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00:00:00,000 --> 00:00:01,380

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00:00:01,380 --> 00:00:03,990
This is the United States
Holocaust Memorial Museum

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00:00:03,990 --> 00:00:06,600
interview with Tania
Rozmaryn, conducted

4
00:00:06,600 --> 00:00:11,400
by Gail Schwartz on
February 23, 1997

5
00:00:11,400 --> 00:00:13,320
in Silver Spring, Maryland.

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00:00:13,320 --> 00:00:18,240
This is tape number
four, side A.

7
00:00:18,240 --> 00:00:21,510
So I came to Yeshiva
University, and I graduated.

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00:00:21,510 --> 00:00:24,300
And then I had to take courses
in psychology and education

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00:00:24,300 --> 00:00:25,830
in Queens College.

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00:00:25,830 --> 00:00:30,090
At one point, I came, I took
an art course, history of art.

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00:00:30,090 --> 00:00:32,520
And I walk in, I
see my son there.

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00:00:32,520 --> 00:00:34,350
And I said, no,
you and I are not

13
00:00:34,350 --> 00:00:38,880
going to be in the same class.

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00:00:38,880 --> 00:00:39,660
That was later.

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00:00:39,660 --> 00:00:41,520
That was when I
worked on my master's.

16
00:00:41,520 --> 00:00:43,230
No, not at this point.

17
00:00:43,230 --> 00:00:45,570
At this point, I did my degree.

18
00:00:45,570 --> 00:00:50,940
And I started teaching at
Yeshiva Forest Hills at Dov

19
00:00:50,940 --> 00:00:52,920
Revel in Forest Hills, Queens.

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00:00:52,920 --> 00:00:55,680
We had moved to there to
a house in Forest Hills.

21
00:00:55,680 --> 00:00:59,010
And life was getting
a little bit better.

22
00:00:59,010 --> 00:01:03,280
My children attended the
Yeshiva of Forrest Hills.

23
00:01:03,280 --> 00:01:05,459
And I loved being a teacher.

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00:01:05,459 --> 00:01:09,690
I succeeded so well
that a few years later I

25
00:01:09,690 --> 00:01:14,280
was voted as the recipient of
the Teacher of the Year award

26
00:01:14,280 --> 00:01:16,500
by Yeshiva University.

27
00:01:16,500 --> 00:01:20,730
And I was teaching at
Yeshiva University until '74.

28
00:01:20,730 --> 00:01:26,980
In '74, my principal took
a position in Flatbush

29
00:01:26,980 --> 00:01:28,290
at the Yeshiva of Flatbush.

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00:01:28,290 --> 00:01:29,700
And he asked me to join him.

31
00:01:29,700 --> 00:01:31,740
And I went to Flatbush.

32
00:01:31,740 --> 00:01:36,220
And of course, in Flatbush,
I taught until 1990,

33
00:01:36,220 --> 00:01:38,190
when I came here to Maryland.

34
00:01:38,190 --> 00:01:44,880
But in meantime, in '85,
I was already an adult,

35
00:01:44,880 --> 00:01:49,110
I decided I wanted
to make a master's.

36
00:01:49,110 --> 00:01:50,700
And I went to Queens College.

37
00:01:50,700 --> 00:01:52,980
And I picked my master's.

38
00:01:52,980 --> 00:01:55,620
I decided to do
a double master--

39
00:01:55,620 --> 00:01:58,470
one in the counselor
of education

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00:01:58,470 --> 00:02:02,980
and the other one in the
marriage and family counselor,

41
00:02:02,980 --> 00:02:06,930
which I graduated,
then I practiced

42
00:02:06,930 --> 00:02:08,270
marriage a family counseling.

43
00:02:08,270 --> 00:02:10,380
But my sons always tease me.

44
00:02:10,380 --> 00:02:12,720
They say, mom, you're
the only person

45
00:02:12,720 --> 00:02:15,120
we know that went
from the fourth grade

46
00:02:15,120 --> 00:02:18,300
straight to college.

47
00:02:18,300 --> 00:02:21,450
And I lived in New
York until 1990.

48
00:02:21,450 --> 00:02:24,360
And I have two sons.

