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00:00:00,000 --> 00:00:01,546

We're ready.

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00:00:01,546 --> 00:00:04,260

OK, rolling.

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00:00:04,260 --> 00:00:05,040

Good morning.

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00:00:05,040 --> 00:00:05,970

Good morning.

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00:00:05,970 --> 00:00:09,210

This is a United States

Holocaust Memorial Museum

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00:00:09,210 --> 00:00:17,430

interview with Mrs. Marianne
Salomon Berg on July 15, 2015

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00:00:17,430 --> 00:00:20,260

in Monroe Township, New Jersey.

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00:00:20,260 --> 00:00:23,650

Thank you so much, Mrs. Berg
for agreeing to meet us today.

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00:00:23,650 --> 00:00:24,930

It's my pleasure.

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00:00:24,930 --> 00:00:25,710

Thank you.

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00:00:25,710 --> 00:00:28,200

To share your story,
and also, maybe,

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00:00:28,200 --> 00:00:31,860

to tell us a little bit
about your husband's story

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00:00:31,860 --> 00:00:35,340

because there are parallels
and there are differences, too.

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00:00:35,340 --> 00:00:40,980

And he's no longer here to
be able to say it directly.

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00:00:40,980 --> 00:00:45,060

And through you, we'd like to
also memorialize his story.

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00:00:45,060 --> 00:00:46,707

But we'll start with yours, OK?

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00:00:46,707 --> 00:00:48,420

OK.

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00:00:48,420 --> 00:00:50,190

And as all of the
interviews, we'll

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00:00:50,190 --> 00:00:52,050

start at the very beginning.

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00:00:52,050 --> 00:00:55,710

I'd like you to tell me
the date you were born,

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00:00:55,710 --> 00:00:59,690

the place you were born, and
what was your name at birth?

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00:00:59,690 --> 00:01:06,300

All right, I hate to say it, but
I was born on August 26, 1932

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00:01:06,300 --> 00:01:08,880

in Frankfurt, Germany.

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00:01:08,880 --> 00:01:15,480

And according to my mother,

I was a 10 month pregnancy,

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00:01:15,480 --> 00:01:20,110
and she was very unhappy that
it took so long, but here I am.

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00:01:20,110 --> 00:01:22,860
Yes.

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00:01:22,860 --> 00:01:24,690
Your name at birth was?

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00:01:24,690 --> 00:01:28,170
My last name was
Salomon, S-A-L-O-M-O-N.

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00:01:28,170 --> 00:01:30,600
My first name is Marianne.

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00:01:30,600 --> 00:01:34,530
And I was named after an aunt,
my father's favorite sister,

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00:01:34,530 --> 00:01:38,600
who had passed away
shortly before I was born.

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00:01:38,600 --> 00:01:45,180
OK, and do you have any
brothers and sisters?

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00:01:45,180 --> 00:01:45,900
No.

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00:01:45,900 --> 00:01:46,950
You were an only child?

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00:01:46,950 --> 00:01:47,940
I'm an only child.

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00:01:47,940 --> 00:01:51,840
All right, and tell

me a little bit

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00:01:51,840 --> 00:01:53,850
about your mother
and your father,

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00:01:53,850 --> 00:01:55,290
starting with their names.

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00:01:55,290 --> 00:01:58,878
And if you remember at least the
date, the year of their births,

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00:01:58,878 --> 00:01:59,795
that would be helpful.

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00:01:59,795 --> 00:02:00,610
Yeah, OK.

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00:02:00,610 --> 00:02:06,210
My father was born
in 1887, December.

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00:02:06,210 --> 00:02:10,289
Christmas day,
December 25, 1887.

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00:02:10,289 --> 00:02:15,900
And my mother was born
in 1899, May 31, 1899.

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00:02:15,900 --> 00:02:19,020
They were 12 years apart in age.

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00:02:19,020 --> 00:02:24,320
And so my father was
not a young father.

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00:02:24,320 --> 00:02:27,510
He was 39 when he got married.

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00:02:27,510 --> 00:02:33,090

He was 45 years old when I was born, and my mother was 33.

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00:02:33,090 --> 00:02:35,070
Which is also unusual
for that time.

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00:02:35,070 --> 00:02:37,470
For that time, for
that time, yeah.

51
00:02:37,470 --> 00:02:39,450
Well, she was married.

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00:02:39,450 --> 00:02:44,310
She was 27 when she got married,
but she had many miscarriages.

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00:02:44,310 --> 00:02:47,057
And-- but--

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00:02:47,057 --> 00:02:48,390
And so you were the success one.

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00:02:48,390 --> 00:02:50,730
But I was the
successful one, and then

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00:02:50,730 --> 00:02:54,840
Hitler came into power
shortly after I was born,

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00:02:54,840 --> 00:02:57,870
and they didn't
want more children.

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00:02:57,870 --> 00:02:58,440
Is that so?

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00:02:58,440 --> 00:02:58,620
Yeah.

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00:02:58,620 --> 00:02:59,820
It was because of this?

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00:02:59,820 --> 00:03:02,560
It was because of this,
aside from their age.

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00:03:02,560 --> 00:03:03,810
But it was because of this.

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00:03:03,810 --> 00:03:07,770
I think they already started
to think about leaving Europe,

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00:03:07,770 --> 00:03:08,760
leaving Germany.

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00:03:08,760 --> 00:03:10,080
That's pretty early--

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00:03:10,080 --> 00:03:10,960
Yeah, well--

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00:03:10,960 --> 00:03:12,150
--to have those thoughts.

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00:03:12,150 --> 00:03:15,375
They saw the handwriting
on the wall, I think, yes.

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00:03:15,375 --> 00:03:17,340
So many people didn't.

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00:03:17,340 --> 00:03:20,100
They thought they'd be
able to wait it out.

71
00:03:20,100 --> 00:03:24,510
Yeah, well, my father
always said-- and I mean,

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00:03:24,510 --> 00:03:26,160

I heard this later on.

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00:03:26,160 --> 00:03:28,810

But he said, nobody will
believe this maniac.

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00:03:28,810 --> 00:03:29,650

He'll go away.

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00:03:29,650 --> 00:03:30,150

You know?

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00:03:30,150 --> 00:03:31,110

But--

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00:03:31,110 --> 00:03:33,840

Yeah.

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00:03:33,840 --> 00:03:36,930

Tell me a little bit
about his background

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00:03:36,930 --> 00:03:39,420

in the sense of what was his--

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00:03:39,420 --> 00:03:43,110

what kind of family
did he come from?

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00:03:43,110 --> 00:03:45,270

Were you an old
Frankfurt family?

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00:03:45,270 --> 00:03:46,200

No.

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00:03:46,200 --> 00:03:48,113

Were they from another
part of Germany?

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00:03:48,113 --> 00:03:49,030

Let's talk about that.

85
00:03:49,030 --> 00:03:52,233
OK, my father was
born in Wiesbaden--

86
00:03:52,233 --> 00:03:52,900
Oh yeah, pretty.

87
00:03:52,900 --> 00:03:54,450
--which is near Frankfurt.

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00:03:54,450 --> 00:03:57,990
And he came from a
family of nine children.

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00:03:57,990 --> 00:03:59,160
Wow.

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00:03:59,160 --> 00:04:01,170
And yeah, nine children.

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00:04:01,170 --> 00:04:04,200
And the early
years of his life--

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00:04:04,200 --> 00:04:06,360
he was the second
to the youngest.

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00:04:06,360 --> 00:04:08,910
And the early years
of his life, he

94
00:04:08,910 --> 00:04:11,940
remembers being raised by
his grandmother, his father's

95
00:04:11,940 --> 00:04:14,790
mother, who lived
with the family

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00:04:14,790 --> 00:04:16,170

and helped with the children.

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00:04:16,170 --> 00:04:17,345
[PHONE RINGS]

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00:04:17,345 --> 00:04:17,970
OK, we can cut.

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00:04:17,970 --> 00:04:20,760

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00:04:20,760 --> 00:04:23,610
So you were talking
about your father's--

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00:04:23,610 --> 00:04:24,480
My father.

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00:04:24,480 --> 00:04:27,690
And so he had all
these siblings.

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00:04:27,690 --> 00:04:31,380
There were five
boys and four girls.

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00:04:31,380 --> 00:04:34,680
And I understand all of
my grandmother's children

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00:04:34,680 --> 00:04:35,610
survived.

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00:04:35,610 --> 00:04:37,470
She never lost the baby.

107

00:04:37,470 --> 00:04:38,190
Wow.

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00:04:38,190 --> 00:04:42,120
And my father was born in 1907.

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00:04:42,120 --> 00:04:44,620

It was the second to
the youngest, so yeah.

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00:04:44,620 --> 00:04:49,740

And that [GERMAN] is how
you say it in German.

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00:04:49,740 --> 00:04:53,140

That century, it was unusual.

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00:04:53,140 --> 00:04:53,640

Right.

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00:04:53,640 --> 00:04:55,890

That's why I'm saying it.

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00:04:55,890 --> 00:04:59,760

And yes, but of all
of these children,

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00:04:59,760 --> 00:05:01,900

we were very few cousins.

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00:05:01,900 --> 00:05:05,480

So for various reasons,
I guess they didn't--

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00:05:05,480 --> 00:05:07,105

They didn't actually
have children of--

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00:05:07,105 --> 00:05:07,390

Proliferate.

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00:05:07,390 --> 00:05:07,930

Yeah.

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00:05:07,930 --> 00:05:11,560

I have two surviving
first cousins who

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00:05:11,560 --> 00:05:13,150
were born in the United States.

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00:05:13,150 --> 00:05:16,900
My father's younger brother
came here as a very young man

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00:05:16,900 --> 00:05:20,830
and practiced medicine in Mount
Sinai Hospital in New York.

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00:05:20,830 --> 00:05:23,740
And therefore, was
able to bring--

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00:05:23,740 --> 00:05:25,750
he got married
here, stayed here,

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00:05:25,750 --> 00:05:30,430
and was able to bring his
siblings, and cousins,

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00:05:30,430 --> 00:05:32,620
and nieces, and
nephews, and everyone.

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00:05:32,620 --> 00:05:33,715
Sponsor us all.

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00:05:33,715 --> 00:05:34,465
What a wonderful--

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00:05:34,465 --> 00:05:34,965
Yeah.

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00:05:34,965 --> 00:05:37,120
What a wonderful
thing to have yes

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00:05:37,120 --> 00:05:39,550
that became so

necessary at that time.

133
00:05:39,550 --> 00:05:41,200
Yeah, yeah.

134
00:05:41,200 --> 00:05:42,670
What was your
father's name again?

135
00:05:42,670 --> 00:05:43,330
Joseph.

136
00:05:43,330 --> 00:05:44,070
Joseph.

137
00:05:44,070 --> 00:05:45,310
Joseph Salomon.

138
00:05:45,310 --> 00:05:49,630
And was there was the
family then from Wiesbaden

139
00:05:49,630 --> 00:05:50,730
for generations?

140
00:05:50,730 --> 00:05:51,850
I think, yes.

141
00:05:51,850 --> 00:05:52,640
I think so.

142
00:05:52,640 --> 00:05:54,550
I don't know how far back.

143
00:05:54,550 --> 00:05:58,330
Someone did a family tree
of his mother's family.

144
00:05:58,330 --> 00:06:00,850
I even have a book,
and original book.

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00:06:00,850 --> 00:06:03,830

It's a man who happens
to live in this area.

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00:06:03,830 --> 00:06:06,940

And so I have a little
of that information.

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00:06:06,940 --> 00:06:12,250

I don't know anything about
my grandfather's family,

148

00:06:12,250 --> 00:06:14,470

but they're from that area.

149

00:06:14,470 --> 00:06:20,070

I think both of my parents were
in Germany for generations.

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00:06:20,070 --> 00:06:20,570

OK.

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00:06:20,570 --> 00:06:21,550

Yeah.

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00:06:21,550 --> 00:06:26,140

How did your father's
family support themselves?

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00:06:26,140 --> 00:06:30,430

I think they had
a butcher business

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00:06:30,430 --> 00:06:35,090

and I know they had chickens
because my father had

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00:06:35,090 --> 00:06:37,820

an aversion to
chicken, to poultry.

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00:06:37,820 --> 00:06:38,570

Did he really?

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00:06:38,570 --> 00:06:41,450

He did because he used to see
the chickens running around

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00:06:41,450 --> 00:06:43,130

without their heads.

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00:06:43,130 --> 00:06:48,270

And my mother was never
allowed to cook poultry.

160

00:06:48,270 --> 00:06:49,680

He didn't want to smell it.

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00:06:49,680 --> 00:06:53,288

He didn't want to see it,
and it stemmed from That

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00:06:53,288 --> 00:06:54,330

From the early childhood?

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00:06:54,330 --> 00:06:56,190

From the early childhood, yeah.

164

00:06:56,190 --> 00:07:00,630

And when your father
then came into his own

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00:07:00,630 --> 00:07:04,740

and married rather late, and
then had you rather late,

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00:07:04,740 --> 00:07:06,720

how was he earning a living?

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00:07:06,720 --> 00:07:08,620

All right, he was in business.

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00:07:08,620 --> 00:07:13,560

He was a World War I

soldier, a German soldier.

169
00:07:13,560 --> 00:07:14,933
I have an Iron Cross.

170
00:07:14,933 --> 00:07:15,850
I have all this stuff.

171
00:07:15,850 --> 00:07:16,500
Do you really?

172
00:07:16,500 --> 00:07:17,640
I really do.

173
00:07:17,640 --> 00:07:22,420
And at that time,
they were Germans.

174
00:07:22,420 --> 00:07:26,050
It was a different world
and different expectations.

175
00:07:26,050 --> 00:07:28,620
Although he came from
an observant family,

176
00:07:28,620 --> 00:07:32,010
a kosher orthodox Jewish family.

177
00:07:32,010 --> 00:07:37,050
And he and his older brother
were in the German Army.

178
00:07:37,050 --> 00:07:41,190
And the younger-- some of the
other brothers who were already

179
00:07:41,190 --> 00:07:46,050
in the United States came here
early and didn't serve at all.

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00:07:46,050 --> 00:07:48,840

And also, his brother Gustav,
the one who brought us over,

181
00:07:48,840 --> 00:07:51,600
was also in the German
Army at that time.

182
00:07:51,600 --> 00:07:53,970
And the parents had
already passed away.

183
00:07:53,970 --> 00:07:57,450
I think both of them
were gone by World War I,

184
00:07:57,450 --> 00:07:58,586
so I never knew them.

185
00:07:58,586 --> 00:07:58,720
So you never knew them?

186
00:07:58,720 --> 00:08:00,270
I never knew them at all.

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00:08:00,270 --> 00:08:03,300

188
00:08:03,300 --> 00:08:07,020
But they were butchers,
actually, I guess.

189
00:08:07,020 --> 00:08:09,600
Made sausages and
things like that.

190
00:08:09,600 --> 00:08:12,360
Well, what about your father
when he finished his service?

191
00:08:12,360 --> 00:08:14,170
He had an uncle--

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00:08:14,170 --> 00:08:17,290
my grandmother is his
mother's brother--

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00:08:17,290 --> 00:08:20,190
who was very successful
in the soap manufacturing

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00:08:20,190 --> 00:08:22,650
business in Frankfurt.

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00:08:22,650 --> 00:08:26,670
And his sons were younger
than my father and my uncle,

196
00:08:26,670 --> 00:08:30,090
and he took them
into the business.

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00:08:30,090 --> 00:08:34,530
My father and my uncle
became outside salesmen.

198
00:08:34,530 --> 00:08:41,490
And the other, the sons,
they were more educated

199
00:08:41,490 --> 00:08:44,220
at that point and made the soap.

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00:08:44,220 --> 00:08:46,040
Manufactured the soap.

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00:08:46,040 --> 00:08:46,950
Commercial soap.

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00:08:46,950 --> 00:08:49,290
They sold it to institutions.

203
00:08:49,290 --> 00:08:51,250
Do you know the name of
what the company was?

204
00:08:51,250 --> 00:08:51,780
Yes.

205
00:08:51,780 --> 00:08:52,500
What was it?

206
00:08:52,500 --> 00:08:54,870
Edelmuth and Oppenheim.

207
00:08:54,870 --> 00:08:56,130
Edelmuth?

208
00:08:56,130 --> 00:09:01,810
Edelmuth was my
grandmother's maiden name.

209
00:09:01,810 --> 00:09:02,310
Edelmuth?

210
00:09:02,310 --> 00:09:05,670
E-D-E-L-M-U-T-H. OK?

211
00:09:05,670 --> 00:09:08,940
And that was the business
that the uncle-- and that's

212
00:09:08,940 --> 00:09:12,210
how they referred to
him, as the uncle, had.

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00:09:12,210 --> 00:09:15,240
And took in, as I said,
his two nephews and later,

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00:09:15,240 --> 00:09:17,100
his two sons.

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00:09:17,100 --> 00:09:23,730
And did you know this uncle?

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00:09:23,730 --> 00:09:26,710

Did you know the sons at all?

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00:09:26,710 --> 00:09:27,600

I knew the sons.

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00:09:27,600 --> 00:09:30,060

They were my father's
first cousins,

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00:09:30,060 --> 00:09:31,380

and they came to America.

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00:09:31,380 --> 00:09:33,660

And I knew them, absolutely.

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00:09:33,660 --> 00:09:37,270

But in fact, one of them married
my mother's first cousin.

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00:09:37,270 --> 00:09:40,800

My parents introduced them,
but I didn't know the young--

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00:09:40,800 --> 00:09:43,930

maybe I knew him, but
I don't even think so.

224

00:09:43,930 --> 00:09:46,380

I think he passed away
before I was born.

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00:09:46,380 --> 00:09:48,330

Let's turn now to
your mother's family.

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00:09:48,330 --> 00:09:50,010

OK.

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00:09:50,010 --> 00:09:51,630

What was her first name?

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00:09:51,630 --> 00:09:52,590

Hildegard.

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00:09:52,590 --> 00:09:53,400

Hildegard.

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00:09:53,400 --> 00:09:56,512

And she called herself Hilda,
but her name was Hildegard.

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00:09:56,512 --> 00:09:57,720

And what was her maiden name?

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00:09:57,720 --> 00:09:58,770

Grunewald.

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00:09:58,770 --> 00:09:59,580

Grunewald?

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00:09:59,580 --> 00:10:02,250

Yeah, like the section
of Berlin, which is

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00:10:02,250 --> 00:10:03,950

a lovely section of the city.

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00:10:03,950 --> 00:10:04,450

Oh, really?

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00:10:04,450 --> 00:10:04,950

Yeah.

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00:10:04,950 --> 00:10:08,610

A lot of well-to-do Jewish
families live there.

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00:10:08,610 --> 00:10:09,900

So Grunewald.

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00:10:09,900 --> 00:10:11,580

And was she from Frankfurt?

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00:10:11,580 --> 00:10:14,220
She was from Westphalia,
from Bielefeld.

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00:10:14,220 --> 00:10:15,040
Oh, bielefeld.

243
00:10:15,040 --> 00:10:15,540
Mm-hmm.

244
00:10:15,540 --> 00:10:16,040
Mm-hmm.

245
00:10:16,040 --> 00:10:20,130
And what do you know about
her side of the family?

246
00:10:20,130 --> 00:10:22,320
Well, I knew her mother.

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00:10:22,320 --> 00:10:26,040
That was the one
grandmother I knew who

248
00:10:26,040 --> 00:10:28,150
did not survive the war, sadly.

249
00:10:28,150 --> 00:10:28,930
Oh really?

250
00:10:28,930 --> 00:10:31,380
Really, yeah.

251
00:10:31,380 --> 00:10:35,117
Tell me a little bit about the
circumstances of her family

252
00:10:35,117 --> 00:10:37,200
and then a little bit about
your grandmother then.

253
00:10:37,200 --> 00:10:41,340

OK, I really don't know
much about her father,

254
00:10:41,340 --> 00:10:43,440
who had passed away.

255
00:10:43,440 --> 00:10:46,920
But my grandmother's family,
I'm in contact with some

256
00:10:46,920 --> 00:10:48,720
of the second cousins.

257
00:10:48,720 --> 00:10:52,170
Their last name is
Pless, P-L-E-S-S.

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00:10:52,170 --> 00:10:55,410
And I just found out that
there's actually a city called

259
00:10:55,410 --> 00:10:58,650
Pless that's on the
Berlin-Poland border.

260
00:10:58,650 --> 00:10:59,310
No kidding.

261
00:10:59,310 --> 00:11:01,620
And we had a
maintenance man here

262
00:11:01,620 --> 00:11:05,160
who used to go to Poland
on vacation every year.

263
00:11:05,160 --> 00:11:07,290
And I once asked him,
have you ever heard

264
00:11:07,290 --> 00:11:08,640
of a city called Pless?

265

00:11:08,640 --> 00:11:12,430

Sometimes it was Germany
and sometimes it was Poland.

266

00:11:12,430 --> 00:11:13,980

And he said, my
uncle lives there.

267

00:11:13,980 --> 00:11:15,232

I vacation there every year.

268

00:11:15,232 --> 00:11:16,190

Isn't that interesting?

269

00:11:16,190 --> 00:11:17,760

So I thought that
was interesting.

270

00:11:17,760 --> 00:11:21,670

Yeah, but they lived
in, as I said--

271

00:11:21,670 --> 00:11:22,170

Westphalia.

272

00:11:22,170 --> 00:11:25,290

--my grandparents lived in
Westphalia in Bielefeld.

273

00:11:25,290 --> 00:11:27,780

My mother has two
brothers, had two

274

00:11:27,780 --> 00:11:30,270

brothers, one
younger, one older.

275

00:11:30,270 --> 00:11:33,240

And the older one changed
his name from Grunewald

276

00:11:33,240 --> 00:11:34,490

to Greenwood--

277

00:11:34,490 --> 00:11:34,990

Of course.

278

00:11:34,990 --> 00:11:36,210

--here in the United States.

279

00:11:36,210 --> 00:11:37,290

It's a translation.

280

00:11:37,290 --> 00:11:40,950

The younger one had a
very interesting story.

281

00:11:40,950 --> 00:11:44,100

Well, he ended up in
Palestine, the underground,

282

00:11:44,100 --> 00:11:46,520

sort of, until it became Israel.

283

00:11:46,520 --> 00:11:47,415

And he--

284

00:11:47,415 --> 00:11:48,040

Oh, interesting

285

00:11:48,040 --> 00:11:52,280

--lived there for all of his
life, the rest of his life.

286

00:11:52,280 --> 00:11:54,680

When did he emigrate
to Palestine?

287

00:11:54,680 --> 00:11:57,240

In the 1930s from Italy.

288

00:11:57,240 --> 00:12:00,530

He lived in Italy
and had to leave

289
00:12:00,530 --> 00:12:03,350
Italy when the fascists came.

290
00:12:03,350 --> 00:12:09,920
And he and his then-girlfriend
got a Greek ship captain

291
00:12:09,920 --> 00:12:13,520
for whatever they
paid him to take them

292
00:12:13,520 --> 00:12:17,450
to Palestine because all this
was underground at the time.

293
00:12:17,450 --> 00:12:21,710
And he told her, if we get
there alive, I'll marry you.

294
00:12:21,710 --> 00:12:24,140
And this was my mother's
younger brother,

295
00:12:24,140 --> 00:12:27,140
and they did, and
they were married.

296
00:12:27,140 --> 00:12:31,160
And they lived there,
and he was a Zionist.

297
00:12:31,160 --> 00:12:33,320
I know that's not
such a great word now.

298
00:12:33,320 --> 00:12:36,170
But at the time, it
was very important.

299
00:12:36,170 --> 00:12:38,600
And that saved his
life, actually.

300
00:12:38,600 --> 00:12:39,350
It saved his life?

301
00:12:39,350 --> 00:12:40,070
Yeah, yeah.

302
00:12:40,070 --> 00:12:40,730
It did.

303
00:12:40,730 --> 00:12:42,620
He was a very
interesting man, yeah.

304
00:12:42,620 --> 00:12:43,720
And you knew him as well?

305
00:12:43,720 --> 00:12:46,340
I knew him because
we were there once,

306
00:12:46,340 --> 00:12:51,770
and he was here a few times
later, many years later.

307
00:12:51,770 --> 00:12:54,140
How did your mother's family--

308
00:12:54,140 --> 00:12:54,850
[PHONE RINGS]

309
00:12:54,850 --> 00:12:55,640
Let's stop there.

310
00:12:55,640 --> 00:12:57,060
Let's cut there.

311
00:12:57,060 --> 00:12:57,820
OK.

312
00:12:57,820 --> 00:12:58,075

It really does.

313
00:12:58,075 --> 00:12:58,575
OK.

314
00:12:58,575 --> 00:13:00,290
OK?

315
00:13:00,290 --> 00:13:04,970
So how did your mother's
family support themselves?

316
00:13:04,970 --> 00:13:06,020
My grandparents?

