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This is a continuation of
the United States Holocaust

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Memorial Museum
volunteer collection

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interview with Jill Pauly.

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This is tape number
2, side A. Mrs. Pauly,

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00:00:16,690 --> 00:00:23,250

could you say something about
the immigrant experience

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for you and your family
as survivors of the Nazis

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00:00:31,350 --> 00:00:33,970

and as orthodox Jews?

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00:00:33,970 --> 00:00:34,470

Yes.

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I think it's really
the key subject

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00:00:38,730 --> 00:00:40,080

of what I'm speaking about.

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I think the intensity of
observance by my whole family

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00:00:51,070 --> 00:00:56,020

is really the glue that got
us through, everything that we

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00:00:56,020 --> 00:00:59,260

went through, from
A to Z. I mean,

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00:00:59,260 --> 00:01:05,230

I was born shortly before a
time where all these Nuremberg

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00:01:05,230 --> 00:01:11,340

laws came through, where Jews
couldn't do kosher killing,

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00:01:11,340 --> 00:01:14,140

where there was to
be no kosher meat.

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00:01:14,140 --> 00:01:18,780

And there were people who
obeyed all these laws.

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00:01:18,780 --> 00:01:23,520

From the beginning, as far
as observance and Judaism

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00:01:23,520 --> 00:01:26,055

was concerned, my
family was defiant.

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00:01:26,055 --> 00:01:28,680

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00:01:28,680 --> 00:01:35,910

They would not give one inch
of their religious observance

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00:01:35,910 --> 00:01:38,940
for the sake of Hitler.

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00:01:38,940 --> 00:01:40,635
Did they know what
they were doing?

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00:01:40,635 --> 00:01:44,470
No, they didn't know
what they were doing.

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00:01:44,470 --> 00:01:48,240
This is how they
worked out their lives.

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00:01:48,240 --> 00:01:50,230
Now, was it based--

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00:01:50,230 --> 00:01:52,650
When you say, "did they
know what they were doing,

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00:01:52,650 --> 00:01:54,750
no, they didn't,"
what do you mean?

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00:01:54,750 --> 00:01:57,930
They didn't know to what extent
they were exposing themselves

32
00:01:57,930 --> 00:02:00,450
to danger.

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00:02:00,450 --> 00:02:03,570
They did and they didn't.

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00:02:03,570 --> 00:02:09,600
They knew if they got caught
killing kosher meat on the sly,

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00:02:09,600 --> 00:02:15,030

they would be sent to
prison, but they did,

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00:02:15,030 --> 00:02:22,800
and they had help from non-Jews
to keep their observance.

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00:02:22,800 --> 00:02:25,440
They kept everything.

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00:02:25,440 --> 00:02:28,940
My grandfather wouldn't
budge a half an inch.

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00:02:28,940 --> 00:02:34,710
Now, had my grandfather
known in 1939

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00:02:34,710 --> 00:02:40,770
that he could have almost
gotten all of us murdered,

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00:02:40,770 --> 00:02:45,390
because he would not
leave Italy on the ship

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00:02:45,390 --> 00:02:49,110
because he needed
kosher food, he

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00:02:49,110 --> 00:02:53,070
might have said, OK, I'll eat
bread and coffee for the two

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00:02:53,070 --> 00:02:55,890
weeks before going.

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00:02:55,890 --> 00:02:58,710
Because he didn't know exactly.

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00:02:58,710 --> 00:03:01,560
Nobody knew the
camps were coming.

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00:03:01,560 --> 00:03:05,880
It was written in Mein Kampf,
but who believed that then?

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00:03:05,880 --> 00:03:08,820
But that's the way
they were, and that's

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00:03:08,820 --> 00:03:10,110
the way they remained.

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00:03:10,110 --> 00:03:12,930
And that's the way
they hoped we would be,

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00:03:12,930 --> 00:03:16,050
and that's the way we hope
our children would be.

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00:03:16,050 --> 00:03:24,990
Because the faith and the ritual
and the structure has kept us,

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00:03:24,990 --> 00:03:29,166
no matter how rich we were,
no matter how poor we were.

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00:03:29,166 --> 00:03:32,220
We always observed.

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00:03:32,220 --> 00:03:35,460
And we never, in
all those years,

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00:03:35,460 --> 00:03:39,300
had a holiday where we didn't
have food on the table.

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00:03:39,300 --> 00:03:41,340
Never had a Sabbath where
we didn't have peace.

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00:03:41,340 --> 00:03:42,684
[PHONE RINGING]

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00:03:42,684 --> 00:03:45,170

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00:03:45,170 --> 00:03:51,000
So it was most difficult.

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00:03:51,000 --> 00:03:53,210
We'll turn this off
until you get the phone.

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00:03:53,210 --> 00:04:01,050

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00:04:01,050 --> 00:04:03,520
Now that I'm at this
point of my life,

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00:04:03,520 --> 00:04:08,130
I start to wonder about
religion and faith.

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00:04:08,130 --> 00:04:12,930
Is it something you
learn or is it genetic?

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00:04:12,930 --> 00:04:16,680
Because when you have a
family of many people,

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00:04:16,680 --> 00:04:20,320
some people are more
observant than others.

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00:04:20,320 --> 00:04:22,860
Some have more
faith than others.

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00:04:22,860 --> 00:04:27,270
And some don't even

know what faith is.

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00:04:27,270 --> 00:04:30,600

You can bring up
people in a home

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00:04:30,600 --> 00:04:38,460

where there is tradition,
structure, Jewish education,

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00:04:38,460 --> 00:04:42,630

and they may not feel a thing.

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00:04:42,630 --> 00:04:45,780

So maybe it was my parents
luck that both of us

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00:04:45,780 --> 00:04:49,170

were born with this faith.

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00:04:49,170 --> 00:04:52,770

My mother was very instrumental
in transmitting it to us.

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00:04:52,770 --> 00:04:56,100

And how did she do that?

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00:04:56,100 --> 00:04:57,990

I don't know how she did it.

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00:04:57,990 --> 00:05:03,720

She was very, very
strict in her observance.

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00:05:03,720 --> 00:05:07,440

She set us a marvelous example.

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00:05:07,440 --> 00:05:09,540

She was totally
inflexible about it.

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00:05:09,540 --> 00:05:12,390

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00:05:12,390 --> 00:05:17,580
When it came time for us
to go to school in Kenya,

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00:05:17,580 --> 00:05:20,550
and the schools couldn't
obviously provide kosher food,

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00:05:20,550 --> 00:05:23,770
so she said we wouldn't
go to boarding school.

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00:05:23,770 --> 00:05:25,910
So my parents boarded
us with families that

86
00:05:25,910 --> 00:05:27,720
didn't give us non-kosher food.

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00:05:27,720 --> 00:05:29,940
They didn't give us
kosher food, but they

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00:05:29,940 --> 00:05:32,880
didn't give us non-kosher food.

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00:05:32,880 --> 00:05:36,000
The first family
didn't feed us at all.

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00:05:36,000 --> 00:05:39,420
After three months, we had
to be removed from them.

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00:05:39,420 --> 00:05:42,520
Second family fed us very
nicely, et cetera, et cetera,

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00:05:42,520 --> 00:05:43,740
et cetera.

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00:05:43,740 --> 00:05:48,960

But my mother would
not flex one inch.

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00:05:48,960 --> 00:05:51,000

And you said you
thought that maybe you

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00:05:51,000 --> 00:05:52,380

got your faith from her?

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00:05:52,380 --> 00:05:52,890

Yes.

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00:05:52,890 --> 00:05:59,310

I think we both got
our strength from her.

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00:05:59,310 --> 00:06:02,430

And her strength was in faith.

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00:06:02,430 --> 00:06:06,780

She was just totally committed
to God and always dependent

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00:06:06,780 --> 00:06:08,610

on Him for everything.

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00:06:08,610 --> 00:06:13,620

And how it transmitted, how
did that manifest itself,

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00:06:13,620 --> 00:06:16,230

depending on God for
everything, in your mother?

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00:06:16,230 --> 00:06:20,180

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00:06:20,180 --> 00:06:21,570

I don't know how it manifests.

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00:06:21,570 --> 00:06:26,060

She prayed three times a day.

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00:06:26,060 --> 00:06:32,270

Her whole life was keeping the
Jewish home, doing good deeds.

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00:06:32,270 --> 00:06:36,140

There were 632 good deeds, so
she had plenty to pick from,

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00:06:36,140 --> 00:06:37,370

and she always did them.

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00:06:37,370 --> 00:06:39,650

She would set an example.

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00:06:39,650 --> 00:06:40,890

She was always kind.

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00:06:40,890 --> 00:06:42,090

She was wonderful to family.

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00:06:42,090 --> 00:06:45,830

She was the most
supportive, kind parent.

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00:06:45,830 --> 00:06:46,550

She loved us.

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00:06:46,550 --> 00:06:47,990

She loved her son in-laws.

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00:06:47,990 --> 00:06:51,740

She loved her grandchildren.

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00:06:51,740 --> 00:06:54,860

She devoted herself to family.

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00:06:54,860 --> 00:07:00,380

And she had such a load

to bear in Germany.

118
00:07:00,380 --> 00:07:01,760
I think that's what did it.

119
00:07:01,760 --> 00:07:10,100
I think what we saw what my
mother withstood in Germany,

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00:07:10,100 --> 00:07:12,000
it set us for our life.

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00:07:12,000 --> 00:07:13,570
It set a pattern.

122
00:07:13,570 --> 00:07:14,990
It did.

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00:07:14,990 --> 00:07:17,040
And everybody in
the family really,

124
00:07:17,040 --> 00:07:19,520
really centered around her.

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00:07:19,520 --> 00:07:22,310
She was a centrifugal
point of a huge family

126
00:07:22,310 --> 00:07:33,740
because she was very strong,
but kind, and very kind

127
00:07:33,740 --> 00:07:34,820
to everybody.

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00:07:34,820 --> 00:07:37,370
Everybody loved her.

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00:07:37,370 --> 00:07:39,350
And she was extremely bright.

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00:07:39,350 --> 00:07:43,180

She saw through things that she
would see the answer to things.

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00:07:43,180 --> 00:07:47,240

But this difficulty
that she had when

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00:07:47,240 --> 00:07:50,780

we came to America
with my father

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00:07:50,780 --> 00:07:56,040

and the economic survival
was a nightmare for her.

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00:07:56,040 --> 00:08:00,860

But somehow she held
on to God by a rope

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00:08:00,860 --> 00:08:02,820

and she pulled
herself through it.

