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00:00:00,000 --> 00:00:02,620

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00:00:02,620 --> 00:00:06,490
This is a United States
Holocaust Memorial Museum

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00:00:06,490 --> 00:00:14,650
interview with Mrs. Amely
Smith on September 26, 2019

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00:00:14,650 --> 00:00:17,020
in Peabody, Massachusetts.

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00:00:17,020 --> 00:00:19,870
Thank you very, very
much, Mrs. Smith,

6
00:00:19,870 --> 00:00:21,660
for agreeing to
speak with us today.

7
00:00:21,660 --> 00:00:23,590
I'm very happy to be here.

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00:00:23,590 --> 00:00:28,090
And to share your experiences
and something of your story.

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00:00:28,090 --> 00:00:32,590
I'm going to start the interview
with the most basic questions,

10
00:00:32,590 --> 00:00:34,220
and then we go from there.

11
00:00:34,220 --> 00:00:34,840
OK?

12
00:00:34,840 --> 00:00:36,010
All right.

13
00:00:36,010 --> 00:00:38,770
So the very first
question I have is,

14
00:00:38,770 --> 00:00:43,480
can you tell me what
your name was at birth?

15
00:00:43,480 --> 00:00:46,750
Amely Helen Baer.

16
00:00:46,750 --> 00:00:48,430
How do I spell "Baer?"

17
00:00:48,430 --> 00:00:51,290
B-- in Germany, we
spelled it B-A--

18
00:00:51,290 --> 00:00:52,210
umlaut.

19
00:00:52,210 --> 00:00:53,440
The little dots.

20
00:00:53,440 --> 00:00:54,410
--H-R.

21
00:00:54,410 --> 00:00:54,910
Ah, I see.

22
00:00:54,910 --> 00:00:59,140
And when we came here, we
changed it to B-A-E-R. B-A-E-R.

23
00:00:59,140 --> 00:01:01,780
B-A-E-R, and you dropped the H.

24
00:01:01,780 --> 00:01:02,680
That's right.

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00:01:02,680 --> 00:01:03,730
OK.

26
00:01:03,730 --> 00:01:06,010
So you were Amely Helen Bahr.

27
00:01:06,010 --> 00:01:07,220
Where were you born?

28
00:01:07,220 --> 00:01:11,260
I was born in
Koenigsberg, East Prussia.

29
00:01:11,260 --> 00:01:12,550
And when were you born?

30
00:01:12,550 --> 00:01:16,390
In October 11, 1926.

31
00:01:16,390 --> 00:01:19,120
October 11, 1926.

32
00:01:19,120 --> 00:01:19,740
Yes.

33
00:01:19,740 --> 00:01:21,190
OK.

34
00:01:21,190 --> 00:01:24,400
Well, I want to ask
you many questions

35
00:01:24,400 --> 00:01:28,030
about your early years
there, your childhood

36
00:01:28,030 --> 00:01:29,500
and teenage years.

37
00:01:29,500 --> 00:01:32,620
And I have to say, we don't
have many interviewees

38
00:01:32,620 --> 00:01:33,550
from Koenigsberg.

39
00:01:33,550 --> 00:01:34,420
All right.

40
00:01:34,420 --> 00:01:36,430
So I'm going to want
to know as much as you

41
00:01:36,430 --> 00:01:40,990
can share with us, what was
it like growing up there.

42
00:01:40,990 --> 00:01:43,430
Let's start, though,
with your family.

43
00:01:43,430 --> 00:01:45,250
Did you have
brothers and sisters?

44
00:01:45,250 --> 00:01:46,920
No, I'm an only child.

45
00:01:46,920 --> 00:01:48,040
OK.

46
00:01:48,040 --> 00:01:53,060
And so your mother's family,
what was her maiden name?

47
00:01:53,060 --> 00:01:55,825
Her maiden name was Dubowsky.

48
00:01:55,825 --> 00:01:58,990
D-U-B-O-W-S-K-Y.

49
00:01:58,990 --> 00:01:59,890
D like David?

50
00:01:59,890 --> 00:02:00,740
David, yes.

51
00:02:00,740 --> 00:02:01,930
OK, Dubowsky.

52
00:02:01,930 --> 00:02:02,710
That's right.

53
00:02:02,710 --> 00:02:04,660
And what was her first name?

54
00:02:04,660 --> 00:02:06,970
Meta, M-E-T-A.

55
00:02:06,970 --> 00:02:08,320
Meta Dubowsky.

56
00:02:08,320 --> 00:02:09,070
That's right.

57
00:02:09,070 --> 00:02:11,080
And was she from
Koenigsberg, too?

58
00:02:11,080 --> 00:02:13,710
No, she grew up in Tilsit.

59
00:02:13,710 --> 00:02:14,210
Oh.

60
00:02:14,210 --> 00:02:15,160
Yes.

61
00:02:15,160 --> 00:02:17,380
And Tilst tells me--

62
00:02:17,380 --> 00:02:18,460
what is Tilsit?

63

00:02:18,460 --> 00:02:19,825
Where is Tilsit?

64
00:02:19,825 --> 00:02:23,320
Tilsit is about two
hours from Germany--

65
00:02:23,320 --> 00:02:23,890
from Germany.

66
00:02:23,890 --> 00:02:25,040
From Koenigsberg.

67
00:02:25,040 --> 00:02:25,540
OK.

68
00:02:25,540 --> 00:02:31,060
And I think, as I remember,
it was on the River Memel.

69
00:02:31,060 --> 00:02:31,570
OK.

70
00:02:31,570 --> 00:02:36,070
And I think when you crossed the
bridge, you were in Lithuania.

71
00:02:36,070 --> 00:02:36,790
That's right.

72
00:02:36,790 --> 00:02:37,920
That's right, isn't it?

73
00:02:37,920 --> 00:02:39,760
So the River Memel has--

74
00:02:39,760 --> 00:02:41,860
the name is Niemen in Polish.

75
00:02:41,860 --> 00:02:42,710
Yeah, that's right.

76
00:02:42,710 --> 00:02:43,210
Yeah.

77
00:02:43,210 --> 00:02:44,660
And Nemunas in Lithuanian.

78
00:02:44,660 --> 00:02:45,160
Yeah.

79
00:02:45,160 --> 00:02:48,550
So she grew up in Tilsit,
which was on that river.

80
00:02:48,550 --> 00:02:49,840
On that river, yes.

81
00:02:49,840 --> 00:02:50,830
Right at the border.

82
00:02:50,830 --> 00:02:52,210
I remember that, yes.

83
00:02:52,210 --> 00:02:53,110
Did you visit it?

84
00:02:53,110 --> 00:02:55,120
I was there when my
grandparents were there.

85
00:02:55,120 --> 00:02:58,150
As a matter of fact,
until I was three,

86
00:02:58,150 --> 00:03:01,450
my great grandfather still
lived, but my great grandmother

87
00:03:01,450 --> 00:03:04,060
died just before I was born.

88
00:03:04,060 --> 00:03:04,880

And I used to--

89
00:03:04,880 --> 00:03:05,380
Oh, my.

90
00:03:05,380 --> 00:03:07,000
Yeah, we used to visit him.

91
00:03:07,000 --> 00:03:12,350
And then of course, I was often
with my grandparents in Tilsit.

92
00:03:12,350 --> 00:03:14,650
Did your mother have
brothers and sisters?

93
00:03:14,650 --> 00:03:16,640
Yes, she had a sister.

94
00:03:16,640 --> 00:03:18,070
What was her name?

95
00:03:18,070 --> 00:03:19,550
Edith, in German.

96
00:03:19,550 --> 00:03:21,070
E-D-I-T-H.

97
00:03:21,070 --> 00:03:21,920
OK.

98
00:03:21,920 --> 00:03:22,420
Edith.

99
00:03:22,420 --> 00:03:25,160
And she was 2 and 1/2
years younger than she.

100
00:03:25,160 --> 00:03:26,410
OK.

101

00:03:26,410 --> 00:03:30,710

So Meta and Edith, were they the only children for this family?

102

00:03:30,710 --> 00:03:33,530

Yeah, there was a little boy who died as a baby.

103

00:03:33,530 --> 00:03:35,140

Yes, yes.

104

00:03:35,140 --> 00:03:38,050

And do you know how your grandfather made a living?

105

00:03:38,050 --> 00:03:46,060

Yes, he had a cigar Store a cigar, yes.

106

00:03:46,060 --> 00:03:48,670

Where was it located in Tilsit?

107

00:03:48,670 --> 00:03:49,690

Where?

108

00:03:49,690 --> 00:03:50,868

You mean on what street?

109

00:03:50,868 --> 00:03:52,910

Well, sometimes people will remember the streets.

110

00:03:52,910 --> 00:03:53,800

I don't remember.

111

00:03:53,800 --> 00:03:54,770

I don't remember that.

112

00:03:54,770 --> 00:03:55,270

No.

113

00:03:55,270 --> 00:03:56,500

Was it in the center of town?

114
00:03:56,500 --> 00:03:58,120
Yes, it probably was.

115
00:03:58,120 --> 00:03:58,900
Yes, it was.

116
00:03:58,900 --> 00:04:00,610
And they had many
relatives there.

117
00:04:00,610 --> 00:04:02,840
Other relatives, and-- yes.

118
00:04:02,840 --> 00:04:03,340
OK.

119
00:04:03,340 --> 00:04:05,800
So the family was well
established in that city.

120
00:04:05,800 --> 00:04:07,090
Yes, they were.

121
00:04:07,090 --> 00:04:10,630
I think their grandparents
or great grandparents--

122
00:04:10,630 --> 00:04:13,480
I think they were
there since 1700 or so.

123
00:04:13,480 --> 00:04:14,380
Oh, that's a while.

124
00:04:14,380 --> 00:04:17,829
Then the one part of the
family, my grandmothers,

125
00:04:17,829 --> 00:04:20,920
my grandmothers from

the other family,

126
00:04:20,920 --> 00:04:23,680
they came from Vilna,
from Lithuanian.

127
00:04:23,680 --> 00:04:25,790
That's how they're
named Dubowsky.

128
00:04:25,790 --> 00:04:26,590
Oh.

129
00:04:26,590 --> 00:04:30,280
And they came, I guess,
and established themselves

130
00:04:30,280 --> 00:04:30,970
in Tilsit.

131
00:04:30,970 --> 00:04:33,760
But my grandfather,
I think he must

132
00:04:33,760 --> 00:04:35,740
have come as a small child.

133
00:04:35,740 --> 00:04:38,470
Because none of his
sisters are brothers

134
00:04:38,470 --> 00:04:41,110
had any accent in
German, accents.

135
00:04:41,110 --> 00:04:44,570
I didn't know those great
grandparents anymore.

136
00:04:44,570 --> 00:04:46,810
So it was your mother's
side of the family where

137

00:04:46,810 --> 00:04:49,840

there were great grandparents,
the great grandfather that you

138

00:04:49,840 --> 00:04:50,530

did know.

139

00:04:50,530 --> 00:04:51,400

Yes, yes.

140

00:04:51,400 --> 00:04:53,920

What was his name?

141

00:04:53,920 --> 00:04:56,630

His name was Moritz Rosenthal.

142

00:04:56,630 --> 00:04:57,130

Rosenthal.

143

00:04:57,130 --> 00:04:59,020

Ah, Moritz Rosenthal.

144

00:04:59,020 --> 00:04:59,530

Yeah.

145

00:04:59,530 --> 00:05:00,580

OK.

146

00:05:00,580 --> 00:05:03,780

And all of this--

147

00:05:03,780 --> 00:05:05,982

well, I don't know.

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00:05:05,982 --> 00:05:07,440

I was going to say,
all of this was

149

00:05:07,440 --> 00:05:10,020

part of the Russian Empire
in the 19th century,

150
00:05:10,020 --> 00:05:11,418
but maybe not.

151
00:05:11,418 --> 00:05:12,210
No, I don't think--

152
00:05:12,210 --> 00:05:14,127
No, because Vilna, of
course, would have been.

153
00:05:14,127 --> 00:05:14,850
Yes, yes.

154
00:05:14,850 --> 00:05:16,490
And Lithuania would have been.

155
00:05:16,490 --> 00:05:17,615
That's right, but I don't--

156
00:05:17,615 --> 00:05:19,670
But the Koenigsberg
area and Tilsit, that

157
00:05:19,670 --> 00:05:20,760
was part of Germany.

158
00:05:20,760 --> 00:05:21,450
That was part.

159
00:05:21,450 --> 00:05:22,000
Oh, yes.

160
00:05:22,000 --> 00:05:23,470
That was.

161
00:05:23,470 --> 00:05:28,110
The Junkers, who
were the elite--

162
00:05:28,110 --> 00:05:29,040

Tell me what is it.

163
00:05:29,040 --> 00:05:30,660
For those of us who
don't know, what

164
00:05:30,660 --> 00:05:32,620
were the Junkers in Germany?

165
00:05:32,620 --> 00:05:37,120
The Junkers were the
I say the aristocrats,

166
00:05:37,120 --> 00:05:39,900
and they were mostly
came from East Prussia,

167
00:05:39,900 --> 00:05:41,760
from Prussia or East Prussia.

168
00:05:41,760 --> 00:05:42,260
OK.

169
00:05:42,260 --> 00:05:48,390
And usually they had land,
landowners, and big landowners.

170
00:05:48,390 --> 00:05:54,060
So would this be people who had
a "von" in front of their name?

171
00:05:54,060 --> 00:05:55,180
Most of them, yes.

172
00:05:55,180 --> 00:05:56,210
Yes, that's it.

173
00:05:56,210 --> 00:05:56,940
Yes.

174
00:05:56,940 --> 00:06:00,390
One of the most famous ladies

was a Graf in con Doenhoff.

175

00:06:00,390 --> 00:06:01,720

Yes, I have her book.

176

00:06:01,720 --> 00:06:02,220

Oh, yeah.

177

00:06:02,220 --> 00:06:02,720

Me too.

178

00:06:02,720 --> 00:06:03,750

Very interesting.

179

00:06:03,750 --> 00:06:05,670

Yes, yes.

180

00:06:05,670 --> 00:06:08,110

She there had a family
estate in Prussia.

181

00:06:08,110 --> 00:06:09,070

That's right.

182

00:06:09,070 --> 00:06:09,570

Oh, yes.

183

00:06:09,570 --> 00:06:10,320

Many did.

184

00:06:10,320 --> 00:06:11,700

Yes, yes.

185

00:06:11,700 --> 00:06:13,890

Small towns, mostly.

186

00:06:13,890 --> 00:06:17,700

And so this was your
mother's side of the family.

187

00:06:17,700 --> 00:06:18,240

Yes.

188
00:06:18,240 --> 00:06:21,630
And your father's
side of the family,

189
00:06:21,630 --> 00:06:23,430
how many brothers and
sisters did he have?

190
00:06:23,430 --> 00:06:25,380
Oh, there were eight.

191
00:06:25,380 --> 00:06:27,540
Four sisters and four brothers.

192
00:06:27,540 --> 00:06:30,950
So eight children they had,
and they grew up in Hamburg.

193
00:06:30,950 --> 00:06:31,950
They grew up in Hamburg?

194
00:06:31,950 --> 00:06:32,617
Hamburg, Altona.

195
00:06:32,617 --> 00:06:33,340
Yes, yes.

196
00:06:33,340 --> 00:06:36,200
He comes from
Hamburg, but he went

197
00:06:36,200 --> 00:06:38,940
to establish a business
in Koenigsberg.

198
00:06:38,940 --> 00:06:40,410
What brought him East?

199
00:06:40,410 --> 00:06:41,700
What's that?

200
00:06:41,700 --> 00:06:44,550
What brought your
father eastwards?

201
00:06:44,550 --> 00:06:47,100
Because I guess there
was an opportunity.

202
00:06:47,100 --> 00:06:52,110
He learned the-- when he
was 14, he left school.

203
00:06:52,110 --> 00:06:52,860
They had to leave.

204
00:06:52,860 --> 00:06:54,490
You know, they had
to make a living.

205
00:06:54,490 --> 00:06:58,530
And so he learned the
business of hides and skins.

206
00:06:58,530 --> 00:07:02,130
And then there was some
opportunity to be in business.

207
00:07:02,130 --> 00:07:05,160
As a matter of fact, he was
in business with my mother's

208
00:07:05,160 --> 00:07:07,950
uncle, Samuel Dubowsky.

209
00:07:07,950 --> 00:07:09,647
And that's how my
mother met him.

210
00:07:09,647 --> 00:07:11,105
Well, that was one
of my questions.

211
00:07:11,105 --> 00:07:12,272
And this was in Koenigsberg.

212
00:07:12,272 --> 00:07:13,290
That was in Koenigsberg.

213
00:07:13,290 --> 00:07:13,870
OK.

214
00:07:13,870 --> 00:07:15,510
And what was your
father's first name?

215
00:07:15,510 --> 00:07:16,560
Josef.

216
00:07:16,560 --> 00:07:17,740
Josef Bahr?

217
00:07:17,740 --> 00:07:18,600
That's right.

218
00:07:18,600 --> 00:07:19,530
OK.

219
00:07:19,530 --> 00:07:22,680
And do you know when they met?

220
00:07:22,680 --> 00:07:23,440
When they met?

221
00:07:23,440 --> 00:07:24,240
Yes.

222
00:07:24,240 --> 00:07:27,990
I would say 1923.

223
00:07:27,990 --> 00:07:29,820
They met-- they met at a--

224

00:07:29,820 --> 00:07:31,890
my uncle's second wedding.

225
00:07:31,890 --> 00:07:34,620
His wife died, and
he got married again.

226
00:07:34,620 --> 00:07:37,110
And they met at their
wedding, this uncle

227
00:07:37,110 --> 00:07:39,150
who was in business with him.

228
00:07:39,150 --> 00:07:42,360
And so this is uncle
on your mother's side.

229
00:07:42,360 --> 00:07:43,260
So--

230
00:07:43,260 --> 00:07:44,520
Yes, Dubowsky.

231
00:07:44,520 --> 00:07:47,220
Yeah, how was she
related to him?

232
00:07:47,220 --> 00:07:49,410
Was it her father's
brother or something?

233
00:07:49,410 --> 00:07:52,630
Yes, was her father's brother
who got married again, yes.

234
00:07:52,630 --> 00:07:53,130
All right.

235
00:07:53,130 --> 00:07:54,120
And--

236

00:07:54,120 --> 00:07:55,690
And they lived in Koenigsberg.

237
00:07:55,690 --> 00:07:56,930
And they live in Koenigsberg.

238
00:07:56,930 --> 00:07:57,430
Yes.

239
00:07:57,430 --> 00:08:00,440

240
00:08:00,440 --> 00:08:07,240
Your grandfather, then, it
was your grandfather's brother

241
00:08:07,240 --> 00:08:08,070
was this man?

242
00:08:08,070 --> 00:08:08,570
Yes.

243
00:08:08,570 --> 00:08:10,750
And his name his
first name was what?

244
00:08:10,750 --> 00:08:11,460
Samuel.

245
00:08:11,460 --> 00:08:11,990
Samuel.

246
00:08:11,990 --> 00:08:12,490
Yes.

247
00:08:12,490 --> 00:08:14,450
And what was your
grandfather's name?

248
00:08:14,450 --> 00:08:14,950
Louis.

249

00:08:14,950 --> 00:08:15,450

Louis.

250

00:08:15,450 --> 00:08:16,000

Yes.

251

00:08:16,000 --> 00:08:16,900

All right.

252

00:08:16,900 --> 00:08:20,620

And your grandmother's
name on your mother's side?

253

00:08:20,620 --> 00:08:21,430

Ella.

254

00:08:21,430 --> 00:08:22,330

Ella Rosenthal.

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00:08:22,330 --> 00:08:23,380

Yeah, Ella Rosenthal.

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00:08:23,380 --> 00:08:25,330

Rosenthal, Dubowsky.

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00:08:25,330 --> 00:08:29,800

And did you know your
father's relatives much?

258

00:08:29,800 --> 00:08:31,500

Did they stay in
Hamburg, or did--

259

00:08:31,500 --> 00:08:32,000

No, no.

260

00:08:32,000 --> 00:08:36,340

They-- most of them,
the children, the boys,

261

00:08:36,340 --> 00:08:39,460

the other three boys, except
my father moved to Koenigsberg,

262
00:08:39,460 --> 00:08:41,320
and they moved to Hanover.

263
00:08:41,320 --> 00:08:42,480
They lived in Hanover.

264
00:08:42,480 --> 00:08:45,670
I never was in Hamburg
until later, after the war.

265
00:08:45,670 --> 00:08:50,080
And then my grandmother--
my grandfather, my father's

266
00:08:50,080 --> 00:08:51,370
father, died very young.

267
00:08:51,370 --> 00:08:52,550
He had diabetes.

268
00:08:52,550 --> 00:08:55,870
And I think my father was
16 maybe when he died.

269
00:08:55,870 --> 00:08:56,800
He was the youngest.

270
00:08:56,800 --> 00:08:58,592
My father was the
youngest of the children.

271
00:08:58,592 --> 00:08:59,530
Of the eight children.

272
00:08:59,530 --> 00:09:00,505
Of all the children, yes.

273
00:09:00,505 --> 00:09:01,005
OK.

274
00:09:01,005 --> 00:09:03,610
And so my grandmother
became quite old.

275
00:09:03,610 --> 00:09:05,860
She was 88 when she died.

276
00:09:05,860 --> 00:09:08,093
And she was-- she lived--

277
00:09:08,093 --> 00:09:09,760
she lived-- she lived
with her daughter.

278
00:09:09,760 --> 00:09:14,740
But in the summer, she was
always in a hotel near Hanover.

279
00:09:14,740 --> 00:09:17,950
And it was a Jewish
hotel, kosher.

280
00:09:17,950 --> 00:09:22,240
And then she had
birthday August 27.

281
00:09:22,240 --> 00:09:24,900
So every year the
whole family came.

282
00:09:24,900 --> 00:09:25,540
You, too?

283
00:09:25,540 --> 00:09:26,110
Yes.

284
00:09:26,110 --> 00:09:29,090
Yes, and I remember
especially her 80th birthday.

285
00:09:29,090 --> 00:09:29,590

I remember.

286

00:09:29,590 --> 00:09:31,420

We have a lovely
picture of that.

287

00:09:31,420 --> 00:09:33,310

Yes, I have.

288

00:09:33,310 --> 00:09:37,330

And you were about how
old when her 80th birthday

289

00:09:37,330 --> 00:09:37,960

turned around?

290

00:09:37,960 --> 00:09:39,970

I was 8 years old.

291

00:09:39,970 --> 00:09:41,500

So it was 1934?

292

00:09:41,500 --> 00:09:42,620

Yes, that's right.

293

00:09:42,620 --> 00:09:43,120

OK.

294

00:09:43,120 --> 00:09:45,740

295

00:09:45,740 --> 00:09:50,360

And did you-- so that was an
opportunity for you to meet all

296

00:09:50,360 --> 00:09:51,470

of the aunts and uncles--

297

00:09:51,470 --> 00:09:52,070

That's right.

298

00:09:52,070 --> 00:09:53,180
--on your father's side.

299
00:09:53,180 --> 00:09:54,050
Yes.

300
00:09:54,050 --> 00:09:56,870
Tell me their names, if you can.

301
00:09:56,870 --> 00:09:58,850
I think you mean his
brothers and his sisters?

302
00:09:58,850 --> 00:09:59,510
Mm-hmm.

303
00:09:59,510 --> 00:10:01,820
The oldest one was [? Zali. ?]

304
00:10:01,820 --> 00:10:02,460
[? Zali. ?]

305
00:10:02,460 --> 00:10:02,960
Zali.

306
00:10:02,960 --> 00:10:06,610
And he was a banker, and he
was one who was a millionaire.

307
00:10:06,610 --> 00:10:11,150
So he supported the mother,
and he was a wonderful person.

308
00:10:11,150 --> 00:10:12,740
And became a bachelor.

309
00:10:12,740 --> 00:10:13,640
Was a bachelor.

310
00:10:13,640 --> 00:10:14,180
OK.

311
00:10:14,180 --> 00:10:17,510
Then there was Phillip.

312
00:10:17,510 --> 00:10:21,110
Phillip, he had his wife Sophie.

313
00:10:21,110 --> 00:10:21,680
Mm-hmm.

314
00:10:21,680 --> 00:10:23,280
And they had two children.

315
00:10:23,280 --> 00:10:23,800
OK.

316
00:10:23,800 --> 00:10:25,790
Ruth and Heinz.

317
00:10:25,790 --> 00:10:26,292
OK.

318
00:10:26,292 --> 00:10:27,500
Do you want to know that far?

319
00:10:27,500 --> 00:10:28,070
Yes.

320
00:10:28,070 --> 00:10:29,120
And then the next?

321
00:10:29,120 --> 00:10:34,430
And the next, then there
was Julius and Marianna.

322
00:10:34,430 --> 00:10:35,970
And they had no children.

323
00:10:35,970 --> 00:10:36,470
OK.

324

00:10:36,470 --> 00:10:38,270
So they were not that many.

325
00:10:38,270 --> 00:10:40,370
And then the sisters.

326
00:10:40,370 --> 00:10:43,130
OK, well, one sister.

327
00:10:43,130 --> 00:10:44,885
I was named after her.

328
00:10:44,885 --> 00:10:46,780
Her name was Helena.

329
00:10:46,780 --> 00:10:47,300
Helena.

330
00:10:47,300 --> 00:10:49,280
And that's my second name.

331
00:10:49,280 --> 00:10:53,910
And she was murdered
by her husband.

332
00:10:53,910 --> 00:10:56,100
Her husband was a dentist.

333
00:10:56,100 --> 00:10:59,150
And he used to inject
her with morphine.

334
00:10:59,150 --> 00:11:00,980
And they didn't know
it, and then she died.

335
00:11:00,980 --> 00:11:03,560
My grandmother was always
very suspicious of that,

336
00:11:03,560 --> 00:11:05,330
she suddenly died.

337
00:11:05,330 --> 00:11:09,028
And must have been maybe
30 or maybe in their 20s.

338
00:11:09,028 --> 00:11:09,570
I don't know.

339
00:11:09,570 --> 00:11:11,010
This was before I was born.

340
00:11:11,010 --> 00:11:12,490
I think it was in 1920.

341
00:11:12,490 --> 00:11:16,040
It was big in the papers
all over the country then,

342
00:11:16,040 --> 00:11:17,300
but they didn't know it.

343
00:11:17,300 --> 00:11:19,710
And then he'd married again.

344
00:11:19,710 --> 00:11:21,000
And the same thing happened.

345
00:11:21,000 --> 00:11:24,290
That woman, the wife died,
so they got suspicious.

346
00:11:24,290 --> 00:11:26,030
And then they came
to my grandmother,

347
00:11:26,030 --> 00:11:30,160
said we'd like to open the grave
up to see what happened to her.

348
00:11:30,160 --> 00:11:32,520
And that's not a Jewish
thing to do that.

349
00:11:32,520 --> 00:11:33,020
Yeah.

350
00:11:33,020 --> 00:11:34,490
And they were rather religious.

351
00:11:34,490 --> 00:11:35,540
But then she gave in.

352
00:11:35,540 --> 00:11:37,730
She said, yes, it's necessary.

353
00:11:37,730 --> 00:11:39,890
And then they found
that he had done that.

354
00:11:39,890 --> 00:11:41,050
All this morphine in her.

355
00:11:41,050 --> 00:11:43,280
Then he went to
prison, of course, yes.

356
00:11:43,280 --> 00:11:44,120
Oh my goodness.

357
00:11:44,120 --> 00:11:45,825
Yes, that was an
interesting story.

358
00:11:45,825 --> 00:11:47,120
It was a sad story.

359
00:11:47,120 --> 00:11:48,420
Did they have children?

360
00:11:48,420 --> 00:11:50,420
No, they had no children.

361
00:11:50,420 --> 00:11:54,230

She was a nurse in the First World War, as a matter of fact.

362
00:11:54,230 --> 00:11:55,520
And her name again?

363
00:11:55,520 --> 00:11:58,718
Her name was Helena--

364
00:11:58,718 --> 00:12:01,320
her married name was
Goodman, Gutmann.

365
00:12:01,320 --> 00:12:02,780
Goodman, yeah, yeah.

366
00:12:02,780 --> 00:12:04,040
But her first name was Helena.

367
00:12:04,040 --> 00:12:05,030
Helena, yes.

368
00:12:05,030 --> 00:12:05,570
OK.

369
00:12:05,570 --> 00:12:10,055
And then there was Rosie, who
married a Dutch-Jewish man

370
00:12:10,055 --> 00:12:10,880
in Holland.

371
00:12:10,880 --> 00:12:12,890
They lived in Amsterdam.

372
00:12:12,890 --> 00:12:16,860
And her husband was Willem,
and they had two daughters.

373
00:12:16,860 --> 00:12:17,450
OK.

374

00:12:17,450 --> 00:12:20,060

And then there was--

375

00:12:20,060 --> 00:12:22,610

her name was Sarah, but
they called her [? Jaka. ?]

376

00:12:22,610 --> 00:12:24,170

You know, so that's
all I knew about.

377

00:12:24,170 --> 00:12:25,750

But I know the name
was [? Zalla ?]..

378

00:12:25,750 --> 00:12:26,250

OK.

379

00:12:26,250 --> 00:12:28,180

And she had one son.

380

00:12:28,180 --> 00:12:30,580

But who's the other one?

381

00:12:30,580 --> 00:12:31,520

oh, Else.

382

00:12:31,520 --> 00:12:34,910

Else was actually
the oldest daughter.

383

00:12:34,910 --> 00:12:36,472

And she had two girls, too.

384

00:12:36,472 --> 00:12:37,430

So that was the family.

385

00:12:37,430 --> 00:12:39,200

And did they all--

386

00:12:39,200 --> 00:12:43,940

aside from the ones that you mentioned lived in Amsterdam,

387
00:12:43,940 --> 00:12:46,415
did they all stay in this Northern Germany

388
00:12:46,415 --> 00:12:47,040
kind of region?

389
00:12:47,040 --> 00:12:48,320
Yes, yes, yes.

390
00:12:48,320 --> 00:12:49,690
One lived in Hamm.

391
00:12:49,690 --> 00:12:52,770
That's in Westphalia.

392
00:12:52,770 --> 00:12:56,810
But the brothers, the other brothers all lived in Hanover.

393
00:12:56,810 --> 00:12:59,310
They established themselves in Hanover.

394
00:12:59,310 --> 00:12:59,810
OK.

395
00:12:59,810 --> 00:13:05,480
And one lived in Stuttgart, one sister.

396
00:13:05,480 --> 00:13:09,090
But all of this is in the Western part of Germany.

397
00:13:09,090 --> 00:13:09,590
Yes.

398
00:13:09,590 --> 00:13:12,838

And in the part of Germany
that became West Germany.

399
00:13:12,838 --> 00:13:13,380
That's right.

400
00:13:13,380 --> 00:13:16,170
That formally became
West Germany afterwards.

401
00:13:16,170 --> 00:13:17,240
After the war, yes.

402
00:13:17,240 --> 00:13:21,090
And so your father is the
only one who really goes East.

403
00:13:21,090 --> 00:13:22,430
Yes, yes.

404
00:13:22,430 --> 00:13:26,420
Did any of his family
visit him in Koenigsberg?

405
00:13:26,420 --> 00:13:28,250
Yeah, once in a while they came.

406
00:13:28,250 --> 00:13:28,760
Yes.

407
00:13:28,760 --> 00:13:29,260
OK.

408
00:13:29,260 --> 00:13:29,780
Yes.

