

1
00:00:00,000 --> 00:00:00,500
Rolling.

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00:00:00,500 --> 00:00:03,120

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00:00:03,120 --> 00:00:06,810
This is a United States
Holocaust Memorial Museum

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00:00:06,810 --> 00:00:12,030
interview with Mrs. Elisabeth
Weinberger on June 28,

5
00:00:12,030 --> 00:00:15,840
2018 in Lawrence, New York.

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00:00:15,840 --> 00:00:18,180
Thank you very much,
Mrs. Weinberger,

7
00:00:18,180 --> 00:00:20,800
for agreeing to
speak with us today.

8
00:00:20,800 --> 00:00:22,600
Thank you for being here.

9
00:00:22,600 --> 00:00:25,860
Well, I know that
sometimes it's not

10
00:00:25,860 --> 00:00:30,360
easy to go back to the
memories one has from a very

11
00:00:30,360 --> 00:00:32,400
traumatic, bad time.

12
00:00:32,400 --> 00:00:35,820
And we appreciate that
you're willing to do so.

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00:00:35,820 --> 00:00:39,960

And I'd like to start our
interview with the times

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00:00:39,960 --> 00:00:43,470

before they got bad,
that is, the early years

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00:00:43,470 --> 00:00:45,030

of your childhood.

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00:00:45,030 --> 00:00:47,160

I'd like to learn
as much as I could

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00:00:47,160 --> 00:00:49,440

about what your life
was like and what

18

00:00:49,440 --> 00:00:51,870

your family's life was like.

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00:00:51,870 --> 00:00:54,080

So I'll start with
basic questions.

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00:00:54,080 --> 00:00:54,600

OK.

21

00:00:54,600 --> 00:00:55,680

And we go from there.

22

00:00:55,680 --> 00:00:56,250

OK.

23

00:00:56,250 --> 00:00:57,060

OK.

24

00:00:57,060 --> 00:01:00,510

Tell me, what was your
name when you were born?

25

00:01:00,510 --> 00:01:01,900

Elizabeth Heller.

26
00:01:01,900 --> 00:01:02,400
Heller?

27
00:01:02,400 --> 00:01:02,900
Yes.

28
00:01:02,900 --> 00:01:05,160
H-E-L-L-E-R.

29
00:01:05,160 --> 00:01:06,090
OK.

30
00:01:06,090 --> 00:01:08,160
And what was the
date of your birth?

31
00:01:08,160 --> 00:01:10,510
March 30, 1931.

32
00:01:10,510 --> 00:01:11,010
OK.

33
00:01:11,010 --> 00:01:12,100
And where were you born?

34
00:01:12,100 --> 00:01:14,280
I was born in Antwerp, Belgium.

35
00:01:14,280 --> 00:01:15,990
Aha.

36
00:01:15,990 --> 00:01:18,070
Did you have any
brothers and sisters?

37
00:01:18,070 --> 00:01:18,570
Yes.

38
00:01:18,570 --> 00:01:21,150
I had a sister,
a younger sister.

39
00:01:21,150 --> 00:01:22,100

And what was her name?

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00:01:22,100 --> 00:01:23,520

Her name was Rosa.

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00:01:23,520 --> 00:01:24,840

And when was she born?

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00:01:24,840 --> 00:01:31,120

She was born in
February 9, 1933.

43

00:01:31,120 --> 00:01:31,620

OK.

44

00:01:31,620 --> 00:01:34,550

Can we cut the camera?

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00:01:34,550 --> 00:01:36,010

Rolling.

46

00:01:36,010 --> 00:01:37,180

OK.

47

00:01:37,180 --> 00:01:39,790

And what was your mother's name?

48

00:01:39,790 --> 00:01:42,150

My mother's name was Helena.

49

00:01:42,150 --> 00:01:43,210

What was her maiden name?

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00:01:43,210 --> 00:01:44,580

Her maiden name was Friedman.

51

00:01:44,580 --> 00:01:45,240

Friedman?

52

00:01:45,240 --> 00:01:46,170

Yes.

53

00:01:46,170 --> 00:01:48,610

Do you know about
when she was born?

54
00:01:48,610 --> 00:01:56,616
She was born in 1909,
on April 15, 1909.

55
00:01:56,616 --> 00:01:58,210
In Antwerp as well?

56
00:01:58,210 --> 00:01:58,710
No, no.

57
00:01:58,710 --> 00:02:01,140
She was born in Czechoslovakia.

58
00:02:01,140 --> 00:02:03,060
Do you know where
in Czechoslovakia?

59
00:02:03,060 --> 00:02:08,400
It was called-- a
small, small town also,

60
00:02:08,400 --> 00:02:10,259
it was called Ohrobec.

61
00:02:10,259 --> 00:02:13,890
But it's next to a bigger
town, which was [? Serles. ?]

62
00:02:13,890 --> 00:02:14,630
[? Serles? ?]

63
00:02:14,630 --> 00:02:15,422
[? Serles, ?] yeah.

64
00:02:15,422 --> 00:02:17,440
That sounds Hungarian almost.

65
00:02:17,440 --> 00:02:17,940
Yeah.

66
00:02:17,940 --> 00:02:19,860

Also because it was
also Czechoslovakia.

67
00:02:19,860 --> 00:02:23,910
But they were also close
to the borders over there.

68
00:02:23,910 --> 00:02:25,770
So it's a little
bit further than

69
00:02:25,770 --> 00:02:27,440
where my husband comes from.

70
00:02:27,440 --> 00:02:28,530
OK.

71
00:02:28,530 --> 00:02:33,390
And did you ever visit that
place as a little girl?

72
00:02:33,390 --> 00:02:37,560
I went there in 1936,
when I was five years old

73
00:02:37,560 --> 00:02:40,170
and my sister Rosa was three.

74
00:02:40,170 --> 00:02:43,620
Because my mother-- it was
1936, because my mother

75
00:02:43,620 --> 00:02:48,600
wanted to go back home to see
her father, her older father.

76
00:02:48,600 --> 00:02:53,250
And then we should go back to
where my father was born also.

77
00:02:53,250 --> 00:03:02,100
So at first we went
to my mother's house

78
00:03:02,100 --> 00:03:03,750

where she was born.

79

00:03:03,750 --> 00:03:09,123

And we visited the
grandfather, my grandfather.

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00:03:09,123 --> 00:03:10,290

What about your grandmother?

81

00:03:10,290 --> 00:03:14,550

My grandmother, unfortunately,
died in childbirth

82

00:03:14,550 --> 00:03:17,190

when my mother
was two years old.

83

00:03:17,190 --> 00:03:20,587

So she was a little girl.

84

00:03:20,587 --> 00:03:22,170

And then the father,
they got married.

85

00:03:22,170 --> 00:03:26,760

So she had a stepmother, a
very, very much of a stepmother

86

00:03:26,760 --> 00:03:28,458

like they have in the stories.

87

00:03:28,458 --> 00:03:29,750

Oh, one of "those" stepmothers.

88

00:03:29,750 --> 00:03:30,120

Yes.

89

00:03:30,120 --> 00:03:30,620

Oh, gosh.

90

00:03:30,620 --> 00:03:32,130

Real, really bad.

91

00:03:32,130 --> 00:03:36,570

So she used to take it out on
my mother, who was the youngest,

92
00:03:36,570 --> 00:03:43,510
and pinch her and make her
life a little miserable.

93
00:03:43,510 --> 00:03:45,450
Did your mother have
brothers and sisters?

94
00:03:45,450 --> 00:03:46,830
Yes, she did.

95
00:03:46,830 --> 00:03:49,500
She had a sister who was
in the United States that

96
00:03:49,500 --> 00:03:51,960
came before the war.

97
00:03:51,960 --> 00:03:54,780
And her name was
Bertha, Aunt Bertha.

98
00:03:54,780 --> 00:04:01,010
And then she had another
sister which I never met, then,

99
00:04:01,010 --> 00:04:01,590
I think.

100
00:04:01,590 --> 00:04:05,400
And a brother--
two brothers, but I

101
00:04:05,400 --> 00:04:06,930
don't remember
them very clearly,

102
00:04:06,930 --> 00:04:08,250
because I was five years old.

103
00:04:08,250 --> 00:04:09,420
But I remember seeing them.

104
00:04:09,420 --> 00:04:12,510

105
00:04:12,510 --> 00:04:14,820
Was the stepmother alive
when you visited them?

106
00:04:14,820 --> 00:04:16,019
No.

107
00:04:16,019 --> 00:04:16,899
I didn't meet her.

108
00:04:16,899 --> 00:04:17,399
No.

109
00:04:17,399 --> 00:04:18,600
OK.

110
00:04:18,600 --> 00:04:21,870
But your grandfather
was alive when you met--

111
00:04:21,870 --> 00:04:22,440
Yes.

112
00:04:22,440 --> 00:04:23,160
Yes.

113
00:04:23,160 --> 00:04:26,040
And what was his name?

114
00:04:26,040 --> 00:04:29,070
Well, I only know the
Jewish name was Shia.

115
00:04:29,070 --> 00:04:29,740
Shia?

116
00:04:29,740 --> 00:04:30,300
Yeah.

117

00:04:30,300 --> 00:04:31,290
OK.

118
00:04:31,290 --> 00:04:35,040
And was this the
one and only time

119
00:04:35,040 --> 00:04:38,130
that you met him, when you
were there at age five?

120
00:04:38,130 --> 00:04:39,150
Yes.

121
00:04:39,150 --> 00:04:44,610
How is it that your mother
came from this small place

122
00:04:44,610 --> 00:04:47,070
in Czechoslovakia to Antwerp?

123
00:04:47,070 --> 00:04:51,220
You know what, because
of her childhood.

124
00:04:51,220 --> 00:04:57,130
She didn't have such a great
childhood when she was little.

125
00:04:57,130 --> 00:05:01,100
Like I told you, her
stepmother was a mean lady.

126
00:05:01,100 --> 00:05:02,160
I hate to say it.

127
00:05:02,160 --> 00:05:05,120

128
00:05:05,120 --> 00:05:08,480
So she went from
aunt to aunt somehow

129
00:05:08,480 --> 00:05:10,070
because she didn't

want to stay there.

130

00:05:10,070 --> 00:05:14,870

So she was not always
happy where she was.

131

00:05:14,870 --> 00:05:18,840

And because the aunts were
not the direct women--

132

00:05:18,840 --> 00:05:21,600

it was their husbands
who were the relatives,

133

00:05:21,600 --> 00:05:24,260

so they were not that
nice to her, either.

134

00:05:24,260 --> 00:05:28,670

So because she was a little
girl and, like, a half orphan.

135

00:05:28,670 --> 00:05:32,690

So anyway, it was
not easy for her.

136

00:05:32,690 --> 00:05:40,640

But she was the type of person
who was very smart and very--

137

00:05:40,640 --> 00:05:44,470

how do you put it-- not only
smart, but street smart, too.

138

00:05:44,470 --> 00:05:45,830

She was resourceful.

139

00:05:45,830 --> 00:05:46,440

Pardon me?

140

00:05:46,440 --> 00:05:48,493

Very resourceful
and very bright.

141

00:05:48,493 --> 00:05:49,910

As a matter of
fact, they gave her

142
00:05:49,910 --> 00:05:53,210
a nickname when was very
little, the little lawyer.

143
00:05:53,210 --> 00:05:55,280
Really?

144
00:05:55,280 --> 00:05:56,480
Good for her.

145
00:05:56,480 --> 00:05:57,200
She needed it.

146
00:05:57,200 --> 00:05:57,700
Yes.

147
00:05:57,700 --> 00:05:58,200
She did.

148
00:05:58,200 --> 00:05:59,840
She needed all the
help she could get.

149
00:05:59,840 --> 00:06:02,840
Because they took
advantage of her.

150
00:06:02,840 --> 00:06:05,780
So she wanted to
go more to school.

151
00:06:05,780 --> 00:06:09,200
And the stepmother
announced-- they said, no, you

152
00:06:09,200 --> 00:06:11,700
have to take care of the geese.

153
00:06:11,700 --> 00:06:13,250
But she was very smart.

154

00:06:13,250 --> 00:06:18,816
So it didn't harm her not to
have this too much schooling.

155
00:06:18,816 --> 00:06:24,770
And I guess her stepmother
was in charge of the children,

156
00:06:24,770 --> 00:06:29,420
so she was the one that was
with her most of the time.

157
00:06:29,420 --> 00:06:33,770
But when we went back, it
was a bittersweet trip.

158
00:06:33,770 --> 00:06:38,760
Because my mother wanted to
see her father and her siblings

159
00:06:38,760 --> 00:06:41,840
that were still there.

160
00:06:41,840 --> 00:06:43,880
But we were very
happy to be there,

161
00:06:43,880 --> 00:06:47,560
because it was a completely
different life there.

162
00:06:47,560 --> 00:06:48,180
Tell me.

163
00:06:48,180 --> 00:06:48,680
Yeah.

164
00:06:48,680 --> 00:06:49,940
Well, what did it look like.

165
00:06:49,940 --> 00:06:51,620
We come from a big city.

166
00:06:51,620 --> 00:06:52,940
I was born in a big city.

167
00:06:52,940 --> 00:06:56,330
And there, they had outside.

168
00:06:56,330 --> 00:06:59,145
They did barbecue corn and
all kinds of different things.

169
00:06:59,145 --> 00:07:00,020
You know what I mean?

170
00:07:00,020 --> 00:07:01,660
It's a rural life.

171
00:07:01,660 --> 00:07:04,070
And they had fun.

172
00:07:04,070 --> 00:07:05,150
But we liked it.

173
00:07:05,150 --> 00:07:06,470
And everybody spoiled us.

174
00:07:06,470 --> 00:07:08,770
[LAUGHING]

175
00:07:08,770 --> 00:07:10,680
And because they don't see us.

176
00:07:10,680 --> 00:07:11,430
They never see us.

177
00:07:11,430 --> 00:07:13,310
They never saw us before that.

178
00:07:13,310 --> 00:07:17,153
Did her father have a farm or
did her father live in a town?

179
00:07:17,153 --> 00:07:19,320
That was not my father's
family. it was my mother's.

180

00:07:19,320 --> 00:07:20,400
No, no, her father.

181
00:07:20,400 --> 00:07:21,710
Oh, her father?

182
00:07:21,710 --> 00:07:23,030
No, it was a town.

183
00:07:23,030 --> 00:07:24,200
It's a small town.

184
00:07:24,200 --> 00:07:24,810
A small town?

185
00:07:24,810 --> 00:07:25,770
Yes, a small town.

186
00:07:25,770 --> 00:07:27,110
How did he make his living?

187
00:07:27,110 --> 00:07:27,950
You know what?

188
00:07:27,950 --> 00:07:29,180
I'm not too sure.

189
00:07:29,180 --> 00:07:30,200
OK.

190
00:07:30,200 --> 00:07:31,970
So I can't tell you, really.

191
00:07:31,970 --> 00:07:36,240
Because at that time, I didn't
even talk too much about it.

192
00:07:36,240 --> 00:07:38,790
The problem is that I
can't even ask my sister,

193
00:07:38,790 --> 00:07:40,040
but she wouldn't know, either.

194

00:07:40,040 --> 00:07:41,750

She was younger than I was.

195

00:07:41,750 --> 00:07:44,750

So I don't know
what really he did.

196

00:07:44,750 --> 00:07:48,980

He was a very bright
man, but I'm not sure.

197

00:07:48,980 --> 00:07:51,920

So I don't want to tell you
something that I'm not sure of.

198

00:07:51,920 --> 00:07:55,520

Do you know how she got
from there to Antwerp?

199

00:07:55,520 --> 00:07:56,030

Yes.

200

00:07:56,030 --> 00:07:56,738

How did she get--

201

00:07:56,738 --> 00:07:59,630

She got there because
she wanted to get away.

202

00:07:59,630 --> 00:08:03,770

So somehow, I don't
know how she did it,

203

00:08:03,770 --> 00:08:05,660

but she got some
people that she knew.

204

00:08:05,660 --> 00:08:08,480

And she tried and she
went with someone.

205

00:08:08,480 --> 00:08:12,590

And she arrived-- because
she had heard that Belgium is

206

00:08:12,590 --> 00:08:15,320
a very good country for--

207

00:08:15,320 --> 00:08:17,090
she liked to sew.

208

00:08:17,090 --> 00:08:20,423
So she said she'll go there
and she'll be on her own

209

00:08:20,423 --> 00:08:21,590
and make her new life there.

210

00:08:21,590 --> 00:08:24,910
Because she wasn't happy with
her home life at that time.

211

00:08:24,910 --> 00:08:26,120
And so I don't know.

212

00:08:26,120 --> 00:08:28,970
Some people helped her on the
way and she somehow made it.

213

00:08:28,970 --> 00:08:32,150
I told you she was very
smart, very streetwise,

214

00:08:32,150 --> 00:08:34,309
and very, very lovable.

215

00:08:34,309 --> 00:08:35,630
She was very good.

216

00:08:35,630 --> 00:08:38,809
Everybody liked her,
except the stepmother.

217

00:08:38,809 --> 00:08:43,610
And so she made it to
Belgium and Antwerp.

218

00:08:43,610 --> 00:08:46,730
Would this have been

after World War I?

219

00:08:46,730 --> 00:08:51,102
Well, she was 16 when she left.

220

00:08:51,102 --> 00:08:53,060
And she was born, again,
tell me-- you told me.

221

00:08:53,060 --> 00:08:54,630
1909.

222

00:08:54,630 --> 00:08:55,130
OK.

223

00:08:55,130 --> 00:08:56,990
So it was 1925.

224

00:08:56,990 --> 00:08:59,065
She left in 1925.

225

00:08:59,065 --> 00:09:01,130
Probably, yes.

226

00:09:01,130 --> 00:09:02,900
So she got there.

227

00:09:02,900 --> 00:09:05,060
And there, she somehow
had some connections.

228

00:09:05,060 --> 00:09:07,040
I don't know how she did it.

229

00:09:07,040 --> 00:09:10,400
In French, they said
débrouillard That means, like,

230

00:09:10,400 --> 00:09:10,980
resourceful.

231

00:09:10,980 --> 00:09:11,480
OK.

232

00:09:11,480 --> 00:09:14,580

So she knew people
and people liked her.

233

00:09:14,580 --> 00:09:15,350

She was good.

234

00:09:15,350 --> 00:09:21,710

So she found a family that she
went and lived in their room

235

00:09:21,710 --> 00:09:23,330

by them, a Jewish family.

236

00:09:23,330 --> 00:09:26,250

And that's where she stayed.

237

00:09:26,250 --> 00:09:29,360

And that's how she
got there to Belgium.

238

00:09:29,360 --> 00:09:33,950

But my father also
was not from there.

239

00:09:33,950 --> 00:09:35,900

He was from Slovakia.

240

00:09:35,900 --> 00:09:38,420

And that was a different region.

241

00:09:38,420 --> 00:09:43,250

And he was born in a small
town called Nizny Svidník,

242

00:09:43,250 --> 00:09:46,300

which is next to what my
husband said, Presov--

243

00:09:46,300 --> 00:09:46,800

OK.

244

00:09:46,800 --> 00:09:47,450

--in Slovakia.

245
00:09:47,450 --> 00:09:48,380
Nizny Svidník.

246
00:09:48,380 --> 00:09:49,210
Nizny Svidník.

247
00:09:49,210 --> 00:09:50,540
It's not easy to--

248
00:09:50,540 --> 00:09:51,950
Let me see if I
can say it again.

249
00:09:51,950 --> 00:09:52,450
Nizny--

250
00:09:52,450 --> 00:09:53,710
Nizny Svidník.

251
00:09:53,710 --> 00:09:54,470
Svidník.

252
00:09:54,470 --> 00:09:54,970
Yeah.

253
00:09:54,970 --> 00:09:55,580
Nizny Svidník.

254
00:09:55,580 --> 00:09:56,660
Svidník, yeah.

255
00:09:56,660 --> 00:09:57,290
OK.

256
00:09:57,290 --> 00:09:57,830
We got it.

257
00:09:57,830 --> 00:09:59,560
Yes.

258
00:09:59,560 --> 00:10:00,880
So he was there.

259

00:10:00,880 --> 00:10:04,600

And I don't know how
many siblings he had.

260

00:10:04,600 --> 00:10:07,540

He had brothers.

261

00:10:07,540 --> 00:10:10,660

Was he the youngest, the oldest?

262

00:10:10,660 --> 00:10:12,710

My father was one of
the youngest also.

263

00:10:12,710 --> 00:10:13,510

OK.

264

00:10:13,510 --> 00:10:15,160

So he was one of the youngest.

265

00:10:15,160 --> 00:10:21,220

And he had three brothers
in the United States

266

00:10:21,220 --> 00:10:22,970

that came before the war.

267

00:10:22,970 --> 00:10:23,470

OK.

268

00:10:23,470 --> 00:10:24,310

Yeah.

269

00:10:24,310 --> 00:10:26,560

And what was your
father's first name?

270

00:10:26,560 --> 00:10:30,420

His first name
was really Pinkas.

271

00:10:30,420 --> 00:10:30,920

Pinkas?

272

00:10:30,920 --> 00:10:32,045

"Peen-kaz, they'd call him.

273

00:10:32,045 --> 00:10:33,670

But they called him Paul--

274

00:10:33,670 --> 00:10:37,880

"Pauly" in the Czech
and the Hungarian way.

275

00:10:37,880 --> 00:10:39,860

So, Heller.

276

00:10:39,860 --> 00:10:41,112

OK.

277

00:10:41,112 --> 00:10:42,760

And when was he born?

278

00:10:42,760 --> 00:10:45,700

He was born in 1907.

279

00:10:45,700 --> 00:10:47,750

So he was a few years
older than your mother?

280

00:10:47,750 --> 00:10:49,120

Just two years older.

281

00:10:49,120 --> 00:10:50,070

OK.

282

00:10:50,070 --> 00:10:50,800

Yeah.

283

00:10:50,800 --> 00:10:52,390

And so was Pinkas--

284

00:10:52,390 --> 00:10:55,720

His birthday was
September 10, 1907.

285

00:10:55,720 --> 00:10:58,060
September 10, 1907.

286
00:10:58,060 --> 00:11:00,490
And your mother's
birthday was in 1909?

287
00:11:00,490 --> 00:11:01,150
Yes.

288
00:11:01,150 --> 00:11:02,440
April 15.

289
00:11:02,440 --> 00:11:03,260
April 15.

290
00:11:03,260 --> 00:11:03,760
Yes.

291
00:11:03,760 --> 00:11:06,020
And she was born Friedman?

292
00:11:06,020 --> 00:11:06,520
Yes.

293
00:11:06,520 --> 00:11:09,150
And her first name,
again, was Helena.

294
00:11:09,150 --> 00:11:10,270
Helena, of course.

295
00:11:10,270 --> 00:11:11,200
Helena.

296
00:11:11,200 --> 00:11:13,070
Helena Friedman
and Pinkas Heller.

297
00:11:13,070 --> 00:11:13,570
Yeah.

298
00:11:13,570 --> 00:11:15,820
And how did they meet?

299

00:11:15,820 --> 00:11:16,990

Did they ever tell you?

300

00:11:16,990 --> 00:11:18,970

They met in Antwerp.

301

00:11:18,970 --> 00:11:22,480

Because he came out also at 18.

302

00:11:22,480 --> 00:11:24,530

He went to Antwerp, too.

303

00:11:24,530 --> 00:11:29,530

He wanted to be there and to
have a trade there and have

304

00:11:29,530 --> 00:11:31,190

more opportunities.

305

00:11:31,190 --> 00:11:33,940

So he came to Antwerp.

306

00:11:33,940 --> 00:11:38,910

And because Antwerp was
the big diamond center

307

00:11:38,910 --> 00:11:41,200

of those days, the biggest one.

308

00:11:41,200 --> 00:11:49,597

So he got a job in the diamond
center as a diamond cutter.

309

00:11:49,597 --> 00:11:51,430

Oh, you have to be quite
skilled to do that.

310

00:11:51,430 --> 00:11:51,930

Yes.

311

00:11:51,930 --> 00:11:53,480

He was very skilled.

312

00:11:53,480 --> 00:11:56,050

I guess he learned a
lot on the job, too.

313

00:11:56,050 --> 00:11:58,770

But that's what he did.

314

00:11:58,770 --> 00:12:01,540

OK.

315

00:12:01,540 --> 00:12:04,840

So your mother and
father met how?

316

00:12:04,840 --> 00:12:07,060

I don't know exactly.

317

00:12:07,060 --> 00:12:08,350

Because I don't know exactly.

318

00:12:08,350 --> 00:12:10,600

But they were very much in love.

319

00:12:10,600 --> 00:12:14,570

And she was 16 and he was 18.

320

00:12:14,570 --> 00:12:18,010

But I think they met maybe
a little later than that.

321

00:12:18,010 --> 00:12:20,970

And I don't know the
details of their meeting.

322

00:12:20,970 --> 00:12:22,640

But they had a lot in common.

323

00:12:22,640 --> 00:12:24,520

They're both from the
same part of the world.

324

00:12:24,520 --> 00:12:25,170

Yes.

325

00:12:25,170 --> 00:12:27,010

Even if their towns
aren't that close,

326

00:12:27,010 --> 00:12:28,510

they're still within
Czechoslovakia.

327

00:12:28,510 --> 00:12:30,520

Yes, yes, yes, yes.

328

00:12:30,520 --> 00:12:31,550

So they did.

329

00:12:31,550 --> 00:12:34,930

And I guess through people,
their friends and all that.

330

00:12:34,930 --> 00:12:36,720

I have a wedding
picture of them.

331

00:12:36,720 --> 00:12:37,220

Do you?

332

00:12:37,220 --> 00:12:37,720

Yeah.

333

00:12:37,720 --> 00:12:39,100

In the other room.

334

00:12:39,100 --> 00:12:44,320

But because we wouldn't
have had any pictures--

335

00:12:44,320 --> 00:12:46,210

because we didn't have it.

336

00:12:46,210 --> 00:12:47,590

We didn't bring any pictures.

337

00:12:47,590 --> 00:12:49,090

We didn't have any pictures.

338

00:12:49,090 --> 00:12:51,220

But we had sent-- they
always sent pictures

339

00:12:51,220 --> 00:12:55,780

to the United States to
their family, everybody did.

340

00:12:55,780 --> 00:12:59,570

So my Aunt Bertha,
my mother's sister

341

00:12:59,570 --> 00:13:01,720

that was in the United
States, she always

342

00:13:01,720 --> 00:13:05,020

had pictures from
when they sent her.

343

00:13:05,020 --> 00:13:06,970

So that's when we had
most of the pictures

344

00:13:06,970 --> 00:13:08,270

from after the war.

345

00:13:08,270 --> 00:13:08,770

OK.

346

00:13:08,770 --> 00:13:09,340

So that's how you were able--

347

00:13:09,340 --> 00:13:10,135

'Cause during the war
we didn't have anything.

348

00:13:10,135 --> 00:13:10,700

--get them again.

349

00:13:10,700 --> 00:13:11,200

Pardon me?

350

00:13:11,200 --> 00:13:13,160

That's how you were
able to get them again.

351
00:13:13,160 --> 00:13:13,660
You know?

352
00:13:13,660 --> 00:13:14,960
Because people lost everything.

353
00:13:14,960 --> 00:13:16,850
Yes.

354
00:13:16,850 --> 00:13:22,090
And that's what we have some
of the memories and pictures.

355
00:13:22,090 --> 00:13:27,970
So let's talk a little bit about
your first memories in Antwerp?

356
00:13:27,970 --> 00:13:30,760
Do you have any
as a small toddler

357
00:13:30,760 --> 00:13:32,990
or as a child that
come to your mind?

358
00:13:32,990 --> 00:13:33,490
Yeah.

359
00:13:33,490 --> 00:13:36,430
One of them is not a
good memory I remember.

360
00:13:36,430 --> 00:13:38,290
But I had wonderful
memories after.

361
00:13:38,290 --> 00:13:41,170
But that one memory, when I
must have been very young--

362
00:13:41,170 --> 00:13:41,780
maybe two.

363

00:13:41,780 --> 00:13:44,080

It was preschool or something.

364

00:13:44,080 --> 00:13:47,590

And I remember going with
a group of the children.

365

00:13:47,590 --> 00:13:49,010

I was very little.

366

00:13:49,010 --> 00:13:54,220

And all of a sudden, I see
that nobody else in line--

367

00:13:54,220 --> 00:13:56,560

they left me out in the hall.

368

00:13:56,560 --> 00:13:59,080

So that was by
accident, I'm sure.

369

00:13:59,080 --> 00:14:02,380

But I didn't go into the
class with the other children.

370

00:14:02,380 --> 00:14:05,200

And all of a sudden, I
see that I'm all alone

371

00:14:05,200 --> 00:14:06,490

and nobody's coming for me.

372

00:14:06,490 --> 00:14:08,000

So I started to cry.

373

00:14:08,000 --> 00:14:09,040

I remember this.

374

00:14:09,040 --> 00:14:11,530

I remember crying and
crying and crying.

375

00:14:11,530 --> 00:14:15,160

Because I was very
fearful and afraid.

376

00:14:15,160 --> 00:14:19,600

And finally, somebody came to
get-- but it's a weird memory.

377

00:14:19,600 --> 00:14:21,280

I must have been very young.

378

00:14:21,280 --> 00:14:23,840

But it must have been very
frightening and unexpected?

379

00:14:23,840 --> 00:14:24,340

Yes.

380

00:14:24,340 --> 00:14:27,750

Because left alone someplace
in the hall somewhere.

381

00:14:27,750 --> 00:14:28,250

Yeah.

382

00:14:28,250 --> 00:14:28,750

Yeah.

383

00:14:28,750 --> 00:14:32,140

But that's the first
memory I remember, really.

384

00:14:32,140 --> 00:14:33,520

So that's within a school?

385

00:14:33,520 --> 00:14:34,020

Yeah.

386

00:14:34,020 --> 00:14:34,812

That's not at home?

387

00:14:34,812 --> 00:14:35,440

No.

388

00:14:35,440 --> 00:14:38,230

Do you have any memories
from your home life?

389

00:14:38,230 --> 00:14:40,030

Well, my home life
was wonderful.

390

00:14:40,030 --> 00:14:41,160

Tell me about it.

391

00:14:41,160 --> 00:14:42,260

Home life was wonderful.

392

00:14:42,260 --> 00:14:44,770

We had wonderful parents,
wonderful father,

393

00:14:44,770 --> 00:14:46,060

wonderful mother--

394

00:14:46,060 --> 00:14:49,000

very caring, especially
my mother, because she had

395

00:14:49,000 --> 00:14:50,470

didn't have her own mother.

396

00:14:50,470 --> 00:14:54,370

So she was extremely,
extremely loving

397

00:14:54,370 --> 00:14:57,010

and dedicated to the children.

398

00:14:57,010 --> 00:14:59,630

And she was a wonderful
person, I told you,

399

00:14:59,630 --> 00:15:00,590

in general, everything.