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00:08:02,820 --> 00:08:03,920

That's all I can say.

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00:08:03,920 --> 00:08:07,610

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00:08:07,610 --> 00:08:11,730

And I think I'm the same way,
maybe a little different.

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00:08:11,730 --> 00:08:12,920

Maybe a little different--

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00:08:12,920 --> 00:08:15,590

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00:08:15,590 --> 00:08:16,400

how shall I say?

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00:08:16,400 --> 00:08:20,360
I do things a little
differently, of course.

143
00:08:20,360 --> 00:08:25,000
I think both my sister and
I are both the same way,

144
00:08:25,000 --> 00:08:26,810
and we've seen a lot
of miracles happen.

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00:08:26,810 --> 00:08:29,380

146
00:08:29,380 --> 00:08:30,110
We have.

147
00:08:30,110 --> 00:08:31,110
Can you talk about that?

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00:08:31,110 --> 00:08:35,110

149
00:08:35,110 --> 00:08:36,539
Yeah, for another six hours.

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00:08:36,539 --> 00:08:37,230
[LAUGHS]

151
00:08:37,230 --> 00:08:40,590
No, but we could spend
a few minutes on that.

152
00:08:40,590 --> 00:08:43,740
I've seen a lot of things
happen that were unbelievable,

153
00:08:43,740 --> 00:08:49,440
unbelievable, that I
know was God's hand.

154
00:08:49,440 --> 00:08:52,290
It had to be, under
the circumstances.

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00:08:52,290 --> 00:08:54,330
I don't think they just
come together like that.

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00:08:54,330 --> 00:08:57,870

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00:08:57,870 --> 00:08:59,200
Where should I start?

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00:08:59,200 --> 00:09:00,255
I couldn't have children.

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00:09:00,255 --> 00:09:02,910

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00:09:02,910 --> 00:09:07,470
I was pregnant four times
and never had a child.

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00:09:07,470 --> 00:09:13,300
On top of the childhood
and the youth that I had,

162
00:09:13,300 --> 00:09:17,370
I've never spoken about it
because it was horrendous.

163
00:09:17,370 --> 00:09:19,330
Can you talk about it now?

164
00:09:19,330 --> 00:09:19,850
A little.

165
00:09:19,850 --> 00:09:20,350
OK.

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00:09:20,350 --> 00:09:25,010

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00:09:25,010 --> 00:09:27,080

We don't know what was wrong.

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00:09:27,080 --> 00:09:31,040

I conceived, and I would
carry three, four months,

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00:09:31,040 --> 00:09:33,740

and then I would
have a miscarriage.

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00:09:33,740 --> 00:09:35,720

And we wanted to be parents.

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00:09:35,720 --> 00:09:37,160

I wanted to be a mother.

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00:09:37,160 --> 00:09:38,810

I was tired of being pregnant.

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00:09:38,810 --> 00:09:40,120

I just wanted to be a mother.

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00:09:40,120 --> 00:09:44,038

So in those days, things were
different in America then.

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00:09:44,038 --> 00:09:45,830

If you wanted something,
you went after it.

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00:09:45,830 --> 00:09:49,010

Like everything else in
my life, I went after it.

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00:09:49,010 --> 00:09:54,810

And you caught on by now
that I'm quite assertive.

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00:09:54,810 --> 00:09:57,110

If I want something,
I go get it.

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00:09:57,110 --> 00:10:00,670

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00:10:00,670 --> 00:10:02,330

And Kurt wanted it, too.

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00:10:02,330 --> 00:10:06,020

And it was very hard for
us not to produce children

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00:10:06,020 --> 00:10:08,840

because of where we came from,
because of our backgrounds.

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00:10:08,840 --> 00:10:10,550

You mean having lost so many?

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00:10:10,550 --> 00:10:13,890

Yes, and the family
having been destroyed,

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00:10:13,890 --> 00:10:16,250

and hardly anybody
left on Kurt's side.

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00:10:16,250 --> 00:10:18,030

It was very painful.

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00:10:18,030 --> 00:10:22,590

So having children had an
extra importance for you.

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00:10:22,590 --> 00:10:25,340

Yes.

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00:10:25,340 --> 00:10:26,760

So we decided we'll adopt.

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00:10:26,760 --> 00:10:29,990

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00:10:29,990 --> 00:10:31,060

And it wasn't easy.

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00:10:31,060 --> 00:10:33,237

It was very difficult,
but we got children,

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00:10:33,237 --> 00:10:35,070

and we were very thrilled
with the children.

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00:10:35,070 --> 00:10:38,440

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00:10:38,440 --> 00:10:40,210

I hope they hear
these tapes someday.

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00:10:40,210 --> 00:10:43,150

They were both extremely
difficult to raise.

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00:10:43,150 --> 00:10:45,250

I don't mind them knowing that.

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00:10:45,250 --> 00:10:47,430

I think they both do know it.

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00:10:47,430 --> 00:10:49,180

What would you like
them to know about how

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00:10:49,180 --> 00:10:52,250

they were difficult for you?

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00:10:52,250 --> 00:11:03,430

Well, they had brought with
them their own baggage.

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00:11:03,430 --> 00:11:06,430
Every little human being comes
with his own little pickle,

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00:11:06,430 --> 00:11:09,050
as they say in Yiddish.

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00:11:09,050 --> 00:11:13,750
And we didn't understand
their pickles.

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00:11:13,750 --> 00:11:15,280
We did the best we
could with them.

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00:11:15,280 --> 00:11:17,200
We got some help with
them, but nobody else

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00:11:17,200 --> 00:11:19,550
understood them, either.

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00:11:19,550 --> 00:11:22,150
You can go to all the
professionals in the world,

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00:11:22,150 --> 00:11:26,915
and I don't have a whole lot
of faith in what they know,

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00:11:26,915 --> 00:11:29,560
or what they knew then.

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00:11:29,560 --> 00:11:34,060
And it was always
difficult for us

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00:11:34,060 --> 00:11:36,070
to work their problems
through with them.

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00:11:36,070 --> 00:11:39,760

The oldest one never
talked, was never

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00:11:39,760 --> 00:11:41,170
able to express his feelings.

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00:11:41,170 --> 00:11:44,560

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00:11:44,560 --> 00:11:48,530
He started becoming very
expressive and wonderful,

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00:11:48,530 --> 00:11:51,100
and he was enable--

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00:11:51,100 --> 00:11:52,720
how do you call that?

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00:11:52,720 --> 00:11:55,660
Brought out by his wife.

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00:11:55,660 --> 00:12:01,870
It's much easier for him
now to express his feelings.

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00:12:01,870 --> 00:12:04,870
It's very difficult to live
with any human being that

222
00:12:04,870 --> 00:12:07,020
can't express themselves.

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00:12:07,020 --> 00:12:08,030
You guess all the time.

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00:12:08,030 --> 00:12:12,040
We were guessing, which
made it very hard for me.

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00:12:12,040 --> 00:12:18,600
And the little girl was very

expressive, a little bit more

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00:12:18,600 --> 00:12:23,800

expressive, but she came
with many, many problems.

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00:12:23,800 --> 00:12:26,730

And we got her as
much help as we could.

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00:12:26,730 --> 00:12:29,760

It was very busy.

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00:12:29,760 --> 00:12:32,510

And we had a lot of
happiness with them

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00:12:32,510 --> 00:12:34,920

and we had a lot of
difficulty with them,

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00:12:34,920 --> 00:12:37,440

but the bottom line is
we're very grateful to God

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00:12:37,440 --> 00:12:40,500

that we had any children.

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00:12:40,500 --> 00:12:42,640

And I really like
my grandchildren.

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00:12:42,640 --> 00:12:44,810

If I could have skipped
my children, [LAUGHS]

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00:12:44,810 --> 00:12:47,010

it would have been easier.

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00:12:47,010 --> 00:12:51,330

Tell me about how you feel
with your grandchildren?

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00:12:51,330 --> 00:12:53,280

How I feel with them?

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00:12:53,280 --> 00:12:54,180

Their overwhelming.

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00:12:54,180 --> 00:12:55,680

They're wonderful.

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00:12:55,680 --> 00:12:57,250

I love them.

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00:12:57,250 --> 00:13:00,120

And there's very little they
can do that I would ever

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00:13:00,120 --> 00:13:04,080

say is not OK to do.

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00:13:04,080 --> 00:13:10,230

I feel it's our position
in life to love them

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00:13:10,230 --> 00:13:15,300

and to make them happy, and to
take some of the grandmothering

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00:13:15,300 --> 00:13:18,570

that we had from our beloved
grandmother and grandfather

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00:13:18,570 --> 00:13:23,250

that we remember-- my mother's
mother was very sickly.

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00:13:23,250 --> 00:13:26,220

I loved her, too, but she
couldn't give of herself

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00:13:26,220 --> 00:13:28,140

much because she was very sick.

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00:13:28,140 --> 00:13:33,150

But my father's mother was
such a wonderful human being.

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00:13:33,150 --> 00:13:36,450

She lived in our house,
and she imbued us

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00:13:36,450 --> 00:13:37,710

with everything that's good.

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00:13:37,710 --> 00:13:41,850

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00:13:41,850 --> 00:13:44,290

I hope to be able to do
that for my grandchildren.

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00:13:44,290 --> 00:13:46,180

I do do it for my grandchildren.

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00:13:46,180 --> 00:13:49,030

They're far away, and
whatever extra money

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00:13:49,030 --> 00:13:52,380

we have, whether
it's extra or not--

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00:13:52,380 --> 00:13:55,240

we take it from my savings
if we don't have it--

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00:13:55,240 --> 00:14:01,300

we go and see them, we spend
on them, and we enjoy them.

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00:14:01,300 --> 00:14:04,790

And that's of great
importance to both of us.

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00:14:04,790 --> 00:14:08,270

So that's been a very
happy part of your life.

261

00:14:08,270 --> 00:14:13,600
My children have been a happy
part also in their later life,

262

00:14:13,600 --> 00:14:21,370
but in their early lives, it
took them a very long time

263

00:14:21,370 --> 00:14:24,970
to work out their issues.

264

00:14:24,970 --> 00:14:27,820
So what kept you going
through the difficult times

265

00:14:27,820 --> 00:14:29,260
with your children?

266

00:14:29,260 --> 00:14:32,110
Oh, we had, thank God,
a terrific marriage.

267

00:14:32,110 --> 00:14:33,760
We're happy with each other.

