

1
00:00:00,000 --> 00:00:04,473
[BEEP]

2
00:00:04,473 --> 00:00:48,250

3
00:00:48,250 --> 00:00:51,000
So now you were hiding--

4
00:00:51,000 --> 00:00:51,500
--from--

5
00:00:51,500 --> 00:00:52,680
--from your own family.

6
00:00:52,680 --> 00:00:53,420
Yeah.

7
00:00:53,420 --> 00:00:56,090
So before you were hiding
that you were Jewish.

8
00:00:56,090 --> 00:00:57,560
And now I'm hiding from them.

9
00:00:57,560 --> 00:00:58,727
And now you're hiding--yeah.

10
00:00:58,727 --> 00:01:03,280
So my father made
several attempts to,

11
00:01:03,280 --> 00:01:06,580
but David was the one
who persisted most.

12
00:01:06,580 --> 00:01:10,330
And he wanted us back.

13
00:01:10,330 --> 00:01:14,080

Of course, no one had
planned on our father

14
00:01:14,080 --> 00:01:16,450
coming back and wanting us back.

15
00:01:16,450 --> 00:01:21,140
That's not something we even
thought about during the war.

16
00:01:21,140 --> 00:01:23,878
So I didn't want to go.

17
00:01:23,878 --> 00:01:25,670
I had had my experience,
and I wasn't going

18
00:01:25,670 --> 00:01:27,110
to repeat any of the type.

19
00:01:27,110 --> 00:01:29,180
And even if they made
me-- it even if they

20
00:01:29,180 --> 00:01:31,040
promised God knows
what, I wasn't going

21
00:01:31,040 --> 00:01:32,960
to go through this anymore.

22
00:01:32,960 --> 00:01:34,227
And Henri didn't want to go.

23
00:01:34,227 --> 00:01:35,810
He didn't want to
go to live with him.

24
00:01:35,810 --> 00:01:38,680
His father was a stranger.

25
00:01:38,680 --> 00:01:42,120

He was not wanting
to leave his family.

26
00:01:42,120 --> 00:01:45,640
He had no intention of
going with them to Israel.

27
00:01:45,640 --> 00:01:48,760
So he didn't want to go either.

28
00:01:48,760 --> 00:01:53,410
And I suppose he expressed
that in the Alardo family.

29
00:01:53,410 --> 00:01:59,640
So for my own sake then, Marie
rented a little cottage--

30
00:01:59,640 --> 00:02:02,505
not in Grez-Doiceau because
they knew the address

31
00:02:02,505 --> 00:02:04,380
and they would come and
they would come back.

32
00:02:04,380 --> 00:02:07,620
And so we decided we'll
go away for a few months,

33
00:02:07,620 --> 00:02:10,169
see how this develops.

34
00:02:10,169 --> 00:02:13,710
So we rented the little cottage
near that monastery where

35
00:02:13,710 --> 00:02:16,080
we used to go during the war.

36
00:02:16,080 --> 00:02:20,250
And Henri decided he'd come
and hide there with me.

37
00:02:20,250 --> 00:02:22,500
Because he didn't want
anything to do with that.

38
00:02:22,500 --> 00:02:25,080

39
00:02:25,080 --> 00:02:27,700
So we did.

40
00:02:27,700 --> 00:02:32,110
And at least for three
months, things were OK.

41
00:02:32,110 --> 00:02:35,740
But then they decided to
send the police after us.

42
00:02:35,740 --> 00:02:36,700
After both of you?

43
00:02:36,700 --> 00:02:39,150
Mm-hm.

44
00:02:39,150 --> 00:02:43,170
And I know that the Alardo
family had more than one word

45
00:02:43,170 --> 00:02:46,080
against that, you know?

46
00:02:46,080 --> 00:02:48,330
I think they first
sent the police to them

47
00:02:48,330 --> 00:02:50,220
to question them
on Henri and where

48
00:02:50,220 --> 00:02:52,620
he was and his whereabouts.

49

00:02:52,620 --> 00:02:56,640

And from what I gather when
I talked after the war,

50

00:02:56,640 --> 00:03:01,320

years later, to one of the
daughters who Henri considered

51

00:03:01,320 --> 00:03:06,240

like a sister, she told me that
her father was really furious

52

00:03:06,240 --> 00:03:08,970

and, in other words,
said, well, when

53

00:03:08,970 --> 00:03:12,020

we needed you, where were you?

54

00:03:12,020 --> 00:03:13,540

You weren't there for Henri.

55

00:03:13,540 --> 00:03:15,170

The police?

56

00:03:15,170 --> 00:03:16,150

Or the--

57

00:03:16,150 --> 00:03:18,305

No, the father
said that to David.

58

00:03:18,305 --> 00:03:19,550

Ah, uh-huh, where were you?

59

00:03:19,550 --> 00:03:21,680

When we needed you,
where were you?

60

00:03:21,680 --> 00:03:23,300

You weren't there

for your brother.

61

00:03:23,300 --> 00:03:24,390

Right.

62

00:03:24,390 --> 00:03:27,630

And now you're sending us the
police, we who took care of him

63

00:03:27,630 --> 00:03:29,460

and saved his life?

64

00:03:29,460 --> 00:03:33,130

And that's not the
way to go anyway.

65

00:03:33,130 --> 00:03:37,000

Maybe if you gave him
a chance to adjust,

66

00:03:37,000 --> 00:03:41,190

to get to know his
father again, maybe,

67

00:03:41,190 --> 00:03:45,150

or at least to do it gradually,
invite him for a week,

68

00:03:45,150 --> 00:03:46,560

bring him back.

69

00:03:46,560 --> 00:03:49,080

He won't feel so threatened.

70

00:03:49,080 --> 00:03:51,930

Maybe you can try,
but not the way

71

00:03:51,930 --> 00:03:55,990

you are going about it, to send
immediately the police after us

72

00:03:55,990 --> 00:03:58,800
when we did everything
to save your brother

73
00:03:58,800 --> 00:04:03,530
and you weren't around
to do anything for him.

74
00:04:03,530 --> 00:04:06,110
But I don't know how, I
don't know what happened,

75
00:04:06,110 --> 00:04:08,330
but they found us.

76
00:04:08,330 --> 00:04:11,880
And I was questioned
by the police.

77
00:04:11,880 --> 00:04:16,950
And I maintained I would
not reveal where Henri was.

78
00:04:16,950 --> 00:04:19,320
So they didn't find you
in that little cottage?

79
00:04:19,320 --> 00:04:22,360
No, not yet.

80
00:04:22,360 --> 00:04:26,240
But then I went back,
and they came back again.

81
00:04:26,240 --> 00:04:29,890
And I kind of went
very open [INAUDIBLE],,

82
00:04:29,890 --> 00:04:32,680
and I thought, well, I have
nothing to lose now anymore.

