

1
00:00:00,000 --> 00:00:24,367

2
00:00:24,367 --> 00:00:25,075
Well, we lost it.

3
00:00:25,075 --> 00:00:28,370

4
00:00:28,370 --> 00:00:33,140
What we didn't make
clear in the last hour

5
00:00:33,140 --> 00:00:37,275
was how your mother and
brother ended up in Paris.

6
00:00:37,275 --> 00:00:37,950
Oh, yeah.

7
00:00:37,950 --> 00:00:40,340
So if you can
describe what you--

8
00:00:40,340 --> 00:00:42,020
you don't know from
the experience,

9
00:00:42,020 --> 00:00:44,450
but know from the story
that your mother must have--

10
00:00:44,450 --> 00:00:48,550
From bits and pieces,
and some of them,

11
00:00:48,550 --> 00:00:51,130
that I even only
heard about last year.

12
00:00:51,130 --> 00:00:54,970

Because it seems like things
don't flow in the family.

13
00:00:54,970 --> 00:00:57,620
I get a bit, and then
three years later, I

14
00:00:57,620 --> 00:00:58,890
get another little bit.

15
00:00:58,890 --> 00:01:00,775
So I don't know what it is.

16
00:01:00,775 --> 00:01:03,220
And the shame is,
as I said, I never

17
00:01:03,220 --> 00:01:06,430
had the chance to live with
my father after the war.

18
00:01:06,430 --> 00:01:09,760
So I really only know
what everyone has added

19
00:01:09,760 --> 00:01:11,710
a little bit over the years.

20
00:01:11,710 --> 00:01:16,030
I believe that they had
taken what you call a man--

21
00:01:16,030 --> 00:01:19,810
someone to pass them
from Antwerp to France.

22
00:01:19,810 --> 00:01:23,080
They were hoping to
reach the free zone.

23
00:01:23,080 --> 00:01:24,580
There was a free zone in France.

24

00:01:24,580 --> 00:01:26,890

I don't know how safe it was.

25

00:01:26,890 --> 00:01:29,290

But, anyway you thought.

26

00:01:29,290 --> 00:01:30,910

Right.

27

00:01:30,910 --> 00:01:35,140

And I think you had to pay
a certain sum per person,

28

00:01:35,140 --> 00:01:40,930

and also hand in whatever gold
or values you still have left.

29

00:01:40,930 --> 00:01:45,640

Because the reason they gave
was, if you are arrested,

30

00:01:45,640 --> 00:01:48,087

we can save it for you.

31

00:01:48,087 --> 00:01:50,170

But if you're arrested,
they will take everything.

32

00:01:50,170 --> 00:01:53,170

You will end up with
nothing, which at that time,

33

00:01:53,170 --> 00:01:56,870

did you care whether
you had anything or not?

34

00:01:56,870 --> 00:02:00,580

So they set out, I think,
for the second attempt.

35

00:02:00,580 --> 00:02:05,050

And they were supposed to be

passed over in Paris somewhere

36

00:02:05,050 --> 00:02:08,169
from one station to another.

37

00:02:08,169 --> 00:02:13,000
But the lady who passed them
was arrested on the train

38

00:02:13,000 --> 00:02:14,900
before they reached Paris.

39

00:02:14,900 --> 00:02:18,040
And as I said, I still
remember the name, Haberkorn.

40

00:02:18,040 --> 00:02:21,940
She used to do it
on a frequent basis.

41

00:02:21,940 --> 00:02:25,480
From what I guess from
Henry, my youngest brother,

42

00:02:25,480 --> 00:02:27,970
she had the certain
status, which

43

00:02:27,970 --> 00:02:30,910
allowed her to do
these trips in and out.

44

00:02:30,910 --> 00:02:34,420
And so she was covered, but
she wasn't that well covered,

45

00:02:34,420 --> 00:02:37,720
because they took her off
the train right there.

46

00:02:37,720 --> 00:02:42,340
So from what I have heard,
when they reached Paris,

47
00:02:42,340 --> 00:02:44,050
there was total chaos.

48
00:02:44,050 --> 00:02:46,510
And they lost each other.

49
00:02:46,510 --> 00:02:50,380
My father lost trace
of my mother and Henry.

50
00:02:50,380 --> 00:02:54,370
And I don't know where he went
or how he ended up on his own,

51
00:02:54,370 --> 00:02:56,680
carrying on to the
South of France.

52
00:02:56,680 --> 00:03:00,580
And she was stranded
with other couples.

53
00:03:00,580 --> 00:03:05,320
And someone told them
your only chance now

54
00:03:05,320 --> 00:03:10,330
is go to this hotel, wherever
the street of that hotel was.

55
00:03:10,330 --> 00:03:14,980
And I presume, not
speaking the language, lost

56
00:03:14,980 --> 00:03:17,650
without her husband, she
just followed whichever

57
00:03:17,650 --> 00:03:21,040
group of people went
and ended up there,

58

00:03:21,040 --> 00:03:24,160

and never found a
trace of her husband.

59

00:03:24,160 --> 00:03:26,395

Well, she died before
the end of the war.

60

00:03:26,395 --> 00:03:29,530

61

00:03:29,530 --> 00:03:31,720

And your father
ended up in Lyon.

62

00:03:31,720 --> 00:03:34,630

He ended up-- first,
he went as far

63

00:03:34,630 --> 00:03:36,700

as trying to get
into Switzerland.

64

00:03:36,700 --> 00:03:39,540

65

00:03:39,540 --> 00:03:44,470

One of the last years I
heard that he had gone in,

66

00:03:44,470 --> 00:03:47,200

but hadn't found
a place to stay.

67

00:03:47,200 --> 00:03:49,330

And they were hiding
in the synagogue

68

00:03:49,330 --> 00:03:52,150

right there close to the
border, whichever city it

69

00:03:52,150 --> 00:03:56,530
was when the Gestapo came
to round them all up.

70
00:03:56,530 --> 00:03:59,020
And they got the notice in time.

71
00:03:59,020 --> 00:04:01,180
So he went on the roof.

72
00:04:01,180 --> 00:04:03,880
Spent the night there,
hiding behind the chimney

73
00:04:03,880 --> 00:04:06,910
of the synagogue or
whatever, until he

74
00:04:06,910 --> 00:04:10,930
was told by people who passed
that it was safe to come down.

75
00:04:10,930 --> 00:04:12,190
And he did.

76
00:04:12,190 --> 00:04:17,550
But I don't think he was
allowed to stay in Switzerland,

77
00:04:17,550 --> 00:04:20,410
or the reception wasn't
good or whatever.

78
00:04:20,410 --> 00:04:24,840
So he decided to walk back
with the help of some farmers.

79
00:04:24,840 --> 00:04:29,280
And so he hid for the
rest of the war near Lyon

80
00:04:29,280 --> 00:04:35,680
in the forest, where

he worked as a wood--

81
00:04:35,680 --> 00:04:36,360
what?

