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00:00:00,000 --> 00:00:02,020

2
00:00:02,020 --> 00:00:02,950
OK.

3
00:00:02,950 --> 00:00:06,580
This is a United States
Holocaust Memorial Museum

4
00:00:06,580 --> 00:00:16,090
interview with Mrs. Eva Deutsch
Costabel on August 27, 2019,

5
00:00:16,090 --> 00:00:18,160
in Manhattan, New York.

6
00:00:18,160 --> 00:00:21,400
Thank you very,
very much, Mrs. Eva,

7
00:00:21,400 --> 00:00:23,630
for agreeing to
meet with us today.

8
00:00:23,630 --> 00:00:24,820
It's an honor.

9
00:00:24,820 --> 00:00:27,070
It's an honor for us too.

10
00:00:27,070 --> 00:00:29,770
And I'm going to start our
interview with the most

11
00:00:29,770 --> 00:00:32,560
basic questions, and
we'll go from there.

12
00:00:32,560 --> 00:00:33,580
OK?

13
00:00:33,580 --> 00:00:36,050
So can you tell me the
date of your birth?

14
00:00:36,050 --> 00:00:36,550
Yeah.

15
00:00:36,550 --> 00:00:39,520
November 20, 1924.

16
00:00:39,520 --> 00:00:41,050
November 20, 1924.

17
00:00:41,050 --> 00:00:42,580
Mm-hmm.

18
00:00:42,580 --> 00:00:44,110
And where were you born?

19
00:00:44,110 --> 00:00:47,230
Zagreb, former Yugoslavia.

20
00:00:47,230 --> 00:00:49,030
So you were born in Croatia.

21
00:00:49,030 --> 00:00:49,800
Croatia.

22
00:00:49,800 --> 00:00:50,450
OK.

23
00:00:50,450 --> 00:00:51,745
The worst country in Europe.

24
00:00:51,745 --> 00:00:52,245
Oy.

25
00:00:52,245 --> 00:00:53,080
Oy.

26
00:00:53,080 --> 00:00:54,260
We'll talk about that.

27
00:00:54,260 --> 00:00:54,760
Yeah.

28
00:00:54,760 --> 00:00:57,790
[LAUGHS] I have to add this.

29
00:00:57,790 --> 00:00:59,750
OK.

30
00:00:59,750 --> 00:01:01,930
And what was your name at birth?

31
00:01:01,930 --> 00:01:04,120
When you were born, what
was your maiden name?

32
00:01:04,120 --> 00:01:05,170
Deutsch.

33
00:01:05,170 --> 00:01:07,070
So you were known
as Eva Deutsch.

34
00:01:07,070 --> 00:01:07,570
Deutsch.

35
00:01:07,570 --> 00:01:08,680
OK.

36
00:01:08,680 --> 00:01:10,610
Do you have brothers
and sisters?

37
00:01:10,610 --> 00:01:12,940
I have an older
sister in Israel.

38
00:01:12,940 --> 00:01:14,650

And what is her name?

39

00:01:14,650 --> 00:01:15,580

Erica.

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00:01:15,580 --> 00:01:18,130

And when was she born?

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00:01:18,130 --> 00:01:21,760

April 11, 1923, I believe.

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00:01:21,760 --> 00:01:23,900

So there's a year between
you, a year and a half.

43

00:01:23,900 --> 00:01:24,580

19 months.

44

00:01:24,580 --> 00:01:25,240

Yeah.

45

00:01:25,240 --> 00:01:26,800

OK.

46

00:01:26,800 --> 00:01:30,250

Let's talk about your
mother and your father.

47

00:01:30,250 --> 00:01:33,710

What is your mother's
first name and maiden name?

48

00:01:33,710 --> 00:01:37,510

Her name was Anna Weinberger.

49

00:01:37,510 --> 00:01:38,890

Anna Weinberger?

50

00:01:38,890 --> 00:01:39,520

Yes.

51

00:01:39,520 --> 00:01:42,610
And do you know the
year she was born?

52
00:01:42,610 --> 00:01:43,840
Not really.

53
00:01:43,840 --> 00:01:44,530
No?

54
00:01:44,530 --> 00:01:53,150
Do you think it was
before 1900 or after 1900?

55
00:01:53,150 --> 00:01:53,692
I don't know.

56
00:01:53,692 --> 00:01:54,817
I really can't answer that.

57
00:01:54,817 --> 00:01:55,660
You don't know.

58
00:01:55,660 --> 00:01:56,810
OK.

59
00:01:56,810 --> 00:02:00,380
And was your mother
from Zagreb as well?

60
00:02:00,380 --> 00:02:04,730
No, my mother and father
were from Vienna, Austria.

61
00:02:04,730 --> 00:02:05,600
Ahh.

62
00:02:05,600 --> 00:02:07,790
Both of them.

63
00:02:07,790 --> 00:02:09,740
My family is from Vienna.

64
00:02:09,740 --> 00:02:11,330
OK.

65
00:02:11,330 --> 00:02:13,670
And let's just quickly
go to your father,

66
00:02:13,670 --> 00:02:15,920
and then I'll ask a few
questions about that.

67
00:02:15,920 --> 00:02:17,720
What was your father's name?

68
00:02:17,720 --> 00:02:18,980
Arnold Deutsch.

69
00:02:18,980 --> 00:02:20,330
Arnold Deutsch.

70
00:02:20,330 --> 00:02:23,360
And do you know the
year of his birth?

71
00:02:23,360 --> 00:02:24,710
Do you know when he was born?

72
00:02:24,710 --> 00:02:26,370
No, I don't really know.

73
00:02:26,370 --> 00:02:26,870
OK.

74
00:02:26,870 --> 00:02:28,080
I have it somewhere--

75
00:02:28,080 --> 00:02:28,580
OK.

76
00:02:28,580 --> 00:02:30,500

--written down.

77

00:02:30,500 --> 00:02:34,550

So like your mother, your
father is not from Zagreb.

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00:02:34,550 --> 00:02:37,880

He is from Vienna.

79

00:02:37,880 --> 00:02:39,980

How did they end up in Zagreb?

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00:02:39,980 --> 00:02:45,260

Well, Austria lost
the World War--

81

00:02:45,260 --> 00:02:45,860

I.

82

00:02:45,860 --> 00:02:46,760

War.

83

00:02:46,760 --> 00:02:48,800

And there were a young couple.

84

00:02:48,800 --> 00:02:52,130

And there were no apartments.

85

00:02:52,130 --> 00:02:56,570

They had to share an apartment
with another couple, which

86

00:02:56,570 --> 00:02:57,890

they didn't like.

87

00:02:57,890 --> 00:03:01,490

And my uncle was in
Croatia in Zagreb.

88

00:03:01,490 --> 00:03:03,905

And that's why they
went to Zagreb.

89
00:03:03,905 --> 00:03:05,120
Mm-hmm.

90
00:03:05,120 --> 00:03:08,370
Did your father serve in
the Austro-Hungarian army?

91
00:03:08,370 --> 00:03:08,870
Yes.

92
00:03:08,870 --> 00:03:10,790
He was an officer.

93
00:03:10,790 --> 00:03:14,450
Well, then he was
probably born before 1900

94
00:03:14,450 --> 00:03:17,000
if he was an officer
during the First World War.

95
00:03:17,000 --> 00:03:17,600
Yeah.

96
00:03:17,600 --> 00:03:18,200
Yeah.

97
00:03:18,200 --> 00:03:21,260
Did he have higher
education, your father?

98
00:03:21,260 --> 00:03:25,740
He went-- he was the
oldest of 10 children.

99
00:03:25,740 --> 00:03:30,000
So he was like a father to the
rest of the children, you know?

100
00:03:30,000 --> 00:03:30,500
Yeah.

101
00:03:30,500 --> 00:03:32,060
He was the oldest.

102
00:03:32,060 --> 00:03:38,780
So he went to commercial
for a business school.

103
00:03:38,780 --> 00:03:39,450
OK.

104
00:03:39,450 --> 00:03:43,940
He wanted to study chemistry,
but it wasn't possible

105
00:03:43,940 --> 00:03:48,680
because he was the second
father to all these children.

106
00:03:48,680 --> 00:03:52,310
Was there-- was his
father and mother alive,

107
00:03:52,310 --> 00:03:58,160
or did he have to actually
step in for one of them?

108
00:03:58,160 --> 00:03:59,960
No, no, they were alive.

109
00:03:59,960 --> 00:04:02,330
But he was the
oldest, and he had

110
00:04:02,330 --> 00:04:05,390
to take a lot of responsibility.

111
00:04:05,390 --> 00:04:10,430
I have a picture somewhere, a
wonderful picture of my father

112
00:04:10,430 --> 00:04:12,680

and the youngest child.

113
00:04:12,680 --> 00:04:17,899
But unfortunately, five
of them got killed.

114
00:04:17,899 --> 00:04:18,860
Five of them.

115
00:04:18,860 --> 00:04:24,350
My father was killed in
Treblinka gas chamber.

116
00:04:24,350 --> 00:04:28,200
And one was killed by the Arabs.

117
00:04:28,200 --> 00:04:32,430
And one went-- whatever.

118
00:04:32,430 --> 00:04:36,190
Did all of the other siblings,
his brothers and sisters,

119
00:04:36,190 --> 00:04:40,530
stay in Vienna, or did they
move to Croatia as well?

120
00:04:40,530 --> 00:04:41,760
No, no.

121
00:04:41,760 --> 00:04:42,360
No.

122
00:04:42,360 --> 00:04:44,490
Only my father and my mother.

123
00:04:44,490 --> 00:04:48,200
OK, so the rest of the
family stays in Austria.

124
00:04:48,200 --> 00:04:49,730
OK.

125
00:04:49,730 --> 00:04:55,110
And did you know your aunts and
uncles on your father's side,

126
00:04:55,110 --> 00:04:57,770
that is, his
brothers and sisters?

127
00:04:57,770 --> 00:05:00,140
Not really.

128
00:05:00,140 --> 00:05:00,740
No.

129
00:05:00,740 --> 00:05:02,310
I didn't know them.

130
00:05:02,310 --> 00:05:07,958

131
00:05:07,958 --> 00:05:13,250
There was a chance for
them to go to Palestine,

132
00:05:13,250 --> 00:05:17,150
and a lot of them
went to Palestine.

133
00:05:17,150 --> 00:05:22,270
And my mother, who
had very bad judgment,

134
00:05:22,270 --> 00:05:24,200
she didn't want to go.

135
00:05:24,200 --> 00:05:26,833
And my father was murdered.

136
00:05:26,833 --> 00:05:27,680
Yeah.

137

00:05:27,680 --> 00:05:29,480

So I can't forgive her.

138

00:05:29,480 --> 00:05:31,450

They say you forgive.

139

00:05:31,450 --> 00:05:34,960

I cannot forgive what she
did because she didn't like

140

00:05:34,960 --> 00:05:36,180

my father's family.

141

00:05:36,180 --> 00:05:39,850

142

00:05:39,850 --> 00:05:45,040

So the issue of going to
Palestine, did it come up--

143

00:05:45,040 --> 00:05:47,650

do you know what
year it came up?

144

00:05:47,650 --> 00:05:49,780

Was this like '38, '39?

145

00:05:49,780 --> 00:05:51,400

Was it earlier?

146

00:05:51,400 --> 00:05:53,500

1941 probably.

147

00:05:53,500 --> 00:05:54,310

Oh.

148

00:05:54,310 --> 00:05:54,850

Yeah.

149

00:05:54,850 --> 00:05:56,560

That's already late.

150
00:05:56,560 --> 00:06:00,790
That's already late, 1941,
of whether to stay or to go.

151
00:06:00,790 --> 00:06:03,400
My mother had very
poor judgment.

152
00:06:03,400 --> 00:06:04,150
Yeah.

153
00:06:04,150 --> 00:06:06,040
Very poor judgment.

154
00:06:06,040 --> 00:06:11,590
But she was very
aggressive, I would say.

155
00:06:11,590 --> 00:06:12,618
And--

156
00:06:12,618 --> 00:06:13,660
I'll have some questions.

157
00:06:13,660 --> 00:06:15,190
--she wanted to wait.

158
00:06:15,190 --> 00:06:17,170
So she got her way.

159
00:06:17,170 --> 00:06:20,170
She got her way at a price.

160
00:06:20,170 --> 00:06:21,340
At a terrible price.

161
00:06:21,340 --> 00:06:23,870

162
00:06:23,870 --> 00:06:28,952

Did you and your sister want
to go to Palestine at that time

163
00:06:28,952 --> 00:06:30,035
when there was that issue?

164
00:06:30,035 --> 00:06:31,010
Well, I was a teenager.

165
00:06:31,010 --> 00:06:34,580

166
00:06:34,580 --> 00:06:37,930
It wasn't a question do we want.

167
00:06:37,930 --> 00:06:38,780
No, no.

168
00:06:38,780 --> 00:06:39,710
OK.

169
00:06:39,710 --> 00:06:42,920
It's wherever they say,
that's what happens.

170
00:06:42,920 --> 00:06:43,940
What about your mother?

171
00:06:43,940 --> 00:06:46,685
Did she have
brothers and sisters?

172
00:06:46,685 --> 00:06:47,185
Yes.

173
00:06:47,185 --> 00:06:50,170

174
00:06:50,170 --> 00:07:01,400
She had a sister who lived with
us because she lost her fiance

175

00:07:01,400 --> 00:07:05,310
in World War I, my aunt Paola.

176

00:07:05,310 --> 00:07:13,875
And then there was and uncle,
Robert, my uncle, who--

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00:07:13,875 --> 00:07:19,160

178

00:07:19,160 --> 00:07:22,250
this is a horrible story.

179

00:07:22,250 --> 00:07:27,860
Ante Pavelic was the
Hitler of Croatia.

180

00:07:27,860 --> 00:07:31,160
And that was my
uncle's brother-in-law.

181

00:07:31,160 --> 00:07:34,390
[GASPS] Really?

182

00:07:34,390 --> 00:07:36,210
So--

183

00:07:36,210 --> 00:07:40,670
He married a Gentile
woman, and she

184

00:07:40,670 --> 00:07:47,810
was the sister of Ante Pavelic,
who was the Hitler of Croatia.

185

00:07:47,810 --> 00:07:49,940
Did that affect
your uncle's fate?

186

00:07:49,940 --> 00:07:52,970

187

00:07:52,970 --> 00:07:58,040

He was the only one who was able to escape with his money

188

00:07:58,040 --> 00:07:59,814

because he was very wealthy.

189

00:07:59,814 --> 00:08:00,314

Mm-hmm.

190

00:08:00,314 --> 00:08:03,160

191

00:08:03,160 --> 00:08:05,980

So his name was Robert Weinberger.

192

00:08:05,980 --> 00:08:09,340

Do you know his wife's name?

193

00:08:09,340 --> 00:08:09,920

Vera.

194

00:08:09,920 --> 00:08:10,420

Vera.

195

00:08:10,420 --> 00:08:10,920

Mm-hmm.

196

00:08:10,920 --> 00:08:12,070

That was my aunt.

197

00:08:12,070 --> 00:08:14,860

So Vera Pavelic.

198

00:08:14,860 --> 00:08:16,360

My goodness.

199

00:08:16,360 --> 00:08:17,080

My goodness.

200

00:08:17,080 --> 00:08:18,240

When you think about it--

201

00:08:18,240 --> 00:08:18,740

No.

202

00:08:18,740 --> 00:08:22,495

My aunt's name was Lovrencevic.

203

00:08:22,495 --> 00:08:23,620

Lovrencevic.

204

00:08:23,620 --> 00:08:24,460

Lovrencevic.

205

00:08:24,460 --> 00:08:26,650

And she was married
to a Pavelic.

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00:08:26,650 --> 00:08:30,680

207

00:08:30,680 --> 00:08:31,460

OK.

208

00:08:31,460 --> 00:08:32,429

Very complicated.

209

00:08:32,429 --> 00:08:32,929

Yeah.

210

00:08:32,929 --> 00:08:33,429

Yeah.

211

00:08:33,429 --> 00:08:35,539

It's not that
complicated actually.

212

00:08:35,539 --> 00:08:36,200

OK.

213

00:08:36,200 --> 00:08:40,370

So Ante Pavelic's sister,
and her maiden name

214

00:08:40,370 --> 00:08:42,230

was Lovrencevic or--

215

00:08:42,230 --> 00:08:42,919

Yeah.

216

00:08:42,919 --> 00:08:48,940

It turned out that they
had a Jewish mother.

217

00:08:48,940 --> 00:08:51,010

Ante Pavelic had
a Jewish mother?

218

00:08:51,010 --> 00:08:52,450

No, no, the wife.

219

00:08:52,450 --> 00:08:53,270

The wife.

220

00:08:53,270 --> 00:08:54,340

OK.

221

00:08:54,340 --> 00:08:54,850

Mara.

222

00:08:54,850 --> 00:08:55,350

Mara.

223

00:08:55,350 --> 00:08:58,460

224

00:08:58,460 --> 00:09:01,900

My mother always said that--

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00:09:01,900 --> 00:09:04,460

226
00:09:04,460 --> 00:09:07,280
my aunt always said she
had a Jewish mother.

227
00:09:07,280 --> 00:09:09,740
My mother didn't believe
me because my uncle

228
00:09:09,740 --> 00:09:10,595
was very wealthy.

229
00:09:10,595 --> 00:09:11,510
Mm-hmm.

230
00:09:11,510 --> 00:09:12,950
And she was Gentile.

231
00:09:12,950 --> 00:09:15,020
She was a Catholic.

232
00:09:15,020 --> 00:09:19,070
And then I remembered
this old woman.

233
00:09:19,070 --> 00:09:21,710

234
00:09:21,710 --> 00:09:26,820
And somebody told me years
later that she was Jewish.

235
00:09:26,820 --> 00:09:28,475
So she was basically Jewish.

236
00:09:28,475 --> 00:09:32,360

237
00:09:32,360 --> 00:09:35,480
In the end, it didn't make much
difference for so many people.

238
00:09:35,480 --> 00:09:37,340
Their fate was the same.

239
00:09:37,340 --> 00:09:38,090
You know?

240
00:09:38,090 --> 00:09:39,830
Or it came a little later.

241
00:09:39,830 --> 00:09:42,695
If you were half
Jewish, then, you know,

242
00:09:42,695 --> 00:09:45,590
it's delayed a little bit.

243
00:09:45,590 --> 00:09:52,340
So your mother had her brother
and her sister in Zagreb.

244
00:09:52,340 --> 00:09:53,150
Yes?

245
00:09:53,150 --> 00:09:57,245
Your father had only an uncle
who had said, come to Zagreb.

246
00:09:57,245 --> 00:10:00,130

247
00:10:00,130 --> 00:10:01,450
Yeah.

248
00:10:01,450 --> 00:10:06,550
My mother had
another sister, Irma.

249
00:10:06,550 --> 00:10:07,510
OK.

250
00:10:07,510 --> 00:10:12,770

She had a Gentile husband.

251

00:10:12,770 --> 00:10:16,810

And he had her killed.

252

00:10:16,810 --> 00:10:17,620

No.

253

00:10:17,620 --> 00:10:25,010

Yes, because they were divorced, and she got the house.

254

00:10:25,010 --> 00:10:28,520

And so he had her killed.

255

00:10:28,520 --> 00:10:29,970

To get back the house?

256

00:10:29,970 --> 00:10:32,290

Yeah.

257

00:10:32,290 --> 00:10:38,860

So your mother had Paola, Robert, Irma, and herself?

258

00:10:38,860 --> 00:10:39,550

Remind me.

259

00:10:39,550 --> 00:10:42,280

What was her name again, your mother's name?

260

00:10:42,280 --> 00:10:43,020

Anna.

261

00:10:43,020 --> 00:10:43,900

Anna.

262

00:10:43,900 --> 00:10:44,890

Anna.

263

00:10:44,890 --> 00:10:49,780
Anna Weinberger Deutsch
and these three siblings,

264
00:10:49,780 --> 00:10:52,990
they all lived with her, or
they all lived in Zagreb?

265
00:10:52,990 --> 00:10:54,400
No, no, no.

266
00:10:54,400 --> 00:10:56,710
Only my father and mother.

267
00:10:56,710 --> 00:10:59,260
Oh, so those other
siblings lived where?

268
00:10:59,260 --> 00:11:00,880
In Vienna.

269
00:11:00,880 --> 00:11:02,200
Oh, also the--

270
00:11:02,200 --> 00:11:03,580
They were Viennese.

271
00:11:03,580 --> 00:11:08,130
So even Robert who's
married to Ante Pavelic's--

272
00:11:08,130 --> 00:11:08,630
No, no.

273
00:11:08,630 --> 00:11:10,270
He went to Zagreb.

274
00:11:10,270 --> 00:11:14,230
And that's why my parents
moved because they

275
00:11:14,230 --> 00:11:16,820

couldn't get an apartment
when they got married--

276
00:11:16,820 --> 00:11:17,320
Oh.

277
00:11:17,320 --> 00:11:18,100
--in Vienna.

278
00:11:18,100 --> 00:11:18,970
So it was your--

279
00:11:18,970 --> 00:11:20,680
Austria lost the war.

280
00:11:20,680 --> 00:11:25,270
So that means it was your
uncle Robert who said

281
00:11:25,270 --> 00:11:29,310
to your father, come to Zagreb.