409
00:13:29,780 --> 00:13:33,020
But mostly we went there,
because of the grandmother.

410
00:13:33,020 --> 00:13:33,860
Yeah.

411
00:13:33,860 --> 00:13:36,980
And so her 80th birthday,
you were eight years old,

412
00:13:36,980 --> 00:13:38,450
and it's 1934.

413
00:13:38,450 --> 00:13:39,200
Yes.

414
00:13:39,200 --> 00:13:41,550
That's a year after
Hitler comes to power.

415
00:13:41,550 --> 00:13:42,500
That's right.

416
00:13:42,500 --> 00:13:45,695
Did that make itself felt
during this celebration?

417
00:13:45,695 --> 00:13:49,130
Not as far as-- no, I don't
think at that time yet,

418
00:13:49,130 --> 00:13:49,790
you know?

419
00:13:49,790 --> 00:13:50,600
OK.

420
00:13:50,600 --> 00:13:53,180
There were things, I guess,
that were happening--

421
00:13:53,180 --> 00:13:55,130
But you don't
remember any kind of--

422
00:13:55,130 --> 00:13:57,930
No, I don't remember

that, not that far back

423

00:13:57,930 --> 00:13:59,180
that there was any difference.

424

00:13:59,180 --> 00:14:00,120
We could travel.

425

00:14:00,120 --> 00:14:00,761
We could go.

426

00:14:00,761 --> 00:14:02,023
We could stay in hotels.

427

00:14:02,023 --> 00:14:03,190
We could still at that time.

428

00:14:03,190 --> 00:14:05,600
And there still was a
Jewish hotel to stay in.

429

00:14:05,600 --> 00:14:07,430
There was a Jewish
one, but otherwise not

430

00:14:07,430 --> 00:14:12,050
until it's 1936 I think that
happened that you couldn't stay

431

00:14:12,050 --> 00:14:15,155
or you couldn't go to
a restaurant because

432

00:14:15,155 --> 00:14:16,310
of the Nuremberg laws.

433

00:14:16,310 --> 00:14:18,860
And your father is the
baby of the family.

434

00:14:18,860 --> 00:14:20,300
Yes, yes.

435
00:14:20,300 --> 00:14:21,440
When was he born?

436
00:14:21,440 --> 00:14:23,880
He was born 1897.

437
00:14:23,880 --> 00:14:24,950
1897.

438
00:14:24,950 --> 00:14:25,830
And your mother?

439
00:14:25,830 --> 00:14:28,430
My mother was born in 1904.

440
00:14:28,430 --> 00:14:29,070
OK.

441
00:14:29,070 --> 00:14:29,570
Yeah.

442
00:14:29,570 --> 00:14:30,530
OK.

443
00:14:30,530 --> 00:14:38,780
And when they met
in 1923 or 24, they

444
00:14:38,780 --> 00:14:40,280
met at your uncle's wedding.

445
00:14:40,280 --> 00:14:41,630
Yes.

446
00:14:41,630 --> 00:14:43,890
When did they
themselves get married?

447
00:14:43,890 --> 00:14:46,290
They got married in 1925.

448
00:14:46,290 --> 00:14:47,040
OK.

449
00:14:47,040 --> 00:14:48,720
And they had you in 1926.

450
00:14:48,720 --> 00:14:51,630
Yeah, they were married
October 18, 1925.

451
00:14:51,630 --> 00:14:54,212
And I was born October 11, 1926.

452
00:14:54,212 --> 00:14:55,530
Very legal.

453
00:14:55,530 --> 00:14:56,647
OK.

454
00:14:56,647 --> 00:14:57,960
[LAUGHTER]

455
00:14:57,960 --> 00:15:04,050
And did either of them
have higher education?

456
00:15:04,050 --> 00:15:08,625
My mother went to a
postgraduate school in Berlin.

457
00:15:08,625 --> 00:15:11,660

458
00:15:11,660 --> 00:15:14,430
To learn some just--

459
00:15:14,430 --> 00:15:15,197
Administrative?

460
00:15:15,197 --> 00:15:16,530

You mean like typing and things?

461

00:15:16,530 --> 00:15:18,570

Something like that,
something like that.

462

00:15:18,570 --> 00:15:20,730

I mean, but she never
used it, you know,

463

00:15:20,730 --> 00:15:22,470

because she didn't
work at the time.

464

00:15:22,470 --> 00:15:23,460

And yeah--

465

00:15:23,460 --> 00:15:25,440

And your father,
did he have any--

466

00:15:25,440 --> 00:15:28,530

No, my father, I think I
said before, he left school

467

00:15:28,530 --> 00:15:30,150

when he was 14.

468

00:15:30,150 --> 00:15:31,440

That's the way it was done.

469

00:15:31,440 --> 00:15:34,560

And he was sent away
from home to a family

470

00:15:34,560 --> 00:15:36,330

where he learned the business.

471

00:15:36,330 --> 00:15:38,400

Did he serve in World
War I, your father?

472

00:15:38,400 --> 00:15:39,300

Yes, yes.

473

00:15:39,300 --> 00:15:41,410

My father was-- as
a matter of fact,

474

00:15:41,410 --> 00:15:43,560

he was a prisoner
of war in France.

475

00:15:43,560 --> 00:15:44,130

Was he?

476

00:15:44,130 --> 00:15:44,970

Yes.

477

00:15:44,970 --> 00:15:46,828

And so he was fighting
for the German side.

478

00:15:46,828 --> 00:15:47,370

That's right.

479

00:15:47,370 --> 00:15:50,250

And I think he was only
17 when he went in,

480

00:15:50,250 --> 00:15:51,780

when he went into the army.

481

00:15:51,780 --> 00:15:52,620

Yes.

482

00:15:52,620 --> 00:15:54,640

Did he ever talk
about his experiences?

483

00:15:54,640 --> 00:15:55,140

Oh, yes.

484

00:15:55,140 --> 00:15:57,010

He was wounded a little bit.

485

00:15:57,010 --> 00:15:58,755

He had, I think, a
shot in the-- yeah,

486

00:15:58,755 --> 00:16:01,440

you could see this
wound on the arm,

487

00:16:01,440 --> 00:16:03,420

and a little bit over the eye.

488

00:16:03,420 --> 00:16:09,993

He said he was by Senegalese
soldiers he was shot.

489

00:16:09,993 --> 00:16:11,160

You know, and then I guess--

490

00:16:11,160 --> 00:16:11,743

By Senegalese.

491

00:16:11,743 --> 00:16:14,340

--I don't know-- then he
was caught, I imagine.

492

00:16:14,340 --> 00:16:17,970

And I think a couple of
years he was in prison.

493

00:16:17,970 --> 00:16:20,610

And he never would
eat rice anymore,

494

00:16:20,610 --> 00:16:23,040

because that's all he was fed.

495

00:16:23,040 --> 00:16:24,650

Was rice, and rice,
and more rice.

496

00:16:24,650 --> 00:16:25,150
Rice, rice.

497
00:16:25,150 --> 00:16:26,310
Yes.

498
00:16:26,310 --> 00:16:28,530
And so he was
imprisoned in France.

499
00:16:28,530 --> 00:16:31,110
Yes, I don't know where,
but I know he was.

500
00:16:31,110 --> 00:16:32,255
OK, OK.

501
00:16:32,255 --> 00:16:36,010

502
00:16:36,010 --> 00:16:38,050
Now, in this
business that he was

503
00:16:38,050 --> 00:16:41,470
that he was in with
your uncle, you

504
00:16:41,470 --> 00:16:43,750
mentioned that it was hides.

505
00:16:43,750 --> 00:16:44,980
Was it a tannery?

506
00:16:44,980 --> 00:16:46,200
No, it wasn't a tannery.

507
00:16:46,200 --> 00:16:49,340
Here he had a
tannery, but it was--

508
00:16:49,340 --> 00:16:53,290

you know the hides and skins
that you sell to tanneries,

509
00:16:53,290 --> 00:16:56,380
and they processed them.

510
00:16:56,380 --> 00:16:57,040
It was like a--

511
00:16:57,040 --> 00:16:58,480
So he would get them.

512
00:16:58,480 --> 00:17:01,930
Who would be the people
he would buy them from?

513
00:17:01,930 --> 00:17:07,240
I think from-- what
do you call this?

514
00:17:07,240 --> 00:17:10,030
For animals, you know--

515
00:17:10,030 --> 00:17:14,200
oh, I can't think
of the name of it.

516
00:17:14,200 --> 00:17:17,129

517
00:17:17,129 --> 00:17:23,849
Animals-- to process
the animals for food,

518
00:17:23,849 --> 00:17:26,760
and then the skin would come
off, and he'd buy the skin.

519
00:17:26,760 --> 00:17:28,102
I see, so he wouldn't--

520
00:17:28,102 --> 00:17:29,310

And the hides, and whatever--

521

00:17:29,310 --> 00:17:33,460

He would not buy them direct
from, let's say, a hunter--

522

00:17:33,460 --> 00:17:33,960

No, no.

523

00:17:33,960 --> 00:17:34,560

Not from a hunter.

524

00:17:34,560 --> 00:17:34,740

No, no.

525

00:17:34,740 --> 00:17:35,030

--or something like that.

526

00:17:35,030 --> 00:17:36,090

No.

527

00:17:36,090 --> 00:17:40,200

It would be like a cow was
being taken to someplace for--

528

00:17:40,200 --> 00:17:41,280

Yeah, where they first--

529

00:17:41,280 --> 00:17:42,450

--slaughter it.

530

00:17:42,450 --> 00:17:43,785

Or this or that.

531

00:17:43,785 --> 00:17:47,250

Yes, I know we used to go into
the country, all over East

532

00:17:47,250 --> 00:17:50,610

Prussia, make these day
trips with my father

533

00:17:50,610 --> 00:17:52,980

and that's where he
saw his customers.

534

00:17:52,980 --> 00:17:55,200

Not just customers, but
from the people he bought.

535

00:17:55,200 --> 00:17:55,980

Mm-hmm.

536

00:17:55,980 --> 00:18:00,720

And then he would-- yes,
they were processed, and sold

537

00:18:00,720 --> 00:18:02,790

to tanneries, and-- yes.

538

00:18:02,790 --> 00:18:03,300

I see.

539

00:18:03,300 --> 00:18:05,580

So he would buy
them from whoever

540

00:18:05,580 --> 00:18:06,930

would have slaughtered the cow.

541

00:18:06,930 --> 00:18:07,860

Yes, right.

542

00:18:07,860 --> 00:18:08,820

And would take--

543

00:18:08,820 --> 00:18:09,960

Slaughterhouse.

544

00:18:09,960 --> 00:18:12,807

The slaughterhouses, but also
I couldn't think of the name

545

00:18:12,807 --> 00:18:13,890
till you said "slaughter."

546
00:18:13,890 --> 00:18:14,190
Yes.

547
00:18:14,190 --> 00:18:14,730
OK.

548
00:18:14,730 --> 00:18:15,230
Yes.

549
00:18:15,230 --> 00:18:16,990
So those are the people
he would buy them?

550
00:18:16,990 --> 00:18:17,730
Yes, yes.

551
00:18:17,730 --> 00:18:18,930
I know that he did that.

552
00:18:18,930 --> 00:18:21,240
And what kind of process
did he put through them,

553
00:18:21,240 --> 00:18:22,350
or was he simply--

554
00:18:22,350 --> 00:18:23,800
I guess they skinned them.

555
00:18:23,800 --> 00:18:25,155
I really-- don't ask me.

556
00:18:25,155 --> 00:18:27,210
I know they had a--

557
00:18:27,210 --> 00:18:32,850
he had a building,
and he had an office.

558

00:18:32,850 --> 00:18:35,880

And then also there was where
they processed the skins.

559

00:18:35,880 --> 00:18:37,530

That's all I know about that.

560

00:18:37,530 --> 00:18:38,430

Did it smell?

561

00:18:38,430 --> 00:18:40,390

I know more-- yes.

562

00:18:40,390 --> 00:18:41,910

It's a very--

563

00:18:41,910 --> 00:18:43,490

I'm used to that smell.

564

00:18:43,490 --> 00:18:44,040

Yeah?

565

00:18:44,040 --> 00:18:45,960

And then he here
he had a tannery.

566

00:18:45,960 --> 00:18:47,970

And so again the smell.

567

00:18:47,970 --> 00:18:48,750

OK.

568

00:18:48,750 --> 00:18:49,500

Yeah.

569

00:18:49,500 --> 00:18:51,780

But it was one step
further in the process.

570

00:18:51,780 --> 00:18:52,280

Yes.

571
00:18:52,280 --> 00:18:53,580
Of making leather.

572
00:18:53,580 --> 00:18:56,670
Yes, right.

573
00:18:56,670 --> 00:18:57,820
He was well known.

574
00:18:57,820 --> 00:19:00,850
He was one of the biggest
dealers in East Prussia.

575
00:19:00,850 --> 00:19:01,350
Was he now?

576
00:19:01,350 --> 00:19:01,850
Of this.

577
00:19:01,850 --> 00:19:03,540
Yes, yes.

578
00:19:03,540 --> 00:19:06,570
They knew him even
here in America.

579
00:19:06,570 --> 00:19:07,350
Yeah.

580
00:19:07,350 --> 00:19:08,400
Because--

581
00:19:08,400 --> 00:19:10,650
So do you remember
some of the places

582
00:19:10,650 --> 00:19:12,910
that you visited in
East Prussia with him?

583

00:19:12,910 --> 00:19:14,340
Oh, there were lots of--

584
00:19:14,340 --> 00:19:19,230
Allenstein and Gumbinnen, and we
went as far West as the Polish

585
00:19:19,230 --> 00:19:21,870
border, down with the
[? Masurian ?] You know

586
00:19:21,870 --> 00:19:22,860
[? Masuria ?]

587
00:19:22,860 --> 00:19:23,450
Mm-hmm.

588
00:19:23,450 --> 00:19:24,750
So Allenstein, Gumbinnen.

589
00:19:24,750 --> 00:19:28,590
Yeah, and further
down, all these places.

590
00:19:28,590 --> 00:19:30,450
Well, these are such--

591
00:19:30,450 --> 00:19:33,208
These are--

592
00:19:33,208 --> 00:19:34,500
Really, they were small places.

593
00:19:34,500 --> 00:19:36,375
And all those people,
I remember those people

594
00:19:36,375 --> 00:19:39,240
because they were also
Jewish, who he bought from.

595
00:19:39,240 --> 00:19:41,740

And they finally-- they
came to America, too.

596
00:19:41,740 --> 00:19:44,160
And we were very
friendly with them.

597
00:19:44,160 --> 00:19:48,570
My father did business with one
of them, too, here in America.

598
00:19:48,570 --> 00:19:50,010
Well, the places
you mentioned are

599
00:19:50,010 --> 00:19:54,370
so unfamiliar to most people.

600
00:19:54,370 --> 00:19:57,270
And surprisingly
also in Germany.

601
00:19:57,270 --> 00:19:58,650
Yes, yes, yes.

602
00:19:58,650 --> 00:20:01,290
I've met here some
Germans who said, "Oh,

603
00:20:01,290 --> 00:20:03,118
I had a cousin in Allenstein."

604
00:20:03,118 --> 00:20:03,660
A woman here.

605
00:20:03,660 --> 00:20:05,730
Yeah, who knows of Allenstein?

606
00:20:05,730 --> 00:20:06,280
That's right.

607
00:20:06,280 --> 00:20:07,125

Who knows of Gumbinnen?

608
00:20:07,125 --> 00:20:07,780
That's right.

609
00:20:07,780 --> 00:20:09,180
But you do.

610
00:20:09,180 --> 00:20:10,050
Yeah, I do.

611
00:20:10,050 --> 00:20:11,220
I do.

612
00:20:11,220 --> 00:20:14,220
But that's because we're
so close geographically.

613
00:20:14,220 --> 00:20:15,195
Yes, yes, of course.

614
00:20:15,195 --> 00:20:17,820

615
00:20:17,820 --> 00:20:21,330
But it struck me--

616
00:20:21,330 --> 00:20:24,270
I must say, I was there
in the early '90s--

617
00:20:24,270 --> 00:20:27,160
as a very pretty part of--

618
00:20:27,160 --> 00:20:27,828
Pretty part.

619
00:20:27,828 --> 00:20:28,620
It was very pretty.

620
00:20:28,620 --> 00:20:31,830

And of course the Baltic
Sea, we used used to go--

621
00:20:31,830 --> 00:20:33,390
Where did you go
on the Baltic Sea?

622
00:20:33,390 --> 00:20:36,200
Well, there was a place, Cranz.

623
00:20:36,200 --> 00:20:36,700
Cranz.

624
00:20:36,700 --> 00:20:39,030
It was half an hour
from Koenigsberg.

625
00:20:39,030 --> 00:20:41,490
We used to spend summers there.

626
00:20:41,490 --> 00:20:43,560
Not all summers, but we did.

627
00:20:43,560 --> 00:20:47,460
Then another place we went
to was outside of Memel.

628
00:20:47,460 --> 00:20:51,166
Do you know Sandkrug?

629
00:20:51,166 --> 00:20:51,840
No?

630
00:20:51,840 --> 00:20:54,240
I don't know what it was
called in Lithuanian.

631
00:20:54,240 --> 00:20:56,280
It was right across from Memel.

632
00:20:56,280 --> 00:20:57,928
You took the ferry to come over.

633
00:20:57,928 --> 00:20:58,470
I know, yeah.

634
00:20:58,470 --> 00:21:03,188
My relatives were all in Memel,
so my mother loved that area.

635
00:21:03,188 --> 00:21:03,980
It was very pretty.

636
00:21:03,980 --> 00:21:04,680
It's a spit, yeah.

637
00:21:04,680 --> 00:21:05,722
And there was Schwarzort.

638
00:21:05,722 --> 00:21:06,810
This was [INAUDIBLE].

639
00:21:06,810 --> 00:21:09,310
We went back there in 2007.

640
00:21:09,310 --> 00:21:09,900
Oh, did you?

641
00:21:09,900 --> 00:21:11,100
We went to Schwarzort.

642
00:21:11,100 --> 00:21:13,260
What's it called in--

643
00:21:13,260 --> 00:21:14,490
In Russian?

644
00:21:14,490 --> 00:21:15,310
In Lithuanian.

645
00:21:15,310 --> 00:21:16,422
Yeah, I don't--

646

00:21:16,422 --> 00:21:18,790

Ah, Schwarzort-- JuodkrantÃ©.

647

00:21:18,790 --> 00:21:19,290

Yes.

648

00:21:19,290 --> 00:21:20,040

JuodkrantÃ©.

649

00:21:20,040 --> 00:21:20,980

That's what it is.

650

00:21:20,980 --> 00:21:21,480

Schwarzort.

651

00:21:21,480 --> 00:21:21,970

Yeah.

652

00:21:21,970 --> 00:21:23,095

Yeah, beautiful, beautiful.

653

00:21:23,095 --> 00:21:27,090

Well, that area is called
Kursiu Marios in Lithuanian.

654

00:21:27,090 --> 00:21:27,992

There's Nida.

655

00:21:27,992 --> 00:21:28,700

Which was Nidden.

656

00:21:28,700 --> 00:21:29,700

Yes.

657

00:21:29,700 --> 00:21:30,820

[INAUDIBLE] Nidden.

658

00:21:30,820 --> 00:21:31,740

Yeah, German-- Nidden.

659

00:21:31,740 --> 00:21:33,930
Yeah, yeah.

660
00:21:33,930 --> 00:21:35,422
And Thomas Mann had a--

661
00:21:35,422 --> 00:21:36,630
I was just going to say that.

662
00:21:36,630 --> 00:21:37,950
Yeah, had a summer place there.

663
00:21:37,950 --> 00:21:39,200
Thomas Mann had a house there.

664
00:21:39,200 --> 00:21:40,320
So we went up there.

665
00:21:40,320 --> 00:21:42,150
It's sort of up
the hill, you know?

666
00:21:42,150 --> 00:21:43,198
Yeah, yeah.

667
00:21:43,198 --> 00:21:43,740
Yeah, I know.

668
00:21:43,740 --> 00:21:44,910
It was beautiful.

669
00:21:44,910 --> 00:21:46,840
Because I went back in 2007.

670
00:21:46,840 --> 00:21:52,470
We spent maybe 10 days, maybe
two weeks in Schwarzort.

671
00:21:52,470 --> 00:21:53,670
OK.

672

00:21:53,670 --> 00:21:57,750
Did you-- did you cross into
what is today the Kaliningrad

673
00:21:57,750 --> 00:21:59,040
region?

674
00:21:59,040 --> 00:22:00,300
The Kaliningrad?

675
00:22:00,300 --> 00:22:02,250
Yeah, what Koenigsberg became.

676
00:22:02,250 --> 00:22:03,070
Oh, yes, yes.

677
00:22:03,070 --> 00:22:03,570
Of course.

678
00:22:03,570 --> 00:22:07,020
Yes, then we took from
there, we went on a bus.

679
00:22:07,020 --> 00:22:08,230
I should have stayed longer.

680
00:22:08,230 --> 00:22:11,640
I stayed only two days and
one night, my husband and I.

681
00:22:11,640 --> 00:22:15,210
And my cousins stayed
back [INAUDIBLE]..

682
00:22:15,210 --> 00:22:17,910
And so that was very
interesting for me,

683
00:22:17,910 --> 00:22:21,480
you know, because it's all
built up Russian-style.

684

00:22:21,480 --> 00:22:23,010
But I found my way.

685
00:22:23,010 --> 00:22:23,590
Did you?

686
00:22:23,590 --> 00:22:24,110
Yes, I did.

687
00:22:24,110 --> 00:22:25,606
I did.

688
00:22:25,606 --> 00:22:29,770
And do you remember the street
you lived on as a child?

689
00:22:29,770 --> 00:22:31,200
What was the name of the street?

690
00:22:31,200 --> 00:22:33,000
General-Litzmann-Strasse.

691
00:22:33,000 --> 00:22:35,577
That was German-- one
of the German generals.

692
00:22:35,577 --> 00:22:36,660
You know, they renamed it.

693
00:22:36,660 --> 00:22:38,790
It used to be Stresemannstrasse.

694
00:22:38,790 --> 00:22:43,700
He was some kind of a big
shot during the democracy.

695
00:22:43,700 --> 00:22:44,200
OK.

696
00:22:44,200 --> 00:22:46,158
And then, of course, they
renamed it, you know?

697
00:22:46,158 --> 00:22:48,150
OK, so it was
General-Litzmann-Strasse?

698
00:22:48,150 --> 00:22:51,570
Yeah, that's one of the main--
it was a main street up in--

699
00:22:51,570 --> 00:22:52,980
they called it the Hufen.

700
00:22:52,980 --> 00:22:57,000
It was up-- residential section.

701
00:22:57,000 --> 00:22:58,350
Wasn't downtown, you know?

702
00:22:58,350 --> 00:23:01,270
OK, was it north of downtown or?

703
00:23:01,270 --> 00:23:02,820
Yes, north, yes.

704
00:23:02,820 --> 00:23:06,030
So you lived in a
northern part of--

705
00:23:06,030 --> 00:23:07,190
Koenigsberg, yes.

706
00:23:07,190 --> 00:23:07,690
All right.

707
00:23:07,690 --> 00:23:09,087
And I used to have to commute.

708
00:23:09,087 --> 00:23:10,920
I don't know if I'm
getting ahead of myself.

709

00:23:10,920 --> 00:23:12,060
No, no, no, please.

710
00:23:12,060 --> 00:23:14,820
I had to commute
on the streetcar

711
00:23:14,820 --> 00:23:18,330
to go to-- first I went to a
public school for two years.

712
00:23:18,330 --> 00:23:19,230
As a little girl.

713
00:23:19,230 --> 00:23:20,100
Yes, a little girl.

714
00:23:20,100 --> 00:23:23,100
I started in 1933 when Hitler--

715
00:23:23,100 --> 00:23:24,390
they start there in April.

716
00:23:24,390 --> 00:23:25,555
They start school in April.

717
00:23:25,555 --> 00:23:26,055
Really?

718
00:23:26,055 --> 00:23:26,555
Yes.

719
00:23:26,555 --> 00:23:27,448
That's interesting.

720
00:23:27,448 --> 00:23:27,990
I don't know.

721
00:23:27,990 --> 00:23:31,570
It's crazy, because then they go
for vacation two months later.

722

00:23:31,570 --> 00:23:32,190

Yeah, yeah.

723

00:23:32,190 --> 00:23:33,150

But they did.

724

00:23:33,150 --> 00:23:35,130

The year started in April.

725

00:23:35,130 --> 00:23:36,300

And I started April.

726

00:23:36,300 --> 00:23:38,398

And he, Hitler came
in, in January.

727

00:23:38,398 --> 00:23:38,940

That's right.

728

00:23:38,940 --> 00:23:40,740

Yes, 1933.

729

00:23:40,740 --> 00:23:43,770

And at first, of course, there
wasn't a Jewish school yet.

730

00:23:43,770 --> 00:23:46,410

You know, they established
that about two years later.

731

00:23:46,410 --> 00:23:48,120

They established
a Jewish school.

732

00:23:48,120 --> 00:23:50,520

They felt it was necessary.

733

00:23:50,520 --> 00:23:52,780

And that's I think
I went a year later,

734

00:23:52,780 --> 00:23:56,040
from '36 after they
established it.

735
00:23:56,040 --> 00:23:57,270
And you would travel--

736
00:23:57,270 --> 00:23:59,190
In the public school

737
00:23:59,190 --> 00:24:02,010
So you say two years or three
years in the public school?

738
00:24:02,010 --> 00:24:03,630
I think I was three years.

739
00:24:03,630 --> 00:24:04,470
Three years?

740
00:24:04,470 --> 00:24:07,020
Because I know they
established a school in '35,

741
00:24:07,020 --> 00:24:08,640
and I didn't go right away.

742
00:24:08,640 --> 00:24:09,780
OK, OK.

743
00:24:09,780 --> 00:24:12,330

744
00:24:12,330 --> 00:24:14,940
Describe for me a
little bit your house,

745
00:24:14,940 --> 00:24:19,040
where you lived in the Hufen,
General-Litzmann-Strasse.

746
00:24:19,040 --> 00:24:21,150

Well, at first-- I
have to say, at first I

747
00:24:21,150 --> 00:24:23,100
lived in [? Gluckstrasse. ?]

748
00:24:23,100 --> 00:24:23,760
OK.

749
00:24:23,760 --> 00:24:26,940
That was right near
the zoo, Tiergarten.

750
00:24:26,940 --> 00:24:28,230
They called it Tiergarten.

751
00:24:28,230 --> 00:24:30,600
It's animals garden.

752
00:24:30,600 --> 00:24:31,260
Yeah.

753
00:24:31,260 --> 00:24:34,145
It was either called zoo
or Tiergarten in German.

754
00:24:34,145 --> 00:24:35,970
In Berlin, they
called it the zoo.

755
00:24:35,970 --> 00:24:36,630
Yeah.

756
00:24:36,630 --> 00:24:40,080
And so I lived like maybe
not even five minutes walk.

757
00:24:40,080 --> 00:24:43,990
So every day when I was little,
I went to the Tiergarten.

758
00:24:43,990 --> 00:24:46,140

So I had a nanny.

759

00:24:46,140 --> 00:24:48,490

And then later on,
we had a housekeeper.

760

00:24:48,490 --> 00:24:49,830

She didn't want the nanny.

761

00:24:49,830 --> 00:24:51,180

She wanted to be in charge.

762

00:24:51,180 --> 00:24:52,680

So she said, let her go.

763

00:24:52,680 --> 00:24:54,480

I'm going to take
care of all of you.

764

00:24:54,480 --> 00:24:55,860

OK.

765

00:24:55,860 --> 00:25:00,010

And then-- and
then we moved to--

766

00:25:00,010 --> 00:25:01,680

they were apartments.

767

00:25:01,680 --> 00:25:03,450

Very nice apartments.

768

00:25:03,450 --> 00:25:06,420

So you lived not in a
separate single family home?

769

00:25:06,420 --> 00:25:06,920

No, no.

770

00:25:06,920 --> 00:25:09,180

There were not many people
in the city in Germany

771
00:25:09,180 --> 00:25:11,820
who lived in single
houses, because there

772
00:25:11,820 --> 00:25:14,940
was that much space.

773
00:25:14,940 --> 00:25:18,428
So describe for me the
apartment building you lived in.

774
00:25:18,428 --> 00:25:20,220
The one in-- the one
you remember the best.

775
00:25:20,220 --> 00:25:20,340
Let's see.

776
00:25:20,340 --> 00:25:21,090
The second one--

777
00:25:21,090 --> 00:25:21,580
The second one.

778
00:25:21,580 --> 00:25:22,622
--where I lived the most.

779
00:25:22,622 --> 00:25:24,420
[INAUDIBLE] was four
I think we moved over

780
00:25:24,420 --> 00:25:28,590
to General-Litzmann-Strasse.

781
00:25:28,590 --> 00:25:32,640
And we lived in a house
underneath was stores,

782
00:25:32,640 --> 00:25:34,760
and there was even
a movie underneath.

783
00:25:34,760 --> 00:25:36,000
Well, that's convenient.

784
00:25:36,000 --> 00:25:37,290
Yes, it was convenient.

785
00:25:37,290 --> 00:25:39,350
They let us in as long as we--

786
00:25:39,350 --> 00:25:40,570
we could always go there.

787
00:25:40,570 --> 00:25:42,536
They always let us in, you know?

788
00:25:42,536 --> 00:25:43,786
I mean, then it was forbidden.

789
00:25:43,786 --> 00:25:44,590
As children.

790
00:25:44,590 --> 00:25:45,900
No, then it was forbidden.

791
00:25:45,900 --> 00:25:51,150
They still-- you know,
we went to rehearsals.

792
00:25:51,150 --> 00:25:53,970
And it was lovely, as
I saw all the movies.

793
00:25:53,970 --> 00:25:56,340
I was a child, but
I saw all these--

794
00:25:56,340 --> 00:25:59,160
What were some of the movies
that you saw in the cinema?

795

00:25:59,160 --> 00:26:00,810
What did you-- in this theater?

796
00:26:00,810 --> 00:26:01,620
What did I see?

797
00:26:01,620 --> 00:26:03,800
Well, there was a
Shirley Temple movie,

798
00:26:03,800 --> 00:26:05,490
but I saw adult movies, too.

799
00:26:05,490 --> 00:26:07,230
I can't remember the names.

800
00:26:07,230 --> 00:26:10,520
There was Greta
Garbo and whatever.

801
00:26:10,520 --> 00:26:11,865
Now I can't remember-- recall.

802
00:26:11,865 --> 00:26:14,850
But so on, names
of the [INAUDIBLE]

803
00:26:14,850 --> 00:26:16,290
the movies of the [INAUDIBLE].

804
00:26:16,290 --> 00:26:19,620
So this would have been movies
coming from Hollywood as well?

805
00:26:19,620 --> 00:26:20,910
As well, they were.

806
00:26:20,910 --> 00:26:21,720
Yeah, yeah.

807
00:26:21,720 --> 00:26:23,370
They were adapted in German.

808
00:26:23,370 --> 00:26:25,030
They were-- yeah, yeah, mostly.

809
00:26:25,030 --> 00:26:27,928
You know, you saw them,
and they adapted them.

810
00:26:27,928 --> 00:26:28,470
That's right.

811
00:26:28,470 --> 00:26:29,430
Yes, yeah.

