1 00:00:00,000 --> 00:00:05,930

2 00:00:05,930 --> 00:00:10,050 This is tape three, side A, and it's March 1945.

3 00:00:10,050 --> 00:00:11,840 Right.

4 00:00:11,840 --> 00:00:15,940 And then another incident what we had also with the Russians

5 00:00:15,940 --> 00:00:22,400 was that my mother developed phlebitis and the Russians--

6 00:00:22,400 --> 00:00:25,460 so her leg was very, very red--

7 00:00:25,460 --> 00:00:28,760 and the Russians were there, and the one came

8 00:00:28,760 --> 00:00:31,910 and I was saying whether she could

9 00:00:31,910 --> 00:00:35,090 get some cream for her leg.

10 00:00:35,090 --> 00:00:39,050 And he said, well, he has a doctor and he would send him.

11 00:00:39,050 --> 00:00:41,570 And the doctor came and he looked at me

12 00:00:41,570 --> 00:00:44,900 and he said, yes, I do, but I don't have it with me.

13 00:00:44,900 --> 00:00:47,000 You have to come and pick it up.

14 00:00:47,000 --> 00:00:50,720 Well, I didn't want to go to his place to pick up some cream.

15 00:00:50,720 --> 00:00:54,320 And I said, well, I don't think I can do that,

16 00:00:54,320 --> 00:00:56,390 and I just can't.

17 00:00:56,390 --> 00:01:02,690 And he said, well, maybe I'll come back and bring it to you

18 00:01:02,690 --> 00:01:04,400 and see.

19 00:01:04,400 --> 00:01:08,180 But he sent someone, actually, who was very nice.

20 00:01:08,180 --> 00:01:10,670 And he brought me some cream.

21 00:01:10,670 --> 00:01:12,320 And we put that on.

22 00:01:12,320 --> 00:01:14,950 So they could be very nice.

23 00:01:14,950 --> 00:01:16,700 There were some of them, were really nice.

24 00:01:16,700 --> 00:01:19,910 But on another occasion, where we were--

25 00:01:19,910 --> 00:01:22,850 I don't know whether these people sent them or not,

26 00:01:22,850 --> 00:01:25,770 but there were the five women in one room.

27 00:01:25,770 --> 00:01:29,270 And there was another woman who wasn't Jewish, actually,

28 00:01:29,270 --> 00:01:30,900 and in another room.

29 00:01:30,900 --> 00:01:34,190 I don't know what nationality she was.

30 00:01:34,190 --> 00:01:40,100 And when they came I think some slept with her.

31 00:01:40,100 --> 00:01:44,810 And then they went away, and some others

32 00:01:44,810 --> 00:01:47,150 came into our quarters.

33 00:01:47,150 --> 00:01:51,110 And they started to look around and, how nice and what are you

34 00:01:51,110 --> 00:01:56,000 doing, and wanted to know how we came here and what happened.

35 00:01:56,000 --> 00:01:57,050 And they went away. 36 00:01:57,050 --> 00:01:59,900 But around 11:00 or 12:00 at night

37 00:01:59,900 --> 00:02:02,120 they returned, and they were drunk.

38 00:02:02,120 --> 00:02:03,950 And they sat down and they said they

39 00:02:03,950 --> 00:02:07,520 are staying here because they're going to sleep here.

40 00:02:07,520 --> 00:02:10,440 And I, at that point, I didn't know what to say.

41 00:02:10,440 --> 00:02:14,060 I said, you know, we are not that type of girls.

42 00:02:14,060 --> 00:02:16,700 We don't sleep with men.

43 00:02:16,700 --> 00:02:20,750 And they said, well, you will now.

44 00:02:20,750 --> 00:02:25,640 And I was having a knife in my hand, which was ridiculous

45 00:02:25,640 --> 00:02:30,350 because they had weapons so I couldn't have protected myself.

46 00:02:30,350 --> 00:02:35,510 And then my mother kind of rose to the occasion 47 00:02:35,510 --> 00:02:37,160 and she started to talk to them.

48 00:02:37,160 --> 00:02:40,700 And I think they were Jewish soldiers, actually.

49 00:02:40,700 --> 00:02:42,620 They were Jewish [? captain ?].

50 00:02:42,620 --> 00:02:46,850 And she rose to the occasion, and she said to them,

51 00:02:46,850 --> 00:02:50,030 aren't you embarrassed to do this.

52 00:02:50,030 --> 00:02:53,180 These girls were under Nazis and nothing

53 00:02:53,180 --> 00:02:56,000 happened to them physically there.

54 00:02:56,000 --> 00:02:58,460 And the Germans didn't touch them.

55 00:02:58,460 --> 00:03:01,220 And the Russian soldiers didn't touch them.

56 00:03:01,220 --> 00:03:06,530 You Jewish capped officers are going to hurt them?

57 00:03:06,530 --> 00:03:11,330 And the one looked around and he said, well,

00:03:11,330 --> 00:03:13,880 old woman, children, let's go.

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 $00:03:13,880 \longrightarrow 00:03:15,720$ And they left.

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00:03:15,720 --> 00:03:18,200 So that was really close.

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 $00:03:18,200 \longrightarrow 00:03:21,980$ But after that we arrived in Krakow,

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00:03:21,980 --> 00:03:25,190 and there were already some refugees, Jewish,

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 $00:03:25,190 \longrightarrow 00:03:26,330$ who were saved.

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 $00:03:26,330 \longrightarrow 00:03:28,730$ And I think that's where I, Krakow or Lemberg,

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 $00:03:28,730 \longrightarrow 00:03:32,120$ I found out about my brother being alive.

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 $00:03:32,120 \longrightarrow 00:03:35,750$ And I already-- well, I was happy he was alive.

 $00:03:35,750 \longrightarrow 00:03:39,230$ But it just didn't sound good that he was alone.

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00:03:39.230 --> 00:03:41.930 So I was afraid what happened to my father.

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 $00:03:41,930 \longrightarrow 00:03:45,410$

I just started to feel

very uncomfortable

70 00:03:45,410 --> 00:03:47,960 that my brother is alive and my father--

71 00:03:47,960 --> 00:03:49,730 Do you remember how you heard?

72 00:03:49,730 --> 00:03:52,370 Well, someone told me on the way,

73 00:03:52,370 --> 00:03:58,070 one who knew my bro-who met my brother there.

