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This is the United States
Holocaust Memorial Museum

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00:00:07,580 --> 00:00:10,070

interview with Arnold
Weiss conducted

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00:00:10,070 --> 00:00:13,730

by Gail Schwartz
on August 15, 1996,

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00:00:13,730 --> 00:00:18,950

in Washington D.C. This is
tape number three side A.

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00:00:18,950 --> 00:00:21,170

And you were talking
about your experiences.

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00:00:21,170 --> 00:00:22,190

And you had left.

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00:00:22,190 --> 00:00:25,340

What did you do after
you left the law firm?

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00:00:25,340 --> 00:00:28,370

Well, I spent a year at
the International Finance

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Corporation as a
consultant and also

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00:00:31,970 --> 00:00:40,350

as an arbitrator for Intelsat,
the international satellite

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00:00:40,350 --> 00:00:42,170
entity.

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00:00:42,170 --> 00:00:47,810
Most of my career
has been as counsel

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00:00:47,810 --> 00:00:52,642
to working with international
financial institutions.

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00:00:52,642 --> 00:00:55,220

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00:00:55,220 --> 00:00:57,690
I represented them in
private practice as well.

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00:00:57,690 --> 00:01:01,430
I was principle outside counsel
for the African Development

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00:01:01,430 --> 00:01:04,410
Bank and for Intelsat.

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00:01:04,410 --> 00:01:10,190
And so going back
as a consultant

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00:01:10,190 --> 00:01:11,810
to the international
institutions

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00:01:11,810 --> 00:01:13,940
was sort of a normal byproduct.

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00:01:13,940 --> 00:01:16,480
I didn't want to
practice law anymore.

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00:01:16,480 --> 00:01:20,450
I'd had enough of

filling out time sheets

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00:01:20,450 --> 00:01:25,612
and worrying about clients
and hustling for clients.

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00:01:25,612 --> 00:01:32,780
So one of my close
friends who was the number

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00:01:32,780 --> 00:01:35,810
two at the World Bank, chief
of operations, senior vice

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00:01:35,810 --> 00:01:41,720
president, a Pakistani
by the name of Qureshi,

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00:01:41,720 --> 00:01:43,600
Moeenuddin Qureshi,
a very close friend.

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00:01:43,600 --> 00:01:47,015
And I had been as his
personal lawyer for a while.

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00:01:47,015 --> 00:01:49,850
He was also retiring
from the World Bank

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00:01:49,850 --> 00:01:52,610
together with the treasurer
of the World Bank, Don Ross.

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00:01:52,610 --> 00:01:58,700
The three of us started an
emerging markets corporation,

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00:01:58,700 --> 00:02:03,110
which, eventually, after
some trials and tribulations,

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00:02:03,110 --> 00:02:06,800

including Qureshi's going
back to Pakistan to become

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00:02:06,800 --> 00:02:12,000
prime minister for
a period of months,

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00:02:12,000 --> 00:02:17,960
we were able to convince the
American International Group

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00:02:17,960 --> 00:02:22,670
and the government of Singapore
to back us in putting together

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00:02:22,670 --> 00:02:26,450
a fund for infrastructure
development,

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00:02:26,450 --> 00:02:30,950
an equity fund, which we
were able to pull together

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00:02:30,950 --> 00:02:34,460
over \$1 billion,
which we are currently

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00:02:34,460 --> 00:02:38,540
investing in infrastructure
projects in Asia, mainly China,

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00:02:38,540 --> 00:02:43,130
but a good deal in India
and Pakistan and Indonesia

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00:02:43,130 --> 00:02:47,690
and Thailand and so on,
the Philippines as well.

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00:02:47,690 --> 00:02:49,580
We are now in the
process in the market

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00:02:49,580 --> 00:02:52,580
of raising the same amount
of money for Latin America

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00:02:52,580 --> 00:02:54,420
to do the same thing.

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00:02:54,420 --> 00:02:56,420
And we'll probably go back for--

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00:02:56,420 --> 00:02:59,300
since the Asian fund is
almost totally committed,

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00:02:59,300 --> 00:03:02,030
we'll be going back
for an Asian fund.

