1 00:00:00,000 --> 00:00:20,496

2 00:00:20,496 --> 00:00:23,180 Regine, you just recalled another story

3 00:00:23,180 --> 00:00:25,360 that something happened to you in kindergarten,

4 00:00:25,360 --> 00:00:28,420 in the same vein about this antisemitism.

5 00:00:28,420 --> 00:00:33,250 I do remember that I came home one day and said to my mother,

6 00:00:33,250 --> 00:00:34,750 they call me dirty Jew.

7 00:00:34,750 --> 00:00:36,010 And I looked down.

8 00:00:36,010 --> 00:00:41,210 I had this spiffy white dress, a little black shoes.

9 00:00:41,210 --> 00:00:44,950 They were shiny types, you know, a white bow in my hair.

10 00:00:44,950 --> 00:00:46,420 And I couldn't understand it.

11 00:00:46,420 --> 00:00:49,480 Why did they call me dirty?

12 00:00:49,480 --> 00:00:51,100 I don't think I'm dirty. 13 00:00:51,100 --> 00:00:54,460 And so my mother, she-actually, that's the one time

14 00:00:54,460 --> 00:00:57,790 she took me on her lap, because we weren't sitting too much

15 00:00:57,790 --> 00:00:59,860 on laps of each other.

16 00:00:59,860 --> 00:01:02,650 And she explained commission that it had nothing

17 00:01:02,650 --> 00:01:04,600 to do with what I looked like.

18 00:01:04,600 --> 00:01:06,310 That they just didn't like the Jews,

19 00:01:06,310 --> 00:01:09,430 so they called them dirty Jews.

20 00:01:09,430 --> 00:01:14,210 See, it goes back really in the beginning of memories.

21 00:01:14,210 --> 00:01:17,770 But we had no choice as to [INAUDIBLE] Jewish schools

22 00:01:17,770 --> 00:01:22,210 organized and recognized for educational purpose.

23 00:01:22,210 --> 00:01:25,180 So we just had to suffer through that. 00:01:25,180 --> 00:01:27,525 So you went to Jewish schools--

25 00:01:27,525 --> 00:01:28,900 That was [INAUDIBLE] on the side.

26 00:01:28,900 --> 00:01:29,900 On the side, after--

27 00:01:29,900 --> 00:01:35,110 To make sure that they got the Jewish religion, literature.

28 00:01:35,110 --> 00:01:37,200 We were learning Hebrew.

29 00:01:37,200 --> 00:01:39,970 Oh, that was very, very important to her

30 00:01:39,970 --> 00:01:42,700 that I keep the Jewishness.

31 00:01:42,700 --> 00:01:44,360 And so there were special schools

32 00:01:44,360 --> 00:01:49,280 was where you could go on Sundays and Wednesday

33 00:01:49,280 --> 00:01:49,910 afternoon.

34 00:01:49,910 --> 00:01:52,780 And I was very faithful to that, up till the war.

35 00:01:52,780 --> 00:01:53,280 Right. 00:01:53,280 --> 00:01:53,950 Yeah.

37 00:01:53,950 --> 00:01:57,580 And these experiences of antisemitism,

38 00:01:57,580 --> 00:02:00,490 did it make you feel ambivalent about being Jewish,

39 00:02:00,490 --> 00:02:01,978 or just angry at these people?

40 00:02:01,978 --> 00:02:02,770 Do you [INAUDIBLE]?

41 00:02:02,770 --> 00:02:04,930 More angry, and not understanding,

42 00:02:04,930 --> 00:02:09,130 really, what had to be done to deserve

43 00:02:09,130 --> 00:02:10,660 to be called dirty Jews.

44 00:02:10,660 --> 00:02:15,490 I mean, it's like singling us out for inspection, you know.

45 00:02:15,490 --> 00:02:17,860 And those things were not--

46 00:02:17,860 --> 00:02:21,160 I don't think in a country like here, anything like that

47 00:02:21,160 --> 00:02:25,930 would ever, in any era that I can remember, be accepted. 48 00:02:25,930 --> 00:02:27,580 In the front of a whole class, they

49 00:02:27,580 --> 00:02:30,820 start examining your hair and all of this type of thing.

50 00:02:30,820 --> 00:02:33,820 Then of course, you come back to your desk, oh, you see,

51 00:02:33,820 --> 00:02:36,770 no one wants to sit next to you.

52 00:02:36,770 --> 00:02:40,900 So those are hard things to accept as a child, you know?

53 00:02:40,900 --> 00:02:42,160 Very hard.

54 00:02:42,160 --> 00:02:45,430 Did any of the kids in school befriend you

55 00:02:45,430 --> 00:02:47,560 who were not Jewish?

56 00:02:47,560 --> 00:02:49,180 A little bit.

57 00:02:49,180 --> 00:02:53,560 A little bit, but never very close to us, you know?

58 00:02:53,560 --> 00:02:55,030 So you felt as if going to school

59 00:02:55,030 --> 00:02:56,447 was going to a

# hostile atmosphere?

60 00:02:56,447 --> 00:03:00,300 Yeah, just that you were meeting your own Jewish friends.

61 00:03:00,300 --> 00:03:02,120 And a few-- but teachers no.

62 00:03:02,120 --> 00:03:04,900 We never got close to any teacher, because--

63 00:03:04,900 --> 00:03:09,160 actually I intended, but I haven't succeeded.

64 00:03:09,160 --> 00:03:12,880 When I went back, as I told you, in '98, and I wanted to show

65 00:03:12,880 --> 00:03:16,690 one of the girls who I call my niece, really--

66 00:03:16,690 --> 00:03:22,060 the one who I was hiding with, the school I went to.

67 00:03:22,060 --> 00:03:25,720 And I said to her, if this school is still open

68 00:03:25,720 --> 00:03:28,270 and there are still some teachers in there,

69 00:03:28,270 --> 00:03:33,370 I think I have enough courage to go in and tell a little bit

70 00:03:33,370 --> 00:03:36,910 what they had done to me as a child,

71 00:03:36,910 --> 00:03:40,030 whether they even realized as educators

72 00:03:40,030 --> 00:03:42,310 how detrimental that had to be.

73 00:03:42,310 --> 00:03:45,677 But the school wasn't a school anymore, so--

74 00:03:45,677 --> 00:03:47,260 it would have been worth it, you know,

75 00:03:47,260 --> 00:03:51,560 because as an educator myself, I know the impact

76 00:03:51,560 --> 00:03:55,440 that things like that have on students,

77 00:03:55,440 --> 00:03:58,000 on kids, on whatever age.