812
00:26:29,430 --> 00:26:31,320
And what were some of the--

813
00:26:31,320 --> 00:26:34,770
what were some of the actors
or actresses from Germany

814
00:26:34,770 --> 00:26:35,520
that you saw?

815
00:26:35,520 --> 00:26:39,090
There was one was Lil Dagover.

816
00:26:39,090 --> 00:26:40,170
A beautiful woman.

817
00:26:40,170 --> 00:26:42,300
I always said my
mother looked like her.

818
00:26:42,300 --> 00:26:46,170
And who can I--

819
00:26:46,170 --> 00:26:47,580
Heinz Ruhmann.

820
00:26:47,580 --> 00:26:51,060

And some were Nazis,
some were not.

821
00:26:51,060 --> 00:26:57,450
And there were quite a few.

822
00:26:57,450 --> 00:27:00,000
Of course, Greta Garbo
was then already.

823
00:27:00,000 --> 00:27:01,290
Was Marlene Dietrich in--

824
00:27:01,290 --> 00:27:03,400
Oh, Marlene Dietrich, of course.

825
00:27:03,400 --> 00:27:05,535
Yeah, of course then she
left and went to America.

826
00:27:05,535 --> 00:27:06,220
Then she left.

827
00:27:06,220 --> 00:27:06,720
Yeah.

828
00:27:06,720 --> 00:27:09,210
She was great.

829
00:27:09,210 --> 00:27:14,460
So you had this theater.

830
00:27:14,460 --> 00:27:16,270
It was a cinema or a theater?

831
00:27:16,270 --> 00:27:17,290
No, no, cinema.

832
00:27:17,290 --> 00:27:19,270
It was a cinema.

833

00:27:19,270 --> 00:27:22,180
And it was right
underneath where you lived.

834
00:27:22,180 --> 00:27:24,190
Yes, and there
was another store.

835
00:27:24,190 --> 00:27:27,670
And then the owner
of the apartment--

836
00:27:27,670 --> 00:27:31,010
of the apartment house had
his own little addition there.

837
00:27:31,010 --> 00:27:34,000
That was like a double up
and down, near the garden.

838
00:27:34,000 --> 00:27:36,080
You could look into his garden.

839
00:27:36,080 --> 00:27:40,690
And we had-- and there were four
Jewish families-- six families

840
00:27:40,690 --> 00:27:41,500
in the whole house.

841
00:27:41,500 --> 00:27:42,890
Not a big apartment house.

842
00:27:42,890 --> 00:27:45,310
You know, they were also
little apartment house.

843
00:27:45,310 --> 00:27:46,480
And there were six family.

844
00:27:46,480 --> 00:27:47,830
Four were Jewish.

845

00:27:47,830 --> 00:27:52,360

And maybe upstairs lived
the teacher before--

846

00:27:52,360 --> 00:27:54,640

well, when did we
move over there?

847

00:27:54,640 --> 00:27:56,450

It was probably 1930s.

848

00:27:56,450 --> 00:27:58,810

So I was friendly
with the little girl.

849

00:27:58,810 --> 00:28:00,760

But as soon as Hitler came--

850

00:28:00,760 --> 00:28:01,480

finished.

851

00:28:01,480 --> 00:28:03,970

She wasn't allowed to
talk to us anymore.

852

00:28:03,970 --> 00:28:06,600

And she had two older brothers.

853

00:28:06,600 --> 00:28:08,140

So they became terrible Nazis.

854

00:28:08,140 --> 00:28:09,880

Terrible.

855

00:28:09,880 --> 00:28:12,920

When you came down the stairs,
you'd go right to the side.

856

00:28:12,920 --> 00:28:16,030

You were afraid they were
going to really attack you

857

00:28:16,030 --> 00:28:16,880
or whatever.

858

00:28:16,880 --> 00:28:18,190
Do you remember their names?

859

00:28:18,190 --> 00:28:19,648
It was not very
pleasant with them.

860

00:28:19,648 --> 00:28:21,220
Do you remember their names?

861

00:28:21,220 --> 00:28:22,330
Hippler.

862

00:28:22,330 --> 00:28:24,080
H-I-P-P-L-E-R.

863

00:28:24,080 --> 00:28:24,580
Hippler?

864

00:28:24,580 --> 00:28:27,040
So much like Hitler, yeah,
that I remember the name.

865

00:28:27,040 --> 00:28:27,820
Yeah.

866

00:28:27,820 --> 00:28:32,645
And so this was a Gentile
family, a German Gentile

867

00:28:32,645 --> 00:28:33,145
family.

868

00:28:33,145 --> 00:28:33,645
Yes.

869

00:28:33,645 --> 00:28:37,108
And they became adherents

to the new ideology.

870
00:28:37,108 --> 00:28:37,900
They did, they did.

871
00:28:37,900 --> 00:28:38,740
Yeah, yeah, yes.

872
00:28:38,740 --> 00:28:40,060
OK.

873
00:28:40,060 --> 00:28:40,870
They did.

874
00:28:40,870 --> 00:28:42,190
The little girl was my age.

875
00:28:42,190 --> 00:28:43,870
The boys were older.

876
00:28:43,870 --> 00:28:44,903
But she was not--

877
00:28:44,903 --> 00:28:46,570
you know, I think the
brothers probably.

878
00:28:46,570 --> 00:28:48,220
The father didn't
seem like that,

879
00:28:48,220 --> 00:28:52,220
but the young-- you know,
the young fellows were, yeah.

880
00:28:52,220 --> 00:28:52,720
OK.

881
00:28:52,720 --> 00:28:56,770
So what about the other
family that was not Jewish?

882

00:28:56,770 --> 00:28:57,315

Do you have--

883

00:28:57,315 --> 00:28:58,888

No, others were all Jewish.

884

00:28:58,888 --> 00:29:00,180

Oh, the others were all Jewish?

885

00:29:00,180 --> 00:29:00,680

Ah-hah.

886

00:29:00,680 --> 00:29:02,260

There were four.

887

00:29:02,260 --> 00:29:03,910

Downstairs was nothing.

888

00:29:03,910 --> 00:29:04,790

Was just the lobby.

889

00:29:04,790 --> 00:29:07,040

And then you went up the
stairs a whole flight.

890

00:29:07,040 --> 00:29:07,540

OK.

891

00:29:07,540 --> 00:29:08,873

And we lived on the first floor.

892

00:29:08,873 --> 00:29:12,000

And next to us lived a family.

893

00:29:12,000 --> 00:29:13,930

And the boy went
to school with me.

894

00:29:13,930 --> 00:29:15,240

We were friendly with them.

895

00:29:15,240 --> 00:29:17,440

And then upstairs
lived a lawyer.

896

00:29:17,440 --> 00:29:19,580

They were very
much to themselves.

897

00:29:19,580 --> 00:29:23,380

And then above us was another
family that we knew well.

898

00:29:23,380 --> 00:29:25,210

Also was one boy.

899

00:29:25,210 --> 00:29:27,400

They all were my age, and
we all went to school.

900

00:29:27,400 --> 00:29:29,800

We were in the same
class together.

901

00:29:29,800 --> 00:29:33,100

Do you-- did you live in
what was then predominantly

902

00:29:33,100 --> 00:29:34,240

a Jewish neighborhood?

903

00:29:34,240 --> 00:29:35,120

No, no.

904

00:29:35,120 --> 00:29:35,620

It wasn't.

905

00:29:35,620 --> 00:29:36,040

No.

906

00:29:36,040 --> 00:29:36,320

That was more downtown.

907
00:29:36,320 --> 00:29:37,760
It just happened at this house.

908
00:29:37,760 --> 00:29:38,680
Yes.

909
00:29:38,680 --> 00:29:40,270
There were Jews around there.

910
00:29:40,270 --> 00:29:41,830
I had a girlfriend, you know.

911
00:29:41,830 --> 00:29:44,320
Diagonally across
was my girlfriend

912
00:29:44,320 --> 00:29:47,050
that I went to school
with, a Jewish girl.

913
00:29:47,050 --> 00:29:50,800
But not predominantly
Jewish there.

914
00:29:50,800 --> 00:29:56,800
And did I understand correctly
that even after Hitler banned

915
00:29:56,800 --> 00:30:00,400
Jews from going into cinemas,
the cinema would let you in

916
00:30:00,400 --> 00:30:01,620
to watch movies anyway?

917
00:30:01,620 --> 00:30:03,830
Well, yeah, they
were very nice to us,

918
00:30:03,830 --> 00:30:05,770
especially children
if they had--

919
00:30:05,770 --> 00:30:07,420
they were trying out the film.

920
00:30:07,420 --> 00:30:09,610
I don't know if you call
it rehearsal or whatever.

921
00:30:09,610 --> 00:30:10,630
They would let us come.

922
00:30:10,630 --> 00:30:13,570
It was during the day,
and they would let us in.

923
00:30:13,570 --> 00:30:14,815
Yes, yes.

924
00:30:14,815 --> 00:30:15,315
OK.

925
00:30:15,315 --> 00:30:17,440
It was after-- it
must have been--

926
00:30:17,440 --> 00:30:18,160
I wonder.

927
00:30:18,160 --> 00:30:20,170
Because my parents
went to the-- every

928
00:30:20,170 --> 00:30:22,510
Saturday night to the movies.

929
00:30:22,510 --> 00:30:24,940
And when they
stopped that-- no, I

930
00:30:24,940 --> 00:30:26,500
don't think they
would let them in.

931
00:30:26,500 --> 00:30:29,380
They wouldn't dare when
the laws were already--

932
00:30:29,380 --> 00:30:34,570
that must have been '36 or '37
that they couldn't go anymore.

933
00:30:34,570 --> 00:30:35,560
OK.

934
00:30:35,560 --> 00:30:36,850
But until that time--

935
00:30:36,850 --> 00:30:37,570
Yes, yes.

936
00:30:37,570 --> 00:30:38,510
Oh, yes, yes.

937
00:30:38,510 --> 00:30:39,190
OK.

938
00:30:39,190 --> 00:30:42,250
What other kinds of shops
were on the ground floor?

939
00:30:42,250 --> 00:30:45,190
What kind of-- there was
a paper store, you know?

940
00:30:45,190 --> 00:30:46,360
A paper store.

941
00:30:46,360 --> 00:30:47,140
Papierwaren.

942
00:30:47,140 --> 00:30:49,600
Yeah, it was only two stores.

943

00:30:49,600 --> 00:30:51,730
The other one was a shoe store.

944
00:30:51,730 --> 00:30:52,450
OK.

945
00:30:52,450 --> 00:30:54,700
And where did you get food?

946
00:30:54,700 --> 00:30:55,240
Food?

947
00:30:55,240 --> 00:30:56,920
Yeah.

948
00:30:56,920 --> 00:30:57,880
In the stores.

949
00:30:57,880 --> 00:30:58,480
We could go.

950
00:30:58,480 --> 00:31:00,610
The stores we could
keep going, you know?

951
00:31:00,610 --> 00:31:03,100
That was till the end you
could go to the stores.

952
00:31:03,100 --> 00:31:03,730
And was that--

953
00:31:03,730 --> 00:31:04,230
The end.

954
00:31:04,230 --> 00:31:05,350
That we left.

955
00:31:05,350 --> 00:31:06,910
Of course, after
that, I don't know.

956

00:31:06,910 --> 00:31:08,200

We left in '39.

957

00:31:08,200 --> 00:31:09,640

Yeah, yeah.

958

00:31:09,640 --> 00:31:18,820

But did your mother go shopping every single day for food?

959

00:31:18,820 --> 00:31:19,570

More or less.

960

00:31:19,570 --> 00:31:20,710

There was a gro--

961

00:31:20,710 --> 00:31:25,588

there was a single grocery store called [? Koryand ?]..

962

00:31:25,588 --> 00:31:26,380

What was it called?

963

00:31:26,380 --> 00:31:29,230

964

00:31:29,230 --> 00:31:30,260

[? Koryand ?].

965

00:31:30,260 --> 00:31:30,940

[? Koryand ?].

966

00:31:30,940 --> 00:31:33,450

Yeah, I don't know exactly now.

967

00:31:33,450 --> 00:31:35,050

The name doesn't come to me.

968

00:31:35,050 --> 00:31:35,740

It was--

969

00:31:35,740 --> 00:31:36,240

OK.

970

00:31:36,240 --> 00:31:38,860

Anyway, there was
a store, where you

971

00:31:38,860 --> 00:31:42,280

get-- it was maybe five
minutes walk, you know?

972

00:31:42,280 --> 00:31:46,120

But usually our housekeeper
went shopping for that.

973

00:31:46,120 --> 00:31:48,020

And we had a bakery near there.

974

00:31:48,020 --> 00:31:51,430

So she went whatever she
wanted what she needed.

975

00:31:51,430 --> 00:31:52,510

Oh, she went every day.

976

00:31:52,510 --> 00:31:54,730

But probably you
didn't go once a week

977

00:31:54,730 --> 00:31:56,990

and get a whole-- you
couldn't carry it home.

978

00:31:56,990 --> 00:31:57,580

Yeah.

979

00:31:57,580 --> 00:31:58,080

Yeah.

980

00:31:58,080 --> 00:32:00,740

981

00:32:00,740 --> 00:32:07,100

Let's go to your own home,
the apartment itself.

982

00:32:07,100 --> 00:32:09,050

You say it was on
the first floor.

983

00:32:09,050 --> 00:32:10,970

That is the floor
above the street level.

984

00:32:10,970 --> 00:32:13,400

Yeah, they would say
here second floor.

985

00:32:13,400 --> 00:32:15,200

Exactly, exactly.

986

00:32:15,200 --> 00:32:17,660

And how many rooms did you have?

987

00:32:17,660 --> 00:32:22,250

We had-- let's see, a living
room, a dining room, my room,

988

00:32:22,250 --> 00:32:24,080

my parents' room.

989

00:32:24,080 --> 00:32:25,790

And then there was a bathroom.

990

00:32:25,790 --> 00:32:27,200

Of course, one bathroom.

991

00:32:27,200 --> 00:32:29,900

And then there was a very small
room next to the bathroom.

992

00:32:29,900 --> 00:32:31,520

It was long and
small, and that's

993
00:32:31,520 --> 00:32:33,590
where the housekeeper lived.

994
00:32:33,590 --> 00:32:34,210
Oh.

995
00:32:34,210 --> 00:32:35,600
And there was a kitchen?

996
00:32:35,600 --> 00:32:37,040
And the kitchen, of course.

997
00:32:37,040 --> 00:32:37,970
And the kitchen.

998
00:32:37,970 --> 00:32:41,990
And was it a modern building?

999
00:32:41,990 --> 00:32:44,540
Was it built in the 19th
century, do you think?

1000
00:32:44,540 --> 00:32:46,170
Yes, I think so.

1001
00:32:46,170 --> 00:32:47,180
I think so.

1002
00:32:47,180 --> 00:32:48,560
How did you heat it?

1003
00:32:48,560 --> 00:32:49,350
How was it heated?

1004
00:32:49,350 --> 00:32:52,760
Well, you had to go down
every morning in the cellar

1005
00:32:52,760 --> 00:32:54,380
and got the coals.

1006
00:32:54,380 --> 00:32:57,020
And then there was
like a little stove.

1007
00:32:57,020 --> 00:32:58,670
A Kachelofen?

1008
00:32:58,670 --> 00:32:59,770
No, not that.

1009
00:32:59,770 --> 00:33:00,327
Not that.

1010
00:33:00,327 --> 00:33:01,160
That we didn't have.

1011
00:33:01,160 --> 00:33:02,540
My grandmother had that.

1012
00:33:02,540 --> 00:33:07,430
This was in the kitchen, and
you put the coals in, lit them,

1013
00:33:07,430 --> 00:33:10,020
and heated the house.

1014
00:33:10,020 --> 00:33:11,210
So it was all the rooms?

1015
00:33:11,210 --> 00:33:11,637
But it wasn't central.

1016
00:33:11,637 --> 00:33:13,530
It didn't come from
the bottom, you know?

1017
00:33:13,530 --> 00:33:14,537
It didn't come from--

1018
00:33:14,537 --> 00:33:15,495

Oh, that's interesting.

1019
00:33:15,495 --> 00:33:16,550
So each one had--

1020
00:33:16,550 --> 00:33:17,150
OK.

1021
00:33:17,150 --> 00:33:17,900
That was terrible.

1022
00:33:17,900 --> 00:33:21,770
We had to get up early in the morning, 5 o'clock and so on.

1023
00:33:21,770 --> 00:33:22,530
6 o'clock.

1024
00:33:22,530 --> 00:33:25,250
So that when we got up it was warm.

1025
00:33:25,250 --> 00:33:27,260
Yeah.

1026
00:33:27,260 --> 00:33:29,410
And did you have electricity?

1027
00:33:29,410 --> 00:33:31,550
Yes, yes, definitely.

1028
00:33:31,550 --> 00:33:33,692
Did you have indoor plumbing?

1029
00:33:33,692 --> 00:33:34,400
Did we have what?

1030
00:33:34,400 --> 00:33:36,140
Indoor plumbing.

1031
00:33:36,140 --> 00:33:37,160

Yes, yes.

1032
00:33:37,160 --> 00:33:37,700
No, no.

1033
00:33:37,700 --> 00:33:38,283
It was modern.

1034
00:33:38,283 --> 00:33:40,280
Did your parents have a phone?

1035
00:33:40,280 --> 00:33:42,260
Did your parents
have a telephone?

1036
00:33:42,260 --> 00:33:43,100
Of course.

1037
00:33:43,100 --> 00:33:44,130
Yes, we had a telephone.

1038
00:33:44,130 --> 00:33:44,630
Yeah.

1039
00:33:44,630 --> 00:33:45,940
Did you have a radio?

1040
00:33:45,940 --> 00:33:47,172
Yes.

1041
00:33:47,172 --> 00:33:48,500
No television.

1042
00:33:48,500 --> 00:33:49,070
OK.

1043
00:33:49,070 --> 00:33:49,737
No, I'm kidding.

1044
00:33:49,737 --> 00:33:51,800
Now, what kind of

radio broadcasts

1045
00:33:51,800 --> 00:33:53,540
do you remember hearing?

1046
00:33:53,540 --> 00:33:57,480
I remember-- as a child, I
remember sitting with my-- when

1047
00:33:57,480 --> 00:34:00,500
my parents went out
with my die Liesel--

1048
00:34:00,500 --> 00:34:01,910
that was our housekeeper.

1049
00:34:01,910 --> 00:34:03,770
She was like my second mother.

1050
00:34:03,770 --> 00:34:06,050
And I'm sitting there.

1051
00:34:06,050 --> 00:34:14,060
There were comedies and
things came from Koelln often,

1052
00:34:14,060 --> 00:34:15,409
you know?

1053
00:34:15,409 --> 00:34:16,429
So you would hear--

1054
00:34:16,429 --> 00:34:18,690
you would hear plays
over the radio.

1055
00:34:18,690 --> 00:34:19,190
Yes, yeah.

1056
00:34:19,190 --> 00:34:24,620
Yes, plays and stories, and--

1057

00:34:24,620 --> 00:34:27,630

Did you hear-- did you
hear Hitler over the radio?

1058

00:34:27,630 --> 00:34:28,350

Oh, of course.

1059

00:34:28,350 --> 00:34:28,850

Yeah, yeah.

1060

00:34:28,850 --> 00:34:29,520

That we heard.

1061

00:34:29,520 --> 00:34:30,650

That we heard.

1062

00:34:30,650 --> 00:34:32,780

I even saw him when he
came to Koenigsberg.

1063

00:34:32,780 --> 00:34:34,100

I was caught in the--

1064

00:34:34,100 --> 00:34:37,460

I was coming home from school
or something, and in the middle

1065

00:34:37,460 --> 00:34:40,580

they're all standing
there, and you

1066

00:34:40,580 --> 00:34:41,748

couldn't move at the moment.

1067

00:34:41,748 --> 00:34:43,040

So you had to stand there, too.

1068

00:34:43,040 --> 00:34:45,373

But you weren't supposed to
be there as a Jew, you know?

1069

00:34:45,373 --> 00:34:47,630
Yeah.

1070
00:34:47,630 --> 00:34:50,719
And how old were you
when you saw him?

1071
00:34:50,719 --> 00:34:52,949
Probably 10.

1072
00:34:52,949 --> 00:34:55,219
OK, so about 1936.

1073
00:34:55,219 --> 00:34:56,230
Yeah, yeah.

1074
00:34:56,230 --> 00:34:56,820
At least.

1075
00:34:56,820 --> 00:34:58,040
Yes, yes.

1076
00:34:58,040 --> 00:34:59,180
OK.

1077
00:34:59,180 --> 00:35:02,060
I think it was even later.

1078
00:35:02,060 --> 00:35:04,070
Did he drive-- did he
come by in a motorcade?

1079
00:35:04,070 --> 00:35:05,290
In a motorcade.

1080
00:35:05,290 --> 00:35:07,310
Yeah, and of course
everybody raised their hand.

1081
00:35:07,310 --> 00:35:09,610
You weren't supposed to, and
you didn't want to, either.

1082
00:35:09,610 --> 00:35:10,110
Yeah.

1083
00:35:10,110 --> 00:35:10,640
Yeah, yeah.

1084
00:35:10,640 --> 00:35:13,640
So you stood there and you
hoped nobody saw you, you know?

1085
00:35:13,640 --> 00:35:15,590
Because you didn't
raise your hand.

1086
00:35:15,590 --> 00:35:17,030
You didn't want to.

1087
00:35:17,030 --> 00:35:19,923
Did you at that point have to
wear any kind of identification

1088
00:35:19,923 --> 00:35:20,830
marks?

1089
00:35:20,830 --> 00:35:23,960
No, that was until
when the war broke out.

1090
00:35:23,960 --> 00:35:26,100
That wasn't before,
when they wore the star.

1091
00:35:26,100 --> 00:35:26,600
OK.

1092
00:35:26,600 --> 00:35:28,185
We didn't have to wear that yet.

1093
00:35:28,185 --> 00:35:28,685
OK.

1094

00:35:28,685 --> 00:35:31,220

1095

00:35:31,220 --> 00:35:35,640

And would you say that
your family was well-to-do?

1096

00:35:35,640 --> 00:35:38,006

Yes, fairly.

1097

00:35:38,006 --> 00:35:40,980

Not extremely rich,
but well-to-do, yes.

1098

00:35:40,980 --> 00:35:41,670

Comfortable.

1099

00:35:41,670 --> 00:35:43,230

Comfortable, yes.

1100

00:35:43,230 --> 00:35:45,140

Did your father
have an automobile?

1101

00:35:45,140 --> 00:35:46,060

Yes, yes.

1102

00:35:46,060 --> 00:35:47,160

We had a Ford.

1103

00:35:47,160 --> 00:35:47,955

You had a Ford?

1104

00:35:47,955 --> 00:35:49,920

Yeah, we had a Ford, yes.

1105

00:35:49,920 --> 00:35:50,850

OK.

1106

00:35:50,850 --> 00:35:54,420

So when you would go with him

into the countryside for him

1107
00:35:54,420 --> 00:35:55,680
to visit the slaughterhouses--

1108
00:35:55,680 --> 00:35:56,375
We went by car.

1109
00:35:56,375 --> 00:35:57,000
Yes, of course.

1110
00:35:57,000 --> 00:35:57,667
You went by car.

1111
00:35:57,667 --> 00:35:58,610
Yes, yes.

1112
00:35:58,610 --> 00:35:59,260
OK.

1113
00:35:59,260 --> 00:36:00,810
Yeah.

1114
00:36:00,810 --> 00:36:04,840
Describe to me a little bit
what that countryside was like.

1115
00:36:04,840 --> 00:36:05,340
Oh.

1116
00:36:05,340 --> 00:36:06,120
I know it's hard.

1117
00:36:06,120 --> 00:36:07,960
It's an open question.

1118
00:36:07,960 --> 00:36:10,140
But what stays in
your mind's eye?

1119
00:36:10,140 --> 00:36:12,420

Because you know as
a child, you probably

1120
00:36:12,420 --> 00:36:14,280
don't notice so
much, the nature.

1121
00:36:14,280 --> 00:36:16,000
You know, you
don't look at that.

1122
00:36:16,000 --> 00:36:16,940
But it's beautiful.

1123
00:36:16,940 --> 00:36:21,930
I mean, East Prussia was a
very, very flat, very flat,

1124
00:36:21,930 --> 00:36:22,620
beautiful.

1125
00:36:22,620 --> 00:36:24,940
I can tell you more when
I went to see, you know,

1126
00:36:24,940 --> 00:36:26,940
what Cranz looked like.

1127
00:36:26,940 --> 00:36:28,470
It was beautiful.

1128
00:36:28,470 --> 00:36:34,580
We had a long, long
boardwalk and hotels there.

1129
00:36:34,580 --> 00:36:38,290
All the years we
stayed in those hotels.

1130
00:36:38,290 --> 00:36:39,960
There was a Jewish hotel later.

1131

00:36:39,960 --> 00:36:41,005
Was there?

1132
00:36:41,005 --> 00:36:44,400
In 1938-- 19--

1133
00:36:44,400 --> 00:36:48,570
yeah, before [INAUDIBLE] in
that summer we stayed there.

1134
00:36:48,570 --> 00:36:49,680
In a Jewish hotel?

1135
00:36:49,680 --> 00:36:51,870
I went to Memel, to my aunt.

1136
00:36:51,870 --> 00:36:54,000
They were still in Memel then.

1137
00:36:54,000 --> 00:36:56,460
Because it must have been
later that they left.

1138
00:36:56,460 --> 00:37:01,080
And then I-- in the meantime,
they had a raid there.

1139
00:37:01,080 --> 00:37:01,950
They raided.

1140
00:37:01,950 --> 00:37:04,560
You know, they were looking
for someone or something

1141
00:37:04,560 --> 00:37:06,780
the night before I came home.

1142
00:37:06,780 --> 00:37:08,530
And this was in 1938?

1143
00:37:08,530 --> 00:37:09,390
Yeah.

1144
00:37:09,390 --> 00:37:13,074
When you went to Memel
in 1938, did it--

1145
00:37:13,074 --> 00:37:16,050
was it still-- was it
still part of Lithuania,

1146
00:37:16,050 --> 00:37:17,640
or was it already
part of Germany?

1147
00:37:17,640 --> 00:37:19,410
No, see, that's what
I'm trying to think.

1148
00:37:19,410 --> 00:37:21,000
When did they go into Lithuania?

1149
00:37:21,000 --> 00:37:22,090
Was it in '38?

1150
00:37:22,090 --> 00:37:22,590
March.

1151
00:37:22,590 --> 00:37:23,257
It was in March.

1152
00:37:23,257 --> 00:37:25,760
'38 in March or '39?

1153
00:37:25,760 --> 00:37:26,742
I think it was '39.

1154
00:37:26,742 --> 00:37:27,450
I don't remember.

1155
00:37:27,450 --> 00:37:29,980
Then it could have been
'36 when I went, you know?

1156

00:37:29,980 --> 00:37:31,230

Well, then it was definitely--

1157

00:37:31,230 --> 00:37:33,810

Maybe it was '36 when

I went to Memel, when

1158

00:37:33,810 --> 00:37:35,790

I was in Memel in the summer.

1159

00:37:35,790 --> 00:37:37,050

Then that was definitely--

1160

00:37:37,050 --> 00:37:38,160

Yes, and then came back.

1161

00:37:38,160 --> 00:37:42,450

That night they had a raid,

you know, at the hotel.

1162

00:37:42,450 --> 00:37:43,110

Oh, really?

1163

00:37:43,110 --> 00:37:44,940

And what were they looking for?

1164

00:37:44,940 --> 00:37:47,970

They said they were looking

for somebody or something.

1165

00:37:47,970 --> 00:37:50,130

And of course, they knew

it was a Jewish hotel.

1166

00:37:50,130 --> 00:37:50,940

I don't know.

1167

00:37:50,940 --> 00:37:51,990

She didn't know herself.

1168

00:37:51,990 --> 00:37:53,040

They didn't know.

1169

00:37:53,040 --> 00:37:55,480

And the owner was a woman.

1170

00:37:55,480 --> 00:37:59,340

She was very interesting,
intelligent, very lovely woman.

1171

00:37:59,340 --> 00:38:04,230

And when the 1938, the
Kristallnacht, you know,

1172

00:38:04,230 --> 00:38:06,720

the small town was
very bad, you know?

1173

00:38:06,720 --> 00:38:09,060

And so she came to us.

1174

00:38:09,060 --> 00:38:11,940

She stayed with us for months,
I think, in my mother's house.

1175

00:38:11,940 --> 00:38:14,570

My mother always
welcomed everybody.

1176

00:38:14,570 --> 00:38:17,070

And she went out, because she
couldn't be in Cranz anymore,

1177

00:38:17,070 --> 00:38:18,690

and the small town
was getting-- a lot

1178

00:38:18,690 --> 00:38:23,470

of people moved into the city,
Jews who lived in the country.

1179

00:38:23,470 --> 00:38:26,590

So you're saying-- if I
understand this correctly--

1180
00:38:26,590 --> 00:38:30,570
you happened to be in Memel
and were coming home one night.

1181
00:38:30,570 --> 00:38:34,080
And there was a raid
from that took place

1182
00:38:34,080 --> 00:38:36,090
in Cranz, not in Memel.

1183
00:38:36,090 --> 00:38:37,350
No, no, in Cranz.

1184
00:38:37,350 --> 00:38:38,130
In Cranz.

1185
00:38:38,130 --> 00:38:42,278
And at this time, the
authorities then--

1186
00:38:42,278 --> 00:38:44,070
it would have been the
German authorities--

1187
00:38:44,070 --> 00:38:44,650
Of course.

1188
00:38:44,650 --> 00:38:48,745
--were looking for something
in that Jewish hotel.

1189
00:38:48,745 --> 00:38:51,150
A man, I think, [INAUDIBLE].

1190
00:38:51,150 --> 00:38:52,500
OK.

1191
00:38:52,500 --> 00:38:55,350
Now, when you went across--

1192

00:38:55,350 --> 00:38:58,270
when you went to Memel, it was
to visit an aunt, did you say?

1193

00:38:58,270 --> 00:39:00,120
Yeah, my aunt and
my grandmother.

1194

00:39:00,120 --> 00:39:02,340
My grandmother lived as well--

1195

00:39:02,340 --> 00:39:05,445
I think my grandparents
were separated.

1196

00:39:05,445 --> 00:39:08,220
Yeah, my grandfather
was a difficult man.

1197

00:39:08,220 --> 00:39:11,370
And so they were
sort of separated.

1198

00:39:11,370 --> 00:39:14,820
And she lived with my
aunt and her husband,

1199

00:39:14,820 --> 00:39:17,310
and the little
girl, my cousin, who

1200

00:39:17,310 --> 00:39:20,070
was much younger,
eight younger than I.

1201

00:39:20,070 --> 00:39:22,920
What were their names,
grandmother's names?

1202

00:39:22,920 --> 00:39:25,770
My grandmother was the
one, you know, Dubowsky--

1203

00:39:25,770 --> 00:39:27,570

I mean, Rosenthal, yeah.

1204

00:39:27,570 --> 00:39:29,580

And then was my aunt.

1205

00:39:29,580 --> 00:39:32,812

Her name about Burack.

1206

00:39:32,812 --> 00:39:34,890

B-U-R-A-C-K. Yes.

1207

00:39:34,890 --> 00:39:36,480

And her first name?

1208

00:39:36,480 --> 00:39:38,220

Her husband was from Memel.

1209

00:39:38,220 --> 00:39:39,045

OK.

1210

00:39:39,045 --> 00:39:42,480

And actually, he had
a factory in Germany.

