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00:00:00,000 --> 00:00:15,600

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00:00:15,600 --> 00:00:18,840
This is a United States
Holocaust Memorial Museum

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00:00:18,840 --> 00:00:23,670
volunteer collection interview
with Regine Ginsberg conducted

4
00:00:23,670 --> 00:00:34,240
by Gail Schwartz on April
23, 2010 in Washington DC.

5
00:00:34,240 --> 00:00:36,320
What is your full name?

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00:00:36,320 --> 00:00:39,850
My full name is Regine Ginsberg.

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00:00:39,850 --> 00:00:40,930
No middle name.

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00:00:40,930 --> 00:00:42,040
No middle name.

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00:00:42,040 --> 00:00:45,910
And what was the name
that you were born with?

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00:00:45,910 --> 00:00:50,200
In Belgium, in Brussels,
and probably in Poland also,

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00:00:50,200 --> 00:01:01,480
it was Zylberstejn, which was
spelled Z-Y-L-B-E-R-S-T-E-J-N.

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00:01:01,480 --> 00:01:06,710
And where and when

were you born?

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00:01:06,710 --> 00:01:14,230

I was born in Brussels
on November 19, 1925.

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00:01:14,230 --> 00:01:18,790

Let's talk a little bit about
your family, your parents.

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00:01:18,790 --> 00:01:20,590

Their names?

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00:01:20,590 --> 00:01:26,100

Leah and Volvish.

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00:01:26,100 --> 00:01:30,040

In America, he became John.

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00:01:30,040 --> 00:01:31,552

And your mother's maiden name?

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00:01:31,552 --> 00:01:32,260

Do you know that?

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00:01:32,260 --> 00:01:33,010

[? Sillerman. ?]

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00:01:33,010 --> 00:01:36,860

[? Sillerman. ?] And were
they also born in Brussels?

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00:01:36,860 --> 00:01:37,360

No.

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00:01:37,360 --> 00:01:39,580

They were both born in Poland.

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00:01:39,580 --> 00:01:43,370

They met in Poland,
from what I understand.

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00:01:43,370 --> 00:01:49,330

They married in Poland
by a rabbi, had a child.

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00:01:49,330 --> 00:01:51,250

And then when they
moved to Brussels,

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00:01:51,250 --> 00:01:53,960

they had to have
a civil ceremony.

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00:01:53,960 --> 00:01:56,890

So the three of them went
and got married again.

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00:01:56,890 --> 00:01:58,300

Where in Poland were they from?

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00:01:58,300 --> 00:01:59,260

What city?

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00:01:59,260 --> 00:02:01,450

From what I remember,
mother was always

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00:02:01,450 --> 00:02:03,420

talking about Biala Podlaska.

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00:02:03,420 --> 00:02:06,430

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00:02:06,430 --> 00:02:09,310

Mother and dad never
talked too much

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00:02:09,310 --> 00:02:12,190

about their
experiences in Poland

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00:02:12,190 --> 00:02:14,560

except that I

remember dad saying

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00:02:14,560 --> 00:02:19,060

that he had to leave
Poland because he

38

00:02:19,060 --> 00:02:22,750

would have been inducted in the
army, and he didn't want to be.

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00:02:22,750 --> 00:02:25,420

So he went to Brussels.

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00:02:25,420 --> 00:02:28,450

And my mother followed
him shortly after.

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00:02:28,450 --> 00:02:29,970

Do their birth dates?

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00:02:29,970 --> 00:02:35,600

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00:02:35,600 --> 00:02:44,020

Mother was-- Dad was July
the 8th And the year--

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00:02:44,020 --> 00:02:45,220

OK.

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00:02:45,220 --> 00:02:47,800

[INAUDIBLE] perhaps?

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00:02:47,800 --> 00:02:51,196

18-- one was 1896, and
one was 1898 [LAUGHS]..

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00:02:51,196 --> 00:02:51,930

OK.

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00:02:51,930 --> 00:02:54,130

That's fine, that's

fine, that's fine.