317
00:13:06,020 --> 00:13:06,520
Mm-hmm.

318
00:13:06,520 --> 00:13:08,960
Yeah, I think I
mentioned, I'm really not

319
00:13:08,960 --> 00:13:11,780
sure of what my grandfather did.

320
00:13:11,780 --> 00:13:15,680
I think it also had to do with
cattle and meat, something

321
00:13:15,680 --> 00:13:16,310
like that.

322
00:13:16,310 --> 00:13:21,140
A lot of the Jews in Germany at
that time were cattle dealers

323
00:13:21,140 --> 00:13:24,630
and were in that field, I guess.

324
00:13:24,630 --> 00:13:25,460
Yeah.

325

00:13:25,460 --> 00:13:27,080

How did your parents meet?

326

00:13:27,080 --> 00:13:32,180

OK, my father's sisters,
the two older sisters,

327

00:13:32,180 --> 00:13:36,020

were what we would
say spinsters and had

328

00:13:36,020 --> 00:13:38,510

a corset business in Bielefeld.

329

00:13:38,510 --> 00:13:40,550

I don't know exactly
what brought them there,

330

00:13:40,550 --> 00:13:41,630

but that's where.

331

00:13:41,630 --> 00:13:43,940

The oldest sister
was 20 years older

332

00:13:43,940 --> 00:13:47,510

than the youngest brother,
so they were older,

333

00:13:47,510 --> 00:13:48,890

and they had a business.

334

00:13:48,890 --> 00:13:52,730

And my grandmother, my mother's
mother, was close in age

335

00:13:52,730 --> 00:13:55,070

to my father's older sister.

336

00:13:55,070 --> 00:13:58,340

And they became friendly
because my grandmother

337
00:13:58,340 --> 00:14:01,940
bought her undergarments
there, corsets and whatever,

338
00:14:01,940 --> 00:14:05,160
and because everything was
custom made in those days.

339
00:14:05,160 --> 00:14:07,010
And my mother?

340
00:14:07,010 --> 00:14:08,960
I don't know.

341
00:14:08,960 --> 00:14:12,800
My grandmother wanted to
find someone from my mother,

342
00:14:12,800 --> 00:14:18,110
or my aunt wanted to introduce
her brother Joseph to somebody.

343
00:14:18,110 --> 00:14:20,000
Somehow, they got them together.

344
00:14:20,000 --> 00:14:21,920
It came through family
connections then?

345
00:14:21,920 --> 00:14:22,970
Yes, yeah.

346
00:14:22,970 --> 00:14:25,670
I think they said they used to
see my mother ride her bicycle.

347
00:14:25,670 --> 00:14:26,610
She was very pretty.

348
00:14:26,610 --> 00:14:29,210
My mother was a very

pretty girl, and yeah.

349

00:14:29,210 --> 00:14:32,770

And that's how
they met, actually.

350

00:14:32,770 --> 00:14:35,140

And that's how they met,
through the course of business

351

00:14:35,140 --> 00:14:36,310

that his sisters had--

352

00:14:36,310 --> 00:14:37,035

Correct.

353

00:14:37,035 --> 00:14:37,660

--in Gielefeld.

354

00:14:37,660 --> 00:14:42,280

And my grandmother, who
shopped there, yeah.

355

00:14:42,280 --> 00:14:44,980

What are your earliest
memories from Frankfurt?

356

00:14:44,980 --> 00:14:45,940

Do you have any?

357

00:14:45,940 --> 00:14:47,560

Very, very few.

358

00:14:47,560 --> 00:14:48,820

Very, very few.

359

00:14:48,820 --> 00:14:52,780

I vaguely remember my
grandmother visiting.

360

00:14:52,780 --> 00:14:55,390

And it probably was

my sixth birthday

361
00:14:55,390 --> 00:15:00,220
because we came here two
months later, or not even

362
00:15:00,220 --> 00:15:01,240
two months later.

363
00:15:01,240 --> 00:15:01,907
[DOORBELL RINGS]

364
00:15:01,907 --> 00:15:04,540
OK, let's cut.

365
00:15:04,540 --> 00:15:05,443
OK.

366
00:15:05,443 --> 00:15:06,190
Oh.

367
00:15:06,190 --> 00:15:06,840
Ready.

368
00:15:06,840 --> 00:15:09,370
OK, so before the
break, we were talking

369
00:15:09,370 --> 00:15:10,658
about your mother's family.

370
00:15:10,658 --> 00:15:11,200
Yes, correct.

371
00:15:11,200 --> 00:15:15,190
And how your parents met
and that they got married.

372
00:15:15,190 --> 00:15:18,610
And my uncles, my uncle who
went to Palestine and Israel.

373

00:15:18,610 --> 00:15:21,160

And things about her side.

374

00:15:21,160 --> 00:15:22,870

Right.

375

00:15:22,870 --> 00:15:29,350

So when you were born, can
you tell me about the home

376

00:15:29,350 --> 00:15:31,420

that you were born
into in Frankfurt?

377

00:15:31,420 --> 00:15:34,840

Do you have memories
of what it looked like?

378

00:15:34,840 --> 00:15:40,330

Strangely enough, I do
have memories of my room,

379

00:15:40,330 --> 00:15:44,980

even of the layout, a little,
of some of the apartment

380

00:15:44,980 --> 00:15:46,870

because it was an apartment.

381

00:15:46,870 --> 00:15:48,760

We had a terrace.

382

00:15:48,760 --> 00:15:51,520

And when you walked
in, it was maybe

383

00:15:51,520 --> 00:15:54,580

like an octagon or
a hexagon hallway,

384

00:15:54,580 --> 00:15:57,130

and the rooms were

off of this hallway.

385

00:15:57,130 --> 00:15:58,390

It wasn't narrow.

386

00:15:58,390 --> 00:15:59,435

It was--

387

00:15:59,435 --> 00:15:59,935

Centraled.

388

00:15:59,935 --> 00:16:01,150

--shaped in some way.

389

00:16:01,150 --> 00:16:05,320

And I had my own

room, and my wallpaper

390

00:16:05,320 --> 00:16:08,050

was baby blue with

white polka dots.

391

00:16:08,050 --> 00:16:12,910

And I had a dollhouse

that had that wallpaper.

392

00:16:12,910 --> 00:16:13,750

Oh, how pretty.

393

00:16:13,750 --> 00:16:18,100

And we actually

were in Munich once

394

00:16:18,100 --> 00:16:20,680

in our travels,

my husband and I.

395

00:16:20,680 --> 00:16:24,520

And there was a toy

museum or a doll museum.

396

00:16:24,520 --> 00:16:26,740

And I said, maybe I'll
find my dollhouse.

397
00:16:26,740 --> 00:16:27,760
It was confiscated.

398
00:16:27,760 --> 00:16:31,000
All of my parents' belongings,
they were confiscated.

399
00:16:31,000 --> 00:16:36,280
They got nothing here, which
is a whole other story.

400
00:16:36,280 --> 00:16:38,500
But I sort of looked
for my dollhouse.

401
00:16:38,500 --> 00:16:41,620
It was a very strange
thing and stupid, but--

402
00:16:41,620 --> 00:16:42,470
No, but--

403
00:16:42,470 --> 00:16:42,970
--I did.

404
00:16:42,970 --> 00:16:43,820
You wanted to see.

405
00:16:43,820 --> 00:16:48,040
Yeah, and so I just
vaguely remember that.

406
00:16:48,040 --> 00:16:50,070
That's what I
remember of the room.

407
00:16:50,070 --> 00:16:52,420
OK, what about the
apartment itself?

408

00:16:52,420 --> 00:16:55,030

Was it a large place?

409

00:16:55,030 --> 00:16:56,020

Probably.

410

00:16:56,020 --> 00:16:58,510

I mean, my parents had a
bedroom with the bathroom

411

00:16:58,510 --> 00:16:59,980

off of the bedroom.

412

00:16:59,980 --> 00:17:03,712

And there was also a
bathroom off of this end--

413

00:17:03,712 --> 00:17:04,295

Entry hallway.

414

00:17:04,295 --> 00:17:05,119

Entrance way.

415

00:17:05,119 --> 00:17:08,750

And I remember the toilets
flushed with a chain.

416

00:17:08,750 --> 00:17:12,460

And that's what I remember,
pulling the chain to flush.

417

00:17:12,460 --> 00:17:16,090

Did your mother have
any help at home?

418

00:17:16,090 --> 00:17:17,619

Oh, they always had help.

419

00:17:17,619 --> 00:17:20,230

And my father said, as
poor as they were when he

420

00:17:20,230 --> 00:17:22,900
was growing up, they had help.

421

00:17:22,900 --> 00:17:25,450
And the help lived
upstairs someplace.

422

00:17:25,450 --> 00:17:29,600
The help probably wasn't even
paid except for room and board.

423

00:17:29,600 --> 00:17:32,950
But my mother-- what
happened when I was small

424

00:17:32,950 --> 00:17:35,530
is that Jews were
not allowed to have

425

00:17:35,530 --> 00:17:40,550
any help under a certain age.

426

00:17:40,550 --> 00:17:44,170
I think any women who worked
for a Jewish family had to be

427

00:17:44,170 --> 00:17:47,010
over the age of 50, possibly.

428

00:17:47,010 --> 00:17:49,240
45, something like that.

429

00:17:49,240 --> 00:17:53,050
And the woman who was
sort of our housekeeper

430

00:17:53,050 --> 00:17:56,380
and took care of me,
my nanny, was actually

431

00:17:56,380 --> 00:17:58,780
the woman who my

father had a rented

432

00:17:58,780 --> 00:18:02,140
room before he was married,
my father and my uncle.

433

00:18:02,140 --> 00:18:04,810
And the couple's name
they rented from with

434

00:18:04,810 --> 00:18:07,300
were Mr. And Mrs. Martin.

435

00:18:07,300 --> 00:18:09,730
And I called her Tanta Martin.

436

00:18:09,730 --> 00:18:12,460
I didn't know her first
name until many years

437

00:18:12,460 --> 00:18:15,280
later, that my mother
referred to as Elsa.

438

00:18:15,280 --> 00:18:18,850
But she came and
lived and worked.

439

00:18:18,850 --> 00:18:20,290
I don't know if
she lived with us.

440

00:18:20,290 --> 00:18:21,010
Probably.

441

00:18:21,010 --> 00:18:23,403
I'm not sure, but she was
my nanny, and she took--

442

00:18:23,403 --> 00:18:25,570
Do you have memories of
what kind of person she was?

443

00:18:25,570 --> 00:18:27,250

Yeah, I loved her.

444

00:18:27,250 --> 00:18:31,840

I don't really have
too many memories.

445

00:18:31,840 --> 00:18:35,320

But I know once she took me
to play with her nephews,

446

00:18:35,320 --> 00:18:38,920

and we were playing with
these toy tin trains.

447

00:18:38,920 --> 00:18:41,690

And I fell and I cut my--

448

00:18:41,690 --> 00:18:42,190

Lip?

449

00:18:42,190 --> 00:18:46,100

--self, and I have a
scar currently from that.

450

00:18:46,100 --> 00:18:49,240

And she was very upset
and rushed me to a doctor.

451

00:18:49,240 --> 00:18:53,320

And I had a bandage, and I had
to drink through a sippy cup.

452

00:18:53,320 --> 00:18:56,720

And this must all
have been that last--

453

00:18:56,720 --> 00:18:57,805

That last year?

454

00:18:57,805 --> 00:19:01,000

--season in Germany, but yeah.

455
00:19:01,000 --> 00:19:04,510
Now, I take it at home,
the language was German?

456
00:19:04,510 --> 00:19:05,510
Only German at home.

457
00:19:05,510 --> 00:19:06,010
Only German.

458
00:19:06,010 --> 00:19:10,600
And even in the United States,
only at home, it was German.

459
00:19:10,600 --> 00:19:15,586
As soon as my parents left
the house, it was English.

460
00:19:15,586 --> 00:19:17,470
Interesting, interesting.

461
00:19:17,470 --> 00:19:21,520
Now, did your parents
speak German to one another

462
00:19:21,520 --> 00:19:23,590
until they died?

463
00:19:23,590 --> 00:19:26,943
Well, my father-- my mother
lived many years longer.

464
00:19:26,943 --> 00:19:27,610
Yeah, until my--

465
00:19:27,610 --> 00:19:28,480
When did he die?

466
00:19:28,480 --> 00:19:30,100
1963.

467

00:19:30,100 --> 00:19:32,170

OK, so he went very early.

468

00:19:32,170 --> 00:19:34,240

He was almost 76.

469

00:19:34,240 --> 00:19:36,160

He was 75 years old.

470

00:19:36,160 --> 00:19:40,840

My mother lived until she was
87, and when my father died,

471

00:19:40,840 --> 00:19:42,790

I think she was 63.

472

00:19:42,790 --> 00:19:44,088

She lived for many--

473

00:19:44,088 --> 00:19:44,796

Many years after.

474

00:19:44,796 --> 00:19:46,420

Many years, yeah.

475

00:19:46,420 --> 00:19:49,090

And when they spoke of
you in the United States

476

00:19:49,090 --> 00:19:52,480

at home, what language
did you speak?

477

00:19:52,480 --> 00:19:53,300

German.

478

00:19:53,300 --> 00:19:53,800

Really?

479

00:19:53,800 --> 00:19:54,300

Yeah.

480
00:19:54,300 --> 00:19:56,230
But when my mother and I--

481
00:19:56,230 --> 00:19:58,270
my children never
learned German.

482
00:19:58,270 --> 00:20:01,780
So we spoke English,
really, and with my mother.

483
00:20:01,780 --> 00:20:04,500
They picked up a
few German words.

484
00:20:04,500 --> 00:20:08,190
And my mother, very late in
her life, when she wasn't well

485
00:20:08,190 --> 00:20:11,730
and she was in her late 80s,
she sort of reverted back

486
00:20:11,730 --> 00:20:12,580
to more German.

487
00:20:12,580 --> 00:20:13,080
German?

488
00:20:13,080 --> 00:20:13,980
Mm-hmm.

489
00:20:13,980 --> 00:20:16,300
And I think that's very common.

490
00:20:16,300 --> 00:20:16,900
Yeah.

491
00:20:16,900 --> 00:20:17,400
Yeah.

492

00:20:17,400 --> 00:20:19,297

Yeah.

493

00:20:19,297 --> 00:20:20,130

But they spoke well.

494

00:20:20,130 --> 00:20:22,710

I have letters that
my mother wrote.

495

00:20:22,710 --> 00:20:26,280

My parents wrote a letter
to me when I was in camp,

496

00:20:26,280 --> 00:20:28,560

and it was really only
a few years after they

497

00:20:28,560 --> 00:20:32,400

came to the United States, and
their English was very good.

498

00:20:32,400 --> 00:20:34,670

They took lessons immediately.

499

00:20:34,670 --> 00:20:40,110

OK, so it was that they did
their best to acclimatize,

500

00:20:40,110 --> 00:20:42,720

and adjust, and so on?

501

00:20:42,720 --> 00:20:43,590

Absolutely.

502

00:20:43,590 --> 00:20:44,530

They went to work.

503

00:20:44,530 --> 00:20:46,230

They went to business, yeah.

504

00:20:46,230 --> 00:20:49,710

But nevertheless, part
of this is the language

505

00:20:49,710 --> 00:20:54,780

that one is born with, the one
grows up with, that one has--

506

00:20:54,780 --> 00:20:56,828

your father was 45
when you were born.

507

00:20:56,828 --> 00:20:57,370

That's right.

508

00:20:57,370 --> 00:20:58,260

So you can say--

509

00:20:58,260 --> 00:21:00,240

He was 50 when he came
to the United States.

510

00:21:00,240 --> 00:21:01,470

He was over 50.

511

00:21:01,470 --> 00:21:06,570

So his life is in this language.

512

00:21:06,570 --> 00:21:11,730

And I'm wondering, how does that
change when you've-- it's more

513

00:21:11,730 --> 00:21:14,980

than just, you've
moved to a new country.

514

00:21:14,980 --> 00:21:18,750

It is that you were no longer
wanted in your old country.

515

00:21:18,750 --> 00:21:19,320

Right, right.

516

00:21:19,320 --> 00:21:24,840

And how do you incorporate
that in your new life?

517

00:21:24,840 --> 00:21:26,400

And can you?

518

00:21:26,400 --> 00:21:27,165

And do you?

519

00:21:27,165 --> 00:21:29,410

Oh, yeah, yeah.

520

00:21:29,410 --> 00:21:31,740

Some of their past
stayed with them

521

00:21:31,740 --> 00:21:35,070

because you can't
become another person.

522

00:21:35,070 --> 00:21:37,080

And on the other
hand, I think they

523

00:21:37,080 --> 00:21:39,300

were proud to be Americans.

524

00:21:39,300 --> 00:21:41,850

They became citizens
as soon as possible.

525

00:21:41,850 --> 00:21:45,240

I have my own citizenship
papers because my parents wanted

526

00:21:45,240 --> 00:21:48,510

to make sure, even
though I automatically

527

00:21:48,510 --> 00:21:50,160

became a citizen

through them, they

528

00:21:50,160 --> 00:21:53,670

wanted to make sure

I had my papers.

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00:21:53,670 --> 00:21:58,410

And yeah, and they spoke

English, and they went to work.

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00:21:58,410 --> 00:22:01,230

And at that time, they

loved President Roosevelt

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00:22:01,230 --> 00:22:05,100

because they felt that

he was our savior.

532

00:22:05,100 --> 00:22:07,530

And I mean, a few

things have changed

533

00:22:07,530 --> 00:22:09,720

in opinions about

that since then,

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00:22:09,720 --> 00:22:13,050

but that was the way

it was at that time.

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00:22:13,050 --> 00:22:16,800

And yeah, and one

of the reasons also

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00:22:16,800 --> 00:22:18,960

was because we lived in Iowa.

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00:22:18,960 --> 00:22:23,620

My father was not able to find

a job when we came to the--

538

00:22:23,620 --> 00:22:27,270

because he was already older,

and the language wasn't good,

539

00:22:27,270 --> 00:22:31,570

and he had been a salesman
in this particular business.

540

00:22:31,570 --> 00:22:34,740

And even though he
had relatives here,

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00:22:34,740 --> 00:22:39,750

it was still Depression
times, and no one

542

00:22:39,750 --> 00:22:41,910

had a job waiting for him.

543

00:22:41,910 --> 00:22:45,120

And he went to one of
the Jewish organizations,

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00:22:45,120 --> 00:22:46,590

and I don't know which one.

545

00:22:46,590 --> 00:22:49,620

And said, I have
to work, and I'll

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00:22:49,620 --> 00:22:52,440

go anywhere within
the United States

547

00:22:52,440 --> 00:22:54,120

because I have a young child.

548

00:22:54,120 --> 00:22:58,200

My wife has to stay home
with her, and we'll go.

549

00:22:58,200 --> 00:23:00,630

And that's where they
found a job for him,

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00:23:00,630 --> 00:23:01,650
in Des Moines, Iowa.

551

00:23:01,650 --> 00:23:02,970
What was the job?

552

00:23:02,970 --> 00:23:06,150
He worked at the
largest department store

553

00:23:06,150 --> 00:23:08,160
there, Younker Brothers.

554

00:23:08,160 --> 00:23:10,980
And he was, I think, in
shipping and receiving.

555

00:23:10,980 --> 00:23:14,190
I think he did some
bookkeeping for them.

556

00:23:14,190 --> 00:23:17,640
And that's what he did.

557

00:23:17,640 --> 00:23:19,110
We were there for five years.

558

00:23:19,110 --> 00:23:21,240
Yeah, how did he
feel about this?

559

00:23:21,240 --> 00:23:25,050
Did he have difficulties
psychologically with it?

560

00:23:25,050 --> 00:23:27,660
I don't really know
because I didn't

561

00:23:27,660 --> 00:23:28,986
think about things like that.

562

00:23:28,986 --> 00:23:29,486

Of course.

563

00:23:29,486 --> 00:23:32,640

I was happy.

564

00:23:32,640 --> 00:23:35,130

I can't say I was happy,
but I was content.

565

00:23:35,130 --> 00:23:37,650

I had a good childhood there.

566

00:23:37,650 --> 00:23:38,910

I followed them.

567

00:23:38,910 --> 00:23:39,990

I had my parents.

568

00:23:39,990 --> 00:23:41,140

I always had food.

569

00:23:41,140 --> 00:23:44,610

I always had love,
I guess, and family.

570

00:23:44,610 --> 00:23:48,990

And the people were
very nice to us.

571

00:23:48,990 --> 00:23:53,490

I did not encounter bad
behavior, or anti-Semitism,

572

00:23:53,490 --> 00:23:54,940

or anything.

573

00:23:54,940 --> 00:23:57,030

And people are
surprised to hear that.

574

00:23:57,030 --> 00:23:57,570
Yeah?

575
00:23:57,570 --> 00:23:58,070
Yeah.

576
00:23:58,070 --> 00:23:58,800
Pardon?

577
00:23:58,800 --> 00:24:02,630
I said, people are surprised to
hear that because it was Iowa.

578
00:24:02,630 --> 00:24:03,720
It was the Midwest.

579
00:24:03,720 --> 00:24:05,550
It was--

580
00:24:05,550 --> 00:24:07,560
Well, here in the
United States, we all

581
00:24:07,560 --> 00:24:10,470
have stereotypes about each
other in different parts

582
00:24:10,470 --> 00:24:11,130
of the country.

583
00:24:11,130 --> 00:24:11,820
Exactly.

584
00:24:11,820 --> 00:24:15,060
And those are what they are.

585
00:24:15,060 --> 00:24:16,770
They're stereotypes.

586
00:24:16,770 --> 00:24:17,730
Exactly.

587

00:24:17,730 --> 00:24:18,880

To some extent.

588

00:24:18,880 --> 00:24:19,380

Yeah, yeah.

589

00:24:19,380 --> 00:24:20,160

Yeah, yeah.

590

00:24:20,160 --> 00:24:24,930

And so, again, as we
were speaking off camera,

591

00:24:24,930 --> 00:24:27,840

every person's story is unique.

592

00:24:27,840 --> 00:24:30,990

And so these are the experiences
that individual people had,

593

00:24:30,990 --> 00:24:32,190

and it's very nice to hear.

594

00:24:32,190 --> 00:24:34,530

Yeah, yeah, that's
why I did want

595

00:24:34,530 --> 00:24:38,640

to mention that they were very
nice to me and my teachers.

596

00:24:38,640 --> 00:24:40,530

I have a letter that
a teacher wrote,

597

00:24:40,530 --> 00:24:42,990

and that I have a
little autograph book

598

00:24:42,990 --> 00:24:43,890

that they signed.

599

00:24:43,890 --> 00:24:48,720

And I had friends,
and I loved school.

600

00:24:48,720 --> 00:24:50,280

So this is where
you started school?

601

00:24:50,280 --> 00:24:51,320

It was in Iowa?

602

00:24:51,320 --> 00:24:53,890

Yeah, I went to school
for about three,

603

00:24:53,890 --> 00:24:56,670

four months in New York City.

604

00:24:56,670 --> 00:24:57,780

That really doesn't count.

605

00:24:57,780 --> 00:24:59,520

They put me back
into kindergarten.

606

00:24:59,520 --> 00:25:01,790

We sang little songs
and played games.

607

00:25:01,790 --> 00:25:03,100

And I was really beyond that.

608

00:25:03,100 --> 00:25:05,150

I had started to read.

609

00:25:05,150 --> 00:25:09,360

And when we moved to Des
Moines, I went to a small town.

610

00:25:09,360 --> 00:25:12,200

We were 11 children
in the class.

611
00:25:12,200 --> 00:25:14,500
And I think because
of that, I was

612
00:25:14,500 --> 00:25:18,580
the best reader in the class,
and I was already a step ahead

613
00:25:18,580 --> 00:25:19,240
of--

614
00:25:19,240 --> 00:25:19,870
The other kids.

615
00:25:19,870 --> 00:25:20,920
--some of the kids.

616
00:25:20,920 --> 00:25:24,340
And I think I learned
English immediately.

617
00:25:24,340 --> 00:25:26,710
Well, how interesting
because here you are,

618
00:25:26,710 --> 00:25:28,550
a child from a
different language.

619
00:25:28,550 --> 00:25:31,810
And usually, kids adjusted
because they're kids,

620
00:25:31,810 --> 00:25:33,740
but they do struggle
in the beginning.

621
00:25:33,740 --> 00:25:34,960
And you didn't have that?

622
00:25:34,960 --> 00:25:36,130

I don't remember that.

623
00:25:36,130 --> 00:25:37,000
Really, I don't.

624
00:25:37,000 --> 00:25:38,330
Not at all.

625
00:25:38,330 --> 00:25:39,530
Not at all.

626
00:25:39,530 --> 00:25:41,710
I made friends, and
I had my girlfriends.

627
00:25:41,710 --> 00:25:46,060
There was one Jewish family
on our street, only one.

