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This is the United States
Holocaust Memorial Museum

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interview with Erwin
Deutscher, conducted

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00:00:11,530 --> 00:00:18,580

by Gail Schwartz on November
9, 1997 at the Museum.

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This is tape number
one, side A. Could

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00:00:23,530 --> 00:00:26,600

you give me your full name?

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00:00:26,600 --> 00:00:30,140

My name is Erwin
Deutscher, E-R-W-I-N.

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00:00:30,140 --> 00:00:32,200

And the Hebrew name is Reuven.

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00:00:32,200 --> 00:00:34,780

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00:00:34,780 --> 00:00:37,900

And I live in Cincinnati, Ohio.

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00:00:37,900 --> 00:00:39,220

Do you have a middle name?

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00:00:39,220 --> 00:00:40,150

No.

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00:00:40,150 --> 00:00:41,830
And your last name is Deutscher.

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00:00:41,830 --> 00:00:42,556
Deutscher.

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00:00:42,556 --> 00:00:44,860
D-E-U-T-S-C-H-E-R.

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00:00:44,860 --> 00:00:47,710
Is that the name
you were born with?

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00:00:47,710 --> 00:00:49,930
From the first day on.

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00:00:49,930 --> 00:00:53,180
And where were you born,
and when were you born?

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00:00:53,180 --> 00:00:56,050
I was born in Vienna on--

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00:00:56,050 --> 00:01:03,250
it was a Sunday like
today, on January 28, 1923.

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00:01:03,250 --> 00:01:05,450
Let's talk now a little
bit about your family.

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00:01:05,450 --> 00:01:08,050
How long had your
family been in Vienna?

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00:01:08,050 --> 00:01:10,030
How many generations?

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00:01:10,030 --> 00:01:15,190
Well, my father was in
Austria all the time,

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00:01:15,190 --> 00:01:20,440
but that Austria was the
emperors Austria, Franz Joseph.

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00:01:20,440 --> 00:01:27,670
So that was more North
than today's Austria, yeah?

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00:01:27,670 --> 00:01:30,040
And then later on it
belonged to Poland.

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00:01:30,040 --> 00:01:32,980
Finally, it belonged
to Soviet Union.

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00:01:32,980 --> 00:01:36,790
And now it's a part
of the Ukraine.

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00:01:36,790 --> 00:01:38,950
But the main reason
he was in Austria,

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00:01:38,950 --> 00:01:43,520
because he served in the
Austrian army for eight years.

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00:01:43,520 --> 00:01:47,380
And at the end, he was a
prisoner of war in Italy,

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00:01:47,380 --> 00:01:49,840
and he ran back to Vienna.

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00:01:49,840 --> 00:01:51,730
Actually, he was never released.

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00:01:51,730 --> 00:01:55,600
He just ran away from
the Italian camp.

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00:01:55,600 --> 00:01:59,570
And my mother was almost
from the same area,

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00:01:59,570 --> 00:02:01,840
but she studied in
Prague for one year,

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00:02:01,840 --> 00:02:04,060
in one of the universities then.

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00:02:04,060 --> 00:02:07,060
And they met in Vienna
and got married.

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00:02:07,060 --> 00:02:10,419
So did her sister, who
married my father's friend.

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00:02:10,419 --> 00:02:12,490
And that's the way
we lived there.

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00:02:12,490 --> 00:02:15,400
What are your parents' names?

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00:02:15,400 --> 00:02:19,300
Well, in Austria, they had
to have a German name, too.

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00:02:19,300 --> 00:02:23,980
So his name was Friedrich, but
the Hebrew name was Ephraim.

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00:02:23,980 --> 00:02:25,510
Ephraim Fischl, rather.

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00:02:25,510 --> 00:02:28,780
And my mother's name
was Ida all the time.

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00:02:28,780 --> 00:02:30,170
And her maiden name?

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00:02:30,170 --> 00:02:33,550
Her maiden name
was [? Bachrach. ?]

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00:02:33,550 --> 00:02:35,890
Did you have or do you have
any siblings, any brothers

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00:02:35,890 --> 00:02:36,490
or sisters?

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00:02:36,490 --> 00:02:39,790
Yeah, we were four.

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00:02:39,790 --> 00:02:43,090
3 boys and 1 girl.

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00:02:43,090 --> 00:02:46,750
And only one brother
is still alive.

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00:02:46,750 --> 00:02:50,410
Yeah, the others are deceased.

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00:02:50,410 --> 00:02:52,030
And what are their names?

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00:02:52,030 --> 00:02:54,200
OK, my sister's
name who followed--

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00:02:54,200 --> 00:02:55,480
I'm the first born.

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00:02:55,480 --> 00:02:58,780
After this is my sister, Rosie.

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00:02:58,780 --> 00:03:01,690
And she lived in Italy.

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00:03:01,690 --> 00:03:03,400

And this is another
story, we might

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00:03:03,400 --> 00:03:04,630

have to talk about it later.

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00:03:04,630 --> 00:03:06,220

She was married
to [? Marcello ?]

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00:03:06,220 --> 00:03:11,320

[? Compagnano, ?] a Jewish
family in Florence, Italy.

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00:03:11,320 --> 00:03:13,870

The other one is Edmund.

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00:03:13,870 --> 00:03:20,200

He was an American soldier
during World War II

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00:03:20,200 --> 00:03:23,320

in the Japanese theater.

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00:03:23,320 --> 00:03:27,130

And later on, he was
even fighting in Korea.

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00:03:27,130 --> 00:03:28,390

He deceased.

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00:03:28,390 --> 00:03:32,980

And the one who lives now in
Denver, his name is Sigmund.

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00:03:32,980 --> 00:03:36,040

And he's married there
and has three children

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00:03:36,040 --> 00:03:39,700

and two grandchildren.

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00:03:39,700 --> 00:03:41,740
How religious was your family?

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00:03:41,740 --> 00:03:46,600
OK, my father definitely
was considered very rel--

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00:03:46,600 --> 00:03:48,430
Orthodox.

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00:03:48,430 --> 00:03:51,910
Although it is not
the same orthodoxy

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00:03:51,910 --> 00:03:56,290
that probably people were in
Poland or that areas, yeah?

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00:03:56,290 --> 00:04:00,875
It was a liberal
orthodoxy in Vienna.

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00:04:00,875 --> 00:04:03,730

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00:04:03,730 --> 00:04:07,060
The main reason I
want to point out here

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00:04:07,060 --> 00:04:10,880
is, we went to
school on Saturdays.

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00:04:10,880 --> 00:04:14,830
We were instructed not to
write, yeah, just to sit there.

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00:04:14,830 --> 00:04:16,630
But he never objected.

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00:04:16,630 --> 00:04:19,209
For he couldn't even

object to it, yeah?

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00:04:19,209 --> 00:04:22,910

And in Vienna, we walked
around like any other child.

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00:04:22,910 --> 00:04:26,830

There was no special
appearance that we

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00:04:26,830 --> 00:04:29,030

were Jewish or very religious.

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00:04:29,030 --> 00:04:33,950

We were integrated with
whatever was going on there.

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00:04:33,950 --> 00:04:36,150

So what kind of religious
training did you get?

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00:04:36,150 --> 00:04:43,610

Oh, well, at school, because at
my time, at least since 1934,

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00:04:43,610 --> 00:04:49,210

'33, you had to have
a religion in Austria.

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00:04:49,210 --> 00:04:52,960

Before, when the Social
Democrats were in power,

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00:04:52,960 --> 00:04:56,170

you could be areligious,
not religious at all.

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00:04:56,170 --> 00:04:59,920

And then they forced you to
go back to your religion.

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00:04:59,920 --> 00:05:04,060

So at school, the

Catholic children

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00:05:04,060 --> 00:05:07,660

had their religious
instruction in the class.

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00:05:07,660 --> 00:05:10,360

But the non-Catholics,
Protestants, Jews,

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00:05:10,360 --> 00:05:18,693

and a few others had to meet
twice a week in another center,

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00:05:18,693 --> 00:05:19,735

where we were instructed.

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00:05:19,735 --> 00:05:22,360

It means they took them
together from many schools,

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00:05:22,360 --> 00:05:25,120

and we were instructed Hebrew.

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00:05:25,120 --> 00:05:29,150

Well, basically, but
it was very limited.

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00:05:29,150 --> 00:05:32,530

So then of course
in my case, I had

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00:05:32,530 --> 00:05:36,310

to go to a Talmud
Torah in addition

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00:05:36,310 --> 00:05:41,590

to learn the Bible and
so many other things.

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00:05:41,590 --> 00:05:46,480

And more than this, I even
had a private tutor at home

106
00:05:46,480 --> 00:05:48,220
to learn more Hebrew.

107
00:05:48,220 --> 00:05:53,300
Because I was the oldest, and
most was concentrated on me.

108
00:05:53,300 --> 00:05:59,310
The other brothers didn't get
as much Hebrew instructions

109
00:05:59,310 --> 00:06:01,270
as I got.

110
00:06:01,270 --> 00:06:04,140
And so obviously you observed
holidays and so forth at home.

111
00:06:04,140 --> 00:06:04,640
Yeah.

112
00:06:04,640 --> 00:06:07,750
And did you go to synagogue?

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00:06:07,750 --> 00:06:10,580
Well, because Saturdays
we went to school,

114
00:06:10,580 --> 00:06:13,000
so the synagogue didn't exist.

115
00:06:13,000 --> 00:06:20,350
But in Vienna, at least it was a
part of the youth at 3 o'clock,

116
00:06:20,350 --> 00:06:23,320
in all those
synagogues in Vienna,

117
00:06:23,320 --> 00:06:26,680
they had youth services.

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00:06:26,680 --> 00:06:30,520
Children came together
for, let's say, 45 minutes,

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00:06:30,520 --> 00:06:33,370
and the rabbi gave
a speech, and there

120
00:06:33,370 --> 00:06:36,180
was a choir and so on, almost
in all of those Viennese

121
00:06:36,180 --> 00:06:37,480
synagogues.

122
00:06:37,480 --> 00:06:43,510
So they were conducted
on a Jewish basis.

123
00:06:43,510 --> 00:06:46,570

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00:06:46,570 --> 00:06:50,590
You can call it Orthodox, but
it's not the heavy Orthodox.

125
00:06:50,590 --> 00:06:53,170
Kids came in and that's it.

126
00:06:53,170 --> 00:06:55,030
What kind of work
did your father do?

127
00:06:55,030 --> 00:06:59,530
OK, we had a dairy factory.

128
00:06:59,530 --> 00:07:02,590
That means we pasteurized milk.

129
00:07:02,590 --> 00:07:07,330
The milk came in from

the farm sections

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00:07:07,330 --> 00:07:11,560
and produced butter and cheeses.

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00:07:11,560 --> 00:07:15,820
And we had little wagons.

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00:07:15,820 --> 00:07:18,160
They were still horse
drawn at this time,

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00:07:18,160 --> 00:07:23,350
and they delivered it in 20 or
25 liter cans to the stores.

134

00:07:23,350 --> 00:07:25,210
And that's the way it was.

135

00:07:25,210 --> 00:07:28,330
Did you live right in the city
of Vienna or on the outskirts?

136

00:07:28,330 --> 00:07:33,580
OK, we had a beautiful
apartment in the 3rd District.

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00:07:33,580 --> 00:07:38,530
It was so beautiful that many
of our neighbors envied us.

138

00:07:38,530 --> 00:07:47,590
And then probably I was
already 12-years-old, yeah?

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00:07:47,590 --> 00:07:51,460
They got key money to
free this apartment,

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00:07:51,460 --> 00:07:53,890
because some rich
people wanted it.

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00:07:53,890 --> 00:07:56,800

And with this money, they
were able to buy a villa

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00:07:56,800 --> 00:08:00,730

house on the other
side of the Danube.

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00:08:00,730 --> 00:08:03,250

And that's where we lived then.

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00:08:03,250 --> 00:08:05,470

What street was
your first house on?

145

00:08:05,470 --> 00:08:08,440

The first was
Kardinal-Nagl-Platz--

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00:08:08,440 --> 00:08:09,931

[COUGHING]

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00:08:09,931 --> 00:08:10,925

Excuse me.

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00:08:10,925 --> 00:08:14,605

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00:08:14,605 --> 00:08:19,360

And there I went
to grade school.

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00:08:19,360 --> 00:08:22,600

And later on-- over there,
grade school is only four years,

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00:08:22,600 --> 00:08:24,460

from one to--

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00:08:24,460 --> 00:08:27,610

from the first to
the fourth grade.

153
00:08:27,610 --> 00:08:31,330
And then the fifth grade
was already the Gymnasium.

154
00:08:31,330 --> 00:08:36,590
And there on Shabbat I did
have to walk to that school.

155
00:08:36,590 --> 00:08:40,960
It was quite a walk, but I
don't think that I ever revolted

156
00:08:40,960 --> 00:08:43,049
or objected, even, yeah?

157
00:08:43,049 --> 00:08:44,620
I walked, and that's it.

158
00:08:44,620 --> 00:08:47,920
Probably close to
an hour, no problem.

159
00:08:47,920 --> 00:08:49,720
So the schools that
you went to had

160
00:08:49,720 --> 00:08:51,820
Jewish and non-Jewish children.

161
00:08:51,820 --> 00:08:54,430
Did you experience
any anti-Semitism

162
00:08:54,430 --> 00:08:56,710
when you were quite young?

163
00:08:56,710 --> 00:09:00,580
So in the grade
school, sometimes there

164
00:09:00,580 --> 00:09:05,470

was one or two Jews in that section where we lived.

165
00:09:05,470 --> 00:09:07,780
In the Gymnasium, it was almost the opposite.

166
00:09:07,780 --> 00:09:13,540
We were probably 85% of the students, the Jewish children.

167
00:09:13,540 --> 00:09:17,790
And the non-Jews were 15.

168
00:09:17,790 --> 00:09:23,750
In school itself, there was never an occurrence

169
00:09:23,750 --> 00:09:27,440
that anyone would have offended me at all-- period.

170
00:09:27,440 --> 00:09:29,030
Yeah.

171
00:09:29,030 --> 00:09:32,720
We had a certain habit in Vienna,

172
00:09:32,720 --> 00:09:35,210
they eat those rolls in the morning.

173
00:09:35,210 --> 00:09:40,070
And my mother gave me always a few rolls for the poorer ones.

174
00:09:40,070 --> 00:09:43,310
Not real poor, but those that didn't get rolls.

175
00:09:43,310 --> 00:09:48,890
I had always friends around me,

and I never experienced this.

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00:09:48,890 --> 00:09:52,880

Even the priest-- they called
him a [? Katecheti-- ?]

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00:09:52,880 --> 00:09:54,010

that's a little--

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00:09:54,010 --> 00:09:58,340

that's a lower name as priest.

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00:09:58,340 --> 00:10:00,350

He was not a full
priest yet, but he

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00:10:00,350 --> 00:10:02,510

was dressed like a priest.

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00:10:02,510 --> 00:10:05,750

Always hugged me, gave me
pictures and so on, yeah?

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00:10:05,750 --> 00:10:11,240

With the teachers I had
very good relationships.

183

00:10:11,240 --> 00:10:12,200

Yeah.

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00:10:12,200 --> 00:10:14,600

So in the neighborhood that
your first house was in,

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00:10:14,600 --> 00:10:17,480

that was a mixed neighborhood
of Jews and non-Jews?

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00:10:17,480 --> 00:10:21,320

No, very few Jews
in the first one.

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00:10:21,320 --> 00:10:23,450

In the second one,
there were even less.

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00:10:23,450 --> 00:10:26,600

Yeah, where we had
the house, the villa,

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00:10:26,600 --> 00:10:27,710

there were less Jews.

190

00:10:27,710 --> 00:10:28,790

There were a few Jews.

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00:10:28,790 --> 00:10:30,870

Later on, in Hitler's
time, of course,

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00:10:30,870 --> 00:10:33,998

we found out that there are
more Jews than we thought.

193

00:10:33,998 --> 00:10:35,540

Yeah, we didn't know
there were Jews.