82
00:04:36,360 --> 00:04:39,880
Wood feller, or whatever we had
work, which he had not never

83
00:04:39,880 --> 00:04:44,710
done in his life from
polishing and cutting diamonds.

84
00:04:44,710 --> 00:04:48,070
So he had a hard time-- a
very hard time to survive.

85
00:04:48,070 --> 00:04:52,210
But they fed him, and I believe
they gave him some lodging.

86
00:04:52,210 --> 00:04:54,220
So that's where
he spent the war.

87
00:04:54,220 --> 00:04:57,970
And he must have
waited for the day,

88
00:04:57,970 --> 00:05:02,560
because they came back as
soon as the war was over, two

89
00:05:02,560 --> 00:05:04,616
days later, he was in Brussels.

90
00:05:04,616 --> 00:05:06,170
And so did David.

91
00:05:06,170 --> 00:05:08,880

92

00:05:08,880 --> 00:05:10,950
Interesting.

93
00:05:10,950 --> 00:05:12,450
All right, now we can go--

94
00:05:12,450 --> 00:05:13,490
Back to my mother

95
00:05:13,490 --> 00:05:14,500
Back to your mother.

96
00:05:14,500 --> 00:05:15,000
OK.

97
00:05:15,000 --> 00:05:19,980
Your mother is now with Clara
and Jacques, with Henry.

98
00:05:19,980 --> 00:05:23,280
And as I understand it,
Clara has no children.

99
00:05:23,280 --> 00:05:24,030
No.

100
00:05:24,030 --> 00:05:25,360
So it's just the five--

101
00:05:25,360 --> 00:05:26,410
Thank God.

102
00:05:26,410 --> 00:05:29,030
Four of them, rather.

103
00:05:29,030 --> 00:05:33,590
So you go back to this
wonderful reception,

104
00:05:33,590 --> 00:05:36,320
with Elise and Marie so
happy to have you back.

105
00:05:36,320 --> 00:05:38,753
And you find out that
they have been looking

106
00:05:38,753 --> 00:05:39,920
to see whether there was a--

107
00:05:39,920 --> 00:05:43,560
Yes, and then that was
finalized pretty soon,

108
00:05:43,560 --> 00:05:46,850
like within a week or so.

109
00:05:46,850 --> 00:05:49,160
The parish priest
from Grez-Doiceau,

110
00:05:49,160 --> 00:05:53,260
the one who knew all
about my situation,

111
00:05:53,260 --> 00:05:57,940
had asked the parish priest of
the next little village whether

112
00:05:57,940 --> 00:06:01,420
he would take in my
mother, hide her,

113
00:06:01,420 --> 00:06:04,660
and that she would be
like the housekeeper--

114
00:06:04,660 --> 00:06:07,930
which they all
have a housekeeper.

115
00:06:07,930 --> 00:06:11,070
So he agreed on that.

116

00:06:11,070 --> 00:06:14,220

No, I don't think
I went to get her.

117

00:06:14,220 --> 00:06:16,950

I have a feeling that
Clara brought her over

118

00:06:16,950 --> 00:06:19,080
to Grez-Doiceau.

119

00:06:19,080 --> 00:06:22,140

I think that's the only visit
I remember her visiting me

120

00:06:22,140 --> 00:06:24,810
where I was hiding.

121

00:06:24,810 --> 00:06:27,890
And we talked quite a bit.

122

00:06:27,890 --> 00:06:30,510
And we said we would try to
find a place for her, too.

123

00:06:30,510 --> 00:06:32,700
And she kind of agreed on that.

124

00:06:32,700 --> 00:06:35,370
And then she went
back to Brussels.

125

00:06:35,370 --> 00:06:39,960
And Marie and myself, we brought
my mother over to the priest.

126

00:06:39,960 --> 00:06:43,170
But we left in the evening, as
we've always done afterwards,

127

00:06:43,170 --> 00:06:45,070
just to be on the safe side.

128

00:06:45,070 --> 00:06:46,570

And we went through the fields.

129

00:06:46,570 --> 00:06:51,030

It was within two miles walking distance, so not that far-- no,

130

00:06:51,030 --> 00:06:54,000

four miles, but feasible.

131

00:06:54,000 --> 00:06:56,330

And of course, we

[INAUDIBLE] Henry with us.

132

00:06:56,330 --> 00:06:58,050

Right.

133

00:06:58,050 --> 00:07:01,800

But then, the parish

priest from Gottechain,

134

00:07:01,800 --> 00:07:03,900

the one who took

my mother in, made

135

00:07:03,900 --> 00:07:07,950

us understand that it

wasn't a dumb thing

136

00:07:07,950 --> 00:07:11,970

to have a housekeeper

with a child.

137

00:07:11,970 --> 00:07:16,530

That we would have to

find a place for Henry.

138

00:07:16,530 --> 00:07:20,580

Now, that was the worst

trauma that she ever

139

00:07:20,580 --> 00:07:25,290

went to, because that was
her last living support that

140
00:07:25,290 --> 00:07:26,850
was taken away from her.

141
00:07:26,850 --> 00:07:30,090
And no matter what I said,
that I wasn't too far,

142
00:07:30,090 --> 00:07:32,100
I'd come and visit
you at least once

143
00:07:32,100 --> 00:07:36,490
a week, that was very,
very hard-- on both sides.

144
00:07:36,490 --> 00:07:38,130
He had never been without her.

145
00:07:38,130 --> 00:07:39,840
That was his only link.

146
00:07:39,840 --> 00:07:43,590
And she, to separate from
him, well, was just terrible--

147
00:07:43,590 --> 00:07:46,370
real terrible.

148
00:07:46,370 --> 00:07:49,070
About how old do you think
your mother was at this time?

149
00:07:49,070 --> 00:07:50,420
In her 40s or 50s?

150
00:07:50,420 --> 00:07:51,060
In her 40s.

151
00:07:51,060 --> 00:07:51,560

In her 40s?

152

00:07:51,560 --> 00:07:54,820

You know, she died, she was
48, so she was pretty young.

153

00:07:54,820 --> 00:07:57,040

Right.

154

00:07:57,040 --> 00:08:00,340

So that separation, that
moment must have been awful.

155

00:08:00,340 --> 00:08:01,660

It was awful.

156

00:08:01,660 --> 00:08:03,010

Just awful.

157

00:08:03,010 --> 00:08:06,070

Now, don't forget, here she
is, and she can't speak.

158

00:08:06,070 --> 00:08:07,340

Right.

159

00:08:07,340 --> 00:08:11,000

So they made-- she
did the housekeeping.

160

00:08:11,000 --> 00:08:13,100

She did the cooking
for the parish priest.

161

00:08:13,100 --> 00:08:15,460

Now, here we go with
the kosher and the--

162

00:08:15,460 --> 00:08:18,020

[LAUGHTER]

163

00:08:18,020 --> 00:08:19,670

That was something else.