1211

00:39:42,480 --> 00:39:46,320

And as a foreigner, he
had to close it already.

1212

00:39:46,320 --> 00:39:49,290

I think in '36 or so,
they weren't allowed.

1213

00:39:49,290 --> 00:39:52,320

They had to go back to--

1214

00:39:52,320 --> 00:39:54,510

as foreign Jews,
they didn't allow

1215

00:39:54,510 --> 00:39:56,910

to have any businesses anymore.

1216
00:39:56,910 --> 00:39:57,640
In Germany.

1217
00:39:57,640 --> 00:39:58,230
Yes.

1218
00:39:58,230 --> 00:40:00,390
And so they went back to Memel.

1219
00:40:00,390 --> 00:40:01,050
OK.

1220
00:40:01,050 --> 00:40:03,540
Where in Germany did
he have his factory?

1221
00:40:03,540 --> 00:40:04,720
Near Koelln.

1222
00:40:04,720 --> 00:40:06,720
OK, so it was not
in East Prussia.

1223
00:40:06,720 --> 00:40:08,040
No, no, no.

1224
00:40:08,040 --> 00:40:09,300
He had a factory near Cologne?

1225
00:40:09,300 --> 00:40:09,960
That was.

1226
00:40:09,960 --> 00:40:10,890
Yes, yes.

1227
00:40:10,890 --> 00:40:12,670
And his last name was Burack.

1228
00:40:12,670 --> 00:40:13,170

Yeah.

1229

00:40:13,170 --> 00:40:15,642

And his wife's first name?

1230

00:40:15,642 --> 00:40:16,435

Edith, Edith.

1231

00:40:16,435 --> 00:40:17,652

Edith, Edith.

1232

00:40:17,652 --> 00:40:19,110

Oh, so it was your
mother's sister.

1233

00:40:19,110 --> 00:40:19,605

That's right.

1234

00:40:19,605 --> 00:40:19,800

Yes.

1235

00:40:19,800 --> 00:40:21,360

Your mother's
sister lived there.

1236

00:40:21,360 --> 00:40:21,900

OK.

1237

00:40:21,900 --> 00:40:23,910

And my grandmother
lived with her.

1238

00:40:23,910 --> 00:40:24,990

Yeah, so I was there.

1239

00:40:24,990 --> 00:40:27,900

And they had a little girl
eight years younger than I.

1240

00:40:27,900 --> 00:40:31,680

Well, it was-- at that point it
was a different country, Memel.

1241
00:40:31,680 --> 00:40:32,580
Yes.

1242
00:40:32,580 --> 00:40:33,390
Did you notice?

1243
00:40:33,390 --> 00:40:35,580
Did you feel that
when you were there,

1244
00:40:35,580 --> 00:40:37,110
that it was a different country?

1245
00:40:37,110 --> 00:40:38,250
Or not so much?

1246
00:40:38,250 --> 00:40:39,820
Yeah, well, you
know, Memel, I always

1247
00:40:39,820 --> 00:40:42,390
thought as a child there
were only Jews in Memel.

1248
00:40:42,390 --> 00:40:43,380
That's all I saw.

1249
00:40:43,380 --> 00:40:44,273
There were a lot.

1250
00:40:44,273 --> 00:40:45,690
There were a lot
of Jews in Memel.

1251
00:40:45,690 --> 00:40:48,090
And they all lived very well.

1252
00:40:48,090 --> 00:40:51,150
When we went in the summer,
went over to Sandkrug,

1253
00:40:51,150 --> 00:40:55,000
[? the pier ?] and we
stayed there in a hotel.

1254
00:40:55,000 --> 00:40:56,670
And it was a lovely life.

1255
00:40:56,670 --> 00:40:57,210
Lovely.

1256
00:40:57,210 --> 00:40:59,880
And the women, all
of them went to--

1257
00:40:59,880 --> 00:41:03,570
they went to the
restaurant every day.

1258
00:41:03,570 --> 00:41:04,980
The cafe, not the restaurant.

1259
00:41:04,980 --> 00:41:08,250
The cafe, and had coffee,
and they played cards.

1260
00:41:08,250 --> 00:41:09,240
At least, my aunt.

1261
00:41:09,240 --> 00:41:10,300
This aunt who had--

1262
00:41:10,300 --> 00:41:10,800
Aunt Edith.

1263
00:41:10,800 --> 00:41:12,217
--the daughter, Ina.

1264
00:41:12,217 --> 00:41:14,050
Oh, she's the one who
had the daughter, Ina.

1265

00:41:14,050 --> 00:41:15,510
Yeah, my aunt and uncle.

1266
00:41:15,510 --> 00:41:17,490
Yeah, it was really
my mother's-- she was

1267
00:41:17,490 --> 00:41:18,780
my mother's first cousin.

1268
00:41:18,780 --> 00:41:23,430

1269
00:41:23,430 --> 00:41:26,190
But did you notice
a difference in--

1270
00:41:26,190 --> 00:41:28,650
that you were in a
different country, or not?

1271
00:41:28,650 --> 00:41:29,430
No.

1272
00:41:29,430 --> 00:41:31,380
and I say, I saw a lot of Jews.

1273
00:41:31,380 --> 00:41:34,110
I didn't meet too many
other people there.

1274
00:41:34,110 --> 00:41:38,560
And I found-- to
tell you the truth--

1275
00:41:38,560 --> 00:41:39,060
Sure, sure.

1276
00:41:39,060 --> 00:41:40,290
No, go right ahead.

1277
00:41:40,290 --> 00:41:43,290

I went on the boat alone.

1278
00:41:43,290 --> 00:41:47,040
I kind of-- and there
were mostly Lithuanians.

1279
00:41:47,040 --> 00:41:49,300
I looked Jewish, probably
because I was dark.

1280
00:41:49,300 --> 00:41:53,940
And in East Prussia, if you're
darker, you were Jewish.

1281
00:41:53,940 --> 00:41:57,610
And I felt very uncomfortable.

1282
00:41:57,610 --> 00:41:58,110
Really?

1283
00:41:58,110 --> 00:42:00,090
I think there were a
lot of Nazis there.

1284
00:42:00,090 --> 00:42:02,310
So there were antisemites
amongst those.

1285
00:42:02,310 --> 00:42:04,120
Yes, I think so in Lithuania.

1286
00:42:04,120 --> 00:42:04,620
OK.

1287
00:42:04,620 --> 00:42:07,710
And you know, I didn't
feel very comfortable.

1288
00:42:07,710 --> 00:42:09,750
And did you travel
that way often,

1289

00:42:09,750 --> 00:42:11,370
or was this the one time?

1290
00:42:11,370 --> 00:42:12,480
With my mother, yes.

1291
00:42:12,480 --> 00:42:15,180
Because we went not every
year, but every other year

1292
00:42:15,180 --> 00:42:17,020
we went there in the summer.

1293
00:42:17,020 --> 00:42:18,180
You had to go on the boat.

1294
00:42:18,180 --> 00:42:20,280
Now you can go on the bus there.

1295
00:42:20,280 --> 00:42:25,300
When I went back from Lithuania
to Koenigsberg, to Kaliningrad,

1296
00:42:25,300 --> 00:42:26,370
we went on a bus.

1297
00:42:26,370 --> 00:42:29,150
But at that time you
could take a ferry from--

1298
00:42:29,150 --> 00:42:30,150
You had to take a boat--

1299
00:42:30,150 --> 00:42:32,708
From Koenigsberg?

1300
00:42:32,708 --> 00:42:33,750
No, not from Koenigsberg.

1301
00:42:33,750 --> 00:42:34,500
From Cranz.

1302
00:42:34,500 --> 00:42:35,117
From Cranz.

1303
00:42:35,117 --> 00:42:35,950
It was called Cranz.

1304
00:42:35,950 --> 00:42:37,470
It was outside of Cranz.

1305
00:42:37,470 --> 00:42:39,140
And it went-- and it went.

1306
00:42:39,140 --> 00:42:40,570
It stopped in Nidden.

1307
00:42:40,570 --> 00:42:43,500
And it stopped in Rositten
and all those places.

1308
00:42:43,500 --> 00:42:45,630
Yeah, all those
places that we know.

1309
00:42:45,630 --> 00:42:47,610
And it went far as Memel.

1310
00:42:47,610 --> 00:42:48,950
OK.

1311
00:42:48,950 --> 00:42:50,605
But we did that often, yes.

1312
00:42:50,605 --> 00:42:51,105
OK.

1313
00:42:51,105 --> 00:42:54,750

1314
00:42:54,750 --> 00:43:04,020
As you were growing up,
what kind of interaction

1315
00:43:04,020 --> 00:43:09,540
did you have with people
who supported the Nazis?

1316
00:43:09,540 --> 00:43:13,440
You mentioned the
neighbors and the two boys

1317
00:43:13,440 --> 00:43:15,330
who would come down the stairs.

1318
00:43:15,330 --> 00:43:17,310
Yeah, yeah, yeah.

1319
00:43:17,310 --> 00:43:19,770
Did you meet-- did
you have it in school?

1320
00:43:19,770 --> 00:43:24,120
Did you have-- when you were
going to primary school?

1321
00:43:24,120 --> 00:43:25,620
Yes.

1322
00:43:25,620 --> 00:43:27,370
And the public school
for three years?

1323
00:43:27,370 --> 00:43:28,470
Yes, yes.

1324
00:43:28,470 --> 00:43:33,240
Do you remember any
kind of discussion,

1325
00:43:33,240 --> 00:43:36,630
any kind of indoctrination?

1326
00:43:36,630 --> 00:43:38,610
Well, they were indoctrinating.

1327
00:43:38,610 --> 00:43:45,630
And every morning there was
a swastika made out of wood

1328
00:43:45,630 --> 00:43:47,250
with holes in it.

1329
00:43:47,250 --> 00:43:51,030
So we weren't allowed to do that
right away, but the children,

1330
00:43:51,030 --> 00:43:54,990
you know, they brought \$0.10,
and they could put a nail

1331
00:43:54,990 --> 00:43:56,110
in those holes.

1332
00:43:56,110 --> 00:43:58,800
That was how they raised money.

1333
00:43:58,800 --> 00:44:00,900
And I don't remember.

1334
00:44:00,900 --> 00:44:02,790
They didn't associate with us.

1335
00:44:02,790 --> 00:44:03,850
No, they didn't.

1336
00:44:03,850 --> 00:44:05,970
They didn't at
that time already.

1337
00:44:05,970 --> 00:44:08,500
And this would have been
when you were how old?

1338
00:44:08,500 --> 00:44:09,485
In '33 I started.

1339
00:44:09,485 --> 00:44:09,985
In '33.

1340
00:44:09,985 --> 00:44:12,470
Yeah, I think they
were indoctrinated.

1341
00:44:12,470 --> 00:44:15,420
But we were enough
Jewish children there.

1342
00:44:15,420 --> 00:44:17,520
As I said, not a Jewish
section, but there

1343
00:44:17,520 --> 00:44:19,740
were maybe in my class
about four or five.

1344
00:44:19,740 --> 00:44:22,110
You know, Jewish children.

1345
00:44:22,110 --> 00:44:23,370
And we were together.

1346
00:44:23,370 --> 00:44:25,920
I don't remember ever
associating with the others.

1347
00:44:25,920 --> 00:44:27,780
You know, even talking to them.

1348
00:44:27,780 --> 00:44:29,298
Or what about the teachers?

1349
00:44:29,298 --> 00:44:30,465
How did the teachers behave?

1350
00:44:30,465 --> 00:44:31,007
The teachers?

1351

00:44:31,007 --> 00:44:32,560

I think they were
all right to us.

1352

00:44:32,560 --> 00:44:34,770

I don't think we had at
that time-- you know,

1353

00:44:34,770 --> 00:44:38,370

I don't think they
were especially mean.

1354

00:44:38,370 --> 00:44:40,130

Because I wouldn't
have stayed two years,

1355

00:44:40,130 --> 00:44:41,090

or three years maybe.

1356

00:44:41,090 --> 00:44:42,960

Because three years
I could have gone.

1357

00:44:42,960 --> 00:44:44,050

But it wasn't bad.

1358

00:44:44,050 --> 00:44:45,180

It wasn't that bad.

1359

00:44:45,180 --> 00:44:47,160

You know, the teachers were OK.

1360

00:44:47,160 --> 00:44:49,410

And what about in the
shops and on the street?

1361

00:44:49,410 --> 00:44:50,195

In the shops?

1362

00:44:50,195 --> 00:44:52,830

Well, I never noticed
anything like that.

1363

00:44:52,830 --> 00:44:54,040

You went shopping.

1364

00:44:54,040 --> 00:44:57,060

You didn't if you
were-- you know.

1365

00:44:57,060 --> 00:44:59,965

And tell me about Liesel,
who was your housekeeper.

1366

00:44:59,965 --> 00:45:01,530

Oh, she was wonderful.

1367

00:45:01,530 --> 00:45:02,280

Tell me about her.

1368

00:45:02,280 --> 00:45:04,920

She was-- she always--

1369

00:45:04,920 --> 00:45:08,190

before she came to us,
she worked only for Jews.

1370

00:45:08,190 --> 00:45:09,630

She herself was not Jewish.

1371

00:45:09,630 --> 00:45:10,500

No, no.

1372

00:45:10,500 --> 00:45:11,410

Not at all.

1373

00:45:11,410 --> 00:45:11,910

Not at all.

1374

00:45:11,910 --> 00:45:13,665

Came from Gumbinnen.

1375

00:45:13,665 --> 00:45:15,330

Oh, she came from Gumbinnen.

1376
00:45:15,330 --> 00:45:16,110
OK.

1377
00:45:16,110 --> 00:45:18,540
And if she would
have been educated,

1378
00:45:18,540 --> 00:45:20,062
she was a very smart woman.

1379
00:45:20,062 --> 00:45:22,020
You know, she would have
really been something.

1380
00:45:22,020 --> 00:45:23,430
Very clever.

1381
00:45:23,430 --> 00:45:25,920
Basically.

1382
00:45:25,920 --> 00:45:29,910
And then she came to us, but she
was very bossy, and she said,

1383
00:45:29,910 --> 00:45:33,000
I don't want this nanny here.

1384
00:45:33,000 --> 00:45:34,410
I'll take care of Amely.

1385
00:45:34,410 --> 00:45:35,730
I'll take care of everything.

1386
00:45:35,730 --> 00:45:36,863
You know?

1387
00:45:36,863 --> 00:45:38,280
How old were you
when she arrived?

1388

00:45:38,280 --> 00:45:39,300
I was two years old.

1389
00:45:39,300 --> 00:45:39,840
Oh!

1390
00:45:39,840 --> 00:45:41,850
So I grew up with her,
and she was really

1391
00:45:41,850 --> 00:45:43,160
like my second mother.

1392
00:45:43,160 --> 00:45:45,240
We spent a lot of time together.

1393
00:45:45,240 --> 00:45:46,860
Was she older or younger?

1394
00:45:46,860 --> 00:45:47,360
Older.

1395
00:45:47,360 --> 00:45:48,510
You know, she had to be.

1396
00:45:48,510 --> 00:45:52,470
Later on, I think the laws
came-- that was in '36 again--

1397
00:45:52,470 --> 00:45:57,930
the Nuremberg laws, that no
one who worked for a family--

1398
00:45:57,930 --> 00:45:58,530
For Jews.

1399
00:45:58,530 --> 00:46:03,450
--that was non-Jewish, they
had to be over 45, because

1400
00:46:03,450 --> 00:46:04,800
of Rassenschande.

1401
00:46:04,800 --> 00:46:06,450
Race--

1402
00:46:06,450 --> 00:46:07,200
Disgrace.

1403
00:46:07,200 --> 00:46:10,110
Disgrace, yes.

1404
00:46:10,110 --> 00:46:11,655
And she was over 45.

1405
00:46:11,655 --> 00:46:13,680
She was over 45.

1406
00:46:13,680 --> 00:46:16,440
I never knew how old she
was, but she must have been--

1407
00:46:16,440 --> 00:46:19,200
at that anyway, it was 1936.

1408
00:46:19,200 --> 00:46:20,987
I would say she was 50, maybe.

1409
00:46:20,987 --> 00:46:21,820
Yeah, wait a minute.

1410
00:46:21,820 --> 00:46:23,158
She was a little--

1411
00:46:23,158 --> 00:46:25,200
yeah, quite a bit older
than my mother of course.

1412
00:46:25,200 --> 00:46:26,280
Yes, yes.

1413
00:46:26,280 --> 00:46:29,080
She was a very obese

woman, and very-- you know,

1414
00:46:29,080 --> 00:46:31,050
she knew how to bring me up.

1415
00:46:31,050 --> 00:46:32,370
And you know, my mother--

1416
00:46:32,370 --> 00:46:35,040
my mother wasn't very
social, but she went--

1417
00:46:35,040 --> 00:46:37,410
she'd love to go to--

1418
00:46:37,410 --> 00:46:39,370
in the afternoon, she
would walk downtown

1419
00:46:39,370 --> 00:46:41,790
where my father's office was.

1420
00:46:41,790 --> 00:46:43,920
And they would have--
after he was finished,

1421
00:46:43,920 --> 00:46:47,070
they went with the
secretary, who was Catholic.

1422
00:46:47,070 --> 00:46:50,160
They would have tea,
and you know, and then

1423
00:46:50,160 --> 00:46:52,250
she would bring rolls,
and they would eat them.

1424
00:46:52,250 --> 00:46:54,990
Then at night, they already
had a cup of tea or so.

1425

00:46:54,990 --> 00:46:57,750
Because we eat our main
meal at lunch time.

1426
00:46:57,750 --> 00:46:59,640
Did your father come
home for your main meal?

1427
00:46:59,640 --> 00:47:04,320
Yes, my father came home
for lunch, for the meal.

1428
00:47:04,320 --> 00:47:07,510
And then rested a few min--

1429
00:47:07,510 --> 00:47:09,840
that's how the Europeans did.

1430
00:47:09,840 --> 00:47:11,940
Lay down a while, and
then went back again.

1431
00:47:11,940 --> 00:47:15,840
He had about 15 minutes by
car, I think, from downtown

1432
00:47:15,840 --> 00:47:17,100
to uptown.

1433
00:47:17,100 --> 00:47:17,760
Yes.

1434
00:47:17,760 --> 00:47:20,200
What a nice tradition
that they had, though,

1435
00:47:20,200 --> 00:47:22,145
that she would go and
meet him every evening.

1436
00:47:22,145 --> 00:47:23,710
Yeah, she loved to do that.

1437
00:47:23,710 --> 00:47:24,900
Yeah, that was her life.

1438
00:47:24,900 --> 00:47:26,980
She was not a card player.

1439
00:47:26,980 --> 00:47:28,952
And she was-- yeah,
she had friends.

1440
00:47:28,952 --> 00:47:29,910
They had friends there.

1441
00:47:29,910 --> 00:47:31,410
Was she a quiet
person, your mother?

1442
00:47:31,410 --> 00:47:33,410
Or more extroverted?

1443
00:47:33,410 --> 00:47:38,250
Yeah, I would say she was, to
a certain extent, maybe shy.

1444
00:47:38,250 --> 00:47:41,250
But yet, you know, she was
outspoken, and she was--

1445
00:47:41,250 --> 00:47:43,080
but she--

1446
00:47:43,080 --> 00:47:45,270
she had friends,
intimate friends.

1447
00:47:45,270 --> 00:47:46,200
And they had friends.

1448
00:47:46,200 --> 00:47:48,390
But not otherwise.

1449

00:47:48,390 --> 00:47:51,580
She didn't like, for
instance, organizations.

1450
00:47:51,580 --> 00:47:55,230
In Germany it wasn't so much,
but here, no, no, no, no, no.

1451
00:47:55,230 --> 00:47:57,520
There were a lot of
people didn't like that.

1452
00:47:57,520 --> 00:48:00,365
To a certain extent, yet
people said she was haughty

1453
00:48:00,365 --> 00:48:01,530
because she was--

1454
00:48:01,530 --> 00:48:04,530
she knew what she was doing,
you know, and she didn't--

1455
00:48:04,530 --> 00:48:05,746
She knew what she wanted.

1456
00:48:05,746 --> 00:48:06,496
She wasn't really.

1457
00:48:06,496 --> 00:48:06,996
She wasn't.

1458
00:48:06,996 --> 00:48:09,180
Yeah, she was very
kind, and she was very--

1459
00:48:09,180 --> 00:48:11,010
she did a lot for
people, you know.

1460
00:48:11,010 --> 00:48:13,560
When people came here from
Germany after the war,

1461
00:48:13,560 --> 00:48:18,180
they stayed with us at first,
and she was always very giving.

1462
00:48:18,180 --> 00:48:20,880
What about your
father's personality?

1463
00:48:20,880 --> 00:48:21,960
What was he like?

1464
00:48:21,960 --> 00:48:28,020
My father was quiet, but he
also was he knew what was right.

1465
00:48:28,020 --> 00:48:30,360
Even though he didn't
have much education.

1466
00:48:30,360 --> 00:48:32,445
For instance, my mother
loved the theater.

1467
00:48:32,445 --> 00:48:33,570
They used to go to theater.

1468
00:48:33,570 --> 00:48:37,410
And he developed a very
wonderful knowledge

1469
00:48:37,410 --> 00:48:41,190
of the theater, and he judged
the actors, and he was very--

1470
00:48:41,190 --> 00:48:43,820
and a fine man.

1471
00:48:43,820 --> 00:48:45,690
And what can I say?

1472
00:48:45,690 --> 00:48:50,100

Did they-- were
they a good match?

1473
00:48:50,100 --> 00:48:51,360
Were they a happy couple?

1474
00:48:51,360 --> 00:48:53,240
I think as happy as-- yeah.

1475
00:48:53,240 --> 00:48:56,880
I mean, the match was, my
mother was much more educated,

1476
00:48:56,880 --> 00:48:58,770
but he was not uned--

1477
00:48:58,770 --> 00:49:00,360
he learned, you know?

1478
00:49:00,360 --> 00:49:02,490
And I think perhaps--

1479
00:49:02,490 --> 00:49:05,370
I don't know how
happy they were.

1480
00:49:05,370 --> 00:49:07,150
Did you have a favorite?

1481
00:49:07,150 --> 00:49:07,650
What?

1482
00:49:07,650 --> 00:49:07,890
My favorite?

1483
00:49:07,890 --> 00:49:08,557
Did you have a--

1484
00:49:08,557 --> 00:49:10,320
Well, I was very
close with my mother,

1485

00:49:10,320 --> 00:49:11,910
because I was an only child.

1486

00:49:11,910 --> 00:49:15,600
But my mother was very strict,
and I had to be perfect.

1487

00:49:15,600 --> 00:49:16,740
And I wasn't perfect.

1488

00:49:16,740 --> 00:49:18,330
I mean, I wasn't
the perfect type.

1489

00:49:18,330 --> 00:49:19,560
She wasn't perfection.

1490

00:49:19,560 --> 00:49:20,810
I wasn't.

1491

00:49:20,810 --> 00:49:24,150
I was more like my father,
easygoing, you know?

1492

00:49:24,150 --> 00:49:25,680
But we got-- we were--

1493

00:49:25,680 --> 00:49:29,970
and well, later on in life, too,
I always felt I owed her that.

1494

00:49:29,970 --> 00:49:33,480
I was an only child, and she
was-- when my father but rather

1495

00:49:33,480 --> 00:49:36,180
young, she was lonely.

1496

00:49:36,180 --> 00:49:37,410
She needed some company then.

1497

00:49:37,410 --> 00:49:38,880
She needed, yeah, yeah.

1498
00:49:38,880 --> 00:49:41,082
And she expected me to be.

1499
00:49:41,082 --> 00:49:42,540
She gave me
everything, everything.

1500
00:49:42,540 --> 00:49:45,780
Much too much and material
things, which I didn't want,

1501
00:49:45,780 --> 00:49:46,350
you know?

1502
00:49:46,350 --> 00:49:47,250
I didn't need that.

1503
00:49:47,250 --> 00:49:49,080
I said let it--

1504
00:49:49,080 --> 00:49:51,910
but then on the other hand,
we often had discussions,

1505
00:49:51,910 --> 00:49:52,710
you know?

1506
00:49:52,710 --> 00:49:55,170
We were very different.

1507
00:49:55,170 --> 00:49:56,790
Going back to your
own childhood,

1508
00:49:56,790 --> 00:50:00,380
did you feel like you had
a lot of toys, a lot of--

1509
00:50:00,380 --> 00:50:01,670

were you spoiled?

1510
00:50:01,670 --> 00:50:03,540
Or had more of a strict--

1511
00:50:03,540 --> 00:50:06,180
I would say, mother
always gave me--

1512
00:50:06,180 --> 00:50:11,280
not that she overdid it
in toys and everything,

1513
00:50:11,280 --> 00:50:14,790
but she obviously-- all my life,
she was-- she liked to give.

1514
00:50:14,790 --> 00:50:16,980
She liked to give, you know?

1515
00:50:16,980 --> 00:50:19,740
And I wish she would
have been not so strict

1516
00:50:19,740 --> 00:50:22,020
and I was not expecting
so much of me.

1517
00:50:22,020 --> 00:50:24,582
That was a little bit
hard to live with her.

1518
00:50:24,582 --> 00:50:26,430
Yeah.

1519
00:50:26,430 --> 00:50:29,008
Well, give me an example
of what she expected.

1520
00:50:29,008 --> 00:50:29,800
Give me an example.

1521

00:50:29,800 --> 00:50:31,850
She expected me to
be perfect, you know?

1522
00:50:31,850 --> 00:50:32,970
To be perfect.

1523
00:50:32,970 --> 00:50:34,230
And I wasn't.

1524
00:50:34,230 --> 00:50:36,900
I think later on I
came out much more.

1525
00:50:36,900 --> 00:50:39,930
You know, when my mother
died, I was in my 70s.

1526
00:50:39,930 --> 00:50:41,490
She became 96.

1527
00:50:41,490 --> 00:50:42,060
Wow.

1528
00:50:42,060 --> 00:50:45,070
And there wasn't a day
hardly that I didn't see her,

1529
00:50:45,070 --> 00:50:45,570
you know?

1530
00:50:45,570 --> 00:50:49,112
We lived very close, the
same street and everything.

1531
00:50:49,112 --> 00:50:50,195
Here in the United States.

1532
00:50:50,195 --> 00:50:50,695
Yeah, yeah.

1533
00:50:50,695 --> 00:50:53,610

She did everything, but she expected me to be there.

1534
00:50:53,610 --> 00:50:55,177
So--

1535
00:50:55,177 --> 00:50:56,760
Where did you live
on the same street?

1536
00:50:56,760 --> 00:50:58,500
What town was this?

1537
00:50:58,500 --> 00:51:01,230
We lived in
Williamstown, because we

1538
00:51:01,230 --> 00:51:02,555
went-- you know Williamstown?

1539
00:51:02,555 --> 00:51:03,180
Tell me where--

1540
00:51:03,180 --> 00:51:04,080
It's in the West.

1541
00:51:04,080 --> 00:51:06,070
It's in the Berkshires.

1542
00:51:06,070 --> 00:51:06,570
Right.

1543
00:51:06,570 --> 00:51:07,530
Williams College.

1544
00:51:07,530 --> 00:51:10,230
It's a beautiful town,
beautiful to live in.

1545
00:51:10,230 --> 00:51:13,590
And my father, my father was--

1546

00:51:13,590 --> 00:51:16,230

he had a tannery
later in Woburn.

1547

00:51:16,230 --> 00:51:18,570

First he worked for them,
and then he could take it

1548

00:51:18,570 --> 00:51:20,190

over because a man died.

1549

00:51:20,190 --> 00:51:24,300

And then we had to expand, so
we went to North Adams, founded

1550

00:51:24,300 --> 00:51:25,800

a bigger one.

1551

00:51:25,800 --> 00:51:29,610

And my husband, who was a
chemical engineer, studied

1552

00:51:29,610 --> 00:51:32,760

chemical engineering, went
into business with him.

1553

00:51:32,760 --> 00:51:37,540

Because that was a lot with
chemicals, was making leather.

1554

00:51:37,540 --> 00:51:39,530

And then we were 10
years in Williamstown.

1555

00:51:39,530 --> 00:51:40,620

And then he died.

1556

00:51:40,620 --> 00:51:43,900

And then my husband
led the business.

1557

00:51:43,900 --> 00:51:45,180

And--

1558
00:51:45,180 --> 00:51:46,260
OK.

1559
00:51:46,260 --> 00:51:47,520
So I was just jumping--

1560
00:51:47,520 --> 00:51:48,060
Going off.

1561
00:51:48,060 --> 00:51:48,822
No, it's OK.

1562
00:51:48,822 --> 00:51:51,280
I was jumping ahead a little
bit to ask where in the United

1563
00:51:51,280 --> 00:51:52,590
States you had lived.

1564
00:51:52,590 --> 00:51:54,300
And you gave me a picture.

1565
00:51:54,300 --> 00:51:56,530
Now I'll go back to Koenigsberg.

1566
00:51:56,530 --> 00:51:57,030
Yes.

1567
00:51:57,030 --> 00:52:01,660
And did your parents
read newspapers?

1568
00:52:01,660 --> 00:52:02,160
Did they--

1569
00:52:02,160 --> 00:52:02,660
Oh, yes.

1570
00:52:02,660 --> 00:52:05,400

What newspapers did
they generally read?

1571
00:52:05,400 --> 00:52:09,085
It was a Berliner Illustrator
I think was one of them.

1572
00:52:09,085 --> 00:52:09,960
Berliner Illustrator.

1573
00:52:09,960 --> 00:52:12,540
There must have been a
Koenigsberg paper, maybe two.

1574
00:52:12,540 --> 00:52:13,410
Oh, yes, they did.

1575
00:52:13,410 --> 00:52:16,350
My mother, my mother
was very political.

1576
00:52:16,350 --> 00:52:17,400
She read a lot of it.

1577
00:52:17,400 --> 00:52:17,910
Yeah.

1578
00:52:17,910 --> 00:52:20,010
So this is what I'd
like to find out.

1579
00:52:20,010 --> 00:52:24,930
When Hitler comes to power, and
you are seven, eight years old,

1580
00:52:24,930 --> 00:52:27,780
what kind of discussions
are going on at home?

1581
00:52:27,780 --> 00:52:30,960
Oh, you know, they were always--

1582

00:52:30,960 --> 00:52:32,820
my mother always saw the light.

1583
00:52:32,820 --> 00:52:34,140
She said, let's go out.

1584
00:52:34,140 --> 00:52:38,880
Maybe by '36 at least or
'35, let's go out of Germany.

1585
00:52:38,880 --> 00:52:41,560
But my father's business
was good, you know.

1586
00:52:41,560 --> 00:52:43,320
And you lived there
all your life,

1587
00:52:43,320 --> 00:52:46,830
and it was a decision with
the language and everything,

1588
00:52:46,830 --> 00:52:49,080
and to reestablish yourself.

1589
00:52:49,080 --> 00:52:51,050
And they said, oh,
you know, obviously

1590
00:52:51,050 --> 00:52:52,560
Hitler wasn't like everyone.

1591
00:52:52,560 --> 00:52:54,420
You know, those that
stayed said Hitler

1592
00:52:54,420 --> 00:52:55,800
wasn't going to last very long.

1593
00:52:55,800 --> 00:52:59,190
They're not going
to last, you know?

1594
00:52:59,190 --> 00:53:00,648
So you know, that's
what they said.

1595
00:53:00,648 --> 00:53:01,648
That was the discussion.

1596
00:53:01,648 --> 00:53:02,850
My mother said let's go.

