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00:00:00,000 --> 00:00:56,600

2
00:00:56,600 --> 00:00:57,840
Let me go back a little bit.

3
00:00:57,840 --> 00:01:02,040
Were you sorry to leave
Paris, in some way?

4
00:01:02,040 --> 00:01:03,930
In some ways, I must say.

5
00:01:03,930 --> 00:01:05,880
There was nothing like Paris.

6
00:01:05,880 --> 00:01:09,550
And what I gained in
these three years,

7
00:01:09,550 --> 00:01:14,710
the joy of living there, the
culture, the people, the way

8
00:01:14,710 --> 00:01:16,210
they treated us like a--

9
00:01:16,210 --> 00:01:19,060
not only healing effect after
coming from the Holocaust,

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00:01:19,060 --> 00:01:21,540
but in general.

11
00:01:21,540 --> 00:01:24,490
The three years,
I told my friends,

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00:01:24,490 --> 00:01:28,150
the Manns, I said they were the
happiest three years of my life

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00:01:28,150 --> 00:01:34,570

because there's nothing I had
to do but just go and absorb

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00:01:34,570 --> 00:01:35,620

everything in Paris.

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00:01:35,620 --> 00:01:37,470

I was going to school,
and I was going

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00:01:37,470 --> 00:01:39,710

to get a job, maybe to work.

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00:01:39,710 --> 00:01:40,890

I love the language.

18

00:01:40,890 --> 00:01:42,250

I like the city.

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00:01:42,250 --> 00:01:47,780

I like the-- and they were
very good to us, yes, in a way,

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00:01:47,780 --> 00:01:50,570

but we knew this
was not the end.

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00:01:50,570 --> 00:01:53,900

We had to finally go
somewhere and settle.

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00:01:53,900 --> 00:01:57,290

And America was our-- and
the family was our purpose.

23

00:01:57,290 --> 00:01:59,750

But who would want
to leave Paris?

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00:01:59,750 --> 00:02:00,250

Yeah.

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00:02:00,250 --> 00:02:03,740

[CHUCKLES] Did
you like the food?

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00:02:03,740 --> 00:02:05,330

We didn't go out much to eat.

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00:02:05,330 --> 00:02:07,010

We couldn't afford it.

28

00:02:07,010 --> 00:02:08,900

I liked everything about Paris.

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00:02:08,900 --> 00:02:12,860

I liked there-- and I had a
shock, cultural shock when

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00:02:12,860 --> 00:02:16,640

I came to Paris from Poland,
because Poland was still

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00:02:16,640 --> 00:02:22,210

a country that was very,
how do you say, traditional.

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00:02:22,210 --> 00:02:26,230

When I went to gymnasium, I had
to be home by 10:00, and then

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00:02:26,230 --> 00:02:28,470

very tradition.

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00:02:28,470 --> 00:02:31,280

And then I come to Paris,
and I said, ooh, la, la.

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00:02:31,280 --> 00:02:32,875

I say, what's going on in here?

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00:02:32,875 --> 00:02:35,630

They're all sitting,
smooching on the benches

37
00:02:35,630 --> 00:02:37,730
and on the trains.

38
00:02:37,730 --> 00:02:40,700
I said, what kind of a
country did we come in here?

39
00:02:40,700 --> 00:02:44,600
There's some perversion
or something like this.

40
00:02:44,600 --> 00:02:46,850
I wasn't prepared for
anything like this.

41
00:02:46,850 --> 00:02:48,500
What to expect in
Paris, you know?

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00:02:48,500 --> 00:02:49,940
[INAUDIBLE]

43
00:02:49,940 --> 00:02:52,310
Well, it didn't take very
long, and I learned--

44
00:02:52,310 --> 00:02:56,510
[CHUCKLING]---- not quite
as much [INAUDIBLE],,

45
00:02:56,510 --> 00:02:59,795
but this is part of
living in Paris, you know?

46
00:02:59,795 --> 00:03:01,295
Nobody will ever
laugh at you if you

47
00:03:01,295 --> 00:03:04,460
want to kiss somebody on the

bench, or something like this.

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00:03:04,460 --> 00:03:06,620

So it was a culture shock.

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00:03:06,620 --> 00:03:09,800

And yes, I had a lot
of friends there,

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00:03:09,800 --> 00:03:13,020

because we were all going
to Alliance Française,

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00:03:13,020 --> 00:03:14,910

and we all had the
same experiences,

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00:03:14,910 --> 00:03:18,130

and get away from Poland,
waiting for our papers to go

53

00:03:18,130 --> 00:03:20,080

on to another country.

54

00:03:20,080 --> 00:03:23,060

But what I wanted to tell you,
and I didn't mention to you

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00:03:23,060 --> 00:03:27,470

before, when the war was
over and I missed five years

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00:03:27,470 --> 00:03:30,110

of school, and I wanted--

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00:03:30,110 --> 00:03:32,750

I always was a very good
student, and I wanted to learn,

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00:03:32,750 --> 00:03:36,260

but besides that, I
was so very eager,

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00:03:36,260 --> 00:03:38,870

and I went by the
motto, a Jewish word--

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00:03:38,870 --> 00:03:41,750

I don't know if you
know it-- says "davka."