164
00:08:19,670 --> 00:08:21,800
Oh, that was so awful for her.

165
00:08:21,800 --> 00:08:24,200
See for her, I think--

166
00:08:24,200 --> 00:08:27,560
I was told by the doctor that
the stress of all that alone,

167
00:08:27,560 --> 00:08:30,380
plus all the other things
that happened after,

168
00:08:30,380 --> 00:08:33,450
would have been
enough to have cancer.

169
00:08:33,450 --> 00:08:35,870
She died of cancer of the liver.

170
00:08:35,870 --> 00:08:39,260
But she just couldn't handle it.

171
00:08:39,260 --> 00:08:42,620
I can't imagine, if you
can't communicate, you know?

172
00:08:42,620 --> 00:08:44,690
She had another lady
who used to come in now

173
00:08:44,690 --> 00:08:46,940
and again, and give
us some advice.

174
00:08:46,940 --> 00:08:52,250
And she was kind of well in the
knowing of what was going on.

175

00:08:52,250 --> 00:08:54,020
And they communicated
quite a bit

176
00:08:54,020 --> 00:08:56,420
by hand and signs
and things like that.

177
00:08:56,420 --> 00:08:58,460
He didn't speak
anything but French.

178
00:08:58,460 --> 00:09:00,470
She couldn't speak
French at all.

179
00:09:00,470 --> 00:09:03,870
So it wasn't an easy
situation at all.

180
00:09:03,870 --> 00:09:06,840
It was a big parish
house, you know?

181
00:09:06,840 --> 00:09:10,820
They're usually pretty-- yeah.

182
00:09:10,820 --> 00:09:12,470
And she did the cooking for him.

183
00:09:12,470 --> 00:09:14,750
So she's really
completely isolated,

184
00:09:14,750 --> 00:09:17,100
except for those little
visits that you might have.

185
00:09:17,100 --> 00:09:17,930
Yeah.

186
00:09:17,930 --> 00:09:20,480
And did you ever say to

her, let me teach you

187

00:09:20,480 --> 00:09:22,110
a little bit of French?

188

00:09:22,110 --> 00:09:23,470
No.

189

00:09:23,470 --> 00:09:26,180
I probably thought it's
a hopeless situation.

190

00:09:26,180 --> 00:09:28,640
[LAUGHTER]

191

00:09:28,640 --> 00:09:31,700
Or maybe I wasn't a
teacher in those days.

192

00:09:31,700 --> 00:09:37,520
No, I've never tried, or maybe
didn't even come in question.

193

00:09:37,520 --> 00:09:38,630
I don't know.

194

00:09:38,630 --> 00:09:40,580
Maybe I did tell
her a few words,

195

00:09:40,580 --> 00:09:44,000
and I'd write out a few words
the way she could read it,

196

00:09:44,000 --> 00:09:47,240
you know, with how it sounds.

197

00:09:47,240 --> 00:09:49,730
Because I do remember
the parish priest

198

00:09:49,730 --> 00:09:52,340

laughing about some
spices and things, where I

199
00:09:52,340 --> 00:09:54,620
had labeled it my way for her.

200
00:09:54,620 --> 00:09:57,230
And he said, I don't know where
you get this language from.

201
00:09:57,230 --> 00:09:58,786
It looks like a Regime-ism.

202
00:09:58,786 --> 00:10:00,260
I'd say, whatever.

203
00:10:00,260 --> 00:10:02,415
As long as she knows
what she's doing.

204
00:10:02,415 --> 00:10:04,040
So you would put it
in Yiddish for her.

205
00:10:04,040 --> 00:10:04,540
Mm-hmm.

206
00:10:04,540 --> 00:10:07,603
Spelling Yiddish,
that with our letters.

207
00:10:07,603 --> 00:10:08,770
Do you know what I'm saying?

208
00:10:08,770 --> 00:10:09,980
So you transliterated it.

209
00:10:09,980 --> 00:10:10,730
Yeah.

210
00:10:10,730 --> 00:10:12,050
Yes, and she could that?

211
00:10:12,050 --> 00:10:14,050
Yes, she could read that.

212
00:10:14,050 --> 00:10:15,120
Uh-huh.

213
00:10:15,120 --> 00:10:16,020
That's interesting.

214
00:10:16,020 --> 00:10:16,520
Yeah.

215
00:10:16,520 --> 00:10:19,640

216
00:10:19,640 --> 00:10:26,820
So how-- we're in
1942, '43, right?

217
00:10:26,820 --> 00:10:29,240
Beginning '42 [INAUDIBLE], yeah.

218
00:10:29,240 --> 00:10:32,390
Because remember,
she only died in '44.

219
00:10:32,390 --> 00:10:33,150
Right.

220
00:10:33,150 --> 00:10:34,920
[? Jules ?] almost made it.

221
00:10:34,920 --> 00:10:38,820
Yeah, '42 and '43, she's
with the priest now.

222
00:10:38,820 --> 00:10:39,860
Right.

223
00:10:39,860 --> 00:10:45,700

And OK, so after a few days,
he found a place for Henry,

224
00:10:45,700 --> 00:10:49,270
but that is not so far away.

225
00:10:49,270 --> 00:10:52,090
With no means of
transport, that was

226
00:10:52,090 --> 00:10:56,060
heartbreaking to separate the
two on both sides, as I say.

227
00:10:56,060 --> 00:10:57,910
And where did he stay
over these few days?

228
00:10:57,910 --> 00:10:59,902
Did he go back with you to the--

229
00:10:59,902 --> 00:11:00,402
No.

230
00:11:00,402 --> 00:11:02,800
And you know, I have
a total blank there.

231
00:11:02,800 --> 00:11:08,990
I don't know whether to the same
parish priests of Grez-Doiceau.

232
00:11:08,990 --> 00:11:13,130
He must have had someone who
worked in the resistance who

233
00:11:13,130 --> 00:11:18,830
came to get him, and drove
him probably to Dinant

234
00:11:18,830 --> 00:11:22,560
And those people were
in the resistance, too.

235
00:11:22,560 --> 00:11:26,670
And they were going to
take him, but not keep him.

236
00:11:26,670 --> 00:11:28,290
That's what Henry told me.

237
00:11:28,290 --> 00:11:31,050
When he arrived, he
was only supposed

238
00:11:31,050 --> 00:11:33,300
to spend a few days there.

239
00:11:33,300 --> 00:11:36,330
And then they were going to
bring him over to an orphanage,

240
00:11:36,330 --> 00:11:39,150
as they used to do where
all the Jewish people are.

241
00:11:39,150 --> 00:11:42,810
Kids were hidden, too.

242
00:11:42,810 --> 00:11:45,720
But there were six
children in that farm.

243
00:11:45,720 --> 00:11:48,905
They lived on the top of
the city in the citadel,

244
00:11:48,905 --> 00:11:51,670
like a fort.

245
00:11:51,670 --> 00:11:54,210
Very beautiful.