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00:03:02,030 --> 00:03:06,740
So I am a general counsel
and senior vice president

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00:03:06,740 --> 00:03:08,810
and cook and bottle washer.

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00:03:08,810 --> 00:03:15,620
And we have a small
staff of around 30 people

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00:03:15,620 --> 00:03:18,800
here in Washington and
a dozen in Hong Kong

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00:03:18,800 --> 00:03:21,500
and a few in Singapore.

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00:03:21,500 --> 00:03:25,220
And I hope it will never
grow into a big firm.

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00:03:25,220 --> 00:03:27,680
I prefer to keep it small.

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00:03:27,680 --> 00:03:29,750

But I'm having a lot of
fun doing it and enjoying

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00:03:29,750 --> 00:03:31,260

it immensely.

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00:03:31,260 --> 00:03:34,460

When did you change your name?

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00:03:34,460 --> 00:03:38,780

I changed my name when I came
here to the United States,

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00:03:38,780 --> 00:03:40,480

when I came to Milwaukee really.

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00:03:40,480 --> 00:03:43,400

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00:03:43,400 --> 00:03:46,130

Wangesheim is a hard
name to pronounce.

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00:03:46,130 --> 00:03:49,970

And I owed no particular loyalty
to the name of my father.

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00:03:49,970 --> 00:03:53,113

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00:03:53,113 --> 00:03:54,530

I mean, I didn't
particularly care

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00:03:54,530 --> 00:03:58,690

to carry my father's
family's name.

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00:03:58,690 --> 00:04:02,960

I could have changed to
Wagner or Wanger or so on.

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00:04:02,960 --> 00:04:06,610

I didn't because there was
an All-American at Wisconsin

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00:04:06,610 --> 00:04:07,820

by the name of Howie Weiss.

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00:04:07,820 --> 00:04:09,620

And that sort of appealed to me.

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00:04:09,620 --> 00:04:14,150

It seemed to be enough
German and enough Jewish to--

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00:04:14,150 --> 00:04:15,450

well, he wasn't Jewish.

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00:04:15,450 --> 00:04:18,260

But it seemed to have
enough of a flavor,

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00:04:18,260 --> 00:04:19,470

so I could live with it.

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00:04:19,470 --> 00:04:21,019

And I could write it easily.

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00:04:21,019 --> 00:04:26,050

And you didn't have to spend
a lot of time dealing with it.

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00:04:26,050 --> 00:04:30,050

So that's how I
came to be Weiss.

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00:04:30,050 --> 00:04:33,320

In amuses my
children no end, who

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00:04:33,320 --> 00:04:35,960

would have had gone through life

with the name of Wangesheim.

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00:04:35,960 --> 00:04:39,530

I think they're just as
happy that it's Weiss.

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00:04:39,530 --> 00:04:42,470

Did your father survive the war?

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00:04:42,470 --> 00:04:43,470

I think so.

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00:04:43,470 --> 00:04:44,600

I think he got to Brazil.

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00:04:44,600 --> 00:04:46,470

At least, the evidence
is that he did.

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00:04:46,470 --> 00:04:48,553

But again, I never
saw him again.

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00:04:48,553 --> 00:04:49,220

So I don't know.

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00:04:49,220 --> 00:04:52,340

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00:04:52,340 --> 00:04:56,210

Can we talk just a little
bit about your feelings

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00:04:56,210 --> 00:04:59,240

and reflections about
what you went through?

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00:04:59,240 --> 00:05:03,720

Does it still affect you
even now 50 years later?

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00:05:03,720 --> 00:05:04,980

Yes, I think so.

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00:05:04,980 --> 00:05:09,780

I think it's impossible to
totally divorce yourself.

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00:05:09,780 --> 00:05:15,960

Your memory patterns are such
that, without realizing it,

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00:05:15,960 --> 00:05:21,750

it enters into your process,
your thought processes

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00:05:21,750 --> 00:05:23,700

and your behavioral patterns.

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00:05:23,700 --> 00:05:26,250

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00:05:26,250 --> 00:05:28,410

Some of it is small things.

