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00:00:00,000 --> 00:00:04,950

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00:00:04,950 --> 00:00:07,710

This is the United States  
Holocaust Memorial Museum

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00:00:07,710 --> 00:00:10,770

interview with Susan  
Warsinger conducted

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

by Gail Schwartz on August 12,  
1996, in Chevy Chase, Maryland.

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00:00:16,770 --> 00:00:22,050

This is tape number  
two, side A. We

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00:00:22,050 --> 00:00:24,610

were talking about your  
experience in the children's

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00:00:24,610 --> 00:00:25,110

home--

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00:00:25,110 --> 00:00:25,650

Yeah.

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00:00:25,650 --> 00:00:27,090

--in Vichy.

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00:00:27,090 --> 00:00:30,140

Well, the thing is, I guess  
it wasn't so bad for us

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00:00:30,140 --> 00:00:32,729

as it must have  
been for my parents,

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00:00:32,729 --> 00:00:35,460

because we knew we were alive.

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00:00:35,460 --> 00:00:40,050

And we were well, but  
they didn't know about us.

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00:00:40,050 --> 00:00:46,350

And I thought many times about  
how my parents were feeling,

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00:00:46,350 --> 00:00:48,450

and how they missed us,  
and how terrible they

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00:00:48,450 --> 00:00:52,840

were feeling because they  
didn't know where we were.

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00:00:52,840 --> 00:00:56,580

And now that I have my own  
children and grandchildren,

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00:00:56,580 --> 00:00:58,860

it must have been  
a horror for them.

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00:00:58,860 --> 00:01:02,090

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00:01:02,090 --> 00:01:04,910

Were there any  
religious observances

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00:01:04,910 --> 00:01:07,190

that were conducted at  
this children's home?

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00:01:07,190 --> 00:01:08,270

Oh, yeah.

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00:01:08,270 --> 00:01:10,490

I think it was very Orthodox.

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00:01:10,490 --> 00:01:15,650

We kept Milchedik and  
Fleishedik and we had services.

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00:01:15,650 --> 00:01:21,920

And on Saturday, on  
Shabbat, we rested

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00:01:21,920 --> 00:01:24,900

and we didn't do any work.

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00:01:24,900 --> 00:01:28,410

And we followed all the rules.

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00:01:28,410 --> 00:01:31,070

The only thing is at  
that time in France,

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00:01:31,070 --> 00:01:38,630

the kids go to school on every  
day except Thursday and Sunday.

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00:01:38,630 --> 00:01:42,500

And since this was  
a public school,

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00:01:42,500 --> 00:01:46,340

we had to go to  
school on Shabbos.

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00:01:46,340 --> 00:01:51,050

So what happened is the teacher,  
our teacher was not Jewish.

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00:01:51,050 --> 00:01:53,940

In case I forget this  
later on, our teacher,

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00:01:53,940 --> 00:01:55,950

it turns out later  
on, I found out

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00:01:55,950 --> 00:01:59,580  
that he's the mayor  
of a nearby town now.

36  
00:01:59,580 --> 00:02:06,030  
Anyway, going back to school,  
on Thursdays and on Sundays,

37  
00:02:06,030 --> 00:02:07,320  
we were supposed to be off.

38  
00:02:07,320 --> 00:02:12,210  
And then on Saturday, we were  
supposed to go to school.

39  
00:02:12,210 --> 00:02:14,730  
And they said we had to  
go to school, because that

40  
00:02:14,730 --> 00:02:15,810  
was the law.

41  
00:02:15,810 --> 00:02:20,040  
So we walked to school, but the  
teacher didn't make us write.

42  
00:02:20,040 --> 00:02:22,850  
And so we just talked.

43  
00:02:22,850 --> 00:02:27,990  
So we kept the Shabbat  
and then we walked back

44  
00:02:27,990 --> 00:02:32,130  
to the children's home.

45  
00:02:32,130 --> 00:02:35,310  
So we didn't break any laws.

46  
00:02:35,310 --> 00:02:41,610  
And it was nice not to have  
to go to school on Thursdays.

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00:02:41,610 --> 00:02:44,970

Now, this school in town  
was a general school

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00:02:44,970 --> 00:02:46,750

for other children, also?

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00:02:46,750 --> 00:02:47,430

No, no.

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00:02:47,430 --> 00:02:50,390

No, as I told you,  
in Brout-Vernet,

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00:02:50,390 --> 00:02:52,530

this little village,  
people didn't want

52

00:02:52,530 --> 00:02:54,900

us to go to school with them.

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00:02:54,900 --> 00:02:59,310

And we were separated, except  
that the building that we

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00:02:59,310 --> 00:03:06,250

were in, it was not anywhere  
near the regular public school.

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00:03:06,250 --> 00:03:10,170

It was closer to the Chateau du  
Morelles where we were living.

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00:03:10,170 --> 00:03:14,430

And it was in sort of  
a barn-like structure.

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00:03:14,430 --> 00:03:20,040

And they had made a  
schoolroom out of the barn.

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00:03:20,040 --> 00:03:22,050

I'm trying to remember  
the teacher's name,

59  
00:03:22,050 --> 00:03:23,340  
but I don't remember.

60  
00:03:23,340 --> 00:03:25,500  
I guess I could  
look in my diary.

61  
00:03:25,500 --> 00:03:26,880  
Anyway, we had to--

62  
00:03:26,880 --> 00:03:31,590  
I have my cahiers, where he  
made us write into books.

63  
00:03:31,590 --> 00:03:34,380  
And all of our  
lessons, and I still

64  
00:03:34,380 --> 00:03:37,050  
have them where he made  
all the corrections.

65  
00:03:37,050 --> 00:03:39,690  
And evidently, I was  
writing French pretty well

66  
00:03:39,690 --> 00:03:41,370  
by that time.

67  
00:03:41,370 --> 00:03:43,260  
Was your brother  
speaking French well?

68  
00:03:43,260 --> 00:03:44,040  
Oh, yeah.

69  
00:03:44,040 --> 00:03:44,700  
Yeah.

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00:03:44,700 --> 00:03:45,490  
We did.

71  
00:03:45,490 --> 00:03:48,030  
And I guess what we  
talked-- spoke most of all

72  
00:03:48,030 --> 00:03:50,220  
was in French at that time.

73  
00:03:50,220 --> 00:03:52,740  
Everybody spoke  
French to each other.

74  
00:03:52,740 --> 00:03:54,210  
We knew it pretty well.

75  
00:03:54,210 --> 00:03:56,460  
And what did-- did you talk  
in German to your brother?

76  
00:03:56,460 --> 00:03:59,240  
(WHISPERING) Oh, God.

77  
00:03:59,240 --> 00:04:01,690  
Oh, God, I don't remember.

78  
00:04:01,690 --> 00:04:03,813  
I don't remember.

79  
00:04:03,813 --> 00:04:05,980  
What was the relationship  
between the older children

80  
00:04:05,980 --> 00:04:06,850  
to the younger?

81  
00:04:06,850 --> 00:04:09,070  
Did they take care of them?

82  
00:04:09,070 --> 00:04:11,240  
Well, they really didn't

have to take care of them.

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00:04:11,240 --> 00:04:13,032

They were-- we were  
all good to each other,

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00:04:13,032 --> 00:04:14,660

because we were  
in the same boat.

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00:04:14,660 --> 00:04:16,805

But the younger children,  
they had counselors

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00:04:16,805 --> 00:04:17,680

to take care of them.

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00:04:17,680 --> 00:04:22,270

So we didn't have to be  
like mothers and fathers

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00:04:22,270 --> 00:04:23,540

to the younger children.

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00:04:23,540 --> 00:04:26,590

They had the counselors, and the  
counselors were good to them.

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00:04:26,590 --> 00:04:32,000

So we didn't have to  
play fathers and mothers

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00:04:32,000 --> 00:04:34,880

to the young kids.

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00:04:34,880 --> 00:04:36,680

What about physical activity?

93

00:04:36,680 --> 00:04:37,250

Any sports?

94

00:04:37,250 --> 00:04:45,534



95  
00:04:45,534 --> 00:04:47,540  
No.

96  
00:04:47,540 --> 00:04:53,720  
Maybe the boys played  
kickball, but I don't remember

97  
00:04:53,720 --> 00:04:55,280  
the girls doing much sports.

98  
00:04:55,280 --> 00:04:59,240  
We didn't have any swimming  
pools and tennis courts.

99  
00:04:59,240 --> 00:05:00,050  
No.

100  
00:05:00,050 --> 00:05:04,425  
There was no organized teams  
or ball games type of things?

101  
00:05:04,425 --> 00:05:06,500  
No.

102  
00:05:06,500 --> 00:05:09,740  
Were there any  
unpleasant experiences

103  
00:05:09,740 --> 00:05:12,862  
when you came in  
contact on the streets?

104  
00:05:12,862 --> 00:05:14,570  
I know you said you  
had to go right back,

105  
00:05:14,570 --> 00:05:18,140  
but if you did see some  
of the townspeople,

106

00:05:18,140 --> 00:05:22,040  
were there any unpleasant  
experiences that you recall?

107  
00:05:22,040 --> 00:05:22,610  
No.

108  
00:05:22,610 --> 00:05:25,460  
I don't think there were  
any unpleasant experiences.

109  
00:05:25,460 --> 00:05:28,280  
We just kept away from them.

110  
00:05:28,280 --> 00:05:29,940  
And they kept away from us.

111  
00:05:29,940 --> 00:05:33,040  
And that was it.

112  
00:05:33,040 --> 00:05:36,310  
Did your teachers tell you  
what was happening outside

113  
00:05:36,310 --> 00:05:37,450  
in the rest of the world?