194

00:10:35,540 --> 00:10:37,190

Yeah, so we found it out.

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00:10:37,190 --> 00:10:41,660

I just want to remark
on the first one.

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00:10:41,660 --> 00:10:46,280

It was good, but
I met years later

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00:10:46,280 --> 00:10:53,360

in Paris a school colleague, who
went with me to grade school.

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00:10:53,360 --> 00:10:55,800

And we talked about

the whole thing.

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00:10:55,800 --> 00:10:59,270

And so apropos,
he remarked, said

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00:10:59,270 --> 00:11:02,570

you were lucky that you
were not in our neighborhood

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00:11:02,570 --> 00:11:04,520

during Hitler's time.

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00:11:04,520 --> 00:11:08,660

Apparently there the
situation was bad, yeah?

203

00:11:08,660 --> 00:11:14,270

We in the northern part of the
city, where we had our house,

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00:11:14,270 --> 00:11:16,400

we could handle it,
at least to a time.

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00:11:16,400 --> 00:11:18,530

Then of course, certain
things developed.

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00:11:18,530 --> 00:11:20,480

We'll talk about that.

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00:11:20,480 --> 00:11:22,460

What language did
you speak at home?

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00:11:22,460 --> 00:11:24,860

Only German.

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00:11:24,860 --> 00:11:26,570

No Yiddish, nothing at all.

210

00:11:26,570 --> 00:11:28,470
Only German-- period.

211
00:11:28,470 --> 00:11:29,960
That's it.

212
00:11:29,960 --> 00:11:32,390
And you were taking
Hebrew in Hebrew school?

213
00:11:32,390 --> 00:11:33,710
Yeah.

214
00:11:33,710 --> 00:11:36,650
In Hebrew school, but there
were other occurrences, too.

215
00:11:36,650 --> 00:11:38,360
If you want, I can
go into details.

216
00:11:38,360 --> 00:11:40,490
It's up to you, yeah?

217
00:11:40,490 --> 00:11:44,340
We had a relative
from my mother's side.

218
00:11:44,340 --> 00:11:45,950
He was a baker.

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00:11:45,950 --> 00:11:51,080
And that was the only
kosher bakery in Vienna,

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00:11:51,080 --> 00:11:54,020
because the Viennese
Jews, even the Orthodox,

221
00:11:54,020 --> 00:11:58,400
didn't pay attention of bread
being kosher or not kosher.

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00:11:58,400 --> 00:11:59,460

It was no problem.

223

00:11:59,460 --> 00:12:03,140

But anyway, they had
one kosher bakery.

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00:12:03,140 --> 00:12:06,590

And he came every
Friday afternoon

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00:12:06,590 --> 00:12:09,740

and stood over Shabbat with us.

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00:12:09,740 --> 00:12:15,950

He was a single man, and
he brought the challah

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00:12:15,950 --> 00:12:18,380

for Shabbat.

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00:12:18,380 --> 00:12:24,170

And after the
Friday night dinner,

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00:12:24,170 --> 00:12:29,390

he was reading or
chanting rather the Torah,

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00:12:29,390 --> 00:12:31,850

the portion of the week.

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00:12:31,850 --> 00:12:38,540

And because he was a baker, he
was very tired all the time,

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00:12:38,540 --> 00:12:39,290

yeah?

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00:12:39,290 --> 00:12:44,540

So he started chanting
and falling asleep.

234
00:12:44,540 --> 00:12:52,640
And as soon as he slumbered
at least to a point, then

235
00:12:52,640 --> 00:12:57,440
his nose touched that
book, and he woke up.

236
00:12:57,440 --> 00:13:00,270
And that was going on for
two or three or four years.

237
00:13:00,270 --> 00:13:01,370
I don't even remember.

238
00:13:01,370 --> 00:13:05,360
I was sitting across
him and always watching

239
00:13:05,360 --> 00:13:09,810
if he continues to read from the
same spot where he fell asleep.

240
00:13:09,810 --> 00:13:13,820
And so I was able to read
the Torah endless, yeah?

241
00:13:13,820 --> 00:13:18,180
He probably thought
I'm studying with him.

242
00:13:18,180 --> 00:13:20,750
And in actuality,
I was just watching

243
00:13:20,750 --> 00:13:24,320
how he reacts when his nose
touches the book, yeah?

244
00:13:24,320 --> 00:13:26,180
How political was your father?

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00:13:26,180 --> 00:13:27,500

Not too much, no.

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00:13:27,500 --> 00:13:30,200

He was Jewish-minded.

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00:13:30,200 --> 00:13:33,590

Yeah, so that means most Jews
belonged to Social Democrats,

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00:13:33,590 --> 00:13:36,230

because the other one were
called Christian Democrats,

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00:13:36,230 --> 00:13:38,090

yeah?

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00:13:38,090 --> 00:13:39,740

In politics, not.

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00:13:39,740 --> 00:13:44,150

He was very proud of having been
a soldier in the Austrian army.

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00:13:44,150 --> 00:13:46,640

And that's another story,
but I'm just saying

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00:13:46,640 --> 00:13:49,400

this was-- and he loved Vienna.

254

00:13:49,400 --> 00:13:50,840

And the same happened to me.

255

00:13:50,840 --> 00:13:58,680

When we left, we left with
a feeling not of hatred

256

00:13:58,680 --> 00:14:04,440

to the city, rather
that this man Hitler

257

00:14:04,440 --> 00:14:08,190

had no right to tell me to
stay here or not to stay.

258

00:14:08,190 --> 00:14:11,220

He had the power to do it,
but the right he didn't.

259

00:14:11,220 --> 00:14:14,770

And so that's the reason when I
sometimes to go back to Vienna,

260

00:14:14,770 --> 00:14:18,000

I don't have feelings like other
people, who sometimes say I'm

261

00:14:18,000 --> 00:14:20,670

not going back to this place.

262

00:14:20,670 --> 00:14:22,790

In my case, it's
almost the opposite.

263

00:14:22,790 --> 00:14:25,350

I have the same right for this.

264

00:14:25,350 --> 00:14:26,190

I was born there.

265

00:14:26,190 --> 00:14:27,210

I got the culture.

266

00:14:27,210 --> 00:14:29,100

The good thing, I accept it.

267

00:14:29,100 --> 00:14:32,160

The not so good thing or the
bad thing I reject it, yeah?

268

00:14:32,160 --> 00:14:35,730

But I never felt
that anyone else

269
00:14:35,730 --> 00:14:37,410
has more right to that city.

270
00:14:37,410 --> 00:14:39,570
And the same was
even with my father.

271
00:14:39,570 --> 00:14:41,790
He was a good
soldier during the--

272
00:14:41,790 --> 00:14:45,660
not that he really wanted
it, but finally they had to--

273
00:14:45,660 --> 00:14:47,480
he had to join the army.

274
00:14:47,480 --> 00:14:49,860
Maybe we'll talk
about this later.

275
00:14:49,860 --> 00:14:54,720
And his feeling for Vienna was
positive rather than negative,

276
00:14:54,720 --> 00:14:55,290
yeah?

277
00:14:55,290 --> 00:14:57,380
And a Zionistic believe?

278
00:14:57,380 --> 00:14:58,590
Zionist, yeah.

279
00:14:58,590 --> 00:15:02,700
OK, I have to tell you
the story about Zionism.

280
00:15:02,700 --> 00:15:08,280
I was about 10 years old, and I

got a tutor to come to my home.

281

00:15:08,280 --> 00:15:11,370

His name was Horowitz.

282

00:15:11,370 --> 00:15:16,470

Yeah, the main reason we picked up those tutors was this.

283

00:15:16,470 --> 00:15:23,910

After World War I, because Austria was the capital,

284

00:15:23,910 --> 00:15:27,210

Austria was the capital of--

285

00:15:27,210 --> 00:15:30,520

Vienna was the capital of the whole of Austria, yeah?

286

00:15:30,520 --> 00:15:37,560

So those people at least felt de facto

287

00:15:37,560 --> 00:15:43,440

to have a right to study at the University of Vienna.

288

00:15:43,440 --> 00:15:46,050

And the story was this.

289

00:15:46,050 --> 00:15:46,860

They came.

290

00:15:46,860 --> 00:15:49,470

They were very learned people.

291

00:15:49,470 --> 00:15:52,890

They had bright people in the full meaning of the word.

292

00:15:52,890 --> 00:15:57,450

But on the other hand, they
were poor, like a church mouse.

293
00:15:57,450 --> 00:15:59,940
No, like a synagogue mouse.

294
00:15:59,940 --> 00:16:01,260
Like synagogue mice.

295
00:16:01,260 --> 00:16:02,700
So they came.

296
00:16:02,700 --> 00:16:08,700
And for a very nominal
amount of money,

297
00:16:08,700 --> 00:16:10,410
they were teaching children.

298
00:16:10,410 --> 00:16:15,330
And usually, I would say for
families who had fit it--

299
00:16:15,330 --> 00:16:18,750
yeah, some people didn't
pay this much attention.

300
00:16:18,750 --> 00:16:22,960
But not only that
they were teaching,

301
00:16:22,960 --> 00:16:26,260
they were eating
lunch with us, yeah?

302
00:16:26,260 --> 00:16:29,680
And in my section, there
was another Jewish family,

303
00:16:29,680 --> 00:16:32,800
actually, the butcher,
the kosher butcher.

304

00:16:32,800 --> 00:16:35,350

And his son was a
little bit older.

305

00:16:35,350 --> 00:16:37,570

So we combined those things.

306

00:16:37,570 --> 00:16:41,740

That means he went to
one house first and ate.

307

00:16:41,740 --> 00:16:44,320

Then he went to the
other house and taught.

308

00:16:44,320 --> 00:16:46,690

And vice versa, and come back.

309

00:16:46,690 --> 00:16:48,620

And I learned a lot from him.

310

00:16:48,620 --> 00:16:54,850

So when I was 10-years-old, he
somehow got very close to me

311

00:16:54,850 --> 00:16:57,820

and said, a nice
young fellow like this

312

00:16:57,820 --> 00:17:01,210

should be active in a
Zionist organization.

313

00:17:01,210 --> 00:17:06,220

And he connected me with
the Hashomer Hadati,

314

00:17:06,220 --> 00:17:08,109

the religious
Zionist organization,

315

00:17:08,109 --> 00:17:09,970

which is Bnei Akiva here now.

316

00:17:09,970 --> 00:17:12,609

And from then I was active.

317

00:17:12,609 --> 00:17:18,190

And first of all, we had
a good meeting system.

318

00:17:18,190 --> 00:17:20,710

We learned a lot about Zionism.

319

00:17:20,710 --> 00:17:25,910

And we traveled a little bit
in the Vienna woods and so on.

320

00:17:25,910 --> 00:17:30,100

But the other thing that made
me even maybe a little bit more

321

00:17:30,100 --> 00:17:33,850

connected to that whole
Zionistic activity

322

00:17:33,850 --> 00:17:37,330

was the Jewish National
Fund, Keren Kayemeth Israel.

323

00:17:37,330 --> 00:17:42,190

In the afternoons, let's
say twice a month, we

324

00:17:42,190 --> 00:17:46,600

got a certain section to collect
the money from the boxes, yeah?

325

00:17:46,600 --> 00:17:50,290

And so we got in
contact with people.

326

00:17:50,290 --> 00:17:52,480

And of course, they
admired us that we

327
00:17:52,480 --> 00:17:54,940
did all this, we young fellas.

328
00:17:54,940 --> 00:17:58,060
What really happened
is, you count the money

329
00:17:58,060 --> 00:17:59,590
in front of them.

330
00:17:59,590 --> 00:18:02,080
And then you say, if
you had a few pennies,

331
00:18:02,080 --> 00:18:03,550
it makes a Schilling.

332
00:18:03,550 --> 00:18:07,180
And then if you really come
out with four Schillings,

333
00:18:07,180 --> 00:18:09,370
they said, why don't
we add a little bit?

334
00:18:09,370 --> 00:18:10,910
We have an odd number.

335
00:18:10,910 --> 00:18:14,650
And so I got one a
golden pin from them.

336
00:18:14,650 --> 00:18:19,330
And I was a little bit
outstanding in this movement.

337
00:18:19,330 --> 00:18:24,580
And so years later,
when Hitler came,

338
00:18:24,580 --> 00:18:27,490

apropos I will jump
from one to the other,

339
00:18:27,490 --> 00:18:31,930
because it cannot be told in
a different-- so Josef Burg,

340
00:18:31,930 --> 00:18:38,110
who later on was in Israel the
Minister of Interior, yeah,

341
00:18:38,110 --> 00:18:43,330
took 25 children from Vienna
and 25 from the old Germany.

342
00:18:43,330 --> 00:18:45,130
So we were 50 children.

343
00:18:45,130 --> 00:18:49,600
We went into Israel, but this
will be a different section.

344
00:18:49,600 --> 00:18:53,560
But I just want to say
how that Zionism moved me.

345
00:18:53,560 --> 00:18:57,125
And I was actually the
real Zionist in the family,

346
00:18:57,125 --> 00:18:58,750
because I was older,
and the other ones

347
00:18:58,750 --> 00:18:59,820
were little children.

348
00:18:59,820 --> 00:19:02,410
So they just looked up to me.

349
00:19:02,410 --> 00:19:04,360
All right, well,
let's move along.

350
00:19:04,360 --> 00:19:07,300
Did you have any other
hobbies or sports?

351
00:19:07,300 --> 00:19:10,510
Yeah, soccer.

352
00:19:10,510 --> 00:19:14,080
Here I can tell you again with
the relationship the non-Jews.

353
00:19:14,080 --> 00:19:17,830
I was a captain of three teams.

354
00:19:17,830 --> 00:19:20,860
Because we had a tournament
system in Vienna.

355
00:19:20,860 --> 00:19:24,700
It was only one year, because
they discontinued later

356
00:19:24,700 --> 00:19:26,620
because it disrupted
the studies.

357
00:19:26,620 --> 00:19:31,450
But anyway, at that particular
year, I was very young.

358
00:19:31,450 --> 00:19:33,885
I would say 12.

359
00:19:33,885 --> 00:19:38,100
I organized-- I
organized three teams.

360
00:19:38,100 --> 00:19:41,340
And maybe I was the only one
who organized three teams.

361

00:19:41,340 --> 00:19:44,490
Because I always thought
if one team wins,

362
00:19:44,490 --> 00:19:46,560
I still want to have a chance.

363
00:19:46,560 --> 00:19:52,980
And what really happened,
the first two teams

364
00:19:52,980 --> 00:19:55,050
lost the first games.

365
00:19:55,050 --> 00:19:59,880
But one team I was able to
get over the third victory.

366
00:19:59,880 --> 00:20:03,450
And that let me then
march on the victory march

367
00:20:03,450 --> 00:20:04,620
in that particular stadium.

368
00:20:04,620 --> 00:20:05,780
I enjoyed it.

369
00:20:05,780 --> 00:20:06,580
It was good.

370
00:20:06,580 --> 00:20:12,060
So what I want to say,
all the other children

371
00:20:12,060 --> 00:20:13,920
were all Gentles.

372
00:20:13,920 --> 00:20:16,380
I don't remember a
single Jew there.

373

00:20:16,380 --> 00:20:20,040

Many were better
players than I was,

374

00:20:20,040 --> 00:20:21,880

but they let me lead them, yeah?

375

00:20:21,880 --> 00:20:25,080

So it was so smooth.

376

00:20:25,080 --> 00:20:28,590

I will use the
same basis of talk

377

00:20:28,590 --> 00:20:32,490

later on, because the
question is really,

378

00:20:32,490 --> 00:20:35,490

why didn't we leave
Vienna before this, yeah,

379

00:20:35,490 --> 00:20:36,930

if it was so bad?

380

00:20:36,930 --> 00:20:39,060

It was bad maybe
on one side, but it

381

00:20:39,060 --> 00:20:40,430

was good on the other side.

382

00:20:40,430 --> 00:20:43,290

So it's very hard
to say why nobody

383

00:20:43,290 --> 00:20:49,230

left even a day before Hitler
moved in, in March 1938, yeah?