628
00:25:46,060 --> 00:25:53,300
And the others were probably
white Protestant WASPs,

629
00:25:53,300 --> 00:25:54,120
I guess.

630
00:25:54,120 --> 00:25:56,270
Yeah.

631
00:25:56,270 --> 00:25:58,070
When we were
speaking off camera,

632
00:25:58,070 --> 00:26:02,210
you did mention that you still
had friends also in Germany

633
00:26:02,210 --> 00:26:02,915
before you left.

634
00:26:02,915 --> 00:26:03,415
One.

635
00:26:03,415 --> 00:26:08,220
One little girl because our
parents brought us together.

636
00:26:08,220 --> 00:26:08,970
Tell me about her.

637
00:26:08,970 --> 00:26:11,150
I mean, her name is Ursula.

638
00:26:11,150 --> 00:26:13,820
As far as I know,
she's alive and well.

639
00:26:13,820 --> 00:26:16,070
I haven't been in touch
with her in about a year

640
00:26:16,070 --> 00:26:17,690
or a year and a half now.

641
00:26:17,690 --> 00:26:20,850
But our parents
brought us together.

642
00:26:20,850 --> 00:26:26,060
Her father actually worked
for my father at the business

643
00:26:26,060 --> 00:26:27,590
that they were in.

644
00:26:27,590 --> 00:26:32,210
And I have a picture of
us together as children.

645
00:26:32,210 --> 00:26:34,340
And after the war,
the men were in touch

646
00:26:34,340 --> 00:26:37,527

because of the business
dealings and reparations.

647
00:26:37,527 --> 00:26:38,780
And what were they doing--

648
00:26:38,780 --> 00:26:39,390
yeah.

649
00:26:39,390 --> 00:26:40,610
Yeah.

650
00:26:40,610 --> 00:26:44,870
And Ursula was
smaller than I was,

651
00:26:44,870 --> 00:26:48,470
and she was learning a little
English from the servicemen,

652
00:26:48,470 --> 00:26:50,750
the American soldiers.

653
00:26:50,750 --> 00:26:53,900
So we wrote in English.

654
00:26:53,900 --> 00:26:56,780
And my parents sent
her some clothing

655
00:26:56,780 --> 00:27:00,800
that I had outgrown
because at that time,

656
00:27:00,800 --> 00:27:02,960
it was right after
the war in Germany.

657
00:27:02,960 --> 00:27:05,990
Lost the war, and
they were in need.

658

00:27:05,990 --> 00:27:08,060

And that's how
strongly my father--

659

00:27:08,060 --> 00:27:10,850

the relationship was
between these two--

660

00:27:10,850 --> 00:27:11,480

Families.

661

00:27:11,480 --> 00:27:14,347

--families at the time,
or the men at any rate.

662

00:27:14,347 --> 00:27:14,930

Well, tell me.

663

00:27:14,930 --> 00:27:17,533

Why were they in correspondence
about the business?

664

00:27:17,533 --> 00:27:18,700

Can you explain that for me?

665

00:27:18,700 --> 00:27:19,200

Yes.

666

00:27:19,200 --> 00:27:25,160

Because my father and his
family, who owned the business,

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00:27:25,160 --> 00:27:29,150

actually, had to give it up
because Jews were not allowed

668

00:27:29,150 --> 00:27:31,460

to sell their businesses.

669

00:27:31,460 --> 00:27:35,030

And they had to give up
the business and come here,

670

00:27:35,030 --> 00:27:38,100

and had no gain
for it whatsoever.

671

00:27:38,100 --> 00:27:42,330

And the business, apparently,
was still intact after the war.

672

00:27:42,330 --> 00:27:43,790

Edelhuth and Oppenheim.

673

00:27:43,790 --> 00:27:44,290

Edelmuth.

674

00:27:44,290 --> 00:27:45,248

Edelmuth and Oppenheim.

675

00:27:45,248 --> 00:27:45,950

Edelmuth.

676

00:27:45,950 --> 00:27:47,180

Correct, correct.

677

00:27:47,180 --> 00:27:49,470

But that was the
name of the business.

678

00:27:49,470 --> 00:27:53,240

And I think it changed later.

679

00:27:53,240 --> 00:27:55,580

They may have sold
it, whatever happened.

680

00:27:55,580 --> 00:27:59,370

And I think they even asked
if my father and my uncle--

681

00:27:59,370 --> 00:28:01,880

and I'm sure the
cousins who were really

682

00:28:01,880 --> 00:28:04,970

the primary owners because
they were the scientists who

683

00:28:04,970 --> 00:28:06,830

manufactured the soap.

684

00:28:06,830 --> 00:28:10,460

I think they even asked if they
wanted to come back and run

685

00:28:10,460 --> 00:28:11,510

the business again.

686

00:28:11,510 --> 00:28:13,280

And of course, they
wouldn't go back.

687

00:28:13,280 --> 00:28:15,950

I mean, my parents would
never have gone back.

688

00:28:15,950 --> 00:28:19,400

And I can't speak
for the others,

689

00:28:19,400 --> 00:28:21,620

but they would never
have gone back.

690

00:28:21,620 --> 00:28:25,430

But that was basically
the contact after the war.

691

00:28:25,430 --> 00:28:31,160

And Ursula and I continued
as pen pals after.

692

00:28:31,160 --> 00:28:35,060

That's quite amazing, for
very few people really

693

00:28:35,060 --> 00:28:36,920
maintain relationships
with someone

694
00:28:36,920 --> 00:28:39,620
they knew when they
were six years old

695
00:28:39,620 --> 00:28:41,930
or younger throughout
their lives.

696
00:28:41,930 --> 00:28:45,230
But it was only because
through our fathers

697
00:28:45,230 --> 00:28:47,630
that the relationship continued.

698
00:28:47,630 --> 00:28:50,250
And we did meet a few times.

699
00:28:50,250 --> 00:28:53,450
And as I told you, Freddy,
my late husband and I,

700
00:28:53,450 --> 00:28:54,860
were in Vienna.

701
00:28:54,860 --> 00:28:58,010
And, well, it doesn't
seem that long ago,

702
00:28:58,010 --> 00:29:00,320
but it was 15, 16 years ago.

703
00:29:00,320 --> 00:29:04,670
And I did contact Ursula, that
we were going to be in Vienna,

704
00:29:04,670 --> 00:29:11,160
and she and her friend came
and spend a few days there

705
00:29:11,160 --> 00:29:12,380
to meet with us.

706
00:29:12,380 --> 00:29:12,880
Yes.

707
00:29:12,880 --> 00:29:17,370

708
00:29:17,370 --> 00:29:19,420
When you were growing up--

709
00:29:19,420 --> 00:29:21,600
well, no, let me go back
to the question I had.

710
00:29:21,600 --> 00:29:22,100
OK.

711
00:29:22,100 --> 00:29:25,700
Which is, when you
met 15, 16 years ago,

712
00:29:25,700 --> 00:29:29,762
that would have been late
1990s, early 2000s in Vienna.

713
00:29:29,762 --> 00:29:30,490
Correct.

714
00:29:30,490 --> 00:29:31,740
That is correct.

715
00:29:31,740 --> 00:29:34,890
And you had maintained
a contact with Ursula

716
00:29:34,890 --> 00:29:36,090
through all those years.

717

00:29:36,090 --> 00:29:36,910
Mm-hmm.

718
00:29:36,910 --> 00:29:39,630
Did you ever discuss the
difficult topics with her?

719
00:29:39,630 --> 00:29:41,400
No, no.

720
00:29:41,400 --> 00:29:42,030
No.

721
00:29:42,030 --> 00:29:44,880
In fact, when she came in the--

722
00:29:44,880 --> 00:29:47,370
well, it was when Herb
Alpert was popular.

723
00:29:47,370 --> 00:29:48,360
I don't remember.

724
00:29:48,360 --> 00:29:49,890
And his Tijuana band.

725
00:29:49,890 --> 00:29:50,850
I don't remember what.

726
00:29:50,850 --> 00:29:52,288
It was in the 1960s.

727
00:29:52,288 --> 00:29:53,538
So she had come to the States?

728
00:29:53,538 --> 00:29:54,510
And she came alone.

729
00:29:54,510 --> 00:29:58,680
I picked her up at that
time at JFK Airport.

730

00:29:58,680 --> 00:30:01,500

We lived in upper
Manhattan at that time.

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00:30:01,500 --> 00:30:02,790

We lived in the city.

732

00:30:02,790 --> 00:30:05,490

My children were born
in New York City.

733

00:30:05,490 --> 00:30:06,990

And we still lived there.

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00:30:06,990 --> 00:30:10,890

And she came, and she
spent a few days with us.

735

00:30:10,890 --> 00:30:17,340

And at that time, I took her
to my mother's apartment.

736

00:30:17,340 --> 00:30:19,230

My mother was on vacation.

737

00:30:19,230 --> 00:30:22,380

But I took her to the apartment
because I checked on it.

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00:30:22,380 --> 00:30:26,100

And she saw some little
tchotchkes, I would say,

739

00:30:26,100 --> 00:30:31,350

and figurines or something
in my mother's living room.

740

00:30:31,350 --> 00:30:32,850

And she said, "Oh."

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00:30:32,850 --> 00:30:36,540

She said, "I thought your

mother lost all her belongings

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00:30:36,540 --> 00:30:38,400
from Germany?"

743

00:30:38,400 --> 00:30:40,800
And I was taken aback
that she would even

744

00:30:40,800 --> 00:30:42,340
pay attention to that.

745

00:30:42,340 --> 00:30:45,090
And I said, "My parents
lost everything."

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00:30:45,090 --> 00:30:49,830
I said, "People, friends and
relatives gave them items

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00:30:49,830 --> 00:30:50,900
but we came here."

748

00:30:50,900 --> 00:30:51,900
And that was the extent?

749

00:30:51,900 --> 00:30:54,390
And that was the end
of it, but it gave me

750

00:30:54,390 --> 00:30:57,960
food for thought, that
this is what she still--

751

00:30:57,960 --> 00:31:01,830
there was something there that--

752

00:31:01,830 --> 00:31:04,020
So she had done her
thinking about it,

753

00:31:04,020 --> 00:31:06,330

and you've done your
thinking about it,

754
00:31:06,330 --> 00:31:09,107
but that's something
that comes out?

755
00:31:09,107 --> 00:31:09,607
Mm.

756
00:31:09,607 --> 00:31:14,210
But then there's no
elaboration on it?

757
00:31:14,210 --> 00:31:15,000
No, no.

758
00:31:15,000 --> 00:31:16,830
I didn't want to--

759
00:31:16,830 --> 00:31:18,670
and she didn't
say anything more.

760
00:31:18,670 --> 00:31:21,450
But that was the only
thing, that there

761
00:31:21,450 --> 00:31:24,720
was any even what I would
consider political thought

762
00:31:24,720 --> 00:31:26,400
or anything like that.

763
00:31:26,400 --> 00:31:27,150
Yeah.

764
00:31:27,150 --> 00:31:28,710
Yeah.

765
00:31:28,710 --> 00:31:33,780

OK, so let's go back to your
childhood there in Frankfurt.

766
00:31:33,780 --> 00:31:35,050
You're a little child.

767
00:31:35,050 --> 00:31:35,550
Correct.

768
00:31:35,550 --> 00:31:38,760
And the question I'm going
to ask now is, in some ways,

769
00:31:38,760 --> 00:31:41,820
not fair, but I want
to ask it anyway.

770
00:31:41,820 --> 00:31:45,780
As a little child,
some children will

771
00:31:45,780 --> 00:31:48,360
feel what's in the atmosphere.

772
00:31:48,360 --> 00:31:50,580
Usually they're a
little older, that they

773
00:31:50,580 --> 00:31:54,210
know that there are things going
on outside of the house that

774
00:31:54,210 --> 00:31:56,250
are maybe not so great.

775
00:31:56,250 --> 00:31:57,625
I wonder whether or not you did?

776
00:31:57,625 --> 00:31:58,125
No.

777
00:31:58,125 --> 00:31:59,705

You picked up on
any kind of tension?

778
00:31:59,705 --> 00:32:00,205
No.

779
00:32:00,205 --> 00:32:01,660
Any nervousness?

780
00:32:01,660 --> 00:32:03,220
No.

781
00:32:03,220 --> 00:32:03,860
No.

782
00:32:03,860 --> 00:32:04,860
I knew.

783
00:32:04,860 --> 00:32:09,240
I was with my parents, and they
spoke above me and around me,

784
00:32:09,240 --> 00:32:10,260
not to me.

785
00:32:10,260 --> 00:32:14,650
I didn't hear
anything like that.

786
00:32:14,650 --> 00:32:16,080
So I really didn't.

787
00:32:16,080 --> 00:32:17,250
I was not aware.

788
00:32:17,250 --> 00:32:18,330
And I always say this.

789
00:32:18,330 --> 00:32:24,480
Even in the United States,
I really wasn't aware.

790

00:32:24,480 --> 00:32:25,470

I was very naive.

791

00:32:25,470 --> 00:32:28,050

Maybe I was naive,

maybe I was just young.

792

00:32:28,050 --> 00:32:28,890

Or protected?

793

00:32:28,890 --> 00:32:31,620

And very protected.

794

00:32:31,620 --> 00:32:37,620

And I know that when we moved to

Des Moines, the first apartment

795

00:32:37,620 --> 00:32:40,830

they took us, the people

from the synagogue

796

00:32:40,830 --> 00:32:43,740

or from the organization, it

wasn't really an apartment.

797

00:32:43,740 --> 00:32:45,630

It was a house in a

Jewish neighborhood.

798

00:32:45,630 --> 00:32:47,940

And we had a room, a bedroom.

799

00:32:47,940 --> 00:32:51,240

And my mother was supposed

to share the kitchen

800

00:32:51,240 --> 00:32:53,730

with the woman who

owned the house.

801

00:32:53,730 --> 00:32:58,350

And for one thing, that was not

for her, to share a kitchen.

802

00:32:58,350 --> 00:33:02,400

And secondly, they had chickens
running into the house,

803

00:33:02,400 --> 00:33:04,320

out, in and out of the house.

804

00:33:04,320 --> 00:33:07,860

And they contacted the
organization, and my father--

805

00:33:07,860 --> 00:33:10,240

and it was the first
time I saw my mother cry.

806

00:33:10,240 --> 00:33:10,740

Really?

807

00:33:10,740 --> 00:33:11,730

She did.

808

00:33:11,730 --> 00:33:14,580

This really was like, she
couldn't deal with this,

809

00:33:14,580 --> 00:33:15,870

living this way.

810

00:33:15,870 --> 00:33:19,260

And my father called and
said, we can't stay here.

811

00:33:19,260 --> 00:33:24,510

The people are very nice,
but we can't live this way.

812

00:33:24,510 --> 00:33:27,030

And it's the first time
I remember actually

813

00:33:27,030 --> 00:33:28,830
seeing my mother cry.

814
00:33:28,830 --> 00:33:33,180
So up until that point,
you hadn't seen any signs

815
00:33:33,180 --> 00:33:36,220
that she was paying a
psychological price--

816
00:33:36,220 --> 00:33:36,720
Correct.

817
00:33:36,720 --> 00:33:38,595
--for all of these changes?

818
00:33:38,595 --> 00:33:39,970
Correct, correct.

819
00:33:39,970 --> 00:33:40,470
Yeah.

820
00:33:40,470 --> 00:33:44,200

821
00:33:44,200 --> 00:33:46,890
You said you were
born just about when

822
00:33:46,890 --> 00:33:48,000
Hitler came to power.

823
00:33:48,000 --> 00:33:50,700
1932, right.

824
00:33:50,700 --> 00:33:51,420
Just before.

825
00:33:51,420 --> 00:33:54,960
Just before, I think
'33 was-- yeah.

826
00:33:54,960 --> 00:33:59,400
And we talked earlier that
your parents saw the writing

827
00:33:59,400 --> 00:34:02,430
on the wall very early on.

828
00:34:02,430 --> 00:34:06,630
From what they told
you later, can you

829
00:34:06,630 --> 00:34:11,130
describe how they were thinking,
and the plans they were making,

830
00:34:11,130 --> 00:34:13,650
and how it is that you left?

831
00:34:13,650 --> 00:34:16,739
OK, I believe my mother
was the first one

832
00:34:16,739 --> 00:34:19,590
to say we have to leave.

833
00:34:19,590 --> 00:34:22,469
This is hearsay because
I don't remember it.

834
00:34:22,469 --> 00:34:25,650
I know it from what
they have said.

835
00:34:25,650 --> 00:34:28,770
My father said, no one
will believe this man.

836
00:34:28,770 --> 00:34:29,520
He's crazy.

837
00:34:29,520 --> 00:34:30,750

No one will believe him.

838
00:34:30,750 --> 00:34:31,920
He's a maniac.

839
00:34:31,920 --> 00:34:33,120
Who would listen to this?

840
00:34:33,120 --> 00:34:34,170
And who would--

841
00:34:34,170 --> 00:34:35,489
So he didn't feel any danger?

842
00:34:35,489 --> 00:34:36,989
Not at the beginning.

843
00:34:36,989 --> 00:34:38,250
Not at first.

844
00:34:38,250 --> 00:34:41,469
And then gradually, as Jews
weren't allowed here, or there,

845
00:34:41,469 --> 00:34:43,710
or anywhere, you
know, the Nazi flags.

846
00:34:43,710 --> 00:34:46,739
I have a picture of myself as
a small child with my mother,

847
00:34:46,739 --> 00:34:50,400
and you can see a flag from
a balcony in the background.

848
00:34:50,400 --> 00:34:53,790
And all these things happened.

849
00:34:53,790 --> 00:34:59,250
And then my father's
brother, younger brother,

850
00:34:59,250 --> 00:35:01,240
was a physician in Manhattan.

851
00:35:01,240 --> 00:35:01,740
Right.

852
00:35:01,740 --> 00:35:02,490
You mentioned him.

853
00:35:02,490 --> 00:35:03,750
I mentioned him.

854
00:35:03,750 --> 00:35:06,660
And he had gotten a
job in Mount Sinai

855
00:35:06,660 --> 00:35:09,990
Hospital in the
late 1920s already

856
00:35:09,990 --> 00:35:14,070
and felt Germany was not
the place for him to stay,

857
00:35:14,070 --> 00:35:16,230
that he had no future there.

858
00:35:16,230 --> 00:35:18,480
Well, I guess they
had this inflation.

859
00:35:18,480 --> 00:35:22,090
They had problems that
actually led to the Nazi power.

860
00:35:22,090 --> 00:35:22,590
Right.

861
00:35:22,590 --> 00:35:23,730
Economic problems.

862

00:35:23,730 --> 00:35:25,230

Correct, correct.

863

00:35:25,230 --> 00:35:29,115

So my uncle Gustav
came to America

864

00:35:29,115 --> 00:35:31,950

and married an
American girl, worked

865

00:35:31,950 --> 00:35:34,740

as a doctor at Mount
Sinai Hospital,

866

00:35:34,740 --> 00:35:36,810

and moved to upper Manhattan.

867

00:35:36,810 --> 00:35:40,110

He started out as a
pediatrician and then worked

868

00:35:40,110 --> 00:35:43,200

as a general practitioner
as well because

869

00:35:43,200 --> 00:35:46,090

of the Depression and the need.

870

00:35:46,090 --> 00:35:48,840

And so he was instrumental.

871

00:35:48,840 --> 00:35:50,970

They contacted him, I guess.

872

00:35:50,970 --> 00:35:54,810

And he was instrumental
in bringing his siblings.

873

00:35:54,810 --> 00:35:58,410

I mean, some were
already in America.

874
00:35:58,410 --> 00:36:01,590
My one uncle came and worked
for the St. Louis World's Fair

875
00:36:01,590 --> 00:36:03,360
in 1904.

876
00:36:03,360 --> 00:36:04,740
Wow.

877
00:36:04,740 --> 00:36:10,230
But that's how he got the--

878
00:36:10,230 --> 00:36:15,450
Well, I've had discussions
with other people who

879
00:36:15,450 --> 00:36:18,690
left Germany in the
'30s, and not everyone

880
00:36:18,690 --> 00:36:20,190
had a relative to sponsor them.

881
00:36:20,190 --> 00:36:20,850
That's correct.

882
00:36:20,850 --> 00:36:23,490
And when they didn't have
a relative to sponsor them,

883
00:36:23,490 --> 00:36:25,260
then they had
great difficulties.

884
00:36:25,260 --> 00:36:26,640
That's correct.

885
00:36:26,640 --> 00:36:29,170
And also, my mother
had many cousins.

886
00:36:29,170 --> 00:36:31,380
They had family-- the diaspora.

887
00:36:31,380 --> 00:36:32,850
They went all over the world.

888
00:36:32,850 --> 00:36:36,810
South America,
Africa, South Africa.

889
00:36:36,810 --> 00:36:39,060
So there would have
been people had it

890
00:36:39,060 --> 00:36:41,920
not been for your uncle,
your father's brother?

891
00:36:41,920 --> 00:36:42,420
Correct.

892
00:36:42,420 --> 00:36:43,837
There would have
been other people

893
00:36:43,837 --> 00:36:46,620
that they would have
approached, too, in time.

894
00:36:46,620 --> 00:36:48,345
Either people they would have--

895
00:36:48,345 --> 00:36:50,400
now, my grandmother,
my mother's mother,

896
00:36:50,400 --> 00:36:51,780
was not able to leave Germany.

897
00:36:51,780 --> 00:36:52,650
Why not?

898
00:36:52,650 --> 00:36:56,130
Because she had a brother
who was very well-to-do who

899
00:36:56,130 --> 00:36:58,320
lived in New York City.

900
00:36:58,320 --> 00:37:00,930
But by the time that he
realized the importance

901
00:37:00,930 --> 00:37:05,250
of trying to help his siblings,
they were given numbers.

902
00:37:05,250 --> 00:37:07,740
He sponsored them,
but they had numbers,

903
00:37:07,740 --> 00:37:10,260
and their number had
not been reached.

904
00:37:10,260 --> 00:37:12,570
And my grandmother
and her sister

905
00:37:12,570 --> 00:37:14,010
were two of those people.

906
00:37:14,010 --> 00:37:18,940
He got his brothers out,
but he hadn't been able--

907
00:37:18,940 --> 00:37:20,440
they just never made it.

908
00:37:20,440 --> 00:37:25,960
And my uncle, my mother's older
brother, who was in America,

909

00:37:25,960 --> 00:37:30,370
had even paid someone to try
to get his mother to Cuba

910
00:37:30,370 --> 00:37:33,880
because a number of
refugees were able to go

911
00:37:33,880 --> 00:37:35,770
to Cuba at that time.

912
00:37:35,770 --> 00:37:38,720
And the man absconded
with the money.

913
00:37:38,720 --> 00:37:41,230
I mean, my uncle--

914
00:37:41,230 --> 00:37:43,780
I'm sure, a lot of things
like that happened.

915
00:37:43,780 --> 00:37:46,000
And so my grandmother tried.

916
00:37:46,000 --> 00:37:47,140
She waited on lines.

917
00:37:47,140 --> 00:37:50,020
I have letters that she wrote,
and I had them translated,

918
00:37:50,020 --> 00:37:51,040
in fact.

919
00:37:51,040 --> 00:37:53,750
And she didn't get out.

920
00:37:53,750 --> 00:37:54,550
And--

921
00:37:54,550 --> 00:37:55,670

What happened to her?

922

00:37:55,670 --> 00:37:56,830

She perished.

923

00:37:56,830 --> 00:38:00,190

She was in Thereisenstadt.

924

00:38:00,190 --> 00:38:03,160

And from there, they loaded
some of the older people

925

00:38:03,160 --> 00:38:04,990

onto the death trains.

926

00:38:04,990 --> 00:38:07,810

And I think her sister
and brother-in-law,

927

00:38:07,810 --> 00:38:09,670

they were together,
her sister, who

928

00:38:09,670 --> 00:38:11,960

was a year older than she was.

929

00:38:11,960 --> 00:38:16,810

And she didn't want her
sister to go without her.

930

00:38:16,810 --> 00:38:19,720

I don't think she was one,
and went with her thinking

931

00:38:19,720 --> 00:38:20,830

they were going to--

932

00:38:20,830 --> 00:38:24,050

I don't know where,
and that was the end.

933

00:38:24,050 --> 00:38:26,500

So they took them to
Auschwitz, as far as you know?

934
00:38:26,500 --> 00:38:27,940
As far as I know.

935
00:38:27,940 --> 00:38:29,470
And I think this is hearsay.

936
00:38:29,470 --> 00:38:31,450
They never even made
it to Auschwitz.

937
00:38:31,450 --> 00:38:33,940
They didn't survive the trains.

938
00:38:33,940 --> 00:38:35,840
They packed them.

939
00:38:35,840 --> 00:38:37,870
Yeah, there were many
elderly people who--

940
00:38:37,870 --> 00:38:38,370
Yeah.