78 00:03:58,000 --> 00:04:00,850 So I thought I would have the nerve to share.

79 00:04:00,850 --> 00:04:04,900 And I speak French and Flemish enough to tell them.

80 00:04:04,900 --> 00:04:08,710 But my chance wasn't materialized, because it

81 00:04:08,710 --> 00:04:09,790 was a no more a school.

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00:04:09,790 --> 00:04:14,290 But that school particularly, I really suffered.

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00:04:14,290 --> 00:04:18,490 I think the accumulation of it, you know?

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00:04:18,490 --> 00:04:20,990

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00:04:20,990 --> 00:04:22,740 And I don't know whether I should tell you

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00:04:22,740 --> 00:04:27,330 the next story, because being myself a Catholic and nun,

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00:04:27,330 --> 00:04:30,700 it doesn't make much sense if I tell you the rest of it.

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00:04:30,700 --> 00:04:33,030 But on my way back from school--

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00:04:33,030 --> 00:04:38,640 I told you I was walking, I must have been really intrigued

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00:04:38,640 --> 00:04:41,860 by it and wanting to find out when I stopped at the church.

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00:04:41,860 --> 00:04:43,290 I wrote that in my story.

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00:04:43,290 --> 00:04:44,040 Did you read that?

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00:04:44,040 --> 00:04:44,540 No.

94 00:04:44,540 --> 00:04:45,990 No?

95 00:04:45,990 --> 00:04:50,870 Stopped at this church that I was passing on a daily basis.

96 00:04:50,870 --> 00:04:51,800 And I got curious.

97 00:04:51,800 --> 00:04:53,700 I just wanted to find out what it was.

98 00:04:53,700 --> 00:04:57,230 So here I go, up all these steps.

99 00:04:57,230 --> 00:04:58,940 And the door was open.

100 00:04:58,940 --> 00:05:02,590 But before I even had a chance, they

101 00:05:02,590 --> 00:05:06,350 were boys who really ran after me with stones.

102 00:05:06,350 --> 00:05:10,100 And they started the yelling, and the Jews, they

103 00:05:10,100 --> 00:05:11,840 killed Christ.

104 00:05:11,840 --> 00:05:15,350 And I ran for my life.

105 00:05:15,350 --> 00:05:19,490 And I was so terrified by a whole group of young boys,

106 00:05:19,490 --> 00:05:24,030 you know, like 10 years, 11 years old.

107 00:05:24,030 --> 00:05:26,450 And they kept really yelling and screaming like that,

108 00:05:26,450 --> 00:05:30,640 that the Jews killed Christ, and let's stone her.

109 00:05:30,640 --> 00:05:33,740 I never went that route anymore ever.

110 00:05:33,740 --> 00:05:37,670 Never attempted to even find out what a church was like.

111 00:05:37,670 --> 00:05:39,000 [LAUGHS]

112 00:05:39,000 --> 00:05:41,840 This is all before the war, of course.

113 00:05:41,840 --> 00:05:45,770 But that was another of those fascinating experiences.

114 00:05:45,770 --> 00:05:50,200 No, Antwerp was extremely anti-Semitic.

115 00:05:50,200 --> 00:05:51,710 It was extremely.

116 00:05:51,710 --> 00:05:54,055 I mean, I don't even remember any other place 117 00:05:54,055 --> 00:05:54,930 that would have been.

118 00:05:54,930 --> 00:05:56,800 Brussels wasn't as bad as Antwerp.

119 00:05:56,800 --> 00:05:58,880 Antwerp was the worst.

120 00:05:58,880 --> 00:06:01,740 Maybe because there were more of them, and more

121 00:06:01,740 --> 00:06:06,880 had agglomerated in quarters, yeah.

122 00:06:06,880 --> 00:06:09,090 It still is like that, you know?

123 00:06:09,090 --> 00:06:11,990 If you go back to those quarters--

124 00:06:11,990 --> 00:06:14,780 like, even last year I went still back.

125 00:06:14,780 --> 00:06:15,330 I don't know.

126 00:06:15,330 --> 00:06:18,680 There's always something that attracts me to go back and see.

127 00:06:18,680 --> 00:06:21,560 I went back even to the stock market,

128 00:06:21,560 --> 00:06:25,280 where I used to go to get my father back home.

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00:06:25,280 --> 00:06:27,890

And it still is--

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00:06:27,890 --> 00:06:30,030

all the Jews are

agglomerated there.

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00:06:30,030 --> 00:06:34,090

The shops, the

baker, the jewelers.

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00:06:34,090 --> 00:06:37,510

I'd even question one or two and they say they are OK.

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00:06:37,510 --> 00:06:40,560

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00:06:40,560 --> 00:06:44,070

Were there any particular books

that you like to read as a kid?

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00:06:44,070 --> 00:06:44,610

No.

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00:06:44,610 --> 00:06:45,780

No?

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00:06:45,780 --> 00:06:49,200

That wasn't something

we did at home.

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00:06:49,200 --> 00:06:52,380

The one thing I did learn in the Sunday schools

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00:06:52,380 --> 00:06:55,440

was to read the Bible.

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00:06:55,440 --> 00:07:00,990 So whenever we went to visit my grandmother,

141 00:07:00,990 --> 00:07:03,060 she knew that I could read the Bible.

142 00:07:03,060 --> 00:07:04,830 So she had the great [INAUDIBLE]..

143 00:07:04,830 --> 00:07:08,620 I was her favorite in that sense because I was able to read it.

144 00:07:08,620 --> 00:07:09,950 In Hebrew?

145 00:07:09,950 --> 00:07:11,510 In Hebrew.

146 00:07:11,510 --> 00:07:14,480 And so you went back and forth to Poland to visit your grand--

147 00:07:14,480 --> 00:07:15,120 Never.

148 00:07:15,120 --> 00:07:15,620 Never.

149 00:07:15,620 --> 00:07:16,710 She was here, remember?

150 00:07:16,710 --> 00:07:18,910 Yeah, that's my father's mother.

151 00:07:18,910 --> 00:07:19,930 Your father's mother.

152 00:07:19,930 --> 00:07:20,430 I see.

153 00:07:20,430 --> 00:07:22,920 She immigrated with her daughter.

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00:07:22,920 --> 00:07:24,480 And so we went on a regular--

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00:07:24,480 --> 00:07:27,720 Shabbat would be one of the days he would go and visit her.