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00:03:41,750 --> 00:03:42,440

"Davka."

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00:03:42,440 --> 00:03:44,600

It means in spite of.

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00:03:44,600 --> 00:03:46,460

And this was push
me to everything.

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00:03:46,460 --> 00:03:48,440

And I said, in spite
of what they wanted

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00:03:48,440 --> 00:03:52,340

to do to us, the Nazis,
and kill us, and deprive us

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00:03:52,340 --> 00:03:55,540

of school and [INAUDIBLE],,
I'm going to make it.

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00:03:55,540 --> 00:03:59,110

And I remember my
teacher used to read it

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00:03:59,110 --> 00:04:02,530

in my English papers, and
it said the word "davka."

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00:04:02,530 --> 00:04:05,020

And it's a Jewish word
meaning in spite of.

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00:04:05,020 --> 00:04:08,650

And that really was
my guiding light

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00:04:08,650 --> 00:04:12,570

until I achieved what
I wanted, which I did.

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00:04:12,570 --> 00:04:15,610

I came in here, I have
my wonderful family,

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00:04:15,610 --> 00:04:23,110

and I got my education, and
my jobs were very rewarding

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00:04:23,110 --> 00:04:26,870

because working with
the Russian refugees

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00:04:26,870 --> 00:04:28,810

was very rewarding to me.

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00:04:28,810 --> 00:04:31,090

When I came to
this to Washington,

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00:04:31,090 --> 00:04:34,480

I said, I would like
to have some day a job

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00:04:34,480 --> 00:04:37,060

to help those people
who are newcomers too,

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00:04:37,060 --> 00:04:40,450

because I understand
what it is like to adjust

80

00:04:40,450 --> 00:04:41,870

to a new country.

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00:04:41,870 --> 00:04:44,860

So the job, when it
turned up, I loved it,

82
00:04:44,860 --> 00:04:48,670
and we got along well,
because I was able

83
00:04:48,670 --> 00:04:52,600
help them get jobs, and all,
and I love the Russian language.

84
00:04:52,600 --> 00:04:55,510
So I had this job, and
then I loved working

85
00:04:55,510 --> 00:04:57,130
at the Library of Congress.

86
00:04:57,130 --> 00:04:59,020
Again, I used the
Russian language.

87
00:04:59,020 --> 00:05:00,070
I loved it.

88
00:05:00,070 --> 00:05:01,870
And I couldn't
believe it that I have

89
00:05:01,870 --> 00:05:05,672
lived to get a job working
for the government.

90
00:05:05,672 --> 00:05:07,450
It was such an honor.

91
00:05:07,450 --> 00:05:13,480
And then I just
couldn't-- coming in here,

92
00:05:13,480 --> 00:05:15,970
and even getting education,
you have to have the education

93
00:05:15,970 --> 00:05:17,780
to get a job for the government.

94
00:05:17,780 --> 00:05:20,632
And I work in the library
for 10 years using

95
00:05:20,632 --> 00:05:21,840
the Russian language in here.

96
00:05:21,840 --> 00:05:28,430
So in some ways, life was very
rewarding to me, and kind.

97
00:05:28,430 --> 00:05:30,280
If I didn't go, maybe,
through this war,

98
00:05:30,280 --> 00:05:32,050
I wouldn't have met
the people I met.

99
00:05:32,050 --> 00:05:34,280
I would have never lived
in Paris for three years.

100
00:05:34,280 --> 00:05:38,500
So looking on the bright
side, as long as I'm here,

101
00:05:38,500 --> 00:05:45,450
and alive, and enjoy
the fruit of my efforts,

102
00:05:45,450 --> 00:05:46,540
I am very blessed--

103
00:05:46,540 --> 00:05:48,280
I feel very blessed.

104
00:05:48,280 --> 00:05:50,260

Does it make you
sad, in some ways,

105
00:05:50,260 --> 00:05:52,120
that you went through
what you went through,

106
00:05:52,120 --> 00:05:53,500
or it's just part of--

107
00:05:53,500 --> 00:05:54,370
No.

108
00:05:54,370 --> 00:05:56,320
It doesn't.

109
00:05:56,320 --> 00:06:00,220
Because it wasn't
directed at me.

110
00:06:00,220 --> 00:06:05,020
It was a horrible thing
that happened all over,

111
00:06:05,020 --> 00:06:09,050
and who do I have the
right to complain to?

112
00:06:09,050 --> 00:06:12,150
I'm the one who survived.

113
00:06:12,150 --> 00:06:16,060
It's the people who perished,
the people down there who say,

114
00:06:16,060 --> 00:06:18,250
why me, what you do to us?

115
00:06:18,250 --> 00:06:21,310
I had to go through, but I
did make it on the long run.

116

00:06:21,310 --> 00:06:23,400
I survived.

117
00:06:23,400 --> 00:06:26,250
I never even knew about
a concentration camp

118
00:06:26,250 --> 00:06:27,557
until the war was over.