74 00:03:58,070 --> 00:04:00,190 But anyway, that's what happened.

75 00:04:00,190 --> 00:04:04,760 Then I met this English soldier whom I gave the letter

76 00:04:04,760 --> 00:04:06,260 to send them then.

77 00:04:06,260 --> 00:04:11,870 From there on, we were able to-we were a few days in Poland.

78 00:04:11,870 --> 00:04:15,640 We sold a few things, what we had, for us to--

79 00:04:15,640 --> 00:04:16,610 What did you have?

80 00:04:16,610 --> 00:04:20,810 Well, we had a few dresses which we picked up from the countess,

00:04:20,810 --> 00:04:24,350 and a few things.

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00:04:24,350 --> 00:04:29,240 And we sold that because they had the market there, selling,

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00:04:29,240 --> 00:04:32,510 and we need to buy some food.

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00:04:32,510 --> 00:04:33,810 So that's what we did.

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00:04:33,810 --> 00:04:36,800 And I think that's how we bought the tickets on the train

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00:04:36,800 --> 00:04:39,710 because by that time from there, already,

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00:04:39,710 --> 00:04:41,540 the train went to Munkacs.

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00:04:41,540 --> 00:04:44,390 And that's where we wanted to go back.

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00:04:44,390 --> 00:04:49,130 So we went back on the train, nothing special,

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00:04:49,130 --> 00:04:51,230 no special incident.

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00:04:51,230 --> 00:04:54,090 But at one point we met someone again

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00:04:54,090 --> 00:04:57,170 who said that they knew my brother

93 00:04:57,170 --> 00:05:01,020 and that he's home in Munkacs.

94 00:05:01,020 --> 00:05:02,450 So that was good.

95 00:05:02,450 --> 00:05:06,080 And my brother didn't know that we are alive.

96 00:05:06,080 --> 00:05:12,140 And he told him, I wish at least one person would be alive.

97 00:05:12,140 --> 00:05:14,960 So then we arrived, and we went to our house.

98 00:05:14,960 --> 00:05:19,070 And there were soldiers, Russian soldiers, living there.

99 00:05:19,070 --> 00:05:22,970 The furniture was still there, but the Russians

100 00:05:22,970 --> 00:05:25,640 were there because it was occupation by Russians.

101 00:05:25,640 --> 00:05:29,840 They liberated that part of Munkacs.

102 00:05:29,840 --> 00:05:34,760 They-- I don't know exactly when, but by the time

103 00:05:34,760 --> 00:05:37,430 I came back they were there.

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00:05:37,430 --> 00:05:39,980 What thoughts were running through your mind

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00:05:39,980 --> 00:05:41,480 when you arrived in Munkacs?

106 00:05:41,480 --> 00:05:46,100 Well, mixed thoughts because I knew so many people there,

107 00:05:46,100 --> 00:05:47,690 and I knew they were not there.

108 00:05:47,690 --> 00:05:50,460 And I remembered all the [INAUDIBLE] It came back,

109 00:05:50.460 --> 00:05:52.070 everything that happened to us.

110 $00:05:52,070 \longrightarrow 00:05:55,020$ So it was not very pleasant.

111 $00:05:55,020 \longrightarrow 00:05:58,370$ But at the same time. we had to be satisfied

112 $00:05:58,370 \longrightarrow 00:05:59,760$ that we were alive.

113 00:05:59,760 --> 00:06:03,030 And then, since the Russians were there in our house,

114 00:06:03,030 --> 00:06:03,930 so I went--

115 00:06:03,930 --> 00:06:05,390 which was just around the corner.

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00:06:05,390 --> 00:06:06,590 My aunt lived there.

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00:06:06,590 --> 00:06:09,020 And I thought, maybe I'll go and see

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00:06:09,020 --> 00:06:11,480 whether we can stay in her apartment.

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00:06:11,480 --> 00:06:13,870 And there was my brother with my cousins.

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00:06:13,870 --> 00:06:16,220 So that's how we met them.

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00:06:16,220 --> 00:06:18,778 Can you describe that reunion in between your mother

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00:06:18,778 --> 00:06:19,820 and you and your brother?

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00:06:19,820 --> 00:06:21,590 Well, it was wonderful.

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00:06:21,590 --> 00:06:24,710 We hugged and cried and all of that business.

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00:06:24,710 --> 00:06:27,200 And I had some shirt or something,

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00:06:27,200 --> 00:06:31,110 bringing him from that, you know, from Germany,

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00:06:31,110 --> 00:06:33,110 which I picked up there.

00:06:33,110 --> 00:06:42,940 So it was-- those days were very sad because all these people

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00:06:42,940 --> 00:06:46,570 whom we knew, there was hardly anybody there.

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00:06:46,570 --> 00:06:54,810 There was my colleague from school, her parents were there.

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00:06:54,810 --> 00:06:57,160 And they were not in concentration camp.

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00:06:57,160 --> 00:06:59,200 They were hidden.

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00:06:59,200 --> 00:07:01,840 There were a few people hidden who were there,

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00:07:01,840 --> 00:07:03,640 and they told me--

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00:07:03,640 --> 00:07:05,095 and I don't know I found--

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00:07:05,095 --> 00:07:09,280 I guess it's a small and you found out right away everything

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00:07:09,280 --> 00:07:10,210 that happened.

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00:07:10,210 --> 00:07:14,680 And they told me that their daughter went to Debrecen

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00:07:14,680 --> 00:07:16,270 and registered in that.

140 00:07:16,270 --> 00:07:19,480 She was not in a concentration camp either.

141 00:07:19,480 --> 00:07:21,610 But their other daughter, who was

142 00:07:21,610 --> 00:07:25,960 married and had two children, and she

143 00:07:25,960 --> 00:07:33,520 had an affair with a non-Jewish person who wanted to save her,

00:07:33,520 --> 00:07:35,530 but he didn't want to save the children.

145 00:07:35,530 --> 00:07:37,690 So she chose not to.

146 00:07:37,690 --> 00:07:40,720 And she was sent to a concentration camp,

147 00:07:40,720 --> 00:07:43,070 and they died.

148 00:07:43,070 --> 00:07:47,170 So this-- when I heard that the university opened up,

149 00:07:47,170 --> 00:07:50,710 I said, well, that's what I want to do.