384

00:20:49,230 --> 00:20:51,660

Let's back up a little
bit back to 1933,

385
00:20:51,660 --> 00:20:54,420
when Hitler came into power.

386
00:20:54,420 --> 00:20:56,960
You were 10-years-old.

387
00:20:56,960 --> 00:20:58,530
I hadn't--

388
00:20:58,530 --> 00:20:59,610
You were 10-years-old.

389
00:20:59,610 --> 00:21:07,090
And did-- I want to talk
before the Anschluss in '38.

390
00:21:07,090 --> 00:21:09,070
What did Hitler mean to you?

391
00:21:09,070 --> 00:21:10,270
What did you know?

392
00:21:10,270 --> 00:21:13,990
Were there any
changes in your life?

393
00:21:13,990 --> 00:21:15,100
Granted, you were young.

394
00:21:15,100 --> 00:21:17,320
You were 10, 11, 12, 13.

395
00:21:17,320 --> 00:21:20,830
Well, I do agree
that I was young,

396
00:21:20,830 --> 00:21:24,550
but because in the
Jewish tradition,

397

00:21:24,550 --> 00:21:31,870
it was almost like the one who
has to inherit the kingdom,

398
00:21:31,870 --> 00:21:32,370
yeah?

399
00:21:32,370 --> 00:21:34,880
I was number one in the family.

400
00:21:34,880 --> 00:21:41,770
So first of all, for errand
walks, yeah, I was the one.

401
00:21:41,770 --> 00:21:43,720
And there was no question.

402
00:21:43,720 --> 00:21:46,480
Whatever was demanded
from me, I was doing, even

403
00:21:46,480 --> 00:21:50,170
at that young age.

404
00:21:50,170 --> 00:21:53,260
On streetcars, riding
even much before that,

405
00:21:53,260 --> 00:21:56,650
I just bought a ticket and
I was riding streetcars.

406
00:21:56,650 --> 00:22:01,510
And we had a few lawyers who had
to handle our business, yeah?

407
00:22:01,510 --> 00:22:04,300
I was the coordinator
between the lawyers.

408
00:22:04,300 --> 00:22:06,010
So I was very involved.

409

00:22:06,010 --> 00:22:12,370

So I would say whatever my
family thought about politics,

410

00:22:12,370 --> 00:22:14,830

even then, I was at least alert.

411

00:22:14,830 --> 00:22:17,860

And those friends who came
in, especially Jewish friends,

412

00:22:17,860 --> 00:22:21,590

I overheard almost
all the conversations.

413

00:22:21,590 --> 00:22:24,460

I have to say it.

414

00:22:24,460 --> 00:22:29,110

First of all, we thought
in Germany it's bad,

415

00:22:29,110 --> 00:22:33,010

but we didn't dream that it
would even be close to this.

416

00:22:33,010 --> 00:22:37,450

Because we heard sometimes
about anti-Semites in Poland.

417

00:22:37,450 --> 00:22:40,540

And then we heard it in Romania.

418

00:22:40,540 --> 00:22:42,460

Yeah, which Goga was known.

419

00:22:42,460 --> 00:22:46,390

At the end, he gave up and said
"Israel, you were the victor."

420

00:22:46,390 --> 00:22:49,600

Yeah, he had even to

praise the Jews at the end.

421

00:22:49,600 --> 00:22:51,490

We knew there was Mussolini.

422

00:22:51,490 --> 00:22:55,250

He was a fascist, and he
had generals in his army,

423

00:22:55,250 --> 00:22:57,040

Jewish generals in his army.

424

00:22:57,040 --> 00:23:02,380

So we know it's no good,
but we didn't see it

425

00:23:02,380 --> 00:23:03,940

in the form of a disaster.

426

00:23:03,940 --> 00:23:09,340

Yeah, because just a
few decades before,

427

00:23:09,340 --> 00:23:13,090

you know what was in Russia,
and in Poland, and so on.

428

00:23:13,090 --> 00:23:15,700

Jews always were
used to those things.

429

00:23:15,700 --> 00:23:18,460

And I want to tell
you, at school

430

00:23:18,460 --> 00:23:21,970

we got a monthly magazine.

431

00:23:21,970 --> 00:23:25,060

I forgot the name of it,
but I read it all the time.

432

00:23:25,060 --> 00:23:27,700

And it told us about
the present time,

433

00:23:27,700 --> 00:23:34,240

but it went back to the Spanish
Inquisition, to the Middle Age.

434

00:23:34,240 --> 00:23:38,560

When I read this, it was clear
in my mind, whatever happened

435

00:23:38,560 --> 00:23:40,100

then will never happen again.

436

00:23:40,100 --> 00:23:42,370

Yeah, it didn't
even go in my mind.

437

00:23:42,370 --> 00:23:43,720

Even with that Hitler.

438

00:23:43,720 --> 00:23:45,310

he hates Jews, yeah.

439

00:23:45,310 --> 00:23:46,000

That's all.

440

00:23:46,000 --> 00:23:47,420

It didn't mean--

441

00:23:47,420 --> 00:23:49,880

We didn't see him in
this manner, yeah?

442

00:23:49,880 --> 00:23:53,980

Then there was
something-- and that's

443

00:23:53,980 --> 00:23:57,160

the reason why I would say the
Viennese Jews were even not

444

00:23:57,160 --> 00:23:58,300
prepared.

445

00:23:58,300 --> 00:24:03,070
Even not 1% would leave,
or even not a handful,

446

00:24:03,070 --> 00:24:04,210
they didn't leave.

447

00:24:04,210 --> 00:24:09,940
The main thing is, this
particular generation was

448

00:24:09,940 --> 00:24:18,190
so impressed by the Allies,
especially England and France,

449

00:24:18,190 --> 00:24:21,580
they would never permit
something like this.

450

00:24:21,580 --> 00:24:23,250
We're in the 20th century.

451

00:24:23,250 --> 00:24:24,910
There's humanity here.

452

00:24:24,910 --> 00:24:27,630
And really, when
we had a factory

453

00:24:27,630 --> 00:24:31,780
there came a relative
actually from my mother's side

454

00:24:31,780 --> 00:24:32,305
from Berlin.

455

00:24:32,305 --> 00:24:35,900

456

00:24:35,900 --> 00:24:40,050

He came and probably told--

457

00:24:40,050 --> 00:24:42,810

first of all, when he
appeared, he looked charming.

458

00:24:42,810 --> 00:24:43,980

Beautiful, yeah?

459

00:24:43,980 --> 00:24:47,320

So we knew that when
he came from Germany,

460

00:24:47,320 --> 00:24:49,650

he probably doesn't
like Germany anymore.

461

00:24:49,650 --> 00:24:52,530

Yeah, but not that he--

462

00:24:52,530 --> 00:24:53,310

he was driven out.

463

00:24:53,310 --> 00:24:55,080

And he really wasn't driven out.

464

00:24:55,080 --> 00:24:59,070

And for some reason, a
position in our business

465

00:24:59,070 --> 00:25:01,210

did not develop for him.

466

00:25:01,210 --> 00:25:04,320

And after he was there
maybe a year with us,

467

00:25:04,320 --> 00:25:05,250

he just went back.

468

00:25:05,250 --> 00:25:06,090
What year was this?

469
00:25:06,090 --> 00:25:08,730

470
00:25:08,730 --> 00:25:10,260
Let's say it was--

471
00:25:10,260 --> 00:25:12,120
let's make it '34.

472
00:25:12,120 --> 00:25:13,860
'33-'34.

473
00:25:13,860 --> 00:25:15,120
'34.

474
00:25:15,120 --> 00:25:16,620
Maximum '35.

475
00:25:16,620 --> 00:25:19,530
Yeah, but I think
it was '34, 1934.

476
00:25:19,530 --> 00:25:21,780
Do you remember him talking
about any restrictions

477
00:25:21,780 --> 00:25:25,140
against Jews in
Germany at that time?

478
00:25:25,140 --> 00:25:27,915
Not very-- not intensively.

479
00:25:27,915 --> 00:25:31,330
He just mentioned
it here and there.

480
00:25:31,330 --> 00:25:35,370
But what I want to say,

he took me always along,

481

00:25:35,370 --> 00:25:38,050

because I knew the
city very well.

482

00:25:38,050 --> 00:25:39,600

So he wanted to see the city.

483

00:25:39,600 --> 00:25:41,550

When he went to
a movie, at least

484

00:25:41,550 --> 00:25:47,430

I remember one movie,
The Good Earth by--

485

00:25:47,430 --> 00:25:48,570

Pearl Buck.

486

00:25:48,570 --> 00:25:49,710

By Pearl Buck.

487

00:25:49,710 --> 00:25:53,610

And it was played by--

488

00:25:53,610 --> 00:25:58,090

well, I know by
whom it was played.

489

00:25:58,090 --> 00:25:59,670

It was an American movie.

490

00:25:59,670 --> 00:26:01,260

He took me around.

491

00:26:01,260 --> 00:26:05,850

Then we found another relative
or acquaintance of him.

492

00:26:05,850 --> 00:26:07,920

So we went visiting.

493

00:26:07,920 --> 00:26:12,120

Those people even asked him how
he feels in Deutschers' house.

494

00:26:12,120 --> 00:26:14,910

And he said, listen, I
knew that Erwin is here.

495

00:26:14,910 --> 00:26:17,580

And I don't mind to say
it, I don't like it at all.

496

00:26:17,580 --> 00:26:19,440

Yeah, he couldn't
fit himself in.

497

00:26:19,440 --> 00:26:20,730

And then he went back.

498

00:26:20,730 --> 00:26:24,000

And I'm really sorry
that we never discussed

499

00:26:24,000 --> 00:26:25,650

what's going to happen.

500

00:26:25,650 --> 00:26:30,570

At that time, I would
say even before '38,

501

00:26:30,570 --> 00:26:35,320

as much as Germany
was miserable,

502

00:26:35,320 --> 00:26:40,950

I don't think a destruction like
this was even considered, yeah?

503

00:26:40,950 --> 00:26:44,160

We know that individuals
went to concentration camps.

504

00:26:44,160 --> 00:26:45,430

That's a different story.

505

00:26:45,430 --> 00:26:48,900

But I am telling,
this was not accept--

506

00:26:48,900 --> 00:26:51,960

we didn't even dream
about something like that.

507

00:26:51,960 --> 00:26:54,480

What were your thoughts
about the 1936 Olympics?

508

00:26:54,480 --> 00:26:55,710

You were 13-years-old.

509

00:26:55,710 --> 00:26:56,940

I saw it in the movies.

510

00:26:56,940 --> 00:26:58,320

I liked the movie.

511

00:26:58,320 --> 00:27:00,480

Like anyone else,
it was beautiful.

512

00:27:00,480 --> 00:27:03,180

By the way, there were a
few Jewish performers, too,

513

00:27:03,180 --> 00:27:06,180

in the 1936, yeah?

514

00:27:06,180 --> 00:27:11,820

I didn't-- well, later on,
I will tell you how people

515

00:27:11,820 --> 00:27:16,620

accepted Hitler, what they
were thinking about him, yeah?

516
00:27:16,620 --> 00:27:19,360
But what did Hitler mean to
you as a 13-year-old boy?

517
00:27:19,360 --> 00:27:19,860
Nothing.

518
00:27:19,860 --> 00:27:22,020
Yeah, nothing.

519
00:27:22,020 --> 00:27:24,000
As a 13-year-old.

520
00:27:24,000 --> 00:27:29,910
We had a-- maybe even
before I was 13, yeah?

521
00:27:29,910 --> 00:27:32,040
I saw they had illegal--

522
00:27:32,040 --> 00:27:36,090
illegal announcement
on the wall sometimes.

523
00:27:36,090 --> 00:27:38,340
I read it and came
back, and I mentioned it

524
00:27:38,340 --> 00:27:40,470
to our housekeeper.

525
00:27:40,470 --> 00:27:43,410
And for some reason, instead
of Hitler said "Hilter."

526
00:27:43,410 --> 00:27:46,170
And she corrected me, his
name is "Hitler," yeah.

527
00:27:46,170 --> 00:27:47,370
And they smiled.

528
00:27:47,370 --> 00:27:51,630
And there was even one
friend, I think his family

529
00:27:51,630 --> 00:27:53,220
was Nazi from years ago.

530
00:27:53,220 --> 00:27:54,210
But I was his friend.

531
00:27:54,210 --> 00:27:55,020
I went to his home.

532
00:27:55,020 --> 00:27:55,980
He went to my home.

533
00:27:55,980 --> 00:27:57,420
It was very unique.

534
00:27:57,420 --> 00:28:01,350
Even when he made an
anti-Jewish remark,

535
00:28:01,350 --> 00:28:05,640
he talked more about
those Polish Jews

536
00:28:05,640 --> 00:28:08,640
who talked funny or something
like this, but never

537
00:28:08,640 --> 00:28:10,072
a full attack.

538
00:28:10,072 --> 00:28:11,220
Uh-huh.

539
00:28:11,220 --> 00:28:12,060
And--

540

00:28:12,060 --> 00:28:13,740

Did you respond to
any of those remarks?

541

00:28:13,740 --> 00:28:14,760

It wasn't needed.

542

00:28:14,760 --> 00:28:18,150

But on the other hand, if
one would be against me,

543

00:28:18,150 --> 00:28:20,220

I would be strong
enough to tell him.

544

00:28:20,220 --> 00:28:22,110

You know, it was just--

545

00:28:22,110 --> 00:28:24,070

it was the slight jokes.

546

00:28:24,070 --> 00:28:27,090

They were they can be told--

547

00:28:27,090 --> 00:28:29,910

it wasn't fully offensive, yeah?

548

00:28:29,910 --> 00:28:31,740

The slang was sometimes used.

549

00:28:31,740 --> 00:28:36,240

Yes, I remember in the
Talmud Torah when I went,

550

00:28:36,240 --> 00:28:38,910

there was a young fella.

551

00:28:38,910 --> 00:28:42,270

His name was Paul Muni.

552

00:28:42,270 --> 00:28:43,200

No, wait a minute.

553
00:28:43,200 --> 00:28:43,950
I mixed it up.

554
00:28:43,950 --> 00:28:46,890
Paul Muni was who played
in The Good Earth.

555
00:28:46,890 --> 00:28:51,690
That young fella, his name was
[? Bucksbaum, ?] a Jewish boy.

556
00:28:51,690 --> 00:28:54,210
But he did not--

557
00:28:54,210 --> 00:28:55,900
he was not a good student.

558
00:28:55,900 --> 00:28:57,600
He came, and sometimes
he didn't come.

559
00:28:57,600 --> 00:28:59,880
Where I came to
every lesson, yeah?

560
00:28:59,880 --> 00:29:04,050
That guy, that
little kid had fun

561
00:29:04,050 --> 00:29:06,540
to be on the other
side of the street

562
00:29:06,540 --> 00:29:09,720
and call across the
street "Jew boy, Jew boy."

563
00:29:09,720 --> 00:29:11,250
He was a Jew himself, yeah?

564
00:29:11,250 --> 00:29:15,060

So those things-- kids
do many things, yeah?

565
00:29:15,060 --> 00:29:18,900
On the other hand,
I said that Nazi--

566
00:29:18,900 --> 00:29:22,920
from the Nazi family,
his grandmother,

567
00:29:22,920 --> 00:29:26,160
oh, did she like when I came
in, and she said, why don't you

568
00:29:26,160 --> 00:29:28,020
do like Erwin and so and so.

569
00:29:28,020 --> 00:29:32,100
You know, those jokes
were not very offensive,

570
00:29:32,100 --> 00:29:37,260
but you could realize that there
was a difference between Jews

571
00:29:37,260 --> 00:29:38,620
and non-Jews.

572
00:29:38,620 --> 00:29:40,660
And we lived like this.

573
00:29:40,660 --> 00:29:45,220
We didn't even feel
bad, because I never

574
00:29:45,220 --> 00:29:47,530
felt inferior to be a Jew.

