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00:00:00,000 --> 00:00:01,050

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00:00:01,050 --> 00:00:03,350

A continuation of the United
States Holocaust Memorial

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00:00:03,350 --> 00:00:05,283

Museum Volunteer
Collection interview

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00:00:05,283 --> 00:00:06,200

with Fritz Gluckstein.

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00:00:06,200 --> 00:00:10,550

Time this is tape
3, side A. And I'm

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00:00:10,550 --> 00:00:13,850

curious to ask you
about your reaction

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00:00:13,850 --> 00:00:15,680

when you came to
this country and you

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00:00:15,680 --> 00:00:23,165

saw the way whites and Blacks in
America related to each other.

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00:00:23,165 --> 00:00:25,040

Given your background,
what was your reaction

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00:00:25,040 --> 00:00:28,150

to what you saw happening
in this country?

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00:00:28,150 --> 00:00:30,470

Actually, in New York,
when I first came,

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00:00:30,470 --> 00:00:33,980

I knew there was a difference,
but it wasn't quite obvious.

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00:00:33,980 --> 00:00:36,410

You didn't have that
much segregation.

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00:00:36,410 --> 00:00:38,990

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00:00:38,990 --> 00:00:43,490

Later on, actually, once
in Frederick, and even

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00:00:43,490 --> 00:00:46,640

here in Washington, I was
much more exposed to it.

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00:00:46,640 --> 00:00:51,080

I still remember in
Frederick, unofficially

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00:00:51,080 --> 00:00:54,260

in the movie theater,
the black upstairs,

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00:00:54,260 --> 00:00:55,700

the whites downstairs.

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00:00:55,700 --> 00:00:56,930

I still remember setting it.

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00:00:56,930 --> 00:00:58,220

I was quite taken aback.

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00:00:58,220 --> 00:01:02,900

In Richmond, separate
drinking fountains.

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00:01:02,900 --> 00:01:06,710

I personally was

quite taken aback.

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00:01:06,710 --> 00:01:10,070

And certainly I was very
much opposed to segregation.

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00:01:10,070 --> 00:01:13,040

However, I was
fortunate, in Minnesota

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00:01:13,040 --> 00:01:16,360

there were some black students.

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00:01:16,360 --> 00:01:21,600

Ethel, my first wife,
lived in a rooming house

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00:01:21,600 --> 00:01:28,840

and there were some
black girls there.

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00:01:28,840 --> 00:01:30,830

And I got to know them well.

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00:01:30,830 --> 00:01:34,850

And also I had some
black colleagues.

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00:01:34,850 --> 00:01:41,870

Actually, I had some contact and
really, I couldn't do anything.

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00:01:41,870 --> 00:01:49,740

But I was glad that the marches
[?and felt] that the Jews had

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00:01:49,740 --> 00:01:50,510

a high profile.

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00:01:50,510 --> 00:01:55,950

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00:01:55,950 --> 00:02:00,400
Did you follow the Eichmann
Trial in Jerusalem?

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00:02:00,400 --> 00:02:05,683
I was aware of it and I
followed it to a certain degree.

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00:02:05,683 --> 00:02:07,350
What were your thoughts
and impressions?

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00:02:07,350 --> 00:02:09,030
There was one
thing, being the son

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00:02:09,030 --> 00:02:12,060
of a judge, that came to mind.

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00:02:12,060 --> 00:02:16,560
How could the aggrieved
judging Eichmann?

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00:02:16,560 --> 00:02:20,140

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00:02:20,140 --> 00:02:24,826
I was glad they caught him,
and I believe justice was done.

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00:02:24,826 --> 00:02:28,660
But I still wondered
if you are--

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00:02:28,660 --> 00:02:31,662
maybe it is splitting hairs.

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00:02:31,662 --> 00:02:37,770
But actually if you--

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00:02:37,770 --> 00:02:42,220
at that time, it wasn't quite
a parent, but later on--

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00:02:42,220 --> 00:02:45,726
have read books and
actually if you follow--

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00:02:45,726 --> 00:02:49,590
they have video of
the Eichmann trial--

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00:02:49,590 --> 00:02:52,470
I would see he was
given a fair shake.

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00:02:52,470 --> 00:02:54,630
But at that time,
it came to mind.

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00:02:54,630 --> 00:02:56,940
Actually, there was an
argument raised by the defense.

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00:02:56,940 --> 00:03:00,210
You can't-- you are
the aggrieved party.

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00:03:00,210 --> 00:03:02,370
You can't sit here in judgment.

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00:03:02,370 --> 00:03:04,860
I believe that was one
[?note of] criticism.

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00:03:04,860 --> 00:03:11,910
But then perhaps-- but I
believe he was fortunate

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00:03:11,910 --> 00:03:14,810
that he was given
a trial at all.

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00:03:14,810 --> 00:03:17,850
An accident could have
befallen him just as easily.

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00:03:17,850 --> 00:03:24,710

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00:03:24,710 --> 00:03:27,390
Do you remember any
reactions of other people

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00:03:27,390 --> 00:03:29,160
around you during that trial?

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00:03:29,160 --> 00:03:32,250
No, I do not remember anything.

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00:03:32,250 --> 00:03:35,810
Of course [?I did
with] Eichmann, yes.

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00:03:35,810 --> 00:03:40,420
So at first you had the
Nuremberg Trials, yes.

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00:03:40,420 --> 00:03:43,980
But I would assume I assume,
I don't know for sure.

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00:03:43,980 --> 00:03:45,630
Well, another
trial, they finally

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00:03:45,630 --> 00:03:47,370
caught another one of those.

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00:03:47,370 --> 00:03:51,930
Then, of course, through
the years a trial here,

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00:03:51,930 --> 00:03:53,220
a trial there.

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00:03:53,220 --> 00:03:56,280
I don't think many people were

fully aware of the significance

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00:03:56,280 --> 00:03:58,860
of what Eichmann actually did.

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00:03:58,860 --> 00:04:02,340
Hitler, Keitel,
and Goering, yes.

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00:04:02,340 --> 00:04:07,970
But I wonder whether
they realized.

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00:04:07,970 --> 00:04:09,840
And of course I was
particularly interested

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00:04:09,840 --> 00:04:15,300
since I spent some time
working in his headquarters

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00:04:15,300 --> 00:04:19,279
and even if not meet was
standing close to him.

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00:04:19,279 --> 00:04:25,270

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00:04:25,270 --> 00:04:29,265
By the way, they still didn't
catch the real "makher,"

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00:04:29,265 --> 00:04:33,560
the fellow who ran that
headquarters, his deputy,

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00:04:33,560 --> 00:04:34,930
Rolf GÃ¼nther.

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00:04:34,930 --> 00:04:36,345
I wonder what happened to him.

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00:04:36,345 --> 00:04:42,290

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00:04:42,290 --> 00:04:45,530

During your years in
the US, you saw a lot

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00:04:45,530 --> 00:04:47,795

of social and political change.

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00:04:47,795 --> 00:04:52,100

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00:04:52,100 --> 00:04:55,275

What was your reaction
to the war in Korea?

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00:04:55,275 --> 00:05:05,360

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00:05:05,360 --> 00:05:11,370

Actually, I would hope
it would be over soon.

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00:05:11,370 --> 00:05:11,870

As they all.

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00:05:11,870 --> 00:05:16,036

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00:05:16,036 --> 00:05:19,480

And let's face it, if it
hadn't been for my deferral,

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00:05:19,480 --> 00:05:23,322

I probably would have
owned up in Korea.

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00:05:23,322 --> 00:05:30,560

I followed it, but of
course really interesting

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00:05:30,560 --> 00:05:33,250
when Truman fired MacArthur.

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00:05:33,250 --> 00:05:36,500

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00:05:36,500 --> 00:05:39,930
In some way I agreed.

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00:05:39,930 --> 00:05:44,380
Maybe I personally never like
MacArthur for various reasons--

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00:05:44,380 --> 00:05:47,680
I was never an
admirer of MacArthur.

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00:05:47,680 --> 00:05:50,900
But I was actually confirmed
when the Chinese came in

99
00:05:50,900 --> 00:05:54,250
and what would happen,
when will it be over?

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00:05:54,250 --> 00:06:00,439
And of course the endless
peace negotiations.

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00:06:00,439 --> 00:06:05,230

102
00:06:05,230 --> 00:06:13,392
I can only say that I was very
glad when it finally was over.

103
00:06:13,392 --> 00:06:17,360

104
00:06:17,360 --> 00:06:19,720
How did the war in Vietnam
compare, in your mind,

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00:06:19,720 --> 00:06:21,059
to the war in Korea.

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00:06:21,059 --> 00:06:28,100

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00:06:28,100 --> 00:06:33,285
Actually, sometimes I had
wondered where I'll be,

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00:06:33,285 --> 00:06:35,250
what I'll be doing there.