119
00:06:27,557 --> 00:06:28,390
Nobody ever talked--

120
00:06:28,390 --> 00:06:30,090
When did you find out?

121
00:06:30,090 --> 00:06:31,350
After the war.

122
00:06:31,350 --> 00:06:33,840
When you were in Lodz, or
when you were in Paris?

123
00:06:33,840 --> 00:06:38,850
No, when we were in Lodz,
and when we came to Lodz,

124
00:06:38,850 --> 00:06:41,820
and we bumped into
other people who

125
00:06:41,820 --> 00:06:44,430
were survivors from the camp.

126
00:06:44,430 --> 00:06:49,350
And I remember once, two women
were sitting in our house,

127
00:06:49,350 --> 00:06:51,600
and they were sewing.

128
00:06:51,600 --> 00:06:53,880

And one says to the
other, it was Yom Kippur,

129
00:06:53,880 --> 00:06:58,410
and she says, I can still
remember the smoke coming

130
00:06:58,410 --> 00:07:00,180
from the chimneys.

131
00:07:00,180 --> 00:07:02,050
And I didn't know what chimneys.

132
00:07:02,050 --> 00:07:04,560
This is something--
it didn't register

133
00:07:04,560 --> 00:07:06,360
because we didn't know it.

134
00:07:06,360 --> 00:07:09,210
There was so many different
stories people had.

135
00:07:09,210 --> 00:07:10,710
This one was in
Russia, and this one

136
00:07:10,710 --> 00:07:13,770
went this, and this
one that, that--

137
00:07:13,770 --> 00:07:14,720
little by little.

138
00:07:14,720 --> 00:07:18,720
And then when I came to
France, really, I knew more.

139
00:07:18,720 --> 00:07:21,300
Ran into survivors
from the camp.

140

00:07:21,300 --> 00:07:23,400

And incidentally,
during the war--

141

00:07:23,400 --> 00:07:28,920

you probably know yourself
that, when the camps existed,

142

00:07:28,920 --> 00:07:37,140

and Roosevelt was told that
something was going on there,

143

00:07:37,140 --> 00:07:40,380

they had planes
flying over the area

144

00:07:40,380 --> 00:07:43,068

where the concentration
camps were,

145

00:07:43,068 --> 00:07:45,360

and they could tell that they
were active because there

146

00:07:45,360 --> 00:07:47,640

was no snow on the roof.

147

00:07:47,640 --> 00:07:50,400

So they knew that something
was going on in those barracks.

148

00:07:50,400 --> 00:07:52,080

This was during the war still.

149

00:07:52,080 --> 00:07:54,540

And they said, there must
be something going on,

150

00:07:54,540 --> 00:07:56,790

but nobody believed.

151

00:07:56,790 --> 00:08:00,850

Nobody would believe
that something that is--

152
00:08:00,850 --> 00:08:04,830
could have this-- even
now, still, people

153
00:08:04,830 --> 00:08:08,010
can't believe what happened.

154
00:08:08,010 --> 00:08:12,060
I watched the History
Channel religiously,

155
00:08:12,060 --> 00:08:15,160
when they opened up now
all the files and all.

156
00:08:15,160 --> 00:08:21,920
And I hope this-- but it's not--

157
00:08:21,920 --> 00:08:23,510
human nature is strange.

158
00:08:23,510 --> 00:08:26,560
It doesn't seem to deter
people from fighting.

159
00:08:26,560 --> 00:08:29,730
When I came in here, I thought
there will be no more wars.

160
00:08:29,730 --> 00:08:30,950
I came in 1949.

161
00:08:30,950 --> 00:08:32,950
And take a look how many
wars we had since then.

162
00:08:32,950 --> 00:08:34,590
Every time you look around.

163

00:08:34,590 --> 00:08:36,549

This one, [INAUDIBLE]

I remember--

164

00:08:36,549 --> 00:08:39,059

Korean, this Vietnam, and
then you had the Irish,

165

00:08:39,059 --> 00:08:41,039

and then you had the Isra--

166

00:08:41,039 --> 00:08:42,419

I mean, every time.

167

00:08:42,419 --> 00:08:48,170

What is it in human
nature that has this need

168

00:08:48,170 --> 00:08:51,400

to constantly hurt others?

169

00:08:51,400 --> 00:08:52,810

I don't know.

170

00:08:52,810 --> 00:08:55,210

I just don't know,
but it's a shame.

171

00:08:55,210 --> 00:08:57,040

It is very much a shame.

172

00:08:57,040 --> 00:09:00,058

Did it shock you when you
heard about the camps?

173

00:09:00,058 --> 00:09:01,350

Yeah, I couldn't understand it.

174

00:09:01,350 --> 00:09:03,040

I thought it was just--

175

00:09:03,040 --> 00:09:04,890

the first time-- they
didn't show picture,

176
00:09:04,890 --> 00:09:06,390
they just said
[? the word camp ?]..

177
00:09:06,390 --> 00:09:07,950
To see burn-- Yes.

178
00:09:07,950 --> 00:09:08,830
Very much.