150 00:07:50,710 --> 00:07:54,370 I lost so much time anyway not being able to-- 151 00:07:54,370 --> 00:07:57,590 so I went to my former school where I--

152 00:07:57,590 --> 00:07:59,290 because I had no papers.

153 00:07:59,290 --> 00:08:02,730 So I went and I got the--

154 00:08:02,730 --> 00:08:04,210 I said, papers were lost.

155 00:08:04,210 --> 00:08:08,140 But they gave me-- there was someone there from

156 00:08:08,140 --> 00:08:09,820 the yearbook--

157 00:08:09,820 --> 00:08:16,000 they gave me a paper that I graduated from high school

158 00:08:16,000 --> 00:08:19,310 and excellent results.

159 00:08:19,310 --> 00:08:23,630 So with this, after a few days I went to Debrecen, Hungary.

160 00:08:23,630 --> 00:08:26,980 And I left my mother and brother in Munkacs.

161 00:08:26,980 --> 00:08:28,720 And I said, as soon--

162 00:08:28,720 --> 00:08:30,040 we can't just go there.

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00:08:30,040 --> 00:08:32,850 Where we'll be stay, I go there and find out

164 00:08:32,850 --> 00:08:35,740 whether I can get a room for you.

165 00:08:35,740 --> 00:08:39,340 I think then there was no tuition.

166 00:08:39,340 --> 00:08:42,370 And I had no difficulties getting into medical school.

167 00:08:42,370 --> 00:08:45,430 You see, it's different there than here.

168 00:08:45,430 --> 00:08:47,780 After matura you go to medical school.

169 00:08:47,780 --> 00:08:49,720 So I enrolled.

170 00:08:49,720 --> 00:08:52,690 And I looked for a room and I--

171 00:08:52,690 --> 00:08:55,360 meanwhile, I was living with my friend.

172 00:08:55,360 --> 00:08:56,740 And we shared a room.

173 00:08:56,740 --> 00:09:02,470 And I think I got some help from a joint somewhere.

174 00:09:02,470 --> 00:09:06,400 Someone was helping me, giving me some money there.

175 00:09:06,400 --> 00:09:07,930 And the tuition was free.

176 00:09:07,930 --> 00:09:14,020 And I was eating dinner at the kitchen in the university.

177 00:09:14,020 --> 00:09:18,230 So there was not too much I needed.

178 00:09:18,230 --> 00:09:22,810 And so I found a room and then the two of them

179 00:09:22,810 --> 00:09:23,920 came to Debrecen.

180 00:09:23,920 --> 00:09:30,400 And we all three stayed with a family who was in the Judenrat,

181 00:09:30,400 --> 00:09:32,440 and they escaped.

182 00:09:32,440 --> 00:09:36,260 So I how they did it, I don't know, but anyway, they did.

183 00:09:36,260 --> 00:09:38,140 And they let us stay in that room.

184 00:09:38,140 --> 00:09:41,000 And I don't even remember whether I paid or what.

185 00:09:41,000 --> 00:09:43,220 We had some help.

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00:09:43,220 --> 00:09:50,060 And that's what we did up till the end of June, then--

187 00:09:50,060 --> 00:09:51,274 June of '46?

188 00:09:51,274 --> 00:09:53,022 '45.

189 00:09:53,022 --> 00:09:54,870 Oh, this-- oh, you went right away?

190 00:09:54,870 --> 00:09:56,030 I went right away.

191 00:09:56,030 --> 00:09:57,600 I didn't want to stay in Munkacs.

192 00:09:57,600 --> 00:10:01,760 The Russians were there, it was Russia, was Russia, Ukraine.

193 00:10:01,760 --> 00:10:03,525 It was not-- I didn't want to stay there.

194 00:10:03,525 --> 00:10:04,650 I didn't have an apartment.

195 00:10:04,650 --> 00:10:06,270 I didn't have where to stay.

196 00:10:06,270 --> 00:10:09,180 Just didn't make any sense to stay in the empty city.

197 00:10:09,180 --> 00:10:10,410 There were hardly any-- 00:10:10,410 --> 00:10:13,830 few people there, of Jewish people.

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00:10:13,830 --> 00:10:18,060 So I just felt that it's better if I, right away, get into it.

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00:10:18,060 --> 00:10:19,360 And I did.

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00:10:19,360 --> 00:10:24,180 And then in June '45, by that time, the war ended.

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00:10:24,180 --> 00:10:30,300 And Prague was occupied also by the Russians.

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00:10:30,300 --> 00:10:33,510 But they also opened up the schools there.

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00:10:33,510 --> 00:10:36,960 And I said, I don't know what's going to happen.

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00:10:36,960 --> 00:10:37,860 But I rather--

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00:10:37,860 --> 00:10:41,400 I was anti-Hungarian because I didn't like the Hungarians,

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00:10:41,400 --> 00:10:43,320 the way they treated us.

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00:10:43,320 --> 00:10:48,030 I said, I was the one to be in Prague than here.

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00:10:48,030 --> 00:10:54,520 And so they agreed, Irving and my mother.

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00:10:54,520 --> 00:10:55,440 So I left.

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00:10:55,440 --> 00:10:59,220 I had my papers that I finished the term there,

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00:10:59,220 --> 00:11:02,790 in Debrecen, in medical school.

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00:11:02,790 --> 00:11:06,240 And we went to Prague.

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00:11:06,240 --> 00:11:07,320 The three of you?

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00:11:07,320 --> 00:11:08,350 The three of us.

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00:11:08,350 --> 00:11:11,010 I think I went alone and then they came.

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00:11:11,010 --> 00:11:15,240 I just went to find out and then went back and then they came.

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00:11:15,240 --> 00:11:19,860 I don't-- At that point there was a building there in Prague

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00:11:19,860 --> 00:11:22,530 where they designated--

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00:11:22,530 --> 00:11:24,150 the Czechs were very nice.

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00:11:24,150 --> 00:11:27,690 I'm very pro-Czechoslovakia, pro-Czech, not

00:11:27,690 --> 00:11:29,340 so much Slovakia.

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00:11:29,340 --> 00:11:32,580 Slovaks will not, but the Czechs were very nice.

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00:11:32,580 --> 00:11:36,360 And they established there some help.

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00:11:36,360 --> 00:11:39,480 And they accepted these refugees.