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00:06:35,250 --> 00:06:37,710
In my life probably
we did not approve

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00:06:37,710 --> 00:06:40,235
of people who refused to serve.

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00:06:40,235 --> 00:06:42,860

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00:06:42,860 --> 00:06:44,220
I could see their point.

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00:06:44,220 --> 00:06:51,110
But of course I feel that had I
been called, I would have gone.

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00:06:51,110 --> 00:06:52,720
I just wonder--

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00:06:52,720 --> 00:06:56,720
I actually question the
wisdom of being there.

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00:06:56,720 --> 00:07:02,240

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00:07:02,240 --> 00:07:04,540

What about the years of
conflict with the Soviet

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00:07:04,540 --> 00:07:06,660
Union and the Cold War?

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00:07:06,660 --> 00:07:18,090

120
00:07:18,090 --> 00:07:25,410
I felt that it was
difficult to deal

121
00:07:25,410 --> 00:07:28,980
with the mentality,
the Soviet mentality.

122
00:07:28,980 --> 00:07:30,240
Some were easy.

123
00:07:30,240 --> 00:07:39,250
In fact [? I] was very surprised
at finally the upheaval

124
00:07:39,250 --> 00:07:42,450
in the Soviet Union.

125
00:07:42,450 --> 00:07:47,090
Because I felt once you
indoctrinate young people,

126
00:07:47,090 --> 00:07:52,355
it is very difficult
to change things.

127
00:07:52,355 --> 00:08:03,823
But actually, while
I was concerned,

128
00:08:03,823 --> 00:08:08,220
I did not feel that
it would come actually

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00:08:08,220 --> 00:08:12,340
to armed confrontation.

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00:08:12,340 --> 00:08:14,140
More or less my feeling--

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00:08:14,140 --> 00:08:18,100
I had no insight or
special information,

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00:08:18,100 --> 00:08:21,700
but I feel that many things
that were said we read

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00:08:21,700 --> 00:08:26,180
was propaganda to keep the
people in line over there.

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00:08:26,180 --> 00:08:31,750
That perhaps they
really didn't mean it.

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00:08:31,750 --> 00:08:34,870

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00:08:34,870 --> 00:08:40,780
But there, too, politics and
such was definitely secondary.

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00:08:40,780 --> 00:08:43,780
I just asked you about
wars and potential war.

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00:08:43,780 --> 00:08:46,450

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00:08:46,450 --> 00:08:48,550
When you look back,
in what ways did

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00:08:48,550 --> 00:08:52,240
your childhood and your life

experiences impact the way

141
00:08:52,240 --> 00:08:57,520
you reacted to those
things that were happening?

142
00:08:57,520 --> 00:08:59,790
Oh.

143
00:08:59,790 --> 00:09:03,560
To me, war is madness.

144
00:09:03,560 --> 00:09:04,410
They Start.

145
00:09:04,410 --> 00:09:07,800
Out for some reason or
other, and pretty soon

146
00:09:07,800 --> 00:09:10,200
nobody knows what
it's all about.

147
00:09:10,200 --> 00:09:14,340
We haven't learned
anything from history.

148
00:09:14,340 --> 00:09:16,830
For some reason we
called ourselves

149
00:09:16,830 --> 00:09:21,600
homo sapiens, the wise
one, and we are so foolish.

150
00:09:21,600 --> 00:09:24,090
It's going on and on.

151
00:09:24,090 --> 00:09:29,160
And as you can see or have known
it continues and will continue.

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00:09:29,160 --> 00:09:30,600
We can't live in peace?

153
00:09:30,600 --> 00:09:31,565
Why is that?

154
00:09:31,565 --> 00:09:35,490
There always has to be a fight.

155
00:09:35,490 --> 00:09:39,750
Be it for religion,
for political reasons,

156
00:09:39,750 --> 00:09:40,790
what have you.

157
00:09:40,790 --> 00:09:46,090
It seems to be mankind
can't live without war.

158
00:09:46,090 --> 00:09:47,180
I don't know way that is.

159
00:09:47,180 --> 00:09:52,910

160
00:09:52,910 --> 00:09:56,030
With respect to the
situation in Israel,

161
00:09:56,030 --> 00:10:01,760
it had changed and is
changing over the years.

162
00:10:01,760 --> 00:10:05,000
How have you seen
those developments

163
00:10:05,000 --> 00:10:07,598
from your perspective, again
with your life experience?

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00:10:07,598 --> 00:10:14,290

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00:10:14,290 --> 00:10:20,530

I think-- I believe
then Israel has to

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00:10:20,530 --> 00:10:26,950

and will remain despite efforts
by others to destroy it.

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00:10:26,950 --> 00:10:28,410

And the people that
want to destroy

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00:10:28,410 --> 00:10:31,800

it might as well realize
the Jews won't go away.

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00:10:31,800 --> 00:10:35,170

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00:10:35,170 --> 00:10:40,540

And there are too many of the
[INAUDIBLE] religious reasons

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00:10:40,540 --> 00:10:49,430

to, I hope, they come
to a modus vivendi

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00:10:49,430 --> 00:10:51,440

to a way to live
with each other.

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00:10:51,440 --> 00:10:54,250

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00:10:54,250 --> 00:10:57,660

I always believe in order
to understand Israel,

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00:10:57,660 --> 00:10:59,930

you have to go there.

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00:10:59,930 --> 00:11:03,150
Unless you have been in Israel,
you really don't have feeling,

177
00:11:03,150 --> 00:11:05,180
really you don't
have an understanding

178
00:11:05,180 --> 00:11:07,406
what it is all about.

179
00:11:07,406 --> 00:11:13,685
But right now, I am quite
saddened what's happening.

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00:11:13,685 --> 00:11:20,960

181
00:11:20,960 --> 00:11:24,140
You were in this country
during the assassination

182
00:11:24,140 --> 00:11:28,520
of President Kennedy, the
assassination of his brother,

183
00:11:28,520 --> 00:11:30,350
the assassination of
Martin Luther King.

184
00:11:30,350 --> 00:11:35,620

185
00:11:35,620 --> 00:11:41,630
How did you react to this
violence in American society

186
00:11:41,630 --> 00:11:42,130
around you?

187
00:11:42,130 --> 00:11:49,580

188
00:11:49,580 --> 00:11:53,675
Maybe it might be a
cliche, I was appalled.

189
00:11:53,675 --> 00:11:55,520
I was really shocked
when it happened.

190
00:11:55,520 --> 00:12:00,080

191
00:12:00,080 --> 00:12:04,810
But [INAUDIBLE] I
sometimes wonder

192
00:12:04,810 --> 00:12:08,300
whether perhaps the
American gun culture

193
00:12:08,300 --> 00:12:11,590
has anything to do with it.

194
00:12:11,590 --> 00:12:15,025
But I realize
violence doesn't only

195
00:12:15,025 --> 00:12:16,150
occur in the United States.

196
00:12:16,150 --> 00:12:20,725
Unfortunately, homo
sapiens is violent--

197
00:12:20,725 --> 00:12:25,405
either wars or violence at home.

198
00:12:25,405 --> 00:12:29,010
I think things like this
unfortunately happen.

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00:12:29,010 --> 00:12:35,810
But with Kennedy, I remember
this day distinctly.

200
00:12:35,810 --> 00:12:40,380
I even knew what I was doing
the moment when it happened.

201
00:12:40,380 --> 00:12:44,720
I was still with the
Smithsonian Insitution

202
00:12:44,720 --> 00:12:47,880
It was quite shocking.

203
00:12:47,880 --> 00:12:55,550

204
00:12:55,550 --> 00:13:01,280
But one thing, despite
all, life went on.

205
00:13:01,280 --> 00:13:04,110
There was an orderly
transfer of government.

206
00:13:04,110 --> 00:13:06,122
I was very much impressed.

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00:13:06,122 --> 00:13:17,440

208
00:13:17,440 --> 00:13:22,420
Has anything specific
interested or concerned you

209
00:13:22,420 --> 00:13:25,060
in all these years in the United
States that you've been here?

210
00:13:25,060 --> 00:13:31,170
Any causes that have culture
attention or imagination?

211
00:13:31,170 --> 00:13:32,610
But of course,
integration-- what

212
00:13:32,610 --> 00:13:35,940
happened with the
integration of schools.

213
00:13:35,940 --> 00:13:40,650
This actually was
very dear to my heart.

214
00:13:40,650 --> 00:13:44,460
And I was very pleased
that integration occurred.

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00:13:44,460 --> 00:13:47,450

216
00:13:47,450 --> 00:13:51,758
And of course now,
right now, I see it.

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00:13:51,758 --> 00:13:59,090

218
00:13:59,090 --> 00:14:01,835
Right now, immigration
is relatively easy,

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00:14:01,835 --> 00:14:06,310
but at one time,
remember, what happened.

220
00:14:06,310 --> 00:14:11,480
Immigration was
by no means easy.

