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00:00:02,630 --> 00:00:05,810
This is a United States
Holocaust Memorial Museum

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00:00:05,810 --> 00:00:12,830
interview with Ruth Bahar,
on September 19, 2019

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00:00:12,830 --> 00:00:15,490
in Scarsdale, New York.

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00:00:15,490 --> 00:00:18,130
Thank you very, very
much, Ruth, for agreeing

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00:00:18,130 --> 00:00:19,970
to speak with us today.

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00:00:19,970 --> 00:00:22,930
And this is following
the interview

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00:00:22,930 --> 00:00:26,380
that we had with your
mother, Inge Berger,

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00:00:26,380 --> 00:00:31,520
last month in New York and
today with your daughter,

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00:00:31,520 --> 00:00:35,930
Elise Garibaldi, who we just
spoke with a few minutes ago.

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00:00:35,930 --> 00:00:38,470
So some of it's going
to have the same process

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00:00:38,470 --> 00:00:41,510
and some of it's going
to be a little different.

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00:00:41,510 --> 00:00:43,330
I'm going to start with
the same questions,

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00:00:43,330 --> 00:00:45,640
and we'll go from there.

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00:00:45,640 --> 00:00:47,650
Can you tell me the
date of your birth?

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00:00:47,650 --> 00:00:50,410
July 16, 1951.

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00:00:50,410 --> 00:00:52,510
And what was your name at birth?

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00:00:52,510 --> 00:00:53,830
Ruth Berger.

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00:00:53,830 --> 00:00:55,000
And where were you born?

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00:00:55,000 --> 00:00:56,770
In Bremen, Germany.

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00:00:56,770 --> 00:00:59,050
And who are your parents?

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00:00:59,050 --> 00:01:02,710
Inge Berger and Sam Berger--
at that time Samuel,

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00:01:02,710 --> 00:01:04,750
but they changed
it to Sam Berger.

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00:01:04,750 --> 00:01:08,140

And you were born in
Bremen, Germany in 1951.

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00:01:08,140 --> 00:01:09,560

Do you have brothers
and sisters?

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00:01:09,560 --> 00:01:13,720

I have an older sister, Hannah,
also born in Bremen, 1948.

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00:01:13,720 --> 00:01:14,710

In 1948.

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00:01:14,710 --> 00:01:16,570

Does Hannah live in
the United States now?

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00:01:16,570 --> 00:01:17,580

In Pennsylvania.

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00:01:17,580 --> 00:01:20,470

OK.

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00:01:20,470 --> 00:01:24,100

So your father and
your mother, tell me

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00:01:24,100 --> 00:01:28,750

a little bit about who
they were and how they met.

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00:01:28,750 --> 00:01:30,280

Who they were?

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00:01:30,280 --> 00:01:32,440
My mother was born in Germany.

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00:01:32,440 --> 00:01:35,980

And as a young girl--

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00:01:35,980 --> 00:01:37,840

she was born in 1924--

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00:01:37,840 --> 00:01:41,830
in 1942, she was sent
to Theresienstadt

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00:01:41,830 --> 00:01:44,980
at that time in
Czechoslovakia, where she

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00:01:44,980 --> 00:01:47,350
met my father, who was Czech.

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00:01:47,350 --> 00:01:51,880
And he was transported--
he was studying in Brno,

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00:01:51,880 --> 00:01:56,740
but he was transported
from Prague in April 1942,

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00:01:56,740 --> 00:01:59,710
and they met in Theresienstadt.

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00:01:59,710 --> 00:02:06,970
And after the war, they reunited
in Bremen in January 1, 1946.

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00:02:06,970 --> 00:02:08,380
And they've been together ever--

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00:02:08,380 --> 00:02:11,990
until his passing in 2006.

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00:02:11,990 --> 00:02:13,120
OK.

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00:02:13,120 --> 00:02:15,700
Do you have any
memories of Bremen?

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00:02:15,700 --> 00:02:17,530

I have many memories of Bremen.

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00:02:17,530 --> 00:02:19,840

Not only when I was
young, and I remember

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00:02:19,840 --> 00:02:21,500

leaving on this
ship and all that,

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00:02:21,500 --> 00:02:24,050

but we would return every
summer, because we were very,

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00:02:24,050 --> 00:02:26,360

very close to my grandparents.

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00:02:26,360 --> 00:02:30,850

So we have a very good feel
of the Jewish life there,

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00:02:30,850 --> 00:02:33,070

the synagogue, the people there.

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00:02:33,070 --> 00:02:34,450

I knew a lot of the people.

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00:02:34,450 --> 00:02:37,240

So as I am doing
research, I also

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00:02:37,240 --> 00:02:41,560

know the places and
the people intimately.

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00:02:41,560 --> 00:02:44,740

So there's a very close
connection with Bremen.

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00:02:44,740 --> 00:02:49,300

It's unusual, because
most Jewish survivors

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00:02:49,300 --> 00:02:54,280

left Germany, did not go back
to live there after the war.

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00:02:54,280 --> 00:02:57,430

Some have gone back since.

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00:02:57,430 --> 00:03:00,920

Sometimes family members have
come back since to visit.

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00:03:00,920 --> 00:03:03,340

And it sounds that
yours was unusual,

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00:03:03,340 --> 00:03:08,260

in that from Theresienstadt,
your mother and your father

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00:03:08,260 --> 00:03:11,230

met again in Bremen
and married there.

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00:03:11,230 --> 00:03:13,730

What was the reason for that?

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00:03:13,730 --> 00:03:17,110

Well, I think it was
unusual that they survived.

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00:03:17,110 --> 00:03:22,270

My grandparents, at their
age, no one survived that.

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00:03:22,270 --> 00:03:23,770

They were unique.

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00:03:23,770 --> 00:03:27,260

And my grandfather also
felt, because he survived,

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00:03:27,260 --> 00:03:30,610

he had a responsibility
for those that

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00:03:30,610 --> 00:03:32,290
didn't or the
parents that didn't.

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00:03:32,290 --> 00:03:33,170
So he felt--

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00:03:33,170 --> 00:03:34,240
What was his name?

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00:03:34,240 --> 00:03:36,160
Carl Katz.

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00:03:36,160 --> 00:03:39,460
And so he took everyone
under his wing.

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00:03:39,460 --> 00:03:41,060
So there were so many--

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00:03:41,060 --> 00:03:44,530
mainly who survived were a
lot the Eastern European,

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00:03:44,530 --> 00:03:46,900
also some German, but
mainly Eastern European,

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00:03:46,900 --> 00:03:52,420
and usually the ones
in their early 20s--

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00:03:52,420 --> 00:03:55,210
late teenagers, early
20s, later 20s--

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00:03:55,210 --> 00:03:57,880
and they all basically
lost their parents.

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00:03:57,880 --> 00:04:03,220
So my grandfather became the
surrogate father my grandmother

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00:04:03,220 --> 00:04:04,000
also.

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00:04:04,000 --> 00:04:06,640
And when many people got
married in Bremen after the war

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00:04:06,640 --> 00:04:08,680
because they wanted to
start families again,

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00:04:08,680 --> 00:04:11,860
my grandfather would walk
them under the chuppah.

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00:04:11,860 --> 00:04:14,530
He would be the surrogate
father for the brides.

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00:04:14,530 --> 00:04:17,540
So they felt a tremendous
responsibility.

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00:04:17,540 --> 00:04:19,779
And my grandfather always
said sometimes my mother

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00:04:19,779 --> 00:04:22,150
would complain, because they
had so many guests, and all

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00:04:22,150 --> 00:04:25,660
these people from all
over the world that

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00:04:25,660 --> 00:04:28,780
had no one would stay with
them, and they would be cooking

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00:04:28,780 --> 00:04:31,510

and for all these people, and
the American soldiers would

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00:04:31,510 --> 00:04:33,725

be killing chickens
and bringing them--

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00:04:33,725 --> 00:04:35,350

so they'd want a meal
there, and they'd

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00:04:35,350 --> 00:04:36,970

have to clean the chickens.

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00:04:36,970 --> 00:04:39,820

And one time my
grandfather overheard

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00:04:39,820 --> 00:04:43,570

them complaining a bit,
and my grandfather said,

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00:04:43,570 --> 00:04:44,920

we can't complain.

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00:04:44,920 --> 00:04:48,550

We survived as a family, and
we have an obligation to those

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00:04:48,550 --> 00:04:50,440

that lost their family.

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00:04:50,440 --> 00:04:52,780

My mother never
complained again.

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00:04:52,780 --> 00:04:54,520

Is this something
your mother told you

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00:04:54,520 --> 00:04:58,100

or is this something you saw
and heard yourself him saying?

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00:04:58,100 --> 00:04:58,840
Oh, no, no, no.

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00:04:58,840 --> 00:04:59,800
This was right after the war.

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00:04:59,800 --> 00:05:00,580
I wasn't born yet.

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00:05:00,580 --> 00:05:04,070
This was in 1945, 1946.

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00:05:04,070 --> 00:05:05,950
But this was his
philosophy forever.

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00:05:05,950 --> 00:05:07,940
When I used to be
there in the summer,

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00:05:07,940 --> 00:05:09,610
we'd never know
Friday night if he'd

113
00:05:09,610 --> 00:05:12,622
bring home somebody for
dinner after the services.

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00:05:12,622 --> 00:05:14,080
Because if they
were alone and they

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00:05:14,080 --> 00:05:16,190
didn't have a family
or a Shabbat meal,

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00:05:16,190 --> 00:05:18,100
my grandfather would
bring them to the house.

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00:05:18,100 --> 00:05:20,140

So we always had a
little bit more room

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00:05:20,140 --> 00:05:23,110

on the table to squeeze
in some more people.

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00:05:23,110 --> 00:05:25,780

And every summer, the
relatives would come over

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00:05:25,780 --> 00:05:26,960

from all over the world.

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00:05:26,960 --> 00:05:29,590

He would help those
cousins of my mother

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00:05:29,590 --> 00:05:31,700

that lost their
parents in Berlin.

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00:05:31,700 --> 00:05:36,010

He would act as not only their
uncle but almost like a father,

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00:05:36,010 --> 00:05:39,440

and give them financial
help, and emotional help.

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00:05:39,440 --> 00:05:41,140

So this is who he was.

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00:05:41,140 --> 00:05:43,100

And you knew him
in other words--

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00:05:43,100 --> 00:05:43,720

Very well.

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00:05:43,720 --> 00:05:44,620

I knew him very well.

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00:05:44,620 --> 00:05:47,860

We were together every summer
for basically two months.

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00:05:47,860 --> 00:05:49,690

And then during
Christmas vacation

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00:05:49,690 --> 00:05:51,430

he would come to New York.

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00:05:51,430 --> 00:05:54,130

And we would write
letters twice a week.

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00:05:54,130 --> 00:05:56,855

Every Tuesday and every
Friday we'd write.

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00:05:56,855 --> 00:05:59,230

And for special occasions--
it was a big deal those times

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00:05:59,230 --> 00:06:02,045

to use the telephone--
it was very, very big,

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00:06:02,045 --> 00:06:03,670

and we would call
and get very excited.

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00:06:03,670 --> 00:06:05,950

But yeah, we were
extremely close.

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00:06:05,950 --> 00:06:09,070

And what kind of a person was
he, your grandfather from--

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00:06:09,070 --> 00:06:10,270

Bigger than life.

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00:06:10,270 --> 00:06:12,940
Really?

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00:06:12,940 --> 00:06:15,280
He was a very warm
person, very caring.

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00:06:15,280 --> 00:06:20,080
But he was the patriarch, and
he was aptly dominant figure.

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00:06:20,080 --> 00:06:22,630
No one could dispute
him, you know?

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00:06:22,630 --> 00:06:23,740
What he said was law.

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00:06:23,740 --> 00:06:27,070
Which was fine, because
he was also so capable.

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00:06:27,070 --> 00:06:31,840
But so generous to
everybody and loving.

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00:06:31,840 --> 00:06:35,500
He had these sparkly blue
eyes, and when you look at you,

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00:06:35,500 --> 00:06:37,300
it was with so much love.

149
00:06:37,300 --> 00:06:39,940
He would be the type of person
that would buy a bag of candy,

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00:06:39,940 --> 00:06:42,100
and when you come to
visit, he'd sit and just

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00:06:42,100 --> 00:06:43,150
give candy to everyone.

152
00:06:43,150 --> 00:06:46,570
Or he'd go to Israel
to the kibbutzim, where

153
00:06:46,570 --> 00:06:49,660
he had other nieces,
and he would just

154
00:06:49,660 --> 00:06:52,900
come with bags and bags of
candy to give out to everyone.

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00:06:52,900 --> 00:06:57,400
He just-- he had a generous
spirit, a generous nature.

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00:06:57,400 --> 00:07:01,180
And caring, not only for his
family but his extended family

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00:07:01,180 --> 00:07:03,160
and for his community.

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00:07:03,160 --> 00:07:07,150
Why did he end up
going back to Bremen?

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00:07:07,150 --> 00:07:08,830
Well--

160
00:07:08,830 --> 00:07:11,680
Because he had a choice
also not to go back.

161
00:07:11,680 --> 00:07:13,600
They didn't really
know what to do after.

162
00:07:13,600 --> 00:07:16,120
They stayed-- they

were liberated May 8,

163
00:07:16,120 --> 00:07:17,500
in Theresienstadt.

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00:07:17,500 --> 00:07:20,290
But there were so many
sick people and old people

165
00:07:20,290 --> 00:07:22,390
from Bremen, and people
that needed help,

166
00:07:22,390 --> 00:07:24,340
that my grandfather
said at that point,

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00:07:24,340 --> 00:07:26,200
well, there's no
reason to rush back.

168
00:07:26,200 --> 00:07:28,300
Nobody's waiting
for us in Bremen.

169
00:07:28,300 --> 00:07:31,420
So let's stay and help everybody
get back on their feet.

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00:07:31,420 --> 00:07:32,620
And they did and.

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00:07:32,620 --> 00:07:36,010
They left end of July 1942.

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00:07:36,010 --> 00:07:37,420
They went back to Bremen--

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00:07:37,420 --> 00:07:38,860
Were' in 194?

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00:07:38,860 --> 00:07:39,370

or '46.

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00:07:39,370 --> 00:07:39,870
Sorry.

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00:07:39,870 --> 00:07:41,230
Sorry, '45.

177
00:07:41,230 --> 00:07:44,860
After the war ended, 1945.

178
00:07:44,860 --> 00:07:50,540
So they went back to Bremen, and
there was no Jewish community

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00:07:50,540 --> 00:07:55,250
life, so my grandfather started
the Jewish community again.

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00:07:55,250 --> 00:07:56,900
And from Theresienstadt,
he brought

181
00:07:56,900 --> 00:08:00,080
with him suitcases
filled with prayer books

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00:08:00,080 --> 00:08:03,260
that the Nazis had
no need for-- they

183
00:08:03,260 --> 00:08:04,900
confiscated from the suitcases.

184
00:08:04,900 --> 00:08:06,400
When they arrived
in Theresienstadt,

185
00:08:06,400 --> 00:08:07,860
they had no need for it.

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00:08:07,860 --> 00:08:13,520

So he came back with also
a cover for the coffin,

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00:08:13,520 --> 00:08:15,632
like a velvet
cover with fringes,

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00:08:15,632 --> 00:08:17,090
that my mother said
she thinks they

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00:08:17,090 --> 00:08:19,610
used when he passed away
also that was originally

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00:08:19,610 --> 00:08:21,470
from Theresienstadt.

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00:08:21,470 --> 00:08:23,630
They came back with
covers for challah,

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00:08:23,630 --> 00:08:27,200
for the two loaves of
bread that they use

193
00:08:27,200 --> 00:08:28,940
for the Sabbath or holidays.