268

00:14:33,760 --> 00:14:34,660
We enjoy each other.

269

00:14:34,660 --> 00:14:37,150
We have a great marriage.

270

00:14:37,150 --> 00:14:39,100
We were lucky to
find each other.

271

00:14:39,100 --> 00:14:44,080
And I learned from
my mother first

272

00:14:44,080 --> 00:14:49,450
is God and then your husband
and then your children.

273
00:14:49,450 --> 00:14:52,680
There's a pecking order.

274
00:14:52,680 --> 00:14:59,170
And I think it's the pecking
order and faith and structure

275
00:14:59,170 --> 00:15:03,367
and living in a community where
you have friends and support.

276
00:15:03,367 --> 00:15:04,450
That's what kept us going.

277
00:15:04,450 --> 00:15:06,850
That's what put us together.

278
00:15:06,850 --> 00:15:09,290
That's the glue.

279
00:15:09,290 --> 00:15:11,470
Now, I have not been
able to transmit it

280
00:15:11,470 --> 00:15:18,380
as heavily to my children as
my mother transmitted it to us,

281
00:15:18,380 --> 00:15:22,040
but I think my son
is growing up--

282
00:15:22,040 --> 00:15:24,890
and in fact, I heard
a remark from him

283
00:15:24,890 --> 00:15:28,020
a couple of weeks
ago that thrilled

284
00:15:28,020 --> 00:15:37,260
me, indicating that a lot of
this stuff comes with maturity.

285
00:15:37,260 --> 00:15:39,460
Is that something that
you feel free to say?

286
00:15:39,460 --> 00:15:41,550
No, no, I don't want to say.

287
00:15:41,550 --> 00:15:42,050
OK.

288
00:15:42,050 --> 00:15:46,960

289
00:15:46,960 --> 00:15:48,340
Well, we've skipped around.

290
00:15:48,340 --> 00:15:51,390
Maybe we can go back
to the chronology.

291
00:15:51,390 --> 00:15:53,820
You graduated from
high school and then

292
00:15:53,820 --> 00:15:55,163
you went to business school.

293
00:15:55,163 --> 00:15:56,580
And where was the
business school?

294
00:15:56,580 --> 00:15:59,070
I picked the finest business
school on the East Coast.

295
00:15:59,070 --> 00:16:02,260
It was called Peirce School

of Business in Philadelphia.

296

00:16:02,260 --> 00:16:04,570

I finally went to Philadelphia.

297

00:16:04,570 --> 00:16:07,925

And how was that for you,
going to business school?

298

00:16:07,925 --> 00:16:08,425

Hard.

299

00:16:08,425 --> 00:16:13,060

300

00:16:13,060 --> 00:16:15,570

It was a very school.

301

00:16:15,570 --> 00:16:18,180

I had to work very
hard, but I really

302

00:16:18,180 --> 00:16:19,960

didn't want to be a secretary.

303

00:16:19,960 --> 00:16:24,480

And it's never easy learning
something if you don't love it,

304

00:16:24,480 --> 00:16:28,370

but I had to learn a skill.

305

00:16:28,370 --> 00:16:30,210

It's a very good school.

306

00:16:30,210 --> 00:16:36,320

It had not only stenography
and typing, it had business.

307

00:16:36,320 --> 00:16:38,070

It was a business school.

308

00:16:38,070 --> 00:16:41,370

It had economics.

309

00:16:41,370 --> 00:16:45,643

It had psychology, English.

310

00:16:45,643 --> 00:16:47,560

And when you came out
of it, you were supposed

311

00:16:47,560 --> 00:16:50,446

to be a top flight secretary.

312

00:16:50,446 --> 00:16:54,150

313

00:16:54,150 --> 00:16:55,720

I went to school.

314

00:16:55,720 --> 00:16:57,960

I did my work.

315

00:16:57,960 --> 00:16:59,520

I didn't graduate
because it would

316

00:16:59,520 --> 00:17:05,460

have cost my father another
\$1,000 probably in tuition

317

00:17:05,460 --> 00:17:08,310

and board.

318

00:17:08,310 --> 00:17:10,650

I left six weeks
before graduation.

319

00:17:10,650 --> 00:17:15,089

I achieved my speed levels
in my steno and typing,

320

00:17:15,089 --> 00:17:16,710
and I finished all
my other courses,

321
00:17:16,710 --> 00:17:19,890
but I didn't sit for six
weeks with the white gloves

322
00:17:19,890 --> 00:17:22,290
and get the degree.

323
00:17:22,290 --> 00:17:24,660
Did you commute from Vineland
or live in Philadelphia?

324
00:17:24,660 --> 00:17:26,700
No.

325
00:17:26,700 --> 00:17:29,320
In the beginning, it
was too difficult.

326
00:17:29,320 --> 00:17:32,910
So I boarded in a girl's
dormitory in Philadelphia,

327
00:17:32,910 --> 00:17:34,030
and I had a good time.

328
00:17:34,030 --> 00:17:36,127
And your father was
able to pay for that?

329
00:17:36,127 --> 00:17:37,340
Yeah.

330
00:17:37,340 --> 00:17:38,340
And you had a good time?

331
00:17:38,340 --> 00:17:38,760
Yes.

332

00:17:38,760 --> 00:17:40,385

And you got along
with the other girls?

333

00:17:40,385 --> 00:17:40,980

Oh, yes.

334

00:17:40,980 --> 00:17:42,230

I didn't have social problems.

335

00:17:42,230 --> 00:17:44,820

Did you feel like an immigrant?

336

00:17:44,820 --> 00:17:48,790

I felt different because I
had to provide my own food.

337

00:17:48,790 --> 00:17:50,960

I couldn't eat the
non-kosher food.

338

00:17:50,960 --> 00:17:52,710

But it wasn't a major problem.

339

00:17:52,710 --> 00:17:54,660

We managed.

340

00:17:54,660 --> 00:17:58,350

And I went home a lot,
brought the food back.

341

00:17:58,350 --> 00:17:59,910

Fish I ate.

342

00:17:59,910 --> 00:18:01,120

Vegetables I could eat.

343

00:18:01,120 --> 00:18:03,660

344

00:18:03,660 --> 00:18:04,600

I had a room.

345
00:18:04,600 --> 00:18:05,610
I went to school.

346
00:18:05,610 --> 00:18:06,750
I met a lot of girls.

347
00:18:06,750 --> 00:18:09,950
I had a lot of life experiences,
some good, some bad.

348
00:18:09,950 --> 00:18:12,840
I started dating
a little bit more.

349
00:18:12,840 --> 00:18:14,650
And how was that,
starting dating?

350
00:18:14,650 --> 00:18:19,680

351
00:18:19,680 --> 00:18:22,620
It's nothing I really wanted.

352
00:18:22,620 --> 00:18:26,470
I wouldn't say that's part of--

353
00:18:26,470 --> 00:18:27,270
it's OK.

354
00:18:27,270 --> 00:18:28,440
I met people.

355
00:18:28,440 --> 00:18:30,330
Was it hard to find Jewish boys?

356
00:18:30,330 --> 00:18:32,265
No.

357
00:18:32,265 --> 00:18:34,620

It wasn't hard at all.

358
00:18:34,620 --> 00:18:35,130
Orthodox?

359
00:18:35,130 --> 00:18:36,354
Yes.

360
00:18:36,354 --> 00:18:39,690
Did you go out with
non-orthodox Jewish boys?

361
00:18:39,690 --> 00:18:42,240
Yes, I did.

362
00:18:42,240 --> 00:18:45,030
And I dated a while.

363
00:18:45,030 --> 00:18:47,820

364
00:18:47,820 --> 00:18:51,240
I enjoyed myself
in Philadelphia.

365
00:18:51,240 --> 00:18:54,260

366
00:18:54,260 --> 00:19:01,290
I honed my musical
and artistic skills

367
00:19:01,290 --> 00:19:05,900
by going to concerts every
week, sometimes two, three times

368
00:19:05,900 --> 00:19:06,400
a week.

369
00:19:06,400 --> 00:19:07,830
It was cheap.

370

00:19:07,830 --> 00:19:11,020

Was this the first chance you'd
had to do that kind of thing?

371

00:19:11,020 --> 00:19:12,030

Yes.

372

00:19:12,030 --> 00:19:13,290

Yes.

373

00:19:13,290 --> 00:19:14,760

But my mother encouraged me.

374

00:19:14,760 --> 00:19:18,420

She had taken me to see a
few things from Vineland

375

00:19:18,420 --> 00:19:20,550

in Philadelphia, so
that when I went,

376

00:19:20,550 --> 00:19:21,730

I would have a taste for it.

377

00:19:21,730 --> 00:19:24,540

And I loved it, musical theater.

378

00:19:24,540 --> 00:19:28,170

All the time I loved
musical theater.

379

00:19:28,170 --> 00:19:30,330

I could dance.

380

00:19:30,330 --> 00:19:32,730

I love to dance.

381

00:19:32,730 --> 00:19:33,480

I had a good time.

382

00:19:33,480 --> 00:19:38,400

I had a very good time
for a year, 13 months.

383
00:19:38,400 --> 00:19:40,890
And then I start to
have to find a job that

384
00:19:40,890 --> 00:19:43,470
would give me Friday afternoons
and Sabbaths in the winter.

385
00:19:43,470 --> 00:19:46,650

386
00:19:46,650 --> 00:19:48,900
And I could not find a job.

387
00:19:48,900 --> 00:19:51,180
Friday afternoon and
Saturday in the winter?

388
00:19:51,180 --> 00:19:54,900
Friday afternoon off so
I could observe Saturday.

389
00:19:54,900 --> 00:19:56,287
I thought you said
in the winter.

390
00:19:56,287 --> 00:19:56,870
In the winter.

391
00:19:56,870 --> 00:19:59,130
In the summer, the
Sabbath started later.

392
00:19:59,130 --> 00:20:01,110
Oh, OK.

393
00:20:01,110 --> 00:20:03,660
So you don't have to take Friday
afternoon off in the summer?

394

00:20:03,660 --> 00:20:04,160

Right.

395

00:20:04,160 --> 00:20:04,320

OK.

396

00:20:04,320 --> 00:20:06,430

Couldn't get a job, to
make a long story short.

397

00:20:06,430 --> 00:20:10,930

I worked for the Friends, the
Quakers, for the six months.

398

00:20:10,930 --> 00:20:12,690

The other girls who
graduated from Peirce

399

00:20:12,690 --> 00:20:15,500

were making \$85 a week
and I was making \$42.