400

00:15:00,590 --> 00:15:02,160

Everybody loved my mother.

401

00:15:02,160 --> 00:15:02,660
Hm.

402
00:15:02,660 --> 00:15:06,310

403
00:15:06,310 --> 00:15:09,380
Was she more outgoing
than your father was?

404
00:15:09,380 --> 00:15:10,040
More?

405
00:15:10,040 --> 00:15:10,650
Outgoing.

406
00:15:10,650 --> 00:15:11,150
Yes.

407
00:15:11,150 --> 00:15:13,520
She was very outgoing,
very outgoing.

408
00:15:13,520 --> 00:15:16,770
And my father was also, but
not as much as my mother.

409
00:15:16,770 --> 00:15:21,900
No, she was very
friendly, very sociable.

410
00:15:21,900 --> 00:15:24,350
And she sang all the
time and she laughed.

411
00:15:24,350 --> 00:15:27,320
And she has a very
good personality.

412
00:15:27,320 --> 00:15:30,650
Your father, did he have
any brothers and sisters who

413
00:15:30,650 --> 00:15:33,690
lived with him or lived

in Antwerp as well?

414

00:15:33,690 --> 00:15:34,190

Yes.

415

00:15:34,190 --> 00:15:37,340

There was one brother that
lived in Antwerp, and maybe

416

00:15:37,340 --> 00:15:39,260

another one for a little while.

417

00:15:39,260 --> 00:15:42,140

But three of them, I told
you, were in the United States

418

00:15:42,140 --> 00:15:42,800

of America.

419

00:15:42,800 --> 00:15:45,080

They came here, three brothers.

420

00:15:45,080 --> 00:15:48,200

And one brother, two maybe--

421

00:15:48,200 --> 00:15:51,950

was in Antwerp also.

422

00:15:51,950 --> 00:15:54,270

But I don't remember
him well at all.

423

00:15:54,270 --> 00:15:56,300

So you don't remember
visiting him much?

424

00:15:56,300 --> 00:15:56,950

No.

425

00:15:56,950 --> 00:15:58,130

OK.

426

00:15:58,130 --> 00:16:01,260

Did your parents have a wide

social circle in Antwerp?

427

00:16:01,260 --> 00:16:01,760

Yes.

428

00:16:01,760 --> 00:16:03,020

They were going everywhere.

429

00:16:03,020 --> 00:16:04,650

They were very popular.

430

00:16:04,650 --> 00:16:08,420

And we had a very nice--
they had a very nice life.

431

00:16:08,420 --> 00:16:11,120

My father went to a
synagogue, you know.

432

00:16:11,120 --> 00:16:14,820

And they were modern Orthodox.

433

00:16:14,820 --> 00:16:16,020

Modern Orthodox?

434

00:16:16,020 --> 00:16:16,520

Modern.

435

00:16:16,520 --> 00:16:17,062

Yeah, modern.

436

00:16:17,062 --> 00:16:20,990

Because they my mother
didn't have a wig.

437

00:16:20,990 --> 00:16:23,600

And my father
didn't have a beard.

438

00:16:23,600 --> 00:16:27,560

But it was orthodox,
but not with the beard

439

00:16:27,560 --> 00:16:30,860

and the wig that they were wearing in those days.

440

00:16:30,860 --> 00:16:33,350

So in other words,
they had apparel

441

00:16:33,350 --> 00:16:36,390

that looked like
everybody else's clothes?

442

00:16:36,390 --> 00:16:36,960

Oh, yeah.

443

00:16:36,960 --> 00:16:37,360

Oh, yeah.

444

00:16:37,360 --> 00:16:38,860

They wore clothes like
everyone else did?

445

00:16:38,860 --> 00:16:39,140

Yeah.

446

00:16:39,140 --> 00:16:39,690

Sure, sure.

447

00:16:39,690 --> 00:16:40,190

Yes.

448

00:16:40,190 --> 00:16:43,340

And there was nothing from
their appearance outward

449

00:16:43,340 --> 00:16:46,960

that would signify that they
belonged to an orthodox sect?

450

00:16:46,960 --> 00:16:49,700

Except my father
liked to wear a hat.

451

00:16:49,700 --> 00:16:51,870

He was a dapper dresser.

452

00:16:51,870 --> 00:16:52,370

Was he?

453

00:16:52,370 --> 00:16:53,840

And my mother liked
to dress, too.

454

00:16:53,840 --> 00:16:57,200

So he wore a hat.

455

00:16:57,200 --> 00:16:59,048

I'll show you a picture of him.

456

00:16:59,048 --> 00:17:00,340

There may be some in the album.

457

00:17:00,340 --> 00:17:03,230

I don't know if it's that one.

458

00:17:03,230 --> 00:17:06,579

So they were both very
modern dressing and modern

459

00:17:06,579 --> 00:17:07,849

in their ways--

460

00:17:07,849 --> 00:17:10,010

except that they were
kosher, of course,

461

00:17:10,010 --> 00:17:13,970

and they belonged
to the synagogue.

462

00:17:13,970 --> 00:17:19,569

And all the holidays were
kept strictly and all that.

463

00:17:19,569 --> 00:17:21,640

Did you live in a
Jewish neighborhood?

464

00:17:21,640 --> 00:17:22,140

Yeah.

465
00:17:22,140 --> 00:17:25,010
It was a Jewish
neighborhood, except we

466
00:17:25,010 --> 00:17:27,770
had a Christian neighbor, too.

467
00:17:27,770 --> 00:17:28,970
I remember them, too.

468
00:17:28,970 --> 00:17:30,960
Not too well, but
I remember them.

469
00:17:30,960 --> 00:17:33,130
Now did you live in an
apartment or a house?

470
00:17:33,130 --> 00:17:34,900
A house, it was a house.

471
00:17:34,900 --> 00:17:37,220
It was a two story
or three story.

472
00:17:37,220 --> 00:17:40,350
But the upper part of the
story, I think they rented out.

473
00:17:40,350 --> 00:17:41,830
But the rest was ours.

474
00:17:41,830 --> 00:17:42,800
OK.

475
00:17:42,800 --> 00:17:44,960
And was it a stone
house or a wooden house?

476
00:17:44,960 --> 00:17:45,460
No.

477
00:17:45,460 --> 00:17:47,420

It was a city, so it
was a stone house.

478
00:17:47,420 --> 00:17:49,640
It was a very nice street.

479
00:17:49,640 --> 00:17:51,860
You know, paved,
nice, modern street.

480
00:17:51,860 --> 00:17:55,010
And it was a nice
house and beautiful.

481
00:17:55,010 --> 00:18:01,040
The entrance had beautiful, wide
steps, wide steps going out.

482
00:18:01,040 --> 00:18:02,650
I remember that very well.

483
00:18:02,650 --> 00:18:07,070
And beautiful furniture,
we had nice furniture.

484
00:18:07,070 --> 00:18:08,570
They liked nice things.

485
00:18:08,570 --> 00:18:11,090
My mother liked nice
things, my father.

486
00:18:11,090 --> 00:18:14,860
And they lived not very--

487
00:18:14,860 --> 00:18:17,480
I mean, my father
made a nice living.

488
00:18:17,480 --> 00:18:20,000
But they didn't live
like very wealthy people,

489
00:18:20,000 --> 00:18:22,680
but very, very nice

and comfortable.

490

00:18:22,680 --> 00:18:23,450
OK.

491

00:18:23,450 --> 00:18:26,230
So it was sort of like a
solid middle class family?

492

00:18:26,230 --> 00:18:26,900
Yes.

493

00:18:26,900 --> 00:18:28,230
Very nice, very nice.

494

00:18:28,230 --> 00:18:31,670
Well, tell me, in
that kind of frame,

495

00:18:31,670 --> 00:18:36,170
or that kind of category,
let's talk in the same way

496

00:18:36,170 --> 00:18:37,970
or ask the same
questions that I had

497

00:18:37,970 --> 00:18:41,150
asked your husband in his
interview, your husband Nathan

498

00:18:41,150 --> 00:18:43,250
Weinberger.

499

00:18:43,250 --> 00:18:46,730
Did you have indoor
plumbing in your home?

500

00:18:46,730 --> 00:18:48,530
Indoor plumbing, running water.

501

00:18:48,530 --> 00:18:49,380
Yes, we did.

502

00:18:49,380 --> 00:18:49,880
OK.

503
00:18:49,880 --> 00:18:50,990
Running water, bath?

504
00:18:50,990 --> 00:18:52,855
We had to call it--

505
00:18:52,855 --> 00:18:54,230
at that time,
called weight-save.

506
00:18:54,230 --> 00:18:56,340
They had that thing with
the pull, the chain.

507
00:18:56,340 --> 00:18:56,840
OK.

508
00:18:56,840 --> 00:18:58,430
You had a water
closet, I guess--

509
00:18:58,430 --> 00:18:58,580
Yes.

510
00:18:58,580 --> 00:18:58,970
--a WC.

511
00:18:58,970 --> 00:18:59,830
Yes, a water closet.

512
00:18:59,830 --> 00:19:00,330
OK.

513
00:19:00,330 --> 00:19:01,880
I'm not sure about a bathtub.

514
00:19:01,880 --> 00:19:04,055
I don't remember, not a bathtub.

515
00:19:04,055 --> 00:19:06,180
But we probably had some

kind of shower, something.

516

00:19:06,180 --> 00:19:10,310

But we had the toilet
with a chain on it.

517

00:19:10,310 --> 00:19:11,370

Did you have electricity?

518

00:19:11,370 --> 00:19:11,870

Yes.

519

00:19:11,870 --> 00:19:14,510

520

00:19:14,510 --> 00:19:17,840

How was the place heated?

521

00:19:17,840 --> 00:19:19,215

I don't know if
I paid attention.

522

00:19:19,215 --> 00:19:20,465

I don't know if it was heated.

523

00:19:20,465 --> 00:19:22,460

I don't remember a
wood stove or anything.

524

00:19:22,460 --> 00:19:23,627

Do you remember a coal oven?

525

00:19:23,627 --> 00:19:25,220

We had a stove.

526

00:19:25,220 --> 00:19:26,270

I remember that.

527

00:19:26,270 --> 00:19:29,650

But I don't-- maybe they put
coal in it, but not wood.

528

00:19:29,650 --> 00:19:34,130

What often happened

in city dwellings

529

00:19:34,130 --> 00:19:36,500

at that time is that
there'd be these beautifully

530

00:19:36,500 --> 00:19:38,360

decorated ovens called--

531

00:19:38,360 --> 00:19:39,647

that were coal ovens.

532

00:19:39,647 --> 00:19:40,980

Yeah, probably it was coal oven.

533

00:19:40,980 --> 00:19:45,170

And they would be in one room
or there'd be one per room.

534

00:19:45,170 --> 00:19:47,540

And they had nice tiles.

535

00:19:47,540 --> 00:19:49,410

Do you remember
anything like that?

536

00:19:49,410 --> 00:19:50,180

Not by the tiles--

537

00:19:50,180 --> 00:19:50,972

I remember the top.

538

00:19:50,972 --> 00:19:52,310

It was very nice and white.

539

00:19:52,310 --> 00:19:54,460

And it was a nice stove.

540

00:19:54,460 --> 00:19:55,360

OK.

541

00:19:55,360 --> 00:19:58,670

And it was only in the kitchen.

542

00:19:58,670 --> 00:19:59,920

We had it in the kitchen.

543

00:19:59,920 --> 00:20:00,700

OK.

544

00:20:00,700 --> 00:20:01,390

OK.

545

00:20:01,390 --> 00:20:03,820

Did you have a radio?

546

00:20:03,820 --> 00:20:05,510

I think they had
a radio later on.

547

00:20:05,510 --> 00:20:06,010

Yeah.

548

00:20:06,010 --> 00:20:09,010

Because they were listening
at one time to the news

549

00:20:09,010 --> 00:20:11,020

when the war was going on.

550

00:20:11,020 --> 00:20:11,740

I was going to--

551

00:20:11,740 --> 00:20:12,940

So they listened to a radio.

552

00:20:12,940 --> 00:20:13,780

Yeah.

553

00:20:13,780 --> 00:20:17,690

Did your father-- how
did he get to work?

554

00:20:17,690 --> 00:20:19,090

He didn't have a car.

555

00:20:19,090 --> 00:20:20,080

That was my question.

556

00:20:20,080 --> 00:20:21,580
So I don't really--

557

00:20:21,580 --> 00:20:23,870
probably transportation,
public transportation.

558

00:20:23,870 --> 00:20:25,100
But I really don't know.

559

00:20:25,100 --> 00:20:27,095
I don't remember,
I have to tell you.

560

00:20:27,095 --> 00:20:27,595
I'm ashamed.

561

00:20:27,595 --> 00:20:28,095
That's OK.

562

00:20:28,095 --> 00:20:29,270
But I don't remember.

563

00:20:29,270 --> 00:20:30,160
Yeah.

564

00:20:30,160 --> 00:20:32,900
Did you ever visit him at work?

565

00:20:32,900 --> 00:20:35,390
I think once we went there.

566

00:20:35,390 --> 00:20:35,890
Yes.

567

00:20:35,890 --> 00:20:36,430
We did go.

568

00:20:36,430 --> 00:20:40,030
Because my sister went too
close to their cutting machine,

569

00:20:40,030 --> 00:20:40,960
to the thing.

570

00:20:40,960 --> 00:20:43,510
And her hair got
caught in the thing.

571

00:20:43,510 --> 00:20:45,580
That I remember
clearly, in the back.

572

00:20:45,580 --> 00:20:48,070
She went too close to the--

573

00:20:48,070 --> 00:20:49,040
She was curious?

574

00:20:49,040 --> 00:20:49,540
Yeah.

575

00:20:49,540 --> 00:20:50,590
She was.

576

00:20:50,590 --> 00:20:53,680
So her hair got caught,
the hair on the back.

577

00:20:53,680 --> 00:20:56,560
So it was like a little
traumatic experience.

578

00:20:56,560 --> 00:20:57,280
But it was OK.

579

00:20:57,280 --> 00:20:58,900
She didn't get hurt.

580

00:20:58,900 --> 00:21:00,540
But this I remember.

581

00:21:00,540 --> 00:21:01,390
OK.

582

00:21:01,390 --> 00:21:03,160

But it was very hard
to cut the diamond.

583

00:21:03,160 --> 00:21:06,693

It had to be very,
very, very precise.

584

00:21:06,693 --> 00:21:08,860

And he had the loop, you
know, and all these things.

585

00:21:08,860 --> 00:21:10,770

He must have had
magnifying looks.

586

00:21:10,770 --> 00:21:12,228

I don't know what
they had-- loops.

587

00:21:12,228 --> 00:21:14,670

And it's very tedious.

588

00:21:14,670 --> 00:21:15,790

Because they had--

589

00:21:15,790 --> 00:21:18,100

I don't know how many
facets are to a diamond.

590

00:21:18,100 --> 00:21:19,720

But there were so many.

591

00:21:19,720 --> 00:21:25,990

And each one had to be cut
separately and perfectly.

592

00:21:25,990 --> 00:21:27,040

That takes--

593

00:21:27,040 --> 00:21:28,240

A lot of skill.

594

00:21:28,240 --> 00:21:29,020

Yeah.

595

00:21:29,020 --> 00:21:30,700

So we did go to visit him.

596

00:21:30,700 --> 00:21:33,330

And maybe more
than that one time.

597

00:21:33,330 --> 00:21:34,870

But I don't know
how he got to work.

598

00:21:34,870 --> 00:21:35,703

I really don't know.

599

00:21:35,703 --> 00:21:37,465

But they used to
have tramways, too,

600

00:21:37,465 --> 00:21:38,590

that could have been there.

601

00:21:38,590 --> 00:21:39,770

You know, on the--

602

00:21:39,770 --> 00:21:40,270

Sure.

603

00:21:40,270 --> 00:21:40,820

--streetcar.

604

00:21:40,820 --> 00:21:41,770

Yeah.

605

00:21:41,770 --> 00:21:43,240

Yeah.

606

00:21:43,240 --> 00:21:46,570

Did your mother, after you
and your sister were born,

607

00:21:46,570 --> 00:21:47,537

did she still work?

608

00:21:47,537 --> 00:21:49,370

Or did she stay at home
to take care of you?

609

00:21:49,370 --> 00:21:50,320

She stayed at home.

610

00:21:50,320 --> 00:21:52,990

Take care, but she
did some sewing.

611

00:21:52,990 --> 00:21:54,010

OK.

612

00:21:54,010 --> 00:21:55,390

Was she a good sewer?

613

00:21:55,390 --> 00:21:56,020

Yes.

614

00:21:56,020 --> 00:21:57,520

A very good sewer.

615

00:21:57,520 --> 00:21:58,930

Did she make your clothes?

616

00:21:58,930 --> 00:21:59,620

Yes.

617

00:21:59,620 --> 00:22:00,370

And your sister's?

618

00:22:00,370 --> 00:22:01,750

Yes.

619

00:22:01,750 --> 00:22:03,520

But sometimes we went
to the stores, too.

620

00:22:03,520 --> 00:22:05,190

Because they had
beautiful stores.

621

00:22:05,190 --> 00:22:07,530

And one beautiful
street in Antwerp

622

00:22:07,530 --> 00:22:09,370

was called De Keyserlei.

623

00:22:09,370 --> 00:22:11,050

Why I remember
that, I don't know.

624

00:22:11,050 --> 00:22:12,430

That's, like, Main Street.

625

00:22:12,430 --> 00:22:14,530

You know, like Fifth
Avenue or something.

626

00:22:14,530 --> 00:22:18,740

So she used to go in there and
copy from the window, you know,

627

00:22:18,740 --> 00:22:21,160

things, and then make it for us.

628

00:22:21,160 --> 00:22:21,700

Oh, wow.

629

00:22:21,700 --> 00:22:22,220

Yeah.

630

00:22:22,220 --> 00:22:22,720

Oh, wow.

631

00:22:22,720 --> 00:22:23,428

She was talented.

632

00:22:23,428 --> 00:22:25,123

And so you remember
accompanying her

633

00:22:25,123 --> 00:22:26,290

to see some of these stores?

634

00:22:26,290 --> 00:22:26,790
Yes.

635
00:22:26,790 --> 00:22:29,980
Sure, we walked in the
stores on that street.

636
00:22:29,980 --> 00:22:31,720
Yes.

637
00:22:31,720 --> 00:22:34,620
So we have only
really good memories

638
00:22:34,620 --> 00:22:37,750
from our home life all the time.

639
00:22:37,750 --> 00:22:40,298
And did she have
any help at home,

640
00:22:40,298 --> 00:22:42,090
like someone helping
her with the cleaning?

641
00:22:42,090 --> 00:22:42,185
No.

642
00:22:42,185 --> 00:22:43,310
She did everything herself.

643
00:22:43,310 --> 00:22:44,435
She did everything herself?

644
00:22:44,435 --> 00:22:45,740
Everything she did herself.

645
00:22:45,740 --> 00:22:46,570
OK.

646
00:22:46,570 --> 00:22:47,180
She baked.

647
00:22:47,180 --> 00:22:48,010

And she cooked.

648

00:22:48,010 --> 00:22:49,720

And she was a terrific cook.

649

00:22:49,720 --> 00:22:52,698

And baked, I remember
her making the strudel.

650

00:22:52,698 --> 00:22:53,740

Do you know what that is?

651

00:22:53,740 --> 00:22:54,520

Oh, yeah.

652

00:22:54,520 --> 00:22:56,915

On the table-- isn't that
funny, memories like that?

653

00:22:56,915 --> 00:22:58,540

She was stretching
the dough, you know,

654

00:22:58,540 --> 00:23:00,050

to thin, thin, thin dough.

655

00:23:00,050 --> 00:23:00,550

You know?

656

00:23:00,550 --> 00:23:02,800

And then fill it
with the fillings

657

00:23:02,800 --> 00:23:06,245

with the nuts and the--

658

00:23:06,245 --> 00:23:06,745

Apples?

659

00:23:06,745 --> 00:23:07,690

--apples, yeah.

660

00:23:07,690 --> 00:23:11,380

And then rolling the

thing and the cutting it.

661

00:23:11,380 --> 00:23:14,590
She was a very wonderful cook,
really, and a good baker.

662

00:23:14,590 --> 00:23:17,170
And she was-- in
every way, she was.

663

00:23:17,170 --> 00:23:18,747
Did you help her in the kitchen?

664

00:23:18,747 --> 00:23:20,080
Or were you too little too help?

665

00:23:20,080 --> 00:23:20,860
We were too little.

666

00:23:20,860 --> 00:23:22,777
And then I think she
wouldn't want us to help.

667

00:23:22,777 --> 00:23:24,860
[LAUGHING]

668

00:23:24,860 --> 00:23:25,650
Yeah.

669

00:23:25,650 --> 00:23:27,700
But it's interesting
the things that you

670

00:23:27,700 --> 00:23:29,060
remember in your mind's eye.

671

00:23:29,060 --> 00:23:29,560
Yeah.

672

00:23:29,560 --> 00:23:30,102
You know?

673

00:23:30,102 --> 00:23:31,060
I remember the kitchen.

674
00:23:31,060 --> 00:23:33,990
I remember that we were--

675
00:23:33,990 --> 00:23:37,620
and Belgium's-- it's the
home for chocolate, you know?

676
00:23:37,620 --> 00:23:38,300
Yes.

677
00:23:38,300 --> 00:23:39,330
Good chocolate.

678
00:23:39,330 --> 00:23:39,830
Oh, yes.

679
00:23:39,830 --> 00:23:40,900
--best chocolate.

680
00:23:40,900 --> 00:23:42,820
So we like chocolate, of course.

681
00:23:42,820 --> 00:23:46,217
So my sister was
the curious one.

682
00:23:46,217 --> 00:23:47,300
I remember this so clear--

683
00:23:47,300 --> 00:23:48,717
I don't know why--
in the kitchen,

684
00:23:48,717 --> 00:23:51,250
stepping on some chair
or something to go

685
00:23:51,250 --> 00:23:54,790
reach the chocolate and find it.

686
00:23:54,790 --> 00:23:56,720
And she found it.

687

00:23:56,720 --> 00:23:57,220

She did?

688

00:23:57,220 --> 00:23:58,762

This is a picture
that I have of her.

689

00:23:58,762 --> 00:23:59,890

She was little, yeah.

690

00:23:59,890 --> 00:24:02,470

And she got the chocolate.

691

00:24:02,470 --> 00:24:08,260

But in Belgium, they ate
chocolate, sometimes even,

692

00:24:08,260 --> 00:24:12,340

like, a snack, they put it on
the bread, you know, like the--

693

00:24:12,340 --> 00:24:13,120

Oh, really?

694

00:24:13,120 --> 00:24:16,142

--and butter and chocolate.

695

00:24:16,142 --> 00:24:18,940

You know, chocolate
pieces, you know, like--

696

00:24:18,940 --> 00:24:20,620

That's some snack.

697

00:24:20,620 --> 00:24:21,370

It's a good snack.

698

00:24:21,370 --> 00:24:22,540

[LAUGHING]

699

00:24:22,540 --> 00:24:25,120

I remember this snack.

700

00:24:25,120 --> 00:24:26,800
And we loved it.

701
00:24:26,800 --> 00:24:28,990
My sister was the
one that was more--

702
00:24:28,990 --> 00:24:30,824
get more into mischief.

703
00:24:30,824 --> 00:24:32,560
Oh, I see.

704
00:24:32,560 --> 00:24:35,920
Were you, in your
personality, were you more

705
00:24:35,920 --> 00:24:39,610
the reserved one or the
one who was obedient?

706
00:24:39,610 --> 00:24:40,750
I was obedient.

707
00:24:40,750 --> 00:24:45,400
I was, yes, I was obedient,
more obedient than my sister.

708
00:24:45,400 --> 00:24:47,830
But were you a pair, then?

709
00:24:47,830 --> 00:24:49,790
Were you one
another's best friend?

710
00:24:49,790 --> 00:24:50,290
Yeah.

711
00:24:50,290 --> 00:24:52,432
We did everything together.

712
00:24:52,432 --> 00:24:53,123
OK.

713

00:24:53,123 --> 00:24:53,790
We were friends.

714
00:24:53,790 --> 00:24:55,510
We were growing--
we had a nice garden

715
00:24:55,510 --> 00:24:58,360
in the back of the house.

716
00:24:58,360 --> 00:25:00,030
Did you have any pets?

717
00:25:00,030 --> 00:25:02,700
No pets, I don't
remember any pets.

718
00:25:02,700 --> 00:25:04,130
No.

719
00:25:04,130 --> 00:25:05,160
No pets.

720
00:25:05,160 --> 00:25:06,588
What did your street look like?

721
00:25:06,588 --> 00:25:07,380
Was it residential?

722
00:25:07,380 --> 00:25:09,870
My street was a
street-- to me, it

723
00:25:09,870 --> 00:25:12,310
seemed like it's a big street.

724
00:25:12,310 --> 00:25:14,850
When my sister went back
to Belgium, after the war,

725
00:25:14,850 --> 00:25:17,700
with her son, to show
her where we had lived.

726

00:25:17,700 --> 00:25:19,590
And she says, oh, my God.

727
00:25:19,590 --> 00:25:21,420
I thought it was
such a big street.

728
00:25:21,420 --> 00:25:23,980
And it's a small, not too big--

729
00:25:23,980 --> 00:25:27,450
narrow, with its two
sidewalks on each side.

730
00:25:27,450 --> 00:25:31,850
And to her, it looked like
a little, little street.

731
00:25:31,850 --> 00:25:33,250
Well, it shrunk.

732
00:25:33,250 --> 00:25:33,750
Yeah.

733
00:25:33,750 --> 00:25:34,250
It shrunk.

734
00:25:34,250 --> 00:25:34,830
[LAUGHING]

735
00:25:34,830 --> 00:25:37,320
When you get older, it shrinks.

736
00:25:37,320 --> 00:25:40,710
But we had a wonderful,
wonderful area.

737
00:25:40,710 --> 00:25:45,090
Because on our street,
going across it

738
00:25:45,090 --> 00:25:48,550
from the end of the street was
the school where we went to.

739

00:25:48,550 --> 00:25:49,680

And that was called--

740

00:25:49,680 --> 00:25:53,310

the public school, the
elementary school--

741

00:25:53,310 --> 00:25:56,730

so that's what's
called Bais Yaakov.

742

00:25:56,730 --> 00:25:58,110

But this was also modern.

743

00:25:58,110 --> 00:26:01,700

It was a girls school, for
girls, a Jewish school.

744

00:26:01,700 --> 00:26:02,290

Bais Yaakov?

745

00:26:02,290 --> 00:26:02,790

Yes.

746

00:26:02,790 --> 00:26:04,480

But it was a public school?

747

00:26:04,480 --> 00:26:05,730

No, that was a private school.

748

00:26:05,730 --> 00:26:06,690

It was a private school.

749

00:26:06,690 --> 00:26:07,690

It was a private school.

750

00:26:07,690 --> 00:26:08,490

Did you go there?

751

00:26:08,490 --> 00:26:09,060

Yes.

752

00:26:09,060 --> 00:26:10,140

We both went there.

753

00:26:10,140 --> 00:26:11,010

OK.

754

00:26:11,010 --> 00:26:12,070

OK.

755

00:26:12,070 --> 00:26:14,490

And what was your
neighborhood called?

756

00:26:14,490 --> 00:26:17,310

Did you have a name for what
part of Antwerp you lived in?

757

00:26:17,310 --> 00:26:18,090

No.

758

00:26:18,090 --> 00:26:20,060

I just know the
name of the street.

759

00:26:20,060 --> 00:26:21,930

What was the name of the street?

760

00:26:21,930 --> 00:26:23,905

[NON-ENGLISH] Rosebrook Straat.

761

00:26:23,905 --> 00:26:26,490

[NON-ENGLISH] Rosebrook Straat.

762

00:26:26,490 --> 00:26:27,750

That was Flemish.

763

00:26:27,750 --> 00:26:28,410

Aha.

764

00:26:28,410 --> 00:26:32,480

Because in Belgium, there
are two languages, bilingual.

765

00:26:32,480 --> 00:26:37,290

The one language was Flemish

and the other was French.

766

00:26:37,290 --> 00:26:38,820
Which did you speak at home?

767

00:26:38,820 --> 00:26:42,840
We spoke mainly
Flemish, Yiddish,

768

00:26:42,840 --> 00:26:45,720
and tried to understand
what my parents were

769

00:26:45,720 --> 00:26:47,880
talking in Hungarian.

770

00:26:47,880 --> 00:26:49,350
So I should know what it is.

771

00:26:49,350 --> 00:26:51,870
And I did pick up,
because I liked languages.

772

00:26:51,870 --> 00:26:54,880
So after a while, I knew
what they were talking about.

773

00:26:54,880 --> 00:26:57,600
But most of the time we spoke--

774

00:26:57,600 --> 00:27:01,987
the language of Antwerp
was more Flemish.

775

00:27:01,987 --> 00:27:02,570
[NON-ENGLISH].

776

00:27:02,570 --> 00:27:04,300
It was called in French.

777

00:27:04,300 --> 00:27:05,040
OK.

778

00:27:05,040 --> 00:27:07,710

French I learned later when--
well, I'll tell you the story.

779
00:27:07,710 --> 00:27:12,730
We fled from Belgium to France.

780
00:27:12,730 --> 00:27:14,190
It's a complicated--

781
00:27:14,190 --> 00:27:15,810
So at home, it was Flemish?

782
00:27:15,810 --> 00:27:17,310
Well, that makes
sense, because that

783
00:27:17,310 --> 00:27:20,030
would be closer to Yiddish
than French would be.

784
00:27:20,030 --> 00:27:20,530
Right.

785
00:27:20,530 --> 00:27:21,030
Right.

786
00:27:21,030 --> 00:27:21,530
Right.

787
00:27:21,530 --> 00:27:24,310
And your parents spoke
Hungarian to each other?

788
00:27:24,310 --> 00:27:26,310
Hungarian to each
other and Yiddish.

789
00:27:26,310 --> 00:27:27,210
OK.

790
00:27:27,210 --> 00:27:32,250
And in Flemish, because they
were in the country, you know.

791

00:27:32,250 --> 00:27:36,750

Was the house in a residential area or downtown?

792

00:27:36,750 --> 00:27:39,450

Where we lived was residential.

793

00:27:39,450 --> 00:27:40,340

It was residential.

794

00:27:40,340 --> 00:27:44,460

So was it a suburban area type of thing, far from the city

795

00:27:44,460 --> 00:27:47,820

center, or close to it?

796

00:27:47,820 --> 00:27:48,800

I don't know.

797

00:27:48,800 --> 00:27:51,258

I don't remember too well.

798

00:27:51,258 --> 00:27:52,800

I was never good in directions, still

799

00:27:52,800 --> 00:27:57,000

not, no sense of direction too much.

800

00:27:57,000 --> 00:27:57,840

That's OK.

801

00:27:57,840 --> 00:27:59,520

But to us, it seemed wonderful.

802

00:27:59,520 --> 00:28:01,380

Everything was wonderful.