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00:05:28,410 --> 00:05:34,920

Some of it is I eat in a
hurry because we were always

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00:05:34,920 --> 00:05:35,430

starving.

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00:05:35,430 --> 00:05:38,680

I mean, we were hungry
most of the time.

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00:05:38,680 --> 00:05:42,600

But I haven't got rid of
the habit of doing that.

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00:05:42,600 --> 00:05:47,355

Some of it is the inability to--

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00:05:47,355 --> 00:05:53,400

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00:05:53,400 --> 00:06:00,840

it's very difficult to
be intimate because you

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00:06:00,840 --> 00:06:04,440

have a veneer that you develop.

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00:06:04,440 --> 00:06:07,230

Whether or not that veneer
would have developed anyway

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00:06:07,230 --> 00:06:11,400

because kids who go
through orphanages,

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00:06:11,400 --> 00:06:14,080

I think generally do.

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00:06:14,080 --> 00:06:25,290

But it's the Nazi
period adds to that.

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00:06:25,290 --> 00:06:28,140

I mean, the sense of
isolation and the need

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00:06:28,140 --> 00:06:33,210

to be your own best
friend and not to trust

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00:06:33,210 --> 00:06:36,430

instinctively anybody else.

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00:06:36,430 --> 00:06:41,700

And that withdrawal
into yourself

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00:06:41,700 --> 00:06:44,130

is something very
difficult to overcome.

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00:06:44,130 --> 00:06:52,920

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00:06:52,920 --> 00:06:56,420

There are all kinds
of similar patterns

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00:06:56,420 --> 00:07:04,710

that I try to be as
honest with myself.

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00:07:04,710 --> 00:07:11,340

I mean, and I recognize
some of these things.

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00:07:11,340 --> 00:07:14,370

It's not easy to live
with me because of that.

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00:07:14,370 --> 00:07:19,540

I think my wife, who
I'm very fond of,

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00:07:19,540 --> 00:07:22,170

I'm sure has had a considerable
amount of suffering

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00:07:22,170 --> 00:07:23,940

to do because of this.

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00:07:23,940 --> 00:07:25,320

And I'm not alone, incidentally.

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00:07:25,320 --> 00:07:29,490

I mean, I find this pattern, we
have a number of other friends

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00:07:29,490 --> 00:07:36,690

who are either survivors
or close to that who have

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00:07:36,690 --> 00:07:41,760

the same kind of difficulty.

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00:07:41,760 --> 00:07:44,790

The war itself, it took me
a long while to get over it.

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00:07:44,790 --> 00:07:50,020

I mean, it had a very
considerable effect on me.

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00:07:50,020 --> 00:07:55,140

I mean, there was
a period of time

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00:07:55,140 --> 00:07:58,500

when I was quite depressed,
particularly in college.

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00:07:58,500 --> 00:08:01,800

I mean, some of that
had to do with moving

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00:08:01,800 --> 00:08:05,070

from being an important and
having all kinds of ribbons

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00:08:05,070 --> 00:08:09,630

on your chest, being an officer
to being a college student.

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00:08:09,630 --> 00:08:11,700

Thank God it was during
the GI Bill days.

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00:08:11,700 --> 00:08:14,580

And I wasn't the only one
who suffered from those kind

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00:08:14,580 --> 00:08:15,580

of withdrawal symptoms.

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00:08:15,580 --> 00:08:16,980

But it did.

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00:08:16,980 --> 00:08:22,890

Again, it had its effect on me.

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00:08:22,890 --> 00:08:26,840

I think as I've gotten
older, and I'm old now,

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00:08:26,840 --> 00:08:35,700

some of these things have
become much less of a problem.

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00:08:35,700 --> 00:08:37,860

And some of them probably
have become stronger.

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00:08:37,860 --> 00:08:39,510

I just don't know.

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00:08:39,510 --> 00:08:41,400

I don't know myself
that well enough.

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00:08:41,400 --> 00:08:44,049

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00:08:44,049 --> 00:08:47,130

I think, obviously, I get
along easily with people.

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00:08:47,130 --> 00:08:48,990

I don't have any difficulty.