400

00:20:15,500 --> 00:20:18,360

401

00:20:18,360 --> 00:20:21,000

Because the Quakers
could not pay?

402

00:20:21,000 --> 00:20:22,710

Because I couldn't
take a job where

403

00:20:22,710 --> 00:20:25,680

I had to work to 5
o'clock on Fridays.

404

00:20:25,680 --> 00:20:27,190

But the Quakers
would let you off?

405

00:20:27,190 --> 00:20:30,030

Yeah, they gave me a break.

406

00:20:30,030 --> 00:20:34,360

There was a nice girl they
used to switch in for me.

407

00:20:34,360 --> 00:20:38,440

And I worked like five
minutes from where I lived,

408

00:20:38,440 --> 00:20:41,050

so I could walk home.

409

00:20:41,050 --> 00:20:43,090

I did that for six
months and I decided

410

00:20:43,090 --> 00:20:48,400

that wasn't for me, that I
should get into synagogue work,

411

00:20:48,400 --> 00:20:50,230

into synagogue offices.

412

00:20:50,230 --> 00:20:52,990

That way, I wouldn't have
any observant problems.

413

00:20:52,990 --> 00:20:54,550

So I did that for a while.

414

00:20:54,550 --> 00:20:56,770

Didn't like it very much.

415

00:20:56,770 --> 00:21:00,655

I hated being a secretary.

416

00:21:00,655 --> 00:21:04,290

I couldn't stand it.

417

00:21:04,290 --> 00:21:09,588

And I had jobs here and

there for about a year,

418
00:21:09,588 --> 00:21:11,630
and then my father said,
come on back to Vineland

419
00:21:11,630 --> 00:21:13,440
and then save some money.

420
00:21:13,440 --> 00:21:16,260
Take a job at home.

421
00:21:16,260 --> 00:21:18,478
When you get married, the
young man that marries you

422
00:21:18,478 --> 00:21:20,020
will want you to
have a bank account.

423
00:21:20,020 --> 00:21:21,760
Where his came
from, I don't know.

424
00:21:21,760 --> 00:21:24,000
Like a dowry?

425
00:21:24,000 --> 00:21:29,680
No, just some money, another
one of his European ideas.

426
00:21:29,680 --> 00:21:33,970

427
00:21:33,970 --> 00:21:34,470
I went home.

428
00:21:34,470 --> 00:21:36,240
I wasn't happy.

429
00:21:36,240 --> 00:21:37,740
You weren't happy

living at home?

430

00:21:37,740 --> 00:21:38,460

No.

431

00:21:38,460 --> 00:21:39,540

Away from Philadelphia?

432

00:21:39,540 --> 00:21:40,600

No, I wasn't happy.

433

00:21:40,600 --> 00:21:44,040

I wasn't happy in Philadelphia,
and I wasn't happy at home

434

00:21:44,040 --> 00:21:48,300

because I wanted to be in a
more orthodox environment.

435

00:21:48,300 --> 00:21:49,890

You weren't happy
in Philadelphia

436

00:21:49,890 --> 00:21:51,000

because of your job.

437

00:21:51,000 --> 00:21:53,760

How was Philadelphia
otherwise for you?

438

00:21:53,760 --> 00:21:57,630

I enjoyed Philadelphia as
long as I went to school.

439

00:21:57,630 --> 00:22:02,460

But when it came to
work at an environment

440

00:22:02,460 --> 00:22:05,830

where I would meet my kind
of people, I wasn't happy.

441

00:22:05,830 --> 00:22:07,410
So I left Philadelphia.

442
00:22:07,410 --> 00:22:09,090
Told my father I want
to go to New York.

443
00:22:09,090 --> 00:22:11,280
That's where it was at.

444
00:22:11,280 --> 00:22:14,560
I was right, but he wanted me
to come home and save some money

445
00:22:14,560 --> 00:22:15,060
first.

446
00:22:15,060 --> 00:22:16,740
Wasn't such a
terrible idea, it's

447
00:22:16,740 --> 00:22:20,030
just that it was
very boring for me.

448
00:22:20,030 --> 00:22:21,900
And he was very good about it.

449
00:22:21,900 --> 00:22:23,790
After I was home
for nine months--

450
00:22:23,790 --> 00:22:26,010
He wanted you to do
it, and so you did it

451
00:22:26,010 --> 00:22:29,250
because he wanted you to,
not because you wanted to?

452
00:22:29,250 --> 00:22:29,822
Yes.

453

00:22:29,822 --> 00:22:30,780

Or because he thought--

454

00:22:30,780 --> 00:22:32,982

He said, it's OK

to go to New York

455

00:22:32,982 --> 00:22:34,440

and live, but come

home for a while

456

00:22:34,440 --> 00:22:37,252

first and then see what happens.

457

00:22:37,252 --> 00:22:39,140

So I went home for a while.

458

00:22:39,140 --> 00:22:43,400

I stayed home for about a year,

and I had these boring jobs.

459

00:22:43,400 --> 00:22:44,360

But I saved money.

460

00:22:44,360 --> 00:22:46,250

I saved a lot of money.

461

00:22:46,250 --> 00:22:50,210

And after a year, he

said, this is not for you.

462

00:22:50,210 --> 00:22:52,910

I want you to go.

463

00:22:52,910 --> 00:22:55,200

This is really not for you.

464

00:22:55,200 --> 00:22:56,668

You have to go.

465

00:22:56,668 --> 00:22:58,460

So I went to New York,
and I lived with a--

466
00:22:58,460 --> 00:23:00,610
[PHONE RINGING]

467
00:23:00,610 --> 00:23:01,360
Should we stop it?

468
00:23:01,360 --> 00:23:07,952

469
00:23:07,952 --> 00:23:10,940
OK.

470
00:23:10,940 --> 00:23:16,070
I'm going to make this short
because it's not that unique.

471
00:23:16,070 --> 00:23:18,200
All the Jewish
girls went through,

472
00:23:18,200 --> 00:23:21,370
all the frum girls,
the religious girls.

473
00:23:21,370 --> 00:23:23,600
From New York,
wherever they were,

474
00:23:23,600 --> 00:23:25,280
they had to find a
niche for themselves

475
00:23:25,280 --> 00:23:27,140
where they could
find and meet people

476
00:23:27,140 --> 00:23:29,720
that they could socialize with.

477

00:23:29,720 --> 00:23:31,820
So I went to New York
and lived with an aunt

478
00:23:31,820 --> 00:23:35,630
and I got myself a good job.

479
00:23:35,630 --> 00:23:37,820
And I lived with her.

480
00:23:37,820 --> 00:23:42,830
I didn't have the right
environment religiously again.

481
00:23:42,830 --> 00:23:45,200
I made the most of it.

482
00:23:45,200 --> 00:23:48,860
And dated and met
friends, and did things

483
00:23:48,860 --> 00:23:50,250
like any other young girl.

484
00:23:50,250 --> 00:23:57,740
And then when I was 23, I came
home on a vacation to Vineland

485
00:23:57,740 --> 00:23:59,615
and a friend
introduced me to Kurt.

486
00:23:59,615 --> 00:24:00,470
In Vineland?

487
00:24:00,470 --> 00:24:01,940
Mm-hmm.

488
00:24:01,940 --> 00:24:03,710
He was going to
school in Philadelphia

489

00:24:03,710 --> 00:24:09,140
and I just started
working in New York.

490
00:24:09,140 --> 00:24:10,490
I'll turn the tape off again.

491
00:24:10,490 --> 00:24:16,420

492
00:24:16,420 --> 00:24:23,570
When Kurt and I met, Kurt was
having a very serious family

493
00:24:23,570 --> 00:24:27,740
problem, which he had
lived with all his life.

494
00:24:27,740 --> 00:24:30,510

495
00:24:30,510 --> 00:24:31,970
But of course, I
didn't know about,

496
00:24:31,970 --> 00:24:39,440
and that was that his mother
was basically depressive,

497
00:24:39,440 --> 00:24:42,110
and I had not had
experience with that.

498
00:24:42,110 --> 00:24:44,630

499
00:24:44,630 --> 00:24:52,010
I did recognize it very quickly,
and to make a long story short,

500
00:24:52,010 --> 00:24:58,300
we lived with it for the next
20 years with great difficulty.

501
00:24:58,300 --> 00:24:59,890
We took it in stride.

502
00:24:59,890 --> 00:25:00,820
We worked with it.

503
00:25:00,820 --> 00:25:03,640

504
00:25:03,640 --> 00:25:07,750
Aside from the fact that she was
a survivor and lost everybody,

505
00:25:07,750 --> 00:25:09,790
which gave her great
guilt and pain,

506
00:25:09,790 --> 00:25:12,220
she also had this
disorder, and we now

507
00:25:12,220 --> 00:25:15,370
believe that she was manic.

508
00:25:15,370 --> 00:25:18,760
Not extremely manic,
but definitely

509
00:25:18,760 --> 00:25:22,290
had serious
depression, which was

510
00:25:22,290 --> 00:25:26,250
very hard on two young people
who were trying to forge ahead.

511
00:25:26,250 --> 00:25:30,360
But with all the strengths
and the experiences

512
00:25:30,360 --> 00:25:34,650

I had in my life,
I coped with it.

513
00:25:34,650 --> 00:25:37,710
And not always well,
but I coped with it

514
00:25:37,710 --> 00:25:40,950
because Kurt was
always very supportive,

515
00:25:40,950 --> 00:25:46,020
and he knew that I had the total
family's direction in mind.

516
00:25:46,020 --> 00:25:51,810

517
00:25:51,810 --> 00:25:55,090
My mother-in-law died
in 1978, and as soon

518
00:25:55,090 --> 00:26:00,850
as she had passed away,
my children's adolescence

519
00:26:00,850 --> 00:26:08,570
became very severe,
both of them,

520
00:26:08,570 --> 00:26:11,380
and we had many difficult
years with that.

521
00:26:11,380 --> 00:26:14,710
I would say we had about
six really difficult years.

522
00:26:14,710 --> 00:26:18,070
But because of all the strengths
and experiences and places

523
00:26:18,070 --> 00:26:23,630

we'd been in the world,
the glue kept us together.

524
00:26:23,630 --> 00:26:24,820
The faith kept us together.

525
00:26:24,820 --> 00:26:27,490

526
00:26:27,490 --> 00:26:30,410
And we had goals and we
always went after them.