282
00:11:29,310 --> 00:11:32,770
And my father was
very unhappy about it.

283
00:11:32,770 --> 00:11:40,780
He didn't like Croatia, which
is the worst country in Europe--

284
00:11:40,780 --> 00:11:42,130
the worst.

285
00:11:42,130 --> 00:11:44,240
Jasenovac-- you probably heard.

286
00:11:44,240 --> 00:11:45,160
Yes.

287
00:11:45,160 --> 00:11:51,080
Anyway, they moved to Zagreb.

288

00:11:51,080 --> 00:11:53,870

And that's where my
sister and I were born.

289

00:11:53,870 --> 00:11:56,300

Mm-hmm.

290

00:11:56,300 --> 00:11:59,000

What language did you speak
at home with your parents?

291

00:11:59,000 --> 00:11:59,500

German.

292

00:11:59,500 --> 00:12:00,200

German.

293

00:12:00,200 --> 00:12:02,300

I have a German accent.

294

00:12:02,300 --> 00:12:04,760

If you hear my
accent, it's German--

295

00:12:04,760 --> 00:12:08,000

Austrian, my first language.

296

00:12:08,000 --> 00:12:09,510

Did you know Croatian as well?

297

00:12:09,510 --> 00:12:10,010

Yeah.

298

00:12:10,010 --> 00:12:11,240

Serbo-Croatian?

299

00:12:11,240 --> 00:12:11,750

OK.

300

00:12:11,750 --> 00:12:12,710

Yes.

301
00:12:12,710 --> 00:12:13,850
OK.

302
00:12:13,850 --> 00:12:18,950
And so your parents moved then.

303
00:12:18,950 --> 00:12:24,710
And your aunt Paola lives with
you as well for always or just

304
00:12:24,710 --> 00:12:26,210
for a certain amount of time?

305
00:12:26,210 --> 00:12:28,130
No, she lived with us.

306
00:12:28,130 --> 00:12:35,530
She lost her fiance in World
War I, so she lived with us.

307
00:12:35,530 --> 00:12:36,920
OK.

308
00:12:36,920 --> 00:12:44,930
So it was Robert and
Paola and Anna in Zagreb.

309
00:12:44,930 --> 00:12:47,150
Irma stays in Vienna.

310
00:12:47,150 --> 00:12:51,890
She's married to a Gentile
who she had divorced

311
00:12:51,890 --> 00:12:56,810
and who betrayed her so that
she would be killed to get back

312
00:12:56,810 --> 00:12:58,915
the house he had to give her.

313
00:12:58,915 --> 00:12:59,915
Did they have children--

314
00:12:59,915 --> 00:13:00,610
Irma?

315
00:13:00,610 --> 00:13:03,450
Yeah, they had twins.

316
00:13:03,450 --> 00:13:08,436
And they had to escape too
because they were half Jewish.

317
00:13:08,436 --> 00:13:11,930
And they escaped to
England, I believe.

318
00:13:11,930 --> 00:13:14,390
Were they on the
Kindertransport do you think?

319
00:13:14,390 --> 00:13:15,290
No, no, no.

320
00:13:15,290 --> 00:13:17,930
They just escaped
[INAUDIBLE.] OK.

321
00:13:17,930 --> 00:13:20,015
Girls or boys?

322
00:13:20,015 --> 00:13:21,140
The twins, were they girls?

323
00:13:21,140 --> 00:13:22,550
They were Hans and Peter.

324
00:13:22,550 --> 00:13:24,560
OK.

325
00:13:24,560 --> 00:13:25,930

They were my cousins.

326
00:13:25,930 --> 00:13:28,940
They were half Jewish.

327
00:13:28,940 --> 00:13:32,030
But they didn't observe
anything Jewish.

328
00:13:32,030 --> 00:13:33,300
But they had to escape--

329
00:13:33,300 --> 00:13:33,800
Yeah.

330
00:13:33,800 --> 00:13:36,200
--I think to England.

331
00:13:36,200 --> 00:13:40,520
And did you keep ties
with them after the war?

332
00:13:40,520 --> 00:13:42,440
Did you maintain a
relationship with the--

333
00:13:42,440 --> 00:13:44,120
My sister did.

334
00:13:44,120 --> 00:13:45,020
OK.

335
00:13:45,020 --> 00:13:47,120
OK.

336
00:13:47,120 --> 00:13:49,490
It must have been a
very big burden for them

337
00:13:49,490 --> 00:13:54,200
to know about what their
father did to their mother.

338
00:13:54,200 --> 00:13:55,490
I should say so.

339
00:13:55,490 --> 00:13:56,390
Yeah.

340
00:13:56,390 --> 00:13:58,540
Yeah.

341
00:13:58,540 --> 00:14:04,700
But they threatened quite a bit
because they were intermarried.

342
00:14:04,700 --> 00:14:09,920
And I knew in particular another
couple I was friendly with--

343
00:14:09,920 --> 00:14:11,330
terrible.

344
00:14:11,330 --> 00:14:12,230
In Zagreb?

345
00:14:12,230 --> 00:14:12,730
Yeah.

346
00:14:12,730 --> 00:14:15,030
Mm.

347
00:14:15,030 --> 00:14:16,650
When you were
growing up, did you

348
00:14:16,650 --> 00:14:20,790
have your own apartment,
your own home in Zagreb?

349
00:14:20,790 --> 00:14:21,330
I?

350

00:14:21,330 --> 00:14:21,830
Mm-hmm.

351
00:14:21,830 --> 00:14:23,055
That is, your parents.

352
00:14:23,055 --> 00:14:25,660
Well, yeah, we had an apartment.

353
00:14:25,660 --> 00:14:26,610
OK.

354
00:14:26,610 --> 00:14:30,765
And what kind of work did
your father find there?

355
00:14:30,765 --> 00:14:31,390
What did he do?

356
00:14:31,390 --> 00:14:34,030
My father was in the
chemical business?

357
00:14:34,030 --> 00:14:37,050
So even though he
couldn't study chemistry,

358
00:14:37,050 --> 00:14:40,140
he nevertheless
veered toward it?

359
00:14:40,140 --> 00:14:41,190
OK.

360
00:14:41,190 --> 00:14:44,190
And what was his role in
the chemical business?

361
00:14:44,190 --> 00:14:45,600
What did he do?

362
00:14:45,600 --> 00:14:46,110

Where?

363

00:14:46,110 --> 00:14:47,760

What did he do, your father?

364

00:14:47,760 --> 00:14:48,510

Did he own it?

365

00:14:48,510 --> 00:14:49,605

Did he work as a chemist?

366

00:14:49,605 --> 00:14:50,130

No.

367

00:14:50,130 --> 00:14:52,710

I think he was--

368

00:14:52,710 --> 00:14:56,790

Yeah, I think with a friend,
he had a company, I think.

369

00:14:56,790 --> 00:14:57,870

OK.

370

00:14:57,870 --> 00:15:00,396

I wasn't that
involved at that time.

371

00:15:00,396 --> 00:15:02,530

Mm-hmm.

372

00:15:02,530 --> 00:15:06,690

What kind of a personality
did your father have?

373

00:15:06,690 --> 00:15:08,100

He was the best.

374

00:15:08,100 --> 00:15:08,770

Was he?

375

00:15:08,770 --> 00:15:09,270
Yeah?

376
00:15:09,270 --> 00:15:11,280
My father was.

377
00:15:11,280 --> 00:15:13,410
I had a portrait I made of him.

378
00:15:13,410 --> 00:15:15,225
I'm going to want
to film that later.

379
00:15:15,225 --> 00:15:16,800
I made two portraits of him--

380
00:15:16,800 --> 00:15:17,460
Yeah.

381
00:15:17,460 --> 00:15:19,230
--from a picture.

382
00:15:19,230 --> 00:15:21,510
I was very, very
close to my father.

383
00:15:21,510 --> 00:15:24,040
Mm-hmm.

384
00:15:24,040 --> 00:15:25,030
We had the--

385
00:15:25,030 --> 00:15:29,590
I have the same
personality actually.

386
00:15:29,590 --> 00:15:31,330
He called me Arnoldina.

387
00:15:31,330 --> 00:15:32,620
His name was Arnold.

388

00:15:32,620 --> 00:15:33,820

Mm-hmm.

389

00:15:33,820 --> 00:15:35,776

Like a small Arnold.

390

00:15:35,776 --> 00:15:37,190

Yeah, Arnoldina.

391

00:15:37,190 --> 00:15:37,690

Yeah.

392

00:15:37,690 --> 00:15:40,090

Arnoldina.

393

00:15:40,090 --> 00:15:42,620

He was a wonderful person--

394

00:15:42,620 --> 00:15:45,520

very kind, very, very smart.

395

00:15:45,520 --> 00:15:48,070

My father was a very
brilliant person.

396

00:15:48,070 --> 00:15:54,040

Was he someone who was engaged
with you and your sister?

397

00:15:54,040 --> 00:15:57,800

There are some fathers
who are rather distant.

398

00:15:57,800 --> 00:15:59,810

No, he was--

399

00:15:59,810 --> 00:16:01,345

I think he was very modern.

400

00:16:01,345 --> 00:16:02,960

Mm-hmm.

401
00:16:02,960 --> 00:16:07,700
I know I was extremely
close to him.

402
00:16:07,700 --> 00:16:11,940
I was not close to
my mother at all.

403
00:16:11,940 --> 00:16:13,485
I was close to my father--

404
00:16:13,485 --> 00:16:14,730
Mm-hmm.

405
00:16:14,730 --> 00:16:18,900
--because she didn't
approve of me.

406
00:16:18,900 --> 00:16:26,490
She wanted a boy, and she
didn't like my Jewish looks.

407
00:16:26,490 --> 00:16:27,290
Really?

408
00:16:27,290 --> 00:16:28,260
Yes.

409
00:16:28,260 --> 00:16:30,750
So she really rejected me.

410
00:16:30,750 --> 00:16:36,690
And so I was definitely
close to my father.

411
00:16:36,690 --> 00:16:38,060
That's very harsh.

412
00:16:38,060 --> 00:16:38,790
What?

413

00:16:38,790 --> 00:16:43,540

That's very harsh from
a mother to have that.

414

00:16:43,540 --> 00:16:46,780

And she never changed either.

415

00:16:46,780 --> 00:16:49,240

She didn't approve of me.

416

00:16:49,240 --> 00:16:51,970

Did she have Jewish looks?

417

00:16:51,970 --> 00:16:53,710

Did your mother look Jewish?

418

00:16:53,710 --> 00:16:55,210

No, not at all.

419

00:16:55,210 --> 00:16:58,310

She was very proud
of her Gentile looks.

420

00:16:58,310 --> 00:16:59,320

I see.

421

00:16:59,320 --> 00:17:00,490

I see.

422

00:17:00,490 --> 00:17:03,160

I see.

423

00:17:03,160 --> 00:17:06,220

She didn't look Jewish
at all, my mother.

424

00:17:06,220 --> 00:17:08,470

Well, that's a tough burden.

425

00:17:08,470 --> 00:17:09,885

That's a very tough burden.

426
00:17:09,885 --> 00:17:10,385
I can't--

427
00:17:10,385 --> 00:17:10,885
What?

428
00:17:10,885 --> 00:17:15,160
That's a tough burden
for a child to carry.

429
00:17:15,160 --> 00:17:18,490
Do you think your father
wanted to compensate for it?

430
00:17:18,490 --> 00:17:22,180
That is, did he
sense this kind of--

431
00:17:22,180 --> 00:17:23,310
Oh, of course.

432
00:17:23,310 --> 00:17:24,490
Yeah?

433
00:17:24,490 --> 00:17:26,980
I remember him crying.

434
00:17:26,980 --> 00:17:31,240
She was-- he was extremely
upset the way she treated me.

435
00:17:31,240 --> 00:17:34,070
She treated me--

436
00:17:34,070 --> 00:17:37,000
I spent a lot of
money on psychiatrists

437
00:17:37,000 --> 00:17:40,540
to undo the damage
she did to me.

438
00:17:40,540 --> 00:17:42,250
I spent a fortune.

439
00:17:42,250 --> 00:17:43,240
Oh, my goodness.

440
00:17:43,240 --> 00:17:44,030
I'm OK now.

441
00:17:44,030 --> 00:17:44,530
But--

442
00:17:44,530 --> 00:17:45,610
OK.

443
00:17:45,610 --> 00:17:47,300
But there's-- OK.

444
00:17:47,300 --> 00:17:47,900
OK.

445
00:17:47,900 --> 00:17:54,500
In fact, at one point,
the psychiatrist told me,

446
00:17:54,500 --> 00:17:56,670
I have to move out of her--

447
00:17:56,670 --> 00:17:59,390
we lived together for a while.

448
00:17:59,390 --> 00:18:02,570
And he made me leave.

449
00:18:02,570 --> 00:18:07,850
I had to live in a
women's hotel because she

450
00:18:07,850 --> 00:18:14,510
didn't want to even discuss it.

451
00:18:14,510 --> 00:18:17,000
So he made me move.

452
00:18:17,000 --> 00:18:19,520
And we never lived
together again.

453
00:18:19,520 --> 00:18:23,600
He said if I moved
back, all the money

454
00:18:23,600 --> 00:18:27,380
I spent on psychiatrists--

455
00:18:27,380 --> 00:18:32,510
it's the best investment
I did, the psychiatrist.

456
00:18:32,510 --> 00:18:33,980
Well, I'm glad to hear it.

457
00:18:33,980 --> 00:18:35,990
I'm glad to hear it.

458
00:18:35,990 --> 00:18:39,410
I think nobody can go
through the Holocaust

459
00:18:39,410 --> 00:18:44,600
without having psychological.

460
00:18:44,600 --> 00:18:46,880
Well, the-- I--

461
00:18:46,880 --> 00:18:48,350
A lot of people didn't go.

462
00:18:48,350 --> 00:18:50,600
It costs tremendous money.

463

00:18:50,600 --> 00:18:54,930
I couldn't afford anything
to pay the psychiatrist.

464
00:18:54,930 --> 00:18:57,350
But I am very happy I did this.

465
00:18:57,350 --> 00:18:59,060
Tell me, what did it give you?

466
00:18:59,060 --> 00:18:59,960
What did it give you?

467
00:18:59,960 --> 00:19:01,820
What did you come out
with that you didn't

468
00:19:01,820 --> 00:19:05,590
have before when you went in?

469
00:19:05,590 --> 00:19:06,460
Psychiatry?

470
00:19:06,460 --> 00:19:11,790

471
00:19:11,790 --> 00:19:14,680
I got it out of my system.

472
00:19:14,680 --> 00:19:16,165
I wanted to be normal.

473
00:19:16,165 --> 00:19:20,300
I didn't want to be a freak.

474
00:19:20,300 --> 00:19:21,590
No, not a freak.

475
00:19:21,590 --> 00:19:25,490
But I didn't want to end
up in a mental hospital

476

00:19:25,490 --> 00:19:31,336

because I had a lot
of things against me--

477

00:19:31,336 --> 00:19:33,060

a lot of things.

478

00:19:33,060 --> 00:19:38,220

I mean, not only what was
happening, but my own--

479

00:19:38,220 --> 00:19:41,970

my sister totally
rejected me too.

480

00:19:41,970 --> 00:19:44,160

I'm not in touch with my sister.

481

00:19:44,160 --> 00:19:46,650

Was she closer to your mother
as you were growing up?

482

00:19:46,650 --> 00:19:48,150

Yeah, yeah, very
close to my mother.

483

00:19:48,150 --> 00:19:48,750

OK.

484

00:19:48,750 --> 00:19:53,010

Yeah, they were like this, not--
they were always against me.

485

00:19:53,010 --> 00:19:58,440

And I had a lot to deal with.

486

00:19:58,440 --> 00:20:00,670

I'm very happy I did what I did.

487

00:20:00,670 --> 00:20:01,500

Mm-hmm.

488

00:20:01,500 --> 00:20:02,835

I couldn't afford a thing.

489

00:20:02,835 --> 00:20:06,690

I couldn't go on vacation
for years or anything.

490

00:20:06,690 --> 00:20:09,300

But this was the best--

491

00:20:09,300 --> 00:20:15,060

I think every Holocaust survivor
should go to a psychiatrist.

492

00:20:15,060 --> 00:20:19,410

I mean, you can
go through this--

493

00:20:19,410 --> 00:20:25,190

I mean, I'm a big
believer in psychiatry.

494

00:20:25,190 --> 00:20:28,310

Well, a lot of people were
wounded, very wounded,

495

00:20:28,310 --> 00:20:31,560

and they carried those
wounds with them inside.

496

00:20:31,560 --> 00:20:32,960

And that's very bad.

497

00:20:32,960 --> 00:20:35,960

And I have another
thing, an outlet.

498

00:20:35,960 --> 00:20:37,040

I'm a painter.

499

00:20:37,040 --> 00:20:37,580

Mm-hmm.

500
00:20:37,580 --> 00:20:40,000
And all my work
looks very happy.

501
00:20:40,000 --> 00:20:44,340
But basically, I do my best
painting when I'm unhappy.

502
00:20:44,340 --> 00:20:45,830
Oh!

503
00:20:45,830 --> 00:20:49,490
All my paintings, they
are very uplifting.

504
00:20:49,490 --> 00:20:50,850
People love my work.

505
00:20:50,850 --> 00:20:52,610
Yeah.

506
00:20:52,610 --> 00:20:56,185
But I put all my emotions into--

507
00:20:56,185 --> 00:20:57,780
to this day, I do this.

508
00:20:57,780 --> 00:20:58,280
OK.

509
00:20:58,280 --> 00:20:59,310
I take courses.

510
00:20:59,310 --> 00:21:00,450
Mm-hmm.

511
00:21:00,450 --> 00:21:01,595
We have a senior center.

512
00:21:01,595 --> 00:21:03,260

I paint there.

513
00:21:03,260 --> 00:21:05,700
And I still do this.

514
00:21:05,700 --> 00:21:11,450
I always feel I put my
emotions into my work.

515
00:21:11,450 --> 00:21:16,680
And I always think it's
better than hitting somebody.

516
00:21:16,680 --> 00:21:17,700
Of course it is.

517
00:21:17,700 --> 00:21:18,870
Of course it is.

518
00:21:18,870 --> 00:21:19,830
[LAUGHTER]

519
00:21:19,830 --> 00:21:22,020
There is no question.

520
00:21:22,020 --> 00:21:23,600
If we need an outlet--

521
00:21:23,600 --> 00:21:24,820
yeah.

522
00:21:24,820 --> 00:21:28,440
Now I don't need a
psychiatrist anymore,

523
00:21:28,440 --> 00:21:30,690
but I do-- this is my outlet.

524
00:21:30,690 --> 00:21:35,670
I still-- my teacher always--

525

00:21:35,670 --> 00:21:38,450
I have a teacher in
the senior center.

526
00:21:38,450 --> 00:21:42,853
He always shows
the class my work.

527
00:21:42,853 --> 00:21:44,330
"And now the
masterpiece," he says.

528
00:21:44,330 --> 00:21:44,830
Oh!

529
00:21:44,830 --> 00:21:47,340

530
00:21:47,340 --> 00:21:47,980
But it's--

531
00:21:47,980 --> 00:21:48,560
OK.

532
00:21:48,560 --> 00:21:49,060
OK?

533
00:21:49,060 --> 00:21:50,790
OK, you tell me when to start.

534
00:21:50,790 --> 00:21:51,430
Yeah?

535
00:21:51,430 --> 00:21:53,580
Yeah.

536
00:21:53,580 --> 00:22:00,010
So we go-- let's go back to
your childhood in Zagreb.

537
00:22:00,010 --> 00:22:04,120
It sounds like it was a

kind of divided family.

538
00:22:04,120 --> 00:22:05,080
Was that so?

539
00:22:05,080 --> 00:22:07,600

540
00:22:07,600 --> 00:22:14,800
I think I've had a very unhappy
childhood because of my mother.

541
00:22:14,800 --> 00:22:16,770
Can you imagine my mother?

542
00:22:16,770 --> 00:22:17,470
Mm-hmm.

543
00:22:17,470 --> 00:22:19,870
She rejected me from birth.

544
00:22:19,870 --> 00:22:21,640
She wanted a boy.

545
00:22:21,640 --> 00:22:23,260
She didn't like my looks.

546
00:22:23,260 --> 00:22:26,050
And she never really changed.

547
00:22:26,050 --> 00:22:29,440
And I think it was very
bad for their marriage.

548
00:22:29,440 --> 00:22:30,670
I mean, I can--

549
00:22:30,670 --> 00:22:34,090
I don't-- I think it
was bad for their--

550

00:22:34,090 --> 00:22:37,630

I think my father resented
it very much the way

551

00:22:37,630 --> 00:22:38,415

she treated me.

552

00:22:38,415 --> 00:22:38,915

Mm-hmm.

553

00:22:38,915 --> 00:22:39,840

Mm-hmm.

554

00:22:39,840 --> 00:22:43,240

I have some old pictures.

555

00:22:43,240 --> 00:22:49,000

I'm always with my father
sitting on his lap or some--

556

00:22:49,000 --> 00:22:51,490

he saved me.

557

00:22:51,490 --> 00:22:53,500

That's one-- at least that much.

558

00:22:53,500 --> 00:22:55,690

At least that much.