1597
00:53:02,850 --> 00:53:06,600
And then she said, we had
friends who went to Belgium.

1598
00:53:06,600 --> 00:53:10,140
Now their children--
their children

1599
00:53:10,140 --> 00:53:11,430
are here in Woburn now.

1600
00:53:11,430 --> 00:53:13,680
And they went to Belgium.

1601
00:53:13,680 --> 00:53:15,990
My mother said, let's
go to Belgium, you know?

1602
00:53:15,990 --> 00:53:18,180
And she went over
there to visit them.

1603
00:53:18,180 --> 00:53:22,350
My father-- if I go out of
Germany, I go out of Europe.

1604
00:53:22,350 --> 00:53:26,520
I don't see the future
very well good for--

1605
00:53:26,520 --> 00:53:28,910
I don't have any

hope for Europe.

1606
00:53:28,910 --> 00:53:30,690
And that was a smart thing.

1607
00:53:30,690 --> 00:53:31,570
Well, that's true.

1608
00:53:31,570 --> 00:53:32,970
That was smart, and we did.

1609
00:53:32,970 --> 00:53:34,740
Yeah, yeah.

1610
00:53:34,740 --> 00:53:38,700
So as you're growing up,
they're having conversations

1611
00:53:38,700 --> 00:53:40,920
about whether to stay or to go.

1612
00:53:40,920 --> 00:53:42,030
Yes, of course.

1613
00:53:42,030 --> 00:53:45,960
I think everybody did more or
less, if they had the means.

1614
00:53:45,960 --> 00:53:49,560
And so was this the same
conversation going on

1615
00:53:49,560 --> 00:53:50,670
in your friend's homes?

1616
00:53:50,670 --> 00:53:51,420
Oh, yes.

1617
00:53:51,420 --> 00:53:52,712
I'm sure everybody.

1618

00:53:52,712 --> 00:53:54,420
You know, some went
earlier, Some didn't.

1619
00:53:54,420 --> 00:53:59,860
But most of my friends didn't
go until '38 at least, you know?

1620
00:53:59,860 --> 00:54:00,360
Uh-huh.

1621
00:54:00,360 --> 00:54:03,060
My father's brothers left in--

1622
00:54:03,060 --> 00:54:06,410
two brothers left in '36.

1623
00:54:06,410 --> 00:54:08,190
Oh, the other-- no, no.

1624
00:54:08,190 --> 00:54:11,668
The two brothers left, and one
went to Palestine at that time.

1625
00:54:11,668 --> 00:54:12,210
That's right.

1626
00:54:12,210 --> 00:54:13,410
All three left.

1627
00:54:13,410 --> 00:54:15,270
Only my father didn't.

1628
00:54:15,270 --> 00:54:16,890
He said no, I'm not going yet.

1629
00:54:16,890 --> 00:54:18,330
I'm not going.

1630
00:54:18,330 --> 00:54:20,190
So he was the last holdout.

1631

00:54:20,190 --> 00:54:22,860

Yeah, and they could
take all their money out.

1632

00:54:22,860 --> 00:54:25,110

In '36, they could
still take them.

1633

00:54:25,110 --> 00:54:26,400

After that, you couldn't.

1634

00:54:26,400 --> 00:54:29,520

So one of the brothers
lived in Amsterdam already.

1635

00:54:29,520 --> 00:54:30,780

No, that was a sister.

1636

00:54:30,780 --> 00:54:31,530

That was a sister.

1637

00:54:31,530 --> 00:54:34,350

Yeah, she lived there
already, in a married life.

1638

00:54:34,350 --> 00:54:36,760

Yes, but they were
deported later.

1639

00:54:36,760 --> 00:54:37,260

Were they?

1640

00:54:37,260 --> 00:54:40,500

They're the ones who died
in a concentration camp.

1641

00:54:40,500 --> 00:54:42,117

Well, that was one
of my questions.

1642

00:54:42,117 --> 00:54:43,200

From Amsterdam, of course.

1643
00:54:43,200 --> 00:54:45,948
You know, they sent them to--

1644
00:54:45,948 --> 00:54:47,400
they were, I think,
Bergen-Belsen.

1645
00:54:47,400 --> 00:54:48,060
I think.

1646
00:54:48,060 --> 00:54:48,840
Yeah, yeah.

1647
00:54:48,840 --> 00:54:49,740
OK.

1648
00:54:49,740 --> 00:54:52,890
And did they have children?

1649
00:54:52,890 --> 00:54:55,920
Yes, they had one daughter was
married-- no, both of them.

1650
00:54:55,920 --> 00:54:58,080
Of course, both of
them were married.

1651
00:54:58,080 --> 00:55:03,780
One daughter also was killed.

1652
00:55:03,780 --> 00:55:08,725
The other, they had a husband
that was a real smart--

1653
00:55:08,725 --> 00:55:11,430
forgot to mention--
he finagled, I think.

1654
00:55:11,430 --> 00:55:14,770
And he was-- he had one
child they left behind.

1655
00:55:14,770 --> 00:55:16,110
They had a little boy.

1656
00:55:16,110 --> 00:55:19,320
They left him with a
Christian family in Amsterdam.

1657
00:55:19,320 --> 00:55:20,460
The other girl was--

1658
00:55:20,460 --> 00:55:23,640
I don't know-- maybe
five, six years old.

1659
00:55:23,640 --> 00:55:27,690
And the three of them were
saved because, you know how--

1660
00:55:27,690 --> 00:55:28,510
who knows?

1661
00:55:28,510 --> 00:55:29,400
I don't know.

1662
00:55:29,400 --> 00:55:31,770
That was her husband,
my cousin's husband.

1663
00:55:31,770 --> 00:55:32,820
Your cousin's husband.

1664
00:55:32,820 --> 00:55:34,170
So they survived, they survived.

1665
00:55:34,170 --> 00:55:35,250
In hiding.

1666
00:55:35,250 --> 00:55:38,040
In hiding-- no, they were
in the concentration camp,

1667
00:55:38,040 --> 00:55:40,110
and they survived.

1668
00:55:40,110 --> 00:55:41,820
That was-- I don't know.

1669
00:55:41,820 --> 00:55:43,020
What he did, I don't know.

1670
00:55:43,020 --> 00:55:43,560
You know?

1671
00:55:43,560 --> 00:55:44,940
Yeah, who knows?

1672
00:55:44,940 --> 00:55:48,790
But they survived, and then they
did very well after the war.

1673
00:55:48,790 --> 00:55:51,210
But my cousin died young.

1674
00:55:51,210 --> 00:55:52,105
She died young.

1675
00:55:52,105 --> 00:55:52,730
She had cancer.

1676
00:55:52,730 --> 00:55:53,920
She died young.

1677
00:55:53,920 --> 00:55:55,120
[? So ?] destination.

1678
00:55:55,120 --> 00:55:57,100
So I knew her daughter.

1679
00:55:57,100 --> 00:55:59,220
And she went to Israel later.

1680

00:55:59,220 --> 00:56:02,100
Yeah, the daughter
went to Israel.

1681
00:56:02,100 --> 00:56:05,130
And she came to me,
visiting with me.

1682
00:56:05,130 --> 00:56:08,700
Remind me again, which
sister did this family branch

1683
00:56:08,700 --> 00:56:09,310
come from?

1684
00:56:09,310 --> 00:56:10,380
What was her name?

1685
00:56:10,380 --> 00:56:12,720
The sister who married
the man in Amsterdam.

1686
00:56:12,720 --> 00:56:14,820
Oh, they came from my father's.

1687
00:56:14,820 --> 00:56:16,290
I know, your father's sister.

1688
00:56:16,290 --> 00:56:16,890
Yes.

1689
00:56:16,890 --> 00:56:18,930
What was the sister's
name, that sister?

1690
00:56:18,930 --> 00:56:20,190
Her name was Rosie.

1691
00:56:20,190 --> 00:56:24,458
Rosie, and she's-- and these
are the daughters of Rosie who

1692

00:56:24,458 --> 00:56:25,500
married different people.

1693
00:56:25,500 --> 00:56:26,170
That's right.

1694
00:56:26,170 --> 00:56:27,318
Yes, yes.

1695
00:56:27,318 --> 00:56:29,070
OK.

1696
00:56:29,070 --> 00:56:33,570
And so the three brothers, your
father's three brothers leave.

1697
00:56:33,570 --> 00:56:36,300
Yeah, two brothers went to
France, to Southern France.

1698
00:56:36,300 --> 00:56:37,290
They were in Nice.

1699
00:56:37,290 --> 00:56:37,830
OK.

1700
00:56:37,830 --> 00:56:40,440
And they were very well
off, because the brothers

1701
00:56:40,440 --> 00:56:42,360
was the uncle who
was a millionaire.

1702
00:56:42,360 --> 00:56:43,980
And they lived
very well, but they

1703
00:56:43,980 --> 00:56:46,140
helped us later to get out of--

1704
00:56:46,140 --> 00:56:48,930

because we couldn't come
to America right away.

1705
00:56:48,930 --> 00:56:50,400
We'll talk about
that in a minute.

1706
00:56:50,400 --> 00:56:52,980
Yeah, OK.

1707
00:56:52,980 --> 00:56:55,230
And one brother
went to Palestine.

1708
00:56:55,230 --> 00:56:56,280
That's right, yes.

1709
00:56:56,280 --> 00:56:57,000
OK.

1710
00:56:57,000 --> 00:57:01,560
The other sisters who stay in
Germany, the three sisters.

1711
00:57:01,560 --> 00:57:02,870
What happens with them?

1712
00:57:02,870 --> 00:57:04,830
One was dead already.

1713
00:57:04,830 --> 00:57:06,210
There was only two left.

1714
00:57:06,210 --> 00:57:06,840
That's right.

1715
00:57:06,840 --> 00:57:07,380
Two left.

1716
00:57:07,380 --> 00:57:07,880
Right.

1717
00:57:07,880 --> 00:57:08,550
Two others.

1718
00:57:08,550 --> 00:57:12,780
One was her husband
left for America.

1719
00:57:12,780 --> 00:57:16,360
And she had a little boy,
was a year younger than I.

1720
00:57:16,360 --> 00:57:18,600
And they're hoping
that she would get,

1721
00:57:18,600 --> 00:57:21,430
but they couldn't get there
before the war, you know?

1722
00:57:21,430 --> 00:57:22,860
And so they were sent away.

1723
00:57:22,860 --> 00:57:24,100
I don't know where--

1724
00:57:24,100 --> 00:57:25,500
I think they went to Riga.

1725
00:57:25,500 --> 00:57:29,970
Yes, because we looked it up in
the Holocaust Museum that time.

1726
00:57:29,970 --> 00:57:30,930
Yeah.

1727
00:57:30,930 --> 00:57:32,250
And what's the other one?

1728
00:57:32,250 --> 00:57:34,920
So did she perish in Riga?

1729

00:57:34,920 --> 00:57:36,600
Yes, yes.

1730
00:57:36,600 --> 00:57:39,570
sent her and that little boy.

1731
00:57:39,570 --> 00:57:44,640
And yeah, the other, the oldest
sister, Elsa, they went to--

1732
00:57:44,640 --> 00:57:49,860
the whole family went to Africa,
South Africa, to Johannesburg.

1733
00:57:49,860 --> 00:57:51,490
And they all are dead now.

1734
00:57:51,490 --> 00:57:53,250
Even the cousins,
they're all gone.

1735
00:57:53,250 --> 00:57:54,720
Yeah, yeah.

1736
00:57:54,720 --> 00:57:55,920
But they survived.

1737
00:57:55,920 --> 00:57:56,730
They survived.

1738
00:57:56,730 --> 00:57:58,110
They survived war,
the Holocaust.

1739
00:57:58,110 --> 00:58:01,640
They and their children,
their three boys.

1740
00:58:01,640 --> 00:58:04,410
No, the third boy
stayed in Germany.

1741

00:58:04,410 --> 00:58:06,600
And I don't know what
he did during the war.

1742
00:58:06,600 --> 00:58:08,250
Maybe he was in a concen--

1743
00:58:08,250 --> 00:58:11,010
but he survived, the third boy.

1744
00:58:11,010 --> 00:58:11,890
He survived.

1745
00:58:11,890 --> 00:58:14,320
He stayed here in
Germany after the war.

1746
00:58:14,320 --> 00:58:18,900
So it was one sister
who survives--

1747
00:58:18,900 --> 00:58:19,590
excuse me.

1748
00:58:19,590 --> 00:58:24,030
One sister who perishes in
Riga on your father's side.

1749
00:58:24,030 --> 00:58:27,210
And the other sister
in Amsterdam, who is

1750
00:58:27,210 --> 00:58:30,090
deported and dies in
a concentration camp.

1751
00:58:30,090 --> 00:58:30,900
That's right.

1752
00:58:30,900 --> 00:58:34,530
And every other sibling
on your father's side

1753

00:58:34,530 --> 00:58:36,150
survives the Holocaust.

1754

00:58:36,150 --> 00:58:37,590
Is that correct?

1755

00:58:37,590 --> 00:58:39,720
Yes. no, they were--

1756

00:58:39,720 --> 00:58:43,100
the brother, that's [? Zali, ?]
the oldest one, and Julius.

1757

00:58:43,100 --> 00:58:45,330
[? Zali ?] was with
them all the time,

1758

00:58:45,330 --> 00:58:46,560
because he was a bachelor.

1759

00:58:46,560 --> 00:58:47,880
So they lived together.

1760

00:58:47,880 --> 00:58:54,300
And then during the war, in
France, they were interned.

1761

00:58:54,300 --> 00:58:55,767
Let's say interned in Gurs.

1762

00:58:55,767 --> 00:58:57,100
Oh, there were interned in Gurs.

1763

00:58:57,100 --> 00:58:57,610
Yes.

1764

00:58:57,610 --> 00:58:58,110
OK.

1765

00:58:58,110 --> 00:59:03,003
And then somehow they

could-- but he had some kind

1766
00:59:03,003 --> 00:59:07,380
of a-- some kind of a wound.

1767
00:59:07,380 --> 00:59:10,770
I don't know what happened to
the oldest one, [? Zali. ?]

1768
00:59:10,770 --> 00:59:13,170
And he got out, and
he died, you know?

1769
00:59:13,170 --> 00:59:16,600
It was part of what
happened in Gurs.

1770
00:59:16,600 --> 00:59:17,200
In Gurs.

1771
00:59:17,200 --> 00:59:17,700
Yeah.

1772
00:59:17,700 --> 00:59:18,660
OK.

1773
00:59:18,660 --> 00:59:20,360
And the other one survived.

1774
00:59:20,360 --> 00:59:21,480
The other one survived.

1775
00:59:21,480 --> 00:59:22,260
OK.

1776
00:59:22,260 --> 00:59:24,150
So they weren't untouched.

1777
00:59:24,150 --> 00:59:25,090
They--

1778

00:59:25,090 --> 00:59:26,880
Yeah, not quite, not quite.

1779
00:59:26,880 --> 00:59:29,550
And then later they came to
America, the other couple.

1780
00:59:29,550 --> 00:59:30,510
Yeah.

1781
00:59:30,510 --> 00:59:31,740
So that was Julius?

1782
00:59:31,740 --> 00:59:32,880
That was Julius, yeah.

1783
00:59:32,880 --> 00:59:33,810
Julius and his wife.

1784
00:59:33,810 --> 00:59:35,520
And his wife, Marianna, yeah.

1785
00:59:35,520 --> 00:59:37,950
OK.

1786
00:59:37,950 --> 00:59:41,460
And so your father is a holdout.

1787
00:59:41,460 --> 00:59:44,188
Your father is saying,
I don't want to leave.

1788
00:59:44,188 --> 00:59:44,730
That's right.

1789
00:59:44,730 --> 00:59:49,290
I've got my business here,
and Hitler will come and pass.

1790
00:59:49,290 --> 00:59:50,040
That's right.

1791

00:59:50,040 --> 00:59:53,010

That's what the ones who
stayed thought, you know?

1792

00:59:53,010 --> 00:59:58,260

But I think it must have
been that my mother--

1793

00:59:58,260 --> 01:00:02,730

my mother's uncle, the
one in Memel, he had--

1794

01:00:02,730 --> 01:00:05,010

his wife had relatives
here in America.

1795

01:00:05,010 --> 01:00:07,320

And my mother knew the women.

1796

01:00:07,320 --> 01:00:09,000

She married an American.

1797

01:00:09,000 --> 01:00:13,650

And he said, why don't you ask
her to give you an affidavit,

1798

01:00:13,650 --> 01:00:14,250

you know?

1799

01:00:14,250 --> 01:00:15,690

That was very good.

1800

01:00:15,690 --> 01:00:20,380

And then that was maybe
before Kristallnacht,

1801

01:00:20,380 --> 01:00:21,510

but not much before.

1802

01:00:21,510 --> 01:00:25,350

My mother just filled out
the papers at that time,

1803
01:00:25,350 --> 01:00:29,610
because the Nazis threw
it all over the place when

1804
01:00:29,610 --> 01:00:30,300
they came in.

1805
01:00:30,300 --> 01:00:30,800
Yeah.

1806
01:00:30,800 --> 01:00:32,110
We'll talk about that now.

1807
01:00:32,110 --> 01:00:36,940
The uncle that you're talking
about is Edith's husband.

1808
01:00:36,940 --> 01:00:37,620
The uncle--

1809
01:00:37,620 --> 01:00:39,040
No, Ina's father.

1810
01:00:39,040 --> 01:00:39,800
Ida-- Edith's.

1811
01:00:39,800 --> 01:00:40,390
Ina.

1812
01:00:40,390 --> 01:00:41,440
Oh, not Edith.

1813
01:00:41,440 --> 01:00:46,077
No, Edith was-- the uncle was
her mother's brother, the one

1814
01:00:46,077 --> 01:00:47,285
in Memel, who lived in Memel.

1815
01:00:47,285 --> 01:00:48,590

Ah, her mother's brother.

1816
01:00:48,590 --> 01:00:49,730
Her mother's brother.

1817
01:00:49,730 --> 01:00:50,230
Yeah.

1818
01:00:50,230 --> 01:00:51,580
OK, OK.

1819
01:00:51,580 --> 01:00:55,610
And what was his name?

1820
01:00:55,610 --> 01:00:57,612
Arthur Rosenthal.

1821
01:00:57,612 --> 01:00:58,320
Arthur Rosenthal.

1822
01:00:58,320 --> 01:00:58,840
Yeah.

1823
01:00:58,840 --> 01:01:01,450
And did he have a
business in Memel?

1824
01:01:01,450 --> 01:01:04,670
Yeah, he had-- he was
in the lumber business.

1825
01:01:04,670 --> 01:01:05,170
Lumber.

1826
01:01:05,170 --> 01:01:06,170
Did very well, yes, yes.

1827
01:01:06,170 --> 01:01:06,670
OK.

1828
01:01:06,670 --> 01:01:07,240

All right.

1829

01:01:07,240 --> 01:01:12,060

And he is the one who had
relatives from his wife?

1830

01:01:12,060 --> 01:01:13,360

His wife had relatives.

1831

01:01:13,360 --> 01:01:14,440

In the United States.

1832

01:01:14,440 --> 01:01:16,580

It was a cousin
who had married--

1833

01:01:16,580 --> 01:01:19,630

I think she married
a cousin in America.

1834

01:01:19,630 --> 01:01:21,190

And they lived in Detroit.

1835

01:01:21,190 --> 01:01:23,500

And they gave us the affidavit.

1836

01:01:23,500 --> 01:01:26,260

Now, what happened to
that branch, all of them,

1837

01:01:26,260 --> 01:01:29,110

the branch of the family that--

1838

01:01:29,110 --> 01:01:32,290

your mother's side--
that was in Memel?

1839

01:01:32,290 --> 01:01:33,350

What happened to them?

1840

01:01:33,350 --> 01:01:36,460

You know, I don't know

whether you know that story.

1841

01:01:36,460 --> 01:01:39,670

They know that Hitler was
coming into Memel in March.

1842

01:01:39,670 --> 01:01:41,110

I think it was '38, wasn't it?

1843

01:01:41,110 --> 01:01:41,660

I think so.

1844

01:01:41,660 --> 01:01:42,790

Yeah.

1845

01:01:42,790 --> 01:01:45,850

And there wasn't a Jew
left when Hitler came in.

1846

01:01:45,850 --> 01:01:46,960

They all fled.

1847

01:01:46,960 --> 01:01:49,480

All through the
night the day before.

1848

01:01:49,480 --> 01:01:50,170

Was amazing.

1849

01:01:50,170 --> 01:01:50,920

Where did they do?

1850

01:01:50,920 --> 01:01:52,540

And most of them
were killed later.

1851

01:01:52,540 --> 01:01:54,360

They went to Kovno.

1852

01:01:54,360 --> 01:01:54,860

To Kovno.

1853

01:01:54,860 --> 01:01:55,590

To Kaunas.

1854

01:01:55,590 --> 01:01:56,215

Yes, to Kaunas.

1855

01:01:56,215 --> 01:01:57,250

Yes, yes.

1856

01:01:57,250 --> 01:02:01,840

And But he didn't go there.

1857

01:02:01,840 --> 01:02:04,270

He went to Finland

because of his business.

1858

01:02:04,270 --> 01:02:06,190

He had business,

lumber business.

1859

01:02:06,190 --> 01:02:10,840

And from Finland, and before

the war even, he went to Sweden.

1860

01:02:10,840 --> 01:02:13,900

That whole family

is now in Sweden.

1861

01:02:13,900 --> 01:02:15,520

Ah.

1862

01:02:15,520 --> 01:02:17,740

His children and grandchildren.

1863

01:02:17,740 --> 01:02:19,690

So Arthur Rosenthal

and his family,

1864

01:02:19,690 --> 01:02:21,173

they ended up in Sweden.

1865

01:02:21,173 --> 01:02:22,840
Yes, during the war
they were in Sweden.

1866
01:02:22,840 --> 01:02:25,900
And your Aunt Edith left.

1867
01:02:25,900 --> 01:02:28,030
Well, she left.

1868
01:02:28,030 --> 01:02:31,600
They left with my mom, my
grandmother and the child,

1869
01:02:31,600 --> 01:02:33,500
and went to Kaunas.

1870
01:02:33,500 --> 01:02:34,000
OK.

1871
01:02:34,000 --> 01:02:37,300
But in Kaunas they couldn't
live as German citizens.

1872
01:02:37,300 --> 01:02:38,770
Again, they were German.

1873
01:02:38,770 --> 01:02:39,370
They couldn't.

1874
01:02:39,370 --> 01:02:41,680
So they had to live
outside of Kaunas.

1875
01:02:41,680 --> 01:02:43,510
It was a small town.

1876
01:02:43,510 --> 01:02:45,160
A lot of Jews in that town.

1877
01:02:45,160 --> 01:02:46,280
Called Kazlu Ruda.

1878
01:02:46,280 --> 01:02:47,447
Oh, yeah, Kazlu Ruda.

1879
01:02:47,447 --> 01:02:48,030
You know that.

1880
01:02:48,030 --> 01:02:48,450
Yeah.

1881
01:02:48,450 --> 01:02:48,950
Yeah.

1882
01:02:48,950 --> 01:02:52,330
Yes, and there you don't
know what happened there.

1883
01:02:52,330 --> 01:02:52,960
Tell me.

1884
01:02:52,960 --> 01:02:58,110
They were taken out the night
before by the Lithuanians,

1885
01:02:58,110 --> 01:03:02,530
and then they were
shot in the woods.

1886
01:03:02,530 --> 01:03:03,220
Yes.

1887
01:03:03,220 --> 01:03:06,670
We heard that from a
witness who was a baby then,

1888
01:03:06,670 --> 01:03:08,310
but who knew all about it.

1889
01:03:08,310 --> 01:03:13,010
They saved this baby, and
the rest went to the ghetto.

1890

01:03:13,010 --> 01:03:15,430

So the night before what?

1891

01:03:15,430 --> 01:03:16,420

Before everyone else--

1892

01:03:16,420 --> 01:03:19,030

Before Hitler came in, in 1941.

1893

01:03:19,030 --> 01:03:19,707

Got it.

1894

01:03:19,707 --> 01:03:20,290

Yeah, in June.

1895

01:03:20,290 --> 01:03:22,010

OK, in June 1941.

1896

01:03:22,010 --> 01:03:22,510

Yeah.

1897

01:03:22,510 --> 01:03:25,750

So during those
few days in June,

1898

01:03:25,750 --> 01:03:28,120

before he arrives in Kaunas--

1899

01:03:28,120 --> 01:03:30,520

That night before Hitler
marched in, I think.

1900

01:03:30,520 --> 01:03:32,650

Yeah, that's what they said.

1901

01:03:32,650 --> 01:03:34,420

This wouldn't be accurate.

1902

01:03:34,420 --> 01:03:36,250

Hitler never marched
into Lithuania,

1903
01:03:36,250 --> 01:03:37,485
but the German army did.

1904
01:03:37,485 --> 01:03:38,110
Yeah, the army.

1905
01:03:38,110 --> 01:03:39,160
The German army.

1906
01:03:39,160 --> 01:03:40,780
That was the war,
during the war.

1907
01:03:40,780 --> 01:03:42,730
But he did come to Memel.

1908
01:03:42,730 --> 01:03:43,930
He did, when Memel was--

1909
01:03:43,930 --> 01:03:45,400
Then he marched-- yes, Memel.

1910
01:03:45,400 --> 01:03:47,230
That was in '38, I think.

1911
01:03:47,230 --> 01:03:48,680
When he annexes Memel.

1912
01:03:48,680 --> 01:03:49,450
That's right.

1913
01:03:49,450 --> 01:03:50,350
Yes, yes.

1914
01:03:50,350 --> 01:03:55,450
And that's why Germans were
not very popular in the rest

1915
01:03:55,450 --> 01:03:56,320
of Lithuania.

1916
01:03:56,320 --> 01:03:57,130
Yeah, yeah.

1917
01:03:57,130 --> 01:03:59,920
And ironically,
then, your relatives

1918
01:03:59,920 --> 01:04:05,140
having German citizenship
got the brunt of that,

1919
01:04:05,140 --> 01:04:07,340
if they tried to live in Kaunas.

1920
01:04:07,340 --> 01:04:10,510
That's right, yes.

1921
01:04:10,510 --> 01:04:16,260
So Aunt Edith and your
grandmother perish.

1922
01:04:16,260 --> 01:04:17,960
There, you know, with the child.

1923
01:04:17,960 --> 01:04:19,000
And with the child.

1924
01:04:19,000 --> 01:04:19,625
With the child.

1925
01:04:19,625 --> 01:04:20,680
She was eight years old.

1926
01:04:20,680 --> 01:04:23,160

1927
01:04:23,160 --> 01:04:23,660
And--

1928
01:04:23,660 --> 01:04:27,690

And her husband,
too, Edith's husband.

1929
01:04:27,690 --> 01:04:29,010
And Edith's husband.

1930
01:04:29,010 --> 01:04:31,390
And who told you about this?

1931
01:04:31,390 --> 01:04:33,970
We never knew for
sure what happened.

1932
01:04:33,970 --> 01:04:35,100
We didn't know.

1933
01:04:35,100 --> 01:04:36,880
A synagogue or something.

1934
01:04:36,880 --> 01:04:39,120
We knew that they were
not in the ghetto,

1935
01:04:39,120 --> 01:04:41,550
not in the Kaunas
Ghetto, that they were--

1936
01:04:41,550 --> 01:04:45,720
and then I heard a speech.

1937
01:04:45,720 --> 01:04:48,360
I lived in the
Berkshires in Pittsfield.

1938
01:04:48,360 --> 01:04:50,490
In the synagogue,
they had a woman

1939
01:04:50,490 --> 01:04:54,060
speak who came from that
area, who came from Kaunas.

1940

01:04:54,060 --> 01:04:55,920
And she spoke about this.

1941
01:04:55,920 --> 01:04:59,160
And I asked her, do you
know the name Kazlu Ruda?

1942
01:04:59,160 --> 01:05:01,020
"Of course I know," she said.

1943
01:05:01,020 --> 01:05:03,690
And then she said she
was saved as a baby,

1944
01:05:03,690 --> 01:05:05,880
but she knows the
whole history now.

1945
01:05:05,880 --> 01:05:08,280
And the parents went
into the ghetto,

1946
01:05:08,280 --> 01:05:13,080
and they saved her by giving
her to a Gentile family.

1947
01:05:13,080 --> 01:05:16,470
And she said they were
all killed right way.

1948
01:05:16,470 --> 01:05:18,030
You know, that night before.

1949
01:05:18,030 --> 01:05:18,570
You know?

1950
01:05:18,570 --> 01:05:19,070
I see.

1951
01:05:19,070 --> 01:05:19,570
I see.

1952

01:05:19,570 --> 01:05:20,580
They were all in Kazlu--

1953
01:05:20,580 --> 01:05:21,993
All of Kazlu Ruda, all the Jews.

1954
01:05:21,993 --> 01:05:23,160
There were quite a few Jews.

1955
01:05:23,160 --> 01:05:26,430
And like I said, a lot of Jews
lived in those small towns.

1956
01:05:26,430 --> 01:05:27,550
Yeah, it's true.

1957
01:05:27,550 --> 01:05:28,380
Yes, yes.

1958
01:05:28,380 --> 01:05:31,280
It's true.

1959
01:05:31,280 --> 01:05:33,140
And what about your
grandfather who

1960
01:05:33,140 --> 01:05:35,540
was difficult to
live with in Tilsit?

1961
01:05:35,540 --> 01:05:38,940
My grandfather then
stayed in Tilsit.

1962
01:05:38,940 --> 01:05:39,440
OK.

1963
01:05:39,440 --> 01:05:43,340
Until '42, I think.

1964
01:05:43,340 --> 01:05:44,510
They sent him.

1965
01:05:44,510 --> 01:05:47,480
And then he was sent with
the Koenigsberg people

1966
01:05:47,480 --> 01:05:49,403
to Theresienstadt.

1967
01:05:49,403 --> 01:05:50,486
Is that what happened to--

1968
01:05:50,486 --> 01:05:51,890
He was the one who
died in Theresienstadt.

1969
01:05:51,890 --> 01:05:53,510
Your grandfather died
in Theresienstadt.

1970
01:05:53,510 --> 01:05:54,020
Yes, yes.

1971
01:05:54,020 --> 01:05:57,440
And his brother was there who
lived in-- that Samuel, who

1972
01:05:57,440 --> 01:05:59,150
was my father's partner.

1973
01:05:59,150 --> 01:06:00,026
[SNEEZES]

1974
01:06:00,026 --> 01:06:01,085
Bless you.

1975
01:06:01,085 --> 01:06:03,540
He was also sent
at the same time

1976
01:06:03,540 --> 01:06:05,540
to Theresienstadt with his wife.

1977

01:06:05,540 --> 01:06:08,930

And the wife, what I found
out not too long ago,

1978

01:06:08,930 --> 01:06:11,360

was sent to Auschwitz.

1979

01:06:11,360 --> 01:06:15,410

But he died in Theresienstadt
before my grandfather.

1980

01:06:15,410 --> 01:06:17,030

So the two of them die there.

1981

01:06:17,030 --> 01:06:20,780

Died in Theresienstadt, yeah.

1982

01:06:20,780 --> 01:06:23,810

So your father's
partner, basically.

1983

01:06:23,810 --> 01:06:24,440

Yes, yes.

1984

01:06:24,440 --> 01:06:27,270

As well as your uncle
and great-uncle--

1985

01:06:27,270 --> 01:06:29,240

Yeah.