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00:02:54,130 --> 00:02:57,380

And what kind of work
did your father do?

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00:02:57,380 --> 00:03:00,370

He was in the leather
goods wholesale business.

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00:03:00,370 --> 00:03:05,950

He manufactured leather goods
like wallets, anything made out

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00:03:05,950 --> 00:03:06,940

of leather goods.

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00:03:06,940 --> 00:03:11,080

And actually, we had a very
nice house in Brussels.

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00:03:11,080 --> 00:03:14,570

But the factory was at
the back of the house.

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00:03:14,570 --> 00:03:17,140

And I remember coming
home from school

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00:03:17,140 --> 00:03:20,050

and often going up
there and visiting

57

00:03:20,050 --> 00:03:22,850

with some of the workers.

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00:03:22,850 --> 00:03:26,500

And it's really interesting
because I must tell you

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00:03:26,500 --> 00:03:32,050

that I'm 84 years old, and I've
never talked about this before.

60
00:03:32,050 --> 00:03:34,660
Well, we're very appreciative
that you're doing this now.

61
00:03:34,660 --> 00:03:35,710
It's wonderful.

62
00:03:35,710 --> 00:03:36,868
I felt it was time.

63
00:03:36,868 --> 00:03:37,368
Yes.

64
00:03:37,368 --> 00:03:40,580

65
00:03:40,580 --> 00:03:44,450
Did you have a large
extended family in Brussels,

66
00:03:44,450 --> 00:03:46,170
or were they in Poland?

67
00:03:46,170 --> 00:03:51,170
I had two grandmothers
and two grandfathers.

68
00:03:51,170 --> 00:03:52,020
I remember them.

69
00:03:52,020 --> 00:03:54,350
My mother's mother
lived across the street

70
00:03:54,350 --> 00:03:55,980
from where we were living.

71
00:03:55,980 --> 00:03:57,480
So they all came from Poland--

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00:03:57,480 --> 00:03:57,980
Yes.

73
00:03:57,980 --> 00:03:58,850
--with your parents?

74
00:03:58,850 --> 00:03:59,350
No.

75
00:03:59,350 --> 00:04:02,150
They came afterwards.

76
00:04:02,150 --> 00:04:05,780
And it must have been in the
early '30s when they came.

77
00:04:05,780 --> 00:04:07,190
Oh.

78
00:04:07,190 --> 00:04:12,560
I remember my mother's
father passed away.

79
00:04:12,560 --> 00:04:14,570
And of course, at
that time, we were

80
00:04:14,570 --> 00:04:17,775
too young to be allowed
to attend funerals.

81
00:04:17,775 --> 00:04:18,860
Right.

82
00:04:18,860 --> 00:04:23,450
And my maternal
grandmother, as I said,

83
00:04:23,450 --> 00:04:25,110
lived across the street.

84
00:04:25,110 --> 00:04:27,920

And I remember I went often
over there after school.

85
00:04:27,920 --> 00:04:33,192
She used to fix me
omelettes fried in oil

86
00:04:33,192 --> 00:04:37,250
[LAUGHS] which seemed to
be delicious at the time.

87
00:04:37,250 --> 00:04:41,990
For some reason, my paternal
grandmother, very sweet

88
00:04:41,990 --> 00:04:44,180
little woman, I remember her.

89
00:04:44,180 --> 00:04:47,360
But I don't remember where
she was and where she lived.

90
00:04:47,360 --> 00:04:50,330
So perhaps she didn't
live in Brussels.

91
00:04:50,330 --> 00:04:53,330
What about aunts,
uncles, cousins?

92
00:04:53,330 --> 00:05:01,080
My father had a brother
that I remember also.

93
00:05:01,080 --> 00:05:04,800
Quite a bit younger than
me, about 10 years younger.

94
00:05:04,800 --> 00:05:08,640
And he came to Brussels
at a certain time.

95
00:05:08,640 --> 00:05:13,170

And my mother had a
sister and three brothers.