114  
00:05:37,450 --> 00:05:41,080  
Were you in any way aware  
of what was happening?

115  
00:05:41,080 --> 00:05:43,150  
That's just it, you know?

116  
00:05:43,150 --> 00:05:48,100  
Here we were in the  
middle of a World War

117  
00:05:48,100 --> 00:05:52,090  
and we learned the geography,  
you know, of France.

118

00:05:52,090 --> 00:05:55,720

And we learned the  
history of France.

119

00:05:55,720 --> 00:05:58,930

But the present time,  
they didn't talk about.

120

00:05:58,930 --> 00:06:01,300

It was like a taboo.

121

00:06:01,300 --> 00:06:03,580

This teacher never  
talked about it.

122

00:06:03,580 --> 00:06:07,930

We never talked about  
current affairs.

123

00:06:07,930 --> 00:06:13,480

All we knew is that the  
Germans had taken over France

124

00:06:13,480 --> 00:06:16,990

and we didn't know  
what was happening.

125

00:06:16,990 --> 00:06:20,980

And I guess by that time, they--  
about the concentration camps

126

00:06:20,980 --> 00:06:23,225

and the ghettos, we didn't  
know anything about it.

127

00:06:23,225 --> 00:06:23,725

No.

128

00:06:23,725 --> 00:06:27,260

129

00:06:27,260 --> 00:06:28,790

We didn't know about it.

130  
00:06:28,790 --> 00:06:31,760  
Did you see any  
indications on the streets

131  
00:06:31,760 --> 00:06:33,290  
or in the store windows?

132  
00:06:33,290 --> 00:06:34,846  
Anything to do with Jews?

133  
00:06:34,846 --> 00:06:35,600  
No.

134  
00:06:35,600 --> 00:06:39,640  
Well, they didn't have very many  
streets in this little village.

135  
00:06:39,640 --> 00:06:42,470  
And I don't remember stores.

136  
00:06:42,470 --> 00:06:43,930  
Maybe.

137  
00:06:43,930 --> 00:06:46,010  
It really was a tiny village.

138  
00:06:46,010 --> 00:06:49,290  
What town was it near?

139  
00:06:49,290 --> 00:06:54,250  
Well, the closest big town  
it was near was Vichy.

140  
00:06:54,250 --> 00:06:59,080  
And at that time, we didn't  
even know who was running Vichy.

141  
00:06:59,080 --> 00:07:02,260  
We didn't know that there  
was this puppet government,

142

00:07:02,260 --> 00:07:04,000

and that Petain was  
doing everything

143

00:07:04,000 --> 00:07:06,070

the Germans told him to do.

144

00:07:06,070 --> 00:07:07,090

And we didn't--

145

00:07:07,090 --> 00:07:09,820

I didn't learn until  
later on after I

146

00:07:09,820 --> 00:07:15,550

left that the Germans had asked  
the Vichy government to give

147

00:07:15,550 --> 00:07:18,220

all those kids to them.

148

00:07:18,220 --> 00:07:23,500

And later on, I found out that  
all those counselors and Miriam

149

00:07:23,500 --> 00:07:27,460

and all those kids, they were  
all sent to the concentration

150

00:07:27,460 --> 00:07:28,840

camps and they died.

151

00:07:28,840 --> 00:07:31,830

All of them.

152

00:07:31,830 --> 00:07:34,170

Anyway, so let me tell  
you how I got out.

153

00:07:34,170 --> 00:07:37,530

154

00:07:37,530 --> 00:07:39,900

We got a letter from my father.

155

00:07:39,900 --> 00:07:42,220

Somehow or other, they found us.

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00:07:42,220 --> 00:07:44,610

It was this organization  
here in the United States.

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00:07:44,610 --> 00:07:47,520

It was called HIAS.

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00:07:47,520 --> 00:07:49,830

The Hebrew Immigrant  
Aid Society.

159

00:07:49,830 --> 00:07:50,370

Yeah.

160

00:07:50,370 --> 00:07:51,580

Well, I didn't know that.

161

00:07:51,580 --> 00:07:53,760

All I knew was HIAS.

162

00:07:53,760 --> 00:07:56,010

And they found us somehow.

163

00:07:56,010 --> 00:07:59,250

I don't know how they did  
it, but they found us.

164

00:07:59,250 --> 00:08:04,580

And in the meantime, my father  
had come to the United States.

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00:08:04,580 --> 00:08:09,000

And he worked for a while.

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00:08:09,000 --> 00:08:17,720

He was selling butter  
and eggs to people.

167  
00:08:17,720 --> 00:08:22,760  
He bought eggs and  
butter from a farmer.

168  
00:08:22,760 --> 00:08:27,110  
And I guess that's  
because he didn't

169  
00:08:27,110 --> 00:08:28,580  
know how to speak English.

170  
00:08:28,580 --> 00:08:34,460  
And he got enough money so  
that he could get my brother--

171  
00:08:34,460 --> 00:08:37,380  
my baby brother-- and my mother  
over here to the United States.

172  
00:08:37,380 --> 00:08:40,190  
So she was here, too.

173  
00:08:40,190 --> 00:08:42,769  
Do you know when your father  
came to the United States?

174  
00:08:42,769 --> 00:08:46,640  
Well, it must have been in 1940.

175  
00:08:46,640 --> 00:08:47,990  
And where did he settle?

176  
00:08:47,990 --> 00:08:50,360  
In Washington, DC.

177  
00:08:50,360 --> 00:08:52,520  
The reason he settled  
in Washington, DC?

178

00:08:52,520 --> 00:08:54,110

Because somehow or  
other-- and I don't

179

00:08:54,110 --> 00:08:56,240

know how this rabbi that  
I was telling you about,

180

00:08:56,240 --> 00:08:59,540

the one with the beard,  
he got out of Germany

181

00:08:59,540 --> 00:09:01,740

before my father did.

182

00:09:01,740 --> 00:09:04,850

And he took his whole family and  
he came to the United States.

183

00:09:04,850 --> 00:09:07,910

And he settled here  
in Washington, DC.

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00:09:07,910 --> 00:09:13,770

So my guess, because we had  
so many experiences together,

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00:09:13,770 --> 00:09:16,080

he decided to come  
to Washington,

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00:09:16,080 --> 00:09:19,050

even though his relatives  
that had sent him

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00:09:19,050 --> 00:09:24,270

the affidavits in the first  
place were living in New York.

188

00:09:24,270 --> 00:09:26,010

So anyway, my father came.

189

00:09:26,010 --> 00:09:28,860



And then my mother came  
here to Washington.

190  
00:09:28,860 --> 00:09:31,050  
And the people in the  
Jewish community, I guess,

191  
00:09:31,050 --> 00:09:31,770  
was good to him.

192  
00:09:31,770 --> 00:09:34,230  
They bought a lot of  
eggs and butter from him.

193  
00:09:34,230 --> 00:09:35,970

194  
00:09:35,970 --> 00:09:38,800  
And then he got in touch with  
the HIAS and they found us.

195  
00:09:38,800 --> 00:09:43,710  
And so what happened, he said  
he bought plane tickets for us

196  
00:09:43,710 --> 00:09:45,810  
to get us out.

197  
00:09:45,810 --> 00:09:50,020  
And somehow or other, the  
plane tickets got lost.

198  
00:09:50,020 --> 00:09:51,930  
This is the story he told us.

199  
00:09:51,930 --> 00:09:54,240  
Somebody must have used them.

200  
00:09:54,240 --> 00:09:56,960  
So we didn't leave.

201  
00:09:56,960 --> 00:10:03,910

And then, finally, in  
September of 1941--

202  
00:10:03,910 --> 00:10:04,410  
let's see.

203  
00:10:04,410 --> 00:10:07,200  
When did the war start here?

204  
00:10:07,200 --> 00:10:08,010  
December.

205  
00:10:08,010 --> 00:10:11,050  
December 7, 1941.

206  
00:10:11,050 --> 00:10:11,970  
Oh, that's right!

207  
00:10:11,970 --> 00:10:12,670  
OK.

208  
00:10:12,670 --> 00:10:15,750  
I just want to get my  
dates straightened out.

209  
00:10:15,750 --> 00:10:23,420  
So in September of 1941--

210  
00:10:23,420 --> 00:10:25,820  
Did you know before  
September that your parents

211  
00:10:25,820 --> 00:10:29,450  
were trying to reach you  
and get you out of France?

212  
00:10:29,450 --> 00:10:31,640  
I never doubted that they  
were trying to reach me.

213  
00:10:31,640 --> 00:10:34,550  
I mean, I knew that they

were trying to find us,

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00:10:34,550 --> 00:10:38,180  
and just that they  
didn't succeed.

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00:10:38,180 --> 00:10:41,825  
And then, when we finally heard  
from them, I was so happy.

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00:10:41,825 --> 00:10:44,450

217

00:10:44,450 --> 00:10:45,620  
How did you hear from them?

218

00:10:45,620 --> 00:10:46,430  
Was it by letter?

219

00:10:46,430 --> 00:10:50,360

220

00:10:50,360 --> 00:10:51,410  
Yeah, by a letter.

221

00:10:51,410 --> 00:10:54,560  
And then, also, I guess  
the counselors told us

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00:10:54,560 --> 00:10:57,410  
that the HIAS had  
found my parents.

223

00:10:57,410 --> 00:11:00,530  
And because I didn't know  
where they were, you know?

224

00:11:00,530 --> 00:11:07,790  
So finally, they sent  
us some other tickets.

225

00:11:07,790 --> 00:11:12,400

And we went to Vichy,  
my brother and I.