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00:07:27,720 --> 00:07:29,470 Did David and Isi--

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00:07:29,470 --> 00:07:31,020 No.

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00:07:31,020 --> 00:07:33,120 They had no interest in those things.

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00:07:33,120 --> 00:07:37,290 But they went to Jewish school, but they didn't learn this?

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00:07:37,290 --> 00:07:37,790 No.

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00:07:37,790 --> 00:07:39,600 Or remember it.

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00:07:39,600 --> 00:07:43,220 I don't think they wanted even to be.

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00:07:43,220 --> 00:07:45,730 David definitely not.

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00:07:45,730 --> 00:07:48,420

No, Isi might have been

a bit more conforming.

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 $00:07:48,420 \longrightarrow 00:07:52,590$ Isi was more conforming because

the one example I have for him

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 $00:07:52,590 \longrightarrow 00:07:56,870$ for which I am actually really grateful to him,

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00:07:56,870 --> 00:08:03,860 he's the one who insisted to have a last Seder before we

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00:08:03,860 --> 00:08:07,490 all disbursed.

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 $00:08:07,490 \longrightarrow 00:08:10,550$ So we had the Declaration of the war in May.

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00:08:10,550 --> 00:08:12,860 I don't know whether Easter came in.

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00:08:12,860 --> 00:08:16,790 But just before that, he insisted he wanted to have it.

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00:08:16,790 --> 00:08:18,620 He said for appearance's sake.

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00:08:18,620 --> 00:08:20,840 And he organized almost everything.

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 $00:08:20,840 \longrightarrow 00:08:22,610$ Now, David was rarely home.

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 $00:08:22,610 \longrightarrow 00:08:24,770$ He didn't kind of participate too match.

176 00:08:24,770 --> 00:08:29,480 He was totally immersed and involved in Zionism--

177 00:08:29,480 --> 00:08:30,486 totally.

178 00:08:30,486 --> 00:08:35,039 So did you hear stuff about what was going on in Nazi Germany,

179 00:08:35,039 --> 00:08:36,929 even though you were a little kid?

180 00:08:36,929 --> 00:08:37,440 You heard--

181 00:08:37,440 --> 00:08:40,610 We started hearing, yeah.

182 00:08:40,610 --> 00:08:44,420 And was there any fear that there would a war?

183 00:08:44,420 --> 00:08:45,710 Not really.

184 00:08:45,710 --> 00:08:49,040 No, not really, because it was like--

185 00:08:49,040 --> 00:08:54,380 I do remember the day the declaration was official.

186 00:08:54,380 --> 00:08:58,410 I had gone down right before going to school, very early

187 00:08:58,410 --> 00:08:58,910 morning-- 188 00:08:58,910 --> 00:09:00,170 6:00, something like that.

189 00:09:00,170 --> 00:09:03,970 Again, who will go, me, get the paper from my father.

190 00:09:03,970 --> 00:09:05,570 Probably because he was following

191 00:09:05,570 --> 00:09:10,260 the politics of which I have no notion at those young years.

192 00:09:10,260 --> 00:09:11,480 So I went to get the paper.

193 00:09:11,480 --> 00:09:15,110 And then I heard all these planes over us,

194 00:09:15,110 --> 00:09:17,130 and I started running.

195 00:09:17,130 --> 00:09:20,600 And when I got home, it was already on the radio

196 00:09:20,600 --> 00:09:24,880 that Germany had invaded Belgium.

197 00:09:24,880 --> 00:09:26,110 Right.

198 00:09:26,110 --> 00:09:29,372 And so we didn't go to school, of course, that day.

199 00:09:29,372 --> 00:09:30,330 You didn't go that day.

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 $00:09:30,330 \longrightarrow 00:09:31,290$ 

No.

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00:09:31,290 --> 00:09:35,018

And that was the end of schooling.

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00:09:35.018 --> 00:09:40.550

And what do you remember

of the first things

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 $00:09:40,550 \longrightarrow 00:09:41,750$ 

about the occupation?

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00:09:41,750 --> 00:09:43,850

Do you remember

troops coming in?

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 $00:09:43,850 \longrightarrow 00:09:45,330$ 

Troops coming in.

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 $00:09:45,330 \longrightarrow 00:09:49,710$ 

A lot of the planes

bombing over us.

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 $00:09:49,710 \longrightarrow 00:09:53,180$ 

When we left the second

residence, we had turned back,

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 $00:09:53,180 \longrightarrow 00:09:56,720$ 

and we were very close

to a military base.

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00:09:56,720 --> 00:10:01,680

So that was really

pretty scary and awful.

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00:10:01,680 --> 00:10:06,910

Then once we heard that

the Germans had invaded,

00:10:06,910 --> 00:10:10,460 and there were already rumors of what they would do

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00:10:10,460 --> 00:10:13,010 and how things would go--

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00:10:13,010 --> 00:10:15,660 but see, again, they would talk about these things

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00:10:15,660 --> 00:10:18,860 between them, the parents, and half of it in Polish.

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00:10:18,860 --> 00:10:24,030 So we would only know whatever we could grasp here or there.

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00:10:24,030 --> 00:10:26,910 We then decided that we'd run away-- that we'd go away.

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00:10:26,910 --> 00:10:29,963 That we tried to go over to France.

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00:10:29,963 --> 00:10:31,380 I don't know why we thought France

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00:10:31,380 --> 00:10:35,310 would be that much more better.

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00:10:35,310 --> 00:10:39,650 So my father got together with his sister, my aunt and uncle

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00:10:39,650 --> 00:10:42,200 and their kids.

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00:10:42,200 --> 00:10:46,440

So then there was Isi, myself, and Henry.

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00:10:46,440 --> 00:10:47,950 Clara was in Brussels.

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00:10:47,950 --> 00:10:52,210 David had left the three of us and our parents, and then

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00:10:52,210 --> 00:10:56,050 his sister, [INAUDIBLE] her husband, and those two kids.

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00:10:56,050 --> 00:10:57,340 We all went.

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00:10:57,340 --> 00:10:58,450 How did you go?

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00:10:58,450 --> 00:10:59,495 Foot.

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00:10:59,495 --> 00:10:59,995 By foot?

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00:10:59,995 --> 00:11:00,960 Mm-hmm.

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00:11:00,960 --> 00:11:03,760 As far as we could go one day.

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00:11:03,760 --> 00:11:07,330 We had no vehicles, and any public transport

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00:11:07,330 --> 00:11:09,220 was for the military.