194
00:08:28,940 --> 00:08:31,318
My mother still has that,
one for my grandmother--

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00:08:31,318 --> 00:08:32,360
Because they had nothing.

196
00:08:32,360 --> 00:08:37,100
The prayer shawls, the tallisim,
they came back with that.

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00:08:37,100 --> 00:08:41,090
And they have prayer books
that my mother still has.

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00:08:41,090 --> 00:08:45,080
And it says in one of
them Julius Horowitz.

199
00:08:45,080 --> 00:08:49,250
He was from Bremen, and he
passed away in Theresienstadt.

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00:08:49,250 --> 00:08:50,880
And she even has his book there.

201
00:08:50,880 --> 00:08:53,690
So they came back with
all this, and they started

202
00:08:53,690 --> 00:08:55,550
the Jewish community again.

203
00:08:55,550 --> 00:08:57,830
Then my grandfather took
care of the cemetery.

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00:08:57,830 --> 00:08:59,780
He took care of
all these people.

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00:08:59,780 --> 00:09:03,170
So he was-- and there was
nobody else there that

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00:09:03,170 --> 00:09:06,290
could do the job that he did.

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00:09:06,290 --> 00:09:09,830
There were no more
original Jews, full Jews

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00:09:09,830 --> 00:09:11,630
from Bremen that returned.

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00:09:11,630 --> 00:09:13,427

They were from mixed marriages, but not

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00:09:13,427 --> 00:09:15,260
people that were really involved in the life

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00:09:15,260 --> 00:09:17,810
of the Jewish community, except for him.

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00:09:17,810 --> 00:09:20,720
So he was very vital.

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00:09:20,720 --> 00:09:24,050
That was a role that only he could really do.

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00:09:24,050 --> 00:09:28,910
And then he was thinking of going to perhaps Palestine.

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00:09:28,910 --> 00:09:33,020
He was thinking of going perhaps to New York.

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00:09:33,020 --> 00:09:38,360
He was putting out feelers, but somehow he got back into life

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00:09:38,360 --> 00:09:40,130
in Bremen, and I guess he realized

218
00:09:40,130 --> 00:09:42,900
that there was an important place for him there.

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00:09:42,900 --> 00:09:43,800
And he stayed.

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00:09:43,800 --> 00:09:46,320
And how did you learn

of all these things

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00:09:46,320 --> 00:09:48,205
that you just told me right now?

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00:09:48,205 --> 00:09:49,830
Because you would
have been too little,

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00:09:49,830 --> 00:09:51,960
except for your
experience with him

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00:09:51,960 --> 00:09:55,090
as a grandfather visiting him.

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00:09:55,090 --> 00:09:57,460
Were these things that
your mother told you?

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00:09:57,460 --> 00:10:01,170
Well, since my daughter
originally opened up this,

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00:10:01,170 --> 00:10:03,703
I also wanted nothing to
do with the Holocaust.

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00:10:03,703 --> 00:10:05,370
Because I grew up
with it, and I grew up

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00:10:05,370 --> 00:10:07,290
with the feelings of it.

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00:10:07,290 --> 00:10:09,300
I grew up with my
father's feelings,

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00:10:09,300 --> 00:10:13,110
which were very, very deep,
different than my mother's,

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00:10:13,110 --> 00:10:15,360

because his experiences
were so much worse.

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00:10:15,360 --> 00:10:18,090

My father suffered tremendously.

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00:10:18,090 --> 00:10:20,310

And he had nightmares
till the end of his life,

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00:10:20,310 --> 00:10:26,280

and he had a lot of hate in
him that he couldn't overcome.

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00:10:26,280 --> 00:10:27,870

There was a lot of
ugliness that he

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00:10:27,870 --> 00:10:31,290

had experienced that, thank God,
my mother didn't experience.

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00:10:31,290 --> 00:10:32,640

But--

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00:10:32,640 --> 00:10:34,170

Did he ever talk
about those things?

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00:10:34,170 --> 00:10:35,280

He wrote a book about it.

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00:10:35,280 --> 00:10:36,090

Oh, that's right.

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00:10:36,090 --> 00:10:37,890

Your daughter had mentioned it.

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00:10:37,890 --> 00:10:41,070

And the book was
called Faces of--

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00:10:41,070 --> 00:10:43,950

Well, there was a German
version-- first was German--

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00:10:43,950 --> 00:10:46,830

and then in English it
was The Face of Hell.

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00:10:46,830 --> 00:10:52,290

And also, we had been in Germany
when they had war crimes,

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00:10:52,290 --> 00:10:54,690

and then the people came over
to the house in the summer,

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00:10:54,690 --> 00:10:56,460

and they would
tell their stories.

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00:10:56,460 --> 00:10:58,540

And they were horrible stories.

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00:10:58,540 --> 00:11:01,770

So I think I just
ran away from war.

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00:11:01,770 --> 00:11:06,150

Even to this day, it's
very difficult for me

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00:11:06,150 --> 00:11:07,950

to go to Holocaust museums.

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00:11:07,950 --> 00:11:11,850

It's very, very difficult. So--

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00:11:11,850 --> 00:11:12,480

Excuse me.

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00:11:12,480 --> 00:11:14,130

I'm sorry interrupting,
but when you

256
00:11:14,130 --> 00:11:15,713
say when there were
war crimes, you're

257
00:11:15,713 --> 00:11:17,825
talking war crimes
trials after the war.

258
00:11:17,825 --> 00:11:18,450
Trials, yeah.

259
00:11:18,450 --> 00:11:18,950
Yeah.

260
00:11:18,950 --> 00:11:22,290
And so you were
old enough to hear,

261
00:11:22,290 --> 00:11:25,140
and witness, and know what
those conversations were about.

262
00:11:25,140 --> 00:11:27,990
Well, they would
come, because I guess

263
00:11:27,990 --> 00:11:33,358
they felt comfortable talking to
my grandparents and my parents

264
00:11:33,358 --> 00:11:33,900
at that time.

265
00:11:33,900 --> 00:11:35,150
Because who could you talk to?

266
00:11:35,150 --> 00:11:38,620
So they were-- they had
to unburden themselves.

267

00:11:38,620 --> 00:11:40,680

So I remember, at night,
we would be there,

268

00:11:40,680 --> 00:11:44,280

and my parents and
my grandparents

269

00:11:44,280 --> 00:11:45,828

were always very
welcoming, everybody

270

00:11:45,828 --> 00:11:47,370

could come for
dinner, and afterwards

271

00:11:47,370 --> 00:11:48,990

for tea and all this.

272

00:11:48,990 --> 00:11:50,580

And so they would
unburden themselves.

273

00:11:50,580 --> 00:11:52,020

So we would hear these stories.

274

00:11:52,020 --> 00:11:55,260

275

00:11:55,260 --> 00:11:58,450

But you asked initially
how I know all this.

276

00:11:58,450 --> 00:12:04,610

So a lot of this is really
in depth more, I would say,

277

00:12:04,610 --> 00:12:07,940

happened a lot when my daughter
started questioning my mother.

278

00:12:07,940 --> 00:12:09,650

And then we would
go through things,

279
00:12:09,650 --> 00:12:11,390
and then we would
go through boxes.

280
00:12:11,390 --> 00:12:15,380
Because when she had to
close the house in Bremen,

281
00:12:15,380 --> 00:12:17,690
she put everything,
all the memorabilia,

282
00:12:17,690 --> 00:12:20,660
and photographs, and
letters, in boxes,

283
00:12:20,660 --> 00:12:22,170
and she'd never open them.

284
00:12:22,170 --> 00:12:25,310
So she closed the
house in Bremen when?

285
00:12:25,310 --> 00:12:30,920
I think maybe late
1990s or something.

286
00:12:30,920 --> 00:12:33,440
When did your grandfather pass?

287
00:12:33,440 --> 00:12:37,250
He passed in 1972.

288
00:12:37,250 --> 00:12:38,570
And they kept the house there.

289
00:12:38,570 --> 00:12:39,590
I see.

290

00:12:39,590 --> 00:12:41,930
My grandmother died
after my father.

291
00:12:41,930 --> 00:12:44,150
So that was in 2006.

292
00:12:44,150 --> 00:12:45,720
So she lived a long, long time.

293
00:12:45,720 --> 00:12:46,590
Almost 105.

294
00:12:46,590 --> 00:12:47,090
Yeah.

295
00:12:47,090 --> 00:12:47,965
She was the weak one.

296
00:12:47,965 --> 00:12:48,465
Oh, my gosh.

297
00:12:48,465 --> 00:12:49,370
She was the weak one.

298
00:12:49,370 --> 00:12:50,510
Go figure.

299
00:12:50,510 --> 00:12:51,050
Exactly.

300
00:12:51,050 --> 00:12:54,070
So what happened is then we
were opening boxes, and reading

301
00:12:54,070 --> 00:12:55,320
letters, and all these things.

302
00:12:55,320 --> 00:12:58,190
So there are so many layers to
this that my daughter started

303

00:12:58,190 --> 00:13:01,070

to uncover and that my
mother didn't even realize

304

00:13:01,070 --> 00:13:02,390

was in all these boxes.

305

00:13:02,390 --> 00:13:07,250

And every time my daughter
would research something,

306

00:13:07,250 --> 00:13:09,177

we would only look for
that, and we wouldn't

307

00:13:09,177 --> 00:13:10,260

look for the other things.

308

00:13:10,260 --> 00:13:12,140

Then later she'd be
looking for something else.

309

00:13:12,140 --> 00:13:12,890

We'd look at that.

310

00:13:12,890 --> 00:13:14,360

So there was so many layers.

311

00:13:14,360 --> 00:13:16,670

We could basically do
an hour and a half,

312

00:13:16,670 --> 00:13:18,270

and afterwards we
couldn't do anymore.

313

00:13:18,270 --> 00:13:21,170

So that was the limit to the
stories that she could do.

314

00:13:21,170 --> 00:13:25,312

So I want to just, again,

anchor this to a date.

315
00:13:25,312 --> 00:13:27,020
When we were speaking
with your daughter,

316
00:13:27,020 --> 00:13:30,290
she said it was
around 2012 that she

317
00:13:30,290 --> 00:13:32,900
got the idea she has to tell
her grandmother's story.

318
00:13:32,900 --> 00:13:34,070
Right.

319
00:13:34,070 --> 00:13:36,800
So it's after 2012
that you are getting

320
00:13:36,800 --> 00:13:39,130
a lot of this context
of what's going on.

321
00:13:39,130 --> 00:13:39,630
Yes.

322
00:13:39,630 --> 00:13:40,370
One date--

323
00:13:40,370 --> 00:13:41,360
A tremendous amount.

324
00:13:41,360 --> 00:13:42,950
Because I didn't
know any of this.

325
00:13:42,950 --> 00:13:45,200
I didn't know the
dates, what happened--

326

00:13:45,200 --> 00:13:46,040
I didn't know when.

327
00:13:46,040 --> 00:13:47,510
I knew she was in
Theresienstadt.

328
00:13:47,510 --> 00:13:48,470
My father, they met.

329
00:13:48,470 --> 00:13:50,120
I knew the broad strokes.

330
00:13:50,120 --> 00:13:50,960
But that was it.

331
00:13:50,960 --> 00:13:52,043
I didn't know the details.

332
00:13:52,043 --> 00:13:54,543
When did your family-- that is
your mother and your father--

333
00:13:54,543 --> 00:13:55,360
come to the States?

334
00:13:55,360 --> 00:13:55,860
What year?

335
00:13:55,860 --> 00:13:57,410
In 1955.

336
00:13:57,410 --> 00:13:59,930
So you are four years
old when that happens.

337
00:13:59,930 --> 00:14:00,860
OK.

338
00:14:00,860 --> 00:14:06,380
So you leave-- the memories
that you have of Bremen,

339
00:14:06,380 --> 00:14:10,520
living there, are for the
first four years of your life.

340
00:14:10,520 --> 00:14:13,670
And then afterwards,
when you have

341
00:14:13,670 --> 00:14:15,475
visits two months
every single summer

342
00:14:15,475 --> 00:14:16,850
and you visit your
grandparents--

343
00:14:16,850 --> 00:14:19,040
Which was basically the
next summer already.

344
00:14:19,040 --> 00:14:20,120
It was going on and on.

345
00:14:20,120 --> 00:14:22,880
I mean, they were so tied.

346
00:14:22,880 --> 00:14:26,030
My mother was an only
child, and they were all

347
00:14:26,030 --> 00:14:28,730
tied, like, as my daughter
said, through the Holocaust.

348
00:14:28,730 --> 00:14:31,430
They lived in survived--
they shared a room,

349
00:14:31,430 --> 00:14:34,070
they shared their bread,
they shared everything.

350

00:14:34,070 --> 00:14:36,920

It was a very
unique relationship,

351

00:14:36,920 --> 00:14:39,530

and we were very
tied to each other,

352

00:14:39,530 --> 00:14:42,680

but more than most families.

353

00:14:42,680 --> 00:14:44,720

Because most families
don't live and die

354

00:14:44,720 --> 00:14:46,540

by giving each other bread.

355

00:14:46,540 --> 00:14:50,940

And also, during the war,
my grandmother, as I said,

356

00:14:50,940 --> 00:14:52,550

was the weak, made it to 105.

357

00:14:52,550 --> 00:14:55,790

My grandfather was 73, right?

358

00:14:55,790 --> 00:15:01,520

So when there were jobs to
be done after the work day,

359

00:15:01,520 --> 00:15:03,860

and they had to do things
like shoveling potatoes--

360

00:15:03,860 --> 00:15:06,800

that was an extra task --

361

00:15:06,800 --> 00:15:08,540

my grandfather or
my mother would

362
00:15:08,540 --> 00:15:11,840
volunteer to do it,
instead of my grandmother.

363
00:15:11,840 --> 00:15:15,590
So it was things like that--
they would keep each other.

364
00:15:15,590 --> 00:15:18,158
And when they were all
supposed to be sent out

365
00:15:18,158 --> 00:15:19,700
further East from
the camps, they all

366
00:15:19,700 --> 00:15:21,230
volunteered to do this together.

367
00:15:21,230 --> 00:15:22,670
They were in one.

368
00:15:22,670 --> 00:15:26,740
So it was a very unusually
tight relationship.

369
00:15:26,740 --> 00:15:32,350
And did you know about that
aspect of it before 2012 when--

370
00:15:32,350 --> 00:15:33,100
Yes.

371
00:15:33,100 --> 00:15:36,700
Bits and-- certain
stories they always told,

372
00:15:36,700 --> 00:15:38,010
but not in such depth.

373
00:15:38,010 --> 00:15:39,130

But yes.

374

00:15:39,130 --> 00:15:41,080

Oh no, It shaped
our lives, all this.

375

00:15:41,080 --> 00:15:42,790

I think-- yeah.

376

00:15:42,790 --> 00:15:44,530

Every aspect of our
lives, I would say,

377

00:15:44,530 --> 00:15:48,250

was shaped by their experiences
during the Holocaust.

378

00:15:48,250 --> 00:15:50,980

Even though you ran from it.

379

00:15:50,980 --> 00:15:53,890

I ran from it
because it was just--

380

00:15:53,890 --> 00:15:54,830

it was everyone.

381

00:15:54,830 --> 00:15:57,350

All my relatives were
all Holocaust survivors.

382

00:15:57,350 --> 00:15:59,680

All our friends
where we moved to

383

00:15:59,680 --> 00:16:01,600

was because of other
Holocaust survivors that

384

00:16:01,600 --> 00:16:03,070

said, come, move to our area.

385

00:16:03,070 --> 00:16:05,250
So this was all we grew up with.

386
00:16:05,250 --> 00:16:06,110
Yeah.

387
00:16:06,110 --> 00:16:06,610
Yeah.

388
00:16:06,610 --> 00:16:10,060
And at some point, one has
to find out that there's more

389
00:16:10,060 --> 00:16:11,890
or there's something else.