246
00:11:54,210 --> 00:11:56,820
And one day, the kids

came back from school.

247

00:11:56,820 --> 00:11:58,120

And here is this little boy.

248

00:11:58,120 --> 00:12:00,450

So you can imagine the
questions are flying.

249

00:12:00,450 --> 00:12:01,950

They were all kids--

250

00:12:01,950 --> 00:12:03,090

grade school kids.

251

00:12:03,090 --> 00:12:05,070

And who is he, and he's cute.

252

00:12:05,070 --> 00:12:11,290

And so the mother explained that
his parents were not around,

253

00:12:11,290 --> 00:12:14,010

and they were just
keeping him a few days

254

00:12:14,010 --> 00:12:16,050

until their dad
would have settled

255

00:12:16,050 --> 00:12:19,710

that he'd be accepted in
the orphanage, whichever

256

00:12:19,710 --> 00:12:21,000

place it was going to be.

257

00:12:21,000 --> 00:12:23,570

258

00:12:23,570 --> 00:12:26,270

So the kids went

along with the story.

259

00:12:26,270 --> 00:12:27,260

But then when they--

260

00:12:27,260 --> 00:12:28,920

and they had to

go back to school.

261

00:12:28,920 --> 00:12:32,530

So the next day, they

started really begging

262

00:12:32,530 --> 00:12:33,800

not to send him away.

263

00:12:33,800 --> 00:12:35,680

They got really attached

to him right away.

264

00:12:35,680 --> 00:12:38,020

And they said, oh no,

we want to keep him.

265

00:12:38,020 --> 00:12:40,140

Why should he have to

go to an orphanage,

266

00:12:40,140 --> 00:12:43,600

and how would you like

it if we lost our parents

267

00:12:43,600 --> 00:12:45,700

and you sent us?

268

00:12:45,700 --> 00:12:48,790

[INAUDIBLE] the girls themselves

have told me the story,

269

00:12:48,790 --> 00:12:51,710

not that long ago,

how they really made

270

00:12:51,710 --> 00:12:54,280

a scene of it, because they
thought he was so cute.

271

00:12:54,280 --> 00:12:56,950

And probably, in
every kid's mind,

272

00:12:56,950 --> 00:12:58,670

an orphanage is an orphanage.

273

00:12:58,670 --> 00:13:01,130

It sounded awful.

274

00:13:01,130 --> 00:13:01,630

So--

275

00:13:01,630 --> 00:13:05,330

How interesting they would
think if it would happen--

276

00:13:05,330 --> 00:13:07,330

And compare, yeah.

277

00:13:07,330 --> 00:13:10,500

So they decided they'd keep him.

278

00:13:10,500 --> 00:13:12,520

So this is the Alardo family.

279

00:13:12,520 --> 00:13:17,500

The Alardo family, another
very Catholic family--

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00:13:17,500 --> 00:13:20,720

very Catholic.

281

00:13:20,720 --> 00:13:22,760

And they lived up
there in the citadel.

282

00:13:22,760 --> 00:13:24,860

And of course, they
had trained Henry,

283

00:13:24,860 --> 00:13:27,110

and he had to make
a lot of promises

284

00:13:27,110 --> 00:13:30,450

that he would never
reveal his identity,

285

00:13:30,450 --> 00:13:32,120

he would never say who he is.

286

00:13:32,120 --> 00:13:34,460

He would never say from
where he was coming.

287

00:13:34,460 --> 00:13:36,860

They had tested them
in many, many ways

288

00:13:36,860 --> 00:13:40,340

to see whether it was safe
for themselves to keep him,

289

00:13:40,340 --> 00:13:42,410

being that they were
in the Resistance.

290

00:13:42,410 --> 00:13:45,200

So the Alardo family
was in the resistance?

291

00:13:45,200 --> 00:13:46,850

I see.

292

00:13:46,850 --> 00:13:50,690

And they even sent,
like, a distant uncle

293

00:13:50,690 --> 00:13:56,120

to come and visit, and
really test Henry out with I

294
00:13:56,120 --> 00:13:58,100
don't know how many
questions, just

295
00:13:58,100 --> 00:14:00,210
to see how safe it would be.

296
00:14:00,210 --> 00:14:04,400
Would eh reveal anything that
would put everyone in danger?

297
00:14:04,400 --> 00:14:05,780
But he never let go.

298
00:14:05,780 --> 00:14:08,660
So they kept him.

299
00:14:08,660 --> 00:14:09,160
And he--

300
00:14:09,160 --> 00:14:11,200
He was a character,
too, let me tell you.

301
00:14:11,200 --> 00:14:12,571
He was a character, yes.

302
00:14:12,571 --> 00:14:14,860
[LAUGHTER]

303
00:14:14,860 --> 00:14:17,380
He must have been,
and a real survivor,

304
00:14:17,380 --> 00:14:20,680
because what he went through
much younger than I did,

305
00:14:20,680 --> 00:14:21,580

you know?

306

00:14:21,580 --> 00:14:24,940

Even this testing out, you
know-- where are your parents

307

00:14:24,940 --> 00:14:26,420

and how come you
don't know this?

308

00:14:26,420 --> 00:14:28,030

And haven't you
got any brothers,

309

00:14:28,030 --> 00:14:29,200

and why don't you know that.

310

00:14:29,200 --> 00:14:33,190

And they really
went all the way up.

311

00:14:33,190 --> 00:14:35,140

But they had to do
that, I believe, just

312

00:14:35,140 --> 00:14:37,520

to make sure, because--

313

00:14:37,520 --> 00:14:38,540

it was just terrible.

314

00:14:38,540 --> 00:14:40,910

So does he now
have false papers?

315

00:14:40,910 --> 00:14:43,750

Did a child that age-- he was,
what, seven, eight years old.

316

00:14:43,750 --> 00:14:46,130

No, I don't think he
needed any papers.

317

00:14:46,130 --> 00:14:47,630

He was too young probably.

318

00:14:47,630 --> 00:14:48,290

I don't know.

319

00:14:48,290 --> 00:14:51,260

He might have had, but that
detail I haven't found out.

320

00:14:51,260 --> 00:14:53,150

I can find out next year.

321

00:14:53,150 --> 00:14:54,890

But I'm not sure whether he had.

322

00:14:54,890 --> 00:14:58,420

He actually went to
school with the kids.

323

00:14:58,420 --> 00:15:00,520

And do you know how
they explained that, all

324

00:15:00,520 --> 00:15:03,800

of a sudden, this seventh kid?

325

00:15:03,800 --> 00:15:07,040

Maybe he said it was a
little cousin or a nephew,

326

00:15:07,040 --> 00:15:07,760

or anything.

327

00:15:07,760 --> 00:15:09,780

But he told me he went
to school with them.

328

00:15:09,780 --> 00:15:11,900

He started going to
school with them.

329

00:15:11,900 --> 00:15:14,060

Did he have a false identity?