83
00:04:32,680 --> 00:04:34,990

This isn't German time.

84

00:04:34,990 --> 00:04:36,490

This isn't Gestapo time.

85

00:04:36,490 --> 00:04:41,020

Why would I be afraid and say
the things the way they are?

86

00:04:41,020 --> 00:04:43,180

So I explained the situation.

87

00:04:43,180 --> 00:04:45,130

And I explained
what had happened

88

00:04:45,130 --> 00:04:47,470

and why my father was after me.

89

00:04:47,470 --> 00:04:50,620

And I have no
intention to change.

90

00:04:50,620 --> 00:04:54,420

And I had no intention
of going to Israel.

91

00:04:54,420 --> 00:04:56,220

So they were very understanding.

92

00:04:56,220 --> 00:05:01,430

They were very willing to
listen and follow everything

93

00:05:01,430 --> 00:05:02,360

on the story.

94

00:05:02,360 --> 00:05:07,040

And he said, now let's
explain something,

95

00:05:07,040 --> 00:05:13,070

that you hide for another
12 to 18 months, maybe.

96
00:05:13,070 --> 00:05:15,690
You know it's against the law.

97
00:05:15,690 --> 00:05:18,330
Your father has the right
to have his children back.

98
00:05:18,330 --> 00:05:19,202
He's alive.

99
00:05:19,202 --> 00:05:20,660
He has the right
to take them back.

100
00:05:20,660 --> 00:05:23,390
He is the legal father.

101
00:05:23,390 --> 00:05:29,690
But to hide your brother another
10 years, there's no way.

102
00:05:29,690 --> 00:05:31,970
There's no way you can go
against the Belgian law

103
00:05:31,970 --> 00:05:33,030
like that.

104
00:05:33,030 --> 00:05:38,450
So you're just going
to have to let him go.

105
00:05:38,450 --> 00:05:41,290
And I understood that.

106
00:05:41,290 --> 00:05:45,820
So I explained all that to
Henri and explained all that

107

00:05:45,820 --> 00:05:46,850
to the Alardos.

108
00:05:46,850 --> 00:05:49,220
And they said they
would try, see

109
00:05:49,220 --> 00:05:56,960
how they could help him to
adjust and maybe get, you know,

110
00:05:56,960 --> 00:05:59,280
explain to my father,
take him for five,

111
00:05:59,280 --> 00:06:01,580
six days then let him come back.

112
00:06:01,580 --> 00:06:03,080
He won't feel so threatened.

113
00:06:03,080 --> 00:06:09,600
He won't feel that every
door is closed for him.

114
00:06:09,600 --> 00:06:10,850
He promised all of that.

115
00:06:10,850 --> 00:06:13,330
But he didn't do it.

116
00:06:13,330 --> 00:06:16,060
So it was a very
awkward situation.

117
00:06:16,060 --> 00:06:18,580
I didn't see him anymore.

118
00:06:18,580 --> 00:06:24,210
And because of that, I couldn't
see Henri anymore either.

119

00:06:24,210 --> 00:06:26,940

So it was a very, very
difficult situation.

120

00:06:26,940 --> 00:06:29,340

And Henri is the one
who suffered a lot.

121

00:06:29,340 --> 00:06:32,040

So they took him back
almost like by force,

122

00:06:32,040 --> 00:06:34,740

promised they would bring
him back to the Alardos,

123

00:06:34,740 --> 00:06:37,590

didn't bring him back
the way they promised,

124

00:06:37,590 --> 00:06:40,770

and guarded him day and night.

125

00:06:40,770 --> 00:06:45,150

And they had to put even Simon
in the picture, the cousin,

126

00:06:45,150 --> 00:06:47,070

never to leave him
a minute alone.

127

00:06:47,070 --> 00:06:48,930

So if one wasn't
free, the other one

128

00:06:48,930 --> 00:06:51,720

had to keep a 24-hour
watch on Henri

129

00:06:51,720 --> 00:06:53,985

because they knew he
was able to escape

130

00:06:53,985 --> 00:06:58,110
and he had a place to go-- which
he did on several occasions,

131
00:06:58,110 --> 00:07:01,560
regardless of being
guarded as he was.

132
00:07:01,560 --> 00:07:04,920
And not that long ago, he
told me on one of the days,

133
00:07:04,920 --> 00:07:09,180
he fell asleep, Simon, and I
just left and I went to mass.

134
00:07:09,180 --> 00:07:11,140
And next day, found
him in the church.

135
00:07:11,140 --> 00:07:14,560
They had searched everywhere,
couldn't find him.

136
00:07:14,560 --> 00:07:15,420
And there he was.

137
00:07:15,420 --> 00:07:18,420

138
00:07:18,420 --> 00:07:20,580
Then I got a letter,
an alarming letter.

139
00:07:20,580 --> 00:07:22,680
And I was telling that
Helen yesterday, I

140
00:07:22,680 --> 00:07:26,790
said, one thing which
is sad in all this

141
00:07:26,790 --> 00:07:29,070

what I have gone through,
I have reconciled

142
00:07:29,070 --> 00:07:30,450
with most of the things.

143
00:07:30,450 --> 00:07:32,730
But one thing I'm
very sad is that Henri

144
00:07:32,730 --> 00:07:35,380
felt like that towards me.

145
00:07:35,380 --> 00:07:37,470
I got this terrible
letter that he

146
00:07:37,470 --> 00:07:41,310
had seen on the desk
of David that they

147
00:07:41,310 --> 00:07:47,910
were arranging for him to be
taken to Israel without papers.

148
00:07:47,910 --> 00:07:50,430
They wanted to rush
it because they

149
00:07:50,430 --> 00:07:53,070
were afraid of my
influence and they

150
00:07:53,070 --> 00:07:54,670
didn't want to waste any time.

151
00:07:54,670 --> 00:07:57,390
They weren't going to wait
for any legal documents.

152
00:07:57,390 --> 00:07:59,790
They were just going to
ship him off with father

153

00:07:59,790 --> 00:08:01,830
to make sure he's away from me.

154

00:08:01,830 --> 00:08:03,970
And he wrote me this
terrible letter.

155

00:08:03,970 --> 00:08:08,910
But that was to beg me
to interfere and not

156

00:08:08,910 --> 00:08:10,320
to let him go.

157

00:08:10,320 --> 00:08:13,330
And you're the only
one who can save me.

158

00:08:13,330 --> 00:08:16,780
And, Joan, I
couldn't do anything.

159

00:08:16,780 --> 00:08:20,670
So that is still something
which is almost like impossible

160

00:08:20,670 --> 00:08:25,260
to heal, that he felt like
that, that I abandoned him.

161

00:08:25,260 --> 00:08:27,580
I couldn't do anything.