575
00:29:47,530 --> 00:29:49,360
I didn't even feel--

576

00:29:49,360 --> 00:29:52,150
even in the most miserable
times of Hitler, yeah,

577
00:29:52,150 --> 00:29:55,600
I never wanted to
be one of them,

578
00:29:55,600 --> 00:29:59,860
where they got everything
that they'd never had before.

579
00:29:59,860 --> 00:30:01,180
I just said, leave me alone.

580
00:30:01,180 --> 00:30:02,170
That's all.

581
00:30:02,170 --> 00:30:04,600
Would you describe
yourself when you

582
00:30:04,600 --> 00:30:07,570
were that age as very daring,
very strong, independent?

583
00:30:07,570 --> 00:30:08,380
Yeah.

584
00:30:08,380 --> 00:30:10,360
I definitely was independent.

585
00:30:10,360 --> 00:30:11,890
Even from my parents.

586
00:30:11,890 --> 00:30:13,220
They just let me do--

587
00:30:13,220 --> 00:30:14,230
even in the synagogue.

588
00:30:14,230 --> 00:30:15,355

They wouldn't never say go.

589

00:30:15,355 --> 00:30:16,510

If I went, it's OK.

590

00:30:16,510 --> 00:30:19,690

If I didn't go, it was OK, too.

591

00:30:19,690 --> 00:30:22,900

On Shabbat, my
father sometimes--

592

00:30:22,900 --> 00:30:25,660

most of the times,
rather, he would

593

00:30:25,660 --> 00:30:29,950

want me to tell him what I
learned during this week,

594

00:30:29,950 --> 00:30:33,220

during the past week
on my Hebrew studies.

595

00:30:33,220 --> 00:30:35,110

Yeah, he wanted to have--

596

00:30:35,110 --> 00:30:40,000

and sometimes he remarked a few
things, but never aggressively.

597

00:30:40,000 --> 00:30:42,460

Did you have a close
relationship with your parents?

598

00:30:42,460 --> 00:30:44,250

Very, yeah.

599

00:30:44,250 --> 00:30:46,090

We did everything together.

600

00:30:46,090 --> 00:30:48,340

Yeah, actually, I
wrote about this a lot,

601
00:30:48,340 --> 00:30:50,800
because that's what
really started it.

602
00:30:50,800 --> 00:30:52,780
Did they talk to
you about Hitler?

603
00:30:52,780 --> 00:30:55,260
No.

604
00:30:55,260 --> 00:31:01,740
I have to say that
until Hitler came in,

605
00:31:01,740 --> 00:31:03,090
they didn't dream about it.

606
00:31:03,090 --> 00:31:05,140
That's far away.

607
00:31:05,140 --> 00:31:06,390
Well, let's get to that point.

608
00:31:06,390 --> 00:31:07,920
You're talking
about the Anschluss.

609
00:31:07,920 --> 00:31:08,420
OK.

610
00:31:08,420 --> 00:31:10,950

611
00:31:10,950 --> 00:31:13,470
What are your first
recollections?

612
00:31:13,470 --> 00:31:18,990

OK, I want to tell
you, on February 28--

613
00:31:18,990 --> 00:31:19,950
1938.

614
00:31:19,950 --> 00:31:22,350
1938.

615
00:31:22,350 --> 00:31:27,690
There we realized
that Schuschnigg,

616
00:31:27,690 --> 00:31:29,340
the chancellor of Vienna--

617
00:31:29,340 --> 00:31:32,160
of Austria, had to
go to Berchtesgaden

618
00:31:32,160 --> 00:31:36,540
to have a discussion
with Hitler.

619
00:31:36,540 --> 00:31:43,820
And he forced him to take two
Nazis into the government,

620
00:31:43,820 --> 00:31:50,550
and I think to let the
Nazi movement be more open.

621
00:31:50,550 --> 00:31:53,610
And we accepted this
as a compromise,

622
00:31:53,610 --> 00:31:58,590
because the newspapers
brought it in a way

623
00:31:58,590 --> 00:32:04,080
that Schuschnigg knew
how to handle that case.

624
00:32:04,080 --> 00:32:09,750
And in reality, the
very next elections

625
00:32:09,750 --> 00:32:14,070
were scheduled for
March the 13th, yeah?

626
00:32:14,070 --> 00:32:17,400
And of course, Hitler came in
on March the 11th in the evening

627
00:32:17,400 --> 00:32:18,780
to disturb this thing.

628
00:32:18,780 --> 00:32:22,110
And we thought after
those elections,

629
00:32:22,110 --> 00:32:24,300
nobody can do something.

630
00:32:24,300 --> 00:32:26,850
But I have to go
back here a minute.

631
00:32:26,850 --> 00:32:35,440
In 1934, the Nazis killed the
chancellor of Austria, Dolfuss.

632
00:32:35,440 --> 00:32:38,070

633
00:32:38,070 --> 00:32:43,340
And of course, afterwards,
right away after Schuschnigg

634
00:32:43,340 --> 00:32:45,320
got the position.

635
00:32:45,320 --> 00:32:50,420

And we did know that
Mussolini didn't like Hitler

636
00:32:50,420 --> 00:32:51,530
as his neighbor, yeah?

637
00:32:51,530 --> 00:32:53,660
They did something together.

638
00:32:53,660 --> 00:32:57,080
And of course, we
considered for some reason

639
00:32:57,080 --> 00:33:02,000
that Mussolini is
stronger than Hitler.

640
00:33:02,000 --> 00:33:06,440
For some-- in '34, he
could tell him get off.

641
00:33:06,440 --> 00:33:10,310
And for some reason, he gave in.

642
00:33:10,310 --> 00:33:13,940
And really Hitler later
on thanked him officially,

643
00:33:13,940 --> 00:33:17,510
that he helped
him on this, yeah?

644
00:33:17,510 --> 00:33:22,340
But when Mussolini said no, we
thought that will be it, yeah?

645
00:33:22,340 --> 00:33:24,990
He will let him go
so far, just hang up.

646
00:33:24,990 --> 00:33:30,890
And even with this, at
least in my circles,

647
00:33:30,890 --> 00:33:37,500
we did not think more than
either he doesn't want the--

648
00:33:37,500 --> 00:33:42,470
Hitler doesn't want the Jews,
or we'll give him restrictions.

649
00:33:42,470 --> 00:33:46,290
To this point, we didn't accept.

650
00:33:46,290 --> 00:33:47,300
We just didn't.

651
00:33:47,300 --> 00:33:54,970
Because in this particular
week, between February the 28th

652
00:33:54,970 --> 00:33:59,050
to March the 11th, we
had a friend, Etinger,

653
00:33:59,050 --> 00:34:02,950
I met him later on in New York.

654
00:34:02,950 --> 00:34:09,489
He somehow mentioned that people
say that development in Germany

655
00:34:09,489 --> 00:34:12,580
shall be considered, yeah?

656
00:34:12,580 --> 00:34:14,199
And of course I played--

657
00:34:14,199 --> 00:34:17,150
I went to the Gymnasium,
fifth grade gymnasium.

658
00:34:17,150 --> 00:34:19,030
It's like here ninth grade.

659
00:34:19,030 --> 00:34:21,280
I thought I'm already--

660
00:34:21,280 --> 00:34:23,500
I can analyze the
whole world, yeah?

661
00:34:23,500 --> 00:34:26,500
I just brushed it
off, let it go.

662
00:34:26,500 --> 00:34:29,870
And they all agreed
with me, yeah?

663
00:34:29,870 --> 00:34:34,929
I just want to make one more
point on this particular March

664
00:34:34,929 --> 00:34:39,280
the 11th, when Hitler
moved into Austria.

665
00:34:39,280 --> 00:34:40,900
He came from the West into--

666
00:34:40,900 --> 00:34:44,520

667
00:34:44,520 --> 00:34:49,440
at this-- as much as I know,
maybe there were others, too,

668
00:34:49,440 --> 00:34:54,540
but Schuschnigg called one of
the richest Jews in Vienna.

669
00:34:54,540 --> 00:34:56,340
His name was Krupnik.

670
00:34:56,340 --> 00:34:58,050

He told him right away get out.

671

00:34:58,050 --> 00:35:01,740

And he took a train to get out.

672

00:35:01,740 --> 00:35:02,910

And don't look back.

673

00:35:02,910 --> 00:35:04,200

Just get out, yeah?

674

00:35:04,200 --> 00:35:08,670

He took a train to Italy,
left everything behind him.

675

00:35:08,670 --> 00:35:14,190

We know only about
this occurrence.

676

00:35:14,190 --> 00:35:16,155

It's not a scientific--

677

00:35:16,155 --> 00:35:18,090

You knew about it at the time?

678

00:35:18,090 --> 00:35:18,720

Yeah.

679

00:35:18,720 --> 00:35:21,480

We found it out
almost the same day.

680

00:35:21,480 --> 00:35:23,310

Yeah, by the way,
I want to tell you,

681

00:35:23,310 --> 00:35:30,060

when Schuschnigg had
the meeting with Hitler,

682

00:35:30,060 --> 00:35:40,050

he had a radio appeal to the

people, he talked to the people

683

00:35:40,050 --> 00:35:43,080
about Austria, about
the achievement.

684

00:35:43,080 --> 00:35:49,870
Yeah, Hitler before
this Schuschnigg

685

00:35:49,870 --> 00:35:52,150
start bragging about
Germany, what it

686

00:35:52,150 --> 00:35:55,330
has done in those five years.

687

00:35:55,330 --> 00:36:01,260
And Schuschnigg on
his radio speech,

688

00:36:01,260 --> 00:36:05,820
he said whatever
Austria did, well,

689

00:36:05,820 --> 00:36:09,070
isn't it nice for a little
country like this what we did?

690

00:36:09,070 --> 00:36:14,070
And we were so proud of
his expressions, yeah?

691

00:36:14,070 --> 00:36:16,310
And we were confident, yeah?

692

00:36:16,310 --> 00:36:22,020
And I have to tell you that
I see that even Schuschnigg

693

00:36:22,020 --> 00:36:24,060
might have been surprised.

694

00:36:24,060 --> 00:36:26,400

Because he was jailed later on.

695

00:36:26,400 --> 00:36:28,240

They arrested him and so on.

696

00:36:28,240 --> 00:36:30,090

So he would have
gone to the Vatican

697

00:36:30,090 --> 00:36:32,070

or somewhere else,
just leave it alone.

698

00:36:32,070 --> 00:36:33,720

He just didn't leave.

699

00:36:33,720 --> 00:36:35,790

And you know, there
were rumors that they

700

00:36:35,790 --> 00:36:38,820

might take him to the
concentration camps or not.

701

00:36:38,820 --> 00:36:39,510

I don't know.

702

00:36:39,510 --> 00:36:41,640

Although I met
Schuschnigg in St. Louis,

703

00:36:41,640 --> 00:36:43,750

but I never talked about this.

704

00:36:43,750 --> 00:36:49,650

I just want to say, there might
be certain Austrian leaders

705

00:36:49,650 --> 00:36:53,400

who were not fully aware
that it shall happen.

706
00:36:53,400 --> 00:36:57,120
Today, when you go in Austria
and you see the old timers,

707
00:36:57,120 --> 00:37:00,270
they say they smelled
it would happen.

708
00:37:00,270 --> 00:37:03,300
So I cannot talk about this
anymore more in details,

709
00:37:03,300 --> 00:37:04,740
because I don't know much more.

710
00:37:04,740 --> 00:37:16,020

711
00:37:16,020 --> 00:37:18,500
This is a continuation of
the United States Holocaust

712
00:37:18,500 --> 00:37:21,350
Memorial Museum interview
with Erwin Deutsch.

713
00:37:21,350 --> 00:37:26,060
This is tape number one,
side B. Before we go on

714
00:37:26,060 --> 00:37:27,980
about the Anschluss,
I just wanted

715
00:37:27,980 --> 00:37:30,480
to ask you a little bit
about your bar mitzvah,

716
00:37:30,480 --> 00:37:32,570
which would have been in 1936.

717

00:37:32,570 --> 00:37:36,830

Was there any difficulty
with that, any problems?

718

00:37:36,830 --> 00:37:39,110

No, my bar mitzvah
was very charming.

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00:37:39,110 --> 00:37:42,020

At that time, I had
a special teacher.

720

00:37:42,020 --> 00:37:45,860

And here to my regret, I have
to say that later on my father

721

00:37:45,860 --> 00:37:49,940

met him in Dachau,
and he didn't make it.

722

00:37:49,940 --> 00:37:51,140

What was his name?

723

00:37:51,140 --> 00:37:52,230

Schnabel.

724

00:37:52,230 --> 00:37:55,760

His first name I forgot,
but his name was Schnabel.

725

00:37:55,760 --> 00:37:57,350

Very religious.

726

00:37:57,350 --> 00:38:00,950

He ate a lot of garlic,
but I smelled it.

727

00:38:00,950 --> 00:38:02,180

What's the difference?

728

00:38:02,180 --> 00:38:04,100

And he taught me
that bar mitzvah.

729

00:38:04,100 --> 00:38:10,010

The bar mitzvah was in rather a
shtiebel, not a real synagogue.

730

00:38:10,010 --> 00:38:12,890

And instead of having
those big dinners,

731

00:38:12,890 --> 00:38:16,168

my mother just made cakes
and strudels and so on,

732

00:38:16,168 --> 00:38:16,835

and they ate it.

733

00:38:16,835 --> 00:38:19,790

And that was actually all.

734

00:38:19,790 --> 00:38:25,970

And that Schnabel,
that teacher trained me

735

00:38:25,970 --> 00:38:31,150

to give a certain speech
after the Haftorah and so on.

736

00:38:31,150 --> 00:38:34,315

And for some, reason I
think the last few sentence

737

00:38:34,315 --> 00:38:36,020

I choked a little bit.

738

00:38:36,020 --> 00:38:38,670

And the whole congregation,
especially women,

739

00:38:38,670 --> 00:38:40,730

everyone started to cry.

740

00:38:40,730 --> 00:38:46,460

So when I met later on one
in Tel Aviv, he said, "oh,

741
00:38:46,460 --> 00:38:47,790
I remember your bar mitzvah.

742
00:38:47,790 --> 00:38:49,100
We call cried."

743
00:38:49,100 --> 00:38:50,300
But it was charming.

744
00:38:50,300 --> 00:38:53,420
And you have to know,
the bar mitzvah was--

745
00:38:53,420 --> 00:38:57,590
also it was winter, and we
crossed the Danube, walking,

746
00:38:57,590 --> 00:38:58,640
yeah.

747
00:38:58,640 --> 00:39:00,120
Didn't mean anything.

748
00:39:00,120 --> 00:39:01,850
I just did it.

749
00:39:01,850 --> 00:39:06,710
And it was the story of
the Exodus from Egypt.

750
00:39:06,710 --> 00:39:09,260
It's the Beshalach.

751
00:39:09,260 --> 00:39:11,210
It's called Beshalach.

752
00:39:11,210 --> 00:39:17,150
And so we have the
song on the Red Sea.

753
00:39:17,150 --> 00:39:22,790
But the Haftorah is
the song of the water.

754
00:39:22,790 --> 00:39:24,650
So that whole thing
went together,

755
00:39:24,650 --> 00:39:27,080
and it was outstanding, yeah?

756
00:39:27,080 --> 00:39:30,890
And the Tuesday before
that particular Shabbat

757
00:39:30,890 --> 00:39:32,480
was my birthday.

758
00:39:32,480 --> 00:39:35,900
So I took my bike
just across the river,

759
00:39:35,900 --> 00:39:38,930
and I had to go put
on my tvilum first.

760
00:39:38,930 --> 00:39:42,200
And the weather didn't
mean a thing, yeah?

761
00:39:42,200 --> 00:39:44,540
It was in the winter,
in January, yeah?

762
00:39:44,540 --> 00:39:48,890
And to pass the
Danube with the--

763
00:39:48,890 --> 00:39:52,940
actually, the Danube bridge
is about one kilometer.

764

00:39:52,940 --> 00:39:58,550

That includes the overflowing
section of the river, yeah?

765

00:39:58,550 --> 00:40:01,030

And the wind was probably
biting very strong.

766

00:40:01,030 --> 00:40:02,180

It didn't mean anything.