96
00:05:13,170 --> 00:05:16,110
She lost all three
brothers during the war.

97
00:05:16,110 --> 00:05:18,570
Her sister had gone to Israel.

98
00:05:18,570 --> 00:05:19,620
I remember that.

99
00:05:19,620 --> 00:05:22,550

100
00:05:22,550 --> 00:05:25,350
Did you live right in
the center of the city?

101
00:05:25,350 --> 00:05:25,850
Yes.

102
00:05:25,850 --> 00:05:27,470
I did.

103
00:05:27,470 --> 00:05:32,120
I lived close to
the Gare du Midi

104
00:05:32,120 --> 00:05:36,080
I remember, because we didn't
take the train very often.

105
00:05:36,080 --> 00:05:41,780
We didn't have a car, and
we traveled either by tram

106
00:05:41,780 --> 00:05:43,310
or by train.

107
00:05:43,310 --> 00:05:50,150

And every summer, mother
and dad would rent a house

108
00:05:50,150 --> 00:05:55,130
at the beach, Blankenberge,
and the family

109
00:05:55,130 --> 00:05:57,500
would spend the summer there.

110
00:05:57,500 --> 00:06:01,440
And my father would
come out on weekends.

111
00:06:01,440 --> 00:06:02,570
And it was nice.

112
00:06:02,570 --> 00:06:06,020
Now, you mentioned that you had
an older sibling, a brother?

113
00:06:06,020 --> 00:06:07,190
I have a brother.

114
00:06:07,190 --> 00:06:08,840
He was seven years older.

115
00:06:08,840 --> 00:06:10,480
And he was born in Poland.

116
00:06:10,480 --> 00:06:13,370
He was born in Poland, and
I was born in Brussels.

117
00:06:13,370 --> 00:06:14,630
And his name?

118
00:06:14,630 --> 00:06:16,400
Jack.

119
00:06:16,400 --> 00:06:17,960
And that's the name

he was born with?

120
00:06:17,960 --> 00:06:21,290
I think so because that's
the only way I know.

121
00:06:21,290 --> 00:06:24,650
In [INAUDIBLE],,
Belgium, it was Jack,

122
00:06:24,650 --> 00:06:29,600
which was spelled differently
than the American spelling.

123
00:06:29,600 --> 00:06:31,670
Were your parents religious?

124
00:06:31,670 --> 00:06:32,460
Observant?

125
00:06:32,460 --> 00:06:32,960
Yes.

126
00:06:32,960 --> 00:06:35,550
They were very
observant in Belgium.

127
00:06:35,550 --> 00:06:41,660
Mother kept kosher and
kept all the holidays.

128
00:06:41,660 --> 00:06:44,840
I remember the
holidays very clearly.

129
00:06:44,840 --> 00:06:45,712
I really do.

130
00:06:45,712 --> 00:06:46,920
Can you describe one of them?

131
00:06:46,920 --> 00:06:49,280

Well, Passover
was just wonderful

132
00:06:49,280 --> 00:06:52,820
because mother would
start cleaning the house

133
00:06:52,820 --> 00:06:57,140
and cleaning the silver
and bringing baskets

134
00:06:57,140 --> 00:06:59,450
of eggs and baskets of onions.

135
00:06:59,450 --> 00:07:03,160
And I even remember her
[? slogging kapparot ?]----

136
00:07:03,160 --> 00:07:03,660
Right.

137
00:07:03,660 --> 00:07:06,634
--[LAUGHS] for the chicken.

138
00:07:06,634 --> 00:07:08,900
Right, right.

139
00:07:08,900 --> 00:07:13,640
I mean, it was a lot to
do, I remember that before.

140
00:07:13,640 --> 00:07:16,250
And mother even would do--

141
00:07:16,250 --> 00:07:20,930
she would put-- she would
make her own wine for Passover

142
00:07:20,930 --> 00:07:22,970
because behind the bed--

143
00:07:22,970 --> 00:07:25,400

and this is just
now coming to me--

144
00:07:25,400 --> 00:07:28,018
there was a big--

145
00:07:28,018 --> 00:07:29,060
what would you call them?