162

00:08:27,580 --> 00:08:29,160
And they left.

163

00:08:29,160 --> 00:08:31,330
Now, they left for
Palestine, actually,

164

00:08:31,330 --> 00:08:32,909

Israel wasn't a
state yet, right?

165
00:08:32,909 --> 00:08:33,659
This is before.

166
00:08:33,659 --> 00:08:35,439
That's right.

167
00:08:35,439 --> 00:08:36,039
Mm.

168
00:08:36,039 --> 00:08:36,539
And--

169
00:08:36,539 --> 00:08:38,294
They left with
illegal documents.

170
00:08:38,294 --> 00:08:38,940
Right.

171
00:08:38,940 --> 00:08:41,919
And they ended up
nine months in Cyprus

172
00:08:41,919 --> 00:08:44,650
in that concentration camp.

173
00:08:44,650 --> 00:08:47,110
And Henri was extremely bitter.

174
00:08:47,110 --> 00:08:48,372
He didn't want to go.

175
00:08:48,372 --> 00:08:50,080
He didn't want anything
to do with David.

176
00:08:50,080 --> 00:08:52,480
He was mad at him
because he's the one who

177
00:08:52,480 --> 00:08:56,820
organized this whole
going over to Palestine.

178
00:08:56,820 --> 00:08:59,280
He was mad at his father.

179
00:08:59,280 --> 00:09:01,910
He took it out almost
on the whole world.

180
00:09:01,910 --> 00:09:03,120
And then he was--

181
00:09:03,120 --> 00:09:07,110
you know, me, I thought I had
dropped him, abandoned him.

182
00:09:07,110 --> 00:09:09,540
And that's the only
person he counted on.

183
00:09:09,540 --> 00:09:12,550
So it was very,
very hard on Henri.

184
00:09:12,550 --> 00:09:14,320
Now did Izzy also go with him?

185
00:09:14,320 --> 00:09:17,958
No, Izzy, I think,
went later, I think.

186
00:09:17,958 --> 00:09:19,710
I think for those
nine months, it

187
00:09:19,710 --> 00:09:21,900
was just Henri and my father.

188
00:09:21,900 --> 00:09:22,410

Your father.

189
00:09:22,410 --> 00:09:26,370
Then Izzy came along
later and so did David.

190
00:09:26,370 --> 00:09:30,330
And in the beginning, Henri
refused to go and live

191
00:09:30,330 --> 00:09:33,430
in the kibbutz with David.

192
00:09:33,430 --> 00:09:36,760
So Izzy rented the
little apartment.

193
00:09:36,760 --> 00:09:40,810
And he, father, and the two of
them lived together for a while

194
00:09:40,810 --> 00:09:43,300
until all these feelings.

195
00:09:43,300 --> 00:09:45,252
So you got this
letter from Henri--

196
00:09:45,252 --> 00:09:45,752
--from--

197
00:09:45,752 --> 00:09:49,030
--before he left, to say,
come and do something already.

198
00:09:49,030 --> 00:09:49,530
Yeah.

199
00:09:49,530 --> 00:09:52,350

200
00:09:52,350 --> 00:09:55,200

And did you then not
hear from anybody?

201
00:09:55,200 --> 00:09:59,580
Did you-- did Henri write to
you when he was in Palestine?

202
00:09:59,580 --> 00:10:00,480
I don't think so.

203
00:10:00,480 --> 00:10:02,565
I think there's been
a long gap where

204
00:10:02,565 --> 00:10:05,040
we didn't correspond,
well, maybe just because he

205
00:10:05,040 --> 00:10:06,330
was imprisoned--

206
00:10:06,330 --> 00:10:06,860
--in Cyprus.

207
00:10:06,860 --> 00:10:09,300
--in Cyprus himself
that he couldn't write.

208
00:10:09,300 --> 00:10:12,540
And then I don't
know when he got out

209
00:10:12,540 --> 00:10:16,410
of there whether he must have
spent a little bit of time

210
00:10:16,410 --> 00:10:17,520
with David.

211
00:10:17,520 --> 00:10:19,180
They had to be somewhere.

212

00:10:19,180 --> 00:10:22,680
So maybe the kibbutz
was the only answer

213
00:10:22,680 --> 00:10:28,590
until Izzy came along and took
a job and took an apartment.

214
00:10:28,590 --> 00:10:32,730
And did they check what he
wrote or to whom he wrote?

215
00:10:32,730 --> 00:10:34,140
And did they not--

216
00:10:34,140 --> 00:10:36,260
they could have prevented
any communication--

217
00:10:36,260 --> 00:10:37,260
--correspondence, right.

218
00:10:37,260 --> 00:10:38,190
--between us.

219
00:10:38,190 --> 00:10:39,120
Yes, yeah.

220
00:10:39,120 --> 00:10:44,400
So, I mean, quite some years
before I heard from him.

221
00:10:44,400 --> 00:10:49,220
So now you are split again
from the family after a short--

222
00:10:49,220 --> 00:10:51,050
And with worse feelings, really.

223
00:10:51,050 --> 00:10:55,310
Yes, because now you're
split emotionally.

224

00:10:55,310 --> 00:10:57,980

There, it was-- it was
because of the Germans.

225

00:10:57,980 --> 00:11:00,490

Yeah, and they had nothing
to do with really, you know?

226

00:11:00,490 --> 00:11:02,060

Right, right, right.

227

00:11:02,060 --> 00:11:04,400

So this was not an easy
time for you at all?

228

00:11:04,400 --> 00:11:05,240

Not at all.

229

00:11:05,240 --> 00:11:05,810

Not at all.

230

00:11:05,810 --> 00:11:08,730

231

00:11:08,730 --> 00:11:14,100

And I stayed with the Hanquet
family, which was my strength,

232

00:11:14,100 --> 00:11:17,470

shall I say, and my safeguard.

233

00:11:17,470 --> 00:11:22,730

And it took quite some years
then before I heard from them.

234

00:11:22,730 --> 00:11:26,920

Then they started
agitating again

235

00:11:26,920 --> 00:11:28,190

when I entered the convent.

236

00:11:28,190 --> 00:11:30,950

They were still
trying to get me.

237

00:11:30,950 --> 00:11:33,890

So let me ask you, during this
period, did you go to school?

238

00:11:33,890 --> 00:11:35,120

No, too late.

239

00:11:35,120 --> 00:11:35,770

Too late.

240

00:11:35,770 --> 00:11:37,880

Too many years in
between, the gap

241

00:11:37,880 --> 00:11:41,900

is so bad, so, no, I
don't go to school.

242

00:11:41,900 --> 00:11:43,650

I just--

243

00:11:43,650 --> 00:11:45,750

So '53, you go into the convent.