330

00:15:14,060 --> 00:15:16,340

If not papers, but did
he have another name?

331

00:15:16,340 --> 00:15:18,270

Oh, yeah, he must
have had another name.

332

00:15:18,270 --> 00:15:19,830

Yeah.

333

00:15:19,830 --> 00:15:22,500

He was totally integrated
in the family--

334

00:15:22,500 --> 00:15:24,090

totally, yeah.

335

00:15:24,090 --> 00:15:26,550

So did it take him a
long time to adjust

336

00:15:26,550 --> 00:15:28,930

to all these strangers
or with these kids?

337

00:15:28,930 --> 00:15:31,210

No, he was very happy
with the family.

338

00:15:31,210 --> 00:15:33,780

He still is-- very.

339

00:15:33,780 --> 00:15:35,100

He wouldn't have left.

340

00:15:35,100 --> 00:15:36,990

He was forced to go.

341

00:15:36,990 --> 00:15:40,290

As you know, the story
unfolds itself later.

342

00:15:40,290 --> 00:15:43,008

He was heartbroken.

343

00:15:43,008 --> 00:15:44,550

Henry would never
have gone to Israel

344

00:15:44,550 --> 00:15:48,325

if it hadn't been for my father.

345

00:15:48,325 --> 00:15:49,200

So tell me something.

346

00:15:49,200 --> 00:15:52,050

Do you feel then--

347

00:15:52,050 --> 00:15:53,790

I don't mean what you feel now.

348

00:15:53,790 --> 00:15:58,560

But here, in fact, you save
your brother and your mother.

349

00:15:58,560 --> 00:16:01,260

Do you have a
sense of growing up

350

00:16:01,260 --> 00:16:04,506

that you're doing something
important that you have

351

00:16:04,506 --> 00:16:05,280

[INAUDIBLE]?

352

00:16:05,280 --> 00:16:08,700

I probably had a certain
satisfaction to say, well,

353

00:16:08,700 --> 00:16:13,480

at least I saved my mother
and I saved my little brother.

354

00:16:13,480 --> 00:16:17,590

And I'm amazed that I
could do that, you know?

355

00:16:17,590 --> 00:16:20,890

But without finding
anything glorifying in it.

356

00:16:20,890 --> 00:16:25,960

I mean, life was just too
hard and too difficult

357

00:16:25,960 --> 00:16:27,085

in so many ways.

358

00:16:27,085 --> 00:16:28,930

But it had to give
you a certain kind

359

00:16:28,930 --> 00:16:31,090

of sense of accomplishment.

360

00:16:31,090 --> 00:16:32,170

Yeah, maybe.

361

00:16:32,170 --> 00:16:34,608

But maybe more
than after the war.

362

00:16:34,608 --> 00:16:35,650

You know what I'm saying?

363

00:16:35,650 --> 00:16:36,790

Yes.

364

00:16:36,790 --> 00:16:38,950

Because we were very crushed.

365

00:16:38,950 --> 00:16:40,480

It takes a long time to--

366

00:16:40,480 --> 00:16:41,650

To get back.

367

00:16:41,650 --> 00:16:45,420

To get back into a human
shape, let me say, you know?

368

00:16:45,420 --> 00:16:50,810

We were good-for-nothing, I
mean, from everywhere we moved.

369

00:16:50,810 --> 00:16:54,190

So you grow up with that, and
it's difficult to shake it off.

370

00:16:54,190 --> 00:16:57,280

371

00:16:57,280 --> 00:17:03,670

At this time, is your knowledge
of what the Germans are doing

372

00:17:03,670 --> 00:17:05,500

is murdering Jews in the East?

373

00:17:05,500 --> 00:17:06,380

You know this.

374

00:17:06,380 --> 00:17:08,260

Yeah, we already know.

375

00:17:08,260 --> 00:17:11,380

That there are gas chambers
without knowing what they are.

376

00:17:11,380 --> 00:17:16,119

[INAUDIBLE] we have already
start hearing things like that.

377

00:17:16,119 --> 00:17:17,254

You really believe it?

378

00:17:17,254 --> 00:17:17,880

Oh, yeah.

379

00:17:17,880 --> 00:17:18,599

Yeah.

380

00:17:18,599 --> 00:17:19,869

Yeah.

381

00:17:19,869 --> 00:17:22,480

So now you're back,
and you know there's

382

00:17:22,480 --> 00:17:25,744

a certain degree of safety for
your brother and your mother.

383

00:17:25,744 --> 00:17:26,560

Yeah.

384

00:17:26,560 --> 00:17:30,032

And Clara, are they trying
to find a place for her,

385

00:17:30,032 --> 00:17:30,740

and she doesn't--

386

00:17:30,740 --> 00:17:32,290

Yeah, so Henry's settled.

387

00:17:32,290 --> 00:17:33,205

My mother is settled.

388

00:17:33,205 --> 00:17:36,040

We try to arrange visits.

389

00:17:36,040 --> 00:17:39,250

He didn't come too

often to Gottechain,

390

00:17:39,250 --> 00:17:44,920

because you've seen on the map,
Dinant was a real big distance.

391

00:17:44,920 --> 00:17:47,350

I visited at least once a week.

392

00:17:47,350 --> 00:17:49,390

In the beginning, maybe
I went once or twice.

393

00:17:49,390 --> 00:17:52,480

But then, I tried to
distance once a week.

394

00:17:52,480 --> 00:17:56,500

And we did arrange
between the two families

395

00:17:56,500 --> 00:18:03,400

that we would meet not in
Dinant, but in a monastery,

396

00:18:03,400 --> 00:18:05,800

which is like a whole
village, with grounds

397

00:18:05,800 --> 00:18:09,550

and a Benedictine monastery
above Namur, where

398

00:18:09,550 --> 00:18:11,470

we could all three be together.

399

00:18:11,470 --> 00:18:12,830

We did that a few times.

400

00:18:12,830 --> 00:18:16,210

So the Dinant family
would bring Henry over.

401

00:18:16,210 --> 00:18:18,970

I would come with
my mother and Marie.

402

00:18:18,970 --> 00:18:20,770

Thank God I always
had someone with me.

403

00:18:20,770 --> 00:18:22,330

So that was great.

404

00:18:22,330 --> 00:18:24,130

And we would, like,
spend the night,

405

00:18:24,130 --> 00:18:25,960

and go back the next day.

406

00:18:25,960 --> 00:18:27,190

So we had some visits.

407

00:18:27,190 --> 00:18:28,270

It was good for her.

408

00:18:28,270 --> 00:18:30,530

It was good for him, in
the beginning particularly.

409

00:18:30,530 --> 00:18:32,710

And so how did your mother
go, and how did you come?

410

00:18:32,710 --> 00:18:33,252

Did you bike?

411

00:18:33,252 --> 00:18:34,900

My mother, we would
go and get her.

412

00:18:34,900 --> 00:18:38,020

And then-- no, we would have
to go by public transport.