527
00:26:30,410 --> 00:26:35,020
We set ourselves
levels of achievement

528
00:26:35,020 --> 00:26:38,890
that we wanted to acquire, and
in this country, it's possible.

529
00:26:38,890 --> 00:26:41,930
If you got the mechanics,
you could do it.

530
00:26:41,930 --> 00:26:51,220
So in 1978, I started studying
at the University of Maryland,

531
00:26:51,220 --> 00:26:54,460
got myself a real
estate license.

532
00:26:54,460 --> 00:26:58,970
And I realized I would never
go back to being a secretary.

533
00:26:58,970 --> 00:27:02,920
I retired from secretarial
work when I got the children

534
00:27:02,920 --> 00:27:05,650
and I was home for 15 years.

535
00:27:05,650 --> 00:27:08,230
And then I tried it when
we moved to Washington.

536
00:27:08,230 --> 00:27:13,930
I took sort of an
administrative assistance job

537
00:27:13,930 --> 00:27:16,460
downtown three days a week.

538
00:27:16,460 --> 00:27:17,920
And I thought,
this is not for me.

539
00:27:17,920 --> 00:27:21,250
I have to do something
where I develop a plan

540
00:27:21,250 --> 00:27:24,340
and create my own
work study program.

541
00:27:24,340 --> 00:27:27,740
I couldn't work for
anybody anymore.

542
00:27:27,740 --> 00:27:31,780
And so I went into real estate.

543
00:27:31,780 --> 00:27:34,060
And Kurt thought and I
thought that I was just

544
00:27:34,060 --> 00:27:37,430
going into real estate to learn
to understand what happens

545
00:27:37,430 --> 00:27:39,430
when you buy and sell a
house, because I was not

546

00:27:39,430 --> 00:27:41,070
knowledgeable.

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00:27:41,070 --> 00:27:48,120
But I was terrific always at
negotiating, trading, buying,

548

00:27:48,120 --> 00:27:48,980
and selling.

549

00:27:48,980 --> 00:27:52,575
And it's something I love to do.

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00:27:52,575 --> 00:27:54,490
Where do you think
that comes from?

551

00:27:54,490 --> 00:27:58,440
From my father, from my family.

552

00:27:58,440 --> 00:28:02,910
Were you around them when
they were talking about it?

553

00:28:02,910 --> 00:28:06,200
Oh, yes, both.

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00:28:06,200 --> 00:28:08,130
And it's genetic.

555

00:28:08,130 --> 00:28:10,860
My sister has the skill.

556

00:28:10,860 --> 00:28:14,940
One of my nephews has it to beat
the band, and my niece has it.

557

00:28:14,940 --> 00:28:16,020
And you enjoy it?

558

00:28:16,020 --> 00:28:16,930

I love it.

559

00:28:16,930 --> 00:28:18,940

I love it.

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00:28:18,940 --> 00:28:22,590

And what I did do is I worked
very hard, because remember,

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00:28:22,590 --> 00:28:24,870

I didn't have that college
degree, that formal college

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00:28:24,870 --> 00:28:25,550

degree.

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00:28:25,550 --> 00:28:30,360

I had a pretty good educational
background, but it wasn't--

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00:28:30,360 --> 00:28:35,070

and I had been out of everything
for 15 years being a homemaker.

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00:28:35,070 --> 00:28:40,170

So it wasn't easy to go back
and study, but I loved it.

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00:28:40,170 --> 00:28:41,250

I really enjoyed it.

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00:28:41,250 --> 00:28:44,670

It took me a while to
get my license because I

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00:28:44,670 --> 00:28:47,280

tried to do it too quickly.

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00:28:47,280 --> 00:28:50,250

So I took the exam a few times,
but that didn't bother me.

570

00:28:50,250 --> 00:28:51,445
It didn't faze me.

571
00:28:51,445 --> 00:28:52,320
I knew I would do it.

572
00:28:52,320 --> 00:28:54,530
It was a four-hour exam.

573
00:28:54,530 --> 00:28:57,510
I failed it the first
time with two points.

574
00:28:57,510 --> 00:28:59,580
The second time
because I inverted

575
00:28:59,580 --> 00:29:02,490
everything and my
mother-in-law had just died.

576
00:29:02,490 --> 00:29:06,430
And the third time I took the
exam in an hour and a half.

577
00:29:06,430 --> 00:29:09,450
So it wasn't a matter
of I felt that it

578
00:29:09,450 --> 00:29:12,540
wasn't material I could handle.

579
00:29:12,540 --> 00:29:15,510
And in Maryland, the
advantage is that you really

580
00:29:15,510 --> 00:29:17,730
have to learn the
law because you have

581
00:29:17,730 --> 00:29:21,310
to write your own contracts.

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00:29:21,310 --> 00:29:27,130

And it was a big challenge,
and I liked it very much.

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00:29:27,130 --> 00:29:30,160

And instead of just becoming
something I learned--

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00:29:30,160 --> 00:29:33,130

you don't know anything when you
get your real estate license.

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00:29:33,130 --> 00:29:34,660

You know nothing.

586

00:29:34,660 --> 00:29:36,460

You know what you
learned in the book

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00:29:36,460 --> 00:29:38,470

and what you passed
on the exam, but you

588

00:29:38,470 --> 00:29:41,120

don't know how to apply it.

589

00:29:41,120 --> 00:29:45,520

So I had my license with a
broker and I started learning,

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00:29:45,520 --> 00:29:47,320

and I would say the
first three years

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00:29:47,320 --> 00:29:49,450

were like an apprenticeship.

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00:29:49,450 --> 00:29:51,512

And after that I
really started selling.

593

00:29:51,512 --> 00:29:52,970

As a matter of
fact, the first year

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00:29:52,970 --> 00:29:59,270

I was in real estate I sold,
oh, I'd made \$12,000 or \$13,000,

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00:29:59,270 --> 00:30:01,420

which was someone
who was beginning,

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00:30:01,420 --> 00:30:07,270

certainly was paying for
the buttons and the thread.

597

00:30:07,270 --> 00:30:10,060

So that was very encouraging.

598

00:30:10,060 --> 00:30:14,000

And in the 15 or 16 years
that I was in business,

599

00:30:14,000 --> 00:30:17,956

I had two weak years.

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00:30:17,956 --> 00:30:21,597

Most of the time, I
always made money.

601

00:30:21,597 --> 00:30:22,430

It wasn't the money.

602

00:30:22,430 --> 00:30:24,650

It was putting the deals
together and bringing them

603

00:30:24,650 --> 00:30:31,310

to settlement, which gave
me tremendous satisfaction.

604

00:30:31,310 --> 00:30:33,403

Why did you stop?

605

00:30:33,403 --> 00:30:34,820

Because of the
migraine headaches.

606

00:30:34,820 --> 00:30:36,560

Oh.

607

00:30:36,560 --> 00:30:40,670

I really got so worn down
and worried because there

608

00:30:40,670 --> 00:30:47,000

was so much legal acumen.

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00:30:47,000 --> 00:30:49,250

There was so much
material that you really

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00:30:49,250 --> 00:30:56,840

had to be fully entwined
with every minute of your day

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00:30:56,840 --> 00:30:57,830

while you were working.

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00:30:57,830 --> 00:31:01,890

There was so many legalities and
things that mustn't go wrong.

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00:31:01,890 --> 00:31:08,750

I mean, we were filling out
contracts and affidavits,

614

00:31:08,750 --> 00:31:13,250

between 15 and 26
pages to a deal.

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00:31:13,250 --> 00:31:17,570

And it was detail work.

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00:31:17,570 --> 00:31:20,660

That was the pressure.

617
00:31:20,660 --> 00:31:23,960
And then keeping people
happy, driving them around

618
00:31:23,960 --> 00:31:26,660
in the summertime
was very hard on me

619
00:31:26,660 --> 00:31:32,540
with the heat and my headaches,
so that the last year I really

620
00:31:32,540 --> 00:31:33,680
had a hard time.

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00:31:33,680 --> 00:31:35,270
I really, really
had a hard time.

622
00:31:35,270 --> 00:31:38,450
And Kurt had already
retired, and I

623
00:31:38,450 --> 00:31:42,650
wasn't the kind of person who
was going to stay in and not

624
00:31:42,650 --> 00:31:45,020
achieve.

625
00:31:45,020 --> 00:31:48,350
I can't do that, and I
couldn't do it part-time.

626
00:31:48,350 --> 00:31:51,770
I either did the work or
I did not do the work.

627
00:31:51,770 --> 00:31:53,540
So I chose to stop.

628

00:31:53,540 --> 00:31:54,980
And when was that?

629
00:31:54,980 --> 00:31:57,830
I stopped in December '93.

630
00:31:57,830 --> 00:32:01,880
And I'm happy I stopped because
Kurt and I are really enjoying

631
00:32:01,880 --> 00:32:03,260
our retirement together.

632
00:32:03,260 --> 00:32:05,270
What do you enjoy
about your retirement?

633
00:32:05,270 --> 00:32:09,120
Doing what we want when we want.

634
00:32:09,120 --> 00:32:10,820
What do you like to do?

635
00:32:10,820 --> 00:32:14,580
Oh, we're very
multifaceted, both of us.

636
00:32:14,580 --> 00:32:17,360
We have tremendous interests.

637
00:32:17,360 --> 00:32:18,410
Like what?

638
00:32:18,410 --> 00:32:25,490
Well, our number
one key thing is

639
00:32:25,490 --> 00:32:30,320
that we want to work
at the Holocaust Museum

640
00:32:30,320 --> 00:32:31,910

and be involved.

641

00:32:31,910 --> 00:32:34,430

Why do you want to work
there and be involved there?

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00:32:34,430 --> 00:32:37,970

Because I consider
that to be one

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00:32:37,970 --> 00:32:42,410

of my big charitable
contributions to life,

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00:32:42,410 --> 00:32:48,680

memorializing my family,
Kurt's family, and all

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00:32:48,680 --> 00:32:53,750

the other people that were
so horrendously wiped out.

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00:32:53,750 --> 00:32:57,770

Very, very meaningful to my
life to memorialize them,

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00:32:57,770 --> 00:33:09,550

and to teach decent people
from all over the world

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00:33:09,550 --> 00:33:13,390

what it meant and how they
can change their lives

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00:33:13,390 --> 00:33:14,590

and how they can--

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00:33:14,590 --> 00:33:17,050

especially young people
in the springtime.