390
00:16:11,890 --> 00:16:13,060
Yeah.

391
00:16:13,060 --> 00:16:13,810
I guess.

392
00:16:13,810 --> 00:16:17,080
Or this was our norm, I guess.

393
00:16:17,080 --> 00:16:18,800
But we didn't need more of it.

394
00:16:18,800 --> 00:16:20,960
Yeah.

395
00:16:20,960 --> 00:16:21,460
All right.

396
00:16:21,460 --> 00:16:24,430
Let's go now to 2012.

397
00:16:24,430 --> 00:16:27,700
You're learning-- you take about
an hour and a half at a time.

398

00:16:27,700 --> 00:16:30,813
That's about all you can take
going through these things.

399
00:16:30,813 --> 00:16:31,980
And this is where you said--

400
00:16:31,980 --> 00:16:32,950
Well, there were two
different things.

401
00:16:32,950 --> 00:16:34,750
There's one, the
interview process that

402
00:16:34,750 --> 00:16:36,850
was with my daughter,
and then sometimes I

403
00:16:36,850 --> 00:16:38,740
would go to my
mother's home, and we

404
00:16:38,740 --> 00:16:42,340
would look through more pictures
and do things in German.

405
00:16:42,340 --> 00:16:44,543
So my daughter got
the English version,

406
00:16:44,543 --> 00:16:46,210
and then I would get
the German version.

407
00:16:46,210 --> 00:16:49,530
So there was so much
material to cover, and things

408
00:16:49,530 --> 00:16:51,280
my mother had to
discover before she could

409

00:16:51,280 --> 00:16:52,390
tell my daughter about it.

410
00:16:52,390 --> 00:16:54,970

411
00:16:54,970 --> 00:16:55,900
There was a lot.

412
00:16:55,900 --> 00:16:57,858
There's boxes and
boxes of things

413
00:16:57,858 --> 00:16:58,900
that And we went through.

414
00:16:58,900 --> 00:17:03,850
And if you were to say,
what did you learn--

415
00:17:03,850 --> 00:17:05,650
I don't know if one
can encapsulate it,

416
00:17:05,650 --> 00:17:08,079
but the major things
that you learn

417
00:17:08,079 --> 00:17:12,550
that you didn't know before
after this process of going

418
00:17:12,550 --> 00:17:15,280
through some of these boxes,
looking for some material,

419
00:17:15,280 --> 00:17:18,150
talking to your mother about it.

420
00:17:18,150 --> 00:17:20,530
Is there anything
that really struck you

421

00:17:20,530 --> 00:17:24,450

as, wow, I didn't realize that?

422

00:17:24,450 --> 00:17:26,290

Oh there were so many moments.

423

00:17:26,290 --> 00:17:27,339

There were so many.

424

00:17:27,339 --> 00:17:29,500

And so many times that

I had tears in my eyes,

425

00:17:29,500 --> 00:17:33,430

and so many times I learned
more about my mother's cousin

426

00:17:33,430 --> 00:17:35,920

that she loved so much and

that I was named after.

427

00:17:35,920 --> 00:17:37,870

What was the cousin's full name?

428

00:17:37,870 --> 00:17:38,830

Ruth Cohen.

429

00:17:38,830 --> 00:17:39,330

Cohen.

430

00:17:39,330 --> 00:17:41,050

Ruth Cohen.

431

00:17:41,050 --> 00:17:44,530

And those things were

really hardest for me.

432

00:17:44,530 --> 00:17:47,290

Even my daughter, she

did a song with my mother

433

00:17:47,290 --> 00:17:49,510
saying farewell to Ruth--

434
00:17:49,510 --> 00:17:52,120
called Ruthie-- at
the train station.

435
00:17:52,120 --> 00:17:53,890
And that always
gets me every time.

436
00:17:53,890 --> 00:17:54,430
That's--

437
00:17:54,430 --> 00:17:56,470
What happened to Ruthie?

438
00:17:56,470 --> 00:17:59,200
She was in the first
major transport,

439
00:17:59,200 --> 00:18:03,310
which was the Minsk transport,
which was in the fall of 1941

440
00:18:03,310 --> 00:18:05,950
from Bremen to Minsk--

441
00:18:05,950 --> 00:18:07,000
White Russian.

442
00:18:07,000 --> 00:18:07,720
Belarus.

443
00:18:07,720 --> 00:18:08,890
Belarus.

444
00:18:08,890 --> 00:18:13,570
And she perished there.

445
00:18:13,570 --> 00:18:15,670
Which my mother

never saw a body.

446

00:18:15,670 --> 00:18:17,630

She never saw a
death certificate.

447

00:18:17,630 --> 00:18:20,170

So that was always for
her kind of up in the air.

448

00:18:20,170 --> 00:18:22,310

And even when we
were in this country,

449

00:18:22,310 --> 00:18:26,200

and it was more than
10 years after the war,

450

00:18:26,200 --> 00:18:29,710

and she had an advertisement
for a real estate agent that

451

00:18:29,710 --> 00:18:32,290

was in the neighborhood
with the name Ruth Cohen,

452

00:18:32,290 --> 00:18:34,360

my mother said to my
father, let's go and see.

453

00:18:34,360 --> 00:18:36,310

Maybe it's really
her or something.

454

00:18:36,310 --> 00:18:39,010

So she kind of
never gave up hope .

455

00:18:39,010 --> 00:18:43,180

And I think when my daughter
did the interview with her,

456

00:18:43,180 --> 00:18:46,900

I think she maybe
relived these times,

457
00:18:46,900 --> 00:18:50,570
maybe she had time to mourn her
grandmother for the first time,

458
00:18:50,570 --> 00:18:51,580
which she never had.

459
00:18:51,580 --> 00:18:54,220
She had a time to
perhaps mourn her cousin

460
00:18:54,220 --> 00:18:56,350
and relive those
times with her cousin.

461
00:18:56,350 --> 00:18:58,630
So these were all very
emotional interviews,

462
00:18:58,630 --> 00:18:59,740
very emotional times.

463
00:18:59,740 --> 00:19:03,100
It was a year and a half, but it
was an emotional roller coaster

464
00:19:03,100 --> 00:19:04,120
of a year and a half.

465
00:19:04,120 --> 00:19:04,465
Yeah.

466
00:19:04,465 --> 00:19:04,965
Yeah.

467
00:19:04,965 --> 00:19:08,500
And my daughter would always
ask these persistent questions

468

00:19:08,500 --> 00:19:09,300
and details.

469

00:19:09,300 --> 00:19:11,800
And That my mother said, I don't
know, and I don't remember.

470

00:19:11,800 --> 00:19:14,050
But then she would remember
every single detail.

471

00:19:14,050 --> 00:19:16,060
Then it would come to
life, and sometimes she'd

472

00:19:16,060 --> 00:19:19,220
laugh like a 14-year-old girl,
because she would be telling

473

00:19:19,220 --> 00:19:20,560
a naughty story or something.

474

00:19:20,560 --> 00:19:23,950
And then sometimes
she'd cry, tears

475

00:19:23,950 --> 00:19:25,690
because of the
sadness of it that she

476

00:19:25,690 --> 00:19:26,940
didn't have a chance to mourn.

477

00:19:26,940 --> 00:19:29,190
You have to realize, you
don't have a chance to mourn.

478

00:19:29,190 --> 00:19:31,450
When you're in the middle
of a war situation, any war

479

00:19:31,450 --> 00:19:33,825
situation, there's

ugliness, there's horror,

480
00:19:33,825 --> 00:19:35,200
but you don't have
time to mourn.

481
00:19:35,200 --> 00:19:36,880
Because if you do,
you're finished.

482
00:19:36,880 --> 00:19:38,500
You have to pick up and go.

483
00:19:38,500 --> 00:19:40,660
And she never had
this opportunity

484
00:19:40,660 --> 00:19:43,870
until she really spoke to
my daughter about this.

485
00:19:43,870 --> 00:19:45,520
So that was her time to mourn.

486
00:19:45,520 --> 00:19:47,800
So we can only do
it in increments.

487
00:19:47,800 --> 00:19:49,225
Of course, of course.

488
00:19:49,225 --> 00:19:51,910

489
00:19:51,910 --> 00:19:54,910
But what a gift
both ways actually.

490
00:19:54,910 --> 00:19:57,490
That's what strikes me.

491
00:19:57,490 --> 00:20:00,560

A gift from an older to
a younger generation,

492
00:20:00,560 --> 00:20:02,680
but also from the
younger to the older.

493
00:20:02,680 --> 00:20:04,210
Absolutely.

494
00:20:04,210 --> 00:20:05,392
And you're in the middle.

495
00:20:05,392 --> 00:20:06,600
You're the middle generation.

496
00:20:06,600 --> 00:20:07,360
I was sitting there.

497
00:20:07,360 --> 00:20:09,370
I was making the tea and
I was making the lunch.

498
00:20:09,370 --> 00:20:13,190
And I was listening, and
yeah, I was a part of it.

499
00:20:13,190 --> 00:20:16,670
But theoretically a quiet part.

500
00:20:16,670 --> 00:20:17,170
OK.

501
00:20:17,170 --> 00:20:21,560
Then let's jump ahead
a little bit to,

502
00:20:21,560 --> 00:20:23,980
we'll just kind of
summarize, your daughter

503
00:20:23,980 --> 00:20:29,870

did the interviews, a book was written, and it was published,

504
00:20:29,870 --> 00:20:31,430
and it had an effect.

505
00:20:31,430 --> 00:20:32,720
It took off.

506
00:20:32,720 --> 00:20:35,750
I'll just jump ahead
backwards one step.

507
00:20:35,750 --> 00:20:37,970
She's done the manuscript,
and it was early,

508
00:20:37,970 --> 00:20:39,830
before it was even published.

509
00:20:39,830 --> 00:20:42,830
My mother was invited to
go for the 70th anniversary

510
00:20:42,830 --> 00:20:45,500
of the liberation of
Auschwitz to Bremen.

511
00:20:45,500 --> 00:20:48,040
But my mother wouldn't be able
to handle that emotionally

512
00:20:48,040 --> 00:20:48,540
or anything.

513
00:20:48,540 --> 00:20:51,155
So I said to my mother, test it.

514
00:20:51,155 --> 00:20:53,600
I said that I'm willing to
go, but it was really more

515

00:20:53,600 --> 00:20:55,640
to test how serious they were.

516
00:20:55,640 --> 00:20:57,830
And low and behold, they
said yeah, you're invited.

517
00:20:57,830 --> 00:20:59,420
And then I said,
oh, my goodness now.

518
00:20:59,420 --> 00:21:00,758
So in place of your mom.

519
00:21:00,758 --> 00:21:01,550
In place of my mom.

520
00:21:01,550 --> 00:21:04,100
But because my daughter had
done the research and all that,

521
00:21:04,100 --> 00:21:05,730
I had something to say.

522
00:21:05,730 --> 00:21:08,240
And otherwise, what would
I have had to say there?

523
00:21:08,240 --> 00:21:12,620
So that was when we
went there in 2015

524
00:21:12,620 --> 00:21:17,660
when we started to have
connections more in Bremen.

525
00:21:17,660 --> 00:21:21,350
And that's when we had the
first connection with the person

526
00:21:21,350 --> 00:21:25,440
that his father was
apprenticed to my grandfather.

527
00:21:25,440 --> 00:21:27,770
And he just wanted to
know more about Carl Katz,

528
00:21:27,770 --> 00:21:30,087
and he wanted to know
more about the situation.

529
00:21:30,087 --> 00:21:31,670
Because he had lost
his father, and he

530
00:21:31,670 --> 00:21:35,610
felt like he wanted to know more
about his role model in life,

531
00:21:35,610 --> 00:21:36,980
which was Carl Katz.

532
00:21:36,980 --> 00:21:37,720
So that started.

533
00:21:37,720 --> 00:21:43,730
And he's not Jewish,
but his role model

534
00:21:43,730 --> 00:21:45,410
was Carl Katz in everything.

535
00:21:45,410 --> 00:21:49,710
Can we know his father's
name and his name?

536
00:21:49,710 --> 00:21:53,330
His name is Thomas Hesslow.

537
00:21:53,330 --> 00:21:55,353
And I can't remember what
his father's name was.

538
00:21:55,353 --> 00:21:57,020

But of course his
last name was Hesslow.

539
00:21:57,020 --> 00:21:58,430
But it's just not
coming to me now.

540
00:21:58,430 --> 00:21:58,930
OK.

541
00:21:58,930 --> 00:22:03,167
And the business that
your father had where--

542
00:22:03,167 --> 00:22:04,250
My grandfather's business?

543
00:22:04,250 --> 00:22:05,510
Your grandfather's business.

544
00:22:05,510 --> 00:22:07,160
Carl Katz and Company.

545
00:22:07,160 --> 00:22:09,590
And let's just say what
kind of a business was it.

546
00:22:09,590 --> 00:22:14,130
It was like recyclable
goods in fabrics--

547
00:22:14,130 --> 00:22:15,950
schmattas, cloths.

548
00:22:15,950 --> 00:22:18,620
And it was in metals at first.

549
00:22:18,620 --> 00:22:22,580
More metal, and later it
was more recycling cloth.

550
00:22:22,580 --> 00:22:26,180

It was a big business there.

551

00:22:26,180 --> 00:22:30,500

And that's where Mr. Hesslow's father had been apprenticed.

552

00:22:30,500 --> 00:22:31,610

Right, right.

553

00:22:31,610 --> 00:22:34,880

And he has been a loyal supporter since.

554

00:22:34,880 --> 00:22:35,390

OK.

555

00:22:35,390 --> 00:22:37,790

So you've met him there in 2015.

556

00:22:37,790 --> 00:22:42,350

In 2015, he contacted me through email.

557

00:22:42,350 --> 00:22:44,720

And we were emailing each other, and he

558

00:22:44,720 --> 00:22:46,250

would send me information.

559

00:22:46,250 --> 00:22:48,650

And he would keep me up to date on what's going on,

560

00:22:48,650 --> 00:22:50,250

and he wanted to be helpful.

561

00:22:50,250 --> 00:22:52,640

He was, at that time, I would say,

562

00:22:52,640 --> 00:22:54,380

one of our staunchest supporters.

563
00:22:54,380 --> 00:22:55,310
OK.

564
00:22:55,310 --> 00:22:55,970
All right.

565
00:22:55,970 --> 00:23:00,230
And so your daughter's book is published,

566
00:23:00,230 --> 00:23:02,120
and it has an effect.

567
00:23:02,120 --> 00:23:06,090
And you go to Bremen and you meet Mr. Hesslow?

568
00:23:06,090 --> 00:23:06,590
Yes.

569
00:23:06,590 --> 00:23:10,130
But before that really happened--

570
00:23:10,130 --> 00:23:13,190
yes, I do meet Hesslow and all that.

571
00:23:13,190 --> 00:23:13,880
Yes.

572
00:23:13,880 --> 00:23:15,660
OK.

573
00:23:15,660 --> 00:23:16,160
OK.

574
00:23:16,160 --> 00:23:18,470
But before that, what?

575

00:23:18,470 --> 00:23:23,630

But before that, before our meeting him, that was in 2018,

576

00:23:23,630 --> 00:23:25,520

I get an email from him--

577

00:23:25,520 --> 00:23:31,160

it was shortly after April 5, 2016,

578

00:23:31,160 --> 00:23:35,480

and it was in the newspaper, which

579

00:23:35,480 --> 00:23:38,390

is the Weser-Kurier, which is the newspaper of Bremen,

580

00:23:38,390 --> 00:23:42,200

and there was this article about this book that had come out.

581

00:23:42,200 --> 00:23:47,990

And the author was the grandson of the Gestapo agent in Bremen.