559

00:22:55,690 --> 00:22:57,280

A child needs that.

560

00:22:57,280 --> 00:23:00,940

A child needs to have an
adult who believes in them

561

00:23:00,940 --> 00:23:02,830

and who is there for them.

562

00:23:02,830 --> 00:23:04,150

Every child does.

563

00:23:04,150 --> 00:23:10,710

At least one adult. That's my
non-psychology point of view.

564

00:23:10,710 --> 00:23:12,020

No, I mean, it is common sense.

565

00:23:12,020 --> 00:23:12,950

Yeah.

566

00:23:12,950 --> 00:23:16,190

So let's talk more
about history,

567

00:23:16,190 --> 00:23:18,740

about what experiences
there were.

568

00:23:18,740 --> 00:23:21,470

Would you say that your
family was well-to-do

569

00:23:21,470 --> 00:23:22,770

when you were growing up?

570

00:23:22,770 --> 00:23:23,935

We were upper-middle class.

571

00:23:23,935 --> 00:23:24,435

OK.

572

00:23:24,435 --> 00:23:27,320

My mother had a
business on her own.

573

00:23:27,320 --> 00:23:28,550

What did she have?

574

00:23:28,550 --> 00:23:30,470

She had a children's store.

575

00:23:30,470 --> 00:23:33,080
OK.

576
00:23:33,080 --> 00:23:34,340
Very successful.

577
00:23:34,340 --> 00:23:36,980
And my father was
into chemistry.

578
00:23:36,980 --> 00:23:39,620
He had a chemical business.

579
00:23:39,620 --> 00:23:45,516
And we had-- because both of
our parents worked, we have--

580
00:23:45,516 --> 00:23:47,110
we went skiing.

581
00:23:47,110 --> 00:23:55,410
And we went-- we had all kinds
of benefits from double income.

582
00:23:55,410 --> 00:24:00,180
So financially-- but
I wasn't happy at all.

583
00:24:00,180 --> 00:24:01,180
I wasn't happy.

584
00:24:01,180 --> 00:24:03,840

585
00:24:03,840 --> 00:24:07,980
Let's talk about your
neighborhood and your living

586
00:24:07,980 --> 00:24:09,600
circumstances.

587
00:24:09,600 --> 00:24:12,360

What kind of a place did
you live in in Zagreb?

588
00:24:12,360 --> 00:24:13,980
Was it a residential area?

589
00:24:13,980 --> 00:24:15,860
Yeah, it was an apartment.

590
00:24:15,860 --> 00:24:16,620
OK.

591
00:24:16,620 --> 00:24:20,670
And was it in a
particular area of town?

592
00:24:20,670 --> 00:24:23,970
Was it in, let's say,
an upper-middle class

593
00:24:23,970 --> 00:24:25,260
neighborhood?

594
00:24:25,260 --> 00:24:27,300
Was it in the center of town?

595
00:24:27,300 --> 00:24:28,800
Yes, it was.

596
00:24:28,800 --> 00:24:34,140
We had an opera, very famous
opera actually, in Zagreb.

597
00:24:34,140 --> 00:24:39,390
And we lived right behind the
opera, very close, center.

598
00:24:39,390 --> 00:24:40,620
So--

599
00:24:40,620 --> 00:24:41,920
Do you remember the address?

600
00:24:41,920 --> 00:24:42,420
What?

601
00:24:42,420 --> 00:24:43,740
Do you remember the address?

602
00:24:43,740 --> 00:24:44,880
Yes, I do.

603
00:24:44,880 --> 00:24:47,550
In fact, I wrote a memoir.

604
00:24:47,550 --> 00:24:54,490
And I called it Who Lives
in VukotinoviÄa Number 5?

605
00:24:54,490 --> 00:24:55,990
That was the address.

606
00:24:55,990 --> 00:24:58,540
This is the title of my memoir.

607
00:24:58,540 --> 00:25:00,745
VukotinoviÄa number 5?

608
00:25:00,745 --> 00:25:01,840
Mm-hmm.

609
00:25:01,840 --> 00:25:02,770
OK.

610
00:25:02,770 --> 00:25:04,040
So you remembered it.

611
00:25:04,040 --> 00:25:04,540
Yeah.

612
00:25:04,540 --> 00:25:09,130
And in this apartment building,
about how many apartments

613
00:25:09,130 --> 00:25:10,590
were there?

614
00:25:10,590 --> 00:25:11,530
OK.

615
00:25:11,530 --> 00:25:14,050
It was, I think, six floors.

616
00:25:14,050 --> 00:25:19,660
It was a gorgeous
apartment house.

617
00:25:19,660 --> 00:25:21,820
It was by a Jewish guy--

618
00:25:21,820 --> 00:25:22,930
Uh-huh.

619
00:25:22,930 --> 00:25:28,740
--who went to
America because of--

620
00:25:28,740 --> 00:25:32,250
he had some problems,
youthful problem.

621
00:25:32,250 --> 00:25:35,460
He went to America to New York.

622
00:25:35,460 --> 00:25:38,940
And I think he lost a
leg in some industry.

623
00:25:38,940 --> 00:25:44,490
Anyway, he built this apartment
house, which was gorgeous,

624
00:25:44,490 --> 00:25:47,010
six floors I think.

625
00:25:47,010 --> 00:25:48,570
And--

626
00:25:48,570 --> 00:25:51,430
What floor did you live on?

627
00:25:51,430 --> 00:25:53,360
I think four.

628
00:25:53,360 --> 00:25:54,800
Was there an elevator?

629
00:25:54,800 --> 00:25:55,430
No.

630
00:25:55,430 --> 00:25:56,090
Walk-up?

631
00:25:56,090 --> 00:25:57,800
I believe so.

632
00:25:57,800 --> 00:25:58,300
OK.

633
00:25:58,300 --> 00:25:59,240
Yeah.

634
00:25:59,240 --> 00:26:04,550
Anyway, the sad part
was that Mr. Lustick,

635
00:26:04,550 --> 00:26:08,720
who built this apartment
house, lived in New York.

636
00:26:08,720 --> 00:26:11,510
And he came to retire in Zagreb.

637
00:26:11,510 --> 00:26:13,160
And the Nazis took him.

638

00:26:13,160 --> 00:26:13,790

Oh!

639

00:26:13,790 --> 00:26:22,910

The Nazis took him and his wife to Auschwitz or whatever.

640

00:26:22,910 --> 00:26:30,360

Who-- were your neighbors Jewish or Gentile or both?

641

00:26:30,360 --> 00:26:32,310

Oh, they were probably both.

642

00:26:32,310 --> 00:26:34,130

I don't remember that.

643

00:26:34,130 --> 00:26:34,830

OK.

644

00:26:34,830 --> 00:26:37,920

Did you have any close relations with any of your neighbors

645

00:26:37,920 --> 00:26:39,045

in that apartment building?

646

00:26:39,045 --> 00:26:42,780

647

00:26:42,780 --> 00:26:44,820

I don't remember that really.

648

00:26:44,820 --> 00:26:45,690

OK.

649

00:26:45,690 --> 00:26:48,660

Do you remember what the apartment itself looked like?

650

00:26:48,660 --> 00:26:49,770

Yes, I do.

651
00:26:49,770 --> 00:26:50,760
Tell me about it.

652
00:26:50,760 --> 00:26:53,780
How many rooms did you have?

653
00:26:53,780 --> 00:26:57,600
We had-- I know the
living room was gorgeous.

654
00:26:57,600 --> 00:26:58,740
Mm-hmm.

655
00:26:58,740 --> 00:27:01,040
It was custom-made.

656
00:27:01,040 --> 00:27:04,130
And then we had
furniture from Vienna--

657
00:27:04,130 --> 00:27:11,640
gorgeous, hand-carved oak
or whatever, very fancy.

658
00:27:11,640 --> 00:27:14,610
It was from Vienna.

659
00:27:14,610 --> 00:27:16,770
That's what I remember.

660
00:27:16,770 --> 00:27:19,350
Did you have your
separate bedroom?

661
00:27:19,350 --> 00:27:20,700
With my sister.

662
00:27:20,700 --> 00:27:22,320
So the two of you
in one bedroom.

663

00:27:22,320 --> 00:27:22,970

Yes.

664

00:27:22,970 --> 00:27:25,080

OK.

665

00:27:25,080 --> 00:27:30,120

Did you have-- I take it you had electricity and indoor plumbing

666

00:27:30,120 --> 00:27:32,100

and things like that.

667

00:27:32,100 --> 00:27:36,520

Oh, yeah, it was like an American--

668

00:27:36,520 --> 00:27:37,270

Apartment.

669

00:27:37,270 --> 00:27:42,550

--apartment because the guy was an American, the landlord.

670

00:27:42,550 --> 00:27:46,390

And how was the place heated?

671

00:27:46,390 --> 00:27:50,210

Was it coal heating with those ovens that they used to have?

672

00:27:50,210 --> 00:27:51,240

No, no, no, no.

673

00:27:51,240 --> 00:27:51,740

No?

674

00:27:51,740 --> 00:27:53,902

We had regular radiator.

675

00:27:53,902 --> 00:27:54,610
So it was modern?

676
00:27:54,610 --> 00:27:55,110
Yeah.

677
00:27:55,110 --> 00:28:00,040
This guy was a New
Yorker basically

678
00:28:00,040 --> 00:28:02,420
who built this apartment house.

679
00:28:02,420 --> 00:28:02,920
Yeah.

680
00:28:02,920 --> 00:28:04,930
It was a very modern place.

681
00:28:04,930 --> 00:28:07,300
Did you have a phone?

682
00:28:07,300 --> 00:28:07,810
Yeah.

683
00:28:07,810 --> 00:28:14,290
In fact, my father was very
advanced in his thinking.

684
00:28:14,290 --> 00:28:17,680
And we had a phone.

685
00:28:17,680 --> 00:28:21,010
And he said, I can't
communicate with people

686
00:28:21,010 --> 00:28:24,580
who don't have a phone
because you would

687
00:28:24,580 --> 00:28:26,740
have to go to their place.

688
00:28:26,740 --> 00:28:28,270
I mean, there was no phone.

689
00:28:28,270 --> 00:28:29,500
But we had a phone.

690
00:28:29,500 --> 00:28:30,210
OK.

691
00:28:30,210 --> 00:28:33,910
He always was for
innovation, my father.

692
00:28:33,910 --> 00:28:35,320
And what about a radio?

693
00:28:35,320 --> 00:28:36,280
Did you have a radio?

694
00:28:36,280 --> 00:28:38,800

695
00:28:38,800 --> 00:28:40,426
Probably.

696
00:28:40,426 --> 00:28:41,650
Mm-hmm.

697
00:28:41,650 --> 00:28:47,960
I know my father always had
to be ahead of the time.

698
00:28:47,960 --> 00:28:51,730
Did your parents have a
social circle in Zagreb?

699
00:28:51,730 --> 00:28:53,360
Yes, I believe so.

700
00:28:53,360 --> 00:28:55,430

They used to be big hikers.

701
00:28:55,430 --> 00:28:56,750
Mm-hmm.

702
00:28:56,750 --> 00:28:59,750
You know, I have a
picture somewhere.

703
00:28:59,750 --> 00:29:04,070
There's the whole
group of hikers.

704
00:29:04,070 --> 00:29:06,020
Every Sunday, we hiked.

705
00:29:06,020 --> 00:29:08,060
Oh, that's healthy.

706
00:29:08,060 --> 00:29:09,410
They were Viennese.

707
00:29:09,410 --> 00:29:12,060
Vienna people hike.

708
00:29:12,060 --> 00:29:14,240
And in the winter,
we went skiing.

709
00:29:14,240 --> 00:29:17,270
We had a very--

710
00:29:17,270 --> 00:29:20,510
we had a very modern lifestyle.

711
00:29:20,510 --> 00:29:28,245
Did you ever visit your father's
brothers and sisters in Vienna?

712
00:29:28,245 --> 00:29:29,620
Did you ever go
there on a trip--

713
00:29:29,620 --> 00:29:32,080
No, they went to Israel.

714
00:29:32,080 --> 00:29:33,860
Before the war even?

715
00:29:33,860 --> 00:29:37,165
They went-- when my
mother didn't want to go,

716
00:29:37,165 --> 00:29:39,850
when she made a
terrible mistake,

717
00:29:39,850 --> 00:29:44,050
and my other relatives
did go to Palestine.

718
00:29:44,050 --> 00:29:46,196
So that would have
been in 1940, 1941?

719
00:29:46,196 --> 00:29:47,350
Yeah.

720
00:29:47,350 --> 00:29:50,560
But as you were growing up
and you're still a girl--

721
00:29:50,560 --> 00:29:54,850
so in the early
'30s or so, did you

722
00:29:54,850 --> 00:29:57,310
ever go to Vienna to
visit any of them?

723
00:29:57,310 --> 00:29:59,650
I think once I went.

724
00:29:59,650 --> 00:30:00,940

Mm-hmm.

725

00:30:00,940 --> 00:30:05,800

My mother didn't like
my father's family.

726

00:30:05,800 --> 00:30:11,740

So-- but I went--

727

00:30:11,740 --> 00:30:15,250

they went to Palestine,
so they were in Israel.

728

00:30:15,250 --> 00:30:23,260

I went on my own to
meet my relatives

729

00:30:23,260 --> 00:30:26,100

a few years after the war.

730

00:30:26,100 --> 00:30:26,950

Oh, OK.

731

00:30:26,950 --> 00:30:28,120

So that's after the war.

732

00:30:28,120 --> 00:30:29,680

Yeah, I went to visit.

733

00:30:29,680 --> 00:30:30,520

OK.

734

00:30:30,520 --> 00:30:32,230

That's already when
you're a young woman.

735

00:30:32,230 --> 00:30:32,730

Yeah.

736

00:30:32,730 --> 00:30:33,400

Mm-hmm.

737

00:30:33,400 --> 00:30:34,880

I went on my own.

738

00:30:34,880 --> 00:30:37,180

OK.

739

00:30:37,180 --> 00:30:40,075

Did you know your grandparents
on either side of the family?

740

00:30:40,075 --> 00:30:44,100

741

00:30:44,100 --> 00:30:54,460

My mother's-- my grandmother
died from my mother's side.

742

00:30:54,460 --> 00:31:02,790

But my father's family,
I think I went once.

743

00:31:02,790 --> 00:31:07,280

My mother didn't let them come.

744

00:31:07,280 --> 00:31:08,230

My mother--

745

00:31:08,230 --> 00:31:11,080

Do you know how
your parents met?

746

00:31:11,080 --> 00:31:11,860

Yes.

747

00:31:11,860 --> 00:31:18,520

They met when they were 15
years old in a Zionist club

748

00:31:18,520 --> 00:31:19,020

in Vienna.

749

00:31:19,020 --> 00:31:22,900
Zionism I think started
in Vienna with Herzl.

750
00:31:22,900 --> 00:31:24,350
Mm-hmm.

751
00:31:24,350 --> 00:31:24,850
Mm-hmm.

752
00:31:24,850 --> 00:31:26,460
And that's where they met.

753
00:31:26,460 --> 00:31:28,560
They were 15 years old.

754
00:31:28,560 --> 00:31:30,670
And they married then later?

755
00:31:30,670 --> 00:31:32,340
15 years after.

756
00:31:32,340 --> 00:31:35,180
So they married when
they were 30 years old?

757
00:31:35,180 --> 00:31:36,120
Yeah.

758
00:31:36,120 --> 00:31:36,690
OK.

759
00:31:36,690 --> 00:31:38,920
My father had to
serve in the army.

760
00:31:38,920 --> 00:31:39,570
OK.

761
00:31:39,570 --> 00:31:44,400
Did he ever tell you about his
service in the Austrian army

762
00:31:44,400 --> 00:31:47,500
during World War I?

763
00:31:47,500 --> 00:31:49,114
Not really.

764
00:31:49,114 --> 00:31:50,880
Mm-hmm.

765
00:31:50,880 --> 00:31:53,400
I guess I was not interested.

766
00:31:53,400 --> 00:31:57,270
I was a teenager,
and I liked boys.

767
00:31:57,270 --> 00:31:58,380
That's all.

768
00:31:58,380 --> 00:32:00,960
Well, did he ever tell you
anything of his own life

769
00:32:00,960 --> 00:32:02,160
as he was growing up?

770
00:32:02,160 --> 00:32:06,670

771
00:32:06,670 --> 00:32:07,990
Not really.

772
00:32:07,990 --> 00:32:09,510
OK.

773
00:32:09,510 --> 00:32:15,020
I guess-- no, I don't think so.

774
00:32:15,020 --> 00:32:15,520
OK.

775
00:32:15,520 --> 00:32:17,750
I have a very wonderful
picture though--

776
00:32:17,750 --> 00:32:18,250
Mm-hmm.

777
00:32:18,250 --> 00:32:22,180
--of the whole family,
my father's family.

778
00:32:22,180 --> 00:32:22,990
Oh, you do?

779
00:32:22,990 --> 00:32:26,190
Yeah, I have a couple
of great pictures.

780
00:32:26,190 --> 00:32:28,040
And he was the oldest.

781
00:32:28,040 --> 00:32:30,550
And he had this young boy.

782
00:32:30,550 --> 00:32:33,820
The baby was sitting on his lap.

783
00:32:33,820 --> 00:32:39,920
So I think my mother did
a great disservice for me.

784
00:32:39,920 --> 00:32:43,770
I never cried when she died.

785
00:32:43,770 --> 00:32:46,710
I took care of
her, but I didn't--

786
00:32:46,710 --> 00:32:49,200
because she did terrible damage.

787
00:32:49,200 --> 00:32:50,400
Yeah.

788
00:32:50,400 --> 00:32:53,640
She deprived me of our family.

789
00:32:53,640 --> 00:32:59,370
She-- she didn't let
my grandparents visit,

790
00:32:59,370 --> 00:33:00,930
stuff like that.

791
00:33:00,930 --> 00:33:01,950
Yeah.

792
00:33:01,950 --> 00:33:11,960
And in the end, she
died here in New York.

793
00:33:11,960 --> 00:33:21,930
And she had a grave next to hers
for my father, empty of course.

794
00:33:21,930 --> 00:33:26,110
But she was responsible
for his death, which

795
00:33:26,110 --> 00:33:28,430
is very hard for me to swallow.

796
00:33:28,430 --> 00:33:28,930
Yeah.

797
00:33:28,930 --> 00:33:31,300
Because we could have been--

798
00:33:31,300 --> 00:33:33,190
we could have gone to Palestine.

799
00:33:33,190 --> 00:33:37,670

I mean, his whole family
went, huge family.

800
00:33:37,670 --> 00:33:42,980
So she did a lot of damage.

801
00:33:42,980 --> 00:33:46,730
We'll come to those
sections where

802
00:33:46,730 --> 00:33:51,920
these terrible events start
to happen, start to unfold.

803
00:33:51,920 --> 00:33:55,250
Right now I still want to know
a little more about your life

804
00:33:55,250 --> 00:33:57,170
before the war.

805
00:33:57,170 --> 00:34:00,530
Were your parents on either
side religious at all?

806
00:34:00,530 --> 00:34:03,350
No, nobody was.

807
00:34:03,350 --> 00:34:04,910
I think they were--

808
00:34:04,910 --> 00:34:09,739
my father was not religious,
but he was more Jewish.

809
00:34:09,739 --> 00:34:15,440
My mother, I think she was the
first Jewish anti-Semite I met.

810
00:34:15,440 --> 00:34:19,370
[LAUGHTER]

811

00:34:19,370 --> 00:34:21,739
She--

812
00:34:21,739 --> 00:34:25,280
Aside from her
relationship with you,

813
00:34:25,280 --> 00:34:28,909
was she that way with other
people who were Jewish?

814
00:34:28,909 --> 00:34:33,800
Was she somebody who
looked down on who she was

815
00:34:33,800 --> 00:34:34,870
and where she came from?

816
00:34:34,870 --> 00:34:37,639

817
00:34:37,639 --> 00:34:40,639
I don't think she
had Gentile friends.

818
00:34:40,639 --> 00:34:47,150
But I don't know.

819
00:34:47,150 --> 00:34:49,370
They met at a Zionist
club, my parents.

820
00:34:49,370 --> 00:34:49,870
So--

821
00:34:49,870 --> 00:34:51,230
Yeah.

822
00:34:51,230 --> 00:34:53,690
Her store-- she had
a store, you said?

823

00:34:53,690 --> 00:34:58,370
Yeah, she had a wonderful
store, which I was supposed to--

824
00:34:58,370 --> 00:35:03,220
I was a very poor
student, partly

825
00:35:03,220 --> 00:35:06,070
I think because they
didn't understand

826
00:35:06,070 --> 00:35:08,560
the left and right brain.

827
00:35:08,560 --> 00:35:10,270
I'm very, very creative.

828
00:35:10,270 --> 00:35:12,220
Anything creative, I can do.

829
00:35:12,220 --> 00:35:12,850
Mm-hmm.

830
00:35:12,850 --> 00:35:17,320
You know, not only
painting, embroidery.

831
00:35:17,320 --> 00:35:19,210
You name it, I can do it.

832
00:35:19,210 --> 00:35:25,900
But I was a very poor
student because I'm very--

833
00:35:25,900 --> 00:35:27,728
these are two different brands.