226  
00:11:12,400 --> 00:11:14,630  
And I don't know who took us.

227  
00:11:14,630 --> 00:11:15,870  
I don't even know how we did.

228  
00:11:15,870 --> 00:11:17,800  
We must have just  
done it by ourselves.

229  
00:11:17,800 --> 00:11:24,370  
And we got on the train  
and we went to Marseilles.

230  
00:11:24,370 --> 00:11:27,040  
And then we got on  
another train and we

231  
00:11:27,040 --> 00:11:29,200  
went through the Pyrenees.

232  
00:11:29,200 --> 00:11:33,460  
And we went to  
Lisbon on the train.

233  
00:11:33,460 --> 00:11:37,840  
And then, after Lisbon,  
there was this boat

234  
00:11:37,840 --> 00:11:40,630  
called the Serpa Pinto.

235  
00:11:40,630 --> 00:11:43,930  
There must have been other  
children, because this boat--

236  
00:11:43,930 --> 00:11:46,030  
in the hull of the boat--

237

00:11:46,030 --> 00:11:47,320  
there's this big room.

238  
00:11:47,320 --> 00:11:50,050  
And they had these  
triple-decker beds.

239  
00:11:50,050 --> 00:11:53,640  
And we weren't the  
only children--

240  
00:11:53,640 --> 00:11:56,460  
refugee children, lost  
children, whatever--

241  
00:11:56,460 --> 00:11:58,860  
that got onto this boat.

242  
00:11:58,860 --> 00:12:02,940  
And there must  
have been 70 of us,

243  
00:12:02,940 --> 00:12:08,940  
I think, all in that hull of  
that boat, of the Serpa Pinto.

244  
00:12:08,940 --> 00:12:16,110  
When you left the Chateau,  
you say you traveled alone.

245  
00:12:16,110 --> 00:12:19,180  
You were 12 and  
your brother was 11.

246  
00:12:19,180 --> 00:12:19,680  
No.

247  
00:12:19,680 --> 00:12:20,180  
No, no.

248  
00:12:20,180 --> 00:12:21,422  
I was 11.

249

00:12:21,422 --> 00:12:22,380

Because it's two years.

250

00:12:22,380 --> 00:12:25,170

I was nine years old, I was 11.

251

00:12:25,170 --> 00:12:27,640

But because--

252

00:12:27,640 --> 00:12:32,490

This is September 1941 and  
you were born in May of '29.

253

00:12:32,490 --> 00:12:34,250

So I was 12.

254

00:12:34,250 --> 00:12:38,810

Well, OK, I was 12.

255

00:12:38,810 --> 00:12:41,885

And so, I'm saying that an  
11-year-old and a 12-year-old--

256

00:12:41,885 --> 00:12:45,170

All these years, I never  
did these mathematics.

257

00:12:45,170 --> 00:12:48,170

11 and 12-year-old children,  
traveled by yourself

258

00:12:48,170 --> 00:12:50,870

from the chateau down to Lisbon?

259

00:12:50,870 --> 00:12:52,460

That's the part  
I don't remember,

260

00:12:52,460 --> 00:12:54,200

how we got down there.

261

00:12:54,200 --> 00:12:58,177

But I know on the boat, we  
were with a lot of children.

262

00:12:58,177 --> 00:12:58,760

I'll have to--

263

00:12:58,760 --> 00:13:01,010

But you don't remember any  
counselors coming with you?

264

00:13:01,010 --> 00:13:02,600

Any adults, is what I'm asking.

265

00:13:02,600 --> 00:13:04,470

No, no counselors came with us.

266

00:13:04,470 --> 00:13:06,470

That would have been good,  
because at least they

267

00:13:06,470 --> 00:13:08,678

would have gotten out and  
they would have been saved.

268

00:13:08,678 --> 00:13:11,200

269

00:13:11,200 --> 00:13:13,480

No.

270

00:13:13,480 --> 00:13:19,330

And as I told you, the two--  
the three, four year children,

271

00:13:19,330 --> 00:13:24,250

their parents, the same thing  
happened with their parents.

272

00:13:24,250 --> 00:13:29,140

They came here and they  
got out of that and went.

273

00:13:29,140 --> 00:13:32,200

And the HIAS found them and  
they got out about a month

274

00:13:32,200 --> 00:13:33,100

before we did.

275

00:13:33,100 --> 00:13:36,520

So they were already safe  
in the United States.

276

00:13:36,520 --> 00:13:41,470

So those are the only kids that  
I know that were really safe.

277

00:13:41,470 --> 00:13:43,150

And-- let's see.

278

00:13:43,150 --> 00:13:47,860

So you think you were the  
second small group to leave.

279

00:13:47,860 --> 00:13:48,360

Yeah.

280

00:13:48,360 --> 00:13:51,670

281

00:13:51,670 --> 00:13:54,070

Now you're on the  
boat, you were saying.

282

00:13:54,070 --> 00:13:54,650

On the boat.

283

00:13:54,650 --> 00:13:56,780

And my brother was so sick.

284

00:13:56,780 --> 00:13:59,170

He was so seasick.

285



00:13:59,170 --> 00:14:00,650  
And he was so nervous.

286  
00:14:00,650 --> 00:14:02,860  
And he was still  
urinating in his bed.

287  
00:14:02,860 --> 00:14:05,660  
And he was on a  
bunk on top of me.

288  
00:14:05,660 --> 00:14:08,290  
And I said, we have to change.

289  
00:14:08,290 --> 00:14:13,030  
Anyway, we had pineapple.

290  
00:14:13,030 --> 00:14:17,320  
Evidently, the boat had a  
surplus of canned pineapple.

291  
00:14:17,320 --> 00:14:20,980  
And we had pineapple for  
breakfast, lunch, and dinner.

292  
00:14:20,980 --> 00:14:22,880  
And he was forever  
throwing it up.

293  
00:14:22,880 --> 00:14:25,990  
And now he's an adult. You  
know, he's a cardiologist,

294  
00:14:25,990 --> 00:14:28,360  
a well-established man  
here in the United States.

295  
00:14:28,360 --> 00:14:29,590  
Very well known.

296  
00:14:29,590 --> 00:14:34,400  
But if he gets near any  
pineapple, he gets very upset.

297  
00:14:34,400 --> 00:14:38,290  
So I know if I bake something  
or if he comes over, never

298  
00:14:38,290 --> 00:14:42,220  
to put any pineapple in a dish.

299  
00:14:42,220 --> 00:14:45,550  
And then, when we got to--

300  
00:14:45,550 --> 00:14:46,930  
do you want to hear about this?

301  
00:14:46,930 --> 00:14:48,970  
When we got here?

302  
00:14:48,970 --> 00:14:49,820  
Yes, I do.

303  
00:14:49,820 --> 00:14:54,220  
But before we talk about that,  
how long a voyage was it?

304  
00:14:54,220 --> 00:14:56,500  
Oh, it took two weeks.

305  
00:14:56,500 --> 00:14:59,020  
That boat must have  
been a slow boat.

306  
00:14:59,020 --> 00:15:01,870  
Took a long time to get here.

307  
00:15:01,870 --> 00:15:04,030  
And there were other passengers.

308  
00:15:04,030 --> 00:15:07,090  
They were in  
second, first class.

309

00:15:07,090 --> 00:15:11,450  
But we were like third  
class passengers.

310  
00:15:11,450 --> 00:15:16,000  
And I looked up the passenger  
list in the archives

311  
00:15:16,000 --> 00:15:17,800  
in Washington.

312  
00:15:17,800 --> 00:15:22,180  
And I found my name and I  
found my brother's name.

313  
00:15:22,180 --> 00:15:25,150  
And under my brother,  
you know, they said--

314  
00:15:25,150 --> 00:15:26,770  
in the records,  
you know, they have

315  
00:15:26,770 --> 00:15:31,330  
the name, when you were  
born, and what occupation.

316  
00:15:31,330 --> 00:15:34,090  
And next to my brother's  
name for occupation

317  
00:15:34,090 --> 00:15:36,630  
it said student,  
because he was a boy.

318  
00:15:36,630 --> 00:15:41,290  
But next to my name,  
it said immigrant.

319  
00:15:41,290 --> 00:15:44,740  
So I was really  
surprised at that.

320

00:15:44,740 --> 00:15:46,600

And I was the older  
one, you know.

321

00:15:46,600 --> 00:15:49,330

322

00:15:49,330 --> 00:15:51,760

What else did you  
do on the boat?

323

00:15:51,760 --> 00:15:54,400

Were sick most of the time.

324

00:15:54,400 --> 00:15:57,610

And in the hull of that  
boat, it was a horror.

325

00:15:57,610 --> 00:15:59,740

But we knew we were  
going to see our parents,

326

00:15:59,740 --> 00:16:04,150

so nothing made any  
difference, because we

327

00:16:04,150 --> 00:16:06,700

were going to see them.

328

00:16:06,700 --> 00:16:09,160

Did you mix with the  
upper class passengers?

329

00:16:09,160 --> 00:16:10,790

No, they wouldn't do that.

330

00:16:10,790 --> 00:16:14,230

We ate in a special  
dining room by ourselves.

331

00:16:14,230 --> 00:16:15,520

We didn't mix at all.

332

00:16:15,520 --> 00:16:17,360

But I know there  
were the passengers.

333

00:16:17,360 --> 00:16:22,450

And I saw their names on the  
list, on the passenger list.

334

00:16:22,450 --> 00:16:25,120

And some of them  
were business people.

335

00:16:25,120 --> 00:16:28,690

And some of them  
were traiteurs that

336

00:16:28,690 --> 00:16:30,280

were just traveling around.