179
00:09:08,830 --> 00:09:12,000
It was, to me, so unbelievable.

180
00:09:12,000 --> 00:09:14,960
And the scope of it.

181
00:09:14,960 --> 00:09:16,480
We never knew that--

182
00:09:16,480 --> 00:09:19,230
or maybe one or two,
but we never believed

183
00:09:19,230 --> 00:09:22,890
at such a rate people came.

184
00:09:22,890 --> 00:09:27,310
And what also shocked
us later on to see,

185
00:09:27,310 --> 00:09:29,520
that even after
the war was over--

186
00:09:29,520 --> 00:09:30,910
and Poland did too--

187
00:09:30,910 --> 00:09:32,470
these people came

to their homes,

188

00:09:32,470 --> 00:09:35,560
and there was pogrom
in Kielce or something,

189

00:09:35,560 --> 00:09:36,820
in spite of the fact--

190

00:09:36,820 --> 00:09:39,700
because they didn't--
antisemitism was still

191

00:09:39,700 --> 00:09:40,810
so great.

192

00:09:40,810 --> 00:09:42,010
They didn't want the Jews.

193

00:09:42,010 --> 00:09:44,500
They were sorry
they weren't killed.

194

00:09:44,500 --> 00:09:47,560
And do you think your
parents knew more before you

195

00:09:47,560 --> 00:09:49,990
did because you were so young?

196

00:09:49,990 --> 00:09:52,763
Or did they find out about
the same time you did?

197

00:09:52,763 --> 00:09:53,430
About the camps?

198

00:09:53,430 --> 00:09:54,230
Mm.

199

00:09:54,230 --> 00:09:54,730
No.

200
00:09:54,730 --> 00:09:56,660
We all found out more
or less the same--

201
00:09:56,660 --> 00:09:57,160
Time.

202
00:09:57,160 --> 00:09:58,900
We found it by word of mouth.

203
00:09:58,900 --> 00:10:01,780
People you sit down
in the cafeteria,

204
00:10:01,780 --> 00:10:04,620
or we meet some survivors.

205
00:10:04,620 --> 00:10:06,430
And it always was
the first question,

206
00:10:06,430 --> 00:10:09,040
so how did you survive?

207
00:10:09,040 --> 00:10:11,080
And everybody has
their unique story.

208
00:10:11,080 --> 00:10:14,380
I survived, my mother
didn't, my wife didn't.

209
00:10:14,380 --> 00:10:17,040
And I heard there
was incidents--

210
00:10:17,040 --> 00:10:19,120
one incident particular told me.

211
00:10:19,120 --> 00:10:23,350
A young man survived the war.

212
00:10:23,350 --> 00:10:28,720
And they say when he found
out that nobody in his family

213
00:10:28,720 --> 00:10:30,740
survived, he didn't
want to live.

214
00:10:30,740 --> 00:10:33,300

215
00:10:33,300 --> 00:10:35,550
He didn't want to live.

216
00:10:35,550 --> 00:10:37,780
So--

217
00:10:37,780 --> 00:10:39,180
Did he commit suicide?

218
00:10:39,180 --> 00:10:40,810
He committed-- yeah.

219
00:10:40,810 --> 00:10:42,740
I didn't see this.

220
00:10:42,740 --> 00:10:44,410
This is old story, you see.

221
00:10:44,410 --> 00:10:46,260
People came out with--

222
00:10:46,260 --> 00:10:49,480
you see sometimes
movies too, where

223
00:10:49,480 --> 00:10:52,710
families' survivors,
the husband stayed,

224

00:10:52,710 --> 00:10:54,460
and they made a life
with them, something,

225
00:10:54,460 --> 00:10:57,130
and then something snaps.

226
00:10:57,130 --> 00:10:58,660
Something snaps.

227
00:10:58,660 --> 00:11:03,890
And it's like a delayed reaction
or something that they--

228
00:11:03,890 --> 00:11:06,460
it comes late to them.

229
00:11:06,460 --> 00:11:08,100
Some of them came here.

230
00:11:08,100 --> 00:11:10,150
And even though they
lost a wife or family,

231
00:11:10,150 --> 00:11:14,110
they tried to make a
new life for themselves.

232
00:11:14,110 --> 00:11:16,480
They remarried, and
they have children.

233
00:11:16,480 --> 00:11:19,960
But it's never left them.

234
00:11:19,960 --> 00:11:23,320
And they would have
later breakdown, or--

235
00:11:23,320 --> 00:11:26,690
Sometimes children had
to carry also the--

236

00:11:26,690 --> 00:11:31,060

listen to the-- what went on.

237

00:11:31,060 --> 00:11:34,930

They couldn't-- it's called
the second generation.

238

00:11:34,930 --> 00:11:35,800

Yeah.

239

00:11:35,800 --> 00:11:38,440

But--

240

00:11:38,440 --> 00:11:39,760

And what about you?

241

00:11:39,760 --> 00:11:42,640

Do you think there's
a price that you've

242

00:11:42,640 --> 00:11:45,952

paid for your experiences?