803

00:28:01,380 --> 00:28:05,160

Did you have only your mother take care of you,

804

00:28:05,160 --> 00:28:07,270
or was there anybody
else who helped her out?

805
00:28:07,270 --> 00:28:07,770
No.

806
00:28:07,770 --> 00:28:09,420
She took care of
us all the time.

807
00:28:09,420 --> 00:28:10,620
OK.

808
00:28:10,620 --> 00:28:14,250
And my father came home
at night after work.

809
00:28:14,250 --> 00:28:16,800
And he spoiled us when he came.

810
00:28:16,800 --> 00:28:20,880
He brought us all kinds
of goodies, you know.

811
00:28:20,880 --> 00:28:26,070
But we also went,
in the summertime,

812
00:28:26,070 --> 00:28:29,760
there was a beach area.

813
00:28:29,760 --> 00:28:30,840
And it was called--

814
00:28:30,840 --> 00:28:33,840
I forgot the name
but two of them.

815
00:28:33,840 --> 00:28:37,380
It was-- I can't
remember right now.

816
00:28:37,380 --> 00:28:38,490
So we went there, too.

817
00:28:38,490 --> 00:28:42,040
So we had a nice time there
because we were by the beach.

818
00:28:42,040 --> 00:28:43,080
And--

819
00:28:43,080 --> 00:28:44,910
It was by the ocean?

820
00:28:44,910 --> 00:28:47,670
Antwerp is a port.

821
00:28:47,670 --> 00:28:51,120
But I don't know which
ocean it was at that time.

822
00:28:51,120 --> 00:28:54,815
It probably must
have been the north--

823
00:28:54,815 --> 00:28:56,360
what do you call it?

824
00:28:56,360 --> 00:28:57,150
North Sea?

825
00:28:57,150 --> 00:28:59,070
I don't know for sure.

826
00:28:59,070 --> 00:29:00,020
No.

827
00:29:00,020 --> 00:29:01,950
It was on the Belgian coast?

828
00:29:01,950 --> 00:29:03,033
Was it within the country?

829
00:29:03,033 --> 00:29:04,890
Yes, yes, yes, yes,
the Belgian coast.

830

00:29:04,890 --> 00:29:09,090

And like I said, my sense
of direction, at that time,

831

00:29:09,090 --> 00:29:10,620

I didn't pay that
much attention.

832

00:29:10,620 --> 00:29:12,390

I just knew that when
we were going out

833

00:29:12,390 --> 00:29:14,950

in the street in
front of the house,

834

00:29:14,950 --> 00:29:18,780

we used to have a
scooter, not a bicycle.

835

00:29:18,780 --> 00:29:21,960

A scooter that we did scoot
it with the feet, you know?

836

00:29:21,960 --> 00:29:24,990

That's what we used to
call it, [NON-ENGLISH]..

837

00:29:24,990 --> 00:29:25,870

[NON-ENGLISH].

838

00:29:25,870 --> 00:29:27,500

[NON-ENGLISH].

839

00:29:27,500 --> 00:29:29,650

It's funny that you remember
some things like that.

840

00:29:29,650 --> 00:29:30,210

Yeah.

841

00:29:30,210 --> 00:29:32,080

But that comes back to you.

842

00:29:32,080 --> 00:29:32,700
You know?

843
00:29:32,700 --> 00:29:34,270
Did you play with
neighborhood kids?

844
00:29:34,270 --> 00:29:34,770
Yeah.

845
00:29:34,770 --> 00:29:36,330
We played with
neighborhood kids.

846
00:29:36,330 --> 00:29:37,960
And most of them were Jewish?

847
00:29:37,960 --> 00:29:38,460
No.

848
00:29:38,460 --> 00:29:39,408
It was very mixed.

849
00:29:39,408 --> 00:29:39,950
It was mixed.

850
00:29:39,950 --> 00:29:41,580
Our next door neighbor
was not Jewish.

851
00:29:41,580 --> 00:29:42,390
That I know.

852
00:29:42,390 --> 00:29:43,590
OK.

853
00:29:43,590 --> 00:29:47,160
And did you have
non-Jewish friends then?

854
00:29:47,160 --> 00:29:48,600
Not out of the school.

855
00:29:48,600 --> 00:29:50,160

Because when we went
to school, those

856
00:29:50,160 --> 00:29:53,820
were our friends, whoever
went to the same school,

857
00:29:53,820 --> 00:29:55,590
even if they didn't
live right there.

858
00:29:55,590 --> 00:29:57,600
But those were
our friends, yeah.

859
00:29:57,600 --> 00:29:58,260
Yeah.

860
00:29:58,260 --> 00:30:01,260
That's what I remember.

861
00:30:01,260 --> 00:30:04,650
What kind of memories
do you have of school?

862
00:30:04,650 --> 00:30:05,700
Good memories.

863
00:30:05,700 --> 00:30:07,047
I have good memories, yeah.

864
00:30:07,047 --> 00:30:07,755
It was very nice.

865
00:30:07,755 --> 00:30:12,060
I remember-- I don't
remember the teachers' names.

866
00:30:12,060 --> 00:30:14,670
But I remember what was on
the walls, all the pictures,

867
00:30:14,670 --> 00:30:15,450
you know?

868

00:30:15,450 --> 00:30:20,893

They had animals and
all sorts of nice--

869

00:30:20,893 --> 00:30:22,060

I remember the wall picture.

870

00:30:22,060 --> 00:30:25,110

I remember especially
one was for A, was off--

871

00:30:25,110 --> 00:30:27,900

you know, monkey?

872

00:30:27,900 --> 00:30:29,580

But they were very nice.

873

00:30:29,580 --> 00:30:33,660

The teachers were
very, very lovely.

874

00:30:33,660 --> 00:30:35,730

Did you have a favorite teacher?

875

00:30:35,730 --> 00:30:39,190

I wouldn't remember
her from that time.

876

00:30:39,190 --> 00:30:43,500

Because I was there only till
I was 9 years old, just 9.

877

00:30:43,500 --> 00:30:44,840

OK.

878

00:30:44,840 --> 00:30:47,970

And so that would have made
third grade or fourth grade,

879

00:30:47,970 --> 00:30:50,250

or third class or fourth class?

880

00:30:50,250 --> 00:30:51,380

I have no idea.

881
00:30:51,380 --> 00:30:55,780
I know that we went there as
children, too, like preschool,

882
00:30:55,780 --> 00:30:56,280
too.

883
00:30:56,280 --> 00:31:00,084
And then, I don't know.

884
00:31:00,084 --> 00:31:02,510
Do you know what age
you started school?

885
00:31:02,510 --> 00:31:05,280

886
00:31:05,280 --> 00:31:07,710
I don't know, probably five--

887
00:31:07,710 --> 00:31:08,210
OK.

888
00:31:08,210 --> 00:31:09,520
--six.

889
00:31:09,520 --> 00:31:10,020
OK.

890
00:31:10,020 --> 00:31:12,950
So that would have been 1935,
1936, something like that?

891
00:31:12,950 --> 00:31:13,450
Yeah.

892
00:31:13,450 --> 00:31:15,270
1936, we already went to--

893
00:31:15,270 --> 00:31:18,240
I told you-- to Czechoslovakia.

894

00:31:18,240 --> 00:31:19,290
So that I remember.

895
00:31:19,290 --> 00:31:20,710
We went to Czechoslovakia.

896
00:31:20,710 --> 00:31:21,390
With my mother.

897
00:31:21,390 --> 00:31:21,890
Yeah.

898
00:31:21,890 --> 00:31:24,630
You mentioned that you stopped
to see your grandfather.

899
00:31:24,630 --> 00:31:27,660
Now did he look more
traditional orthodox,

900
00:31:27,660 --> 00:31:29,500
or was he also modern dressed?

901
00:31:29,500 --> 00:31:30,000
No.

902
00:31:30,000 --> 00:31:32,290
He was more traditional.

903
00:31:32,290 --> 00:31:33,510
OK.

904
00:31:33,510 --> 00:31:37,560
And did you then say you went
to visit your father's family?

905
00:31:37,560 --> 00:31:38,550
Yes.

906
00:31:38,550 --> 00:31:39,930
And he also had a beard.

907
00:31:39,930 --> 00:31:40,710
OK.

908

00:31:40,710 --> 00:31:45,260

And my grandmother
had a sheitel, a wig.

909

00:31:45,260 --> 00:31:48,960

So they were very
wonderful people,

910

00:31:48,960 --> 00:31:50,610

too, my father's parents.

911

00:31:50,610 --> 00:31:51,210

Yeah?

912

00:31:51,210 --> 00:31:52,020

Yeah.

913

00:31:52,020 --> 00:31:55,290

And had any of their
children stayed

914

00:31:55,290 --> 00:31:57,930

in the same place with them in--

915

00:31:57,930 --> 00:31:59,750

what was it, "Novy
Svedík" or something?

916

00:31:59,750 --> 00:32:00,500

You said that he--

917

00:32:00,500 --> 00:32:01,810

Nizny Svidník.

918

00:32:01,810 --> 00:32:02,850

"Nizny Svid--"

919

00:32:02,850 --> 00:32:03,350

Yeah.

920

00:32:03,350 --> 00:32:03,560

Yeah.

921
00:32:03,560 --> 00:32:04,320
[LAUGHING]

922
00:32:04,320 --> 00:32:06,510
Did any of their kids
stay, their father's

923
00:32:06,510 --> 00:32:07,490
brothers or sisters?

924
00:32:07,490 --> 00:32:08,650
Or are all of them--

925
00:32:08,650 --> 00:32:09,750
Most of them went away.

926
00:32:09,750 --> 00:32:11,640
They went to Antwerp.

927
00:32:11,640 --> 00:32:15,240
And they went to
America, too, later on.

928
00:32:15,240 --> 00:32:17,690
But I don't remember
clearly there.

929
00:32:17,690 --> 00:32:19,640
But I know that
everybody spoiled us.

930
00:32:19,640 --> 00:32:20,520
That I remember.

931
00:32:20,520 --> 00:32:22,110
Because they didn't
see kids like us.

932
00:32:22,110 --> 00:32:24,920
Because we were different
than they were somehow.

933
00:32:24,920 --> 00:32:28,080
And our grandparents

were wonderful to us.

934

00:32:28,080 --> 00:32:30,322
They spoiled us rotten.

935

00:32:30,322 --> 00:32:31,530
Didn't know what to do with--

936

00:32:31,530 --> 00:32:32,905
That's what
grandparents are for.

937

00:32:32,905 --> 00:32:34,120
Yeah.

938

00:32:34,120 --> 00:32:35,700
But we didn't stay long.

939

00:32:35,700 --> 00:32:38,260
Because we had to go back.

940

00:32:38,260 --> 00:32:41,310
My mother and-- my
father came later.

941

00:32:41,310 --> 00:32:44,850
We went with my mother,
alone, you know, at first.

942

00:32:44,850 --> 00:32:48,120
And then my father met us there.

943

00:32:48,120 --> 00:32:50,130
And then we came back.

944

00:32:50,130 --> 00:32:52,860
That was one of my questions,
whether it had been a family

945

00:32:52,860 --> 00:32:56,430
trip, or he had stayed
in Belgium for a while

946

00:32:56,430 --> 00:32:58,680

and you went on ahead of him.

947

00:32:58,680 --> 00:33:00,870
And it sounds like first
you went and visited

948

00:33:00,870 --> 00:33:01,770
your mother's place.

949

00:33:01,770 --> 00:33:02,470
Yes.

950

00:33:02,470 --> 00:33:03,600
And then we went there.

951

00:33:03,600 --> 00:33:07,350
And then my father was there,
too, and joined us there.

952

00:33:07,350 --> 00:33:10,500
Was that the only trip you
took to Czechoslovakia?

953

00:33:10,500 --> 00:33:13,945
Only one, the only time that I
ever saw my grandparents ever.

954

00:33:13,945 --> 00:33:15,390
I see.

955

00:33:15,390 --> 00:33:19,540
Did anybody ever come
to visit you in Antwerp?

956

00:33:19,540 --> 00:33:20,040
No.

957

00:33:20,040 --> 00:33:21,960
Not from the Czechoslovakia, no.

958

00:33:21,960 --> 00:33:23,280
OK.

959

00:33:23,280 --> 00:33:24,420

OK.

960

00:33:24,420 --> 00:33:28,740

And you said that your
parents did have a radio?

961

00:33:28,740 --> 00:33:29,350

Is that right?

962

00:33:29,350 --> 00:33:29,850

No.

963

00:33:29,850 --> 00:33:30,880

My parents had a radio.

964

00:33:30,880 --> 00:33:31,380

Yes.

965

00:33:31,380 --> 00:33:31,950

They had one.

966

00:33:31,950 --> 00:33:32,940

Yeah.

967

00:33:32,940 --> 00:33:34,643

Did they also read newspapers?

968

00:33:34,643 --> 00:33:35,310

Did they order--

969

00:33:35,310 --> 00:33:38,010

Yeah, my father and my
mother, they read newspapers.

970

00:33:38,010 --> 00:33:42,480

So he subscribed to some
and got them every day,

971

00:33:42,480 --> 00:33:43,773

or brought them home with him?

972

00:33:43,773 --> 00:33:44,440

Do you remember?

973

00:33:44,440 --> 00:33:45,250

The papers?

974

00:33:45,250 --> 00:33:47,180

Yeah.

975

00:33:47,180 --> 00:33:48,070

I know he had papers.

976

00:33:48,070 --> 00:33:49,820

But I wasn't that interested, to tell you

977

00:33:49,820 --> 00:33:53,310

the truth at that time in the papers.

978

00:33:53,310 --> 00:33:57,660

But they were both interested in what's going on in the world.

979

00:33:57,660 --> 00:33:59,790

Now do you remember--

980

00:33:59,790 --> 00:34:05,784

this is an unfair question to ask, but I'll ask it.

981

00:34:05,784 --> 00:34:08,159

Do you remember the first time you heard the name Hitler?

982

00:34:08,159 --> 00:34:11,510

983

00:34:11,510 --> 00:34:15,860

It was already when I was probably nine years old.

984

00:34:15,860 --> 00:34:19,070

I heard something.

985

00:34:19,070 --> 00:34:20,790

Had the war started or not yet?

986
00:34:20,790 --> 00:34:21,290
Yeah.

987
00:34:21,290 --> 00:34:23,420
The war started in
1940 in Belgium.

988
00:34:23,420 --> 00:34:25,810
They bombed Belgium in 1940.

989
00:34:25,810 --> 00:34:27,860
And that's exactly when
I was nine years old,

990
00:34:27,860 --> 00:34:30,020
just about my birthday.

991
00:34:30,020 --> 00:34:35,690
And then I don't remember
the date, but it was in 1940.

992
00:34:35,690 --> 00:34:36,800
OK.

993
00:34:36,800 --> 00:34:38,300
And then they were bombing.

994
00:34:38,300 --> 00:34:40,560
And there were a lot of bombs.

995
00:34:40,560 --> 00:34:43,760
And I remember the
sirens and the bombs.

996
00:34:43,760 --> 00:34:47,840
And then, at that time,
that's where they were all

997
00:34:47,840 --> 00:34:48,980
listening to the radio.

998
00:34:48,980 --> 00:34:50,750
Everybody was

listening to the radio,

999

00:34:50,750 --> 00:34:53,000
even the one's that didn't
have, so went to a neighbor

1000

00:34:53,000 --> 00:34:54,460
and listened to radio.

1001

00:34:54,460 --> 00:34:58,130
And all the Jewish
friends decided,

1002

00:34:58,130 --> 00:35:00,590
I think I'm running away from
the question that you asked?

1003

00:35:00,590 --> 00:35:01,790
No, you're not, actually.

1004

00:35:01,790 --> 00:35:04,870
We're going straight into them.

1005

00:35:04,870 --> 00:35:07,670
Unless there's something
I haven't asked,

1006

00:35:07,670 --> 00:35:11,080
I think we've gotten a picture
of what your childhood--

1007

00:35:11,080 --> 00:35:14,420
It was beautiful, our childhood,
very beautiful and wonderful,

1008

00:35:14,420 --> 00:35:18,800
comfortable, and
loving, and very good

1009

00:35:18,800 --> 00:35:21,950
memories from my childhood,
and with my sister,

1010

00:35:21,950 --> 00:35:23,330
my little sister.

1011
00:35:23,330 --> 00:35:27,950
And we had, like I said,
a nice garden in the back.

1012
00:35:27,950 --> 00:35:30,633
And I remember going
down the steps.

1013
00:35:30,633 --> 00:35:33,050
I think my sister fell down
the steps one day, because she

1014
00:35:33,050 --> 00:35:35,030
was always in trouble.

1015
00:35:35,030 --> 00:35:38,270
And on that was a terrace
going down to the garden.

1016
00:35:38,270 --> 00:35:43,950
And I remember that we had
grapes growing on the terrace.

1017
00:35:43,950 --> 00:35:45,980
And we had an apple
tree and a pear tree.

1018
00:35:45,980 --> 00:35:46,760
Oh, how lovely.

1019
00:35:46,760 --> 00:35:47,520
Yeah.

1020
00:35:47,520 --> 00:35:49,250
And it was very nice.

1021
00:35:49,250 --> 00:35:53,870
And it was a nice place to live.

1022
00:35:53,870 --> 00:35:56,637
And to us, it was heaven.

1023
00:35:56,637 --> 00:35:57,470

That's what we knew.

1024
00:35:57,470 --> 00:35:59,150
That's how we grew up.

1025
00:35:59,150 --> 00:36:00,500
And then it all changed.

1026
00:36:00,500 --> 00:36:02,390
In a couple of days.

1027
00:36:02,390 --> 00:36:02,940
Really?

1028
00:36:02,940 --> 00:36:07,610
We started to hear news
about Hitler before.

1029
00:36:07,610 --> 00:36:09,860
And then it reached us.

1030
00:36:09,860 --> 00:36:13,020
So the people, I don't
know how they got together,

1031
00:36:13,020 --> 00:36:15,350
my parents and friends
and all that everybody

1032
00:36:15,350 --> 00:36:16,930
knew from each other.

1033
00:36:16,930 --> 00:36:18,590
And the whole bunch
of Jewish people

1034
00:36:18,590 --> 00:36:23,810
decided that they would
be better off to go--

1035
00:36:23,810 --> 00:36:25,650
I don't know who was
in charge of this.

1036

00:36:25,650 --> 00:36:30,650
But to go and flee to
France, South of France.

1037
00:36:30,650 --> 00:36:34,500
Because they wouldn't come
there, the Germans, they said.

1038
00:36:34,500 --> 00:36:35,030
You know?

1039
00:36:35,030 --> 00:36:38,030
That was really a
Vichy time, you know?

1040
00:36:38,030 --> 00:36:40,080
That was free.

1041
00:36:40,080 --> 00:36:42,770
So do you remember
leaving your home?

1042
00:36:42,770 --> 00:36:43,580
Yes.

1043
00:36:43,580 --> 00:36:44,480
I remember very well.

1044
00:36:44,480 --> 00:36:48,920
My mother made roast chicken--

1045
00:36:48,920 --> 00:36:50,540
no, fried chicken--

1046
00:36:50,540 --> 00:36:54,440
Southern fried chicken
and French fries.

1047
00:36:54,440 --> 00:36:57,640
Because French fries
come from Belgium, too.

1048
00:36:57,640 --> 00:36:58,530
Pommes frites?

1049

00:36:58,530 --> 00:36:59,350
[LAUGHING]

1050

00:36:59,350 --> 00:37:00,370
The frites.

1051

00:37:00,370 --> 00:37:01,070
Yeah.

1052

00:37:01,070 --> 00:37:03,960
The pomme-- de terre frites.

1053

00:37:03,960 --> 00:37:05,780
That's why I remember the meal.

1054

00:37:05,780 --> 00:37:10,310
After we ate it, then they
took just whatever they could,

1055

00:37:10,310 --> 00:37:10,910
very little.

1056

00:37:10,910 --> 00:37:14,150
Because we were going just,
like, running away, you know.

1057

00:37:14,150 --> 00:37:17,880
It was from one minute to the
other that this was decided.

1058

00:37:17,880 --> 00:37:19,410
So I remember--

1059

00:37:19,410 --> 00:37:22,130
Did you take a toy with you?

1060

00:37:22,130 --> 00:37:23,580
I don't know.

1061

00:37:23,580 --> 00:37:24,960
I really don't remember.

1062

00:37:24,960 --> 00:37:25,460

OK.

1063
00:37:25,460 --> 00:37:26,120
Maybe I did.

1064
00:37:26,120 --> 00:37:29,690
But it wasn't a time
for toys, exactly, then.

1065
00:37:29,690 --> 00:37:32,660
But some things I
don't remember well,

1066
00:37:32,660 --> 00:37:34,850
I've told you, some things.

1067
00:37:34,850 --> 00:37:37,190
But I remember the trip.

1068
00:37:37,190 --> 00:37:38,050
Tell me about it.

1069
00:37:38,050 --> 00:37:40,460
The trip going
there, because they

1070
00:37:40,460 --> 00:37:45,850
went in trains that were
not, how do you call it, real

1071
00:37:45,850 --> 00:37:47,760
trains for passengers.

1072
00:37:47,760 --> 00:37:50,010
It was, like, they would
have the trains later on

1073
00:37:50,010 --> 00:37:51,760
to go to the camps, you know?

1074
00:37:51,760 --> 00:37:52,760
There's no place to sit.

1075
00:37:52,760 --> 00:37:53,880

Like cattle cars?

1076
00:37:53,880 --> 00:37:54,410
Yeah.

1077
00:37:54,410 --> 00:37:55,070
Cattle cars.

1078
00:37:55,070 --> 00:37:57,730
That's probably what
they were, cattle cars.

1079
00:37:57,730 --> 00:37:59,690
And everybody
bunched in together.

1080
00:37:59,690 --> 00:38:00,800
OK.

1081
00:38:00,800 --> 00:38:01,990
And I remember going there.

1082
00:38:01,990 --> 00:38:02,928
And we were scared.

1083
00:38:02,928 --> 00:38:04,220
It was the middle of the night.

1084
00:38:04,220 --> 00:38:05,630
We went at night.

1085
00:38:05,630 --> 00:38:10,880
And then we were afraid because
there was bombing noise.

1086
00:38:10,880 --> 00:38:14,000
And we were there and
there's a bunch of people,

1087
00:38:14,000 --> 00:38:15,920
some other strangers.

1088
00:38:15,920 --> 00:38:18,982
I remember two sisters,

they were two spinsters,

1089

00:38:18,982 --> 00:38:19,940
they never got married.

1090

00:38:19,940 --> 00:38:23,030
And my mother was, I told you,
a good person, took in everybody

1091

00:38:23,030 --> 00:38:27,090
and take care of everybody
and helped everybody.

1092

00:38:27,090 --> 00:38:30,840
So these two ladies, they
were not so young anymore.

1093

00:38:30,840 --> 00:38:33,350
But she always took
care of somebody.

1094

00:38:33,350 --> 00:38:36,680
So they were in the
same train with us.

1095

00:38:36,680 --> 00:38:41,060
And they were so frightened
that I remember them crying.

1096

00:38:41,060 --> 00:38:42,590
And they didn't want to live.

1097

00:38:42,590 --> 00:38:43,815
They wanted to just--

1098

00:38:43,815 --> 00:38:44,315
Give up.

1099

00:38:44,315 --> 00:38:46,850
--give up, completely give up.

1100

00:38:46,850 --> 00:38:49,040
So I know why I remember this.

1101

00:38:49,040 --> 00:38:50,490
Because they were
crying, you see.

1102
00:38:50,490 --> 00:38:53,752
And my father, I remember
he was very nervous

1103
00:38:53,752 --> 00:38:54,710
about this whole thing.

1104
00:38:54,710 --> 00:38:56,430
So I remember him sitting--

1105
00:38:56,430 --> 00:38:58,700
at one time, when the
train stopped somewhere,

1106
00:38:58,700 --> 00:39:03,090
sitting on the steps from
the train, sitting there.

1107
00:39:03,090 --> 00:39:04,728
My mother was worried.

1108
00:39:04,728 --> 00:39:06,270
She didn't know what
he was thinking.

1109
00:39:06,270 --> 00:39:07,250
You know?

1110
00:39:07,250 --> 00:39:09,760
It was a very, very, very--

1111
00:39:09,760 --> 00:39:10,260
Anxious.

1112
00:39:10,260 --> 00:39:12,277
--anxious time for us.

1113
00:39:12,277 --> 00:39:13,860
Don't know where we
were going really.

1114

00:39:13,860 --> 00:39:14,568

We're just going.

1115

00:39:14,568 --> 00:39:16,410

Did they give you
any explanation

1116

00:39:16,410 --> 00:39:19,020

why you had left,
why you had to leave?

1117

00:39:19,020 --> 00:39:20,630

You know, that I don't remember.

1118

00:39:20,630 --> 00:39:23,910

But they told us we have
to go because no good here.

1119

00:39:23,910 --> 00:39:26,030

Because we knew the bombing,
because we heard it.

1120

00:39:26,030 --> 00:39:27,450

OK.

1121

00:39:27,450 --> 00:39:29,070

Did you own your own home?

1122

00:39:29,070 --> 00:39:29,580

Yes.

1123

00:39:29,580 --> 00:39:30,080

OK.

1124

00:39:30,080 --> 00:39:31,800

So they left their furniture?

1125

00:39:31,800 --> 00:39:32,320

Everything.

1126

00:39:32,320 --> 00:39:32,820

Everything.

1127

00:39:32,820 --> 00:39:35,020
Everything.

1128
00:39:35,020 --> 00:39:35,520
OK.

1129
00:39:35,520 --> 00:39:38,050
It was a very nice
house, like I told you.

1130
00:39:38,050 --> 00:39:42,303
We had beautiful
front going up steps.

1131
00:39:42,303 --> 00:39:44,220
I think they were marble,
as a matter of fact,

1132
00:39:44,220 --> 00:39:45,360
wide, wide steps.

1133
00:39:45,360 --> 00:39:47,365
You know, about five
steps, six steps,

1134
00:39:47,365 --> 00:39:48,740
I don't know why
I remember this.

1135
00:39:48,740 --> 00:39:52,380
And we had a very
nicely furnished home.

1136
00:39:52,380 --> 00:39:54,390
My mother was very fussy
about certain things.

1137
00:39:54,390 --> 00:39:56,880
She wanted to have
everything nice.

1138
00:39:56,880 --> 00:39:59,680
Did your father ever give
her jewelry as presents?

1139

00:39:59,680 --> 00:40:00,180
Yes.

1140
00:40:00,180 --> 00:40:03,600
She had her engagement
ring, a diamond

1141
00:40:03,600 --> 00:40:06,450
ring really very
expensive at that time

1142
00:40:06,450 --> 00:40:08,750
when they got engaged.

1143
00:40:08,750 --> 00:40:11,150
And who has the ring?

1144
00:40:11,150 --> 00:40:12,630
I don't know if we ever got it.

1145
00:40:12,630 --> 00:40:14,640
Maybe Renee has the
ring, maybe my daughter.

1146
00:40:14,640 --> 00:40:15,900
I'm not even sure.

1147
00:40:15,900 --> 00:40:17,430
But she had it.

1148
00:40:17,430 --> 00:40:20,570
She hid it all the time,
wherever we went after that.

1149
00:40:20,570 --> 00:40:25,440
And yeah, so he
gave her jewelry.

1150
00:40:25,440 --> 00:40:26,110
OK.

1151
00:40:26,110 --> 00:40:27,760
The upstairs neighbors--

1152

00:40:27,760 --> 00:40:28,260
Pardon me?

1153
00:40:28,260 --> 00:40:32,460
The upstairs neighbors who
rented from you, did they stay

1154
00:40:32,460 --> 00:40:34,830
or did they also leave?

1155
00:40:34,830 --> 00:40:38,280
That was just people
that we didn't even know.

1156
00:40:38,280 --> 00:40:40,040
No, I don't even know
they were Jewish.

1157
00:40:40,040 --> 00:40:41,050
OK.

1158
00:40:41,050 --> 00:40:41,550
OK.

1159
00:40:41,550 --> 00:40:43,050
You don't know if they
were, they weren't.

1160
00:40:43,050 --> 00:40:43,590
No.

1161
00:40:43,590 --> 00:40:44,340
OK.

1162
00:40:44,340 --> 00:40:46,010
So you're on a cattle car?

1163
00:40:46,010 --> 00:40:46,510
Yeah.

1164
00:40:46,510 --> 00:40:47,490
You're going South.

1165
00:40:47,490 --> 00:40:49,500

You have two spinsters
who are crying.

1166
00:40:49,500 --> 00:40:50,000
Yes, yes.

1167
00:40:50,000 --> 00:40:50,583
You have you--

1168
00:40:50,583 --> 00:40:52,150
Nobody else was
very happy, either.

1169
00:40:52,150 --> 00:40:52,650
Yeah.

1170
00:40:52,650 --> 00:40:53,470
No.

1171
00:40:53,470 --> 00:40:53,970
Yeah.

1172
00:40:53,970 --> 00:40:56,900
Were there other children
on the cattle car?

1173
00:40:56,900 --> 00:40:58,403
You know, now I don't remember.

1174
00:40:58,403 --> 00:41:00,570
I remember-- mainly, I
remember these two spinsters.

1175
00:41:00,570 --> 00:41:02,680
Because they were
crying the whole time.

1176
00:41:02,680 --> 00:41:04,890
And they were very, very sad.

1177
00:41:04,890 --> 00:41:06,750
And your father is
nervous himself?

1178

00:41:06,750 --> 00:41:08,010
Yes.

1179
00:41:08,010 --> 00:41:10,200
And when he's sitting
on those steps,

1180
00:41:10,200 --> 00:41:14,170
are those, like, you open
the cattle car doors?

1181
00:41:14,170 --> 00:41:14,670
Yeah.

1182
00:41:14,670 --> 00:41:15,420
Right, steps.

1183
00:41:15,420 --> 00:41:16,300
And right there.

1184
00:41:16,300 --> 00:41:16,800
Yes.

1185
00:41:16,800 --> 00:41:17,300
All right.

1186
00:41:17,300 --> 00:41:20,640
My mother, I know,
was nervous about it.

1187
00:41:20,640 --> 00:41:23,170
And this is as the
train is moving?

1188
00:41:23,170 --> 00:41:25,540
No, I think when it
stopped or something.

1189
00:41:25,540 --> 00:41:28,250
You can't, because the
doors wouldn't open then

1190
00:41:28,250 --> 00:41:29,520
if it's going.

1191
00:41:29,520 --> 00:41:30,240
OK.

1192
00:41:30,240 --> 00:41:31,990
So when it was
going, it was dark?

1193
00:41:31,990 --> 00:41:32,490
Yes.

1194
00:41:32,490 --> 00:41:33,670
Pitch dark.

1195
00:41:33,670 --> 00:41:34,230
OK.

1196
00:41:34,230 --> 00:41:34,765
No lights.

