:43:49,510
does the Jewish faith not seek
out new adherents but quite

776
00:43:49,510 --> 00:43:51,010
the contrary.

777
00:43:51,010 --> 00:43:54,250
The Talmud dictates
that should a non-Jew

778
00:43:54,250 --> 00:43:56,500
seek to adopt the
Jewish religion,

779
00:43:56,500 --> 00:44:00,760
it must be clarified for him
how difficult it is to be a Jew

780
00:44:00,760 --> 00:44:04,820
and the just and righteous
people of other religions,

781
00:44:04,820 --> 00:44:10,180
as well, will inherit
the heavenly kingdom.

782
00:44:10,180 --> 00:44:13,790
The Jew, symbol of eternity.

783
00:44:13,790 --> 00:44:19,150
He is the one who neither
massacre nor torture could

784
00:44:19,150 --> 00:44:22,990
destroy, neither fire nor
sword of the Inquisition

785
00:44:22,990 --> 00:44:25,660
could erase from the
face of the Earth.

786
00:44:25,660 --> 00:44:33,370

He is the first to proclaim the
word of God, he who for so long

787

00:44:33,370 --> 00:44:38,410
has preserved prophecy and given
it to the rest of the mankind.

788

00:44:38,410 --> 00:44:41,900
Such a nation can
never disappear.

789

00:44:41,900 --> 00:44:43,550
The Jew is eternal.

790

00:44:43,550 --> 00:44:47,000
He is personification
of the eternity.

791

00:44:47,000 --> 00:44:54,890
That was written by Leo Tolstoy
in 1891 and Rabbi Teitz--

792

00:44:54,890 --> 00:45:01,220
he translated it from
Russian into English.

793

00:45:01,220 --> 00:45:04,730
And I thought it was such
a wonderful explanation

794

00:45:04,730 --> 00:45:06,590
for some people who
can't understand

795

00:45:06,590 --> 00:45:08,720
why the Jew survived.

796

00:45:08,720 --> 00:45:12,080
I also have another
poem that was

797

00:45:12,080 --> 00:45:16,610
written by a Jewish writer,

"The Everlasting Jew."

798

00:45:16,610 --> 00:45:18,620

It was written in
Yiddish, but I'm

799

00:45:18,620 --> 00:45:23,900

going to read it in English
so everybody will understand.

800

00:45:23,900 --> 00:45:28,340

I translated it just
when I was supposed

801

00:45:28,340 --> 00:45:32,480

to come here a week
before and I'll recite it.

802

00:45:32,480 --> 00:45:35,216

803

00:45:35,216 --> 00:45:36,450

Where is it?

804

00:45:36,450 --> 00:45:38,740

I must find it.

805

00:45:38,740 --> 00:45:39,860

Oh, yeah.

806

00:45:39,860 --> 00:45:40,910

Thank you very much.

807

00:45:40,910 --> 00:45:44,230

I have another one
there that I don't--

808

00:45:44,230 --> 00:45:49,330

"The Everlasting
Jew--" I feel I'm

809

00:45:49,330 --> 00:45:55,090

stronger than all the sufferings
of human cruelty and might

810
00:45:55,090 --> 00:45:59,560
and stronger than
fire, water, and storm

811
00:45:59,560 --> 00:46:03,250
and stronger, even, than time.

812
00:46:03,250 --> 00:46:07,030
During the thousands
of years of my life,

813
00:46:07,030 --> 00:46:10,090
the greatest
countries disappeared.

814
00:46:10,090 --> 00:46:14,080
The mightiest people
extinguished forever,

815
00:46:14,080 --> 00:46:18,490
and the largest cities
crushed into dust.

816
00:46:18,490 --> 00:46:21,790
And the high mountains
have long since

817
00:46:21,790 --> 00:46:27,550
vanished, the powerful
cliffs rotted away.

818
00:46:27,550 --> 00:46:31,250
The great forest
wound and destroyed,

819
00:46:31,250 --> 00:46:36,910
but I am still strong
in my will to survive.

820
00:46:36,910 --> 00:46:38,590

I am alive.

821
00:46:38,590 --> 00:46:42,910
I'm alive, and I will continue
to thrive to thousands

822
00:46:42,910 --> 00:46:45,370
and thousands of years.

823
00:46:45,370 --> 00:46:47,050
I will live.

824
00:46:47,050 --> 00:46:50,330
I will fight and
strive to survive,

825
00:46:50,330 --> 00:46:54,700
and dull is the
tooth of the time.

826
00:46:54,700 --> 00:46:56,410
I thought it's such a good poem.

827
00:46:56,410 --> 00:47:00,490
It's short, but it
expresses, really,

828
00:47:00,490 --> 00:47:03,070
why we, Jews, will
always survive.

829
00:47:03,070 --> 00:47:06,580
I think this is also
very fitting because it's

830
00:47:06,580 --> 00:47:09,850
a way of bringing to end the
first cycle of interviews

831
00:47:09,850 --> 00:47:11,650
that we have done,
and I thank you

832

00:47:11,650 --> 00:47:16,540

for reading that because it's
a great theme on which to end

833

00:47:16,540 --> 00:47:18,550

this group of interviews.

834

00:47:18,550 --> 00:47:22,030

Thank you for being so generous,
of your time, of your feelings,

835

00:47:22,030 --> 00:47:24,790

of your words, of your
poems, of your soul.

836

00:47:24,790 --> 00:47:25,310

Thank you.

837

00:47:25,310 --> 00:47:29,230

I really feel that
I accomplished

838

00:47:29,230 --> 00:47:33,283

something that very few people
can accomplish, really--

839

00:47:33,283 --> 00:47:33,783

Thank you.

840

00:47:33,783 --> 00:47:34,283

You did.

841

00:47:34,283 --> 00:47:39,250

--in my opinion, in my
life and everything.

842

00:47:39,250 --> 00:47:42,290

It's something what I always
was thinking and dreaming

843

00:47:42,290 --> 00:47:44,750

and I could never

pull, myself, together.

844

00:47:44,750 --> 00:47:45,290

Thank you.

845

00:47:45,290 --> 00:47:47,590

And now you gave me this
wonderful opportunity,

846

00:47:47,590 --> 00:47:48,840

and God bless you, all of you.

847

00:47:48,840 --> 00:47:49,340

Thank you.

848

00:47:49,340 --> 00:47:51,180

Bless you.

849

00:47:51,180 --> 00:48:25,000