146
00:07:29,060 --> 00:07:32,090
Those great, big jars
that you keep wine in?

147
00:07:32,090 --> 00:07:33,448
Barrels, barrels?

148
00:07:33,448 --> 00:07:34,490
Well, it wasn't a barrel.

149
00:07:34,490 --> 00:07:37,040
It was made out of a
glass, but it was huge.

150
00:07:37,040 --> 00:07:40,310
And she would do
cherries and sugar.

151
00:07:40,310 --> 00:07:42,730
And they would ferment
until Passover.

152
00:07:42,730 --> 00:07:45,680
[LAUGHS] And it
really was delicious.

153
00:07:45,680 --> 00:07:50,870
And I remember we finally
got our own bathroom

154
00:07:50,870 --> 00:07:54,620
because we didn't have
one for the longest time.

155

00:07:54,620 --> 00:07:55,800

Not a bathtub.

156

00:07:55,800 --> 00:08:02,960

I mean-- because I couldn't--
if I remember clearly,

157

00:08:02,960 --> 00:08:06,170

we used to go to--

158

00:08:06,170 --> 00:08:07,590

what would you call 'em?

159

00:08:07,590 --> 00:08:08,090

Baths?

160

00:08:08,090 --> 00:08:09,540

You mean public baths?

161

00:08:09,540 --> 00:08:10,505

Public, yes.

162

00:08:10,505 --> 00:08:11,360

Mm-hmm.

163

00:08:11,360 --> 00:08:15,170

And for Pesach, we
all had to clean up.

164

00:08:15,170 --> 00:08:17,240

We all had to dress up.

165

00:08:17,240 --> 00:08:20,010

And we all had to
sit at the table.

166

00:08:20,010 --> 00:08:23,720

It didn't matter if it
was 11 o'clock at night.

167

00:08:23,720 --> 00:08:30,530

But, you know, there was
a sense of peace, really.

168
00:08:30,530 --> 00:08:32,090
I do remember that.

169
00:08:32,090 --> 00:08:35,870
We never complained
about being hungry.

170
00:08:35,870 --> 00:08:39,230
Mother must have had the family
over because it was always

171
00:08:39,230 --> 00:08:41,460
more than the four of us.

172
00:08:41,460 --> 00:08:43,820
But I do remember Passover.

173
00:08:43,820 --> 00:08:47,450
I do remember Rosh
ha-Shanah and Yom Kippur

174
00:08:47,450 --> 00:08:51,380
because the women and
the men sat separately.

175
00:08:51,380 --> 00:08:54,380
Mom and I sat upstairs,
while papa and my brother

176
00:08:54,380 --> 00:08:55,820
were downstairs.

177
00:08:55,820 --> 00:09:00,290
And I do remember my
brother's bar mitzvah,

178
00:09:00,290 --> 00:09:05,120
how he used to have a rabbi that
used to come in and tutor him

179

00:09:05,120 --> 00:09:06,785
but not me.

180

00:09:06,785 --> 00:09:07,285
Girls--

181

00:09:07,285 --> 00:09:08,150
Girls--

182

00:09:08,150 --> 00:09:14,210
--were not as important at that
time, really, which I thought

183

00:09:14,210 --> 00:09:15,420
was very interesting.

184

00:09:15,420 --> 00:09:20,420
Now, I think that's very
interesting because he could

185

00:09:20,420 --> 00:09:25,520
read Hebrew, and he had
a good understanding even

186

00:09:25,520 --> 00:09:27,710
when he got married
with his family.

187

00:09:27,710 --> 00:09:32,240
And I never did until
I was bat mitzvah.

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00:09:32,240 --> 00:09:33,830
What language did
you speak at home?

189

00:09:33,830 --> 00:09:34,650
French.

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00:09:34,650 --> 00:09:35,330
Oh, you spoke--

191
00:09:35,330 --> 00:09:35,870
Oh, at home?