337

00:16:30,280 --> 00:16:32,950

And here they had  
all these 70 children

338

00:16:32,950 --> 00:16:35,150

in the hull of their boat.

339

00:16:35,150 --> 00:16:38,120

And I don't know how  
they felt towards us.

340

00:16:38,120 --> 00:16:47,350

I just felt like I was beneath  
them, that I was the refugee

341

00:16:47,350 --> 00:16:49,210

and they were the  
elegant tourists.

342

00:16:49,210 --> 00:16:55,860

That's how I felt.

343

00:16:55,860 --> 00:16:58,410

And the relationship  
between the children,

344  
00:16:58,410 --> 00:16:59,820  
was it a cohesive group?

345  
00:16:59,820 --> 00:17:01,960  
Did you get to meet a  
lot of new children?

346  
00:17:01,960 --> 00:17:02,940  
Yeah.

347  
00:17:02,940 --> 00:17:04,300  
But I don't remember them.

348  
00:17:04,300 --> 00:17:08,280  
I mean, it's been 55--

349  
00:17:08,280 --> 00:17:09,720  
something like that-- years.

350  
00:17:09,720 --> 00:17:12,390  
So I don't remember.

351  
00:17:12,390 --> 00:17:15,310  
And who were the leaders?

352  
00:17:15,310 --> 00:17:16,589  
The leaders on the boat?

353  
00:17:16,589 --> 00:17:18,400  
I don't remember any leaders.

354  
00:17:18,400 --> 00:17:19,819  
Do you mean that  
took care of us?

355  
00:17:19,819 --> 00:17:22,550

356

00:17:22,550 --> 00:17:24,675  
I don't remember.

357  
00:17:24,675 --> 00:17:26,150  
I don't know.

358  
00:17:26,150 --> 00:17:29,860  
Were there any religious  
ceremonies on the boat?

359  
00:17:29,860 --> 00:17:34,590

360  
00:17:34,590 --> 00:17:36,009  
No.

361  
00:17:36,009 --> 00:17:37,440  
Mm-mm.

362  
00:17:37,440 --> 00:17:40,510  
No, there was-- it  
was a Portuguese boat.

363  
00:17:40,510 --> 00:17:45,280  
And they didn't know  
anything about Judaism.

364  
00:17:45,280 --> 00:17:47,480  
Were you stopped at  
all on the water?

365  
00:17:47,480 --> 00:17:49,970  
No.

366  
00:17:49,970 --> 00:17:51,140  
No.

367  
00:17:51,140 --> 00:17:54,410  
And once we got out  
of Lisbon, the boat

368  
00:17:54,410 --> 00:17:56,480

just sailed to America.

369

00:17:56,480 --> 00:17:58,400

And we passed in the  
morning-- you know,

370

00:17:58,400 --> 00:18:00,710

we learned about the  
Statue of Liberty

371

00:18:00,710 --> 00:18:03,980

from our teacher in the  
school in Brout-Vernet.

372

00:18:03,980 --> 00:18:07,130

Because he was really  
excited about geography.

373

00:18:07,130 --> 00:18:09,680

And we passed by the  
Statue of Liberty.

374

00:18:09,680 --> 00:18:12,680

And even though I  
was little, I knew

375

00:18:12,680 --> 00:18:17,620

that it was a very  
important moment in my life.

376

00:18:17,620 --> 00:18:21,510

And so we all woke up early  
and we got up on the deck.

377

00:18:21,510 --> 00:18:24,390

And we went past it.

378

00:18:24,390 --> 00:18:26,570

And so what happened  
then, when we got here,

379

00:18:26,570 --> 00:18:29,750

the doctors wouldn't



let us off the boat.

380  
00:18:29,750 --> 00:18:31,730  
What happened was  
my brother had--

381  
00:18:31,730 --> 00:18:33,200  
and my father was standing--

382  
00:18:33,200 --> 00:18:34,040  
I could see him.

383  
00:18:34,040 --> 00:18:38,360  
He was standing and my  
mother wasn't there.

384  
00:18:38,360 --> 00:18:41,750  
And we were very upset that  
my mother wasn't there.

385  
00:18:41,750 --> 00:18:46,605  
He was standing there, but they  
wouldn't let us off the boat.

386  
00:18:46,605 --> 00:18:48,230  
And the reason they  
wouldn't let us off

387  
00:18:48,230 --> 00:18:52,550  
the boat was because my  
brother had a rash on his tush,

388  
00:18:52,550 --> 00:18:55,040  
because he had wet has bed.

389  
00:18:55,040 --> 00:18:59,160  
So they said we had  
to go to Ellis Island.

390  
00:18:59,160 --> 00:19:04,370  
So we went to Ellis Island.

391

00:19:04,370 --> 00:19:06,260

And my father  
couldn't come, so we

392

00:19:06,260 --> 00:19:09,050

had to be separated from--  
even though we had seen him

393

00:19:09,050 --> 00:19:11,330

from the boat, but  
knew everything was OK

394

00:19:11,330 --> 00:19:12,800

because we had seen him.

395

00:19:12,800 --> 00:19:15,170

You went by boat to Ellis--  
you just stayed on the boat,

396

00:19:15,170 --> 00:19:15,650

and then it went to--

397

00:19:15,650 --> 00:19:15,980

Yes--

398

00:19:15,980 --> 00:19:16,605

--Ellis Island?

399

00:19:16,605 --> 00:19:18,740

--dropped us off  
at Ellis Island.

400

00:19:18,740 --> 00:19:23,640

And there we got the  
first American food.

401

00:19:23,640 --> 00:19:26,720

And I remember they gave  
us this Wonder bread.

402

00:19:26,720 --> 00:19:29,630

And I just had never  
seen anything like it.

403

00:19:29,630 --> 00:19:32,570

It was like the height of  
luxury that they had actually

404

00:19:32,570 --> 00:19:35,000

taken the hulls of  
the grains and thrown

405

00:19:35,000 --> 00:19:37,970

them away and just  
made this white bread.

406

00:19:37,970 --> 00:19:40,820

And we could eat as many  
slices as we want to.

407

00:19:40,820 --> 00:19:43,400

And this lady in this white  
dress was passing around,

408

00:19:43,400 --> 00:19:44,720

and we took one.

409

00:19:44,720 --> 00:19:46,640

And she walked by  
again, she says, oh, you

410

00:19:46,640 --> 00:19:47,810

can have another piece.

411

00:19:47,810 --> 00:19:51,020

And that was really something.

412

00:19:51,020 --> 00:19:54,750

Anyway, and we also found out  
that you could have this candy,

413

00:19:54,750 --> 00:19:57,920

and you could chew it  
in your mouth all day

414

00:19:57,920 --> 00:19:59,280  
long if you wanted to.

415  
00:19:59,280 --> 00:20:02,150  
So that's where I learned  
about chewing gum.

416  
00:20:02,150 --> 00:20:04,760  
What date did you dock?

417  
00:20:04,760 --> 00:20:06,370  
Oh, I don't--

418  
00:20:06,370 --> 00:20:08,900  
I could look it up,  
but I don't remember.

419  
00:20:08,900 --> 00:20:10,430  
I could look it up.

420  
00:20:10,430 --> 00:20:12,750  
I don't remember.

421  
00:20:12,750 --> 00:20:15,730  
It was in September of '41.

422  
00:20:15,730 --> 00:20:18,150  
Oh.

423  
00:20:18,150 --> 00:20:20,880  
I think it was the  
21st of September.

424  
00:20:20,880 --> 00:20:22,710  
But it could have been the 17th.

425  
00:20:22,710 --> 00:20:24,550  
One of those two.

426  
00:20:24,550 --> 00:20:26,550  
So now you're at Ellis  
Island with your brother?

427  
00:20:26,550 --> 00:20:29,280  
Yeah, and we stayed  
there for a few days

428  
00:20:29,280 --> 00:20:30,690  
until the rash cleared up.

429  
00:20:30,690 --> 00:20:32,430  
They found out that  
it was just a rash,

430  
00:20:32,430 --> 00:20:36,630  
and that he didn't have some  
kind of a horrible disease.

431  
00:20:36,630 --> 00:20:41,370  
And actually tried to  
explain it to those guys,

432  
00:20:41,370 --> 00:20:44,790  
but I only knew how to  
speak German and French.

433  
00:20:44,790 --> 00:20:47,070  
And nobody there knew  
how to speak that.

434  
00:20:47,070 --> 00:20:49,020  
They knew how to speak  
Yiddish, and somebody

435  
00:20:49,020 --> 00:20:51,100  
understood what had happened.

436  
00:20:51,100 --> 00:20:52,710  
So after a couple of days--

437  
00:20:52,710 --> 00:20:55,710  
it wasn't all cleared up,  
but after a couple of days,

438

00:20:55,710 --> 00:20:56,670  
they let us off.

439  
00:20:56,670 --> 00:21:02,490  
And how we got from Ellis  
Island back to the New York,

440  
00:21:02,490 --> 00:21:03,870  
I don't remember.

441  
00:21:03,870 --> 00:21:05,460  
But my father was there.

442  
00:21:05,460 --> 00:21:07,620  
So, and I don't  
know how he knew.

443  
00:21:07,620 --> 00:21:09,150  
Your father came  
to Ellis Island?

444  
00:21:09,150 --> 00:21:11,370  
No, they wouldn't let  
him go to Ellis Island.

445  
00:21:11,370 --> 00:21:16,100  
But my father was at the--

446  
00:21:16,100 --> 00:21:16,600  
Dock?

447  
00:21:16,600 --> 00:21:17,650  
Dock, yes.