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00:08:48,990 --> 00:08:51,120

I'm a good public speaker.

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00:08:51,120 --> 00:08:54,820

And I don't have any of
those kind of problems.

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00:08:54,820 --> 00:09:05,400

But this entire experience

does lead to loneliness.

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00:09:05,400 --> 00:09:06,840
And you can't escape it.

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00:09:06,840 --> 00:09:07,610
It's just there.

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00:09:07,610 --> 00:09:12,380

154
00:09:12,380 --> 00:09:15,620
It's a unique experience.

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00:09:15,620 --> 00:09:17,960
Ups and downs.

156
00:09:17,960 --> 00:09:24,800
And it's so unique that it's
very difficult for someone else

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00:09:24,800 --> 00:09:26,390
to share it and understand it.

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00:09:26,390 --> 00:09:31,200

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00:09:31,200 --> 00:09:34,358
I'm very successful and so on.

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00:09:34,358 --> 00:09:36,150
But there are times
when that isn't enough.

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00:09:36,150 --> 00:09:43,600

162
00:09:43,600 --> 00:09:46,490
What about your feelings
of being Jewish?

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00:09:46,490 --> 00:09:51,010

Has that changed because
of what you went through?

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00:09:51,010 --> 00:09:54,690

Oh, I became very
cynical about religion.

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00:09:54,690 --> 00:10:01,510

I think that, to a very
large extent, I don't have--

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00:10:01,510 --> 00:10:04,820

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00:10:04,820 --> 00:10:10,030

I certainly have a belief
in a supreme being.

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00:10:10,030 --> 00:10:14,860

But I think a lot of religion
is, whether it's Jewish

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00:10:14,860 --> 00:10:18,940

or otherwise, is for the
benefit of the clergy

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00:10:18,940 --> 00:10:24,730

and not necessarily for the
benefit of the believers.

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00:10:24,730 --> 00:10:28,300

And for others,
religion is a means

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00:10:28,300 --> 00:10:33,550

to hate and to dislike
and to grab for something

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00:10:33,550 --> 00:10:35,320

that doesn't belong
to them, which

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00:10:35,320 --> 00:10:39,130
I think much of the campaign
against the Jews in Germany

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00:10:39,130 --> 00:10:41,230
was all about.

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00:10:41,230 --> 00:10:44,710
The need for scapegoats
is ever present.

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00:10:44,710 --> 00:10:52,150
And whether it's Catholics
in northern Ireland,

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00:10:52,150 --> 00:10:56,710
whether it's Croats, the
Slovaks slaughtering us

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00:10:56,710 --> 00:11:01,330
or Croats and Serbs slaughtering
each other, much of this

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00:11:01,330 --> 00:11:07,540
is based on religions but
also on age-old feuds that

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00:11:07,540 --> 00:11:10,240
are there.

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00:11:10,240 --> 00:11:12,640
When I left Germany,
I dumped my tallis

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00:11:12,640 --> 00:11:17,710
and my prayer books overboard.

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00:11:17,710 --> 00:11:20,290
I didn't want anything
further to do with it.

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00:11:20,290 --> 00:11:22,120
That was more because

of all the beatings

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00:11:22,120 --> 00:11:25,150

I'd gotten inside
of the orphanage.

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00:11:25,150 --> 00:11:33,460

But since I so respected my
foster parents, who were not

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00:11:33,460 --> 00:11:37,330

devout, by any means, but
they were observant Jews,

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00:11:37,330 --> 00:11:40,420

and so I've always been Jewish.

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00:11:40,420 --> 00:11:45,220

And I belong to temple here.

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00:11:45,220 --> 00:11:47,530

And I do my duty.

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00:11:47,530 --> 00:11:50,110

But if you ask me has
it made me more Jewish,

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00:11:50,110 --> 00:11:52,030

the answer is absolutely not.

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00:11:52,030 --> 00:11:53,290

Did it make me less of a Jew?

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00:11:53,290 --> 00:11:54,600

Probably somewhat.

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00:11:54,600 --> 00:12:01,360

But part of it is just
that I consider myself more

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00:12:01,360 --> 00:12:03,610

as part of the Enlightenment.

