

1
00:00:00,000 --> 00:00:16,920

2
00:00:16,920 --> 00:00:19,380
Now I want to go
back, and I want

3
00:00:19,380 --> 00:00:25,140
you to tell me what you think
happened to Raoul Wallenberg.

4
00:00:25,140 --> 00:00:29,280
Well, what happened
to Raoul Wallenberg?

5
00:00:29,280 --> 00:00:35,760
As I probably told you that he
wanted to help the people whom

6
00:00:35,760 --> 00:00:37,560
he helped already.

7
00:00:37,560 --> 00:00:40,890
And he figured that
the Soviet is our ally,

8
00:00:40,890 --> 00:00:45,540
so we have to go to
them to get some help.

9
00:00:45,540 --> 00:00:47,640
And everybody told
him not to do it,

10
00:00:47,640 --> 00:00:50,730
because let's wait how
the Soviet will be with us

11
00:00:50,730 --> 00:00:52,020
the embassy said.

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00:00:52,020 --> 00:00:53,610
But Raoul said, no, no, no.

13
00:00:53,610 --> 00:00:57,870
I have to go, and I have a
five year plan for the Soviet

14
00:00:57,870 --> 00:01:01,170
how to help these people
to get back their homes,

15
00:01:01,170 --> 00:01:04,319
and how we feed them,
and we need medication.

16
00:01:04,319 --> 00:01:05,670
So nobody could talk to him.

17
00:01:05,670 --> 00:01:11,790
And he went with his driver,
Wilmer Schlangfelder, together.

18
00:01:11,790 --> 00:01:14,520
And they went to that
little city called Debrecen.

19
00:01:14,520 --> 00:01:18,000
That was the headquarters
of the Soviet.

20
00:01:18,000 --> 00:01:21,030
In a week, he came back.

21
00:01:21,030 --> 00:01:24,600
And that's how I know the story,
because the Red Cross head,

22
00:01:24,600 --> 00:01:28,740
the Swedish Cross head I
met later on in Sweden.

23
00:01:28,740 --> 00:01:32,100
And he said Raoul came

back, and behind him there

24

00:01:32,100 --> 00:01:35,310
were two Russian
officers on motorbikes.

25

00:01:35,310 --> 00:01:40,110
And he said, as you can see, I
have some Russians behind me,

26

00:01:40,110 --> 00:01:45,090
and I am invited back and I have
no idea if I am invited back

27

00:01:45,090 --> 00:01:48,480
as a visitor or as a prisoner.

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00:01:48,480 --> 00:01:52,350
But he said, I had a wonderful
meeting on the way back.

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00:01:52,350 --> 00:01:57,360
I saw an old lady carrying
bread in a basket,

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00:01:57,360 --> 00:01:59,670
and she still had a star on.

31

00:01:59,670 --> 00:02:02,250
And I got out of the
car, and I went over,

32

00:02:02,250 --> 00:02:06,360
and I said, how wonderful to
see that somebody is alive.

33

00:02:06,360 --> 00:02:07,860
My name is Raoul Wallenberg.

34

00:02:07,860 --> 00:02:10,110
And the lady pulled
out the Schutz-Pass.

35

00:02:10,110 --> 00:02:11,790

She says, I know.

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00:02:11,790 --> 00:02:14,370

I got one of your papers.

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00:02:14,370 --> 00:02:18,120

And he said it was a very
emotional moment for him, too.

38

00:02:18,120 --> 00:02:21,330

And then he emptied
his pockets and he

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00:02:21,330 --> 00:02:26,220

said to Mr. Langfelder, who
was the head of the Red Cross.

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00:02:26,220 --> 00:02:29,580

And he said, here I give you all
the money and all the diamonds,

41

00:02:29,580 --> 00:02:33,990

because you will need it to
feed the people whom we saved.

42

00:02:33,990 --> 00:02:36,270

But I keep \$1,000,
and I tell you

43

00:02:36,270 --> 00:02:38,280

that because in a few
minutes I tell you

44

00:02:38,280 --> 00:02:39,970

what happened to the \$1,000.

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00:02:39,970 --> 00:02:45,090

Said I keep this just in
case my trip takes long.

46

00:02:45,090 --> 00:02:48,870

And then he said
goodbye and disappeared.

47
00:02:48,870 --> 00:02:53,670
Now, in 1945, the
mother in Stockholm

48
00:02:53,670 --> 00:02:59,250
got a phone call from
the Russian ambassador,

49
00:02:59,250 --> 00:03:03,300
Mrs. Kollontai telling her
not to worry about Raoul.

50
00:03:03,300 --> 00:03:10,180
Raoul is in, uh, not captivity.

51
00:03:10,180 --> 00:03:16,020
She said he is in Russia, and
we are taking care of him.

52
00:03:16,020 --> 00:03:19,510
So the mother was very happy.

53
00:03:19,510 --> 00:03:24,190
But Mrs. Kollontai wasn't
happy, because every day she

54
00:03:24,190 --> 00:03:26,560
got phone calls, and
she kept on saying,

55
00:03:26,560 --> 00:03:29,090
you better don't ask so much.

56
00:03:29,090 --> 00:03:30,070
He is all right.

57
00:03:30,070 --> 00:03:32,350
We're protecting him.

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00:03:32,350 --> 00:03:35,320
But after a little while, Mrs.
Kollontai was called back,

59
00:03:35,320 --> 00:03:40,360
and miraculously she died in
a heart attack in no time.

60
00:03:40,360 --> 00:03:43,600
And then they started
to ask where is Raoul?

61
00:03:43,600 --> 00:03:48,220
In the meantime, the whole
embassy got back to Stockholm,

62
00:03:48,220 --> 00:03:51,310
and I arrived to
Stockholm in 1945.

63
00:03:51,310 --> 00:03:52,630
And I said, where is Raoul?

64
00:03:52,630 --> 00:03:55,840
And they said, we don't know.

65
00:03:55,840 --> 00:03:59,440
They knew nothing about Raoul.

66
00:03:59,440 --> 00:04:03,340
And the Russian answer was
that we never heard of him.

67
00:04:03,340 --> 00:04:04,900
He's not there.

68
00:04:04,900 --> 00:04:09,490
In '47, however, suddenly they
said that, yes, he was there,

69
00:04:09,490 --> 00:04:13,630
and in Lubyanka Prison,
he died in a heart attack.

70
00:04:13,630 --> 00:04:16,630
The heart attack they described
is for a big, fat man.

71
00:04:16,630 --> 00:04:19,089
And Raoul Wallenberg
was really not fat.

72
00:04:19,089 --> 00:04:24,160
And besides, I'm sure he
didn't get fat in prison.

73
00:04:24,160 --> 00:04:27,910
So they ask for the autopsy
papers, and they disappeared.

74
00:04:27,910 --> 00:04:29,230
They asked for the doctor.

75
00:04:29,230 --> 00:04:30,640
He wasn't alive anymore.

76
00:04:30,640 --> 00:04:32,560
So we knew that they lying.

77
00:04:32,560 --> 00:04:35,230
Then as you know,
in '57, Mr. Gromyko

78
00:04:35,230 --> 00:04:39,130
said that he's very
sorry, but yes, he's dead,

79
00:04:39,130 --> 00:04:41,050
and that's that.

80
00:04:41,050 --> 00:04:44,560
Now, the terrible thing
is that we know now,

81
00:04:44,560 --> 00:04:46,360

and we can imagine why.

82

00:04:46,360 --> 00:04:50,830
I told you before that Stockholm
was sort of a spy center.