582

00:23:47,990 --> 00:23:50,720

The author's name was Bernhard Nette,

583

00:23:50,720 --> 00:23:54,290

and the Gestapo agent was his grandfather Bruno Nette.

584

00:23:54,290 --> 00:23:55,850

He wrote this book.

585

00:23:55,850 --> 00:23:59,900

And so they had a summary of what this book was about,

586

00:23:59,900 --> 00:24:01,457
and they mentioned Carl Katz.

587

00:24:01,457 --> 00:24:03,290
And they mentioned all
these horrible things

588

00:24:03,290 --> 00:24:04,970
about Carl Katz.

589

00:24:04,970 --> 00:24:05,840
And--

590

00:24:05,840 --> 00:24:07,130
Such as?

591

00:24:07,130 --> 00:24:10,670
That he was a collaborator, and
that he was against the Jews,

592

00:24:10,670 --> 00:24:12,950
and he was, you know--

593

00:24:12,950 --> 00:24:16,220
but at that time, I had known
a lot of people in Bremen

594

00:24:16,220 --> 00:24:18,800
already, and I had
known people that

595

00:24:18,800 --> 00:24:20,720
were involved with committees--

596

00:24:20,720 --> 00:24:23,180
Holocaust remembrance--
that were writing

597

00:24:23,180 --> 00:24:26,060
books about the
Jews, were actively

598

00:24:26,060 --> 00:24:29,030

involved with the Jews that
perished in the Holocaust,

599

00:24:29,030 --> 00:24:32,300

and no one had notified
me about this article

600

00:24:32,300 --> 00:24:34,220

except for this Thomas Hesslow.

601

00:24:34,220 --> 00:24:35,880

And he was very upset about it.

602

00:24:35,880 --> 00:24:38,870

But he was the only
one that told me.

603

00:24:38,870 --> 00:24:41,690

Which I find very
surprising, because they knew

604

00:24:41,690 --> 00:24:44,930

I would be interested, and
they knew I should be notified.

605

00:24:44,930 --> 00:24:47,660

But yet, no one did,
except Thomas Hesslow.

606

00:24:47,660 --> 00:24:49,250

And he was very upset by it.

607

00:24:49,250 --> 00:24:53,540

And then he would send me
this chapter, chapter 13,

608

00:24:53,540 --> 00:24:57,190

which was horrible about my
grandfather, just horrible.

609

00:24:57,190 --> 00:25:00,190

And then he said, well, no,
it's not only chapter 13,

610
00:25:00,190 --> 00:25:01,670
it's like all over the book.

611
00:25:01,670 --> 00:25:03,550
And it's about
30% of the book is

612
00:25:03,550 --> 00:25:05,860
written about your grandfather.

613
00:25:05,860 --> 00:25:08,860
So he was sending me
this and that, and that

614
00:25:08,860 --> 00:25:10,840
hit me like a ton of bricks.

615
00:25:10,840 --> 00:25:12,670
That was so difficult for me.

616
00:25:12,670 --> 00:25:14,500
It was such a shock.

617
00:25:14,500 --> 00:25:16,960
I had never known
of this existence.

618
00:25:16,960 --> 00:25:20,740
I couldn't imagine
something like this.

619
00:25:20,740 --> 00:25:24,220
And that's when I
realized that there's

620
00:25:24,220 --> 00:25:27,430
this much more than meets
the eye going on there.

621

00:25:27,430 --> 00:25:33,515
And what was it that
wasn't meeting the eye?

622
00:25:33,515 --> 00:25:34,640
That you discovered later--

623
00:25:34,640 --> 00:25:38,270
That there are a lot of people
involved in the Holocaust

624
00:25:38,270 --> 00:25:42,800
industry, I would say,
that are running memorials,

625
00:25:42,800 --> 00:25:47,570
that are running Neuengamme,
which is a concentration

626
00:25:47,570 --> 00:25:49,100
camp out of Hamburg.

627
00:25:49,100 --> 00:25:53,840
And they invited this
Bernhard Nette to speak,

628
00:25:53,840 --> 00:25:57,530
knowing that what he was
writing was outrageous.

629
00:25:57,530 --> 00:26:00,560
And it's not only that I
would think it's outrageous,

630
00:26:00,560 --> 00:26:04,100
I ran it by Frank Mecklenburg
from the Leo Baeck Institute,

631
00:26:04,100 --> 00:26:07,400
who's the chief researcher
and chief archivist there,

632
00:26:07,400 --> 00:26:10,400

because to me it was outrageous,
and he said absolutely.

633
00:26:10,400 --> 00:26:12,800
He said this is anti-Semitic.

634
00:26:12,800 --> 00:26:14,930
This reminds him
of the literature

635
00:26:14,930 --> 00:26:17,480
that was printed
during the Nazi era.

636
00:26:17,480 --> 00:26:21,740
He said calling a Jew a
fanatical Jew this is directly

637
00:26:21,740 --> 00:26:24,540
from the Nazi literature.

638
00:26:24,540 --> 00:26:27,350
So this way I had
confirmation, not only my gut,

639
00:26:27,350 --> 00:26:29,870
which was hurting.

640
00:26:29,870 --> 00:26:33,290
I mean, physically-- it
took a physical toll on me.

641
00:26:33,290 --> 00:26:35,840
Did your mother know any
of this sort of stuff?

642
00:26:35,840 --> 00:26:36,830
Absolutely not.

643
00:26:36,830 --> 00:26:38,595
She was shocked.

644

00:26:38,595 --> 00:26:39,470
So you let her know--

645
00:26:39,470 --> 00:26:40,850
But it was also professors.

646
00:26:40,850 --> 00:26:46,610
Who were part of
this were professors

647
00:26:46,610 --> 00:26:50,120
that were historians
of the Holocaust.

648
00:26:50,120 --> 00:26:54,770
So I would assume that if you're
a historian of the Holocaust--

649
00:26:54,770 --> 00:26:56,340
I was naive--

650
00:26:56,340 --> 00:26:58,340
I thought you wouldn't
be anti-Semitic.

651
00:26:58,340 --> 00:26:59,750
I couldn't imagine
that you would

652
00:26:59,750 --> 00:27:03,210
be a historian of the
Holocaust and yet anti-Semitic.

653
00:27:03,210 --> 00:27:03,710
Well.

654
00:27:03,710 --> 00:27:07,190
But I have to play devil's
advocate a little bit here,

655
00:27:07,190 --> 00:27:11,070
and that is, if there
is information--

656
00:27:11,070 --> 00:27:14,410
the way you knew your
grandfather was in one way,

657
00:27:14,410 --> 00:27:17,700
but a lot of times
people have one face

658
00:27:17,700 --> 00:27:20,890
with their loved ones,
with their families,

659
00:27:20,890 --> 00:27:24,210
with their friends,
and another face that

660
00:27:24,210 --> 00:27:26,400
is totally different
with the public

661
00:27:26,400 --> 00:27:30,060
or with others who
are not close to them.

662
00:27:30,060 --> 00:27:33,120
And did it ever occur to you
that there could be truth

663
00:27:33,120 --> 00:27:34,860
to any of these accusations?

664
00:27:34,860 --> 00:27:38,310
Well, there were
such widespread,

665
00:27:38,310 --> 00:27:41,850
such in-depth and citing
pages in the archives,

666
00:27:41,850 --> 00:27:44,640
and citing all these
Jewish witnesses

667
00:27:44,640 --> 00:27:48,360
against my grandfather,
that I thought, oh my God,

668
00:27:48,360 --> 00:27:50,310
is there truth to this?

669
00:27:50,310 --> 00:27:54,060
I mean, is it possible
that this could all

670
00:27:54,060 --> 00:27:57,456
be lies and fabricated?

671
00:27:57,456 --> 00:28:03,630
And when I first got the
files from the archives,

672
00:28:03,630 --> 00:28:05,970
I spoke to my daughter
about it, and she said,

673
00:28:05,970 --> 00:28:10,090
we have to brace ourselves
if there's any truth to this.

674
00:28:10,090 --> 00:28:14,320
And I said, yeah, but
I love my grandfather.

675
00:28:14,320 --> 00:28:16,090
Could I have been this mistaken.

676
00:28:16,090 --> 00:28:18,640
And I lived with him you know.

677
00:28:18,640 --> 00:28:20,950
But yeah, I had to
prepare myself for just

678
00:28:20,950 --> 00:28:22,810

in case there was some truth.

679

00:28:22,810 --> 00:28:25,903

And I had to face this truth,
and it was very difficult.

680

00:28:25,903 --> 00:28:28,195

So what did you find when
you looked in those archives?

681

00:28:28,195 --> 00:28:33,120

682

00:28:33,120 --> 00:28:36,690

It was absolutely lunacy.

683

00:28:36,690 --> 00:28:40,680

I saw this that the
witnesses, basically,

684

00:28:40,680 --> 00:28:45,390

against my grandfather
were the Gestapo agent.

685

00:28:45,390 --> 00:28:46,860

And the main--

686

00:28:46,860 --> 00:28:49,370

I would think the
brightest, because I--

687

00:28:49,370 --> 00:28:51,840

So was your grandfather
brought to trial?

688

00:28:51,840 --> 00:28:52,710

He wasn't.

689

00:28:52,710 --> 00:28:54,450

They were preparing--

690

00:28:54,450 --> 00:29:00,970

Tell us about-- walk
us back a little bit.

691
00:29:00,970 --> 00:29:04,490

692
00:29:04,490 --> 00:29:09,220
What happened that
your grandfather got

693
00:29:09,220 --> 00:29:12,890
involved-- he comes back
to Bremen after the war.

694
00:29:12,890 --> 00:29:15,890
You you're born in 1951.

695
00:29:15,890 --> 00:29:19,490
And in between those
years of '46 and '51,

696
00:29:19,490 --> 00:29:22,640
a lot of people come by,
there are war crimes trials

697
00:29:22,640 --> 00:29:25,520
you mentioned earlier.

698
00:29:25,520 --> 00:29:31,660
And your mother, I remember
when we interviewed her,

699
00:29:31,660 --> 00:29:35,020
did not mention any
involvement of your grandfather

700
00:29:35,020 --> 00:29:38,590
in any of those
war crimes trials.

701
00:29:38,590 --> 00:29:41,890
And you right now just
talked about people

702
00:29:41,890 --> 00:29:46,273
who came perhaps to give
testimony coming to your home.

703
00:29:46,273 --> 00:29:47,440
No, that was something else.

704
00:29:47,440 --> 00:29:48,592
That was much later on.

705
00:29:48,592 --> 00:29:49,550
That was much later on.

706
00:29:49,550 --> 00:29:50,470
OK.

707
00:29:50,470 --> 00:29:51,360
So--

708
00:29:51,360 --> 00:29:53,270
My mother knew nothing of this.

709
00:29:53,270 --> 00:29:55,300
So what happened
in the late '40s?

710
00:29:55,300 --> 00:29:58,390
Well, what happened also--

711
00:29:58,390 --> 00:30:03,460
so he comes back in 1945, and
there are no Jews basically.

712
00:30:03,460 --> 00:30:05,380
Carl Katz is the only-- yeah.

713
00:30:05,380 --> 00:30:07,400
Carl Katz is basically
the only show in town.

714

00:30:07,400 --> 00:30:12,040
And so then they were trying
to find people that would

715
00:30:12,040 --> 00:30:15,550
help with the Wiedergutmachung.

716
00:30:15,550 --> 00:30:16,330
The--

717
00:30:16,330 --> 00:30:17,080
Restitution.

718
00:30:17,080 --> 00:30:18,770
--restitution.

719
00:30:18,770 --> 00:30:20,980
So who would they choose
but my grandfather?

720
00:30:20,980 --> 00:30:23,590
Because he knew what
happened during that time,

721
00:30:23,590 --> 00:30:25,030
who was who during that time.

722
00:30:25,030 --> 00:30:26,500
But nobody else did.

723
00:30:26,500 --> 00:30:27,850
During the Hitler time.

724
00:30:27,850 --> 00:30:32,860
During the Hitler time until
he was transported out in 1942.

725
00:30:32,860 --> 00:30:35,780
But he knew what was going
on there at that time.

726
00:30:35,780 --> 00:30:42,010

Also, he was bright, he was capable, he spoke German well.

727

00:30:42,010 --> 00:30:46,910

So they would put him on also another committee.

728

00:30:46,910 --> 00:30:49,730

Through the political party at that time there was

729

00:30:49,730 --> 00:30:54,410

a committee-- they tried to find six or seven righteous people

730

00:30:54,410 --> 00:30:58,520

of Bremen to decide who was commercially--

731

00:30:58,520 --> 00:31:00,980

he was in charge of commercially--

732

00:31:00,980 --> 00:31:01,830

clean or not.

733

00:31:01,830 --> 00:31:03,410

So he was put on that committee.

734

00:31:03,410 --> 00:31:06,050

He was put on a lot of committees of influence.

735

00:31:06,050 --> 00:31:10,700

Plus, through the Jewish community,

736

00:31:10,700 --> 00:31:13,460

different organizations such as the Joint

737

00:31:13,460 --> 00:31:16,030

would give extra rations,

and extra cheese.

738
00:31:16,030 --> 00:31:17,510
Or my mother always
says Velveeta--

739
00:31:17,510 --> 00:31:19,400
she never knew what
Velveeta was until then--

740
00:31:19,400 --> 00:31:21,770
but she was also helping
to give out to people.

741
00:31:21,770 --> 00:31:24,050
So the Jews had extra food.

742
00:31:24,050 --> 00:31:26,300
But my grandfather found
they didn't have enough food,

743
00:31:26,300 --> 00:31:28,790
so sometimes we'd go to
Bergen-Belsen to get more food.

744
00:31:28,790 --> 00:31:30,350
So he's very active
in all of that.

745
00:31:30,350 --> 00:31:32,150
And this is all post-war.

746
00:31:32,150 --> 00:31:35,540
This is all post-war,
but my grandfather--

747
00:31:35,540 --> 00:31:39,260
so some people also would
come to the Jewish community

748
00:31:39,260 --> 00:31:41,510
to ask for extra help
or extra support.

749
00:31:41,510 --> 00:31:45,890
But my grandfather knew what
they had done during this time,

750
00:31:45,890 --> 00:31:48,890
and he said to so-and-so, no,
I will not give you anything

751
00:31:48,890 --> 00:31:50,328
because of your behavior.

752
00:31:50,328 --> 00:31:52,745
No, I will not give you anything
because of your behavior.

753
00:31:52,745 --> 00:31:55,010
So these would
have been non-Jews.

754
00:31:55,010 --> 00:31:56,180
These would have been--

755
00:31:56,180 --> 00:31:58,520
Not only non-Jews.

756
00:31:58,520 --> 00:31:59,090
No.

757
00:31:59,090 --> 00:32:01,340
These were people
in mixed marriages.

758
00:32:01,340 --> 00:32:02,270
I see.

759
00:32:02,270 --> 00:32:02,870
OK.

760
00:32:02,870 --> 00:32:05,210
There were many
different categories.

761
00:32:05,210 --> 00:32:09,320
Or the product of a mixed
marriage that he knows--

762
00:32:09,320 --> 00:32:15,060
he said to this one person,
he didn't treat his father

763
00:32:15,060 --> 00:32:15,560
properly.

764
00:32:15,560 --> 00:32:18,457
And his father was the Jew,
his mother was the non-Jew,

765
00:32:18,457 --> 00:32:20,540
and it was a distant
relative as a matter of fact.

766
00:32:20,540 --> 00:32:23,720
And when he came, he wanted
help from the Jewish community,

767
00:32:23,720 --> 00:32:25,250
but my grandfather
said to him, I

768
00:32:25,250 --> 00:32:28,505
know you didn't want
anything to do with us--

769
00:32:28,505 --> 00:32:29,130
During the war.

770
00:32:29,130 --> 00:32:29,870
--during the war.

