

1  
00:00:00,000 --> 00:00:00,900  
Want me to do it now?

2  
00:00:00,900 --> 00:00:03,830  
Yeah, just like this.

3  
00:00:03,830 --> 00:00:04,630  
Wait a minute.

4  
00:00:04,630 --> 00:00:06,630  
You can bring it down a  
little bit, that's fine.

5  
00:00:06,630 --> 00:00:07,200  
Like this.

6  
00:00:07,200 --> 00:00:07,700  
Yeah.

7  
00:00:07,700 --> 00:00:09,600  
Perfect, perfect, perfect.

8  
00:00:09,600 --> 00:00:10,890  
You tell me when you're ready.

9  
00:00:10,890 --> 00:00:12,900  
I'm rolling, and any  
time you guys are ready.

10  
00:00:12,900 --> 00:00:13,710  
OK.

11  
00:00:13,710 --> 00:00:18,990  
So Amber, please tell me, what  
is this that you're holding?

12  
00:00:18,990 --> 00:00:28,890  
This is a pin that was my  
mother's mother's from Germany.

13

00:00:28,890 --> 00:00:36,700  
It's seven diamonds and  
it's set in platinum metal,

14  
00:00:36,700 --> 00:00:41,020  
and it's the only piece  
of jewelry I have left

15  
00:00:41,020 --> 00:00:42,190  
of my mother's.

16  
00:00:42,190 --> 00:00:43,590  
And it comes from there.

17  
00:00:43,590 --> 00:00:46,300  
So it's the only piece left  
from what she brought over?

18  
00:00:46,300 --> 00:00:47,570  
Yes.

19  
00:00:47,570 --> 00:00:48,540  
Wow.

20  
00:00:48,540 --> 00:00:50,140  
Wow.

21  
00:00:50,140 --> 00:00:53,720  
And she brought very  
little because she used it

22  
00:00:53,720 --> 00:00:55,200  
for a good cause.

23  
00:00:55,200 --> 00:00:56,230  
That's right.

24  
00:00:56,230 --> 00:00:57,400  
To free your father.

25  
00:00:57,400 --> 00:00:59,320  
For my father.

26  
00:00:59,320 --> 00:01:00,160  
Thank you.

27  
00:01:00,160 --> 00:01:03,700  
Can you tell me what is  
this that you're holding?

28  
00:01:03,700 --> 00:01:10,060  
This is my passport from Nazi  
Germany to the United States.

29  
00:01:10,060 --> 00:01:13,960  
And is it just your passport  
or also somebody else's?

30  
00:01:13,960 --> 00:01:17,260  
It's my mother's and mine  
because I was a minor.

31  
00:01:17,260 --> 00:01:19,480  
I went on her passport.

32  
00:01:19,480 --> 00:01:20,440  
OK.

33  
00:01:20,440 --> 00:01:25,760  
Can we turn the page and  
then see what we see there?

34  
00:01:25,760 --> 00:01:26,980  
Aha.

35  
00:01:26,980 --> 00:01:30,520  
And this front page,  
what does that say there?

36  
00:01:30,520 --> 00:01:36,850  
Well the red J  
stands for Jude, Jew.

37  
00:01:36,850 --> 00:01:41,620

And it gives the names,  
and the Reichstag,

38  
00:01:41,620 --> 00:01:44,020  
which was the government then.

39  
00:01:44,020 --> 00:01:44,740  
All right.

40  
00:01:44,740 --> 00:01:45,640  
Let's turn the page.

41  
00:01:45,640 --> 00:01:50,580

42  
00:01:50,580 --> 00:01:52,950  
And tell me what's there.

43  
00:01:52,950 --> 00:01:56,940  
This is a picture  
of my mother and me

44  
00:01:56,940 --> 00:02:07,680  
at the time we came over,  
which was in January of 1939.

45  
00:02:07,680 --> 00:02:10,650  
And this just tells--

46  
00:02:10,650 --> 00:02:16,980  
I'm written in here,  
and in both our names,

47  
00:02:16,980 --> 00:02:21,840  
they inserted the  
name Sarah, which

48  
00:02:21,840 --> 00:02:24,510  
we didn't have middle names.

49  
00:02:24,510 --> 00:02:25,170  
OK.

50  
00:02:25,170 --> 00:02:26,050  
Let's turn the page.

51  
00:02:26,050 --> 00:02:30,390

52  
00:02:30,390 --> 00:02:33,330  
And up top on the  
left hand page,

53  
00:02:33,330 --> 00:02:36,220  
is that where it  
says Sarah, up there?

54  
00:02:36,220 --> 00:02:37,710  
Yes.

55  
00:02:37,710 --> 00:02:41,230  
On both our page and  
the previous page.