49
00:02:24,360 --> 00:02:27,240
My oldest son is an
electrical engineer.

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00:02:27,240 --> 00:02:30,650
And he moved to Silver
Spring 15 years ago.

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00:02:30,650 --> 00:02:33,810
And at this point, he designs
telecommunications systems

52
00:02:33,810 --> 00:02:36,360
for Howard Hughes' company.

53
00:02:36,360 --> 00:02:39,870
And my youngest son
studied medicine

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00:02:39,870 --> 00:02:41,370
at Columbia University.

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00:02:41,370 --> 00:02:43,680
And when he became a
surgeon, he decided

56
00:02:43,680 --> 00:02:46,260
he wanted to move to this area.

57
00:02:46,260 --> 00:02:49,190
And he is now Dr. Leo Rozmaryn.

58
00:02:49,190 --> 00:02:51,220
He's quite known in
the neighborhood.

59
00:02:51,220 --> 00:02:57,330
He is a microvascular hand

surgeon and extremities.

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00:02:57,330 --> 00:03:01,500
So 1990 I decided to move
here and be near my children

61
00:03:01,500 --> 00:03:03,180
and my grandchildren.

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00:03:03,180 --> 00:03:05,950
And immediately, I was
offered the position

63
00:03:05,950 --> 00:03:08,070
at the Charles E.
Smith Jewish Day School

64
00:03:08,070 --> 00:03:11,280
to continue teaching,
which I have accepted.

65
00:03:11,280 --> 00:03:14,160
So at this point,
I am very happy.

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00:03:14,160 --> 00:03:15,870
I'm very content.

67
00:03:15,870 --> 00:03:19,680
And I feel that life
has been good to me

68
00:03:19,680 --> 00:03:23,550
in spite of all the obstacles.

69
00:03:23,550 --> 00:03:30,180
When your mother came here,
or when you got settled here,

70
00:03:30,180 --> 00:03:33,120
did you continue to talk
about your wartime experiences

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00:03:33,120 --> 00:03:37,200

with her or long distance
with your sister?

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00:03:37,200 --> 00:03:39,390

We always continued talking.

73

00:03:39,390 --> 00:03:42,810

And everything what we did
and where we went, our food

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00:03:42,810 --> 00:03:46,800

or whatever, we were always
reminiscing about home.

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00:03:46,800 --> 00:03:51,840

But most of that
my husband and I

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00:03:51,840 --> 00:03:54,060

used to talk with our children.

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00:03:54,060 --> 00:03:57,660

Our children know
all our experiences

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00:03:57,660 --> 00:04:04,050

to the last detail to a point
when my son went cross country

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00:04:04,050 --> 00:04:06,600

and then to Vancouver, he
went to a kosher butcher

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00:04:06,600 --> 00:04:11,218

to buy some meat to barbecue,
he detected in an accent.

81

00:04:11,218 --> 00:04:13,260

And then he asked the
butcher where you are from.

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00:04:13,260 --> 00:04:14,760
And my son was 18.

83
00:04:14,760 --> 00:04:17,070
And he said, well, I'm
from Poland, a little town

84
00:04:17,070 --> 00:04:17,820
you wouldn't know.

85
00:04:17,820 --> 00:04:19,890
He said tell me.

86
00:04:19,890 --> 00:04:20,579
Tell me.

87
00:04:20,579 --> 00:04:22,590
And the butcher finally
told him that he comes

88
00:04:22,590 --> 00:04:24,780
from a town called Sosnowiec.

89
00:04:24,780 --> 00:04:27,470
And then my son says to him,
oh, you're from Sosnowiec.

90
00:04:27,470 --> 00:04:29,620
Do you know the
Pilsudskiego Street?

91
00:04:29,620 --> 00:04:31,270
Do you remember the
yellow roof color?

92
00:04:31,270 --> 00:04:32,760
Do you remember the bakeries?

93
00:04:32,760 --> 00:04:35,070
And that guy was
absolutely astonished.

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00:04:35,070 --> 00:04:38,160
It so happened that this
was my husband's hometown.

95
00:04:38,160 --> 00:04:40,830
And my kids know everything.