448  
00:21:17,650 --> 00:21:18,940  
At the dock.

449  
00:21:18,940 --> 00:21:22,790  
And he was there.

450  
00:21:22,790 --> 00:21:27,070  
What was it like to

be with your father?

451

00:21:27,070 --> 00:21:30,250

Ah, it was very good.

452

00:21:30,250 --> 00:21:33,160

And it was really very  
good, and we cried,

453

00:21:33,160 --> 00:21:36,920

and we hugged, and we touched.

454

00:21:36,920 --> 00:21:40,630

And it was good.

455

00:21:40,630 --> 00:21:44,680

Anyway, so then he took  
us to these relatives

456

00:21:44,680 --> 00:21:47,300

that had sent the affidavits.

457

00:21:47,300 --> 00:21:49,300

And the first thing they  
did, they looked at me,

458

00:21:49,300 --> 00:21:53,470

and they said, oh my, we have  
to buy some clothes for her.

459

00:21:53,470 --> 00:21:56,200

So she took me, and she  
bought me my first bra.

460

00:21:56,200 --> 00:21:58,840

She said, you have to wear  
a bra in the United States.

461

00:21:58,840 --> 00:22:01,450

And at that time I  
was big, and so she--

462

00:22:01,450 --> 00:22:03,710  
and I really wasn't  
ready for all this.

463  
00:22:03,710 --> 00:22:08,200  
And she bought me this  
fancy dress-up dress.

464  
00:22:08,200 --> 00:22:13,660  
And then it was time to go  
to Washington, because I

465  
00:22:13,660 --> 00:22:15,820  
wanted to see my mother.

466  
00:22:15,820 --> 00:22:19,690  
And I wanted to see  
my baby brother, who

467  
00:22:19,690 --> 00:22:25,710  
was not a baby anymore because  
it was two years later.

468  
00:22:25,710 --> 00:22:27,270  
And we drove.

469  
00:22:27,270 --> 00:22:30,480  
My father had an old car.

470  
00:22:30,480 --> 00:22:32,550  
He had bought himself  
a car because he

471  
00:22:32,550 --> 00:22:37,660  
needed a car to deliver  
those eggs and that butter.

472  
00:22:37,660 --> 00:22:39,630  
And--

473  
00:22:39,630 --> 00:22:41,880  
What were your first impressions  
of the United States?



474  
00:22:41,880 --> 00:22:45,500

475  
00:22:45,500 --> 00:22:49,100  
Well, the bread, and the  
chewing gum, and the dresses,

476  
00:22:49,100 --> 00:22:53,240  
and the clothes, and you could  
have whatever you wanted.

477  
00:22:53,240 --> 00:22:56,540  
And there were no--

478  
00:22:56,540 --> 00:22:57,410  
there was no war.

479  
00:22:57,410 --> 00:23:00,420

480  
00:23:00,420 --> 00:23:04,110  
And so then we  
came to Washington.

481  
00:23:04,110 --> 00:23:05,170  
It was in the middle--

482  
00:23:05,170 --> 00:23:08,280  
it was in late at  
night we got here,

483  
00:23:08,280 --> 00:23:10,770  
because my father had a  
flat tire on the road.

484  
00:23:10,770 --> 00:23:11,670  
And he had to fix it.

485  
00:23:11,670 --> 00:23:13,500  
He didn't know how to fix it.

486

00:23:13,500 --> 00:23:14,580

Finally, he got it fixed.

487

00:23:14,580 --> 00:23:16,710

So we got home.

488

00:23:16,710 --> 00:23:18,480

We started out early  
in the morning.

489

00:23:18,480 --> 00:23:22,780

We didn't get home for  
13 hours or something.

490

00:23:22,780 --> 00:23:24,090

And my mother was in bed.

491

00:23:24,090 --> 00:23:25,573

And she acted very strange.

492

00:23:25,573 --> 00:23:28,140

493

00:23:28,140 --> 00:23:35,070

That's when I found out  
that she was really sick.

494

00:23:35,070 --> 00:23:44,760

And she was happy to see us,  
but not enough happy to see us.

495

00:23:44,760 --> 00:23:46,815

And we wanted to  
see our brother.

496

00:23:46,815 --> 00:23:48,440

We wanted to wake  
him up, and she said,

497

00:23:48,440 --> 00:23:51,080

no, no, don't wake him up.

498

00:23:51,080 --> 00:23:52,640

And so we went to sleep.

499

00:23:52,640 --> 00:23:58,670

And the next day, we saw our  
brother, and it was good.

500

00:23:58,670 --> 00:24:01,190

But my mother was  
never the same.

501

00:24:01,190 --> 00:24:06,440

I mean, it felt like she  
didn't know how to love me

502

00:24:06,440 --> 00:24:10,010

as much as she used to before.

503

00:24:10,010 --> 00:24:11,900

And we found out  
that she had had

504

00:24:11,900 --> 00:24:14,240

very big bouts of depression.

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00:24:14,240 --> 00:24:17,600

And she was in and  
out of the hospital.

506

00:24:17,600 --> 00:24:22,880

And then when we grew up  
here, she was in and out

507

00:24:22,880 --> 00:24:26,730

of the hospital all the time.

508

00:24:26,730 --> 00:24:29,060

And I was sad for me.

509

00:24:29,060 --> 00:24:32,240

I was very sad for  
me, because I had

510  
00:24:32,240 --> 00:24:35,180  
missed so much being with her.

511  
00:24:35,180 --> 00:24:42,930  
And then I was not with her now.

512  
00:24:42,930 --> 00:24:45,480  
Anyway, I just said, if I ever  
going to have my children,

513  
00:24:45,480 --> 00:24:46,870  
it's not going to be like that.

514  
00:24:46,870 --> 00:24:48,420  
And it wasn't.

515  
00:24:48,420 --> 00:24:52,530  
So let's see, that just  
about takes us up to--

516  
00:24:52,530 --> 00:24:53,870  
So you stayed in Washington.

517  
00:24:53,870 --> 00:24:55,320  
Yes.

518  
00:24:55,320 --> 00:24:58,530  
And what about your  
schooling, and how long did

519  
00:24:58,530 --> 00:25:00,490  
it take you to learn English?

520  
00:25:00,490 --> 00:25:04,650  
Yeah, my brother and I went  
to the Americanization school

521  
00:25:04,650 --> 00:25:05,730  
in Washington.

522

00:25:05,730 --> 00:25:08,220

And we went there  
for two months.

523

00:25:08,220 --> 00:25:10,350

And we learned how  
to speak English.

524

00:25:10,350 --> 00:25:18,160

And then they enrolled  
us in junior high school.

525

00:25:18,160 --> 00:25:19,840

My brother went to  
elementary school,

526

00:25:19,840 --> 00:25:21,940

and I went to  
junior high school.

527

00:25:21,940 --> 00:25:23,620

And they didn't  
know how old I was.

528

00:25:23,620 --> 00:25:26,770

They looked at my body, and  
my body was very developed.

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00:25:26,770 --> 00:25:29,500

So they put me in a  
grade, which was maybe

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00:25:29,500 --> 00:25:31,660

a year higher than I  
was supposed to be,

531

00:25:31,660 --> 00:25:34,610

because I ended up graduating  
from high school at 16,

532

00:25:34,610 --> 00:25:38,170

not because I was so smart,  
but because somebody had put me

533

00:25:38,170 --> 00:25:39,550  
in a higher grade.

534

00:25:39,550 --> 00:25:44,110  
Anyway, what they did is they  
had the track system here.

535

00:25:44,110 --> 00:25:48,310  
And I had always been  
this sweet, good child.

536

00:25:48,310 --> 00:25:53,980  
And what happened  
was they knew that I

537

00:25:53,980 --> 00:25:57,370  
didn't know how to speak  
English, so they put me in 7A,

538

00:25:57,370 --> 00:25:59,380  
and that's where all  
the bad kids were,

539

00:25:59,380 --> 00:26:01,275  
all those bad, bad boys.

540

00:26:01,275 --> 00:26:02,650  
And they didn't  
know how to read,

541

00:26:02,650 --> 00:26:04,067  
and they didn't  
know how to spell,

542

00:26:04,067 --> 00:26:06,110  
they didn't know how  
to behave themselves.

543

00:26:06,110 --> 00:26:09,850  
I couldn't believe that the  
schools in the United States

544

00:26:09,850 --> 00:26:12,460  
had such terrible children.

545  
00:26:12,460 --> 00:26:14,110  
But anyway, after a--

546  
00:26:14,110 --> 00:26:16,720  
and here, I sat in  
the back of the room.

547  
00:26:16,720 --> 00:26:18,370  
But I did learn English.

548  
00:26:18,370 --> 00:26:20,800  
And then after a while, they  
took me out of that class

549  
00:26:20,800 --> 00:26:26,170  
and put me with 7C or whatever.

550  
00:26:26,170 --> 00:26:29,110  
So and then I just  
went to high school

551  
00:26:29,110 --> 00:26:33,130  
here at Central High  
School in Washington.

552  
00:26:33,130 --> 00:26:35,200  
And then I graduated from there.

553  
00:26:35,200 --> 00:26:37,360  
And I went to the  
University of Maryland.

554  
00:26:37,360 --> 00:26:39,640  
And I met my husband.

555  
00:26:39,640 --> 00:26:44,510  
And after two years,  
we got married.

556

00:26:44,510 --> 00:26:49,810  
And then he continued  
going on to school.

557  
00:26:49,810 --> 00:26:53,170  
And then I had my  
three children,

558  
00:26:53,170 --> 00:26:56,810  
who were the most wonderful  
girls in the whole wide world.