767

00:40:02,180 --> 00:40:06,560

I went everything-- every
morning to the synagogue,

768

00:40:06,560 --> 00:40:08,720

and then right away
to school later on.

769

00:40:08,720 --> 00:40:09,620

No problem.

770

00:40:09,620 --> 00:40:10,490

That was going on.

771

00:40:10,490 --> 00:40:12,380

Did you invite any of
your non-Jewish friends

772

00:40:12,380 --> 00:40:13,213

to your bar mitzvah?

773

00:40:13,213 --> 00:40:14,480

No, no.

774

00:40:14,480 --> 00:40:16,250

It was not custom.

775

00:40:16,250 --> 00:40:19,920

At home, I got some gifts from
them, but to the synagogue,

776

00:40:19,920 --> 00:40:21,197

it was a shtiebel.

777

00:40:21,197 --> 00:40:22,280

They wouldn't have fitted.

778

00:40:22,280 --> 00:40:23,180

I don't think so.

779

00:40:23,180 --> 00:40:24,570

They wouldn't have enjoyed it.

780

00:40:24,570 --> 00:40:27,500

But of course, we
liked it, yeah.

781

00:40:27,500 --> 00:40:29,510

But yeah, no there was
no non-Jewish friends.

782

00:40:29,510 --> 00:40:31,070

You are right.

783

00:40:31,070 --> 00:40:34,130

OK, let's now move up
to March 11th, night

784

00:40:34,130 --> 00:40:36,380

the night of March 11, 1938.

785

00:40:36,380 --> 00:40:40,430

What are your particular
personal recollections?

786

00:40:40,430 --> 00:40:43,580

In the afternoon,
late afternoon,

787

00:40:43,580 --> 00:40:51,650

we heard the story, that Hitler
moved in from the West side

788
00:40:51,650 --> 00:40:52,950
of Austria.

789
00:40:52,950 --> 00:40:54,320
How did you hear?

790
00:40:54,320 --> 00:40:54,890
Radio.

791
00:40:54,890 --> 00:40:56,480
On the radio, it was announced.

792
00:40:56,480 --> 00:40:57,770
I don't think we heard it.

793
00:40:57,770 --> 00:40:59,390
And just the neighbors came in.

794
00:40:59,390 --> 00:41:00,310
Yeah.

795
00:41:00,310 --> 00:41:01,670
Very friendly.

796
00:41:01,670 --> 00:41:02,660
And then, of course--

797
00:41:02,660 --> 00:41:03,800
The non-Jewish neighbors?

798
00:41:03,800 --> 00:41:07,610
Non-Jewish neighbors came
in very friendly and said,

799
00:41:07,610 --> 00:41:11,720
"but you know, nothing will
happen to Jews like you.

800
00:41:11,720 --> 00:41:14,825
You're the good Jews" and so on.

801

00:41:14,825 --> 00:41:16,560

So my father was very excited.

802

00:41:16,560 --> 00:41:19,220

My mother didn't take
it so serious, yeah?

803

00:41:19,220 --> 00:41:25,670

And I remember when he
made kiddush Friday night,

804

00:41:25,670 --> 00:41:29,510

I wouldn't say that he cried,
but his eyes were wet, yeah?

805

00:41:29,510 --> 00:41:31,670

And we knew there's
a new section.

806

00:41:31,670 --> 00:41:35,210

But good you asked me
about that particular day.

807

00:41:35,210 --> 00:41:37,490

Many came into us.

808

00:41:37,490 --> 00:41:42,650

Many, many Gentiles
came in and soothed us.

809

00:41:42,650 --> 00:41:45,770

One said even, "don't worry.

810

00:41:45,770 --> 00:41:51,440

In my basement, I still
have the Red flag,

811

00:41:51,440 --> 00:41:54,170

and we'll have to
wave it again."

812

00:41:54,170 --> 00:41:58,040

this man's name was Frank.

813

00:41:58,040 --> 00:41:59,390

His family name was Frank.

814

00:41:59,390 --> 00:42:05,510

He was the son-in-law of Mrs.

[? Hof, ?] who had some cows.

815

00:42:05,510 --> 00:42:09,770

The milk was not for us, but
not far away she had some cows.

816

00:42:09,770 --> 00:42:12,590

And they were always good
with us, good friends.

817

00:42:12,590 --> 00:42:17,600

He came and gave my father
to understand not to worry.

818

00:42:17,600 --> 00:42:20,120

Would you describe your
family as upper class?

819

00:42:20,120 --> 00:42:20,780

Pardon?

820

00:42:20,780 --> 00:42:23,720

Would you describe your
family as upper class?

821

00:42:23,720 --> 00:42:25,490

No.

822

00:42:25,490 --> 00:42:26,540

A little.

823

00:42:26,540 --> 00:42:30,020

I would say a little
bit above the average,

824

00:42:30,020 --> 00:42:31,490
but I wouldn't make
it upper class.

825
00:42:31,490 --> 00:42:32,660
No, no.

826
00:42:32,660 --> 00:42:35,390
But average, good average, yeah?

827
00:42:35,390 --> 00:42:38,540
We always used common
sense, and we did well.

828
00:42:38,540 --> 00:42:41,900
There were times where we
did better than in Hitler--

829
00:42:41,900 --> 00:42:43,910
than before Hitler.

830
00:42:43,910 --> 00:42:46,835
There was a very good time.

831
00:42:46,835 --> 00:42:48,710
I would say at that
time, it was a little bit

832
00:42:48,710 --> 00:42:52,790
under not really rich
side, but well-to-do side.

833
00:42:52,790 --> 00:42:54,340
Then it was normal.

834
00:42:54,340 --> 00:42:55,340
Later on, it was normal.

835
00:42:55,340 --> 00:42:59,270
We never had
problems financially.

836

00:42:59,270 --> 00:43:01,280
And I knew everything
that was going on.

837
00:43:01,280 --> 00:43:04,430
I knew every time how much
money we had in the bank

838
00:43:04,430 --> 00:43:06,140
and how it works around, yeah?

839
00:43:06,140 --> 00:43:07,220
So it was OK.

840
00:43:07,220 --> 00:43:09,620
It was normal.

841
00:43:09,620 --> 00:43:11,450
So you are now 15-years-old.

842
00:43:11,450 --> 00:43:13,550
What were your thoughts
when you heard that Hitler

843
00:43:13,550 --> 00:43:15,050
had come into Austria?

844
00:43:15,050 --> 00:43:18,020
When Hitler was coming?

845
00:43:18,020 --> 00:43:19,430
That was very interesting.

846
00:43:19,430 --> 00:43:23,060
I knew that something else
is supposed to happen, yeah?

847
00:43:23,060 --> 00:43:26,030
We are not going to stay
there for good, yeah?

848
00:43:26,030 --> 00:43:29,190

How did you know that?

849

00:43:29,190 --> 00:43:31,350

Now, we wanted more
from life than just

850

00:43:31,350 --> 00:43:33,300

to be tolerated, yeah?

851

00:43:33,300 --> 00:43:35,280

No, we definitely
looked for something.

852

00:43:35,280 --> 00:43:37,410

Of course later
on, we understood

853

00:43:37,410 --> 00:43:39,900

it's even worse than
we expected, yeah?

854

00:43:39,900 --> 00:43:42,600

The main thing is
still not the killing.

855

00:43:42,600 --> 00:43:44,933

We couldn't have
contact with anything.

856

00:43:44,933 --> 00:43:46,350

We didn't know
what the future is.

857

00:43:46,350 --> 00:43:49,410

The Jewish leaders couldn't
see anything, yeah?

858

00:43:49,410 --> 00:43:54,960

So we were-- but we hoped that
the other nations will give us

859

00:43:54,960 --> 00:43:55,530

a break.

860

00:43:55,530 --> 00:44:01,230

That was definitely discussed in
our family, the other nations.

861

00:44:01,230 --> 00:44:05,960

Let's go back now to
March 12 and March 13.

862

00:44:05,960 --> 00:44:08,460

I continued to go to school.

863

00:44:08,460 --> 00:44:12,510

I continued to go to school
until the end of the--

864

00:44:12,510 --> 00:44:15,930

at the end, I was
the only Jew there.

865

00:44:15,930 --> 00:44:17,670

And I want to tell you--

866

00:44:17,670 --> 00:44:20,280

Let's talk about
March 12 and March 13.

867

00:44:20,280 --> 00:44:21,390

March 12?

868

00:44:21,390 --> 00:44:23,850

Or March 13th, when he came in.

869

00:44:23,850 --> 00:44:28,260

Well, we knew that
Schuschnigg's system is out.

870

00:44:28,260 --> 00:44:32,860

Hitler is in and will take over.

871

00:44:32,860 --> 00:44:34,227

I tell you--

872
00:44:34,227 --> 00:44:36,060
Did you see Hitler when
he came into Vienna?

873
00:44:36,060 --> 00:44:37,180
Yeah, once.

874
00:44:37,180 --> 00:44:40,380
I was on the Ringstrasse.

875
00:44:40,380 --> 00:44:43,020
About this, I want to
tell you a little bit more

876
00:44:43,020 --> 00:44:47,790
about how I saw Hitler and
Hess and all this, yeah?

877
00:44:47,790 --> 00:44:54,580
But OK, the strongest
impression from the 12th, 13th,

878
00:44:54,580 --> 00:44:59,250
and so on of March
was that across--

879
00:44:59,250 --> 00:45:00,600
we were on a lake.

880
00:45:00,600 --> 00:45:04,980
It was a lake in the
City across the lake,

881
00:45:04,980 --> 00:45:07,410
there were large buildings.

882
00:45:07,410 --> 00:45:12,180
And the buildings had those
Nazi flags from up down

883
00:45:12,180 --> 00:45:13,810

five, six, or even more.

884

00:45:13,810 --> 00:45:14,820

I don't remember.

885

00:45:14,820 --> 00:45:19,050

So every morning you got up, you
had to see those flags, yeah?

886

00:45:19,050 --> 00:45:20,910

What was your thoughts
to see a flag?

887

00:45:20,910 --> 00:45:22,290

You're a teenager.

888

00:45:22,290 --> 00:45:25,240

That's us-- that we are.

889

00:45:25,240 --> 00:45:27,750

That's not us--
actually, that's not us.

890

00:45:27,750 --> 00:45:29,200

That's a different world.

891

00:45:29,200 --> 00:45:31,980

We cannot be
incorporated with them,

892

00:45:31,980 --> 00:45:33,390

and we don't even want to be.

893

00:45:33,390 --> 00:45:34,500

We have to get out.

894

00:45:34,500 --> 00:45:36,790

How did you know that?

895

00:45:36,790 --> 00:45:38,075

I saw the future.

896

00:45:38,075 --> 00:45:40,855

And I had a strong feeling,
this is not for us.

897

00:45:40,855 --> 00:45:42,640

Yeah, that's what I want to say.

898

00:45:42,640 --> 00:45:44,560

Was it frightening to
see these spikes when

899

00:45:44,560 --> 00:45:45,685

you woke up in the morning?

900

00:45:45,685 --> 00:45:48,040

901

00:45:48,040 --> 00:45:49,300

In a certain way.

902

00:45:49,300 --> 00:45:53,140

In a certain way, I can't
even say it was frightening.

903

00:45:53,140 --> 00:45:54,880

But I want to tell
you, I was still

904

00:45:54,880 --> 00:45:56,980

a little bit foolish at that.

905

00:45:56,980 --> 00:46:04,750

Because I walked on the street,
and I saw three young SA men

906

00:46:04,750 --> 00:46:07,120

walking in those goose steps.

907

00:46:07,120 --> 00:46:11,230

Because they were just
trained to do it this way.

908

00:46:11,230 --> 00:46:14,950
And I was standing on the side--

909

00:46:14,950 --> 00:46:21,590
on the sidewalk, and just
smiling, almost scoffing, yeah?

910

00:46:21,590 --> 00:46:22,600
"Stupid kids.

911

00:46:22,600 --> 00:46:23,420
You're walking."

912

00:46:23,420 --> 00:46:25,570
So you know, my whole
reaction was different.

913

00:46:25,570 --> 00:46:28,200
They were stupid, yeah?

914

00:46:28,200 --> 00:46:33,820
So something was
not accepted by me.

915

00:46:33,820 --> 00:46:36,490
I just didn't see
the [INAUDIBLE]..

916

00:46:36,490 --> 00:46:40,000
At school, especially to
those children I brought rolls

917

00:46:40,000 --> 00:46:43,540
and so on, they were still nice
to me, but I remember one guy,

918

00:46:43,540 --> 00:46:45,010
his name was Haber.

919

00:46:45,010 --> 00:46:49,240
He came to me in a very friendly
manner and said, "do you know?"

920
00:46:49,240 --> 00:46:50,710
It's really better now."

921
00:46:50,710 --> 00:46:51,580
That's what he said.

922
00:46:51,580 --> 00:46:52,780
"It's better."

923
00:46:52,780 --> 00:46:56,950
Yeah, and he already got
the invitation to go--

924
00:46:56,950 --> 00:46:58,750
to go to the Altreich.

925
00:46:58,750 --> 00:47:01,440
That means to Germany.

926
00:47:01,440 --> 00:47:04,000
Took a bunch of children to
show them what's going on.

927
00:47:04,000 --> 00:47:06,910
And then he came
back after two weeks.

928
00:47:06,910 --> 00:47:07,570
"Great.

929
00:47:07,570 --> 00:47:09,400
Everything is fine."

930
00:47:09,400 --> 00:47:11,790
How did you feel when
he said that to you?

931
00:47:11,790 --> 00:47:13,330
What?

932

00:47:13,330 --> 00:47:15,490
No, I still wasn't afraid.

933
00:47:15,490 --> 00:47:16,480
No, no.

934
00:47:16,480 --> 00:47:18,190
Because he talked nice to me.

935
00:47:18,190 --> 00:47:22,210
Then-- well, you know
like in any class,

936
00:47:22,210 --> 00:47:25,930
there are some children,
they're a little bit

937
00:47:25,930 --> 00:47:32,770
outstanding in their
scholastic level, yeah?

938
00:47:32,770 --> 00:47:34,940
Well, I was in that group, too.

939
00:47:34,940 --> 00:47:36,460
And there was another fellow.

940
00:47:36,460 --> 00:47:40,180
His name I forgot, but I see
him always in front of my eyes.

941
00:47:40,180 --> 00:47:44,140
We didn't do too much
together in the past.

942
00:47:44,140 --> 00:47:48,220
Yeah, we were students, but
I was not very close to him.

943
00:47:48,220 --> 00:47:49,120
Was he Jewish?

944

00:47:49,120 --> 00:47:49,810

No, not.

945

00:47:49,810 --> 00:47:52,480

I'm talking then there
was only left one Jew.

946

00:47:52,480 --> 00:47:54,340

The others didn't come anymore.

947

00:47:54,340 --> 00:47:56,920

When did the others leave?

948

00:47:56,920 --> 00:47:58,240

Just almost immediately.

949

00:47:58,240 --> 00:47:59,530

I don't remember.

950

00:47:59,530 --> 00:48:01,330

There were not too many.

951

00:48:01,330 --> 00:48:02,800

But yeah, I want
to tell you, when

952

00:48:02,800 --> 00:48:08,410

we moved from the
apartment to the villa,

953

00:48:08,410 --> 00:48:12,100

then again we were
one or two Jews.

954

00:48:12,100 --> 00:48:14,637

One or two Jews
were there, yeah?

955

00:48:14,637 --> 00:48:15,220

You follow me?

956

00:48:15,220 --> 00:48:18,010

957

00:48:18,010 --> 00:48:18,880

Others didn't come.

958

00:48:18,880 --> 00:48:21,220

I think in the whole

school no Jew came.

959

00:48:21,220 --> 00:48:22,010

I just came.

960

00:48:22,010 --> 00:48:23,500

I didn't feel uncomfortable.

961

00:48:23,500 --> 00:48:26,080

Or I didn't lose my confidence.

962

00:48:26,080 --> 00:48:27,220

Let's have it that way.