83

00:04:50,830 --> 00:04:53,440
And this Mr. Olson, what
even we didn't know,

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00:04:53,440 --> 00:04:55,780
and I'm sure that Raoul
had no idea, that he

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00:04:55,780 --> 00:04:59,550
worked for the OSS.

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00:04:59,550 --> 00:05:04,080
And when Raoul told
the Russians that he

87

00:05:04,080 --> 00:05:07,320
was paid by the
Americans, they must

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00:05:07,320 --> 00:05:09,450
have had people in
Stockholm to see

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00:05:09,450 --> 00:05:12,990
him sitting with Mr. Olson, whom
the Russians knew very well who

90

00:05:12,990 --> 00:05:13,890
he was.

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00:05:13,890 --> 00:05:18,340
So they said, aha, Raoul
Wallenberg is a spy.

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00:05:18,340 --> 00:05:21,460
They also came up with
stories what is not true,

93

00:05:21,460 --> 00:05:26,630
that Raoul once flew back home
to Sweden while he was there,

94

00:05:26,630 --> 00:05:29,110
and he discussed things
with the Germans,

95

00:05:29,110 --> 00:05:31,480
what was an absolute lie.

96

00:05:31,480 --> 00:05:32,380
He could not.

97

00:05:32,380 --> 00:05:34,360
The only person
who ever went back

98

00:05:34,360 --> 00:05:37,540
was Per Anger, because
his wife was pregnant.

99

00:05:37,540 --> 00:05:44,020
And the last train going, he
went with her, and also a lady

100

00:05:44,020 --> 00:05:46,150
with her two little boys
who was hidden with me.

101

00:05:46,150 --> 00:05:46,780
They went.

102

00:05:46,780 --> 00:05:50,320
And then Anger came back, and
then they closed the curtain.

103

00:05:50,320 --> 00:05:51,490
That was it.

104

00:05:51,490 --> 00:05:52,810

Raoul never left.

105
00:05:52,810 --> 00:05:54,340
So he was not a spy.

106
00:05:54,340 --> 00:05:56,170
But the Russians
took it in their head

107
00:05:56,170 --> 00:06:01,120
that he was an American spy, and
also they didn't like the Jews

108
00:06:01,120 --> 00:06:02,560
more than the Nazis.

109
00:06:02,560 --> 00:06:06,940
So why this spy goes to
Hungary to save the Jews?

110
00:06:06,940 --> 00:06:10,100
This was to save--

111
00:06:10,100 --> 00:06:13,360
So we don't know, as
Mr. Wiesenthal said,

112
00:06:13,360 --> 00:06:17,430
the Russian mind, the Soviet
mind, he said that time,

113
00:06:17,430 --> 00:06:22,330
is something you don't
know what they thinking.

114
00:06:22,330 --> 00:06:27,640
And then the whole world really
just didn't care about him.

115
00:06:27,640 --> 00:06:30,430
His own country didn't care.

116

00:06:30,430 --> 00:06:37,990
And I remember how people did
not believe in 1945, September.

117
00:06:37,990 --> 00:06:41,750
I was already in Switzerland.

118
00:06:41,750 --> 00:06:44,620
And I was so excited
to tell that story,

119
00:06:44,620 --> 00:06:46,840
because that wasn't
a sorrowful story.

120
00:06:46,840 --> 00:06:49,240
This was a wonderful story.

121
00:06:49,240 --> 00:06:54,010
And my own family, my uncle, who
was a very prominent gentleman,

122
00:06:54,010 --> 00:06:56,800
he turned to my aunt when
he thought I don't hear,

123
00:06:56,800 --> 00:07:00,250
and they said, we better take
this child to a psychiatrist.

124
00:07:00,250 --> 00:07:02,620
She's lying through her teeth.

125
00:07:02,620 --> 00:07:06,200
She's coming up with
stories what are not true.

126
00:07:06,200 --> 00:07:08,430
And I was hurt.

127
00:07:08,430 --> 00:07:11,650
And every time the phone rang
and my uncle gave it to me,

128
00:07:11,650 --> 00:07:14,190
and he said Oh, this
must be the Russian--

129
00:07:14,190 --> 00:07:18,180
the Swedish ambassador.

130
00:07:18,180 --> 00:07:19,950
And they were very
surprised when

131
00:07:19,950 --> 00:07:23,220
finally the Norwegian ambassador
called and said that there

132
00:07:23,220 --> 00:07:26,340
was a Red Cross tank--

133
00:07:26,340 --> 00:07:31,650
truck what are going to take
me and many other people away.

134
00:07:31,650 --> 00:07:32,550
And it was--

135
00:07:32,550 --> 00:07:34,410
I talked to newspaper people.

136
00:07:34,410 --> 00:07:36,160
And they thought I was lying.

137
00:07:36,160 --> 00:07:38,970
Such a person didn't exist.

138
00:07:38,970 --> 00:07:41,610
Then when I arrived to
Sweden, I thought, well,

139
00:07:41,610 --> 00:07:44,220
now I can talk about Raoul.

140

00:07:44,220 --> 00:07:47,280

Nobody wanted to hear it.

141

00:07:47,280 --> 00:07:50,580

I was a lecturer in the camps
where Count Bernadotte, who

142

00:07:50,580 --> 00:07:53,070

was also killed unfortunately.

143

00:07:53,070 --> 00:07:56,880

Count Bernadotte brought
these very, very sick people

144

00:07:56,880 --> 00:08:00,780

in from Belsen-Bergen, from
Auschwitz, from Treblinka,

145

00:08:00,780 --> 00:08:03,330

you name it, those
who were still alive.

146

00:08:03,330 --> 00:08:07,890

He opened the most beautiful
sanatoriums and schools

147

00:08:07,890 --> 00:08:10,320

to have these people.

148

00:08:10,320 --> 00:08:13,470

And I asked permission
if I at least there

149

00:08:13,470 --> 00:08:15,930

can talk, at least
to the Hungarians,

150

00:08:15,930 --> 00:08:18,240

about Raoul Wallenberg.

151

00:08:18,240 --> 00:08:20,415

Well, they gave me the

permission to do that.

152
00:08:20,415 --> 00:08:22,990

153
00:08:22,990 --> 00:08:24,760
And nobody listened.

154
00:08:24,760 --> 00:08:30,380
Absolutely didn't want
to listen to the story.

155
00:08:30,380 --> 00:08:32,539
And I didn't know what
happened to Raoul.

156
00:08:32,539 --> 00:08:36,770
And I-- then everybody was
scared from the Russians.

157
00:08:36,770 --> 00:08:39,220
Everybody was learning
Russian in Sweden.

158
00:08:39,220 --> 00:08:41,059
That was the only
country there, and it

159
00:08:41,059 --> 00:08:44,730
looked like the Russians will
run them over any moment.

160
00:08:44,730 --> 00:08:45,980
So I wanted to get out.

161
00:08:45,980 --> 00:08:48,270
I had enough from the
Nazis and the Russians.

162
00:08:48,270 --> 00:08:50,630
And I brought my parents out.

163

00:08:50,630 --> 00:08:51,630
And they were in Sweden.

164
00:08:51,630 --> 00:08:55,910
And I went to Australia, because
they didn't let me in here.

165
00:08:55,910 --> 00:08:58,880
And there I tried
to talk about Raoul.

166
00:08:58,880 --> 00:09:02,290
And there some people listened.

167
00:09:02,290 --> 00:09:04,930
But still nothing happened.