834
00:35:27,728 --> 00:35:28,270
That's right.

835
00:35:28,270 --> 00:35:28,810

You know?

836
00:35:28,810 --> 00:35:29,310
Mm-hmm.

837
00:35:29,310 --> 00:35:32,990

838
00:35:32,990 --> 00:35:36,350
Did you not like
going to school?

839
00:35:36,350 --> 00:35:39,300
No, I didn't because I
did so poorly, you know?

840
00:35:39,300 --> 00:35:39,910
Mm-hmm.

841
00:35:39,910 --> 00:35:43,600
And then I went later
on after the war

842
00:35:43,600 --> 00:35:45,730
to the Academy of
Fine Arts of Rome.

843
00:35:45,730 --> 00:35:46,420
Mm-hmm.

844
00:35:46,420 --> 00:35:49,930
And I was a very good student.

845
00:35:49,930 --> 00:35:53,035
Even though it was Italian,
and it was very hard,

846
00:35:53,035 --> 00:35:59,210
we had to write about the
painting 10 pages in Italian.

847
00:35:59,210 --> 00:35:59,920

Whew.

848
00:35:59,920 --> 00:36:02,110
And I did very well.

849
00:36:02,110 --> 00:36:03,890
I still have the booklets--

850
00:36:03,890 --> 00:36:04,390
Do you?

851
00:36:04,390 --> 00:36:04,890
Yeah.

852
00:36:04,890 --> 00:36:07,120
--some of the Academy.

853
00:36:07,120 --> 00:36:11,910
So it's a different--

854
00:36:11,910 --> 00:36:15,990
later on, I was
teaching art, and I had

855
00:36:15,990 --> 00:36:21,220
all these students who were--

856
00:36:21,220 --> 00:36:25,000
I don't know which brain
is the creative brain.

857
00:36:25,000 --> 00:36:28,870
But they're very
different than others.

858
00:36:28,870 --> 00:36:30,760
They're different.

859
00:36:30,760 --> 00:36:32,680
When you were going
to school, did you

860

00:36:32,680 --> 00:36:36,170

go to a neighborhood
school, a public school?

861

00:36:36,170 --> 00:36:37,420

Yes.

862

00:36:37,420 --> 00:36:42,840

In fact, we were across
the street from the school.

863

00:36:42,840 --> 00:36:43,720

OK.

864

00:36:43,720 --> 00:36:44,405

So not far.

865

00:36:44,405 --> 00:36:46,780

You could walk across the
street when you were at school.

866

00:36:46,780 --> 00:36:47,280

Yeah.

867

00:36:47,280 --> 00:36:54,330

And so-- yeah.

868

00:36:54,330 --> 00:36:56,100

I was doing very poorly.

869

00:36:56,100 --> 00:36:59,370

Do you have any memories
of going to school

870

00:36:59,370 --> 00:37:01,160

or of your experiences there?

871

00:37:01,160 --> 00:37:04,940

872

00:37:04,940 --> 00:37:09,320

I have only a memory of
my first grade teacher.

873
00:37:09,320 --> 00:37:11,180
I remember how she looked.

874
00:37:11,180 --> 00:37:15,140
And she understood my situation.

875
00:37:15,140 --> 00:37:16,310
And she was very--

876
00:37:16,310 --> 00:37:19,220

877
00:37:19,220 --> 00:37:22,580
she was very good to me.

878
00:37:22,580 --> 00:37:25,460
It was her last
year of teaching,

879
00:37:25,460 --> 00:37:27,500
but I remember her exactly.

880
00:37:27,500 --> 00:37:31,010
She took-- she
spent a lot of time

881
00:37:31,010 --> 00:37:34,310
with me because she got it.

882
00:37:34,310 --> 00:37:41,210
She got my situation, which
was very unfavorable really.

883
00:37:41,210 --> 00:37:43,590
Mm-hmm.

884
00:37:43,590 --> 00:37:47,370
I did very well in her
class, but not later.

885
00:37:47,370 --> 00:37:51,300
And it's very interesting
what happened.

886
00:37:51,300 --> 00:37:57,510
My sister has no interest
in art-- zero, not at all.

887
00:37:57,510 --> 00:38:02,070
So one day, she asked me
to do a drawing for her.

888
00:38:02,070 --> 00:38:03,660
She had her homework.

889
00:38:03,660 --> 00:38:06,210
And she got a very good grade.

890
00:38:06,210 --> 00:38:09,630
And then when I
had to make this,

891
00:38:09,630 --> 00:38:12,490
they gave me a very bad
grade to my own drawing.

892
00:38:12,490 --> 00:38:13,650
[LAUGHS]

893
00:38:13,650 --> 00:38:14,490
Really?

894
00:38:14,490 --> 00:38:19,130
Yes, because all my
grades were like 3.

895
00:38:19,130 --> 00:38:21,300
Three was a very bad grade.

896
00:38:21,300 --> 00:38:23,370
What was the highest grade?

897
00:38:23,370 --> 00:38:24,600
I think 5

898
00:38:24,600 --> 00:38:29,700
OK, so it's a scale of 1 to 5,
1 being terrible and failing

899
00:38:29,700 --> 00:38:33,180
and 5 being excellent
and 3 in the middle.

900
00:38:33,180 --> 00:38:36,300
So my sister got
this good grade,

901
00:38:36,300 --> 00:38:40,140
and I got a very bad grade
because all my grades

902
00:38:40,140 --> 00:38:43,470
were very bad, you know?

903
00:38:43,470 --> 00:38:45,460
They were all like 3 or--

904
00:38:45,460 --> 00:38:47,310
I think 2 was failing.

905
00:38:47,310 --> 00:38:49,020
I don't remember.

906
00:38:49,020 --> 00:38:50,730
Did you have friends at school?

907
00:38:50,730 --> 00:38:53,010
Yeah, I had friends.

908
00:38:53,010 --> 00:38:57,330
[INAUDIBLE] friends, and
it was very interesting.

909

00:38:57,330 --> 00:39:02,970

Unfortunately, they
were all killed.

910

00:39:02,970 --> 00:39:04,290

Were these Jewish kids?

911

00:39:04,290 --> 00:39:06,840

Yeah, yeah, Jewish girls.

912

00:39:06,840 --> 00:39:09,260

I was always puzzled.

913

00:39:09,260 --> 00:39:16,050

There were two girls, Vera
Schlanger and Maya Gross.

914

00:39:16,050 --> 00:39:18,660

They were the best students.

915

00:39:18,660 --> 00:39:21,270

And they were very
friendly with me.

916

00:39:21,270 --> 00:39:23,550

And I could not
understand because they

917

00:39:23,550 --> 00:39:26,050

were good students.

918

00:39:26,050 --> 00:39:32,170

But they appreciated the fact
that I, at seven years old,

919

00:39:32,170 --> 00:39:38,170

I knew I wanted to be an artist
so that I had this focus from

920

00:39:38,170 --> 00:39:41,980

a very early age,
and they didn't.

921
00:39:41,980 --> 00:39:42,940
They were children.

922
00:39:42,940 --> 00:39:43,790
So you know--

923
00:39:43,790 --> 00:39:44,290
Yeah.

924
00:39:44,290 --> 00:39:44,790
Yeah.

925
00:39:44,790 --> 00:39:46,900
So I had very smart friends.

926
00:39:46,900 --> 00:39:49,440

927
00:39:49,440 --> 00:39:52,920
Did that make school
any better, any easier,

928
00:39:52,920 --> 00:39:56,680
or in general, you just
didn't like going to school?

929
00:39:56,680 --> 00:40:02,820
No, no, I didn't like it
because it was very degrading.

930
00:40:02,820 --> 00:40:05,670
I mean, I was a
very poor student.

931
00:40:05,670 --> 00:40:11,150
And it wasn't pleasant.

932
00:40:11,150 --> 00:40:12,020
No.

933

00:40:12,020 --> 00:40:14,750

Did you visit your
mother in her store?

934

00:40:14,750 --> 00:40:16,520

Do you remember what
that looked like?

935

00:40:16,520 --> 00:40:17,540

Yes.

936

00:40:17,540 --> 00:40:22,460

In fact, she wanted
me to take over.

937

00:40:22,460 --> 00:40:23,720

She groomed me.

938

00:40:23,720 --> 00:40:28,040

It was a wonderful store
for children's clothes.

939

00:40:28,040 --> 00:40:30,710

And yeah.

940

00:40:30,710 --> 00:40:33,740

She groomed me to take over.

941

00:40:33,740 --> 00:40:38,360

And we of course
lost it in the war.

942

00:40:38,360 --> 00:40:41,120

Why you and not Erica?

943

00:40:41,120 --> 00:40:43,880

Why would you take
over rather than Erica?

944

00:40:43,880 --> 00:40:46,560

Because I was very handy.

945

00:40:46,560 --> 00:40:48,150
I could do anything.

946
00:40:48,150 --> 00:40:49,190
OK.

947
00:40:49,190 --> 00:40:50,630
I mean, even now--

948
00:40:50,630 --> 00:40:58,940
I mean, I-- and again, I
have a lot of embroideries.

949
00:40:58,940 --> 00:41:08,860
I do needlepoint, and I can do
a lot of things with my hands.

950
00:41:08,860 --> 00:41:09,360
Yeah.

951
00:41:09,360 --> 00:41:15,690
And my mother, she did a
very interesting thing.

952
00:41:15,690 --> 00:41:20,220
You know, I finished four years
of high school, I believe.

953
00:41:20,220 --> 00:41:21,410
Mm-hmm.

954
00:41:21,410 --> 00:41:26,870
And then she did something
which was extremely degrading.

955
00:41:26,870 --> 00:41:30,280
She put me in a trade school.

956
00:41:30,280 --> 00:41:33,490
I think it was a very
smart thing to do actually.

957

00:41:33,490 --> 00:41:34,720
Mm-hmm.

958
00:41:34,720 --> 00:41:39,190
And at that time, they
sent kids to grade school

959
00:41:39,190 --> 00:41:41,200
which were all peasants.

960
00:41:41,200 --> 00:41:44,230
So all my friends
went to high school,

961
00:41:44,230 --> 00:41:50,430
and she put me in this trade
school, which was not my--

962
00:41:50,430 --> 00:41:51,390
Milieu.

963
00:41:51,390 --> 00:41:51,900
No.

964
00:41:51,900 --> 00:41:52,890
Mm-hmm.

965
00:41:52,890 --> 00:41:59,814
But I think it was a smart
thing because I became a--

966
00:41:59,814 --> 00:42:03,320

967
00:42:03,320 --> 00:42:04,520
I could make clothes.

968
00:42:04,520 --> 00:42:05,360
What is it called?

969
00:42:05,360 --> 00:42:06,060
You could sew.

970
00:42:06,060 --> 00:42:06,560
Yeah.

971
00:42:06,560 --> 00:42:07,060
What?

972
00:42:07,060 --> 00:42:08,060
A seamstress?

973
00:42:08,060 --> 00:42:08,600
Yeah.

974
00:42:08,600 --> 00:42:09,200
OK.

975
00:42:09,200 --> 00:42:13,150
I learned-- I used to
make my own clothes.

976
00:42:13,150 --> 00:42:16,240
I mean, I learned a trade.

977
00:42:16,240 --> 00:42:21,640
And now as an adult, I'm
very much for trade school.

978
00:42:21,640 --> 00:42:26,620
If I had kids, I wouldn't
spend \$50,000 on them

979
00:42:26,620 --> 00:42:27,710
to go to college.

980
00:42:27,710 --> 00:42:32,200
They would go to a trade
school because they need trade.

981
00:42:32,200 --> 00:42:34,020
You need to have
something to make your--

982
00:42:34,020 --> 00:42:35,305
I'm a big one for blue collar.

983
00:42:35,305 --> 00:42:35,805
OK.

984
00:42:35,805 --> 00:42:38,350
Very big on blue collar.

985
00:42:38,350 --> 00:42:40,690
And she did this.

986
00:42:40,690 --> 00:42:43,590
And it was--

987
00:42:43,590 --> 00:42:45,130
I had only one friend.

988
00:42:45,130 --> 00:42:47,550
And they were all
peasants, you know?

989
00:42:47,550 --> 00:42:49,080
And this was in Zagreb?

990
00:42:49,080 --> 00:42:50,550
This was in Zagreb.

991
00:42:50,550 --> 00:42:51,180
OK.

992
00:42:51,180 --> 00:42:55,120
And so-- yeah.

993
00:42:55,120 --> 00:43:01,090
So you were born in
November 1924, yes?

994
00:43:01,090 --> 00:43:04,150
Before you're even
10 years old, Hitler

995

00:43:04,150 --> 00:43:06,850

comes to power in Germany.

996

00:43:06,850 --> 00:43:10,570

Did your parents ever talk about
what's going on in Germany,

997

00:43:10,570 --> 00:43:12,280

or was Germany far away--

998

00:43:12,280 --> 00:43:13,110

far away?

999

00:43:13,110 --> 00:43:22,450

1000

00:43:22,450 --> 00:43:26,470

My father was a
very smart person.

1001

00:43:26,470 --> 00:43:29,110

1002

00:43:29,110 --> 00:43:32,350

He read several
papers every day,

1003

00:43:32,350 --> 00:43:39,260

and he wanted to
leave to Palestine.

1004

00:43:39,260 --> 00:43:42,720

And my mother, who was a
big shot in our family--

1005

00:43:42,720 --> 00:43:44,990

she was very aggressive--

1006

00:43:44,990 --> 00:43:46,780

she didn't want to.

1007

00:43:46,780 --> 00:43:51,450

And I blame her for
my father's death.

1008

00:43:51,450 --> 00:43:52,160

I know.

1009

00:43:52,160 --> 00:43:52,660

I know.

1010

00:43:52,660 --> 00:43:56,490

He ended up in the
Treblinka gas chamber.

1011

00:43:56,490 --> 00:44:01,410

But for example, when Hitler
comes to power in 1933,

1012

00:44:01,410 --> 00:44:05,250

do you remember as a 10-year-old
your parents talking about it?

1013

00:44:05,250 --> 00:44:07,440

I don't think I remember, no.

1014

00:44:07,440 --> 00:44:08,520

OK.

1015

00:44:08,520 --> 00:44:10,470

OK.

1016

00:44:10,470 --> 00:44:12,450

Vaguely.

1017

00:44:12,450 --> 00:44:18,750

And what was the kind of
political atmosphere in Zagreb

1018

00:44:18,750 --> 00:44:21,180

when you're growing
up in the '30s?

1019

00:44:21,180 --> 00:44:23,500

You know, the '30s
are the years that you

1020

00:44:23,500 --> 00:44:29,510

were a teenager from 10 years
old to 16, 17, and so on.

1021

00:44:29,510 --> 00:44:32,310

What kind of a political
rule was there?

1022

00:44:32,310 --> 00:44:33,390

Who ruled?

1023

00:44:33,390 --> 00:44:34,662

Was this Yugoslavia?

1024

00:44:34,662 --> 00:44:35,370

Was this Croatia?

1025

00:44:35,370 --> 00:44:37,020

I was only interested in boys.

1026

00:44:37,020 --> 00:44:37,760

That's all.

1027

00:44:37,760 --> 00:44:39,832

[LAUGHS]

1028

00:44:39,832 --> 00:44:42,150

(LAUGHING) I was not--

1029

00:44:42,150 --> 00:44:44,340

I was not into politics.

1030

00:44:44,340 --> 00:44:48,120

And now I'm a very
political person.

1031

00:44:48,120 --> 00:44:49,050

I know everything.

1032
00:44:49,050 --> 00:44:49,960
(LAUGHING) OK.

1033
00:44:49,960 --> 00:44:51,450
I watch everything.

1034
00:44:51,450 --> 00:44:52,780
I read.

1035
00:44:52,780 --> 00:44:54,480
I have a computer.

1036
00:44:54,480 --> 00:44:57,990
And I'm very well informed.

1037
00:44:57,990 --> 00:45:02,880
So did you know who ruled
Yugoslavia at the time?

1038
00:45:02,880 --> 00:45:03,900
We had a king.

1039
00:45:03,900 --> 00:45:06,040
Aha.

1040
00:45:06,040 --> 00:45:07,253
King Alexander--

1041
00:45:07,253 --> 00:45:07,753
OK.

1042
00:45:07,753 --> 00:45:09,370
--Karadordevic.

1043
00:45:09,370 --> 00:45:10,150
Mm-hmm.

1044
00:45:10,150 --> 00:45:16,340
And I think he was

assassinated by the--

1045
00:45:16,340 --> 00:45:19,440

1046
00:45:19,440 --> 00:45:21,730
by Pavelic forces.

1047
00:45:21,730 --> 00:45:22,290
Oh, really?

1048
00:45:22,290 --> 00:45:23,045
By the Ustasa?

1049
00:45:23,045 --> 00:45:24,150
Hmm?

1050
00:45:24,150 --> 00:45:25,560
By the Ustasa?

1051
00:45:25,560 --> 00:45:26,790
Yeah.

1052
00:45:26,790 --> 00:45:27,750
I see.

1053
00:45:27,750 --> 00:45:29,400
I see.

1054
00:45:29,400 --> 00:45:30,930
He was assassinated.

1055
00:45:30,930 --> 00:45:31,830
I know that.

1056
00:45:31,830 --> 00:45:37,570
Were there right-wing movements
as you were growing up?

1057
00:45:37,570 --> 00:45:39,930
I was not political

at the time at all.

1058
00:45:39,930 --> 00:45:40,800
I know.

1059
00:45:40,800 --> 00:45:43,500
But were-- did you
hear about things?

1060
00:45:43,500 --> 00:45:45,210
Did you see anything?

1061
00:45:45,210 --> 00:45:48,030
Did you-- I'm not saying
are you interested in it.

1062
00:45:48,030 --> 00:45:51,450
I'm saying, were you
aware of things like that?

1063
00:45:51,450 --> 00:45:53,970
I was only interested in boys.

1064
00:45:53,970 --> 00:45:55,120
I have to repeat that.

1065
00:45:55,120 --> 00:45:57,030
[LAUGHS]

1066
00:45:57,030 --> 00:45:59,610
I was a normal teenager.

1067
00:45:59,610 --> 00:46:00,840
Very normal.

1068
00:46:00,840 --> 00:46:02,460
Very normal.

1069
00:46:02,460 --> 00:46:11,010
And when Hitler marched into
Poland on September 1, 1939,

1070
00:46:11,010 --> 00:46:14,340
do you remember
anything about hearing

1071
00:46:14,340 --> 00:46:15,705
about how the war has begun?

1072
00:46:15,705 --> 00:46:19,550

1073
00:46:19,550 --> 00:46:21,980
It's really hard for me to say.

1074
00:46:21,980 --> 00:46:27,000
I think I'm forgetting
a lot of things.

1075
00:46:27,000 --> 00:46:27,500
OK.

1076
00:46:27,500 --> 00:46:28,190
You know?

1077
00:46:28,190 --> 00:46:29,510
That's OK.

1078
00:46:29,510 --> 00:46:31,450
Lucky I wrote a memoir--

1079
00:46:31,450 --> 00:46:31,958
Yes.

1080
00:46:31,958 --> 00:46:33,500
--which I have much
more information.

1081
00:46:33,500 --> 00:46:34,400
OK.

1082
00:46:34,400 --> 00:46:38,690
I wrote the whole megillah.

1083
00:46:38,690 --> 00:46:42,350
So I'm happy I wrote
it because I wrote it

1084
00:46:42,350 --> 00:46:44,880
maybe eight years ago.

1085
00:46:44,880 --> 00:46:48,310
So my memory was
better than now.

1086
00:46:48,310 --> 00:46:52,550
I think I'm
forgetting a lot of--

1087
00:46:52,550 --> 00:46:55,552
they're not clear when you
ask me these questions.

1088
00:46:55,552 --> 00:46:56,510
Here's the other thing.

1089
00:46:56,510 --> 00:47:01,520
I'm asking you about things that
took place almost 80 years ago.

1090
00:47:01,520 --> 00:47:05,510
So I realize that I'm
asking about information

1091
00:47:05,510 --> 00:47:06,890
that's decades old.

1092
00:47:06,890 --> 00:47:14,350
And it's an interesting thing
that I was married 10 years,

1093
00:47:14,350 --> 00:47:17,020
and I had a very bad marriage.

1094
00:47:17,020 --> 00:47:21,310

And it's so interesting
that I totally

1095
00:47:21,310 --> 00:47:24,400
forgot about what
happened in my marriage.

1096
00:47:24,400 --> 00:47:26,680
I don't remember a thing.

1097
00:47:26,680 --> 00:47:32,310
And I think it's nature
does this to forget

1098
00:47:32,310 --> 00:47:34,740
things that were terrible.

1099
00:47:34,740 --> 00:47:36,390
You know?

1100
00:47:36,390 --> 00:47:37,410
Well--

1101
00:47:37,410 --> 00:47:40,530
I don't remember anything
from my marriage.

1102
00:47:40,530 --> 00:47:41,820
Nothing.

1103
00:47:41,820 --> 00:47:45,300
Well, sometimes we need that
kind of relief, you know?

1104
00:47:45,300 --> 00:47:48,270
No, I think it's a great
thing because why should you

1105
00:47:48,270 --> 00:47:50,610
remember bad things?

1106
00:47:50,610 --> 00:47:53,340

Well, unfortunately, we're going to be talking about some

1107
00:47:53,340 --> 00:47:56,250
of them.