243

00:11:45,952 --> 00:11:47,410

Is there a place
[? where I pay? ?]

244

00:11:47,410 --> 00:11:48,240

No, price.

245

00:11:48,240 --> 00:11:48,940

A price.

246

00:11:48,940 --> 00:11:49,440

Is--

247

00:11:49,440 --> 00:11:50,830

A price that I paid?

248

00:11:50,830 --> 00:11:54,580

Well, I don't think

it's my personal--

249

00:11:54,580 --> 00:11:57,320

it's not like I was
the only one punished.

250

00:11:57,320 --> 00:12:01,150

I think the year in Moscow,
starving and hungry,

251

00:12:01,150 --> 00:12:03,250

I almost died there.

252

00:12:03,250 --> 00:12:06,780

It was-- the others
were more hardy.

253

00:12:06,780 --> 00:12:08,050

The others were more hardy.

254

00:12:08,050 --> 00:12:09,910

They were peasant
stock, and this.

255

00:12:09,910 --> 00:12:13,150

And I was used to my
mother pampered me always.

256

00:12:13,150 --> 00:12:14,260

There you go.

257

00:12:14,260 --> 00:12:15,920

She always did
everything for me.

258

00:12:15,920 --> 00:12:18,940

She wouldn't eat until I have
something to eat, you know.

259

00:12:18,940 --> 00:12:24,380

And I wasn't prepared for
it, and I wondered, maybe

260

00:12:24,380 --> 00:12:26,900

it was a mistake for
me to come to Moscow.

261

00:12:26,900 --> 00:12:30,500

But then again, I look
around, I'm not the only one.

262

00:12:30,500 --> 00:12:32,990

All around me,
people were hungry.

263

00:12:32,990 --> 00:12:38,000

Once, a girl invited me to
come to her grandmother.

264

00:12:38,000 --> 00:12:39,800

Some were way out
in the country.

265

00:12:39,800 --> 00:12:41,450

You know what the
kolkhoz is, right?

266

00:12:41,450 --> 00:12:44,780

You know what a collective
commune, the Russians.

267

00:12:44,780 --> 00:12:46,610

And she says, you
want to come with me

268

00:12:46,610 --> 00:12:48,720

to my grandma for about a week?

269

00:12:48,720 --> 00:12:53,400

We'll take time off from
working at the plant.

270

00:12:53,400 --> 00:12:55,372

I said, sure.

271

00:12:55,372 --> 00:12:57,330
I thought, when we come
there, probably there's

272
00:12:57,330 --> 00:12:58,650
going to be food and so on.

273
00:12:58,650 --> 00:13:01,610
So we went on the train in
the middle of the night,

274
00:13:01,610 --> 00:13:02,990
God knows where in Russia.

275
00:13:02,990 --> 00:13:06,650
We get off the train,
and we start walking.

276
00:13:06,650 --> 00:13:09,950
We had to walk a long
distance on a highway.

277
00:13:09,950 --> 00:13:11,900
The snow was so high.

278
00:13:11,900 --> 00:13:14,210
There was no transportation
to come and pick us up

279
00:13:14,210 --> 00:13:17,930
we were the only
two girls walking.

280
00:13:17,930 --> 00:13:22,670
And the wolves was
in the forest looking

281
00:13:22,670 --> 00:13:24,870
at us, and with those big eyes.

282
00:13:24,870 --> 00:13:26,888
I said, well, any time,
they'll come eat us up.

283
00:13:26,888 --> 00:13:28,430
But we walked the
whole night till we

284
00:13:28,430 --> 00:13:31,580
came to the grandma's house.

285
00:13:31,580 --> 00:13:34,880
She was a very kind
old Russian lady,

286
00:13:34,880 --> 00:13:36,230
and the week was wonderful.

287
00:13:36,230 --> 00:13:41,486
I remember all I did is
lay there on top of the--

288
00:13:41,486 --> 00:13:43,130
in a warm spot in the house.

289
00:13:43,130 --> 00:13:45,430
I didn't want to come
down, because at least we

290
00:13:45,430 --> 00:13:47,870
had enough bread.

291
00:13:47,870 --> 00:13:50,030
I wasn't hungry for a week.

292
00:13:50,030 --> 00:13:52,520
This was the highlight
of [INAUDIBLE]..

293
00:13:52,520 --> 00:13:54,110
But people had it worse.

294
00:13:54,110 --> 00:13:55,070
People had it--

295

00:13:55,070 --> 00:13:56,960

I always look at it this way.

296

00:13:56,960 --> 00:13:58,020

God blessed me.

297

00:13:58,020 --> 00:14:00,460

I always look at
it that I survived,

298

00:14:00,460 --> 00:14:04,280

there wasn't any camp, that
I achieved what I wanted--

299

00:14:04,280 --> 00:14:06,470

the hard way.

300

00:14:06,470 --> 00:14:09,740

The hard way, but I
achieved what I wanted.

301

00:14:09,740 --> 00:14:15,230

I had my parents with me,
became reunited with our family.

302

00:14:15,230 --> 00:14:16,290

I have my family.