1197
00:41:34,765 --> 00:41:39,030
They didn't want us to have
lights because didn't want to--

1198
00:41:39,030 --> 00:41:39,640
Attract bombs?

1199
00:41:39,640 --> 00:41:43,230
--attract attention, you know.

1200
00:41:43,230 --> 00:41:45,720
And so how long did
you travel like this?

1201
00:41:45,720 --> 00:41:48,600
I don't know exactly how
much mileage, but awhile.

1202
00:41:48,600 --> 00:41:50,940
Because we went to
south of France,

1203
00:41:50,940 --> 00:41:52,590
not that it's so
far from Belgium.

1204
00:41:52,590 --> 00:41:54,470
But we went to the
south of France.

1205
00:41:54,470 --> 00:41:55,510
Well, it's far enough.

1206
00:41:55,510 --> 00:41:56,010
Yeah.

1207
00:41:56,010 --> 00:41:58,470
It's far enough.

1208
00:41:58,470 --> 00:42:02,410
And when you got off,
where did you land?

1209
00:42:02,410 --> 00:42:08,610
We landed in some kind
of small town, village.

1210
00:42:08,610 --> 00:42:10,650
And I don't know why
they stopped there.

1211
00:42:10,650 --> 00:42:14,720
That's where we landed,
in a French village,

1212
00:42:14,720 --> 00:42:18,640
where they never had seen a Jew.

1213
00:42:18,640 --> 00:42:21,330
They didn't know what we were.

1214
00:42:21,330 --> 00:42:23,520
But we stayed in the village.

1215
00:42:23,520 --> 00:42:25,740
And then somehow we
got an apartment--

1216
00:42:25,740 --> 00:42:27,700

not an apartment, like a room.

1217

00:42:27,700 --> 00:42:30,600

And we stayed in that village.

1218

00:42:30,600 --> 00:42:37,560

And my mother used to sew
for the peasant ladies.

1219

00:42:37,560 --> 00:42:41,100

And they gave her food,
you know, and things.

1220

00:42:41,100 --> 00:42:43,090

It was a barter system, somehow.

1221

00:42:43,090 --> 00:42:45,463

And that's what I
remember, somehow.

1222

00:42:45,463 --> 00:42:47,130

Do you remember the
name of the village?

1223

00:42:47,130 --> 00:42:50,850

1224

00:42:50,850 --> 00:42:53,110

I think of Autoliv,
but I'm not sure.

1225

00:42:53,110 --> 00:42:54,860

OK.

1226

00:42:54,860 --> 00:42:56,460

I don't remember.

1227

00:42:56,460 --> 00:42:57,150

We were there.

1228

00:42:57,150 --> 00:43:00,780

But we stayed there
a little while.

1229

00:43:00,780 --> 00:43:04,110
And then what did they do?

1230
00:43:04,110 --> 00:43:04,830
What did we do?

1231
00:43:04,830 --> 00:43:05,610
We stayed a while.

1232
00:43:05,610 --> 00:43:17,250
And then they started to take
the Jewish people into camps,

1233
00:43:17,250 --> 00:43:19,320
like transient camps--

1234
00:43:19,320 --> 00:43:21,570
waiting to go somewhere else.

1235
00:43:21,570 --> 00:43:22,070
You know?

1236
00:43:22,070 --> 00:43:22,570
OK.

1237
00:43:22,570 --> 00:43:23,360
Here's a question.

1238
00:43:23,360 --> 00:43:24,640
I don't-- I'm not remembering.

1239
00:43:24,640 --> 00:43:25,140
Yeah.

1240
00:43:25,140 --> 00:43:27,870
When you were in
that cattle car,

1241
00:43:27,870 --> 00:43:30,930
do you know about how many
people were in there with you?

1242
00:43:30,930 --> 00:43:32,120
In the car?

1243
00:43:32,120 --> 00:43:35,068
In our car, in our area?

1244
00:43:35,068 --> 00:43:37,110
To me, it seems like a
lot, because I was little.

1245
00:43:37,110 --> 00:43:38,938
We were little.

1246
00:43:38,938 --> 00:43:39,480
I don't know.

1247
00:43:39,480 --> 00:43:41,420
Maybe it was 20, 25.

1248
00:43:41,420 --> 00:43:41,980
I don't know.

1249
00:43:41,980 --> 00:43:42,630
I can't tell you.

1250
00:43:42,630 --> 00:43:43,130
OK.

1251
00:43:43,130 --> 00:43:44,178
Because I don't know.

1252
00:43:44,178 --> 00:43:44,720
I'm not sure.

1253
00:43:44,720 --> 00:43:47,850
And were there more cattle
cars with more people in them?

1254
00:43:47,850 --> 00:43:50,160
Yeah, yeah, yeah,
attached to the train,

1255
00:43:50,160 --> 00:43:51,480
you know, the whole train.

1256

00:43:51,480 --> 00:43:51,980
OK.

1257
00:43:51,980 --> 00:43:54,090
So it was a train
full of cattle cars.

1258
00:43:54,090 --> 00:43:55,680
And in each cattle
car, there were

1259
00:43:55,680 --> 00:43:57,090
Jews who were trying to escape?

1260
00:43:57,090 --> 00:43:58,830
Yes, to runaway from Belgium.

1261
00:43:58,830 --> 00:44:01,500
And when you stop
at this village,

1262
00:44:01,500 --> 00:44:02,647
do they all get out there?

1263
00:44:02,647 --> 00:44:04,230
Or do only some of
them get out there?

1264
00:44:04,230 --> 00:44:06,120
Some of them, I think,
because I don't know.

1265
00:44:06,120 --> 00:44:08,290
Didn't pay attention, really.

1266
00:44:08,290 --> 00:44:08,790
OK.

1267
00:44:08,790 --> 00:44:11,570
Just was very drama--

1268
00:44:11,570 --> 00:44:14,520
very how do you call it?

1269

00:44:14,520 --> 00:44:16,790
That time was very
anxious for us.

1270
00:44:16,790 --> 00:44:18,640
Because we didn't know
where we were going.

1271
00:44:18,640 --> 00:44:20,930
We didn't know
what was going on.

1272
00:44:20,930 --> 00:44:22,852
And we stopped at--

1273
00:44:22,852 --> 00:44:23,810
that's what I'm saying.

1274
00:44:23,810 --> 00:44:25,370
I don't remember dates.

1275
00:44:25,370 --> 00:44:29,700
And I don't remember some of
the names, especially more way

1276
00:44:29,700 --> 00:44:30,200
back.

1277
00:44:30,200 --> 00:44:33,935
Because the computer is not as
good as it was-- my computer.

1278
00:44:33,935 --> 00:44:35,680
[LAUGHING]

1279
00:44:35,680 --> 00:44:38,030
Well, none of our computers
are like the computers

1280
00:44:38,030 --> 00:44:38,858
that are not human.

1281
00:44:38,858 --> 00:44:40,400
You know, the ones
that are not human

1282
00:44:40,400 --> 00:44:42,020
are way smarter than any of us.

1283
00:44:42,020 --> 00:44:43,070
So I try to remember.

1284
00:44:43,070 --> 00:44:44,560
But it's very hard.

1285
00:44:44,560 --> 00:44:47,290

1286
00:44:47,290 --> 00:44:49,060
But we stayed there for a while.

1287
00:44:49,060 --> 00:44:51,260
Do you know what time
of year the Germans

1288
00:44:51,260 --> 00:44:53,420
started to bomb Belgium?

1289
00:44:53,420 --> 00:44:53,920
Yeah.

1290
00:44:53,920 --> 00:44:57,950
Well, I think it
was, that I remember,

1291
00:44:57,950 --> 00:45:00,290
I was just turned nine.

1292
00:45:00,290 --> 00:45:02,180
My birthday is March 30.

1293
00:45:02,180 --> 00:45:03,170
So it was spring time?

1294
00:45:03,170 --> 00:45:04,040
Spring time, yeah.

1295
00:45:04,040 --> 00:45:04,998

That's what I remember.

1296

00:45:04,998 --> 00:45:06,150
Maybe I'm 100% wrong.

1297

00:45:06,150 --> 00:45:07,450
But that's what I remember.

1298

00:45:07,450 --> 00:45:08,330
OK.

1299

00:45:08,330 --> 00:45:09,950
Because of my birthday.

1300

00:45:09,950 --> 00:45:11,540
So at least when
you were traveling,

1301

00:45:11,540 --> 00:45:14,700
it was not through the
coldest months of the year.

1302

00:45:14,700 --> 00:45:15,590
OK.

1303

00:45:15,590 --> 00:45:18,740
When you get to this French
place, it's still springtime?

1304

00:45:18,740 --> 00:45:19,430
Yeah.

1305

00:45:19,430 --> 00:45:20,243
All right.

1306

00:45:20,243 --> 00:45:22,160
And how long did you
stay there, do you think?

1307

00:45:22,160 --> 00:45:25,460
I don't remember exactly
how long we stayed there.

1308

00:45:25,460 --> 00:45:27,260

Because we had to
move somewhere else.

1309
00:45:27,260 --> 00:45:33,290
Because later on, they started
to take the Jewish people

1310
00:45:33,290 --> 00:45:36,170
and tried to put them
in not concentration

1311
00:45:36,170 --> 00:45:37,730
camp, but some kind of a camps.

1312
00:45:37,730 --> 00:45:38,720
Holding camp?

1313
00:45:38,720 --> 00:45:39,350
Yeah.

1314
00:45:39,350 --> 00:45:41,870
So that's where we ended up.

1315
00:45:41,870 --> 00:45:42,450
Yeah.

1316
00:45:42,450 --> 00:45:44,320
Do you remember what
that place looked like?

1317
00:45:44,320 --> 00:45:44,820
Yeah.

1318
00:45:44,820 --> 00:45:46,520
It was called Rivesaltes.

1319
00:45:46,520 --> 00:45:47,730
You were in Rivesaltes.

1320
00:45:47,730 --> 00:45:48,230
Yeah.

1321
00:45:48,230 --> 00:45:50,650

1322
00:45:50,650 --> 00:45:51,890
What did it look like?

1323
00:45:51,890 --> 00:45:55,790
What did Rivesaltes look
like, from your memory?

1324
00:45:55,790 --> 00:45:58,280
It looked like there
were barracks--

1325
00:45:58,280 --> 00:46:03,170
barracks and different
kinds of areas--

1326
00:46:03,170 --> 00:46:06,680
barracks and then another
part of different barracks.

1327
00:46:06,680 --> 00:46:08,940
And the men and the
women were not together.

1328
00:46:08,940 --> 00:46:12,040
So your father was separated
from you at this time?

1329
00:46:12,040 --> 00:46:12,670
Yeah.

1330
00:46:12,670 --> 00:46:13,370
OK.

1331
00:46:13,370 --> 00:46:15,950
Were you able to see him
while you were in the camp?

1332
00:46:15,950 --> 00:46:17,800
I saw him.

1333
00:46:17,800 --> 00:46:19,700
This is a time that's
not a good time.

1334

00:46:19,700 --> 00:46:22,730

I saw him once we
were in the camp.

1335

00:46:22,730 --> 00:46:29,330

And we were there when all of
a sudden, a miracle happened.

1336

00:46:29,330 --> 00:46:32,970

Because we were there a
while and with my mother.

1337

00:46:32,970 --> 00:46:38,480

And she wasn't happy that
we were there in the camp.

1338

00:46:38,480 --> 00:46:41,018

They had nothing too. it
was bad food-- bad food.

1339

00:46:41,018 --> 00:46:43,310

We didn't want to eat it
because we were spoiled rotten

1340

00:46:43,310 --> 00:46:45,530

from the food at home.

1341

00:46:45,530 --> 00:46:47,660

And we used to say, we
don't want to eat this soup.

1342

00:46:47,660 --> 00:46:48,920

It has flies in it.

1343

00:46:48,920 --> 00:46:51,657

Or it was-- I don't know
what it was, something.

1344

00:46:51,657 --> 00:46:53,240

So my mother said,
you have to eat it.

1345

00:46:53,240 --> 00:46:54,500

You have to eat it.

1346

00:46:54,500 --> 00:46:56,720

So we ate whatever she could.

1347

00:46:56,720 --> 00:47:02,630

And she used to go and
work in the kitchen, too.

1348

00:47:02,630 --> 00:47:04,010

Because she was
a good cook, too.

1349

00:47:04,010 --> 00:47:06,100

And then Nate, my
husband, said she

1350

00:47:06,100 --> 00:47:09,880

used to smuggle in sometimes
some different foods, you know?

1351

00:47:09,880 --> 00:47:14,720

But I don't know exactly
how long we were there.

1352

00:47:14,720 --> 00:47:23,120

But sometime in 1941
or '42, I don't know,

1353

00:47:23,120 --> 00:47:24,926

we went to that camp--

1354

00:47:24,926 --> 00:47:26,240

OK.

1355

00:47:26,240 --> 00:47:26,817

--all of us.

1356

00:47:26,817 --> 00:47:28,400

And then, from there,
I told you we're

1357

00:47:28,400 --> 00:47:34,150

separated from husband and
wife, the men and the women.

1358

00:47:34,150 --> 00:47:38,600
And then I don't know the time
that you asked me exactly when,

1359
00:47:38,600 --> 00:47:39,430
what.

1360
00:47:39,430 --> 00:47:45,425
But by a miracle,
somebody from the Czech--

1361
00:47:45,425 --> 00:47:48,020

1362
00:47:48,020 --> 00:47:49,450
no, the French marquis.

1363
00:47:49,450 --> 00:47:50,720
Do you know this marquis?

1364
00:47:50,720 --> 00:47:52,610
That's the underground
the French had--

1365
00:47:52,610 --> 00:47:56,300
or from the Czech
consulate or something

1366
00:47:56,300 --> 00:47:59,120
that's connected with
something with Czechoslovakia--

1367
00:47:59,120 --> 00:48:06,710
came one day in the camp and
wanted to save some children,

1368
00:48:06,710 --> 00:48:09,260
to grab them out of
there to save them.

1369
00:48:09,260 --> 00:48:10,880
And so they came in.

1370
00:48:10,880 --> 00:48:12,500
I don't know how,

what was it about.

1371
00:48:12,500 --> 00:48:14,300
Because I was only young.

1372
00:48:14,300 --> 00:48:16,880
I didn't know all the details.

1373
00:48:16,880 --> 00:48:20,030
All I know is that
they came in and they

1374
00:48:20,030 --> 00:48:23,230
took my sister and me
and some other kids that

1375
00:48:23,230 --> 00:48:25,130
were with us, Jewish kids.

1376
00:48:25,130 --> 00:48:33,410
And they said that
we should go out.

1377
00:48:33,410 --> 00:48:36,020
Somebody is waiting
and they took us out--

1378
00:48:36,020 --> 00:48:36,650
Of the camp?

1379
00:48:36,650 --> 00:48:37,760
From the camp, yeah.

1380
00:48:37,760 --> 00:48:39,260
And my mother and
father were there.

1381
00:48:39,260 --> 00:48:42,470
That's the time I saw my
father, the last time.

1382
00:48:42,470 --> 00:48:45,130
And somehow he managed
that he was there.

1383

00:48:45,130 --> 00:48:46,280

I don't know how.

1384

00:48:46,280 --> 00:48:55,100

And we had a cousin, my
father's brother's son.

1385

00:48:55,100 --> 00:48:57,440

He was 13.

1386

00:48:57,440 --> 00:49:01,410

And she knew that he's in a
different area of the barracks.

1387

00:49:01,410 --> 00:49:02,765

So my mother ran.

1388

00:49:02,765 --> 00:49:04,910

I told you, my mother
was something special.

1389

00:49:04,910 --> 00:49:09,110

She ran there and told
him, "You come, come."

1390

00:49:09,110 --> 00:49:09,800

And he made it.

1391

00:49:09,800 --> 00:49:10,300

We made it.

1392

00:49:10,300 --> 00:49:11,355

He came with us.

1393

00:49:11,355 --> 00:49:12,830

And he was saved too.

1394

00:49:12,830 --> 00:49:16,460

So then we went on the thing.

1395

00:49:16,460 --> 00:49:20,000

It was a big open truck, like--

1396

00:49:20,000 --> 00:49:21,010
what do you call that?

1397
00:49:21,010 --> 00:49:21,843
An open truck, yeah.

1398
00:49:21,843 --> 00:49:23,130
An open truck, you know?

1399
00:49:23,130 --> 00:49:26,200
Where sometimes you'll
have a tarp over it.

1400
00:49:26,200 --> 00:49:26,700
No.

1401
00:49:26,700 --> 00:49:28,610
That was an open
truck, an open truck.

1402
00:49:28,610 --> 00:49:29,450
Open truck, OK.

1403
00:49:29,450 --> 00:49:30,550
An open truck.

1404
00:49:30,550 --> 00:49:34,730
And they said, we
have to go there.

1405
00:49:34,730 --> 00:49:36,620
Did you go willingly?

1406
00:49:36,620 --> 00:49:39,020
I didn't know what
was going on really.

1407
00:49:39,020 --> 00:49:41,115
We said goodbye to my--

1408
00:49:41,115 --> 00:49:42,740
they were there, both
of them standing.

1409

00:49:42,740 --> 00:49:44,270
This I remember very well.

1410
00:49:44,270 --> 00:49:47,030
They're both standing there and
saying-- because this was all

1411
00:49:47,030 --> 00:49:48,550
done right there and then.

1412
00:49:48,550 --> 00:49:50,810
And so we have to go.

1413
00:49:50,810 --> 00:49:53,820
And they said we
have to go there.

1414
00:49:53,820 --> 00:49:57,740
We're going somewhere nice,
my mother said, so proud.

1415
00:49:57,740 --> 00:50:00,230
My mother was crying.

1416
00:50:00,230 --> 00:50:03,120
But my father was
hysterical crying.

1417
00:50:03,120 --> 00:50:03,620
Was he?

1418
00:50:03,620 --> 00:50:06,813
And he was saying, I will
never see my children again.

1419
00:50:06,813 --> 00:50:08,230
(EMOTIONALLY) I
remember this so--

1420
00:50:08,230 --> 00:50:08,900
and he didn't.

1421
00:50:08,900 --> 00:50:11,800
He said, I will never
see my children again.

1422
00:50:11,800 --> 00:50:12,920
It's horrible.

1423
00:50:12,920 --> 00:50:14,490
And he didn't.

1424
00:50:14,490 --> 00:50:17,720
But my mother didn't say it,
because she was-- somehow

1425
00:50:17,720 --> 00:50:18,920
she was stronger.

1426
00:50:18,920 --> 00:50:20,030
You know?

1427
00:50:20,030 --> 00:50:21,960
So this is the picture I have.

1428
00:50:21,960 --> 00:50:22,910
We said goodbye.

1429
00:50:22,910 --> 00:50:25,520
And we went on that
truck, the kids.

1430
00:50:25,520 --> 00:50:30,140
And they took us down to the
south of France, further.

1431
00:50:30,140 --> 00:50:30,890
Further south?

1432
00:50:30,890 --> 00:50:31,390
Yeah.

1433
00:50:31,390 --> 00:50:36,020
Like, to the area of almost--

1434
00:50:36,020 --> 00:50:37,855
how do you call this?

1435

00:50:37,855 --> 00:50:40,200
I can't think--

1436
00:50:40,200 --> 00:50:42,630
Cote d'Azur, almost, you know?

1437
00:50:42,630 --> 00:50:43,910
You know where that--

1438
00:50:43,910 --> 00:50:46,830
the French Riviera-type,
around there.

1439
00:50:46,830 --> 00:50:47,330
OK.

1440
00:50:47,330 --> 00:50:50,555
So then we took--
there was a long trip

1441
00:50:50,555 --> 00:50:51,680
in the middle of the night.

1442
00:50:51,680 --> 00:50:53,888
But always in the middle of
the night then, we think.

1443
00:50:53,888 --> 00:50:55,530
We didn't know
where we're going.

1444
00:50:55,530 --> 00:50:57,260
We don't know
anything, we're going.

1445
00:50:57,260 --> 00:50:58,470
So we had no choice.

1446
00:50:58,470 --> 00:51:00,470
So that's when kissed
our parents goodbye.

1447
00:51:00,470 --> 00:51:02,270
And we're crying and crying.

1448

00:51:02,270 --> 00:51:03,650

And then we went.

1449

00:51:03,650 --> 00:51:06,440

And they stopped in the middle of the night, too.

1450

00:51:06,440 --> 00:51:09,440

And I remember walking from some area to somewhere

1451

00:51:09,440 --> 00:51:11,000

in the middle of the night.

1452

00:51:11,000 --> 00:51:13,350

And we came to a place.

1453

00:51:13,350 --> 00:51:18,260

And that was going to be our place for a while.

1454

00:51:18,260 --> 00:51:21,560

This was called-- it was next to Vance.

1455

00:51:21,560 --> 00:51:22,760

You know where Vance is?

1456

00:51:22,760 --> 00:51:23,260

No, no.

1457

00:51:23,260 --> 00:51:24,490

But tell me.

1458

00:51:24,490 --> 00:51:30,450

Vance is one of the places where a lot of the artists lived.

1459

00:51:30,450 --> 00:51:30,950

OK.

1460

00:51:30,950 --> 00:51:32,360

Excuse us, please.

1461

00:51:32,360 --> 00:51:33,620

You could google it.

1462

00:51:33,620 --> 00:51:35,580

Hang on a minute.

1463

00:51:35,580 --> 00:51:36,080

OK.

1464

00:51:36,080 --> 00:51:40,110

So you're in this city in
the South of France in Vance.

1465

00:51:40,110 --> 00:51:40,897

Next to Vance.

1466

00:51:40,897 --> 00:51:41,480

Next to Vance.

1467

00:51:41,480 --> 00:51:42,650

It's a few kilometers.

1468

00:51:42,650 --> 00:51:44,600

But I remember
walking and walking.

1469

00:51:44,600 --> 00:51:46,440

We were walking and we went to--

1470

00:51:46,440 --> 00:51:48,440

where we ended up was in
the middle of the night

1471

00:51:48,440 --> 00:51:50,350

in a place--

1472

00:51:50,350 --> 00:51:55,460

I want to say it must have
been a wealthy person's home

1473

00:51:55,460 --> 00:51:56,540

first, before.

1474

00:51:56,540 --> 00:52:01,870
But these people that we went
to, maybe didn't know it then,

1475
00:52:01,870 --> 00:52:05,540
they were the people that
were going to be our saviors.

1476
00:52:05,540 --> 00:52:08,972
That's how we were
saved from being killed.

1477
00:52:08,972 --> 00:52:10,430
But almost we had
another time when

1478
00:52:10,430 --> 00:52:11,720
we were almost killed again.

1479
00:52:11,720 --> 00:52:16,488
So anyway, that was called,
in French, [NON-ENGLISH]..

1480
00:52:16,488 --> 00:52:17,030
What is that?

1481
00:52:17,030 --> 00:52:21,228
Which means like a welcoming
home for Christian children.

1482
00:52:21,228 --> 00:52:21,728
Ah.

1483
00:52:21,728 --> 00:52:23,090
OK.

1484
00:52:23,090 --> 00:52:24,773
So was it like an orphanage?

1485
00:52:24,773 --> 00:52:26,690
It was supposed to be
like an orphanage, yeah.

1486
00:52:26,690 --> 00:52:29,870
But most of the people did

not have their parents.

1487

00:52:29,870 --> 00:52:30,890
But some of them had.

1488

00:52:30,890 --> 00:52:33,590
Because some of them were
Christian there, too.

1489

00:52:33,590 --> 00:52:35,930
And there was a mixture.

1490

00:52:35,930 --> 00:52:40,730
There was some of the Jewish
kids and some Christian people,

1491

00:52:40,730 --> 00:52:43,400
probably a political reason why
they were hiding or something.

1492

00:52:43,400 --> 00:52:44,930
They were Czech.

1493

00:52:44,930 --> 00:52:46,920
They were from Czechoslovakia.

1494

00:52:46,920 --> 00:52:48,830
I want to pause
here at that moment

1495

00:52:48,830 --> 00:52:50,690
and go back a little bit.

1496

00:52:50,690 --> 00:52:53,900
And let's find out what
happened with your father.

1497

00:52:53,900 --> 00:52:55,383
You say you never saw him again.

1498

00:52:55,383 --> 00:52:56,300
I never saw him again.

1499

00:52:56,300 --> 00:52:57,710

What happened to him?

1500

00:52:57,710 --> 00:53:00,590

They sent him away, my
mother found out later,

1501

00:53:00,590 --> 00:53:04,730

to a place in Jura
Mountains that's

1502

00:53:04,730 --> 00:53:06,860

next to France-- between
France and Switzerland.

1503

00:53:06,860 --> 00:53:09,320

That's where we heard
that they sent him there.

1504

00:53:09,320 --> 00:53:10,820

Because he was in
the diamond thing,

1505

00:53:10,820 --> 00:53:12,960

they needed somebody
for some kind of--

1506

00:53:12,960 --> 00:53:15,870

not the diamond cutting,
but some kind of skills.

1507

00:53:15,870 --> 00:53:18,410

So that's what we heard,
that he went there.

1508

00:53:18,410 --> 00:53:20,307

So we didn't see him anymore--

1509

00:53:20,307 --> 00:53:21,140

And you never knew--

1510

00:53:21,140 --> 00:53:21,620

--till after the war.

1511

00:53:21,620 --> 00:53:22,550

--what happened to him?

1512
00:53:22,550 --> 00:53:23,050
Yeah.

1513
00:53:23,050 --> 00:53:26,420
After the war, my mother
went back to Belgium.

1514
00:53:26,420 --> 00:53:28,760
And she wanted to find
out what happened.

1515
00:53:28,760 --> 00:53:35,160
They said that he lived
through the war, you know.

1516
00:53:35,160 --> 00:53:37,160
And he went to
concentration camp.

1517
00:53:37,160 --> 00:53:40,910
But he was killed
while some say that--

1518
00:53:40,910 --> 00:53:43,950
they were doing, walking-- you
know, the march or whatever.

1519
00:53:43,950 --> 00:53:44,840
In a death march?

1520
00:53:44,840 --> 00:53:45,340
Yeah.

1521
00:53:45,340 --> 00:53:46,130
He was killed?

1522
00:53:46,130 --> 00:53:46,400
Yeah.

1523
00:53:46,400 --> 00:53:46,942
That's right.

1524
00:53:46,942 --> 00:53:49,640

That's what some people
said, that they saw him.

1525
00:53:49,640 --> 00:53:52,380
But you know,
that's all we know.

1526
00:53:52,380 --> 00:53:53,960
So you never were
able to find out?

1527
00:53:53,960 --> 00:53:54,460
No.

1528
00:53:54,460 --> 00:53:55,520
Not for sure.

1529
00:53:55,520 --> 00:53:58,070
Did you know what
camps he was in?

1530
00:53:58,070 --> 00:53:59,240
Which camps?

1531
00:53:59,240 --> 00:54:00,580
Which concentration camps?

1532
00:54:00,580 --> 00:54:01,910
Don't know.

1533
00:54:01,910 --> 00:54:05,390
Because after that, we
never had contact with him.

1534
00:54:05,390 --> 00:54:08,350
He was sent away first to
another area in France,

1535
00:54:08,350 --> 00:54:08,850
you know?

1536
00:54:08,850 --> 00:54:12,140
So we were never
in touch with him.

1537

00:54:12,140 --> 00:54:15,220

Now during this time that
you were at this orphanage--

1538

00:54:15,220 --> 00:54:16,360

Pardon me?

1539

00:54:16,360 --> 00:54:17,470

Excuse me?

1540

00:54:17,470 --> 00:54:18,640

That's my husband.

1541

00:54:18,640 --> 00:54:21,170

Oh.

1542

00:54:21,170 --> 00:54:23,650

While you were at the
orphanage, this place,

1543

00:54:23,650 --> 00:54:27,820

the home for Christian
children, did you ever

1544

00:54:27,820 --> 00:54:29,370

get letters from your mother?

1545

00:54:29,370 --> 00:54:29,870

No.

1546

00:54:29,870 --> 00:54:31,870

So you didn't know what
happened to her, either?

1547

00:54:31,870 --> 00:54:32,630

No.

1548

00:54:32,630 --> 00:54:37,090

But at one time,
somebody came that she--

1549

00:54:37,090 --> 00:54:38,770

it was a Christian lady.

1550

00:54:38,770 --> 00:54:40,810

That was much later, though.

1551

00:54:40,810 --> 00:54:45,820

Because she came and told
us that my mother's still--

1552

00:54:45,820 --> 00:54:46,390

Alive?

1553

00:54:46,390 --> 00:54:46,890

--alive.

1554

00:54:46,890 --> 00:54:47,690

Yeah.

1555

00:54:47,690 --> 00:54:50,338

But I don't mean
remember when it was.

1556

00:54:50,338 --> 00:54:51,880

But that's the only
time that we ever

1557

00:54:51,880 --> 00:54:53,890

heard that she was still alive.

1558

00:54:53,890 --> 00:54:57,510

That was someone that went
for her and did her a favor.

1559

00:54:57,510 --> 00:54:59,390

And anyway--

1560

00:54:59,390 --> 00:55:02,560

So you are taken
probably when you

1561

00:55:02,560 --> 00:55:04,880

were around 10 or 11 years old?

1562

00:55:04,880 --> 00:55:05,380

Yeah.

1563

00:55:05,380 --> 00:55:08,860

Even younger, it was right
after, almost, we went there.

1564

00:55:08,860 --> 00:55:10,410

But 10, 10-years-old.

1565

00:55:10,410 --> 00:55:10,910

You're 10.

1566

00:55:10,910 --> 00:55:11,100

Yeah.

1567

00:55:11,100 --> 00:55:11,880

About 10.

1568

00:55:11,880 --> 00:55:12,880

And Rosa's eight?

1569

00:55:12,880 --> 00:55:13,720

Eight.

1570

00:55:13,720 --> 00:55:14,590

All right.

1571

00:55:14,590 --> 00:55:17,890

And you, then, at that point,
you just don't-- your parents

1572

00:55:17,890 --> 00:55:18,940

are out of the picture.

1573

00:55:18,940 --> 00:55:20,260

Altogether.

1574

00:55:20,260 --> 00:55:21,730

Tell me what happened then.

1575

00:55:21,730 --> 00:55:22,990

You come to this home.

1576

00:55:22,990 --> 00:55:24,190

You stay there.

1577
00:55:24,190 --> 00:55:25,880
How do things progress?

1578
00:55:25,880 --> 00:55:28,840
It progressed that these
people were wonderful.

1579
00:55:28,840 --> 00:55:30,750
Oh, that's good.

1580
00:55:30,750 --> 00:55:32,080
They were so wonderful to us.

1581
00:55:32,080 --> 00:55:34,090
They just wanted
to save our lives.

1582
00:55:34,090 --> 00:55:38,110
Because the main
person in that--

1583
00:55:38,110 --> 00:55:43,320
because a mixture of Gentiles
and Jews working there, too.