96
00:04:40,830 --> 00:04:45,430
And they are so
very much absorbed

97
00:04:45,430 --> 00:04:48,070
with the Holocaust
in general and what

98
00:04:48,070 --> 00:04:51,670
happened to us, in particular,
to a point when the Holocaust

99
00:04:51,670 --> 00:04:56,080
Museum opened up, I told
my sons you have to go.

100
00:04:56,080 --> 00:04:57,550
I couldn't go for a year.

101
00:04:57,550 --> 00:04:59,620
You have to go see
the Holocaust Museum.

102
00:04:59,620 --> 00:05:03,770
My son came back, and he
said, mom, well, he said,

103
00:05:03,770 --> 00:05:08,560
I wasn't so very much impressed
because what you told me

104
00:05:08,560 --> 00:05:11,855
and what daddy told us
is much more that we see.

105
00:05:11,855 --> 00:05:13,230

Of course, it's
a wonderful thing

106
00:05:13,230 --> 00:05:15,280
to have for people
who don't know.

107
00:05:15,280 --> 00:05:18,743
But he says for us, you know,
we are saturated with it.

108
00:05:18,743 --> 00:05:20,910
It's a matter of fact, when
he went for an interview

109
00:05:20,910 --> 00:05:23,310
at Columbia, the
interviewer said to him,

110
00:05:23,310 --> 00:05:26,500
you know, you act like
a Holocaust survivor.

111
00:05:26,500 --> 00:05:29,196
What is your background?

112
00:05:29,196 --> 00:05:31,590
So thank God
they're all settled.

113
00:05:31,590 --> 00:05:34,710
And I have wonderful
grandchildren.

114
00:05:34,710 --> 00:05:41,220
And life is good at this point,
all we should do is be healthy.

115
00:05:41,220 --> 00:05:45,630
Are there any sights
today or sounds or smells

116
00:05:45,630 --> 00:05:49,350

that trigger your
thoughts about the war?

117
00:05:49,350 --> 00:05:51,860

118
00:05:51,860 --> 00:05:53,300
About the war?

119
00:05:53,300 --> 00:05:54,350
The war years.

120
00:05:54,350 --> 00:05:55,400
Not here.

121
00:05:55,400 --> 00:05:59,840
Three years ago, I went
with a friend to Poland.

122
00:05:59,840 --> 00:06:02,420
I was a little girl in
Vilnius [INAUDIBLE]..

123
00:06:02,420 --> 00:06:05,000
I heard about Warsaw,
Krakow, Budapest, you know?

124
00:06:05,000 --> 00:06:10,190
But never did I anticipate
that I would go.

125
00:06:10,190 --> 00:06:12,020
I took a trip with
a friend of mine

126
00:06:12,020 --> 00:06:16,840
with a tour to Warsaw,
Krakow, Budapest, and Vienna.

127
00:06:16,840 --> 00:06:20,530
And of course, when
we went to Krakow,

128
00:06:20,530 --> 00:06:21,530
it was very interesting.

129
00:06:21,530 --> 00:06:24,490
I went to the Jewish
theater there.

130
00:06:24,490 --> 00:06:27,782
And we met actors.

131
00:06:27,782 --> 00:06:28,615
They are not Jewish.

132
00:06:28,615 --> 00:06:30,160
And there's a Jewish community.

133
00:06:30,160 --> 00:06:32,240
And now they are waking up.

134
00:06:32,240 --> 00:06:35,170
We met people that didn't
know they were Jewish,

135
00:06:35,170 --> 00:06:39,400
but the Gentiles that
they were saved by,

136
00:06:39,400 --> 00:06:40,610
they started dying out.

137
00:06:40,610 --> 00:06:42,610
They were afraid they'll
go to hell because they

138
00:06:42,610 --> 00:06:44,860
are very religious Catholics.

139
00:06:44,860 --> 00:06:46,630
So before they
die, they told them

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00:06:46,630 --> 00:06:48,130
that they were Jewish children.

141
00:06:48,130 --> 00:06:53,110
And now, all of a
sudden in the Warsaw,

142
00:06:53,110 --> 00:06:55,930
in the Jewish
organizations there,

143
00:06:55,930 --> 00:07:00,700
you have Polish Jews
that are coming now.

144
00:07:00,700 --> 00:07:02,830
And they want to
go into the fault.