1108
00:47:56,250 --> 00:48:02,910
When did life change in your family and for you

1109
00:48:02,910 --> 00:48:10,110
when boys receded and politics and war and things

1110
00:48:10,110 --> 00:48:15,730
like that came and intruded themselves?

1111
00:48:15,730 --> 00:48:17,920
When I had to face reality.

1112
00:48:17,920 --> 00:48:19,440
And when was that?

1113
00:48:19,440 --> 00:48:31,220
Well, we were in two Italian concentration camps.

1114
00:48:31,220 --> 00:48:32,840
Oh, but that's much later.

1115
00:48:32,840 --> 00:48:36,500
I'm saying, how did it first start in your family?

1116
00:48:36,500 --> 00:48:39,020
What was the first thing that happened

1117
00:48:39,020 --> 00:48:42,670
that changed your lives from normal to something else?

1118
00:48:42,670 --> 00:48:47,790

1119
00:48:47,790 --> 00:48:50,040
They took away my father first.

1120
00:48:50,040 --> 00:48:52,610
Who is "they"?

1121
00:48:52,610 --> 00:48:54,600
The Ustasa.

1122
00:48:54,600 --> 00:48:57,570
And what year was this?

1123
00:48:57,570 --> 00:49:02,010
1941, I guess.

1124
00:49:02,010 --> 00:49:03,180
OK.

1125
00:49:03,180 --> 00:49:06,960
And how did that happen?

1126
00:49:06,960 --> 00:49:09,040
And why did that happen?

1127
00:49:09,040 --> 00:49:11,100
Why did they take him away?

1128
00:49:11,100 --> 00:49:13,860
They came with a gun.

1129
00:49:13,860 --> 00:49:14,760
Was there a reason?

1130
00:49:14,760 --> 00:49:19,170
I always write on Facebook,
never give away your guns.

1131

00:49:19,170 --> 00:49:19,980
Big mistake.

1132
00:49:19,980 --> 00:49:20,670
[LAUGHS]

1133
00:49:20,670 --> 00:49:22,320
Never give away a gun.

1134
00:49:22,320 --> 00:49:25,250

1135
00:49:25,250 --> 00:49:27,670
That's a controversial
issue these days.

1136
00:49:27,670 --> 00:49:31,640
No, it's not controversial
because when they force

1137
00:49:31,640 --> 00:49:33,650
you to take away your gun--

1138
00:49:33,650 --> 00:49:36,500
why should you take
away a gun for somebody

1139
00:49:36,500 --> 00:49:40,760
who is not a criminal and
doesn't have a record?

1140
00:49:40,760 --> 00:49:44,060
You should have a gun.

1141
00:49:44,060 --> 00:49:46,820
I don't have a gun now because--

1142
00:49:46,820 --> 00:49:52,100
but I believe when they
start putting pressure,

1143
00:49:52,100 --> 00:49:56,600

give away your guns, then
they want to dominate you.

1144
00:49:56,600 --> 00:49:57,410
Mm-hmm.

1145
00:49:57,410 --> 00:50:00,890
This is a-- it's a
very big mistake.

1146
00:50:00,890 --> 00:50:02,790
On Facebook-- I'm on Facebook.

1147
00:50:02,790 --> 00:50:05,930
I always say, don't
give away your gun.

1148
00:50:05,930 --> 00:50:08,460
I don't believe you
should give your--

1149
00:50:08,460 --> 00:50:10,100
it's a defense.

1150
00:50:10,100 --> 00:50:12,350
I mean, when they come--

1151
00:50:12,350 --> 00:50:16,400
I remember this very vividly.

1152
00:50:16,400 --> 00:50:21,590
They were forcing Jews
to give away their guns.

1153
00:50:21,590 --> 00:50:26,420
And my father had a
revolver from World War I.

1154
00:50:26,420 --> 00:50:29,990
And I went with
him at that time.

1155

00:50:29,990 --> 00:50:33,500
He threw it in the river
because they were forced.

1156
00:50:33,500 --> 00:50:37,180
They were forced, Jews.

1157
00:50:37,180 --> 00:50:40,210
So he threw the gun in the river
rather than giving it back--

1158
00:50:40,210 --> 00:50:41,440
giving it away?

1159
00:50:41,440 --> 00:50:43,070
No, no.

1160
00:50:43,070 --> 00:50:45,170
That's his way to give it away.

1161
00:50:45,170 --> 00:50:49,720
I mean, they were
not armed anymore.

1162
00:50:49,720 --> 00:50:53,650
If the Jews were armed,
this wouldn't have happened.

1163
00:50:53,650 --> 00:50:55,910
That's why Israel--

1164
00:50:55,910 --> 00:50:57,870
I'm a huge supporter of Israel.

1165
00:50:57,870 --> 00:51:00,650

1166
00:51:00,650 --> 00:51:04,670
And they were able--

1167
00:51:04,670 --> 00:51:11,240
when government starts to

give away your gun, you know,

1168
00:51:11,240 --> 00:51:14,060
all these massacres,
they're not happening

1169
00:51:14,060 --> 00:51:16,490
because people have guns.

1170
00:51:16,490 --> 00:51:20,540
And I'm not going to kill
somebody or you are not

1171
00:51:20,540 --> 00:51:22,750
or he-- whatever.

1172
00:51:22,750 --> 00:51:28,800
This is-- when a government
starts taking your guns,

1173
00:51:28,800 --> 00:51:31,260
they want to dominate you.

1174
00:51:31,260 --> 00:51:32,260
Well, that's certainly--

1175
00:51:32,260 --> 00:51:33,110
This is my opinion.

1176
00:51:33,110 --> 00:51:33,610
Yeah.

1177
00:51:33,610 --> 00:51:39,850
Well, it certainly is the
first step when a totalitarian

1178
00:51:39,850 --> 00:51:40,870
government comes in.

1179
00:51:40,870 --> 00:51:42,550
They want to take
away the weapons

1180
00:51:42,550 --> 00:51:44,500
from anybody who wants them.

1181
00:51:44,500 --> 00:51:46,270
That is true.

1182
00:51:46,270 --> 00:51:48,190
People kill.

1183
00:51:48,190 --> 00:51:51,370
I mean, if they didn't have
guns, they would get a knife,

1184
00:51:51,370 --> 00:51:53,750
or they would get--

1185
00:51:53,750 --> 00:51:57,460
I mean, people who have
an instinct for killing

1186
00:51:57,460 --> 00:51:58,990
will kill anyway.

1187
00:51:58,990 --> 00:52:00,640
They'll find a way.

1188
00:52:00,640 --> 00:52:02,740
So I have very--

1189
00:52:02,740 --> 00:52:05,620
I know my neighbors
would probably disagree.

1190
00:52:05,620 --> 00:52:07,150
They're all Democrats.

1191
00:52:07,150 --> 00:52:08,920
I changed my--

1192
00:52:08,920 --> 00:52:10,600

I used to be a Democrat.

1193
00:52:10,600 --> 00:52:12,245
I'm not a Democrat anymore.

1194
00:52:12,245 --> 00:52:17,500
[CHUCKLES] I want to go
back to the late 1930s

1195
00:52:17,500 --> 00:52:22,300
and the early 1940s and
go back to the question

1196
00:52:22,300 --> 00:52:25,570
of when did your lives change?

1197
00:52:25,570 --> 00:52:27,970
Well, when my father
was taken away.

1198
00:52:27,970 --> 00:52:30,490
And were you given any
reason why he was--

1199
00:52:30,490 --> 00:52:31,780
why he's taken?

1200
00:52:31,780 --> 00:52:32,885
Why is he being arrested?

1201
00:52:32,885 --> 00:52:33,703
Jewish.

1202
00:52:33,703 --> 00:52:34,690
OK.

1203
00:52:34,690 --> 00:52:36,300
Jewish.

1204
00:52:36,300 --> 00:52:37,020
OK.

1205

00:52:37,020 --> 00:52:38,520

He was Jewish.

1206

00:52:38,520 --> 00:52:42,030

We had to-- we had to wear a--

1207

00:52:42,030 --> 00:52:42,990

A yellow star?

1208

00:52:42,990 --> 00:52:44,850

Yeah.

1209

00:52:44,850 --> 00:52:48,470

Was he taken from
your apartment?

1210

00:52:48,470 --> 00:52:50,540

Do you remember the--

1211

00:52:50,540 --> 00:52:51,325

were you there?

1212

00:52:51,325 --> 00:52:51,950

Did you see it?

1213

00:52:51,950 --> 00:52:53,010

I do remember, yes.

1214

00:52:53,010 --> 00:52:53,510

Tell me--

1215

00:52:53,510 --> 00:52:54,010

With a gun.

1216

00:52:54,010 --> 00:52:55,880

They came with a gun.

1217

00:52:55,880 --> 00:52:57,240

Tell me what happened.

1218

00:52:57,240 --> 00:52:57,740
No.

1219
00:52:57,740 --> 00:53:00,620
They came with a gun,
and they took him away.

1220
00:53:00,620 --> 00:53:02,090
Did you ever see him again?

1221
00:53:02,090 --> 00:53:03,760
No.

1222
00:53:03,760 --> 00:53:07,480
Did he have time to
say goodbye to you?

1223
00:53:07,480 --> 00:53:10,660
I don't think so.

1224
00:53:10,660 --> 00:53:13,550
I don't think so.

1225
00:53:13,550 --> 00:53:16,130
And what happened
after he leaves?

1226
00:53:16,130 --> 00:53:18,452
After he leaves and
you are there together

1227
00:53:18,452 --> 00:53:20,660
with your mother and your
sister, what happened next?

1228
00:53:20,660 --> 00:53:22,760
Eventually we were
taken away too.

1229
00:53:22,760 --> 00:53:24,350
We became homeless.

1230

00:53:24,350 --> 00:53:26,155
They put us on the street.

1231
00:53:26,155 --> 00:53:30,960
They took our home
with a gun again,

1232
00:53:30,960 --> 00:53:33,230
and they put us on the street.

1233
00:53:33,230 --> 00:53:37,070
I was homeless for many years.

1234
00:53:37,070 --> 00:53:39,080
So do you remember
what year this

1235
00:53:39,080 --> 00:53:42,410
was that you were
put on the street?

1236
00:53:42,410 --> 00:53:43,250
Probably--

1237
00:53:43,250 --> 00:53:46,270

1238
00:53:46,270 --> 00:53:49,180
Was this soon after
your father was taken?

1239
00:53:49,180 --> 00:53:51,160
I think so.

1240
00:53:51,160 --> 00:53:52,475
I can't tell you exactly.

1241
00:53:52,475 --> 00:53:57,250

1242
00:53:57,250 --> 00:53:58,960
But we were homeless.

1243
00:53:58,960 --> 00:54:01,020
So where did you go?

1244
00:54:01,020 --> 00:54:03,720
After you were forced
out of your apartment,

1245
00:54:03,720 --> 00:54:06,790
where did you go?

1246
00:54:06,790 --> 00:54:11,710
Our landlord, who was
Jewish, he took us in.

1247
00:54:11,710 --> 00:54:15,130
And then we escaped.

1248
00:54:15,130 --> 00:54:19,730
Some of our friends escaped
to the Italian zone.

1249
00:54:19,730 --> 00:54:20,230
OK.

1250
00:54:20,230 --> 00:54:23,230
I'm only alive
because of Italians.

1251
00:54:23,230 --> 00:54:24,220
OK.

1252
00:54:24,220 --> 00:54:32,995
Because our friends escaped
to the coast of Dalmatia.

1253
00:54:32,995 --> 00:54:34,300
Uh-huh.

1254
00:54:34,300 --> 00:54:39,400
The coast of-- was occupied
by Italians during the war.

1255
00:54:39,400 --> 00:54:40,870
OK.

1256
00:54:40,870 --> 00:54:41,920
And so you--

1257
00:54:41,920 --> 00:54:43,000
And we escaped there.

1258
00:54:43,000 --> 00:54:43,990
You escaped there.

1259
00:54:43,990 --> 00:54:46,390
And did you find another
apartment to live?

1260
00:54:46,390 --> 00:54:48,220
No, no, no.

1261
00:54:48,220 --> 00:54:49,225
What happened?

1262
00:54:49,225 --> 00:54:49,975
When you escaped--

1263
00:54:49,975 --> 00:54:52,210
We lost everything.

1264
00:54:52,210 --> 00:54:52,780
OK.

1265
00:54:52,780 --> 00:54:55,360
But when you got to
the Dalmatian coast,

1266
00:54:55,360 --> 00:54:56,560
where did you live?

1267
00:54:56,560 --> 00:54:57,270
What happened?

1268
00:54:57,270 --> 00:54:59,740
We lived in a room, I guess.

1269
00:54:59,740 --> 00:55:02,750
And it was under Italian.

1270
00:55:02,750 --> 00:55:06,580

1271
00:55:06,580 --> 00:55:11,630
Eventually they put us in--

1272
00:55:11,630 --> 00:55:15,380
one day they came
with the trucks.

1273
00:55:15,380 --> 00:55:20,940
And they took us to two
concentration camps.

1274
00:55:20,940 --> 00:55:21,500
Where were--

1275
00:55:21,500 --> 00:55:22,000
Italian.

1276
00:55:22,000 --> 00:55:22,630
OK.

1277
00:55:22,630 --> 00:55:23,130
And--

1278
00:55:23,130 --> 00:55:29,880
One was Rab, and
one was Kraljevica.

1279
00:55:29,880 --> 00:55:31,670
Which one was first?

1280
00:55:31,670 --> 00:55:32,990

Which one was first?

1281
00:55:32,990 --> 00:55:33,800

Which one did you--

1282
00:55:33,800 --> 00:55:35,270
Kraljevica was first.

1283
00:55:35,270 --> 00:55:36,980
And where is Kraljevica?

1284
00:55:36,980 --> 00:55:37,670
Is that--

1285
00:55:37,670 --> 00:55:40,685
It's on the coast of Dalmatia.

1286
00:55:40,685 --> 00:55:41,435
It's on the coast.

1287
00:55:41,435 --> 00:55:43,370
Mm-hmm.

1288
00:55:43,370 --> 00:55:45,560
And did you stay
in Kraljevica long?

1289
00:55:45,560 --> 00:55:48,120

1290
00:55:48,120 --> 00:55:50,550
I don't know exactly how long.

1291
00:55:50,550 --> 00:55:56,070
But eventually they put us
on Rab, which was an island.

1292
00:55:56,070 --> 00:56:00,330
Tell me about what you
remember of both places.

1293

00:56:00,330 --> 00:56:02,790
Did Kraljevica have barracks?

1294
00:56:02,790 --> 00:56:03,990
Was it in a city?

1295
00:56:03,990 --> 00:56:05,640
Was it outside of a city?

1296
00:56:05,640 --> 00:56:07,410
What did it look
like, Kraljevica?

1297
00:56:07,410 --> 00:56:08,400
It was a barrack.

1298
00:56:08,400 --> 00:56:10,470
They were barracks.

1299
00:56:10,470 --> 00:56:13,110
It was a concentration camp.

1300
00:56:13,110 --> 00:56:15,750
But it was under
Italians, and the Italians

1301
00:56:15,750 --> 00:56:17,380
didn't kill anybody.

1302
00:56:17,380 --> 00:56:19,980
That's why I'm sitting here.

1303
00:56:19,980 --> 00:56:24,990
Italians-- all my friends
today are Italians.

1304
00:56:24,990 --> 00:56:27,540
I speak fluent Italian.

1305
00:56:27,540 --> 00:56:31,530
And they saved our lives.

1306

00:56:31,530 --> 00:56:34,260

Well, what were conditions
like in Kraljevica?

1307

00:56:34,260 --> 00:56:40,070

1308

00:56:40,070 --> 00:56:44,300

This was in the war, and nobody
had any-- very little to eat,

1309

00:56:44,300 --> 00:56:46,550

you know?

1310

00:56:46,550 --> 00:56:48,260

We were in barracks.

1311

00:56:48,260 --> 00:56:49,820

And in Rab?

1312

00:56:49,820 --> 00:56:50,960

How was it in Rab?

1313

00:56:50,960 --> 00:56:53,510

How were you-- what
did Rab look like?

1314

00:56:53,510 --> 00:56:56,540

Can you paint a
picture with words?

1315

00:56:56,540 --> 00:56:59,530

No, they were barracks.

1316

00:56:59,530 --> 00:57:00,650

That's all.

1317

00:57:00,650 --> 00:57:01,250

What was the--

1318

00:57:01,250 --> 00:57:02,190

The only thing--

1319
00:57:02,190 --> 00:57:03,730
Yeah?

1320
00:57:03,730 --> 00:57:12,360
--was when the Italians
capitulated in 1943,

1321
00:57:12,360 --> 00:57:14,480
we had no place to go.

1322
00:57:14,480 --> 00:57:16,860
We were on an island.

1323
00:57:16,860 --> 00:57:18,450
I'll come to that point.

1324
00:57:18,450 --> 00:57:20,970
But at this point, I'd like
to know more about what

1325
00:57:20,970 --> 00:57:23,400
your life was like in Rab.

1326
00:57:23,400 --> 00:57:26,320
So how long were you there?

1327
00:57:26,320 --> 00:57:28,488
I don't remember.

1328
00:57:28,488 --> 00:57:29,280
You don't remember.

1329
00:57:29,280 --> 00:57:30,810
We were longer in Kraljevica.

1330
00:57:30,810 --> 00:57:32,580
Uh-huh.

1331
00:57:32,580 --> 00:57:34,590

I have some pictures
that I took.

1332
00:57:34,590 --> 00:57:35,880
I made some drawings there.

1333
00:57:35,880 --> 00:57:36,380
Mm-hmm.

1334
00:57:36,380 --> 00:57:41,420

1335
00:57:41,420 --> 00:57:42,500
I don't remember.

1336
00:57:42,500 --> 00:57:46,190
But nobody was killed
in those camps.

1337
00:57:46,190 --> 00:57:48,140
Did anybody die of diseases?

1338
00:57:48,140 --> 00:57:50,970

1339
00:57:50,970 --> 00:57:52,860
I don't think so.

1340
00:57:52,860 --> 00:57:57,850
And nobody wanted to escape
because that was a very--

1341
00:57:57,850 --> 00:58:01,410
I think the Italians
put us to save us

1342
00:58:01,410 --> 00:58:03,780
because if we outside of--

1343
00:58:03,780 --> 00:58:09,930
the Germans, the Nazis or the
Ustasa would have caught us.

1344
00:58:09,930 --> 00:58:14,340
So we were save in
these Italian camps.

1345
00:58:14,340 --> 00:58:16,650
Did you have enough to eat?

1346
00:58:16,650 --> 00:58:18,960
Nobody had anything to eat.

1347
00:58:18,960 --> 00:58:19,740
OK.

1348
00:58:19,740 --> 00:58:22,500
I think we got one roll a week--

1349
00:58:22,500 --> 00:58:23,580
very little.

1350
00:58:23,580 --> 00:58:26,610
I mean, even the
Italian soldiers

1351
00:58:26,610 --> 00:58:29,010
didn't have much to eat.

1352
00:58:29,010 --> 00:58:32,640
So they-- I feel--

1353
00:58:32,640 --> 00:58:37,240
not I feel-- I know that I'm
only alive because of Italians.

1354
00:58:37,240 --> 00:58:39,870
I would never be alive.

1355
00:58:39,870 --> 00:58:44,770
And did you-- can
you tell people

1356

00:58:44,770 --> 00:58:47,950
who will not know
much about Yugoslavia,

1357
00:58:47,950 --> 00:58:52,810
who was Ante Pavelic,
who you mentioned before,

1358
00:58:52,810 --> 00:58:55,690
and what was the Ustasa?

1359
00:58:55,690 --> 00:58:56,630
What was what?

1360
00:58:56,630 --> 00:58:59,580
The Ustasa.

1361
00:58:59,580 --> 00:59:06,285
It was a movement,
a Croatian movement.

1362
00:59:06,285 --> 00:59:08,710
Mm-hmm.

1363
00:59:08,710 --> 00:59:11,320
And what kind of
a movement was it?

1364
00:59:11,320 --> 00:59:13,210
What kind of
activities did they do?

1365
00:59:13,210 --> 00:59:15,940

1366
00:59:15,940 --> 00:59:19,510
They hated the Serbs,
and they hated the Jews.

1367
00:59:19,510 --> 00:59:21,640
OK.

1368

00:59:21,640 --> 00:59:26,260
Did you-- I keep hearing
about crimes that

1369
00:59:26,260 --> 00:59:27,960
were committed by the Ustasa.

1370
00:59:27,960 --> 00:59:28,840
Pardon?

1371
00:59:28,840 --> 00:59:32,150
I hear about crimes that
were committed by the Ustasa.

1372
00:59:32,150 --> 00:59:33,700
What about it?

1373
00:59:33,700 --> 00:59:38,380
Well, did you know anybody
who was targeted by the Ustasa

1374
00:59:38,380 --> 00:59:40,870
aside from your
father, you know,

1375
00:59:40,870 --> 00:59:44,550
who came under their control?

1376
00:59:44,550 --> 00:59:47,910
The whole Jewish
community of Zagreb

1377
00:59:47,910 --> 00:59:51,730
was murdered by the Ustasa.