168
00:09:04,930 --> 00:09:08,470
Then I came over here,
and nobody did anything.

169
00:09:08,470 --> 00:09:13,740
And finally, in the
beginning-- in '80,

170
00:09:13,740 --> 00:09:17,460
there was Congressman
Lantos, who

171
00:09:17,460 --> 00:09:21,480
started to look for Raoul
Wallenberg, he and his wife.

172
00:09:21,480 --> 00:09:24,060
And I told you that his
wife was my little student

173
00:09:24,060 --> 00:09:24,840
back in Hungary.

174
00:09:24,840 --> 00:09:29,490
But I didn't know that until
40 years after that's her.

175
00:09:29,490 --> 00:09:31,950
And then they started to listen.

176
00:09:31,950 --> 00:09:34,770
My husband, whom
I married in '60,

177
00:09:34,770 --> 00:09:36,550
we went on a three
week honeymoon.

178
00:09:36,550 --> 00:09:39,660
And I told him the story, and
he was crying for three weeks.

179
00:09:39,660 --> 00:09:42,960
He was the only one
who ever listened.

180
00:09:42,960 --> 00:09:45,540
And from then on, we
are trying, and trying,

181
00:09:45,540 --> 00:09:46,930
and nothing happened.

182
00:09:46,930 --> 00:09:50,260
Now they're working on it.

183
00:09:50,260 --> 00:09:52,770
And why I brought the
\$1,000 up for you,

184
00:09:52,770 --> 00:09:56,760
two years ago was the first
time that his half-sister

185
00:09:56,760 --> 00:09:59,760
and half-brother was
invited to go to Russia

186

00:09:59,760 --> 00:10:02,940
and help them look
for Raoul Wallenberg.

187
00:10:02,940 --> 00:10:07,480
Before they arrived there,
the Russian television,

188
00:10:07,480 --> 00:10:10,030
what is like our
Good Morning America,

189
00:10:10,030 --> 00:10:11,920
but it's only on
Saturday, goes out

190
00:10:11,920 --> 00:10:14,920
to something like
50 million people.

191
00:10:14,920 --> 00:10:17,410
They suddenly had Raoul
Wallenberg's picture

192
00:10:17,410 --> 00:10:21,190
on the screen and a
phone number under it.

193
00:10:21,190 --> 00:10:26,360
And it said, anyone who has any
information about this person,

194
00:10:26,360 --> 00:10:30,370
and gave his name,
please call this number.

195
00:10:30,370 --> 00:10:33,460
And every five minutes
they showed that.

196
00:10:33,460 --> 00:10:37,570
The Swedish embassy was
absolutely beside themselves.

197

00:10:37,570 --> 00:10:40,670

And from then on, they cared.

198

00:10:40,670 --> 00:10:44,470

They suddenly allowed to
talk about Raoul Wallenberg.

199

00:10:44,470 --> 00:10:49,780

They renamed the only
burn center in Leningrad.

200

00:10:49,780 --> 00:10:54,910

They renamed it the Raoul
Wallenberg Medical Center.

201

00:10:54,910 --> 00:10:56,620

They now have documentaries.

202

00:10:56,620 --> 00:10:57,700

They have films.

203

00:10:57,700 --> 00:10:59,950

They have books.

204

00:10:59,950 --> 00:11:01,870

They came out with
everything, and then they

205

00:11:01,870 --> 00:11:05,350

invited Guy and Nina.

206

00:11:05,350 --> 00:11:07,420

And they took Per
Anger with them.

207

00:11:07,420 --> 00:11:11,620

Because after all, Per was the
nearest one working with Raoul.

208

00:11:11,620 --> 00:11:14,920

And also they have
a secretary who

209
00:11:14,920 --> 00:11:18,940
called Sonja [? Sonnenfeld, ?]
who is Russian-born.

210
00:11:18,940 --> 00:11:21,640
And they took her, so
that nobody can cheat

211
00:11:21,640 --> 00:11:23,320
when they talk in Russian.

212
00:11:23,320 --> 00:11:25,810
Sakharov was still alive.

213
00:11:25,810 --> 00:11:28,990
So he offered the family to
help because he speaks English,

214
00:11:28,990 --> 00:11:30,937
and he speaks Russian.

215
00:11:30,937 --> 00:11:33,300
[BEEP]

216
00:11:33,300 --> 00:11:33,800

217
00:11:33,800 --> 00:11:35,284
OK.

218
00:11:35,284 --> 00:11:36,260
If you can finish.

219
00:11:36,260 --> 00:11:44,360
OK, so the family arrived, and
there was a tremendous crowd

220
00:11:44,360 --> 00:11:46,340
already at the airport.

221

00:11:46,340 --> 00:11:48,650
From the whole world,
all the newspaper people

222
00:11:48,650 --> 00:11:50,630
came, because this was
really the first time

223
00:11:50,630 --> 00:11:52,820
that they allowed them to come.

224
00:11:52,820 --> 00:11:55,370
And they went first to
the Swedish embassy.

225
00:11:55,370 --> 00:12:02,030
And then they went to a
part of where the KGB is.

226
00:12:02,030 --> 00:12:04,760
And Sakharov went
with them everywhere.

227
00:12:04,760 --> 00:12:09,290
The KGB's question was, from
Sakharov, how do we find?

228
00:12:09,290 --> 00:12:10,760
Where do we start?

229
00:12:10,760 --> 00:12:13,230
They have no idea, today's KGB.

230
00:12:13,230 --> 00:12:15,170
They are also all young people.

231
00:12:15,170 --> 00:12:17,340
So Sakharov said,
as far as I know,

232
00:12:17,340 --> 00:12:21,050
there is a key what
opens a big vault,

233
00:12:21,050 --> 00:12:25,010
a huge vault in the Kremlin.

234
00:12:25,010 --> 00:12:27,210
When you find the
key and you open it,

235
00:12:27,210 --> 00:12:31,250
you will find little sacks, on
each of them the people's name.

236
00:12:31,250 --> 00:12:32,900
You will find Wallenberg.

237
00:12:32,900 --> 00:12:34,910
They found it.

238
00:12:34,910 --> 00:12:36,950
They brought out.

239
00:12:36,950 --> 00:12:39,470
And what they gave
back to the family

240
00:12:39,470 --> 00:12:45,860
was Raoul's passport,
Raoul's personal papers,

241
00:12:45,860 --> 00:12:47,330
and the \$1,000.

242
00:12:47,330 --> 00:12:50,000
That's why I mentioned
the \$1,000 before.

243
00:12:50,000 --> 00:12:51,920
They didn't even take
that away from him.

244
00:12:51,920 --> 00:12:55,370
And in 1945, that

was a lot of money.

245

00:12:55,370 --> 00:12:59,360

But that \$1,000 was with him.

246

00:12:59,360 --> 00:13:02,510

Now, what the KGB man did,
he wrote out the receipt,

247

00:13:02,510 --> 00:13:04,300

and he wanted Nina to sign it.

248

00:13:04,300 --> 00:13:06,640

And Sakharov got very angry.

249

00:13:06,640 --> 00:13:08,870

He said, hey, wait a minute.

250

00:13:08,870 --> 00:13:12,300

You arresting a man
without any reason,

251

00:13:12,300 --> 00:13:18,070

you keep him in prison for 46
years, and you want a receipt?

252

00:13:18,070 --> 00:13:21,720

So the KGB man said sorry,
and took the receipt

253

00:13:21,720 --> 00:13:24,740

and just gave everything back.