303

00:14:16,290 --> 00:14:18,450

I got my education,
which I was--

304

00:14:18,450 --> 00:14:19,830

wanted so much.

305

00:14:19,830 --> 00:14:22,210

And now all I want
is good health.

306

00:14:22,210 --> 00:14:24,830

And I hope it will
stay all well.

307
00:14:24,830 --> 00:14:27,350
And I was--

308
00:14:27,350 --> 00:14:30,260
I appreciate the
opportunity for letting you

309
00:14:30,260 --> 00:14:31,700
the first one I told the story.

310
00:14:31,700 --> 00:14:33,080
Even my children didn't get--

311
00:14:33,080 --> 00:14:36,060
if there's anything else I can
tell you, or if any questions--

312
00:14:36,060 --> 00:14:38,630
Well, is there anything that
you think you would like to talk

313
00:14:38,630 --> 00:14:39,930
about that you haven't?

314
00:14:39,930 --> 00:14:40,430
Sorry?

315
00:14:40,430 --> 00:14:42,350
Is there anything you
would like to talk about

316
00:14:42,350 --> 00:14:43,225
that you haven't ta--

317
00:14:43,225 --> 00:14:45,270
I don't reme-- probably
when I come home.

318
00:14:45,270 --> 00:14:45,970
You may think--

319

00:14:45,970 --> 00:14:47,690

Don't expe-- [CHUCKLING]

[INAUDIBLE] the middle

320

00:14:47,690 --> 00:14:48,690

of the night, you know.

321

00:14:48,690 --> 00:14:50,220

Well, let me ask you something.

322

00:14:50,220 --> 00:14:52,700

What have you told

your children?

323

00:14:52,700 --> 00:14:56,120

Or is the testimony

you're giving today

324

00:14:56,120 --> 00:14:58,113

really a gift to them as well?

325

00:14:58,113 --> 00:14:59,030

It's [INAUDIBLE] them.

326

00:14:59,030 --> 00:15:01,100

They knew little bits.

327

00:15:01,100 --> 00:15:03,940

They knew like that I

was in the partisans.

328

00:15:03,940 --> 00:15:05,900

And then when I start

telling my daughter,

329

00:15:05,900 --> 00:15:09,192

so then I went to Moscow,

she says, now wait a minute,

330

00:15:09,192 --> 00:15:11,650

she says, mom, you told me you

were at that time in Poland,

331
00:15:11,650 --> 00:15:15,620
so how can you be Mo-- they
couldn't piece things together.

332
00:15:15,620 --> 00:15:20,590
And my youngest son, the one
who lives in New Hampshire,

333
00:15:20,590 --> 00:15:27,470
he says he refused to read any
books of somebody else's life

334
00:15:27,470 --> 00:15:28,380
story.

335
00:15:28,380 --> 00:15:32,870
He says, I want to read
your story, your account,

336
00:15:32,870 --> 00:15:35,120
how you survived.

337
00:15:35,120 --> 00:15:38,720
So I found a note yesterday
in the computer, on email.

338
00:15:38,720 --> 00:15:40,220
Good luck, mom.

339
00:15:40,220 --> 00:15:44,060
We wait to-- excuse me--

340
00:15:44,060 --> 00:15:45,980
we wait impatiently to see it.

341
00:15:45,980 --> 00:15:48,230
But he was very
firm, they wanted

342
00:15:48,230 --> 00:15:51,920
to have it for their children,

for their grandchildren.

343

00:15:51,920 --> 00:15:59,880

And I feel I owe it to humanity
too, to leave something behind.

344

00:15:59,880 --> 00:16:04,530

Not to take it for granted,
everything that I have.

345

00:16:04,530 --> 00:16:05,360

This is it.

346

00:16:05,360 --> 00:16:10,530

So I'm still in relatively
good health at 81.

347

00:16:10,530 --> 00:16:12,160

I hope to travel some more.

348

00:16:12,160 --> 00:16:13,360

I hope so too.

349

00:16:13,360 --> 00:16:14,250

I hope so too.

350

00:16:14,250 --> 00:16:17,610

[INAUDIBLE] I was-- be
realistic, but I hope so.

351

00:16:17,610 --> 00:16:23,260

And I look forward to
very many good occasions

352

00:16:23,260 --> 00:16:25,420

with the family, and
all this, and yeah--

353

00:16:25,420 --> 00:16:27,335

Well, I thank you
for taking the time

354

00:16:27,335 --> 00:16:28,460
and being willing to do it.

355
00:16:28,460 --> 00:16:29,790
I know how difficult it can be.

356
00:16:29,790 --> 00:16:30,998
Oh, yeah, but don't thank me.

357
00:16:30,998 --> 00:16:33,397
You have no idea what
a mitzvah this was.

358
00:16:33,397 --> 00:16:34,730
You know what that means, right?

359
00:16:34,730 --> 00:16:35,360
Yes, I do.

360
00:16:35,360 --> 00:16:38,260
I have never sat
down and fully--

361
00:16:38,260 --> 00:16:41,770
you made me very comfortable,
and very at ease.