244

00:11:45,750 --> 00:11:47,743

So tell me how--
'53, is that right?

245

00:11:47,743 --> 00:11:48,243

'55.

246

00:11:48,243 --> 00:11:50,430

'55, OK.

247

00:11:50,430 --> 00:11:52,830

So tell me what
happens in this period.

248

00:11:52,830 --> 00:11:53,490

Oh, I think--

249

00:11:53,490 --> 00:11:54,420

Because it's one thing
to become a Catholic.

250

00:11:54,420 --> 00:11:56,745

It's another to decide
to go into a convent.

251

00:11:56,745 --> 00:11:57,690

I know.

252

00:11:57,690 --> 00:12:00,240

It's a very big decision.

253

00:12:00,240 --> 00:12:03,120

Well, I suppose I
wanted the whole thing.

254

00:12:03,120 --> 00:12:03,930

--thing.

255

00:12:03,930 --> 00:12:05,670

You weren't going
to do it halfway.

256

00:12:05,670 --> 00:12:07,950

And everyone tells me
that, that the day I

257

00:12:07,950 --> 00:12:10,800

declared I was
becoming Catholic,

258

00:12:10,800 --> 00:12:14,560

even David admitted
that, I knew knowing you,

259

00:12:14,560 --> 00:12:16,290

there was no turning back.

260
00:12:16,290 --> 00:12:20,200
I mean, you do what
you do the whole--

261
00:12:20,200 --> 00:12:21,630
which was true.

262
00:12:21,630 --> 00:12:24,035
Now Marie didn't go
into the convent.

263
00:12:24,035 --> 00:12:24,535
No.

264
00:12:24,535 --> 00:12:25,410
Did they-- Marie at least say--

265
00:12:25,410 --> 00:12:26,618
She didn't particularly-- no.

266
00:12:26,618 --> 00:12:27,720
--what are you doing?

267
00:12:27,720 --> 00:12:28,680
Why are you doing--

268
00:12:28,680 --> 00:12:29,490
Yeah, they did.

269
00:12:29,490 --> 00:12:31,560
They weren't so happy
about this part of it?

270
00:12:31,560 --> 00:12:34,640
No, no, but I insisted I'd go.

271
00:12:34,640 --> 00:12:36,660
Now, what really
happened-- and this

272

00:12:36,660 --> 00:12:39,990
is kind of a total
nothing to do directly

273
00:12:39,990 --> 00:12:42,480
with the family I come from.

274
00:12:42,480 --> 00:12:44,250
But I took care of the girls.

275
00:12:44,250 --> 00:12:45,570
There were four of them.

276
00:12:45,570 --> 00:12:49,680
The mother was a very sick
mother, mentally sick.

277
00:12:49,680 --> 00:12:53,850
So in order to
help the situation,

278
00:12:53,850 --> 00:12:57,970
Paul had them all in
a boarding school.

279
00:12:57,970 --> 00:13:03,250
And I went along with them so
I could keep an eye on them,

280
00:13:03,250 --> 00:13:06,130
particularly the youngest one.

281
00:13:06,130 --> 00:13:07,870
She was like five years old.

282
00:13:07,870 --> 00:13:10,630
She needed a lot of
care and attention.

283
00:13:10,630 --> 00:13:15,310
So I went along, offered
some services to the sisters,

284

00:13:15,310 --> 00:13:18,250
but just to be around them while
they were boarding and going

285

00:13:18,250 --> 00:13:18,870
to school.

286

00:13:18,870 --> 00:13:19,370
Yeah.

287

00:13:19,370 --> 00:13:21,670
And that's how I got
to know these sisters.

288

00:13:21,670 --> 00:13:22,870
And this is the same--

289

00:13:22,870 --> 00:13:24,250
--the same order I entered.

290

00:13:24,250 --> 00:13:24,795
Same order.

291

00:13:24,795 --> 00:13:25,295
Yeah.

292

00:13:25,295 --> 00:13:27,220
So it became something
very attractive?

293

00:13:27,220 --> 00:13:28,910
Mm-hm.

294

00:13:28,910 --> 00:13:32,120
So in a way, it was like what
happened to you with Marie

295

00:13:32,120 --> 00:13:35,730
and Elise, that it was a
circumstance that-- in which

296

00:13:35,730 --> 00:13:36,965
you felt very uncomfortable.

297
00:13:36,965 --> 00:13:37,610
Yeah, yeah.

298
00:13:37,610 --> 00:13:39,930
I had thought about
religious life not before.

299
00:13:39,930 --> 00:13:46,230
Because we went to many retreats
and conferences and visited,

300
00:13:46,230 --> 00:13:50,990
and she was more on
the contemplative side.

301
00:13:50,990 --> 00:13:53,690
And when I talked
about it, she thought

302
00:13:53,690 --> 00:13:57,320
maybe I was considering
entering the Benedictines order,

303
00:13:57,320 --> 00:13:59,340
but I was too much of active.

304
00:13:59,340 --> 00:14:03,860
I needed action and
people around me.

305
00:14:03,860 --> 00:14:06,710
So, no, I wasn't
attracted to that.

306
00:14:06,710 --> 00:14:08,840
So I searched, I looked.

307
00:14:08,840 --> 00:14:13,640
And once I met those
sisters who were in schools,

308
00:14:13,640 --> 00:14:16,680
that appealed to me really.

309
00:14:16,680 --> 00:14:18,990
So let me ask you a
couple of questions.

310
00:14:18,990 --> 00:14:21,920
What is-- what are Marie
and Elise saying to you?

311
00:14:21,920 --> 00:14:23,060
They don't like this.

312
00:14:23,060 --> 00:14:25,010
What are they
saying to you that--

313
00:14:25,010 --> 00:14:30,480
Well, they were kind of
OK if I wanted to dedicate

314
00:14:30,480 --> 00:14:31,480
my whole life to God.

315
00:14:31,480 --> 00:14:31,980
Yeah.

316
00:14:31,980 --> 00:14:35,470
Because that was like, I give
it all, not just converted,

317
00:14:35,470 --> 00:14:36,660
but I give it all.

318
00:14:36,660 --> 00:14:40,110
But maybe I should
consider a different order.

319
00:14:40,110 --> 00:14:43,050
And I said no.

320
00:14:43,050 --> 00:14:43,980
So we kind of--

321
00:14:43,980 --> 00:14:45,442
And what order did they think?

322
00:14:45,442 --> 00:14:46,900
They thought more
of contemplative.

323
00:14:46,900 --> 00:14:47,558
And I said no--

324
00:14:47,558 --> 00:14:49,600
Because Marie and Elise
were both more like that.

325
00:14:49,600 --> 00:14:50,933
Yeah, I said, no, that doesn't--

326
00:14:50,933 --> 00:14:53,400
that's not what appeals to me.