771
00:32:29,870 --> 00:32:31,550
Now we want nothing
to do with you now.

772

00:32:31,550 --> 00:32:32,730
You're not a member.

773
00:32:32,730 --> 00:32:34,310
So my grandfather knew these.

774
00:32:34,310 --> 00:32:37,160
And so there were people that
maybe said, well, if we get rid

775
00:32:37,160 --> 00:32:40,040
of Carl Katz, we have access--

776
00:32:40,040 --> 00:32:42,230
nobody else knows the
story, except for Carl Katz.

777
00:32:42,230 --> 00:32:45,050
And there were many that
did shady dealings that

778
00:32:45,050 --> 00:32:47,300
were in mixed marriages
that did these things.

779
00:32:47,300 --> 00:32:49,370
But my grandfather knew.

780
00:32:49,370 --> 00:32:50,890
Not many people knew about this.

781
00:32:50,890 --> 00:32:54,110
So in other words,
he made some enemies.

782
00:32:54,110 --> 00:32:55,220
Yes, he did.

783
00:32:55,220 --> 00:32:56,150
He made some enemies.

784
00:32:56,150 --> 00:32:56,930

OK.

785

00:32:56,930 --> 00:32:59,090

And this is stuff that
you're finding out

786

00:32:59,090 --> 00:33:01,490

for the first time when?

787

00:33:01,490 --> 00:33:03,800

Oh, just recently by
researching the archives

788

00:33:03,800 --> 00:33:05,060

and asking my mother.

789

00:33:05,060 --> 00:33:09,050

Certain things my mother knew
from before how people behaved.

790

00:33:09,050 --> 00:33:11,990

And then I'm piecing it
together by my mother's stories,

791

00:33:11,990 --> 00:33:15,470

and then I'm reading
what my grandfather said.

792

00:33:15,470 --> 00:33:16,970

And then I'm
saying, oh Mom, this

793

00:33:16,970 --> 00:33:18,690

is the connection to
your story, and I'm

794

00:33:18,690 --> 00:33:20,690

giving her the information
that she didn't have.

795

00:33:20,690 --> 00:33:22,100

I'm filling in the blanks.

796

00:33:22,100 --> 00:33:24,170

But because I knew
my mother's story,

797

00:33:24,170 --> 00:33:25,880

I had a full picture of it.

798

00:33:25,880 --> 00:33:28,730

799

00:33:28,730 --> 00:33:30,980

And I research the archives.

800

00:33:30,980 --> 00:33:32,040

I go line by line.

801

00:33:32,040 --> 00:33:33,080

I go so thoroughly.

802

00:33:33,080 --> 00:33:36,890

And I have books that I
look up what they said,

803

00:33:36,890 --> 00:33:40,910

and what the testimony-- who is
this person, I ask my mother.

804

00:33:40,910 --> 00:33:42,780

And then I check
who this person is.

805

00:33:42,780 --> 00:33:45,800

So I go over everything
with a fine-tooth comb.

806

00:33:45,800 --> 00:33:50,030

And so when you're doing this,
going through the archives,

807

00:33:50,030 --> 00:33:54,800

are these the archives that the
book you mentioned that Thomas

808
00:33:54,800 --> 00:33:58,310
Hesslow writes to you about--

809
00:33:58,310 --> 00:34:00,560
I take it you have
a copy of that book?

810
00:34:00,560 --> 00:34:01,190
Yes, I do.

811
00:34:01,190 --> 00:34:02,150
I have it with me.

812
00:34:02,150 --> 00:34:05,570
And so what sources
does that book use?

813
00:34:05,570 --> 00:34:08,449
Yeah, the book uses those same
sources that I'm looking at.

814
00:34:08,449 --> 00:34:11,210
But they're coming up with
very different quotes.

815
00:34:11,210 --> 00:34:13,565
So I'm looking, I'm seeing
what he writes about it,

816
00:34:13,565 --> 00:34:16,190
then I'm going to check, and I'm
getting the full picture of it

817
00:34:16,190 --> 00:34:18,409
And I'm saying, whoa,
this doesn't jive.

818
00:34:18,409 --> 00:34:21,350
He's pulling out
like false testimony.

819

00:34:21,350 --> 00:34:25,010
And it's obvious to anyone, if
you're 12 years old or older,

820
00:34:25,010 --> 00:34:26,510
that this is false testimony.

821
00:34:26,510 --> 00:34:28,199
It just doesn't make sense.

822
00:34:28,199 --> 00:34:32,480
But they said-- so what
happened in I think 1947,

823
00:34:32,480 --> 00:34:35,659
Nette went, they
called it spruckhammer,

824
00:34:35,659 --> 00:34:39,650
which is a certain kind of
trial that they gave to those

825
00:34:39,650 --> 00:34:41,780
suspected of Nazi crimes.

826
00:34:41,780 --> 00:34:45,889
So there was a special
kind of a system.

827
00:34:45,889 --> 00:34:51,139
And my grandfather was a
witness against Nette--

828
00:34:51,139 --> 00:34:51,860
Bruno Nette.

829
00:34:51,860 --> 00:34:54,050
Bruno Nette, the Gestapo agent.

830
00:34:54,050 --> 00:34:58,280
And Nette at one point
says he's so surprised

831

00:34:58,280 --> 00:35:03,110

that my grandfather Carl
Katz would speak against him.

832

00:35:03,110 --> 00:35:04,400

He was shocked.

833

00:35:04,400 --> 00:35:09,650

And he said, because he
spoke like this against me--

834

00:35:09,650 --> 00:35:11,870

these are Bruno Nette's words--

835

00:35:11,870 --> 00:35:13,640

I will give witness against him.

836

00:35:13,640 --> 00:35:16,520

I wouldn't have otherwise,
but I will because of the way

837

00:35:16,520 --> 00:35:18,740

he gave witness against me.

838

00:35:18,740 --> 00:35:21,380

And he said, but I'm not
doing this out of revenge.

839

00:35:21,380 --> 00:35:24,560

I'm doing this out of justice.

840

00:35:24,560 --> 00:35:25,702

That's in the archives?

841

00:35:25,702 --> 00:35:26,660

That's in the archives.

842

00:35:26,660 --> 00:35:28,550

All this is in the archives.

843

00:35:28,550 --> 00:35:34,040

I did 1,000 pages of testimony
I looked at from Bruno Nette.

844
00:35:34,040 --> 00:35:35,943
I didn't go over that
with a fine-tooth comb,

845
00:35:35,943 --> 00:35:37,610
I just looked at where
it pertained more

846
00:35:37,610 --> 00:35:38,750
to my grandfather.

847
00:35:38,750 --> 00:35:41,030
But my grandfather was
300 pages in there.

848
00:35:41,030 --> 00:35:43,040
They were putting
a case together.

849
00:35:43,040 --> 00:35:44,930
They were trying to
put a case together.

850
00:35:44,930 --> 00:35:48,830
And they were basically putting
it together because of what

851
00:35:48,830 --> 00:35:51,410
Bruno Nette was saying.

852
00:35:51,410 --> 00:35:54,680
So I did a chart of
where this is all coming

853
00:35:54,680 --> 00:35:56,480
from, where it's leading, and--

854
00:35:56,480 --> 00:35:57,860
So they were trying--

855

00:35:57,860 --> 00:36:02,060

"they," being who, building
a case together against whom.

856

00:36:02,060 --> 00:36:07,100

So basically, it was
some police there.

857

00:36:07,100 --> 00:36:09,410

[INAUDIBLE] who
was the policeman.

858

00:36:09,410 --> 00:36:12,110

There was the district attorney.

859

00:36:12,110 --> 00:36:16,550

Bohlinger was interested.

860

00:36:16,550 --> 00:36:20,750

And so there was the police
of Bremen that was interested,

861

00:36:20,750 --> 00:36:22,970

the district attorney
was interested,

862

00:36:22,970 --> 00:36:28,310

and they pulled in a prosecutor
named Siegfried Häffler.

863

00:36:28,310 --> 00:36:33,110

And Siegfried Häffler had been
a member of the Nazi party since

864

00:36:33,110 --> 00:36:41,000

1933, and he was part of these
special court cases that were

865

00:36:41,000 --> 00:36:41,720

in Berlin.

866

00:36:41,720 --> 00:36:45,140

They were like-- terror tribunals that were called.

867
00:36:45,140 --> 00:36:48,650
So it was just prosecution, basically no defense.

868
00:36:48,650 --> 00:36:53,780
And he was later sent to Poland, to the occupied area of Poland,

869
00:36:53,780 --> 00:36:58,160
and his death rate in what he was involved with in the court

870
00:36:58,160 --> 00:37:03,140
cases was second only to Warsaw in the amount of death--

871
00:37:03,140 --> 00:37:03,900
Sentences.

872
00:37:03,900 --> 00:37:05,790
--sentence that that occurred.

873
00:37:05,790 --> 00:37:09,650
So they decided they needed HÃ¶ffler to be in charge

874
00:37:09,650 --> 00:37:11,780
of my grandfather's case.

875
00:37:11,780 --> 00:37:12,810
So this--

876
00:37:12,810 --> 00:37:14,870
This is in 1949.

877
00:37:14,870 --> 00:37:15,410
All right.

878
00:37:15,410 --> 00:37:21,060

So there is information being gathered by certain individuals

879
00:37:21,060 --> 00:37:21,560
then.

880
00:37:21,560 --> 00:37:25,160
Because you're mentioning Nette,
you're mentioning HÃ¶ffler,

881
00:37:25,160 --> 00:37:27,350
you're mentioning [INAUDIBLE].

882
00:37:27,350 --> 00:37:28,850
Well, no.

883
00:37:28,850 --> 00:37:32,040
Nette at that time
was in the prison.

884
00:37:32,040 --> 00:37:33,680
He was in prison,
and my grandfather

885
00:37:33,680 --> 00:37:36,140
had given testimony against him.

886
00:37:36,140 --> 00:37:37,970
That was in 1947.

887
00:37:37,970 --> 00:37:44,000
And because of the
testimony, then Nette

888
00:37:44,000 --> 00:37:46,040
gave against my grandfather.

889
00:37:46,040 --> 00:37:47,752
And then they said,
OK, let's open a case

890
00:37:47,752 --> 00:37:48,710

against my grandfather.

891
00:37:48,710 --> 00:37:49,610
An investigation.

892
00:37:49,610 --> 00:37:50,870
An investigation, yes.

893
00:37:50,870 --> 00:37:52,070
Investigating.

894
00:37:52,070 --> 00:37:56,900
So the investigation, I
guess started before 1949,

895
00:37:56,900 --> 00:37:59,330
but approximately 1949.

896
00:37:59,330 --> 00:38:01,460
And the witnesses
they had giving

897
00:38:01,460 --> 00:38:04,550
the depositions or the
testimonials at that time

898
00:38:04,550 --> 00:38:10,220
were mainly Nette and
other Gestapo agents.

899
00:38:10,220 --> 00:38:14,900
And then they're realizing,
well, that's not really--

900
00:38:14,900 --> 00:38:16,140
they're Gestapo agents.

901
00:38:16,140 --> 00:38:17,210
Former Gestapo agents.

902
00:38:17,210 --> 00:38:19,380
So how much weight

can they carry?

903

00:38:19,380 --> 00:38:21,800

So they were looking
for Jews also,

904

00:38:21,800 --> 00:38:23,060

like that would carry weight.

905

00:38:23,060 --> 00:38:26,270

And when I read it also, I
said, OK, Gestapo agents.

906

00:38:26,270 --> 00:38:28,640

What else are they going to say?

907

00:38:28,640 --> 00:38:30,390

This is what they've
done all their lives,

908

00:38:30,390 --> 00:38:31,765

and this is what
they love to do.

909

00:38:31,765 --> 00:38:33,770

And Gestapo agents--
why would they even

910

00:38:33,770 --> 00:38:36,020

be witnesses, Gestapo agents?

911

00:38:36,020 --> 00:38:37,080

I don't even get that.

912

00:38:37,080 --> 00:38:37,580

Yeah.

913

00:38:37,580 --> 00:38:40,300

914

00:38:40,300 --> 00:38:42,040

Anyway.

915
00:38:42,040 --> 00:38:45,580
And their mentality, when
you read these archives,

916
00:38:45,580 --> 00:38:47,760
the mentality of the
Gestapo is so interesting.

917
00:38:47,760 --> 00:38:48,670
It's fascinating.

918
00:38:48,670 --> 00:38:51,550
It makes for great reading.

919
00:38:51,550 --> 00:38:54,280
So they said, well, we
need some Jews also.

920
00:38:54,280 --> 00:38:56,800
Because that'll give it
some meat, some gravitas.

921
00:38:56,800 --> 00:38:57,970
Let's get some Jews.

922
00:38:57,970 --> 00:39:00,520
How do we get Jews?

923
00:39:00,520 --> 00:39:04,600
I think Nette-- everything
comes back to Nette.

924
00:39:04,600 --> 00:39:06,820
All the connections
come back to Nette.

925
00:39:06,820 --> 00:39:07,780
Bruno Nette.

926
00:39:07,780 --> 00:39:08,410
Bruno Nette.

927
00:39:08,410 --> 00:39:13,180
Because before 1949, my
grandfather was in good terms

928
00:39:13,180 --> 00:39:17,020
with a lot of these later became
hostile witnesses let's say.

929
00:39:17,020 --> 00:39:19,450
He was on very good
terms with them.

930
00:39:19,450 --> 00:39:20,530
One of them being--

931
00:39:20,530 --> 00:39:23,380
I'll just mention them briefly--

932
00:39:23,380 --> 00:39:24,130
Carl Bruch.

933
00:39:24,130 --> 00:39:27,730
And Carl Bruch opened his
house, when they first

934
00:39:27,730 --> 00:39:32,170
came back from the concentration
camps in 1945, to them.

935
00:39:32,170 --> 00:39:35,860
And they were on very
good terms in 1947.

936
00:39:35,860 --> 00:39:36,610
We have pictures.

937
00:39:36,610 --> 00:39:37,930
I have photographs of this.

938
00:39:37,930 --> 00:39:40,960
He was at my parent's

wedding in 1947,

939

00:39:40,960 --> 00:39:42,370
and he was happy, and enjoying.

940

00:39:42,370 --> 00:39:46,370
And all of a sudden, in 1949, he
turned against my grandfather.

941

00:39:46,370 --> 00:39:49,270
So he becomes part of an
investigation witness--

942

00:39:49,270 --> 00:39:51,040
hostile witness against
your grandfather.

943

00:39:51,040 --> 00:39:52,240
Yes.

944

00:39:52,240 --> 00:39:55,420
And what does he say about your
grandfather in those archives?

945

00:39:55,420 --> 00:39:57,952
I don't think that's
as important as--

946

00:39:57,952 --> 00:39:58,660
I'm just going to

947

00:39:58,660 --> 00:39:58,870
OK.

948

00:39:58,870 --> 00:39:59,370
Sure, sure.

949

00:39:59,370 --> 00:40:04,090
So everything-- my point
is that he changed,

950

00:40:04,090 --> 00:40:07,990

and other people changed.

951

00:40:07,990 --> 00:40:10,300

So there was another
one, which is I think

952

00:40:10,300 --> 00:40:11,890

what are the major witnesses.

953

00:40:11,890 --> 00:40:14,830

This was a group
called Shusterman.

954

00:40:14,830 --> 00:40:16,750

And it's even quoted--

955

00:40:16,750 --> 00:40:18,280

why is this so important?

956

00:40:18,280 --> 00:40:21,040

It's because this
is being used today,

957

00:40:21,040 --> 00:40:25,330

not only in the grandson's book,
but in another historian named

958

00:40:25,330 --> 00:40:28,540

Rodenberg, who is an
expert on this period,

959

00:40:28,540 --> 00:40:29,590

and knows everything.