1378
00:59:51,730 --> 00:59:52,690
Did you have friends--

1379
00:59:52,690 --> 00:59:54,370
Did you hear of Jasenovac?

1380
00:59:54,370 --> 00:59:55,460

Yes, I have heard.

1381
00:59:55,460 --> 00:59:56,080
Well--

1382
00:59:56,080 --> 00:59:58,810
But tell us-- tell people
who don't know what it is.

1383
00:59:58,810 --> 01:00:00,920
What is Jasenovac?

1384
01:00:00,920 --> 01:00:02,910
What was Jasenovac?

1385
01:00:02,910 --> 01:00:06,410
That was the worst-- it
was worse than Auschwitz.

1386
01:00:06,410 --> 01:00:08,600
Jasenovac was worse
than Auschwitz.

1387
01:00:08,600 --> 01:00:10,070
It was also a
concentration camp.

1388
01:00:10,070 --> 01:00:11,270
Oh, yeah.

1389
01:00:11,270 --> 01:00:13,650
It was much worse.

1390
01:00:13,650 --> 01:00:14,940
OK.

1391
01:00:14,940 --> 01:00:17,760
What makes you say
that it was much worse?

1392
01:00:17,760 --> 01:00:20,485
Because it was.

1393
01:00:20,485 --> 01:00:20,985
OK.

1394
01:00:20,985 --> 01:00:24,410

1395
01:00:24,410 --> 01:00:27,200
Because I think they killed--

1396
01:00:27,200 --> 01:00:31,670
even when the liberators
came, they killed--

1397
01:00:31,670 --> 01:00:34,370
in the last minute,
they killed the people.

1398
01:00:34,370 --> 01:00:37,550
And some people
survived Auschwitz,

1399
01:00:37,550 --> 01:00:40,590
but nobody survived Jasenovac.

1400
01:00:40,590 --> 01:00:41,800
OK.

1401
01:00:41,800 --> 01:00:44,340
OK.

1402
01:00:44,340 --> 01:00:49,230
But you had escaped to the
area on the Dalmatian coast

1403
01:00:49,230 --> 01:00:51,630
that was controlled by Italians.

1404
01:00:51,630 --> 01:00:53,278
And first you were
in the one camp--

1405
01:00:53,278 --> 01:00:53,820
[PHONE RINGS]

1406
01:00:53,820 --> 01:00:55,890
Let's cut.

1407
01:00:55,890 --> 01:00:57,870
Yeah.

1408
01:00:57,870 --> 01:01:03,180
So other Jewish kids from
Zagreb were also in Rab.

1409
01:01:03,180 --> 01:01:05,630
And you had a social
life you're saying.

1410
01:01:05,630 --> 01:01:07,380
What are some of the
things that you'd do?

1411
01:01:07,380 --> 01:01:10,750

1412
01:01:10,750 --> 01:01:13,600
I think we got together
and talked about food.

1413
01:01:13,600 --> 01:01:16,690
[LAUGHS] Of course.

1414
01:01:16,690 --> 01:01:17,470
Of course.

1415
01:01:17,470 --> 01:01:20,390
There was no food.

1416
01:01:20,390 --> 01:01:23,620
Well, I had friends
from my hometown.

1417

01:01:23,620 --> 01:01:26,470
What kind of-- the barracks
that you lived in--

1418
01:01:26,470 --> 01:01:31,090
describe to me a little
bit of how they looked?

1419
01:01:31,090 --> 01:01:34,840
We had double-- you know.

1420
01:01:34,840 --> 01:01:35,620
Bunk beds?

1421
01:01:35,620 --> 01:01:36,892
Yeah.

1422
01:01:36,892 --> 01:01:37,392
Wooden.

1423
01:01:37,392 --> 01:01:39,040
Mm-hmm.

1424
01:01:39,040 --> 01:01:42,490
And did you have--

1425
01:01:42,490 --> 01:01:45,910
were there many people in
each barracks, in each room?

1426
01:01:45,910 --> 01:01:50,320
I think there were
1,200-something.

1427
01:01:50,320 --> 01:01:51,580
In Rab, in total.

1428
01:01:51,580 --> 01:01:52,300
Yeah.

1429
01:01:52,300 --> 01:01:53,380
OK.

1430
01:01:53,380 --> 01:01:56,990
And what about in
one single barrack?

1431
01:01:56,990 --> 01:01:58,925
How many people would
be in a single barrack?

1432
01:01:58,925 --> 01:02:04,050

1433
01:02:04,050 --> 01:02:06,060
I don't think-- I don't know.

1434
01:02:06,060 --> 01:02:06,600
OK.

1435
01:02:06,600 --> 01:02:07,800
I don't really know.

1436
01:02:07,800 --> 01:02:11,420
Were you together with your
mother and your sister?

1437
01:02:11,420 --> 01:02:16,050
Yes, and I had friends.

1438
01:02:16,050 --> 01:02:18,880

1439
01:02:18,880 --> 01:02:20,970
So--

1440
01:02:20,970 --> 01:02:22,410
Did they make you work?

1441
01:02:22,410 --> 01:02:24,010
Was there work you had to do?

1442
01:02:24,010 --> 01:02:24,962

No.

1443
01:02:24,962 --> 01:02:26,870
No.

1444
01:02:26,870 --> 01:02:28,660
We didn't work.

1445
01:02:28,660 --> 01:02:32,240
And Rab, you tell
me, was an island.

1446
01:02:32,240 --> 01:02:33,490
Rab was an island--

1447
01:02:33,490 --> 01:02:34,450
is an island.

1448
01:02:34,450 --> 01:02:35,740
Is an island.

1449
01:02:35,740 --> 01:02:38,735
So was there a fence
around this concentration--

1450
01:02:38,735 --> 01:02:39,730
Of course.

1451
01:02:39,730 --> 01:02:41,060
OK.

1452
01:02:41,060 --> 01:02:42,220
And was there--

1453
01:02:42,220 --> 01:02:44,290
But nobody wanted to escape.

1454
01:02:44,290 --> 01:02:46,390
It was a safe place.

1455
01:02:46,390 --> 01:02:49,940

And was the entire island
the concentration camp?

1456
01:02:49,940 --> 01:02:50,950
No, of course not.

1457
01:02:50,950 --> 01:02:51,465
No.

1458
01:02:51,465 --> 01:02:51,965
Oh.

1459
01:02:51,965 --> 01:02:52,465
OK.

1460
01:02:52,465 --> 01:02:55,540
It was a gorgeous-- it's
a gorgeous place, Rab.

1461
01:02:55,540 --> 01:02:59,080
So there was like a regular
village and community

1462
01:02:59,080 --> 01:03:02,050
and people living
freely on Rab as well?

1463
01:03:02,050 --> 01:03:02,740
Of course.

1464
01:03:02,740 --> 01:03:03,340
OK.

1465
01:03:03,340 --> 01:03:05,620
It was a gorgeous place.

1466
01:03:05,620 --> 01:03:07,140
OK.

1467
01:03:07,140 --> 01:03:08,370
Aside from the--

1468
01:03:08,370 --> 01:03:11,610
I think that we went on
vacation there before.

1469
01:03:11,610 --> 01:03:13,230
I think-- in the other part.

1470
01:03:13,230 --> 01:03:14,460
Mm-hmm.

1471
01:03:14,460 --> 01:03:16,020
OK.

1472
01:03:16,020 --> 01:03:21,000
And did you draw
while you were in Rab?

1473
01:03:21,000 --> 01:03:21,930
Did I do what?

1474
01:03:21,930 --> 01:03:23,250
Draw.

1475
01:03:23,250 --> 01:03:24,390
Did you make sketches?

1476
01:03:24,390 --> 01:03:26,133
Did you make any kind of art?

1477
01:03:26,133 --> 01:03:27,300
I made a couple of sketches.

1478
01:03:27,300 --> 01:03:28,240
I have.

1479
01:03:28,240 --> 01:03:28,740
Yeah?

1480
01:03:28,740 --> 01:03:30,000
Yeah.

1481

01:03:30,000 --> 01:03:32,970

And did you do any--

1482

01:03:32,970 --> 01:03:36,210

I think I read somewhere

that you drew greeting cards?

1483

01:03:36,210 --> 01:03:40,270

Did you draw greeting

cards in Rab?

1484

01:03:40,270 --> 01:03:45,390

I think-- was it in Rab?

1485

01:03:45,390 --> 01:03:48,830

1486

01:03:48,830 --> 01:03:49,330

Yeah.

1487

01:03:49,330 --> 01:03:50,830

Now I remember.

1488

01:03:50,830 --> 01:03:55,840

Yeah, in Kraljevica,

I was very popular

1489

01:03:55,840 --> 01:04:00,710

actually because I

drew greeting cards.

1490

01:04:00,710 --> 01:04:02,520

I don't know where

you know this from.

1491

01:04:02,520 --> 01:04:03,020

Mm-hmm.

1492

01:04:03,020 --> 01:04:04,810

I don't know where

I got the paper.

1493

01:04:04,810 --> 01:04:09,200

But everybody came if they
had a birthday or whatever.

1494

01:04:09,200 --> 01:04:14,180

So I drew a lot.

1495

01:04:14,180 --> 01:04:15,740

Did you get anything for it?

1496

01:04:15,740 --> 01:04:17,450

Did you get more food?

1497

01:04:17,450 --> 01:04:18,736

No, no, no, no.

1498

01:04:18,736 --> 01:04:19,236

No?

1499

01:04:19,236 --> 01:04:22,360

1500

01:04:22,360 --> 01:04:23,980

Free service.

1501

01:04:23,980 --> 01:04:24,790

Free service.

1502

01:04:24,790 --> 01:04:29,500

It was very funny

because after the war,

1503

01:04:29,500 --> 01:04:34,250

there were a few people
from my hometown here.

1504

01:04:34,250 --> 01:04:38,800

And they always-- and at
that time, I was a designer.

1505

01:04:38,800 --> 01:04:40,910

I was a package designer.

1506
01:04:40,910 --> 01:04:41,880
Here in New York?

1507
01:04:41,880 --> 01:04:44,000
Yeah.

1508
01:04:44,000 --> 01:04:46,970
I mean, I was already
a professional.

1509
01:04:46,970 --> 01:04:50,370
And they always only
remembered those cards.

1510
01:04:50,370 --> 01:04:53,540
They didn't care
that I was already--

1511
01:04:53,540 --> 01:04:54,350
Yeah.

1512
01:04:54,350 --> 01:04:54,980
You know?

1513
01:04:54,980 --> 01:04:58,775
Well, you made them under very
extraordinary circumstances.

1514
01:04:58,775 --> 01:05:00,320
I guess so.

1515
01:05:00,320 --> 01:05:01,490
Yeah.

1516
01:05:01,490 --> 01:05:06,020
Did you have any-- did you have
only pencil or charcoal or--

1517
01:05:06,020 --> 01:05:11,610
I always carried a watercolor.

1518
01:05:11,610 --> 01:05:14,440
I held only a knapsack.

1519
01:05:14,440 --> 01:05:17,200
And I always carried--

1520
01:05:17,200 --> 01:05:19,240
online, you can see my work.

1521
01:05:19,240 --> 01:05:19,940
Mm-hmm.

1522
01:05:19,940 --> 01:05:24,350
I did-- I had watercolor.

1523
01:05:24,350 --> 01:05:27,360
I always had pencils
and ink or whatever.

1524
01:05:27,360 --> 01:05:28,400
Mm-hmm.

1525
01:05:28,400 --> 01:05:32,750
So I don't know where I got
that paper because there

1526
01:05:32,750 --> 01:05:34,790
was nothing, you know?

1527
01:05:34,790 --> 01:05:36,470
So--

1528
01:05:36,470 --> 01:05:42,080
Did the Italian guards
control things in these camps,

1529
01:05:42,080 --> 01:05:45,033
or was there
self-administration?

1530

01:05:45,033 --> 01:05:46,325
Did the Jews run it themselves?

1531
01:05:46,325 --> 01:05:48,170
No, they gave us
self-administration,

1532
01:05:48,170 --> 01:05:50,660
but there were Italian soldiers.

1533
01:05:50,660 --> 01:05:51,160
OK.

1534
01:05:51,160 --> 01:05:58,290
And they were singing
Italian songs in the camp.

1535
01:05:58,290 --> 01:05:59,880
So it was very--

1536
01:05:59,880 --> 01:06:03,080

1537
01:06:03,080 --> 01:06:06,150
It sounds like it wasn't
very harsh at all.

1538
01:06:06,150 --> 01:06:07,760
No, not at all.

1539
01:06:07,760 --> 01:06:09,200
OK.

1540
01:06:09,200 --> 01:06:10,060
Except food.

1541
01:06:10,060 --> 01:06:12,080
Nobody had food.

1542
01:06:12,080 --> 01:06:13,970
OK.

1543

01:06:13,970 --> 01:06:15,950

Yeah.

1544

01:06:15,950 --> 01:06:23,030

No, they didn't hurt anybody,
or nobody got killed or--

1545

01:06:23,030 --> 01:06:23,630

OK.

1546

01:06:23,630 --> 01:06:27,140

As I said, even
today, I mentioned it.

1547

01:06:27,140 --> 01:06:30,290

All my friends
are Italian today.

1548

01:06:30,290 --> 01:06:33,500

I have very good
Italian friends.

1549

01:06:33,500 --> 01:06:38,120

So when did things change?

1550

01:06:38,120 --> 01:06:42,980

You mentioned that Italy
at some point capitulated.

1551

01:06:42,980 --> 01:06:44,030

When was this?

1552

01:06:44,030 --> 01:06:45,890

1943.

1553

01:06:45,890 --> 01:06:48,930

What time of year was it in '43?

1554

01:06:48,930 --> 01:06:49,430

Summer?

1555

01:06:49,430 --> 01:06:51,215
Spring?

1556
01:06:51,215 --> 01:06:53,290
I don't remember that.

1557
01:06:53,290 --> 01:06:54,172
OK.

1558
01:06:54,172 --> 01:06:54,880
So what happened?

1559
01:06:54,880 --> 01:06:58,390
Did they all disappear,
those Italian soldiers?

1560
01:06:58,390 --> 01:07:01,270
The Italians had
boats and went back.

1561
01:07:01,270 --> 01:07:03,880
And we were stuck in Rab.

1562
01:07:03,880 --> 01:07:10,440
And then the Partisans
were in the mountains.

1563
01:07:10,440 --> 01:07:15,923
And they came down, and
we went to the Partisans.

1564
01:07:15,923 --> 01:07:17,090
And this-- would have this--

1565
01:07:17,090 --> 01:07:19,610
We walked hundreds of miles.

1566
01:07:19,610 --> 01:07:25,210
So this would have been
the Yugoslav Partisans?

1567
01:07:25,210 --> 01:07:26,300

Yes.

1568
01:07:26,300 --> 01:07:27,800
OK, anti-Nazi.

1569
01:07:27,800 --> 01:07:28,850
Yeah.

1570
01:07:28,850 --> 01:07:30,730
And were they communist?

1571
01:07:30,730 --> 01:07:31,460
Yes.

1572
01:07:31,460 --> 01:07:32,480
OK.

1573
01:07:32,480 --> 01:07:34,040
How did they get to Rab?

1574
01:07:34,040 --> 01:07:36,050
How did they get you
off of the island?

1575
01:07:36,050 --> 01:07:39,210

1576
01:07:39,210 --> 01:07:42,450
How did-- I guess
they had some boats?

1577
01:07:42,450 --> 01:07:45,185
Do you remember going on
a boat and leaving Rab?

1578
01:07:45,185 --> 01:07:46,360
Yes, I do remember.

1579
01:07:46,360 --> 01:07:46,860
Mm-hmm.

1580

01:07:46,860 --> 01:07:48,140
Was it a fishing boat?

1581
01:07:48,140 --> 01:07:48,990
Was it a small boat?

1582
01:07:48,990 --> 01:07:50,620
Yeah, something like that.

1583
01:07:50,620 --> 01:07:51,580
OK.

1584
01:07:51,580 --> 01:07:53,010
OK.

1585
01:07:53,010 --> 01:07:57,630
And you say you
walked a long way?

1586
01:07:57,630 --> 01:08:07,310
There was an area in
Partisans which was occupied.

1587
01:08:07,310 --> 01:08:10,490
It was occupied
by the Resistance.

1588
01:08:10,490 --> 01:08:12,680
And we went there.

1589
01:08:12,680 --> 01:08:14,990
And what were the
living conditions

1590
01:08:14,990 --> 01:08:17,600
in that area where you went?

1591
01:08:17,600 --> 01:08:19,370
What was your living
conditions like?

1592
01:08:19,370 --> 01:08:20,350

Very primitive.

1593

01:08:20,350 --> 01:08:22,359

It was very-- I have pictures.

1594

01:08:22,359 --> 01:08:24,449

I did a lot of drawing at that.

1595

01:08:24,449 --> 01:08:24,949

Uh-huh.

1596

01:08:24,949 --> 01:08:28,399

I have pictures I made.

1597

01:08:28,399 --> 01:08:33,100

What do you remember from
the primitive conditions?

1598

01:08:33,100 --> 01:08:35,859

I remember that the
communists were just

1599

01:08:35,859 --> 01:08:39,340

as horrible as the Nazis.

1600

01:08:39,340 --> 01:08:40,040

Really?

1601

01:08:40,040 --> 01:08:42,550

Of course.

1602

01:08:42,550 --> 01:08:45,985

What-- can you
give me an example?

1603

01:08:45,985 --> 01:08:48,485

1604

01:08:48,485 --> 01:08:48,985

Yeah.

1605

01:08:48,985 --> 01:08:53,290

1606

01:08:53,290 --> 01:08:55,810

I did really forget a lot.

1607

01:08:55,810 --> 01:08:59,560

If you came a little
earlier, a few years--

1608

01:08:59,560 --> 01:09:01,359

I have it all written down.

1609

01:09:01,359 --> 01:09:02,830

I'm glad I did that.

1610

01:09:02,830 --> 01:09:03,330

Mm-hmm.

1611

01:09:03,330 --> 01:09:10,090

1612

01:09:10,090 --> 01:09:13,434

The Resistance was in
the communist hands.

1613

01:09:13,434 --> 01:09:14,470

Mm-hmm.

1614

01:09:14,470 --> 01:09:21,520

And the commissar noticed
that I was drawing.

1615

01:09:21,520 --> 01:09:24,670

I was drawing all these
people because you

1616

01:09:24,670 --> 01:09:25,960

couldn't take pictures.

1617

01:09:25,960 --> 01:09:27,175

And I became very popular.

1618
01:09:27,175 --> 01:09:27,920
Mm-hmm.

1619
01:09:27,920 --> 01:09:31,570
I made people's
portraits of the--

1620
01:09:31,570 --> 01:09:34,290
you know, to send their
wives or whatever.

1621
01:09:34,290 --> 01:09:35,050
Mm-hmm.

1622
01:09:35,050 --> 01:09:38,830
Anyway, he hired me.

1623
01:09:38,830 --> 01:09:47,140
And-- for a paper there.

1624
01:09:47,140 --> 01:09:57,170
And then he-- they were
eating like in the peacetime,

1625
01:09:57,170 --> 01:10:00,230
these communists, you know?

1626
01:10:00,230 --> 01:10:02,600
They had meals.

1627
01:10:02,600 --> 01:10:07,640
And I wrote to my mother because
I was the first time away

1628
01:10:07,640 --> 01:10:11,370
from her that she
shouldn't worry.

1629
01:10:11,370 --> 01:10:16,700
I had-- and the commissar
opened my letter.

1630
01:10:16,700 --> 01:10:20,040
And he was carrying
on, screaming,

1631
01:10:20,040 --> 01:10:24,460
how do I dare to write about
them, that they deserved it.

1632
01:10:24,460 --> 01:10:29,510
And it was so hypocritical
because couriers--

1633
01:10:29,510 --> 01:10:30,740
you know, men--

1634
01:10:30,740 --> 01:10:32,870
I don't understand
who deserved what.

1635
01:10:32,870 --> 01:10:35,330
You were saying about
you were writing

1636
01:10:35,330 --> 01:10:39,140
about an incident or some
things that they were doing.

1637
01:10:39,140 --> 01:10:41,300
And I didn't
understand what it was.

1638
01:10:41,300 --> 01:10:43,760
What was it that they were
doing that the commissar was

1639
01:10:43,760 --> 01:10:45,680
upset that you wrote about?

1640
01:10:45,680 --> 01:10:50,600
That I wrote about how
well we ate and everything.

1641

01:10:50,600 --> 01:10:52,460

Oh, so you were saying
you were well fed.

1642

01:10:52,460 --> 01:10:55,280

And they had couriers
who would carry.

1643

01:10:55,280 --> 01:10:58,400

And he was afraid that
the couriers would see

1644

01:10:58,400 --> 01:11:01,340

how well the commissars were--

1645

01:11:01,340 --> 01:11:02,660

Eating.

1646

01:11:02,660 --> 01:11:07,070

And he punished me.

1647

01:11:07,070 --> 01:11:10,220

He said, you cannot stay here
anymore because he opened

1648

01:11:10,220 --> 01:11:11,870

my letter.

1649

01:11:11,870 --> 01:11:22,040

And he sent me miles to
go to a hospital to work.