941
00:38:38,370 --> 00:38:39,340
Yeah.

942
00:38:39,340 --> 00:38:43,850
So it's a very sad
ending for these people.

943
00:38:43,850 --> 00:38:45,880
Yeah, and for your mom.

944
00:38:45,880 --> 00:38:46,970
And for my mom.

945
00:38:46,970 --> 00:38:51,340
And I have a letter that I
wrote to my grandmother saying,

946
00:38:51,340 --> 00:38:54,070
Dear [NON-ENGLISH], I
hope I see you soon,

947
00:38:54,070 --> 00:38:55,880
something to that effect.

948
00:38:55,880 --> 00:38:57,670
And because some
of her belongings

949
00:38:57,670 --> 00:39:01,540
were sent back to us--

950
00:39:01,540 --> 00:39:05,560
she lived in Berlin at the end
of her life in Germany, she,

951
00:39:05,560 --> 00:39:07,360
and her sister,
and brother-in-law,

952
00:39:07,360 --> 00:39:11,200
and my aunt who had
converted to Judaism

953
00:39:11,200 --> 00:39:13,060
who had not been
Jewish, her mother

954
00:39:13,060 --> 00:39:15,310
lived in Berlin, her parents.

955
00:39:15,310 --> 00:39:18,280
And she tried to
help my grandmother.

956
00:39:18,280 --> 00:39:21,640
She would bring them some
potatoes and whatever she

957

00:39:21,640 --> 00:39:23,350
could get into her pocketbook.

958
00:39:23,350 --> 00:39:27,400
And also, took some
belongings and hid them

959
00:39:27,400 --> 00:39:31,990
so that some of those things
came back to my family.

960
00:39:31,990 --> 00:39:34,523
So this aunt was who to you?

961
00:39:34,523 --> 00:39:35,440
And what relationship?

962
00:39:35,440 --> 00:39:38,420
My Aunt Hertha who
converted to Judaism,

963
00:39:38,420 --> 00:39:39,760
whose mother was there?

964
00:39:39,760 --> 00:39:43,990
That was my uncle, my mother's
older brother, Frederick.

965
00:39:43,990 --> 00:39:44,590
His wife?

966
00:39:44,590 --> 00:39:45,220
Greenwood.

967
00:39:45,220 --> 00:39:46,150
His wife.

968
00:39:46,150 --> 00:39:47,020
I see.

969
00:39:47,020 --> 00:39:49,090
His wife.

970
00:39:49,090 --> 00:39:53,140
They had one daughter, my
cousin Ruth, who I adored,

971
00:39:53,140 --> 00:39:55,430
was about five years
older than I was.

972
00:39:55,430 --> 00:39:55,930
Yeah.

973
00:39:55,930 --> 00:40:00,450
And what happened to him,
your uncle Greenwood?

974
00:40:00,450 --> 00:40:02,070
Greenwood lived
in New York City.

975
00:40:02,070 --> 00:40:02,790
They had come.

976
00:40:02,790 --> 00:40:07,170
He was the one who tried
to get my mother into Cuba,

977
00:40:07,170 --> 00:40:08,070
but couldn't.

978
00:40:08,070 --> 00:40:10,140
Your mother your grandmother?

979
00:40:10,140 --> 00:40:11,680
My grandmother.

980
00:40:11,680 --> 00:40:12,644
My mother's mother.

981
00:40:12,644 --> 00:40:14,811
Yeah, it's getting a little
bit-- that was my uncle.

982
00:40:14,811 --> 00:40:16,480
And his wife stayed in Germany?

983
00:40:16,480 --> 00:40:17,220
No, no, no.

984
00:40:17,220 --> 00:40:19,050
Her mother.

985
00:40:19,050 --> 00:40:21,190
His wife's mother
stayed in Germany?

986
00:40:21,190 --> 00:40:21,690
Right.

987
00:40:21,690 --> 00:40:23,190
And he tried to write.

988
00:40:23,190 --> 00:40:23,690
Correct.

989
00:40:23,690 --> 00:40:24,730
She helped.

990
00:40:24,730 --> 00:40:28,260
My mother had two
brothers, and the older one

991
00:40:28,260 --> 00:40:29,730
lived in New York City.

992
00:40:29,730 --> 00:40:31,200
OK, with his German wife?

993
00:40:31,200 --> 00:40:32,670
With his German wife--

994
00:40:32,670 --> 00:40:33,450
Who had converted.

995
00:40:33,450 --> 00:40:36,520
--who had converted
and came with him.

996
00:40:36,520 --> 00:40:39,360
And there were several
members of the family who

997
00:40:39,360 --> 00:40:42,960
had were intermarried
not racially,

998
00:40:42,960 --> 00:40:45,060
as far as religion
was concerned.

999
00:40:45,060 --> 00:40:46,800
And the wives all
came with them.

1000
00:40:46,800 --> 00:40:49,230
The wives all
stayed with their--

1001
00:40:49,230 --> 00:40:49,740
Husbands.

1002
00:40:49,740 --> 00:40:50,240
Husbands.

1003
00:40:50,240 --> 00:40:50,887
OK.

1004
00:40:50,887 --> 00:40:52,350
Mm-hmm.

1005
00:40:52,350 --> 00:40:56,160
And the mother of
your uncle's wife

1006
00:40:56,160 --> 00:40:58,660

is the one who helped
your grandmother--

1007
00:40:58,660 --> 00:40:59,160
Correct.

1008
00:40:59,160 --> 00:40:59,740
--in Berlin.

1009
00:40:59,740 --> 00:41:00,240
Correct.

1010
00:41:00,240 --> 00:41:03,750
And then after the war, whatever
few belongings that were,

1011
00:41:03,750 --> 00:41:04,740
sent them to you.

1012
00:41:04,740 --> 00:41:09,240
Yeah, well, she had, I think,
died during the war but sent,

1013
00:41:09,240 --> 00:41:10,092
somehow--

1014
00:41:10,092 --> 00:41:11,550
I think there was
another daughter.

1015
00:41:11,550 --> 00:41:14,250
My Aunt Hertha had a
sister who was in Germany

1016
00:41:14,250 --> 00:41:17,130
and survived the war
and had some belongings,

1017
00:41:17,130 --> 00:41:22,230
and sent them not to us but to
her sister, to my Aunt Hertha.

1018

00:41:22,230 --> 00:41:28,050
And then Aunt Hertha gave
whatever was from my mother.

1019
00:41:28,050 --> 00:41:30,930
Do you do you recall when
your mother found out

1020
00:41:30,930 --> 00:41:32,550
about her own mother?

1021
00:41:32,550 --> 00:41:34,150
Yeah, it was very disturbing.

1022
00:41:34,150 --> 00:41:34,650
Yeah.

1023
00:41:34,650 --> 00:41:36,690
Were you in Iowa then?

1024
00:41:36,690 --> 00:41:38,760
No, we were back
in New York City.

1025
00:41:38,760 --> 00:41:40,890
How did she find out?

1026
00:41:40,890 --> 00:41:43,620
Through a friend
of my grandmother's

1027
00:41:43,620 --> 00:41:47,220
who survived the
camps and the war,

1028
00:41:47,220 --> 00:41:49,770
who went back to Bielefeld.

1029
00:41:49,770 --> 00:41:51,660
And that bothered
my mother terribly,

1030

00:41:51,660 --> 00:41:54,510
that some of her friends,
my grandmother's friends,

1031
00:41:54,510 --> 00:41:56,760
survived and went back.

1032
00:41:56,760 --> 00:41:59,640
And they went back to Germany
because they had no place else

1033
00:41:59,640 --> 00:42:01,560
to go at that time.

1034
00:42:01,560 --> 00:42:04,830
And there was contact
between my mother,

1035
00:42:04,830 --> 00:42:07,860
and my uncle, and my two uncles.

1036
00:42:07,860 --> 00:42:09,240
Yeah.

1037
00:42:09,240 --> 00:42:12,940
And they had the information.

1038
00:42:12,940 --> 00:42:16,127
I see, I see.

1039
00:42:16,127 --> 00:42:17,210
That must have been tough.

1040
00:42:17,210 --> 00:42:18,890
And we always thought
my grandmother

1041
00:42:18,890 --> 00:42:22,100
would come after the war,
and this is what I was told.

1042
00:42:22,100 --> 00:42:24,680

When she comes,
she'll live with us.

1043
00:42:24,680 --> 00:42:26,995
It was always that
optimism because--

1044
00:42:26,995 --> 00:42:30,410
You had no contact, but you
didn't know what had happened?

1045
00:42:30,410 --> 00:42:30,950
Exactly.

1046
00:42:30,950 --> 00:42:32,270
I was just going to say that.

1047
00:42:32,270 --> 00:42:33,530
Nobody was aware.

1048
00:42:33,530 --> 00:42:36,830
I mean, nobody here
was aware of the camps

1049
00:42:36,830 --> 00:42:38,750
and what was going on.

1050
00:42:38,750 --> 00:42:40,070
Europeans were aware.

1051
00:42:40,070 --> 00:42:41,910
The people around there, but--

1052
00:42:41,910 --> 00:42:42,410
Yeah.

1053
00:42:42,410 --> 00:42:45,320

1054
00:42:45,320 --> 00:42:49,100
So your father's brother
is able to sponsor you.

1055
00:42:49,100 --> 00:42:50,060
Correct.

1056
00:42:50,060 --> 00:42:52,430
How did your parents leave?

1057
00:42:52,430 --> 00:42:54,620
Do you remember
leaving Germany itself?

1058
00:42:54,620 --> 00:42:56,418
Mm-hmm, I do.

1059
00:42:56,418 --> 00:42:57,335
Tell me what happened.

1060
00:42:57,335 --> 00:42:59,810
They said I cried and
screamed on the ship when

1061
00:42:59,810 --> 00:43:03,590
I waved goodbye to my uncle, to
whoever was still down there.

1062
00:43:03,590 --> 00:43:05,420
And people thought
I was leaving my--

1063
00:43:05,420 --> 00:43:10,340
I was with my parents, and
people who were around said,

1064
00:43:10,340 --> 00:43:11,790
are those her
parents down there?

1065
00:43:11,790 --> 00:43:14,600
Are you taking her
away from her parents?

1066
00:43:14,600 --> 00:43:18,360

Yeah, so I think that
frightened me, maybe.

1067
00:43:18,360 --> 00:43:18,860
Yeah.

1068
00:43:18,860 --> 00:43:20,475
But you don't
remember, let's say,

1069
00:43:20,475 --> 00:43:22,100
the last time you
were in the apartment

1070
00:43:22,100 --> 00:43:25,430
and as you leave the apartment,
and get to the get to ship,

1071
00:43:25,430 --> 00:43:26,050
and so on?

1072
00:43:26,050 --> 00:43:28,310
No, I just remember that.

1073
00:43:28,310 --> 00:43:32,090
And I also remember
my parents finding out

1074
00:43:32,090 --> 00:43:36,170
that Kristallnacht-- we were
already in the United States.

1075
00:43:36,170 --> 00:43:40,100
And neighbors if someone
wrote to my parents

1076
00:43:40,100 --> 00:43:43,250
that the Nazis came for my
father because their records

1077
00:43:43,250 --> 00:43:45,110
weren't quite up to
date because it was

1078
00:43:45,110 --> 00:43:47,450
only a few weeks after we left.

1079
00:43:47,450 --> 00:43:51,590
And they broke in, and
the apartment was empty.

1080
00:43:51,590 --> 00:43:58,100
Now, you mentioned earlier
that your parents had left--

1081
00:43:58,100 --> 00:44:00,275
lost all of their
items, everything.

1082
00:44:00,275 --> 00:44:02,630
Everything, everything.

1083
00:44:02,630 --> 00:44:08,100
Some people that I've talked to
would say to me, surprisingly,

1084
00:44:08,100 --> 00:44:10,940
when we were leaving
Germany, as difficult

1085
00:44:10,940 --> 00:44:15,650
as the Nazi authorities
made it for us to leave,

1086
00:44:15,650 --> 00:44:18,050
they allowed us
to ship our goods.

1087
00:44:18,050 --> 00:44:20,930
They allowed us to ship our
goods to the United States.

1088
00:44:20,930 --> 00:44:21,777
That's true.

1089

00:44:21,777 --> 00:44:23,360
Our goods were
supposed to be shipped.

1090
00:44:23,360 --> 00:44:24,710
I have the packing slips.

1091
00:44:24,710 --> 00:44:26,150
They never came.

1092
00:44:26,150 --> 00:44:26,870
Really?

1093
00:44:26,870 --> 00:44:27,560
Mm-hmm.

1094
00:44:27,560 --> 00:44:32,460
So they were supposed to leave
after you did, the goods?

1095
00:44:32,460 --> 00:44:35,750
I think even before.

1096
00:44:35,750 --> 00:44:40,010
I have pages and pages
on onionskin paper,

1097
00:44:40,010 --> 00:44:43,580
typed pages of all
their belongings.

1098
00:44:43,580 --> 00:44:47,150
Furniture, Persian rugs,
crystals, artwork, books,

1099
00:44:47,150 --> 00:44:47,750
everything.

1100
00:44:47,750 --> 00:44:48,680
An inventory?

1101
00:44:48,680 --> 00:44:50,120

An inventory.

1102
00:44:50,120 --> 00:44:51,740
It was packed.

1103
00:44:51,740 --> 00:44:52,940
It was taken.

1104
00:44:52,940 --> 00:44:55,280
My mother bought a
lot of new things

1105
00:44:55,280 --> 00:44:57,200
because they thought
they could sell them

1106
00:44:57,200 --> 00:45:01,230
here so that they would
have something to live on.

1107
00:45:01,230 --> 00:45:04,190
And it never came,
and my mother waited.

1108
00:45:04,190 --> 00:45:06,130
And when we were in Des
Moines, they waited,

1109
00:45:06,130 --> 00:45:07,520
and they came back.

1110
00:45:07,520 --> 00:45:11,180
And then they were
informed after the war

1111
00:45:11,180 --> 00:45:15,290
that they were destroyed by the
American bombers or something.

1112
00:45:15,290 --> 00:45:17,990
Well, that's nonsense because
they should have been sent long

1113
00:45:17,990 --> 00:45:21,020
before that, so that was--

1114
00:45:21,020 --> 00:45:24,020
OK, so it was all lost?

1115
00:45:24,020 --> 00:45:26,360
It was all lost, everything.

1116
00:45:26,360 --> 00:45:29,210
And everything my
parents had, linens,

1117
00:45:29,210 --> 00:45:34,880
furniture, dishes, everything
was given to them by relatives,

1118
00:45:34,880 --> 00:45:38,720
and even the pictures, the
photographs because my parents

1119
00:45:38,720 --> 00:45:41,300
were so happy that
they had a baby.

1120
00:45:41,300 --> 00:45:44,110
And they sent pictures
to everybody--

1121
00:45:44,110 --> 00:45:44,660
Of you?

1122
00:45:44,660 --> 00:45:45,320
Right.

1123
00:45:45,320 --> 00:45:47,450
And they were returned.

1124
00:45:47,450 --> 00:45:48,930
When you were in
the United States?

1125

00:45:48,930 --> 00:45:49,430

Yes.

1126

00:45:49,430 --> 00:45:53,390

That's how you kind of of
reconstituted a family history?

1127

00:45:53,390 --> 00:45:54,480

Correct.

1128

00:45:54,480 --> 00:45:55,950

That's correct.

1129

00:45:55,950 --> 00:45:59,480

And did you take
any toys with you

1130

00:45:59,480 --> 00:46:01,685

on the boat when you came over?

1131

00:46:01,685 --> 00:46:03,530

Ah, the doll.

1132

00:46:03,530 --> 00:46:05,090

Yes, I did.

1133

00:46:05,090 --> 00:46:09,750

I had very little, but
I had a favorite doll,

1134

00:46:09,750 --> 00:46:10,880

a beautiful doll.

1135

00:46:10,880 --> 00:46:12,350

Did she have a name?

1136

00:46:12,350 --> 00:46:16,460

Well, I gave her a name
later, but the manufacturer

1137

00:46:16,460 --> 00:46:20,210

was Kathe Kruse, they called
it, and they still make dolls.

1138
00:46:20,210 --> 00:46:22,010
It's a business in Germany.

1139
00:46:22,010 --> 00:46:27,230
And I guess a woman named Kathe
Kruse started with these dolls.

1140
00:46:27,230 --> 00:46:30,440
And I called her Dorothy,
and it might have been

1141
00:46:30,440 --> 00:46:31,880
after I saw The Wizard of Oz.

1142
00:46:31,880 --> 00:46:33,170
I don't remember.

1143
00:46:33,170 --> 00:46:36,320
But my daughter has the doll.

1144
00:46:36,320 --> 00:46:39,980
And I did take pictures
of her and the gentleman

1145
00:46:39,980 --> 00:46:43,730
who came from the museum
a couple of months

1146
00:46:43,730 --> 00:46:45,260
ago took pictures of the doll.

1147
00:46:45,260 --> 00:46:50,510
I had her here, but I didn't
want to donate her yet.

1148
00:46:50,510 --> 00:46:51,810
I understand that.

1149
00:46:51,810 --> 00:46:54,560

I understand that, but tell
me about the significance

1150
00:46:54,560 --> 00:46:55,850
of the doll to you.

1151
00:46:55,850 --> 00:46:59,880
How come she, rather than
any other toy, came with you?

1152
00:46:59,880 --> 00:47:01,940
Well, first of
all, I love dolls.

1153
00:47:01,940 --> 00:47:04,340
If you see pictures
of me, they're always

1154
00:47:04,340 --> 00:47:06,170
with dolls and doll carriages.

1155
00:47:06,170 --> 00:47:08,420
It was as though I was
born to be a mother.

1156
00:47:08,420 --> 00:47:11,940
That's the way I was brought up,
a wife and a mother, you know?

1157
00:47:11,940 --> 00:47:12,440
Right.

1158
00:47:12,440 --> 00:47:16,770
And then this doll--
also, my aunt Hertha,

1159
00:47:16,770 --> 00:47:20,640
the aunt I spoke about,
was a wonderful seamstress

1160
00:47:20,640 --> 00:47:24,330
and made clothing for the doll,
and made the same clothing

1161
00:47:24,330 --> 00:47:28,350
for me, so that I have
pictures of myself wearing

1162
00:47:28,350 --> 00:47:32,820
almost the identical dress made
of the same fabric as the doll.

1163
00:47:32,820 --> 00:47:35,538
And this is when you were
already in the United States

1164
00:47:35,538 --> 00:47:37,080
because she was in
the United States.

1165
00:47:37,080 --> 00:47:37,230
No, no.

1166
00:47:37,230 --> 00:47:38,480
No, this was still in Germany?

1167
00:47:38,480 --> 00:47:39,660
Mm-hm.

1168
00:47:39,660 --> 00:47:41,580
Before she left for the US?

1169
00:47:41,580 --> 00:47:42,660
Correct.

1170
00:47:42,660 --> 00:47:46,590
My aunt, and uncle, and cousin
came to the United States

1171
00:47:46,590 --> 00:47:47,950
when we were living in Iowa.

1172
00:47:47,950 --> 00:47:50,510

1173

00:47:50,510 --> 00:47:51,990

Oh, they came after.

1174

00:47:51,990 --> 00:47:56,950

They came after we did, and so
did some of my other parents'

1175

00:47:56,950 --> 00:48:00,030

siblings, and this is one of
the reasons my parents wanted

1176

00:48:00,030 --> 00:48:02,460

to move back to New York City.

1177

00:48:02,460 --> 00:48:03,870

They missed their family.

1178

00:48:03,870 --> 00:48:06,540

Nobody wanted to
come to the Midwest.

1179

00:48:06,540 --> 00:48:09,540

It was like the corn
and the wheat fields.

1180

00:48:09,540 --> 00:48:14,040

And although we had
a nice life there,

1181

00:48:14,040 --> 00:48:16,590

they missed their
family and siblings,

1182

00:48:16,590 --> 00:48:18,690

and they wanted
me to have family

1183

00:48:18,690 --> 00:48:20,780

if anything happened to them.

1184

00:48:20,780 --> 00:48:23,190

There was no one there.

1185
00:48:23,190 --> 00:48:26,190
And during World War
II, the young men

1186
00:48:26,190 --> 00:48:30,780
went into the service, and
jobs became available in--

1187
00:48:30,780 --> 00:48:31,440
--in New York.

1188
00:48:31,440 --> 00:48:32,880
--in New York.

1189
00:48:32,880 --> 00:48:37,350
And apartments became
available, and so the family

1190
00:48:37,350 --> 00:48:41,280
found an apartment for
us in Washington Heights

1191
00:48:41,280 --> 00:48:43,920
that was called Frankfurt
on the Hudson, the area.

1192
00:48:43,920 --> 00:48:46,560
I don't know if you've
ever heard that expression.

1193
00:48:46,560 --> 00:48:52,790
And so they were with their
own people and their family.

1194
00:48:52,790 --> 00:48:56,250
My father was very
attached to his siblings.

1195
00:48:56,250 --> 00:48:58,480
So he must have been
quite happy to move back?

1196

00:48:58,480 --> 00:48:58,980

Me?

1197

00:48:58,980 --> 00:48:59,280

No.

1198

00:48:59,280 --> 00:49:00,390

No, no, no, your father.

1199

00:49:00,390 --> 00:49:02,700

Oh, my father, yes, absolutely.

1200

00:49:02,700 --> 00:49:05,280

My parents were very
happy to move back

1201

00:49:05,280 --> 00:49:08,080

because they felt that
was where they belonged.

1202

00:49:08,080 --> 00:49:08,910

Yeah.

1203

00:49:08,910 --> 00:49:10,050

And why not you?

1204

00:49:10,050 --> 00:49:11,340

I was very unhappy.

1205

00:49:11,340 --> 00:49:15,300

It took me about
a year to adjust

1206

00:49:15,300 --> 00:49:16,900

because life was so different.

1207

00:49:16,900 --> 00:49:18,930

And I had friends that
I loved, my school,

1208

00:49:18,930 --> 00:49:20,250

and I loved my friends.

1209
00:49:20,250 --> 00:49:22,140
And I was content.

1210
00:49:22,140 --> 00:49:23,760
How old were you when you moved?

1211
00:49:23,760 --> 00:49:24,750
11.

1212
00:49:24,750 --> 00:49:28,437
Ah, you had already spent
half of your life almost

1213
00:49:28,437 --> 00:49:29,020
in Des Moines.

1214
00:49:29,020 --> 00:49:35,800
Correct, and we lived
in a private house.

1215
00:49:35,800 --> 00:49:38,560
We had an upstairs
little apartment,

1216
00:49:38,560 --> 00:49:40,020
but it was a private house.

1217
00:49:40,020 --> 00:49:43,740
We had flowers, and
trees, and grass,

1218
00:49:43,740 --> 00:49:46,140
and we lived near
Drake University.

1219
00:49:46,140 --> 00:49:46,830
In Des Moines?

1220
00:49:46,830 --> 00:49:48,090
In Des Moines.

1221
00:49:48,090 --> 00:49:51,580
And I took piano lessons
at Drake University.

1222
00:49:51,580 --> 00:49:55,110
My parents couldn't buy a piano,
but I went there once a week

1223
00:49:55,110 --> 00:49:56,340
because I thought I could--

1224
00:49:56,340 --> 00:49:57,240
I really couldn't.

1225
00:49:57,240 --> 00:50:01,380
I had no talent, but I
insisted I could play piano.

1226
00:50:01,380 --> 00:50:07,590
And it was just a comfortable,
nice life and nice for a child

1227
00:50:07,590 --> 00:50:10,020
to grow up that way.

1228
00:50:10,020 --> 00:50:11,820
And when we moved
to New York City,

1229
00:50:11,820 --> 00:50:16,200
I was suddenly in this huge
class of maybe 35 children

1230
00:50:16,200 --> 00:50:19,350
and a teacher who never
pronounced my name correctly.

1231
00:50:19,350 --> 00:50:25,030
And it was just concrete, and
brick, and an apartment house

1232

00:50:25,030 --> 00:50:27,060
and the different--

1233
00:50:27,060 --> 00:50:29,650
children played differently.

1234
00:50:29,650 --> 00:50:32,890
It takes a while to adjust to--

1235
00:50:32,890 --> 00:50:34,780
Des Moines might be
a city, but it's not

1236
00:50:34,780 --> 00:50:39,710
the same scale as New York City,
and that makes a difference.

1237
00:50:39,710 --> 00:50:43,270
And at that time, it was a much
smaller city than it is now,

1238
00:50:43,270 --> 00:50:44,380
I'm sure, yeah.

1239
00:50:44,380 --> 00:50:47,340

1240
00:50:47,340 --> 00:50:50,550
We've jumped around
chronologically a little bit.

1241
00:50:50,550 --> 00:50:52,350
Do you remember the
name of the ship

1242
00:50:52,350 --> 00:50:54,330
that you came to the
United States on?

1243
00:50:54,330 --> 00:50:57,040
The New York.