254

00:13:24,740 --> 00:13:30,290

And now we have an international
committee in there, including

255

00:13:30,290 --> 00:13:36,470

two humanitarian Russians.

256

00:13:36,470 --> 00:13:39,980

We have a Canadian professor,

a mathematics professor

257
00:13:39,980 --> 00:13:41,750
from Toronto.

258
00:13:41,750 --> 00:13:46,250
We have-- and I'm sure you heard
his name, Dr. Martin Makinen.

259
00:13:46,250 --> 00:13:51,350
That was the young man who
was taken in prison in Russia

260
00:13:51,350 --> 00:13:52,580
when Powell was there.

261
00:13:52,580 --> 00:13:53,750
Remember Powell?

262
00:13:53,750 --> 00:13:55,010
And they exchanged them.

263
00:13:55,010 --> 00:13:57,500
He went to-- and
Powell came out.

264
00:13:57,500 --> 00:13:58,970
Two years he was in prison.

265
00:13:58,970 --> 00:13:59,750
He did nothing.

266
00:13:59,750 --> 00:14:03,260
He went to visit Moscow,
but they said he was a spy.

267
00:14:03,260 --> 00:14:07,310
But today he's a
professor in Chicago.

268
00:14:07,310 --> 00:14:13,250
And he is one of the men

who is on this committee.

269

00:14:13,250 --> 00:14:16,640

And they found out
fantastic things.

270

00:14:16,640 --> 00:14:19,340

Number one, every
Russian citizen

271

00:14:19,340 --> 00:14:23,780

is now allowed to look
for their dead person.

272

00:14:23,780 --> 00:14:26,810

It was written, they are
also dead like Raoul.

273

00:14:26,810 --> 00:14:30,440

Now by the thousands
they are walking home,

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00:14:30,440 --> 00:14:33,050

the dead people walking home.

275

00:14:33,050 --> 00:14:36,500

So nobody believes
that Raoul is dead.

276

00:14:36,500 --> 00:14:39,170

Somewhere he must be alive.

277

00:14:39,170 --> 00:14:41,390

They established
absolutely for sure

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00:14:41,390 --> 00:14:44,690

that he was never
cremated, because they

279

00:14:44,690 --> 00:14:49,370

have one crematoria in the whole
Soviet Union, or Russia today.

280
00:14:49,370 --> 00:14:54,020
And their paper is as long
as from here to Manhattan.

281
00:14:54,020 --> 00:14:57,920
And that took about four months
to go through all the names.

282
00:14:57,920 --> 00:14:59,900
It's like a long toilet paper.

283
00:14:59,900 --> 00:15:03,050
Raoul Wallenberg's
name is nowhere on.

284
00:15:03,050 --> 00:15:05,750
So he was not cremated.

285
00:15:05,750 --> 00:15:09,860
If he was killed, they must
find somewhere his bones.

286
00:15:09,860 --> 00:15:12,470
That's how they found
these Polish officers.

287
00:15:12,470 --> 00:15:13,430
They opened one.

288
00:15:13,430 --> 00:15:15,010
They thought Raoul is there.

289
00:15:15,010 --> 00:15:18,320
They found all those
Polish officers.

290
00:15:18,320 --> 00:15:20,120
So we don't give up.

291
00:15:20,120 --> 00:15:22,290
He must be somewhere.

292

00:15:22,290 --> 00:15:29,240

And as you know, this August
he will be 80-year-old.

293

00:15:29,240 --> 00:15:33,470

And we want to make this
year a Raoul Wallenberg

294

00:15:33,470 --> 00:15:37,190

international humanitarian year.

295

00:15:37,190 --> 00:15:39,860

And this idea come
from a lady, whose name

296

00:15:39,860 --> 00:15:43,940

is Dr. Vera Parnes,
who is Russian,

297

00:15:43,940 --> 00:15:50,370

who is a doctor of neurosurgery,
who wrote lots of papers.

298

00:15:50,370 --> 00:15:54,350

And she never heard of Raoul
Wallenberg until two years ago.

299

00:15:54,350 --> 00:15:56,090

And he made a
Wallenberg Committee,

300

00:15:56,090 --> 00:15:58,310

and he also has a museum.

301

00:15:58,310 --> 00:16:02,570

And he's in this country now,
medically and not medically.

302

00:16:02,570 --> 00:16:04,400

And now she doesn't
have to rush back.

303

00:16:04,400 --> 00:16:05,370

It's a new country.

304

00:16:05,370 --> 00:16:08,240

But when she came out, it was
still a communist country.

305

00:16:08,240 --> 00:16:10,190

Now it's free.

306

00:16:10,190 --> 00:16:14,090

And she is trying to
ask the whole world

307

00:16:14,090 --> 00:16:21,050

for sending poems, essays,
paintings, songs, anything what

308

00:16:21,050 --> 00:16:23,740

can make Raoul happy.

309

00:16:23,740 --> 00:16:25,500

And--

310

00:16:25,500 --> 00:16:28,420

Let me ask you
something, generally.

311

00:16:28,420 --> 00:16:31,750

How important are heroes?

312

00:16:31,750 --> 00:16:37,330

And how important are heroes in
connection with the Holocaust?

313

00:16:37,330 --> 00:16:41,230

Very, very, very
important, especially

314

00:16:41,230 --> 00:16:42,730

for our American youth.

315

00:16:42,730 --> 00:16:45,970

As you know, we do
not have any heroes.

316

00:16:45,970 --> 00:16:49,210

Because I don't believe that
the great sports figures

317

00:16:49,210 --> 00:16:50,290

are heroes.

318

00:16:50,290 --> 00:16:54,640

They can be idols, but
they're certainly not heroes.

319

00:16:54,640 --> 00:16:57,820

Hero is a man who does
something for humanity

320

00:16:57,820 --> 00:17:00,170

without getting paid for it.

321

00:17:00,170 --> 00:17:02,480

And there are very few.

322

00:17:02,480 --> 00:17:06,400

And I think I could
name just a few who

323

00:17:06,400 --> 00:17:08,770

were like Raoul Wallenberg.

324

00:17:08,770 --> 00:17:12,970

And these heroes are important
because the whole youth

325

00:17:12,970 --> 00:17:17,770

of the world don't see
the importance of being

326

00:17:17,770 --> 00:17:20,599

wonderful and caring people.

327
00:17:20,599 --> 00:17:22,480
And the only way
they can learn when

328
00:17:22,480 --> 00:17:26,050
they listen to these
stories about Wallenberg.

329
00:17:26,050 --> 00:17:29,080
I know I had the
experience what children

330
00:17:29,080 --> 00:17:34,420
can do when they realize what
one single person can do.

331
00:17:34,420 --> 00:17:39,340
If you're interested, I can
tell you two wonderful stories.

332
00:17:39,340 --> 00:17:42,550
The one was we have a
Raoul Wallenberg School,

333
00:17:42,550 --> 00:17:46,070
a public school in Brooklyn.

334
00:17:46,070 --> 00:17:49,930
And one little boy is--

335
00:17:49,930 --> 00:17:52,510
well, most of them are
already in junior high school.

336
00:17:52,510 --> 00:17:57,490
And two years ago, I was invited
to see Fiddler on the Roof.

337
00:17:57,490 --> 00:17:58,520
The teacher called me.

338

00:17:58,520 --> 00:18:00,430
She says it's all
Wallenberg children

339
00:18:00,430 --> 00:18:02,510
from the school are playing it.