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00:14:11,480 --> 00:14:13,085
The waiting-- the quotas.

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00:14:13,085 --> 00:14:16,300

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00:14:16,300 --> 00:14:20,860

Without quota,
probably my parents

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00:14:20,860 --> 00:14:25,600

would have immigrated
actually before the war.

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00:14:25,600 --> 00:14:28,880

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00:14:28,880 --> 00:14:32,780

But immigration policy--
but you realize,

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00:14:32,780 --> 00:14:37,415

people say, well, we have to do
something, illegal immigration

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00:14:37,415 --> 00:14:39,180

and what have you.

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00:14:39,180 --> 00:14:44,660

If I were a judge and would have
to judge on immigration issues,

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00:14:44,660 --> 00:14:46,660

I would recuse myself.

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00:14:46,660 --> 00:14:50,570

For some reason-- an
immigrant myself--

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00:14:50,570 --> 00:14:54,470

I simply haven't the heart to
say and criticize other people.

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00:14:54,470 --> 00:14:55,190

You can't come.

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00:14:55,190 --> 00:14:58,160

I know there are certain
problems, I realize that,

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00:14:58,160 --> 00:15:00,425

but I can't.

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00:15:00,425 --> 00:15:05,610

I understand why they are coming
and what they are seeking.

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00:15:05,610 --> 00:15:08,630

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00:15:08,630 --> 00:15:11,030

And I've found a
really group life.

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00:15:11,030 --> 00:15:12,300

I'm very happy here.

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00:15:12,300 --> 00:15:15,430

And how I can stand there
and deny it to others?

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00:15:15,430 --> 00:15:20,320

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00:15:20,320 --> 00:15:22,415

Have you ever
experienced anti-Semitism

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00:15:22,415 --> 00:15:23,290

in the United States?

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00:15:23,290 --> 00:15:25,870

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00:15:25,870 --> 00:15:27,780

I would say no.

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00:15:27,780 --> 00:15:34,750
Once surprise-- in New
York, after coming, we

247
00:15:34,750 --> 00:15:38,020
are assigned to certain areas.

248
00:15:38,020 --> 00:15:40,050
I was sent to St.
Paul, Minneapolis.

249
00:15:40,050 --> 00:15:46,000
Oh, some people, said, that
is a hotbed of anti-Semitism.

250
00:15:46,000 --> 00:15:47,410
Never found any.

251
00:15:47,410 --> 00:15:48,460
Not at all.

252
00:15:48,460 --> 00:15:57,934
There was one incident,
one moment I thought, well,

253
00:15:57,934 --> 00:16:00,000
that is antisemitism.

254
00:16:00,000 --> 00:16:04,240
I had a caretaker position
at the Hillel house.

255
00:16:04,240 --> 00:16:07,420
Next to us was a fraternity.

256
00:16:07,420 --> 00:16:12,290
Lo and behold, one night
they got drunk there,

257
00:16:12,290 --> 00:16:15,340
and they started to throw
stones and break the windows

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00:16:15,340 --> 00:16:17,620
of the Hillel house.

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00:16:17,620 --> 00:16:22,600
Well, of course at that time
a major investigation of what

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00:16:22,600 --> 00:16:23,560
had happened.

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00:16:23,560 --> 00:16:25,030
They all got drunk.

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00:16:25,030 --> 00:16:29,080
They didn't realize--
they would have

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00:16:29,080 --> 00:16:32,770
broken the window of any other.

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00:16:32,770 --> 00:16:34,360
And of course
they're very sorry.

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00:16:34,360 --> 00:16:37,420
Even in order to show,
they sent a contribution

266

00:16:37,420 --> 00:16:40,600
to the Jewish Home for
the Aged and so one.

267

00:16:40,600 --> 00:16:43,780
And they made it very clear
that while it was regrettable

268

00:16:43,780 --> 00:16:49,060
that it happened, but it was
not in any way anti-Semitic.

269

00:16:49,060 --> 00:16:50,290
And I believe them.

270
00:16:50,290 --> 00:16:51,550
They were just drunk.

271
00:16:51,550 --> 00:16:55,450
But otherwise, I can
honestly say, I didn't.

272
00:16:55,450 --> 00:17:00,470

273
00:17:00,470 --> 00:17:02,600
What's your reaction
to the resurgence

274
00:17:02,600 --> 00:17:05,210
of interest in the
Holocaust in recent years?

275
00:17:05,210 --> 00:17:09,349

276
00:17:09,349 --> 00:17:10,544
I'm surprised.

277
00:17:10,544 --> 00:17:13,869

278
00:17:13,869 --> 00:17:14,880
I'm glad.

279
00:17:14,880 --> 00:17:16,660
I think it's a good sign.

280
00:17:16,660 --> 00:17:21,300
But when I go and
volunteer, I appear there

281
00:17:21,300 --> 00:17:22,829
usually at 9 o'clock.

282

00:17:22,829 --> 00:17:27,750
And people stand in line,
and when I go to the back

283
00:17:27,750 --> 00:17:31,070
to the administrative
building, I pass the line.

284
00:17:31,070 --> 00:17:33,952
And a few people there,
all walks of life.

285
00:17:33,952 --> 00:17:37,970
And I can see obviously
for the middle westerners,

286
00:17:37,970 --> 00:17:39,840
I wonder, what is the interest?

287
00:17:39,840 --> 00:17:41,560
Why are they here?

288
00:17:41,560 --> 00:17:44,610
I wonder, maybe they
have been asked,

289
00:17:44,610 --> 00:17:46,090
are they really interested?

290
00:17:46,090 --> 00:17:48,330
It just a curiosity to see it?

291
00:17:48,330 --> 00:17:51,000
But I'm glad they come.

292
00:17:51,000 --> 00:17:58,080
I think they must be
reluctant to talk about it.

293
00:17:58,080 --> 00:18:01,770
I personally are-- and
actually, Merrin always--

294

00:18:01,770 --> 00:18:05,400

in fact, this interview,
more or less Merrin

295

00:18:05,400 --> 00:18:07,270

suggested that I do it.

296

00:18:07,270 --> 00:18:10,440

I personally hesitate.

297

00:18:10,440 --> 00:18:14,580

But I have more and more
come to the conviction

298

00:18:14,580 --> 00:18:19,980

that particularly as long
as survivors are alive,

299

00:18:19,980 --> 00:18:22,290

it is important
that you speak out.

300

00:18:22,290 --> 00:18:26,940

Nothing is better than
a first-hand experience,

301

00:18:26,940 --> 00:18:29,880

a first-hand report.

302

00:18:29,880 --> 00:18:36,327

I'm surprised at the
interest, and I am pleased.

303

00:18:36,327 --> 00:18:37,910

You just mentioned
the people in line.

304

00:18:37,910 --> 00:18:38,940

You're taking about
people in line

305

00:18:38,940 --> 00:18:41,400

waiting to see the United States
Holocaust Memorial I assume.

306
00:18:41,400 --> 00:18:41,970
Yes.

307
00:18:41,970 --> 00:18:44,620
In your work there, which I'll
ask you about in a minute,

308
00:18:44,620 --> 00:18:46,620
do you ever have a chance
to speak to the public

309
00:18:46,620 --> 00:18:48,600
and ask them why they're there?

310
00:18:48,600 --> 00:18:50,150
No, I never.

311
00:18:50,150 --> 00:18:53,110
I hope somebody will.

312
00:18:53,110 --> 00:18:55,830
But sometimes I actually
want them to tell me,

313
00:18:55,830 --> 00:18:56,590
why are you here.

314
00:18:56,590 --> 00:18:58,370
But it might be misunderstood.

315
00:18:58,370 --> 00:19:00,670
And I don't think--

316
00:19:00,670 --> 00:19:02,410
I'm hesitant doing it.

317
00:19:02,410 --> 00:19:04,710
But it ought to be done.

318

00:19:04,710 --> 00:19:07,000

What do you do at
the Holocaust Museum?

319

00:19:07,000 --> 00:19:10,140

I'm translating
documents and letters.

320

00:19:10,140 --> 00:19:13,200

321

00:19:13,200 --> 00:19:20,150

Very often, people--
for instance,

322

00:19:20,150 --> 00:19:23,890

right now, when I
translate letters,

323

00:19:23,890 --> 00:19:30,810

I send the parents who
have a daughter in England

324

00:19:30,810 --> 00:19:34,240

through the children transport.

325

00:19:34,240 --> 00:19:37,420

And they are writing
what's going on.

326

00:19:37,420 --> 00:19:40,780

And actually, they'll write
and mention people I know.

327

00:19:40,780 --> 00:19:43,880

They mentioned one of
my very best friends.

328

00:19:43,880 --> 00:19:47,420

They mentioned the doctor I had.

329

00:19:47,420 --> 00:19:50,530

It's quite interesting.

330
00:19:50,530 --> 00:19:58,360
And sometimes
documents people write.