1584
00:55:43,320 --> 00:55:49,480
And the leader, the
head of this place

1585
00:55:49,480 --> 00:55:52,330
was a Czech lady, a Jewish lady.

1586
00:55:52,330 --> 00:55:54,480
And her name was Ida.

1587
00:55:54,480 --> 00:55:56,590
But we called her Tante Ida--

1588
00:55:56,590 --> 00:55:58,330
Aunt Ida-- Tante Ida.

1589
00:55:58,330 --> 00:56:02,460
She was an angel from heaven.

1590
00:56:02,460 --> 00:56:03,970
And she ran the whole place.

1591
00:56:03,970 --> 00:56:05,440
OK.

1592
00:56:05,440 --> 00:56:07,840
I have pictures of her.

1593
00:56:07,840 --> 00:56:08,920
Excuse me?

1594
00:56:08,920 --> 00:56:11,050
What?

1595
00:56:11,050 --> 00:56:11,610
Excuse me.

1596
00:56:11,610 --> 00:56:12,520
Can you cut?

1597
00:56:12,520 --> 00:56:13,030
I do not--

1598
00:56:13,030 --> 00:56:14,220
It's going to beep some.

1599
00:56:14,220 --> 00:56:14,720
OK.

1600
00:56:14,720 --> 00:56:17,590

1601
00:56:17,590 --> 00:56:21,770
I'm sorry for interrupting.

1602
00:56:21,770 --> 00:56:23,830
You were talking
about Tante Ida--

1603
00:56:23,830 --> 00:56:24,880
Tante Ida, yeah.

1604
00:56:24,880 --> 00:56:26,400
--and how she ran
the whole place.

1605
00:56:26,400 --> 00:56:26,900
She did.

1606
00:56:26,900 --> 00:56:28,600
She was in charge of everything.

1607
00:56:28,600 --> 00:56:31,120
About how many
people helped her?

1608
00:56:31,120 --> 00:56:33,767
Was it a large staff?

1609
00:56:33,767 --> 00:56:34,850
I don't remember how many.

1610
00:56:34,850 --> 00:56:36,700
But she has a staff there.

1611
00:56:36,700 --> 00:56:38,650
They had a staff, only
there were people also

1612
00:56:38,650 --> 00:56:41,710
that were there for reasons,
probably political reasons,

1613
00:56:41,710 --> 00:56:43,900
trying to get away
from-- so I don't know.

1614
00:56:43,900 --> 00:56:45,857
There was a mixture
of people there.

1615
00:56:45,857 --> 00:56:47,440
Were they all children
or some adults?

1616

00:56:47,440 --> 00:56:49,930
No, no, adults,
too, adults, too.

1617
00:56:49,930 --> 00:56:53,750
So she had people, you know,
that helped run the place.

1618
00:56:53,750 --> 00:56:55,870
And also, while we
were there, they

1619
00:56:55,870 --> 00:57:01,720
were trying to keep us
a little bit educated.

1620
00:57:01,720 --> 00:57:03,550
I mean, we didn't
have real teachers.

1621
00:57:03,550 --> 00:57:09,670
But some of them were very
bright people, and some Jewish

1622
00:57:09,670 --> 00:57:11,110
and some Christian.

1623
00:57:11,110 --> 00:57:14,052
And so they made,
like, a school for us.

1624
00:57:14,052 --> 00:57:15,760
I mean, not school,
of classes, you know.

1625
00:57:15,760 --> 00:57:17,650
They wanted to educate us.

1626
00:57:17,650 --> 00:57:23,470
And so like I said they were
extraordinary, good people.

1627
00:57:23,470 --> 00:57:25,940
About how many
children were there?

1628
00:57:25,940 --> 00:57:26,580
I don't know.

1629
00:57:26,580 --> 00:57:27,340
I don't know.

1630
00:57:27,340 --> 00:57:30,250
Would you say 50, 100, 200?

1631
00:57:30,250 --> 00:57:31,890
I don't think 200.

1632
00:57:31,890 --> 00:57:35,880
This may be closer to
maybe 100, maybe not even.

1633
00:57:35,880 --> 00:57:37,000
OK.

1634
00:57:37,000 --> 00:57:39,280
Because it was
adults and children.

1635
00:57:39,280 --> 00:57:43,190
And at that time, I
wasn't counting exactly.

1636
00:57:43,190 --> 00:57:43,690
I know.

1637
00:57:43,690 --> 00:57:44,440
I'm sorry.

1638
00:57:44,440 --> 00:57:44,940
No.

1639
00:57:44,940 --> 00:57:45,550
That's OK.

1640
00:57:45,550 --> 00:57:48,640
I'm just trying to get a
sense of how large a space.

1641

00:57:48,640 --> 00:57:53,830
And you know, was this house
in the middle of a town

1642
00:57:53,830 --> 00:57:54,955
or out in the country?

1643
00:57:54,955 --> 00:57:56,790
It was more out in the country.

1644
00:57:56,790 --> 00:57:59,230
It's really beautiful there.

1645
00:57:59,230 --> 00:58:00,220
It's a beautiful area.

1646
00:58:00,220 --> 00:58:02,535
Was it kind of in
an isolated area?

1647
00:58:02,535 --> 00:58:03,160
Yeah, in a way.

1648
00:58:03,160 --> 00:58:07,490
It was, like, a few kilometers
from the next city, Vance.

1649
00:58:07,490 --> 00:58:09,610
OK.

1650
00:58:09,610 --> 00:58:12,110
So it was in the country.

1651
00:58:12,110 --> 00:58:12,610
Yeah.

1652
00:58:12,610 --> 00:58:14,980
I guess part of
my questioning is

1653
00:58:14,980 --> 00:58:19,210
to get a sense of what
was involved for Tante Ida

1654

00:58:19,210 --> 00:58:23,410
to keep this place
from gaining attention.

1655
00:58:23,410 --> 00:58:25,690
Because if you're supposed
to be kept there--

1656
00:58:25,690 --> 00:58:26,190
Yeah, yeah.

1657
00:58:26,190 --> 00:58:27,070
--and saved--

1658
00:58:27,070 --> 00:58:29,170
Nobody was-- we weren't
supposed to be Jewish.

1659
00:58:29,170 --> 00:58:31,510
We knew that we are Christian--

1660
00:58:31,510 --> 00:58:32,310
OK.

1661
00:58:32,310 --> 00:58:35,830
--they told us, I think.

1662
00:58:35,830 --> 00:58:37,482
Christian, yeah, we knew.

1663
00:58:37,482 --> 00:58:38,440
I mean, we were scared.

1664
00:58:38,440 --> 00:58:41,040
We were always afraid that
somebody is going to find out.

1665
00:58:41,040 --> 00:58:46,330
So then when some people came
around from somewhere, we knew.

1666
00:58:46,330 --> 00:58:49,060
We were always taught, we
knew that not to stand out

1667

00:58:49,060 --> 00:58:50,320
in any way or anything.

1668

00:58:50,320 --> 00:58:53,155
You know, so we were afraid.

1669

00:58:53,155 --> 00:58:54,610
Now was this part
of free France?

1670

00:58:54,610 --> 00:58:55,110
Pardon me?

1671

00:58:55,110 --> 00:59:00,380
Is this in the territory of
free France or Vichy France?

1672

00:59:00,380 --> 00:59:02,710
Where in the French
Territories was this?

1673

00:59:02,710 --> 00:59:05,270
This was South of France
in the Riviera area.

1674

00:59:05,270 --> 00:59:05,770
OK.

1675

00:59:05,770 --> 00:59:06,450
It's called d'Azure,
they called it.

1676

00:59:06,450 --> 00:59:07,210
Was it Vichy?

1677

00:59:07,210 --> 00:59:10,850
Was it controlled by the
French or controlled by--

1678

00:59:10,850 --> 00:59:13,940
By that time, I think, it was
controlled still by the French.

1679

00:59:13,940 --> 00:59:17,680

It was, at that time,
free, Vichy government.

1680
00:59:17,680 --> 00:59:18,180
OK.

1681
00:59:18,180 --> 00:59:19,897
Norman, you know what that is?

1682
00:59:19,897 --> 00:59:21,230
Yes, I think it's the free zone.

1683
00:59:21,230 --> 00:59:22,360
It was in the free zone.

1684
00:59:22,360 --> 00:59:22,860
OK.

1685
00:59:22,860 --> 00:59:23,780
Yeah.

1686
00:59:23,780 --> 00:59:29,030
And so did you have
any interaction

1687
00:59:29,030 --> 00:59:31,670
with any officials at all?

1688
00:59:31,670 --> 00:59:34,280
Do you remember any officials
coming to the house,

1689
00:59:34,280 --> 00:59:36,350
to the place?

1690
00:59:36,350 --> 00:59:36,920
No.

1691
00:59:36,920 --> 00:59:37,420
I don't.

1692
00:59:37,420 --> 00:59:40,190
I don't think that they
wanted us to meet anybody.

1693
00:59:40,190 --> 00:59:43,150
But at one time later on,
there were some people.

1694
00:59:43,150 --> 00:59:44,400
And we were frightened.

1695
00:59:44,400 --> 00:59:49,940
But we knew not to call
attention to anything.

1696
00:59:49,940 --> 00:59:53,010
But where we were there, we
did not stay all the time

1697
00:59:53,010 --> 00:59:54,080
in that one place.

1698
00:59:54,080 --> 00:59:56,090
Because they want
to move us around,

1699
00:59:56,090 --> 01:00:00,380
and later on, because they
didn't want to get caught,

1700
01:00:00,380 --> 01:00:01,130
you know.

1701
01:00:01,130 --> 01:00:03,020
So we had people that,
during the night,

1702
01:00:03,020 --> 01:00:07,820
they went looking for
provisions, you know,

1703
01:00:07,820 --> 01:00:13,160
wherever, and other people that
were in charge of other things

1704
01:00:13,160 --> 01:00:13,670
to do.

1705

01:00:13,670 --> 01:00:15,045

But the middle of
the night, they

1706

01:00:15,045 --> 01:00:19,430

were very, how do you call it,
resourceful people, very smart

1707

01:00:19,430 --> 01:00:20,830

people in there.

1708

01:00:20,830 --> 01:00:23,990

And everybody did their job,
whatever they were doing.

1709

01:00:23,990 --> 01:00:26,120

Some were workers,
the Christian ones

1710

01:00:26,120 --> 01:00:28,353

were, mainly, that
were hiding there, too.

1711

01:00:28,353 --> 01:00:29,270

And some were workers.

1712

01:00:29,270 --> 01:00:31,820

But then the Jews,
they were trying

1713

01:00:31,820 --> 01:00:35,420

to help with, like I
said, the provisions

1714

01:00:35,420 --> 01:00:39,810

and keeping us well and safe.

1715

01:00:39,810 --> 01:00:45,270

So they were very,
very good to us.

1716

01:00:45,270 --> 01:00:47,090

Now when you say
they move you around,

1717

01:00:47,090 --> 01:00:49,820

does that mean you would
move from one house

1718

01:00:49,820 --> 01:00:50,600

to another place?

1719

01:00:50,600 --> 01:00:51,620

Not to a house--

1720

01:00:51,620 --> 01:00:54,260

after a while we
moved away from there

1721

01:00:54,260 --> 01:00:56,602

and we went to another
area of France.

1722

01:00:56,602 --> 01:00:57,430

Aha.

1723

01:00:57,430 --> 01:00:57,930

I see.

1724

01:00:57,930 --> 01:01:01,040

Because when they
thought it was too--

1725

01:01:01,040 --> 01:01:01,540

Dangerous.

1726

01:01:01,540 --> 01:01:03,640

--too dangerous, then we moved.

1727

01:01:03,640 --> 01:01:07,100

But like I told you, I
don't know dates or times.

1728

01:01:07,100 --> 01:01:08,870

I just know that we moved.

1729

01:01:08,870 --> 01:01:11,600

Once we went to a-- it was
called Chateau du Theil,

1730
01:01:11,600 --> 01:01:15,170
which was a castle
someplace-- an old castle away

1731
01:01:15,170 --> 01:01:16,350
in the country.

1732
01:01:16,350 --> 01:01:19,460
And they kept moving us around.

1733
01:01:19,460 --> 01:01:22,640
Did you ever venture
out and go into Vance

1734
01:01:22,640 --> 01:01:25,760
or go into any of the
surrounding villages?

1735
01:01:25,760 --> 01:01:29,105
Or were you pretty
isolated from everybody?

1736
01:01:29,105 --> 01:01:30,770
We were pretty
isolated that time.

1737
01:01:30,770 --> 01:01:32,120
They wanted us to be.

1738
01:01:32,120 --> 01:01:32,783
OK.

1739
01:01:32,783 --> 01:01:34,190
OK.

1740
01:01:34,190 --> 01:01:38,140
But we did go, where did we go?

1741
01:01:38,140 --> 01:01:39,960
They took us, like,
on a little thing,

1742
01:01:39,960 --> 01:01:42,080

but only in the country thing.

1743

01:01:42,080 --> 01:01:43,110
Like an excursion?

1744

01:01:43,110 --> 01:01:43,610
Yeah.

1745

01:01:43,610 --> 01:01:47,420
But later on we did go.

1746

01:01:47,420 --> 01:01:49,760
Because we went to Nice.

1747

01:01:49,760 --> 01:01:51,980
I remember we were in Nice.

1748

01:01:51,980 --> 01:01:55,550
But that was later, much later.

1749

01:01:55,550 --> 01:01:58,340
Because we were there
till the end of the war.

1750

01:01:58,340 --> 01:02:02,600
So when you were taken
from Rivesaltes in 1941

1751

01:02:02,600 --> 01:02:06,620
when you're 10 years old,
it's about four years

1752

01:02:06,620 --> 01:02:08,180
that you were with this--

1753

01:02:08,180 --> 01:02:11,940
three or four years that you
were with this Tante Ida?

1754

01:02:11,940 --> 01:02:12,470
Yeah.

1755

01:02:12,470 --> 01:02:12,970
OK.

1756
01:02:12,970 --> 01:02:13,606
And she--

1757
01:02:13,606 --> 01:02:16,380
And-- you wanted
to say something?

1758
01:02:16,380 --> 01:02:16,880
Yeah.

1759
01:02:16,880 --> 01:02:19,540
I'm trying to remember.

1760
01:02:19,540 --> 01:02:21,290
Because, like I said,
they moved us around

1761
01:02:21,290 --> 01:02:22,620
because they were afraid.

1762
01:02:22,620 --> 01:02:27,800
But in between, we had
another thing happening.

1763
01:02:27,800 --> 01:02:33,050
That in 1942, whatever it
was, when they were gathering

1764
01:02:33,050 --> 01:02:36,830
everybody, the Jews
from everywhere they're

1765
01:02:36,830 --> 01:02:40,720
trying to get them to put them
in camps like we were before,

1766
01:02:40,720 --> 01:02:42,710
in the same camp, you know.

1767
01:02:42,710 --> 01:02:44,050
And so what do you think?

1768
01:02:44,050 --> 01:02:46,340

They don't know how they
found us or whatever it was.

1769
01:02:46,340 --> 01:02:49,565
They did some kind
of very hard--

1770
01:02:49,565 --> 01:02:51,440
if they wanted to find
them, they found them.

1771
01:02:51,440 --> 01:02:52,540
They found the children.

1772
01:02:52,540 --> 01:02:56,180
And they brought us
back to the camp.

1773
01:02:56,180 --> 01:02:57,130
To Rivesaltes?

1774
01:02:57,130 --> 01:03:00,410
To Rivesaltes, with two
gendarmes, everybody--

1775
01:03:00,410 --> 01:03:01,940
you know, police.

1776
01:03:01,940 --> 01:03:03,970
And they brought us
back also in the middle

1777
01:03:03,970 --> 01:03:06,470
of the night-- always everything
in the middle of the night.

1778
01:03:06,470 --> 01:03:09,110
And then they brought
us where my mother was.

1779
01:03:09,110 --> 01:03:11,970
And when my mother saw
us, she started to cry.

1780
01:03:11,970 --> 01:03:14,060

She didn't want us
to come back there.

1781
01:03:14,060 --> 01:03:16,910
Because she knew then
we're not safe anymore.

1782
01:03:16,910 --> 01:03:17,570
You know?

1783
01:03:17,570 --> 01:03:19,850
So we were there
for a little bit.

1784
01:03:19,850 --> 01:03:22,190
I don't know how many
days or this or whatever.

1785
01:03:22,190 --> 01:03:24,680
But it was terrible, because
she was crying all night

1786
01:03:24,680 --> 01:03:26,930
that we shouldn't be there.

1787
01:03:26,930 --> 01:03:32,780
So anyway, so then
they came and--

1788
01:03:32,780 --> 01:03:35,840

1789
01:03:35,840 --> 01:03:37,470
I forgot the order of things.

1790
01:03:37,470 --> 01:03:38,610
That's OK.

1791
01:03:38,610 --> 01:03:39,660
That's OK.

1792
01:03:39,660 --> 01:03:42,110
But you didn't
stay in Rivesaltes.

1793

01:03:42,110 --> 01:03:45,560

You found there was a way
for you to get out again?

1794

01:03:45,560 --> 01:03:46,060

Yeah.

1795

01:03:46,060 --> 01:03:48,360

They came to get
us after a while.

1796

01:03:48,360 --> 01:03:48,860

OK.

1797

01:03:48,860 --> 01:03:50,210

The same people?

1798

01:03:50,210 --> 01:03:51,650

Same people.

1799

01:03:51,650 --> 01:03:54,080

But that's not the
end, even then.

1800

01:03:54,080 --> 01:03:57,620

Because we were there a while,
and then they got us out.

1801

01:03:57,620 --> 01:03:59,980

But then we went back later on.

1802

01:03:59,980 --> 01:04:02,600

That's what I'm saying, the
time, I don't know when, what.

1803

01:04:02,600 --> 01:04:07,340

Because we were back again.

1804

01:04:07,340 --> 01:04:12,930

And then we were
already going to go to--

1805

01:04:12,930 --> 01:04:14,740

that happened later.

1806
01:04:14,740 --> 01:04:20,110
We were scheduled to go
on a transport to Germany.

1807
01:04:20,110 --> 01:04:21,490
That's where every
time they used

1808
01:04:21,490 --> 01:04:27,450
to have transport
at certain times.

1809
01:04:27,450 --> 01:04:31,660
They had people to go and they
said to Germany, to the camp.

1810
01:04:31,660 --> 01:04:33,867
So that when we were there--

1811
01:04:33,867 --> 01:04:36,850
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1812
01:04:36,850 --> 01:04:38,270
OK.

1813
01:04:38,270 --> 01:04:41,670
So you're supposed to go on
this transport to Germany.

1814
01:04:41,670 --> 01:04:42,290
Yes.

1815
01:04:42,290 --> 01:04:45,952
So they used to have
several of these

1816
01:04:45,952 --> 01:04:47,660
whenever they had
enough people, I guess.

1817
01:04:47,660 --> 01:04:48,590
So we went.

1818

01:04:48,590 --> 01:04:50,000
And they had,
like, everybody had

1819
01:04:50,000 --> 01:04:55,700
to stay and go on a open
terrain, an open area,

1820
01:04:55,700 --> 01:04:56,990
big open area.

1821
01:04:56,990 --> 01:05:01,850
And everybody was there,
all the people in that area.

1822
01:05:01,850 --> 01:05:06,560
And they were calling names,
the names of the people,

1823
01:05:06,560 --> 01:05:08,420
each other, and the
families, you know.

1824
01:05:08,420 --> 01:05:12,890
So they called everybody,
I think, alphabetically.

1825
01:05:12,890 --> 01:05:19,710
So when it came to H, then we
heard Elaine Heller, Elisabeth

1826
01:05:19,710 --> 01:05:21,950
Heller, and Josiah Heller.

1827
01:05:21,950 --> 01:05:26,150
My mother, for a
second, I thought

1828
01:05:26,150 --> 01:05:28,310
she was going to pass out.

1829
01:05:28,310 --> 01:05:30,505
She got a hold of herself.

1830
01:05:30,505 --> 01:05:31,880

And you know, I
told you, she was

1831
01:05:31,880 --> 01:05:36,630
very resourceful and very smart,
street smart and everything.

1832
01:05:36,630 --> 01:05:41,300
So for a minute, she said, oh.

1833
01:05:41,300 --> 01:05:42,127
She almost fainted.

1834
01:05:42,127 --> 01:05:44,210
And then all of a sudden,
she got back to herself.

1835
01:05:44,210 --> 01:05:46,830
And she says-- started yelling.

1836
01:05:46,830 --> 01:05:47,960
And she's no, no.

1837
01:05:47,960 --> 01:05:49,370
I don't belong here.

1838
01:05:49,370 --> 01:05:51,020
I don't belong here
because I don't

1839
01:05:51,020 --> 01:05:53,000
belong here, made a whole big--

1840
01:05:53,000 --> 01:05:53,780
Fuss.

1841
01:05:53,780 --> 01:05:56,000
--fuss on purpose.

1842
01:05:56,000 --> 01:06:00,590
And she said, she made a whole
commotion, a big commotion.

1843
01:06:00,590 --> 01:06:02,780

So they didn't want that.

1844

01:06:02,780 --> 01:06:04,010

So then they came.

1845

01:06:04,010 --> 01:06:06,648

And she said, I don't belong
here because I'm Hungarian.

1846

01:06:06,648 --> 01:06:07,940

And the Hungarians are Germans.

1847

01:06:07,940 --> 01:06:09,210

And I don't belong here.

1848

01:06:09,210 --> 01:06:10,250

And no matter what--

1849

01:06:10,250 --> 01:06:11,660

she wanted to make a big thing.

1850

01:06:11,660 --> 01:06:13,320

She didn't want to stay there.

1851

01:06:13,320 --> 01:06:16,670

So what they did
is they didn't want

1852

01:06:16,670 --> 01:06:18,740

everybody else to start
screaming and yelling

1853

01:06:18,740 --> 01:06:20,150

"I don't belong here."

1854

01:06:20,150 --> 01:06:21,710

So they took Mom.

1855

01:06:21,710 --> 01:06:25,070

They whisked my mother
away with us to the side.

1856

01:06:25,070 --> 01:06:27,700

1857
01:06:27,700 --> 01:06:33,050
And for the moment to the side,
we didn't go on that transport.

1858
01:06:33,050 --> 01:06:35,660
That's a miracle.

1859
01:06:35,660 --> 01:06:36,860
They left without us.

1860
01:06:36,860 --> 01:06:39,970
Because she went into the
office with the authority,

1861
01:06:39,970 --> 01:06:43,850
the French-- you know,
what was it called?

1862
01:06:43,850 --> 01:06:46,980
Whoever was in
charge in the office.

1863
01:06:46,980 --> 01:06:48,980
And she was telling them
the story and all that.

1864
01:06:48,980 --> 01:06:51,022
And they wanted to quiet
her, that she should not

1865
01:06:51,022 --> 01:06:53,780
go there and make a whole
thing for the whole place

1866
01:06:53,780 --> 01:06:55,970
to start being hysterical.

1867
01:06:55,970 --> 01:06:59,480
So it ended up
that we didn't go.

1868
01:06:59,480 --> 01:07:01,880
And then she stayed in the camp.

1869

01:07:01,880 --> 01:07:07,040

And then after that,
not long after that,

1870

01:07:07,040 --> 01:07:09,320

that's when they
came back for us.

1871

01:07:09,320 --> 01:07:11,885

Tante Ida and her people?

1872

01:07:11,885 --> 01:07:16,380

They came and they
somehow got us out again.

1873

01:07:16,380 --> 01:07:18,960

Do you remember how you
left the second time?

1874

01:07:18,960 --> 01:07:22,230

The second time when we left,
I don't remember so well.

1875

01:07:22,230 --> 01:07:22,730

OK.

1876

01:07:22,730 --> 01:07:24,320

But I know we went out.

1877

01:07:24,320 --> 01:07:24,890

We were out.

1878

01:07:24,890 --> 01:07:26,630

With your mother or
without your mother?

1879

01:07:26,630 --> 01:07:27,620

Without my mother.

1880

01:07:27,620 --> 01:07:28,740

They wouldn't take her.

1881

01:07:28,740 --> 01:07:29,240

No.

1882
01:07:29,240 --> 01:07:33,500
They just came for the children
that were brought back.

1883
01:07:33,500 --> 01:07:36,230
So I don't know
exactly when that was.

1884
01:07:36,230 --> 01:07:40,850
I was already older, because
that was probably 1942 or so.

1885
01:07:40,850 --> 01:07:43,010
Maybe I was 11 or something.

1886
01:07:43,010 --> 01:07:46,165
And like I said, I don't
remember dates and exactly--

1887
01:07:46,165 --> 01:07:48,290
But by that time, your
father's out of the picture.

1888
01:07:48,290 --> 01:07:48,902
Altogether.

1889
01:07:48,902 --> 01:07:51,110
So right from the beginning,
he's out of the picture.

1890
01:07:51,110 --> 01:07:52,790
Because we never
heard from him again.

1891
01:07:52,790 --> 01:07:53,330
OK.

1892
01:07:53,330 --> 01:07:57,460
So this story, I
hope I'm in order.

1893
01:07:57,460 --> 01:08:02,300
Because so then, by some
miracle, we went back.

1894
01:08:02,300 --> 01:08:03,680
To the same house?

1895
01:08:03,680 --> 01:08:04,370
Yeah.

1896
01:08:04,370 --> 01:08:06,110
OK.

1897
01:08:06,110 --> 01:08:08,000
And then, like I
said, they moved us

1898
01:08:08,000 --> 01:08:10,832
around to another
place, another area.

1899
01:08:10,832 --> 01:08:11,540
But we went back.

1900
01:08:11,540 --> 01:08:13,170
They were safe again.

1901
01:08:13,170 --> 01:08:13,730
OK.

1902
01:08:13,730 --> 01:08:17,090
And we were hiding.

1903
01:08:17,090 --> 01:08:17,604
They hid us.

1904
01:08:17,604 --> 01:08:18,979
And they did
everything that they

1905
01:08:18,979 --> 01:08:23,250
could to make our lives
as good as possible.

1906
01:08:23,250 --> 01:08:26,609
Now during this time, your
mother is always in Rivesaltes?

1907
01:08:26,609 --> 01:08:27,109
Yes.

1908
01:08:27,109 --> 01:08:29,600
She's still in Rivesaltes
till afterwards.

1909
01:08:29,600 --> 01:08:32,310
Does she still continue
working as a cook?

1910
01:08:32,310 --> 01:08:33,104
Yeah.

1911
01:08:33,104 --> 01:08:34,729
I don't know, because
we weren't there.

1912
01:08:34,729 --> 01:08:41,590
But I found out later on that
she somehow got herself--

1913
01:08:41,590 --> 01:08:47,620
the wife of one of the
authorities of this--

1914
01:08:47,620 --> 01:08:48,630
how do you call it--

1915
01:08:48,630 --> 01:08:50,720
the bureau.

1916
01:08:50,720 --> 01:08:52,370
She was a fancy French lady.

1917
01:08:52,370 --> 01:08:55,890
And she needed a cook.

1918
01:08:55,890 --> 01:09:00,109
My mother said that
she is a French cook.

1919
01:09:00,109 --> 01:09:02,120

She's a gourmet cook.

1920

01:09:02,120 --> 01:09:04,250

She was a very good
cook, but she cooked

1921

01:09:04,250 --> 01:09:06,350

Hungarian and Jewish dishes.

1922

01:09:06,350 --> 01:09:10,240

She's a French gourmet cook.

1923

01:09:10,240 --> 01:09:11,569

I know she had a lot of nerve.

1924

01:09:11,569 --> 01:09:13,109

It took a lot of courage.

1925

01:09:13,109 --> 01:09:16,130

So they took her out.

1926

01:09:16,130 --> 01:09:20,990

And she became a cook for
these people, for that family.

1927

01:09:20,990 --> 01:09:23,330

She was hidden
there because they

1928

01:09:23,330 --> 01:09:24,600

weren't supposed to be there.

1929

01:09:24,600 --> 01:09:26,960

So they told her that
she went in the basement.

1930

01:09:26,960 --> 01:09:29,330

And they told her
she should not say

1931

01:09:29,330 --> 01:09:30,950

a peep, not a word, nothing.

1932

01:09:30,950 --> 01:09:33,630

Because then they'd send
her right back to the camp.

1933
01:09:33,630 --> 01:09:34,240
OK.

1934
01:09:34,240 --> 01:09:35,609
This frightened her.

1935
01:09:35,609 --> 01:09:36,109
You know?

1936
01:09:36,109 --> 01:09:38,479
But then, I don't
know if she did it.

1937
01:09:38,479 --> 01:09:42,830
But she says, I was talking to
my grandmother all the time.

1938
01:09:42,830 --> 01:09:45,859
Because when she was cooking,
they made her cook rabbit.

1939
01:09:45,859 --> 01:09:47,000
Did she know from rabbit?

1940
01:09:47,000 --> 01:09:48,935
Nothing, not supposed
to, it's not kosher.

1941
01:09:48,935 --> 01:09:50,810
And anything else that
they cooked, you know.

1942
01:09:50,810 --> 01:09:54,272
So she said I was
praying to my mother--

1943
01:09:54,272 --> 01:09:56,480
my grandmother, not to her
mother, to my grandmother,

1944
01:09:56,480 --> 01:09:57,950
she should help me.

1945

01:09:57,950 --> 01:10:01,133
And somehow, they were
satisfied with her cooking

1946

01:10:01,133 --> 01:10:02,300
because she was a good cook.

1947

01:10:02,300 --> 01:10:07,090
But I don't know how she
managed it, so also a miracle.

1948

01:10:07,090 --> 01:10:11,060
But she said she was in this
basement, crying quietly.

1949

01:10:11,060 --> 01:10:12,960
Because they said
if she makes noise

1950

01:10:12,960 --> 01:10:16,220
and she doesn't cook what
they want, she goes back.

1951

01:10:16,220 --> 01:10:18,080
So she was, like, at her mercy.

1952

01:10:18,080 --> 01:10:19,220
The man wasn't so bad.

1953

01:10:19,220 --> 01:10:22,370
But the woman threatened her.

1954

01:10:22,370 --> 01:10:28,910
So she stayed there
till I don't know when.

1955

01:10:28,910 --> 01:10:31,850
Do you think it was more than
two years that she was there?

1956

01:10:31,850 --> 01:10:33,400
She was there a while, yeah.

1957

01:10:33,400 --> 01:10:34,083
Yeah.

1958
01:10:34,083 --> 01:10:35,000
She was there a while.

1959
01:10:35,000 --> 01:10:39,090
Because I don't think she went
back to the camp after that.

1960
01:10:39,090 --> 01:10:41,690
So then she was just
cooking and doing other--

1961
01:10:41,690 --> 01:10:42,350
I don't know.

1962
01:10:42,350 --> 01:10:43,410
But you know nothing of this--

1963
01:10:43,410 --> 01:10:43,910
Nothing.

1964
01:10:43,910 --> 01:10:45,560
--nothing of this at the time.