192
00:09:35,870 --> 00:09:36,500
Yiddish.

193
00:09:36,500 --> 00:09:37,370
Oh.

194
00:09:37,370 --> 00:09:38,960
At home, we spoke Yiddish.

195
00:09:38,960 --> 00:09:42,830
And when mother and dad
didn't want me to understand,

196
00:09:42,830 --> 00:09:45,110
they spoke Polish.

197
00:09:45,110 --> 00:09:47,870
And of course, French
was the language--

198
00:09:47,870 --> 00:09:48,920
Yes.

199
00:09:48,920 --> 00:09:51,350
--that I learned over there.

200
00:09:51,350 --> 00:09:52,410
I mean, I went to school.

201
00:09:52,410 --> 00:09:52,910
Right.

202
00:09:52,910 --> 00:09:53,690
Right.

203
00:09:53,690 --> 00:09:54,935
Were your parents Zionists?

204
00:09:54,935 --> 00:09:57,700

205
00:09:57,700 --> 00:10:00,100
I don't know.

206
00:10:00,100 --> 00:10:02,220
I really don't know about that.

207
00:10:02,220 --> 00:10:05,850

208
00:10:05,850 --> 00:10:06,780
I don't know.

209
00:10:06,780 --> 00:10:07,800
OK.

210
00:10:07,800 --> 00:10:08,970
OK.

211
00:10:08,970 --> 00:10:11,160
Let's talk a little bit
about your neighborhood.

212
00:10:11,160 --> 00:10:13,260
Was it a Jewish neighborhood?

213
00:10:13,260 --> 00:10:16,740
If it wasn't, we didn't mix
with anybody who wasn't Jewish--

214
00:10:16,740 --> 00:10:17,790
Oh, really?

215
00:10:17,790 --> 00:10:19,800
--because it was
very interesting.

216
00:10:19,800 --> 00:10:23,220
We all had identity cards.

217
00:10:23,220 --> 00:10:27,850
And I don't know what
year that came to be.

218
00:10:27,850 --> 00:10:32,610
But our identity cards were
a different color than those

219
00:10:32,610 --> 00:10:35,160
who were Belgium and Gentile.

220
00:10:35,160 --> 00:10:40,140
We had a yellow band
across the identity card,

221
00:10:40,140 --> 00:10:42,690
and I was not allowed
to mix with anybody

222
00:10:42,690 --> 00:10:43,800
who was not Jewish.

223
00:10:43,800 --> 00:10:45,150
So you never played with--

224
00:10:45,150 --> 00:10:46,710
I never did.

225
00:10:46,710 --> 00:10:47,520
No.

226
00:10:47,520 --> 00:10:50,350
It was ingrained in me.

227
00:10:50,350 --> 00:10:53,040
I don't know whether I thought
I was going to burn in hell.

228
00:10:53,040 --> 00:10:53,540
[LAUGHS]

229

00:10:53,540 --> 00:10:54,360

Mm-hmm, mm-hmm.

230

00:10:54,360 --> 00:10:59,580

It was a real scandal,
as mother would put it.

231

00:10:59,580 --> 00:11:00,457

Right.

232

00:11:00,457 --> 00:11:01,800

Right.

233

00:11:01,800 --> 00:11:04,050

So what about the
school that you went to?

234

00:11:04,050 --> 00:11:05,100

Was it a Jewish school?

235

00:11:05,100 --> 00:11:05,640

No.

236

00:11:05,640 --> 00:11:06,420

It was not.

237

00:11:06,420 --> 00:11:08,550

It was a public school.

238

00:11:08,550 --> 00:11:12,270

And I very much remember my
father walking me to school

239

00:11:12,270 --> 00:11:14,880

in the morning, holding my hand.

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00:11:14,880 --> 00:11:17,940

But I only did--

241

00:11:17,940 --> 00:11:23,580

I couldn't have gotten too

much past elementary school

242

00:11:23,580 --> 00:11:27,810

because, well, I
went to school--

243

00:11:27,810 --> 00:11:33,290

I don't know how the school
was divided over there

244

00:11:33,290 --> 00:11:39,230

because I was 14 when I left
Belgium, but a very young 14.