413
00:18:38,020 --> 00:18:38,800
It wasn't easy.

414
00:18:38,800 --> 00:18:40,990
Part of it we could do by bus.

415
00:18:40,990 --> 00:18:42,670
Part of it we do by train.

416
00:18:42,670 --> 00:18:44,590
But again, we take
all these risks.

417
00:18:44,590 --> 00:18:46,030
See what I'm saying?

418
00:18:46,030 --> 00:18:50,320
You keep kind of relaxing a bit.

419
00:18:50,320 --> 00:18:52,120
And does your mother
have false papers?

420
00:18:52,120 --> 00:18:52,810
Yeah.

421
00:18:52,810 --> 00:18:53,470
Now she has?

422
00:18:53,470 --> 00:18:54,160
Yeah, yeah.

423
00:18:54,160 --> 00:18:55,640
What was her name?

424
00:18:55,640 --> 00:18:56,485
I can't remember.

425
00:18:56,485 --> 00:18:57,277
You can't remember?

426
00:18:57,277 --> 00:18:58,270
[LAUGHTER]

427
00:18:58,270 --> 00:18:58,940
But she has--

428
00:18:58,940 --> 00:19:00,920
Yeah, a Belgian identity card.

429
00:19:00,920 --> 00:19:03,715
But she needs to keep quiet
because she has no language.

430
00:19:03,715 --> 00:19:04,580
She can't talk.

431
00:19:04,580 --> 00:19:05,080
Right.

432
00:19:05,080 --> 00:19:06,700
But she has papers.

433
00:19:06,700 --> 00:19:09,640
So does she act as if she's
a mute person in public,

434
00:19:09,640 --> 00:19:11,140
or does she just
sleep all the time?

435
00:19:11,140 --> 00:19:14,740
She more or less
sleeps all the time.

436
00:19:14,740 --> 00:19:17,100
And I do the talking.

437
00:19:17,100 --> 00:19:17,600
And--

438

00:19:17,600 --> 00:19:18,270
Strange.

439
00:19:18,270 --> 00:19:20,320
Strange, strange.

440
00:19:20,320 --> 00:19:21,820
And she really never--

441
00:19:21,820 --> 00:19:24,670
see, that was really hard,
because the Hanquet family

442
00:19:24,670 --> 00:19:29,080
would have loved to have
a relationship with her,

443
00:19:29,080 --> 00:19:30,790
a conversation.

444
00:19:30,790 --> 00:19:35,470
She was a very gentle
lady and very loving.

445
00:19:35,470 --> 00:19:37,720
But there was just
never any possibility

446
00:19:37,720 --> 00:19:40,228
of any deeper contact with
her, because it'd all have

447
00:19:40,228 --> 00:19:41,395
to go through a translation.

448
00:19:41,395 --> 00:19:45,680
So backward, forward, you know?

449
00:19:45,680 --> 00:19:48,710
So how often?

450
00:19:48,710 --> 00:19:51,120

Would it be once every
few weeks that you

451
00:19:51,120 --> 00:19:53,180
were going to this
monastery, so she

452
00:19:53,180 --> 00:19:55,040
could spend a good deal
of time with Henry,

453
00:19:55,040 --> 00:19:56,470
and know that he was OK?

454
00:19:56,470 --> 00:19:57,290
Yeah.

455
00:19:57,290 --> 00:20:00,680
So could she feel
at least better--

456
00:20:00,680 --> 00:20:04,810
Yeah, that made her feel better.

457
00:20:04,810 --> 00:20:07,190
And then we did
go once or twice.

458
00:20:07,190 --> 00:20:09,930
Now, Henry tells me-- and I
have no recollection of that,

459
00:20:09,930 --> 00:20:14,280
so maybe he's right, that once
or twice, she went by herself.

460
00:20:14,280 --> 00:20:16,550
They put her on the train
and she went by herself

461
00:20:16,550 --> 00:20:18,810
to visit him in Dinant.

462

00:20:18,810 --> 00:20:21,780

And there are some pictures
taken in front of the house

463

00:20:21,780 --> 00:20:22,800

there.

464

00:20:22,800 --> 00:20:26,250

So maybe-- I mean, I don't
know how she did that.

465

00:20:26,250 --> 00:20:31,920

I have-- my feeling is I
might have dropped her off.

466

00:20:31,920 --> 00:20:34,740

He took her at that
station, and then it's

467

00:20:34,740 --> 00:20:37,320

only two stops further
to the monastery.

468

00:20:37,320 --> 00:20:40,410

And I was interested to go
there and drop my mother off

469

00:20:40,410 --> 00:20:42,060

to visit with Henry.

470

00:20:42,060 --> 00:20:43,853

That's how I think it was.

471

00:20:43,853 --> 00:20:45,770

And he wouldn't necessarily
know that, anyway.

472

00:20:45,770 --> 00:20:46,270

No.

473

00:20:46,270 --> 00:20:50,980

474
00:20:50,980 --> 00:20:55,760
But it's interesting because
he's in a family with six kids.

475
00:20:55,760 --> 00:20:56,710
Yeah.

476
00:20:56,710 --> 00:20:57,640
He's happy.

477
00:20:57,640 --> 00:21:01,110
So he's in a very
social, open situation.

478
00:21:01,110 --> 00:21:01,870
Yeah.

479
00:21:01,870 --> 00:21:04,340
And your mother is almost
completely isolated.

480
00:21:04,340 --> 00:21:05,970
Alone, and that was
the hardest thing.

481
00:21:05,970 --> 00:21:06,640
Yeah.

482
00:21:06,640 --> 00:21:08,760
That was very hard.

483
00:21:08,760 --> 00:21:11,160
Did you try to think
of whether there

484
00:21:11,160 --> 00:21:14,640
was a place closer
to where you were.

485
00:21:14,640 --> 00:21:15,390
Was that just--

486
00:21:15,390 --> 00:21:17,540
To me, that was the closest.

487
00:21:17,540 --> 00:21:19,980
And it was a very safe place.

488
00:21:19,980 --> 00:21:22,350
It's a tiny, tiny village.

489
00:21:22,350 --> 00:21:24,770
I mean, Grez-Doiceau,
when I came,

490
00:21:24,770 --> 00:21:27,000
was only 2,000 inhabitants.

491
00:21:27,000 --> 00:21:30,450
Now it is, of
course, maybe 20,000.

492
00:21:30,450 --> 00:21:34,020
And where she was was,
like, microscopic.

493
00:21:34,020 --> 00:21:35,790
So it was safe, you know?

494
00:21:35,790 --> 00:21:39,880
There were like 300,
400 parishioners.

495
00:21:39,880 --> 00:21:41,290
We knew she'd be safe.

496
00:21:41,290 --> 00:21:43,270
And with a parish
priest, I mean,

497
00:21:43,270 --> 00:21:47,370
you know, he did what he could
to make her feel at home.