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00:33:17,050 --> 00:33:21,310

I love to take

groups, because if we

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00:33:21,310 --> 00:33:26,180

can instill a direction in
young people on how to think

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00:33:26,180 --> 00:33:28,555

and what it meant not
to think for yourself

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00:33:28,555 --> 00:33:32,950

and to be directed
by the government,

655

00:33:32,950 --> 00:33:36,190

then we're achieving something.

656

00:33:36,190 --> 00:33:40,610

What do you do
exactly at the Museum?

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00:33:40,610 --> 00:33:44,620

For the first four years,
I was in visitor services.

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00:33:44,620 --> 00:33:48,790

That meant greeting
guests, directing them,

659

00:33:48,790 --> 00:33:51,460

and working on the different
posts in the Museum

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00:33:51,460 --> 00:33:54,100

where it was needed.

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00:33:54,100 --> 00:33:58,240

Because I get the migraines
so often, I was missing a lot.

662

00:33:58,240 --> 00:34:01,570

And even when I went,
I felt stressed,

663
00:34:01,570 --> 00:34:03,460
standing around for four hours.

664
00:34:03,460 --> 00:34:07,160
I found it stressful.

665
00:34:07,160 --> 00:34:09,850
So I decided I would
try and get a job

666
00:34:09,850 --> 00:34:14,808
working for Martin
Goldman in the survivor--

667
00:34:14,808 --> 00:34:18,219

668
00:34:18,219 --> 00:34:24,880
he developed a new office called
Office of Survivor Relations.

669
00:34:24,880 --> 00:34:26,719
I would like you
to talk about that,

670
00:34:26,719 --> 00:34:28,150
but we have to change the tape.

671
00:34:28,150 --> 00:34:35,510

672
00:34:35,510 --> 00:34:38,840
This is a continuation of
the United States Holocaust

673
00:34:38,840 --> 00:34:42,889
Memorial Museum Volunteer
Collection with Jill Pauly.

674
00:34:42,889 --> 00:34:46,760
This is tape number

2, side B. Mrs. Pauly,

675

00:34:46,760 --> 00:34:49,280

you were saying that
you have started

676

00:34:49,280 --> 00:34:54,290

working in the office of
Martin Goldman, who is?

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00:34:54,290 --> 00:35:01,670

He runs the office for
survivor relations.

678

00:35:01,670 --> 00:35:03,080

Survivor relations.

679

00:35:03,080 --> 00:35:04,670

Yes.

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00:35:04,670 --> 00:35:06,305

And what does that all do?

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00:35:06,305 --> 00:35:10,400

Survivor activities and
relations and programs.

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00:35:10,400 --> 00:35:13,730

They set up programs.

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00:35:13,730 --> 00:35:17,490

For example, when the
Kovno ghetto opened,

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00:35:17,490 --> 00:35:21,530

material was sent out and
the survivors of the ghetto

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00:35:21,530 --> 00:35:24,950

were invited, and there was
a gathering in Washington.

686

00:35:24,950 --> 00:35:28,920

And one of our jobs
was to go down and make

687

00:35:28,920 --> 00:35:34,390

the invited guests feel
welcome for the day, which

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00:35:34,390 --> 00:35:35,365

I enjoyed very much.

689

00:35:35,365 --> 00:35:39,760

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00:35:39,760 --> 00:35:42,190

Whenever I go in
to Mr. Goldman, we

691

00:35:42,190 --> 00:35:46,500

try to have some
work set up for me

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00:35:46,500 --> 00:35:50,760

to do, really on any
different subject matter

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00:35:50,760 --> 00:35:53,280

that he needs done.

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00:35:53,280 --> 00:35:57,780

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00:35:57,780 --> 00:36:00,570

I have been very
absent for a few months

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00:36:00,570 --> 00:36:02,240

because of health reasons.

697

00:36:02,240 --> 00:36:05,460

I, with God's help, plan
to go back every week.

698

00:36:05,460 --> 00:36:09,740

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00:36:09,740 --> 00:36:11,480

Sometimes I type minutes.

700

00:36:11,480 --> 00:36:12,845

Sometimes I go to meetings.

701

00:36:12,845 --> 00:36:15,490

702

00:36:15,490 --> 00:36:18,870

I'll run the computer for him.

703

00:36:18,870 --> 00:36:20,010

Whatever needs to be done.

704

00:36:20,010 --> 00:36:21,630

I feel it's contributory.

705

00:36:21,630 --> 00:36:24,240

This office was set up recently?

706

00:36:24,240 --> 00:36:25,170

About a year ago.

707

00:36:25,170 --> 00:36:25,770

Not even.

708

00:36:25,770 --> 00:36:28,470

Six months ago.

709

00:36:28,470 --> 00:36:30,930

The nice thing
about us volunteers,

710

00:36:30,930 --> 00:36:32,790

I love the other volunteers.

711

00:36:32,790 --> 00:36:33,780
I love meeting them.

712
00:36:33,780 --> 00:36:39,270
I'm very happy interrelating
with the personnel that

713
00:36:39,270 --> 00:36:42,330
works at the Museum.

714
00:36:42,330 --> 00:36:44,070
We enjoy seeing each
other, especially

715
00:36:44,070 --> 00:36:46,200
the Thursday afternoon
group, because we're always

716
00:36:46,200 --> 00:36:46,825
there together.

717
00:36:46,825 --> 00:36:49,770

718
00:36:49,770 --> 00:36:51,000
We've become friends.

719
00:36:51,000 --> 00:36:52,480
And they're not all survivors.

720
00:36:52,480 --> 00:36:56,900
Some of them are just Americans
who give their time every week

721
00:36:56,900 --> 00:36:58,800
and feel strongly.

722
00:36:58,800 --> 00:37:01,620
We meet a lot of
interesting people.

723
00:37:01,620 --> 00:37:04,650

And some of our
experiences are very funny.

724
00:37:04,650 --> 00:37:06,690
Some of them are deadly serious.

725
00:37:06,690 --> 00:37:09,120
Some of them are annoying.

726
00:37:09,120 --> 00:37:12,060
Some of them need
to be corrected.

727
00:37:12,060 --> 00:37:14,400
So you just kind
of get involved,

728
00:37:14,400 --> 00:37:20,610
and we seem to have
a background that

729
00:37:20,610 --> 00:37:26,730
can be very helpful to the
permanent staff in running

730
00:37:26,730 --> 00:37:29,160
the Museum, because
we've had experiences

731
00:37:29,160 --> 00:37:32,240
that a lot of these young
people have never had.

732
00:37:32,240 --> 00:37:33,400
You mean as survivors.

733
00:37:33,400 --> 00:37:35,190
Survivors, so they
learn from us.

734
00:37:35,190 --> 00:37:37,920
Could you give an
example of a time?

735
00:37:37,920 --> 00:37:39,940
Yes, I can give you an example.

736
00:37:39,940 --> 00:37:42,300
It may not be a positive
example, but it's an example.

737
00:37:42,300 --> 00:37:47,100

738
00:37:47,100 --> 00:37:55,720
About a year ago, I was on the
floor at the information desk,

739
00:37:55,720 --> 00:37:57,550
and a group of Israelis came in.

740
00:37:57,550 --> 00:38:00,190
Now, I've had many
groups of Israelis,

741
00:38:00,190 --> 00:38:05,810
and it's quite well-known that
the Israeli way of speaking

742
00:38:05,810 --> 00:38:09,410
can be abrasive to Americans.

743
00:38:09,410 --> 00:38:12,180
They don't mean
to be abrasive, it

744
00:38:12,180 --> 00:38:17,030
is just their way of speaking
and expressing themselves.

745
00:38:17,030 --> 00:38:23,030
And a lot of the young
people working in the Museum,

746
00:38:23,030 --> 00:38:23,910

they back up.

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00:38:23,910 --> 00:38:25,040

Their back goes up.

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00:38:25,040 --> 00:38:30,530

They get a little
resistance to them.

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00:38:30,530 --> 00:38:33,700

And I understand them.

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00:38:33,700 --> 00:38:37,750

And I will speak to them
and I will tell them,

751

00:38:37,750 --> 00:38:42,640

I don't feel abraded by them.

752

00:38:42,640 --> 00:38:44,470

And when they see my name--

753

00:38:44,470 --> 00:38:47,230

I have a little Hebrew name
that I sometimes wear--

754

00:38:47,230 --> 00:38:49,120

they feel affiliated with me.

755

00:38:49,120 --> 00:38:52,950

They feel very strongly
about the place.

756

00:38:52,950 --> 00:38:56,760

And it's difficult for them
to conceive that this is not

757

00:38:56,760 --> 00:39:00,150

a Jewish Museum, that
this is an American

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00:39:00,150 --> 00:39:02,125

Museum about Jewish people.

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00:39:02,125 --> 00:39:05,010

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00:39:05,010 --> 00:39:07,260

This is an extremely
difficult concept

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00:39:07,260 --> 00:39:09,660

for Jewish people who
live in a Jewish homeland,

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00:39:09,660 --> 00:39:12,130

where everything is Jewish.

763

00:39:12,130 --> 00:39:14,310

And they come to
an American society

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00:39:14,310 --> 00:39:16,900

where this is a Jewish theme.

765

00:39:16,900 --> 00:39:21,760

But they say my
people, my relatives,

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00:39:21,760 --> 00:39:25,490

and you're telling me
this is not my museum?

767

00:39:25,490 --> 00:39:28,300

It's very hard
for them, but it's

768

00:39:28,300 --> 00:39:33,160

even harder for the
Americans to understand them.

769

00:39:33,160 --> 00:39:39,210

So this group comes in, and they
come to me for their tickets.

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00:39:39,210 --> 00:39:41,460

And I said, you have
to go to the pass desk

771

00:39:41,460 --> 00:39:42,360

to get your tickets.

772

00:39:42,360 --> 00:39:43,995

They'll give you your tickets.

773

00:39:43,995 --> 00:39:47,940

And the man says, yes, our tour
guide reserved them for us.

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00:39:47,940 --> 00:39:51,202

775

00:39:51,202 --> 00:39:53,540

OK.

776

00:39:53,540 --> 00:39:56,010

I didn't see them again.

777

00:39:56,010 --> 00:40:01,220

I would say an hour later, it
was my turn at the pass desk,

778

00:40:01,220 --> 00:40:04,800

and here comes this
group of Israelis.

779

00:40:04,800 --> 00:40:08,130

And they speak to the
young lady behind the desk

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00:40:08,130 --> 00:40:09,990

and ask her for their tickets.