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00:11:09,220 --> 00:11:12,400 It wasn't for the public.

00:11:12,400 --> 00:11:14,465 And we would sleep in ditches.

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00:11:14,465 --> 00:11:17,200 And we all took some backpack.

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00:11:17,200 --> 00:11:21,230 And as reached another place, we would drop something

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00:11:21,230 --> 00:11:23,420 because it was too heavy.

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00:11:23,420 --> 00:11:25,040 Can you imagine walking?

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00:11:25,040 --> 00:11:29,150 We did that for at least 10, 12 days easily.

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00:11:29,150 --> 00:11:30,590 We got as far as Dunkirk.

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00:11:30,590 --> 00:11:34,475 It's a big walk.

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00:11:34,475 --> 00:11:38,700 We slept in ditches or in some empty houses or whatever.

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00:11:38,700 --> 00:11:42,530 And when we got to Dunkirk, we intended crossing

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00:11:42,530 --> 00:11:45,980 and going over to France.

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00:11:45,980 --> 00:11:49,610 The bombing was so fierce, there was no way going anywhere. 00:11:49,610 --> 00:11:51,950 So we all gathered--

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00:11:51,950 --> 00:11:55,700 I don't know how many people, up to 40, 50,

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00:11:55,700 --> 00:11:58,460 in cellars of empty houses that people

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00:11:58,460 --> 00:12:01,550 have abandoned by the coast.

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00:12:01,550 --> 00:12:06,245 And it never stopped, bombing, day and night.

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00:12:06,245 --> 00:12:08,180 And that's what I wrote in my story.

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00:12:08,180 --> 00:12:11,690 Then on the road, going to that house,

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00:12:11,690 --> 00:12:14,570 there were some dead bodies on the street.

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00:12:14,570 --> 00:12:17,150 And of course, my mother got hysterical and thought

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00:12:17,150 --> 00:12:20,820 she had recognized David.

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00:12:20,820 --> 00:12:24,170 So once they got settled in the cellar,

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00:12:24,170 --> 00:12:28,420 I had to go with my father to

see whether, yes or no, that

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00:12:28,420 --> 00:12:30,200 was David.

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00:12:30,200 --> 00:12:31,100 So we came back.

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00:12:31,100 --> 00:12:34,310 It wasn't him, but that was another traumatic thing

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00:12:34,310 --> 00:12:36,074 to go into.

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00:12:36,074 --> 00:12:40,340 And we stayed three days and three nights in that cellar,

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00:12:40,340 --> 00:12:45,020 till finally, the bombing stopped.

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00:12:45,020 --> 00:12:46,870 We couldn't move.

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00:12:46,870 --> 00:12:48,190 And what did you eat?

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00:12:48,190 --> 00:12:51,530 Whatever small thing we had with us.

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00:12:51,530 --> 00:12:52,711 The water got short.

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00:12:52,711 --> 00:12:55,360

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00:12:55,360 --> 00:12:59,240

And then Belgium

capitulated after three days

00:12:59,240 --> 00:13:00,950 of this horror.

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00:13:00,950 --> 00:13:04,175 So end of story, Belgium capitulated, France

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00:13:04,175 --> 00:13:04,675 capitulated.

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00:13:04,675 --> 00:13:07,260 Where were we going to go?

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00:13:07,260 --> 00:13:11,340 So we came back home, knowing that this time,

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00:13:11,340 --> 00:13:13,290 we didn't know what would happen to us.

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00:13:13,290 --> 00:13:15,842 So again, you walked back?

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00:13:15,842 --> 00:13:17,300 There must have been lots of people

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00:13:17,300 --> 00:13:18,510 trying to do this, right?

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00:13:18,510 --> 00:13:20,830 So you weren't alone in one respect.

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00:13:20,830 --> 00:13:21,530 No.

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00:13:21,530 --> 00:13:22,910 It didn't make it any easier--

00:13:22,910 --> 00:13:24,450 Oh, no, no.

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00:13:24,450 --> 00:13:26,930 And on the way back, there where some appeals--

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00:13:26,930 --> 00:13:28,040 if I remember well.

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00:13:28,040 --> 00:13:31,010 I might be wrong, but I'll just say what I remember.

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00:13:31,010 --> 00:13:35,480 That anyone able-bodied should report for--

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00:13:35,480 --> 00:13:39,100

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00:13:39,100 --> 00:13:40,920 military?

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00:13:40,920 --> 00:13:43,580 So the only one of age was Isi, and he

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00:13:43,580 --> 00:13:46,040 was the only boy with us.

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00:13:46,040 --> 00:13:48,410 So he went, but they didn't take him.

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00:13:48,410 --> 00:13:50,930 So he came back, running back afterwards,

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00:13:50,930 --> 00:13:52,820 because they didn't take him.

00:13:52,820 --> 00:13:55,160 Why did your mother think that that might be David?

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00:13:55,160 --> 00:13:57,890 Did she have any idea where he went?

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00:13:57,890 --> 00:14:00,500 No, but she thought that she had seen a resemblance.

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00:14:00,500 --> 00:14:03,730

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00:14:03,730 --> 00:14:04,930 Did you have any idea?

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00:14:04,930 --> 00:14:08,230 I mean, did he tell you anything of what he was doing?

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00:14:08,230 --> 00:14:09,910 Not really.

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00:14:09,910 --> 00:14:13,260 Once the war was declared, no.

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00:14:13,260 --> 00:14:15,150 He would-- and not even after.

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00:14:15,150 --> 00:14:16,200 Then he came back.

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00:14:16,200 --> 00:14:18,960 When we got back home, then he went back to Berchem,

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00:14:18,960 --> 00:14:21,150 to our house, wherever.

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00:14:21,150 --> 00:14:24,470 And David came, made appearances, yeah.

308 00:14:24,470 --> 00:14:27,620

309 00:14:27,620 --> 00:14:31,640 But he would be always the busy man, and very, very important.

310 00:14:31,640 --> 00:14:33,670 They're doing this for the Hashomer,

311 00:14:33,670 --> 00:14:35,970 doing that for [? Hashomer ?] had to go for a meeting,

312 00:14:35,970 --> 00:14:37,890 had to organize this.

313 00:14:37,890 --> 00:14:43,180 Apparently, he was trying to see how to save Jewish people--

314 00:14:43,180 --> 00:14:45,510 how to get out, how to get away.