331
00:19:58,360 --> 00:20:01,250

332
00:20:01,250 --> 00:20:04,450
For instance, what
happens to people--

333
00:20:04,450 --> 00:20:06,830
actually write
their experiences.

334
00:20:06,830 --> 00:20:09,280
Romania, for instance,
[INAUDIBLE] letter

335
00:20:09,280 --> 00:20:13,540
that they wrote shortly
after they escaped

336
00:20:13,540 --> 00:20:18,460
or even while they still
were there and smuggled out.

337
00:20:18,460 --> 00:20:28,750
Or correspondence from
and actually to Auschwitz.

338
00:20:28,750 --> 00:20:32,300
In fact, some of the
correspondence survived.

339
00:20:32,300 --> 00:20:35,310
The prison in Auschwitz
for some reason

340
00:20:35,310 --> 00:20:40,320
was able to keep the letters.

341
00:20:40,320 --> 00:20:44,250
And the some of
those letters had

342
00:20:44,250 --> 00:20:46,930
been given to the
Holocaust Museum,

343
00:20:46,930 --> 00:20:49,715
and I'm translating
those right now.

344
00:20:49,715 --> 00:20:51,840
Or some documents, even
something for the Nuremberg

345
00:20:51,840 --> 00:20:53,490
Trial and so on.

346
00:20:53,490 --> 00:20:56,790
That's what I'm doing.

347
00:20:56,790 --> 00:20:59,120
Have you donated
anything to the museum?

348
00:20:59,120 --> 00:21:01,260
Yes, some of my documents.

349
00:21:01,260 --> 00:21:04,320

350
00:21:04,320 --> 00:21:10,830
For instance the permission to
use the public transportation

351
00:21:10,830 --> 00:21:15,305
or my papers--

352
00:21:15,305 --> 00:21:17,222
certain [INAUDIBLE]

[? by doing ?] they forced

353

00:21:17,222 --> 00:21:20,990

work, they're cleaning
up the air raids.

354

00:21:20,990 --> 00:21:24,420

I worked for a company
and we had certain papers.

355

00:21:24,420 --> 00:21:31,670

And one time they had me
in a local camp in Berlin,

356

00:21:31,670 --> 00:21:34,850

and they had the--

357

00:21:34,850 --> 00:21:35,980

what would we call it--

358

00:21:35,980 --> 00:21:38,700

Nazi release slip.

359

00:21:38,700 --> 00:21:44,410

And something I found
just not too long ago,

360

00:21:44,410 --> 00:21:49,820

the final report card
from high school.

361

00:21:49,820 --> 00:21:52,960

It was in 1943.

362

00:21:52,960 --> 00:21:55,130

Well, it wasn't even a
very good report card,

363

00:21:55,130 --> 00:21:57,760

but there was something
on that report card

364

00:21:57,760 --> 00:21:59,520
which made it a document.

365
00:21:59,520 --> 00:22:03,390
Now, why was it a final-- it
said on the proper final report

366
00:22:03,390 --> 00:22:04,590
card--

367
00:22:04,590 --> 00:22:05,620
why?

368
00:22:05,620 --> 00:22:12,635
And I translate because of
the disordered dissolution--

369
00:22:12,635 --> 00:22:18,660
dissolution, that word-- of
the Jewish school system.

370
00:22:18,660 --> 00:22:21,820
This was the last one after
that, all schools were gone.

371
00:22:21,820 --> 00:22:24,440
And I though, this
is quite something.

372
00:22:24,440 --> 00:22:26,540
At least we knew the
date and everything.

373
00:22:26,540 --> 00:22:34,410
This I also gave to
the Holocaust Museum.

374
00:22:34,410 --> 00:22:37,070
And some other-- in
fact, I was surprised

375
00:22:37,070 --> 00:22:41,920
I had some Jewish stars

left, the yellow ones.

376

00:22:41,920 --> 00:22:42,840

I kept one.

377

00:22:42,840 --> 00:22:45,790

I wondered, don't you
have many of those?

378

00:22:45,790 --> 00:22:47,130

No, they want them anyway.

379

00:22:47,130 --> 00:22:53,840

All right, I gave it to them
and some other documents I had.

380

00:22:53,840 --> 00:23:02,980

381

00:23:02,980 --> 00:23:07,090

How do you respond when
you hear Holocaust deniers?

382

00:23:07,090 --> 00:23:10,850

383

00:23:10,850 --> 00:23:13,490

I don't understand.

384

00:23:13,490 --> 00:23:17,540

Do they believe that all
of the Holocaust survivors,

385

00:23:17,540 --> 00:23:18,470

they are lying?

386

00:23:18,470 --> 00:23:20,780

Make it up?

387

00:23:20,780 --> 00:23:26,600

To me, that is pure
anti-Semitism, nothing else.

388
00:23:26,600 --> 00:23:29,330
I cannot say--

389
00:23:29,330 --> 00:23:31,790
I suspect that
people, the deniers

390
00:23:31,790 --> 00:23:33,770
don't believe it themselves.

391
00:23:33,770 --> 00:23:36,270
I think they just
want to deny it

392
00:23:36,270 --> 00:23:46,684
because they're an expression
of the antipathy toward Jews.

393
00:23:46,684 --> 00:23:48,268
This is absolutely--

394
00:23:48,268 --> 00:23:56,842

395
00:23:56,842 --> 00:23:58,800
Do you think that the
Jews in the United States

396
00:23:58,800 --> 00:24:01,295
need to be concerned about
neo-Nazis, and skinheads,

397
00:24:01,295 --> 00:24:02,420
and all these other groups?

398
00:24:02,420 --> 00:24:06,240

399
00:24:06,240 --> 00:24:07,470
You shouldn't be ignore it.

400

00:24:07,470 --> 00:24:10,010

401

00:24:10,010 --> 00:24:16,200

Perhaps concerned to the
extent that don't ignore it.

402

00:24:16,200 --> 00:24:19,530

Know what they are doing.

403

00:24:19,530 --> 00:24:23,530

But I believe there is
no reason for panic.

404

00:24:23,530 --> 00:24:26,520

405

00:24:26,520 --> 00:24:29,820

I still believe what
happened in Germany

406

00:24:29,820 --> 00:24:32,890

and some European countries
will not happen here.

407

00:24:32,890 --> 00:24:47,820

408

00:24:47,820 --> 00:24:52,050

How has your experience
during the Holocaust

409

00:24:52,050 --> 00:24:55,590

influenced the choices that
you've made over the years?

410

00:24:55,590 --> 00:24:59,700

411

00:24:59,700 --> 00:25:10,290

Well, I tell you they led me--

412

00:25:10,290 --> 00:25:17,770

I have two models, two things
in my life came in front of me.

413

00:25:17,770 --> 00:25:23,340

One is Hillel's don't
do unto others what

414

00:25:23,340 --> 00:25:25,620

you don't want to yourself.

415

00:25:25,620 --> 00:25:29,870

And the other is a
proper translation

416

00:25:29,870 --> 00:25:35,740

of the saying carpe diem,
which actually is usually

417

00:25:35,740 --> 00:25:37,570

incorrectly translated.

418

00:25:37,570 --> 00:25:41,010

Because we retranslated Caesar.

419

00:25:41,010 --> 00:25:43,060

They know that that
it is not correct.

420

00:25:43,060 --> 00:25:50,130

Because the full is "Carpe diem,
quam minimum credula postero."

421

00:25:50,130 --> 00:25:54,520

What it means, pluck the day.

422

00:25:54,520 --> 00:26:01,330

Gather the flowers, pluck
the cherries today, and don't

423

00:26:01,330 --> 00:26:04,350

or little trust the next one.

424

00:26:04,350 --> 00:26:08,055

Therefore, if you want to
do something, do it today.

425

00:26:08,055 --> 00:26:10,950

If you want to go on
a trip, do it today.

426

00:26:10,950 --> 00:26:14,850

If you want to visit
a friend, do it today.

427

00:26:14,850 --> 00:26:16,530

The time is today.

428

00:26:16,530 --> 00:26:20,850

If you have two bottles of wine,
drink the better one first.

429

00:26:20,850 --> 00:26:26,190

430

00:26:26,190 --> 00:26:29,240

Has your view of Judaism
changed since your childhood?

431

00:26:29,240 --> 00:26:34,670

432

00:26:34,670 --> 00:26:36,040

Probably not changed.

433

00:26:36,040 --> 00:26:39,000

In childhood you don't think
very much about the reason.

434

00:26:39,000 --> 00:26:42,020

You go to services,
and you do it.

435

00:26:42,020 --> 00:26:48,290

And well, I like
the service or not.

436
00:26:48,290 --> 00:26:52,860
And I think you don't
think too much about it.

437
00:26:52,860 --> 00:26:59,840
But later on, I
personally do not

438
00:26:59,840 --> 00:27:07,610
believe in what you would
call deus ex machina,

439
00:27:07,610 --> 00:27:11,780
the supernatural
suddenly happens.