1965
01:10:45,560 --> 01:10:49,030
Till at one time, somebody
came to tell us that--

1966
01:10:49,030 --> 01:10:51,860
I told you that my
mother was still alive.

1967
01:10:51,860 --> 01:10:53,410
OK.

1968
01:10:53,410 --> 01:10:55,400
And did you and your
sister, did you find

1969
01:10:55,400 --> 01:10:57,020
that you were crying for her?

1970

01:10:57,020 --> 01:11:00,770

Yeah, my sister especially,
she was crying all the time,

1971

01:11:00,770 --> 01:11:02,320

always crying.

1972

01:11:02,320 --> 01:11:04,940

Everybody used to say that
if Rosa comes already,

1973

01:11:04,940 --> 01:11:10,610

you have to turn off the faucet.

1974

01:11:10,610 --> 01:11:11,840

No, I mean, it's crying.

1975

01:11:11,840 --> 01:11:14,930

She just cried all the time,
poor thing, cried and cried.

1976

01:11:14,930 --> 01:11:16,023

I cried, too.

1977

01:11:16,023 --> 01:11:16,940

But not as bad as her.

1978

01:11:16,940 --> 01:11:18,770

There's a difference in ages.

1979

01:11:18,770 --> 01:11:21,060

Yes, she was two
years younger than me.

1980

01:11:21,060 --> 01:11:23,510

And she cried.

1981

01:11:23,510 --> 01:11:26,300

But like I said, we were saved.

1982

01:11:26,300 --> 01:11:29,660

They tried to make our
life as good as they could.

1983

01:11:29,660 --> 01:11:31,190
And we were safe.

1984
01:11:31,190 --> 01:11:35,300
Was there anybody
that became sort of

1985
01:11:35,300 --> 01:11:37,790
like a substitute
for your mother?

1986
01:11:37,790 --> 01:11:38,990
Well, Tante Ida was.

1987
01:11:38,990 --> 01:11:39,880
Tante Ida was.

1988
01:11:39,880 --> 01:11:40,380
Yes.

1989
01:11:40,380 --> 01:11:41,510
She was for all the kids.

1990
01:11:41,510 --> 01:11:45,410
But then there was other people,
nice people in there also,

1991
01:11:45,410 --> 01:11:49,280
women that were nice, good.

1992
01:11:49,280 --> 01:11:51,770
So would you say that
aside from the incidents

1993
01:11:51,770 --> 01:11:54,560
you told me about,
did you feel safe?

1994
01:11:54,560 --> 01:11:56,560
Or were you always nervous?

1995
01:11:56,560 --> 01:11:57,650
No, we were safe.

1996

01:11:57,650 --> 01:11:59,150
We felt safe.

1997
01:11:59,150 --> 01:12:00,890
Except the times
when I told you,

1998
01:12:00,890 --> 01:12:04,060
if somebody was going to come
around, and we didn't know--

1999
01:12:04,060 --> 01:12:04,560
OK.

2000
01:12:04,560 --> 01:12:05,600
--who it was.

2001
01:12:05,600 --> 01:12:09,140
So then they told us to behave.

2002
01:12:09,140 --> 01:12:14,420
But then, like I said, they
moved us around so that--

2003
01:12:14,420 --> 01:12:18,450
When they moved you around, was
it always in a general area?

2004
01:12:18,450 --> 01:12:19,670
No, different place.

2005
01:12:19,670 --> 01:12:22,100
Or it was in another
place in the castle.

2006
01:12:22,100 --> 01:12:25,000
That we were in a castle,
an old, old castle.

2007
01:12:25,000 --> 01:12:25,700
OK.

2008
01:12:25,700 --> 01:12:27,890
Really old, cold,
ice cold castle,

2009

01:12:27,890 --> 01:12:31,310
used to belong to someone,
rich Americans, I think.

2010

01:12:31,310 --> 01:12:32,180
But it was ice cold.

2011

01:12:32,180 --> 01:12:32,930
There was no heat.

2012

01:12:32,930 --> 01:12:33,680
There was nothing.

2013

01:12:33,680 --> 01:12:35,600
So we stayed there a while.

2014

01:12:35,600 --> 01:12:39,390
And it was not a good
place at that time.

2015

01:12:39,390 --> 01:12:42,770
But there, we were
also safe in a way,

2016

01:12:42,770 --> 01:12:44,930
because it was also isolated.

2017

01:12:44,930 --> 01:12:49,240
And I remember the name
of that Chateau du Theil.

2018

01:12:49,240 --> 01:12:50,560
How do you spell that?

2019

01:12:50,560 --> 01:12:51,543
It's hard.

2020

01:12:51,543 --> 01:12:52,460
Chateau, you know is--

2021

01:12:52,460 --> 01:12:53,130
Yeah.

2022

01:12:53,130 --> 01:12:53,630

Theil?

2023

01:12:53,630 --> 01:12:57,100

It was T-H-E-I-L.

2024

01:12:57,100 --> 01:12:58,190

Chateau du Theil.

2025

01:12:58,190 --> 01:12:59,148

Yeah.

2026

01:12:59,148 --> 01:13:01,190

And that's where we were
there, too, for a while.

2027

01:13:01,190 --> 01:13:04,190

And then we went somewhere
in the Massif Central, which

2028

01:13:04,190 --> 01:13:07,460

is the in the center of France.

2029

01:13:07,460 --> 01:13:14,390

And then one time, they sent me
away alone without my sister.

2030

01:13:14,390 --> 01:13:17,540

No, alone to a school, like
a boarding school, out,

2031

01:13:17,540 --> 01:13:19,970

because they wanted
to scatter the kids.

2032

01:13:19,970 --> 01:13:23,990

They shouldn't all be in the
same place, safe for a while.

2033

01:13:23,990 --> 01:13:25,210

So that's where I went.

2034

01:13:25,210 --> 01:13:27,842

But the bad part was that

I was the only Jew there.

2035

01:13:27,842 --> 01:13:29,300
And I was afraid
that they're going

2036

01:13:29,300 --> 01:13:32,210
to find out that I'm Jewish,
somehow, the way I look,

2037

01:13:32,210 --> 01:13:33,120
or what I do.

2038

01:13:33,120 --> 01:13:36,140
So I was always on the
lookout, that I shouldn't be.

2039

01:13:36,140 --> 01:13:37,370
So you were always anxious?

2040

01:13:37,370 --> 01:13:39,350
Oh, anxious, anxious,
all the time.

2041

01:13:39,350 --> 01:13:42,070
That's why I'm still
anxious, the war,

2042

01:13:42,070 --> 01:13:44,720
too, so anxious and
worried that they're

2043

01:13:44,720 --> 01:13:47,210
going to find out who I am.

2044

01:13:47,210 --> 01:13:51,670
Because they're all Christian.

2045

01:13:51,670 --> 01:13:56,650
And I think there was one that,
my memory, that I think she

2046

01:13:56,650 --> 01:13:58,090
must have been Jewish, too.

2047

01:13:58,090 --> 01:14:00,420

But she also was cautious.

2048

01:14:00,420 --> 01:14:02,600

But I didn't want
to talk to her.

2049

01:14:02,600 --> 01:14:05,870

Because I didn't want to
have anything suspicious

2050

01:14:05,870 --> 01:14:06,750

going on there.

2051

01:14:06,750 --> 01:14:08,130

But I was there for a while.

2052

01:14:08,130 --> 01:14:09,190

I don't know how long.

2053

01:14:09,190 --> 01:14:10,430

That there's a school--

2054

01:14:10,430 --> 01:14:13,630

like, a high school sort of
thing, not high school yet.

2055

01:14:13,630 --> 01:14:14,420

A boarding school?

2056

01:14:14,420 --> 01:14:14,630

Yeah.

2057

01:14:14,630 --> 01:14:16,770

A boarding school--
sleeping, sleeping, sleeping.

2058

01:14:16,770 --> 01:14:17,270

OK.

2059

01:14:17,270 --> 01:14:18,260

Yeah.

2060

01:14:18,260 --> 01:14:20,580
And did you come back
from that boarding school?

2061
01:14:20,580 --> 01:14:21,800
I did come back.

2062
01:14:21,800 --> 01:14:22,820
OK.

2063
01:14:22,820 --> 01:14:25,520
And your sister was
still within the group?

2064
01:14:25,520 --> 01:14:30,840
And then at one time, they sent
her also away somewhere else.

2065
01:14:30,840 --> 01:14:31,340
OK.

2066
01:14:31,340 --> 01:14:35,570
At one time they sent her where
my mother was, in the basement

2067
01:14:35,570 --> 01:14:36,380
with her.

2068
01:14:36,380 --> 01:14:37,130
Would you believe?

2069
01:14:37,130 --> 01:14:37,700
Really?

2070
01:14:37,700 --> 01:14:39,290
I don't know how
she ended up there.

2071
01:14:39,290 --> 01:14:42,020
But then she came back, too.

2072
01:14:42,020 --> 01:14:43,235
Miracles happened.

2073

01:14:43,235 --> 01:14:44,330
I'm telling you, miracles.

2074
01:14:44,330 --> 01:14:47,520
The details of exactly
how it went, I don't know.

2075
01:14:47,520 --> 01:14:49,250
All I know is that
she went there.

2076
01:14:49,250 --> 01:14:51,590
And she was almost also killed.

2077
01:14:51,590 --> 01:14:54,720
But finally, we were
all together again,

2078
01:14:54,720 --> 01:14:55,940
my sister and I.

2079
01:14:55,940 --> 01:14:59,570
Tell me, when you
were together again,

2080
01:14:59,570 --> 01:15:00,950
where were you at that time?

2081
01:15:00,950 --> 01:15:03,500
What part or what place
in France were you?

2082
01:15:03,500 --> 01:15:11,120
We were together, again,
that was next to Bayonne.

2083
01:15:11,120 --> 01:15:14,585
I'm trying to figure out which
town, which big town there

2084
01:15:14,585 --> 01:15:15,680
is there.

2085
01:15:15,680 --> 01:15:18,980
Biarritz-Bayonne--

that's on the coast also.

2086

01:15:18,980 --> 01:15:22,370

It's also the South of
France, but on the other side,

2087

01:15:22,370 --> 01:15:25,910

on the East Coast.

2088

01:15:25,910 --> 01:15:27,440

I don't know how to explain it.

2089

01:15:27,440 --> 01:15:28,050

That's OK.

2090

01:15:28,050 --> 01:15:28,550

Yeah.

2091

01:15:28,550 --> 01:15:30,560

Biarritz-Bayonne, and
that's where we ended up.

2092

01:15:30,560 --> 01:15:33,770

I think that was our last place.

2093

01:15:33,770 --> 01:15:38,210

And do you remember
how the war ended?

2094

01:15:38,210 --> 01:15:39,410

Yeah, the war ended.

2095

01:15:39,410 --> 01:15:43,933

And then somebody came
and with my mother.

2096

01:15:43,933 --> 01:15:45,350

I didn't know how
it went exactly.

2097

01:15:45,350 --> 01:15:46,070

The war ended.

2098

01:15:46,070 --> 01:15:47,510

But it was ended.

2099

01:15:47,510 --> 01:15:49,340

And then my mother
didn't come right away.

2100

01:15:49,340 --> 01:15:52,220

But she came with someone.

2101

01:15:52,220 --> 01:15:55,460

And she came to
where we were then.

2102

01:15:55,460 --> 01:16:02,010

And then, from
there, after a while,

2103

01:16:02,010 --> 01:16:03,340

see we went back with her.

2104

01:16:03,340 --> 01:16:05,340

She wanted us to be, but
she had no place to be.

2105

01:16:05,340 --> 01:16:05,840

You know?

2106

01:16:05,840 --> 01:16:07,180

So we stayed a while yet there.

2107

01:16:07,180 --> 01:16:08,210

In Biarritz right?

2108

01:16:08,210 --> 01:16:08,710

Yeah.

2109

01:16:08,710 --> 01:16:08,990

In the Bayonne.

2110

01:16:08,990 --> 01:16:09,670

In the Bayonne.

2111

01:16:09,670 --> 01:16:10,490

Next to Bayonne.

2112
01:16:10,490 --> 01:16:11,270
Next to Bayonne.

2113
01:16:11,270 --> 01:16:13,650
So were there American
soldiers there?

2114
01:16:13,650 --> 01:16:15,010
Was this in the area there was--

2115
01:16:15,010 --> 01:16:15,230
Yes.

2116
01:16:15,230 --> 01:16:15,855
Then they came.

2117
01:16:15,855 --> 01:16:16,980
The American soldiers came.

2118
01:16:16,980 --> 01:16:17,480
OK.

2119
01:16:17,480 --> 01:16:19,970
Do you remember them
coming to your area?

2120
01:16:19,970 --> 01:16:21,440
They came and talked to us.

2121
01:16:21,440 --> 01:16:23,790
And then, yeah.

2122
01:16:23,790 --> 01:16:24,290
OK.

2123
01:16:24,290 --> 01:16:26,630
They came and talked to
us, American soldiers.

2124
01:16:26,630 --> 01:16:30,440
So essentially, at that
point, you're liberated?

2125

01:16:30,440 --> 01:16:32,090

They're there, really.

2126

01:16:32,090 --> 01:16:34,370

If the Americans were there,
that means they're OK.

2127

01:16:34,370 --> 01:16:36,830

Remember, the Americans
were very nice to us

2128

01:16:36,830 --> 01:16:39,290

when they came, to the
children, you know.

2129

01:16:39,290 --> 01:16:43,880

And then, after that, I
don't remember exactly when.

2130

01:16:43,880 --> 01:16:47,540

But my mother did
come back to get us,

2131

01:16:47,540 --> 01:16:49,287

because she wanted
us to be with her.

2132

01:16:49,287 --> 01:16:51,120

After all these years,
we were not with her.

2133

01:16:51,120 --> 01:16:54,797

So she went to Paris with us.

2134

01:16:54,797 --> 01:16:55,880

I mean, she took us there.

2135

01:16:55,880 --> 01:16:59,990

Because she had sent-- the
minute that the war was over,

2136

01:16:59,990 --> 01:17:03,170

she sent my Aunt Bertha,
in the United States,

2137

01:17:03,170 --> 01:17:05,660
in Bethlehem, a telegram.

2138

01:17:05,660 --> 01:17:06,710
Bethlehem, Pennsylvania?

2139

01:17:06,710 --> 01:17:07,350
Yes.

2140

01:17:07,350 --> 01:17:10,520
A telegram that
said, we are alive.

2141

01:17:10,520 --> 01:17:12,650
Send papers.

2142

01:17:12,650 --> 01:17:16,220
So my aunt got
together with my uncles

2143

01:17:16,220 --> 01:17:19,310
in New York, my
father's brothers--

2144

01:17:19,310 --> 01:17:19,820
Oh, yeah.

2145

01:17:19,820 --> 01:17:24,080
And she, working
with them together,

2146

01:17:24,080 --> 01:17:25,430
and they got us papers.

2147

01:17:25,430 --> 01:17:29,520
We were one of the first ones
that came in 1946 to the United

2148

01:17:29,520 --> 01:17:30,020
States.

2149

01:17:30,020 --> 01:17:30,860
Yes.

2150

01:17:30,860 --> 01:17:33,530

And did you, by that point,
know that your father is not

2151

01:17:33,530 --> 01:17:34,030

coming back?

2152

01:17:34,030 --> 01:17:34,530

Yeah.

2153

01:17:34,530 --> 01:17:36,440

We didn't know anything
about it, nothing.

2154

01:17:36,440 --> 01:17:37,230

Then?

2155

01:17:37,230 --> 01:17:38,390

No.

2156

01:17:38,390 --> 01:17:39,770

We didn't know
anything about it.

2157

01:17:39,770 --> 01:17:42,030

And you didn't go
back to Antwerp?

2158

01:17:42,030 --> 01:17:42,530

No.

2159

01:17:42,530 --> 01:17:44,210

My mother went back
to Antwerp once,

2160

01:17:44,210 --> 01:17:47,870

to find out what happened to my
father, really what happened.

2161

01:17:47,870 --> 01:17:48,630

You know?

2162

01:17:48,630 --> 01:17:49,900

OK.

2163
01:17:49,900 --> 01:17:53,400
Can you hold on just a second?

2164
01:17:53,400 --> 01:17:57,110
So we had a quick break.

2165
01:17:57,110 --> 01:17:59,150
And we were all
reminded that there

2166
01:17:59,150 --> 01:18:03,080
were some episodes
that you experienced

2167
01:18:03,080 --> 01:18:04,970
that we should look back to.

2168
01:18:04,970 --> 01:18:09,950
So tell me about
learning the catechism.

2169
01:18:09,950 --> 01:18:13,830
Did you go to religious classes,
Catholic religious classes?

2170
01:18:13,830 --> 01:18:14,330
No.

2171
01:18:14,330 --> 01:18:15,600
But we just somehow knew.

2172
01:18:15,600 --> 01:18:17,390
They taught us in the place.

2173
01:18:17,390 --> 01:18:19,730
You know, they were
Christians there, too.

2174
01:18:19,730 --> 01:18:22,250
And so I knew my catechism.

2175
01:18:22,250 --> 01:18:24,880
And I think we went to

church once or twice.

2176

01:18:24,880 --> 01:18:26,990
I'm not sure exactly when.

2177

01:18:26,990 --> 01:18:28,640
But I did know my catechism.

2178

01:18:28,640 --> 01:18:30,740
So you know the basic prayers?

2179

01:18:30,740 --> 01:18:31,750
I used to know.

2180

01:18:31,750 --> 01:18:32,450
OK.

2181

01:18:32,450 --> 01:18:33,290
OK.

2182

01:18:33,290 --> 01:18:34,050
In French.

2183

01:18:34,050 --> 01:18:34,550
[LAUGHING]

2184

01:18:34,550 --> 01:18:35,060
Yeah.

2185

01:18:35,060 --> 01:18:39,170
These things could come in
very helpful if you're stopped

2186

01:18:39,170 --> 01:18:42,030
and you say I'm Catholic
and someone says, prove it.

2187

01:18:42,030 --> 01:18:43,560
[BOTH TALKING]

2188

01:18:43,560 --> 01:18:46,100
And then they'll ask
you to say the prayer.

2189

01:18:46,100 --> 01:18:46,790

You know?

2190

01:18:46,790 --> 01:18:47,490

So in a way--

2191

01:18:47,490 --> 01:18:49,820

They wanted us to know that.

2192

01:18:49,820 --> 01:18:50,600

Yeah.

2193

01:18:50,600 --> 01:18:52,850

They didn't want to convert us.

2194

01:18:52,850 --> 01:18:55,340

But they wanted
us to know that we

2195

01:18:55,340 --> 01:18:58,600

had to know that
we're not Jewish,

2196

01:18:58,600 --> 01:19:00,050

that we're not Jewish for now.

2197

01:19:00,050 --> 01:19:00,270

OK.

2198

01:19:00,270 --> 01:19:01,580

And we know that we're Jewish.

2199

01:19:01,580 --> 01:19:05,890

But just, that's for protection.

2200

01:19:05,890 --> 01:19:07,210

There's a lot of other details.

2201

01:19:07,210 --> 01:19:09,175

But it's too many.

2202

01:19:09,175 --> 01:19:12,320

Well, what kind of

details come to your mind

2203

01:19:12,320 --> 01:19:13,490
when you talk about this?

2204

01:19:13,490 --> 01:19:16,910

2205

01:19:16,910 --> 01:19:20,270
Because like I said, they
were very good to us,

2206

01:19:20,270 --> 01:19:23,150
and they tried to
make our life nice.

2207

01:19:23,150 --> 01:19:27,920
So later on, they would took
us on little excursions.

2208

01:19:27,920 --> 01:19:29,930
And that was probably
already after--

2209

01:19:29,930 --> 01:19:33,110
probably when the war had
already stopped almost.

2210

01:19:33,110 --> 01:19:36,300
And it took us, like, to Nice.

2211

01:19:36,300 --> 01:19:37,430
You know where that is?

2212

01:19:37,430 --> 01:19:37,930
Yeah.

2213

01:19:37,930 --> 01:19:40,470
A big city, and to
another place, just

2214

01:19:40,470 --> 01:19:42,570
to show us a little
bit something.

2215

01:19:42,570 --> 01:19:45,970

But not for pleasure,
just to take us out.

2216

01:19:45,970 --> 01:19:49,410

So they tried to make our life,
like I said, pleasant and good,

2217

01:19:49,410 --> 01:19:50,870

which they did.

2218

01:19:50,870 --> 01:19:52,680

But tell me about--

2219

01:19:52,680 --> 01:19:57,360

your relative told
me that you also

2220

01:19:57,360 --> 01:19:59,730

ended up in a Protestant area?

2221

01:19:59,730 --> 01:20:00,930

In a what kind of area?

2222

01:20:00,930 --> 01:20:03,230

Protestant area,
not a Catholic area?

2223

01:20:03,230 --> 01:20:03,730

Yeah.

2224

01:20:03,730 --> 01:20:06,587

The place, the school
that they sent me to--

2225

01:20:06,587 --> 01:20:07,420

The boarding school?

2226

01:20:07,420 --> 01:20:12,830

--boarding school was the wrong
religion of what I said I was.

2227

01:20:12,830 --> 01:20:14,720

So you said you were Catholic.

2228
01:20:14,720 --> 01:20:15,220
I think so.

2229
01:20:15,220 --> 01:20:16,380
And they were Protestant.

2230
01:20:16,380 --> 01:20:19,210
I don't know which one I
was, but I was the wrong one.

2231
01:20:19,210 --> 01:20:21,112
So I was worried
about that, too.

2232
01:20:21,112 --> 01:20:22,440
[LAUGHING]

2233
01:20:22,440 --> 01:20:23,430
Oh, my goodness.

2234
01:20:23,430 --> 01:20:25,290
I wasn't an exclu--

2235
01:20:25,290 --> 01:20:26,460
I mean, what do you call it?

2236
01:20:26,460 --> 01:20:27,160
Excluded.

2237
01:20:27,160 --> 01:20:27,660
Excluded.

2238
01:20:27,660 --> 01:20:31,920
I mean, I didn't belong
anywhere, really, looks like.

2239
01:20:31,920 --> 01:20:35,002
Did you ever get any
explanation as to why you were

2240
01:20:35,002 --> 01:20:36,210
sent to that boarding school?

2241

01:20:36,210 --> 01:20:36,710

Yes.

2242

01:20:36,710 --> 01:20:40,350

To save me from being
gathered somewhere.

2243

01:20:40,350 --> 01:20:44,400

They wanted to disperse as many
kids at some different places.

2244

01:20:44,400 --> 01:20:48,112

They were afraid they were
going to get taken away.

2245

01:20:48,112 --> 01:20:49,320

That's protection.

2246

01:20:49,320 --> 01:20:49,830

Yeah.

2247

01:20:49,830 --> 01:20:51,990

Somebody at that
boarding school probably

2248

01:20:51,990 --> 01:20:54,660

knew your real identity.

2249

01:20:54,660 --> 01:20:57,390

Because why would
have they taken you?

2250

01:20:57,390 --> 01:20:59,010

They sent us to
get an education.

2251

01:20:59,010 --> 01:21:00,260

Oh, they sent you with
Christian children?

2252

01:21:00,260 --> 01:21:00,780

Yeah.

2253

01:21:00,780 --> 01:21:01,710

We're not Jewish.

2254

01:21:01,710 --> 01:21:05,460
Jewish is out, completely out.

2255

01:21:05,460 --> 01:21:07,930
But you know that when
you think about it,

2256

01:21:07,930 --> 01:21:09,850
the pressure on a child--

2257

01:21:09,850 --> 01:21:13,510
It's terrible, the fear that
you're going to be discovered

2258

01:21:13,510 --> 01:21:15,200
and what's going to
happen, you know?

2259

01:21:15,200 --> 01:21:16,380
Yeah.

2260

01:21:16,380 --> 01:21:19,518
Did you ever come close
to being discovered?

2261

01:21:19,518 --> 01:21:20,060
I don't know.

2262

01:21:20,060 --> 01:21:23,770
I always thought that some
kind of suspicious-- but then,

2263

01:21:23,770 --> 01:21:27,450
I forgot about it, didn't
want to think about it even.

2264

01:21:27,450 --> 01:21:28,240
But we made it.

2265

01:21:28,240 --> 01:21:29,550
We're here talking.

2266

01:21:29,550 --> 01:21:31,030
That's true.

2267
01:21:31,030 --> 01:21:34,270
So I had asked you
before, well, I

2268
01:21:34,270 --> 01:21:36,210
had asked your
husband before, how

2269
01:21:36,210 --> 01:21:39,480
did all of these
experiences change him?

2270
01:21:39,480 --> 01:21:41,700
From before the
war, before, when

2271
01:21:41,700 --> 01:21:45,180
he was a young man who didn't
know about such things,

2272
01:21:45,180 --> 01:21:47,040
until he went through them.

2273
01:21:47,040 --> 01:21:49,110
And I ask you the same thing.

2274
01:21:49,110 --> 01:21:50,170
You were a little girl.

2275
01:21:50,170 --> 01:21:50,670
Yeah.

2276
01:21:50,670 --> 01:21:51,810
Basically a child.

2277
01:21:51,810 --> 01:21:52,710
Yes.

2278
01:21:52,710 --> 01:21:56,430
And how did this change you?

2279

01:21:56,430 --> 01:21:56,930
Did it--

2280
01:21:56,930 --> 01:21:57,763
It didn't change me.

2281
01:21:57,763 --> 01:22:00,540
Because I wasn't
really an adult at all,

2282
01:22:00,540 --> 01:22:05,140
so I just go from one
phase to another phase.

2283
01:22:05,140 --> 01:22:06,780
I became very anxious, I know.

2284
01:22:06,780 --> 01:22:09,780
That's probably part
of my anxiety problems.

2285
01:22:09,780 --> 01:22:11,610
Because you know--

2286
01:22:11,610 --> 01:22:12,490
You got scared.

2287
01:22:12,490 --> 01:22:12,990
Yeah.

2288
01:22:12,990 --> 01:22:13,630
I was scared.

2289
01:22:13,630 --> 01:22:14,230
I was scared.

2290
01:22:14,230 --> 01:22:15,270
We were in tension.

2291
01:22:15,270 --> 01:22:18,390
But by the time we were
with the Tante Ida and then

2292
01:22:18,390 --> 01:22:21,170

the whole group, we were
not scared most of the time,

2293
01:22:21,170 --> 01:22:21,690
you know.

2294
01:22:21,690 --> 01:22:25,250
Because they made our
life very bearable

2295
01:22:25,250 --> 01:22:26,870
and they were very good to us.

2296
01:22:26,870 --> 01:22:32,130
But there was always the danger
that we had to be on our guard.

2297
01:22:32,130 --> 01:22:34,080
Yeah.

2298
01:22:34,080 --> 01:22:36,900
But they were very good people.

2299
01:22:36,900 --> 01:22:40,650
Well, you know, it's hard
to imagine the effects

2300
01:22:40,650 --> 01:22:43,210
that something like
this has on a child.

2301
01:22:43,210 --> 01:22:46,170
The way children
experience these things

2302
01:22:46,170 --> 01:22:49,920
is a deeper way than adults do.

2303
01:22:49,920 --> 01:22:52,830
Because there are fewer
resources that a child

2304
01:22:52,830 --> 01:22:56,580
will have to call upon.

2305

01:22:56,580 --> 01:22:59,710

I think if I wouldn't have
been with these people,

2306

01:22:59,710 --> 01:23:02,470

Tante Ida and the whole thing
would have been even worse.

2307

01:23:02,470 --> 01:23:08,520

But they had some time there
not to be so all the time.

2308

01:23:08,520 --> 01:23:09,150

But I was.

2309

01:23:09,150 --> 01:23:10,800

Because we were always afraid.

2310

01:23:10,800 --> 01:23:14,088

But they made, like
I said, our life--

2311

01:23:14,088 --> 01:23:15,630

Sounds like they
did what they could.

2312

01:23:15,630 --> 01:23:16,900

--very, very livable.

2313

01:23:16,900 --> 01:23:17,400

They did.

2314

01:23:17,400 --> 01:23:17,730

Yeah.

2315

01:23:17,730 --> 01:23:18,420

Yeah, they did.

2316

01:23:18,420 --> 01:23:21,030

2317

01:23:21,030 --> 01:23:23,370

So tell us, where
did you live in Paris

2318
01:23:23,370 --> 01:23:25,230
when your mother
finally got you?

2319
01:23:25,230 --> 01:23:30,070
We lived there only temporarily
to wait for the papers.

2320
01:23:30,070 --> 01:23:30,570
OK.

2321
01:23:30,570 --> 01:23:32,210
That's where she took us there.

2322
01:23:32,210 --> 01:23:33,150
OK.

2323
01:23:33,150 --> 01:23:35,850
And from there then,
we went on the ship.

2324
01:23:35,850 --> 01:23:37,890
And she had some
people that she knew.

2325
01:23:37,890 --> 01:23:39,400
So they made it even easier.

2326
01:23:39,400 --> 01:23:41,630
We came on a military ship here.

2327
01:23:41,630 --> 01:23:42,730
Oh, did you?

2328
01:23:42,730 --> 01:23:44,430
On the military--
we were the only--

2329
01:23:44,430 --> 01:23:47,400
about 18 civilians on that ship.

2330
01:23:47,400 --> 01:23:48,690
It's a warship.

2331
01:23:48,690 --> 01:23:51,660
And so was it
soldiers coming home?

2332
01:23:51,660 --> 01:23:53,190
Right.

2333
01:23:53,190 --> 01:23:55,930
And so you were the only
little kids on there?

2334
01:23:55,930 --> 01:23:56,910
Kids, yeah.

2335
01:23:56,910 --> 01:23:58,800
But there were adults, too.

2336
01:23:58,800 --> 01:24:04,230
There was my mother and then
there was some American women.

2337
01:24:04,230 --> 01:24:05,940
And then some
others, I don't know.

2338
01:24:05,940 --> 01:24:08,290
But there was 18 civilians.

2339
01:24:08,290 --> 01:24:11,460
The rest was all soldiers.

2340
01:24:11,460 --> 01:24:13,380
And I think they
were sailors, really.

2341
01:24:13,380 --> 01:24:14,340
I'm not sure.

2342
01:24:14,340 --> 01:24:15,960
We didn't mingle.

2343
01:24:15,960 --> 01:24:16,460
You didn't?

2344
01:24:16,460 --> 01:24:16,650
No.

2345
01:24:16,650 --> 01:24:17,150
Why?

2346
01:24:17,150 --> 01:24:18,600
I was seasick the whole time.

2347
01:24:18,600 --> 01:24:19,100
Oh.

2348
01:24:19,100 --> 01:24:22,390
We were nine days seasick
down in the thing.

2349
01:24:22,390 --> 01:24:24,090
And my sister was worse than me.

2350
01:24:24,090 --> 01:24:25,200
She was throwing up.

2351
01:24:25,200 --> 01:24:27,540
And there wasn't good--

2352
01:24:27,540 --> 01:24:28,320
couldn't eat.