960

00:40:29,590 --> 00:40:34,060

He keeps on mentioning the
Shusterman, the Jew Shusterman.

961

00:40:34,060 --> 00:40:39,280

So also Shusterman, we don't
hear anything from them

962

00:40:39,280 --> 00:40:40,990
also until 1949.

963
00:40:40,990 --> 00:40:44,740
But what happened
between 1945 and 1949?

964
00:40:44,740 --> 00:40:50,050
So this was a case with
almost everyone that got--

965
00:40:50,050 --> 00:40:52,420
even my grandfather
mentions at what time.

966
00:40:52,420 --> 00:40:54,160
He said, we were
on such good terms.

967
00:40:54,160 --> 00:40:55,930
What happened all of a sudden?

968
00:40:55,930 --> 00:40:57,610
That you see in the archives?

969
00:40:57,610 --> 00:40:59,110
I see that in the archives.

970
00:40:59,110 --> 00:41:01,900
And everything changed.

971
00:41:01,900 --> 00:41:04,990
And it's all-- if I
boil down to all this,

972
00:41:04,990 --> 00:41:07,660
it's basically from Nette.

973
00:41:07,660 --> 00:41:11,860
So Nette sent his son
to different people.

974

00:41:11,860 --> 00:41:16,270
He also sent his son to
my grandfather to plead--

975
00:41:16,270 --> 00:41:19,930
he said, please,
help my father, so

976
00:41:19,930 --> 00:41:21,640
that they reduce his
sentence, or speak

977
00:41:21,640 --> 00:41:23,410
some good words for my father.

978
00:41:23,410 --> 00:41:28,480
So he was actively
going around doing this.

979
00:41:28,480 --> 00:41:32,200
I think Nette was the brightest
out of all the Gestapo agents.

980
00:41:32,200 --> 00:41:34,930

981
00:41:34,930 --> 00:41:39,800
And then there was
the Shusterman.

982
00:41:39,800 --> 00:41:42,020
So they brought in
the Jews Shusterman.

983
00:41:42,020 --> 00:41:45,680
And the one they always
mention is Arnold Shusterman.

984
00:41:45,680 --> 00:41:50,200
Arnold Shusterman was a
journalist from London,

985
00:41:50,200 --> 00:41:53,050

and I guess that gave
him more credentials.

986
00:41:53,050 --> 00:41:57,340
His brother was in
Bremen, Benno Shusterman,

987
00:41:57,340 --> 00:41:59,500
and he went to Theresienstadt,
and later on he

988
00:41:59,500 --> 00:42:01,840
perished in Auschwitz.

989
00:42:01,840 --> 00:42:05,850
He had never met my grandfather.

990
00:42:05,850 --> 00:42:07,980
He had never been in Bremen.

991
00:42:07,980 --> 00:42:12,390
And I'm reading his letters,
and reading his testimony,

992
00:42:12,390 --> 00:42:17,340
and he gets all his information
from his sister-in-law, Johana

993
00:42:17,340 --> 00:42:18,540
Shusterman.

994
00:42:18,540 --> 00:42:19,740
Benno's widow?

995
00:42:19,740 --> 00:42:22,270
Yes.

996
00:42:22,270 --> 00:42:24,020
Kind of widow, because
they were divorced,

997
00:42:24,020 --> 00:42:25,640

which we find out later.

998

00:42:25,640 --> 00:42:29,570

Which is very, very
important-- which is vital.

999

00:42:29,570 --> 00:42:35,070

So this Johana Shusterman blames
my grandfather for everything.

1000

00:42:35,070 --> 00:42:38,760

She gets her information
from Getrude Hendel.

1001

00:42:38,760 --> 00:42:42,525

Now, Gertrude Hendler
was at this spruckhammer,

1002

00:42:42,525 --> 00:42:46,320

and she was a witness to Nette,
and she heard Nette speak.

1003

00:42:46,320 --> 00:42:48,540

So all this chain--

1004

00:42:48,540 --> 00:42:52,110

everybody's chain--
leads back to Nette,

1005

00:42:52,110 --> 00:42:54,690

to the point where
a lot of witnesses

1006

00:42:54,690 --> 00:42:57,870

said, please, consult
the testimony of Nette

1007

00:42:57,870 --> 00:42:59,820

for more information.

1008

00:42:59,820 --> 00:43:03,720

So all these big shot
witnesses are all

1009
00:43:03,720 --> 00:43:07,500
getting their information
back from Nette.

1010
00:43:07,500 --> 00:43:10,930
They had no money at
that time in Germany.

1011
00:43:10,930 --> 00:43:13,890
Of course this was 1949--
they didn't have much money.

1012
00:43:13,890 --> 00:43:16,230
But they spared
no amount of money

1013
00:43:16,230 --> 00:43:20,490
to get this Arnold Shusterman
from London to Bremen.

1014
00:43:20,490 --> 00:43:25,170
So not having ever
met my grandfather,

1015
00:43:25,170 --> 00:43:28,070
not having been in Bremen,
not having any connection,

1016
00:43:28,070 --> 00:43:30,210
the major witness to this day--

1017
00:43:30,210 --> 00:43:31,700
The major Jewish witness.

1018
00:43:31,700 --> 00:43:35,790
The major Jewish
witness to what?

1019
00:43:35,790 --> 00:43:39,630
So he comes to Bremen,
and he writes this letter.

1020
00:43:39,630 --> 00:43:40,950
He comes to Bremen.

1021
00:43:40,950 --> 00:43:43,170
And he says, well,
while I'm in Bremen,

1022
00:43:43,170 --> 00:43:46,230
he's going to do some
investigative journalism.

1023
00:43:46,230 --> 00:43:50,190
So he goes to see
this Gestapo agent,

1024
00:43:50,190 --> 00:43:54,450
interrogates this Gestapo
agent, Heinrich [? Hammes. ?]

1025
00:43:54,450 --> 00:43:57,930
And he asks him questions,
and he asks him questions.

1026
00:43:57,930 --> 00:44:01,950
Well, did you know
the relationship

1027
00:44:01,950 --> 00:44:04,980
of Nette and Carl Katz?

1028
00:44:04,980 --> 00:44:06,790
How was the relationship?

1029
00:44:06,790 --> 00:44:10,770
So this [? Hammes, ?] I would
think, is maybe not the--

1030
00:44:10,770 --> 00:44:13,590
he should probably stay to
the script of Nette's script,

1031
00:44:13,590 --> 00:44:14,850

which he kind of doesn't.

1032
00:44:14,850 --> 00:44:18,150
And he said, oh yes, they
were on very good terms.

1033
00:44:18,150 --> 00:44:23,070
And from 1939 to 1945,
he was in and out

1034
00:44:23,070 --> 00:44:25,320
of the office with Katz
and Nette all the time.

1035
00:44:25,320 --> 00:44:27,870

1036
00:44:27,870 --> 00:44:31,890
Nette only came to Bremen
in this position in 1941,

1037
00:44:31,890 --> 00:44:33,840
not 1939.

1038
00:44:33,840 --> 00:44:36,510
And my grandfather was
already in Theresienstadt

1039
00:44:36,510 --> 00:44:38,490
in July of 1942.

1040
00:44:38,490 --> 00:44:42,390
So already, once they go
off script, it's already--

1041
00:44:42,390 --> 00:44:43,390
There's a discrepancy.

1042
00:44:43,390 --> 00:44:44,640
There's a discrepancy.

1043
00:44:44,640 --> 00:44:46,953

But Arnold Shusterman
wouldn't know the difference,

1044
00:44:46,953 --> 00:44:48,870
because he didn't know
anything that happened.

1045
00:44:48,870 --> 00:44:51,000
He didn't know when
the transports were.

1046
00:44:51,000 --> 00:44:53,820
This is their star
witness, Arnold Shusterman.

1047
00:44:53,820 --> 00:44:55,827
He didn't know anything.

1048
00:44:55,827 --> 00:44:56,660
So he wrote it down.

1049
00:44:56,660 --> 00:44:57,450
And he said yeah.

1050
00:44:57,450 --> 00:44:59,460
He's working against
Carl Katz the Jew,

1051
00:44:59,460 --> 00:45:03,840
and he's helping
the prosecution.

1052
00:45:03,840 --> 00:45:05,110
And why?

1053
00:45:05,110 --> 00:45:06,180
Why?

1054
00:45:06,180 --> 00:45:07,470
Maybe to be a big shot?

1055
00:45:07,470 --> 00:45:10,230

Maybe he felt guilty he
didn't help his brother,

1056
00:45:10,230 --> 00:45:11,190
and his brother per--

1057
00:45:11,190 --> 00:45:13,050
I don't know why.

1058
00:45:13,050 --> 00:45:15,840
But he didn't even know
what he was talking about.

1059
00:45:15,840 --> 00:45:18,600
So he keeps on
interrogating, because this

1060
00:45:18,600 --> 00:45:22,380
is what he heard
from the testimony

1061
00:45:22,380 --> 00:45:23,730
against my grandfather.

1062
00:45:23,730 --> 00:45:25,170
So he would ask
another question.

1063
00:45:25,170 --> 00:45:27,750
And another one
of the accusations

1064
00:45:27,750 --> 00:45:32,450
were, oh, before he
was transported out

1065
00:45:32,450 --> 00:45:37,290
to Theresienstadt, that
night, to celebrate--

1066
00:45:37,290 --> 00:45:40,020
this is the word, to celebrate--
his leaving of Bremen,

1067
00:45:40,020 --> 00:45:45,090
he had cognac and
beer with Nette.

1068
00:45:45,090 --> 00:45:48,000
Cark Katz had cognac and
beer with Nette to celebrate.

1069
00:45:48,000 --> 00:45:48,930
So the head of the--

1070
00:45:48,930 --> 00:45:50,760
To show that they were
in such good terms

1071
00:45:50,760 --> 00:45:52,140
and such good friends.

1072
00:45:52,140 --> 00:45:53,880
My grandfather's
version of this,

1073
00:45:53,880 --> 00:45:57,390
yes, I had beer with him
so that it would be smooth

1074
00:45:57,390 --> 00:45:58,950
the next day when we left.

1075
00:45:58,950 --> 00:46:01,597
Because for the Minsk
transport, it wasn't smooth,

1076
00:46:01,597 --> 00:46:03,180
and they went through
all the luggage.

1077
00:46:03,180 --> 00:46:05,610
He wanted him to
be on good terms.

1078

00:46:05,610 --> 00:46:10,170
Do you honestly think he would
celebrate by having cognac?

1079
00:46:10,170 --> 00:46:15,260
Leaving Bremen to go out
East to the settlements

1080
00:46:15,260 --> 00:46:17,960
and to leave his home--
he would be celebrating?

1081
00:46:17,960 --> 00:46:19,790
And the last night,
he would want

1082
00:46:19,790 --> 00:46:23,480
to spend this with a
Gestapo agent instead

1083
00:46:23,480 --> 00:46:26,450
of his close friends that
he had or his family that

1084
00:46:26,450 --> 00:46:28,730
were packing and going?

1085
00:46:28,730 --> 00:46:33,020
So Heinrich Hammes, the
Gestapo agent, said yes.

1086
00:46:33,020 --> 00:46:34,850
And he had cognac with them.

1087
00:46:34,850 --> 00:46:38,960
While everyone else was in
the cattle cars suffering,

1088
00:46:38,960 --> 00:46:45,350
all night He Was out
drinking with Nette.

1089
00:46:45,350 --> 00:46:46,920

And this is what
Arnold Shusterman--

1090
00:46:46,920 --> 00:46:47,550
OK.

1091
00:46:47,550 --> 00:46:51,000
Now, Theresienstadt was
not in the cattle cars.

1092
00:46:51,000 --> 00:46:55,500
It was on regular passenger
train, and it was that morning.

1093
00:46:55,500 --> 00:46:56,550
It was not that night.

1094
00:46:56,550 --> 00:47:01,110
Whenever he goes off
script, he gets confused.

1095
00:47:01,110 --> 00:47:02,670
Because the story was--

1096
00:47:02,670 --> 00:47:06,000
So they left 5 o'clock
in the morning,

1097
00:47:06,000 --> 00:47:08,580
and there was no all
night in the cattle car.

1098
00:47:08,580 --> 00:47:11,160
Ruth, as we're
talking now, or as I'm

1099
00:47:11,160 --> 00:47:13,800
listening to what
you're explaining,

1100
00:47:13,800 --> 00:47:19,050
is that there's a lot of going
into the weeds in the archives.

1101
00:47:19,050 --> 00:47:25,830
And voices from the past,
from this investigation that

1102
00:47:25,830 --> 00:47:29,550
is opened up against your
grandfather, and one person

1103
00:47:29,550 --> 00:47:34,260
says something, and another
person says something.

1104
00:47:34,260 --> 00:47:36,550
I have a couple of questions.

1105
00:47:36,550 --> 00:47:40,260
Number one, does anybody
say anything that in any way

1106
00:47:40,260 --> 00:47:45,150
sounds convincing, sounds
like it could have been?

1107
00:47:45,150 --> 00:47:46,080
Not one of them.

1108
00:47:46,080 --> 00:47:52,150
Every witness that I've read has
gaping holes in their stories.

1109
00:47:52,150 --> 00:47:55,080
Whether it's the
dates not being right,

1110
00:47:55,080 --> 00:47:57,630
the events not being proper.

1111
00:47:57,630 --> 00:47:59,820
Because there were these rules--

1112
00:47:59,820 --> 00:48:02,550

like I told you last time--
with a married couple.

1113
00:48:02,550 --> 00:48:04,830
And if one dies--

1114
00:48:04,830 --> 00:48:06,190
there's all these intricacies.

1115
00:48:06,190 --> 00:48:07,890
So none of the rules apply.

1116
00:48:07,890 --> 00:48:10,260
There was a hole in
every single story,

1117
00:48:10,260 --> 00:48:12,780
along with one woman
divorcing the one that

1118
00:48:12,780 --> 00:48:18,420
blamed my grandfather for
transporting her husband out,

1119
00:48:18,420 --> 00:48:19,560
but she divorced him.

1120
00:48:19,560 --> 00:48:22,600
You divorce him, he loses
the protection, he goes out.

1121
00:48:22,600 --> 00:48:24,700
So every single--

1122
00:48:24,700 --> 00:48:26,010
So she was a Gentile.

1123
00:48:26,010 --> 00:48:27,090
She was a Gentle.

1124
00:48:27,090 --> 00:48:29,280
And that was the

Johana Shusterman.

1125

00:48:29,280 --> 00:48:31,550

That was the whole Shusterman--

1126

00:48:31,550 --> 00:48:33,570

the strongest witnesses.

1127

00:48:33,570 --> 00:48:35,190

I don't know if

Arnold Shusterman

1128

00:48:35,190 --> 00:48:36,120

didn't know the rules.

1129

00:48:36,120 --> 00:48:38,550

I don't know if you even

knew that she divorced him.

1130

00:48:38,550 --> 00:48:41,580

He might not even know that's
why he was sent out, because--

1131

00:48:41,580 --> 00:48:42,660

He lost his protection.

1132

00:48:42,660 --> 00:48:43,920

He lost his protection.

1133

00:48:43,920 --> 00:48:45,900

It has nothing to do

with my grandfather.

1134

00:48:45,900 --> 00:48:48,460

But if you don't know that

and you don't research it,

1135

00:48:48,460 --> 00:48:51,510

she just said it was

because of Carl Katz.

1136

00:48:51,510 --> 00:48:55,020

But these historians
that are reading this

1137
00:48:55,020 --> 00:48:58,950
are much more
involved in all this

1138
00:48:58,950 --> 00:49:01,890
than I am, no much
more than I do--

1139
00:49:01,890 --> 00:49:03,210
much, much more.