1986

01:06:29,240 --> 01:06:31,447

--perishes because he stays.

1987

01:06:31,447 --> 01:06:32,405

Yes, because he stayed.

1988

01:06:32,405 --> 01:06:33,620

Yeah.

1989

01:06:33,620 --> 01:06:35,420

And your grandfather as well.

1990

01:06:35,420 --> 01:06:36,860

Yeah, he wanted to stay.

1991

01:06:36,860 --> 01:06:38,870

He wanted to stay, so he stayed.

1992

01:06:38,870 --> 01:06:40,370

OK.

1993

01:06:40,370 --> 01:06:44,450

And in the meantime,
your uncle Arthur,

1994

01:06:44,450 --> 01:06:47,210

your grandmother's
brother, is the one

1995

01:06:47,210 --> 01:06:51,920

who secures the connection
for your parents

1996

01:06:51,920 --> 01:06:56,040

to be able to leave Germany and
be sponsored into the United

1997

01:06:56,040 --> 01:06:56,540

States.

1998

01:06:56,540 --> 01:06:57,082

That's right.

1999

01:06:57,082 --> 01:06:58,030

That's right.

2000

01:06:58,030 --> 01:06:59,120

OK.

2001

01:06:59,120 --> 01:07:06,600

Now, you are-- when you
stop going those three

2002

01:07:06,600 --> 01:07:12,120
years to public school, where
do you continue your education?

2003

01:07:12,120 --> 01:07:16,320
There was a Jewish school
was established '35.

2004

01:07:16,320 --> 01:07:18,870
They know then it was necessary.

2005

01:07:18,870 --> 01:07:22,510
And it was-- it was that we
had a beautiful synagogue,

2006

01:07:22,510 --> 01:07:24,210
a big synagogue.

2007

01:07:24,210 --> 01:07:27,720
And there was enough room
for a school there, too.

2008

01:07:27,720 --> 01:07:29,700
So that was where we went.

2009

01:07:29,700 --> 01:07:32,470
And it was downtown.

2010

01:07:32,470 --> 01:07:34,050
And--

2011

01:07:34,050 --> 01:07:36,180
Did you travel there by trolley?

2012

01:07:36,180 --> 01:07:37,580
Yes, yes.

2013

01:07:37,580 --> 01:07:39,220
OK.

2014

01:07:39,220 --> 01:07:41,700
And also, you know, you
wonder as a Jewish child.

2015
01:07:41,700 --> 01:07:43,290
You were out on the street.

2016
01:07:43,290 --> 01:07:45,480
And I know one thing,
that we never wanted

2017
01:07:45,480 --> 01:07:48,310
to go alone on a side street.

2018
01:07:48,310 --> 01:07:50,110
We lived on a sort
of a main street.

2019
01:07:50,110 --> 01:07:53,130
There was side street
right around my corner.

2020
01:07:53,130 --> 01:07:55,440
You were usually chased
by kids, you know?

2021
01:07:55,440 --> 01:07:56,160
By other kids.

2022
01:07:56,160 --> 01:07:57,450
Chased and Jews.

2023
01:07:57,450 --> 01:07:58,140
Yeah.

2024
01:07:58,140 --> 01:07:59,127
So you would hear this?

2025
01:07:59,127 --> 01:08:00,710
So you went always
on the main street.

2026

01:08:00,710 --> 01:08:02,820

Yeah, but on the trolley it was fine.

2027

01:08:02,820 --> 01:08:06,660

You know, and I usually met my girlfriend on the next stop,

2028

01:08:06,660 --> 01:08:07,800

and we went down.

2029

01:08:07,800 --> 01:08:08,340

And--

2030

01:08:08,340 --> 01:08:09,507

You'd go to school that way.

2031

01:08:09,507 --> 01:08:12,330

Yeah, we went to school that way.

2032

01:08:12,330 --> 01:08:15,620

Do remember the street the synagogue was on?

2033

01:08:15,620 --> 01:08:16,189

The street?

2034

01:08:16,189 --> 01:08:17,979

Yes, Lindenstrasse.

2035

01:08:17,979 --> 01:08:18,899

Lindenstrasse?

2036

01:08:18,899 --> 01:08:20,939

Yeah, yeah, a beautiful synagogue.

2037

01:08:20,939 --> 01:08:22,950

And we had the best--

2038

01:08:22,950 --> 01:08:27,390

the cantors who composed
were well-known, Lewendowski

2039
01:08:27,390 --> 01:08:28,770
and Birnbaum.

2040
01:08:28,770 --> 01:08:32,670
They all started in
Koenigsberg, yeah.

2041
01:08:32,670 --> 01:08:35,220
It was a well known synagogue.

2042
01:08:35,220 --> 01:08:37,200
And they're rebuilding it now.

2043
01:08:37,200 --> 01:08:38,640
They actually rebuilt it.

2044
01:08:38,640 --> 01:08:39,220
Really?

2045
01:08:39,220 --> 01:08:41,310
Yes, there a lot of
Jews, Russian Jews

2046
01:08:41,310 --> 01:08:43,450
now who live in Koenigsberg.

2047
01:08:43,450 --> 01:08:43,950
OK.

2048
01:08:43,950 --> 01:08:45,069
And they rebuilt it.

2049
01:08:45,069 --> 01:08:49,200
And a man who has a lot
of money sponsored it.

2050
01:08:49,200 --> 01:08:52,260
They want to make
it just like it was.

2051
01:08:52,260 --> 01:08:56,630
Did-- oh, what was
I going to ask?

2052
01:08:56,630 --> 01:09:01,180
So you continued at this Jewish
school now in the synagogue.

2053
01:09:01,180 --> 01:09:02,710
Yes.

2054
01:09:02,710 --> 01:09:03,790
Until I left.

2055
01:09:03,790 --> 01:09:04,660
Until you left.

2056
01:09:04,660 --> 01:09:06,819
And that's for about
how many years?

2057
01:09:06,819 --> 01:09:07,450
A lot.

2058
01:09:07,450 --> 01:09:12,487
Well, I think I went in '36,
so that would be 3 years.

2059
01:09:12,487 --> 01:09:13,029
That's right.

2060
01:09:13,029 --> 01:09:15,145
But it was what seemed
like an eternity.

2061
01:09:15,145 --> 01:09:17,720
I was always there
for a long time.

2062
01:09:17,720 --> 01:09:18,220
Yes.

2063

01:09:18,220 --> 01:09:22,540

And did this school
then-- was this school

2064

01:09:22,540 --> 01:09:25,737

for all the Jewish children of
Koenigsberg, when they could

2065

01:09:25,737 --> 01:09:27,029

no longer go to German schools?

2066

01:09:27,029 --> 01:09:28,689

Yes, but the younger children.

2067

01:09:28,689 --> 01:09:31,240

It only went up to
the sixth grade,

2068

01:09:31,240 --> 01:09:34,859

because then they would
go on to the Lyceum.

2069

01:09:34,859 --> 01:09:35,359

Gymnasium?

2070

01:09:35,359 --> 01:09:35,920

Ah, Lyceum.

2071

01:09:35,920 --> 01:09:38,939

And they were allowed to
go until the war, I think.

2072

01:09:38,939 --> 01:09:42,939

The older children could go to
the Lyceum and to Gymnasium.

2073

01:09:42,939 --> 01:09:44,890

And there was no school that--

2074

01:09:44,890 --> 01:09:47,319

yeah, it was strange.

2075

01:09:47,319 --> 01:09:52,060

There was no-- there was no school, no classes for them.

2076

01:09:52,060 --> 01:09:55,090

You know, so it was just till sixth grade, I think.

2077

01:09:55,090 --> 01:09:58,810

And about how large was the student body?

2078

01:09:58,810 --> 01:10:00,340

How large?

2079

01:10:00,340 --> 01:10:01,240

Hard to tell.

2080

01:10:01,240 --> 01:10:03,460

Maybe 150.

2081

01:10:03,460 --> 01:10:04,030

OK.

2082

01:10:04,030 --> 01:10:07,090

Yes, and they did wonderful for us.

2083

01:10:07,090 --> 01:10:08,590

Made us feel so at home.

2084

01:10:08,590 --> 01:10:14,570

And that's where we had our entertainment and everything.

2085

01:10:14,570 --> 01:10:16,730

Were families leaving Koenigsberg?

2086

01:10:16,730 --> 01:10:19,820

Were Jewish families leaving

Koenigsberg as this was going--

2087

01:10:19,820 --> 01:10:24,650

as you were in the mid-'30s,
as time was going on?

2088

01:10:24,650 --> 01:10:25,760

Did you know of many?

2089

01:10:25,760 --> 01:10:26,580

Of course.

2090

01:10:26,580 --> 01:10:29,510

Yeah, my circle that my
parents-- and then of course I

2091

01:10:29,510 --> 01:10:32,780

met many, when I went
to that Jewish school,

2092

01:10:32,780 --> 01:10:35,145

especially the ones
who lived downtown,

2093

01:10:35,145 --> 01:10:38,220

who we didn't know so well.

2094

01:10:38,220 --> 01:10:40,143

And so I met--

2095

01:10:40,143 --> 01:10:41,060

I met a lot of people.

2096

01:10:41,060 --> 01:10:43,580

I was always interested.

2097

01:10:43,580 --> 01:10:47,060

Being an only child, you like
to have a lot of friends.

2098

01:10:47,060 --> 01:10:48,020

Yes, of course.

2099
01:10:48,020 --> 01:10:48,530
Of course.

2100
01:10:48,530 --> 01:10:49,340
Yes.

2101
01:10:49,340 --> 01:10:54,200
And what did I want to ask now?

2102
01:10:54,200 --> 01:10:58,040
I'd like to get a
sense, if you know,

2103
01:10:58,040 --> 01:11:03,050
of how many Jews
stayed in Koenigsberg.

2104
01:11:03,050 --> 01:11:03,970
I don't know.

2105
01:11:03,970 --> 01:11:06,530
There were-- most of
them were downtown,

2106
01:11:06,530 --> 01:11:08,360
didn't have the
money anymore to go.

2107
01:11:08,360 --> 01:11:10,580
They could have
gone to Shanghai.

2108
01:11:10,580 --> 01:11:13,970
There was nothing open,
not much open at the end.

2109
01:11:13,970 --> 01:11:15,600
And therefore they
didn't-- you know,

2110
01:11:15,600 --> 01:11:18,515

so most of the poor ones stayed.

2111
01:11:18,515 --> 01:11:19,245
I see.

2112
01:11:19,245 --> 01:11:22,910
Very few, I think who had money,
they went the last minute.

2113
01:11:22,910 --> 01:11:24,950
They went, like we went, in '39.

2114
01:11:24,950 --> 01:11:26,870
You know, '39 in June.

2115
01:11:26,870 --> 01:11:30,230
So that means you were--

2116
01:11:30,230 --> 01:11:33,540
that means you were in
Germany during Kristallnacht.

2117
01:11:33,540 --> 01:11:34,365
During?

2118
01:11:34,365 --> 01:11:35,240
You were in Germany--

2119
01:11:35,240 --> 01:11:35,930
Kristallnacht?

2120
01:11:35,930 --> 01:11:36,830
Yes, of course.

2121
01:11:36,830 --> 01:11:38,520
That's what I remember the most.

2122
01:11:38,520 --> 01:11:39,770
Then tell me about that.

2123
01:11:39,770 --> 01:11:41,510

What happened during
Kristallnacht?

2124
01:11:41,510 --> 01:11:43,948
Well, I can tell you
what happened to us.

2125
01:11:43,948 --> 01:11:44,990
That's what I would like.

2126
01:11:44,990 --> 01:11:47,780
Yeah, yes.

2127
01:11:47,780 --> 01:11:51,110
The evening before, which
was the 9th of November--

2128
01:11:51,110 --> 01:11:53,900
the afternoon, I
guess I went to--

2129
01:11:53,900 --> 01:11:55,490
I had a girlfriend
who was leaving

2130
01:11:55,490 --> 01:11:58,260
the night-- was supposed to,
and then she didn't get out.

2131
01:11:58,260 --> 01:11:59,960
Leaving the next day for Canada.

2132
01:11:59,960 --> 01:12:02,210
They went out
later, but not then.

2133
01:12:02,210 --> 01:12:04,040
And she said, let's celebrate.

2134
01:12:04,040 --> 01:12:05,030
Let's go to movies.

2135

01:12:05,030 --> 01:12:06,680
They won't know
that we're Jewish.

2136
01:12:06,680 --> 01:12:07,580
And we did go.

2137
01:12:07,580 --> 01:12:09,200
My parents didn't
know that, you know?

2138
01:12:09,200 --> 01:12:10,400
So you went to the movies?

2139
01:12:10,400 --> 01:12:11,900
We went to a movie
in the afternoon.

2140
01:12:11,900 --> 01:12:12,250
The one downstairs?

2141
01:12:12,250 --> 01:12:13,460
That I remember so well.

2142
01:12:13,460 --> 01:12:14,120
No, no.

2143
01:12:14,120 --> 01:12:16,300
It was more of the
further downtown.

2144
01:12:16,300 --> 01:12:17,240
It was a good movie.

2145
01:12:17,240 --> 01:12:18,620
I don't know what it was.

2146
01:12:18,620 --> 01:12:20,240
And so we went.

2147
01:12:20,240 --> 01:12:22,160
And then I said goodbye.

2148
01:12:22,160 --> 01:12:24,680
And that evening on
Wednesday was always

2149
01:12:24,680 --> 01:12:27,370
the day off for our Liesel.

2150
01:12:27,370 --> 01:12:28,080
Oh, she went off.

2151
01:12:28,080 --> 01:12:30,200
And my father was in
Berlin on business.

2152
01:12:30,200 --> 01:12:34,460
He went every four weeks to buy,
you know, whatever he needed.

2153
01:12:34,460 --> 01:12:38,210
And so we were
alone on that night.

2154
01:12:38,210 --> 01:12:40,330
And then she came home early.

2155
01:12:40,330 --> 01:12:41,610
Liesel came home early.

2156
01:12:41,610 --> 01:12:42,110
Liesel came.

2157
01:12:42,110 --> 01:12:43,850
She always visited
friends, you know.

2158
01:12:43,850 --> 01:12:44,840
She had friends.

2159
01:12:44,840 --> 01:12:46,850
And she said, I don't
know but there's

2160
01:12:46,850 --> 01:12:48,290
something on the streets.

2161
01:12:48,290 --> 01:12:51,260
It's very-- people--
the Nazis are out there.

2162
01:12:51,260 --> 01:12:53,480
And it's loud and
[INAUDIBLE] he doesn't

2163
01:12:53,480 --> 01:12:55,200
know what's going on there.

2164
01:12:55,200 --> 01:12:59,840
And then, during the night,
my mother heard steps.

2165
01:12:59,840 --> 01:13:02,570
You know, people walking
up and down with boots.

2166
01:13:02,570 --> 01:13:05,870
And she said it was those boys
I've talked about, that they

2167
01:13:05,870 --> 01:13:07,640
have company, and they were--

2168
01:13:07,640 --> 01:13:08,270
[INAUDIBLE]

2169
01:13:08,270 --> 01:13:10,550
Then at 7 o'clock in
the morning, the bell,

2170
01:13:10,550 --> 01:13:11,990
doorbell rang.

2171
01:13:11,990 --> 01:13:14,510
And Liesel went to the door.

2172
01:13:14,510 --> 01:13:19,490
And there were three Nazis,
a Gestapo and two SS men.

2173
01:13:19,490 --> 01:13:23,990
A young Gestapo, a student,
young guy, you know?

2174
01:13:23,990 --> 01:13:25,588
"And is Mr. Bahr?"

2175
01:13:25,588 --> 01:13:26,630
We want to see Mr. Bahr."

2176
01:13:26,630 --> 01:13:27,860
"No, he's not home."

2177
01:13:27,860 --> 01:13:28,670
"Where is he?"

2178
01:13:28,670 --> 01:13:31,100
"He's in Berlin, out of town."

2179
01:13:31,100 --> 01:13:32,270
"Is Mrs. Bahr home?"

2180
01:13:32,270 --> 01:13:34,010
"Yeah, she's still in bed."

2181
01:13:34,010 --> 01:13:35,210
So they went in.

2182
01:13:35,210 --> 01:13:35,990
She let them.

2183
01:13:35,990 --> 01:13:39,530
And then she said, "don't come
in until you wipe your feet."

2184
01:13:39,530 --> 01:13:40,490

Who said this?

2185
01:13:40,490 --> 01:13:41,090
Liesel.

2186
01:13:41,090 --> 01:13:41,690
Liesel?

2187
01:13:41,690 --> 01:13:43,290
Oh, she was another daring one.

2188
01:13:43,290 --> 01:13:45,680
And she said-- and they
said, "are you Jewish?"

2189
01:13:45,680 --> 01:13:48,410
She said, "no, I'm
what you call Aryan."

2190
01:13:48,410 --> 01:13:49,760
They were quiet, you know.

2191
01:13:49,760 --> 01:13:50,750
So they went.

2192
01:13:50,750 --> 01:13:53,120
They went, and they were
more or less decent.

2193
01:13:53,120 --> 01:13:54,710
[INAUDIBLE]

2194
01:13:54,710 --> 01:13:56,570
They wouldn't have to
take my mother if they

2195
01:13:56,570 --> 01:13:58,010
wouldn't have been decent.

2196
01:13:58,010 --> 01:13:59,510
And then my mother--
in the meantime

2197
01:13:59,510 --> 01:14:00,420
they were in the living room.

2198
01:14:00,420 --> 01:14:01,795
Then she came in
the living room,

2199
01:14:01,795 --> 01:14:04,580
and they had thrown all
the papers off her desk.

2200
01:14:04,580 --> 01:14:06,410
And she said, "pick
up those papers.

2201
01:14:06,410 --> 01:14:09,620
Those are the ones that were
going to the application

2202
01:14:09,620 --> 01:14:11,780
to leave this country."

2203
01:14:11,780 --> 01:14:13,490
So they did it.

2204
01:14:13,490 --> 01:14:14,040
They did it?

2205
01:14:14,040 --> 01:14:14,563
They did it.

2206
01:14:14,563 --> 01:14:15,230
Can you imagine?

2207
01:14:15,230 --> 01:14:16,280
She was lucky.

2208
01:14:16,280 --> 01:14:17,870
They could have shot her.

2209

01:14:17,870 --> 01:14:21,230
And then they looked
at the bookcase

2210
01:14:21,230 --> 01:14:23,533
and said, "Oh, you have these
books by Jewish authors.

2211
01:14:23,533 --> 01:14:24,950
You're not supposed
to have that."

2212
01:14:24,950 --> 01:14:28,780
"Oh, yes, in homes, in private
homes, you can have them."

2213
01:14:28,780 --> 01:14:31,040
Left them alone.

2214
01:14:31,040 --> 01:14:32,300
So she argued with them.

2215
01:14:32,300 --> 01:14:33,890
She, did , she did.

2216
01:14:33,890 --> 01:14:35,060
You know, she was lucky.

2217
01:14:35,060 --> 01:14:36,830
I mean, that they were decent.

2218
01:14:36,830 --> 01:14:37,897
And then they--

2219
01:14:37,897 --> 01:14:39,980
Well, they weren't as bad
as they could have been.

2220
01:14:39,980 --> 01:14:41,270
They looked all over.

2221
01:14:41,270 --> 01:14:43,350

And they looked under a chair.

2222

01:14:43,350 --> 01:14:45,410

She said, "do you think he's a dwarf?"

2223

01:14:45,410 --> 01:14:47,930

2224

01:14:47,930 --> 01:14:51,430

Anyway, and then in the meantime, I got myself--

2225

01:14:51,430 --> 01:14:55,850

you know German duty, getting myself ready to go to school.

2226

01:14:55,850 --> 01:14:58,100

You know, we didn't know what was happening all over,

2227

01:14:58,100 --> 01:14:59,060

you know?

2228

01:14:59,060 --> 01:15:01,130

And I went.

2229

01:15:01,130 --> 01:15:02,560

I went on the street car.

2230

01:15:02,560 --> 01:15:04,610

And the next-- at the next stop, I

2231

01:15:04,610 --> 01:15:06,740

met my girlfriend who always went with me.

2232

01:15:06,740 --> 01:15:10,610

And we whispered, and she said her father was picked up early

2233

01:15:10,610 --> 01:15:12,530
in the morning or during night.

2234
01:15:12,530 --> 01:15:16,450
And then we went on, and we
thought we'd go to school.

2235
01:15:16,450 --> 01:15:19,570
And on the way, we
were halfway down,

2236
01:15:19,570 --> 01:15:22,660
we heard somebody say
the synagogue is burning.

2237
01:15:22,660 --> 01:15:23,650
Oh, my God.

2238
01:15:23,650 --> 01:15:25,060
And that's where your school is.

2239
01:15:25,060 --> 01:15:26,350
That's where the school was.

2240
01:15:26,350 --> 01:15:28,450
So we said, let's not--
we don't want to see that.

2241
01:15:28,450 --> 01:15:31,270
So we went, got
off, and went home.

2242
01:15:31,270 --> 01:15:33,510
And then I came home, and
they were still there,

2243
01:15:33,510 --> 01:15:36,880
had ransacked everything, and
the drawers, thrown them out,

2244
01:15:36,880 --> 01:15:37,960
and everything looking--

2245

01:15:37,960 --> 01:15:40,090

My mother said, what
are you looking for?

2246

01:15:40,090 --> 01:15:44,020

We're looking for
correspondence with Grynszpan.

2247

01:15:44,020 --> 01:15:44,650

You know?

2248

01:15:44,650 --> 01:15:45,490

The one who killed--

2249

01:15:45,490 --> 01:15:46,350

Who is Grynszpan?

2250

01:15:46,350 --> 01:15:51,040

You know, the one who killed--
that so-called started the--

2251

01:15:51,040 --> 01:15:52,070

Kristallnacht.

2252

01:15:52,070 --> 01:15:52,610

But didn't.

2253

01:15:52,610 --> 01:15:54,310

They had something
in mind, anyway.

2254

01:15:54,310 --> 01:15:57,040

But he killed that
secretary that--

2255

01:15:57,040 --> 01:15:58,060

That was in France.

2256

01:15:58,060 --> 01:15:59,020

Vom Rath in France.

2257

01:15:59,020 --> 01:16:00,100
Yeah, yeah.

2258
01:16:00,100 --> 01:16:04,180
We're looking for
correspondence with--

2259
01:16:04,180 --> 01:16:07,990
anyway, so and then I came home.

2260
01:16:07,990 --> 01:16:09,040
And then I broke down.

2261
01:16:09,040 --> 01:16:10,360
I started to cry, you know?

2262
01:16:10,360 --> 01:16:11,200
Well, of course.

2263
01:16:11,200 --> 01:16:12,690
And then my Liesel--

2264
01:16:12,690 --> 01:16:15,383
and my mother was busy with
them, so Liesel was in.

2265
01:16:15,383 --> 01:16:16,550
She said, what's the matter?

2266
01:16:16,550 --> 01:16:18,370
I said the synagogue's burning.

2267
01:16:18,370 --> 01:16:20,890
And one of the SS men
was standing near me.

2268
01:16:20,890 --> 01:16:22,432
He said why is she crying?

2269
01:16:22,432 --> 01:16:23,140
And she told him.

2270

01:16:23,140 --> 01:16:26,500

He sort of shook
his head, you know?

2271

01:16:26,500 --> 01:16:30,430

And then finally they
left, and then they said,

2272

01:16:30,430 --> 01:16:34,120

your husband, to my
mother, when he comes,

2273

01:16:34,120 --> 01:16:36,430

we'll arrest him when
he comes home, you know.

2274

01:16:36,430 --> 01:16:39,280

And don't warn him
and what, you know?

2275

01:16:39,280 --> 01:16:42,160

So she did call him, and
he was still in the hotel.

2276

01:16:42,160 --> 01:16:43,390

It was early at that time.

2277

01:16:43,390 --> 01:16:45,850

They left, it was
maybe 9:00, 9:30.

2278

01:16:45,850 --> 01:16:47,200

And he didn't know anything.

2279

01:16:47,200 --> 01:16:50,080

And already things were going
on in Berlin on the streets,

2280

01:16:50,080 --> 01:16:51,980

but he hadn't heard
done anything.

2281

01:16:51,980 --> 01:16:54,070
So she said and she
couldn't tell him.

2282
01:16:54,070 --> 01:16:54,672
So she said--

2283
01:16:54,672 --> 01:16:56,380
Why couldn't she tell
him over the phone?

2284
01:16:56,380 --> 01:16:57,172
She didn't want to.

2285
01:16:57,172 --> 01:16:59,255
She was afraid they watched
the telephone or what.

2286
01:16:59,255 --> 01:17:00,297
Or she thought they were.

2287
01:17:00,297 --> 01:17:02,500
Oh, so the telephone,
someone's listening in.

2288
01:17:02,500 --> 01:17:03,615
Listening in.

2289
01:17:03,615 --> 01:17:04,330
You know?

2290
01:17:04,330 --> 01:17:08,080
So she said, go to
the American consulate

2291
01:17:08,080 --> 01:17:09,730
and stay there all day.

2292
01:17:09,730 --> 01:17:12,760
So he thought she was crazy.

2293
01:17:12,760 --> 01:17:15,490

Said, "what are you--"
"Don't come home," you know?

2294
01:17:15,490 --> 01:17:18,610
And he said, "of course I'm
coming tonight on the train,"

2295
01:17:18,610 --> 01:17:19,580
you know.

2296
01:17:19,580 --> 01:17:22,570
So my mother was worried
that they would arrest him

2297
01:17:22,570 --> 01:17:24,460
when he comes in on the train.

2298
01:17:24,460 --> 01:17:25,780
So she sent Liesel.

2299
01:17:25,780 --> 01:17:28,870
Liesel was very willing to go
down, pick him up, and go home

2300
01:17:28,870 --> 01:17:31,540
with him in the taxi,
and nobody was there.

2301
01:17:31,540 --> 01:17:34,360
Do you remember
Liesel's last name?

2302
01:17:34,360 --> 01:17:35,230
Whose last name?

2303
01:17:35,230 --> 01:17:35,990
Liesel's.

2304
01:17:35,990 --> 01:17:37,000
Liesel Heske.

2305
01:17:37,000 --> 01:17:39,490

H-E-S-K-E.

2306

01:17:39,490 --> 01:17:40,460

H-E-S-K-E.

2307

01:17:40,460 --> 01:17:40,960

Yeah.

2308

01:17:40,960 --> 01:17:42,275

Liesel Heske.

2309

01:17:42,275 --> 01:17:43,700

Yeah, it was Lieschen, you know?

2310

01:17:43,700 --> 01:17:45,070

But we called her Liesel.

2311

01:17:45,070 --> 01:17:49,340

So were there many Liesels,
or was she an exception?

2312

01:17:49,340 --> 01:17:49,840

What?

2313

01:17:49,840 --> 01:17:53,740

Were there many Liesels in
your world, in your life?

2314

01:17:53,740 --> 01:17:55,070

Or was she an exception?

2315

01:17:55,070 --> 01:17:55,570

No.

2316

01:17:55,570 --> 01:17:57,220

I'm asking about Germans.

2317

01:17:57,220 --> 01:17:59,665

You know, were there
many people like Liesel?

2318

01:17:59,665 --> 01:18:00,490
Like her?

2319
01:18:00,490 --> 01:18:02,770
There was another,
her good friend.

2320
01:18:02,770 --> 01:18:06,130
As a matter-- a good
friend, was the sister

2321
01:18:06,130 --> 01:18:10,270
of a woman who married a
distant cousin of ours,

2322
01:18:10,270 --> 01:18:13,990
distant cousin, who
was Jewish, of course.

2323
01:18:13,990 --> 01:18:16,060
And she became
Jewish at that time.

2324
01:18:16,060 --> 01:18:18,280
A lot of intermarriages
in Germany

2325
01:18:18,280 --> 01:18:20,485
already, like it is here now.

2326
01:18:20,485 --> 01:18:22,840
Yes, because they were
already so established,

2327
01:18:22,840 --> 01:18:24,050
you know, and integrated.

2328
01:18:24,050 --> 01:18:24,550
Integrated.

2329
01:18:24,550 --> 01:18:26,290
Yes.

2330

01:18:26,290 --> 01:18:31,750

So you're saying so there were more people who didn't-- who

2331

01:18:31,750 --> 01:18:33,790

were German, who didn't like what was going on.

2332

01:18:33,790 --> 01:18:34,020

Yeah, who were decent.

2333

01:18:34,020 --> 01:18:36,080

I know the man who had the shoe store

2334

01:18:36,080 --> 01:18:40,270

downstairs, he was so decent, and Liesel and I often were

2335

01:18:40,270 --> 01:18:42,415

invited to his house, you know?

2336

01:18:42,415 --> 01:18:43,390

No, they were so--

2337

01:18:43,390 --> 01:18:45,670

they cried when we left, you know?

2338

01:18:45,670 --> 01:18:48,200

Yeah, there were many decent people.

2339

01:18:48,200 --> 01:18:48,700

Many.

2340

01:18:48,700 --> 01:18:49,408

Did Liesel have--

2341

01:18:49,408 --> 01:18:51,280

They were afraid, you know, of course.

2342
01:18:51,280 --> 01:18:54,340
We would be, too.

2343
01:18:54,340 --> 01:18:56,240
Did Liesel have a
family of her own?

2344
01:18:56,240 --> 01:18:58,405
Yeah, but I never
heard much about them.

2345
01:18:58,405 --> 01:19:01,030
I never heard-- I don't remember
that she went home or anything

2346
01:19:01,030 --> 01:19:01,980
or for Christmas.

2347
01:19:01,980 --> 01:19:02,730
I don't know.

2348
01:19:02,730 --> 01:19:03,970
She was always with us.

2349
01:19:03,970 --> 01:19:05,350
Yeah.

2350
01:19:05,350 --> 01:19:07,540
So she brings your father home?

2351
01:19:07,540 --> 01:19:08,860
Yeah, she brings him home.

2352
01:19:08,860 --> 01:19:12,710
And then my mother didn't
let him go out for a week.

2353
01:19:12,710 --> 01:19:14,020
She said, just stay here.

2354

01:19:14,020 --> 01:19:15,550
And nobody came.

2355
01:19:15,550 --> 01:19:17,110
Everything was fine.

2356
01:19:17,110 --> 01:19:19,950
The other, the
men they arrested,

2357
01:19:19,950 --> 01:19:22,630
the police station
wasn't far from us.

2358
01:19:22,630 --> 01:19:24,130
They were in the police station.

2359
01:19:24,130 --> 01:19:26,440
They must have had a
prison there in the back.

2360
01:19:26,440 --> 01:19:28,000
And they were
there about a week,

2361
01:19:28,000 --> 01:19:29,140
and then they let them go.

2362
01:19:29,140 --> 01:19:30,980
They weren't sent to
concentration camps.

2363
01:19:30,980 --> 01:19:33,070
So they weren't sent to
Dachau like so many were.

2364
01:19:33,070 --> 01:19:33,580
No, no.

2365
01:19:33,580 --> 01:19:34,300
OK.

2366

01:19:34,300 --> 01:19:34,800
Yeah.

2367
01:19:34,800 --> 01:19:38,410

2368
01:19:38,410 --> 01:19:41,780
Oh, I just had a question
in my mind about that.

2369
01:19:41,780 --> 01:19:42,370
Ah-hah.

2370
01:19:42,370 --> 01:19:43,750
Here's my question.

2371
01:19:43,750 --> 01:19:47,710
You say that the
soldiers-- no, no, no.