440
00:27:11,780 --> 00:27:14,070
Perhaps I have become numb.

441
00:27:14,070 --> 00:27:18,800
In one way, although
I am probably

442
00:27:18,800 --> 00:27:25,555
less religious as such,
I feel more as a Jew.

443
00:27:25,555 --> 00:27:27,860
I think there's
actually more to it

444
00:27:27,860 --> 00:27:31,900
than just going to the
services and keeping

445
00:27:31,900 --> 00:27:33,490
kosher what you have.

446
00:27:33,490 --> 00:27:37,690
I think being a Jew is--

447
00:27:37,690 --> 00:27:42,930
well, I guess, we are
more than the religion,

448
00:27:42,930 --> 00:27:44,380
and I am very conscious of it.

449
00:27:44,380 --> 00:27:47,110

450
00:27:47,110 --> 00:27:54,580
But I believe you can be a Jew
without [INAUDIBLE] religious.

451
00:27:54,580 --> 00:27:56,006
Some are and why not.

452
00:27:56,006 --> 00:27:59,020
That is your choice.

453
00:27:59,020 --> 00:28:06,390

454
00:28:06,390 --> 00:28:12,930
When you look back on
yourself as a parent,

455
00:28:12,930 --> 00:28:16,890
do you see any relationship
between your childhood

456
00:28:16,890 --> 00:28:21,150
and your experiences
during the war and the way

457
00:28:21,150 --> 00:28:22,110
you raised your child?

458
00:28:22,110 --> 00:28:32,230

459

00:28:32,230 --> 00:28:33,530

No, I didn't.

460

00:28:33,530 --> 00:28:45,920

But I tried very much to
keep my us of discipline,

461

00:28:45,920 --> 00:28:49,540

right and wrong, and propriety.

462

00:28:49,540 --> 00:28:55,540

But on the other hand, I tried
to adapt to modern times.

463

00:28:55,540 --> 00:29:01,320

I realized a I had certain
standards, but time changes.

464

00:29:01,320 --> 00:29:04,540

And you simply can't sit
there, because I did it,

465

00:29:04,540 --> 00:29:06,040

because of what's
appropriate when

466

00:29:06,040 --> 00:29:08,470

I was young it has to be still.

467

00:29:08,470 --> 00:29:10,510

I tried to go with the times.

468

00:29:10,510 --> 00:29:14,470

469

00:29:14,470 --> 00:29:17,170

Do you speak publicly about
your experiences during the war?

470

00:29:17,170 --> 00:29:21,100

471

00:29:21,100 --> 00:29:23,435
Usually only if I'm being asked.

472

00:29:23,435 --> 00:29:30,500
I'm somewhat reluctant.

473

00:29:30,500 --> 00:29:34,120
But I can be persuaded.

474

00:29:34,120 --> 00:29:38,410
I don't make a show
of being persuaded.

475

00:29:38,410 --> 00:29:41,690
Some people like to be
persuaded and make a big show.

476

00:29:41,690 --> 00:29:42,940
No, no, and finally.

477

00:29:42,940 --> 00:29:48,820
Well, Merrin pointed
out, the live survivors

478

00:29:48,820 --> 00:29:56,650
have to speak out because it
best counteracts the deniers.

479

00:29:56,650 --> 00:29:58,908
How can they deny
first-hand experience?

480

00:29:58,908 --> 00:30:08,190

481

00:30:08,190 --> 00:30:11,240
Are you involved with any of
the survivor groups in the area?

482

00:30:11,240 --> 00:30:16,320

483

00:30:16,320 --> 00:30:22,580

There is a survivor group
at the Holocaust Museum

484

00:30:22,580 --> 00:30:24,110

which meets at
certain intervals.

485

00:30:24,110 --> 00:30:27,800

And while I participant,
I'm not an official

486

00:30:27,800 --> 00:30:28,800

or [INAUDIBLE] involved.

487

00:30:28,800 --> 00:30:30,480

But I take part, yes.

488

00:30:30,480 --> 00:30:33,930

489

00:30:33,930 --> 00:30:35,650

We meet once a month.

490

00:30:35,650 --> 00:30:38,990

In fact, the last
meeting was yesterday.

491

00:30:38,990 --> 00:30:43,348

I believe that would be the
only extent I am involved.

492

00:30:43,348 --> 00:30:45,390

And you said that
meets with the Museum--

493

00:30:45,390 --> 00:30:46,910

with the survivors
in the Museum?

494

00:30:46,910 --> 00:30:50,785

Yes, the volunteer

survivors, we meet.

495

00:30:50,785 --> 00:30:52,410

There are quite a
number of volunteers.

496

00:30:52,410 --> 00:30:54,950

Some are survivors, and
the survivors actually

497

00:30:54,950 --> 00:30:58,220

have a special group, and we
meet at certain intervals.

498

00:30:58,220 --> 00:31:01,335

And it is an interesting
meeting, with various concerns

499

00:31:01,335 --> 00:31:03,125

and so on.

500

00:31:03,125 --> 00:31:06,960

Where too, we all agree,
even if reluctant,

501

00:31:06,960 --> 00:31:12,000

and if we don't want to
talk about it, we have to.

502

00:31:12,000 --> 00:31:16,493

Because we have to be a
witness as long as we can.

503

00:31:16,493 --> 00:31:18,410

Let me pause and I'll
come back to this point.

504

00:31:18,410 --> 00:31:19,360

Just one minute.

505

00:31:19,360 --> 00:31:26,500

506

00:31:26,500 --> 00:31:28,810

This is a continuation of
the United States Holocaust

507

00:31:28,810 --> 00:31:31,150

Memorial Museum Volunteer
Collection interview

508

00:31:31,150 --> 00:31:32,500

with Fritz Gluckstein.

509

00:31:32,500 --> 00:31:36,460

This is tape 3 side B. And you
had mentioned just a moment ago

510

00:31:36,460 --> 00:31:40,960

about the meetings that the
survivors who are volunteers

511

00:31:40,960 --> 00:31:42,760

have at the Museum.

512

00:31:42,760 --> 00:31:45,430

Can you give me some insight
as to the kinds of things

513

00:31:45,430 --> 00:31:49,300

that you all talk
about when you meet?

514

00:31:49,300 --> 00:31:52,870

For instance, we
discuss the services

515

00:31:52,870 --> 00:31:58,760

of the Holocaust Museum, the
exhibits, the publication.

516

00:31:58,760 --> 00:32:08,130

We also discuss where the
information about the Holocaust

517

00:32:08,130 --> 00:32:11,260
will be spread and in what way.

518
00:32:11,260 --> 00:32:18,480
For instance, yesterday we
had shown a video, Yad Vashem.

519
00:32:18,480 --> 00:32:21,362
And we discussed
that and actually

520
00:32:21,362 --> 00:32:24,760
there was some I believe
constructive criticism--

521
00:32:24,760 --> 00:32:29,700
what should be done and why
that particular video was good

522
00:32:29,700 --> 00:32:31,540
or it was not.

523
00:32:31,540 --> 00:32:37,600
And very often we even
discuss the reactions

524
00:32:37,600 --> 00:32:41,860
of people to the speakers.

525
00:32:41,860 --> 00:32:44,950
And very often there's
a common complaint--

526
00:32:44,950 --> 00:32:48,940
right now it's that
people are invited

527
00:32:48,940 --> 00:32:53,260
to talk about the Holocaust and
actually not given enough time.

528
00:32:53,260 --> 00:32:55,030
They are first being

told, well, you

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00:32:55,030 --> 00:32:57,655

talk for half an
hour or 20 minutes.

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00:32:57,655 --> 00:33:01,870

And when it comes down to it,
well, we only have 10 minutes.

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00:33:01,870 --> 00:33:03,970

You see, you have to be--

532

00:33:03,970 --> 00:33:07,300

and this seems to be a
quite frequent complaint.

533

00:33:07,300 --> 00:33:10,150

Perhaps not deliberately,
but probably there

534

00:33:10,150 --> 00:33:16,150

is a special Memorial Day
or some other occasion,

535

00:33:16,150 --> 00:33:20,170

and they simply don't
give a schedule,

536

00:33:20,170 --> 00:33:23,920

and the people are then
forced either to cut it short

537

00:33:23,920 --> 00:33:30,340

or actually only tell
half of the story.

538

00:33:30,340 --> 00:33:33,160

Matters like this
are being discussed.

539

00:33:33,160 --> 00:33:36,060

And it's interesting, I guess

[? and there were some ?]

540
00:33:36,060 --> 00:33:40,240
two new people from
Bulgaria, Lithuania,

541
00:33:40,240 --> 00:33:43,750
and we talk among each other.

542
00:33:43,750 --> 00:33:45,880
And this is interesting--

543
00:33:45,880 --> 00:33:52,480
each and every one of us
has a different story.