498
00:21:47,370 --> 00:21:50,100
Right.

499
00:21:50,100 --> 00:21:52,800
Now tell me a little bit
about this kosher, non-kosher.

500
00:21:52,800 --> 00:21:54,580
She was cooking food
that wasn't kosher.

501
00:21:54,580 --> 00:21:55,080
No.

502
00:21:55,080 --> 00:21:57,000
It must have driven her crazy.

503
00:21:57,000 --> 00:21:57,660
Totally.

504
00:21:57,660 --> 00:21:58,740
And not only that.

505
00:21:58,740 --> 00:22:01,280
She had to go to mass on Sunday.

506
00:22:01,280 --> 00:22:02,210
But [INAUDIBLE].

507
00:22:02,210 --> 00:22:04,788
He couldn't have a housekeeper
who wouldn't even--

508
00:22:04,788 --> 00:22:07,480
[LAUGHS]

509
00:22:07,480 --> 00:22:11,050
Now, to tell her that was
no small thing either.

510

00:22:11,050 --> 00:22:13,468
Did you ever go
with her on Sunday?

511
00:22:13,468 --> 00:22:14,260
I went to my place.

512
00:22:14,260 --> 00:22:15,340
You went to your place.

513
00:22:15,340 --> 00:22:16,120
You never saw her.

514
00:22:16,120 --> 00:22:16,765
No.

515
00:22:16,765 --> 00:22:19,270
So did she talk
with you initially

516
00:22:19,270 --> 00:22:20,630
about having to go to mass?

517
00:22:20,630 --> 00:22:22,630
Yeah.

518
00:22:22,630 --> 00:22:23,740
But I did explain.

519
00:22:23,740 --> 00:22:27,550
I said, look, you do understand
that the whole parish would

520
00:22:27,550 --> 00:22:30,160
be talking, and that alone
would put you in danger.

521
00:22:30,160 --> 00:22:32,552
How can you have a
housekeeper, a parish priest,

522
00:22:32,552 --> 00:22:33,760

and you're not going to mass?

523

00:22:33,760 --> 00:22:36,970

I mean, that's the first thing
the parishioners would ask.

524

00:22:36,970 --> 00:22:38,890

Would you please
change and get someone

525

00:22:38,890 --> 00:22:40,510

at least that believes in--

526

00:22:40,510 --> 00:22:41,380

you know?

527

00:22:41,380 --> 00:22:43,990

And then there was this
one lady, as I told you.

528

00:22:43,990 --> 00:22:46,210

She was very, very kind to her.

529

00:22:46,210 --> 00:22:48,730

She knew the
situation, I'm sure.

530

00:22:48,730 --> 00:22:51,190

And she used to
come and get her.

531

00:22:51,190 --> 00:22:52,720

And they would walk together.

532

00:22:52,720 --> 00:22:54,910

The church is, like,
just behind the house.

533

00:22:54,910 --> 00:22:56,320

It's attached to the--

534

00:22:56,320 --> 00:23:00,050

the presbytery is
attached to the church.

535
00:23:00,050 --> 00:23:02,708
But at least she had someone
who would guide her in.

536
00:23:02,708 --> 00:23:03,500
Even if there was--

537
00:23:03,500 --> 00:23:07,280
But was-- I could not
even imagine she'd do it.

538
00:23:07,280 --> 00:23:11,750
As I told you, the taboo
on priests and Catholic

539
00:23:11,750 --> 00:23:15,290
was so strong in our family,
at least between her and me.

540
00:23:15,290 --> 00:23:17,760
I don't know what
the others heard.

541
00:23:17,760 --> 00:23:21,510
That I thought that must be one
of the hardest things in her.

542
00:23:21,510 --> 00:23:23,118
Isn't easy, you know?

543
00:23:23,118 --> 00:23:27,230
Can you imagine a
real Hasidic woman

544
00:23:27,230 --> 00:23:33,120
to go through that, with
no support of her husband?

545
00:23:33,120 --> 00:23:34,060
Or even her kids.

546
00:23:34,060 --> 00:23:35,770
All her kids, yeah.

547
00:23:35,770 --> 00:23:38,470
Someone who just at least
[? tamper it a bit ?]..

548
00:23:38,470 --> 00:23:40,560
Did she make the
sign of the cross?

549
00:23:40,560 --> 00:23:41,568
No.

550
00:23:41,568 --> 00:23:42,360
She wouldn't do it?

551
00:23:42,360 --> 00:23:42,860
No.

552
00:23:42,860 --> 00:23:44,890
In the beginning, she
wouldn't do any of that.

553
00:23:44,890 --> 00:23:46,170
She would just go to church.

554
00:23:46,170 --> 00:23:47,010
That was enough.

555
00:23:47,010 --> 00:23:48,344
And nobody asked questions?

556
00:23:48,344 --> 00:23:48,844
No.

557
00:23:48,844 --> 00:23:52,162

558
00:23:52,162 --> 00:23:53,748

Did they think she
was Protestant?

559
00:23:53,748 --> 00:23:54,290
I don't know.

560
00:23:54,290 --> 00:23:55,070
You don't know?

561
00:23:55,070 --> 00:23:57,660
[LAUGHTER]

562
00:23:57,660 --> 00:24:00,390
I really don't know.

563
00:24:00,390 --> 00:24:01,910
But there are a
number of times when

564
00:24:01,910 --> 00:24:05,030
you go with Marie to see your
mother by bicycle, I gather.

565
00:24:05,030 --> 00:24:07,140
Yeah, bicycle or foot.

566
00:24:07,140 --> 00:24:07,880
We did both.

567
00:24:07,880 --> 00:24:09,080
You did both?

568
00:24:09,080 --> 00:24:11,720
And it's a trip of a few miles?

569
00:24:11,720 --> 00:24:12,380
The four miles.

570
00:24:12,380 --> 00:24:12,990
Four miles.

571

00:24:12,990 --> 00:24:13,700
Four miles.

572
00:24:13,700 --> 00:24:14,330
Each way?

573
00:24:14,330 --> 00:24:19,710
And we would sit out when
dark would be falling.

574
00:24:19,710 --> 00:24:23,790
Well, yeah, because we didn't
want to be seen for my sake

575
00:24:23,790 --> 00:24:24,780
and for her sake.

576
00:24:24,780 --> 00:24:27,990
So we had to wait
till evening comes.

577
00:24:27,990 --> 00:24:33,260
We did it a few times on foot
through the fields There's

578
00:24:33,260 --> 00:24:36,540
the sweet beets and the corn.

579
00:24:36,540 --> 00:24:39,270
And we would just walk
through the fields.

580
00:24:39,270 --> 00:24:41,610
And sometimes, there
would be searchlights,

581
00:24:41,610 --> 00:24:47,750
because I told you, the airport
base, the military airport,

582
00:24:47,750 --> 00:24:51,500
was just right there well,
when we saw that, we would just

583

00:24:51,500 --> 00:24:54,200

lie in the field wait for
the searchlight to pass,

584

00:24:54,200 --> 00:24:57,320

because you never know
what they're looking for.