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00:40:09,990 --> 00:40:13,380

And I said, why don't these
people have their tickets?

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00:40:13,380 --> 00:40:15,870

She said, they didn't have
any tickets in reserve.

783

00:40:15,870 --> 00:40:19,530

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00:40:19,530 --> 00:40:21,760

And I kept quiet.

785

00:40:21,760 --> 00:40:22,770

I'm not a staffer.

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00:40:22,770 --> 00:40:24,030

I'm only a volunteer.

787

00:40:24,030 --> 00:40:25,230

And I just sat there.

788

00:40:25,230 --> 00:40:29,880

And the people kept wanting
their tickets and understanding

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00:40:29,880 --> 00:40:31,460

why couldn't they go up.

790

00:40:31,460 --> 00:40:32,085

It was crowded.

791

00:40:32,085 --> 00:40:34,660

792

00:40:34,660 --> 00:40:37,400

The lady explained it to
them, the young woman.

793

00:40:37,400 --> 00:40:41,520

She had not been in the
Museum a very long time.

794

00:40:41,520 --> 00:40:42,540

She was a professional.

795

00:40:42,540 --> 00:40:44,390

She was trained, and
she explained to them

796

00:40:44,390 --> 00:40:45,560

why they couldn't go up.

797

00:40:45,560 --> 00:40:49,970

And they could not understand,
or they would not understand,

798

00:40:49,970 --> 00:40:52,010

or a combination of everything.

799

00:40:52,010 --> 00:40:55,190

They just were getting
angrier and angrier.

800

00:40:55,190 --> 00:40:58,610

Their tour guide was supposed
to have reserved seats for them,

801

00:40:58,610 --> 00:41:02,610

and I could understand
their frustration.

802

00:41:02,610 --> 00:41:05,090

These people came
from half a world

803

00:41:05,090 --> 00:41:12,730

away to see this Museum
to honor their dead,

804

00:41:12,730 --> 00:41:14,350

and they were
being told, because

805

00:41:14,350 --> 00:41:17,397

of some fluke with
their tour guide,

806
00:41:17,397 --> 00:41:18,480
that they wouldn't get in.

807
00:41:18,480 --> 00:41:22,750

808
00:41:22,750 --> 00:41:25,460
And I thought that was wrong.

809
00:41:25,460 --> 00:41:30,400
This Museum was not
built to keep people out.

810
00:41:30,400 --> 00:41:32,870
This Museum was built
to keep people in

811
00:41:32,870 --> 00:41:35,500
and to bring people in.

812
00:41:35,500 --> 00:41:37,930
And yes, we have to
follow the rules.

813
00:41:37,930 --> 00:41:41,310
And yes, we have
to have tickets.

814
00:41:41,310 --> 00:41:46,960
But there are always a block
of tickets somewhere for people

815
00:41:46,960 --> 00:41:50,110
who've had an incident
like this, where

816
00:41:50,110 --> 00:41:56,970
the tour guide either made
a mistake or told a lie,

817
00:41:56,970 --> 00:41:58,140

you name it.

818
00:41:58,140 --> 00:42:02,650
I'm not there to examine
everybody's motives.

819
00:42:02,650 --> 00:42:05,620
I mean, truths or lies,
that's not our job.

820
00:42:05,620 --> 00:42:08,410

821
00:42:08,410 --> 00:42:10,433
So I wanted to be very careful.

822
00:42:10,433 --> 00:42:12,100
I didn't want to hurt
anyone's feelings.

823
00:42:12,100 --> 00:42:16,210
So I did call the young
lady aside, the staffer.

824
00:42:16,210 --> 00:42:17,680
And I said to her,
could you please

825
00:42:17,680 --> 00:42:22,930
tell me, what is the problem?

826
00:42:22,930 --> 00:42:26,340
Their tour guide lied
to me, and they're

827
00:42:26,340 --> 00:42:30,440
going to get in there
over my dead body.

828
00:42:30,440 --> 00:42:33,620
I said, their tour
guide lied to you,

829

00:42:33,620 --> 00:42:37,760

therefore you're
punishing these 15 people?

830

00:42:37,760 --> 00:42:41,920

They come from
half a world away.

831

00:42:41,920 --> 00:42:43,870

I don't think this
is quite right.

832

00:42:43,870 --> 00:42:47,950

If you want to punish someone,
punish the tour guide.

833

00:42:47,950 --> 00:42:50,890

Well, that went nowhere.

834

00:42:50,890 --> 00:42:53,640

I said, and you don't
have anything left?

835

00:42:53,640 --> 00:42:55,140

No spare tickets?

836

00:42:55,140 --> 00:42:56,460

Nothing, nowhere.

837

00:42:56,460 --> 00:43:01,100

838

00:43:01,100 --> 00:43:05,090

I picked myself up
and I went to see

839

00:43:05,090 --> 00:43:12,850

a lady, who was a volunteer
with me, who had told me,

840

00:43:12,850 --> 00:43:18,580

somewhere, somehow, that

for very special occasions,

841

00:43:18,580 --> 00:43:20,710

she can go upstairs
and get tickets,

842

00:43:20,710 --> 00:43:23,720

because she's in a
major donor category.

843

00:43:23,720 --> 00:43:27,880

844

00:43:27,880 --> 00:43:31,210

I told you, I'm aggressive.

845

00:43:31,210 --> 00:43:35,840

So I went up to her
and I told her, look,

846

00:43:35,840 --> 00:43:38,170

I don't want to surpass anybody.

847

00:43:38,170 --> 00:43:41,200

I don't want to hurt
anybody, but I'll

848

00:43:41,200 --> 00:43:43,800

be damned if these people
are not going to get up.

849

00:43:43,800 --> 00:43:46,315

850

00:43:46,315 --> 00:43:47,440

She says, what do you need?

851

00:43:47,440 --> 00:43:50,080

I said, I need 15 tickets.

852

00:43:50,080 --> 00:43:53,590

She says you'll have

them in two minutes.

853

00:43:53,590 --> 00:43:58,730

She called upstairs and she got
her 15 tickets and those people

854

00:43:58,730 --> 00:43:59,390

went upstairs.

855

00:43:59,390 --> 00:44:03,600

856

00:44:03,600 --> 00:44:07,460

It happened so fast I
thought lightning hit.

857

00:44:07,460 --> 00:44:11,000

The woman, the young
woman, reported me

858

00:44:11,000 --> 00:44:19,080

and her to her supervisor,
who came up to this woman

859

00:44:19,080 --> 00:44:22,020

and told her that
by no circumstances

860

00:44:22,020 --> 00:44:26,260

did she have the right
to do what she did.

861

00:44:26,260 --> 00:44:28,470

So I called somebody,
and she had her

862

00:44:28,470 --> 00:44:30,360

in tears, a major donor.

863

00:44:30,360 --> 00:44:34,810

864

00:44:34,810 --> 00:44:38,130
I called the next day.

865
00:44:38,130 --> 00:44:44,090
And I told the lady, who was
my whoever, I said, look.

866
00:44:44,090 --> 00:44:45,650
This woman did nothing wrong.

867
00:44:45,650 --> 00:44:48,260

868
00:44:48,260 --> 00:44:51,890
What happened at the desk is
unacceptable behavior to me

869
00:44:51,890 --> 00:44:54,450
as a survivor.

870
00:44:54,450 --> 00:44:57,080
I'm sorry.

871
00:44:57,080 --> 00:45:00,152
You have to do a better job
training your personnel.

872
00:45:00,152 --> 00:45:03,320

873
00:45:03,320 --> 00:45:06,230
If she didn't have a way
of getting these people in,

874
00:45:06,230 --> 00:45:09,310
she had to call somebody and
have them work with them.

875
00:45:09,310 --> 00:45:13,040

876
00:45:13,040 --> 00:45:17,390

I found out that way
that I was a major donor,

877
00:45:17,390 --> 00:45:20,450
both financially, but
more so because I've

878
00:45:20,450 --> 00:45:24,470
given a lot of artifacts, and
at any time a crisis occurs,

879
00:45:24,470 --> 00:45:26,690
I can have some extra tickets.

880
00:45:26,690 --> 00:45:31,330
I have asked for them once
in four or five years.

881
00:45:31,330 --> 00:45:33,290
If I need extra
tickets, I go around

882
00:45:33,290 --> 00:45:35,510
and I beg all my friends
till I have them,

883
00:45:35,510 --> 00:45:37,730
and then the following
month, they beg me.

884
00:45:37,730 --> 00:45:40,590

885
00:45:40,590 --> 00:45:42,570
But those kinds of
things have happened

886
00:45:42,570 --> 00:45:48,150
in the Museum, where there
is structure and form

887
00:45:48,150 --> 00:45:48,825
and they teach.

888
00:45:48,825 --> 00:45:51,600

889
00:45:51,600 --> 00:45:55,530
And then these situations,
run into survivors,

890
00:45:55,530 --> 00:46:01,790
who find out that they can't
let these few people in, who

891
00:46:01,790 --> 00:46:06,140
come from 12,000 miles away.

892
00:46:06,140 --> 00:46:08,720
Even if they're not nice.

893
00:46:08,720 --> 00:46:10,400
It's not a Museum
for nice people.

894
00:46:10,400 --> 00:46:13,350

895
00:46:13,350 --> 00:46:15,970
You don't have to be nice to
get into the Holocaust Museum.

896
00:46:15,970 --> 00:46:18,730

897
00:46:18,730 --> 00:46:21,580
You have to have space and
you have to have tickets.

898
00:46:21,580 --> 00:46:26,920
And I think the people there
have to be accommodating,

899
00:46:26,920 --> 00:46:28,660
because if we don't

let people in,

900
00:46:28,660 --> 00:46:30,950
they're not going
to learn anything.

901
00:46:30,950 --> 00:46:34,390
So you have very strong
feelings about the Museum?

902
00:46:34,390 --> 00:46:36,310
Indeed I do.

903
00:46:36,310 --> 00:46:39,480
Indeed I do.

904
00:46:39,480 --> 00:46:40,110
Indeed I do.

905
00:46:40,110 --> 00:46:43,220
How are young people
going to learn?

906
00:46:43,220 --> 00:46:47,590
And how do you turn someone away
from memorializing their people

907
00:46:47,590 --> 00:46:49,460
because their tour guide lied?

908
00:46:49,460 --> 00:46:58,110
That's not their fault. If they
lied, and I have to tell you,

909
00:46:58,110 --> 00:46:59,460
many people lie.