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00:12:03,610 --> 00:12:07,770
I totally resent the orthodoxy
that I find in Israel

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00:12:07,770 --> 00:12:14,140
where I spent a good deal of
working time there with clients

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00:12:14,140 --> 00:12:15,950
and so on.

201
00:12:15,950 --> 00:12:18,190
I don't think that they
contribute a hell of a lot

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00:12:18,190 --> 00:12:19,570
to everything.

203
00:12:19,570 --> 00:12:22,990
So I don't have much
respect for them,

204
00:12:22,990 --> 00:12:25,030
which will probably
make me an anathema

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00:12:25,030 --> 00:12:31,870
to my own religious
orthodox colleagues.

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00:12:31,870 --> 00:12:33,010
I have certainly respect.

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00:12:33,010 --> 00:12:36,520
I mean, if somebody wants to
keep kosher, that's up to them.

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00:12:36,520 --> 00:12:42,940
If they want to go to temple
every night or every morning,

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00:12:42,940 --> 00:12:43,850
that's fine with me.

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00:12:43,850 --> 00:12:45,100
I don't have objections to it.

211
00:12:45,100 --> 00:12:47,500
Just don't force me to do it.

212
00:12:47,500 --> 00:12:49,780
Are there any sights
or smells today that

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00:12:49,780 --> 00:12:52,930
trigger what you experienced?

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00:12:52,930 --> 00:12:55,930

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00:12:55,930 --> 00:12:56,910
Sights or smells.

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00:12:56,910 --> 00:13:02,510

217
00:13:02,510 --> 00:13:05,710
Yeah, the smell
of decaying flesh

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00:13:05,710 --> 00:13:09,790
is something I don't
particularly care for.

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00:13:09,790 --> 00:13:12,640
Whether that is because of
concentration camps or just

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00:13:12,640 --> 00:13:18,450
general war and smells,
I can't tell you.

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00:13:18,450 --> 00:13:21,400

Sights, not really.

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00:13:21,400 --> 00:13:27,460

I mean, yeah, I get emotionally
upset when I go to Yad Vashem

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00:13:27,460 --> 00:13:30,040

or even go to the museum.

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00:13:30,040 --> 00:13:37,420

It took me a long time before
I could bring myself to go.

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00:13:37,420 --> 00:13:40,750

Just uncomfortable.

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00:13:40,750 --> 00:13:42,550

Shaika had been
such a good friend,

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00:13:42,550 --> 00:13:45,512

and I wanted to see
him in his domain.

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00:13:45,512 --> 00:13:47,470

I probably I don't know
when I would have gone.

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00:13:47,470 --> 00:13:50,480

It took an effort.

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00:13:50,480 --> 00:13:51,700

It's not a rejectionism.

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00:13:51,700 --> 00:13:55,250

It's just why remind yourself.

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00:13:55,250 --> 00:13:59,530

This is why an interview
like this is not easy for me.

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00:13:59,530 --> 00:14:02,950

Do you receive reparations?

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00:14:02,950 --> 00:14:05,560

I did receive not reparations.

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00:14:05,560 --> 00:14:07,630

What I got was
some property that

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00:14:07,630 --> 00:14:14,680

belonged to my father's family
since there was no survivor.

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00:14:14,680 --> 00:14:17,650

A bunch of us, my
sisters and I got

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00:14:17,650 --> 00:14:21,400

a share of a quarry
that was owned

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00:14:21,400 --> 00:14:23,290

by some relative or another.

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00:14:23,290 --> 00:14:25,820

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00:14:25,820 --> 00:14:29,470

And then, no, I did
also get a payment

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00:14:29,470 --> 00:14:34,240

for interruption of education,
which I didn't have any off.

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00:14:34,240 --> 00:14:36,460

But I got the payment anyway.

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00:14:36,460 --> 00:14:38,200

The total amount,
as I remember it,

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00:14:38,200 --> 00:14:41,890
was something like \$5,000
or \$6,000 of both things.

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00:14:41,890 --> 00:14:45,490
And that was enough to put
a down payment on a house.

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00:14:45,490 --> 00:14:48,351
This was after we were married.