585

00:24:57,320 --> 00:25:00,490

And so we would be there
most of the evening.

586

00:25:00,490 --> 00:25:04,190

I would not stay the night
because that was my visit.

587

00:25:04,190 --> 00:25:07,150

So let's be up, not sleeping.

588

00:25:07,150 --> 00:25:11,140

And then towards early morning,
we'd walk back before daylight.

589

00:25:11,140 --> 00:25:13,810

So the two of you would stay
up all night essentially,

590

00:25:13,810 --> 00:25:16,870

talking and being
with each other?

591

00:25:16,870 --> 00:25:19,160

In these, was Marie with you.

592

00:25:19,160 --> 00:25:19,840

Always.

593

00:25:19,840 --> 00:25:20,940

When you were talking
with your mother?

594

00:25:20,940 --> 00:25:21,760
Yeah.

595
00:25:21,760 --> 00:25:24,580
Sometimes, she would
just sit and read a bit.

596
00:25:24,580 --> 00:25:26,290
And sometimes, I
would just be talking.

597
00:25:26,290 --> 00:25:29,380
She knew she would leave
me for a few hours,

598
00:25:29,380 --> 00:25:33,650
so she could tell me her
pains and her sorrows

599
00:25:33,650 --> 00:25:35,510
and the difficulties.

600
00:25:35,510 --> 00:25:37,730
Did you get to know your
mother in a different way

601
00:25:37,730 --> 00:25:38,855
during these conversations?

602
00:25:38,855 --> 00:25:41,000
Mm-hmm.

603
00:25:41,000 --> 00:25:41,500
So you--

604
00:25:41,500 --> 00:25:43,300
Very, very frightened.

605
00:25:43,300 --> 00:25:49,857
Very frail, shaken, but
still very strong belief.

606

00:25:49,857 --> 00:25:50,940
She was a strong believer?

607
00:25:50,940 --> 00:25:52,140
Yeah, for a long time.

608
00:25:52,140 --> 00:25:54,730
Mm-hmm.

609
00:25:54,730 --> 00:25:57,930
Did you begin to understand
where this fear--

610
00:25:57,930 --> 00:26:00,420
because she seems to have
been a frightened woman--

611
00:26:00,420 --> 00:26:01,090
All her life.

612
00:26:01,090 --> 00:26:03,240
All her life.

613
00:26:03,240 --> 00:26:05,820
I believe it's--

614
00:26:05,820 --> 00:26:07,320
I didn't even question that.

615
00:26:07,320 --> 00:26:11,340
I think that's the
way we were living.

616
00:26:11,340 --> 00:26:15,930
I mean, you come over from
a country in a foreign land.

617
00:26:15,930 --> 00:26:20,220
You're an immigrant, and
you carry an identity card,

618
00:26:20,220 --> 00:26:21,390

foreigner.

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00:26:21,390 --> 00:26:24,910

I mean, that's all I know
in my whole lifetime.

620

00:26:24,910 --> 00:26:26,790

So you feel never at home.

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00:26:26,790 --> 00:26:29,880

You're not accepted because
they didn't want you

622

00:26:29,880 --> 00:26:31,530

because you're Jewish.

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00:26:31,530 --> 00:26:35,250

And then I can see
where that fear

624

00:26:35,250 --> 00:26:39,160

has overtaken for her
more than maybe it should.

625

00:26:39,160 --> 00:26:43,020

Maybe she was already not
a very strong personality.

626

00:26:43,020 --> 00:26:48,200

But that definitely
added the way she was.

627

00:26:48,200 --> 00:26:52,140

And she talked about
her psychological pain

628

00:26:52,140 --> 00:26:54,620

and her physical pain
when you were [INAUDIBLE]..

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00:26:54,620 --> 00:26:56,580

Physical pain, she was OK then.

630

00:26:56,580 --> 00:26:57,080

She was OK--

631

00:26:57,080 --> 00:26:57,580

Yeah.

632

00:26:57,580 --> 00:26:58,530

--in the beginning.

633

00:26:58,530 --> 00:27:02,120

She was telling me the
priest was very kind to her.

634

00:27:02,120 --> 00:27:04,850

And that neighbor
was a very nice lady,

635

00:27:04,850 --> 00:27:08,540

and would come and help a little
bit, because the house was big.

636

00:27:08,540 --> 00:27:11,900

I mean, my mother was in
no shape and form meant

637

00:27:11,900 --> 00:27:14,150

to be a housekeeper and a cook.

638

00:27:14,150 --> 00:27:14,650

Right.

639

00:27:14,650 --> 00:27:16,940

[LAUGHTER]

640

00:27:16,940 --> 00:27:18,840

It's amazing, isn't it?

641

00:27:18,840 --> 00:27:21,185

And when I went, I would
help a little bit, you know.

642

00:27:21,185 --> 00:27:22,900
Even just tidy up or clean.

643
00:27:22,900 --> 00:27:26,220
Do A little bit for her.

644
00:27:26,220 --> 00:27:28,200
Was it physically hard on her?

645
00:27:28,200 --> 00:27:31,470
I think so because
it was a big house.

646
00:27:31,470 --> 00:27:32,750
And she was the only person.

647
00:27:32,750 --> 00:27:37,130
And she was the only
housekeeper he had.

648
00:27:37,130 --> 00:27:38,705
[INAUDIBLE] again,
he had the sister

649
00:27:38,705 --> 00:27:39,950
who would come and visit.

650
00:27:39,950 --> 00:27:42,680
But then, she was the
guest, so my mother

651
00:27:42,680 --> 00:27:46,400
would get the room ready, and
she might do some cooking.

652
00:27:46,400 --> 00:27:49,460
But she still had
to be the one who

653
00:27:49,460 --> 00:27:51,470
welcomed his own sister, too.

654

00:27:51,470 --> 00:27:53,000
Right.

655
00:27:53,000 --> 00:27:58,040
And then priests do have some
meetings with the surrounding

656
00:27:58,040 --> 00:27:58,980
parish priests.

657
00:27:58,980 --> 00:28:02,900
So again, that would put a
little bit more strain on her

658
00:28:02,900 --> 00:28:05,330
again.

659
00:28:05,330 --> 00:28:07,460
He would keep her,
but she had to work

660
00:28:07,460 --> 00:28:09,690
for it, which wasn't my case.

661
00:28:09,690 --> 00:28:10,592
Right, right.

662
00:28:10,592 --> 00:28:11,300
It was different.

663
00:28:11,300 --> 00:28:12,970
Yeah.

664
00:28:12,970 --> 00:28:15,340
OK, we're going to stop
the tape now and change it.

665
00:28:15,340 --> 00:28:18,150
And then we'll go
to the next tape.

666
00:28:18,150 --> 00:28:47,000

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