1650

01:11:22,040 --> 01:11:25,250

And I could have been
killed a million times

1651

01:11:25,250 --> 01:11:33,940

because he sent me alone without
any ammunition or anything.

1652

01:11:33,940 --> 01:11:35,950

And I had to--

1653
01:11:35,950 --> 01:11:38,300
I had to walk by myself.

1654
01:11:38,300 --> 01:11:39,700
They never did this.

1655
01:11:39,700 --> 01:11:41,680
They were always two--

1656
01:11:41,680 --> 01:11:42,340
OK.

1657
01:11:42,340 --> 01:11:45,460
--when people--
you know, soldiers.

1658
01:11:45,460 --> 01:11:48,420
But he sent me alone.

1659
01:11:48,420 --> 01:11:54,150
And I had to ask people
for food on the way.

1660
01:11:54,150 --> 01:11:56,640
It was hundreds of miles.

1661
01:11:56,640 --> 01:12:00,690
And then when I came
to the hospital,

1662
01:12:00,690 --> 01:12:08,850
the patients were all
killed by the Ustasa.

1663
01:12:08,850 --> 01:12:15,030
And he knew as a Jewish woman,
I'm done if anybody caught me.

1664
01:12:15,030 --> 01:12:18,260
Anyway, they are horrible.

1665

01:12:18,260 --> 01:12:22,760

They were horrible,
these communists.

1666

01:12:22,760 --> 01:12:24,620

And--

1667

01:12:24,620 --> 01:12:28,340

So it was his way of having
revenge on you for writing

1668

01:12:28,340 --> 01:12:31,820

that he was eating well.

1669

01:12:31,820 --> 01:12:33,500

I suppose so.

1670

01:12:33,500 --> 01:12:35,060

He didn't want to--

1671

01:12:35,060 --> 01:12:41,540

because the couriers who kept
the mail could open a letter.

1672

01:12:41,540 --> 01:12:44,090

And they were starving.

1673

01:12:44,090 --> 01:12:45,770

And they were barefoot.

1674

01:12:45,770 --> 01:12:48,230

And these big shots,
the communists--

1675

01:12:48,230 --> 01:12:51,870

1676

01:12:51,870 --> 01:12:53,920

all my neighbors are communist.

1677

01:12:53,920 --> 01:12:57,570

They have no idea what
communists are like.

1678
01:12:57,570 --> 01:13:01,040
I cannot talk to my neighbors.

1679
01:13:01,040 --> 01:13:02,740
Politics.

1680
01:13:02,740 --> 01:13:04,115
They're so stupid.

1681
01:13:04,115 --> 01:13:07,350

1682
01:13:07,350 --> 01:13:11,250
So when you got to that
hospital, was it empty?

1683
01:13:11,250 --> 01:13:12,810
Nobody in there anymore?

1684
01:13:12,810 --> 01:13:17,230
Or they were in there,
but they were all killed?

1685
01:13:17,230 --> 01:13:19,340
They were killed.

1686
01:13:19,340 --> 01:13:21,980
And then they sent me
to another hospital.

1687
01:13:21,980 --> 01:13:24,930

1688
01:13:24,930 --> 01:13:25,943
I have pictures.

1689
01:13:25,943 --> 01:13:26,610
I made drawings.

1690

01:13:26,610 --> 01:13:28,920

There I made drawings.

1691

01:13:28,920 --> 01:13:32,640

And-- oh, everybody
wants those drawings.

1692

01:13:32,640 --> 01:13:38,400

I was going to leave my work to
different Jewish organizations.

1693

01:13:38,400 --> 01:13:40,620

Nobody wants my work.

1694

01:13:40,620 --> 01:13:43,140

But everybody wants
those drawings.

1695

01:13:43,140 --> 01:13:44,835

And I'm not giving
them these drawings.

1696

01:13:44,835 --> 01:13:46,920

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1697

01:13:46,920 --> 01:13:55,450

I have all these drawings I
made in the huts and everything.

1698

01:13:55,450 --> 01:13:57,060

So the places--

1699

01:13:57,060 --> 01:13:58,050

OK.

1700

01:13:58,050 --> 01:14:01,200

So do you know the places
where these hospitals

1701

01:14:01,200 --> 01:14:02,690

were, the names of the towns?

1702
01:14:02,690 --> 01:14:04,105
A few of them I remember.

1703
01:14:04,105 --> 01:14:04,980
Can you tell me the--

1704
01:14:04,980 --> 01:14:06,160
One is called Zbjeg.

1705
01:14:06,160 --> 01:14:06,660
Zbjeg?

1706
01:14:06,660 --> 01:14:07,930
Zbjeg.

1707
01:14:07,930 --> 01:14:08,820
OK.

1708
01:14:08,820 --> 01:14:09,480
Yeah.

1709
01:14:09,480 --> 01:14:11,850
Is that the place where
you came, and all of them

1710
01:14:11,850 --> 01:14:14,100
had been killed?

1711
01:14:14,100 --> 01:14:16,080
Zbjeg, was that the
hospital where all--

1712
01:14:16,080 --> 01:14:17,670
No, no, they sent
me to another one.

1713
01:14:17,670 --> 01:14:22,459

1714
01:14:22,459 --> 01:14:25,320
I was a nurse then.

1715
01:14:25,320 --> 01:14:26,340
I see.

1716
01:14:26,340 --> 01:14:26,880
I see.

1717
01:14:26,880 --> 01:14:27,910
You see my bed?

1718
01:14:27,910 --> 01:14:29,790
I never liked to make my bed.

1719
01:14:29,790 --> 01:14:34,980
I had to make 25
beds every day twice.

1720
01:14:34,980 --> 01:14:36,270
What a pain.

1721
01:14:36,270 --> 01:14:40,950
And I had to scrub the
floor when I was a nurse.

1722
01:14:40,950 --> 01:14:42,300
OK.

1723
01:14:42,300 --> 01:14:45,690
I had to twice a day.

1724
01:14:45,690 --> 01:14:46,510
Well, that sounds--

1725
01:14:46,510 --> 01:14:47,010
See my bed?

1726
01:14:47,010 --> 01:14:48,630
I never make my bed.

1727
01:14:48,630 --> 01:14:50,850
I had to make my bed.

1728
01:14:50,850 --> 01:14:52,290
Say, what is the big deal?

1729
01:14:52,290 --> 01:14:53,820
But--

1730
01:14:53,820 --> 01:14:59,370
And in the second hospital,
were the patients alive?

1731
01:14:59,370 --> 01:15:01,060
Yeah.

1732
01:15:01,060 --> 01:15:02,050
OK.

1733
01:15:02,050 --> 01:15:06,400
And what kind of
patients were they?

1734
01:15:06,400 --> 01:15:07,930
They were soldiers.

1735
01:15:07,930 --> 01:15:09,340
I see.

1736
01:15:09,340 --> 01:15:13,600
They were wounded from
the Partisan fighting?

1737
01:15:13,600 --> 01:15:17,740
What part of Yugoslavia
was this in, these areas

1738
01:15:17,740 --> 01:15:20,935
that were controlled
by the Partisans?

1739
01:15:20,935 --> 01:15:26,968
There was Kordun and Lika.

1740
01:15:26,968 --> 01:15:31,740

1741
01:15:31,740 --> 01:15:33,840
It was under Serbs.

1742
01:15:33,840 --> 01:15:34,830
OK.

1743
01:15:34,830 --> 01:15:39,000
And can you describe to
me the geography of it?

1744
01:15:39,000 --> 01:15:40,500
Was it flat land?

1745
01:15:40,500 --> 01:15:41,790
Was it forests?

1746
01:15:41,790 --> 01:15:43,440
Was it mountains?

1747
01:15:43,440 --> 01:15:45,030
Was it villages?

1748
01:15:45,030 --> 01:15:46,110
Excuse me.

1749
01:15:46,110 --> 01:15:48,398
They were very
primitive villages.

1750
01:15:48,398 --> 01:15:49,065
Very primitive--

1751
01:15:49,065 --> 01:15:50,550
I have drawings I made of those.

1752
01:15:50,550 --> 01:15:51,390
OK.

1753

01:15:51,390 --> 01:15:54,390
Well, but describe for me what--

1754

01:15:54,390 --> 01:15:57,330
by primitive, what does--

1755

01:15:57,330 --> 01:15:58,860
They were huts with--

1756

01:15:58,860 --> 01:16:01,110
and there was earth there.

1757

01:16:01,110 --> 01:16:02,050
Earthen floor?

1758

01:16:02,050 --> 01:16:02,910
Yes.

1759

01:16:02,910 --> 01:16:03,915
Very plain.

1760

01:16:03,915 --> 01:16:05,180
And straw.

1761

01:16:05,180 --> 01:16:05,940
Mm-hmm.

1762

01:16:05,940 --> 01:16:07,875
You know, the roofs were straw.

1763

01:16:07,875 --> 01:16:10,440

1764

01:16:10,440 --> 01:16:11,540
I have drawings of--

1765

01:16:11,540 --> 01:16:12,300
Yeah.

1766

01:16:12,300 --> 01:16:15,510

Everybody wants those drawings,
and nobody's getting them.

1767
01:16:15,510 --> 01:16:16,380
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1768
01:16:16,380 --> 01:16:20,970
Actually, the truth is
that the were very--

1769
01:16:20,970 --> 01:16:22,770
there was no paper.

1770
01:16:22,770 --> 01:16:26,070
So I had to make these
drawings on the back

1771
01:16:26,070 --> 01:16:28,200
of some old letters.

1772
01:16:28,200 --> 01:16:29,550
Yeah.

1773
01:16:29,550 --> 01:16:32,550
And they're probably--
now I can't find--

1774
01:16:32,550 --> 01:16:35,320
I actually don't know
where the originals are,

1775
01:16:35,320 --> 01:16:37,270
and they don't want copies.

1776
01:16:37,270 --> 01:16:37,770
Tough.

1777
01:16:37,770 --> 01:16:38,430
Of course.

1778
01:16:38,430 --> 01:16:40,020
They don't want copies.

1779
01:16:40,020 --> 01:16:40,750
Tough.

1780
01:16:40,750 --> 01:16:41,910
I can't find them.

1781
01:16:41,910 --> 01:16:45,150

1782
01:16:45,150 --> 01:16:47,880
I probably put it
on a very safe place

1783
01:16:47,880 --> 01:16:50,040
because I wanted to conserve.

1784
01:16:50,040 --> 01:16:51,780
They were falling
apart, you know?

1785
01:16:51,780 --> 01:16:53,280
They're tiny.

1786
01:16:53,280 --> 01:16:53,970
I'll tell you--

1787
01:16:53,970 --> 01:16:55,920
But i have it on my computer.

1788
01:16:55,920 --> 01:16:57,780
That's the way it always is.

1789
01:16:57,780 --> 01:17:01,080
You can never find something
you put in a safe place.

1790
01:17:01,080 --> 01:17:01,580
You know?

1791
01:17:01,580 --> 01:17:02,080

Really?

1792
01:17:02,080 --> 01:17:02,900
Yeah.

1793
01:17:02,900 --> 01:17:07,910
I think it's one of the rules,
you know, of what happens.

1794
01:17:07,910 --> 01:17:09,150
They're somewhere.

1795
01:17:09,150 --> 01:17:10,350
OK.

1796
01:17:10,350 --> 01:17:14,340
So when I'm asking
these questions,

1797
01:17:14,340 --> 01:17:17,760
I know that you say
you have pictures.

1798
01:17:17,760 --> 01:17:20,520
But I want you to tell me
what's on those pictures.

1799
01:17:20,520 --> 01:17:25,810
What kind of things did
you make drawings of?

1800
01:17:25,810 --> 01:17:27,480
Of those huts.

1801
01:17:27,480 --> 01:17:28,480
Of those huts.

1802
01:17:28,480 --> 01:17:29,010
Yeah.

1803
01:17:29,010 --> 01:17:29,510
OK.

1804
01:17:29,510 --> 01:17:32,940
And also some of the people.

1805
01:17:32,940 --> 01:17:35,520
I drew some people too.

1806
01:17:35,520 --> 01:17:37,950
Did you draw some of
those sick soldiers

1807
01:17:37,950 --> 01:17:39,360
that were in the hospitals?

1808
01:17:39,360 --> 01:17:40,320
No.

1809
01:17:40,320 --> 01:17:47,100
But I did draw some how we
transported-- the oxcart.

1810
01:17:47,100 --> 01:17:47,760
OK.

1811
01:17:47,760 --> 01:17:49,800
Yeah, I have some drawings.

1812
01:17:49,800 --> 01:17:53,370
I have this on the computer.

1813
01:17:53,370 --> 01:17:56,790
And what about the
hospitals themselves?

1814
01:17:56,790 --> 01:17:58,230
Were they also primitive?

1815
01:17:58,230 --> 01:18:04,670

1816
01:18:04,670 --> 01:18:07,830

They had beds, and
they were very clean.

1817
01:18:07,830 --> 01:18:09,200
That's for sure.

1818
01:18:09,200 --> 01:18:10,760
We had to scrub the floor.

1819
01:18:10,760 --> 01:18:13,760

1820
01:18:13,760 --> 01:18:15,560
Were they modern buildings?

1821
01:18:15,560 --> 01:18:16,610
No, no.

1822
01:18:16,610 --> 01:18:17,330
No.

1823
01:18:17,330 --> 01:18:20,610
They were wooden barracks.

1824
01:18:20,610 --> 01:18:21,800
I see.

1825
01:18:21,800 --> 01:18:22,710
OK.

1826
01:18:22,710 --> 01:18:24,600
OK.

1827
01:18:24,600 --> 01:18:28,880
And how many of these
hospitals were you assigned to?

1828
01:18:28,880 --> 01:18:32,600

1829
01:18:32,600 --> 01:18:34,430

I remember only one.

1830
01:18:34,430 --> 01:18:36,700
I think I was in that one.

1831
01:18:36,700 --> 01:18:37,200
OK.

1832
01:18:37,200 --> 01:18:37,700
Zbjeg.

1833
01:18:37,700 --> 01:18:41,850

1834
01:18:41,850 --> 01:18:43,950
I don't remember anything.

1835
01:18:43,950 --> 01:18:44,710
OK.

1836
01:18:44,710 --> 01:18:45,960
OK.

1837
01:18:45,960 --> 01:18:48,480
But your mother and your
sister were not with you?

1838
01:18:48,480 --> 01:18:49,260
No.

1839
01:18:49,260 --> 01:18:51,675
How did that happen that
you got split apart?

1840
01:18:51,675 --> 01:18:54,590

1841
01:18:54,590 --> 01:18:57,170
It happened because--

1842
01:18:57,170 --> 01:19:01,760

I told you, this
communist hired me.

1843
01:19:01,760 --> 01:19:06,120
And that-- I was away.

1844
01:19:06,120 --> 01:19:08,675
They were in one village,
my mother and sister.

1845
01:19:08,675 --> 01:19:11,800

1846
01:19:11,800 --> 01:19:14,760
And my sister was
teaching or whatever.

1847
01:19:14,760 --> 01:19:17,300

1848
01:19:17,300 --> 01:19:18,260
No, I wasn't--

1849
01:19:18,260 --> 01:19:19,910
I was alone.

1850
01:19:19,910 --> 01:19:22,520
And so they were in
villages that were

1851
01:19:22,520 --> 01:19:25,130
controlled by the Partisans?

1852
01:19:25,130 --> 01:19:26,090
Yes.

1853
01:19:26,090 --> 01:19:27,380
OK.

1854
01:19:27,380 --> 01:19:30,260
OK.

1855

01:19:30,260 --> 01:19:34,190

Did you stay until the end
of the war in those hospitals

1856

01:19:34,190 --> 01:19:36,250

or did you go to someplace else?

1857

01:19:36,250 --> 01:19:42,460

1858

01:19:42,460 --> 01:19:48,555

At one point, we wanted
to leave the communists.

1859

01:19:48,555 --> 01:19:52,490

They was not a picnic,
these communists.

1860

01:19:52,490 --> 01:19:55,630

1861

01:19:55,630 --> 01:20:07,730

So the Croatian Jews couldn't
leave under communism.

1862

01:20:07,730 --> 01:20:14,400

But my father never
changed my citizenship.

1863

01:20:14,400 --> 01:20:17,640

I never was a Yugoslav
citizen because he

1864

01:20:17,640 --> 01:20:19,870

wanted to go back to Vienna.

1865

01:20:19,870 --> 01:20:22,110

So I was an Austrian citizen.

1866

01:20:22,110 --> 01:20:24,120

I had a passport.

1867

01:20:24,120 --> 01:20:27,480

And we were able to escape the--

1868

01:20:27,480 --> 01:20:28,140

I see.

1869

01:20:28,140 --> 01:20:32,820

So how is it that--

1870

01:20:32,820 --> 01:20:35,520

so you're the youngest
in the family.

1871

01:20:35,520 --> 01:20:38,070

Erica then has
Austrian citizenship.

1872

01:20:38,070 --> 01:20:40,710

Your mother has
Austrian citizenship.

1873

01:20:40,710 --> 01:20:44,870

Is it at some point
that you join together?

1874

01:20:44,870 --> 01:20:47,410

Yeah, I think we
were together when

1875

01:20:47,410 --> 01:20:51,350

we were leaving Yugoslavia--

1876

01:20:51,350 --> 01:20:52,460

Croatia.

1877

01:20:52,460 --> 01:20:56,960

How did you leave the
communist-controlled area?

1878

01:20:56,960 --> 01:21:01,820

We were able to leave because
we had foreign citizenship.

1879
01:21:01,820 --> 01:21:02,780
Aha.

1880
01:21:02,780 --> 01:21:04,070
And they respected that.

1881
01:21:04,070 --> 01:21:07,080
You had your passport,
and they-- and--

1882
01:21:07,080 --> 01:21:07,580
OK.

1883
01:21:07,580 --> 01:21:13,640
I read somewhere that you had
some help from British forces,

1884
01:21:13,640 --> 01:21:16,040
from Randall--

1885
01:21:16,040 --> 01:21:19,700
that Randolph Churchill,
Winston Churchill's son

1886
01:21:19,700 --> 01:21:22,820
was somehow involved?

1887
01:21:22,820 --> 01:21:23,900
Is this so?

1888
01:21:23,900 --> 01:21:27,150
Do you remember that?

1889
01:21:27,150 --> 01:21:29,130
What was the question again?

1890
01:21:29,130 --> 01:21:34,170
Did you have help from British
forces to leave Yugoslavia?

1891

01:21:34,170 --> 01:21:38,050

1892

01:21:38,050 --> 01:21:39,310

I think so.

1893

01:21:39,310 --> 01:21:44,000

I think we-- we got the boat.

1894

01:21:44,000 --> 01:21:45,910

Yes.

1895

01:21:45,910 --> 01:21:51,050

The boat which took us to Bari.

1896

01:21:51,050 --> 01:21:53,180

Yeah, they were British.

1897

01:21:53,180 --> 01:21:53,840

OK.

1898

01:21:53,840 --> 01:21:57,290

Yes, I think so.

1899

01:21:57,290 --> 01:21:59,420

And Bari is in Italy?

1900

01:21:59,420 --> 01:21:59,960

Yes.

1901

01:21:59,960 --> 01:22:00,510

OK.

1902

01:22:00,510 --> 01:22:03,200

Southern Italy.

1903

01:22:03,200 --> 01:22:06,320

And when you got
to Bari, did you

1904

01:22:06,320 --> 01:22:09,920

have to stay in another
concentration camp or were

1905
01:22:09,920 --> 01:22:12,410
you free to live the
way you'd want to?

1906
01:22:12,410 --> 01:22:15,300

1907
01:22:15,300 --> 01:22:15,800
No.

1908
01:22:15,800 --> 01:22:18,950

1909
01:22:18,950 --> 01:22:20,390
No, I don't think so.

1910
01:22:20,390 --> 01:22:23,910

1911
01:22:23,910 --> 01:22:24,810
It's amazing.

1912
01:22:24,810 --> 01:22:25,460
I forgot.

1913
01:22:25,460 --> 01:22:29,770

1914
01:22:29,770 --> 01:22:31,810
I don't-- I can't answer that.

1915
01:22:31,810 --> 01:22:32,740
That's OK.

1916
01:22:32,740 --> 01:22:33,420
That's OK.

1917
01:22:33,420 --> 01:22:36,420

1918

01:22:36,420 --> 01:22:39,450

Do you know about
what year this would

1919

01:22:39,450 --> 01:22:42,525

have been that you got
to Bari, when this was?

1920

01:22:42,525 --> 01:22:45,510

1921

01:22:45,510 --> 01:22:51,840

Rab is liberated in 1943
or Italy is taken over.

1922

01:22:51,840 --> 01:22:54,850

Then you spend some
time with the Partisans.

1923

01:22:54,850 --> 01:22:56,340

Then you get to Bari.

1924

01:22:56,340 --> 01:22:57,060

About how--

1925

01:22:57,060 --> 01:22:59,700

I think 1945.

1926

01:22:59,700 --> 01:23:03,260

I'm not sure, but--

1927

01:23:03,260 --> 01:23:06,440

as I say, I'm very happy I
wrote this down because--

1928

01:23:06,440 --> 01:23:08,150

Yeah.

1929

01:23:08,150 --> 01:23:13,670

I noticed that a few years

ago my memory was much better.

1930
01:23:13,670 --> 01:23:14,540
It's fine.