145
00:07:02,830 --> 00:07:06,970
But when we went to Krakow,
we went to Auschwitz.

146
00:07:06,970 --> 00:07:09,040
And I was never
there, fortunately.

147
00:07:09,040 --> 00:07:11,560
We walked into Auschwitz.

148
00:07:11,560 --> 00:07:14,240
And I says to my
friend, I said Malvin,

149
00:07:14,240 --> 00:07:17,020
do you smell anything here?

150
00:07:17,020 --> 00:07:19,270
She says no, vaguely.

151
00:07:19,270 --> 00:07:22,620
I said how many years
is it after the war?

152
00:07:22,620 --> 00:07:28,590
That place smelled with
burnt flesh, still does.

153
00:07:28,590 --> 00:07:32,640
I am very careful at home not
to burn anything because I

154
00:07:32,640 --> 00:07:35,750
know I would go berserk.

155
00:07:35,750 --> 00:07:42,260
Otherwise, fortunately, here no,
it doesn't, except nightmares.

156
00:07:42,260 --> 00:07:43,950
I wake up.

157
00:07:43,950 --> 00:07:47,820
And I'm being
chased and all kinds

158
00:07:47,820 --> 00:07:50,520
of horrible,
horrible nightmares.

159
00:07:50,520 --> 00:07:55,770
But I must say, I had help.

160
00:07:55,770 --> 00:08:00,330
But at this point,
thank God, I got

161
00:08:00,330 --> 00:08:07,200
rid of my post-traumatic stress
syndrome and off of the anxiety

162
00:08:07,200 --> 00:08:07,990
attacks.

163
00:08:07,990 --> 00:08:11,160

I know at this point
how to control them.

164
00:08:11,160 --> 00:08:15,510
So actually, I feel
at this point, I'm 68,

165
00:08:15,510 --> 00:08:23,440
I feel that if I would
take a time in my life

166
00:08:23,440 --> 00:08:29,510
where my life was best,
I would say this is it.

167
00:08:29,510 --> 00:08:34,679
When your boys
were 11 years old,

168
00:08:34,679 --> 00:08:41,110
which was the age you
were when the war began,

169
00:08:41,110 --> 00:08:42,190
was that hard for you?

170
00:08:42,190 --> 00:08:43,820
Did it bring back
memories for you--

171
00:08:43,820 --> 00:08:44,320
No.

172
00:08:44,320 --> 00:08:45,820
--because they were your age?

173
00:08:45,820 --> 00:08:48,970
No, actually, it didn't.

174
00:08:48,970 --> 00:08:53,540
I felt that I did not,
except for nightmares,

175

00:08:53,540 --> 00:08:58,200

no, I did not because
the environment here,

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00:08:58,200 --> 00:09:02,250

the social structure,
the political structure,

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00:09:02,250 --> 00:09:03,490

the democracy.

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00:09:03,490 --> 00:09:06,340

In the United
States, it's a system

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00:09:06,340 --> 00:09:11,830

that does not remind me of
anything that I experienced

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00:09:11,830 --> 00:09:13,990

previously in Europe.

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00:09:13,990 --> 00:09:16,330

I remember my
relatives, like I said,

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00:09:16,330 --> 00:09:18,430

every time there is
any scare, I mention

183

00:09:18,430 --> 00:09:21,610

each and everyone's name because
I don't want to forget them.

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00:09:21,610 --> 00:09:27,400

But otherwise, I feel I was
fortunate because, like I said,

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00:09:27,400 --> 00:09:31,660

with all the symptoms
that I had suffered,

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00:09:31,660 --> 00:09:38,860
I felt that my life was not
ruined by the concentration

187
00:09:38,860 --> 00:09:40,360
camp, by the war.

188
00:09:40,360 --> 00:09:43,870
My mother, people
my mother's age,

189
00:09:43,870 --> 00:09:48,820
or people that came
here my age and did not

190
00:09:48,820 --> 00:09:51,490
pursue an education.

191
00:09:51,490 --> 00:09:53,680
I know many people
my age that they had

192
00:09:53,680 --> 00:09:55,810
married very wealthy husbands.