559  
00:26:56,810 --> 00:26:58,600  
I need to tell you  
a little bit more

560  
00:26:58,600 --> 00:27:04,360  
in then, while I was raising  
them, I went back to school

561  
00:27:04,360 --> 00:27:05,680  
and I got my bachelor's degree.

562  
00:27:05,680 --> 00:27:07,310  
And then I got my  
master's degree.

563  
00:27:07,310 --> 00:27:11,080  
And then I worked on my PhD,  
which I still haven't gotten.

564  
00:27:11,080 --> 00:27:14,810  
And my children got  
married, in the meantime.

565  
00:27:14,810 --> 00:27:17,890  
They have wonderful husbands.

566  
00:27:17,890 --> 00:27:21,130  
And they're all doing well.

567  
00:27:21,130 --> 00:27:24,670  
And I have nine grandchildren.



568  
00:27:24,670 --> 00:27:27,850  
Now, I would like to talk  
about my children more,

569  
00:27:27,850 --> 00:27:29,860  
but do I have time  
to talk about them?

570  
00:27:29,860 --> 00:27:31,960  
Or are you not interested?

571  
00:27:31,960 --> 00:27:33,980  
I wanted to just ask you  
a few more questions.

572  
00:27:33,980 --> 00:27:34,480  
OK.

573  
00:27:34,480 --> 00:27:36,710  
When your children  
were growing up,

574  
00:27:36,710 --> 00:27:38,710  
did you talk about  
your experiences

575  
00:27:38,710 --> 00:27:41,740  
as a young child with them?

576  
00:27:41,740 --> 00:27:44,860  
Yeah, really should  
talk to you about that.

577  
00:27:44,860 --> 00:27:49,570  
When I first came here, and  
I was going to the school,

578  
00:27:49,570 --> 00:27:51,710  
I never told anybody about it.

579  
00:27:51,710 --> 00:27:55,780

I just put it in  
the back of my mind.

580  
00:27:55,780 --> 00:28:00,670  
And then I just thought  
I was different from all

581  
00:28:00,670 --> 00:28:01,810  
the other children.

582  
00:28:01,810 --> 00:28:06,010  
It was very difficult going  
to a junior high school here.

583  
00:28:06,010 --> 00:28:10,570  
I just felt that I  
wasn't an American,

584  
00:28:10,570 --> 00:28:13,810  
and I was intruding  
on their society,

585  
00:28:13,810 --> 00:28:17,590  
and that I was just the lowest  
person on the totem pole.

586  
00:28:17,590 --> 00:28:20,290  
And what really happened  
when I was in that classroom,

587  
00:28:20,290 --> 00:28:26,290  
I felt like I really  
wasn't an important person.

588  
00:28:26,290 --> 00:28:30,160  
And then when I was  
little, I really

589  
00:28:30,160 --> 00:28:33,310  
didn't talk about anything  
that was going on.

590  
00:28:33,310 --> 00:28:35,650

I just kept it quiet  
and never talked.

591  
00:28:35,650 --> 00:28:37,420  
And most of the  
people, later on, I

592  
00:28:37,420 --> 00:28:40,270  
found out, did the same thing.

593  
00:28:40,270 --> 00:28:42,550  
And I don't know why we did it.

594  
00:28:42,550 --> 00:28:44,410  
And later on, when  
I found out what

595  
00:28:44,410 --> 00:28:47,020  
was going on in the  
concentration camps

596  
00:28:47,020 --> 00:28:51,890  
and in the ghettos and then  
the concentration camps,

597  
00:28:51,890 --> 00:28:56,530  
I felt guilty because I  
was the one that was saved,

598  
00:28:56,530 --> 00:28:58,870  
and all those other  
people got killed.

599  
00:28:58,870 --> 00:29:01,990  
And I didn't know  
why I was saved,

600  
00:29:01,990 --> 00:29:07,720  
and all the other people died.

601  
00:29:07,720 --> 00:29:10,870  
Now, my aunts, all those  
aunts I was telling you about,

602  
00:29:10,870 --> 00:29:13,460  
they were all sent to  
the concentration camps.

603  
00:29:13,460 --> 00:29:17,140  
I looked them up in the book,  
in the Holocaust Museum.

604  
00:29:17,140 --> 00:29:17,640  
Anyway--

605  
00:29:17,640 --> 00:29:23,520

606  
00:29:23,520 --> 00:29:25,600  
What about your father  
when you were growing up?

607  
00:29:25,600 --> 00:29:31,060  
Did you talk about this with  
him when you first got here?

608  
00:29:31,060 --> 00:29:31,770  
No.

609  
00:29:31,770 --> 00:29:35,460  
No, not so much,  
because we were so busy

610  
00:29:35,460 --> 00:29:37,980  
trying to become Americans.

611  
00:29:37,980 --> 00:29:43,670  
And he was so busy trying  
to make a living for us,

612  
00:29:43,670 --> 00:29:46,250  
because he had been  
well off in Germany.

613  
00:29:46,250 --> 00:29:48,830

I told you he had this store.

614  
00:29:48,830 --> 00:29:51,710  
And after a while, he didn't  
have the store anymore.

615  
00:29:51,710 --> 00:29:54,170  
And I didn't remember why.

616  
00:29:54,170 --> 00:29:58,430  
And he had to go and sell  
strawberries and berries, just

617  
00:29:58,430 --> 00:30:01,670  
like he was selling  
eggs and butter here

618  
00:30:01,670 --> 00:30:04,730  
in the United States, because  
that's the only thing that he

619  
00:30:04,730 --> 00:30:06,480  
could do.

620  
00:30:06,480 --> 00:30:11,510  
And so he was so busy trying  
to establish himself here

621  
00:30:11,510 --> 00:30:13,590  
that we didn't talk about it.

622  
00:30:13,590 --> 00:30:16,240  
But I do remember  
we had a recreation

623  
00:30:16,240 --> 00:30:19,040  
room, like a basement in  
our house here in the United

624  
00:30:19,040 --> 00:30:20,360  
States.

625

00:30:20,360 --> 00:30:25,820

And people from all  
over, Jewish people

626

00:30:25,820 --> 00:30:28,700

came, and we brought  
clothes and made packages

627

00:30:28,700 --> 00:30:32,330

to send over to the  
people in Germany.

628

00:30:32,330 --> 00:30:34,610

I don't know if they ever  
got all these packages.

629

00:30:34,610 --> 00:30:36,140

But it was a big thing.

630

00:30:36,140 --> 00:30:38,840

Everybody came to our house.

631

00:30:38,840 --> 00:30:44,690

And everybody donated clothes,  
and we sent them to Germany.

632

00:30:44,690 --> 00:30:57,510

633

00:30:57,510 --> 00:31:00,780

This is tape two,  
side B. And you

634

00:31:00,780 --> 00:31:04,125

were talking about living  
here in the United States.

635

00:31:04,125 --> 00:31:06,960

636

00:31:06,960 --> 00:31:10,170

Do you have a special  
relationship with your brother

637

00:31:10,170 --> 00:31:13,440

because of what you two  
went through together?

638

00:31:13,440 --> 00:31:15,420

Well, we talk  
about it sometimes.

639

00:31:15,420 --> 00:31:19,080

And he sometimes  
remembers more than I do.

640

00:31:19,080 --> 00:31:21,930

And then sometimes I  
remember more than he does.

641

00:31:21,930 --> 00:31:25,800

And he lives in New York,  
but we keep in touch.

642

00:31:25,800 --> 00:31:28,020

I feel very close to him, yes.

643

00:31:28,020 --> 00:31:31,170

And I'm sure he feels  
close to me too.

644

00:31:31,170 --> 00:31:35,470

When you first came here,  
did you talk about, again,

645

00:31:35,470 --> 00:31:39,420

what you went through with  
him in the first months?

646

00:31:39,420 --> 00:31:40,800

Well, maybe we did.

647

00:31:40,800 --> 00:31:42,750

Maybe we talked  
about it, but I think

648

00:31:42,750 --> 00:31:46,350

what we wanted to do was  
to go on with our lives

649

00:31:46,350 --> 00:31:48,900

and to become Americans.

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00:31:48,900 --> 00:31:54,210

That was my biggest objective  
is to be an American

651

00:31:54,210 --> 00:31:57,630

and to forget about all  
those horrible things that

652

00:31:57,630 --> 00:31:59,040

had happened to us.

653

00:31:59,040 --> 00:32:02,950

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00:32:02,950 --> 00:32:06,462

What do you think kept you  
going during those two years

655

00:32:06,462 --> 00:32:07,920

that you were  
without your parents?

656

00:32:07,920 --> 00:32:10,610

657

00:32:10,610 --> 00:32:20,640

Well, my brother, and knowing  
that we were eventually

658

00:32:20,640 --> 00:32:22,875

going to get back  
together with our parents.

659

00:32:22,875 --> 00:32:25,660



660  
00:32:25,660 --> 00:32:28,970  
I just knew that we were  
going to see them again.

661  
00:32:28,970 --> 00:32:33,190

662  
00:32:33,190 --> 00:32:38,140  
And then children are  
wonderful survivors.

663  
00:32:38,140 --> 00:32:42,880  
They can take a lot.

664  
00:32:42,880 --> 00:32:49,340  
And they can adjust to many  
different kinds of situations.

665  
00:32:49,340 --> 00:32:50,320  
And so we did.

666  
00:32:50,320 --> 00:32:55,830

667  
00:32:55,830 --> 00:32:57,640  
Because of what you  
went through when

668  
00:32:57,640 --> 00:33:00,630  
you were at such a vulnerable  
age, being so young,

669  
00:33:00,630 --> 00:33:05,670  
does this still affect you now?