362
00:16:41,770 --> 00:16:44,860
And it was hanging
[? over me ?]..

363
00:16:44,860 --> 00:16:47,490
I wanted to do it, and
then I would back up, and--

364
00:16:47,490 --> 00:16:50,020
and I'm very grateful for you--

365
00:16:50,020 --> 00:16:52,960
patience, and for your kindness,
and for the-- [? everything. ?]

366

00:16:52,960 --> 00:16:56,790
If there's anything else
that you want me to tell you,

367
00:16:56,790 --> 00:16:57,967
I don't know.

368
00:16:57,967 --> 00:16:58,550
Nothing else--

369
00:16:58,550 --> 00:17:00,050
I can't think of
anything right now.

370
00:17:00,050 --> 00:17:01,268
I wore you out.

371
00:17:01,268 --> 00:17:03,060
How many hour-- how
many hours did we talk?

372
00:17:03,060 --> 00:17:04,518
We've been doing
a number of hours.

373
00:17:04,518 --> 00:17:05,150
Oh, really--

374
00:17:05,150 --> 00:17:10,210
So I think we'll stop the tape,
and we'll do your photographs.

375
00:17:10,210 --> 00:17:11,170
Yes.

376
00:17:11,170 --> 00:17:13,210
And Rosette, who's
this on the left?

377
00:17:13,210 --> 00:17:15,490
The woman on the
left is my mother.

378

00:17:15,490 --> 00:17:21,470

It's a picture of her before the war, probably taken in Rovno.

379

00:17:21,470 --> 00:17:23,785

I'm not sure.

380

00:17:23,785 --> 00:17:25,440

And the gentleman in the uniform?

381

00:17:25,440 --> 00:17:26,829

The gentleman is my father.

382

00:17:26,829 --> 00:17:31,060

He was a Polish officer, and he served in the army.

383

00:17:31,060 --> 00:17:32,850

I'm not sure if it was--

384

00:17:32,850 --> 00:17:36,060

what part, but-- cavalry--

385

00:17:36,060 --> 00:17:37,000

I don't know.

386

00:17:37,000 --> 00:17:39,110

But anyhow, he was an officer in the Polish army.

387

00:17:39,110 --> 00:17:48,120

388

00:17:48,120 --> 00:17:49,460

And this photograph, the couple?

389

00:17:49,460 --> 00:17:50,010

OK.

390

00:17:50,010 --> 00:17:53,460

The couple in this photograph
are my parents, probably

391
00:17:53,460 --> 00:17:57,300
shortly after the engagement,
or after the wedding.

392
00:17:57,300 --> 00:18:09,084

393
00:18:09,084 --> 00:18:11,230
And who's this on the left?

394
00:18:11,230 --> 00:18:14,770
The person on the left is
my father's stepsister,

395
00:18:14,770 --> 00:18:19,700
and she was feeding
the ducks, something--

396
00:18:19,700 --> 00:18:23,920
all the domestic animals
which we had on our farm.

397
00:18:23,920 --> 00:18:27,430
Behind her is one
wall of the mill

398
00:18:27,430 --> 00:18:28,725
where they were making flour.

399
00:18:28,725 --> 00:18:33,358

400
00:18:33,358 --> 00:18:35,250
And what was her name?

401
00:18:35,250 --> 00:18:37,539
Her name was Feigel.

402
00:18:37,539 --> 00:18:44,385

403
00:18:44,385 --> 00:18:46,260
And what is this group?

404
00:18:46,260 --> 00:18:49,260
This is a group of
Jewish youth who

405
00:18:49,260 --> 00:18:53,370
used to come every summer,
almost every summer, to spend

406
00:18:53,370 --> 00:18:58,350
on the farm to learn agriculture
and farming in preparation

407
00:18:58,350 --> 00:19:01,220
of going to Palestine
and work on a kibbutz.

408
00:19:01,220 --> 00:19:11,100

409
00:19:11,100 --> 00:19:12,570
And this photograph here?

410
00:19:12,570 --> 00:19:17,660
The photograph here is of myself
when I was in grade school.

411
00:19:17,660 --> 00:19:21,540
And we always had to
wear a certain uniform.

412
00:19:21,540 --> 00:19:26,820
But the inscription on the
back is very significant

413
00:19:26,820 --> 00:19:32,990
because my parents wrote the
address of my uncle, Rozansky,

414

00:19:32,990 --> 00:19:38,490
who lived here in Washington,
in case we separate,

415

00:19:38,490 --> 00:19:40,350
the family breaks
apart, I should

416

00:19:40,350 --> 00:19:43,290
know that we have
family in Washington,

417

00:19:43,290 --> 00:19:48,580
and alert them that I survived.

418

00:19:48,580 --> 00:19:49,105
It's--

419

00:19:49,105 --> 00:19:51,100
And just say how long
you carried this.

420

00:19:51,100 --> 00:19:51,850
You carried this--

421

00:19:51,850 --> 00:19:54,670
I carried this picture
just the beginning

422

00:19:54,670 --> 00:20:00,220
of the Nazi occupation,
and I had it all

423

00:20:00,220 --> 00:20:02,470
until the war was over.