193
00:09:55,810 --> 00:09:58,390
And not anymore, but
in the beginning,

194
00:09:58,390 --> 00:10:00,520
they started showing
off their diamonds

195
00:10:00,520 --> 00:10:01,930
and their furs and this.

196
00:10:01,930 --> 00:10:05,230
And I said, I pity
these women because they

197
00:10:05,230 --> 00:10:09,520
have to hold on to something,
but it didn't do anything

198
00:10:09,520 --> 00:10:10,660
for themselves.

199
00:10:10,660 --> 00:10:16,100
So you see, these people
are still in the Holocaust,

200
00:10:16,100 --> 00:10:21,200
like my mother and people
younger than my mother

201
00:10:21,200 --> 00:10:23,440
that their life was
broken that where,

202
00:10:23,440 --> 00:10:25,940
let's say, in high
schools or universities.

203
00:10:25,940 --> 00:10:27,740
And they did not pursue.

204
00:10:27,740 --> 00:10:29,960
They did not
rebuild their lives.

205
00:10:29,960 --> 00:10:33,380
They live every day
with the Holocaust.

206
00:10:33,380 --> 00:10:38,570
I feel, to me the Holocaust it's
the tragedy that I suffered,

207
00:10:38,570 --> 00:10:40,020
my family.

208
00:10:40,020 --> 00:10:41,400
My father was killed.

209
00:10:41,400 --> 00:10:42,590

My brother.

210

00:10:42,590 --> 00:10:46,280

And all the close relatives and
all the Jewish people, that's

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00:10:46,280 --> 00:10:49,850

why it was so difficult for me
to go to the Holocaust Museum.

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00:10:49,850 --> 00:10:53,210

And that's why I hesitated
to become a volunteer.

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00:10:53,210 --> 00:10:57,890

But at this point, I feel that
I must because, essentially, I

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00:10:57,890 --> 00:11:02,600

am one of the youngest survivors
because all the other survivors

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00:11:02,600 --> 00:11:05,690

that call themselves Holocaust
survivors were either hidden,

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00:11:05,690 --> 00:11:07,220

or they were children.

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00:11:07,220 --> 00:11:09,440

Or they suffered in Russia.

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00:11:09,440 --> 00:11:13,080

But to go through ghetto labor
camps and concentration camps,

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00:11:13,080 --> 00:11:15,380

I feel that there
are not many left.

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00:11:15,380 --> 00:11:18,890

And I feel it's my
obligation to volunteer.

221
00:11:18,890 --> 00:11:22,550
And I feel that I could
contribute to perpetuate

222
00:11:22,550 --> 00:11:27,920
the memory of the six million.

223
00:11:27,920 --> 00:11:34,730
So I personally myself,
because I had rebuilt my life,

224
00:11:34,730 --> 00:11:39,560
I got my education, and
it was so satisfying to me

225
00:11:39,560 --> 00:11:47,160
that I don't feel
that I was totally

226
00:11:47,160 --> 00:11:53,860
demolished by the Holocaust,
but I see many people who are.

227
00:11:53,860 --> 00:11:58,270
And I attribute it
to the fact that I

228
00:11:58,270 --> 00:12:01,390
was so adamant about
getting an education

229
00:12:01,390 --> 00:12:05,510
and fulfilling my life
with being an educator.

230
00:12:05,510 --> 00:12:08,590
And I was very active
in the organizations

231
00:12:08,590 --> 00:12:14,110
for Hapoel HaMizrachi, President
and all kinds of functions.

232
00:12:14,110 --> 00:12:15,900
And I was giving lectures.

233
00:12:15,900 --> 00:12:19,900
And then, of course, whenever
I was called to represent,

234
00:12:19,900 --> 00:12:22,690
to speak about my
experiences, I always do.

235
00:12:22,690 --> 00:12:25,750
In my school, I
do it every year.

236
00:12:25,750 --> 00:12:28,930
It's very difficult,
but I, on Yom HaShoah,

237
00:12:28,930 --> 00:12:30,520
I feel I have to do it.

238
00:12:30,520 --> 00:12:34,510
In New York, I was invited to
synagogues to speak and adult

239
00:12:34,510 --> 00:12:36,440
learning institutions.