670  
00:33:05,670 --> 00:33:07,650  
No.

671  
00:33:07,650 --> 00:33:10,050  
What I sometimes think  
about it, and I just

672  
00:33:10,050 --> 00:33:13,590  
want to make sure  
that my children have

673  
00:33:13,590 --> 00:33:15,675  
a normal, happy life.

674  
00:33:15,675 --> 00:33:18,540

675  
00:33:18,540 --> 00:33:21,040  
And I wanted, when I  
had my own children,

676  
00:33:21,040 --> 00:33:24,810  
I wanted to make sure that  
I was always there for them

677  
00:33:24,810 --> 00:33:27,360  
and that I was a good mother--

678  
00:33:27,360 --> 00:33:30,306  
and they assured me that i am--

679  
00:33:30,306 --> 00:33:39,230  
and That I want to do the best  
so that nothing will happen

680  
00:33:39,230 --> 00:33:42,950  
to them, and their children,  
and the children all

681  
00:33:42,950 --> 00:33:43,670  
over the world.

682  
00:33:43,670 --> 00:33:47,070

683  
00:33:47,070 --> 00:33:50,010  
Has your experience  
affected the way

684  
00:33:50,010 --> 00:33:51,330  
you feel about being Jewish?

685  
00:33:51,330 --> 00:33:54,980

686  
00:33:54,980 --> 00:33:57,320  
I don't understand  
your question.

687  
00:33:57,320 --> 00:34:00,522  
Did it make you more  
religious, less religious?

688  
00:34:00,522 --> 00:34:02,105  
This happened because  
you were Jewish.

689  
00:34:02,105 --> 00:34:04,860

690  
00:34:04,860 --> 00:34:06,980  
No, it didn't make  
me more religious.

691  
00:34:06,980 --> 00:34:11,090  
I think it had nothing  
to do with my religion.

692  
00:34:11,090 --> 00:34:15,679  
I am not religious anymore,  
mostly because of my husband,

693  
00:34:15,679 --> 00:34:18,929  
because he was not  
even conservative.

694  
00:34:18,929 --> 00:34:20,139  
He was reformed.

695  
00:34:20,139 --> 00:34:25,639

And I loved him a lot, and so  
I just became reformed too.

696  
00:34:25,639 --> 00:34:28,219  
Maybe it made me less  
religious, but not

697  
00:34:28,219 --> 00:34:32,120  
until after I came here.

698  
00:34:32,120 --> 00:34:35,491  
But more religious, no.

699  
00:34:35,491 --> 00:34:36,449  
What about your father?

700  
00:34:36,449 --> 00:34:38,960  
Did he keep up his observance?

701  
00:34:38,960 --> 00:34:41,790  
Yeah, my father kept  
up his observances.

702  
00:34:41,790 --> 00:34:43,250  
Yeah.

703  
00:34:43,250 --> 00:34:45,949  
He made us go to--

704  
00:34:45,949 --> 00:34:47,870  
we went-- oh, and  
top of the thing,

705  
00:34:47,870 --> 00:34:50,389  
neat thing about  
it in Washington,

706  
00:34:50,389 --> 00:34:52,810  
is the Rabbi Jacobs,  
the one I told you,

707  
00:34:52,810 --> 00:34:54,560

the story with the beard.

708

00:34:54,560 --> 00:34:58,470

He lived about two blocks  
away from our house.

709

00:34:58,470 --> 00:35:02,180

And so every Saturday, we  
went and learned with him.

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00:35:02,180 --> 00:35:05,550

And then we went and studied  
with him, I think, three times

711

00:35:05,550 --> 00:35:06,050

a week.

712

00:35:06,050 --> 00:35:08,360

We translated the Chumash.

713

00:35:08,360 --> 00:35:15,050

And we had a very  
good Jewish education.

714

00:35:15,050 --> 00:35:18,210

And we kept the  
traditions in our house.

715

00:35:18,210 --> 00:35:20,120

It's just that  
after I got married,

716

00:35:20,120 --> 00:35:22,280

I didn't keep them anymore.

717

00:35:22,280 --> 00:35:26,420

But now with my children,  
they keep the traditions.

718

00:35:26,420 --> 00:35:30,140

They want to teach their  
children the Jewish traditions.

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00:35:30,140 --> 00:35:33,950

And I'm very glad that  
they are doing it.

720

00:35:33,950 --> 00:35:36,270

Do you receive reparations?

721

00:35:36,270 --> 00:35:41,180

No, I don't want to have  
anything to do with Germany.

722

00:35:41,180 --> 00:35:43,650

My husband keeps  
telling me I should.

723

00:35:43,650 --> 00:35:47,570

There's this lawyer who had  
written up in the paper.

724

00:35:47,570 --> 00:35:51,320

I think my father once  
did because my mother had

725

00:35:51,320 --> 00:35:53,570

to be institutionalized.

726

00:35:53,570 --> 00:35:57,120

But I don't think he  
got a lot of money.

727

00:35:57,120 --> 00:36:00,530

And I also understand that  
some people are going back

728

00:36:00,530 --> 00:36:06,860

to Germany, and they're  
getting to be the guests

729

00:36:06,860 --> 00:36:08,210

of the German government.

730

00:36:08,210 --> 00:36:10,680

And I haven't looked  
into that either.

731  
00:36:10,680 --> 00:36:14,240  
I just don't want to have  
anything to do with it.

732  
00:36:14,240 --> 00:36:16,940  
I took my husband and  
my three children,

733  
00:36:16,940 --> 00:36:21,440  
before my daughter went to  
Harvard, we went on a trip,

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00:36:21,440 --> 00:36:23,570  
on a vacation.

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00:36:23,570 --> 00:36:25,320  
All five of us went together.

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00:36:25,320 --> 00:36:27,770  
And I wanted to show  
them Bad Kreuznach,

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00:36:27,770 --> 00:36:29,090  
the town I was born in.

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00:36:29,090 --> 00:36:37,040  
And we made a reservation  
in a hotel in Bad Kreuznach.

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00:36:37,040 --> 00:36:40,250  
I thought we would stay  
there for a week just

740  
00:36:40,250 --> 00:36:42,950  
for me to show them around.

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00:36:42,950 --> 00:36:46,650  
And we stayed two days.

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00:36:46,650 --> 00:36:49,640

And then I was  
very uncomfortable,

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00:36:49,640 --> 00:36:52,680

and we went to Paris  
and had a good time.

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00:36:52,680 --> 00:36:57,320

But what was interesting, in  
that town, there was a lady,

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00:36:57,320 --> 00:36:59,870

her name was Betty Hager.

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00:36:59,870 --> 00:37:01,610

And she had been--

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00:37:01,610 --> 00:37:08,360

my mother had a brother, and his  
name was Adolf [? Drimmer. ?]

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00:37:08,360 --> 00:37:11,690

And he had a lover.

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00:37:11,690 --> 00:37:15,650

And the reason she was his lover  
because he didn't want to marry

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00:37:15,650 --> 00:37:17,450

her, because she wasn't Jewish.

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00:37:17,450 --> 00:37:19,040

And he figured if he--

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00:37:19,040 --> 00:37:22,190

she wanted to marry him, but  
he didn't want to marry her,

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00:37:22,190 --> 00:37:26,450

because if he married her, then  
she would be considered Jewish,



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00:37:26,450 --> 00:37:29,100

and she'd end up in  
a concentration camp.

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00:37:29,100 --> 00:37:33,440

So, anyway, that lady was  
still in Bad Kreuznach.

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00:37:33,440 --> 00:37:35,750

So we looked her up.

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00:37:35,750 --> 00:37:38,620

She was very happy to see us.

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00:37:38,620 --> 00:37:43,200

And so that was the best  
part about being there.

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00:37:43,200 --> 00:37:47,100

But she was living with a  
guy who was a German soldier.

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00:37:47,100 --> 00:37:49,650

So it was awkward.

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00:37:49,650 --> 00:37:55,650

But it was way after the war,  
and they were very good to us.

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00:37:55,650 --> 00:37:58,590

But, still, the whole thing  
was very uncomfortable.

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00:37:58,590 --> 00:38:02,280

I knew the town knew  
that I was the girl that

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00:38:02,280 --> 00:38:05,040

had been living in the town  
because I could see when we

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00:38:05,040 --> 00:38:08,620

were driving with our car that  
we had rented through the town,

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00:38:08,620 --> 00:38:11,400  
the ladies were looking  
through their lace curtains.

767  
00:38:11,400 --> 00:38:15,330  
And they were looking  
on these Americans.

768  
00:38:15,330 --> 00:38:18,120  
So it was uncomfortable, and  
I don't want to have anything

769  
00:38:18,120 --> 00:38:20,460  
to do with them.

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00:38:20,460 --> 00:38:23,930

771  
00:38:23,930 --> 00:38:25,930  
Is there anything else  
you wanted to talk about?

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00:38:25,930 --> 00:38:30,130  
Well, if I have time, I'd like  
to talk about my children.

773  
00:38:30,130 --> 00:38:31,510  
You can tell me about them.

774  
00:38:31,510 --> 00:38:33,490  
OK.

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00:38:33,490 --> 00:38:35,240  
Well, I had one girl.

776  
00:38:35,240 --> 00:38:37,120  
Her name is Lisa.

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00:38:37,120 --> 00:38:41,000

And she's wonderful.

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00:38:41,000 --> 00:38:44,380

She's very intelligent,  
and she grew up

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00:38:44,380 --> 00:38:46,330

to be a beautiful woman.

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00:38:46,330 --> 00:38:50,470

She went to Harvard, and  
she married a nice guy.