544
00:33:52,480 --> 00:33:53,650
Absolutely.

545
00:33:53,650 --> 00:33:56,920
Yesterday too, we
discussed First Person.

546
00:33:56,920 --> 00:33:59,730
It's an interview.

547
00:33:59,730 --> 00:34:05,800
And actually it was
discussed, and I went

548
00:34:05,800 --> 00:34:08,510
to one of the First Persons.

549
00:34:08,510 --> 00:34:11,960
I think it was most interesting.

550
00:34:11,960 --> 00:34:16,368
And I even on the
advice of my good wife

551
00:34:16,368 --> 00:34:21,429
or urging off my good wife, I

signed up for one in March too.

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00:34:21,429 --> 00:34:27,440

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00:34:27,440 --> 00:34:28,840

I need some clarification.

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00:34:28,840 --> 00:34:30,830

You've mentioned your
wife Ethel and you've

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00:34:30,830 --> 00:34:32,510

mentioned your wife Merrin.

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00:34:32,510 --> 00:34:35,909

Can you tell me
first about Ethel.

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00:34:35,909 --> 00:34:39,530

Ethel I met in Minneapolis.

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00:34:39,530 --> 00:34:42,110

Meet your spouse at
the Hillel House.

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00:34:42,110 --> 00:34:45,760

Well, I worked the Hillel
House, lo and behold,

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00:34:45,760 --> 00:34:53,095

Sundays they did
the fraternities

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00:34:53,095 --> 00:34:55,820

and did not serve
meals for some reason.

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00:34:55,820 --> 00:34:59,090

The Jewish students
came to Hillel House

563

00:34:59,090 --> 00:35:00,478
to use the kitchen.

564
00:35:00,478 --> 00:35:02,270
I came downstairs and
said, here's milkhik,

565
00:35:02,270 --> 00:35:05,420
here's flayshik,
don't mix them up.

566
00:35:05,420 --> 00:35:08,720
Five minutes later, I come
downstairs, everything

567
00:35:08,720 --> 00:35:11,040
is in shambles and mixed up.

568
00:35:11,040 --> 00:35:12,150
Well, I was upset.

569
00:35:12,150 --> 00:35:13,940
And there was a
redhead who said, now,

570
00:35:13,940 --> 00:35:14,950
what are you so upset?

571
00:35:14,950 --> 00:35:16,010
I said, look!

572
00:35:16,010 --> 00:35:18,750
Well, why don't you
tell me about it.

573
00:35:18,750 --> 00:35:21,680
That was Ethel.

574
00:35:21,680 --> 00:35:27,500
We married and '55 and had Ruth.

575
00:35:27,500 --> 00:35:44,750

And unfortunately I lost her to cancer after 38 years in '93.

576
00:35:44,750 --> 00:35:55,170
But I was fortunate and God kissed me on the eyes twice,

577
00:35:55,170 --> 00:36:02,350
and three years later in '96 I married Merrin.

578
00:36:02,350 --> 00:36:04,090
How did you meet Merrin?

579
00:36:04,090 --> 00:36:09,220
Merrin was the principal administrator at our synagogue.

580
00:36:09,220 --> 00:36:14,440
And Ethel used to teach recorder there.

581
00:36:14,440 --> 00:36:20,045
And, well, we knew each other, even friendly.

582
00:36:20,045 --> 00:36:21,640
We were good friends.

583
00:36:21,640 --> 00:36:24,630
That's the way I met.

584
00:36:24,630 --> 00:36:29,580
Well, Ethel told me, Fritz, she said, get married again.

585
00:36:29,580 --> 00:36:31,760
Because you're not doing well alone.

586
00:36:31,760 --> 00:36:43,505

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00:36:43,505 --> 00:36:46,980

I might want to also mention
that your wife Merrin has

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00:36:46,980 --> 00:36:48,630

done interviews of survivors.

589

00:36:48,630 --> 00:36:49,680

Yes, very much.

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00:36:49,680 --> 00:36:51,660

Actually, some we did together.

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00:36:51,660 --> 00:36:55,020

I was kind of the
timekeeper and took notes.

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00:36:55,020 --> 00:36:57,600

If there was a
word, I put it down.

593

00:36:57,600 --> 00:36:59,200

And she was very active.

594

00:36:59,200 --> 00:37:02,730

We do Baltimore, and actually
it was very interesting to me.

595

00:37:02,730 --> 00:37:05,910

There too, each
story is different.

596

00:37:05,910 --> 00:37:07,930

With the Shoah Foundation
we worked quite a bit.

597

00:37:07,930 --> 00:37:08,430

Yes.

598

00:37:08,430 --> 00:37:13,480

599

00:37:13,480 --> 00:37:18,630

Have you had any recurring
nightmares since World War II.

600

00:37:18,630 --> 00:37:21,237

Occasionally, Yes.

601

00:37:21,237 --> 00:37:21,820

Can you share?

602

00:37:21,820 --> 00:37:22,445

Yes.

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00:37:22,445 --> 00:37:23,440

[INAUDIBLE]

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00:37:23,440 --> 00:37:24,770

I don't know why.

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00:37:24,770 --> 00:37:32,290

Sometimes actually
doing the forced labor,

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00:37:32,290 --> 00:37:35,310

sometimes the air raids.

607

00:37:35,310 --> 00:37:36,880

It comes occasionally.

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00:37:36,880 --> 00:37:42,680

What very often happens,
admitted, I translate

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00:37:42,680 --> 00:37:44,960

letters, and sometimes--

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00:37:44,960 --> 00:37:48,580

I wouldn't say depressed,
becomes remembered.

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00:37:48,580 --> 00:37:57,195

And then I come home and I
see the people sitting there.

612
00:37:57,195 --> 00:37:59,990
[INAUDIBLE] Those of
Romania didn't even

613
00:37:59,990 --> 00:38:01,070
know how bad it was.

614
00:38:01,070 --> 00:38:03,890
Right now, simple, they'll
write to the daughter.

615
00:38:03,890 --> 00:38:10,390
Ah, yes, we are really
touched about your concerns,

616
00:38:10,390 --> 00:38:13,550
that you tried some way
to get us over to England.

617
00:38:13,550 --> 00:38:16,580
But, well, you see,
we need the money.

618
00:38:16,580 --> 00:38:20,360
And then, yeah,
maybe in your school

619
00:38:20,360 --> 00:38:26,030
you have some classmates who
have rich and good parents who

620
00:38:26,030 --> 00:38:29,330
will vouch for them,
give some money.

621
00:38:29,330 --> 00:38:32,510
Naive, and they knew it.

622
00:38:32,510 --> 00:38:33,660
[INAUDIBLE] and you read.

623
00:38:33,660 --> 00:38:35,840
And it comes through
they get the idea

624
00:38:35,840 --> 00:38:40,952
that you will not survive.

625
00:38:40,952 --> 00:38:42,160
And yesterday, what happened?

626
00:38:42,160 --> 00:38:44,670
I went to the library
to look up something,

627
00:38:44,670 --> 00:38:48,590
and lo and behold somebody
left the Berlin memorial book

628
00:38:48,590 --> 00:38:50,480
on the table.

629
00:38:50,480 --> 00:38:54,690
It gives the names,
dates, people, in Berlin

630
00:38:54,690 --> 00:38:57,530
who were deported.

631
00:38:57,530 --> 00:39:01,110
And I have looked through there.

632
00:39:01,110 --> 00:39:04,380
Actually, every year
there's a reading

633
00:39:04,380 --> 00:39:06,810
of names at the
Holocaust Museum.

634
00:39:06,810 --> 00:39:09,120
And actually I read names.

635

00:39:09,120 --> 00:39:11,850

I don't have to be
given a special list.

636

00:39:11,850 --> 00:39:14,730

I have my names, [INAUDIBLE]
[? some ?] [? I ?] remember.

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00:39:14,730 --> 00:39:19,490

And yesterday some came
to mind when I was reading

638

00:39:19,490 --> 00:39:22,430

this-- going through the book.

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00:39:22,430 --> 00:39:26,240

A young fellow, [INAUDIBLE]
a young man reminded.

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00:39:26,240 --> 00:39:29,250

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00:39:29,250 --> 00:39:33,870

My son-in-law
reminds me of him--

642

00:39:33,870 --> 00:39:35,990

looks and the way he acts.

643

00:39:35,990 --> 00:39:39,120

And just a two-year-old
child, not even--

644

00:39:39,120 --> 00:39:42,350

they killed them, all three.

645

00:39:42,350 --> 00:39:45,420

They come back
somewhat, subdued.

646

00:39:45,420 --> 00:39:46,260

Yes, occasionally.

647

00:39:46,260 --> 00:39:48,952

I haven't forgotten it.

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00:39:48,952 --> 00:39:49,918

No, I don't.

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00:39:49,918 --> 00:39:53,790

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00:39:53,790 --> 00:39:59,100

When you look back on all your
years in the United States,

651

00:39:59,100 --> 00:40:04,030

what has been your biggest
surprise, happiest surprise?