240
00:12:36,440 --> 00:12:44,660
But personally, I think that
I have picked up my pieces,

241
00:12:44,660 --> 00:12:47,330
and I have rehabilitated
myself well.

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00:12:47,330 --> 00:12:52,170

243
00:12:52,170 --> 00:12:54,390

Is there anything you wanted
to add to your children

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00:12:54,390 --> 00:12:56,130
or grandchildren before we end?

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00:12:56,130 --> 00:13:00,600

246
00:13:00,600 --> 00:13:06,720
Well, my children, they are
religious, modern religious.

247
00:13:06,720 --> 00:13:09,418
They live here in Camp Mill.

248
00:13:09,418 --> 00:13:12,140
My oldest son has
to his credit, he

249
00:13:12,140 --> 00:13:14,900
started a synagogue, which
is called the Camp Mills

250
00:13:14,900 --> 00:13:15,800
Synagogue.

251
00:13:15,800 --> 00:13:17,690
He did it single-handedly.

252
00:13:17,690 --> 00:13:21,260
And now, they have 250 families.

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00:13:21,260 --> 00:13:23,270
And in the spring,
they're going to start

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00:13:23,270 --> 00:13:28,580
to build a real new
temple, a real new shul.

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00:13:28,580 --> 00:13:31,680

They are very, both
my sons, hospitable.

256
00:13:31,680 --> 00:13:34,640
Their house is always
open for company.

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00:13:34,640 --> 00:13:37,460
If anybody moves into
the neighborhood,

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00:13:37,460 --> 00:13:41,030
they are how people know
that they could call Dr. Leo

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00:13:41,030 --> 00:13:43,820
Rozmaryn and Dr. Jack Rozmaryn.

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00:13:43,820 --> 00:13:44,690
We have someone.

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00:13:44,690 --> 00:13:45,770
We have a family.

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00:13:45,770 --> 00:13:48,530
They are always welcome
to eat and to sleep.

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00:13:48,530 --> 00:13:50,510
Always there to cook meals.

264
00:13:50,510 --> 00:13:54,320
To take things to
help out neighbors.

265
00:13:54,320 --> 00:13:57,350
They are oft, on a Friday
night and a Saturday,

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00:13:57,350 --> 00:14:01,340
they are always at least
15, 20 people in the house.

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00:14:01,340 --> 00:14:03,710
So I am within walking distance.

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00:14:03,710 --> 00:14:05,180
And I see all this.

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00:14:05,180 --> 00:14:06,710
And I see my grandchildren.

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00:14:06,710 --> 00:14:09,230
They study at the
Hebrew Academy.

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00:14:09,230 --> 00:14:10,700
And also modern religious.

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00:14:10,700 --> 00:14:17,450
My older son went for a year
with his graduating class

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00:14:17,450 --> 00:14:18,050
in Israel.

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00:14:18,050 --> 00:14:20,630
And he studies in a Yeshiva.

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00:14:20,630 --> 00:14:24,410
And my children and my
grandchildren, thank God,

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00:14:24,410 --> 00:14:28,310
are going in the right path.

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00:14:28,310 --> 00:14:32,730
But I want to mention
one more thing.

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00:14:32,730 --> 00:14:36,450
After the Holocaust,
when people survived,

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00:14:36,450 --> 00:14:39,510
most of the Holocaust
survivors said

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00:14:39,510 --> 00:14:44,070
if this could have happened to
us, we don't want to be Jewish.

281
00:14:44,070 --> 00:14:46,470
Like Madeleine
Albright's family,

282
00:14:46,470 --> 00:14:49,980
they have converted
before to Catholicism.

283
00:14:49,980 --> 00:14:54,060
But after the war not everybody
took such drastic steps.

284
00:14:54,060 --> 00:14:58,060
But people said, what for?

285
00:14:58,060 --> 00:15:00,200
I won't convert,
but I don't have to.

286
00:15:00,200 --> 00:15:01,000
There is no God.

287
00:15:01,000 --> 00:15:02,740
I don't believe in God.

288
00:15:02,740 --> 00:15:03,925
I am not religious.

289
00:15:03,925 --> 00:15:05,300
And I don't want
to be religious.