340
00:18:02,510 --> 00:18:06,430
And there was one little boy who
was-- two hours he was Tevye.

341
00:18:06,430 --> 00:18:07,360
He sang.

342
00:18:07,360 --> 00:18:08,290
He ad libbed.

343
00:18:08,290 --> 00:18:09,730
He spoke Hebrew.

344
00:18:09,730 --> 00:18:10,690
He did everything.

345
00:18:10,690 --> 00:18:12,670
He was absolutely magnificent.

346
00:18:12,670 --> 00:18:15,220
Two hours nonstop.

347
00:18:15,220 --> 00:18:17,290
And when it was over,
I knew I remembered

348
00:18:17,290 --> 00:18:19,270
something of the boy,
but I didn't know what.

349
00:18:19,270 --> 00:18:23,440
So when the teacher called me,
she said you remember Johnny?

350
00:18:23,440 --> 00:18:25,610

And I said, I do, but
what do I remember?

351
00:18:25,610 --> 00:18:28,120
Well, I said first of all,
the boy is a Christian,

352
00:18:28,120 --> 00:18:30,910
and look how beautiful
he speaks Hebrew.

353
00:18:30,910 --> 00:18:35,070
The second is, he has a
terrible asthma condition.

354
00:18:35,070 --> 00:18:39,720
And when he said to me, Mrs.
Shapiro, I want to be Tevye,

355
00:18:39,720 --> 00:18:41,310
I didn't know how to answer him.

356
00:18:41,310 --> 00:18:43,670
And I said, but what's
going to happen, Johnny,

357
00:18:43,670 --> 00:18:45,990
if you get a coughing fit?

358
00:18:45,990 --> 00:18:49,110
And he said, Aggie, the
kid was like Wallenberg.

359
00:18:49,110 --> 00:18:50,790
He was not four feet.

360
00:18:50,790 --> 00:18:51,780
He was seven feet.

361
00:18:51,780 --> 00:18:52,650
And he looked at me.

362

00:18:52,650 --> 00:18:55,810
He said, if Raoul Wallenberg
could do what he did,

363
00:18:55,810 --> 00:18:59,090
I can do it.

364
00:18:59,090 --> 00:19:00,750
You see what a mind?

365
00:19:00,750 --> 00:19:04,430
And if you can tell the children
the right way what it means

366
00:19:04,430 --> 00:19:07,740
to be a person who cares--

367
00:19:07,740 --> 00:19:09,870
he wanted to make
other people happy.

368
00:19:09,870 --> 00:19:13,250
So for two years, he never
coughed for two hours.

369
00:19:13,250 --> 00:19:16,520
The other one happened when
I was a school librarian

370
00:19:16,520 --> 00:19:18,860
in another public school.

371
00:19:18,860 --> 00:19:21,770
And in the last half
an hour of the day,

372
00:19:21,770 --> 00:19:24,560
the teacher came up with
a class and he said,

373
00:19:24,560 --> 00:19:26,270
I can do nothing
with these kids.

374
00:19:26,270 --> 00:19:28,550
Maybe you tell them
the Wallenberg story.

375
00:19:28,550 --> 00:19:30,440
So I did.

376
00:19:30,440 --> 00:19:33,350
And when the bell went,
everybody just sat there.

377
00:19:33,350 --> 00:19:36,090
And the teacher said, don't
you kids want to go home?

378
00:19:36,090 --> 00:19:38,900
And they said, no, could Miss
Adachi talk a little longer?

379
00:19:38,900 --> 00:19:42,140
So I said, if you don't
hurry, I don't hurry.

380
00:19:42,140 --> 00:19:45,870
And I told them that getting
involved doesn't mean,

381
00:19:45,870 --> 00:19:47,780
if two people on
the street killing

382
00:19:47,780 --> 00:19:50,600
each other that you go in the
middle, because you get killed.

383
00:19:50,600 --> 00:19:53,180
Because use your noodles
like Raoul used to.

384
00:19:53,180 --> 00:19:55,280
What can I do immediately?

385
00:19:55,280 --> 00:19:56,660
OK, they went.

386
00:19:56,660 --> 00:19:58,820
I forgot about the story.

387
00:19:58,820 --> 00:20:03,830
Three weeks after I'm sitting
security at lunchtime,

388
00:20:03,830 --> 00:20:07,760
and suddenly I see one
little boy coming in,

389
00:20:07,760 --> 00:20:09,920
takes my pencil and paper.

390
00:20:09,920 --> 00:20:12,510
The other one comes in,
hands it to the secretary.

391
00:20:12,510 --> 00:20:14,130
And I said, what's going on?

392
00:20:14,130 --> 00:20:17,000
The secretary I hear
calling the police.

393
00:20:17,000 --> 00:20:20,030
And before the
principal walks out,

394
00:20:20,030 --> 00:20:22,610
I can hear the police arriving.

395
00:20:22,610 --> 00:20:25,100
Suddenly, three kids
come in from this class.

396
00:20:25,100 --> 00:20:26,630
They all sixth graders.

397

00:20:26,630 --> 00:20:27,740

One is scratched.

398

00:20:27,740 --> 00:20:30,200

His shirt is all torn.

399

00:20:30,200 --> 00:20:32,010

I said, what happened?

400

00:20:32,010 --> 00:20:33,860

Well, the ball-- they
were playing ball.

401

00:20:33,860 --> 00:20:35,450

The ball went out on the street.

402

00:20:35,450 --> 00:20:37,970

The boy went out to the
street to pick up the ball,

403

00:20:37,970 --> 00:20:39,170

and there was a log.

404

00:20:39,170 --> 00:20:41,660

And he wants to pick up
the log when a car comes,

405

00:20:41,660 --> 00:20:43,010

and a man opens the window.

406

00:20:43,010 --> 00:20:45,170

And he said, leave
that log there!

407

00:20:45,170 --> 00:20:47,270

And the kid, like you
would do or I would do,

408

00:20:47,270 --> 00:20:49,370

pulled up his
shoulder and says OK.

409

00:20:49,370 --> 00:20:52,370

For this OK, the man
came out of the car

410

00:20:52,370 --> 00:20:56,560

and brutally started to hit
him, because he answered back.

411

00:20:56,560 --> 00:20:58,180

Now, what are my children doing?

412

00:20:58,180 --> 00:20:58,817

He came in.

413

00:20:58,817 --> 00:21:00,400

He picked up the
paper and the pencil.

414

00:21:00,400 --> 00:21:02,500

He put down the license number.

415

00:21:02,500 --> 00:21:04,930

The other one ran and
gave it to the thing.

416

00:21:04,930 --> 00:21:08,110

By the time, as I said,
the principal went out,

417

00:21:08,110 --> 00:21:10,180

the man was arrested.

418

00:21:10,180 --> 00:21:12,730

Stolen car, crazy man.

419

00:21:12,730 --> 00:21:15,170

And then all three kids
look at me and said,

420

00:21:15,170 --> 00:21:19,160

would Wallenberg be proud of us?

421

00:21:19,160 --> 00:21:22,250

So you see, I am sure
that these three kids,

422

00:21:22,250 --> 00:21:25,100

whenever they will
go out anywhere

423

00:21:25,100 --> 00:21:28,850

and they are now high school or
maybe already in college, they

424

00:21:28,850 --> 00:21:30,980

will never do anything wrong.

425

00:21:30,980 --> 00:21:35,130

They will always look, how
can I help other people?