963

00:48:27,220 --> 00:48:28,595

You're saying the

Jewish children

964

00:48:28,595 --> 00:48:30,865

left after the Anschluss,

after Hitler came in?

965

00:48:30,865 --> 00:48:31,990

I would say so, yeah, yeah.

966

00:48:31,990 --> 00:48:33,560

I didn't pay that

much attention,

967

00:48:33,560 --> 00:48:34,810

but I didn't see them anymore.

968

00:48:34,810 --> 00:48:39,790

And the Jewish--

how would we say?

969
00:48:39,790 --> 00:48:43,990
The Jewish lectures we
have, we had twice a week,

970
00:48:43,990 --> 00:48:45,410
they discontinued.

971
00:48:45,410 --> 00:48:47,440
Just didn't happen anymore.

972
00:48:47,440 --> 00:48:49,570
Well, did you have
any Jewish teachers?

973
00:48:49,570 --> 00:48:51,130
No, no.

974
00:48:51,130 --> 00:48:54,400
Only the one who had to
teach us religion was Jewish.

975
00:48:54,400 --> 00:48:57,700
Did you notice any
change in the way

976
00:48:57,700 --> 00:49:00,580
the non-Jewish teachers treated
you once Hitler came in?

977
00:49:00,580 --> 00:49:02,320
That's exactly
what I want to say.

978
00:49:02,320 --> 00:49:05,150

979
00:49:05,150 --> 00:49:06,560
First, yeah.

980
00:49:06,560 --> 00:49:12,080
In Vienna at that time, at

the beginning of the morning

981

00:49:12,080 --> 00:49:14,910

school class started
with a Paternoster.

982

00:49:14,910 --> 00:49:16,010

They had to say--

983

00:49:16,010 --> 00:49:18,080

they had to say the prayer.

984

00:49:18,080 --> 00:49:22,550

In the middle of the wall,
there was a crucifix.

985

00:49:22,550 --> 00:49:25,270

Yeah, like they have
it in churches almost.

986

00:49:25,270 --> 00:49:26,370

Yeah.

987

00:49:26,370 --> 00:49:30,260

And so I once came
to the school.

988

00:49:30,260 --> 00:49:34,280

Next to the crucifix,
they put Hitler's picture.

989

00:49:34,280 --> 00:49:36,950

Then they put that
crucifix away,

990

00:49:36,950 --> 00:49:39,500

and Hitler's picture
only was there.

991

00:49:39,500 --> 00:49:41,390

And after they said
the prayer, they

992

00:49:41,390 --> 00:49:43,910
had to say "Heil Hitler"
with their hands.

993

00:49:43,910 --> 00:49:45,530
Of course, I didn't say.

994

00:49:45,530 --> 00:49:47,090
Nobody bothered me, yeah?

995

00:49:47,090 --> 00:49:48,920
I just want to say how it was.

996

00:49:48,920 --> 00:49:52,100
Then the son of a--

997

00:49:52,100 --> 00:49:55,760
How did you know not
to say "Heil Hitler"?

998

00:49:55,760 --> 00:49:57,570
It wasn't for me.

999

00:49:57,570 --> 00:49:59,760
I don't know if
I was instructed.

1000

00:49:59,760 --> 00:50:01,770
I just didn't say.

1001

00:50:01,770 --> 00:50:02,790
You're right.

1002

00:50:02,790 --> 00:50:05,730
I wasn't instructed
not to say it.

1003

00:50:05,730 --> 00:50:07,230
But I know it wasn't for me.

1004

00:50:07,230 --> 00:50:09,825

It's like I didn't
say the Paternoster.

1005
00:50:09,825 --> 00:50:13,350
I was just standing,
and then I sat down.

1006
00:50:13,350 --> 00:50:14,370
That's all, yeah?

1007
00:50:14,370 --> 00:50:18,000
But anyway, I want to tell you
about this particular case.

1008
00:50:18,000 --> 00:50:20,170
In--

1009
00:50:20,170 --> 00:50:23,040
Doesn't that take a lot of inner
strength to be the only child?

1010
00:50:23,040 --> 00:50:25,620
You are 15-years-old
only, and not

1011
00:50:25,620 --> 00:50:28,350
to do something that
everybody else is doing?

1012
00:50:28,350 --> 00:50:29,890
I was proud.

1013
00:50:29,890 --> 00:50:30,480
I was proud.

1014
00:50:30,480 --> 00:50:33,300
Nobody could say that
he's better than I am.

1015
00:50:33,300 --> 00:50:36,840
I think I even have a
little bit left today.

1016

00:50:36,840 --> 00:50:40,650

No, I could not be
convinced that I

1017

00:50:40,650 --> 00:50:43,200

am a secondary person at all.

1018

00:50:43,200 --> 00:50:44,742

It didn't go in my head.

1019

00:50:44,742 --> 00:50:46,200

But listen, I want
to tell you what

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00:50:46,200 --> 00:50:49,320

happened in that
particular class at school.

1021

00:50:49,320 --> 00:50:52,470

I'm so sorry I forgot
the teacher's name.

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00:50:52,470 --> 00:50:57,330

In the inner city,
there was a dentist

1023

00:50:57,330 --> 00:51:04,620

who had a son, who got
the parrot sickness.

1024

00:51:04,620 --> 00:51:05,910

Do you know what I'm talking?

1025

00:51:05,910 --> 00:51:10,410

I have-- I have the--

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00:51:10,410 --> 00:51:13,930

it was almost fatal.

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00:51:13,930 --> 00:51:19,980

But the main thing,
it was so contagious

1028
00:51:19,980 --> 00:51:24,120
that he had to be
separated entirely.

1029
00:51:24,120 --> 00:51:26,460
And it was already
in Hitler's time.

1030
00:51:26,460 --> 00:51:31,110
I asked our science
teacher about the sickness.

1031
00:51:31,110 --> 00:51:38,130
A few days later, he
came and announced

1032
00:51:38,130 --> 00:51:42,540
thanks to Erwin's inquiry,
I started this case,

1033
00:51:42,540 --> 00:51:46,540
and he gave us more than an
hour a lecture on that sickness.

1034
00:51:46,540 --> 00:51:48,000
So I felt good again.

1035
00:51:48,000 --> 00:51:49,260
Yeah, we can say.

1036
00:51:49,260 --> 00:51:51,570
The director of
the school, which

1037
00:51:51,570 --> 00:51:56,850
we call here the principal,
called me in his class--

1038
00:51:56,850 --> 00:52:03,630
in his office, and
talked to me very gently,

1039

00:52:03,630 --> 00:52:05,520
that I don't have to be afraid.

1040

00:52:05,520 --> 00:52:08,220
Nothing is going
to happen to me.

1041

00:52:08,220 --> 00:52:11,070
A few days later, he
wasn't there a principal.

1042

00:52:11,070 --> 00:52:12,550
So that means another teacher.

1043

00:52:12,550 --> 00:52:16,830
And his name was Schwede,
and he was definitely a Nazi,

1044

00:52:16,830 --> 00:52:18,150
even before.

1045

00:52:18,150 --> 00:52:20,970
He always praised Mussolini.

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00:52:20,970 --> 00:52:23,430
But what he meant
was Hitler, yeah.

1047

00:52:23,430 --> 00:52:24,840
Schwede, he took over.

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00:52:24,840 --> 00:52:26,070
He took over.

1049

00:52:26,070 --> 00:52:30,690
He didn't do-- he didn't pay--

1050

00:52:30,690 --> 00:52:34,710
he didn't pay any attention to
me, like I wasn't there, yeah?

1051

00:52:34,710 --> 00:52:37,650
And he knew me well.

1052
00:52:37,650 --> 00:52:40,860
And that previous
principal gave me, I think,

1053
00:52:40,860 --> 00:52:46,410
a few little mementos as a
gift, but they kicked him out

1054
00:52:46,410 --> 00:52:47,300
immediately.

1055
00:52:47,300 --> 00:52:49,110
I don't even know what
his background was.

1056
00:52:49,110 --> 00:52:52,080
Maybe he was partially
Jewish or not.

1057
00:52:52,080 --> 00:52:55,060
I wouldn't know it, but
I'm just saying that.

1058
00:52:55,060 --> 00:53:01,590
So I personally went to the
school until I left Austria.

1059
00:53:01,590 --> 00:53:04,170
The same year, of
course, in '38.

1060
00:53:04,170 --> 00:53:08,530
My brothers, they walked across
the river to a Jewish school.

1061
00:53:08,530 --> 00:53:09,720
Didn't mind, either.

1062
00:53:09,720 --> 00:53:11,640
They had a good time.

1063
00:53:11,640 --> 00:53:14,340
That's it, yeah.

1064
00:53:14,340 --> 00:53:17,070
Did anything happen immediately
with your father's business

1065
00:53:17,070 --> 00:53:18,630
once Hitler came into Austria?

1066
00:53:18,630 --> 00:53:20,100
Stopped immediately.

1067
00:53:20,100 --> 00:53:21,060
The business was gone.

1068
00:53:21,060 --> 00:53:21,810
And immediately.

1069
00:53:21,810 --> 00:53:23,400
Closed, end.

1070
00:53:23,400 --> 00:53:24,510
Nothing.

1071
00:53:24,510 --> 00:53:26,620
How did you react to that?

1072
00:53:26,620 --> 00:53:28,530
We knew that we had to get out.

1073
00:53:28,530 --> 00:53:31,080
And we didn't even object.

1074
00:53:31,080 --> 00:53:32,460
We just wanted to get out.

1075
00:53:32,460 --> 00:53:35,070
So it's not for us anymore.

1076

00:53:35,070 --> 00:53:36,420

Let's get going.

1077

00:53:36,420 --> 00:53:38,710

And if you want--

1078

00:53:38,710 --> 00:53:39,990

so the plans were this.

1079

00:53:39,990 --> 00:53:45,930

First of all, my mother's
father was the chief rabbi

1080

00:53:45,930 --> 00:53:50,280

in Oklahoma City, the
orthodox chief rabbi.

1081

00:53:50,280 --> 00:53:54,830

Rabbi [? Bachrach. ?] Isaac
Joseph [? Bachrach. ?]

1082

00:53:54,830 --> 00:53:58,320

He was very well
known, especially

1083

00:53:58,320 --> 00:54:03,000

his sons, which were
from the second marriage.

1084

00:54:03,000 --> 00:54:05,350

When did he come to
the United States?

1085

00:54:05,350 --> 00:54:07,320

1898.

1086

00:54:07,320 --> 00:54:09,310

My mother was a little baby.

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00:54:09,310 --> 00:54:11,550

They never followed him.

1088

00:54:11,550 --> 00:54:12,910
You know what happened there.

1089

00:54:12,910 --> 00:54:15,060
And then he married here again.

1090

00:54:15,060 --> 00:54:16,650
Everything went great.

1091

00:54:16,650 --> 00:54:21,510
One son was a very
famous surgeon.

1092

00:54:21,510 --> 00:54:24,570
He even handled the
Roosevelt family.

1093

00:54:24,570 --> 00:54:28,560
And the other one was
the head of the Penns--

1094

00:54:28,560 --> 00:54:31,730
Pittsburgh Utility Company.

1095

00:54:31,730 --> 00:54:33,660
Yeah, bigshots.

1096

00:54:33,660 --> 00:54:36,690
Then there was one son, he
didn't develop that strong.

1097

00:54:36,690 --> 00:54:41,640
But I did meet my grandfather
later on, in 1951.

1098

00:54:41,640 --> 00:54:46,170
Anyway, we got papers, and
we thought we had it made.

1099

00:54:46,170 --> 00:54:47,220
When did you get papers?

1100

00:54:47,220 --> 00:54:48,430

Immediately, a month later.

1101

00:54:48,430 --> 00:54:48,930

Yeah.

1102

00:54:48,930 --> 00:54:49,950

This is April?

1103

00:54:49,950 --> 00:54:51,570

Yeah.

1104

00:54:51,570 --> 00:54:58,560

But the American Consulate said,
there's a quota waiting list.

1105

00:54:58,560 --> 00:55:00,480

We didn't understand
that whole thing.

1106

00:55:00,480 --> 00:55:02,190

And we made a few mistakes, too.

1107

00:55:02,190 --> 00:55:04,752

Because if we would
have developed--

1108

00:55:04,752 --> 00:55:09,060

if we would have known more
and delivered the papers

1109

00:55:09,060 --> 00:55:11,310

to the consulate a
few days earlier,

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00:55:11,310 --> 00:55:13,270

we'd have a lower number.

1111

00:55:13,270 --> 00:55:15,030

We didn't understand
all those things.

1112

00:55:15,030 --> 00:55:17,800

Yeah, we were just
floating around there.

1113

00:55:17,800 --> 00:55:24,450

And then I would have to
tell you how things develop.

1114

00:55:24,450 --> 00:55:27,150

If you wanted to hear
it even now, yeah?

1115

00:55:27,150 --> 00:55:36,280

So once we were home,
at home, and the SS--

1116

00:55:36,280 --> 00:55:40,560

SA men came in and
picked up my father.

1117

00:55:40,560 --> 00:55:41,760

When was this?

1118

00:55:41,760 --> 00:55:43,290

I would say in April.

1119

00:55:43,290 --> 00:55:45,060

Just about after Pesach.

1120

00:55:45,060 --> 00:55:48,300

yeah, in April.

1121

00:55:48,300 --> 00:55:53,880

And we didn't know
where, what, yeah?

1122

00:55:53,880 --> 00:55:55,710

And then later in
the afternoon he

1123

00:55:55,710 --> 00:55:58,150

came back a little

bit depressed.

1124

00:55:58,150 --> 00:56:01,440

So we asked what was going on.

1125

00:56:01,440 --> 00:56:04,784

They collected a bunch of Jews--

1126

00:56:04,784 --> 00:56:10,260

[COUGHING] excuse me-- and
made a fun march of them.

1127

00:56:10,260 --> 00:56:15,150

Gave them all kind of hats and
just a broom in their hands,

1128

00:56:15,150 --> 00:56:20,010

and they had to march
through the city.

1129

00:56:20,010 --> 00:56:22,740

And he was very embarrassed,
because he was an officer

1130

00:56:22,740 --> 00:56:23,730

in the Austrian army.

1131

00:56:23,730 --> 00:56:26,400

Why would they do
this to him, yeah?

1132

00:56:26,400 --> 00:56:30,150

But he said, "you
know, one thing

1133

00:56:30,150 --> 00:56:33,960

I can at least comfort myself.

1134

00:56:33,960 --> 00:56:38,700

I was in the middle,
and nobody saw me."

1135

00:56:38,700 --> 00:56:43,230
Anyway, after the end, my
father went to that SS man--

1136
00:56:43,230 --> 00:56:44,920
to the SA man.

1137
00:56:44,920 --> 00:56:46,290
Always the same mistake.

1138
00:56:46,290 --> 00:56:47,835
He went to the SA man.

1139
00:56:47,835 --> 00:56:50,890
He said, "how can
you do this to me?"

1140
00:56:50,890 --> 00:56:54,930
I was a front fighter
for the Austrian army,

1141
00:56:54,930 --> 00:56:58,500
and you humiliate me this way?"

1142
00:56:58,500 --> 00:57:01,470

1143
00:57:01,470 --> 00:57:05,255
And that SA man gave him a bunch
of chocolate for the children

1144
00:57:05,255 --> 00:57:07,440
and said, take it
home and shut up.

1145
00:57:07,440 --> 00:57:11,260
Because that chocolate was
stolen from the Jewish stores,

1146
00:57:11,260 --> 00:57:11,760
yeah?

1147

00:57:11,760 --> 00:57:14,800
So he gave him a bunch, said
take it home for your kids.

1148
00:57:14,800 --> 00:57:15,300
That was--

1149
00:57:15,300 --> 00:57:17,230
What kind of hats did
the men have to wear?

1150
00:57:17,230 --> 00:57:17,730
Pardon?

1151
00:57:17,730 --> 00:57:20,040
What kind of hats did
the men have to wear?

1152
00:57:20,040 --> 00:57:21,040
Whatever they gave them.

1153
00:57:21,040 --> 00:57:22,320
I didn't see it in person.