1244

00:50:57,040 --> 00:50:59,470

Do you remember
what it looked like?

1245

00:50:59,470 --> 00:51:00,460

Not really.

1246

00:51:00,460 --> 00:51:01,570

I had pictures.

1247

00:51:01,570 --> 00:51:04,990

I donated them to
the museum already,

1248

00:51:04,990 --> 00:51:07,480

so I know it looked
like a large ship.

1249

00:51:07,480 --> 00:51:09,130

I don't really--

1250

00:51:09,130 --> 00:51:11,200

Do you remember anything
about landing here?

1251

00:51:11,200 --> 00:51:11,890

Yes.

1252

00:51:11,890 --> 00:51:13,750

Tell me about that.

1253

00:51:13,750 --> 00:51:16,090

I remember looking
out of the porthole,

1254

00:51:16,090 --> 00:51:18,490

and I wasn't
allowed-- people ran

1255

00:51:18,490 --> 00:51:21,670

to see the Statue of
Liberty, but for some reason

1256

00:51:21,670 --> 00:51:23,710

my parents said I had
to stay in the room

1257

00:51:23,710 --> 00:51:26,680

until we had to go out.

1258

00:51:26,680 --> 00:51:31,000

And then I remember standing,
looking down at the people

1259

00:51:31,000 --> 00:51:38,180

waiting for us downstairs, and
my father pointed and said,

1260

00:51:38,180 --> 00:51:42,480

that's your uncle, because
I didn't know my uncle.

1261

00:51:42,480 --> 00:51:46,370

And I remember he was wearing
a felt hat, fedora, I guess,

1262

00:51:46,370 --> 00:51:49,100

and a long overcoat, and
he was standing there.

1263

00:51:49,100 --> 00:51:50,900

And I think he
had a taxi waiting

1264

00:51:50,900 --> 00:51:54,410

to take us up to his apartment.

1265

00:51:54,410 --> 00:51:58,530

And my aunt, Roslyn,
had lunch for us,

1266

00:51:58,530 --> 00:52:00,440

and I didn't like what we ate.

1267

00:52:00,440 --> 00:52:01,520

I know that.

1268
00:52:01,520 --> 00:52:05,180
It was something I wasn't
accustomed to eating.

1269
00:52:05,180 --> 00:52:07,280
And my cousins--

1270
00:52:07,280 --> 00:52:09,650
I met my cousins for
the first time, Carol,

1271
00:52:09,650 --> 00:52:13,530
who's a year younger than
I am, and Alice was a baby.

1272
00:52:13,530 --> 00:52:19,080
And I don't remember ever
seeing a baby before that.

1273
00:52:19,080 --> 00:52:23,420
So in some ways, it's
such a momentous journey

1274
00:52:23,420 --> 00:52:27,080
at such a political
time and sort

1275
00:52:27,080 --> 00:52:29,690
of getting out by the
skin of your teeth

1276
00:52:29,690 --> 00:52:35,540
because it's so soon
before Kristallnacht.

1277
00:52:35,540 --> 00:52:37,100
And yet when you're
describing it

1278
00:52:37,100 --> 00:52:39,650
it sounds like, well, we come.

1279
00:52:39,650 --> 00:52:43,240
Our relatives met
us, and we had lunch.

1280
00:52:43,240 --> 00:52:48,200
Well, this is from my
perspective, yes, yes.

1281
00:52:48,200 --> 00:52:51,590
I'm sure, had I been older, it
would have been very different,

1282
00:52:51,590 --> 00:52:52,455
but--

1283
00:52:52,455 --> 00:52:53,330
--this is what stays.

1284
00:52:53,330 --> 00:52:55,010
--as a little girl,
I remember having

1285
00:52:55,010 --> 00:52:58,800
a book on the ship with
English with pictures.

1286
00:52:58,800 --> 00:53:01,640
I remember I loved--
it's very unusual, maybe,

1287
00:53:01,640 --> 00:53:04,970
for a young child, but
I loved cauliflower.

1288
00:53:04,970 --> 00:53:06,560
I know.

1289
00:53:06,560 --> 00:53:11,750
And I remember seeing the
word, the picture and the word.

1290

00:53:11,750 --> 00:53:13,960
How do you say it in
German, cauliflower?

1291
00:53:13,960 --> 00:53:15,060
Blumenkohl, blumenkohl.

1292
00:53:15,060 --> 00:53:18,860
Blumenkohl-- by the way, do
you still speak German today?

1293
00:53:18,860 --> 00:53:20,450
A little, yeah.

1294
00:53:20,450 --> 00:53:22,730
Have you ever used it
in your adult life?

1295
00:53:22,730 --> 00:53:23,480
In Germany.

1296
00:53:23,480 --> 00:53:25,820
We were in Germany
for a few days.

1297
00:53:25,820 --> 00:53:30,950
We were in Vienna, and
of course, my mother

1298
00:53:30,950 --> 00:53:34,500
lived long enough for
me to speak to her.

1299
00:53:34,500 --> 00:53:36,680
But I think I've
lost some of it.

1300
00:53:36,680 --> 00:53:38,270
I looked something up recently.

1301
00:53:38,270 --> 00:53:40,880
I googled something
recently because I

00:54:06,050 --> 00:54:09,518

My friend said, hello,
and I said, Pölkelfleisch.

1315

00:54:09,518 --> 00:54:11,435

And she knew who it was
and what it was about?

1316

00:54:11,435 --> 00:54:14,150

Yeah, yeah.

1317

00:54:14,150 --> 00:54:21,120

When did you become conscious
of what had really happened

1318

00:54:21,120 --> 00:54:24,780

and why it had happened, that
you had moved from this nice

1319

00:54:24,780 --> 00:54:29,520

area apartment in Frankfurt
where you had a polka-dot blue

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00:54:29,520 --> 00:54:35,940

room and a lovely doll
house to a new country,

1321

00:54:35,940 --> 00:54:38,040

which was very nice
in Des Moines--

1322

00:54:38,040 --> 00:54:39,510

but it was so different.

1323

00:54:39,510 --> 00:54:41,640

It was half a world away.

1324

00:54:41,640 --> 00:54:45,990

When did that sink in as far as
the circumstances of all this.

1325

00:54:45,990 --> 00:54:50,070

First of all, let me say, after

I lived in New York City again,

1326
00:54:50,070 --> 00:54:53,640
after the first year,
living in Washington Heights

1327
00:54:53,640 --> 00:54:56,670
as a teenager was very
nice because then I

1328
00:54:56,670 --> 00:55:00,480
began to learn the culture
of New York and things

1329
00:55:00,480 --> 00:55:03,300
that I probably wouldn't
have had in the Midwest.

1330
00:55:03,300 --> 00:55:04,288
So my life did--

1331
00:55:04,288 --> 00:55:04,830
--get better.

1332
00:55:04,830 --> 00:55:07,650
--did get better,
and my attitude

1333
00:55:07,650 --> 00:55:09,540
and all that got better, yes.

1334
00:55:09,540 --> 00:55:12,000
And I think as a
teenager and when

1335
00:55:12,000 --> 00:55:16,170
I read The Diary of Anne Frank,
that had an impact on me,

1336
00:55:16,170 --> 00:55:18,690
that I said, oh, my God,
that could have been me,

1337

00:55:18,690 --> 00:55:21,720

it could have been
us, just becoming

1338

00:55:21,720 --> 00:55:26,770

more aware and educated
and reading, yeah.

1339

00:55:26,770 --> 00:55:31,820

And did your parents ever,
then, when you became older,

1340

00:55:31,820 --> 00:55:35,650

start talking more openly
with you about what

1341

00:55:35,650 --> 00:55:38,440

had gone on in the 30s when
you were such a little kid?

1342

00:55:38,440 --> 00:55:40,080

No.

1343

00:55:40,080 --> 00:55:41,692

I don't know why, but no.

1344

00:55:41,692 --> 00:55:42,900

So they never really talked--

1345

00:55:42,900 --> 00:55:45,870

They went on with
their lives, no, no.

1346

00:55:45,870 --> 00:55:50,220

My mother talked about the
wonderful childhood she had,

1347

00:55:50,220 --> 00:55:50,810

no.

1348

00:55:50,810 --> 00:55:52,560

Did they every talk

about what they felt--

1349

00:55:52,560 --> 00:55:53,250

They were angry.

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00:55:53,250 --> 00:55:55,380

They were-- but they
went on with their lives.

1351

00:55:55,380 --> 00:55:57,330

No, they really didn't.

1352

00:55:57,330 --> 00:56:01,180

How did their anger
get expressed?

1353

00:56:01,180 --> 00:56:03,090

Well, they wouldn't
go back to Germany.

1354

00:56:03,090 --> 00:56:04,435

They didn't want any part of it.

1355

00:56:04,435 --> 00:56:05,560

They didn't want to see it.

1356

00:56:05,560 --> 00:56:07,380

They didn't want to
go back, and yet they

1357

00:56:07,380 --> 00:56:09,570

were in touch with
people, Gentiles,

1358

00:56:09,570 --> 00:56:12,090

who they had known from before.

1359

00:56:12,090 --> 00:56:13,350

They did have contact.

1360

00:56:13,350 --> 00:56:14,670

They did write.

1361

00:56:14,670 --> 00:56:19,260

I know that the woman who was my
nanny did not survive the war,

1362

00:56:19,260 --> 00:56:21,150

and they were very upset.

1363

00:56:21,150 --> 00:56:23,520

She was very kind
and very caring,

1364

00:56:23,520 --> 00:56:26,130

and they had a good
relationship with her.

1365

00:56:26,130 --> 00:56:27,840

Did she die naturally or as a--

1366

00:56:27,840 --> 00:56:28,470

I don't know.

1367

00:56:28,470 --> 00:56:30,240

She died during the war.

1368

00:56:30,240 --> 00:56:31,210

I can't tell you.

1369

00:56:31,210 --> 00:56:31,770

I don't know.

1370

00:56:31,770 --> 00:56:34,710

1371

00:56:34,710 --> 00:56:36,060

But no, they--

1372

00:56:36,060 --> 00:56:37,630

Did they ever go
back for a visit?

1373

00:56:37,630 --> 00:56:42,030
No, no, no.

1374
00:56:42,030 --> 00:56:47,180
They felt, I think, it would be
too emotional, and they didn't.

1375
00:56:47,180 --> 00:56:49,590
But they really
didn't talk to me.

1376
00:56:49,590 --> 00:56:53,590
They didn't talk to me about
anything of substance ever.

1377
00:56:53,590 --> 00:56:54,580
That could be hard.

1378
00:56:54,580 --> 00:56:59,330

1379
00:56:59,330 --> 00:57:02,660
My mother with very much,
children should be seen

1380
00:57:02,660 --> 00:57:06,200
and not heard, and she
was very old-fashioned.

1381
00:57:06,200 --> 00:57:10,370
She was modern in some ways
but old-fashioned in others,

1382
00:57:10,370 --> 00:57:13,730
that she wanted to raise me
the way she had been raised,

1383
00:57:13,730 --> 00:57:16,370
and we were in a new world,
in a different place.

1384
00:57:16,370 --> 00:57:19,010

1385
00:57:19,010 --> 00:57:20,460
And that does it, yeah.

1386
00:57:20,460 --> 00:57:22,085
You have to adjust
to a new generation.

1387
00:57:22,085 --> 00:57:24,560
You do, and as I said, I
was a little rebellious

1388
00:57:24,560 --> 00:57:27,690
because I had my own
ideas and my own thoughts

1389
00:57:27,690 --> 00:57:33,200
and was really anxious
to earn my own money so

1390
00:57:33,200 --> 00:57:34,880
that I could be on my own.

1391
00:57:34,880 --> 00:57:36,470
Well, I was never
really on my own

1392
00:57:36,470 --> 00:57:40,340
because I got married, but yeah.

1393
00:57:40,340 --> 00:57:44,690
But you had your own vision of
your life and what it could be

1394
00:57:44,690 --> 00:57:47,260
and should be that was
different from your mother's?

1395
00:57:47,260 --> 00:57:49,220
Yes, and I fulfilled some of it.

1396
00:57:49,220 --> 00:57:51,920

I didn't fulfill
everything, but that's,

1397
00:57:51,920 --> 00:57:53,980
I think, the case
with most people.

1398
00:57:53,980 --> 00:57:55,370
Yes, yes.

1399
00:57:55,370 --> 00:57:57,830
I can't imagine any
child who wouldn't

1400
00:57:57,830 --> 00:58:01,490
have a vision of their
own life, that it

1401
00:58:01,490 --> 00:58:02,870
would be unhealthy otherwise.

1402
00:58:02,870 --> 00:58:07,170

1403
00:58:07,170 --> 00:58:12,090
You mentioned, again,
off-camera that you yourself

1404
00:58:12,090 --> 00:58:16,170
had certain feelings
towards Germany,

1405
00:58:16,170 --> 00:58:19,080
and can you tell
me what they are

1406
00:58:19,080 --> 00:58:24,570
and how it is that you
decided to go back, to visit,

1407
00:58:24,570 --> 00:58:27,540
to see things that were there?

1408

00:58:27,540 --> 00:58:30,030

Well, I really never
went back to visit.

1409

00:58:30,030 --> 00:58:31,860

We took a tour.

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00:58:31,860 --> 00:58:34,870

My husband wanted to
go back to Vienna.

1411

00:58:34,870 --> 00:58:36,400

He was older when he came.

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00:58:36,400 --> 00:58:39,540

He was 14 when he
came, and he, too--

1413

00:58:39,540 --> 00:58:41,970

although he had
some bad memories,

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00:58:41,970 --> 00:58:46,050

he also had some very good
childhood memories and wanted--

1415

00:58:46,050 --> 00:58:49,320

he needed closure, and he
wanted to see his school

1416

00:58:49,320 --> 00:58:51,160

and his neighborhood.

1417

00:58:51,160 --> 00:58:54,330

And so we took--

1418

00:58:54,330 --> 00:58:57,630

as long as Waldheim
was president--

1419

00:58:57,630 --> 00:59:00,180

I think it was

president-- of Austria,

1420

00:59:00,180 --> 00:59:02,610

I said I won't go to Austria.

1421

00:59:02,610 --> 00:59:07,030

And once he, I think, retired
and someone else was present,

1422

00:59:07,030 --> 00:59:09,330

I said, now we
can go to Austria.

1423

00:59:09,330 --> 00:59:13,870

And we took a tour that
was Austria, Germany,

1424

00:59:13,870 --> 00:59:15,930

and one of the other countries.

1425

00:59:15,930 --> 00:59:17,850

I don't remember at the moment.

1426

00:59:17,850 --> 00:59:21,060

--and Switzerland, Austria,
Switzerland, and Germany.

1427

00:59:21,060 --> 00:59:25,110

So part of this tour
was spending, I think,

1428

00:59:25,110 --> 00:59:28,310

a night in Heidelberg,
maybe, and a night in Munich.

1429

00:59:28,310 --> 00:59:31,830

It was passing through--
and the Black Forrest.

1430

00:59:31,830 --> 00:59:33,360

So you never went
back to Frankfurt?

1431

00:59:33,360 --> 00:59:37,650

No, because I wasn't
invited, which is also

1432

00:59:37,650 --> 00:59:41,130

something I was very angry about
because everybody was invited,

1433

00:59:41,130 --> 00:59:44,670

and my mother was
invited and wouldn't go.

1434

00:59:44,670 --> 00:59:49,080

She didn't want any part
of it, but I wrote to them,

1435

00:59:49,080 --> 00:59:51,660

and requested an invitation,
and said I was born there,

1436

00:59:51,660 --> 00:59:54,000

I lived there for the
first six years of my life,

1437

00:59:54,000 --> 00:59:55,890

and so on and so forth.

1438

00:59:55,890 --> 00:59:58,870

By the time-- they
said I was too young.

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00:59:58,870 --> 01:00:00,150

I can't be invited yet.

1440

01:00:00,150 --> 01:00:02,760

I was too young at the
time I requested it.

1441

01:00:02,760 --> 01:00:05,790

They were taking people over 80.

1442

01:00:05,790 --> 01:00:08,970

Frankfurt had a very
large Jewish community,

1443
01:00:08,970 --> 01:00:12,330
and people were scattered
all over the world.

1444
01:00:12,330 --> 01:00:14,970
And the letter I
got was that they

1445
01:00:14,970 --> 01:00:18,210
weren't up to whatever
my age was at the time.

1446
01:00:18,210 --> 01:00:19,560
Maybe I was 70 at the time.

1447
01:00:19,560 --> 01:00:20,700
I don't know.

1448
01:00:20,700 --> 01:00:24,450
And unless my husband had
lived two years or more

1449
01:00:24,450 --> 01:00:27,510
in Frankfurt-- and my husband
never lived in Germany,

1450
01:00:27,510 --> 01:00:29,820
so that was that.

1451
01:00:29,820 --> 01:00:32,910
And then suddenly they
started to invite me.

1452
01:00:32,910 --> 01:00:33,900
He was too sick.

1453
01:00:33,900 --> 01:00:37,110
I couldn't leave him,
and I couldn't take him.

1454

01:00:37,110 --> 01:00:41,940

So I wrote to them, I would
love to come, but I can't.

1455

01:00:41,940 --> 01:00:44,880

Three years in a row I
was sent this invitation,

1456

01:00:44,880 --> 01:00:48,000

and three years in a row
I was unable to come.

1457

01:00:48,000 --> 01:00:52,980

The year 2013, right after
he passed away, I wrote.

1458

01:00:52,980 --> 01:00:56,100

I said, I would appreciate
an invitation to Germany.

1459

01:00:56,100 --> 01:00:58,110

I'm ready to come.

1460

01:00:58,110 --> 01:01:01,620

They invited-- they wined
and dined the people.

1461

01:01:01,620 --> 01:01:03,570

They were invited for two weeks.

1462

01:01:03,570 --> 01:01:06,210

Frankfurt did two weeks.

1463

01:01:06,210 --> 01:01:11,310

I got a letter back, we have
stopped all invitations.

1464

01:01:11,310 --> 01:01:16,210

And that was the end
of it, so I said,

1465

01:01:16,210 --> 01:01:20,080

I'm not going to pay to
go back to a city that--

1466
01:01:20,080 --> 01:01:23,020
they wouldn't invite me when I--

1467
01:01:23,020 --> 01:01:26,140
and when I requested it, I said
my husband isn't that well.

1468
01:01:26,140 --> 01:01:27,340
I'd like to bring him.

1469
01:01:27,340 --> 01:01:29,110
I'd like to go.

1470
01:01:29,110 --> 01:01:34,720
And really, I think Berlin would
be more interesting to see,

1471
01:01:34,720 --> 01:01:37,630
and I would have gone back
to my mother's hometown.

1472
01:01:37,630 --> 01:01:40,210
And I would have gone
to my family graves.

1473
01:01:40,210 --> 01:01:42,760
I would have seen other
things, but at that time,

1474
01:01:42,760 --> 01:01:46,733
I was angry with them.

1475
01:01:46,733 --> 01:01:48,441
Let's take a break so
you can have a sip.

1476
01:01:48,441 --> 01:01:54,220

1477

01:01:54,220 --> 01:01:57,730

So I was under the
impression that when

1478

01:01:57,730 --> 01:02:00,380

you had gone to Europe
you had gone everywhere,

1479

01:02:00,380 --> 01:02:03,120

including where your
family was from and so on,

1480

01:02:03,120 --> 01:02:04,240

and that wasn't the case.

1481

01:02:04,240 --> 01:02:05,230

No, never went.

1482

01:02:05,230 --> 01:02:05,950

Never went.

1483

01:02:05,950 --> 01:02:09,660

1484

01:02:09,660 --> 01:02:12,300

What do you feel
today about Germany?

1485

01:02:12,300 --> 01:02:16,540

About current Germany
or Germany in the past?

1486

01:02:16,540 --> 01:02:18,330

I'd say current Germany.

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01:02:18,330 --> 01:02:21,660

Current-- I think
they have tried

1488

01:02:21,660 --> 01:02:28,210

very hard to do restitution
or give restitution.

1489

01:02:28,210 --> 01:02:33,220

I think some people
just don't approve

1490

01:02:33,220 --> 01:02:34,890

of that because they think--

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01:02:34,890 --> 01:02:37,960

they can never make
up for what was lost.

1492

01:02:37,960 --> 01:02:38,800

They just can't.

1493

01:02:38,800 --> 01:02:40,070

It's a different generation.

1494

01:02:40,070 --> 01:02:41,290

What was done was done.

1495

01:02:41,290 --> 01:02:43,550

They can't change it.

1496

01:02:43,550 --> 01:02:47,290

And unfortunately I think the
whole world has become more

1497

01:02:47,290 --> 01:02:50,810

anti-Semitic again I
don't think Germany--

1498

01:02:50,810 --> 01:02:54,500

I don't think the government
has, but the people--

1499

01:02:54,500 --> 01:02:56,630

it's something that's
just spreading,

1500

01:02:56,630 --> 01:02:59,000

and it's not only Germany.

1501

01:02:59,000 --> 01:03:07,460

And obviously it's
all over, but yeah, I

1502

01:03:07,460 --> 01:03:09,200

resent what happened
in the past, what

1503

01:03:09,200 --> 01:03:13,490

happened to my family, what
happened to millions of others.

1504

01:03:13,490 --> 01:03:19,160

And when I went-- when I
did go by bus through parts

1505

01:03:19,160 --> 01:03:22,010

of Germany, I said, this is
such a beautiful country.

1506

01:03:22,010 --> 01:03:28,940

How can people be so evil who
grew up in these surroundings?

1507

01:03:28,940 --> 01:03:30,950

What would you want
people to know--

1508

01:03:30,950 --> 01:03:34,770

we talked about this before
throughout the interview

1509

01:03:34,770 --> 01:03:39,240

that you can't really
become another person when

1510

01:03:39,240 --> 01:03:43,230

you leave a country and have
to adapt to a new environment.

1511

01:03:43,230 --> 01:03:47,100

You take something of
who you were with you.

1512

01:03:47,100 --> 01:03:50,280

And we were speaking about your
parents, and about your father

1513

01:03:50,280 --> 01:03:53,250

being 50 years
old, and how he had

1514

01:03:53,250 --> 01:03:56,740

to find a job, and the language
they spoke with one another,

1515

01:03:56,740 --> 01:03:58,290

and so on.

1516

01:03:58,290 --> 01:04:01,080

What would you
want people to know

1517

01:04:01,080 --> 01:04:07,130

in Germany, today's
generation, what

1518

01:04:07,130 --> 01:04:13,820

it's like to be unwanted
and thrown out, let's say,

1519

01:04:13,820 --> 01:04:20,340

or unwanted and then
eventually exterminated

1520

01:04:20,340 --> 01:04:23,420

for those who didn't make it?

1521

01:04:23,420 --> 01:04:25,760

But I'm really after
the first process of,

1522

01:04:25,760 --> 01:04:29,890

you are part of this
country, you see yourself

1523

01:04:29,890 --> 01:04:34,390
as part of this country, and
then you see you're not wanted,

1524

01:04:34,390 --> 01:04:36,070
and you have to leave.

1525

01:04:36,070 --> 01:04:40,360
And what about that is--

1526

01:04:40,360 --> 01:04:43,420
how do you describe
that to somebody

1527

01:04:43,420 --> 01:04:46,900
who stays behind,
who will never have

1528

01:04:46,900 --> 01:04:49,840
been exposed to this process?

1529

01:04:49,840 --> 01:04:50,950
It's hard.

1530

01:04:50,950 --> 01:04:53,650
I think it's even
hard to conceive.

1531

01:04:53,650 --> 01:04:56,860
I've tried to explain
to Americans who

1532

01:04:56,860 --> 01:04:59,860
have no understanding of that.

1533

01:04:59,860 --> 01:05:02,860
How would you feel
today at this age,

1534

01:05:02,860 --> 01:05:05,230
like middle-aged, older
Americans, if you suddenly

1535
01:05:05,230 --> 01:05:07,750
had to move to South America?

1536
01:05:07,750 --> 01:05:09,070
You didn't know Spanish.

1537
01:05:09,070 --> 01:05:10,840
You didn't know the customs.

1538
01:05:10,840 --> 01:05:13,480
You didn't know anyone.

1539
01:05:13,480 --> 01:05:14,860
Do you ever think of that?

1540
01:05:14,860 --> 01:05:19,330
You would lose all your
comforts and everything you had.

1541
01:05:19,330 --> 01:05:22,240
How would you adjust, and
how would you feel about it?

1542
01:05:22,240 --> 01:05:26,000
I think I've had that thought.

1543
01:05:26,000 --> 01:05:28,240
And I don't think--

1544
01:05:28,240 --> 01:05:33,310
I don't think anyone can feel
someone else's hurt or feelings

1545
01:05:33,310 --> 01:05:34,900
and know what they're thinking.

1546
01:05:34,900 --> 01:05:38,260
And I know it was very
hard for my parents,

1547

01:05:38,260 --> 01:05:40,060
but they forged ahead.