327
00:14:53,400 --> 00:14:55,092
So--

328
00:14:55,092 --> 00:14:57,625
So they didn't-- they weren't
against your becoming a nun.

329
00:14:57,625 --> 00:14:59,250
They weren't against
me becoming a nun.

330
00:14:59,250 --> 00:15:02,400
They weren't particularly
maybe enchanted

331
00:15:02,400 --> 00:15:05,610
that that's the type
of order I chose.

332
00:15:05,610 --> 00:15:07,155
But they went along with it.

333
00:15:07,155 --> 00:15:08,280
That's interesting, uh-huh.

334
00:15:08,280 --> 00:15:09,680
Yeah.

335
00:15:09,680 --> 00:15:11,270
But explain the
difference to me.

336
00:15:11,270 --> 00:15:13,450
You enter a convent in '55--

337
00:15:13,450 --> 00:15:14,060
Yeah.

338
00:15:14,060 --> 00:15:15,330
--and then join this order.

339
00:15:15,330 --> 00:15:15,830
Mm-hm.

340
00:15:15,830 --> 00:15:19,220
So as a person who
doesn't know about this,

341
00:15:19,220 --> 00:15:22,010
what kind of a convent
do you go into in order

342
00:15:22,010 --> 00:15:26,950
to that-- isn't it the convent
associated with the order?

343
00:15:26,950 --> 00:15:28,480
The Daughters of Mary and--

344

00:15:28,480 --> 00:15:29,600
Hold on a minute now.

345
00:15:29,600 --> 00:15:30,703
You're not clear on that.

346
00:15:30,703 --> 00:15:31,495
Convent or orders--

347
00:15:31,495 --> 00:15:32,120
Well, because--

348
00:15:32,120 --> 00:15:33,080
--are the same.

349
00:15:33,080 --> 00:15:33,680
So the--

350
00:15:33,680 --> 00:15:35,270
OK, the Daughters
of Mary and Joseph--

351
00:15:35,270 --> 00:15:35,550
--have a convent.

352
00:15:35,550 --> 00:15:36,390
--run schools.

353
00:15:36,390 --> 00:15:36,940
Right.

354
00:15:36,940 --> 00:15:38,785
And they have this big
convent in Brussels.

355
00:15:38,785 --> 00:15:39,370
Oh, OK.

356
00:15:39,370 --> 00:15:40,730
And they have a boarding school.

357

00:15:40,730 --> 00:15:41,230
Right.

358
00:15:41,230 --> 00:15:45,025
And that's where Paul places
his four girls, right?

359
00:15:45,025 --> 00:15:45,710
Uh-huh, OK.

360
00:15:45,710 --> 00:15:46,210
Right.

361
00:15:46,210 --> 00:15:50,170
Now I, in order to be able
to stay and help them,

362
00:15:50,170 --> 00:15:53,230
particularly the
youngest one, Cecile,

363
00:15:53,230 --> 00:15:56,500
I offered to do some
secretarial work

364
00:15:56,500 --> 00:15:59,600
and to do whatever
they asked me to do.

365
00:15:59,600 --> 00:16:02,140
And so we go back on the
weekends, we go back home.

366
00:16:02,140 --> 00:16:07,000
And on Monday or Sunday night,
we come back to the school.

367
00:16:07,000 --> 00:16:10,970
And little by little, I
get to know the sisters.

368
00:16:10,970 --> 00:16:11,470
I see, OK.

369
00:16:11,470 --> 00:16:12,640
And I get interested.

370
00:16:12,640 --> 00:16:15,820
And I decide to join them.

371
00:16:15,820 --> 00:16:18,190
And what is that process?

372
00:16:18,190 --> 00:16:20,860
You declare yourself
and then you--

373
00:16:20,860 --> 00:16:23,080
Then they, they start
talking with you.

374
00:16:23,080 --> 00:16:25,850
They explain a little bit
what the order is all about.

375
00:16:25,850 --> 00:16:29,030
And I didn't take too long.

376
00:16:29,030 --> 00:16:34,250
I mean, you know, I
entered in July '55.

377
00:16:34,250 --> 00:16:38,630
Then you go to formation,
postulant, novitiate.

378
00:16:38,630 --> 00:16:40,700
And then after my
novitiate, I indicated

379
00:16:40,700 --> 00:16:42,260
that I wanted to go to Africa.

380
00:16:42,260 --> 00:16:44,300
So I left in '58.

381
00:16:44,300 --> 00:16:45,470
--and stayed for 20 years?

382
00:16:45,470 --> 00:16:47,630
--and stayed for 20 years.

383
00:16:47,630 --> 00:16:52,610
Now, did-- when you declared
that you wanted to enter,

384
00:16:52,610 --> 00:16:54,890
did you also say something
about your history,

385
00:16:54,890 --> 00:16:56,550
that you were a
converted person--

386
00:16:56,550 --> 00:16:57,050
Yeah.

387
00:16:57,050 --> 00:16:58,175
--and that you were Jewish?

388
00:16:58,175 --> 00:17:00,350

389
00:17:00,350 --> 00:17:01,550
And did you--

390
00:17:01,550 --> 00:17:03,200
That wasn't an obstacle.

391
00:17:03,200 --> 00:17:09,200
But I will say, in all honesty,
I have had some hard times

392
00:17:09,200 --> 00:17:11,670
with it in the convent too.

393

00:17:11,670 --> 00:17:14,660
Do you notice what I told
you earlier on that table?

394
00:17:14,660 --> 00:17:17,210
If you are Jew, no
matter which way you go,

395
00:17:17,210 --> 00:17:19,980
there is something
that is troubling,

396
00:17:19,980 --> 00:17:21,950
something that is a problem.

397
00:17:21,950 --> 00:17:24,619
Right, but what's
happened to you

398
00:17:24,619 --> 00:17:28,400
is that each place
that you've been in,

399
00:17:28,400 --> 00:17:32,210
you have somehow been
partially a foreigner

400
00:17:32,210 --> 00:17:37,160
or completely a foreigner, that
you're always sort of, um--

401
00:17:37,160 --> 00:17:38,630
--neither here nor there.

402
00:17:38,630 --> 00:17:39,900
Because that is true.

403
00:17:39,900 --> 00:17:42,458
How many Jewish girls
entered the Daughters

404
00:17:42,458 --> 00:17:43,250
of Mary and Joseph?

405
00:17:43,250 --> 00:17:44,708
You're the first
one that I've met.

406
00:17:44,708 --> 00:17:46,830
And the first one
they've ever had--

407
00:17:46,830 --> 00:17:47,330
Yes.

408
00:17:47,330 --> 00:17:47,630
--right?

409
00:17:47,630 --> 00:17:48,130
Yes.