1154
00:57:22,320 --> 00:57:25,200
He came home and told us
they made fun of them, yeah?

1155
00:57:25,200 --> 00:57:26,310
But I want to say--

1156
00:57:26,310 --> 00:57:27,750
to tell you something.

1157
00:57:27,750 --> 00:57:32,790
That man who came in our house
on the 11th of March, yeah,

1158
00:57:32,790 --> 00:57:34,590
and told us he had--

1159
00:57:34,590 --> 00:57:36,120

Frank was his name.

1160
00:57:36,120 --> 00:57:38,970
He had a red flag
in his basement.

1161
00:57:38,970 --> 00:57:45,090
So my father told me that
that fun march, the fun march

1162
00:57:45,090 --> 00:57:52,110
went through a factory, a beer
factory and a yeast factory.

1163
00:57:52,110 --> 00:57:52,830
Old factories.

1164
00:57:52,830 --> 00:57:57,330
Was over 100 years old,
[INAUDIBLE] factory.

1165
00:57:57,330 --> 00:58:02,280
And that Frank was
in an SA uniform

1166
00:58:02,280 --> 00:58:07,990
having a bunch of
teenage Jewish girls

1167
00:58:07,990 --> 00:58:12,220
cleaning those windows that
were more than 100 years dirty.

1168
00:58:12,220 --> 00:58:16,090
You know, it's the same Frank
he told us when he came home.

1169
00:58:16,090 --> 00:58:21,100
He was disappointed
and depressed in a way.

1170
00:58:21,100 --> 00:58:24,880
And interesting, a few hours

later, this neighbor came again

1171

00:58:24,880 --> 00:58:27,280

and said, "oh, wasn't that
a shame they took you out?"

1172

00:58:27,280 --> 00:58:29,290

My father thought
nobody's seeing him.

1173

00:58:29,290 --> 00:58:30,010

And they came.

1174

00:58:30,010 --> 00:58:33,580

It was a unique relationship
in our neighborhood.

1175

00:58:33,580 --> 00:58:36,240

That can be told later.

1176

00:58:36,240 --> 00:58:39,100

1177

00:58:39,100 --> 00:58:42,280

Something else happened.

1178

00:58:42,280 --> 00:58:44,710

bar mitzvah on, I
had a beautiful bike.

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00:58:44,710 --> 00:58:46,750

It was a [? puch-- ?]
a half-runner.

1180

00:58:46,750 --> 00:58:50,510

Yeah, that means for
mountains and all this.

1181

00:58:50,510 --> 00:58:53,690

It was a marvelous
bike I had, yeah.

1182

00:58:53,690 --> 00:58:55,000

And we bought it.

1183

00:58:55,000 --> 00:58:58,300

My parents bought
it from someplace.

1184

00:58:58,300 --> 00:59:01,100

And I was always riding on it.

1185

00:59:01,100 --> 00:59:05,560

And so during Hitler's
time, I was riding, too.

1186

00:59:05,560 --> 00:59:09,220

Suddenly a man stopped
me and said, "you know,

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00:59:09,220 --> 00:59:11,470

that bike wasn't fully paid.

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00:59:11,470 --> 00:59:14,860

You owe me some money on this."

1189

00:59:14,860 --> 00:59:17,087

And he started fooling
around with me.

1190

00:59:17,087 --> 00:59:17,920

He wants some money.

1191

00:59:17,920 --> 00:59:19,540

I didn't even know anything.

1192

00:59:19,540 --> 00:59:24,430

And again, I was not so
frightened as later on, yeah.

1193

00:59:24,430 --> 00:59:28,090

Far away, my father
saw that occurrence.

1194

00:59:28,090 --> 00:59:29,770
He ran to him.

1195
00:59:29,770 --> 00:59:31,640
He took him on
his neck, and said

1196
00:59:31,640 --> 00:59:34,750
"you leave him alone fast."

1197
00:59:34,750 --> 00:59:38,050
So meanwhile, people
surrounded us,

1198
00:59:38,050 --> 00:59:40,060
saw that whole thing happen.

1199
00:59:40,060 --> 00:59:42,400
And we came to a
conclusion, the best

1200
00:59:42,400 --> 00:59:46,790
would be to go to the police
station and let them handle it.

1201
00:59:46,790 --> 00:59:48,610
So we went all there.

1202
00:59:48,610 --> 00:59:52,030
And the head of
the police station

1203
00:59:52,030 --> 00:59:56,540
said, I guarantee for
the Deutscher family.

1204
00:59:56,540 --> 01:00:01,520
Yeah, they're great, and
there's nothing to worry about.

1205
01:00:01,520 --> 01:00:04,150
And if they say they
paid you, they paid you.

1206
01:00:04,150 --> 01:00:07,750
Suddenly, an SA
man came in Again

1207
01:00:07,750 --> 01:00:11,290
and they gave that officer
to understand, yeah,

1208
01:00:11,290 --> 01:00:14,450
now we are here and not you.

1209
01:00:14,450 --> 01:00:17,350
So that officer told my
father, give him a few mark

1210
01:00:17,350 --> 01:00:21,460
and let him go, and
that's the way it was.

1211
01:00:21,460 --> 01:00:24,070
Still probably a
few months later,

1212
01:00:24,070 --> 01:00:25,990
or after the Kristallnacht,
it would have

1213
01:00:25,990 --> 01:00:28,630
been a different result, yeah?

1214
01:00:28,630 --> 01:00:33,010
And yeah, the main
thing that happened,

1215
01:00:33,010 --> 01:00:35,470
as soon as our
business just stopped,

1216
01:00:35,470 --> 01:00:41,000
yeah, people owed us money.

1217

01:00:41,000 --> 01:00:47,900
But we owed money to those
that delivered the milk to us

1218
01:00:47,900 --> 01:00:50,240
for pasteurizing.

1219
01:00:50,240 --> 01:00:55,490
And again, I was the
ambassador of the family.

1220
01:00:55,490 --> 01:00:59,500
So they sent me
to the courthouse

1221
01:00:59,500 --> 01:01:05,690
with a bunch of notes to tell
them, people owe us this,

1222
01:01:05,690 --> 01:01:12,230
and we would like to
pay our creditors.

1223
01:01:12,230 --> 01:01:14,150
And I came there,
and a man was sitting

1224
01:01:14,150 --> 01:01:17,750
in a beautiful
office, all mahogany,

1225
01:01:17,750 --> 01:01:26,790
and all kind of Nazi items
hanging around, yeah.

1226
01:01:26,790 --> 01:01:30,515
It looks like who knows
what, something in Nuremberg.

1227
01:01:30,515 --> 01:01:31,050
I sit there.

1228
01:01:31,050 --> 01:01:34,740

But he let me sit
down very comfortably.

1229
01:01:34,740 --> 01:01:39,750
And he told me, look, there is
a new regime in this country,

1230
01:01:39,750 --> 01:01:44,650
but justice is still observed.

1231
01:01:44,650 --> 01:01:49,960
And I gave him all those
to collect and to pay,

1232
01:01:49,960 --> 01:01:51,910
all the notes we had.

1233
01:01:51,910 --> 01:01:56,830
And I ran home immediately
and told my parents,

1234
01:01:56,830 --> 01:01:58,210
mission accomplished.

1235
01:01:58,210 --> 01:01:59,360
Everything is fine.

1236
01:01:59,360 --> 01:02:01,810
Yeah, I had so much
confidence out of this.

1237
01:02:01,810 --> 01:02:04,510
I thought this will be settled.

1238
01:02:04,510 --> 01:02:06,400
And we still had a
little bit money,

1239
01:02:06,400 --> 01:02:08,800
and I withdrew it
slowly from the bank,

1240

01:02:08,800 --> 01:02:12,910
that they shouldn't see
that it was drawn at once.

1241
01:02:12,910 --> 01:02:17,950
And we had Austrian Schillings
to change to German Marks.

1242
01:02:17,950 --> 01:02:20,140
They cheated us once in
a while a little bit,

1243
01:02:20,140 --> 01:02:23,140
but we still could survive.

1244
01:02:23,140 --> 01:02:28,900
In the garden of our
villa, we had a little--

1245
01:02:28,900 --> 01:02:30,115
I wouldn't call it shed.

1246
01:02:30,115 --> 01:02:31,480
No, a little house.

1247
01:02:31,480 --> 01:02:32,770
A wooden house.

1248
01:02:32,770 --> 01:02:39,370
And we rented this house to a
Gentile woman, an old woman.

1249
01:02:39,370 --> 01:02:43,120
This woman paid until my
parents left the same day.

1250
01:02:43,120 --> 01:02:45,490
The Nazis told her she
doesn't have to pay us.

1251
01:02:45,490 --> 01:02:47,140
She said I'm going to pay them.

1252

01:02:47,140 --> 01:02:50,260
For some reason, we were lucky.

1253

01:02:50,260 --> 01:02:52,930
It's just unbelievable
how this thing--

1254

01:02:52,930 --> 01:02:55,750
And yeah, my mother went--

1255

01:02:55,750 --> 01:02:59,710
during the same period, I would
say April, or the end of April,

1256

01:02:59,710 --> 01:03:04,960
yeah, to some of our
debtors to collect money.

1257

01:03:04,960 --> 01:03:08,980
Mrs. Fuchs what's her name.

1258

01:03:08,980 --> 01:03:12,220
And again, she promised
my mother pretty soon

1259

01:03:12,220 --> 01:03:13,390
to give them some money.

1260

01:03:13,390 --> 01:03:15,460
And mother was happy.

1261

01:03:15,460 --> 01:03:16,900
Everything is fine.

1262

01:03:16,900 --> 01:03:23,770
A few hours later, the Nazis
came and picked her up.

1263

01:03:23,770 --> 01:03:26,630
We didn't know a thing.

1264

01:03:26,630 --> 01:03:28,180
And for two or three
days, we didn't

1265
01:03:28,180 --> 01:03:29,920
know what happened to her.

1266
01:03:29,920 --> 01:03:33,400
Finally, there was a Jewish
lawyer, which we never

1267
01:03:33,400 --> 01:03:34,810
knew that he was Jewish.

1268
01:03:34,810 --> 01:03:37,240
At least he had
some connections.

1269
01:03:37,240 --> 01:03:39,610
He could find out
where they were--

1270
01:03:39,610 --> 01:03:42,450
where my mother was.

1271
01:03:42,450 --> 01:03:45,990
And he even composed a letter.

1272
01:03:45,990 --> 01:03:47,230
He said, he--

1273
01:03:47,230 --> 01:03:48,870
Your mother was taken away?

1274
01:03:48,870 --> 01:03:51,540
Yeah, she was taken away.

1275
01:03:51,540 --> 01:03:53,460
From-- could you repeat that?

1276
01:03:53,460 --> 01:03:57,060
Because that woman probably said

something against her, yeah.

1277

01:03:57,060 --> 01:03:59,280

Were you home when your
mother was taken away?

1278

01:03:59,280 --> 01:04:00,345

We were all home.

1279

01:04:00,345 --> 01:04:01,830

And what was that like for you?

1280

01:04:01,830 --> 01:04:02,940

Can you describe that--

1281

01:04:02,940 --> 01:04:03,480

Sad.

1282

01:04:03,480 --> 01:04:04,920

--situation when that happened?

1283

01:04:04,920 --> 01:04:06,000

It was shocking.

1284

01:04:06,000 --> 01:04:06,660

But--

1285

01:04:06,660 --> 01:04:08,632

Who came to take her?

1286

01:04:08,632 --> 01:04:13,510

A Nazi uniformed man, a
man came picking her up.

1287

01:04:13,510 --> 01:04:16,980

She will be interrogated,
something like this, they said.

1288

01:04:16,980 --> 01:04:19,740

We still hoped she will be back
in a couple hours or something.

1289

01:04:19,740 --> 01:04:21,270

Did she said anything
special to you

1290

01:04:21,270 --> 01:04:23,360

or did you say anything
special to her?

1291

01:04:23,360 --> 01:04:26,190

She still hoped that
everything would be OK.

1292

01:04:26,190 --> 01:04:30,260

Especially with-- we had already
papers to the United States.

1293

01:04:30,260 --> 01:04:32,640

What are they going
to do with us, yeah?

1294

01:04:32,640 --> 01:04:35,080

They didn't let her go.

1295

01:04:35,080 --> 01:04:38,213

So anyway, this man
composed a letter,

1296

01:04:38,213 --> 01:04:39,880

but he didn't want
it on his stationery.

1297

01:04:39,880 --> 01:04:42,880

He didn't want to be
involved, this lawyer, yeah?

1298

01:04:42,880 --> 01:04:43,810

We mailed it in.

1299

01:04:43,810 --> 01:04:47,060

At least we found
contact where she was.

1300

01:04:47,060 --> 01:04:48,520
And I just want to tell you--

1301
01:04:48,520 --> 01:04:49,600
Where was she?

1302
01:04:49,600 --> 01:04:53,940
In the district magistrate--

1303
01:04:53,940 --> 01:04:56,470

1304
01:04:56,470 --> 01:05:01,210
no, the district
Kommissariat, they called it.

1305
01:05:01,210 --> 01:05:05,830
Where the police-- the head
police quarter of the district.

1306
01:05:05,830 --> 01:05:11,380
And we children, all four--

1307
01:05:11,380 --> 01:05:15,370
which children, all four, were
able to get in there, yeah?

1308
01:05:15,370 --> 01:05:17,170
How?

1309
01:05:17,170 --> 01:05:20,980
OK, first of all, we
said, our mother is in.

1310
01:05:20,980 --> 01:05:23,170
We want to see her.

1311
01:05:23,170 --> 01:05:24,280
So they let us in.

1312
01:05:24,280 --> 01:05:28,330
Then when we went

out, we saw a lady.

1313

01:05:28,330 --> 01:05:31,000

She was Mrs. Bauer.

1314

01:05:31,000 --> 01:05:32,890

And we pulled her in
and said, why don't you

1315

01:05:32,890 --> 01:05:35,740

go in and tell that we are
a good family and doing

1316

01:05:35,740 --> 01:05:37,720

everything right?

1317

01:05:37,720 --> 01:05:40,360

And I was able to put her in.

1318

01:05:40,360 --> 01:05:45,250

And she at least made
more contact for us

1319

01:05:45,250 --> 01:05:47,950

to see my mother.

1320

01:05:47,950 --> 01:05:49,810

But there was something--

1321

01:05:49,810 --> 01:05:51,020

Where was your father?

1322

01:05:51,020 --> 01:05:53,320

My father was at home.

1323

01:05:53,320 --> 01:05:54,410

He didn't come with you?

1324

01:05:54,410 --> 01:05:54,970

No.

1325

01:05:54,970 --> 01:05:57,400

No, because he thought
the children will

1326

01:05:57,400 --> 01:05:59,440

have an easier time
to get in there,

1327

01:05:59,440 --> 01:06:02,630

four children, small, yeah?

1328

01:06:02,630 --> 01:06:09,640

So yeah, and by the way, this
Mrs. Bauer and her husband,

1329

01:06:09,640 --> 01:06:11,650

they were good
friends of ours, yeah?

1330

01:06:11,650 --> 01:06:13,060

He looked like Schubert.

1331

01:06:13,060 --> 01:06:15,700

And he liked when we
called him Schubert, yeah?

1332

01:06:15,700 --> 01:06:17,480

Very good friends.

1333

01:06:17,480 --> 01:06:20,990

And she told us that he's now
a Nazi, and he's divorcing her,

1334

01:06:20,990 --> 01:06:21,490

yeah.

1335

01:06:21,490 --> 01:06:24,580

So we felt sorry for
her, and she helped us.

1336

01:06:24,580 --> 01:06:26,530

Whatever it is.

1337

01:06:26,530 --> 01:06:28,570

And my sister--

1338

01:06:28,570 --> 01:06:29,780

I didn't know this.

1339

01:06:29,780 --> 01:06:32,050

She's a year and a
half younger than I am.

1340

01:06:32,050 --> 01:06:34,830

1341

01:06:34,830 --> 01:06:39,870

She had candies in her pocket,
because non-Jewish kids

1342

01:06:39,870 --> 01:06:43,260

gave her some, because
she's going to her mother.