1548
01:05:40,060 --> 01:05:42,640
And they were proud
to be Americans.

1549
01:05:42,640 --> 01:05:45,010
They considered
themselves Americans.

1550
01:05:45,010 --> 01:05:50,800
And as I said, I wasn't
fully aware of what

1551
01:05:50,800 --> 01:05:55,480
happened until much later
because I was very protected

1552
01:05:55,480 --> 01:06:02,410
as a child, and so I come
from a different place.

1553
01:06:02,410 --> 01:06:05,440
Now here's a question
that's a bit suggestive,

1554
01:06:05,440 --> 01:06:07,330
and tell me if I'm wrong.

1555
01:06:07,330 --> 01:06:09,820
But is it also--

1556
01:06:09,820 --> 01:06:14,290
is it that you're also angry
on behalf of your parents

1557
01:06:14,290 --> 01:06:19,220
because you were so little, that
is, angry with what happened--

1558
01:06:19,220 --> 01:06:19,760
--to them.

1559
01:06:19,760 --> 01:06:20,270
--to them--

1560
01:06:20,270 --> 01:06:21,170
--to them, correct.

1561
01:06:21,170 --> 01:06:23,570
--on behalf of them?

1562
01:06:23,570 --> 01:06:24,780
I think so.

1563
01:06:24,780 --> 01:06:30,830
I think so because, in general,
I like people, and I think,

1564
01:06:30,830 --> 01:06:37,440
one-on-one, most people can
see eye to eye or get along.

1565
01:06:37,440 --> 01:06:38,398
But the masses--

1566
01:06:38,398 --> 01:06:38,940
I don't know.

1567
01:06:38,940 --> 01:06:41,550
People can be
brainwashed very easily.

1568
01:06:41,550 --> 01:06:44,880
I see it now with what's
going on in the world.

1569
01:06:44,880 --> 01:06:46,170
I think you're true.

1570
01:06:46,170 --> 01:06:50,360
There have even been some
psychological studies done

1571

01:06:50,360 --> 01:06:54,660

that say that when you engage
with someone individually,

1572

01:06:54,660 --> 01:06:58,440

their behavior is one kind,
and you put someone in a crowd,

1573

01:06:58,440 --> 01:07:01,260

and it's amazing how
quickly that person

1574

01:07:01,260 --> 01:07:06,150

loses their individuality or
can lose their individuality.

1575

01:07:06,150 --> 01:07:08,700

You're saying it better than
I did, but that's my thought.

1576

01:07:08,700 --> 01:07:12,900

1577

01:07:12,900 --> 01:07:16,470

Is there anything else
about your experience

1578

01:07:16,470 --> 01:07:21,090

of coming from Germany to
here that we haven't really

1579

01:07:21,090 --> 01:07:25,140

touched on that you'd
want people to know about?

1580

01:07:25,140 --> 01:07:25,860

I don't know.

1581

01:07:25,860 --> 01:07:28,305

There might be something
I'll think of tonight when

1582

01:07:28,305 --> 01:07:28,950
I'm in bed.

1583
01:07:28,950 --> 01:07:29,790
That often happens.

1584
01:07:29,790 --> 01:07:30,582
That often happens.

1585
01:07:30,582 --> 01:07:32,100
Yeah, but I really--

1586
01:07:32,100 --> 01:07:33,510
right now I don't know.

1587
01:07:33,510 --> 01:07:36,000
As I said, I came.

1588
01:07:36,000 --> 01:07:38,790
I think I adjusted pretty well.

1589
01:07:38,790 --> 01:07:43,230
I think I was very shy for
a long time because I was

1590
01:07:43,230 --> 01:07:46,230
different, and the
real me didn't--

1591
01:07:46,230 --> 01:07:46,800
--come out.

1592
01:07:46,800 --> 01:07:47,640
--come out.

1593
01:07:47,640 --> 01:07:50,580
I think I had
thoughts and opinions

1594
01:07:50,580 --> 01:07:54,510
and didn't know whether I could
say them or should save them,

1595

01:07:54,510 --> 01:07:58,200

and I was always
told to be polite.

1596

01:07:58,200 --> 01:08:01,350

And we're refugees, and we
have to set a good example.

1597

01:08:01,350 --> 01:08:04,600

And we can't this, and we can't
that, and we can't do that.

1598

01:08:04,600 --> 01:08:08,010

And so that it took
me a while to be

1599

01:08:08,010 --> 01:08:11,850

able to express
myself and be myself.

1600

01:08:11,850 --> 01:08:14,600

When do you think that happened?

1601

01:08:14,600 --> 01:08:18,689

Well, some of it happened
after I got married.

1602

01:08:18,689 --> 01:08:20,899

Well, that's a very nice
compliment to marriage.

1603

01:08:20,899 --> 01:08:25,510

Yes, after I was on
my own I had to learn,

1604

01:08:25,510 --> 01:08:29,880

and I went to work very young.

1605

01:08:29,880 --> 01:08:32,609

And my parents were very
upset because I left college,

1606

01:08:32,609 --> 01:08:36,060

and I didn't continue because
I wanted to earn money.

1607

01:08:36,060 --> 01:08:42,569

And I ended up working for
an attorney, and I had gone--

1608

01:08:42,569 --> 01:08:46,210

I was not prepared to do
secretarial work at all.

1609

01:08:46,210 --> 01:08:50,640

I had taken academic classes,
and I babysat for this family.

1610

01:08:50,640 --> 01:08:56,040

And I opened up and told them
how unhappy I was being at home

1611

01:08:56,040 --> 01:08:58,740

and living the way I
lived, and he said, well,

1612

01:08:58,740 --> 01:08:59,670

come to work for me.

1613

01:08:59,670 --> 01:09:05,310

I'll teach you law, and you'll
become a legal secretary.

1614

01:09:05,310 --> 01:09:09,240

And I came home, and I said to
my parents, I'm leaving school.

1615

01:09:09,240 --> 01:09:14,160

And I'm taking a course in
steno and a course in typing.

1616

01:09:14,160 --> 01:09:18,210

I didn't know any
of that, and I did.

1617

01:09:18,210 --> 01:09:18,930

I did.

1618

01:09:18,930 --> 01:09:20,760

And he called me
one day and said,

1619

01:09:20,760 --> 01:09:22,359

are you finished
with your classes?

1620

01:09:22,359 --> 01:09:24,160

And I said, no.

1621

01:09:24,160 --> 01:09:28,740

He said, come in
anyway, and so I

1622

01:09:28,740 --> 01:09:32,430

learned to speak with
professional people.

1623

01:09:32,430 --> 01:09:35,550

And he sent me to court to
answer the court calendar

1624

01:09:35,550 --> 01:09:37,770

and whatever it
is that I learned,

1625

01:09:37,770 --> 01:09:40,410

and that helped me grow up.

1626

01:09:40,410 --> 01:09:43,680

It helped you
become independent.

1627

01:09:43,680 --> 01:09:46,830

OK, let's break.

1628

01:09:46,830 --> 01:09:51,029

So we heard that

your daughter will

1629

01:09:51,029 --> 01:09:54,900
be bringing the doll that you
took with you from Germany

1630

01:09:54,900 --> 01:10:00,490
for us to be able to see
and maybe to film later on.

1631

01:10:00,490 --> 01:10:04,320
But at this point, I'm going
to conclude the interview

1632

01:10:04,320 --> 01:10:06,900
that we've just
had with the words,

1633

01:10:06,900 --> 01:10:10,170
this concludes the United
States Holocaust Memorial Museum

1634

01:10:10,170 --> 01:10:16,950
interview with Mrs. Marianne
Solomon Berg on July 15, 2015

1635

01:10:16,950 --> 01:10:20,430
in Monroe Township,
New Jersey, and we're

1636

01:10:20,430 --> 01:10:24,690
going to now start with a
retelling of your husband's

1637

01:10:24,690 --> 01:10:25,800
story.

1638

01:10:25,800 --> 01:10:29,820
And the first
question I will ask--

1639

01:10:29,820 --> 01:10:32,880
because he's not here to

share it with us himself

1640

01:10:32,880 --> 01:10:36,420
and because he was one of the 50
children that was brought over,

1641

01:10:36,420 --> 01:10:41,160
we'd like to learn a little
bit about his life from you.

1642

01:10:41,160 --> 01:10:41,790
So the very--

1643

01:10:41,790 --> 01:10:42,623
OK, I'll do my best.

1644

01:10:42,623 --> 01:10:46,590
Yeah, so before we even
show any pictures of him,

1645

01:10:46,590 --> 01:10:49,890
just let's talk a little bit
about how you met Freddy.

1646

01:10:49,890 --> 01:10:52,830
How old were you?

1647

01:10:52,830 --> 01:10:53,790
How old was he?

1648

01:10:53,790 --> 01:10:55,020
Where did you meet?

1649

01:10:55,020 --> 01:10:57,630
How did you get to be together?

1650

01:10:57,630 --> 01:11:01,890
I was 18, just shortly
before my 19th birthday.

1651

01:11:01,890 --> 01:11:03,540
He was 26.

1652
01:11:03,540 --> 01:11:06,220
He was eight years
older than I was.

1653
01:11:06,220 --> 01:11:09,250
He was a Navy
veteran at the time,

1654
01:11:09,250 --> 01:11:14,003
and I just started working--

1655
01:11:14,003 --> 01:11:15,170
--at this attorney's office?

1656
01:11:15,170 --> 01:11:17,790
--at the attorney's
office, correct.

1657
01:11:17,790 --> 01:11:23,250
And he was working
at that time as well.

1658
01:11:23,250 --> 01:11:25,470
I don't remember
exactly what he did,

1659
01:11:25,470 --> 01:11:28,620
but we were
introduced, actually.

1660
01:11:28,620 --> 01:11:32,760
I was working, and
one of the girls

1661
01:11:32,760 --> 01:11:35,730
who was working for an
accountant in the office

1662
01:11:35,730 --> 01:11:37,800
actually met him.

1663

01:11:37,800 --> 01:11:42,210
And she said that they were
at a dance in Brooklyn,

1664
01:11:42,210 --> 01:11:43,860
but he didn't live in Brooklyn.

1665
01:11:43,860 --> 01:11:47,490
And he went with friends,
but they went outside

1666
01:11:47,490 --> 01:11:49,620
because they weren't
enjoying themselves.

1667
01:11:49,620 --> 01:11:52,350
And she was outside
with her friend,

1668
01:11:52,350 --> 01:11:55,590
and he didn't seem interested
in her or her friend.

1669
01:11:55,590 --> 01:11:58,860
And he said he'd really like to
meet a girl who spoke German.

1670
01:11:58,860 --> 01:12:01,530
He was from Vienna,
Austria, and he

1671
01:12:01,530 --> 01:12:05,430
said he'd like to bring a
girl home to his parents.

1672
01:12:05,430 --> 01:12:10,650
So I had been dating a boy who
graduated from City College

1673
01:12:10,650 --> 01:12:16,290
and had gotten his first
job in Ohio and was leaving,

1674

01:12:16,290 --> 01:12:18,010
and she knew that.

1675
01:12:18,010 --> 01:12:21,180
So she said, I know a
girl, but she's very young.

1676
01:12:21,180 --> 01:12:23,640
And her parents are
very strict, and I

1677
01:12:23,640 --> 01:12:28,710
don't know whether she would
be interested in meeting you.

1678
01:12:28,710 --> 01:12:30,990
But he gave her
his phone number.

1679
01:12:30,990 --> 01:12:33,180
This girl's name
was Blanche, and he

1680
01:12:33,180 --> 01:12:36,060
gave her his phone
number and said, well,

1681
01:12:36,060 --> 01:12:38,430
let her call me if
she's interested.

1682
01:12:38,430 --> 01:12:41,190
She didn't want
to give my number.

1683
01:12:41,190 --> 01:12:45,240
And I said, well, you
could call the house.

1684
01:12:45,240 --> 01:12:47,190
I said I'd be interested.

1685
01:12:47,190 --> 01:12:50,730

If you thought he was
nice, I would meet him.

1686
01:12:50,730 --> 01:12:56,490
And she called and spoke to
who became my mother-in-law

1687
01:12:56,490 --> 01:13:00,300
and said, Freddy
gave me this number,

1688
01:13:00,300 --> 01:13:04,450
and I want to give you
the number of someone.

1689
01:13:04,450 --> 01:13:06,000
He'll know what it's about.

1690
01:13:06,000 --> 01:13:10,260
And he did call me, and
we did get together.

1691
01:13:10,260 --> 01:13:11,430
And that's how it was?

1692
01:13:11,430 --> 01:13:13,050
That's how it was.

1693
01:13:13,050 --> 01:13:14,520
So you met in New York City?

1694
01:13:14,520 --> 01:13:15,780
We met in New York City.

1695
01:13:15,780 --> 01:13:17,130
Well, he lived up in--

1696
01:13:17,130 --> 01:13:19,050
not far from me at the time.

1697
01:13:19,050 --> 01:13:19,588
Oh, he did?

1698

01:13:19,588 --> 01:13:20,880

Oh, so he wasn't from Brooklyn.

1699

01:13:20,880 --> 01:13:22,380

He was from Washington

Heights, too?

1700

01:13:22,380 --> 01:13:23,820

No, he was.

1701

01:13:23,820 --> 01:13:26,820

He had lived in Brooklyn before
that and had friends there.

1702

01:13:26,820 --> 01:13:29,370

That's why he went, yeah.

1703

01:13:29,370 --> 01:13:32,640

And how long did you
date before you married?

1704

01:13:32,640 --> 01:13:34,595

Oh, it took a long
time, a long time.

1705

01:13:34,595 --> 01:13:35,970

We were married
a year and a half

1706

01:13:35,970 --> 01:13:40,170

later because I
wasn't really ready.

1707

01:13:40,170 --> 01:13:43,330

I liked dating, yeah.

1708

01:13:43,330 --> 01:13:47,230

And what was your-- what's
the date of your marriage?

1709

01:13:47,230 --> 01:13:50,200

June 7, 1953.

1710
01:13:50,200 --> 01:13:53,440
And what's Freddy's full name?

1711
01:13:53,440 --> 01:13:56,080
Alfred Berg.

1712
01:13:56,080 --> 01:13:57,280
And his date of birth?

1713
01:13:57,280 --> 01:14:02,260
It is October 16, 1924.

1714
01:14:02,260 --> 01:14:04,780
And he was from Vienna, Austria?

1715
01:14:04,780 --> 01:14:06,730
Born in Vienna, Austria.

1716
01:14:06,730 --> 01:14:09,280
And so why don't we hold
up his picture right now?

1717
01:14:09,280 --> 01:14:11,290
And this is little baby Freddy.

1718
01:14:11,290 --> 01:14:14,500
Can you focus on baby Freddy?

1719
01:14:14,500 --> 01:14:15,970
And they held him up.

1720
01:14:15,970 --> 01:14:19,360
My mother-in-law said he wasn't
really steady on his feet,

1721
01:14:19,360 --> 01:14:23,130
but someone behind him
had a hand on his back.

1722

01:14:23,130 --> 01:14:25,570
Let me point this.

1723
01:14:25,570 --> 01:14:26,450
He's going to try.

1724
01:14:26,450 --> 01:14:29,020
OK, nice baby.

1725
01:14:29,020 --> 01:14:31,150
And how old was he?

1726
01:14:31,150 --> 01:14:34,960
Do you know about how old he
was when this picture was taken?

1727
01:14:34,960 --> 01:14:37,420
Probably about a year
or a little more?

1728
01:14:37,420 --> 01:14:38,590
But he never changed.

1729
01:14:38,590 --> 01:14:40,750
People always looked at
this picture and said,

1730
01:14:40,750 --> 01:14:41,827
Freddy looks the same.

1731
01:14:41,827 --> 01:14:42,535
He never changed.

1732
01:14:42,535 --> 01:14:46,590

1733
01:14:46,590 --> 01:14:47,190
You got it?

1734
01:14:47,190 --> 01:14:51,570
OK, let's hold up the next
Freddy that you've got.

1735
01:14:51,570 --> 01:14:55,670

1736
01:14:55,670 --> 01:14:58,550
And is this Friday when
you got to know him?

1737
01:14:58,550 --> 01:15:00,110
Well, it was a little before.

1738
01:15:00,110 --> 01:15:01,310
He was in the Navy.

1739
01:15:01,310 --> 01:15:02,390
He was not in the Navy.

1740
01:15:02,390 --> 01:15:03,330
I met him later.

1741
01:15:03,330 --> 01:15:06,420

1742
01:15:06,420 --> 01:15:09,180
But he was a cute sailor, so I--

1743
01:15:09,180 --> 01:15:13,860
And so this is him at
about age 20-something?

1744
01:15:13,860 --> 01:15:20,280
Maybe 20, maybe 19, 20, and
he was 26 when I met him.

1745
01:15:20,280 --> 01:15:22,040
So this is-- got it?

1746
01:15:22,040 --> 01:15:23,670
OK.

1747
01:15:23,670 --> 01:15:25,450

So let's talk a little
bit about Freddy.

1748
01:15:25,450 --> 01:15:27,460
What was his--
what is his story?

1749
01:15:27,460 --> 01:15:32,010

1750
01:15:32,010 --> 01:15:35,460
So tell us a little bit
about Freddy's story.

1751
01:15:35,460 --> 01:15:37,800
Now, I know his
story pretty well

1752
01:15:37,800 --> 01:15:41,370
because we were
married for 60 years.

1753
01:15:41,370 --> 01:15:42,180
Excuse me.

1754
01:15:42,180 --> 01:15:45,990
And well, if you want to
start with-- his parents

1755
01:15:45,990 --> 01:15:49,710
were born in Poland,
and my mother-in-law

1756
01:15:49,710 --> 01:15:54,060
came to Vienna with
her mother and siblings

1757
01:15:54,060 --> 01:15:56,700
when she was a young girl.

1758
01:15:56,700 --> 01:16:01,260
And my father-in-law came
after World War I. He was also

1759
01:16:01,260 --> 01:16:04,800
a German soldier
during World War I who

1760
01:16:04,800 --> 01:16:08,010
was an orphan and
only had cousins

1761
01:16:08,010 --> 01:16:12,300
but no immediate family, and his
commanding officer said, Berg.

1762
01:16:12,300 --> 01:16:13,200
You like music.

1763
01:16:13,200 --> 01:16:15,270
You like to dance.

1764
01:16:15,270 --> 01:16:16,260
Go to Vienna.

1765
01:16:16,260 --> 01:16:18,120
There's a large
Jewish community.

1766
01:16:18,120 --> 01:16:20,010
You'll be happy there.

1767
01:16:20,010 --> 01:16:22,260
And that's where he
met my mother-in-law,

1768
01:16:22,260 --> 01:16:25,570
and Freddy was born a year
after they were married.

1769
01:16:25,570 --> 01:16:29,250
And I think they
were married in '23.

1770
01:16:29,250 --> 01:16:31,260

He was born in '24.

1771

01:16:31,260 --> 01:16:33,540

And then he had a younger
sister, Charlotte,

1772

01:16:33,540 --> 01:16:38,310

who was six years younger,
and he had, I think,

1773

01:16:38,310 --> 01:16:41,220

a happy childhood, a lot
cousins, aunts, and uncles.

1774

01:16:41,220 --> 01:16:42,150

Most of them perished.

1775

01:16:42,150 --> 01:16:44,790

1776

01:16:44,790 --> 01:16:46,123

What was his father's business?

1777

01:16:46,123 --> 01:16:47,290

How did the father support--

1778

01:16:47,290 --> 01:16:48,950

Father was a tailor.

1779

01:16:48,950 --> 01:16:52,630

He became an apprentice tailor
when he was about 12 years old.

1780

01:16:52,630 --> 01:16:53,650

Freddy did?

1781

01:16:53,650 --> 01:16:54,440

His father.

1782

01:16:54,440 --> 01:16:55,360

Oh, his father did.

1783

01:16:55,360 --> 01:16:56,890

Oh, Freddy was a child.

1784

01:16:56,890 --> 01:16:57,862

Oh, I'm sorry, yes.

1785

01:16:57,862 --> 01:16:58,570

Yeah, no, no, no.

1786

01:16:58,570 --> 01:17:02,840

1787

01:17:02,840 --> 01:17:05,870

My father-in-law's

father died when

1788

01:17:05,870 --> 01:17:10,100

my father-in-law was very young,
and the mother was not well.

1789

01:17:10,100 --> 01:17:13,190

And she gave him to a
family before his bar

1790

01:17:13,190 --> 01:17:19,670

mitzvah to learn tailoring, and
he was an apprentice tailor.

1791

01:17:19,670 --> 01:17:24,410

And so when he went to Vienna
my mother-in-law's brother

1792

01:17:24,410 --> 01:17:29,090

had a business, and I think my
father-in-law worked with him

1793

01:17:29,090 --> 01:17:30,050

as a tailor.

1794

01:17:30,050 --> 01:17:32,060

That's what he did.

1795

01:17:32,060 --> 01:17:34,510

And I can tell you
an interesting story.

1796

01:17:34,510 --> 01:17:37,460

This is about my father-in-law.

1797

01:17:37,460 --> 01:17:40,760

Kristallnacht, they
picked up the Jewish men

1798

01:17:40,760 --> 01:17:43,550

and took them to the
police precinct there,

1799

01:17:43,550 --> 01:17:45,500

and they shaved
my father's head.

1800

01:17:45,500 --> 01:17:47,570

And they had him there,
and one of the policemen

1801

01:17:47,570 --> 01:17:51,620

came in and said to them,
why are you holding this man?

1802

01:17:51,620 --> 01:17:53,150

And they said, well, he's a Jew.

1803

01:17:53,150 --> 01:17:54,230

We picked him up.

1804

01:17:54,230 --> 01:17:56,840

And the policeman said,
he's a very good man.

1805

01:17:56,840 --> 01:17:59,750

He doesn't charge me for sewing
the buttons on my uniform.

1806

01:17:59,750 --> 01:18:02,450

Let him go.

1807

01:18:02,450 --> 01:18:09,250

So I think that's an interesting
piece of information, yeah.

1808

01:18:09,250 --> 01:18:17,980

And when my mother-in-law
heard about a Mr.

1809

01:18:17,980 --> 01:18:22,010

Kraus who came to rescue the
children, the 50 children.

1810

01:18:22,010 --> 01:18:23,195

Mr. Kraus was who?

1811

01:18:23,195 --> 01:18:24,070

So that people will--

1812

01:18:24,070 --> 01:18:26,590

Mr. Kraus was-- this
is what I wanted

1813

01:18:26,590 --> 01:18:30,640

to say-- a very wealthy attorney
from Philadelphia who wanted

1814

01:18:30,640 --> 01:18:36,040

to help get children out
of Nazi Germany or Austria,

1815

01:18:36,040 --> 01:18:38,440

and he was advised
to go to Austria,

1816

01:18:38,440 --> 01:18:41,500

that it would be easier to
rescue the children from there,

1817

01:18:41,500 --> 01:18:43,270

from Vienna.

1818

01:18:43,270 --> 01:18:45,160

And it was amazing.

1819

01:18:45,160 --> 01:18:47,320

What he was able to
do was just amazing.

1820

01:18:47,320 --> 01:18:49,780

But my mother-in-law
heard about this

1821

01:18:49,780 --> 01:18:52,360

and registered my sister-in-law.

1822

01:18:52,360 --> 01:18:55,480

The children had to be between
the ages of, I believe,

1823

01:18:55,480 --> 01:18:57,400

3 and 13.

1824

01:18:57,400 --> 01:19:02,440

Freddy was 14, but he went
with the family to help.

1825

01:19:02,440 --> 01:19:04,840

I think he had learned a
little English in school

1826

01:19:04,840 --> 01:19:08,260

and helped with the language,
and my sister-in-law,

1827

01:19:08,260 --> 01:19:10,780

Charlotte, was one
of the children.

1828

01:19:10,780 --> 01:19:16,650

They had 25 boys and 25
girls chosen for this,

1829

01:19:16,650 --> 01:19:18,360

and Charlotte was
one of the girls.

1830
01:19:18,360 --> 01:19:21,370
And Freddy was learning farming.

1831
01:19:21,370 --> 01:19:26,880
He was supposed to go to
Palestine to learn agriculture.

1832
01:19:26,880 --> 01:19:30,540
And one of the little boys
who was chosen for this trip

1833
01:19:30,540 --> 01:19:33,660
to America with
Mr and Mrs. Kraus

1834
01:19:33,660 --> 01:19:36,180
became ill in the last minute.

1835
01:19:36,180 --> 01:19:38,580
It was shortly before the trip.

1836
01:19:38,580 --> 01:19:41,640
And for some reason
they remembered Freddy,

1837
01:19:41,640 --> 01:19:44,430
and instead of going back into
their records of a few hundred

1838
01:19:44,430 --> 01:19:48,990
children, they
went to my in-laws.

1839
01:19:48,990 --> 01:19:50,790
And they said, we
remember your son.