410
00:17:48,130 --> 00:17:49,010
There's no other.

411
00:17:49,010 --> 00:17:49,670
Right.

412
00:17:49,670 --> 00:17:52,820
So it's true that for
them too, it's kind of--

413
00:17:52,820 --> 00:17:53,390
--strange.

414
00:17:53,390 --> 00:17:56,930
--strange, a person, and they
don't know too much about it.

415
00:17:56,930 --> 00:17:58,310
Right.

416
00:17:58,310 --> 00:18:01,940
And, of course, there
are no parents or family

417

00:18:01,940 --> 00:18:04,160
attached we think.

418

00:18:04,160 --> 00:18:07,020
So that's straightforward.

419

00:18:07,020 --> 00:18:08,630
They know that
this is the family

420

00:18:08,630 --> 00:18:11,780
that I consider my family
who has been hiding me.

421

00:18:11,780 --> 00:18:17,390
They know they're not 100%
delighted that it is not

422

00:18:17,390 --> 00:18:20,590
a contemplative order because
we are pretty open about that.

423

00:18:20,590 --> 00:18:21,210
Right.

424

00:18:21,210 --> 00:18:22,430
But they go along with it.

425

00:18:22,430 --> 00:18:27,410
And what they really liked
about it is the missionary idea.

426

00:18:27,410 --> 00:18:29,570
So things smoothened
themselves out.

427

00:18:29,570 --> 00:18:30,770
And everyone is happy.

428

00:18:30,770 --> 00:18:32,450
And I get ready.

429

00:18:32,450 --> 00:18:35,630

And I go to the missions.

430

00:18:35,630 --> 00:18:38,240

But in the meantime,
in those three years,

431

00:18:38,240 --> 00:18:41,810

I cannot tell you the number of
attempts I've had from Izzy--

432

00:18:41,810 --> 00:18:42,530

--to get you out?

433

00:18:42,530 --> 00:18:44,880

--to get me out.

434

00:18:44,880 --> 00:18:50,430

And once or twice, he
even came with Simon.

435

00:18:50,430 --> 00:18:52,360

Now Henri is not in
the picture anymore.

436

00:18:52,360 --> 00:18:55,470

And I'm sure those are the
years when Henri is already

437

00:18:55,470 --> 00:18:56,110

over there.

438

00:18:56,110 --> 00:18:56,610

Right.

439

00:18:56,610 --> 00:19:00,930

So Izzy either did you
come back from Israel

440

00:19:00,930 --> 00:19:02,890

or did you come for business?

441

00:19:02,890 --> 00:19:06,950

He must have come for various things because, remember,

442

00:19:06,950 --> 00:19:10,510

they were trying to get compensation from the Germans,

443

00:19:10,510 --> 00:19:12,773

saying whatever, you know, and--

444

00:19:12,773 --> 00:19:13,940

So he may have been coming--

445

00:19:13,940 --> 00:19:17,120

He might have had to come back for Germany,

446

00:19:17,120 --> 00:19:21,980

for the tribunal to, different things, he and Simon.

447

00:19:21,980 --> 00:19:26,820

And they made several visits to the convent in Brussels.

448

00:19:26,820 --> 00:19:32,140

And I had been so terrified and so traumatized,

449

00:19:32,140 --> 00:19:35,410

I never wanted to go to see them alone.

450

00:19:35,410 --> 00:19:38,512

So if it was announced, you have a visit.

451

00:19:38,512 --> 00:19:39,720

Now, who would come to visit?

452

00:19:39,720 --> 00:19:41,970

If it was Marie or
her mother or the--

453
00:19:41,970 --> 00:19:45,375
that was fine, no
problem, or Paul.

454
00:19:45,375 --> 00:19:48,840
But when they told me that
it was my brother, then

455
00:19:48,840 --> 00:19:51,900
I would make sure that I
had the bodyguard with me.

456
00:19:51,900 --> 00:19:55,110
Because I was-- I
sincerely thought

457
00:19:55,110 --> 00:19:58,110
they would be able to abduct me
if that was the only way they

458
00:19:58,110 --> 00:19:59,190
were going to get me.

459
00:19:59,190 --> 00:20:00,420
Now literally a bodyguard?

460
00:20:00,420 --> 00:20:00,660
Yeah.

461
00:20:00,660 --> 00:20:01,890
A male bodyguard or
female bodyguard.

462
00:20:01,890 --> 00:20:02,940
No, a female bodyguard.

463
00:20:02,940 --> 00:20:07,230
[LAUGHTER]

464

00:20:07,230 --> 00:20:09,940
Now was Izzy calmer these days?

465
00:20:09,940 --> 00:20:14,960
Yeah, a little, but
he had Simon with him

466
00:20:14,960 --> 00:20:17,300
who was able to kind of--

467
00:20:17,300 --> 00:20:17,990
--calm him.

468
00:20:17,990 --> 00:20:20,300
--calm him down and
kind of say, that's

469
00:20:20,300 --> 00:20:22,020
not the way we're
going to get anywhere,

470
00:20:22,020 --> 00:20:25,980
so let's just try again.

471
00:20:25,980 --> 00:20:27,480
And what did you do that for?

472
00:20:27,480 --> 00:20:29,200
And why do you
have to stay here?

473
00:20:29,200 --> 00:20:31,420
And-- I said, I'm free
to go if I want to.

474
00:20:31,420 --> 00:20:31,920
Right.

475
00:20:31,920 --> 00:20:34,260
No one is keeping
me prisoner here.

476

00:20:34,260 --> 00:20:37,190
But that is my choice.

477
00:20:37,190 --> 00:20:40,160
And they promised this and
I'll say no and I'm happy

478
00:20:40,160 --> 00:20:43,600
and that was my choice
and I'm staying.

479
00:20:43,600 --> 00:20:45,700
So they made several attempts.

480
00:20:45,700 --> 00:20:50,540
And I was never
comfortable ever since.

481
00:20:50,540 --> 00:20:51,110
--with him?

482
00:20:51,110 --> 00:20:52,020
--with him.

483
00:20:52,020 --> 00:20:52,520
Yes.

484
00:20:52,520 --> 00:20:57,020
And I really wanted
someone next door.

485
00:20:57,020 --> 00:20:59,990
You know, these are parlors
where in those days, I mean,

486
00:20:59,990 --> 00:21:03,050
this has all changed, you
would go for your visits

487
00:21:03,050 --> 00:21:06,620
or there would be someone
in case the slightest thing,

488

00:21:06,620 --> 00:21:08,240

they would be there
to protect me.

489

00:21:08,240 --> 00:21:10,350

Right.

490

00:21:10,350 --> 00:21:13,260

And David tried
once or twice too.

491

00:21:13,260 --> 00:21:16,140

Because he was quite
a few times sent

492

00:21:16,140 --> 00:21:20,400

on a mission for the movement
for the Zionism to recruit.