315 00:14:45,510 --> 00:14:47,910 But I have very little recollection

316 00:14:47,910 --> 00:14:51,540 of that, because when we came back, it started,

317 00:14:51,540 --> 00:14:53,280 all the rules and regulations.

318 00:14:53,280 --> 00:14:56,550 We had to hand in all valuable things. 319 00:14:56,550 --> 00:15:00,420 We had to hand in the radio and things like that,

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00:15:00,420 --> 00:15:04,720 and [INAUDIBLE] my father would take it, and go and deliver it

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00:15:04,720 --> 00:15:10,500 to whichever center the Gestapo had indicated to bring it.

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00:15:10,500 --> 00:15:12,570 Then he went and got all our Stars

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00:15:12,570 --> 00:15:17,070 of David, which we all had sewn on.

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00:15:17,070 --> 00:15:20,040 The only one who refused to do that was David.

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00:15:20,040 --> 00:15:22,860 And he got us in terror day and night,

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00:15:22,860 --> 00:15:27,150 because he would still make appearances at home, leaving

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00:15:27,150 --> 00:15:31,760 the house with nothing on him.

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00:15:31,760 --> 00:15:33,180 What if you he were arrested?

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00:15:33,180 --> 00:15:34,030 He was a blond.

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00:15:34,030 --> 00:15:35,250 He was tall, he was blond.

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00:15:35,250 --> 00:15:37,920 He looked like an Aryan much more.

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00:15:37,920 --> 00:15:41,130 He and Henry could have passed like that.

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00:15:41,130 --> 00:15:45,390 But at the same time, we felt like he was jeopardizing

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00:15:45,390 --> 00:15:47,770 the safety of the whole family.

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00:15:47,770 --> 00:15:50,700 So I think-- and then we would be watching from the window.

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00:15:50,700 --> 00:15:51,820 Did he turn the corner?

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00:15:51,820 --> 00:15:52,820 Is he OK?

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00:15:52,820 --> 00:15:54,430 Did no one arrest him?

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00:15:54,430 --> 00:15:56,710 And as I tell you, we were by a military base.

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00:15:56,710 --> 00:15:58,650 So there probably was a more movement

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00:15:58,650 --> 00:16:02,610 of Germans and whatever.

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00:16:02,610 --> 00:16:04,170 I think at the end, we told him not

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00:16:04,170 --> 00:16:06,870 to come because we were more terrified each time

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00:16:06,870 --> 00:16:11,620 he came and left us, not knowing what would happened to him.

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00:16:11,620 --> 00:16:13,987 So he stopped coming home.

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00:16:13,987 --> 00:16:15,570 That must have been difficult for him,

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00:16:15,570 --> 00:16:16,920 and for you [INAUDIBLE].

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00:16:16,920 --> 00:16:18,710 For me, definitely.

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00:16:18,710 --> 00:16:22,200 He had so many friends, and he had a whole group of--

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00:16:22,200 --> 00:16:26,910 it was a big organization, a big movement in Belgium,

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00:16:26,910 --> 00:16:27,880 the Hashomer Hatzair.

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00:16:27,880 --> 00:16:28,380 Yeah.

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00:16:28,380 --> 00:16:30,560

00:16:30,560 --> 00:16:33,070 What did you assume would happen to you if you didn't put

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00:16:33,070 --> 00:16:35,680 on the Jewish star-- the badge?

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00:16:35,680 --> 00:16:37,990 Oh, I don't think I would have--

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00:16:37,990 --> 00:16:40,470 I suppose I was always a person following rules.

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00:16:40,470 --> 00:16:42,820 [LAUGHS]

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00:16:42,820 --> 00:16:44,210 So I don't know.

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00:16:44,210 --> 00:16:47,200 I think if-- probably thought if they arrest me,

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00:16:47,200 --> 00:16:50,160 and they find out that I am Jewish and I'm not wearing it,

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00:16:50,160 --> 00:16:53,320 they'll probably beat me up to death right there on the spot.

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00:16:53,320 --> 00:16:55,330 I might as well follow the rule.

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00:16:55,330 --> 00:16:57,720 So that was another thing.

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00:16:57,720 --> 00:17:00,340 And my father, one thing gave everything, radio 00:17:00,340 --> 00:17:01,610 and everything.

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00:17:01,610 --> 00:17:03,060 So that was the end of that.

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00:17:03,060 --> 00:17:07,360 Then came the rule, we had the curfew.

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00:17:07,360 --> 00:17:11,319 But that's what made it so difficult with David.

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00:17:11,319 --> 00:17:14,030 because he didn't follow the curfew either.

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00:17:14,030 --> 00:17:16,660 So that really became--

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00:17:16,660 --> 00:17:18,316 And the curfew was what, 8:00?

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00:17:18,316 --> 00:17:19,319 8:00, we had to be in.

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00:17:19,319 --> 00:17:20,152 7:00 in the morning.

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00:17:20,152 --> 00:17:21,230 Mm-hmm.

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00:17:21,230 --> 00:17:22,890 And he would leave at 8:00.

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00:17:22,890 --> 00:17:27,619 Well, that's too late, and so we would be begging him.

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00:17:27,619 --> 00:17:31,010 Then we had-- school, we were thrown out right away.

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00:17:31,010 --> 00:17:34,700 Jews were not to go to schools anymore.

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00:17:34,700 --> 00:17:37,700 Then the signs started appearing.

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00:17:37,700 --> 00:17:39,770 We couldn't go on any public transport.

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00:17:39,770 --> 00:17:43,430 No Jews allowed.

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00:17:43,430 --> 00:17:47,360 Restaurants, movie theaters had the [INAUDIBLE] sign.

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00:17:47,360 --> 00:17:50,055 No dogs, no Jews allowed.

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00:17:50,055 --> 00:17:52,800 The dogs were before this.

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00:17:52,800 --> 00:17:56,800 The dogs came first in the sign?

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00:17:56,800 --> 00:18:01,710 So we stayed very much home until he told me.

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00:18:01,710 --> 00:18:06,030 Then there came, like, an edict that if you were going to work,

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00:18:06,030 --> 00:18:07,680 you would not be arrested.

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00:18:07,680 --> 00:18:09,660

But Isi had already left.

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00:18:09,660 --> 00:18:10,390 Isi is the very--

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00:18:10,390 --> 00:18:12,870 Because you remember about when he left?

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00:18:12,870 --> 00:18:16,640 I think he left in '41.

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00:18:16,640 --> 00:18:18,850 No, or winter '40.