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00:14:48,351 --> 00:14:50,770
And other than that, no.

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00:14:50,770 --> 00:14:54,430
Did you talk about your
experiences with your children?

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00:14:54,430 --> 00:14:55,010
Oh, yes.

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00:14:55,010 --> 00:14:55,540
Yes.

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00:14:55,540 --> 00:14:56,062
Yes, I did.

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00:14:56,062 --> 00:14:57,520
Not only that, I
took them with me.

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00:14:57,520 --> 00:14:59,260
I mean, I took them to Germany.

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00:14:59,260 --> 00:15:01,920
I showed them the orphanage.

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00:15:01,920 --> 00:15:04,030
In some excruciating
detail for them,

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00:15:04,030 --> 00:15:08,500

I think, I showed them where
I had gone into Nuremberg

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00:15:08,500 --> 00:15:10,790
with the army.

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00:15:10,790 --> 00:15:13,810
And I took them
to the cemeteries

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00:15:13,810 --> 00:15:15,980
where my grandparents
were or, at least,

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00:15:15,980 --> 00:15:19,620
there's a gravestone that I
maintained for my grandmother.

262
00:15:19,620 --> 00:15:20,800
And I paid for.

263
00:15:20,800 --> 00:15:24,010
And yes, the answer
is absolutely.

264
00:15:24,010 --> 00:15:26,380
I took them to Dachau.

265
00:15:26,380 --> 00:15:28,310
Each one individually,
not together.

266
00:15:28,310 --> 00:15:32,500
So that I wanted them to
understand very clearly what

267
00:15:32,500 --> 00:15:33,370
it was all about.

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00:15:33,370 --> 00:15:36,260

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00:15:36,260 --> 00:15:38,495

The curious thing is they
both married Jewish girl.

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00:15:38,495 --> 00:15:41,350

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00:15:41,350 --> 00:15:44,830

My wife, which is not Jewish,
wasn't particularly pleased

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00:15:44,830 --> 00:15:45,330

about.

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00:15:45,330 --> 00:15:48,460

But so it must have had
some influence on them.

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00:15:48,460 --> 00:15:52,120

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00:15:52,120 --> 00:15:53,800

No, I did.

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00:15:53,800 --> 00:15:55,384

That I did tell them.

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00:15:55,384 --> 00:15:58,830

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00:15:58,830 --> 00:16:03,410

They certainly have a
knowledge of the background.

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00:16:03,410 --> 00:16:06,782

Did you find out any more
about your extended family

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00:16:06,782 --> 00:16:07,490

when it happened?

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00:16:07,490 --> 00:16:08,948

You had mentioned
your grandmother.

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00:16:08,948 --> 00:16:10,010
But any other?

283
00:16:10,010 --> 00:16:10,510
Yes.

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00:16:10,510 --> 00:16:14,640

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00:16:14,640 --> 00:16:18,150
On my father's side, nobody
survived, as far as I know.

286
00:16:18,150 --> 00:16:20,340
Because I didn't really
check that too closely.

287
00:16:20,340 --> 00:16:25,220
But as far as I could tell
from the tables that were kept,

288
00:16:25,220 --> 00:16:27,600
there was nobody.

289
00:16:27,600 --> 00:16:29,880
My wife was an only child.

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00:16:29,880 --> 00:16:32,520
I mean, my mother
was an only child.

291
00:16:32,520 --> 00:16:35,880
So she had no siblings.

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00:16:35,880 --> 00:16:43,260
But her one uncle got away,
went to New York, and his wife

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00:16:43,260 --> 00:16:44,040

and his children.

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00:16:44,040 --> 00:16:47,100

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00:16:47,100 --> 00:16:51,610

And another aunt got away
also and her children,

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00:16:51,610 --> 00:16:52,950

second cousins of mine.

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00:16:52,950 --> 00:16:57,540

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00:16:57,540 --> 00:17:01,410

The others, oh, there were
about three or four grand uncles

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00:17:01,410 --> 00:17:03,030

and so on.

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00:17:03,030 --> 00:17:06,900

And direct uncles, I mean,
brothers of my father

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00:17:06,900 --> 00:17:08,130

who didn't survive.