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00:40:04,030 --> 00:40:10,270

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00:40:10,270 --> 00:40:10,770

Surprise.

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00:40:10,770 --> 00:40:19,140

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00:40:19,140 --> 00:40:21,860

Perhaps not surprise,
but actually

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00:40:21,860 --> 00:40:25,890

I might wonder sometimes,
am I really made it?

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00:40:25,890 --> 00:40:29,480

I was reasonably successful
in my profession.

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00:40:29,480 --> 00:40:35,210

And when I came

over with 70 pounds,

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00:40:35,210 --> 00:40:39,760

I was permitted to take hundred
as I mentioned it, [? only] 70,

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00:40:39,760 --> 00:40:41,890

I was somewhat apprehensive
of what happened.

661

00:40:41,890 --> 00:40:43,510

Will I be able to make it?

662

00:40:43,510 --> 00:40:45,480

Language, what have you?

663

00:40:45,480 --> 00:40:46,670

And sometimes I look back--

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00:40:46,670 --> 00:40:49,500

look, it worked out.

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00:40:49,500 --> 00:40:57,450

But a surprise--
perhaps in some way

666

00:40:57,450 --> 00:41:00,900

that things turned
out the way they did.

667

00:41:00,900 --> 00:41:04,440

Not that I was a
pessimist at heart,

668

00:41:04,440 --> 00:41:08,880

but I've always been
some kind of worries.

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00:41:08,880 --> 00:41:15,990

Maybe not excessively so, but
I was never happy go lucky.

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00:41:15,990 --> 00:41:18,540

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00:41:18,540 --> 00:41:20,550

What was your reaction
when Joseph Lieberman

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00:41:20,550 --> 00:41:23,280

was selected to be the
Vice Presidential running

673

00:41:23,280 --> 00:41:24,720

mate for Al Gore?

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00:41:24,720 --> 00:41:25,220

Good.

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00:41:25,220 --> 00:41:25,985

Finally.

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00:41:25,985 --> 00:41:29,282

just a good idea.

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00:41:29,282 --> 00:41:30,740

I wondered what is
going to happen?

678

00:41:30,740 --> 00:41:33,720

Are they going to protect him?

679

00:41:33,720 --> 00:41:38,190

Every year at Shabbos he would
go the same time the same way.

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00:41:38,190 --> 00:41:40,080

What are they going to do?

681

00:41:40,080 --> 00:41:41,820

Otherwise, I was glad.

682

00:41:41,820 --> 00:41:44,550

683
00:41:44,550 --> 00:41:47,730
Actually, people said, oh.

684
00:41:47,730 --> 00:41:49,860
Yes, I knew it would
be some anti-Semitism,

685
00:41:49,860 --> 00:41:53,200
but I didn't think it
would be prevalent.

686
00:41:53,200 --> 00:42:01,801
And no, I was glad
a Jew was nominated.

687
00:42:01,801 --> 00:42:04,690

688
00:42:04,690 --> 00:42:08,720
What has been your biggest
disappointment in the United

689
00:42:08,720 --> 00:42:09,220
States?

690
00:42:09,220 --> 00:42:14,350

691
00:42:14,350 --> 00:42:18,190
Disappointment, I
would say my main thing

692
00:42:18,190 --> 00:42:22,270
that I wish wouldn't be--

693
00:42:22,270 --> 00:42:24,530
I feel what we have
now, right now--

694
00:42:24,530 --> 00:42:29,060

695

00:42:29,060 --> 00:42:34,940

good manners seem to
be out of fashion.

696

00:42:34,940 --> 00:42:45,800

For some reason, we
abandoned good manners.

697

00:42:45,800 --> 00:42:49,640

And we have the
[? contentious ?] litigation.

698

00:42:49,640 --> 00:42:52,840

Everything has to be sued.

699

00:42:52,840 --> 00:42:56,220

And for some reason,
even with our children,

700

00:42:56,220 --> 00:42:59,300

there is a time where you have--

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00:42:59,300 --> 00:43:04,395

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00:43:04,395 --> 00:43:09,450

we are so sort of careful that
if you don't do it right--

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00:43:09,450 --> 00:43:15,480

and so we believe even children
should have all the rights

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00:43:15,480 --> 00:43:17,250

of adults or this.

705

00:43:17,250 --> 00:43:18,160

I don't think so.

706

00:43:18,160 --> 00:43:19,535

They don't need

to be suppressed,

707

00:43:19,535 --> 00:43:21,690

they don't have
to be tyrannical,

708

00:43:21,690 --> 00:43:26,160

but occasionally I think
a little more discipline

709

00:43:26,160 --> 00:43:30,165

and good manners
would be very helpful.

710

00:43:30,165 --> 00:43:42,010

I think right now we are getting
a little bit too liberal.

711

00:43:42,010 --> 00:43:49,610

Occasionally, certain
guidelines have to be followed.

712

00:43:49,610 --> 00:43:53,240

I think if you want to
lead a civilized life,

713

00:43:53,240 --> 00:43:56,010

we have to do with that,
whether we like it or not.

714

00:43:56,010 --> 00:44:00,840

715

00:44:00,840 --> 00:44:02,500

What's next in store for you?

716

00:44:02,500 --> 00:44:05,044

What else would you
like to accomplish?

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00:44:05,044 --> 00:44:10,860

718

00:44:10,860 --> 00:44:11,640

Accomplish.

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00:44:11,640 --> 00:44:29,955

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00:44:29,955 --> 00:44:39,450

Well, number 1, I don't want
to be a burden to anyone.

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00:44:39,450 --> 00:44:45,042

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00:44:45,042 --> 00:44:47,130

And I try right now--

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00:44:47,130 --> 00:44:51,110

I'm retired now, but I
still try to be busy.

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00:44:51,110 --> 00:44:53,900

Do simple volunteer work,
even keep up my profession,

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00:44:53,900 --> 00:44:54,770

do some writing.

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00:44:54,770 --> 00:45:01,870

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00:45:01,870 --> 00:45:03,849

But major accomplishment.

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00:45:03,849 --> 00:45:08,440

729

00:45:08,440 --> 00:45:14,030

well, I try to see you
my grandchild grow up,

730

00:45:14,030 --> 00:45:19,860

try to see Merrin's
children get established

731
00:45:19,860 --> 00:45:24,150
in their profession, and
perhaps, occasionally, I

732
00:45:24,150 --> 00:45:28,960
can give a piece of advice,
that'll make things easier.

733
00:45:28,960 --> 00:45:35,710
I think if I have accomplished
all this, that would

734
00:45:35,710 --> 00:45:38,540
be a reasonable accomplishment.

735
00:45:38,540 --> 00:45:43,580
On the other hand, to
realize once you retire,

736
00:45:43,580 --> 00:45:45,580
you have to scale down
your expectations.

737
00:45:45,580 --> 00:45:49,480

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00:45:49,480 --> 00:45:51,569
I still don't like retirement.

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00:45:51,569 --> 00:45:59,240

740
00:45:59,240 --> 00:46:03,260
What would you like your
family, friends, and listeners

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00:46:03,260 --> 00:46:08,330
to know about you that they
may not know about your war

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00:46:08,330 --> 00:46:08,927
experiences?

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00:46:08,927 --> 00:46:10,760
Is there anything that
you haven't told them

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00:46:10,760 --> 00:46:11,968
that you'd like them to know?

745

00:46:11,968 --> 00:46:19,250

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00:46:19,250 --> 00:46:22,580
My war experiences,
I can only say

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00:46:22,580 --> 00:46:24,530
I was exceedingly fortunate.

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00:46:24,530 --> 00:46:26,840
I was really lucky.

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00:46:26,840 --> 00:46:31,970
My name actually, Gluckstein,
Glückstein-- happy stone.

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00:46:31,970 --> 00:46:33,880
Lucky stone-- glück.

751

00:46:33,880 --> 00:46:35,680
Not happy, lucky.

752

00:46:35,680 --> 00:46:38,640
I was lucky.

753

00:46:38,640 --> 00:46:40,310
And without that,
I wouldn't be here.

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00:46:40,310 --> 00:46:43,710

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00:46:43,710 --> 00:46:46,370

I always say why

I am still here--

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00:46:46,370 --> 00:46:49,360

I believe I mentioned it

before-- three things--

757

00:46:49,360 --> 00:46:54,410

because of my mother, who

wasn't Jewish, that helped.

758

00:46:54,410 --> 00:46:58,120

Good luck-- very good luck.

759

00:46:58,120 --> 00:47:05,350

I always-- I can say I was

never physically abused.

760

00:47:05,350 --> 00:47:08,410

And I mentioned it too,

I got the temporary duty

761

00:47:08,410 --> 00:47:10,900

at Eichmann's headquarter.

762

00:47:10,900 --> 00:47:14,635

I was assigned to

the best guy there.