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00:11:39,480 --> 00:11:43,230 And they housed them in a building

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00:11:43,230 --> 00:11:47,250 until they could find somewhere to live.

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00:11:47,250 --> 00:11:49,440 So we all lived in that building.

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00:11:49,440 --> 00:11:52,275 And I found my girlfriend there.

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00:11:52,275 --> 00:11:54,900

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00:11:54,900 --> 00:12:00,280 And then what happened at that point, in Sudetenland,

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00:12:00,280 --> 00:12:05,460 which was occupied by Germany in '39 or '38--

00:12:05,460 --> 00:12:05,970 '38.

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00:12:05,970 --> 00:12:07,240 '38.

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00:12:07,240 --> 00:12:13,170 That part, the

Czechs got it back.

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00:12:13,170 --> 00:12:19,350 And the Germans were over, really.

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00:12:19,350 --> 00:12:22,800 I don't know whether some just left from there.

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00:12:22,800 --> 00:12:27,060 And some Germans were forced to leave Sudetenland and go

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00:12:27,060 --> 00:12:28,050 to Germany.

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00:12:28,050 --> 00:12:31,230 And they gave these apartments to the returning

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00:12:31,230 --> 00:12:33,390 Jewish families, or Czech families

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00:12:33,390 --> 00:12:35,460 who didn't have apartments.

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00:12:35,460 --> 00:12:38,940 So what happened, we couldn't get an apartment in Prague.

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00:12:38,940 --> 00:12:43,980

So a lot of these Jewish families,

00:12:43,980 --> 00:12:48,420 really, settled in Sudetenland at that time,

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00:12:48,420 --> 00:12:50,340 for the moment anyway.

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00:12:50,340 --> 00:12:53,910 And so we got,

also, an apartment

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00:12:53,910 --> 00:12:58,140 of two bedrooms and a kitchen.

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00:12:58,140 --> 00:12:59,400 And we lived there.

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00:12:59,400 --> 00:13:01,510 And my cousins-some of my cousins

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00:13:01,510 --> 00:13:04,780 returned, and they moved in with us.

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00:13:04,780 --> 00:13:06,900 What was it like to be free?

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00:13:06,900 --> 00:13:08,250 Oh, well, it was wonderful.

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00:13:08,250 --> 00:13:11,160 But it was-- at the same time, the pain was there.

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00:13:11,160 --> 00:13:15,660 We didn't know what happened to some members of our family

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00:13:15,660 --> 00:13:18,330

or we knew and

didn't want to know.

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00:13:18,330 --> 00:13:21,810 And I didn't want to accept the fact that my father is not

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00:13:21,810 --> 00:13:22,770 alive anymore.

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00:13:22,770 --> 00:13:25,070 I thought that he would show up and be buried,

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00:13:25,070 --> 00:13:29,520 and even went to Romania at find out whether he went there,

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00:13:29,520 --> 00:13:31,350 looking for him.

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00:13:31,350 --> 00:13:38,400 And before we went to Prague, we were in Romania for a few days

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00:13:38,400 --> 00:13:40,020 to see and find out.

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00:13:40,020 --> 00:13:42,820 And we got some help there, too, financial help.

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00:13:42,820 --> 00:13:45,150 Someone joined.

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00:13:45,150 --> 00:13:46,320 Because we had nothing.

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00:13:46,320 --> 00:13:50,820 I mean, we got nothing back, not a penny in Czechoslovakia.

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00:13:50,820 --> 00:13:53,470

Everything we owned, we lost.

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00:13:53,470 --> 00:13:56,910 So we needed some help to get on our feet.

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00:13:56,910 --> 00:13:59,870 And we did, we did get little, but we did,

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00:13:59,870 --> 00:14:03,960 so we were able to survive modestly.

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00:14:03,960 --> 00:14:06,280 Let's put it that way.

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00:14:06,280 --> 00:14:09,000 So when I went to Prague, I decided

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00:14:09,000 --> 00:14:11,620 that I didn't want to continue medical school.

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00:14:11,620 --> 00:14:13,140 I wanted to go--

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00:14:13,140 --> 00:14:14,730 because while in medical school, I

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00:14:14,730 --> 00:14:17,940 had some courses in chemistry, and I decided that I rather

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00:14:17,940 --> 00:14:20,070 want to be a chemist.

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00:14:20,070 --> 00:14:23,340 So I went up to Charles University in Prague

00:14:23,340 --> 00:14:26,010 and showed my documents.

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00:14:26,010 --> 00:14:28,780 And they accepted me there.

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00:14:28,780 --> 00:14:33,480 So I went to university in Prague

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00:14:33,480 --> 00:14:37,950 during the summer and in the-

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00:14:37,950 --> 00:14:43,470 up till '46 I attended there while Irvin and my mother

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00:14:43,470 --> 00:14:46,800 lived in Sudetenland in Liberec.

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00:14:46,800 --> 00:14:48,260 That was a Czech name.

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00:14:48,260 --> 00:14:50,810 I went for the weekend over to their house.

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00:14:50,810 --> 00:14:54,620 And during the week I went to school in Prague.

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00:14:54,620 --> 00:14:57,230 And how long did you stay in Prague?

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00:14:57,230 --> 00:15:05,120 One year, from July '45 to June '46.

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00:15:05,120 --> 00:15:06,770 And then where did you go?

00:15:06,770 --> 00:15:11,000 Well, in between I wrote to my uncle again.

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00:15:11,000 --> 00:15:14,570 And we got sent-- oh, well, they sent us some packages.

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00:15:14,570 --> 00:15:15,770 That helped a lot.

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00:15:15,770 --> 00:15:17,720 They sent us food packages.

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00:15:17,720 --> 00:15:20,000 But they were limited, how much they could send, also,

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00:15:20,000 --> 00:15:20,690 at that time--

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00:15:20,690 --> 00:15:22,820 I think two pounds or three pounds at a time,

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00:15:22,820 --> 00:15:25,470 but quite a number of them.

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00:15:25,470 --> 00:15:28,460 And they sent it to Liberec, to my mother.

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00:15:28,460 --> 00:15:31,700 And so I had some food.

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00:15:31,700 --> 00:15:34,280 And the school was free.

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00:15:34,280 --> 00:15:36,890

And so we managed.

00:15:36,890 --> 00:15:40,160 And they applied for--

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00:15:40,160 --> 00:15:44,090 they went to Washington because her two brothers were here.