493

00:21:20,400 --> 00:21:23,020

And he was in this country
and in that country.

494

00:21:23,020 --> 00:21:25,950

Now with David, I was
a bit more relaxed.

495

00:21:25,950 --> 00:21:31,960

I knew there wouldn't be any
violent moves of any type.

496

00:21:31,960 --> 00:21:37,050

So I would accept like if
I meet him in Brussels,

497

00:21:37,050 --> 00:21:39,900

if he was in Paris and he said
he'd be passing in Brussels,

498

00:21:39,900 --> 00:21:43,120

I happened to be there,
OK, I'll go and see him.

499

00:21:43,120 --> 00:21:45,870

And he was usually with his
wife and one of the daughters.

500

00:21:45,870 --> 00:21:47,820

So that wasn't too bad.

501

00:21:47,820 --> 00:21:51,360

But it's never been easy.

502

00:21:51,360 --> 00:21:52,650

So it's always an issue?

503

00:21:52,650 --> 00:21:54,690

It's always an issue.

504

00:21:54,690 --> 00:21:59,820

And with my father, I have
no correspondence at all.

505

00:21:59,820 --> 00:22:04,110

And this-- and they did
invite me a few times later

506

00:22:04,110 --> 00:22:06,340

in the years to come.

507

00:22:06,340 --> 00:22:11,880

And so many other sisters
visit Israel and we give them

508

00:22:11,880 --> 00:22:13,950

the best welcome
and we gave them

509

00:22:13,950 --> 00:22:17,370

to the royal tour of
all the Holy places.

510

00:22:17,370 --> 00:22:19,680

And I can explain
everything to you.

511
00:22:19,680 --> 00:22:21,090
And why don't you come?

512
00:22:21,090 --> 00:22:22,230
And why don't you come?

513
00:22:22,230 --> 00:22:24,600
And I always refused.

514
00:22:24,600 --> 00:22:27,810
I didn't want, you
know, it's marked me

515
00:22:27,810 --> 00:22:30,820
more than anything
during the war,

516
00:22:30,820 --> 00:22:33,700
this encounter with the family.

517
00:22:33,700 --> 00:22:38,860
This went on close to 35
years with not seeing any

518
00:22:38,860 --> 00:22:41,450
of the family, none of them.

519
00:22:41,450 --> 00:22:43,268
Including Henri?

520
00:22:43,268 --> 00:22:45,440
Mm-hm.

521
00:22:45,440 --> 00:22:51,540
No, I must have met Henri once
in England, yeah, I think so,

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00:22:51,540 --> 00:22:53,280
with his wife.

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00:22:53,280 --> 00:22:58,680

He was visiting and I
was with the sisters.

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00:22:58,680 --> 00:23:00,960

And I was studying in Cardiff.

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00:23:00,960 --> 00:23:01,880

Because I did--

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00:23:01,880 --> 00:23:02,760

--eventually.

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00:23:02,760 --> 00:23:06,370

--pick up studies
eventually later on.

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00:23:06,370 --> 00:23:09,060

So he came to visit
me in the convent.

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00:23:09,060 --> 00:23:10,740

Now with Henri, I had no fear.

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00:23:10,740 --> 00:23:12,180

He could have come anywhere.

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00:23:12,180 --> 00:23:14,670

I knew he wasn't going to
do anything against me.

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00:23:14,670 --> 00:23:16,545

If anyone understood
my situation--

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00:23:16,545 --> 00:23:17,340

--it was him.

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00:23:17,340 --> 00:23:21,510

--he was the best
one to understand.

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00:23:21,510 --> 00:23:24,990

So I did meet him in London
with his wife when he visited.

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00:23:24,990 --> 00:23:26,820

And we had a good conversation.

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00:23:26,820 --> 00:23:29,310

And again he said, you
know, nothing would happen

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00:23:29,310 --> 00:23:32,100

and I shouldn't be
afraid and I should come

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00:23:32,100 --> 00:23:36,090

and it would mean so much to
our father if I came and visit.

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00:23:36,090 --> 00:23:39,090

He really wanted to see me.

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00:23:39,090 --> 00:23:42,160

So I finally decided in--

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00:23:42,160 --> 00:23:47,930

let me think-- in '60--

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00:23:47,930 --> 00:23:52,820

in '70, 1970 that I
would do the trip.

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00:23:52,820 --> 00:23:55,640

But there were still conditions.

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00:23:55,640 --> 00:23:59,900

One of our sisters was on
a course which included

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00:23:59,900 --> 00:24:02,380

a visit to the Holy Land.

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00:24:02,380 --> 00:24:06,310

So I arranged my
personal trip to coincide

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00:24:06,310 --> 00:24:09,820

with the group who were studying
who would be in the Holy Land

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00:24:09,820 --> 00:24:11,480

when I was there.

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00:24:11,480 --> 00:24:15,590

And so I would separate
the day of arrival.

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00:24:15,590 --> 00:24:18,440

But she would know that
of the 18th of February,

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00:24:18,440 --> 00:24:21,410

if I wasn't at the
airport, to alert

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00:24:21,410 --> 00:24:25,560

whoever was to be alerted,
that means there is trouble.

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00:24:25,560 --> 00:24:27,570

So that's the only
way I accepted

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00:24:27,570 --> 00:24:30,940

to go for the very first time.

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00:24:30,940 --> 00:24:36,040

And they all knew it was
going to be hard on everyone.

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00:24:36,040 --> 00:24:39,022

I hadn't seen anyone since.

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00:24:39,022 --> 00:24:42,950

But they particularly feared for

my father, the emotional shock.

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00:24:42,950 --> 00:24:43,450

Yeah.

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00:24:43,450 --> 00:24:46,170

So they had a doctor
stand by at the airport.

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00:24:46,170 --> 00:24:49,140

And they had warned
him about that.

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00:24:49,140 --> 00:24:54,240

And I will say, it was such
an emotional upheaval for me

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00:24:54,240 --> 00:24:58,340

that it's a very
difficult experience

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00:24:58,340 --> 00:25:01,460

to even explain or share.

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00:25:01,460 --> 00:25:07,017

It was like you live
something outside your body.

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00:25:07,017 --> 00:25:08,600

I don't know whether
that makes sense.

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00:25:08,600 --> 00:25:13,670

There I am, but I'm living
a total different experience

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00:25:13,670 --> 00:25:14,780

with the family here.

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00:25:14,780 --> 00:25:19,160

It's like me looking
into me from the outside.

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00:25:19,160 --> 00:25:22,640

And it did shake me
up physically a lot.

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00:25:22,640 --> 00:25:24,990

And I spent the
18 days with them.