426

00:21:35,130 --> 00:21:40,440

And that's why my committee
is every year giving

427

00:21:40,440 --> 00:21:46,010

senior high school student Raoul
Wallenberg Humanitarian awards.

428

00:21:46,010 --> 00:21:48,680

I don't want a child
who has high grades.

429

00:21:48,680 --> 00:21:50,330

I don't care what
they do in school.

430

00:21:50,330 --> 00:21:52,460

I want to know
what they have done

431

00:21:52,460 --> 00:21:55,010

four years outside the school.

432

00:21:55,010 --> 00:21:58,220
And you'll be surprised,
the most magnificent things

433
00:21:58,220 --> 00:21:59,870
these children do.

434
00:21:59,870 --> 00:22:01,970
Looking after AIDS children.

435
00:22:01,970 --> 00:22:05,360
These are 16, 17-year-old kids.

436
00:22:05,360 --> 00:22:07,310
They are going to nursing homes.

437
00:22:07,310 --> 00:22:08,600
They are reading to people.

438
00:22:08,600 --> 00:22:11,900
They doing the most
fascinating things.

439
00:22:11,900 --> 00:22:13,580
They walking blind people.

440
00:22:13,580 --> 00:22:16,760
They-- it is wonderful.

441
00:22:16,760 --> 00:22:21,260
I wish I could give them instead
of just the frame, something I

442
00:22:21,260 --> 00:22:23,030
could give them, at least \$100.

443
00:22:23,030 --> 00:22:25,360
But I don't have the money.

444
00:22:25,360 --> 00:22:28,540
But there again, I know
that these children

445
00:22:28,540 --> 00:22:31,480
look for that every year,
who can be the best.

446
00:22:31,480 --> 00:22:33,260
And they do work four years.

447
00:22:33,260 --> 00:22:36,824
That is the importance
of a hero, if you ask me.

448
00:22:36,824 --> 00:22:39,716
OK, let's go.

449
00:22:39,716 --> 00:22:42,126
[BEEP]

450
00:22:42,126 --> 00:22:46,960

451
00:22:46,960 --> 00:22:49,810
I want you to tell
me what it feels

452
00:22:49,810 --> 00:22:54,190
like to have been a rescuer,
and what it felt like then

453
00:22:54,190 --> 00:22:57,660
to be involved in this.

454
00:22:57,660 --> 00:22:58,590
I'll be glad to.

455
00:22:58,590 --> 00:23:01,240
For you personally,
not for Raoul.

456
00:23:01,240 --> 00:23:01,740
Yeah.

457

00:23:01,740 --> 00:23:02,700

For you.

458

00:23:02,700 --> 00:23:09,040

Well, I-- when I

was that young and I

459

00:23:09,040 --> 00:23:12,290

had someone like Raoul

Wallenberg, it was nothing.

460

00:23:12,290 --> 00:23:14,590

It was a natural thing.

461

00:23:14,590 --> 00:23:16,240

Like it must have been for him.

462

00:23:16,240 --> 00:23:22,360

It was a wonderful feeling

that I could save my parents,

463

00:23:22,360 --> 00:23:25,780

that I could save my cousins.

464

00:23:25,780 --> 00:23:29,560

Again, it was a miracle,

because as I said,

465

00:23:29,560 --> 00:23:33,310

many people with the

same papers died.

466

00:23:33,310 --> 00:23:34,450

But we were lucky.

467

00:23:34,450 --> 00:23:39,400

But it was a tremendous

feeling to be there and be

468

00:23:39,400 --> 00:23:42,350

able to do something.

469

00:23:42,350 --> 00:23:44,080

I didn't know the meaning.

470

00:23:44,080 --> 00:23:48,560

I just knew that now I
have the power to do it.

471

00:23:48,560 --> 00:23:51,520

And I did it.

472

00:23:51,520 --> 00:23:54,070

And because I was
young, and because I

473

00:23:54,070 --> 00:23:59,440

wanted to live so badly, because
the life was so short then,

474

00:23:59,440 --> 00:24:01,720

and we hadn't lived yet.

475

00:24:01,720 --> 00:24:06,370

So it was so important to
be able to be doing this.

476

00:24:06,370 --> 00:24:10,180

And it was the most
fantastic feeling

477

00:24:10,180 --> 00:24:13,480

that you know that you
can hold somebody's hand,

478

00:24:13,480 --> 00:24:15,700

and that you saved it.

479

00:24:15,700 --> 00:24:19,330

Like a friend of mine trusted
me with her child once,

480

00:24:19,330 --> 00:24:22,360

and that was when the

Russians were already in,

481
00:24:22,360 --> 00:24:24,010
but they were still fighting.

482
00:24:24,010 --> 00:24:25,750
The Germans went
to the Buda side.

483
00:24:25,750 --> 00:24:29,140
And from Buda they
were shooting.

484
00:24:29,140 --> 00:24:31,390
And my friends came
to me, and they

485
00:24:31,390 --> 00:24:34,880
said would you take our
little girl to the nuns?

486
00:24:34,880 --> 00:24:38,330
And here we were
walking on the street,

487
00:24:38,330 --> 00:24:40,280
where they were shooting.

488
00:24:40,280 --> 00:24:42,090
And the little girl
was so frightened.

489
00:24:42,090 --> 00:24:43,670
And I said, well,
what did Raoul do?

490
00:24:43,670 --> 00:24:44,790
He said stories.

491
00:24:44,790 --> 00:24:46,640
So I started a children's story.

492

00:24:46,640 --> 00:24:48,110
And in the meantime, we ducked.

493
00:24:48,110 --> 00:24:50,210
And somehow we survived.

494
00:24:50,210 --> 00:24:53,270
And I took the children,
that child to the nuns.

495
00:24:53,270 --> 00:24:56,030
And next day, the parents went
back, and under the window

496
00:24:56,030 --> 00:24:57,260
they brought her out.

497
00:24:57,260 --> 00:24:59,690
But you never thought
of being afraid,

498
00:24:59,690 --> 00:25:02,180
because that was the strength.

499
00:25:02,180 --> 00:25:04,730
That was the most
wonderful feeling,

500
00:25:04,730 --> 00:25:07,130
that you can do something.

501
00:25:07,130 --> 00:25:09,830
You never thought of it
that you get paid for it

502
00:25:09,830 --> 00:25:11,220
or praised for it.

503
00:25:11,220 --> 00:25:13,350
It was a natural thing.

504
00:25:13,350 --> 00:25:15,890

But sometimes it was a
horrifying thing, too.

505
00:25:15,890 --> 00:25:19,370
Like when as I said, they
were already bombing--

506
00:25:19,370 --> 00:25:21,590
I mean, shooting each other.

507
00:25:21,590 --> 00:25:24,320
And we had shortage of water.

508
00:25:24,320 --> 00:25:30,620
And I remember that two houses
from us there were a courtyard,

509
00:25:30,620 --> 00:25:33,850
and they had a--

510
00:25:33,850 --> 00:25:37,980
a-- what do you call it?

511
00:25:37,980 --> 00:25:38,480
A well.

512
00:25:38,480 --> 00:25:39,020
A well.

513
00:25:39,020 --> 00:25:39,590
Thank you.

514
00:25:39,590 --> 00:25:41,570
Sometimes I don't
come to the words.

515
00:25:41,570 --> 00:25:43,610
And I wanted my
father to be shaved,

516
00:25:43,610 --> 00:25:47,670
so I went down to get the water.

517
00:25:47,670 --> 00:25:52,000
And again, who cares
what's coming around?