2372
01:19:47,710 --> 01:19:52,610
The Gestapo and the SS men
knock on the door at 7:00 AM.

2373
01:19:52,610 --> 01:19:53,110
Yes.

2374
01:19:53,110 --> 01:19:54,490
In the morning.

2375
01:19:54,490 --> 01:19:58,540
I want to make sure that
I understand that-- is

2376
01:19:58,540 --> 01:20:00,670
this the day of Kristallnacht?

2377
01:20:00,670 --> 01:20:01,420
Yes, the day.

2378
01:20:01,420 --> 01:20:04,660
Or is it the day-- night

after Kristallnacht?

2379

01:20:04,660 --> 01:20:09,303

Kristallnacht-- it's the
night after, but you know, I

2380

01:20:09,303 --> 01:20:11,470

don't know how much happened
that evening, you know?

2381

01:20:11,470 --> 01:20:12,350

A lot.

2382

01:20:12,350 --> 01:20:12,970

A lot.

2383

01:20:12,970 --> 01:20:13,480

A lot.

2384

01:20:13,480 --> 01:20:14,590

Yeah, but of course.

2385

01:20:14,590 --> 01:20:16,540

They went into the
orphanage, which

2386

01:20:16,540 --> 01:20:19,000

was next door to the synagogue.

2387

01:20:19,000 --> 01:20:19,500

OK.

2388

01:20:19,500 --> 01:20:21,417

And I knew all the
children from the orphanage

2389

01:20:21,417 --> 01:20:22,600

because of school.

2390

01:20:22,600 --> 01:20:23,980

And they drove them out here.

2391

01:20:23,980 --> 01:20:26,150

Of course it was during
the night already.

2392

01:20:26,150 --> 01:20:26,650

OK.

2393

01:20:26,650 --> 01:20:27,740

They drove them out.

2394

01:20:27,740 --> 01:20:31,150

They were there in the night,
in the middle of the night,

2395

01:20:31,150 --> 01:20:34,090

in the nightgowns and pajamas.

2396

01:20:34,090 --> 01:20:36,970

And some had family
that you go to.

2397

01:20:36,970 --> 01:20:37,600

OK.

2398

01:20:37,600 --> 01:20:38,575

Let's cut for a second.

2399

01:20:38,575 --> 01:20:41,770

2400

01:20:41,770 --> 01:20:44,253

OK, so it's the night.

2401

01:20:44,253 --> 01:20:44,920

Yeah, the night.

2402

01:20:44,920 --> 01:20:45,900

If they knock on your door--

2403

01:20:45,900 --> 01:20:47,958

But that was after the

night was [? attacked ?]

2404

01:20:47,958 --> 01:20:48,500

That's right.

2405

01:20:48,500 --> 01:20:49,150

--in the morning.

2406

01:20:49,150 --> 01:20:49,650

Yes.

2407

01:20:49,650 --> 01:20:51,698

And then some people
there, they were the night.

2408

01:20:51,698 --> 01:20:52,240

You're right.

2409

01:20:52,240 --> 01:20:53,180

I forgot.

2410

01:20:53,180 --> 01:20:54,220

OK.

2411

01:20:54,220 --> 01:21:01,250

So it was after the main
events of the night.

2412

01:21:01,250 --> 01:21:03,110

Your father comes home.

2413

01:21:03,110 --> 01:21:04,040

He stays.

2414

01:21:04,040 --> 01:21:06,290

Your mother doesn't
let him out for a week.

2415

01:21:06,290 --> 01:21:09,590

Does his opinion change
about leaving Germany?

2416

01:21:09,590 --> 01:21:11,150

Yeah, by that time.

2417

01:21:11,150 --> 01:21:13,880

And he must have
already admitted it,

2418

01:21:13,880 --> 01:21:16,130

because she already was
starting to fill out papers.

2419

01:21:16,130 --> 01:21:18,680

So shortly before that that.

2420

01:21:18,680 --> 01:21:19,430

OK.

2421

01:21:19,430 --> 01:21:22,705

And right after that, they
took his business, you know.

2422

01:21:22,705 --> 01:21:24,455

Right after that, they
took this business?

2423

01:21:24,455 --> 01:21:25,550

Right after that, I think.

2424

01:21:25,550 --> 01:21:27,110

Yes, yes.

2425

01:21:27,110 --> 01:21:28,340

They took this business.

2426

01:21:28,340 --> 01:21:29,900

And [INAUDIBLE].

2427

01:21:29,900 --> 01:21:30,960

Then, of course, he knew.

2428

01:21:30,960 --> 01:21:33,800

When he didn't have
business, he couldn't live.

2429
01:21:33,800 --> 01:21:34,310
Yeah.

2430
01:21:34,310 --> 01:21:35,540
What to stay for?

2431
01:21:35,540 --> 01:21:36,420
Yeah, that's right.

2432
01:21:36,420 --> 01:21:39,540
And he was the one who
had to work all the time.

2433
01:21:39,540 --> 01:21:42,810
He wouldn't be happy
not doing anything.

2434
01:21:42,810 --> 01:21:50,610
So at that point, how long
does it take for you to leave?

2435
01:21:50,610 --> 01:21:53,620
Well, it took a long time,
because everybody at that time

2436
01:21:53,620 --> 01:21:54,740
want to go.

2437
01:21:54,740 --> 01:21:56,470
So when it was--

2438
01:21:56,470 --> 01:21:58,293
we were lucky.

2439
01:21:58,293 --> 01:21:59,710
My parents didn't
want-- then they

2440
01:21:59,710 --> 01:22:03,220

didn't want-- it looked
like war, I guess, already.

2441
01:22:03,220 --> 01:22:05,290
So we were trying
to go to England.

2442
01:22:05,290 --> 01:22:10,780
Somebody said, if you have money
to put their money, to deposit.

2443
01:22:10,780 --> 01:22:13,870
So my father's brothers
who were there,

2444
01:22:13,870 --> 01:22:15,460
said will you lend me the money?

2445
01:22:15,460 --> 01:22:17,740
When things are better,
I'll pay it back.

2446
01:22:17,740 --> 01:22:18,730
And he did.

2447
01:22:18,730 --> 01:22:23,140
And they did so and so much,
what they had to deposit there,

2448
01:22:23,140 --> 01:22:24,730
so that we could live there.

2449
01:22:24,730 --> 01:22:26,680
Because you couldn't
work when you

2450
01:22:26,680 --> 01:22:28,270
didn't get the
permission to work.

2451
01:22:28,270 --> 01:22:30,430
You were just there temporary.

2452

01:22:30,430 --> 01:22:34,720

So we went to
England in June 1939.

2453

01:22:34,720 --> 01:22:36,340

How did you leave?

2454

01:22:36,340 --> 01:22:37,870

By what means did you leave?

2455

01:22:37,870 --> 01:22:38,470

By what means?

2456

01:22:38,470 --> 01:22:40,300

By the train.

2457

01:22:40,300 --> 01:22:44,560

And we wanted-- he wanted
to see his mother once more.

2458

01:22:44,560 --> 01:22:47,230

So we went to Holland
and stayed there a week.

2459

01:22:47,230 --> 01:22:49,150

And from Holland,
we went by boat.

2460

01:22:49,150 --> 01:22:49,780

Utrecht.

2461

01:22:49,780 --> 01:22:52,260

Utrecht to Harwich, England.

2462

01:22:52,260 --> 01:22:53,240

Yes, yes.

2463

01:22:53,240 --> 01:22:53,980

OK.

2464

01:22:53,980 --> 01:22:58,570

And you say that when you leave,
at least the people downstairs,

2465
01:22:58,570 --> 01:23:00,040
the shoemaker cries.

2466
01:23:00,040 --> 01:23:01,610
Oh, yes, yes, yes.

2467
01:23:01,610 --> 01:23:02,110
OK.

2468
01:23:02,110 --> 01:23:04,930
Was there anybody else
there to say goodbye?

2469
01:23:04,930 --> 01:23:07,660
No, but yeah, my
father's secretary.

2470
01:23:07,660 --> 01:23:11,050
My father's-- of course,
Catholics didn't have too well

2471
01:23:11,050 --> 01:23:12,820
either there under Hitler.

2472
01:23:12,820 --> 01:23:15,010
But she was always
with him, and always.

2473
01:23:15,010 --> 01:23:17,760
And then after the war,
we reconnected again.

2474
01:23:17,760 --> 01:23:19,540
Yes, yes.

2475
01:23:19,540 --> 01:23:22,460
They all had to flee Koenigsberg
when the Russians came in,

2476

01:23:22,460 --> 01:23:22,960
of course.

2477
01:23:22,960 --> 01:23:23,590
They all fled.

2478
01:23:23,590 --> 01:23:25,810
There wasn't a
person left there.

2479
01:23:25,810 --> 01:23:26,540
Yeah.

2480
01:23:26,540 --> 01:23:27,670
Yes, yes.

2481
01:23:27,670 --> 01:23:28,760
And Liesel?

2482
01:23:28,760 --> 01:23:30,460
Was she still there when you--

2483
01:23:30,460 --> 01:23:34,210
Yes, we heard from her
as long as we could.

2484
01:23:34,210 --> 01:23:36,700
The war wasn't here
in America yet,

2485
01:23:36,700 --> 01:23:38,800
so we could still
hear the beginning.

2486
01:23:38,800 --> 01:23:42,310
And then she had to work
for a munitions factories.

2487
01:23:42,310 --> 01:23:42,850
She had to.

2488
01:23:42,850 --> 01:23:43,350

She had to.

2489

01:23:43,350 --> 01:23:46,510

They drafted her to do that.

2490

01:23:46,510 --> 01:23:47,810

They bombed that factory.

2491

01:23:47,810 --> 01:23:52,060

She was killed in the raid.

2492

01:23:52,060 --> 01:23:53,590

Where was the factory?

2493

01:23:53,590 --> 01:23:54,790

Was that in Koenigsberg?

2494

01:23:54,790 --> 01:23:56,230

Yeah, yeah, in Koenigsberg.

2495

01:23:56,230 --> 01:24:00,610

More towards downtown,
midtown, I would say.

2496

01:24:00,610 --> 01:24:01,300

OK.

2497

01:24:01,300 --> 01:24:02,560

So yes.

2498

01:24:02,560 --> 01:24:03,850

A lot of Jews worked there.

2499

01:24:03,850 --> 01:24:10,060

I know I have a good friend
that, also of a distant cousin,

2500

01:24:10,060 --> 01:24:11,440

who went to--

2501

01:24:11,440 --> 01:24:13,990

oh, they survived
because their mother--

2502
01:24:13,990 --> 01:24:15,850
did I talk about their mother?

2503
01:24:15,850 --> 01:24:17,500
Yeah, their mother was--

2504
01:24:17,500 --> 01:24:18,820
I think I did.

2505
01:24:18,820 --> 01:24:23,620
I said Liesel's friend
was a sister of theirs,

2506
01:24:23,620 --> 01:24:25,480
and those were the children.

2507
01:24:25,480 --> 01:24:27,640
And we didn't have too
much to do with them,

2508
01:24:27,640 --> 01:24:31,370
but then I got close
with her after the war.

2509
01:24:31,370 --> 01:24:35,320
So she survived because the
mother was Jewish but not

2510
01:24:35,320 --> 01:24:36,460
born Jewish.

2511
01:24:36,460 --> 01:24:36,970
They left.

2512
01:24:36,970 --> 01:24:39,310
You know, they left those
people alone, more or less.

2513
01:24:39,310 --> 01:24:41,890

They had restrictions,
but they weren't

2514
01:24:41,890 --> 01:24:43,780
sent to concentration camps.

2515
01:24:43,780 --> 01:24:44,560
They didn't--

2516
01:24:44,560 --> 01:24:45,490
And do you know why?

2517
01:24:45,490 --> 01:24:46,090
Why?

2518
01:24:46,090 --> 01:24:50,440
Because in Berlin, they
started to send them away,

2519
01:24:50,440 --> 01:24:53,650
and these women
revolted, and they

2520
01:24:53,650 --> 01:24:57,790
had relatives who were all
Nazis or they were Christians.

2521
01:24:57,790 --> 01:24:58,730
They were afraid.

2522
01:24:58,730 --> 01:25:01,450
You know, they wanted
to keep this a secret.

2523
01:25:01,450 --> 01:25:03,320
So they could survive.

2524
01:25:03,320 --> 01:25:04,450
They had restrictions.

2525
01:25:04,450 --> 01:25:07,060
And yeah, she didn't have

to wear-- for instance,

2526

01:25:07,060 --> 01:25:10,030

she didn't have to wear a
star, but the daughter did.

2527

01:25:10,030 --> 01:25:12,340

And she went on
the street one day,

2528

01:25:12,340 --> 01:25:16,390

and a policeman came and said,
what are you doing with a Jew?

2529

01:25:16,390 --> 01:25:17,590

And she was there.

2530

01:25:17,590 --> 01:25:20,770

And then [INAUDIBLE].

2531

01:25:20,770 --> 01:25:24,970

So she said, my
daughter's Jewish.

2532

01:25:24,970 --> 01:25:26,410

You know, my daughter's Jewish.

2533

01:25:26,410 --> 01:25:30,390

And so you know,
because [INAUDIBLE] they

2534

01:25:30,390 --> 01:25:31,180

left her alone.

2535

01:25:31,180 --> 01:25:32,030

Yeah.

2536

01:25:32,030 --> 01:25:32,530

Uh-huh.

2537

01:25:32,530 --> 01:25:33,550

Uh-huh.

2538
01:25:33,550 --> 01:25:37,930
So these are all things you hear
about later, not at that time.

2539
01:25:37,930 --> 01:25:38,605
That's right.

2540
01:25:38,605 --> 01:25:39,105
Of course.

2541
01:25:39,105 --> 01:25:42,930

2542
01:25:42,930 --> 01:25:44,850
Was Koenigsberg a pretty city?

2543
01:25:44,850 --> 01:25:45,820
Very nice.

2544
01:25:45,820 --> 01:25:51,120
You know, we had the big
castle, the big castle

2545
01:25:51,120 --> 01:25:54,270
where the kings were all
crowned in Koenigsberg.

2546
01:25:54,270 --> 01:25:55,950
No wonder it's
called Koenigsberg.

2547
01:25:55,950 --> 01:25:57,000
That's right.

2548
01:25:57,000 --> 01:25:57,840
Yeah, yeah.

2549
01:25:57,840 --> 01:26:00,525
And of course, all of
that was bombed out.

2550

01:26:00,525 --> 01:26:02,610
but yeah, it was a lovely city.

2551

01:26:02,610 --> 01:26:06,240
And the people were--

2552

01:26:06,240 --> 01:26:07,020
I don't know.

2553

01:26:07,020 --> 01:26:10,620
The East Prussians were
more-- a very little bit

2554

01:26:10,620 --> 01:26:11,910
like the English.

2555

01:26:11,910 --> 01:26:15,210
They were very not right
away sweet, and not

2556

01:26:15,210 --> 01:26:16,500
right away friends.

2557

01:26:16,500 --> 01:26:18,750
But once they were
friends, they were forever.

2558

01:26:18,750 --> 01:26:19,290
You know?

2559

01:26:19,290 --> 01:26:20,220
Friends for life.

2560

01:26:20,220 --> 01:26:23,700
Yeah, but not right
away they love you.

2561

01:26:23,700 --> 01:26:29,820
Do you think Nazism was
as strongly entrenched

2562

01:26:29,820 --> 01:26:33,990
in East Prussia as it was
in other parts of Germany?

2563
01:26:33,990 --> 01:26:35,220
I always thought no.

2564
01:26:35,220 --> 01:26:39,270
You know, my mother
always said that--

2565
01:26:39,270 --> 01:26:40,170
what was he?

2566
01:26:40,170 --> 01:26:44,130
He was the-- his name
was Koch, Erich Koch.

2567
01:26:44,130 --> 01:26:45,990
Have you heard of Erich Koch?

2568
01:26:45,990 --> 01:26:50,010
Later on, he was in Russia,
and was terrible, they say.

2569
01:26:50,010 --> 01:26:52,095
But in the beginning,
he was the--

2570
01:26:52,095 --> 01:26:52,845
like the governor.

2571
01:26:52,845 --> 01:26:54,270
It wasn't governor.

2572
01:26:54,270 --> 01:26:55,920
Whatever they called them.

2573
01:26:55,920 --> 01:26:57,210
He was very decent.

2574
01:26:57,210 --> 01:26:59,160

My mother said he
was very decent.

2575

01:26:59,160 --> 01:27:02,040

And that's why people weren't
sent to the concentration

2576

01:27:02,040 --> 01:27:02,580

camps.

2577

01:27:02,580 --> 01:27:05,820

They stayed in
Koenigsberg, at first.

2578

01:27:05,820 --> 01:27:09,450

And then they got after him,
and he wasn't-- you know.

2579

01:27:09,450 --> 01:27:10,000

I see.

2580

01:27:10,000 --> 01:27:12,600

And then he got himself
a different-- he changed,

2581

01:27:12,600 --> 01:27:13,530

you know?

2582

01:27:13,530 --> 01:27:17,340

OK, so was he the Gauleiter?

2583

01:27:17,340 --> 01:27:19,740

She thought the East
Prussians were more decent

2584

01:27:19,740 --> 01:27:20,460

than the others.

2585

01:27:20,460 --> 01:27:21,326

I don't know.

2586

01:27:21,326 --> 01:27:22,040

Maybe.

2587

01:27:22,040 --> 01:27:22,150

OK.

2588

01:27:22,150 --> 01:27:22,980

I just wondered.

2589

01:27:22,980 --> 01:27:23,130

Yeah.

2590

01:27:23,130 --> 01:27:24,463

I just wondered whether or not--

2591

01:27:24,463 --> 01:27:25,540

She felt that.

2592

01:27:25,540 --> 01:27:28,620

Well, you see, because many of the aristocrats, like Doenhoff.

2593

01:27:28,620 --> 01:27:30,660

Yeah, they were against him.

2594

01:27:30,660 --> 01:27:31,700

They were against him.

2595

01:27:31,700 --> 01:27:32,580

Of course you.

2596

01:27:32,580 --> 01:27:33,580

They looked down on him.

2597

01:27:33,580 --> 01:27:34,500

Yes, yes.

2598

01:27:34,500 --> 01:27:36,570

That's [INAUDIBLE] too, I think.

2599

01:27:36,570 --> 01:27:37,770

Yeah.

2600

01:27:37,770 --> 01:27:41,940

So as far as you are
concerned, your family

2601

01:27:41,940 --> 01:27:46,240

is allowed to
leave in June 1939.

2602

01:27:46,240 --> 01:27:47,680

Yeah, allowed to leave.

2603

01:27:47,680 --> 01:27:50,430

I [INAUDIBLE] never
understand that.

2604

01:27:50,430 --> 01:27:53,880

I think you could leave if
you found a place to get into.

2605

01:27:53,880 --> 01:27:57,900

Did you have to get a
visa to leave Germany

2606

01:27:57,900 --> 01:28:00,060

from the Nazi authorities?

2607

01:28:00,060 --> 01:28:01,110

No, we didn't.

2608

01:28:01,110 --> 01:28:05,010

Actually, you had to have
a visa to get into England.

2609

01:28:05,010 --> 01:28:06,060

OK, so maybe I misspoke.

2610

01:28:06,060 --> 01:28:08,910

I think they were glad
when you left, I think.

2611

01:28:08,910 --> 01:28:11,220

I misspoke.

2612

01:28:11,220 --> 01:28:13,480

No, a lot of people ask me that.

2613

01:28:13,480 --> 01:28:14,777

"Oh, you were allowed to go?"

2614

01:28:14,777 --> 01:28:16,110

It wasn't that you were allowed.

2615

01:28:16,110 --> 01:28:18,390

You were allowed to
get into a country.

2616

01:28:18,390 --> 01:28:18,900

That's it.

2617

01:28:18,900 --> 01:28:19,680

Nobody wanted you.

2618

01:28:19,680 --> 01:28:20,310

Yes.

2619

01:28:20,310 --> 01:28:21,150

OK.

2620

01:28:21,150 --> 01:28:25,380

So your Uncle Saul and
Julius deposit some money

2621

01:28:25,380 --> 01:28:26,380

for your father.

2622

01:28:26,380 --> 01:28:26,880

Yes.

2623

01:28:26,880 --> 01:28:30,120

In England, so that the family
can at least go to England.

2624

01:28:30,120 --> 01:28:33,150
Go to England and
not have to work.

2625
01:28:33,150 --> 01:28:36,850
Of course, we had outside
support from organizations.

2626
01:28:36,850 --> 01:28:43,080
And so you get to the UK,
first by train, then by ferry.

2627
01:28:43,080 --> 01:28:43,590
Yes.

2628
01:28:43,590 --> 01:28:44,700
Then by boat.

2629
01:28:44,700 --> 01:28:46,080
And what happens there?

2630
01:28:46,080 --> 01:28:47,570
Where do you stay in the UK?

2631
01:28:47,570 --> 01:28:49,530
We went to London.

2632
01:28:49,530 --> 01:28:51,210
And we stayed in
a boarding house.

2633
01:28:51,210 --> 01:28:53,970
Because we had to make it
as reasonable as possible.

2634
01:28:53,970 --> 01:28:57,360
10 marks each one could leave--

2635
01:28:57,360 --> 01:28:59,490
could take when
they really left.

2636

01:28:59,490 --> 01:29:02,850
And so we stayed in
a boarding house.

2637
01:29:02,850 --> 01:29:05,520
I slept with the
owner's daughter,

2638
01:29:05,520 --> 01:29:09,990
who was a teen-- was older
than I. She was 19 or so.

2639
01:29:09,990 --> 01:29:12,400
Upstairs in an attic there.

2640
01:29:12,400 --> 01:29:14,850
And my parents had a big
room, where they lived,

2641
01:29:14,850 --> 01:29:16,830
and where they slept, and--

2642
01:29:16,830 --> 01:29:17,700
Everything else.

2643
01:29:17,700 --> 01:29:20,130
Yeah, but there were
a lot of refugees

2644
01:29:20,130 --> 01:29:21,960
that were in the same boat.

2645
01:29:21,960 --> 01:29:24,310
What part of London was this?

2646
01:29:24,310 --> 01:29:25,140
In Northwest.

2647
01:29:25,140 --> 01:29:27,870
It was called Willesden Green.

2648
01:29:27,870 --> 01:29:28,810

You know it?

2649
01:29:28,810 --> 01:29:29,310
Yeah.

2650
01:29:29,310 --> 01:29:30,210
OK.

2651
01:29:30,210 --> 01:29:33,400
So Willesden Green is where
you found a boarding house.

2652
01:29:33,400 --> 01:29:36,840
It was not so expensive, and
it was next from Golders Green.

2653
01:29:36,840 --> 01:29:38,260
That was a little
more expensive.

2654
01:29:38,260 --> 01:29:39,180
That's right.

2655
01:29:39,180 --> 01:29:40,800
And there were a
lot of refugees,

2656
01:29:40,800 --> 01:29:42,180
and you had a good time.

2657
01:29:42,180 --> 01:29:45,480
Even if you had no money.

2658
01:29:45,480 --> 01:29:50,185
I liked it, because I
could put my feet on the--

2659
01:29:50,185 --> 01:29:51,340
You could fit your feet?

2660
01:29:51,340 --> 01:29:54,330
On the chair or something like

that, which I couldn't do when

2661

01:29:54,330 --> 01:29:56,670

we had the good furniture.

2662

01:29:56,670 --> 01:29:58,692

I thought it was great.

2663

01:29:58,692 --> 01:29:59,400

Freedom, freedom.

2664

01:29:59,400 --> 01:30:02,400

And I had a lot of
wonderful friends there.

2665

01:30:02,400 --> 01:30:03,270

Yeah.

2666

01:30:03,270 --> 01:30:04,710

And how long did you stay there?

2667

01:30:04,710 --> 01:30:06,570

We stayed there a
year and a half.

2668

01:30:06,570 --> 01:30:10,440

We stayed till October 1940.

2669

01:30:10,440 --> 01:30:12,630

From '39 in June to October '40.

2670

01:30:12,630 --> 01:30:14,700

But in the meantime,
we had the Blitz.

2671

01:30:14,700 --> 01:30:16,710

And my father was interned.

2672

01:30:16,710 --> 01:30:17,280

Was he?

2673

01:30:17,280 --> 01:30:19,290
As a German.

2674
01:30:19,290 --> 01:30:22,230
You were German, they thought
that they would bring spies.

2675
01:30:22,230 --> 01:30:23,220
I don't blame them.

2676
01:30:23,220 --> 01:30:24,810
It was a war already.

2677
01:30:24,810 --> 01:30:26,010
They thought that spies--

2678
01:30:26,010 --> 01:30:29,550
and they might have sent
spies among the Jews there.

2679
01:30:29,550 --> 01:30:31,590
So they treated them well.

2680
01:30:31,590 --> 01:30:33,540
He was on the Isle of Man.

2681
01:30:33,540 --> 01:30:35,658
And they lived in hotels.

2682
01:30:35,658 --> 01:30:37,200
I don't know if they
were all hotels,

2683
01:30:37,200 --> 01:30:38,670
but everything was fine.

2684
01:30:38,670 --> 01:30:43,010
But he couldn't come home
until the day before we left.

2685
01:30:43,010 --> 01:30:43,670
Really?

2686
01:30:43,670 --> 01:30:45,110
Yeah, they couldn't come home.

2687
01:30:45,110 --> 01:30:45,980
No, no.

2688
01:30:45,980 --> 01:30:48,440
So my mother and I-- and then
we were in the boarding--

2689
01:30:48,440 --> 01:30:51,140
and then my father
said, if I have to go,

2690
01:30:51,140 --> 01:30:55,280
I don't want to leave you with--
the people weren't too nice.

2691
01:30:55,280 --> 01:30:57,830
So we had-- there was
an apartment house

2692
01:30:57,830 --> 01:30:59,870
where a lot of refugees lived.

2693
01:30:59,870 --> 01:31:03,320
And the one woman was
renting out a room, you know?

2694
01:31:03,320 --> 01:31:06,650
So we rented that
room, my mother and I.

2695
01:31:06,650 --> 01:31:08,420
And they thought
we were safe there.

2696
01:31:08,420 --> 01:31:12,440
And it was good when the
bombs started, you know?

2697

01:31:12,440 --> 01:31:15,490

2698

01:31:15,490 --> 01:31:17,330

They had the first two floors.

2699

01:31:17,330 --> 01:31:19,920

The first two floors
and the halls, you know?

2700

01:31:19,920 --> 01:31:22,400

And you could have a
space, or you could

2701

01:31:22,400 --> 01:31:23,690

have a long, narrow space.

2702

01:31:23,690 --> 01:31:25,310

And we had a camp bed.

2703

01:31:25,310 --> 01:31:27,410

And the two of us
slept on a camp bed.

2704

01:31:27,410 --> 01:31:28,510

You know how big that is.

2705

01:31:28,510 --> 01:31:29,210

Oh, my goodness.

2706

01:31:29,210 --> 01:31:29,480

But we slept.

2707

01:31:29,480 --> 01:31:30,063

We were tired.

2708

01:31:30,063 --> 01:31:31,160

We slept.

2709

01:31:31,160 --> 01:31:32,300

Wow.

2710
01:31:32,300 --> 01:31:35,600
Every night, we would
go down in the evening.

2711
01:31:35,600 --> 01:31:36,690
It was summer.

2712
01:31:36,690 --> 01:31:38,160
It was the summertime.

2713
01:31:38,160 --> 01:31:41,720
And at 8 o'clock or so, 9
o'clock, we would go down.

2714
01:31:41,720 --> 01:31:42,530
It was dark.

2715
01:31:42,530 --> 01:31:46,220
And then they were
all around us.

2716
01:31:46,220 --> 01:31:47,990
One day I was coming
home from school,

2717
01:31:47,990 --> 01:31:51,960
and a plane was real low,
shooting at children.

2718
01:31:51,960 --> 01:31:54,050
I sort of went into--

2719
01:31:54,050 --> 01:31:55,850
into a garden there
behind a bush.

2720
01:31:55,850 --> 01:31:57,990
And terrible, terrible.

2721
01:31:57,990 --> 01:32:00,170
Yeah, yeah.

2722
01:32:00,170 --> 01:32:01,367
It was bad.

2723
01:32:01,367 --> 01:32:02,200
So you experienced--

2724
01:32:02,200 --> 01:32:04,490
But at least everybody was
in the same boat, you know?

2725
01:32:04,490 --> 01:32:05,783
It wasn't like in--

2726
01:32:05,783 --> 01:32:06,950
everybody went through that.

2727
01:32:06,950 --> 01:32:08,630
It's not like you
were singled out.

2728
01:32:08,630 --> 01:32:10,005
That's right, you know?

2729
01:32:10,005 --> 01:32:10,505
Yeah.

2730
01:32:10,505 --> 01:32:13,160

2731
01:32:13,160 --> 01:32:17,120
So it's a year and a half
that you are in London.

2732
01:32:17,120 --> 01:32:19,700
And during that
time, the war begins.

2733
01:32:19,700 --> 01:32:20,610
Yes, yes.

2734
01:32:20,610 --> 01:32:23,943

You get out, really,
at the 11th hour.

2735
01:32:23,943 --> 01:32:24,485
Just in time.

2736
01:32:24,485 --> 01:32:25,027
That's right.

2737
01:32:25,027 --> 01:32:27,410
It was end of June,
and then September.

2738
01:32:27,410 --> 01:32:28,400
It starts.

2739
01:32:28,400 --> 01:32:30,950
And I hadn't gone to school
yet, because the summer,

2740
01:32:30,950 --> 01:32:33,240
they weren't going to
start in September.

2741
01:32:33,240 --> 01:32:35,750
So there were a couple
of days before the war,

2742
01:32:35,750 --> 01:32:37,580
where everybody knew
something was coming,

2743
01:32:37,580 --> 01:32:41,330
and they were evacuating the
children from each school.

2744
01:32:41,330 --> 01:32:42,530
My father came home.

2745
01:32:42,530 --> 01:32:43,460
And he said you heard.

2746

01:32:43,460 --> 01:32:44,630
He said, you must go.

2747
01:32:44,630 --> 01:32:46,880
It might not be safe for you.

2748
01:32:46,880 --> 01:32:47,450
So I went.

2749
01:32:47,450 --> 01:32:48,820
I didn't know anybody.

2750
01:32:48,820 --> 01:32:52,130
But thank God there were
some German refugees,

2751
01:32:52,130 --> 01:32:53,130
and we were together.

2752
01:32:53,130 --> 01:32:53,870
Yeah, yeah.

2753
01:32:53,870 --> 01:32:57,110
So we were about maybe
couple of months.

2754
01:32:57,110 --> 01:32:58,760
And nothing happened
at that time.

2755
01:32:58,760 --> 01:33:00,470
There was no raids.

2756
01:33:00,470 --> 01:33:02,865
There were no raids,
air raids, you know?

2757
01:33:02,865 --> 01:33:03,740
Not until the spring.

2758
01:33:03,740 --> 01:33:04,880
Did you speak English?

2759
01:33:04,880 --> 01:33:06,350
The following spring.

2760
01:33:06,350 --> 01:33:08,420
I had a little school, you know?

2761
01:33:08,420 --> 01:33:10,940
But you know, as a
child you learn it, yes.

2762
01:33:10,940 --> 01:33:13,030
But there with all my
friends there, the Germans,

2763
01:33:13,030 --> 01:33:14,150
we spoke German.

2764
01:33:14,150 --> 01:33:15,040
Of course, of course.

2765
01:33:15,040 --> 01:33:16,340
Yes.