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00:25:24,990 --> 00:25:28,550

And so this is when,
finally, I had a chance

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00:25:28,550 --> 00:25:31,220

to talk with my father
about all these events

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00:25:31,220 --> 00:25:35,270

and where he expressed regrets
of having left me alone,

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00:25:35,270 --> 00:25:37,490

that he shouldn't
have done that.

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00:25:37,490 --> 00:25:38,750

When Izzy was threatening you?

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00:25:38,750 --> 00:25:39,250

Yeah.

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00:25:39,250 --> 00:25:40,410

Yes.

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00:25:40,410 --> 00:25:45,880

And he consulted with David
who didn't find it too,

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00:25:45,880 --> 00:25:50,530

too difficult. Henri was there,
married already and children.

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00:25:50,530 --> 00:25:54,390

So I stayed part of it with
Henri, part of it with David.

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00:25:54,390 --> 00:25:58,220
And my father was
in David's kibbutz.

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00:25:58,220 --> 00:26:00,860
So he was there like
almost on a daily basis.

584
00:26:00,860 --> 00:26:02,480
We had a very good visit.

585
00:26:02,480 --> 00:26:03,930
I was there for the seder.

586
00:26:03,930 --> 00:26:08,760
That was the first
seder after the war

587
00:26:08,760 --> 00:26:11,250
that we had together in
one of the kibbutzim.

588
00:26:11,250 --> 00:26:14,910
And we invited cousins and
whichever distant relations

589
00:26:14,910 --> 00:26:15,680
we could find.

590
00:26:15,680 --> 00:26:16,990
So we had a whole table.

591
00:26:16,990 --> 00:26:19,590
It was very, very emotional.

592
00:26:19,590 --> 00:26:23,080
And that's the last
time I saw my father.

593

00:26:23,080 --> 00:26:28,260
Because he died in '78
and I was in Nigeria.

594
00:26:28,260 --> 00:26:29,720
So I couldn't go.

595
00:26:29,720 --> 00:26:31,040
Right.

596
00:26:31,040 --> 00:26:32,510
So you saw him once?

597
00:26:32,510 --> 00:26:34,270
Yeah.

598
00:26:34,270 --> 00:26:36,770
But then I've seen the
others quite a bit.

599
00:26:36,770 --> 00:26:41,170
So '70 was my very first
visit, just 18 days.

600
00:26:41,170 --> 00:26:44,740
And then I went back, I
believe, for the year I

601
00:26:44,740 --> 00:26:47,260
told you, in 1980--

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00:26:47,260 --> 00:26:50,775
no, '81, end of '81.

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00:26:50,775 --> 00:26:53,450

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00:26:53,450 --> 00:26:58,004
Did you tell your father
about your mother then?

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00:26:58,004 --> 00:27:00,450

No.

606
00:27:00,450 --> 00:27:01,800
So when did you tell him?

607
00:27:01,800 --> 00:27:03,060
Or didn't you tell him?

608
00:27:03,060 --> 00:27:04,158
I never told him.

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00:27:04,158 --> 00:27:04,950
You never told him.

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00:27:04,950 --> 00:27:06,075
You just told the brothers?

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00:27:06,075 --> 00:27:07,020
I told the brothers.

612
00:27:07,020 --> 00:27:11,960
And as everyone denied it and
everyone said that I had just

613
00:27:11,960 --> 00:27:15,230
arranged that and it was
my making that it all

614
00:27:15,230 --> 00:27:20,080
was like that, I decided there's
no point bringing this up again

615
00:27:20,080 --> 00:27:23,110
and I'll just leave
it for what it is.

616
00:27:23,110 --> 00:27:25,520
They don't have to believe it.

617
00:27:25,520 --> 00:27:28,130
But we were still fighting
backwards and forwards,

618

00:27:28,130 --> 00:27:33,730
me being Jewish or not Jewish
until one of those visits.

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00:27:33,730 --> 00:27:36,700
And that's in the '80s
when I was there for a year

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00:27:36,700 --> 00:27:40,600
that we had the long hours
of talks and questioning.

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00:27:40,600 --> 00:27:44,800
Oh, were they good
at questioning.

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00:27:44,800 --> 00:27:49,180
You have no idea that I finally
convinced them by my attitude

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00:27:49,180 --> 00:27:52,880
and by all that, can't deny
it, you're really Jewish.

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00:27:52,880 --> 00:27:55,180
I said, did you ever doubt it?

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00:27:55,180 --> 00:27:57,080
What has that got to do--

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00:27:57,080 --> 00:27:59,650
and that's when I said,
we have the same father,

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00:27:59,650 --> 00:28:00,670
the same mother.

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00:28:00,670 --> 00:28:04,350
We are not from different blood.

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00:28:04,350 --> 00:28:06,480

He said, no, but I
really didn't think you

630
00:28:06,480 --> 00:28:08,000
had anything Jewish anymore.

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00:28:08,000 --> 00:28:11,350
I said, look, Catholic
religion has nothing--

632
00:28:11,350 --> 00:28:13,920
then, of course, I've had
some very difficult times.

633
00:28:13,920 --> 00:28:17,550
Because Catholics haven't been
in the best books of anyone.

634
00:28:17,550 --> 00:28:19,470
And they've still
done tricky things.

635
00:28:19,470 --> 00:28:23,940
And we found out Pope so-and-so
didn't do that and the other

636
00:28:23,940 --> 00:28:24,720
one--

637
00:28:24,720 --> 00:28:25,990
and I can't deny that.

638
00:28:25,990 --> 00:28:31,360
And I understand and
I agree, but that

639
00:28:31,360 --> 00:28:32,980
isn't that will always be.

640
00:28:32,980 --> 00:28:38,560
And I have been pretty
open with Davids and Henri

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00:28:38,560 --> 00:28:41,440

of my experiences,
even, of anti-Semitism

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00:28:41,440 --> 00:28:44,560

in the Catholic church
as a Catholic nun.

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00:28:44,560 --> 00:28:45,900

And I haven't hidden that.

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00:28:45,900 --> 00:28:47,800

I can share that.

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00:28:47,800 --> 00:28:49,660

Because as I said,
you know, it's

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00:28:49,660 --> 00:28:53,050

very difficult to be Jewish
in whichever category

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00:28:53,050 --> 00:28:53,950

I put myself.

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00:28:53,950 --> 00:28:55,102

--put yourself in.

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00:28:55,102 --> 00:28:59,110

It is a problem because
I have experienced

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00:28:59,110 --> 00:29:04,300

anti-Semitism from sisters,
from religious, from priests.

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00:29:04,300 --> 00:29:06,490

But I suppose that's
the way it is.

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00:29:06,490 --> 00:29:09,790

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00:29:09,790 --> 00:29:11,340

OK.

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00:29:11,340 --> 00:29:43,000