1140
00:49:03,210 --> 00:49:05,790
And if I could spot it
with my horrible German

1141
00:49:05,790 --> 00:49:09,300
and my belabored work,
they could definitely

1142
00:49:09,300 --> 00:49:10,690
have spotted it very easily.

1143
00:49:10,690 --> 00:49:12,180
But they didn't want to.

1144
00:49:12,180 --> 00:49:16,560
They wanted to take
out these lies--

1145
00:49:16,560 --> 00:49:17,770
absolutely lies.

1146
00:49:17,770 --> 00:49:20,490
I mean, I have
proof of everything.

1147
00:49:20,490 --> 00:49:22,050
OK.

1148

00:49:22,050 --> 00:49:26,610
So after you do go
into the archives then,

1149
00:49:26,610 --> 00:49:30,480
and you look at it, and
you research what you do,

1150
00:49:30,480 --> 00:49:35,410
your conclusion is what?

1151
00:49:35,410 --> 00:49:36,820
Well, they dropped the case.

1152
00:49:36,820 --> 00:49:39,370
And I also read why
they dropped the case.

1153
00:49:39,370 --> 00:49:40,870
Why did they drop the case?

1154
00:49:40,870 --> 00:49:44,110
Because a lot of it
just didn't hold water.

1155
00:49:44,110 --> 00:49:47,950
It wouldn't-- they were trying
to make certain cases against

1156
00:49:47,950 --> 00:49:49,630
my grandfather.

1157
00:49:49,630 --> 00:49:52,962
They were trying to do that
he knew that they were--

1158
00:49:52,962 --> 00:49:54,670
they were trying to
prove certain points.

1159
00:49:54,670 --> 00:49:57,910
One of the points was that he
was the one that put the names

1160
00:49:57,910 --> 00:50:00,310
on the list-- that he collected
the names and put it on--

1161
00:50:00,310 --> 00:50:01,510
Of other Jews?

1162
00:50:01,510 --> 00:50:02,230
Of other Jews.

1163
00:50:02,230 --> 00:50:04,180
That they wouldn't
have been on the list

1164
00:50:04,180 --> 00:50:06,400
if it hadn't been for Carl Katz.

1165
00:50:06,400 --> 00:50:09,580
Which is absolutely ridiculous,
and it could never be proven.

1166
00:50:09,580 --> 00:50:12,470
Because it just
didn't make sense.

1167
00:50:12,470 --> 00:50:17,200
And none of the testimony that
they gave was accurate to that.

1168
00:50:17,200 --> 00:50:17,948
But they tried.

1169
00:50:17,948 --> 00:50:19,240
They tried really, really hard.

1170
00:50:19,240 --> 00:50:21,400
Then they tried so hard--

1171
00:50:21,400 --> 00:50:23,313
if he had just put
them on the list

1172
00:50:23,313 --> 00:50:25,480
but he thought they were
going to a work settlement,

1173
00:50:25,480 --> 00:50:26,920
that wouldn't be effective.

1174
00:50:26,920 --> 00:50:31,120
He had to know in
1941 or 1942 that they

1175
00:50:31,120 --> 00:50:33,970
were going to their death,
to a concentration camp.

1176
00:50:33,970 --> 00:50:35,470
So then they were
trying desperately

1177
00:50:35,470 --> 00:50:37,660
to find some proof
that he knew this.

1178
00:50:37,660 --> 00:50:39,280
But he didn't know this.

1179
00:50:39,280 --> 00:50:41,110
There was no proof of this.

1180
00:50:41,110 --> 00:50:42,790
Then they had to find a motive.

1181
00:50:42,790 --> 00:50:44,380
Well, what would be
the motive for him

1182
00:50:44,380 --> 00:50:45,820
to give up these people?

1183
00:50:45,820 --> 00:50:49,510
So they were thinking, well,

he only liked full-blood Jews.

1184

00:50:49,510 --> 00:50:54,490

And he was a fanatical Jew, and
he didn't like mixed marriages.

1185

00:50:54,490 --> 00:50:56,980

But his partner in 1938
that he had to give up

1186

00:50:56,980 --> 00:50:59,200

was a Jew of mixed marriage.

1187

00:50:59,200 --> 00:51:01,790

His best friends
were mixed marriages.

1188

00:51:01,790 --> 00:51:04,090

So nothing would hold water.

1189

00:51:04,090 --> 00:51:06,100

And a lot of the
witnesses, they saw

1190

00:51:06,100 --> 00:51:09,880

that they were witnesses
that were not reliable.

1191

00:51:09,880 --> 00:51:10,960

They hadn't been--

1192

00:51:10,960 --> 00:51:14,050

I saw they weren't
reliable in Nette's case,

1193

00:51:14,050 --> 00:51:16,495

and they weren't
reliable sources.

1194

00:51:16,495 --> 00:51:18,370

So they were just filled
with contradictions.

1195

00:51:18,370 --> 00:51:19,370

There was nothing to go.

1196

00:51:19,370 --> 00:51:22,630

But unfortunately, it
never went to trial.

1197

00:51:22,630 --> 00:51:24,490

If it would have
gone to trial, it

1198

00:51:24,490 --> 00:51:26,740

would have been blasted
out of the water.

1199

00:51:26,740 --> 00:51:29,260

So you have all
these accusations,

1200

00:51:29,260 --> 00:51:33,200

but you never have a defense,
because it never went to trial.

1201

00:51:33,200 --> 00:51:35,440

So you had just the
accusations in the archives.

1202

00:51:35,440 --> 00:51:38,710

But when you say
it was suspended--

1203

00:51:38,710 --> 00:51:40,120

that is, it never--

1204

00:51:40,120 --> 00:51:41,330

In 1950.

1205

00:51:41,330 --> 00:51:42,460

It was suspended.

1206

00:51:42,460 --> 00:51:45,460

There must have been a

reason why it was suspended.

1207

00:51:45,460 --> 00:51:47,260

Was a reason given?

1208

00:51:47,260 --> 00:51:50,800

Well, there were several reasons given as what I told you.

1209

00:51:50,800 --> 00:51:55,450

Because they couldn't-- nothing would work.

1210

00:51:55,450 --> 00:51:59,800

Nothing would be provable.

1211

00:51:59,800 --> 00:52:03,070

And there was a Johnson--

1212

00:52:03,070 --> 00:52:04,720

I guess he spoke German at the time,

1213

00:52:04,720 --> 00:52:11,770

and he was an American Sergeant, some military person,

1214

00:52:11,770 --> 00:52:14,680

and he said, this has to be disbanded.

1215

00:52:14,680 --> 00:52:16,210

He was reading all of this.

1216

00:52:16,210 --> 00:52:19,210

And with that, they also--

1217

00:52:19,210 --> 00:52:22,690

I was reading-- said they just don't have anything

1218

00:52:22,690 --> 00:52:24,130

conclusive to throw at him.

1219
00:52:24,130 --> 00:52:26,945
Because the motive didn't
work, and this didn't work,

1220
00:52:26,945 --> 00:52:27,820
and that didn't work.

1221
00:52:27,820 --> 00:52:28,420
But they tried.

1222
00:52:28,420 --> 00:52:29,170
They were digging.

1223
00:52:29,170 --> 00:52:30,340
They tried everything.

1224
00:52:30,340 --> 00:52:33,430
They even tried to say that
he took things of value

1225
00:52:33,430 --> 00:52:36,070
from Theresienstadt with him--
that's how he made money,

1226
00:52:36,070 --> 00:52:37,780
and that's how he got
into his business.

1227
00:52:37,780 --> 00:52:41,680
So they were trying things like,
he was associated with somebody

1228
00:52:41,680 --> 00:52:44,350
called Rosensaft who was
accused of gunrunning

1229
00:52:44,350 --> 00:52:47,055
to Israel at the time before
the War of Independence.

1230

00:52:47,055 --> 00:52:48,430
And he was good
friends with him,

1231
00:52:48,430 --> 00:52:50,305
and they were trying to
find some connection.

1232
00:52:50,305 --> 00:52:53,860
So they were trying
desperately to find something,

1233
00:52:53,860 --> 00:52:57,060
anything on my grandfather.

1234
00:52:57,060 --> 00:52:57,810
But they didn't.

1235
00:52:57,810 --> 00:52:59,370
They didn't find
anything conclusive.

1236
00:52:59,370 --> 00:53:03,240
But these accusations
stand in the archives.

1237
00:53:03,240 --> 00:53:10,160
And the book that Bruno
Nette's grandson wrote

1238
00:53:10,160 --> 00:53:13,470
uses that same material?

1239
00:53:13,470 --> 00:53:16,330
He picks and chooses
what he wants.

1240
00:53:16,330 --> 00:53:17,990
So he throws out
the accusations.

1241
00:53:17,990 --> 00:53:20,900
And one of the big guys

is this Arnold Shusterman.

1242
00:53:20,900 --> 00:53:23,240
Another Rodenberg,
another historian

1243
00:53:23,240 --> 00:53:24,920
who writes, and he's
involved with all

1244
00:53:24,920 --> 00:53:28,070
these Holocaust activities,
also writes, Arnold Shusterman.

1245
00:53:28,070 --> 00:53:30,530
But I told you who
Arnold Shusterman was,

1246
00:53:30,530 --> 00:53:33,150
and Johana Shusterman
divorced her husband.

1247
00:53:33,150 --> 00:53:34,170
That's why he was sent.

1248
00:53:34,170 --> 00:53:35,360
So these are the witnesses.

1249
00:53:35,360 --> 00:53:36,950
But they don't write--

1250
00:53:36,950 --> 00:53:40,280
they don't mention-- that
Johana Shusterman divorced him.

1251
00:53:40,280 --> 00:53:42,230
And in the archives
there's a lawyer

1252
00:53:42,230 --> 00:53:45,680
that gave testimony, that said
he warned her to not do this.

1253

00:53:45,680 --> 00:53:47,990
Do not take the protection away.

1254

00:53:47,990 --> 00:53:50,610
That they didn't write
about in the book.

1255

00:53:50,610 --> 00:53:52,760
So you could pick and
choose whatever you want--

1256

00:53:52,760 --> 00:53:53,960
all the accusations.

1257

00:53:53,960 --> 00:53:56,710

1258

00:53:56,710 --> 00:54:01,220
Have-- and that's how things
stand today in other words.

1259

00:54:01,220 --> 00:54:02,290
There are these books--

1260

00:54:02,290 --> 00:54:03,670
That's how things stand today.

1261

00:54:03,670 --> 00:54:05,260
And then while I
was going through it

1262

00:54:05,260 --> 00:54:08,410
with a fine-tooth comb,
I saw that my grandfather

1263

00:54:08,410 --> 00:54:12,190
had put away a file, and
there were 300 pages in there.

1264

00:54:12,190 --> 00:54:16,390
And it's now located in
the archives in Heidelberg.

1265
00:54:16,390 --> 00:54:19,150
So I'm hoping any day
now to be getting that.

1266
00:54:19,150 --> 00:54:21,320
I had to get permission,
and it was no problem--

1267
00:54:21,320 --> 00:54:21,820
whatever.

1268
00:54:21,820 --> 00:54:24,730
But everything takes time, and
I guess nobody wants a standard

1269
00:54:24,730 --> 00:54:26,260
and scan 300 pages--

1270
00:54:26,260 --> 00:54:27,820
310 pages.

1271
00:54:27,820 --> 00:54:29,930
So I'm waiting for that.

1272
00:54:29,930 --> 00:54:34,750
But absolutely, there's not a
shred of evidence against him.

1273
00:54:34,750 --> 00:54:35,980
Everything is clear.

1274
00:54:35,980 --> 00:54:39,597
Even if I look at the dates--
if I look at what they've done.

1275
00:54:39,597 --> 00:54:40,930
I've looked at their arguments--

1276
00:54:40,930 --> 00:54:45,710
So what does it mean that
today, 70 years after--

1277
00:54:45,710 --> 00:54:49,750
is it 70 years, 75 years--

1278
00:54:49,750 --> 00:54:50,320
the war?

1279
00:54:50,320 --> 00:54:58,350
What does it mean
that this comes up?

1280
00:54:58,350 --> 00:55:01,260
That-- yeah.

1281
00:55:01,260 --> 00:55:04,470
Well, maybe it says
to some people, well,

1282
00:55:04,470 --> 00:55:06,330
we weren't so guilty.

1283
00:55:06,330 --> 00:55:07,860
You know, the Jews did this too.

1284
00:55:07,860 --> 00:55:09,390
We aren't so bad.

1285
00:55:09,390 --> 00:55:12,780
Anti-Semitism is alive and well.

1286
00:55:12,780 --> 00:55:16,350
And as I read with a friend
of his that this happened to,

1287
00:55:16,350 --> 00:55:19,840
they persecuted my
grandfather three times.

1288
00:55:19,840 --> 00:55:22,870
They persecuted him
during the Nazi time,

1289
00:55:22,870 --> 00:55:26,110
they prosecuted
him in 1949-1950,

1290
00:55:26,110 --> 00:55:28,660
with what I've just told
you, and again today.

1291
00:55:28,660 --> 00:55:31,980

1292
00:55:31,980 --> 00:55:34,070
They don't let it rest.

1293
00:55:34,070 --> 00:55:36,740
And he was a wonderful
man, and he did so much.

1294
00:55:36,740 --> 00:55:39,170
And so much good
for Germany also.

1295
00:55:39,170 --> 00:55:43,850
He got a medal from the German
government, a first class medal

1296
00:55:43,850 --> 00:55:46,880
of service for what he did.

1297
00:55:46,880 --> 00:55:49,640
And he started
East-West relations

1298
00:55:49,640 --> 00:55:51,740
for the commercial
ties and that brought

1299
00:55:51,740 --> 00:55:54,483
along political connections.

1300
00:55:54,483 --> 00:55:55,400
This is after the war?

1301
00:55:55,400 --> 00:55:56,375
This is after the war.

1302
00:55:56,375 --> 00:55:57,500
He did a tremendous amount.

1303
00:55:57,500 --> 00:56:00,870
He has a street named after him.

1304
00:56:00,870 --> 00:56:03,230
But yet they want
to sully his name,

1305
00:56:03,230 --> 00:56:05,840
because he's the Jew-- der Jude.

1306
00:56:05,840 --> 00:56:06,770
And that's what it is.

1307
00:56:06,770 --> 00:56:08,480
And it's started--

1308
00:56:08,480 --> 00:56:12,448
I saw writings in 2006,
but I wasn't aware of it.

1309
00:56:12,448 --> 00:56:13,490
No one had sent it to me.

1310
00:56:13,490 --> 00:56:14,960
I didn't know about it.

1311
00:56:14,960 --> 00:56:18,410
But now, looking back,
it was a quieter voice.

1312
00:56:18,410 --> 00:56:21,050
There's also Beata Meyer.

1313
00:56:21,050 --> 00:56:23,690

She wrote A Fatal Balancing Act, and she wrote

1314
00:56:23,690 --> 00:56:26,750
about my grandfather also.

1315
00:56:26,750 --> 00:56:30,710
And I contacted her-- and she's from Hamburg, and Nette also,

1316
00:56:30,710 --> 00:56:33,350
the grandson is from Hamburg--

1317
00:56:33,350 --> 00:56:35,960
her and I said to her, do you know anything about him?

1318
00:56:35,960 --> 00:56:36,560
She said no.

1319
00:56:36,560 --> 00:56:38,210
He's not anti-Semitic, nothing.

1320
00:56:38,210 --> 00:56:40,940
So then I sent a Chapter 13.

1321
00:56:40,940 --> 00:56:45,250
And then she said to me, I don't want to get involved with this.

1322
00:56:45,250 --> 00:56:46,870
And she's a Holocaust historian.

1323
00:56:46,870 --> 00:56:49,360
I would just say the opposite-- whoa, get involved.

1324
00:56:49,360 --> 00:56:50,090
What is this?