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00:18:18,850 --> 00:18:21,060 And he's the very first one, he got his letter

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00:18:21,060 --> 00:18:22,380 from the Gestapo.

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00:18:22,380 --> 00:18:24,960 They would send out letters at random,

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00:18:24,960 --> 00:18:27,370 you're supposed to report that such and such a day, such

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00:18:27,370 --> 00:18:27,870 a time.

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00:18:27,870 --> 00:18:30,230 Is this the Arbeit [GERMAN] Befehl?

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00:18:30,230 --> 00:18:32,490 It's the report for work order.

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00:18:32,490 --> 00:18:33,090

Yeah.

00:18:33,090 --> 00:18:37,602 Now, as far as I know, they started somewhere in '42.

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00:18:37,602 --> 00:18:39,180 No, they started before that.

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00:18:39,180 --> 00:18:40,990 You don't remember-- uh-huh.

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00:18:40,990 --> 00:18:42,190 Isi got that before that.

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00:18:42,190 --> 00:18:42,690 And so--

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00:18:42,690 --> 00:18:45,015 '42, I was already well in hiding.

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00:18:45,015 --> 00:18:47,890

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00:18:47,890 --> 00:18:49,295 I'm amazed that you see.

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00:18:49,295 --> 00:18:51,510 I'm not even-- it was for Arbeit.

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00:18:51,510 --> 00:18:56,040 I think so, because then he was to report--

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00:18:56,040 --> 00:18:57,860 there were two places, and I think

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00:18:57,860 --> 00:19:02,400 Isi was Breendonk, which is a little bit before Maline,

415 00:19:02,400 --> 00:19:03,090 right?

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00:19:03,090 --> 00:19:03,960 Yes.

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00:19:03,960 --> 00:19:05,040 Mine was in Maline.

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00:19:05,040 --> 00:19:06,600 He was Breendonk.

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00:19:06,600 --> 00:19:09,540 So he got this notice that said he should report To Breendonk

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00:19:09,540 --> 00:19:10,570 Yeah, and he went.

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00:19:10,570 --> 00:19:11,070 And he--

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00:19:11,070 --> 00:19:14,080 Said goodbye and went.

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00:19:14,080 --> 00:19:16,960 Did you think to yourself--

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00:19:16,960 --> 00:19:18,480 I mean you are still a young person.

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00:19:18,480 --> 00:19:21,450 You're 13 years old.

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00:19:21,450 --> 00:19:22,800

Why is he going?

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00:19:22,800 --> 00:19:23,610

This is a letter.

00:19:23,610 --> 00:19:25,030 Nobody's coming and coming him.

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00:19:25,030 --> 00:19:27,470 I know that card, it said we'll never see him again.

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00:19:27,470 --> 00:19:31,280

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00:19:31,280 --> 00:19:35,660 But no, I wouldn't question it, because again, stupid rule.

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00:19:35,660 --> 00:19:37,560 If they say you have to go, you have to go.

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00:19:37,560 --> 00:19:38,060 Uh-huh.

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00:19:38,060 --> 00:19:42,470

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00:19:42,470 --> 00:19:47,050 So he had already left when I was told to tie that.

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00:19:47,050 --> 00:19:49,520 And I still know the village I went back--

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00:19:49,520 --> 00:19:51,090 and that's another thing I did.

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00:19:51,090 --> 00:19:52,430 I went back in '98.

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00:19:52,430 --> 00:19:56,840 We circled and toured around the whole area.

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00:19:56,840 --> 00:19:59,330 Where I had been to this agricultural school,

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00:19:59,330 --> 00:20:01,730 there's no trace or sign of it at all.

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00:20:01,730 --> 00:20:04,970 I only know the name, Laramie.

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00:20:04,970 --> 00:20:07,430 And there must have been 50, 60 youngsters

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00:20:07,430 --> 00:20:10,820 in there doing gardening and agriculture,

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00:20:10,820 --> 00:20:13,350 hoping we would be safe like that.

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00:20:13,350 --> 00:20:15,590 But after three months, I got my letter, too.

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00:20:15,590 --> 00:20:16,810 Right.

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00:20:16,810 --> 00:20:18,490 So let me ask you something.

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00:20:18,490 --> 00:20:19,870 David is so different--

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00:20:19,870 --> 00:20:21,190 Yeah.

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00:20:21,190 --> 00:20:22,482 --from all the rest of you now.

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00:20:22,482 --> 00:20:23,773 Now Henry, we can't talk about.

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00:20:23,773 --> 00:20:24,550 He was a baby.

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00:20:24,550 --> 00:20:25,860 Oh, he just was with mother.

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00:20:25,860 --> 00:20:29,020 But you is Isi are very--

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00:20:29,020 --> 00:20:30,100 OK, they sent a letter.

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00:20:30,100 --> 00:20:31,190 I'm going.

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00:20:31,190 --> 00:20:32,645 David is completely different.

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00:20:32,645 --> 00:20:33,145 Yeah.

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00:20:33,145 --> 00:20:34,450 Very rebellious.

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00:20:34,450 --> 00:20:36,220 And you were so close to David.

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00:20:36,220 --> 00:20:39,260 But this is not a part of David that you acquired at this time,

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00:20:39,260 --> 00:20:40,300

yes?

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00:20:40,300 --> 00:20:43,960 I did, because remember, I went to the agricultural school

465 00:20:43,960 --> 00:20:44,460 Right.

466 00:20:44,460 --> 00:20:45,490 That's true.

467 00:20:45,490 --> 00:20:46,260 Right.

468 00:20:46,260 --> 00:20:48,680 Then--

469 00:20:48,680 --> 00:20:50,790 And you did that after Isi had left?

470 00:20:50,790 --> 00:20:51,323 Yeah.

471 00:20:51,323 --> 00:20:52,190 OK.

472 00:20:52,190 --> 00:20:54,270 So I thought I'm safe now, right?

473 00:20:54,270 --> 00:20:56,630 Then I get the letter, and it's my parent

474 00:20:56,630 --> 00:20:58,370 to force me to come back home.

475 00:20:58,370 --> 00:21:00,082 Remember that?

476 00:21:00,082 --> 00:21:01,540 All right, so you're at the school, 00:21:01,540 --> 00:21:04,220 and you get this letter that tells you to report to Maline.

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00:21:04,220 --> 00:21:07,490 Yeah, I find out that there are many others in my case.

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00:21:07,490 --> 00:21:08,440 I'm not the only one.

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00:21:08,440 --> 00:21:09,960 In that group?