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00:15:44,090 --> 00:15:48,260 I told you they escaped from Belgium,

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00:15:48,260 --> 00:15:50,870 and they came and they lived here.

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00:15:50,870 --> 00:15:54,890 And they sent us an affidavit.

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00:15:54,890 --> 00:15:56,810 And it was right in the beginning.

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00:15:56,810 --> 00:16:00,510 It was just very, very in the beginning, in '46.

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00:16:00,510 --> 00:16:02,930 So we had no problem getting visas.

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00:16:02,930 --> 00:16:04,340 And we got visas.

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00:16:04,340 --> 00:16:06,890 And they bought us the tickets.

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00:16:06,890 --> 00:16:12,290 And that was-- there were no plane flights from Prague

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00:16:12,290 --> 00:16:14,510 but it was from Switzerland.

00:16:14,510 --> 00:16:19,460 So we went to

Switzerland by train.

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00:16:19,460 --> 00:16:22,640 And then we stayed about a week in Switzerland,

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00:16:22,640 --> 00:16:27,320 where another family of mine was.

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00:16:27,320 --> 00:16:28,880 They were in Bergen-Belsen.

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00:16:28,880 --> 00:16:31,010 They were with a special--

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00:16:31,010 --> 00:16:35,750 they were from Hungary, and with a special troop,

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00:16:35,750 --> 00:16:37,790 they were taken to Bergen-Belsen.

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00:16:37,790 --> 00:16:39,350 And they survived.

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00:16:39,350 --> 00:16:41,150 And then they, from Bergen-Belsen,

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00:16:41,150 --> 00:16:43,470 they were taken to Switzerland.

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00:16:43,470 --> 00:16:45,030 And they were there.

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00:16:45,030 --> 00:16:47,850 And so we met them.

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00:16:47,850 --> 00:16:54,540 And then we flew from Zurich to New York.

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00:16:54,540 --> 00:16:57,970 And just to summarize, what happened when you--

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00:16:57,970 --> 00:17:00,630 your life since then, when you arrived in New York and-

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00:17:00,630 --> 00:17:04,410 Well, then when I came to New York,

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00:17:04,410 --> 00:17:07,349 we lived with my aunt and uncle.

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00:17:07,349 --> 00:17:09,000 They had three children.

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00:17:09,000 --> 00:17:11,391 And they sent the three little chil-- well,

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00:17:11,391 --> 00:17:16,079 their three teenagers, little--

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00:17:16,079 --> 00:17:19,880 they sent them to camp to--

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00:17:19,880 --> 00:17:22,680 I don't remember which camp, during the summer.

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00:17:22,680 --> 00:17:24,240 And we had their room.

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00:17:24,240 --> 00:17:27,210 So we stayed with them during the summer.

340 00:17:27,210 --> 00:17:30,660 And then they found us an apartment in Queens,

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00:17:30,660 --> 00:17:32,040 in Forest Hills.

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00:17:32,040 --> 00:17:35,160 And then we moved out to Forest Hills.

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00:17:35,160 --> 00:17:36,810 And I--

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00:17:36,810 --> 00:17:37,840 Did you work?

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00:17:37,840 --> 00:17:40,800 I could have become a teacher.

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00:17:40,800 --> 00:17:43,030 And that's what my uncle wanted me to--

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00:17:43,030 --> 00:17:44,850 teaching Hebrew here.

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00:17:44,850 --> 00:17:47,760 But I didn't-- and I did the teaching, tutoring.

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00:17:47,760 --> 00:17:49,800 And I decided that I didn't want to.

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00:17:49,800 --> 00:17:52,470 I wanted to continue to go to college.

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00:17:52,470 --> 00:17:56,460

And I went up to

Columbia, brave girl,

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00:17:56,460 --> 00:17:59,220 and I told them what I have, and whether they would--

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00:17:59,220 --> 00:18:02,370 I would like to get in.

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00:18:02,370 --> 00:18:06,840 And at the same time, I went to Brooklyn Poly, Polytechnical

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00:18:06,840 --> 00:18:08,010 Institute of Brooklyn.

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00:18:08,010 --> 00:18:10,560 That's an engineering school.

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00:18:10,560 --> 00:18:12,870 And I told them that I am a can--

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00:18:12,870 --> 00:18:15,450 I showed the papers.

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00:18:15,450 --> 00:18:17,010 I went to the embassy.

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00:18:17,010 --> 00:18:19,290 They translated all the papers, what

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00:18:19,290 --> 00:18:24,240 I had from Charles University in Debrecen.

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00:18:24,240 --> 00:18:28,620 And I submitted those papers to Columbia,

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00:18:28,620 --> 00:18:30,420

and I submitted to Brooklyn Poly.

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00:18:30,420 --> 00:18:34,350 And I was refused to Columbia, and Brooklyn probably

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00:18:34,350 --> 00:18:39,570 accepted me to graduate school on a non--

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00:18:39,570 --> 00:18:44,490 I mean, that they will give me credit

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00:18:44,490 --> 00:18:49,140 if I maintain a B average, that's how it worked.

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00:18:49,140 --> 00:18:50,970 So it was limited.

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00:18:50,970 --> 00:18:52,530 I could take limited credit.

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00:18:52,530 --> 00:18:55,740 I could take only six at that time, the first year.

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00:18:55,740 --> 00:18:57,810 But it was graduate school.

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00:18:57,810 --> 00:18:59,220 And I did go.

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00:18:59,220 --> 00:19:03,030 And I worked.

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00:19:03,030 --> 00:19:04,050 I worked during--

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00:19:04,050 --> 00:19:06,420

I worked in Brooklyn Jewish hospital

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00:19:06,420 --> 00:19:09,615 in bacteriology department on a part-time basis.

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00:19:09,615 --> 00:19:11,490 I worked six days a--

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00:19:11,490 --> 00:19:15,510 five days a week, 30 hours.

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00:19:15,510 --> 00:19:17,260 And we had the apartment.

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00:19:17,260 --> 00:19:18,900 And my mother worked, too.

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00:19:18,900 --> 00:19:23,880 And my brother was an apprentice in jewelry.

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00:19:23,880 --> 00:19:26,400 And we rent-- from that apartment,

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00:19:26,400 --> 00:19:30,030 we rented one room out, actually, to someone.