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00:15:05,300 --> 00:15:08,920
I was religious at home with
my brother and my father,

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00:15:08,920 --> 00:15:11,470
with the shtreimel and
with the kaputa and this.

292
00:15:11,470 --> 00:15:12,910
Now, what happened to them?

293
00:15:12,910 --> 00:15:15,670
I want nothing to
do with religion.

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00:15:15,670 --> 00:15:19,220
And these people, after
the war, whether they

295
00:15:19,220 --> 00:15:21,160
had businesses or
jobs, they started

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00:15:21,160 --> 00:15:24,790
working on Shabbat and
holidays and send the children

297
00:15:24,790 --> 00:15:26,110
in public school.

298
00:15:26,110 --> 00:15:27,350
And they said this is good.

299
00:15:27,350 --> 00:15:28,370
This is what we want.

300
00:15:28,370 --> 00:15:30,100
We don't need Yiddish guide.

301
00:15:30,100 --> 00:15:35,420
Because if that happened to
us, we don't want anymore.

302
00:15:35,420 --> 00:15:39,580
I felt the same way when we

came here to the United States.

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00:15:39,580 --> 00:15:41,620

Of course, the whole
house was kosher.

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00:15:41,620 --> 00:15:44,060

There was no question about it.

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00:15:44,060 --> 00:15:47,830

And I said, how
could I be religious

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00:15:47,830 --> 00:15:51,310

with my father or my family,
everybody, where was God?

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00:15:51,310 --> 00:15:54,790

And then I started going to
the movies on the Shabbat.

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00:15:54,790 --> 00:15:58,480

And then I came home one day
from the movies on Shabbat,

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00:15:58,480 --> 00:16:02,350

and I said to myself,
this is wrong.

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00:16:02,350 --> 00:16:05,890

I am not going to question
at this point God.

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00:16:05,890 --> 00:16:10,660

I will just analyze my
life now and the future.

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00:16:10,660 --> 00:16:14,200

What will I give the
future generation?

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00:16:14,200 --> 00:16:21,850

I will perpetuate

posthumously Hitler's idea

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00:16:21,850 --> 00:16:25,450
of the final solution
because what he wanted to do

315
00:16:25,450 --> 00:16:28,540
is liquidate the Jewish
nation and the Jewish people.

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00:16:28,540 --> 00:16:34,030
If I will go on denying the
Jewish existence, denying

317
00:16:34,030 --> 00:16:36,510
the Jewish religion,
and give my sons

318
00:16:36,510 --> 00:16:39,040
a secular education
in public schools

319
00:16:39,040 --> 00:16:41,210
and the second
generation intermarries

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00:16:41,210 --> 00:16:44,170
and the third generation,
they are no more Jews.

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00:16:44,170 --> 00:16:48,280
And that's why I said, I
am not going to give Hitler

322
00:16:48,280 --> 00:16:50,470
a gift posthumously.

323
00:16:50,470 --> 00:16:56,610
I will become more religious,
not modern, Orthodox

324
00:16:56,610 --> 00:17:01,330
and give my children a

religious upbringing.

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00:17:01,330 --> 00:17:04,680

And I have never regretted
it because when I meet now

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00:17:04,680 --> 00:17:07,200

with my friends,
people that didn't

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00:17:07,200 --> 00:17:10,770

do much for themselves
who hardly speak English,

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00:17:10,770 --> 00:17:13,260

their son is a
big lawyer married

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00:17:13,260 --> 00:17:14,880

the shiksa from the West.

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00:17:14,880 --> 00:17:18,359

She has grandchildren,
nothing in common.

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00:17:18,359 --> 00:17:20,670

And the next
generation is finished.

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00:17:20,670 --> 00:17:24,510

And they all look at me and
they said, we were wrong.

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00:17:24,510 --> 00:17:27,180

You made the right choice.

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00:17:27,180 --> 00:17:29,168

And I am very happy I did.

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00:17:29,168 --> 00:17:33,530

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00:17:33,530 --> 00:17:37,620

Well, thank you very much
for doing the interview.

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00:17:37,620 --> 00:17:40,610

Thank you, Ms. Schwartz.

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00:17:40,610 --> 00:17:43,880

This concludes the United
States Holocaust Memorial Museum

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interview with Tania Rozmaryn.

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