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00:17:08,130 --> 00:17:13,690

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00:17:13,690 --> 00:17:19,240

My grandfather passed away
before the Nazis came to power.

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00:17:19,240 --> 00:17:22,084

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00:17:22,084 --> 00:17:25,170

And I can't answer for the rest.

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00:17:25,170 --> 00:17:27,390

I didn't know them.

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00:17:27,390 --> 00:17:29,090

I didn't know many.

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00:17:29,090 --> 00:17:32,730

I mean, we were a small family.

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00:17:32,730 --> 00:17:40,290

And not a whole brood
of relatives anyway.

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00:17:40,290 --> 00:17:44,370

What about your relationship
now with your sisters?

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00:17:44,370 --> 00:17:50,320

Oh, I've got both of my
sisters over, as I told you.

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00:17:50,320 --> 00:17:54,120

We have six college
degrees between us.

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00:17:54,120 --> 00:17:55,600

Both of them became teachers.

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00:17:55,600 --> 00:17:59,550

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00:17:59,550 --> 00:18:03,060

My older sister retired out
of the Milwaukee school system

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00:18:03,060 --> 00:18:06,240

some years ago, is
now living in Florida.

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00:18:06,240 --> 00:18:08,558

And my younger sister
is still teaching,

318
00:18:08,558 --> 00:18:09,600
not in the school system.

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00:18:09,600 --> 00:18:14,910
She's teaching college
now, but sort of half

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00:18:14,910 --> 00:18:18,600
retired in Milwaukee.

321
00:18:18,600 --> 00:18:22,410
And I see them
from time to time.

322
00:18:22,410 --> 00:18:25,290
My younger sister
and I are much closer

323
00:18:25,290 --> 00:18:27,330
than I am with my
older sister because we

324
00:18:27,330 --> 00:18:32,130
were both in Wisconsin, not
living in the same home.

325
00:18:32,130 --> 00:18:42,482
But both have children and
all adults now and who,

326
00:18:42,482 --> 00:18:43,440
in turn, have children.

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00:18:43,440 --> 00:18:46,980

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00:18:46,980 --> 00:18:54,850
My younger sister's
daughter is in Israel.

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00:18:54,850 --> 00:18:57,840

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00:18:57,840 --> 00:19:04,290
She had married an Israeli
who was killed by the Arabs

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00:19:04,290 --> 00:19:14,280
in Gaza, burned to death
leaving a one-year-old child.

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00:19:14,280 --> 00:19:15,750
So the killing goes on.

333
00:19:15,750 --> 00:19:18,620
Doesn't seem to stop.

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00:19:18,620 --> 00:19:22,420
Is there anything you'd like
to add before we conclude?

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00:19:22,420 --> 00:19:22,920
No.

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00:19:22,920 --> 00:19:26,220
I think to anyone
listening to this, take it

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00:19:26,220 --> 00:19:27,630
all with a grain
of salt. I mean,

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00:19:27,630 --> 00:19:30,960
these are now beginning to
sound like the recollections

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00:19:30,960 --> 00:19:33,110
of an old man.

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00:19:33,110 --> 00:19:34,390
Though, I don't feel that old.

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00:19:34,390 --> 00:19:36,870

But some of the
things that I talked

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00:19:36,870 --> 00:19:40,890
about were a little
dim in memory

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00:19:40,890 --> 00:19:44,130
and may not be 100% correct.

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00:19:44,130 --> 00:19:53,590
Dates and times and places tend
to mesh together after a while.

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00:19:53,590 --> 00:19:59,660
And so I'm not sure about
the accuracy of everything.

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00:19:59,660 --> 00:20:05,490
But if the listener gets
any value out of this,

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00:20:05,490 --> 00:20:06,270
then I'm pleased.

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00:20:06,270 --> 00:20:09,090

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00:20:09,090 --> 00:20:12,540
Well, thank you very much
for doing the interview.

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00:20:12,540 --> 00:20:16,880
This concludes the
interview of Arnold Weiss.

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00:20:16,880 --> 00:20:20,000