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00:19:30,030 --> 00:19:31,980 So we were kind of confined.

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00:19:31,980 --> 00:19:36,810 But we were able to live, to maintain ourselves.

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00:19:36,810 --> 00:19:43,748 And then I met my future husband and we got married in '47. 00:19:43,748 --> 00:19:44,790 Do you have any children?

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00:19:44,790 --> 00:19:47,160 I had one son right away.

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00:19:47,160 --> 00:19:54,570 And so we had difficult times because he was a refugee.

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00:19:54,570 --> 00:19:55,630 I was a refugee.

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00:19:55,630 --> 00:19:59,700 So financially we were pretty badly off,

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00:19:59,700 --> 00:20:01,140 but somehow we managed.

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00:20:01,140 --> 00:20:03,870 And then I finished--

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00:20:03,870 --> 00:20:06,390 it went slowly because I had to write a thesis,

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00:20:06,390 --> 00:20:07,630 and work on the thesis.

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00:20:07,630 --> 00:20:09,850 So I graduated in '52.

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00:20:09,850 --> 00:20:12,490

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00:20:12,490 --> 00:20:13,750 Oh, I changed.

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00:20:13,750 --> 00:20:16,020

I think it was

about-- my son, Henry,

00:20:16,020 --> 00:20:20,070 was about 2 and 1/2, 3, when I started to send him to school,

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00:20:20,070 --> 00:20:21,480 to nursery school.

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00:20:21,480 --> 00:20:25,360 And I took a full-time job as a chemist.

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00:20:25,360 --> 00:20:28,370 And so that's it.

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00:20:28,370 --> 00:20:30,450 Could we just, before we end, talk a little bit

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00:20:30,450 --> 00:20:36,970 about the effect that your experiences during the war

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00:20:36,970 --> 00:20:40,440 had on you?

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00:20:40,440 --> 00:20:45,540 Has it-- does going through what you did go through still affect

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00:20:45,540 --> 00:20:48,320 you in any way?

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00:20:48,320 --> 00:20:51,720 Well, I don't think it--well, it's very difficult

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00:20:51,720 --> 00:20:55,740 to tell whether, the way I acted,

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00:20:55,740 --> 00:20:58,710

whether the reason I went to school

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00:20:58,710 --> 00:21:01,860 right away was because of I wanted

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00:21:01,860 --> 00:21:03,960 to forget and just keep busy.

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00:21:03,960 --> 00:21:06,180 It's hard to tell.

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00:21:06,180 --> 00:21:11,010 I know that my mother talked a lot about her experiences, all

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00:21:11,010 --> 00:21:11,740 the time.

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00:21:11,740 --> 00:21:16,230 And I didn't, just when I was asked occasionally.

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00:21:16,230 --> 00:21:20,140 But I didn't volunteer to talk about it.

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00:21:20,140 --> 00:21:21,520 But my mother did.

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00:21:21,520 --> 00:21:24,900 And she was the one who talked to my son about it mostly.

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00:21:24,900 --> 00:21:28,890 And I don't think I talked too much about it to him.

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00:21:28,890 --> 00:21:29,970

But he was aware.

00:21:29,970 --> 00:21:32,130 He knew what happened.

424 00:21:32,130 --> 00:21:33,330 And--

425 00:21:33,330 --> 00:21:35,460 Did it affect your marriage at all?

426 00:21:35,460 --> 00:21:37,570 I don't think so.

427 00:21:37,570 --> 00:21:40,910 I don't think so.

428 00:21:40,910 --> 00:21:44,690 Whether it-- it's hard to tell.

429 00:21:44,690 --> 00:21:48,050 Maybe subconsciously certain things

430 00:21:48,050 --> 00:21:51,900 did happen because of what happened to me.

431 00:21:51,900 --> 00:21:53,990 I can't tell.

432 00:21:53,990 --> 00:21:55,160 It's very difficult to--

433 00:21:55,160 --> 00:21:57,710 I was never in analysis.

434 00:21:57,710 --> 00:21:59,810 I never went to a psychiatrist.

435 00:21:59,810 --> 00:22:04,220 Just on a friendly basis I knew some, but not-- 436 00:22:04,220 --> 00:22:06,110 I didn't go as a patient.

437 00:22:06,110 --> 00:22:07,460 I didn't--

438 00:22:07,460 --> 00:22:09,620 I had a physical effect, I think,

439 00:22:09,620 --> 00:22:12,140 that I had some problems before with my knee.

440 00:22:12,140 --> 00:22:15,920 And I think that the concentration camp did affect

441 00:22:15,920 --> 00:22:18,440 it, and I claimed for it.

442 00:22:18,440 --> 00:22:20,390 I had an operation later on.

443 00:22:20,390 --> 00:22:24,260 And I do get a rent from them, a pension.

444 00:22:24,260 --> 00:22:25,050 The reparations?

445 00:22:25,050 --> 00:22:25,550 Yes--

446 00:22:25,550 --> 00:22:26,240 Yeah, you do.

447 00:22:26,240 --> 00:22:27,350 --because of the illness. 00:22:27,350 --> 00:22:29,510 How do you feel about getting that money?

449 00:22:29,510 --> 00:22:32,670 I always felt one should get as much--

450 00:22:32,670 --> 00:22:35,330 it won't replace any-- for my mother,

451 00:22:35,330 --> 00:22:39,410 too, that's how she got sick in between, quite sick.

452 00:22:39,410 --> 00:22:43,615 And if she wouldn't have had the reparations, I don't know.

453 00:22:43,615 --> 00:22:44,990 It would have been very difficult

454 00:22:44,990 --> 00:22:47,360 because that was her income.

455 00:22:47,360 --> 00:22:50,880 And we didn't have too much money at that time to help her.

456 00:22:50,880 --> 00:22:56,060 So she really-- she got reparations after my husband--

457 00:22:56,060 --> 00:23:00,560 my husband, after my father's death because he died there.

458 00:23:00,560 --> 00:23:02,990 And then she also got for illness 00:23:02,990 --> 00:23:08,990 because she really got ill there, not emotionally.

460 00:23:08,990 --> 00:23:12,710 I mean, I don't think so, although she

461 00:23:12,710 --> 00:23:15,800 was nervous, but physically ill because she couldn't

462 00:23:15,800 --> 00:23:19,408 take care of her gall bladder, and her liver,

463 00:23:19,408 --> 00:23:20,450 and all of that business.