2766
01:33:16,340 --> 01:33:20,660
And do you remember the trip
over to the United States?

2767
01:33:20,660 --> 01:33:21,320
Oh, yes.

2768
01:33:21,320 --> 01:33:22,940
We had a very dangerous one.

2769
01:33:22,940 --> 01:33:23,480
Did you?

2770
01:33:23,480 --> 01:33:24,500
Tell me about it.

2771
01:33:24,500 --> 01:33:28,730

Well, we left from
Liverpool and with a convoy.

2772
01:33:28,730 --> 01:33:30,845
And it was 1940 in October.

2773
01:33:30,845 --> 01:33:32,480
It took three weeks to go.

2774
01:33:32,480 --> 01:33:34,290
Because you had
to go all around.

2775
01:33:34,290 --> 01:33:34,790
Wow.

2776
01:33:34,790 --> 01:33:38,400
We went up to Newfoundland
and came home, came down.

2777
01:33:38,400 --> 01:33:39,740
And we landed in Boston.

2778
01:33:39,740 --> 01:33:41,810
That's how we stayed in Boston.

2779
01:33:41,810 --> 01:33:43,160
OK.

2780
01:33:43,160 --> 01:33:46,190
And we left with a convoy.

2781
01:33:46,190 --> 01:33:49,010
And a couple of days
later-- we left on a Friday.

2782
01:33:49,010 --> 01:33:54,050
On Sunday, German
planes came, bombed

2783
01:33:54,050 --> 01:33:56,810
a couple of those warships.

2784
01:33:56,810 --> 01:33:58,370
But nothing happened
to the people.

2785
01:33:58,370 --> 01:33:59,600
They were saved.

2786
01:33:59,600 --> 01:34:01,745
And then of course
you had to go on, on.

2787
01:34:01,745 --> 01:34:02,810
You couldn't stop.

2788
01:34:02,810 --> 01:34:07,760
In the middle of the ocean,
suddenly we had engine trouble.

2789
01:34:07,760 --> 01:34:08,960
And we had to stop.

2790
01:34:08,960 --> 01:34:10,800
And they had to go along.

2791
01:34:10,800 --> 01:34:15,500
So we were all alone in this
big ocean full of submarines.

2792
01:34:15,500 --> 01:34:16,340
Oh my goodness.

2793
01:34:16,340 --> 01:34:20,150
As we were standing there,
a submarine was sighted.

2794
01:34:20,150 --> 01:34:21,590
And we had one gunner.

2795
01:34:21,590 --> 01:34:24,560
You know, it was a
small boat, 4,000 tons.

2796
01:34:24,560 --> 01:34:25,730
Terrible.

2797
01:34:25,730 --> 01:34:29,320
My mother again, when we
were waiting for the boat,

2798
01:34:29,320 --> 01:34:30,290
the boat was there.

2799
01:34:30,290 --> 01:34:32,210
And she said, oh, that
must be the boat that

2800
01:34:32,210 --> 01:34:34,730
takes us to a bigger boat.

2801
01:34:34,730 --> 01:34:35,690
So the captain heard.

2802
01:34:35,690 --> 01:34:38,920
He said, "yes, for you
we'll hire the Queen Mary."

2803
01:34:38,920 --> 01:34:41,260
[LAUGHTER]

2804
01:34:41,260 --> 01:34:42,555

2805
01:34:42,555 --> 01:34:43,520
Oh, boy.

2806
01:34:43,520 --> 01:34:44,330
Yes.

2807
01:34:44,330 --> 01:34:47,570
So, anyway, it was-- and
then we sighted a submarine,

2808

01:34:47,570 --> 01:34:50,450
and we all had to go down
to the bottom of the boat.

2809
01:34:50,450 --> 01:34:52,550
There were English
children, the first class.

2810
01:34:52,550 --> 01:34:55,850
And we had to be in
second class, third class.

2811
01:34:55,850 --> 01:34:57,930
We were in the
bottom of the boat.

2812
01:34:57,930 --> 01:34:59,840
And it was very close, you know.

2813
01:34:59,840 --> 01:35:02,778
And then suddenly, he
must have hit them.

2814
01:35:02,778 --> 01:35:03,695
He must have hit them.

2815
01:35:03,695 --> 01:35:06,050
They were gone, you know?

2816
01:35:06,050 --> 01:35:07,490
Who hit?

2817
01:35:07,490 --> 01:35:08,900
The submarine was gone.

2818
01:35:08,900 --> 01:35:11,030
It didn't come up anymore.

2819
01:35:11,030 --> 01:35:13,430
And I think that he hit it.

2820
01:35:13,430 --> 01:35:15,723

So the one gunner
that was on the boat?

2821
01:35:15,723 --> 01:35:16,640
Yeah, can you imagine?

2822
01:35:16,640 --> 01:35:17,890
You know what they said?

2823
01:35:17,890 --> 01:35:19,640
They said, "it couldn't
have been Germans.

2824
01:35:19,640 --> 01:35:22,240
It must have been Italians."

2825
01:35:22,240 --> 01:35:24,060
They're not warriors.

2826
01:35:24,060 --> 01:35:25,790
Oh, that's mean.

2827
01:35:25,790 --> 01:35:27,290
No, not mean, in a way.

2828
01:35:27,290 --> 01:35:29,860
It's nice, because
they're not such warriors.

2829
01:35:29,860 --> 01:35:31,370
That's right.

2830
01:35:31,370 --> 01:35:35,570
Yeah, but when I think
of it now, more I think,

2831
01:35:35,570 --> 01:35:37,880
that was the closest
I ever was to death.

2832
01:35:37,880 --> 01:35:39,860
You know, because it

was really a miracle

2833

01:35:39,860 --> 01:35:41,540
that we came out of that.

2834

01:35:41,540 --> 01:35:42,860
Yeah.

2835

01:35:42,860 --> 01:35:46,970
Well, it is lucky
also that you left.

2836

01:35:46,970 --> 01:35:47,720
Oh, yes.

2837

01:35:47,720 --> 01:35:48,260
Of course.

2838

01:35:48,260 --> 01:35:49,140
That's another.

2839

01:35:49,140 --> 01:35:51,830
Because if you hadn't, you
would have come very close.

2840

01:35:51,830 --> 01:35:52,640
That's right.

2841

01:35:52,640 --> 01:35:53,990
And would have, yes.

2842

01:35:53,990 --> 01:35:55,550
Yeah.

2843

01:35:55,550 --> 01:35:57,360
So you arrive in Boston.

2844

01:35:57,360 --> 01:35:58,580
We arrived in Boston.

2845

01:35:58,580 --> 01:36:00,860

And my father knew that
the leather business,

2846
01:36:00,860 --> 01:36:04,540
hide and leather and
all that, was in Boston.

2847
01:36:04,540 --> 01:36:05,040
OK.

2848
01:36:05,040 --> 01:36:06,470
Well, in the old
days, there used

2849
01:36:06,470 --> 01:36:07,720
to be a lot of shoe factories.

2850
01:36:07,720 --> 01:36:08,720
Oh, yes, shoe factories.

2851
01:36:08,720 --> 01:36:09,320
--around here.

2852
01:36:09,320 --> 01:36:11,600
And there were a
lot of hide dealers.

2853
01:36:11,600 --> 01:36:13,460
And he knew, you know?

2854
01:36:13,460 --> 01:36:14,630
So he said, let's stay here.

2855
01:36:14,630 --> 01:36:17,690
And we-- and my
mother had an uncle.

2856
01:36:17,690 --> 01:36:20,360
There was a brother of
this one from Memel.

2857
01:36:20,360 --> 01:36:21,590

He came from Berlin.

2858

01:36:21,590 --> 01:36:24,605

And they had been there
about one or two years.

2859

01:36:24,605 --> 01:36:25,970

In the Boston area?

2860

01:36:25,970 --> 01:36:28,120

Yes, in Brookline.

2861

01:36:28,120 --> 01:36:32,000

And they knew we were
coming, but of course,

2862

01:36:32,000 --> 01:36:33,410

that we were coming to America.

2863

01:36:33,410 --> 01:36:35,480

I don't know what--
what it was, how it was.

2864

01:36:35,480 --> 01:36:37,180

But anyway, we stayed.

2865

01:36:37,180 --> 01:36:40,340

And she got us an
apartment-- not an apartment.

2866

01:36:40,340 --> 01:36:42,300

First we had a room.

2867

01:36:42,300 --> 01:36:44,360

Then we had an apartment.

2868

01:36:44,360 --> 01:36:47,870

And my father, it took him
a while to find a position.

2869

01:36:47,870 --> 01:36:49,370

Yes, yes.

2870
01:36:49,370 --> 01:36:55,280
And when did you start
learning about the fates of all

2871
01:36:55,280 --> 01:36:57,800
your relatives?

2872
01:36:57,800 --> 01:37:00,680
Not really-- I mean,
you heard rumors.

2873
01:37:00,680 --> 01:37:02,330
You heard them, but
you didn't know,

2874
01:37:02,330 --> 01:37:05,600
and my mother never believed it.

2875
01:37:05,600 --> 01:37:06,420
"It can't be.

2876
01:37:06,420 --> 01:37:06,920
It can't.

2877
01:37:06,920 --> 01:37:09,290
How can they do that?"

2878
01:37:09,290 --> 01:37:11,210
She wouldn't believe
it, you know?

2879
01:37:11,210 --> 01:37:12,020
Yeah.

2880
01:37:12,020 --> 01:37:16,370
And then she heard after
the war about her mother

2881
01:37:16,370 --> 01:37:18,995
and later on the
grandfather, her father.

2882
01:37:18,995 --> 01:37:21,820

2883
01:37:21,820 --> 01:37:26,220
And then when she was older,
she got a little dementia

2884
01:37:26,220 --> 01:37:30,490
when she was about my age now,
and she later lived till 96.

2885
01:37:30,490 --> 01:37:32,410
And then one day
she said, "oh, I

2886
01:37:32,410 --> 01:37:35,410
hear that my mother
and Edith are here.

2887
01:37:35,410 --> 01:37:36,370
They arrived here.

2888
01:37:36,370 --> 01:37:36,910
They come.

2889
01:37:36,910 --> 01:37:37,840
You go to them."

2890
01:37:37,840 --> 01:37:39,310
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2891
01:37:39,310 --> 01:37:40,420
constantly.

2892
01:37:40,420 --> 01:37:42,580
It was very hard for her to--

2893
01:37:42,580 --> 01:37:43,330
How sad.

2894

01:37:43,330 --> 01:37:44,890
Believe it, that they were gone.

2895
01:37:44,890 --> 01:37:46,030
Yeah.

2896
01:37:46,030 --> 01:37:49,300
And you-- nevertheless you
went back to Koenigsberg.

2897
01:37:49,300 --> 01:37:50,710
Yeah, I want to see it.

2898
01:37:50,710 --> 01:37:51,860
Was this the first time?

2899
01:37:51,860 --> 01:37:52,360
Yeah.

2900
01:37:52,360 --> 01:37:54,360
And the only time when you went?

2901
01:37:54,360 --> 01:37:57,230
Oh, yes, because
then the Soviet--

2902
01:37:57,230 --> 01:38:00,030
it was communistic, so you
couldn't look back anyway.

2903
01:38:00,030 --> 01:38:02,760
But once it was,
in 2007, we went.

2904
01:38:02,760 --> 01:38:03,850
We were here already.

2905
01:38:03,850 --> 01:38:04,360
OK.

2906
01:38:04,360 --> 01:38:05,080
Yeah.

2907
01:38:05,080 --> 01:38:05,860
And--

2908
01:38:05,860 --> 01:38:09,830
And what impression did
you have from what you saw?

2909
01:38:09,830 --> 01:38:10,750
Yeah.

2910
01:38:10,750 --> 01:38:14,560
Well, you know, I feel sorry,
but I don't feel [INAUDIBLE]..

2911
01:38:14,560 --> 01:38:15,940
Because they were all Russians.

2912
01:38:15,940 --> 01:38:16,660
No Germans.

2913
01:38:16,660 --> 01:38:18,574
The Germans were
visiting, you know?

2914
01:38:18,574 --> 01:38:19,390
They were visiting.

2915
01:38:19,390 --> 01:38:20,560
There were no Germans?

2916
01:38:20,560 --> 01:38:23,410
Germans who maybe their
parents lived there, you know?

2917
01:38:23,410 --> 01:38:26,440
And they visit there, but
there were no German--

2918
01:38:26,440 --> 01:38:30,010
you can't-- in the hotel, they
talked very little German,

2919
01:38:30,010 --> 01:38:30,790
you know?

2920
01:38:30,790 --> 01:38:32,150
And there was one--

2921
01:38:32,150 --> 01:38:34,660
a man, he heard us talk German.

2922
01:38:34,660 --> 01:38:36,120
So he said, I--

2923
01:38:36,120 --> 01:38:38,660
he was Russian, but he
talked a little German.

2924
01:38:38,660 --> 01:38:40,690
And he was-- he
showed you around.

2925
01:38:40,690 --> 01:38:42,340
He was a guide.

2926
01:38:42,340 --> 01:38:44,710
And we took him that one
day that we were there.

2927
01:38:44,710 --> 01:38:46,090
We went all over the place.

2928
01:38:46,090 --> 01:38:49,090
I knew more than
he did what was--

2929
01:38:49,090 --> 01:38:50,590
And this was that street?

2930
01:38:50,590 --> 01:38:52,600
No, no, it was another street.

2931

01:38:52,600 --> 01:38:55,030
And I found my--

2932
01:38:55,030 --> 01:39:00,875
two apartment-- two houses
we lived in were unharmed.

2933
01:39:00,875 --> 01:39:01,375
Really?

2934
01:39:01,375 --> 01:39:03,340
A little changed, you know?

2935
01:39:03,340 --> 01:39:04,910
Yes, yes.

2936
01:39:04,910 --> 01:39:06,880
And so you found--

2937
01:39:06,880 --> 01:39:08,870
what was it, Litzmann-Strasse?

2938
01:39:08,870 --> 01:39:09,668
Yeah, yeah.

2939
01:39:09,668 --> 01:39:10,710
General-Litzmann-Strasse.

2940
01:39:10,710 --> 01:39:13,550
General-- you have
a good memory.

2941
01:39:13,550 --> 01:39:16,150
And so your house was still
standing there, the apartment?

2942
01:39:16,150 --> 01:39:18,150
The house was just a
little bit different.

2943
01:39:18,150 --> 01:39:19,360
The stores were gone.

2944

01:39:19,360 --> 01:39:21,550

They changed the house somehow.

2945

01:39:21,550 --> 01:39:25,010

Maybe it was bombed
out partly, partly.

2946

01:39:25,010 --> 01:39:27,280

But it was there, and
then the other one

2947

01:39:27,280 --> 01:39:30,310

was almost the same, the one
that I lived there before.

2948

01:39:30,310 --> 01:39:32,450

And the zoo was still there.

2949

01:39:32,450 --> 01:39:34,040

Too bad we only spent one day.

2950

01:39:34,040 --> 01:39:35,290

It wasn't enough, you know?

2951

01:39:35,290 --> 01:39:38,200

We should have-- I saw a lot.

2952

01:39:38,200 --> 01:39:41,020

And the synagogue,
they had a circus there

2953

01:39:41,020 --> 01:39:42,880

where the synagogue was.

2954

01:39:42,880 --> 01:39:47,350

And now they rebuild it,
and they had a circus there.

2955

01:39:47,350 --> 01:39:49,065

I had heard about that, yes.

2956

01:39:49,065 --> 01:39:52,440

2957

01:39:52,440 --> 01:39:54,600

And you said the
city was bombed.

2958

01:39:54,600 --> 01:39:56,460

Was this-- who bombed it?

2959

01:39:56,460 --> 01:39:56,960

The city?

2960

01:39:56,960 --> 01:39:57,700

[INAUDIBLE]

2961

01:39:57,700 --> 01:39:58,200

Koenig--

2962

01:39:58,200 --> 01:39:59,367

[INAUDIBLE] by the Russians.

2963

01:39:59,367 --> 01:40:00,430

Yes, yes.

2964

01:40:00,430 --> 01:40:03,810

It's all rebuilt in Russian
style, mostly, you know?

2965

01:40:03,810 --> 01:40:06,480

But then where we lived was
a little bit out of town, out

2966

01:40:06,480 --> 01:40:09,870

of downtown, so that part
might have been [INAUDIBLE]..

2967

01:40:09,870 --> 01:40:13,262

From what you saw, you could
recognize the old Koenigsberg

2968

01:40:13,262 --> 01:40:13,845
that you knew?

2969
01:40:13,845 --> 01:40:14,160
Oh, yeah, yeah.

2970
01:40:14,160 --> 01:40:14,820
More or less.

2971
01:40:14,820 --> 01:40:16,050
I could have found my way.

2972
01:40:16,050 --> 01:40:20,110
We were near the castle,
up there on the hill.

2973
01:40:20,110 --> 01:40:21,360
That was all gone.

2974
01:40:21,360 --> 01:40:23,460
There's a hotel, the hotel.

2975
01:40:23,460 --> 01:40:27,330
And then I know my way,
how to walk up there.

2976
01:40:27,330 --> 01:40:29,640
Walked longer than
I thought it was.

2977
01:40:29,640 --> 01:40:31,123
And it was hot.

2978
01:40:31,123 --> 01:40:32,040
We were there in June.

2979
01:40:32,040 --> 01:40:33,420
Very, very hot.

2980
01:40:33,420 --> 01:40:35,450
And I got there.

2981
01:40:35,450 --> 01:40:35,950
Yeah.

2982
01:40:35,950 --> 01:40:38,370
OK.

2983
01:40:38,370 --> 01:40:42,750
Was there any sign of
life during the war there?

2984
01:40:42,750 --> 01:40:44,580
That is, were there
any memorials?

2985
01:40:44,580 --> 01:40:47,190
Were there any-- was
there anything about what

2986
01:40:47,190 --> 01:40:48,520
the Jewish world had been?

2987
01:40:48,520 --> 01:40:49,020
No, no.

2988
01:40:49,020 --> 01:40:52,350
I think later they did it,
because this friend of mine,

2989
01:40:52,350 --> 01:40:55,710
which is a little bit related to
me, went to Israel in the end.

2990
01:40:55,710 --> 01:41:00,870
She went to-- when the war
ended, she was in Koenigsberg.

2991
01:41:00,870 --> 01:41:05,490
Her mother died from
starvation under the Russians.

2992
01:41:05,490 --> 01:41:06,450
But that was later.

2993

01:41:06,450 --> 01:41:08,790

She left before with her sister.

2994

01:41:08,790 --> 01:41:14,020

They walked towards Russia,
and they ended up in Kishinev.

2995

01:41:14,020 --> 01:41:14,520

OK.

2996

01:41:14,520 --> 01:41:18,510

And then met two Jewish
men, and married them.

2997

01:41:18,510 --> 01:41:20,490

And from there they
went to Israel.

2998

01:41:20,490 --> 01:41:21,660

OK.

2999

01:41:21,660 --> 01:41:25,680

And she-- and what is it that--
she's the one who told you

3000

01:41:25,680 --> 01:41:26,940

about the--

3001

01:41:26,940 --> 01:41:29,145

Koenigsberg was there.

3002

01:41:29,145 --> 01:41:30,300

Yes, yes, you know?

3003

01:41:30,300 --> 01:41:34,380

Was very difficult. Yeah.

3004

01:41:34,380 --> 01:41:38,070

I mean, of course
it was changed.

3005

01:41:38,070 --> 01:41:40,860

Did it-- did it move you
at all, what you saw?

3006

01:41:40,860 --> 01:41:41,460

Was it--

3007

01:41:41,460 --> 01:41:43,320

Did it move you
at all, or was it

3008

01:41:43,320 --> 01:41:45,180

something very distant for you?

3009

01:41:45,180 --> 01:41:46,720

It didn't move me too much.

3010

01:41:46,720 --> 01:41:49,380

No, no, no, no.

3011

01:41:49,380 --> 01:41:51,100

Distant, yeah.

3012

01:41:51,100 --> 01:41:51,600

No.

3013

01:41:51,600 --> 01:41:54,610

3014

01:41:54,610 --> 01:41:57,710

Is there something I
have not asked you?

3015

01:41:57,710 --> 01:41:58,930

Can't think of anything.

3016

01:41:58,930 --> 01:42:02,090

I mean, I have the story
of my mother on the train.

3017

01:42:02,090 --> 01:42:02,590

Oh, yeah.

3018
01:42:02,590 --> 01:42:03,530
Let's talk about that.

3019
01:42:03,530 --> 01:42:04,030
Yes.

3020
01:42:04,030 --> 01:42:06,640
Because we didn't
mention on that.

3021
01:42:06,640 --> 01:42:10,240
This is something about
your mother's chutzpah.

3022
01:42:10,240 --> 01:42:12,070
That's it.

3023
01:42:12,070 --> 01:42:13,380
An example of that.

3024
01:42:13,380 --> 01:42:17,210
And again, she could
have gotten into trouble.

3025
01:42:17,210 --> 01:42:19,685
So what ha-- she was on a train?

3026
01:42:19,685 --> 01:42:22,060
She came from-- I told you we
went to Hanover every year,

3027
01:42:22,060 --> 01:42:23,530
but this time I wasn't with her.

3028
01:42:23,530 --> 01:42:27,040
It was during school time that
she went, not [INAUDIBLE]..

3029
01:42:27,040 --> 01:42:30,390
And she was on a platform

waiting for the train.

3030

01:42:30,390 --> 01:42:34,120

And the porter, you
know, her baggage.

3031

01:42:34,120 --> 01:42:35,320

OK, here's the train.

3032

01:42:35,320 --> 01:42:36,280

Let's get on it.

3033

01:42:36,280 --> 01:42:37,390

It was the wrong train.

3034

01:42:37,390 --> 01:42:41,480

It was a train that came back
from the Nazi convention.

3035

01:42:41,480 --> 01:42:42,880

I don't know if
it was Nuremberg.

3036

01:42:42,880 --> 01:42:43,620

I don't know how
they would have--

3037

01:42:43,620 --> 01:42:45,550

Nuremberg up there
and then to Berlin.

3038

01:42:45,550 --> 01:42:47,140

No, it must have
been somewhere else.

3039

01:42:47,140 --> 01:42:47,640

OK.

3040

01:42:47,640 --> 01:42:50,918

But and in Europe, they
have these compartments.

3041

01:42:50,918 --> 01:42:51,460
That's right.

3042
01:42:51,460 --> 01:42:53,402
So there was a room
and one compartment.

3043
01:42:53,402 --> 01:42:54,860
And all of a sudden,
she was there.

3044
01:42:54,860 --> 01:42:55,527
It was too late.

3045
01:42:55,527 --> 01:42:58,060
She looked around,
all these Nazis there.

3046
01:42:58,060 --> 01:43:00,170
And she was sitting there alone.

3047
01:43:00,170 --> 01:43:02,240
But they were very--

3048
01:43:02,240 --> 01:43:04,460
she said he was-- she was
a very good-looking woman

3049
01:43:04,460 --> 01:43:05,530
and charming.

3050
01:43:05,530 --> 01:43:08,030
So they were
delighted to have her.

3051
01:43:08,030 --> 01:43:09,490
Never saw that she
was-- she didn't

3052
01:43:09,490 --> 01:43:10,810
look particularly Jewish.

3053

01:43:10,810 --> 01:43:13,750
She had dark hair, but people,
when we went to Berlin once,

3054
01:43:13,750 --> 01:43:15,550
we went to a store.

3055
01:43:15,550 --> 01:43:17,230
All of a sudden, she ran away.

3056
01:43:17,230 --> 01:43:19,420
We thought she wasn't
going to wait on us.

3057
01:43:19,420 --> 01:43:22,960
No, she went to get somebody
who can talk French with us.

3058
01:43:22,960 --> 01:43:24,340
French.

3059
01:43:24,340 --> 01:43:24,850
OK.

3060
01:43:24,850 --> 01:43:29,030
Anyway, and then they said,
"Oh, let's sing something."

3061
01:43:29,030 --> 01:43:29,530
You know?

3062
01:43:29,530 --> 01:43:30,460
They say that?

3063
01:43:30,460 --> 01:43:31,210
They said it.

3064
01:43:31,210 --> 01:43:32,320
"Let's sing a song.

3065
01:43:32,320 --> 01:43:34,110
What would you like to hear?"

3066
01:43:34,110 --> 01:43:38,410
So she said sarcastically "Wenn
Judenblut vom Messer Spritzt."

3067
01:43:38,410 --> 01:43:39,550
Do you know that song?

3068
01:43:39,550 --> 01:43:41,200
Well, translate for
us what it means.

3069
01:43:41,200 --> 01:43:44,440
"When Jewish blood
spurts from the knife."

3070
01:43:44,440 --> 01:43:45,120
Oh, gosh.

3071
01:43:45,120 --> 01:43:46,400
What a song.

3072
01:43:46,400 --> 01:43:46,900
Yeah.

3073
01:43:46,900 --> 01:43:49,900
She said very sarcastically,
but they didn't notice that.

3074
01:43:49,900 --> 01:43:51,500
But they were decent.

3075
01:43:51,500 --> 01:43:53,050
So they said, "Oh,
you don't want

3076
01:43:53,050 --> 01:43:57,140
to hear that," or
something like that.

3077
01:43:57,140 --> 01:43:58,840
And then they talked.

3078
01:43:58,840 --> 01:44:01,390
And they said "we're
going in the dining car.

3079
01:44:01,390 --> 01:44:02,710
Would you like to join us?"

3080
01:44:02,710 --> 01:44:04,990
She says, "No, she
couldn't go anymore.

3081
01:44:04,990 --> 01:44:07,000
No, I have my food with me."

3082
01:44:07,000 --> 01:44:07,750
Thank you."

3083
01:44:07,750 --> 01:44:10,188
And then another man
said, "I'm staying, too.

3084
01:44:10,188 --> 01:44:10,980
I don't want to go.

3085
01:44:10,980 --> 01:44:12,110
I'm not hungry."

3086
01:44:12,110 --> 01:44:15,270
So when they went out,
she said, "I know you.

3087
01:44:15,270 --> 01:44:18,750
You came from Koenigsberg,
and your daughter was in my--"

3088
01:44:18,750 --> 01:44:21,250
And he was a teacher
in that school,

3089
01:44:21,250 --> 01:44:23,110
in the [? Christian ?] school.

3090
01:44:23,110 --> 01:44:24,770
Can you imagine?

3091
01:44:24,770 --> 01:44:25,433
She said--

3092
01:44:25,433 --> 01:44:26,100
Oh, my goodness.

3093
01:44:26,100 --> 01:44:27,767
"--I know who you
are, and I know Amely.

3094
01:44:27,767 --> 01:44:29,320
I remember her."

3095
01:44:29,320 --> 01:44:32,020
And he said, "be careful.

3096
01:44:32,020 --> 01:44:33,310
They're big people, bigshots.

3097
01:44:33,310 --> 01:44:35,870
You know, big Nazis."

3098
01:44:35,870 --> 01:44:41,110
And then he said, "one's
that Baldur von Schirac."

3099
01:44:41,110 --> 01:44:44,050
Baldur von Schirac, who
was one of the most--

3100
01:44:44,050 --> 01:44:44,890
yeah, yeah.

3101
01:44:44,890 --> 01:44:46,570
Yeah, and he was very into it.

3102
01:44:46,570 --> 01:44:49,330

And then before they got to
Berlin, they all got off.

3103
01:44:49,330 --> 01:44:51,040
My mother also stayed in Berlin.

3104
01:44:51,040 --> 01:44:53,390
It was at the time
of the Olympics.

3105
01:44:53,390 --> 01:44:54,400
So 1930s--

3106
01:44:54,400 --> 01:44:55,090
Yeah.

3107
01:44:55,090 --> 01:44:56,110
OK, now we can go.

3108
01:44:56,110 --> 01:44:58,570
Yeah, before they
came to Berlin,

3109
01:44:58,570 --> 01:45:01,060
he said, "would you
like to join me?"

3110
01:45:01,060 --> 01:45:04,540
I'm going to be with our Fuhrer
in the booth at the Olympics

3111
01:45:04,540 --> 01:45:05,685
tonight."

3112
01:45:05,685 --> 01:45:07,060
So my mother said,
"I don't think

3113
01:45:07,060 --> 01:45:10,520
my Fuhrer would like that."

3114
01:45:10,520 --> 01:45:14,780

I don't know about that, that he knew by then or what, you know?

3115
01:45:14,780 --> 01:45:17,000
She said this to
Baldur von Schirac?

3116
01:45:17,000 --> 01:45:18,334
Yeah.

3117
01:45:18,334 --> 01:45:21,260
[LAUGHTER]

3118
01:45:21,260 --> 01:45:22,340
She had chutzpah.

3119
01:45:22,340 --> 01:45:23,030
She had.

3120
01:45:23,030 --> 01:45:24,110
She wasn't afraid.

3121
01:45:24,110 --> 01:45:25,710
She was-- I don't know.

3122
01:45:25,710 --> 01:45:27,140
This was amazing, you know?

3123
01:45:27,140 --> 01:45:28,070
Yeah.

3124
01:45:28,070 --> 01:45:30,530
She was always very
truthful, you know?

3125
01:45:30,530 --> 01:45:32,540
She told everybody
what she thought.

3126
01:45:32,540 --> 01:45:34,820
"I don't like that on you."

3127
01:45:34,820 --> 01:45:37,220
I said, "you can't do
that in this country."

3128
01:45:37,220 --> 01:45:38,060
[LAUGHTER]

3129
01:45:38,060 --> 01:45:40,960
"That's European, Mother."

3130
01:45:40,960 --> 01:45:42,080
Oh, my.

3131
01:45:42,080 --> 01:45:43,250
Oh, my.

3132
01:45:43,250 --> 01:45:46,040
Well, thank you very much.

3133
01:45:46,040 --> 01:45:50,330
Well, thank you thank you
for hearing, listening to me.

3134
01:45:50,330 --> 01:45:51,770
Is there something
that you would

3135
01:45:51,770 --> 01:45:54,500
want to share with us at
the very end, your thoughts,

3136
01:45:54,500 --> 01:45:55,910
your final thoughts?

3137
01:45:55,910 --> 01:45:58,790
What you would want people to
take away from this interview?

3138
01:45:58,790 --> 01:46:01,160
I'm so glad that
you interviewed me.

3139

01:46:01,160 --> 01:46:03,020

I was a little
nervous last night.

3140

01:46:03,020 --> 01:46:04,820

I got panicky, even
though I've spoken.

3141

01:46:04,820 --> 01:46:07,730

But I thought my age,
and I might forget.

3142

01:46:07,730 --> 01:46:08,690

Oh, no, no.

3143

01:46:08,690 --> 01:46:10,610

That was-- yes,
but I'm very happy,

3144

01:46:10,610 --> 01:46:13,190

because I can do
it for posterity.

3145

01:46:13,190 --> 01:46:13,940

Thank you.

3146

01:46:13,940 --> 01:46:16,050

Thank you very, very much.

3147

01:46:16,050 --> 01:46:19,730

So what I will say now
is that this concludes

3148

01:46:19,730 --> 01:46:23,060

the interview, the United
States Holocaust Memorial Museum

3149

01:46:23,060 --> 01:46:30,050

interview with Mrs. Amely
Baer-Smith on September 26,

3150

01:46:30,050 --> 01:46:34,250

2019, in Peabody, Massachusetts.

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01:46:34,250 --> 01:46:34,820

Thank you.

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01:46:34,820 --> 01:46:37,180

Thank you so much.