1840
01:19:50,790 --> 01:19:53,550
He was a year older than the
others, over the age limit.

1841
01:19:53,550 --> 01:19:54,870
He was 14.

1842
01:19:54,870 --> 01:19:57,315
And do you think you would
send him to American,

1843
01:19:57,315 --> 01:20:01,080
and would he be willing to
go with his little sister?

1844
01:20:01,080 --> 01:20:04,830
And they said, of
course, and Freddy

1845
01:20:04,830 --> 01:20:07,350
remembers that they called
him out of his classroom.

1846
01:20:07,350 --> 01:20:08,610
He was in school.

1847
01:20:08,610 --> 01:20:11,430
And they said, would you like to
go to America with your sister

1848
01:20:11,430 --> 01:20:13,050
next week or in two
weeks, whatever?

1849
01:20:13,050 --> 01:20:14,700
It happened very quickly.

1850
01:20:14,700 --> 01:20:18,780
And that's how he ended
up on this journey.

1851
01:20:18,780 --> 01:20:23,610
And did you know of the
details of the process

1852

01:20:23,610 --> 01:20:28,920
of how children were chosen
and what he remembers

1853
01:20:28,920 --> 01:20:33,360
of that journey, of
everything that was going on

1854
01:20:33,360 --> 01:20:35,610
before he got the spot?

1855
01:20:35,610 --> 01:20:38,550
Well, most of them did have--

1856
01:20:38,550 --> 01:20:41,160
most of the parent most
of the parents did already

1857
01:20:41,160 --> 01:20:44,680
have affidavits or visas,
whatever they needed.

1858
01:20:44,680 --> 01:20:46,740
They also had-- they
all had numbers,

1859
01:20:46,740 --> 01:20:49,620
and they were all waiting
to come to America.

1860
01:20:49,620 --> 01:20:50,850
And they had--

1861
01:20:50,850 --> 01:20:54,600
I know that my in-laws
had second cousins, people

1862
01:20:54,600 --> 01:20:57,810
here, who they could
contact and ask

1863
01:20:57,810 --> 01:21:00,300
if the children

could live with them.

1864
01:21:00,300 --> 01:21:02,520
Very few of the
children had nowhere

1865
01:21:02,520 --> 01:21:04,750
to go and no one to be with.

1866
01:21:04,750 --> 01:21:06,720
And I know Mr. and
Mrs. Kraus took

1867
01:21:06,720 --> 01:21:10,230
in one or two of the
children into their home,

1868
01:21:10,230 --> 01:21:14,220
but most of them did
have someone to go to.

1869
01:21:14,220 --> 01:21:18,690
So that meant this news would
go to the parents in Austria

1870
01:21:18,690 --> 01:21:20,360
or in Germany, but in Austria--

1871
01:21:20,360 --> 01:21:21,110
No Germany at all.

1872
01:21:21,110 --> 01:21:21,975
This was Vienna.

1873
01:21:21,975 --> 01:21:22,290
Just in Austria?

1874
01:21:22,290 --> 01:21:22,860
Just Vienna?

1875
01:21:22,860 --> 01:21:24,900
Strictly Vienna.

1876
01:21:24,900 --> 01:21:27,270
They already knew
that when they agreed

1877
01:21:27,270 --> 01:21:29,460
to send their child that
their child was going

1878
01:21:29,460 --> 01:21:31,080
to go to a particular family--

1879
01:21:31,080 --> 01:21:32,280
Correct, that is correct.

1880
01:21:32,280 --> 01:21:33,363
--who had been identified?

1881
01:21:33,363 --> 01:21:34,290
That is correct.

1882
01:21:34,290 --> 01:21:39,360
And Freddy went to a family
in Jersey City, New Jersey,

1883
01:21:39,360 --> 01:21:44,160
and Charlotte went to relatives
in Brighton Beach, Brooklyn.

1884
01:21:44,160 --> 01:21:47,220
And the family in
Jersey City had a car,

1885
01:21:47,220 --> 01:21:51,670
and every Sunday they took
Freddy to visit his sister.

1886
01:21:51,670 --> 01:21:53,650
And this happened for
about half a year,

1887
01:21:53,650 --> 01:21:57,700

and fortunately my in-laws
were able to come to America

1888
01:21:57,700 --> 01:22:00,520
in December of that year, 1939.

1889
01:22:00,520 --> 01:22:01,810
They came in '39.

1890
01:22:01,810 --> 01:22:03,850
So their expectation
was that they're

1891
01:22:03,850 --> 01:22:05,200
going to follow their children?

1892
01:22:05,200 --> 01:22:08,350
Correct, but their hope
was-- it wasn't even

1893
01:22:08,350 --> 01:22:12,160
an expectation because
Hitler had invaded Vienna,

1894
01:22:12,160 --> 01:22:13,340
and it was very bad.

1895
01:22:13,340 --> 01:22:17,020
And some people never
came, and my mother-in-law

1896
01:22:17,020 --> 01:22:18,340
lost some of her siblings.

1897
01:22:18,340 --> 01:22:23,920
My husband's cousins-- some of
them never got out of Vienna.

1898
01:22:23,920 --> 01:22:28,810
So within a year,
however, his parents

1899

01:22:28,810 --> 01:22:30,130
come to the United States.

1900
01:22:30,130 --> 01:22:33,460
And they were reunited, so
they were just very fortunate

1901
01:22:33,460 --> 01:22:37,450
as a family to be
together, yeah.

1902
01:22:37,450 --> 01:22:38,560
Did you know his mother?

1903
01:22:38,560 --> 01:22:39,460
Did you get to know--

1904
01:22:39,460 --> 01:22:40,700
Oh, yeah, absolutely, yeah.

1905
01:22:40,700 --> 01:22:44,080

1906
01:22:44,080 --> 01:22:48,880
What did they tell you
about their lives in Austria

1907
01:22:48,880 --> 01:22:54,620
before the Anschluss and after?

1908
01:22:54,620 --> 01:23:00,840
They really didn't speak
about it that much.

1909
01:23:00,840 --> 01:23:02,477
My mother-in-law
wasn't that well.

1910
01:23:02,477 --> 01:23:04,060
I think she had
several heart attacks.

1911

01:23:04,060 --> 01:23:06,720

She was not a
healthy woman, and I

1912

01:23:06,720 --> 01:23:09,360

think this was all
very hard on her,

1913

01:23:09,360 --> 01:23:12,360

giving up her children
this way and not

1914

01:23:12,360 --> 01:23:15,390

knowing for sure that
she would see them again.

1915

01:23:15,390 --> 01:23:19,740

And my sister-in-law
was so distraught

1916

01:23:19,740 --> 01:23:22,290

that she couldn't eat.

1917

01:23:22,290 --> 01:23:25,410

My mother-in-law didn't even
recognize her six months later

1918

01:23:25,410 --> 01:23:26,400

when she saw her.

1919

01:23:26,400 --> 01:23:29,220

She looked for her in the crowd
and said, where's Charlotte?

1920

01:23:29,220 --> 01:23:31,500

Where's my little one?

1921

01:23:31,500 --> 01:23:36,210

And Charlotte always said the
people were very nice to her

1922

01:23:36,210 --> 01:23:38,940

that she lived with, but

she missed her mother.

1923

01:23:38,940 --> 01:23:42,540
And she couldn't understand
why her mother gave her away,

1924

01:23:42,540 --> 01:23:45,270
and she said it
wasn't until she was

1925

01:23:45,270 --> 01:23:48,570
older that she realized it
was like throwing a child out

1926

01:23:48,570 --> 01:23:51,940
of a burning building.

1927

01:23:51,940 --> 01:23:54,010
Those are my
sister-in-law's words.

1928

01:23:54,010 --> 01:23:57,640
My sister-in-law passed away,
unfortunately, quite young,

1929

01:23:57,640 --> 01:23:59,200
before she was 70.

1930

01:23:59,200 --> 01:23:59,790
Oh, really?

1931

01:23:59,790 --> 01:24:00,610
Yeah, yeah.

1932

01:24:00,610 --> 01:24:03,350

1933

01:24:03,350 --> 01:24:06,890
And my husband was-- he
was always optimistic.

1934

01:24:06,890 --> 01:24:08,260

He was not bitter.

1935

01:24:08,260 --> 01:24:13,330

It just wasn't his nature,
unless someone did something

1936

01:24:13,330 --> 01:24:16,390

to him personally,
very personally.

1937

01:24:16,390 --> 01:24:18,730

And he had friends also.

1938

01:24:18,730 --> 01:24:22,210

He lived in Brighton
Beach as a teenager,

1939

01:24:22,210 --> 01:24:24,040

and he had a lot of friends.

1940

01:24:24,040 --> 01:24:26,900

And a few of them
are still living.

1941

01:24:26,900 --> 01:24:32,900

His best friend is still
living, and he was happiest

1942

01:24:32,900 --> 01:24:34,640

when he was with those friends.

1943

01:24:34,640 --> 01:24:38,690

We had a lot of friends over
the years, his, mine, and ours,

1944

01:24:38,690 --> 01:24:40,550

but he was the
happiest when he was

1945

01:24:40,550 --> 01:24:46,610

with his old teenage
friends, yeah.

1946

01:24:46,610 --> 01:24:50,090

What did he talk about

Mr. And Mrs. Kraus?

1947

01:24:50,090 --> 01:24:52,860

Did he ever have an

impression of them?

1948

01:24:52,860 --> 01:24:54,110

No, no.

1949

01:24:54,110 --> 01:24:56,810

He really hardly knew them.

1950

01:24:56,810 --> 01:25:00,350

He just accepted-- when

they came to America,

1951

01:25:00,350 --> 01:25:03,260

the children were all sent

to a camp in Pennsylvania

1952

01:25:03,260 --> 01:25:08,750

to learn English and to

Americanize a little bit.

1953

01:25:08,750 --> 01:25:11,510

They spent the month of

June, I think, in the camp

1954

01:25:11,510 --> 01:25:15,980

before the campers came in

Collegeville, Pennsylvania,

1955

01:25:15,980 --> 01:25:22,430

and then the families took

them, picked them up from there.

1956

01:25:22,430 --> 01:25:26,720

And he had one and he

was very close with who

1957

01:25:26,720 --> 01:25:29,300
lived in Chicago, his
mother's sister who

1958
01:25:29,300 --> 01:25:31,910
had come earlier
who had no children,

1959
01:25:31,910 --> 01:25:33,290
and she adored Freddy.

1960
01:25:33,290 --> 01:25:34,580
Freddy was her favorite.

1961
01:25:34,580 --> 01:25:38,150

1962
01:25:38,150 --> 01:25:41,450
But he really-- I don't know.

1963
01:25:41,450 --> 01:25:41,960
He worked.

1964
01:25:41,960 --> 01:25:48,080
He had various jobs
after the Navy,

1965
01:25:48,080 --> 01:25:50,480
and he always took an
interest in finance.

1966
01:25:50,480 --> 01:25:54,110
He was very interested in
stocks, and money, and finance,

1967
01:25:54,110 --> 01:25:55,610
and he always said,
that's the way--

1968
01:25:55,610 --> 01:25:56,540
--to make money.

1969

01:25:56,540 --> 01:25:57,360
--to make money.

1970
01:25:57,360 --> 01:26:00,500
And he was good in math, and
the whole thing interested him,

1971
01:26:00,500 --> 01:26:01,980
business.

1972
01:26:01,980 --> 01:26:08,150
And so after we were
married he had about \$900

1973
01:26:08,150 --> 01:26:10,070
that he wanted to invest.

1974
01:26:10,070 --> 01:26:12,320
His parents really had nothing.

1975
01:26:12,320 --> 01:26:15,670
My father-in-law worked for 3G--

1976
01:26:15,670 --> 01:26:20,000
it was a factory, made
suits, men's suits.

1977
01:26:20,000 --> 01:26:22,490
And my mother-in-law
refused to work.

1978
01:26:22,490 --> 01:26:27,350
She's the only refugee
woman that I know who never

1979
01:26:27,350 --> 01:26:28,600
had a job outside of the home.

1980
01:26:28,600 --> 01:26:30,392
She said, I have to
take care of Charlotte.

1981

01:26:30,392 --> 01:26:31,040
I can't work.

1982
01:26:31,040 --> 01:26:32,780
And they sent Freddy to work.

1983
01:26:32,780 --> 01:26:35,780
He really helped his parents.

1984
01:26:35,780 --> 01:26:39,770
But it was what it was.

1985
01:26:39,770 --> 01:26:43,910
But he took an interest in
finance, and he decided--

1986
01:26:43,910 --> 01:26:45,800
he had read about mutual funds.

1987
01:26:45,800 --> 01:26:50,210
He read the paper a great
deal, and he called up--

1988
01:26:50,210 --> 01:26:53,930
there was a company called
First Investors Corporation,

1989
01:26:53,930 --> 01:26:55,920
and he called
someone up and said,

1990
01:26:55,920 --> 01:26:58,280
I have a few dollars
I'd like to invest.

1991
01:26:58,280 --> 01:27:02,000
And a young man came to
our house at that time,

1992
01:27:02,000 --> 01:27:03,920
and they spoke.

1993

01:27:03,920 --> 01:27:07,620
And he invested the money.

1994
01:27:07,620 --> 01:27:11,480
And then he said, we're opening
a new office in Herald Square,

1995
01:27:11,480 --> 01:27:18,410
and maybe you'd like to
work for us part-time.

1996
01:27:18,410 --> 01:27:23,380
And Freddy said OK,
and he went there,

1997
01:27:23,380 --> 01:27:25,480
and he learned the business.

1998
01:27:25,480 --> 01:27:30,100
And so for a number of years
he sold funds part-time

1999
01:27:30,100 --> 01:27:33,610
because he was in the notions
and ribbon business, something

2000
01:27:33,610 --> 01:27:37,060
entirely different.

2001
01:27:37,060 --> 01:27:40,120
And he got so involved, and
they offered him a job--

2002
01:27:40,120 --> 01:27:41,710
they were opening
another office--

2003
01:27:41,710 --> 01:27:46,810
as assistant manager of that
office, and we talked about it.

2004
01:27:46,810 --> 01:27:49,360
And I felt that he

would be better off

2005

01:27:49,360 --> 01:27:54,200

learning the full business
and becoming a stockbroker,

2006

01:27:54,200 --> 01:27:55,540

and he took classes.

2007

01:27:55,540 --> 01:27:59,230

And he looked for a job
and applied for a job,

2008

01:27:59,230 --> 01:28:01,750

and it wasn't like
today where you

2009

01:28:01,750 --> 01:28:05,110

needed the degree in finance.

2010

01:28:05,110 --> 01:28:06,880

And he did it.

2011

01:28:06,880 --> 01:28:08,380

He became a stockbroker.

2012

01:28:08,380 --> 01:28:11,770

He got all his
licenses, and that's

2013

01:28:11,770 --> 01:28:15,240

what he did for the
rest of his life.

2014

01:28:15,240 --> 01:28:16,980

What happened with
the first money that

2015

01:28:16,980 --> 01:28:18,480

was invested in mutual funds?

2016

01:28:18,480 --> 01:28:18,990

Oh, it grew.

2017

01:28:18,990 --> 01:28:23,190

2018

01:28:23,190 --> 01:28:27,450

Did he talk much about
Austria when he was with you?

2019

01:28:27,450 --> 01:28:31,170

Yes, he had a very-- he wanted
to go back to see and see

2020

01:28:31,170 --> 01:28:34,830

his school and his house, and
he showed me where he picnicked

2021

01:28:34,830 --> 01:28:37,380

and where he swam in
the Danube and did

2022

01:28:37,380 --> 01:28:40,110

the things naughty boys do.

2023

01:28:40,110 --> 01:28:42,640

And he remembered the--

2024

01:28:42,640 --> 01:28:44,070

we went into a shoe store.

2025

01:28:44,070 --> 01:28:46,320

He said, my mother used
to buy shoes for me here,

2026

01:28:46,320 --> 01:28:48,750

and we bought ice cream there.

2027

01:28:48,750 --> 01:28:54,120

And it was good for him, and
he had a nice young life,

2028

01:28:54,120 --> 01:28:54,630

actually.

2029

01:28:54,630 --> 01:28:57,420

Until Hitler came
to power, he also

2030

01:28:57,420 --> 01:29:00,330

had a very nice
childhood and life.

2031

01:29:00,330 --> 01:29:02,160

So were there any
incidents that he

2032

01:29:02,160 --> 01:29:05,820

would remember from after
Hitler coming to power and--

2033

01:29:05,820 --> 01:29:10,110

Only one, that some boys beat
him up, and ran after him,

2034

01:29:10,110 --> 01:29:11,940

and called him Jew,
and beat him up,

2035

01:29:11,940 --> 01:29:14,520

and the incidents
where his father was--

2036

01:29:14,520 --> 01:29:15,180

--arrested.

2037

01:29:15,180 --> 01:29:16,170

--arrested.

2038

01:29:16,170 --> 01:29:18,210

And at one time they
tried to hide him,

2039

01:29:18,210 --> 01:29:23,810

but somehow he always
managed to be free.

2040
01:29:23,810 --> 01:29:27,350
And they were able to come.

2041
01:29:27,350 --> 01:29:30,320
Was the significance of
being amongst these children,

2042
01:29:30,320 --> 01:29:31,420
being on that list--

2043
01:29:31,420 --> 01:29:34,550

2044
01:29:34,550 --> 01:29:37,580
was that ever something
that was talked about,

2045
01:29:37,580 --> 01:29:40,340
what had it been like had there
been-- what would have it been

2046
01:29:40,340 --> 01:29:43,100
had there not been the Krauses?

2047
01:29:43,100 --> 01:29:46,250
No, no.

2048
01:29:46,250 --> 01:29:47,360
This was his life.

2049
01:29:47,360 --> 01:29:51,050
This is the way it was,
and about the Krauses--

2050
01:29:51,050 --> 01:29:55,460
now, he didn't have direct
contact, apparently, with them,

2051
01:29:55,460 --> 01:29:58,550
but Mr. Kraus had a friend
named Louis Levine, who's

2052
01:29:58,550 --> 01:30:00,600
also mentioned in the book.

2053
01:30:00,600 --> 01:30:03,740
And Mr. Levine lived in
New York City, Mr. Levine.

2054
01:30:03,740 --> 01:30:05,760
Mr. And Mrs. Levine
came to our wedding.

2055
01:30:05,760 --> 01:30:07,850
They gave us a \$25 bond.

2056
01:30:07,850 --> 01:30:09,980
I have it in writing.

2057
01:30:09,980 --> 01:30:13,370
And whenever they needed a
larger apartment or needed

2058
01:30:13,370 --> 01:30:17,960
anything, my mother-in-law would
say, Freddy, call Mr. Levine.

2059
01:30:17,960 --> 01:30:23,360
So Mr. Levine was the
branch of the family that

2060
01:30:23,360 --> 01:30:25,790
took care of the children
who needed something

2061
01:30:25,790 --> 01:30:27,260
in New York or the family.

2062
01:30:27,260 --> 01:30:29,390
So it was no just
bringing them over.

2063
01:30:29,390 --> 01:30:30,415

There was a follow-up.

2064

01:30:30,415 --> 01:30:31,790

There was a
follow-up, and it was

2065

01:30:31,790 --> 01:30:35,480

kind of being part of
their lives for however

2066

01:30:35,480 --> 01:30:36,380

long they needed him?

2067

01:30:36,380 --> 01:30:38,930

Well, I am under
that impression.

2068

01:30:38,930 --> 01:30:42,050

The family, Mr
Kraus' family who--

2069

01:30:42,050 --> 01:30:45,200

I met some of them and
the grandson-in-law,

2070

01:30:45,200 --> 01:30:49,430

Steve Pressmen, who brought
all this to the public.

2071

01:30:49,430 --> 01:30:50,720

They didn't seem to know that.

2072

01:30:50,720 --> 01:30:52,678

They thought that-- when
the Krauses came home,

2073

01:30:52,678 --> 01:30:54,140

they never talked
about it again,

2074

01:30:54,140 --> 01:30:55,740

and that was the end of it.

2075

01:30:55,740 --> 01:30:59,540

But my husband kept a diary
while he was in the Navy,

2076

01:30:59,540 --> 01:31:01,940

and I read it recently.

2077

01:31:01,940 --> 01:31:06,200

After he passed away, I read
the diary, and one of the pages

2078

01:31:06,200 --> 01:31:09,680

said, I was very worried
about my parents,

2079

01:31:09,680 --> 01:31:13,790

that they can manage, that they
have enough money, because they

2080

01:31:13,790 --> 01:31:16,700

always depended on him to help
because he was the big son.

2081

01:31:16,700 --> 01:31:18,950

And Charlotte was the
little girl who wasn't--

2082

01:31:18,950 --> 01:31:24,440

And then he wrote on
one page, everything

2083

01:31:24,440 --> 01:31:26,360

is good because Kraus--

2084

01:31:26,360 --> 01:31:27,950

he didn't like Mr. Kraus.

2085

01:31:27,950 --> 01:31:29,705

Kraus sent some
money to my parents.

2086

01:31:29,705 --> 01:31:32,720

2087
01:31:32,720 --> 01:31:34,100
Now, this was during the war.

2088
01:31:34,100 --> 01:31:36,440
This was a number
of years after this,

2089
01:31:36,440 --> 01:31:40,220
so somehow, maybe, they
contacted Mr. Levine,

2090
01:31:40,220 --> 01:31:42,290
and he called the Krauses.

2091
01:31:42,290 --> 01:31:44,870
Maybe they contacted
the Krauses directly.

2092
01:31:44,870 --> 01:31:46,700
I don't know.

2093
01:31:46,700 --> 01:31:49,100
I don't know.

2094
01:31:49,100 --> 01:31:52,040
Tell me a little bit
about Freddy's life

2095
01:31:52,040 --> 01:31:55,400
when he came here
and then how it

2096
01:31:55,400 --> 01:31:58,880
came to be that he was in the
military, the US military.

2097
01:31:58,880 --> 01:32:00,560
He was drafted.

2098
01:32:00,560 --> 01:32:02,480

He was drafted.

2099

01:32:02,480 --> 01:32:03,470

That's all.

2100

01:32:03,470 --> 01:32:07,160

The boys were drafted, and he became a citizen while he was--

2101

01:32:07,160 --> 01:32:09,030

see, once they were in the military

2102

01:32:09,030 --> 01:32:12,470

they had to be citizens, so they did that very quickly.

2103

01:32:12,470 --> 01:32:16,080

And he became a citizen, I think, in Ventura, California.

2104

01:32:16,080 --> 01:32:18,050

He was stationed in California.

2105

01:32:18,050 --> 01:32:19,640

He loved it.

2106

01:32:19,640 --> 01:32:20,780

He loved the girls.

2107

01:32:20,780 --> 01:32:21,890

He had a wonderful time.

2108

01:32:21,890 --> 01:32:22,730

He was a sailor.

2109

01:32:22,730 --> 01:32:24,200

He was cute.

2110

01:32:24,200 --> 01:32:28,940

Now, I didn't know him because I was really still a child.

2111
01:32:28,940 --> 01:32:31,190
The eight years made a big
difference at that time.

2112
01:32:31,190 --> 01:32:34,130
If he was 18, I was 10.

2113
01:32:34,130 --> 01:32:36,060
That made a big difference.

2114
01:32:36,060 --> 01:32:41,595
And but he was not unhappy.

2115
01:32:41,595 --> 01:32:44,600

2116
01:32:44,600 --> 01:32:46,130
You mean about
his military life?

2117
01:32:46,130 --> 01:32:49,550
About anything because
I read the diary.

2118
01:32:49,550 --> 01:32:50,780
He was sent to Okinawa.

2119
01:32:50,780 --> 01:32:54,590
The war actually ended
just before he got there,

2120
01:32:54,590 --> 01:32:56,480
and he told me--
the one thing he

2121
01:32:56,480 --> 01:32:59,240
told me about was a hurricane
while they were there.

2122
01:32:59,240 --> 01:33:02,120
They built the Quonset huts,

and they were almost blown over.

2123

01:33:02,120 --> 01:33:04,400

They built the Quonset
huts for the Marines

2124

01:33:04,400 --> 01:33:07,820

because he was in the
Seabees, and the Seabees

2125

01:33:07,820 --> 01:33:09,590

were Construction Battalion.

2126

01:33:09,590 --> 01:33:11,990

That's what Seabee stood for.

2127

01:33:11,990 --> 01:33:15,680

And so they built Quonset
huts, and they were--

2128

01:33:15,680 --> 01:33:20,750

And he said that sometimes they
picked on him, some of the,

2129

01:33:20,750 --> 01:33:23,822

maybe, southern sailors and
people who didn't know--

2130

01:33:23,822 --> 01:33:25,280

And they picked up
on him because--

2131

01:33:25,280 --> 01:33:25,595

--Jews.

2132

01:33:25,595 --> 01:33:26,330

Oh, because he was a Jew.