518
00:25:52,000 --> 00:25:53,760
You don't hear it, really.

519
00:25:53,760 --> 00:25:56,755
Only the last minute that shhh.

520
00:25:56,755 --> 00:25:59,130
And there was an old gentleman
who came out of the house.

521
00:25:59,130 --> 00:26:02,100
And up there was his
wife, and waving.

522
00:26:02,100 --> 00:26:03,300
And he came with the water.

523
00:26:03,300 --> 00:26:05,220
And suddenly we hear this.

524
00:26:05,220 --> 00:26:08,880
And the man besides me fell.

525
00:26:08,880 --> 00:26:10,020
And I was so shocked.

526
00:26:10,020 --> 00:26:10,770
Why not me?

527
00:26:10,770 --> 00:26:12,150
Why him?

528
00:26:12,150 --> 00:26:15,680
And he was killed right
there before my eyes.

529

00:26:15,680 --> 00:26:17,640
And yet I had to go on.

530
00:26:17,640 --> 00:26:19,040
And his wife came down.

531
00:26:19,040 --> 00:26:20,870
There was-- we
couldn't really stop.

532
00:26:20,870 --> 00:26:22,700
And I brought the water home.

533
00:26:22,700 --> 00:26:26,500
And I couldn't tell my
parents because I was shaking.

534
00:26:26,500 --> 00:26:28,060
But then you had to go again.

535
00:26:28,060 --> 00:26:29,410
You know, and again.

536
00:26:29,410 --> 00:26:32,710
And you had to save a
child here, a child there.

537
00:26:32,710 --> 00:26:35,380
Even when the Russians
were in already.

538
00:26:35,380 --> 00:26:39,680
Now today it is a far
more difficult thing.

539
00:26:39,680 --> 00:26:41,210
It upsets me much more.

540
00:26:41,210 --> 00:26:44,690
Why was I so strong?

541
00:26:44,690 --> 00:26:47,060

Why didn't I do it?

542

00:26:47,060 --> 00:26:50,480

Or how dare I was
to do it, rather?

543

00:26:50,480 --> 00:26:52,500

That's a question.

544

00:26:52,500 --> 00:26:54,780

But I always come back
to the same answer.

545

00:26:54,780 --> 00:26:57,960

Because we had such
a wonderful hero,

546

00:26:57,960 --> 00:27:01,240

who wouldn't like it today if
somebody would call him a hero.

547

00:27:01,240 --> 00:27:03,090

He was just a regular young man.

548

00:27:03,090 --> 00:27:07,340

But he was full of
pranks and jokes.

549

00:27:07,340 --> 00:27:11,910

But he gave us that
enormous strength.

550

00:27:11,910 --> 00:27:17,400

And I am trying today, even if I
couldn't do such things anymore

551

00:27:17,400 --> 00:27:20,040

as jumping to the cold water--

552

00:27:20,040 --> 00:27:23,740

today if I just see cold
water, I get frozen.

553

00:27:23,740 --> 00:27:25,830

That's why maybe I
always need the boots.

554

00:27:25,830 --> 00:27:32,780

But what you have to go on
teaching our children to be

555

00:27:32,780 --> 00:27:37,100

that strong, and that
caring, and that their eyes

556

00:27:37,100 --> 00:27:41,790

should be open what they can
do to others without prejudice,

557

00:27:41,790 --> 00:27:45,390

what also Raoul
Wallenberg taught us.

558

00:27:45,390 --> 00:27:49,090

And I think I took that over.

559

00:27:49,090 --> 00:27:51,430

And I will always do it.

560

00:27:51,430 --> 00:27:55,660

And I am proud of it, if I can.

561

00:27:55,660 --> 00:27:59,080

I know my children had lots
of wonderful Black friends

562

00:27:59,080 --> 00:28:00,680

who slept over in my house.

563

00:28:00,680 --> 00:28:05,380

And they all became lawyers
and doctors and whatever.

564

00:28:05,380 --> 00:28:06,850

They're great kids.

565

00:28:06,850 --> 00:28:09,880

And my neighbor, who
unfortunately came out

566

00:28:09,880 --> 00:28:10,960

with a terrible word.

567

00:28:10,960 --> 00:28:13,990

She's an Arab Jew from
Persia, and she came and says,

568

00:28:13,990 --> 00:28:17,090

why do you let that
nigger into your house?

569

00:28:17,090 --> 00:28:18,320

And I looked at her.

570

00:28:18,320 --> 00:28:21,960

I said, you of all
people asking me this?

571

00:28:21,960 --> 00:28:24,450

And I said, besides I
don't see their color.

572

00:28:24,450 --> 00:28:26,910

And then when I was at
my door, I turned around

573

00:28:26,910 --> 00:28:28,860

and I said,
interestingly enough,

574

00:28:28,860 --> 00:28:31,980

they put their slacks on
the same way as my sons.

575

00:28:31,980 --> 00:28:33,750

And I banged the door.

576

00:28:33,750 --> 00:28:35,580
But this all what we have to.

577
00:28:35,580 --> 00:28:37,410
That's what Raoul said to us.

578
00:28:37,410 --> 00:28:39,810
He always talked about,
I want to save the young,

579
00:28:39,810 --> 00:28:43,790
because only the
young can make peace.

580
00:28:43,790 --> 00:28:48,530
And finally, once, while we were
waiting for a Red Cross truck,

581
00:28:48,530 --> 00:28:49,190
I ask him.

582
00:28:49,190 --> 00:28:50,660
I say, Raoul, explain.

583
00:28:50,660 --> 00:28:51,740
I am young.

584
00:28:51,740 --> 00:28:54,230
What do you want us
young people to do?

585
00:28:54,230 --> 00:28:56,000
Not that he was so much older.

586
00:28:56,000 --> 00:28:57,870
10 years or something.

587
00:28:57,870 --> 00:28:59,870
And he said, Oh,
Aggie, it's so easy.

588
00:28:59,870 --> 00:29:02,610

Prejudice has to disappear.

589

00:29:02,610 --> 00:29:04,680

In my book, I am colorblind.

590

00:29:04,680 --> 00:29:06,150

I am religious-blind.

591

00:29:06,150 --> 00:29:08,130

I only know two
kinds of people--

592

00:29:08,130 --> 00:29:10,020

the good and the bad.

593

00:29:10,020 --> 00:29:13,860

And if you good, try
to make the bad better.

594

00:29:13,860 --> 00:29:15,990

That was all he said.

595

00:29:15,990 --> 00:29:19,170

But his dream was always
that one day all the children

596

00:29:19,170 --> 00:29:22,140

will come out and hold hands.

597

00:29:22,140 --> 00:29:27,090

But you see, we can't do this
unless we teach our children.

598

00:29:27,090 --> 00:29:31,440

Two years ago, I was
invited to Brooklyn,

599

00:29:31,440 --> 00:29:34,390

in a junior high school.

600

00:29:34,390 --> 00:29:36,620

The principal called me.

601
00:29:36,620 --> 00:29:39,820
And he said, now, Agnes,
I want you to know

602
00:29:39,820 --> 00:29:43,360
we have 99% Black children.

603
00:29:43,360 --> 00:29:46,570
The rest of it is kids
in wheelchairs, Jews,

604
00:29:46,570 --> 00:29:48,790
and Orientals.

605
00:29:48,790 --> 00:29:50,410
I said, fine.

606
00:29:50,410 --> 00:29:52,300
Can I speak of all Holocaust?

607
00:29:52,300 --> 00:29:53,920
He said, what all Holocaust?