1931
01:23:14,540 --> 01:23:17,030
Whatever you're able
to tell us is fine.

1932
01:23:17,030 --> 01:23:17,790
Thank you.

1933
01:23:17,790 --> 01:23:18,380
You know?

1934
01:23:18,380 --> 01:23:24,390

1935
01:23:24,390 --> 01:23:26,250
So you are in Bari.

1936
01:23:26,250 --> 01:23:28,890
You're there with your
mother and your sister.

1937
01:23:28,890 --> 01:23:32,700
Who is controlling Bari at
that point, what armies?

1938
01:23:32,700 --> 01:23:36,670

1939
01:23:36,670 --> 01:23:39,220
All the armies were there.

1940
01:23:39,220 --> 01:23:41,330
At the same time?

1941
01:23:41,330 --> 01:23:41,900
Yes.

1942

01:23:41,900 --> 01:23:45,125
There were I think British army.

1943
01:23:45,125 --> 01:23:48,300

1944
01:23:48,300 --> 01:23:55,169
There were-- the British
army I think was there.

1945
01:23:55,169 --> 01:23:57,540
Yeah.

1946
01:23:57,540 --> 01:23:58,530
OK.

1947
01:23:58,530 --> 01:24:01,500
I don't remember
too much about it.

1948
01:24:01,500 --> 01:24:03,330
OK.

1949
01:24:03,330 --> 01:24:08,070
Do you remember where you
were when the war ended?

1950
01:24:08,070 --> 01:24:13,080

1951
01:24:13,080 --> 01:24:15,410
I think we were in Bari still.

1952
01:24:15,410 --> 01:24:16,776
OK.

1953
01:24:16,776 --> 01:24:21,370
I think Rome was not freed yet.

1954
01:24:21,370 --> 01:24:22,180
OK.

1955

01:24:22,180 --> 01:24:24,030
Because we went to Rome after.

1956

01:24:24,030 --> 01:24:33,115

1957

01:24:33,115 --> 01:24:33,615
Yeah.

1958

01:24:33,615 --> 01:24:38,270

1959

01:24:38,270 --> 01:24:39,980
OK.

1960

01:24:39,980 --> 01:24:44,290
I had a very nice experience.

1961

01:24:44,290 --> 01:24:45,690
I'm an Italophile.

1962

01:24:45,690 --> 01:24:46,730
Mm-hmm.

1963

01:24:46,730 --> 01:24:51,350
I really am, because I
always say not only did they

1964

01:24:51,350 --> 01:24:53,660
save my life, they educated me.

1965

01:24:53,660 --> 01:24:59,330
What happened was that we
moved to Rome from Bari.

1966

01:24:59,330 --> 01:25:00,830
And I was there--

1967

01:25:00,830 --> 01:25:03,740
I lost five years of schooling.

1968

01:25:03,740 --> 01:25:07,290

And I looked for an art school.

1969

01:25:07,290 --> 01:25:11,000

But it was so early
before the war.

1970

01:25:11,000 --> 01:25:13,010

There were no phone books.

1971

01:25:13,010 --> 01:25:15,920

So I used to ask people--

1972

01:25:15,920 --> 01:25:19,700

I used to be very fluent
in Italian, like an Italian

1973

01:25:19,700 --> 01:25:20,690

almost.

1974

01:25:20,690 --> 01:25:22,880

I don't speak that well now.

1975

01:25:22,880 --> 01:25:26,550

Anyway, I used to go from--

1976

01:25:26,550 --> 01:25:29,780

ask people where there
is an art school.

1977

01:25:29,780 --> 01:25:32,740

And people send
me here and there.

1978

01:25:32,740 --> 01:25:43,140

And at one point, I went to
this 400-years-old building.

1979

01:25:43,140 --> 01:25:47,100

Everything is 400, 500 in Rome.

1980

01:25:47,100 --> 01:25:52,090

And this guy was in
overalls, a porter.

1981

01:25:52,090 --> 01:25:57,760

And I told him about my problems
and asked him for advice.

1982

01:25:57,760 --> 01:26:01,750

He was very forthcoming.

1983

01:26:01,750 --> 01:26:04,830

I asked where there's
an art school.

1984

01:26:04,830 --> 01:26:09,000

And actually Rome is not--

1985

01:26:09,000 --> 01:26:12,960

yeah, I was going to be a
fashion designer because

1986

01:26:12,960 --> 01:26:15,570

of the background I had.

1987

01:26:15,570 --> 01:26:17,730

But Rome is not for fashion--

1988

01:26:17,730 --> 01:26:20,730

Milano, even then.

1989

01:26:20,730 --> 01:26:26,460

So the guy in the overalls,
he listened to me,

1990

01:26:26,460 --> 01:26:29,340

very sympathetic.

1991

01:26:29,340 --> 01:26:36,950

And he said, I'll help you.

1992

01:26:36,950 --> 01:26:39,120

This was the Academy
of Fine Arts of Rome.

1993
01:26:39,120 --> 01:26:41,820

1994
01:26:41,820 --> 01:26:42,630
I'll help you.

1995
01:26:42,630 --> 01:26:44,370
And I didn't have any--

1996
01:26:44,370 --> 01:26:47,856
I needed eight years of high
school, which I didn't have.

1997
01:26:47,856 --> 01:26:48,630
Mm-hmm.

1998
01:26:48,630 --> 01:26:51,900
So it turns out he
was the director.

1999
01:26:51,900 --> 01:26:52,950
Not the porter.

2000
01:26:52,950 --> 01:26:53,800
No.

2001
01:26:53,800 --> 01:26:55,650
He was a sculptor.

2002
01:26:55,650 --> 01:26:58,410
That's why he was
wearing a work--

2003
01:26:58,410 --> 01:26:59,110
Overalls.

2004
01:26:59,110 --> 01:26:59,610
Yeah.

2005

01:26:59,610 --> 01:27:00,810

Yeah, overalls.

2006

01:27:00,810 --> 01:27:02,460

He got me in.

2007

01:27:02,460 --> 01:27:06,270

And I have-- everything

I know today about art

2008

01:27:06,270 --> 01:27:10,890

is from these two years I had

in the Academy of Fine Arts.

2009

01:27:10,890 --> 01:27:13,630

I had zero money.

2010

01:27:13,630 --> 01:27:15,650

So they took me in.

2011

01:27:15,650 --> 01:27:18,520

And I had--

2012

01:27:18,520 --> 01:27:21,370

I was totally penniless.

2013

01:27:21,370 --> 01:27:22,570

And--

2014

01:27:22,570 --> 01:27:24,770

Did you live at

the school as well?

2015

01:27:24,770 --> 01:27:25,270

No.

2016

01:27:25,270 --> 01:27:26,890

We had a room--

2017

01:27:26,890 --> 01:27:27,550

OK.

2018

01:27:27,550 --> 01:27:29,830

--my sister and my mother.

2019

01:27:29,830 --> 01:27:37,310

And they educated me, because
everything I know about art

2020

01:27:37,310 --> 01:27:39,430

is from this fantastic school.

2021

01:27:39,430 --> 01:27:44,690

It was the best school
in Europe at the time.

2022

01:27:44,690 --> 01:27:54,980

So when I came here
though, I took a course

2023

01:27:54,980 --> 01:27:56,860

because I became a designer.

2024

01:27:56,860 --> 01:27:59,360

I was a package designer.

2025

01:27:59,360 --> 01:28:05,160

And I needed-- because fine
art and design is not the same.

2026

01:28:05,160 --> 01:28:06,950

So I took this course.

2027

01:28:06,950 --> 01:28:12,080

And I took the course
with this very famous--

2028

01:28:12,080 --> 01:28:14,240

now-- he wasn't famous.

2029

01:28:14,240 --> 01:28:15,230

Franz Kline.

2030

01:28:15,230 --> 01:28:16,280

Mm-hmm.

2031

01:28:16,280 --> 01:28:19,445

He's a very famous painter.

2032

01:28:19,445 --> 01:28:20,720

Mm-hmm.

2033

01:28:20,720 --> 01:28:23,300

And he was my teacher.

2034

01:28:23,300 --> 01:28:26,920

And he changed my to abstract.

2035

01:28:26,920 --> 01:28:31,400

I became an abstract
painter because of this guy.

2036

01:28:31,400 --> 01:28:32,600

And I looked somewhere.

2037

01:28:32,600 --> 01:28:33,920

He gave me a very good--

2038

01:28:33,920 --> 01:28:38,690

I had very good grades,
the best grades he gave me.

2039

01:28:38,690 --> 01:28:40,040

This was here in New York?

2040

01:28:40,040 --> 01:28:41,540

Yeah.

2041

01:28:41,540 --> 01:28:46,220

So I became an abstract
painter because of Franz Kline.

2042

01:28:46,220 --> 01:28:51,470

But tell me, did you stay

only those two years in Rome

2043

01:28:51,470 --> 01:28:53,420

when you were in school?

2044

01:28:53,420 --> 01:28:56,870

And then, you know, you're done.

2045

01:28:56,870 --> 01:28:59,750

It's now after the war.

2046

01:28:59,750 --> 01:29:02,330

And you and your
mother and sister

2047

01:29:02,330 --> 01:29:05,630

still have Austrian
citizenship, correct?

2048

01:29:05,630 --> 01:29:07,010

Correct.

2049

01:29:07,010 --> 01:29:07,940

And you're in Rome.

2050

01:29:07,940 --> 01:29:09,080

Did you want to stay there?

2051

01:29:09,080 --> 01:29:10,700

Did you want to go to Palestine?

2052

01:29:10,700 --> 01:29:12,920

Did you want to go
to the United States?

2053

01:29:12,920 --> 01:29:15,950

What was the
conversation about how

2054

01:29:15,950 --> 01:29:19,780

to plan the rest, how
to plan the future,

2055
01:29:19,780 --> 01:29:20,890
and where to live it?

2056
01:29:20,890 --> 01:29:28,198

2057
01:29:28,198 --> 01:29:28,698
Oh.

2058
01:29:28,698 --> 01:29:33,580

2059
01:29:33,580 --> 01:29:36,610
We had family in
Israel and Palestine,

2060
01:29:36,610 --> 01:29:39,220
but my mother didn't
want to go there.

2061
01:29:39,220 --> 01:29:43,320
So she-- she wanted
to come to New York.

2062
01:29:43,320 --> 01:29:46,680
And I don't really understand.

2063
01:29:46,680 --> 01:29:49,080
Somebody had to vouch
for you, you know?

2064
01:29:49,080 --> 01:29:49,600
Yeah.

2065
01:29:49,600 --> 01:29:52,230
And--

2066
01:29:52,230 --> 01:29:53,220
Do you know who did?

2067

01:29:53,220 --> 01:29:55,860

2068

01:29:55,860 --> 01:29:58,690

No, I don't know at this time.

2069

01:29:58,690 --> 01:29:59,190

OK.

2070

01:29:59,190 --> 01:30:00,680

I knew at one point.

2071

01:30:00,680 --> 01:30:03,440

2072

01:30:03,440 --> 01:30:04,460

So--

2073

01:30:04,460 --> 01:30:06,710

And whatever
happened-- when did you

2074

01:30:06,710 --> 01:30:08,945

find out about what
happened to your father?

2075

01:30:08,945 --> 01:30:12,200

2076

01:30:12,200 --> 01:30:15,020

You know, the Germans
are very thorough people.

2077

01:30:15,020 --> 01:30:17,520

They actually sent a letter.

2078

01:30:17,520 --> 01:30:19,340

I have it somewhere.

2079

01:30:19,340 --> 01:30:20,030

Really?

2080

01:30:20,030 --> 01:30:21,710

Yes.

2081

01:30:21,710 --> 01:30:23,480

And when did they do that?

2082

01:30:23,480 --> 01:30:26,660

Was this after the
war, or was this

2083

01:30:26,660 --> 01:30:28,025

soon after he was arrested?

2084

01:30:28,025 --> 01:30:32,500

2085

01:30:32,500 --> 01:30:34,580

I cannot answer that.

2086

01:30:34,580 --> 01:30:35,080

OK.

2087

01:30:35,080 --> 01:30:35,670

I don't know.

2088

01:30:35,670 --> 01:30:36,170

OK.

2089

01:30:36,170 --> 01:30:37,780

But I have the letter.

2090

01:30:37,780 --> 01:30:38,740

OK.

2091

01:30:38,740 --> 01:30:41,845

So that meant they told
you where he perished.

2092

01:30:41,845 --> 01:30:50,010

2093

01:30:50,010 --> 01:30:52,320
Did you ever go back to Zagreb?

2094

01:30:52,320 --> 01:30:53,800
Never.

2095

01:30:53,800 --> 01:30:55,570
I will never go back.

2096

01:30:55,570 --> 01:30:58,120
They killed my whole community.

2097

01:30:58,120 --> 01:31:04,860
20,000 Jews they killed.

2098

01:31:04,860 --> 01:31:07,260
I don't forgive,
and I don't forget.

2099

01:31:07,260 --> 01:31:09,270
They tell you you
should forgive.

2100

01:31:09,270 --> 01:31:11,130
How can I forgive that?

2101

01:31:11,130 --> 01:31:17,070
I'm not forgiving anybody who
murdered everybody I knew.

2102

01:31:17,070 --> 01:31:19,800
I have only one friend here.

2103

01:31:19,800 --> 01:31:22,180
She's-- my hometown.

2104

01:31:22,180 --> 01:31:24,200
She was in Kraljevica with me.

2105

01:31:24,200 --> 01:31:25,590
Mm-hmm.

2106
01:31:25,590 --> 01:31:26,470
One.

2107
01:31:26,470 --> 01:31:27,670
One.

2108
01:31:27,670 --> 01:31:29,070
She's a doctor.

2109
01:31:29,070 --> 01:31:30,150
What's her name?

2110
01:31:30,150 --> 01:31:31,540
And her name is Eva too.

2111
01:31:31,540 --> 01:31:32,040
Eva?

2112
01:31:32,040 --> 01:31:35,770
We knew each other
a very long time.

2113
01:31:35,770 --> 01:31:38,010
She's my only friend left.

2114
01:31:38,010 --> 01:31:40,230
They killed everyone.

2115
01:31:40,230 --> 01:31:42,590
I don't go back to this.

2116
01:31:42,590 --> 01:31:48,900
Did you get to know your
father's family in Israel

2117
01:31:48,900 --> 01:31:49,850
after the war?

2118
01:31:49,850 --> 01:31:54,090

2119
01:31:54,090 --> 01:31:55,770
I did take a trip.

2120
01:31:55,770 --> 01:31:58,650
I think I mentioned it.

2121
01:31:58,650 --> 01:31:59,657
I met--

2122
01:31:59,657 --> 01:32:00,880
Mm-hmm.

2123
01:32:00,880 --> 01:32:02,880
They were still alive.

2124
01:32:02,880 --> 01:32:04,860
Yeah, I met them.

2125
01:32:04,860 --> 01:32:05,630
Mm-hmm.

2126
01:32:05,630 --> 01:32:08,660
I went to, I think, Haifa.

2127
01:32:08,660 --> 01:32:10,670
I don't-- I think so.

2128
01:32:10,670 --> 01:32:12,410
Anyway, I went by myself.

2129
01:32:12,410 --> 01:32:13,520
Mm-hmm.

2130
01:32:13,520 --> 01:32:14,020
And--

2131
01:32:14,020 --> 01:32:17,740

2132

01:32:17,740 --> 01:32:22,760
Well, we've come close to
the end of the interview.

2133
01:32:22,760 --> 01:32:26,600
Is there something you'd like
to add that I haven't asked you

2134
01:32:26,600 --> 01:32:29,500
about that you think is
important for people to know?

2135
01:32:29,500 --> 01:32:36,320

2136
01:32:36,320 --> 01:32:41,300
I think that a lot of
things you're asking me I

2137
01:32:41,300 --> 01:32:44,690
can't answer because
of my memory.

2138
01:32:44,690 --> 01:32:48,560
And I'm very happy, like I told
you, that I wrote my memoir.

2139
01:32:48,560 --> 01:32:49,220
Mm-hmm.

2140
01:32:49,220 --> 01:32:50,540
It's complete.

2141
01:32:50,540 --> 01:32:51,470
That's wonderful.

2142
01:32:51,470 --> 01:32:53,000
Yeah.

2143
01:32:53,000 --> 01:32:55,380
I didn't find a publisher yet.

2144

01:32:55,380 --> 01:32:56,120
Mm-hmm.

2145
01:32:56,120 --> 01:32:57,420
It's a book.

2146
01:32:57,420 --> 01:32:58,880
It's a complete book.

2147
01:32:58,880 --> 01:33:00,230
Is it a manuscript?

2148
01:33:00,230 --> 01:33:01,040
Yeah.

2149
01:33:01,040 --> 01:33:01,930
OK.

2150
01:33:01,930 --> 01:33:03,530
OK.

2151
01:33:03,530 --> 01:33:08,060
Is there something that you'd
like to end our interview with,

2152
01:33:08,060 --> 01:33:09,960
or is that--

2153
01:33:09,960 --> 01:33:12,140
I think you asked plenty of--

2154
01:33:12,140 --> 01:33:17,660
I think as much as
my memory, I think

2155
01:33:17,660 --> 01:33:20,010
I said pretty much everything.

2156
01:33:20,010 --> 01:33:22,230
Maybe I could have--

2157

01:33:22,230 --> 01:33:25,920
if you came a few years
earlier, my memory was--

2158
01:33:25,920 --> 01:33:27,795
I noticed that lately--

2159
01:33:27,795 --> 01:33:30,770

2160
01:33:30,770 --> 01:33:36,260
I think it's also nature that
you want to forget certain--

2161
01:33:36,260 --> 01:33:36,770
Yeah.

2162
01:33:36,770 --> 01:33:38,300
You know, like I said.

2163
01:33:38,300 --> 01:33:39,400
The hard things.

2164
01:33:39,400 --> 01:33:40,210
Yeah.

2165
01:33:40,210 --> 01:33:41,350
The hard things.

2166
01:33:41,350 --> 01:33:45,230
No, I think you got
pretty much everything.

2167
01:33:45,230 --> 01:33:46,310
Thank you.

2168
01:33:46,310 --> 01:33:46,940
Thank you.

2169
01:33:46,940 --> 01:33:50,820
Thank you for what you did
bring up and did share with us.

2170
01:33:50,820 --> 01:33:51,920
I appreciate it.

2171
01:33:51,920 --> 01:33:53,870
I appreciate it all.

2172
01:33:53,870 --> 01:33:54,620
And I'll say--

2173
01:33:54,620 --> 01:33:57,140
Where is this going to be?

2174
01:33:57,140 --> 01:34:01,460
This will be part of the United
States Holocaust Memorial

2175
01:34:01,460 --> 01:34:03,770
Museum archives.

2176
01:34:03,770 --> 01:34:07,490
And I'll say a few words
now to finish the interview.

2177
01:34:07,490 --> 01:34:11,210
And then we'll cut the
camera for the time being.

2178
01:34:11,210 --> 01:34:15,290
So this concludes the United
States Holocaust Memorial

2179
01:34:15,290 --> 01:34:22,760
Museum interview with Eva
Deutsch Costabel on August 27,

2180
01:34:22,760 --> 01:34:27,560
2019, in Manhattan,
New York City.

2181
01:34:27,560 --> 01:34:28,670
Thank you.

2182
01:34:28,670 --> 01:34:29,660
You're welcome.

2183
01:34:29,660 --> 01:34:32,510
Is that going to be shown?

2184
01:34:32,510 --> 01:34:34,040
OK.

2185
01:34:34,040 --> 01:34:37,460
Mrs. Eva, tell me, what
is this that I see here?

2186
01:34:37,460 --> 01:34:40,020
What is this painting?

2187
01:34:40,020 --> 01:34:42,720
That's a picture of my father.

2188
01:34:42,720 --> 01:34:44,490
And you drew it?

2189
01:34:44,490 --> 01:34:46,230
You painted it from what?

2190
01:34:46,230 --> 01:34:48,360
From a photograph I have.

2191
01:34:48,360 --> 01:34:49,260
OK.

2192
01:34:49,260 --> 01:34:51,480
And do you know
about how old he was

2193
01:34:51,480 --> 01:34:53,730
when that photograph was taken?

2194
01:34:53,730 --> 01:34:56,310
That's his last photograph.

2195
01:34:56,310 --> 01:34:59,124
The very last
photograph you have.

2196
01:34:59,124 --> 01:35:00,330
Oh.

2197
01:35:00,330 --> 01:35:01,080
Of him.

2198
01:35:01,080 --> 01:35:02,130
Of him.

2199
01:35:02,130 --> 01:35:03,210
Of him.

2200
01:35:03,210 --> 01:35:06,210
And you painted this
picture I believe--

2201
01:35:06,210 --> 01:35:07,620
2007.

2202
01:35:07,620 --> 01:35:09,060
OK.

2203
01:35:09,060 --> 01:35:11,010
Very handsome man.

2204
01:35:11,010 --> 01:35:14,030
Very handsome.

2205
01:35:14,030 --> 01:35:16,800
I had a wonderful father.

2206
01:35:16,800 --> 01:35:18,960
Well, this is quite a tribute.

2207
01:35:18,960 --> 01:35:19,980
Thank you.

2208

01:35:19,980 --> 01:35:22,130

Thank you very much.