2353
01:24:28,320 --> 01:24:31,750
After all the time, there we
could have had food, good food.

2354
01:24:31,750 --> 01:24:33,050
We couldn't eat because--

2355
01:24:33,050 --> 01:24:34,175
So you had motion sickness.

2356
01:24:34,175 --> 01:24:34,675
Yeah.

2357
01:24:34,675 --> 01:24:35,550

--we were seasick.

2358

01:24:35,550 --> 01:24:39,020

And then, yeah, the
trip wasn't so good.

2359

01:24:39,020 --> 01:24:40,230

But we made it early.

2360

01:24:40,230 --> 01:24:43,155

We came 1946, at Passover time--

2361

01:24:43,155 --> 01:24:44,030

So in the springtime?

2362

01:24:44,030 --> 01:24:45,220

--which is the springtime.

2363

01:24:45,220 --> 01:24:45,720

Yeah.

2364

01:24:45,720 --> 01:24:46,680

It was Passover.

2365

01:24:46,680 --> 01:24:47,970

Yeah.

2366

01:24:47,970 --> 01:24:48,780

That is early.

2367

01:24:48,780 --> 01:24:51,630

Very early, one of the few
earliest ones, because we

2368

01:24:51,630 --> 01:24:55,110

came not on a civilian ship.

2369

01:24:55,110 --> 01:24:57,780

So tell me, how did
this affect your sister?

2370

01:24:57,780 --> 01:24:59,110

You say she cried a lot.

2371
01:24:59,110 --> 01:24:59,860
She cried a lot.

2372
01:24:59,860 --> 01:25:00,990
She cried a lot.

2373
01:25:00,990 --> 01:25:03,570
Was there a time
she stopped crying?

2374
01:25:03,570 --> 01:25:05,580
She still cried afterwards, too.

2375
01:25:05,580 --> 01:25:06,330
Did she?

2376
01:25:06,330 --> 01:25:07,770
Yeah?

2377
01:25:07,770 --> 01:25:10,800
But she was a wonderful
girl, my sister.

2378
01:25:10,800 --> 01:25:12,240
I miss her so much.

2379
01:25:12,240 --> 01:25:14,998
Because we went through
everything together.

2380
01:25:14,998 --> 01:25:15,540
She was good.

2381
01:25:15,540 --> 01:25:17,100
She was talented.

2382
01:25:17,100 --> 01:25:20,580
Made this sweater for me and
a whole bunch of other things.

2383
01:25:20,580 --> 01:25:24,700
And she was a good
person and really--

2384

01:25:24,700 --> 01:25:26,700

Well, she was a lifelong friend.

2385

01:25:26,700 --> 01:25:27,300

Yes.

2386

01:25:27,300 --> 01:25:30,190

Since we were babies together.

2387

01:25:30,190 --> 01:25:33,930

And so I miss her
terribly, in every respect.

2388

01:25:33,930 --> 01:25:34,570

I can imagine.

2389

01:25:34,570 --> 01:25:38,550

And so can't get her back.

2390

01:25:38,550 --> 01:25:42,420

So she deserved
everything, the best.

2391

01:25:42,420 --> 01:25:44,550

But she didn't have a good life.

2392

01:25:44,550 --> 01:25:45,860

It was tough for her, huh?

2393

01:25:45,860 --> 01:25:49,340

Yeah, her husband, I mean,
her marriage was not good.

2394

01:25:49,340 --> 01:25:51,270

And I felt terrible for her.

2395

01:25:51,270 --> 01:25:59,340

Because she was talented and
good and smart and beautiful.

2396

01:25:59,340 --> 01:26:00,610

I can see that you miss her.

2397

01:26:00,610 --> 01:26:01,140
Pardon me?

2398
01:26:01,140 --> 01:26:02,910
I can see that you miss her.

2399
01:26:02,910 --> 01:26:04,990
I can see that, from
your description.

2400
01:26:04,990 --> 01:26:05,590
Yeah.

2401
01:26:05,590 --> 01:26:06,090
Yeah.

2402
01:26:06,090 --> 01:26:07,180
She is.

2403
01:26:07,180 --> 01:26:08,670
Yeah.

2404
01:26:08,670 --> 01:26:12,390
Let's go back to when you
arrive in the United States.

2405
01:26:12,390 --> 01:26:13,110
Oh, yeah.

2406
01:26:13,110 --> 01:26:14,640
That was another experience.

2407
01:26:14,640 --> 01:26:15,910
Tell me about that.

2408
01:26:15,910 --> 01:26:16,900
What was that like?

2409
01:26:16,900 --> 01:26:19,740
Because we came on the ship,
seasick and all that, finally,

2410
01:26:19,740 --> 01:26:21,690
we arrived in New York.

2411

01:26:21,690 --> 01:26:24,870

We think my mother had sent
the date when we arriving.

2412

01:26:24,870 --> 01:26:27,630

The day we arrived,
we didn't go--

2413

01:26:27,630 --> 01:26:29,040

we came to Staten Island.

2414

01:26:29,040 --> 01:26:34,230

I don't know where, because it
was a ship, not a luxury ship.

2415

01:26:34,230 --> 01:26:37,140

That's where they ended
up, in Staten Island.

2416

01:26:37,140 --> 01:26:38,160

I don't know where.

2417

01:26:38,160 --> 01:26:41,150

Also nobody was there, nobody.

2418

01:26:41,150 --> 01:26:42,120

We come there.

2419

01:26:42,120 --> 01:26:43,530

We go up there.

2420

01:26:43,530 --> 01:26:46,500

Everybody gets out
of the boat, ship.

2421

01:26:46,500 --> 01:26:49,230

And we go in there, and
there's nobody there for us.

2422

01:26:49,230 --> 01:26:53,370

We're standing there, like,
not knowing the language,

2423

01:26:53,370 --> 01:26:58,890
not knowing anybody, not having
anything, anybody to refer to.

2424
01:26:58,890 --> 01:27:00,690
And so we stood around.

2425
01:27:00,690 --> 01:27:02,040
Nobody came for us.

2426
01:27:02,040 --> 01:27:04,570
So my mother, there was a--

2427
01:27:04,570 --> 01:27:06,330
the first time I saw a--

2428
01:27:06,330 --> 01:27:08,900
what do you call it?

2429
01:27:08,900 --> 01:27:10,590
I can't think of the name.

2430
01:27:10,590 --> 01:27:13,590

2431
01:27:13,590 --> 01:27:18,130
My god, like, a restaurant,
but it's not a restaurant.

2432
01:27:18,130 --> 01:27:18,630
A cafe?

2433
01:27:18,630 --> 01:27:19,230
A diner?

2434
01:27:19,230 --> 01:27:20,430
A diner, exactly.

2435
01:27:20,430 --> 01:27:21,360
Thank you.

2436
01:27:21,360 --> 01:27:22,230
A diner.

2437

01:27:22,230 --> 01:27:22,977

So we went in.

2438

01:27:22,977 --> 01:27:24,060

My mother said, let's see.

2439

01:27:24,060 --> 01:27:25,320

We went into the diner.

2440

01:27:25,320 --> 01:27:28,920

And there was a man
there behind the counter.

2441

01:27:28,920 --> 01:27:31,860

And we can't converse with him.

2442

01:27:31,860 --> 01:27:35,730

But with gestures and all
that, and then finally,

2443

01:27:35,730 --> 01:27:38,790

we said French, Francaise.

2444

01:27:38,790 --> 01:27:40,590

You know, wait a minute.

2445

01:27:40,590 --> 01:27:44,430

So he went in the back
and got a young girl,

2446

01:27:44,430 --> 01:27:46,200

must've been his daughter.

2447

01:27:46,200 --> 01:27:51,610

And he says, [NON-ENGLISH]
come here, you know?

2448

01:27:51,610 --> 01:27:58,860

So she said, talk French to
them and find out what they are

2449

01:27:58,860 --> 01:28:01,640

and what they want
and what's going on.

2450
01:28:01,640 --> 01:28:04,575
The poor kid, she knew
French from book French.

2451
01:28:04,575 --> 01:28:07,180
But she didn't know
how to do conversation.

2452
01:28:07,180 --> 01:28:09,970
She didn't have
conversational French.

2453
01:28:09,970 --> 01:28:12,430
So she didn't really
help anything.

2454
01:28:12,430 --> 01:28:15,100
And the father got
so angry at her

2455
01:28:15,100 --> 01:28:18,370
because she didn't understand.

2456
01:28:18,370 --> 01:28:19,720
Why can't she speak?

2457
01:28:19,720 --> 01:28:21,310
So that didn't help.

2458
01:28:21,310 --> 01:28:27,880
Finally, he gave us some
change to make a phone call.

2459
01:28:27,880 --> 01:28:33,450
And my mother called
her sister's number.

2460
01:28:33,450 --> 01:28:36,200
But we were waiting
there a long, long time.

2461
01:28:36,200 --> 01:28:38,740
And so in the meantime, he
told us to come in the diner.

2462

01:28:38,740 --> 01:28:41,350

And he gave us something
to eat, put on the jukebox.

2463

01:28:41,350 --> 01:28:45,397

Never heard a jukebox, first
time we heard a jukebox.

2464

01:28:45,397 --> 01:28:47,230

And he treated us, you
know, with something.

2465

01:28:47,230 --> 01:28:48,380

I don't remember what.

2466

01:28:48,380 --> 01:28:50,300

But he was very kind to us.

2467

01:28:50,300 --> 01:28:54,070

And finally, we got in
touch with somebody.

2468

01:28:54,070 --> 01:28:56,450

I don't know if it was
my uncle or my aunt.

2469

01:28:56,450 --> 01:28:58,990

But my mother called
and got somebody.

2470

01:28:58,990 --> 01:29:00,730

So they came.

2471

01:29:00,730 --> 01:29:02,320

It was a wrong day.

2472

01:29:02,320 --> 01:29:04,340

They thought we were
coming the next day.

2473

01:29:04,340 --> 01:29:06,490

Oh.

2474

01:29:06,490 --> 01:29:12,380
Finally, after all this,
we got together with them.

2475
01:29:12,380 --> 01:29:14,000
This is your mother's sister?

2476
01:29:14,000 --> 01:29:16,450
Yeah, my mother's sister
and the uncles also came.

2477
01:29:16,450 --> 01:29:18,610
And she alerted them.

2478
01:29:18,610 --> 01:29:20,620
And they didn't
come from New York.

2479
01:29:20,620 --> 01:29:21,922
But somebody came--

2480
01:29:21,922 --> 01:29:22,630
I don't remember.

2481
01:29:22,630 --> 01:29:28,670
One of them was, you know, that
comes here, my cousin Sheila?

2482
01:29:28,670 --> 01:29:30,020
It's too late already?

2483
01:29:30,020 --> 01:29:31,300
No, no, no, no, no.

2484
01:29:31,300 --> 01:29:38,030
My first cousin, she was my
father's brother's daughter.

2485
01:29:38,030 --> 01:29:41,800
She came with a big bouquet of
flowers, big, big, tremendous.

2486
01:29:41,800 --> 01:29:46,890
She was-- how old
was she, 10 or so?

2487
01:29:46,890 --> 01:29:48,370
She was younger than me.

2488
01:29:48,370 --> 01:29:51,520
And she came that
big thing of flowers.

2489
01:29:51,520 --> 01:29:52,390
It was so nice.

2490
01:29:52,390 --> 01:29:56,510
But then, finally,
we got situated.

2491
01:29:56,510 --> 01:29:57,550
Who did you stay with?

2492
01:29:57,550 --> 01:30:00,690
We stayed first, I think, one
night with one of the uncles.

2493
01:30:00,690 --> 01:30:02,172
I'm not sure where or what.

2494
01:30:02,172 --> 01:30:02,880
I don't remember.

2495
01:30:02,880 --> 01:30:03,680
It's like a--

2496
01:30:03,680 --> 01:30:04,210
A haze.

2497
01:30:04,210 --> 01:30:05,490
--a fog.

2498
01:30:05,490 --> 01:30:07,990
But then we went to
Bethlehem, Pennsylvania,

2499
01:30:07,990 --> 01:30:09,580
to my mother's sister.

2500

01:30:09,580 --> 01:30:10,300

OK.

2501

01:30:10,300 --> 01:30:12,480

So I don't know
even who took us,

2502

01:30:12,480 --> 01:30:14,640

or they took-- somebody
came from there.

2503

01:30:14,640 --> 01:30:15,460

And they took us.

2504

01:30:15,460 --> 01:30:16,752

Do you remember the trip there?

2505

01:30:16,752 --> 01:30:17,310

No.

2506

01:30:17,310 --> 01:30:18,700

OK.

2507

01:30:18,700 --> 01:30:20,570

It was, like, probably
at night, too,

2508

01:30:20,570 --> 01:30:22,150

already, by the
time we get there.

2509

01:30:22,150 --> 01:30:25,100

But I remember getting
there, when we got there.

2510

01:30:25,100 --> 01:30:28,410

So my aunt was an angel to--

2511

01:30:28,410 --> 01:30:30,700

and her sister, Mary,
my mother's sisters.

2512

01:30:30,700 --> 01:30:33,110

They both were wonderful people.

2513
01:30:33,110 --> 01:30:37,370
So she took us in right away.

2514
01:30:37,370 --> 01:30:39,820
Their daughters had just
gotten a nice new bedroom

2515
01:30:39,820 --> 01:30:41,110
set, the girls.

2516
01:30:41,110 --> 01:30:43,510
They were the same age as
us, except the older daughter

2517
01:30:43,510 --> 01:30:45,910
was five years older
than I was, 20.

2518
01:30:45,910 --> 01:30:48,910
And my other cousin
was 15 like me.

2519
01:30:48,910 --> 01:30:53,260
And the younger son was
my sister's age, 13.

2520
01:30:53,260 --> 01:30:55,228
So they gave us their bedroom.

2521
01:30:55,228 --> 01:30:57,770
Put them in some other kind of
room, with a brand new bedroom

2522
01:30:57,770 --> 01:31:00,400
set, with a brand new--

2523
01:31:00,400 --> 01:31:03,370
chased them out, poor
things, and gave it to us.

2524
01:31:03,370 --> 01:31:06,168
And she treated us like royalty.

2525

01:31:06,168 --> 01:31:07,960
And she didn't know
what to give us to eat.

2526
01:31:07,960 --> 01:31:09,880
They wanted us to see us eat--

2527
01:31:09,880 --> 01:31:12,930
my little cousin wanted
to see us eat ice cream.

2528
01:31:12,930 --> 01:31:17,150
But we couldn't eat cream
because it was Passover.

2529
01:31:17,150 --> 01:31:19,110
So we had to eat Passover stuff.

2530
01:31:19,110 --> 01:31:21,050
So he couldn't wait
till it's over.

2531
01:31:21,050 --> 01:31:23,433
I went to see them eat
ice cream, he said.

2532
01:31:23,433 --> 01:31:24,222
[LAUGHING]

2533
01:31:24,222 --> 01:31:24,930
Isn't that funny?

2534
01:31:24,930 --> 01:31:26,150
But that's the way it was.

2535
01:31:26,150 --> 01:31:28,210
But they were so good to us.

2536
01:31:28,210 --> 01:31:30,610
It must have been years
and years since the two

2537
01:31:30,610 --> 01:31:32,570
sisters had seen each other.

2538

01:31:32,570 --> 01:31:33,250
Pardon me?

2539

01:31:33,250 --> 01:31:35,593
It must have been years and
years since your mother had

2540

01:31:35,593 --> 01:31:36,260
seen her sister.

2541

01:31:36,260 --> 01:31:38,410
No, because she came
into the United States

2542

01:31:38,410 --> 01:31:41,000
as a young girl,
very young girl.

2543

01:31:41,000 --> 01:31:44,420
Because somebody couldn't
make it in one family.

2544

01:31:44,420 --> 01:31:48,230
So she took the place of
someone and came in their name.

2545

01:31:48,230 --> 01:31:48,730
OK.

2546

01:31:48,730 --> 01:31:51,490
There was also a miracle,
that she came here.

2547

01:31:51,490 --> 01:31:55,180
And did she work in Bethlehem?

2548

01:31:55,180 --> 01:31:56,363
Or was she a housewife?

2549

01:31:56,363 --> 01:31:57,780
Of course, a
housewife works, too.

2550

01:31:57,780 --> 01:32:00,730

No, and then she
had a grocery store

2551
01:32:00,730 --> 01:32:03,100
and worked very, very hard.

2552
01:32:03,100 --> 01:32:09,970
Because my uncle, who was a very
handsome, nice man, American.

2553
01:32:09,970 --> 01:32:14,290
And he was in the war,
I guess World War I.

2554
01:32:14,290 --> 01:32:17,170
And he got wounded in the head.

2555
01:32:17,170 --> 01:32:18,010
And it was OK.

2556
01:32:18,010 --> 01:32:21,130
But after a while, his
vision, he lost his vision.

2557
01:32:21,130 --> 01:32:23,110
So he's blind.

2558
01:32:23,110 --> 01:32:25,800
So she had to be the provider--

2559
01:32:25,800 --> 01:32:26,300
Oh, my.

2560
01:32:26,300 --> 01:32:27,700
--for the family.

2561
01:32:27,700 --> 01:32:31,450
And she worked very, very hard,
never complained, nothing.

2562
01:32:31,450 --> 01:32:36,940
He worked, like, in a station
store, selling newspapers

2563

01:32:36,940 --> 01:32:37,570
or something.

2564
01:32:37,570 --> 01:32:38,960
But he couldn't see.

2565
01:32:38,960 --> 01:32:42,730
So that was not-- but they
were so wonderful to us,

2566
01:32:42,730 --> 01:32:43,630
so wonderful.

2567
01:32:43,630 --> 01:32:45,297
How long did you stay with them?

2568
01:32:45,297 --> 01:32:46,130
We didn't stay long.

2569
01:32:46,130 --> 01:32:47,922
Because my mother didn't
want to stay long.

2570
01:32:47,922 --> 01:32:49,760
Because she wanted
to go to New York.

2571
01:32:49,760 --> 01:32:51,590
Because there was
nothing there for her.

2572
01:32:51,590 --> 01:32:54,740
She said there was
a factory there.

2573
01:32:54,740 --> 01:32:56,270
That name, I remember.

2574
01:32:56,270 --> 01:32:57,320
Isn't that crazy?

2575
01:32:57,320 --> 01:32:57,820
Yeah.

2576

01:32:57,820 --> 01:32:59,360
Laros Silk.

2577
01:32:59,360 --> 01:33:03,420
They made-- Laros,
L-A-R-O-S, I think--

2578
01:33:03,420 --> 01:33:04,100
silk.

2579
01:33:04,100 --> 01:33:08,990
They made the factory sewing
some kind of a underwear

2580
01:33:08,990 --> 01:33:10,230
or something something.

2581
01:33:10,230 --> 01:33:11,780
But she wasn't happy there.

2582
01:33:11,780 --> 01:33:14,495
Well, you know, that's
not the rag trade.

2583
01:33:14,495 --> 01:33:15,245
There's one place.

2584
01:33:15,245 --> 01:33:15,500
And she was sewing.

2585
01:33:15,500 --> 01:33:15,940
Yeah.

2586
01:33:15,940 --> 01:33:16,550
And New York is everything.

2587
01:33:16,550 --> 01:33:17,420
So she didn't want to stay.

2588
01:33:17,420 --> 01:33:19,628
She wanted to go to New York
and see what's going on.

2589
01:33:19,628 --> 01:33:23,190

She wanted to be already
settled with us someplace.

2590
01:33:23,190 --> 01:33:24,870
Anyway, so that's what we did.

2591
01:33:24,870 --> 01:33:25,370
OK.

2592
01:33:25,370 --> 01:33:28,460
So we moved to New York.

2593
01:33:28,460 --> 01:33:31,490
But there was no
place for us to be.

2594
01:33:31,490 --> 01:33:35,510
Because the soldiers were
coming back at that time.

2595
01:33:35,510 --> 01:33:37,880
And they needed apartments.

2596
01:33:37,880 --> 01:33:39,010
There were no apartments.

2597
01:33:39,010 --> 01:33:43,430
So my mother slept in one of
her sister-in-law's couch.

2598
01:33:43,430 --> 01:33:45,810
And we had no place to go.

2599
01:33:45,810 --> 01:33:48,440
So our uncles put us--

2600
01:33:48,440 --> 01:33:50,430
they said we didn't have
the Jewish education.

2601
01:33:50,430 --> 01:33:51,830
We didn't know any Jewish.

2602
01:33:51,830 --> 01:33:59,280

They put us in a Jewish school
called a Bais Yaakov, but very,

2603
01:33:59,280 --> 01:34:01,280
very, very religious.

2604
01:34:01,280 --> 01:34:02,200
And where was this?

2605
01:34:02,200 --> 01:34:02,930
In Brooklyn.

2606
01:34:02,930 --> 01:34:03,650
Williamsburg.

2607
01:34:03,650 --> 01:34:04,640
In Williamsburg?

2608
01:34:04,640 --> 01:34:05,990
OK.

2609
01:34:05,990 --> 01:34:09,410
So we were not together,
still, with my mother.

2610
01:34:09,410 --> 01:34:13,630
And she was trying to get
a place to be together,

2611
01:34:13,630 --> 01:34:14,570
but we couldn't have.

2612
01:34:14,570 --> 01:34:16,570
So finally, we went to there.

2613
01:34:16,570 --> 01:34:19,310
And finally, she looked
and looked and looked.

2614
01:34:19,310 --> 01:34:26,990
And she found a house in New
York, Lower East Side, not far

2615
01:34:26,990 --> 01:34:28,610

from the Williamsburg Bridge.

2616

01:34:28,610 --> 01:34:32,190
And the same house, it
was 31 Cannon Street.

2617

01:34:32,190 --> 01:34:35,690
And that was the house
where Nate lived.

2618

01:34:35,690 --> 01:34:36,670
Your husband?

2619

01:34:36,670 --> 01:34:41,520
My husband, with his
brother and sister-in-law.

2620

01:34:41,520 --> 01:34:45,590
So this is the house where
you met your future husband,

2621

01:34:45,590 --> 01:34:46,360
in this walk up?

2622

01:34:46,360 --> 01:34:46,860
Yeah.

2623

01:34:46,860 --> 01:34:49,553
This horrible walk
up, terrible, ugly.

2624

01:34:49,553 --> 01:34:50,720
We were on the fourth floor.

2625

01:34:50,720 --> 01:34:53,720
They were on the third floor.

2626

01:34:53,720 --> 01:34:56,900
And it's a long story.

2627

01:34:56,900 --> 01:34:59,060
I don't think we have
time for this, right?

2628

01:34:59,060 --> 01:35:00,470
Well, how did you meet?

2629
01:35:00,470 --> 01:35:01,010
Tell us how.

2630
01:35:01,010 --> 01:35:01,910
How did we meet?

2631
01:35:01,910 --> 01:35:04,063
Well, we didn't
meet him right away.

2632
01:35:04,063 --> 01:35:05,480
Because my mother,
I told you, she

2633
01:35:05,480 --> 01:35:08,290
found this horrible,
ugly apartment.

2634
01:35:08,290 --> 01:35:10,640
The bathrooms were in
the hall with a lot

2635
01:35:10,640 --> 01:35:12,310
of people sharing it.

2636
01:35:12,310 --> 01:35:15,290
And not the finest
people, like, we

2637
01:35:15,290 --> 01:35:19,688
want to know, their jobs were
not so reputable, the women.

2638
01:35:19,688 --> 01:35:21,980
Oh, where there were some of
those ladies of the night?

2639
01:35:21,980 --> 01:35:22,480
Yes.

2640
01:35:22,480 --> 01:35:24,388
[LAUGHING]

2641
01:35:24,388 --> 01:35:25,430
There was some like that.

2642
01:35:25,430 --> 01:35:28,460
And others, not fine class.

2643
01:35:28,460 --> 01:35:31,940
And then the bathtub, we
had a bathtub, though,

2644
01:35:31,940 --> 01:35:34,210
in the kitchen.

2645
01:35:34,210 --> 01:35:39,260
A terrible place,
infested with roaches.

2646
01:35:39,260 --> 01:35:40,160
Welcome to New York.

2647
01:35:40,160 --> 01:35:40,910
Yes.

2648
01:35:40,910 --> 01:35:43,040
Their first time--
full of roaches.

2649
01:35:43,040 --> 01:35:45,413
And when it rained,
it rained in.

2650
01:35:45,413 --> 01:35:46,830
Because you were
on the top floor.

2651
01:35:46,830 --> 01:35:47,840
That's right.

2652
01:35:47,840 --> 01:35:51,590
And so we kept pots
all over the place.

2653
01:35:51,590 --> 01:35:55,670

And my poor mother, she tried
to make it livable and nice

2654
01:35:55,670 --> 01:35:56,450
before we came.

2655
01:35:56,450 --> 01:36:00,180
Because where we were in the
dormitory, in the school.

2656
01:36:00,180 --> 01:36:03,170
So finally, she got
it together, sort of.

2657
01:36:03,170 --> 01:36:07,010
And then she met my
sister-in-law, Nate's brother's

2658
01:36:07,010 --> 01:36:09,500
wife, and heard
her talk Hungarian.

2659
01:36:09,500 --> 01:36:15,650
So she made friends with her.

2660
01:36:15,650 --> 01:36:17,400
She started a conversation.

2661
01:36:17,400 --> 01:36:20,300
And she said, my
mother said, I have

2662
01:36:20,300 --> 01:36:23,700
two little girls in the school.

2663
01:36:23,700 --> 01:36:24,890
And I'm moved in.

2664
01:36:24,890 --> 01:36:28,430
And so, Nate, she
says, could you

2665
01:36:28,430 --> 01:36:31,460
come please and help me
put up some curtains?

2666
01:36:31,460 --> 01:36:33,130
She bought paper
curtains, printed.

2667
01:36:33,130 --> 01:36:35,740
I remember those curtains,
cheap, printed curtains.

2668
01:36:35,740 --> 01:36:37,490
That's all she could have.

2669
01:36:37,490 --> 01:36:39,450
And could you please
help me put them up?

2670
01:36:39,450 --> 01:36:41,660
Because she was little, like me.

2671
01:36:41,660 --> 01:36:42,730
And he did.

2672
01:36:42,730 --> 01:36:43,340
And he went.

2673
01:36:43,340 --> 01:36:45,470
And that was, then,
love at first sight.

2674
01:36:45,470 --> 01:36:49,010
Because she was
wonderful to him.

2675
01:36:49,010 --> 01:36:50,280
He loved her.

2676
01:36:50,280 --> 01:36:54,680
He said how much he loved
my mother, his own mother.

2677
01:36:54,680 --> 01:36:57,830
Because his mother was lost.

2678
01:36:57,830 --> 01:36:59,330

And she was like
a mother to him.

2679
01:36:59,330 --> 01:37:01,497
She was, because my mother
was very warm, very warm,

2680
01:37:01,497 --> 01:37:05,090
good person, you know, and
kind and nice and everything.

2681
01:37:05,090 --> 01:37:08,390
So but he didn't meet us yet.

2682
01:37:08,390 --> 01:37:09,480
We were still in school.

2683
01:37:09,480 --> 01:37:11,360
And one day, we came home.

2684
01:37:11,360 --> 01:37:12,240
And there we are.

2685
01:37:12,240 --> 01:37:14,410
And she said, I have
two little girls.

2686
01:37:14,410 --> 01:37:16,460
So he figured, I don't
know, how old we are.

2687
01:37:16,460 --> 01:37:17,900
But it wasn't so old.

2688
01:37:17,900 --> 01:37:20,347
I was 15-- and no, at
that time, I was 16.

2689
01:37:20,347 --> 01:37:20,930
Not so little.

2690
01:37:20,930 --> 01:37:22,320
And my sister was 14.

2691

01:37:22,320 --> 01:37:22,820
Yeah.

2692
01:37:22,820 --> 01:37:23,110
No.

2693
01:37:23,110 --> 01:37:23,700
Not so little.

2694
01:37:23,700 --> 01:37:27,650
And that's the first
time I met him.

2695
01:37:27,650 --> 01:37:32,210
Wiping away some cockroach
thing, oh, not very romantic.

2696
01:37:32,210 --> 01:37:34,760
But that's how we met.

2697
01:37:34,760 --> 01:37:37,520
And then there's a long
story after that, too.

2698
01:37:37,520 --> 01:37:40,320
And so at what age
did you get married?

2699
01:37:40,320 --> 01:37:44,180
I got married just
before my 19th birthday.

2700
01:37:44,180 --> 01:37:46,790
Technically, I was
18, but not really.

2701
01:37:46,790 --> 01:37:52,090
Because my birthday is March
30 and our wedding anniversary

2702
01:37:52,090 --> 01:37:57,850
is March 19, just a
couple days before.

2703
01:37:57,850 --> 01:38:00,170

But that's how old I was.

2704

01:38:00,170 --> 01:38:03,130
That we worked together
from before that, also.

2705

01:38:03,130 --> 01:38:06,160
Your mother, how did
she make a living

2706

01:38:06,160 --> 01:38:07,990
in those early
years in New York?

2707

01:38:07,990 --> 01:38:12,818
She was working in New York in
a factory of coats and suits.

2708

01:38:12,818 --> 01:38:13,610
So she was a sewer?

2709

01:38:13,610 --> 01:38:14,970
Expensive coats and suits.

2710

01:38:14,970 --> 01:38:15,490
Yes.

2711

01:38:15,490 --> 01:38:17,560
She was, like, the
sample maker, you

2712

01:38:17,560 --> 01:38:23,410
know, making the finishing work
by hand, and very expensive

2713

01:38:23,410 --> 01:38:24,640
coats and suits.

2714

01:38:24,640 --> 01:38:28,840
Was she able to support
herself from that money?

2715

01:38:28,840 --> 01:38:29,500
She did.

2716

01:38:29,500 --> 01:38:31,080

But it wasn't easy.

2717

01:38:31,080 --> 01:38:31,580

Yeah.

2718

01:38:31,580 --> 01:38:32,163

I can imagine.

2719

01:38:32,163 --> 01:38:34,210

She tried to be very frugal.

2720

01:38:34,210 --> 01:38:36,370

And you know.

2721

01:38:36,370 --> 01:38:39,140

She was a single
woman with two girls.

2722

01:38:39,140 --> 01:38:39,645

Yeah.

2723

01:38:39,645 --> 01:38:40,145

Yeah.

2724

01:38:40,145 --> 01:38:41,080

Did she ever remarry?

2725

01:38:41,080 --> 01:38:42,550

Yes.

2726

01:38:42,550 --> 01:38:46,420

She married my stepfather
after we were married.

2727

01:38:46,420 --> 01:38:48,190

We were married in 1950.

2728

01:38:48,190 --> 01:38:50,650

And they got married in 1952.

2729

01:38:50,650 --> 01:38:52,840

Did they stay on

the Lower East Side?

2730

01:38:52,840 --> 01:38:53,380

No, no.

2731

01:38:53,380 --> 01:38:56,920

By that time, when
she met him already,

2732

01:38:56,920 --> 01:38:59,230

that was already in
Brooklyn or someplace.