608
00:29:53,920 --> 00:29:56,710
I said, well, don't you know
what they're doing in Africa?

609
00:29:56,710 --> 00:29:58,780
What happens in Central America?

610
00:29:58,780 --> 00:30:01,870
What happened to the 3 million
people who Hitler killed

611
00:30:01,870 --> 00:30:03,850
besides the six million Jews?

612
00:30:03,850 --> 00:30:04,975
Well, he didn't know.

613

00:30:04,975 --> 00:30:07,660
I says, Can I or can I not talk?

614
00:30:07,660 --> 00:30:09,220
He said, yes, you can.

615
00:30:09,220 --> 00:30:10,180
OK.

616
00:30:10,180 --> 00:30:11,950
Now, what I didn't
know that he invited

617
00:30:11,950 --> 00:30:15,070
the whole ward, Ward 22.

618
00:30:15,070 --> 00:30:17,050
And when-- the kids
were wonderful,

619
00:30:17,050 --> 00:30:21,610
300 of them in a
huge, big auditorium.

620
00:30:21,610 --> 00:30:25,950
And everybody looked
at me, and when

621
00:30:25,950 --> 00:30:28,410
I was finished with the
story, nobody moved.

622
00:30:28,410 --> 00:30:30,210
The kids were wonderful.

623
00:30:30,210 --> 00:30:32,130
And then I asked
the Black children,

624
00:30:32,130 --> 00:30:35,620
do you know about
the Ku Klux Klan?

625

00:30:35,620 --> 00:30:37,170

Blank.

626

00:30:37,170 --> 00:30:40,173

And I looked back at the
board, and everybody pulls up

627

00:30:40,173 --> 00:30:40,715

the shoulder.

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00:30:40,715 --> 00:30:43,270

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00:30:43,270 --> 00:30:45,070

I thought that's terrible.

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00:30:45,070 --> 00:30:47,650

Then I looked at the
little Jewish kids,

631

00:30:47,650 --> 00:30:51,010

whom I thought I said, did
you hear about neo-Nazis?

632

00:30:51,010 --> 00:30:53,080

Blank.

633

00:30:53,080 --> 00:30:58,880

So I explained to the kids that
they are both very bad people.

634

00:30:58,880 --> 00:31:01,420

And they are against us all.

635

00:31:01,420 --> 00:31:05,360

And if you kids don't
look out for each other,

636

00:31:05,360 --> 00:31:06,400

then we all perish.

637

00:31:06,400 --> 00:31:08,920
But you can do it together.

638
00:31:08,920 --> 00:31:11,980
You can all do it together,
and you can love each other,

639
00:31:11,980 --> 00:31:15,490
and forget colors,
religions, anything.

640
00:31:15,490 --> 00:31:19,270
You will have to be just
standing up very proud.

641
00:31:19,270 --> 00:31:22,570
And suddenly I see a Black
and a white kid hugging,

642
00:31:22,570 --> 00:31:25,920
two boys holding their hands.

643
00:31:25,920 --> 00:31:29,520
And then suddenly,
the 300 kids got up

644
00:31:29,520 --> 00:31:31,320
and gave me a standing ovation.

645
00:31:31,320 --> 00:31:33,780
And I cried.

646
00:31:33,780 --> 00:31:35,700
And the board says they
had never seen this.

647
00:31:35,700 --> 00:31:37,200
I said, what is with you people?

648
00:31:37,200 --> 00:31:40,193
You teach nothing,
absolutely nothing.

649

00:31:40,193 --> 00:31:41,610

You come to the
Holocaust, and you

650

00:31:41,610 --> 00:31:44,490

say that many people were
killed, and how they killed.

651

00:31:44,490 --> 00:31:46,800

Children are not
interested that way.

652

00:31:46,800 --> 00:31:49,380

But teach them who
else is out there.

653

00:31:49,380 --> 00:31:52,060

And if they don't look
out for each other,

654

00:31:52,060 --> 00:31:54,030

they all get killed,
because they're Black

655

00:31:54,030 --> 00:31:55,638

and because they're Jewish.

656

00:31:55,638 --> 00:31:57,180

Then the little boy
in the wheelchair

657

00:31:57,180 --> 00:31:58,730

came up to and
said, Miss Adachi,

658

00:31:58,730 --> 00:32:00,030

will you come to my ball game?

659

00:32:00,030 --> 00:32:01,350

I am great in playing.

660

00:32:01,350 --> 00:32:03,660

I said, of course I will.

661
00:32:03,660 --> 00:32:05,100
And you see, this is what--

662
00:32:05,100 --> 00:32:08,070
I am getting too old, and I
wish a lot of young people

663
00:32:08,070 --> 00:32:10,500
would go out and
talk to the children.

664
00:32:10,500 --> 00:32:13,320
I'm asking children
to talk to other kids,

665
00:32:13,320 --> 00:32:15,570
to tell them that
we are all one.

666
00:32:15,570 --> 00:32:17,640
And especially junior
high school kids,

667
00:32:17,640 --> 00:32:19,320
they are really
thinking themselves.

668
00:32:19,320 --> 00:32:20,610
They have a mind.

669
00:32:20,610 --> 00:32:23,640
The parents tell them, don't
talk to him because he's this,

670
00:32:23,640 --> 00:32:25,860
and don't talk to him
because he's that.

671
00:32:25,860 --> 00:32:26,850
And that's no good.

672

00:32:26,850 --> 00:32:30,910

And that was not Raoul
Wallenberg's dream.

673

00:32:30,910 --> 00:32:33,560

But I think we do reach
a lot of children.

674

00:32:33,560 --> 00:32:37,420

And if we don't reach more
than five kid in every class

675

00:32:37,420 --> 00:32:42,680

at every school, then there is
5 better children in the world.

676

00:32:42,680 --> 00:32:45,750

And I think it's so important.

677

00:32:45,750 --> 00:32:49,460

And I'm going to meet--

678

00:32:49,460 --> 00:32:52,490

by chance, this Hungarian
ambassador to the United

679

00:32:52,490 --> 00:32:57,560

Nations, and we ask him to
try to have the United Nations

680

00:32:57,560 --> 00:33:02,030

accept this year as Raoul
Wallenberg Humanitarian year,

681

00:33:02,030 --> 00:33:05,930

and help us to read those poems,
grown-ups and children will

682

00:33:05,930 --> 00:33:12,020

write, or have our
beautiful symphonic poetry,

683

00:33:12,020 --> 00:33:15,950
what is written by
an American com--

684
00:33:15,950 --> 00:33:20,690
American playwright
and a Swedish composer.

685
00:33:20,690 --> 00:33:24,900
They should play that,
because it's for Raoul.

686
00:33:24,900 --> 00:33:29,930
They are also trying
to build a very great,

687
00:33:29,930 --> 00:33:32,810
the first in the world,
a Raoul Wallenberg

688
00:33:32,810 --> 00:33:36,830
Center for the Arts in
Florida, what we already

689
00:33:36,830 --> 00:33:39,920
started many years ago, and
then all our money was stolen.

690
00:33:39,920 --> 00:33:42,000
I don't want to get into that.

691
00:33:42,000 --> 00:33:43,040
But these things happen.

692
00:33:43,040 --> 00:33:45,660
But now the Senate
wants to help.

693
00:33:45,660 --> 00:33:49,230
So this would be one of
the greatest 80th birthday

694
00:33:49,230 --> 00:33:52,610

present to Raoul Wallenberg.

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