56  
00:02:41,230 --> 00:02:47,220  
And again, you have the eagle  
with the swastika and the date

57  
00:02:47,220 --> 00:02:48,810  
that the passport was issued.

58  
00:02:48,810 --> 00:02:52,620

59  
00:02:52,620 --> 00:02:54,840  
Is there any other  
page that you can

60  
00:02:54,840 --> 00:02:57,810  
turn to to show us any  
sort of official stamps?

61  
00:02:57,810 --> 00:03:02,920  
No, the rest except the back,

which is taped, is blank.

62  
00:03:02,920 --> 00:03:05,340  
But if you'd like to  
see a picture of what

63  
00:03:05,340 --> 00:03:06,690  
was my parents' home.

64  
00:03:06,690 --> 00:03:08,530  
Yes, I'd like to  
see that very much.

65  
00:03:08,530 --> 00:03:10,320  
So let's put the passport down.

66  
00:03:10,320 --> 00:03:16,640

67  
00:03:16,640 --> 00:03:21,830  
This was my parents' home, and--

68  
00:03:21,830 --> 00:03:22,880  
The whole building?

69  
00:03:22,880 --> 00:03:24,080  
The whole building.

70  
00:03:24,080 --> 00:03:25,170  
That's huge.

71  
00:03:25,170 --> 00:03:25,730  
Yes.

72  
00:03:25,730 --> 00:03:32,990  
It was like an urban castle, and  
it was bombed by the British.

73  
00:03:32,990 --> 00:03:38,270  
When my husband and I  
went back to Germany,

74  
00:03:38,270 --> 00:03:41,120  
we saw an older man--

75  
00:03:41,120 --> 00:03:44,130  
this was 20 years ago--

76  
00:03:44,130 --> 00:03:48,480  
and I asked him whether he  
knew a Jewish family named

77  
00:03:48,480 --> 00:03:49,550  
[? Mayer. ?]

78  
00:03:49,550 --> 00:03:53,150  
And he walked with the cane,  
and he picked up his cane

79  
00:03:53,150 --> 00:03:58,490  
and he pointed to this house  
and said, they lived over there.

80  
00:03:58,490 --> 00:04:01,800  
The building was  
bombed by the British.

81  
00:04:01,800 --> 00:04:08,220  
But the city and the country  
rebuilt it to specification,

82  
00:04:08,220 --> 00:04:10,730  
and it's now an  
apartment building.

83  
00:04:10,730 --> 00:04:13,070  
Did you recognize  
it when you saw it?

84  
00:04:13,070 --> 00:04:14,330  
Immediately.

85  
00:04:14,330 --> 00:04:16,070  
Did you go inside it at all?

86  
00:04:16,070 --> 00:04:17,779  
No, couldn't.

87  
00:04:17,779 --> 00:04:18,680  
OK.

88  
00:04:18,680 --> 00:04:20,089  
Thank you.

89  
00:04:20,089 --> 00:04:22,940  
And then let's take a look  
at the last photograph

90  
00:04:22,940 --> 00:04:23,840  
that you have there.

91  
00:04:23,840 --> 00:04:28,230

92  
00:04:28,230 --> 00:04:38,160  
That's my mother and  
father and my husband and I

93  
00:04:38,160 --> 00:04:41,070  
twenty-some years ago.

94  
00:04:41,070 --> 00:04:43,080  
That must be more  
than 20 years ago.

95  
00:04:43,080 --> 00:04:44,640  
I mean-- I'm sorry--

96  
00:04:44,640 --> 00:04:48,390  
60 years ago, and I was  
just starting my pregnancy

97  
00:04:48,390 --> 00:04:50,820  
with my oldest son.

98



00:04:50,820 --> 00:04:53,400  
So that would have  
been in the early--

99  
00:04:53,400 --> 00:04:55,650  
In the '50s.

100  
00:04:55,650 --> 00:04:57,330  
Early '50s.

101  
00:04:57,330 --> 00:04:59,890  
We were born in '54.

102  
00:04:59,890 --> 00:05:01,890  
And was this in Brooklyn  
or in Manhattan?

103  
00:05:01,890 --> 00:05:02,730  
In Brooklyn.

104  
00:05:02,730 --> 00:05:03,850  
In Brooklyn.

105  
00:05:03,850 --> 00:05:05,040  
OK.

106  
00:05:05,040 --> 00:05:07,950  
So your father,  
Max, is standing,

107  
00:05:07,950 --> 00:05:14,640  
your mother, Rosa, is next  
to him, Sam is on one knee,

108  
00:05:14,640 --> 00:05:16,170  
and you are next to him.

109  
00:05:16,170 --> 00:05:16,740  
Right.

110  
00:05:16,740 --> 00:05:18,050  
OK.

111

00:05:18,050 --> 00:05:19,820

All right.

112

00:05:19,820 --> 00:05:53,000