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00:21:09,960 --> 00:21:12,010 And they're taking very young people.

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00:21:12,010 --> 00:21:14,170 And you think these are arbitrary letters.

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00:21:14,170 --> 00:21:15,760 I mean, they're not--

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00:21:15,760 --> 00:21:18,420 I think it's at random, whichever letter or name,

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00:21:18,420 --> 00:21:20,320 or whatever they picked out.

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00:21:20,320 --> 00:21:21,490 That's my feeling.

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00:21:21,490 --> 00:21:22,370 So did you--

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00:21:22,370 --> 00:21:25,780 And I had the feeling that that letter came home,

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00:21:25,780 --> 00:21:28,090 not to the center.

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00:21:28,090 --> 00:21:31,300 And so my parents contacted me and said,

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00:21:31,300 --> 00:21:32,290 you've got your letter.

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00:21:32,290 --> 00:21:35,910 You've got to come home and you have to go.

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00:21:35,910 --> 00:21:40,290 Because if you don't go, they'll take us and Henry.

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00:21:40,290 --> 00:21:42,270 So off I went from Laramie.

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00:21:42,270 --> 00:21:47,570 Took a train, went home, packed some.

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00:21:47,570 --> 00:21:50,690 And that's when my father took me to the station.

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00:21:50,690 --> 00:21:51,830 And told you you had to go.

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00:21:51,830 --> 00:21:52,830 And told me I had to go.

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00:21:52,830 --> 00:21:55,272 So what did this do to you inside?

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00:21:55,272 --> 00:21:57,775

Oh, that was a hard one.

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00:21:57,775 --> 00:21:58,960 Very hard.

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00:21:58,960 --> 00:22:02,820 But that said, the terror overcame any other feeling.

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00:22:02,820 --> 00:22:05,535 The terror?

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00:22:05,535 --> 00:22:09,640 Of course, I imagined anything and everything.

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00:22:09,640 --> 00:22:11,310 And particularly as a girl, I was

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00:22:11,310 --> 00:22:14,570 so terrified of what they were going to do to me.

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00:22:14,570 --> 00:22:16,630 But my parents told me to go.

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00:22:16,630 --> 00:22:20,160 I suppose I've always obeyed them in some way.

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00:22:20,160 --> 00:22:23,330 So as a girl, you were afraid they would rape you?

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00:22:23,330 --> 00:22:24,570 Mm-hmm.

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00:22:24,570 --> 00:22:26,520 So you were not just afraid that--

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00:22:26,520 --> 00:22:28,140

No, not just that.

00:22:28,140 --> 00:22:28,800 Everything.

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00:22:28,800 --> 00:22:30,740 Everything.

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00:22:30,740 --> 00:22:32,105 Had you heard things?

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00:22:32,105 --> 00:22:32,605

Probably.

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00:22:32,605 --> 00:22:35,840

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00:22:35,840 --> 00:22:40,200 And did you feel angry or upset with your parents telling

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00:22:40,200 --> 00:22:43,150 you to go, do you think?

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00:22:43,150 --> 00:22:46,230

I can still see myself in the train.

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 $00:22:46,230 \longrightarrow 00:22:51,720$ 

My major concern was the Gestapo at that particular moment.

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00:22:51,720 --> 00:22:55,440

Afterwards, I was-- yeah, I

had hard times with my parents.

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00:22:55,440 --> 00:22:59,820

I've questioned a lot of times why

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00:22:59,820 --> 00:23:02,010

did they force me to do that.

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00:23:02,010 --> 00:23:04,770 And I've even questioned it with some of our sisters

526 00:23:04,770 --> 00:23:07,590 and with real close friends.

527 00:23:07,590 --> 00:23:10,110 And everyone says, you know, fear

528 00:23:10,110 --> 00:23:15,545 makes people do the most incredible things.

529 00:23:15,545 --> 00:23:20,010

530 00:23:20,010 --> 00:23:23,010 But still, you would wonder, how come did that fear not

531 00:23:23,010 --> 00:23:24,990 apply to their daughter.

532 00:23:24,990 --> 00:23:25,980 Right.

533 00:23:25,980 --> 00:23:27,604 You know what I'm saying.

534 00:23:27,604 --> 00:23:30,290 Yes.

535 00:23:30,290 --> 00:23:33,490 Do you think they thought that--

536 00:23:33,490 --> 00:23:36,340 They must have thought that, obviously, they

537 00:23:36,340 --> 00:23:38,890 wouldn't take them and Henry.

538 00:23:38,890 --> 00:23:41,290 Maybe they were naive enough to think that,

539 00:23:41,290 --> 00:23:43,180 because you had a lot.

540 00:23:43,180 --> 00:23:47,950 But how much could you credit what you heard?

541 00:23:47,950 --> 00:23:51,610 And I have never seen that--

542 00:23:51,610 --> 00:23:56,890 never had a clarification on that type of path in my life.

543 00:23:56,890 --> 00:24:00,310 And then I decided, well, why keep it against them?

544 00:24:00,310 --> 00:24:03,440 I suppose they didn't know what they were doing.

545 00:24:03,440 --> 00:24:09,130 I suppose it is true, fear makes you so different from what

546 00:24:09,130 --> 00:24:12,320 you normally are, because I do think they loved us all.

547 00:24:12,320 --> 00:24:13,880 Yeah.

548 00:24:13,880 --> 00:24:16,230 Is it possible that they were really ignorant--

00:24:16,230 --> 00:24:16,920 I think so.

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00:24:16,920 --> 00:24:18,530 --about what was going on?

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00:24:18,530 --> 00:24:20,840 Mother, definitely, because for someone

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00:24:20,840 --> 00:24:23,570 who has no communication with the outside world,

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00:24:23,570 --> 00:24:26,510 it's only what it would come into her lap, right?

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00:24:26,510 --> 00:24:27,440 Right.

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00:24:27,440 --> 00:24:30,380 Now, how much my dad knew, I don't know.

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00:24:30,380 --> 00:24:33,230 And do you recall that both your mother and father

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00:24:33,230 --> 00:24:34,958 said to you you should go?

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00:24:34,958 --> 00:24:37,590 Mm-hmm.

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00:24:37,590 --> 00:24:41,370 Yeah, I'm not making it up, because to take me

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00:24:41,370 --> 00:24:45,780 from the home to the railroad station in Antwerp, you know?

561 00:24:45,780 --> 00:24:49,980 It's still the same railway station.