1325
00:56:50,090 --> 00:56:52,520
What's going on here?

1326
00:56:52,520 --> 00:56:55,420
So if we have all these
well-known Holocaust

1327
00:56:55,420 --> 00:56:57,730
historians-- and this
isn't the only one.

1328
00:56:57,730 --> 00:56:58,510
There are those.

1329
00:56:58,510 --> 00:57:00,093
So what are you
saying is that they're

1330
00:57:00,093 --> 00:57:03,250
taking the grandson's
memoir, the grandson's

1331
00:57:03,250 --> 00:57:07,250
story about his grandfather,
and using it as source material

1332
00:57:07,250 --> 00:57:07,750
themselves?

1333
00:57:07,750 --> 00:57:09,583
They're using it further
as source material.

1334
00:57:09,583 --> 00:57:11,200
They're using it
as source material.

1335
00:57:11,200 --> 00:57:15,580
He's he was speaking in
the University in Bremen.

1336
00:57:15,580 --> 00:57:19,420
He was giving lectures
in a high school.

1337

00:57:19,420 --> 00:57:22,120

He was giving talks
at memorial services.

1338

00:57:22,120 --> 00:57:24,580

They had him in Memorial
services in Hanover.

1339

00:57:24,580 --> 00:57:27,760

Because the transport from
Bremen went through Hanover,

1340

00:57:27,760 --> 00:57:29,738

and there was a special
memorial service.

1341

00:57:29,738 --> 00:57:30,280

He was there.

1342

00:57:30,280 --> 00:57:31,090

He was talking.

1343

00:57:31,090 --> 00:57:33,160

So this gives him legitimacy.

1344

00:57:33,160 --> 00:57:37,000

If all these Holocaust
organizations say,

1345

00:57:37,000 --> 00:57:40,960

your book is OK, you could
talk during our Holocaust--

1346

00:57:40,960 --> 00:57:43,300

so what happened,
which the worst of it

1347

00:57:43,300 --> 00:57:47,440

was he was supposed to speak
in Bremen during a memorial

1348

00:57:47,440 --> 00:57:52,120

for the Minsk transport where
my whole family perished.

1349

00:57:52,120 --> 00:57:55,570
And I heard about that, because
now I'm looking at the internet

1350

00:57:55,570 --> 00:57:57,740
once I was made aware of it.

1351

00:57:57,740 --> 00:57:59,800
And I put up such a fuss.

1352

00:57:59,800 --> 00:58:01,640
I said, are you kidding me?

1353

00:58:01,640 --> 00:58:02,590
How dare you.

1354

00:58:02,590 --> 00:58:04,930
And that's when we were
supposed to speak at that time.

1355

00:58:04,930 --> 00:58:07,510
But then somehow it happened
that my book wasn't getting

1356

00:58:07,510 --> 00:58:10,030
translated, and
there was a problem,

1357

00:58:10,030 --> 00:58:12,450
and I was all of a
sudden pushed aside.

1358

00:58:12,450 --> 00:58:14,200
They didn't have time
for me in this book,

1359

00:58:14,200 --> 00:58:16,510
and they was supposed to
be supporting this book,

1360

00:58:16,510 --> 00:58:18,160
the translation of this book.

1361

00:58:18,160 --> 00:58:21,640
And I heard he was going
to be talking there.

1362

00:58:21,640 --> 00:58:26,440
That was outrageous--
outrageous.

1363

00:58:26,440 --> 00:58:29,770
And it's frightening,
because I never

1364

00:58:29,770 --> 00:58:32,680
had a clue that Holocaust
historians would

1365

00:58:32,680 --> 00:58:35,300
be anti-Semitic, would do this.

1366

00:58:35,300 --> 00:58:40,990
And the first time I read
Beate's book, the Balancing

1367

00:58:40,990 --> 00:58:42,730
Act, I looked at it one way.

1368

00:58:42,730 --> 00:58:44,890
And then, afterwards, I
looked at it another way.

1369

00:58:44,890 --> 00:58:46,180
I said, oh, my goodness.

1370

00:58:46,180 --> 00:58:49,090

1371

00:58:49,090 --> 00:58:50,770
And that's very
frightening to me.

1372
00:58:50,770 --> 00:58:54,230
Because where are people
getting this information from?

1373
00:58:54,230 --> 00:58:56,500
You think you go to
a Holocaust museum,

1374
00:58:56,500 --> 00:58:59,200
you think you go to
a Holocaust memorial,

1375
00:58:59,200 --> 00:59:01,240
you could trust the
people saying that-- they

1376
00:59:01,240 --> 00:59:03,910
will speak out for us Jews.

1377
00:59:03,910 --> 00:59:08,290
And when I found out the
opposite, it was frightening.

1378
00:59:08,290 --> 00:59:10,030
I don't find as
frightening people

1379
00:59:10,030 --> 00:59:14,230
that go around with swastikas,
because we know who they are.

1380
00:59:14,230 --> 00:59:17,140
I find it very frightening
for these people that

1381
00:59:17,140 --> 00:59:18,610
have crocodile tears--

1382
00:59:18,610 --> 00:59:21,940
oh, the poor Jews that died,
oh the poor Jews that died.

1383
00:59:21,940 --> 00:59:25,405
By Carl Katz, yeah,
he was even worse.

1384
00:59:25,405 --> 00:59:27,970

1385
00:59:27,970 --> 00:59:30,220
Because the Nazis
did it to the Jews.

1386
00:59:30,220 --> 00:59:34,740
But a Jew doing it to a
Jew, that's much worse.

1387
00:59:34,740 --> 00:59:37,260
And that's the message.

1388
00:59:37,260 --> 00:59:42,000
Did you ever have contact
directly with the grandson?

1389
00:59:42,000 --> 00:59:42,870
Not directly.

1390
00:59:42,870 --> 00:59:45,210
I had Frank
Mecklenburg write him,

1391
00:59:45,210 --> 00:59:46,680
and I read the correspondence.

1392
00:59:46,680 --> 00:59:50,580
And he truly believes
he's not anti-Semitic.

1393
00:59:50,580 --> 00:59:54,100
He truly believes
he's a voice for Jews.

1394
00:59:54,100 --> 00:59:58,240
So it's the same way that

Nette in one of the--

1395
00:59:58,240 --> 00:59:59,620
I read what he wrote.

1396
00:59:59,620 --> 01:00:01,990
And he said, how could I be--

1397
01:00:01,990 --> 01:00:03,730
Bruno Nette, the Gestapo agent.

1398
01:00:03,730 --> 01:00:06,650
Clearly, I can't be a racist.

1399
01:00:06,650 --> 01:00:10,270
I had cognac, and I had
a meal with Carl Katz.

1400
01:00:10,270 --> 01:00:12,160
Clearly, that proves
I'm not a racist.

1401
01:00:12,160 --> 01:00:14,710

1402
01:00:14,710 --> 01:00:15,430
What?

1403
01:00:15,430 --> 01:00:17,350
A Gestapo agent.

1404
01:00:17,350 --> 01:00:19,100
This is in the archives.

1405
01:00:19,100 --> 01:00:19,825
Yeah.

1406
01:00:19,825 --> 01:00:20,325
Yeah.

1407
01:00:20,325 --> 01:00:22,000

This is his testimony.

1408
01:00:22,000 --> 01:00:23,200
How do you deal with this?

1409
01:00:23,200 --> 01:00:26,290
How was even allowed
to give this testimony?

1410
01:00:26,290 --> 01:00:30,580
How would-- or there should
be a major disclaimer,

1411
01:00:30,580 --> 01:00:32,560
look how ridiculous this is.

1412
01:00:32,560 --> 01:00:34,390
Has this come out in Germany?

1413
01:00:34,390 --> 01:00:37,270
Has this story come
out in Germany?

1414
01:00:37,270 --> 01:00:39,017
Has it been discussed?

1415
01:00:39,017 --> 01:00:41,350
Well, my daughter's in the
process of writing the story,

1416
01:00:41,350 --> 01:00:42,565
and it will come out.

1417
01:00:42,565 --> 01:00:44,690
And I'm in the process of
getting more information.

1418
01:00:44,690 --> 01:00:46,900
And she started writing
it just on this archives

1419
01:00:46,900 --> 01:00:47,822

that I had in Bremen.

1420
01:00:47,822 --> 01:00:49,030
And it was enough of a story.

1421
01:00:49,030 --> 01:00:50,488
But then I found
out, in Heidelberg

1422
01:00:50,488 --> 01:00:51,820
there's this 300 pages.

1423
01:00:51,820 --> 01:00:53,740
So I said, wait.

1424
01:00:53,740 --> 01:00:56,450
Let me get this before you
start writing this book.

1425
01:00:56,450 --> 01:00:59,380
Let me see what my
grandfather had gathered.

1426
01:00:59,380 --> 01:01:00,730
Let me see what that is.

1427
01:01:00,730 --> 01:01:03,620
But even without that,
it's outrageous enough.

1428
01:01:03,620 --> 01:01:10,420
But are there people aside from
Thomas Hesslow who know of this

1429
01:01:10,420 --> 01:01:13,060
and say, wait a minute,
there's something wrong here

1430
01:01:13,060 --> 01:01:13,585
in Germany.

1431
01:01:13,585 --> 01:01:14,260

Oh, yes.

1432
01:01:14,260 --> 01:01:15,220
There's starting to be.

1433
01:01:15,220 --> 01:01:16,510
But we pointed it out.

1434
01:01:16,510 --> 01:01:18,610
If we wouldn't have
pointed it out,

1435
01:01:18,610 --> 01:01:20,860
nobody would have taken notice.

1436
01:01:20,860 --> 01:01:25,590
Which also suggests to me
that maybe other people--

1437
01:01:25,590 --> 01:01:27,480
I mean, I'm giving the
benefit of the doubt,

1438
01:01:27,480 --> 01:01:31,980
and you know much, much more
than I do here, maybe some just

1439
01:01:31,980 --> 01:01:38,880
took what the grandson wrote and
went with it without checking.

1440
01:01:38,880 --> 01:01:40,710
Those are the
regular people, yes.

1441
01:01:40,710 --> 01:01:42,090
The historians, no.

1442
01:01:42,090 --> 01:01:44,277
Any historian that
reads it would know.

1443

01:01:44,277 --> 01:01:45,860
There are red flags
all over the place

1444
01:01:45,860 --> 01:01:46,525
that it would be impossible.

1445
01:01:46,525 --> 01:01:46,850
OK.

1446
01:01:46,850 --> 01:01:47,400
OK.

1447
01:01:47,400 --> 01:01:48,990
But absolutely.

1448
01:01:48,990 --> 01:01:52,200
And we had a meeting in
December when I was there.

1449
01:01:52,200 --> 01:01:55,530
And there's this wonderful
woman, [INAUDIBLE]..

1450
01:01:55,530 --> 01:01:57,780
She's one that she
believes she understood,

1451
01:01:57,780 --> 01:02:01,773
and she's fully
on board with us.

1452
01:02:01,773 --> 01:02:03,190
But there were
other people there,

1453
01:02:03,190 --> 01:02:06,420
and one person was arguing,
well, what's the difference?

1454
01:02:06,420 --> 01:02:07,920
They could read
many books, and they

1455
01:02:07,920 --> 01:02:09,128
could make up their own mind.

1456
01:02:09,128 --> 01:02:10,260
I said, are you kidding me?

1457
01:02:10,260 --> 01:02:13,210
Who's going to read many
books on this situation?

1458
01:02:13,210 --> 01:02:16,117
When you go to a Holocaust
museum, and you get a book,

1459
01:02:16,117 --> 01:02:17,700
well, you're going
to read three books

1460
01:02:17,700 --> 01:02:19,075
and decide which
one is accurate?

1461
01:02:19,075 --> 01:02:20,760
You're going to
do your research?

1462
01:02:20,760 --> 01:02:24,590
And I sat across from
this Rodenberg there,

1463
01:02:24,590 --> 01:02:27,080
and it was very interesting.

1464
01:02:27,080 --> 01:02:30,620
He said something, and
he said he admires Nette,

1465
01:02:30,620 --> 01:02:33,410
because, he said, Nette says--

1466
01:02:33,410 --> 01:02:37,370

the grandson-- I don't like
who my grandfather was.

1467
01:02:37,370 --> 01:02:38,750
He was a terrible person.

1468
01:02:38,750 --> 01:02:42,110
And he had the courage
to go out and say this,

1469
01:02:42,110 --> 01:02:45,120
and I wish I would
have had this courage.

1470
01:02:45,120 --> 01:02:48,570
And I said to him, it's
wonderful to have the courage

1471
01:02:48,570 --> 01:02:51,000
to say your grandfather
was a horrible person.

1472
01:02:51,000 --> 01:02:52,740
Your grandfather was a Nazi.

1473
01:02:52,740 --> 01:02:56,019
But it's not correct to
say this of Carl Katz.

1474
01:02:56,019 --> 01:03:01,070

1475
01:03:01,070 --> 01:03:02,600
Thank you, Ruth.

1476
01:03:02,600 --> 01:03:03,830
Thank you very much.

1477
01:03:03,830 --> 01:03:08,880
I know that you are
undertaking the effort

1478

01:03:08,880 --> 01:03:11,430
to clear your
grandfather's name.

1479
01:03:11,430 --> 01:03:14,370
And from what you
have explained to us,

1480
01:03:14,370 --> 01:03:16,500
it's not an easy process.

1481
01:03:16,500 --> 01:03:18,270
And it's far more complicated.

1482
01:03:18,270 --> 01:03:23,400
As you said, not
everything meets the eye.

1483
01:03:23,400 --> 01:03:24,300
It's heartbreaking.

1484
01:03:24,300 --> 01:03:26,370
It's really heartbreaking.

1485
01:03:26,370 --> 01:03:29,740
I can imagine.

1486
01:03:29,740 --> 01:03:33,845
Thank you for sharing
it with us today.

1487
01:03:33,845 --> 01:03:35,220
Is there anything
else you'd like

1488
01:03:35,220 --> 01:03:38,940
to add before we wrap it up?

1489
01:03:38,940 --> 01:03:42,630
Well, I just hope that
I would get support--

1490

01:03:42,630 --> 01:03:44,272
my daughter and I
would get support.

1491
01:03:44,272 --> 01:03:45,480
She's going to be writing it.

1492
01:03:45,480 --> 01:03:47,950
But I need support for this.

1493
01:03:47,950 --> 01:03:51,900
I need people to know
who these people are

1494
01:03:51,900 --> 01:03:57,210
and that they're doing such
damage in the name of Holocaust

1495
01:03:57,210 --> 01:04:00,080
memorials, and Holocaust
books, and Holocaust research.

1496
01:04:00,080 --> 01:04:03,210
They're doing a tremendous
amount of damage.

1497
01:04:03,210 --> 01:04:06,450
And I think we have
to be aware of this.

1498
01:04:06,450 --> 01:04:08,010
And I think they're
much, much more

1499
01:04:08,010 --> 01:04:13,610
damaging than those that are
out in the open anti-Semites.

1500
01:04:13,610 --> 01:04:17,060
Because I couldn't figure
it out for a while.

1501
01:04:17,060 --> 01:04:19,410

I was shocked.

1502
01:04:19,410 --> 01:04:20,580
OK.

1503
01:04:20,580 --> 01:04:21,600
Thank you.

1504
01:04:21,600 --> 01:04:22,110
Thank you.

1505
01:04:22,110 --> 01:04:23,890
Thank you much.

1506
01:04:23,890 --> 01:04:27,510
This concludes the United
States Holocaust Memorial Museum

1507
01:04:27,510 --> 01:04:33,630
interview with Ruth Bahar
on September 19, 2019

1508
01:04:33,630 --> 01:04:36,750
in Scarsdale, New York.

1509
01:04:36,750 --> 01:04:38,600
Thank you.