763

00:47:14,635 --> 00:47:17,650

I still don't know what

the man was doing there.

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00:47:17,650 --> 00:47:19,810

And third, Marshal Konev.

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00:47:19,810 --> 00:47:22,420

He came in very fast

before anything could

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00:47:22,420 --> 00:47:25,145
be done to surviving Jews.

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00:47:25,145 --> 00:47:26,520
And her I am.

768

00:47:26,520 --> 00:47:27,745
Always fortunate.

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00:47:27,745 --> 00:47:30,082
Without good luck I
would have never made it.

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00:47:30,082 --> 00:47:33,888

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00:47:33,888 --> 00:47:35,430
Is there anything
else that you would

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00:47:35,430 --> 00:47:38,040
like to add before we
conclude the interview today?

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00:47:38,040 --> 00:47:40,880
Anything that we didn't discuss
that you'd like to bring up?

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00:47:40,880 --> 00:47:47,400

775

00:47:47,400 --> 00:47:48,650
No, I don't think so.

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00:47:48,650 --> 00:47:56,290

777

00:47:56,290 --> 00:47:58,970
I at least I can't
think of it right now.

778

00:47:58,970 --> 00:48:01,461
I think you've covered it.

779
00:48:01,461 --> 00:48:04,110
Right now there's nothing
urgent that I really--

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00:48:04,110 --> 00:48:04,610
no.

781
00:48:04,610 --> 00:48:13,800

782
00:48:13,800 --> 00:48:14,300
OK.

783
00:48:14,300 --> 00:48:16,670
Well, I thank you
very much for allowing

784
00:48:16,670 --> 00:48:20,870
me to do the interview on
both days that I was here.

785
00:48:20,870 --> 00:48:23,300
And this concludes the United
States Holocaust Memorial

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00:48:23,300 --> 00:48:26,069
Museum interview with
Fritz Gluckstein.

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00:48:26,069 --> 00:48:27,007
Thank you.

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00:48:27,007 --> 00:48:30,070

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00:48:30,070 --> 00:48:30,570
All right.

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00:48:30,570 --> 00:48:35,520

We are back with a
postscript to this interview.

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00:48:35,520 --> 00:48:38,220
After we concluded,
you told me that you're

792
00:48:38,220 --> 00:48:42,318
listed in American Men
and Women of Science.

793
00:48:42,318 --> 00:48:43,360
There's a listing on you.

794
00:48:43,360 --> 00:48:46,200
And there's also listing on
you in Who's Who in America.

795
00:48:46,200 --> 00:48:47,430
Can you tell me--

796
00:48:47,430 --> 00:48:49,560
I will put these
into your file--

797
00:48:49,560 --> 00:48:54,090
me what this is
about, how you became

798
00:48:54,090 --> 00:48:57,300
listed in the Who's Who and
what they have listed as?

799
00:48:57,300 --> 00:49:01,170

800
00:49:01,170 --> 00:49:04,440
Usually you are listed
because you are nominated.

801
00:49:04,440 --> 00:49:07,350
People think that you have
accomplished something,

802
00:49:07,350 --> 00:49:13,800
that you are a
distinguished representative

803
00:49:13,800 --> 00:49:17,490
for your profession
and you're nominated.

804
00:49:17,490 --> 00:49:21,550
And I believe if enough
nominations or the people who

805
00:49:21,550 --> 00:49:25,950
nominate you are
prestigious scientists,

806
00:49:25,950 --> 00:49:29,620
you are put in to
American Men of Science

807
00:49:29,620 --> 00:49:33,420
and also in Who's
Who in America.

808
00:49:33,420 --> 00:49:36,075
There's not much
you can do about it.

809
00:49:36,075 --> 00:49:39,810
And I must say, I was pleased.

810
00:49:39,810 --> 00:49:42,930
I would be lying-- it
was good for the ego,

811
00:49:42,930 --> 00:49:45,762
and I'm glad that happened.

812
00:49:45,762 --> 00:49:47,720
And what did I say about
you in these listings?

813

00:49:47,720 --> 00:49:50,430

814

00:49:50,430 --> 00:49:53,330

My field, primary
information science.

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00:49:53,330 --> 00:49:55,610

I was initial
[INAUDIBLE] of medicine.

816

00:49:55,610 --> 00:49:57,240

And what happened, people--

817

00:49:57,240 --> 00:50:01,730

it was know if somebody needed
some information, particularly

818

00:50:01,730 --> 00:50:05,370

needed it fast, I
usually could provide it.

819

00:50:05,370 --> 00:50:11,920

And apparently word got
around that people liked it,

820

00:50:11,920 --> 00:50:17,920

and I had some colleagues
who nominated me.

821

00:50:17,920 --> 00:50:21,230

822

00:50:21,230 --> 00:50:24,200

Would you care to comment
about the current work

823

00:50:24,200 --> 00:50:27,110

that you're doing that
I see in this folder?

824

00:50:27,110 --> 00:50:36,230

[INAUDIBLE] I am,
[INAUDIBLE] also I am--

825
00:50:36,230 --> 00:50:38,960

826
00:50:38,960 --> 00:50:44,210
actually, it's a specialty
board, America Veterinary

827
00:50:44,210 --> 00:50:45,860
Preventive Medicine.

828
00:50:45,860 --> 00:50:50,200
Well, it was prior to that
were called Veterinary Public

829
00:50:50,200 --> 00:50:50,700
Health.

830
00:50:50,700 --> 00:50:53,230
So it deals with
animal diseases that

831
00:50:53,230 --> 00:50:56,310
also affect man,
zoonoses, for instance

832
00:50:56,310 --> 00:51:02,120
like rabies, toxoplasmosis,
or food inspection.

833
00:51:02,120 --> 00:51:05,382
In fact, many people don't
know that the meat they eat

834
00:51:05,382 --> 00:51:07,730
are inspected by veterinarians.

835
00:51:07,730 --> 00:51:13,090
All aspects of veterinary
medicine that effect man.

836

00:51:13,090 --> 00:51:18,260

And I remember of
the, their specialty I

837

00:51:18,260 --> 00:51:23,010

have to pass this examination.

838

00:51:23,010 --> 00:51:30,635

And I'm still interested
in the zoonoses.

839

00:51:30,635 --> 00:51:35,060

I tried even to do some writing.

840

00:51:35,060 --> 00:51:38,190

Right now, of course, boy
is it a popular field.

841

00:51:38,190 --> 00:51:44,160

But it is quite
changed because of what

842

00:51:44,160 --> 00:51:49,260

scientific writing has little
to do with popular writing.

843

00:51:49,260 --> 00:51:50,850

Which actually is
bad-- it should.

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00:51:50,850 --> 00:51:53,472

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00:51:53,472 --> 00:51:54,930

Have you ever been
asked to comment

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00:51:54,930 --> 00:51:58,380

on what's gone on in Europe
with the mad cow disease?

847

00:51:58,380 --> 00:52:01,710

Have you ever been asked
about mad cow disease?

848
00:52:01,710 --> 00:52:04,280
Yes.

849
00:52:04,280 --> 00:52:05,470
I have been asked.

850
00:52:05,470 --> 00:52:08,000
But I am very careful.

851
00:52:08,000 --> 00:52:10,470
This is a very
specialized field.

852
00:52:10,470 --> 00:52:15,300
There is a new concept
actually, we know about--

853
00:52:15,300 --> 00:52:19,890
people know about bacteria,
they know about viruses,

854
00:52:19,890 --> 00:52:22,080
and now there is new--
actually, what it is

855
00:52:22,080 --> 00:52:24,400
a protein that is infectious.

856
00:52:24,400 --> 00:52:26,880
This is something
very problematic

857
00:52:26,880 --> 00:52:30,000
and people who are much better
qualified than I am are not

858
00:52:30,000 --> 00:52:32,270
quite clear what it is.

859

00:52:32,270 --> 00:52:39,630
But I'm very careful, because
I hope we can solve the riddle.

860
00:52:39,630 --> 00:52:43,080
But I think we are coming close.

861
00:52:43,080 --> 00:52:47,160
Is there anything else
that you'd like to add?

862
00:52:47,160 --> 00:52:49,710
Any other folders that you'd
like to open before I leave?

863
00:52:49,710 --> 00:52:55,254

864
00:52:55,254 --> 00:52:56,403
I don't think so.

865
00:52:56,403 --> 00:52:59,960

866
00:52:59,960 --> 00:53:04,180
I thank you, and I'm very
glad that you remembered that

867
00:53:04,180 --> 00:53:05,260
at the last minute.

868
00:53:05,260 --> 00:53:07,810
This now concludes the United
States Holocaust Memorial

869
00:53:07,810 --> 00:53:09,610
Museum interview with
Fritz Gluckstein.

870
00:53:09,610 --> 00:53:11,500
Thank you again.

871

00:53:11,500 --> 00:53:12,000

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