562 00:24:49,980 --> 00:24:53,770 I went in '98, I told you, with my niece there.

563 00:24:53,770 --> 00:24:59,670 I said, here is the famous place where he got me on the train.

564 00:24:59,670 --> 00:25:01,600 Did you see other people you knew

565 00:25:01,600 --> 00:25:02,820 who were going on the train?

566 00:25:02,820 --> 00:25:05,060 Oh, I don't think I even looked at any of them.

567 00:25:05,060 --> 00:25:06,060 I see.

568 00:25:06,060 --> 00:25:13,200 Remember, I had my big Star of David here, Jew, Juif, Jude,

569 00:25:13,200 --> 00:25:16,300 terrified petrified.

570 00:25:16,300 --> 00:25:20,558 And if it hadn't been for this unknown man, again.

571 00:25:20,558 --> 00:25:21,600 Yes, this is interesting.

572 00:25:21,600 --> 00:25:22,715 See, this is-- yeah.

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00:25:22,715 --> 00:25:27,040

You're on the train, and what happens?

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00:25:27,040 --> 00:25:30,550

I suppose the terror was just all over me.

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00:25:30,550 --> 00:25:32,800

And this man before Maline--

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00:25:32,800 --> 00:25:38,450

between Antwerp and Maline,

he said don't do it.

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00:25:38,450 --> 00:25:40,150

Go to the bathroom.

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00:25:40,150 --> 00:25:41,830

Take off your star.

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 $00:25:41,830 \longrightarrow 00:25:45,530$ 

Wait for the Gestapo to have come on the train,

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00:25:45,530 --> 00:25:46,870

and leave the train.

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00:25:46,870 --> 00:25:49,800

Then come out of the

bathroom, lock yourself in.

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 $00:25:49,800 \longrightarrow 00:25:51,140$ 

Here is me, I go.

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 $00:25:51,140 \longrightarrow 00:25:52,430$ 

I do what I'm told to do.

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00:25:52,430 --> 00:25:54,730

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585 00:25:54,730 --> 00:25:55,840 So I did.

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00:25:55,840 --> 00:25:58,290 I was able to tear off my star.

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00:25:58,290 --> 00:26:00,655

I stayed there

because they checked.

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00:26:00,655 --> 00:26:04,490

At every station, they could check.

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00:26:04,490 --> 00:26:06,090 And then when we passed Maline.

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00:26:06,090 --> 00:26:08,400

Particularly in

Maline, they checked.

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00:26:08,400 --> 00:26:11,630

Then I came out, and the

train went on to Brussels.

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00:26:11,630 --> 00:26:15,560

The stop was Maline, but

it goes on to Brussels.

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00:26:15,560 --> 00:26:17,880

And there was a man waiting.

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00:26:17,880 --> 00:26:23,440

And he said, meet me, which just

opposite the railway station

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00:26:23,440 --> 00:26:25,140

at one of the big hotels--

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00:26:25,140 --> 00:26:29,620

The Metropolitan or something

like that, which still exists.

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00:26:29,620 --> 00:26:31,530

And I met him there.

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00:26:31,530 --> 00:26:33,980 [INAUDIBLE] I didn't know where I was going.

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00:26:33,980 --> 00:26:35,020 So I met him there.

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00:26:35,020 --> 00:26:37,930 It was just across the street.

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00:26:37,930 --> 00:26:43,110 And then for some reason or another, I got suspicious.

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00:26:43,110 --> 00:26:44,100 I got frightened.

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00:26:44,100 --> 00:26:45,360 I got suspicious.

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00:26:45,360 --> 00:26:48,830 And he went to make a call or something, and I ran away.

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00:26:48,830 --> 00:26:51,600

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00:26:51,600 --> 00:26:55,170 I didn't know, was he going to hand me in?

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00:26:55,170 --> 00:26:57,240

Was he going to rape?

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00:26:57,240 --> 00:27:00,060

Was he going to-- what was he going to do?

609 00:27:00,060 --> 00:27:01,740 Why would he be interested in the girl

610 00:27:01,740 --> 00:27:04,830 just that he met there on the train?

611 00:27:04,830 --> 00:27:06,060 So I ran away.

612 00:27:06,060 --> 00:27:07,240 Where did I run to?

613 00:27:07,240 --> 00:27:10,002 I ran back to Laramie to the same school.

614 00:27:10,002 --> 00:27:10,710 I didn't go home.

615 00:27:10,710 --> 00:27:12,060 There was no point.

616 00:27:12,060 --> 00:27:14,920 My parents had told me to go.

617 00:27:14,920 --> 00:27:15,710 I see.

618 00:27:15,710 --> 00:27:19,740 So you are actually terrified to go home, I would imagine, yes?

619 00:27:19,740 --> 00:27:21,400 Yeah.

620 00:27:21,400 --> 00:27:22,740 But let me-- 00:27:22,740 --> 00:27:26,130 I wanted to ask you, then we're going to have to stop the tape.

622 00:27:26,130 --> 00:27:31,920 But on the train, why did this guy say take off your--

623 00:27:31,920 --> 00:27:33,962 did he think that you were going to Maline?

624 00:27:33,962 --> 00:27:34,670 Did you tell him?

625 00:27:34,670 --> 00:27:36,050 Mm-hmm.

626 00:27:36,050 --> 00:27:36,770 You had told him.

627 00:27:36,770 --> 00:27:38,500 That was the route.

628 00:27:38,500 --> 00:27:40,140 You had to star, and you were coming

629 00:27:40,140 --> 00:27:43,490 from Antwerp, that's the only route that you were going.

630 00:27:43,490 --> 00:27:45,890 So it's Antwerp, Maline, Brussels.

631 00:27:45,890 --> 00:27:48,190 Yes.

632 00:27:48,190 --> 00:27:51,080 So he knew. 00:27:51,080 --> 00:27:53,720 But it's interesting what your instincts were doing.

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00:27:53,720 --> 00:27:56,510 You somehow trusted him enough.

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00:27:56,510 --> 00:27:58,440 But not all the way.

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00:27:58,440 --> 00:28:00,380 [LAUGHS]

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00:28:00,380 --> 00:28:03,830 Particularly that he offered me his room.

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00:28:03,830 --> 00:28:05,570 And that did it.

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00:28:05,570 --> 00:28:07,790 I said no.

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00:28:07,790 --> 00:28:11,530

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00:28:11,530 --> 00:28:14,680 All right, let's stop and change the tape.

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00:28:14,680 --> 00:28:45,000