2733

01:38:59,230 --> 01:39:00,190

Where was it?

2734

01:39:00,190 --> 01:39:01,730

No, somewhere else.

2735

01:39:01,730 --> 01:39:03,695

Yeah, I'm thinking
Brooklyn already.

2736

01:39:03,695 --> 01:39:04,570

We moved around, too.

2737

01:39:04,570 --> 01:39:05,720

We moved to the Bronx.

2738

01:39:05,720 --> 01:39:08,650

And we moved to Rockaway.

2739

01:39:08,650 --> 01:39:09,850

We moved all over.

2740

01:39:09,850 --> 01:39:12,310

But my sister-in-law
and brother-in-law

2741

01:39:12,310 --> 01:39:17,230

moved away to the Bronx and left
us where we were, still there.

2742

01:39:17,230 --> 01:39:19,330

So I didn't see him.

2743

01:39:19,330 --> 01:39:22,790
And they were all talking him
out of marrying me or going

2744

01:39:22,790 --> 01:39:23,290
with me.

2745

01:39:23,290 --> 01:39:24,400
She's too young.

2746

01:39:24,400 --> 01:39:25,670
She doesn't know how to cook.

2747

01:39:25,670 --> 01:39:27,490
[LAUGHING]

2748

01:39:27,490 --> 01:39:29,880
She's not for you.

2749

01:39:29,880 --> 01:39:33,880
And so how many years later
is are you still not for him?

2750

01:39:33,880 --> 01:39:35,260
Well, he didn't listen too well.

2751

01:39:35,260 --> 01:39:38,860
Because he came, and he came
on the Williamsburg Bridge.

2752

01:39:38,860 --> 01:39:41,980
And I used to go to school.

2753

01:39:41,980 --> 01:39:45,520
Afterwards, I went to
Hunter, on the campus one,

2754

01:39:45,520 --> 01:39:48,760
not in the city, in the Bronx
or whatever, where it was.

2755

01:39:48,760 --> 01:39:53,700

I went, and I used
to go to school.

2756
01:39:53,700 --> 01:39:56,800
So when he used to walk, he
used to go on the Williamsburg

2757
01:39:56,800 --> 01:39:59,740
Bridge and watch
me walk wherever

2758
01:39:59,740 --> 01:40:02,710
I was going, whether I was
taking a train, or whether--

2759
01:40:02,710 --> 01:40:03,670
I don't remember.

2760
01:40:03,670 --> 01:40:06,360
But he told me
later that he knew.

2761
01:40:06,360 --> 01:40:08,200
And he never gave up.

2762
01:40:08,200 --> 01:40:12,640
So then afterwards, he didn't
listen to them anymore,

2763
01:40:12,640 --> 01:40:15,605
cook or no cook.

2764
01:40:15,605 --> 01:40:17,230
And you've been
married how many years?

2765
01:40:17,230 --> 01:40:18,880
68 years.

2766
01:40:18,880 --> 01:40:20,260
Not bad.

2767
01:40:20,260 --> 01:40:23,120
Truly not bad.

2768

01:40:23,120 --> 01:40:26,400

Not bad, for that amount--
for such a long time.

2769

01:40:26,400 --> 01:40:29,590

And it was a good marriage,
very good marriage.

2770

01:40:29,590 --> 01:40:32,530

Now he's sick and
not feeling so good.

2771

01:40:32,530 --> 01:40:35,770

But he was a wonderful
husband, wonderful father,

2772

01:40:35,770 --> 01:40:38,200

wonderful everything,
wonderful husband.

2773

01:40:38,200 --> 01:40:38,830

Yeah.

2774

01:40:38,830 --> 01:40:40,130

I'm so happy to hear that.

2775

01:40:40,130 --> 01:40:40,630

Yes.

2776

01:40:40,630 --> 01:40:41,620

He was.

2777

01:40:41,620 --> 01:40:45,970

Did you tell one another
about what kind of childhoods

2778

01:40:45,970 --> 01:40:46,930

you had?

2779

01:40:46,930 --> 01:40:49,750

Well, he used to talk about
it to me, but not to the kids.

2780

01:40:49,750 --> 01:40:51,790

When we had the children, he didn't

2781
01:40:51,790 --> 01:40:54,407
want to give them
this sad background.

2782
01:40:54,407 --> 01:40:55,990
You know, where this
shouldn't happen.

2783
01:40:55,990 --> 01:40:57,870
It was wrong.

2784
01:40:57,870 --> 01:40:58,370
You know?

2785
01:40:58,370 --> 01:40:59,260
And they should have known.

2786
01:40:59,260 --> 01:41:00,100
But they didn't.

2787
01:41:00,100 --> 01:41:01,600
We wanted to spare them.

2788
01:41:01,600 --> 01:41:02,433
A lot of people did.

2789
01:41:02,433 --> 01:41:05,800
And make their lives
just as easy and pleasant

2790
01:41:05,800 --> 01:41:07,510
as they could.

2791
01:41:07,510 --> 01:41:09,520
Did the kids ever ask questions?

2792
01:41:09,520 --> 01:41:11,230
Afterwards, when
they were older.

2793
01:41:11,230 --> 01:41:17,090

But we never went into detail
too much, because like I said,

2794
01:41:17,090 --> 01:41:17,590
we didn't.

2795
01:41:17,590 --> 01:41:19,767
Finally, after a
while, they did know.

2796
01:41:19,767 --> 01:41:20,600
But we tried not to.

2797
01:41:20,600 --> 01:41:21,830
Can you tell me-- excuse me.

2798
01:41:21,830 --> 01:41:23,712
Can we cut the camera?

2799
01:41:23,712 --> 01:41:25,460
Yep.

2800
01:41:25,460 --> 01:41:28,330
And how many children
did you have?

2801
01:41:28,330 --> 01:41:29,405
I had two daughters.

2802
01:41:29,405 --> 01:41:30,280
What are their names?

2803
01:41:30,280 --> 01:41:32,420
I have two daughters, Renee--

2804
01:41:32,420 --> 01:41:32,920
Renee.

2805
01:41:32,920 --> 01:41:34,120
--and Paulette.

2806
01:41:34,120 --> 01:41:34,810
--and Paulette?

2807

01:41:34,810 --> 01:41:35,920

Yes, Paulette.

2808

01:41:35,920 --> 01:41:37,060

They're French names.

2809

01:41:37,060 --> 01:41:37,810

Lovely names.

2810

01:41:37,810 --> 01:41:38,550

Yes.

2811

01:41:38,550 --> 01:41:41,110

Did you ever return to Belgium?

2812

01:41:41,110 --> 01:41:41,892

No.

2813

01:41:41,892 --> 01:41:42,850

You've never gone back?

2814

01:41:42,850 --> 01:41:45,100

Never have we been back and
my husband never went back

2815

01:41:45,100 --> 01:41:45,880

to Czechoslovakia.

2816

01:41:45,880 --> 01:41:47,530

My sister went back.

2817

01:41:47,530 --> 01:41:50,162

To see that it was
a very small street?

2818

01:41:50,162 --> 01:41:50,830

Yeah, right.

2819

01:41:50,830 --> 01:41:52,066

[LAUGHING]

2820

01:41:52,066 --> 01:41:53,950

And we thought it

was a big street.

2821

01:41:53,950 --> 01:41:55,850
She said, my God,
everything was so small.

2822

01:41:55,850 --> 01:41:56,350
Yeah.

2823

01:41:56,350 --> 01:41:58,240
No, she went back with her son.

2824

01:41:58,240 --> 01:42:01,400
She wanted to show him where
we had lived in Belgium

2825

01:42:01,400 --> 01:42:02,980
and the school we went to.

2826

01:42:02,980 --> 01:42:04,020
She wanted to show him.

2827

01:42:04,020 --> 01:42:04,720
Yeah.

2828

01:42:04,720 --> 01:42:05,890
And that's it.

2829

01:42:05,890 --> 01:42:06,940
I never went back.

2830

01:42:06,940 --> 01:42:10,480

2831

01:42:10,480 --> 01:42:13,630
Are there things that you would
like to say at this point?

2832

01:42:13,630 --> 01:42:17,315
Because we've come close to
the end of our interview.

2833

01:42:17,315 --> 01:42:19,480
Is there anything

you'd like to add?

2834

01:42:19,480 --> 01:42:20,530
Well, I was lucky.

2835

01:42:20,530 --> 01:42:21,130
We were lucky.

2836

01:42:21,130 --> 01:42:23,170
Then we had, like I said,
a wonderful marriage.

2837

01:42:23,170 --> 01:42:24,760
He was a wonderful husband.

2838

01:42:24,760 --> 01:42:28,510
So we were living-- and
we had two daughters.

2839

01:42:28,510 --> 01:42:32,200
Then we had four grandchildren.

2840

01:42:32,200 --> 01:42:33,550
And their names?

2841

01:42:33,550 --> 01:42:38,230
Their names, the grandchildren,
the oldest one is Jordan.

2842

01:42:38,230 --> 01:42:41,390
And that's Renee's
son and Rachel.

2843

01:42:41,390 --> 01:42:46,420
She's the one that's in
some papers, too, Rachel.

2844

01:42:46,420 --> 01:42:49,440
And then I have--

2845

01:42:49,440 --> 01:42:54,700
Paulette has Summer
Joy was born June 21.

2846

01:42:54,700 --> 01:42:56,160
And then she has Tony.

2847
01:42:56,160 --> 01:42:58,340

2848
01:42:58,340 --> 01:42:59,840
And then I have
great-grandchildren.

2849
01:42:59,840 --> 01:43:00,765
You have great-grandchildren?

2850
01:43:00,765 --> 01:43:01,450
Yeah.

2851
01:43:01,450 --> 01:43:03,790
I've got a great-grandchildren.

2852
01:43:03,790 --> 01:43:05,510
We're 68 years married.

2853
01:43:05,510 --> 01:43:12,970
So anyway, so I have two
great-grandchildren by Rachel,

2854
01:43:12,970 --> 01:43:15,540
that's Renee's daughter.

2855
01:43:15,540 --> 01:43:22,090
And three from the
other daughter.

2856
01:43:22,090 --> 01:43:24,670
Well, that's quite a clan.

2857
01:43:24,670 --> 01:43:25,420
Three?

2858
01:43:25,420 --> 01:43:29,320
No, only two.

2859
01:43:29,320 --> 01:43:31,810
Come on, I'll remember this.

2860
01:43:31,810 --> 01:43:36,740
Hudson and-- no.

2861
01:43:36,740 --> 01:43:42,946
There are only two
there, Joshua, Hudson.

2862
01:43:42,946 --> 01:43:43,980
And that's it?

2863
01:43:43,980 --> 01:43:45,070
Two by her, too.

2864
01:43:45,070 --> 01:43:47,280
Why did I give an
extra child there?

2865
01:43:47,280 --> 01:43:48,816
Why not?

2866
01:43:48,816 --> 01:43:50,750
[LAUGHING]

2867
01:43:50,750 --> 01:43:51,870
No.

2868
01:43:51,870 --> 01:43:53,160
And that's it.

2869
01:43:53,160 --> 01:43:56,610
Well, you founded
quite a family here

2870
01:43:56,610 --> 01:43:59,090
from the families that you--

2871
01:43:59,090 --> 01:44:02,670
We came alone, the two
of us with my mother.

2872
01:44:02,670 --> 01:44:06,060
And then I was
lucky to find Nate.

2873
01:44:06,060 --> 01:44:07,710
And there's a lot
of other stories,

2874
01:44:07,710 --> 01:44:09,760
but it's too late
already for this.

2875
01:44:09,760 --> 01:44:13,530
But let me tell you, in one
interview, like I said, one

2876
01:44:13,530 --> 01:44:15,330
can't fit it all in.

2877
01:44:15,330 --> 01:44:18,180
But it's important to get
the most important parts.

2878
01:44:18,180 --> 01:44:19,230
Right.

2879
01:44:19,230 --> 01:44:21,690
Is there something you would
like your grandchildren

2880
01:44:21,690 --> 01:44:25,680
and great-grandchildren to
know about your experience,

2881
01:44:25,680 --> 01:44:31,110
about what you went
through, how you endured it,

2882
01:44:31,110 --> 01:44:32,502
how you came out of it?

2883
01:44:32,502 --> 01:44:33,460
Is there some message--

2884
01:44:33,460 --> 01:44:37,320
I came out of it a lot
because of my mother,

2885

01:44:37,320 --> 01:44:42,060

she helped with
everything, and my husband.

2886

01:44:42,060 --> 01:44:44,310

I have to be thankful for them.

2887

01:44:44,310 --> 01:44:47,610

And we're happy that we
had a beautiful family.

2888

01:44:47,610 --> 01:44:50,000

And I'm very grateful.

2889

01:44:50,000 --> 01:44:55,620

And I am very thankful
and grateful to God

2890

01:44:55,620 --> 01:44:57,740

that after all that
we went through--

2891

01:44:57,740 --> 01:45:00,510

and we hope nobody has
to go through this again

2892

01:45:00,510 --> 01:45:02,690

from our family or any family.

2893

01:45:02,690 --> 01:45:07,080

And hope they have
a wonderful life.

2894

01:45:07,080 --> 01:45:10,500

And I'm happy that
I had a chance

2895

01:45:10,500 --> 01:45:15,960

to have this interview with
a really lovely interviewer

2896

01:45:15,960 --> 01:45:18,810

and young man--

2897

01:45:18,810 --> 01:45:19,470
Thank you.

2898
01:45:19,470 --> 01:45:20,110
Thank you for the compliments.

2899
01:45:20,110 --> 01:45:21,140
--photographer.

2900
01:45:21,140 --> 01:45:24,640
[LAUGHING]

2901
01:45:24,640 --> 01:45:28,890
So I'm trying to think of
something more wise to say.

2902
01:45:28,890 --> 01:45:31,320
You did fine.

2903
01:45:31,320 --> 01:45:34,220
You know, that is about as--

2904
01:45:34,220 --> 01:45:36,838
those are the things
that are meaningful.

2905
01:45:36,838 --> 01:45:38,380
That is what's
meaningful for people,

2906
01:45:38,380 --> 01:45:41,460
the family that they know,
the life that they had.

2907
01:45:41,460 --> 01:45:43,560
My children are very
happy that we're

2908
01:45:43,560 --> 01:45:45,570
doing this, both my daughters.

2909
01:45:45,570 --> 01:45:46,410
They're so grateful.

2910

01:45:46,410 --> 01:45:49,840
They said, I'm very happy
that you're doing this.

2911
01:45:49,840 --> 01:45:52,560
They want to have
for the children,

2912
01:45:52,560 --> 01:45:56,550
for the future grandchildren,
and their great-grandchildren,

2913
01:45:56,550 --> 01:46:01,640
that they'll have some kind
of a memory of their parents.

2914
01:46:01,640 --> 01:46:04,110
Well, the gratitude
goes both ways.

2915
01:46:04,110 --> 01:46:08,730
Because through your story,
we get a little bit more

2916
01:46:08,730 --> 01:46:12,840
of the historical record of
what happened at that time

2917
01:46:12,840 --> 01:46:16,890
and what people endured,
how they survived.

2918
01:46:16,890 --> 01:46:20,520
And how they stayed human.

2919
01:46:20,520 --> 01:46:22,200
And that's sometimes
the hardest thing

2920
01:46:22,200 --> 01:46:25,010
to do in such circumstances.

2921
01:46:25,010 --> 01:46:25,680
It's hard.

2922

01:46:25,680 --> 01:46:30,090
But like I said, I had good,
good, wonderful support

2923
01:46:30,090 --> 01:46:34,140
from a very wonderful
mother and my husband.

2924
01:46:34,140 --> 01:46:39,030
And I had wonderful
good children, far away.

2925
01:46:39,030 --> 01:46:40,230
Well, they'll see this.

2926
01:46:40,230 --> 01:46:41,542
They'll see this.

2927
01:46:41,542 --> 01:46:43,500
They could see this on
the internet, they said.

2928
01:46:43,500 --> 01:46:45,350
Eventually, it will be there.

2929
01:46:45,350 --> 01:46:46,960
Eventually, it will be there.

2930
01:46:46,960 --> 01:46:50,730
So what we'll do right now is
I will conclude the formal part

2931
01:46:50,730 --> 01:46:52,170
of our interview.

2932
01:46:52,170 --> 01:46:56,130
And then we'll start again
and show a few photographs

2933
01:46:56,130 --> 01:46:58,140
and ask you to
explain what they are.

2934
01:46:58,140 --> 01:46:58,780
The pictures?

2935
01:46:58,780 --> 01:46:59,280
Yeah.

2936
01:46:59,280 --> 01:47:01,830
But before we do
that, I will formally

2937
01:47:01,830 --> 01:47:03,060
conclude the interview.

2938
01:47:03,060 --> 01:47:03,630
OK.

2939
01:47:03,630 --> 01:47:04,130
OK.

2940
01:47:04,130 --> 01:47:07,800
And that is this concludes
the United States Holocaust

2941
01:47:07,800 --> 01:47:11,400
Memorial Museum interview
with Mrs. Elizabeth

2942
01:47:11,400 --> 01:47:18,780
Weinberger on June 28,
2018 in Lawrence, New York.

2943
01:47:18,780 --> 01:47:19,410
Thank you.

2944
01:47:19,410 --> 01:47:20,130
And thank you.

2945
01:47:20,130 --> 01:47:21,970
Thank you for
everything that you did.

2946
01:47:21,970 --> 01:47:24,030
[LIGHT APPLAUSE]

2947
01:47:24,030 --> 01:47:28,260
So tell me, who is the lovely

lady in this photograph?

2948

01:47:28,260 --> 01:47:29,370

This is my mother.

2949

01:47:29,370 --> 01:47:30,050

Helene?

2950

01:47:30,050 --> 01:47:34,600

My wonderful mother, Helene
Heller [? Friedland. ?]

2951

01:47:34,600 --> 01:47:35,850

OK.

2952

01:47:35,850 --> 01:47:38,230

And about when was
this photograph taken?

2953

01:47:38,230 --> 01:47:41,670

This was taken after she
came to the United States.

2954

01:47:41,670 --> 01:47:45,600

And about how old
would she have been?

2955

01:47:45,600 --> 01:47:52,230

She was-- we came here in 1946.

2956

01:47:52,230 --> 01:47:56,950

She might have been in
her 40s, maybe, 30s even.

2957

01:47:56,950 --> 01:47:58,060

OK.

2958

01:47:58,060 --> 01:47:59,055

Very, very lovely.

2959

01:47:59,055 --> 01:47:59,850

Early 40s.

2960

01:47:59,850 --> 01:48:01,180

OK.

2961

01:48:01,180 --> 01:48:01,680

OK.

2962

01:48:01,680 --> 01:48:04,560

Thank you very much.

2963

01:48:04,560 --> 01:48:08,600

And tell me, who is the
lovely lady in this picture?

2964

01:48:08,600 --> 01:48:09,810

That's me.

2965

01:48:09,810 --> 01:48:10,770

That's yourself.

2966

01:48:10,770 --> 01:48:14,220

Myself before I was
married and before I

2967

01:48:14,220 --> 01:48:15,990

was engaged, just before.

2968

01:48:15,990 --> 01:48:18,610

But still taken in
the United States?

2969

01:48:18,610 --> 01:48:19,140

Pardon me?

2970

01:48:19,140 --> 01:48:21,195

Taken in the United
States, a photograph

2971

01:48:21,195 --> 01:48:22,320

taken in the United States?

2972

01:48:22,320 --> 01:48:23,520

Oh, yes, yes, yes.

2973

01:48:23,520 --> 01:48:24,880

I came here when I was 15.

2974
01:48:24,880 --> 01:48:25,380
OK.

2975
01:48:25,380 --> 01:48:30,150
This was, I was about,
probably around 17 1/2.

2976
01:48:30,150 --> 01:48:30,650
OK.

2977
01:48:30,650 --> 01:48:32,370
And that's Elizabeth Heller.

2978
01:48:32,370 --> 01:48:32,940
That's right.

2979
01:48:32,940 --> 01:48:33,930
Elizabeth Heller.

2980
01:48:33,930 --> 01:48:35,190
To become Weinberger.

2981
01:48:35,190 --> 01:48:35,950
Right.

2982
01:48:35,950 --> 01:48:37,140
OK.

2983
01:48:37,140 --> 01:48:39,060
Thank you.

2984
01:48:39,060 --> 01:48:41,580
And tell me, who is
this a photograph of?

2985
01:48:41,580 --> 01:48:45,400
This photograph is of my
husband, Nathan Weinberger--

2986
01:48:45,400 --> 01:48:47,590
but we weren't married yet--

2987

01:48:47,590 --> 01:48:51,310
and of myself, at that
time, Elizabeth Heller.

2988
01:48:51,310 --> 01:48:55,270
So you're about 17 and 1/2,
18 years old, something

2989
01:48:55,270 --> 01:48:59,260
like that at that
point, two young people

2990
01:48:59,260 --> 01:49:01,360
here in New York City.

2991
01:49:01,360 --> 01:49:02,678
In New York City.

2992
01:49:02,678 --> 01:49:04,770
OK.

2993
01:49:04,770 --> 01:49:05,290
Thank you.

2994
01:49:05,290 --> 01:49:05,790
You're

2995
01:49:05,790 --> 01:49:06,550
Welcome.

2996
01:49:06,550 --> 01:49:07,100
Ready?

2997
01:49:07,100 --> 01:49:07,810
Yeah.

2998
01:49:07,810 --> 01:49:08,310
All right.

2999
01:49:08,310 --> 01:49:11,580
Tell me, who is this
a photograph of?

3000
01:49:11,580 --> 01:49:14,690

This photograph is of my
husband, Nathan Weinberger,

3001
01:49:14,690 --> 01:49:19,320
and his younger brother,
Alexander Weinberger, who never

3002
01:49:19,320 --> 01:49:21,300
came back from the Holocaust.

3003
01:49:21,300 --> 01:49:22,480
He was killed.

3004
01:49:22,480 --> 01:49:23,520
OK.

3005
01:49:23,520 --> 01:49:27,600
So your husband's
story was is that he

3006
01:49:27,600 --> 01:49:29,370
was killed on the death march--

3007
01:49:29,370 --> 01:49:29,910
Yes.

3008
01:49:29,910 --> 01:49:31,740
--out of Auschwitz.

3009
01:49:31,740 --> 01:49:36,570
And Alexander is the darker
haired brother on the left.

3010
01:49:36,570 --> 01:49:39,900
And Nathan is the lighter
haired brother on the right.

3011
01:49:39,900 --> 01:49:40,840
Correct.

3012
01:49:40,840 --> 01:49:41,340
OK.

3013
01:49:41,340 --> 01:49:41,880

Thank you.

3014
01:49:41,880 --> 01:49:45,360

3015
01:49:45,360 --> 01:49:47,730
So tell me, what is
this a photograph of?

3016
01:49:47,730 --> 01:49:52,170
This is a photograph of
the children next to Vance,

3017
01:49:52,170 --> 01:49:55,740
where we were hidden during
the war, is Christian children.

3018
01:49:55,740 --> 01:49:59,860
And it's in 1941
and by the pool.

3019
01:49:59,860 --> 01:50:01,290
In Vance?

3020
01:50:01,290 --> 01:50:04,230
On the outskirts of Vance, yes.

3021
01:50:04,230 --> 01:50:04,950
OK.

3022
01:50:04,950 --> 01:50:06,750
So this is one of
those excursions

3023
01:50:06,750 --> 01:50:08,590
that they took you on?

3024
01:50:08,590 --> 01:50:09,090
No, no.

3025
01:50:09,090 --> 01:50:10,203
This is where we lived.

3026
01:50:10,203 --> 01:50:11,370

Oh, this is where you lived?

3027

01:50:11,370 --> 01:50:11,880

Yes.

3028

01:50:11,880 --> 01:50:12,810

OK.

3029

01:50:12,810 --> 01:50:14,567

What a beautiful place.

3030

01:50:14,567 --> 01:50:15,700

It was beautiful.

3031

01:50:15,700 --> 01:50:16,570

Yeah.

3032

01:50:16,570 --> 01:50:17,070

OK.

3033

01:50:17,070 --> 01:50:18,240

Thank you.

3034

01:50:18,240 --> 01:50:19,050

OK.

3035

01:50:19,050 --> 01:50:21,540

Tell me who is this
a photograph of?

3036

01:50:21,540 --> 01:50:25,920

This is a photograph, a very
important photograph to me.

3037

01:50:25,920 --> 01:50:28,440

This is a lady called Tante Ida.

3038

01:50:28,440 --> 01:50:30,300

We used to call her Aunt Ida.

3039

01:50:30,300 --> 01:50:33,810

Because she was the
one, the main person

3040

01:50:33,810 --> 01:50:37,380

in the home where we were
hidden as Christian children

3041

01:50:37,380 --> 01:50:38,560

during the war.

3042

01:50:38,560 --> 01:50:44,880

And she saved us a lot of
aggravation and misery.

3043

01:50:44,880 --> 01:50:47,580

She was a wonderful,
wonderful human being.

3044

01:50:47,580 --> 01:50:51,840

Those are two children that were
hidden, too, during the war.

3045

01:50:51,840 --> 01:50:53,190

But not you?

3046

01:50:53,190 --> 01:50:56,340

Not us, not me, no,
different children.

3047

01:50:56,340 --> 01:50:58,720

Do you remember Ida's last name?

3048

01:50:58,720 --> 01:51:00,000

Tante Ida Wexler.

3049

01:51:00,000 --> 01:51:00,860

Wexler?

3050

01:51:00,860 --> 01:51:02,370

So Tante Ida Wexler.

3051

01:51:02,370 --> 01:51:03,010

Yes.

3052

01:51:03,010 --> 01:51:04,310

OK.

3053

01:51:04,310 --> 01:51:06,260

Thank you.

3054

01:51:06,260 --> 01:51:06,830

OK.

3055

01:51:06,830 --> 01:51:08,990

And tell me what is
this a photograph of?

3056

01:51:08,990 --> 01:51:11,640

This is a photograph of myself.

3057

01:51:11,640 --> 01:51:15,710

And this was taken at
Christmas time, I think.

3058

01:51:15,710 --> 01:51:22,520

Because I was an angel because
I was hidden as a Christian girl

3059

01:51:22,520 --> 01:51:26,180

by the home where I stayed
during the war, the ones

3060

01:51:26,180 --> 01:51:27,090

that saved us.

3061

01:51:27,090 --> 01:51:27,590

Yeah.

3062

01:51:27,590 --> 01:51:30,440

Do you remember putting
on the angel wings?

3063

01:51:30,440 --> 01:51:32,810

Do you remember the
costume and the event?

3064

01:51:32,810 --> 01:51:36,110

Somebody put it on
for me in Vance.

3065

01:51:36,110 --> 01:51:39,050

And this was right
next, I think,

3066
01:51:39,050 --> 01:51:42,200
was close to the pool
someplace in the forest,

3067
01:51:42,200 --> 01:51:45,000
where they took this picture.

3068
01:51:45,000 --> 01:51:45,500
OK.

3069
01:51:45,500 --> 01:51:46,310
Thank you.

3070
01:51:46,310 --> 01:51:48,280
You're welcome.

3071
01:51:48,280 --> 01:51:48,780
OK.

3072
01:51:48,780 --> 01:51:51,290
And tell me what is
this photograph of?

3073
01:51:51,290 --> 01:51:56,330
This photograph is of my mother
and myself and my sister.

3074
01:51:56,330 --> 01:51:59,030
And this strange
child in the middle

3075
01:51:59,030 --> 01:52:02,420
that, when she went
to Czechoslovakia

3076
01:52:02,420 --> 01:52:07,650
for a visit in 1936 to
visit our grandparents.

3077
01:52:07,650 --> 01:52:08,150
OK.

3078

01:52:08,150 --> 01:52:11,840
So this is that visit you told
me about during your interview,

3079

01:52:11,840 --> 01:52:15,980
where you first visit your
mother's parents and then you

3080

01:52:15,980 --> 01:52:16,820
visit your father's?

3081

01:52:16,820 --> 01:52:18,440
This is, I think,
my father's parents.

3082

01:52:18,440 --> 01:52:18,940
OK.

3083

01:52:18,940 --> 01:52:22,730
And it is your mother standing
there with a huge smile.

3084

01:52:22,730 --> 01:52:26,470
And you're the larger
child in white to the left.

3085

01:52:26,470 --> 01:52:29,420
Then the middle child is
the one that we don't know.

3086

01:52:29,420 --> 01:52:32,360
And the littler one in white
is right next to your mother.

3087

01:52:32,360 --> 01:52:33,030
And that's Rosa.

3088

01:52:33,030 --> 01:52:34,200
My sister Rosa.

3089

01:52:34,200 --> 01:52:34,700
OK.

3090

01:52:34,700 --> 01:52:35,690

Yes.

3091
01:52:35,690 --> 01:52:36,680
OK.

3092
01:52:36,680 --> 01:52:37,670
Thank you very much.

3093
01:52:37,670 --> 01:52:39,220
You're welcome.

3094
01:52:39,220 --> 01:52:42,680
And tell me who is this
lovely person in this photo?

3095
01:52:42,680 --> 01:52:47,180
This lovely person is
my wonderful sister Rosa

3096
01:52:47,180 --> 01:52:50,210
when she was a young
girl, a young person.

3097
01:52:50,210 --> 01:52:55,220
And she was with me during
the whole Holocaust.

3098
01:52:55,220 --> 01:52:59,360
We were together when we were
hidden as Christian children

3099
01:52:59,360 --> 01:53:00,350
in the home.

3100
01:53:00,350 --> 01:53:04,210
And this is when she's already
in the United States with you?

3101
01:53:04,210 --> 01:53:04,710
Yes.

3102
01:53:04,710 --> 01:53:08,080
She's now in the United States.

3103

01:53:08,080 --> 01:53:09,890
And I miss her terribly.

3104
01:53:09,890 --> 01:53:11,600
She was a wonderful human being.

3105
01:53:11,600 --> 01:53:15,820
And she passed
away two years ago.

3106
01:53:15,820 --> 01:53:20,765
And a big loss for me, I
miss her very, very much.

3107
01:53:20,765 --> 01:53:22,850
And I loved her very much.

3108
01:53:22,850 --> 01:53:25,310
Well, this is a
lovely tribute to her.

3109
01:53:25,310 --> 01:53:26,420
Thank you.

3110
01:53:26,420 --> 01:53:32,000
She was-- we were all
together during the whole time

3111
01:53:32,000 --> 01:53:35,360
of the bad times
of the Holocaust.

3112
01:53:35,360 --> 01:53:37,250
I'm sure that that
was the reason why

3113
01:53:37,250 --> 01:53:39,830
you were able to survive,
is that you had her there.

3114
01:53:39,830 --> 01:53:40,370
That's true.

3115
01:53:40,370 --> 01:53:42,540
And she had you.

3116

01:53:42,540 --> 01:53:43,130

OK.

3117

01:53:43,130 --> 01:53:44,680

Thanks.