1343

01:06:43,260 --> 01:06:48,660

So we went In and
right away, probably

1344

01:06:48,660 --> 01:06:50,310

girls can do this much better.

1345

01:06:50,310 --> 01:06:53,310

She jumped on my mother
and cried and cried

1346

01:06:53,310 --> 01:06:56,710

and stuffed in here
those sweets in, yeah?

1347

01:06:56,710 --> 01:06:59,040

I found it out much later.

1348

01:06:59,040 --> 01:07:00,570

It was very dramatic.

1349

01:07:00,570 --> 01:07:03,650
And the policemen were standing
on the side, just looked at us.

1350

01:07:03,650 --> 01:07:08,940
Yeah, you cannot put two and two
together how sometimes things

1351

01:07:08,940 --> 01:07:10,200
were.

1352

01:07:10,200 --> 01:07:12,630
And anyway, we
couldn't get her out.

1353

01:07:12,630 --> 01:07:15,690
We couldn't get my mother out.

1354

01:07:15,690 --> 01:07:20,670
Then they moved her
to a central jail.

1355

01:07:20,670 --> 01:07:22,140
They called it Landesgericht.

1356

01:07:22,140 --> 01:07:26,400
That was a real jail, in the
full meaning of the word.

1357

01:07:26,400 --> 01:07:29,460
We still played around with
the letters and sometimes,

1358

01:07:29,460 --> 01:07:30,410
always children.

1359

01:07:30,410 --> 01:07:32,220
Yeah, my father didn't even try.

1360

01:07:32,220 --> 01:07:34,470
He wouldn't make any good.

1361

01:07:34,470 --> 01:07:36,670

Nothing.

1362

01:07:36,670 --> 01:07:42,150

Meanwhile, I got a
notice from the Hashomer

1363

01:07:42,150 --> 01:07:45,240

that I have been
selected to go to Israel,

1364

01:07:45,240 --> 01:07:49,140

and that Yosef
Burg will take me.

1365

01:07:49,140 --> 01:07:51,690

So I told my father,
"how can I go to Israel?

1366

01:07:51,690 --> 01:07:53,390

My mother isn't here."

1367

01:07:53,390 --> 01:07:55,290

He said, "you go
ahead with the papers.

1368

01:07:55,290 --> 01:07:58,230

We'll talk some other time."

1369

01:07:58,230 --> 01:08:01,050

And then came a lady,
a non-Jewish lady.

1370

01:08:01,050 --> 01:08:06,060

She was with my
mother in the concen--

1371

01:08:06,060 --> 01:08:07,410

in the jail.

1372

01:08:07,410 --> 01:08:10,750

She said, don't worry

about your mother.

1373

01:08:10,750 --> 01:08:12,010

She's a strong woman.

1374

01:08:12,010 --> 01:08:14,190

She will know how
to get out of here.

1375

01:08:14,190 --> 01:08:19,149

And really a few days later, the
door opened, and she came in.

1376

01:08:19,149 --> 01:08:21,960

Yeah, she was there about
two months, something, yeah?

1377

01:08:21,960 --> 01:08:24,330

Like this, no explanation.

1378

01:08:24,330 --> 01:08:29,010

There was a rumor that when
she visited Mrs. Fuchs,

1379

01:08:29,010 --> 01:08:36,060

Mrs. Fuchs right away
called the Nazi Party

1380

01:08:36,060 --> 01:08:38,609

and told them that
my mother said

1381

01:08:38,609 --> 01:08:41,229

that Hitler is not a problem.

1382

01:08:41,229 --> 01:08:44,384

Will be here just a short
time and will just fade away.

1383

01:08:44,384 --> 01:08:46,050

And that's why
she was picked up?

1384

01:08:46,050 --> 01:08:49,140

Yeah, and she said, of course,
she didn't say it, yeah?

1385

01:08:49,140 --> 01:08:52,920

God knows whatever happened
in those few minutes when they

1386

01:08:52,920 --> 01:08:54,720

were together, because she pro--

1387

01:08:54,720 --> 01:08:58,260

that Mrs. Fuchs promised
her some money, yeah?

1388

01:08:58,260 --> 01:08:59,130

Who knows?

1389

01:08:59,130 --> 01:09:09,000

So anyway, this was I would say
July when she came back, yeah?

1390

01:09:09,000 --> 01:09:09,770

Maybe a little--

1391

01:09:09,770 --> 01:09:13,380

So by that time, you had
finished the school year

1392

01:09:13,380 --> 01:09:14,500

by July.

1393

01:09:14,500 --> 01:09:17,250

And so what were you
doing in the summer?

1394

01:09:17,250 --> 01:09:20,220

The summer I had to prepare
for my trip to Israel.

1395

01:09:20,220 --> 01:09:21,359

All kinds of stuff.

1396
01:09:21,359 --> 01:09:23,939
Yeah, papers endless.

1397
01:09:23,939 --> 01:09:27,240
Yeah, and they sent me always--

1398
01:09:27,240 --> 01:09:32,550
yeah, you know the Nazis took
over the Rothschild palace

1399
01:09:32,550 --> 01:09:34,380
in Vienna.

1400
01:09:34,380 --> 01:09:39,300
And that was the
immigration office.

1401
01:09:39,300 --> 01:09:41,819
So I did almost
everything myself.

1402
01:09:41,819 --> 01:09:46,800
Yeah, but finally they
demanded that my father

1403
01:09:46,800 --> 01:09:52,950
shall come and sign papers
that he doesn't owe any taxes.

1404
01:09:52,950 --> 01:09:54,610
No tax.

1405
01:09:54,610 --> 01:09:55,530
I told him this.

1406
01:09:55,530 --> 01:09:56,430
He was scared.

1407
01:09:56,430 --> 01:09:57,990
He said, how can I sign a paper?

1408

01:09:57,990 --> 01:09:58,640

What do I know?

1409

01:09:58,640 --> 01:10:00,510

But I have money, yeah?

1410

01:10:00,510 --> 01:10:02,220

They will figure out the taxes.

1411

01:10:02,220 --> 01:10:07,350

Anyway, I pulled

them always with me.

1412

01:10:07,350 --> 01:10:09,630

And the guy who was

in charge of this

1413

01:10:09,630 --> 01:10:13,800

was Eichmann, Adolf Eichmann.

1414

01:10:13,800 --> 01:10:16,470

And I pulled him

like this after me.

1415

01:10:16,470 --> 01:10:20,190

I already had my passport.

1416

01:10:20,190 --> 01:10:25,650

And he saw that my father didn't

move, and he starts screaming.

1417

01:10:25,650 --> 01:10:27,120

Don't you want him to leave?

1418

01:10:27,120 --> 01:10:30,180

Sign that lousy

paper and let him go.

1419

01:10:30,180 --> 01:10:34,410

And the odd thing, I don't

want to defend Eichmann,

1420

01:10:34,410 --> 01:10:39,810

but I want just to say what
the stage at that time was.

1421

01:10:39,810 --> 01:10:43,260

There were Jewish girls
handling the paperwork,

1422

01:10:43,260 --> 01:10:46,300

a lot of Jewish girls, yeah?

1423

01:10:46,300 --> 01:10:49,560

I don't know if he
told them jokes or not,

1424

01:10:49,560 --> 01:10:52,140

they smiled once a while
when he talked to them.

1425

01:10:52,140 --> 01:10:56,050

So I cannot explain
the whole thing, yeah?

1426

01:10:56,050 --> 01:11:01,450

But he was there, and he handled
the end stage of my case.

1427

01:11:01,450 --> 01:11:05,640

This is at the central office
for Jewish immigration.

1428

01:11:05,640 --> 01:11:08,670

That was in the
Rothschild palace, yeah?

1429

01:11:08,670 --> 01:11:10,560

How did you know
it was Eichmann?

1430

01:11:10,560 --> 01:11:11,190

Pardon?

1431

01:11:11,190 --> 01:11:11,430
Oh.

1432
01:11:11,430 --> 01:11:13,013
How did you know
that it was Eichmann.

1433
01:11:13,013 --> 01:11:14,400
They said it's Eichmann.

1434
01:11:14,400 --> 01:11:16,560
Yeah, he wasn't that
great at that time,

1435
01:11:16,560 --> 01:11:17,940
but they call him
Eichmann, yeah?

1436
01:11:17,940 --> 01:11:21,120
And then later on when I saw the
picture, I saw it's him, yeah?

1437
01:11:21,120 --> 01:11:23,730
But at the same--
at that time, I

1438
01:11:23,730 --> 01:11:26,610
didn't expect that
they are killers.

1439
01:11:26,610 --> 01:11:27,690
You understand?

1440
01:11:27,690 --> 01:11:29,790
That didn't go in my head, yeah?

1441
01:11:29,790 --> 01:11:33,120
But do you know when I was
in this Rothschild palace,

1442
01:11:33,120 --> 01:11:34,890
it was beautiful like a museum?

1443

01:11:34,890 --> 01:11:37,680

You think I didn't walk around
and look on all the pictures?

1444

01:11:37,680 --> 01:11:41,440

Yes, well, if I'm already there,
why shouldn't I have the fun?

1445

01:11:41,440 --> 01:11:42,780

So the staff was--

1446

01:11:42,780 --> 01:11:44,340

the working staff were Jewish?

1447

01:11:44,340 --> 01:11:45,320

Some, some, some.

1448

01:11:45,320 --> 01:11:48,120

Some of the girls were
Jewish, but there were

1449

01:11:48,120 --> 01:11:50,940

a lot of uniforms there, yeah?

1450

01:11:50,940 --> 01:11:54,300

I don't understand why I had
so much energy just to see--

1451

01:11:54,300 --> 01:11:57,550

I think I went to all the
floors and looked around.

1452

01:11:57,550 --> 01:11:59,250

What did Eichmann
look like to you?

1453

01:11:59,250 --> 01:11:59,820

He was young.

1454

01:11:59,820 --> 01:12:00,870

He was only 32.

1455

01:12:00,870 --> 01:12:02,640

I didn't make a big fuss.

1456

01:12:02,640 --> 01:12:05,200

One like the others, yeah?

1457

01:12:05,200 --> 01:12:06,870

The only thing, I
want to get out.

1458

01:12:06,870 --> 01:12:15,150

And I know to continue in Vienna
didn't make sense, anyway.

1459

01:12:15,150 --> 01:12:16,020

So that was that.

1460

01:12:16,020 --> 01:12:19,410

But then I had to
go to the city hall.

1461

01:12:19,410 --> 01:12:20,220

I don't know.

1462

01:12:20,220 --> 01:12:22,980

It's a beautiful building,
the city hall in Vienna,

1463

01:12:22,980 --> 01:12:26,370

a special building
called the Rathaus.

1464

01:12:26,370 --> 01:12:28,110

And I had to get papers settled.

1465

01:12:28,110 --> 01:12:31,590

Whatever it is, I forgot
even the exact papers.

1466

01:12:31,590 --> 01:12:33,480

And there was an elevator.

1467

01:12:33,480 --> 01:12:35,910

Actually, it was an
entirely different elevator.

1468

01:12:35,910 --> 01:12:38,850

They still have some in
Vienna at the university.

1469

01:12:38,850 --> 01:12:41,280

They call them Paternoster.

1470

01:12:41,280 --> 01:12:45,060

You have to crawl in, and it
goes by itself, always around.

1471

01:12:45,060 --> 01:12:47,160

I don't think you
ever saw something

1472

01:12:47,160 --> 01:12:48,870

like this in the United States.

1473

01:12:48,870 --> 01:12:51,480

You go in, and then you get off.

1474

01:12:51,480 --> 01:12:54,990

If you missed the floor,
you had to go all around.

1475

01:12:54,990 --> 01:13:00,120

Anyway, there was a big sign,
"Jews are forbidden to use it."

1476

01:13:00,120 --> 01:13:03,200

I think I used that elevator
for 20 minutes, easy.

1477

01:13:03,200 --> 01:13:05,610

I just crawled in and
out, in and out, yeah?

1478

01:13:05,610 --> 01:13:07,710

I just wanted it this way.

1479

01:13:07,710 --> 01:13:09,000

What do you attribute this--

1480

01:13:09,000 --> 01:13:10,050

Pardon?

1481

01:13:10,050 --> 01:13:12,930

What do you attribute
your daring to?

1482

01:13:12,930 --> 01:13:17,850

I was-- first of all, wherever
I was, that was mine, yeah?

1483

01:13:17,850 --> 01:13:19,830

The city was mine, everything.

1484

01:13:19,830 --> 01:13:20,980

He's pulling me out.

1485

01:13:20,980 --> 01:13:21,690

That's it.

1486

01:13:21,690 --> 01:13:27,270

And then I found out that Hitler
was coming on the Ringstrasse.

1487

01:13:27,270 --> 01:13:28,290

I was standing there.

1488

01:13:28,290 --> 01:13:29,950

I was watching like
all the others.

1489

01:13:29,950 --> 01:13:34,390

And of course they were saying
"Heil Hitler, Heil Hitler."

1490

01:13:34,390 --> 01:13:35,300

I just was standing.

1491
01:13:35,300 --> 01:13:36,280
Nobody bothered me.

1492
01:13:36,280 --> 01:13:40,150
You know, we didn't have any
signs at that time, yeah?

1493
01:13:40,150 --> 01:13:42,370
Then one guy came to me
and said, "why don't you

1494
01:13:42,370 --> 01:13:45,570
say Heil Hitler?"

1495
01:13:45,570 --> 01:13:46,980
That guy was not a Nazi.

1496
01:13:46,980 --> 01:13:48,210
He was a homosexual.

1497
01:13:48,210 --> 01:13:50,420
He started fooling around.

1498
01:13:50,420 --> 01:13:52,130
I said, you get
out of here fast.

1499
01:13:52,130 --> 01:13:57,480
Yeah, I even told him to get
out of my eyesight, yeah?

1500
01:13:57,480 --> 01:13:58,695
Didn't say a word.

1501
01:13:58,695 --> 01:13:59,520
Just didn't.

1502
01:13:59,520 --> 01:14:04,530
And then I was once on the
same Ringstrasse just see Hess

1503

01:14:04,530 --> 01:14:05,597
when he passed.

1504

01:14:05,597 --> 01:14:06,430
And it was the same.

1505

01:14:06,430 --> 01:14:08,820
I just was there, yeah, a kid.

1506

01:14:08,820 --> 01:14:11,190
When you saw Hitler, what
were your impressions?

1507

01:14:11,190 --> 01:14:12,250
Nothing.

1508

01:14:12,250 --> 01:14:15,390
I just think everybody's
crazy to scream

1509

01:14:15,390 --> 01:14:18,130
so loud to one man, yeah?

1510

01:14:18,130 --> 01:14:19,820
It doesn't make sense.

1511

01:14:19,820 --> 01:14:20,820
It didn't go in my head.

1512

01:14:20,820 --> 01:14:24,360
And there was one
of our neighbors,

1513

01:14:24,360 --> 01:14:27,630
he got a black uniform,
but it was not an SS.

1514

01:14:27,630 --> 01:14:32,190
I think he had to do
with the artillery.

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01:14:32,190 --> 01:14:34,140
They had black uniforms, too.

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01:14:34,140 --> 01:14:40,260
And they said when he died,
he was killed in the field.

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01:14:40,260 --> 01:14:46,193
When he died, he said "I'm
dying in the name of Hitler"

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01:14:46,193 --> 01:14:47,360
and just said "Heil Hitler."

1519
01:14:47,360 --> 01:14:50,120
And I just had to laugh, yeah?

1520
01:14:50,120 --> 01:14:53,390
How can a person die
for one man, yeah?

1521
01:14:53,390 --> 01:14:59,000
So my reaction was always
that I'm ahead of them.

1522
01:14:59,000 --> 01:15:01,005
That's all, yeah?

1523
01:15:01,005 --> 01:15:03,420
I had maybe a supreme feeling.

1524
01:15:03,420 --> 01:15:07,720
It's hard to say
exactly what it is.

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01:15:07,720 --> 01:15:09,000