464 00:23:20,450 --> 00:23:21,920 So she really got sick there.

465 00:23:21,920 --> 00:23:24,950 And it was-- she did get, and that was her income.

466 00:23:24,950 --> 00:23:27,170 That's how she made later on.

467 00:23:27,170 --> 00:23:28,400 That's--

468 00:23:28,400 --> 00:23:33,000 And for me, I thought that I should get everything I can.

469 00:23:33,000 --> 00:23:34,220 Why?

470 00:23:34,220 --> 00:23:38,370 Because I was entitled to it. 00:23:38,370 --> 00:23:39,720 I was entitled to it.

472 00:23:39,720 --> 00:23:40,980 Why not?

473 00:23:40,980 --> 00:23:43,590 I mean, I lost so many members of my family.

474 00:23:43,590 --> 00:23:45,810 My father couldn't help me.

475 00:23:45,810 --> 00:23:49,890 My mother got sick.

476 00:23:49,890 --> 00:23:51,420 My little brother died.

477 00:23:51,420 --> 00:23:53,340 And my knee got worse.

478 00:23:53,340 --> 00:23:56,740 I probably wouldn't have had the problems.

479 00:23:56,740 --> 00:23:58,500 So why wasn't I entitled?

480 00:23:58,500 --> 00:24:04,110 I mean, I didn't take it as a repayment or something,

481 00:24:04,110 --> 00:24:07,500 they say Wiedergutmachung, which is the wrong word because they

482 00:24:07,500 --> 00:24:09,690 can't Wieder gut mach.

483 00:24:09,690 --> 00:24:11,320 Do you know what that means? 484 00:24:11,320 --> 00:24:13,590 They call it the Wiedergutmachung.

485 00:24:13,590 --> 00:24:15,960 That means, if you translate it, is

486 00:24:15,960 --> 00:24:21,480 to do again good for the bad things.

487 00:24:21,480 --> 00:24:23,040 You can't.

488 00:24:23,040 --> 00:24:24,090 You can't.

489 00:24:24,090 --> 00:24:25,575 It's not the right word.

490 00:24:25,575 --> 00:24:29,140

491 00:24:29,140 --> 00:24:32,190 I don't know what the right word would be, but it's just--

492 00:24:32,190 --> 00:24:37,770 compensation, maybe-because you don't--

493 00:24:37,770 --> 00:24:39,840 but I never, never felt that I shouldn't.

494 00:24:39,840 --> 00:24:41,310 I know people who didn't.

495 00:24:41,310 --> 00:24:45,160 And some are sorry they didn't, some are not sorry.

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00:24:45,160 --> 00:24:47,040 They think, I wouldn't want it.

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00:24:47,040 --> 00:24:52,150 But I felt that if they are willing to give it to me,

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00:24:52,150 --> 00:24:53,520 I should get it.

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00:24:53,520 --> 00:24:55,420 Do you dream about your experience?

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00:24:55,420 --> 00:24:57,630 Not really.

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00:24:57,630 --> 00:25:02,400 I don't know, actually, because I never remember my dreams.

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00:25:02,400 --> 00:25:05,040 Did it make you more religious, less religious?

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00:25:05,040 --> 00:25:07,860 How do you feel about being Jewish,

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00:25:07,860 --> 00:25:11,040 because of what you went through because you were Jewish?

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00:25:11,040 --> 00:25:14,640 Well, I was very Jewish before I went.

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00:25:14,640 --> 00:25:15,660

I was a scientist.

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00:25:15,660 --> 00:25:17,150 So I was Jewish.

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00:25:17,150 --> 00:25:19,860 I don't think it made me more because I was.

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00:25:19,860 --> 00:25:21,300 So I was the same.

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00:25:21,300 --> 00:25:23,990 Let's put it that way.

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00:25:23,990 --> 00:25:25,680 I'm not more religious.

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00:25:25,680 --> 00:25:27,150 I was not--

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00:25:27,150 --> 00:25:29,010 I wasn't religious when I went there.

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00:25:29,010 --> 00:25:31,350 I mean, my parents were.

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00:25:31,350 --> 00:25:32,580 But I was not.

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00:25:32,580 --> 00:25:35,280 And then I married someone who was religious

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00:25:35,280 --> 00:25:36,960 so that I did have a--

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00:25:36,960 --> 00:25:41,310 I did observe because he was religious.

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00:25:41,310 --> 00:25:45,060

And I accepted him as a

husband so I had to do it.

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00:25:45,060 --> 00:25:46,680 But I'm not religious now.

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00:25:46,680 --> 00:25:49,268

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00:25:49,268 --> 00:25:51,310 It's interesting you said that your mother talked

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00:25:51,310 --> 00:25:54,320 a lot about the experience.

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00:25:54,320 --> 00:25:56,560 What do you think made the difference,

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00:25:56,560 --> 00:26:00,230 your being with your mother through all of this?

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00:26:00,230 --> 00:26:02,490 Do you think it would have--

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00:26:02,490 --> 00:26:04,565 Well, if I--

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00:26:04,565 --> 00:26:06,150 --if you had been alone?

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00:26:06,150 --> 00:26:09,930 If I would have been alone in concentration camp,

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00:26:09,930 --> 00:26:15,000 I probably would have formed deeper relationships

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00:26:15,000 --> 00:26:18,960 with other people, if I

would have been alone,

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00:26:18,960 --> 00:26:22,800 definitely, than I did because I was with my mother.

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00:26:22,800 --> 00:26:28,030 And that's kind of-- we were very close at the time--

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00:26:28,030 --> 00:26:31,260 and although I did have, as I said,

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00:26:31,260 --> 00:26:35,400 my friend and some cousins, and I did to a degree.

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00:26:35,400 --> 00:26:39,300 I did, but it was not as deep as if I would have been alone.

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00:26:39,300 --> 00:26:42,180 If I would have been alone, the relationships

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00:26:42,180 --> 00:26:43,980 would have been much deeper.

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00:26:43,980 --> 00:26:48,210 When you were there, were you close to

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00:26:48,210 --> 00:26:50,890 other mother-daughter groups?

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00:26:50,890 --> 00:26:55,470 I don't think there was any mother-daughter group

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00:26:55,470 --> 00:26:57,600 in my barrack.