910
00:46:59,460 --> 00:47:03,970
They come in, and
it's very crowded

911
00:47:03,970 --> 00:47:04,970

and they want to get in.

912

00:47:04,970 --> 00:47:08,700

And they say, well, my plane's
leaving in 15 minutes tonight

913

00:47:08,700 --> 00:47:10,160

and this is my only chance.

914

00:47:10,160 --> 00:47:11,530

We all know that.

915

00:47:11,530 --> 00:47:13,230

We all deal with it.

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00:47:13,230 --> 00:47:16,170

It's just that some are
nicer about it than others.

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00:47:16,170 --> 00:47:18,440

There was one man once
who virtually attacked

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00:47:18,440 --> 00:47:21,410

me and screamed at me.

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00:47:21,410 --> 00:47:22,770

I had tickets in my pocket.

920

00:47:22,770 --> 00:47:23,937

I wouldn't give them to him.

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00:47:23,937 --> 00:47:25,840

I was afraid of him.

922

00:47:25,840 --> 00:47:32,660

But other than
that, I don't know

923

00:47:32,660 --> 00:47:35,990

why people get
themselves so wired up

924
00:47:35,990 --> 00:47:38,450
because someone's a little
corrosive in their approach.

925
00:47:38,450 --> 00:47:41,500

926
00:47:41,500 --> 00:47:43,860
So I made that an issue.

927
00:47:43,860 --> 00:47:47,890
I felt that they
needed to work on it,

928
00:47:47,890 --> 00:47:53,800
and the other survivors also,
who were not only survivors,

929
00:47:53,800 --> 00:47:58,165
experienced volunteers who
worked there for years.

930
00:47:58,165 --> 00:48:01,570

931
00:48:01,570 --> 00:48:05,830
Let's say the Museum is full
and three or four Germans come

932
00:48:05,830 --> 00:48:11,840
along, and they're
between 35 and 45

933
00:48:11,840 --> 00:48:16,350
and they don't have tickets, and
we have tickets in our pocket.

934
00:48:16,350 --> 00:48:18,360
Does it make sense
not to let them go up?

935

00:48:18,360 --> 00:48:22,280

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00:48:22,280 --> 00:48:27,110

I feel terrible about everybody
that has to be kept out,

937

00:48:27,110 --> 00:48:31,490

and that should be the
thrust of the Museum.

938

00:48:31,490 --> 00:48:35,720

They should feel terrible about
turning every visitor away,

939

00:48:35,720 --> 00:48:38,990

and we do have to
turn thousands away,

940

00:48:38,990 --> 00:48:40,760

which is annoying
because most of them

941

00:48:40,760 --> 00:48:42,890

don't read the paper
that says you've

942

00:48:42,890 --> 00:48:47,280

got to have tickets ahead
of time or stand, whatever.

943

00:48:47,280 --> 00:48:51,733

But I think it's terrible
to turn people away.

944

00:48:51,733 --> 00:48:52,650

I can see that you do.

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00:48:52,650 --> 00:48:55,622

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00:48:55,622 --> 00:49:00,670

You mentioned that you had given

some things to the Museum that

947

00:49:00,670 --> 00:49:04,065

are very important to you.

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00:49:04,065 --> 00:49:06,490

Can you talk about that?

949

00:49:06,490 --> 00:49:06,990

Well, yes.

950

00:49:06,990 --> 00:49:09,570

951

00:49:09,570 --> 00:49:14,770

We gave my German passport
with the Nazi symbol

952

00:49:14,770 --> 00:49:19,170

on it, which, by the
way, my picture is being

953

00:49:19,170 --> 00:49:21,270

used nationally on a brochure.

954

00:49:21,270 --> 00:49:23,140

I can give you one,
if you'd like to see.

955

00:49:23,140 --> 00:49:23,640

I'd like to.

956

00:49:23,640 --> 00:49:26,680

957

00:49:26,680 --> 00:49:28,410

We gave a piece
of sterling silver

958

00:49:28,410 --> 00:49:31,710

that was given to
my mother-in-law

959

00:49:31,710 --> 00:49:36,570

by Annie Frank's
grandmother for her wedding.

960

00:49:36,570 --> 00:49:38,250

We thought it would
be best served

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00:49:38,250 --> 00:49:42,660

by bearing witness in the
Museum to Annie Frank's

962

00:49:42,660 --> 00:49:47,220

life, that in my silver
drawer, because at some point

963

00:49:47,220 --> 00:49:52,200

its identity would be gone.

964

00:49:52,200 --> 00:49:56,640

It took us years, by the
way, to research that and get

965

00:49:56,640 --> 00:49:59,310

it together the, relationship
between my husband and Annie

966

00:49:59,310 --> 00:49:59,820

Frank.

967

00:49:59,820 --> 00:50:02,120

But we finally did
do it this past year.

968

00:50:02,120 --> 00:50:04,200

It was very sad and painful.

969

00:50:04,200 --> 00:50:06,900

But we knew it was true
because his mother always

970

00:50:06,900 --> 00:50:07,880
told us about that.

971
00:50:07,880 --> 00:50:10,920

972
00:50:10,920 --> 00:50:13,070
I gave something else.

973
00:50:13,070 --> 00:50:14,830
There's a family that died out.

974
00:50:14,830 --> 00:50:16,870
Their name was Henrietta.

975
00:50:16,870 --> 00:50:18,040
[KNOCK ON DOOR]

976
00:50:18,040 --> 00:50:19,290
We'll have to stop the tape.

977
00:50:19,290 --> 00:50:19,790
OK.

978
00:50:19,790 --> 00:50:23,220

979
00:50:23,220 --> 00:50:27,000
We gave an album, which
belonged to a family

980
00:50:27,000 --> 00:50:32,940
by the name of
Henrietta Hammons Meyer,

981
00:50:32,940 --> 00:50:36,440
and Sol Meyer, her husband.

982
00:50:36,440 --> 00:50:41,890
They were the lone survivors
of a family from both sides.

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00:50:41,890 --> 00:50:44,410

They had a son, Harvey.

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00:50:44,410 --> 00:50:46,170

Immigrated to the United States.

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00:50:46,170 --> 00:50:48,790

The same background
story as ours,

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00:50:48,790 --> 00:50:52,510

and landed in Rockland, Vermont.

987

00:50:52,510 --> 00:50:55,480

Got a better start in America
because they came those eight

988

00:50:55,480 --> 00:50:59,800

years previous that
we had been in Kenya.

989

00:50:59,800 --> 00:51:03,580

He became a manager for
a Puritan clothing chain,

990

00:51:03,580 --> 00:51:06,860

and they lived up
there all their lives.

991

00:51:06,860 --> 00:51:10,900

Unfortunately, my
cousin died young,

992

00:51:10,900 --> 00:51:15,790

and we inherited
many of their things,

993

00:51:15,790 --> 00:51:19,450

amongst them a picture album.

994

00:51:19,450 --> 00:51:25,180

And it was a pictorial

story of both families

995

00:51:25,180 --> 00:51:29,900
going back, starting in 1922.

996

00:51:29,900 --> 00:51:32,170
It was so poignantly beautiful.

997

00:51:32,170 --> 00:51:33,640
I had it for 20 years.

998

00:51:33,640 --> 00:51:36,100
I didn't know what
to do with it.

999

00:51:36,100 --> 00:51:39,235
I took it into the Museum,
to Collections, and I said,

1000

00:51:39,235 --> 00:51:40,360
what should I do with this?

1001

00:51:40,360 --> 00:51:42,120
This is so gorgeous.

1002

00:51:42,120 --> 00:51:45,070
And if you look at
these pictures, how

1003

00:51:45,070 --> 00:51:48,170
beautiful these Jewish
people were, their families,

1004

00:51:48,170 --> 00:51:50,170
their lives.

1005

00:51:50,170 --> 00:51:52,195
And as you go through
the album, what happens?

1006

00:51:52,195 --> 00:51:54,850

1007
00:51:54,850 --> 00:51:56,190
You don't have to read.

1008
00:51:56,190 --> 00:51:58,880
All you have to do is look.

1009
00:51:58,880 --> 00:52:00,905
They said, we don't
usually take this.

1010
00:52:00,905 --> 00:52:03,690
This is gorgeous.

1011
00:52:03,690 --> 00:52:06,030
And this week, I got a
letter from the Museum

1012
00:52:06,030 --> 00:52:12,360
asking if I'd give permission to
put one of the family pictures

1013
00:52:12,360 --> 00:52:17,610
on the website for Holocaust
education of Jewish families

1014
00:52:17,610 --> 00:52:21,820
in Germany in the early '20s.

1015
00:52:21,820 --> 00:52:26,970
So I feel everything that
we've contributed, in some way,

1016
00:52:26,970 --> 00:52:28,840
is going towards education.

1017
00:52:28,840 --> 00:52:30,780
And I think I'm also
going to contribute

1018
00:52:30,780 --> 00:52:34,770
the genealogy of my

late grandmother, which

1019
00:52:34,770 --> 00:52:37,620
goes to our grandchildren.

1020
00:52:37,620 --> 00:52:40,920
We just got about
three months ago.

1021
00:52:40,920 --> 00:52:44,840
It starts in 1725.

1022
00:52:44,840 --> 00:52:46,910
And I think it'll make
a marvelous learning

1023
00:52:46,910 --> 00:52:52,580
tool for children
studying the Holocaust.

1024
00:52:52,580 --> 00:52:55,250
So we would like to continue
to be contributory as

1025
00:52:55,250 --> 00:52:57,050
long as we can.

1026
00:52:57,050 --> 00:53:00,290
Well, you're making
a great contribution,

1027
00:53:00,290 --> 00:53:02,660
including doing this tape.

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00:53:02,660 --> 00:53:05,270
Thank you.

1029
00:53:05,270 --> 00:53:09,446
Is there something else that
you would like to talk about?

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00:53:09,446 --> 00:53:11,180

I don't really think so.

1031
00:53:11,180 --> 00:53:14,631

1032
00:53:14,631 --> 00:53:15,620
No.

1033
00:53:15,620 --> 00:53:19,670
Well, thank you very
much for speaking today

1034
00:53:19,670 --> 00:53:22,100
about your experiences.

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00:53:22,100 --> 00:53:23,960
You're welcome.

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00:53:23,960 --> 00:53:27,560
This concludes the United
States Holocaust Memorial Museum

1037
00:53:27,560 --> 00:53:30,460
interview with Jill Pauly.

1038
00:53:30,460 --> 00:53:36,000