424

00:20:02,470 --> 00:20:06,550
This was my lifeline
with the outside world

425

00:20:06,550 --> 00:20:09,340
should my parents perish.

426
00:20:09,340 --> 00:20:10,540
The picture on the right.

427
00:20:10,540 --> 00:20:14,320
The picture on the right
is myself in a uniform,

428
00:20:14,320 --> 00:20:16,330
like a Russian
school uniform, when

429
00:20:16,330 --> 00:20:19,180
I worked in Moscow on the--

430
00:20:19,180 --> 00:20:21,940
I was attending the technicum.

431
00:20:21,940 --> 00:20:23,110
How old are you here?

432
00:20:23,110 --> 00:20:28,470
Over there, I must been
about maybe 14 years,

433
00:20:28,470 --> 00:20:31,087
between 13 and a half,
14, somewhere like that.

434
00:20:31,087 --> 00:20:34,270

435
00:20:34,270 --> 00:20:36,270
And what about this shot here?

436
00:20:36,270 --> 00:20:38,310
This shot in here,
that's my parents

437
00:20:38,310 --> 00:20:43,320
and myself taken after the
war in the city of Lodz.

438
00:20:43,320 --> 00:20:53,060

439
00:20:53,060 --> 00:20:54,420
And what is this here?

440
00:20:54,420 --> 00:20:59,600
This is my passport issued
in Poland, in Warsaw.

441
00:20:59,600 --> 00:21:02,800

442
00:21:02,800 --> 00:21:07,030
This is my photo and my
signature on the bottom.

443
00:21:07,030 --> 00:21:11,020
And on the left is the
description when I was born,

444
00:21:11,020 --> 00:21:17,530
and in which city, Rovno, and my
face, and the color of my eyes,

445
00:21:17,530 --> 00:21:22,920
and height, and the hair color,
and physical characteristics,

446
00:21:22,920 --> 00:21:24,294
you should say.

447
00:21:24,294 --> 00:21:30,965

448
00:21:30,965 --> 00:21:32,840
And where could this
picture have been taken?

449
00:21:32,840 --> 00:21:36,330
OK, this picture was taken

only one place, in Paris.

450
00:21:36,330 --> 00:21:38,760
And we lived in Paris
for three years,

451
00:21:38,760 --> 00:21:41,950
and in the front of
the Eiffel Tower.

452
00:21:41,950 --> 00:21:46,130
And very dear to me.

453
00:21:46,130 --> 00:21:53,300

454
00:21:53,300 --> 00:21:54,860
And what is this ship here?

455
00:21:54,860 --> 00:21:57,400
Oh, this ship is the Queen Mary.

456
00:21:57,400 --> 00:22:00,630
It's the ship I came on from--

457
00:22:00,630 --> 00:22:02,875
boarded in France and
came to the United States.

458
00:22:02,875 --> 00:22:08,462

459
00:22:08,462 --> 00:22:09,910
And who's that on there?

460
00:22:09,910 --> 00:22:13,510
And that's me descending
the ramp on the Queen Mary,

461
00:22:13,510 --> 00:22:17,980
coming down of the ship
finally to the promised land.

462
00:22:17,980 --> 00:22:19,650
[CHUCKLES]

463
00:22:19,650 --> 00:22:22,622
To coming-- and
this is New York.

464
00:22:22,622 --> 00:22:23,580
That's where I arrived.

465
00:22:23,580 --> 00:22:27,080

466
00:22:27,080 --> 00:22:28,840
And Rosette, what is this?

467
00:22:28,840 --> 00:22:29,340
OK.

468
00:22:29,340 --> 00:22:31,350
This is my mother's prayer book.

469
00:22:31,350 --> 00:22:33,780
It says in Hebrew
letters, machzor,

470
00:22:33,780 --> 00:22:35,430
which means prayer book.

471
00:22:35,430 --> 00:22:39,630
My mother had this with her
always during the-- in Poland,

472
00:22:39,630 --> 00:22:42,990
and she carried it with
her during the Holocaust,

473
00:22:42,990 --> 00:22:43,890
wherever she was.

474

00:22:43,890 --> 00:22:45,930
She held it close to her heart.

475
00:22:45,930 --> 00:22:51,000
There are inscriptions there
pertaining to the Holocaust,

476
00:22:51,000 --> 00:22:54,960
when it took place, and
where, and some dates

477
00:22:54,960 --> 00:22:59,370
of some of the members of
the family who perished.

478
00:22:59,370 --> 00:23:01,355
This is my father's handwriting.

479
00:23:01,355 --> 00:23:04,250

480
00:23:04,250 --> 00:23:04,750
Here.

481
00:23:04,750 --> 00:23:11,060

482
00:23:11,060 --> 00:23:12,405
And this is your father?

483
00:23:12,405 --> 00:23:13,405
My father's handwriting.

484
00:23:13,405 --> 00:23:14,650
Writing on all of it.

485
00:23:14,650 --> 00:23:16,800
Explaining.

486
00:23:16,800 --> 00:25:23,000