2133

01:33:26,330 --> 01:33:27,330

Because of his religion.

2134

01:33:27,330 --> 01:33:28,700

Because he was a Jew.

2135

01:33:28,700 --> 01:33:31,670

And he said there were
services on Friday

2136

01:33:31,670 --> 01:33:35,630

nights for the few Jewish
sailors who were there,

2137

01:33:35,630 --> 01:33:39,020

and he would-- they would
give them candy and cookies,

2138

01:33:39,020 --> 01:33:42,890

and he would bring it back and
give it to the other sailors.

2139

01:33:42,890 --> 01:33:46,160

And that's how they came
around to treating him well.

2140

01:33:46,160 --> 01:33:49,180

2141

01:33:49,180 --> 01:33:50,350

So I remember that.

2142

01:33:50,350 --> 01:33:53,253

It speaks of a particular
nature, very good-natured,

2143

01:33:53,253 --> 01:33:54,170

it sounds like he was.

2144

01:33:54,170 --> 01:33:57,880

So that's what he told
me, and then things

2145

01:33:57,880 --> 01:34:00,710

became better in that area.

2146

01:34:00,710 --> 01:34:04,290
And one of the guys
always protected him.

2147
01:34:04,290 --> 01:34:08,600

2148
01:34:08,600 --> 01:34:14,480
Did you maintain
contact with the Krauses

2149
01:34:14,480 --> 01:34:17,330
as you started your
own family and--

2150
01:34:17,330 --> 01:34:20,660
We had no contact with the
Krauses, none whatsoever.

2151
01:34:20,660 --> 01:34:25,430
Or with Mr Levine
after your wedding?

2152
01:34:25,430 --> 01:34:26,810
I think maybe Freddy.

2153
01:34:26,810 --> 01:34:29,930
I think maybe his parents
wanted to move again and said,

2154
01:34:29,930 --> 01:34:31,010
call Mr. Levine.

2155
01:34:31,010 --> 01:34:33,800
I always remember
that, call Mr. Levine.

2156
01:34:33,800 --> 01:34:35,220
But I don't think so.

2157
01:34:35,220 --> 01:34:36,740
I remember meeting him.

2158

01:34:36,740 --> 01:34:38,390

I could picture him.

2159

01:34:38,390 --> 01:34:42,140

But not that I know
of, and certainly

2160

01:34:42,140 --> 01:34:44,210

not with the Kraus family.

2161

01:34:44,210 --> 01:34:47,240

I really didn't know
about the Krauses,

2162

01:34:47,240 --> 01:34:50,150

except that I saw the
few pictures because they

2163

01:34:50,150 --> 01:34:52,520

were in the newspaper.

2164

01:34:52,520 --> 01:34:55,040

And now I'm very
friendly with one

2165

01:34:55,040 --> 01:34:57,950

of the "boys" who was on that--

2166

01:34:57,950 --> 01:35:01,400

I don't know if you had the
name Paul Beller, B-E-L-L-E-R.

2167

01:35:01,400 --> 01:35:03,530

Paul lives here in this area.

2168

01:35:03,530 --> 01:35:04,880

And he was one of the children?

2169

01:35:04,880 --> 01:35:07,220

And he was one of the children.

2170

01:35:07,220 --> 01:35:11,570
And I don't know if
this is pertinent, but--

2171
01:35:11,570 --> 01:35:13,345
Let's cut the
camera a little bit.

2172
01:35:13,345 --> 01:35:14,150
We're rolling.

2173
01:35:14,150 --> 01:35:16,970
So Paul Beller speaks
about his experiences?

2174
01:35:16,970 --> 01:35:18,410
Oh, yes, yes.

2175
01:35:18,410 --> 01:35:21,740
He was one of the 50
children, and he's very vocal,

2176
01:35:21,740 --> 01:35:23,210
and he likes to speak.

2177
01:35:23,210 --> 01:35:28,550
And Paul is about a year
older than I am, so we're--

2178
01:35:28,550 --> 01:35:32,330
and he lives in this area.

2179
01:35:32,330 --> 01:35:32,990
Sorry.

2180
01:35:32,990 --> 01:35:35,270
Yeah.

2181
01:35:35,270 --> 01:35:37,190
Let's cut it second.

2182
01:35:37,190 --> 01:35:37,690

Rolling.

2183
01:35:37,690 --> 01:35:39,440
OK, we're rolling.

2184
01:35:39,440 --> 01:35:42,890
So you're talking
about Mr. Beller.

2185
01:35:42,890 --> 01:35:44,540
Is that right?

2186
01:35:44,540 --> 01:35:47,895
Correct, Mr. Beller.

2187
01:35:47,895 --> 01:35:49,490
Who was one of the 50 children?

2188
01:35:49,490 --> 01:35:50,180
Correct.

2189
01:35:50,180 --> 01:35:52,010
Now, when did he
enter your lives?

2190
01:35:52,010 --> 01:35:55,050
Oh, he entered my life long
before I knew any of this.

2191
01:35:55,050 --> 01:35:55,640
Oh, really?

2192
01:35:55,640 --> 01:35:59,840
I had a very close friend in
Washington Heights named Leila.

2193
01:35:59,840 --> 01:36:04,280
Leila had a brother named
Harold, one year older.

2194
01:36:04,280 --> 01:36:08,420
Harold had a best

friend named Paul.

2195

01:36:08,420 --> 01:36:10,250

When Freddy showed me--

2196

01:36:10,250 --> 01:36:12,590

when I was dating Freddy
and he took me to his house

2197

01:36:12,590 --> 01:36:16,640

for the first time, he showed
me the newspaper spread

2198

01:36:16,640 --> 01:36:19,820

of the 50 children, and
I looked at the children.

2199

01:36:19,820 --> 01:36:23,870

And I said, that looks just
like Harold's friend Paul,

2200

01:36:23,870 --> 01:36:29,780

so that's how far back I go
with Paul, since I was about 12,

2201

01:36:29,780 --> 01:36:32,420

maybe, 11, 12 years old.

2202

01:36:32,420 --> 01:36:35,620

And when I spoke to Harold--

2203

01:36:35,620 --> 01:36:39,320

meanwhile Harold-- and
later, years later, Harold

2204

01:36:39,320 --> 01:36:43,290

married Evelyn, and I became
very close with them as well.

2205

01:36:43,290 --> 01:36:46,370

And I said to him, was
Paul Beller from Vienna?

2206

01:36:46,370 --> 01:36:47,660

And he said, yes.

2207

01:36:47,660 --> 01:36:48,590

I said, that's it.

2208

01:36:48,590 --> 01:36:49,670

That's him.

2209

01:36:49,670 --> 01:36:52,430

And the children had
a 30th anniversary

2210

01:36:52,430 --> 01:36:57,230

party for Harold and Evelyn,
and the Bellers were invited.

2211

01:36:57,230 --> 01:37:00,170

And we spoke, and
Freddy and Paul

2212

01:37:00,170 --> 01:37:02,240

were introduced to each other.

2213

01:37:02,240 --> 01:37:04,640

They didn't know each other
because Paul was a younger

2214

01:37:04,640 --> 01:37:07,850

child, and Freddy was,
as I said, 14 and wasn't

2215

01:37:07,850 --> 01:37:10,470

interested in the little boys.

2216

01:37:10,470 --> 01:37:13,670

So in some ways this also
tells me that once the--

2217

01:37:13,670 --> 01:37:15,830

there was never
anything in the group

2218
01:37:15,830 --> 01:37:18,980
that made it cohesive where
they stayed in touch afterwards?

2219
01:37:18,980 --> 01:37:22,910
No, he had no contact
with the children.

2220
01:37:22,910 --> 01:37:24,558
With the other 49 children.

2221
01:37:24,558 --> 01:37:25,600
Nor did my sister-in-law.

2222
01:37:25,600 --> 01:37:27,890
Nor did my sister-in-law.

2223
01:37:27,890 --> 01:37:31,890
So when did the 50 children
realize that they're

2224
01:37:31,890 --> 01:37:33,320
one of 50 children?

2225
01:37:33,320 --> 01:37:36,620
Was it-- excuse me-- when
the book was published?

2226
01:37:36,620 --> 01:37:37,850
No, no.

2227
01:37:37,850 --> 01:37:42,890
First of all, he always knew it,
but they had a reunion in 2003,

2228
01:37:42,890 --> 01:37:47,510
maybe, in Philadelphia
because the Jewish center,

2229
01:37:47,510 --> 01:37:50,360
the synagogue that the

Krauses belonged to,

2230

01:37:50,360 --> 01:37:53,150
somehow got this
information and started

2231

01:37:53,150 --> 01:37:58,190
to take an interest in
contacting the "children."

2232

01:37:58,190 --> 01:38:00,890
And they had a
reunion, and we went.

2233

01:38:00,890 --> 01:38:01,550
I see.

2234

01:38:01,550 --> 01:38:05,330
And they showed us Philadelphia,
and we stayed in a hotel.

2235

01:38:05,330 --> 01:38:07,370
And it was lovely.

2236

01:38:07,370 --> 01:38:10,100
They had a dinner, and
the press was there,

2237

01:38:10,100 --> 01:38:11,690
the local press there.

2238

01:38:11,690 --> 01:38:13,310
And it was very lovely.

2239

01:38:13,310 --> 01:38:15,410
But Freddy said it's
too little too late.

2240

01:38:15,410 --> 01:38:17,750
He wasn't that
interested anymore.

2241

01:38:17,750 --> 01:38:20,030
He wasn't that well at the time.

2242
01:38:20,030 --> 01:38:21,320
I said, let's go.

2243
01:38:21,320 --> 01:38:21,920
I see.

2244
01:38:21,920 --> 01:38:24,110
I see.

2245
01:38:24,110 --> 01:38:28,190
And a lot of them were not--
they couldn't contact everyone,

2246
01:38:28,190 --> 01:38:32,300
and a lot of them also were not
interested or couldn't travel

2247
01:38:32,300 --> 01:38:34,190
that far, didn't want to.

2248
01:38:34,190 --> 01:38:38,300
But we went, and
every so often we

2249
01:38:38,300 --> 01:38:41,400
were together with the
Bellers through the Franks,

2250
01:38:41,400 --> 01:38:42,980
through our other friends.

2251
01:38:42,980 --> 01:38:45,140
And they lived in
Baltimore at the time,

2252
01:38:45,140 --> 01:38:48,780
and they moved to this
area about six years ago,

2253

01:38:48,780 --> 01:38:50,250
seven years ago.

2254
01:38:50,250 --> 01:38:52,280
So since that
Philadelphia meeting--

2255
01:38:52,280 --> 01:38:54,560
that sounds like it
was the first time

2256
01:38:54,560 --> 01:38:57,150
that there was any bringing
back together of these children.

2257
01:38:57,150 --> 01:38:57,650
Correct.

2258
01:38:57,650 --> 01:38:58,700
That's correct.

2259
01:38:58,700 --> 01:39:02,760
Has there been any
subsequent such meeting?

2260
01:39:02,760 --> 01:39:04,202
No, not until Steve Pressmen--

2261
01:39:04,202 --> 01:39:04,910
--wrote the book.

2262
01:39:04,910 --> 01:39:06,050
--took an interest.

2263
01:39:06,050 --> 01:39:08,770
And, well, he did the
documentary first,

2264
01:39:08,770 --> 01:39:12,040
and then he wrote
the book, yeah.

2265

01:39:12,040 --> 01:39:14,710

And then people were
interviewed for it?

2266

01:39:14,710 --> 01:39:19,460

Yes, and also, after
the documentary--

2267

01:39:19,460 --> 01:39:21,130

now, Freddy couldn't
be interviewed

2268

01:39:21,130 --> 01:39:24,460

because he had had a stroke
and wasn't well enough,

2269

01:39:24,460 --> 01:39:27,380

so that's when Steve
Pressman asked me,

2270

01:39:27,380 --> 01:39:28,990

can you answer some questions?

2271

01:39:28,990 --> 01:39:31,270

And I said, I'll do
my best, and that's

2272

01:39:31,270 --> 01:39:33,700

when they took an
interest in me.

2273

01:39:33,700 --> 01:39:36,880

And we were invited--

2274

01:39:36,880 --> 01:39:40,840

well, first of all, the
museum invited people

2275

01:39:40,840 --> 01:39:43,000

for a showing of
the documentary,

2276

01:39:43,000 --> 01:39:45,550

and Lori and her husband,
Bill, my daughter, Lori,

2277

01:39:45,550 --> 01:39:51,190
and her husband, Bill, ended up
going because we couldn't go.

2278

01:39:51,190 --> 01:39:57,490
And they said, your children
can go, and then about a month

2279

01:39:57,490 --> 01:40:04,330
after my husband passed away
there was a reception for one

2280

01:40:04,330 --> 01:40:06,130
of the Pressman--

2281

01:40:06,130 --> 01:40:11,620
one of the Kraus grandsons,
Peter Kraus, the museum

2282

01:40:11,620 --> 01:40:14,500
had, and we were
invited to that.

2283

01:40:14,500 --> 01:40:17,440
And I called up, and I said,
my husband just passed away.

2284

01:40:17,440 --> 01:40:20,200
Can I come and
bring my children?

2285

01:40:20,200 --> 01:40:22,150
And they said yes, of course.

2286

01:40:22,150 --> 01:40:28,050
So Lori came and my
son, Dan, and we went.

2287

01:40:28,050 --> 01:40:30,485
That was at the Plaza Hotel.

2288
01:40:30,485 --> 01:40:32,500
It was lovely.

2289
01:40:32,500 --> 01:40:36,705
And so we attended that,
and it was interesting.

2290
01:40:36,705 --> 01:40:37,330
What is there--

2291
01:40:37,330 --> 01:40:38,372
But there were only two--

2292
01:40:38,372 --> 01:40:41,410
I just want to say, only two of
the children were able to come.

2293
01:40:41,410 --> 01:40:42,040
Oh, really?

2294
01:40:42,040 --> 01:40:43,930
To the actual--

2295
01:40:43,930 --> 01:40:46,180
To that, to the Plaza,
to that dinner, yeah.

2296
01:40:46,180 --> 01:40:48,990

2297
01:40:48,990 --> 01:40:50,400
Is there anything
else that you'd

2298
01:40:50,400 --> 01:40:54,750
like to add about
your husband's story?

2299
01:40:54,750 --> 01:40:56,910
Nothing that I can
think of, really,

2300
01:40:56,910 --> 01:41:01,320
but it was really very
traumatic leaving your parents,

2301
01:41:01,320 --> 01:41:03,000
and not knowing
whether you'd see them,

2302
01:41:03,000 --> 01:41:09,660
and having your parents be
willing to send you, I think.

2303
01:41:09,660 --> 01:41:11,880
But he just accepted
that as part of his--

2304
01:41:11,880 --> 01:41:15,580
that was part of his life, and
my sister-in-law didn't speak--

2305
01:41:15,580 --> 01:41:17,010
her children--

2306
01:41:17,010 --> 01:41:20,980
I have a niece and nephew, and
they said they can understand.

2307
01:41:20,980 --> 01:41:23,760
They didn't even know
that Mr. Kraus existed.

2308
01:41:23,760 --> 01:41:26,980
Charlotte never spoke about him.

2309
01:41:26,980 --> 01:41:29,930
She only said they came to
America, they went to a camp,

2310
01:41:29,930 --> 01:41:32,500
then they went to
live with Aunt Sophie.

2311

01:41:32,500 --> 01:41:34,330

It was like, and then
the parents came,

2312

01:41:34,330 --> 01:41:36,290

and they never
questioned anything more.

2313

01:41:36,290 --> 01:41:37,780

And she didn't talk about it.

2314

01:41:37,780 --> 01:41:40,420

Could it be-- do they
have a reason why?

2315

01:41:40,420 --> 01:41:42,380

Do they know why she
never would have talked?

2316

01:41:42,380 --> 01:41:45,270

No, no.

2317

01:41:45,270 --> 01:41:46,507

They were a little upset.

2318

01:41:46,507 --> 01:41:48,090

They said, oh, we
would have honored--

2319

01:41:48,090 --> 01:41:50,640

my father was so active
at the synagogue in North

2320

01:41:50,640 --> 01:41:52,230

Woodmere on Long Island.

2321

01:41:52,230 --> 01:41:53,940

They would have
honored Mr. Kraus.

2322

01:41:53,940 --> 01:41:56,040

They would have done something.

2323
01:41:56,040 --> 01:41:57,600
But they didn't even realize.

2324
01:41:57,600 --> 01:42:03,240
They weren't aware that
this was a man who did this.

2325
01:42:03,240 --> 01:42:08,940
Well, let's wrap up, then,
with the end of Freddy's life.

2326
01:42:08,940 --> 01:42:10,525
Tell me, when did he pass?

2327
01:42:10,525 --> 01:42:11,400
Can you give me the--

2328
01:42:11,400 --> 01:42:18,600
Yes, September 16, 2013.

2329
01:42:18,600 --> 01:42:22,230
So just under two years
ago he passed away?

2330
01:42:22,230 --> 01:42:23,730
Correct.

2331
01:42:23,730 --> 01:42:27,120
So from 1924 to 2013.

2332
01:42:27,120 --> 01:42:28,320
Correct.

2333
01:42:28,320 --> 01:42:29,520
He was-- yeah.

2334
01:42:29,520 --> 01:42:32,370

2335
01:42:32,370 --> 01:42:36,760

We'll conclude that--
it's not so much

2336
01:42:36,760 --> 01:42:41,620
an interview as a retelling
right now about Alfred Berg.

2337
01:42:41,620 --> 01:42:45,900
And let's cut the
camera for a second.

2338
01:42:45,900 --> 01:42:47,770
And we're rolling.

2339
01:42:47,770 --> 01:42:50,200
So now we're going
back a little bit

2340
01:42:50,200 --> 01:42:52,870
to the interview
we had with you,

2341
01:42:52,870 --> 01:42:56,290
and you mentioned during it
that you took one toy with you

2342
01:42:56,290 --> 01:42:58,450
on the boat when
you left Germany.

2343
01:42:58,450 --> 01:42:59,770
And that was your doll.

2344
01:42:59,770 --> 01:43:00,715
That's the one I--

2345
01:43:00,715 --> 01:43:03,470
I don't know if there
was anything else.

2346
01:43:03,470 --> 01:43:05,740
I have no idea, probably not.

2347

01:43:05,740 --> 01:43:08,170

But this is the doll--

2348

01:43:08,170 --> 01:43:08,920

This is the doll.

2349

01:43:08,920 --> 01:43:09,587

--that survived.

2350

01:43:09,587 --> 01:43:10,990

This is Dorothy.

2351

01:43:10,990 --> 01:43:14,290

Dorothy, but at that time,
she wasn't a German Dorothy.

2352

01:43:14,290 --> 01:43:15,670

I don't know if she had a name.

2353

01:43:15,670 --> 01:43:18,760

I think when I saw The Wizard
of Oz I gave her that name.

2354

01:43:18,760 --> 01:43:20,170

I'm not sure.

2355

01:43:20,170 --> 01:43:23,260

And so why is it that
she ended up still

2356

01:43:23,260 --> 01:43:24,910

being here all these years?

2357

01:43:24,910 --> 01:43:28,510

Well, first of
all, I love dolls.

2358

01:43:28,510 --> 01:43:30,430

I still like dolls.

2359

01:43:30,430 --> 01:43:35,140

And I played with dolls a lot,
but I think I didn't really

2360
01:43:35,140 --> 01:43:36,490
play with this one.

2361
01:43:36,490 --> 01:43:40,990
I think I just liked having her
because when I was very small I

2362
01:43:40,990 --> 01:43:45,250
got a [INAUDIBLE] doll, which
was a rubber baby that I could

2363
01:43:45,250 --> 01:43:47,110
feed, and she would--

2364
01:43:47,110 --> 01:43:49,300
yeah.

2365
01:43:49,300 --> 01:43:52,210
And it seemed more
realistic to me,

2366
01:43:52,210 --> 01:43:55,000
but I just liked
having this doll more

2367
01:43:55,000 --> 01:43:56,920
than playing with her.

2368
01:43:56,920 --> 01:43:59,620
And so she lasted.

2369
01:43:59,620 --> 01:44:00,350
I always kept it.

2370
01:44:00,350 --> 01:44:03,670
My mother gave a lot
of my toys away later

2371
01:44:03,670 --> 01:44:05,530

on because I didn't
give anything--

2372
01:44:05,530 --> 01:44:07,690
I would have kept
everything forever,

2373
01:44:07,690 --> 01:44:12,370
and she gave them to relatives
with younger children.

2374
01:44:12,370 --> 01:44:14,710
And somehow this one survived.

2375
01:44:14,710 --> 01:44:17,020
This baby survived.

2376
01:44:17,020 --> 01:44:19,120
And the dress--
is that the dress

2377
01:44:19,120 --> 01:44:20,740
that your aunt made for her?

2378
01:44:20,740 --> 01:44:24,850
Correct, my aunt Hertha,
who I spoke of earlier,

2379
01:44:24,850 --> 01:44:28,150
was a wonderful,
wonderful seamstress.

2380
01:44:28,150 --> 01:44:29,330
I have pillows she made.

2381
01:44:29,330 --> 01:44:32,020
I have other things
that she made as well,

2382
01:44:32,020 --> 01:44:36,490
and her workmanship was superb,
even the snaps, and the lining,

2383

01:44:36,490 --> 01:44:37,810
and everything she did.

2384

01:44:37,810 --> 01:44:40,240
And she makes some
clothing for me.

2385

01:44:40,240 --> 01:44:44,560
She made clothing later on in
life from my daughter, Lori,

2386

01:44:44,560 --> 01:44:47,020
and she made this dress.

2387

01:44:47,020 --> 01:44:51,745
And I had a similar dress
made out of the same fabric.

2388

01:44:51,745 --> 01:44:53,380
And there there's some--

2389

01:44:53,380 --> 01:44:55,630
Probably some other clothing.

2390

01:44:55,630 --> 01:44:59,620
And this came, probably, with
the doll, a little pencil

2391

01:44:59,620 --> 01:45:00,490
case from Germany.

2392

01:45:00,490 --> 01:45:02,073
That looks very much
like a European--

2393

01:45:02,073 --> 01:45:06,340
It's from Germany, definitely,
and the slippers, of course,

2394

01:45:06,340 --> 01:45:08,350
and I don't know if I can reach.

2395

01:45:08,350 --> 01:45:09,790

Let's hold on just a second.

2396

01:45:09,790 --> 01:45:14,440

I'm going to cross the lens
for a second and reach over,

2397

01:45:14,440 --> 01:45:16,182

and you can show some of these.

2398

01:45:16,182 --> 01:45:16,890

That's the skirt.

2399

01:45:16,890 --> 01:45:22,540

2400

01:45:22,540 --> 01:45:24,955

So these are some of the
clothes you had for her?

2401

01:45:24,955 --> 01:45:28,240

Yes, and I would change
her clothes every so often.

2402

01:45:28,240 --> 01:45:30,775

This was a skirt.

2403

01:45:30,775 --> 01:45:32,260

It has some pleats in it.

2404

01:45:32,260 --> 01:45:35,950

And this is typical of
skirts that little girls wore

2405

01:45:35,950 --> 01:45:44,200

with the straps and this,
and then she had an overcoat

2406

01:45:44,200 --> 01:45:46,640

that the hat goes with.

2407

01:45:46,640 --> 01:45:50,140
And this is all stuff that
came with her from Germany?

2408
01:45:50,140 --> 01:45:53,500
It came all from
Germany, made in Germany.

2409
01:45:53,500 --> 01:45:55,420
They don't do work
like this anymore.

2410
01:45:55,420 --> 01:45:58,000
Look at the buttons
and the lining.

2411
01:45:58,000 --> 01:45:59,605
Everything is there, intact.

2412
01:45:59,605 --> 01:46:02,910

2413
01:46:02,910 --> 01:46:06,615
And the blouse--
this was the blouse.

2414
01:46:06,615 --> 01:46:08,070
Oh, that's just darling.

2415
01:46:08,070 --> 01:46:12,300
The blouse, beautiful
things, and two little aprons

2416
01:46:12,300 --> 01:46:16,020
because we all wore aprons.

2417
01:46:16,020 --> 01:46:18,120
I wore an apron when
I came home from work.

2418
01:46:18,120 --> 01:46:19,950
First thing I did
was put an apron on.

2419
01:46:19,950 --> 01:46:24,060

2420
01:46:24,060 --> 01:46:26,220
Well, she's survived a lot.

2421
01:46:26,220 --> 01:46:29,190
She survived a lot.

2422
01:46:29,190 --> 01:46:32,800
Thank you for sharing
Dorothy with us.

2423
01:46:32,800 --> 01:46:33,850
You're very welcome.

2424
01:46:33,850 --> 01:46:35,460
I'm glad I was able to do that.

2425
01:46:35,460 --> 01:46:38,090
OK, thanks again.

2426
01:46:38,090 --> 01:46:40,000