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00:26:57,600 --> 00:26:59,910 Or I wasn't aware of it.

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00:26:59,910 --> 00:27:02,250 Or that there were--

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00:27:02,250 --> 00:27:04,096 So you really hadn't come into contact--

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00:27:04,096 --> 00:27:04,638 --one or two.

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00:27:04,638 --> 00:27:06,900 --in the labor camp with other mother-daughter--

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00:27:06,900 --> 00:27:11,870 Yes, but there was no real relationship formed.

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00:27:11,870 --> 00:27:13,140 You see, you couldn't.

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00:27:13,140 --> 00:27:16,740 You had to have just, more or less,

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00:27:16,740 --> 00:27:18,150 the people in the barrack.

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00:27:18,150 --> 00:27:23,320 You couldn't just move around that much to have--

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00:27:23,320 --> 00:27:25,470 I mean, you could-- yes, you can have a discussion.

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00:27:25,470 --> 00:27:27,150 You can have it, but not-- 555

00:27:27,150 --> 00:27:30,970 you see the people and then you don't see them anymore.

556 00:27:30,970 --> 00:27:34,280 So you can't form a real deep relationship that way.

557 00:27:34,280 --> 00:27:37,860 But if I would have been alone then I

558 00:27:37,860 --> 00:27:39,600 would have formed the relationships

559 00:27:39,600 --> 00:27:43,560 with the people with whom I stayed in one place, the five

560 00:27:43,560 --> 00:27:46,980 people with whom, or four people who slept at the same place

561 00:27:46,980 --> 00:27:50,640 as I did, a deeper one, probably,

562 00:27:50,640 --> 00:27:55,790 or with the people with whom I was standing appell or--

563 00:27:55,790 --> 00:28:01,470 Was your relationship with your mother after the war,

564 00:28:01,470 --> 00:28:04,530 because you two shared your experience together,

565 00:28:04,530 --> 00:28:08,580 different than what your brother had with your mother? 566 00:28:08,580 --> 00:28:12,630 Well, I think we had a pretty deep relationship

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00:28:12,630 --> 00:28:13,470 with my mother.

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00:28:13,470 --> 00:28:14,640 So did my brother.

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00:28:14,640 --> 00:28:19,290 But because I was living in the same bui--

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00:28:19,290 --> 00:28:23,010 first I stayed with my mother in one apartment

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00:28:23,010 --> 00:28:24,390 when we were married.

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00:28:24,390 --> 00:28:27,150 And then I got an apartment in the building.

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00:28:27,150 --> 00:28:30,810 So up till her death, I stayed in the-- or even later--

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00:28:30,810 --> 00:28:33,130 but we were in the same house.

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00:28:33,130 --> 00:28:37,740 So she was almost living with us because she always came down.

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00:28:37,740 --> 00:28:41,970 She helped me with my son when he was sick

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00:28:41,970 --> 00:28:43,380

and I had to go to work.

578 00:28:43,380 --> 00:28:44,740 She took care of him.

579 00:28:44,740 --> 00:28:49,500 So this all-- she was very much part of us.

580 00:28:49,500 --> 00:28:51,840 Now with Irving she was very close.

581 00:28:51,840 --> 00:28:54,000 And Irving was very devoted.

582 00:28:54,000 --> 00:28:57,510 But after he married he was not living in the bui--

583 00:28:57,510 --> 00:29:00,390 he was away two years in the army.

584 00:29:00,390 --> 00:29:04,500 And then he was living in his own house.

585 00:29:04,500 --> 00:29:06,180 So it was not--

586 00:29:06,180 --> 00:29:10,320 it was a very deep, and there was no difference in love.

587 00:29:10,320 --> 00:29:12,840 But first of all, mother and daughter

588 00:29:12,840 --> 00:29:17,670 might be a little bit closer, and also because of the war 589

00:29:17,670 --> 00:29:23,700 experiences, and because we lived together.

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00:29:23,700 --> 00:29:26,694 Is there anything you wanted to add before we finish?

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00:29:26,694 --> 00:29:27,194 Nuh-uh.

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00:29:27,194 --> 00:29:29,280 I think-- I don't know.

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00:29:29,280 --> 00:29:33,390 I hope that there will be never again anything like that,

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00:29:33,390 --> 00:29:35,970 no more Holocaust and no--

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00:29:35,970 --> 00:29:38,620 I know the sad history of the Jewish people,

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00:29:38,620 --> 00:29:43,530 and I hope that from now on it's going to be

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00:29:43,530 --> 00:29:46,015 a much more positive history.

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00:29:50,930 --> 00:29:53,780 Well, thank you very much for doing the interview.

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Well, thank you for doing all this.

601 00:29:55,710 --> 00:29:57,980 It must be hard for you to listen to all this

602 00:29:57,980 --> 00:30:01,460 all of the time, one story after the other,

603 00:30:01,460 --> 00:30:05,550 and one story sadder than the other, I guess.

604 00:30:05,550 --> 00:30:09,440 Well, you've given us a, as I said before, a wonderful gift.

605 00:30:09,440 --> 00:30:10,755 And thank you for doing it.

606 00:30:10,755 --> 00:30:11,380 You're welcome.

607 00:30:11,380 --> 00:30:14,920

608 00:30:14,920 --> 00:30:17,610 This concludes the interview of Barbara Artman.

609 00:30:17,610 --> 00:30:22,270 It took place on December 1, 1995 in New York City.

610 00:30:22,270 --> 00:30:24,280 The interviewer was Gail Schwartz.

611 00:30:24,280 --> 00:30:26,080 The only thing I would like to add-- 00:30:26,080 --> 00:30:30,490 that I'm very thankful to America for accepting me here

613 00:30:30,490 --> 00:30:33,010 and all these people who serve all

614 00:30:33,010 --> 00:30:36,310 the survivors from the death camps,

615 00:30:36,310 --> 00:30:40,750 and that it gave us an opportunity for a much

616 00:30:40,750 --> 00:30:45,340 better, healthier life, financially more secure life,

617 00:30:45,340 --> 00:30:49,540 and we were able to have our own families and children.

618 00:30:49,540 --> 00:30:55,680 And we all, I think, are very thankful for that.

619 00:30:55,680 --> 00:30:57,960 It's a beautiful way to end the interview.

620 00:30:57,960 --> 00:30:59,960 Thank you.

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