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00:38:50,470 --> 00:38:53,170

His name is Neil Martin.

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00:38:53,170 --> 00:38:55,210

And one of them is--

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00:38:55,210 --> 00:38:58,180

my daughter is a cardiologist.

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00:38:58,180 --> 00:38:59,890

Lisa's a cardiologist.

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00:38:59,890 --> 00:39:02,020

And Neil is an ophthalmologist.

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00:39:02,020 --> 00:39:03,730

And they live in a  
house in Potomac,

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00:39:03,730 --> 00:39:06,940

and they have three  
wonderful children.

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00:39:06,940 --> 00:39:10,420

And she was a  
wonderful daughter.

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00:39:10,420 --> 00:39:13,330

She still is a

wonderful daughter.

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00:39:13,330 --> 00:39:17,620

And she has twins, and a little girl, and they're very happy.

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00:39:17,620 --> 00:39:19,420

And then I have another daughter,

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00:39:19,420 --> 00:39:21,550

and her name is Meryl.

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00:39:21,550 --> 00:39:23,530

I had her two years afterwards.

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00:39:23,530 --> 00:39:25,110

And she's a dancer.

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00:39:25,110 --> 00:39:28,840

And she teaches dancing, and she's a wonderful dancer.

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00:39:28,840 --> 00:39:30,130

And she's in her 40s.

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00:39:30,130 --> 00:39:34,780

And she has the most beautiful figure you can think of.

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00:39:34,780 --> 00:39:37,480

She married Alan Shapiro.

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00:39:37,480 --> 00:39:40,390

And he's a director on television.

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00:39:40,390 --> 00:39:46,090

And he directs the David Brinkley show and Ted Koppel

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00:39:46,090 --> 00:39:46,840

show.

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00:39:46,840 --> 00:39:49,390

And they have three children.

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00:39:49,390 --> 00:39:53,680

And the one of them

name is Sabrina,

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00:39:53,680 --> 00:40:00,130

and she's a wonderful girl, and

Julianne, and Lila, the baby.

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00:40:00,130 --> 00:40:02,080

And then I have

another daughter,

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00:40:02,080 --> 00:40:04,420

and her name is Therese.

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00:40:04,420 --> 00:40:06,760

Her last name is Robinson now.

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00:40:06,760 --> 00:40:12,760

And she's a dietitian, and she's

married to Howard Robinson, who

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00:40:12,760 --> 00:40:14,350

is a dermatologist.

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00:40:14,350 --> 00:40:19,510

And they have three wonderful

children, Matthew Robinson,

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00:40:19,510 --> 00:40:27,590

Brian Robinson,

and Erica Robinson.

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00:40:27,590 --> 00:40:30,760

And they're all very

bright, very smart,

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00:40:30,760 --> 00:40:34,420  
and they have wonderful parents.

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00:40:34,420 --> 00:40:37,210  
And I'm very happy.

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00:40:37,210 --> 00:40:41,650  
Are there any sights or  
smells today that remind you

816  
00:40:41,650 --> 00:40:43,870  
of that time in your life?

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00:40:43,870 --> 00:40:44,860  
Yeah.

818  
00:40:44,860 --> 00:40:45,910  
Lots of times.

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00:40:45,910 --> 00:40:48,310  
But don't ask me what it is.

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00:40:48,310 --> 00:40:52,100  
Smells-- like my husband,  
Irving, I've not mentioned him.

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00:40:52,100 --> 00:40:53,590  
He's a very good husband.

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00:40:53,590 --> 00:40:58,040  
I've been married  
to him for 48 years.

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00:40:58,040 --> 00:41:03,940  
And he accuses me of  
having too keen a nose.

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00:41:03,940 --> 00:41:07,210  
But I do have certain  
smells, and they remind me

825  
00:41:07,210 --> 00:41:08,920

of Bad Kreuznach.

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00:41:08,920 --> 00:41:12,520  
But right now I can't  
describe the smell.

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00:41:12,520 --> 00:41:14,650  
But they do.

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00:41:14,650 --> 00:41:15,700  
Sights?

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00:41:15,700 --> 00:41:17,800  
No.

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00:41:17,800 --> 00:41:18,300  
No.

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00:41:18,300 --> 00:41:25,800

832  
00:41:25,800 --> 00:41:28,700  
Does this still affect  
you, what you went through?

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00:41:28,700 --> 00:41:29,640  
Do you think it is--

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00:41:29,640 --> 00:41:30,190  
No.

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00:41:30,190 --> 00:41:30,690  
No.

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00:41:30,690 --> 00:41:34,200  
But I do--

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00:41:34,200 --> 00:41:36,780  
I have been a teacher.

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00:41:36,780 --> 00:41:39,360

I was a teacher for 27  
years, besides being

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00:41:39,360 --> 00:41:40,590  
a mother, and teacher.

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00:41:40,590 --> 00:41:45,000  
And I retired three  
years ago from teaching.

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00:41:45,000 --> 00:41:50,820  
And I decided I wasn't  
just going to stay home.

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00:41:50,820 --> 00:41:54,140  
So I got myself in a lot  
of athletic activities.

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00:41:54,140 --> 00:41:57,260  
And now you should ask me about  
all my athletic activities,

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00:41:57,260 --> 00:41:59,180  
because I swim,  
and I play tennis,

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00:41:59,180 --> 00:42:01,940  
and I ride my bike  
100 miles a day,

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00:42:01,940 --> 00:42:05,930  
and I do all kinds of  
athletic things in my old age.

847  
00:42:05,930 --> 00:42:07,910  
But the big thing  
that I'm doing now

848  
00:42:07,910 --> 00:42:11,570  
is working for the Holocaust  
Museum, the United States

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00:42:11,570 --> 00:42:14,210



Holocaust Memorial Museum.

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00:42:14,210 --> 00:42:16,640

And I work in the  
education department.

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00:42:16,640 --> 00:42:22,490

And what I do is I take children  
from the District of Columbia,

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00:42:22,490 --> 00:42:25,730

and from Baltimore, from  
the inner city schools,

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00:42:25,730 --> 00:42:28,130

and I take them  
through the museum.

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00:42:28,130 --> 00:42:30,130

And I teach them  
about the Holocaust.

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00:42:30,130 --> 00:42:34,480

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00:42:34,480 --> 00:42:35,200

Let's see--

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00:42:35,200 --> 00:42:39,260

Do you tell them  
about your own story?

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00:42:39,260 --> 00:42:40,460

Sometimes.

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00:42:40,460 --> 00:42:43,805

Sometimes I tell them,  
and sometimes I don't.

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00:42:43,805 --> 00:42:47,030

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00:42:47,030 --> 00:42:49,580  
Sometimes I tell them  
about the Kristallnacht.

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00:42:49,580 --> 00:42:52,640  
Sometimes when a  
child, when I feel

863  
00:42:52,640 --> 00:42:55,610  
that they are not  
paying attention,

864  
00:42:55,610 --> 00:42:57,560  
or I'm losing my  
audience, I always

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00:42:57,560 --> 00:42:59,930  
find that if I tell  
them that I was involved

866  
00:42:59,930 --> 00:43:04,040  
and I tell them about my  
experience in Kristallnacht,

867  
00:43:04,040 --> 00:43:06,050  
then I get them back.

868  
00:43:06,050 --> 00:43:11,000  
And they seem to understand  
the story of the Holocaust

869  
00:43:11,000 --> 00:43:12,330  
a little bit better.

870  
00:43:12,330 --> 00:43:13,620  
So sometimes I do.

871  
00:43:13,620 --> 00:43:14,840  
And sometimes I don't.

872  
00:43:14,840 --> 00:43:18,020  
It all depends on the group  
of children that I'm with.

873  
00:43:18,020 --> 00:43:23,480  
But I try not to have them  
feel for me or sorry for me.

874  
00:43:23,480 --> 00:43:29,540  
I just want them to know about  
the story of the Holocaust.

875  
00:43:29,540 --> 00:43:32,720  
Let's see, how did  
we get on to this?

876  
00:43:32,720 --> 00:43:33,980  
Oh, about what I'm doing.

877  
00:43:33,980 --> 00:43:36,980  
Well, and I'm also the  
president of Hadassah.

878  
00:43:36,980 --> 00:43:41,240  
And I do a lot of things  
for Israel and for the women

879  
00:43:41,240 --> 00:43:43,250  
in the United States.

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00:43:43,250 --> 00:43:46,010  
So I'm very happy.

881  
00:43:46,010 --> 00:43:50,710  
I turned out to be  
a normal person.

882  
00:43:50,710 --> 00:43:53,740  
Anything you want to  
add before we finish?

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00:43:53,740 --> 00:43:57,610  
Well, what is it that  
you want to know?

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00:43:57,610 --> 00:43:59,380  
Just any final  
thoughts that you had.

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00:43:59,380 --> 00:44:01,960  
I'm just-- I just turned out.

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00:44:01,960 --> 00:44:03,880  
Everything turned  
out fine for me.

887  
00:44:03,880 --> 00:44:04,990  
And I'm very happy.

888  
00:44:04,990 --> 00:44:06,910  
And I'm glad to be here.

889  
00:44:06,910 --> 00:44:16,260  
And I'm glad to be in the  
United States and to be here.

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00:44:16,260 --> 00:44:18,780  
Well, thank you very much  
for doing the interview.

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00:44:18,780 --> 00:44:20,176  
It's fine.

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00:44:20,176 --> 00:44:22,690  
OK, you're welcome.

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00:44:22,690 --> 00:44:27,630  
This concludes the interview  
of Susan Warsinger.

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00:44:27,630 --> 00:44:32,000