245

00:11:39,230 --> 00:11:42,890

Very protected.

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00:11:42,890 --> 00:11:44,630

No independence.

247

00:11:44,630 --> 00:11:47,720

I was going to ask you
how independent you were.

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00:11:47,720 --> 00:11:49,250

No independence at all.

249

00:11:49,250 --> 00:11:50,600

No independence at all.

250

00:11:50,600 --> 00:11:54,170

I was under the
protection of my parents.

251

00:11:54,170 --> 00:11:56,780

In fact, now that
I think about it,

252

00:11:56,780 --> 00:12:01,110

I don't think I was ever,
until I got married,

253

00:12:01,110 --> 00:12:05,630
without one parent or the
other or both of them,

254
00:12:05,630 --> 00:12:07,990
which is very interesting.

255
00:12:07,990 --> 00:12:09,610
What about any hobbies?

256
00:12:09,610 --> 00:12:14,035
Did you have any
hobbies as a young girl?

257
00:12:14,035 --> 00:12:14,950
No.

258
00:12:14,950 --> 00:12:21,530
Did you like to read or art or
music or anything like that?

259
00:12:21,530 --> 00:12:23,660
I don't remember studying--

260
00:12:23,660 --> 00:12:26,960
I did have a piano teacher
that came to the house

261
00:12:26,960 --> 00:12:28,970
and gave piano lessons.

262
00:12:28,970 --> 00:12:32,010
I don't know that I was
that interested in it.

263
00:12:32,010 --> 00:12:34,010
I did not become an artist.

264
00:12:34,010 --> 00:12:41,870
[LAUGHS] But I don't think
they had the arts in school

265

00:12:41,870 --> 00:12:43,790
as much as they do now.

266
00:12:43,790 --> 00:12:48,230
It was mostly
academic at that time

267
00:12:48,230 --> 00:12:51,680
because I remember I had
a Latin teacher already

268
00:12:51,680 --> 00:12:53,630
because she would--

269
00:12:53,630 --> 00:12:56,090
I remember one thing about her.

270
00:12:56,090 --> 00:12:58,430
She read palms.

271
00:12:58,430 --> 00:13:01,710
And as she read my palm--

272
00:13:01,710 --> 00:13:03,720
this was before the war--

273
00:13:03,720 --> 00:13:05,960
she said I would have
a very short life.

274
00:13:05,960 --> 00:13:07,580
And she was very--

275
00:13:07,580 --> 00:13:10,910
and you know, that stayed
with me my whole life.

276
00:13:10,910 --> 00:13:12,780
And now that I'm
84, I'm all right.

277
00:13:12,780 --> 00:13:14,136

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278
00:13:14,136 --> 00:13:15,492
Oh, my.

279
00:13:15,492 --> 00:13:16,850
Oh, my.

280
00:13:16,850 --> 00:13:19,450
So in your class, there
were Jewish students

281
00:13:19,450 --> 00:13:20,450
and non-Jewish students?

282
00:13:20,450 --> 00:13:20,950
Yes.

283
00:13:20,950 --> 00:13:24,920
Because I remember we
celebrated Santa Claus,

284
00:13:24,920 --> 00:13:27,200
which was on December the 6th.

285
00:13:27,200 --> 00:13:28,070
Oh.

286
00:13:28,070 --> 00:13:29,090
A different time.

287
00:13:29,090 --> 00:13:29,475
A different time.

288
00:13:29,475 --> 00:13:29,975
Right.

289
00:13:29,975 --> 00:13:31,890
Yes.

290
00:13:31,890 --> 00:13:32,600

Yeah.

291
00:13:32,600 --> 00:13:35,048
Would you describe
your childhood,

292
00:13:35,048 --> 00:13:38,095
your young childhood,
as a happy time?

293
00:13:38,095 --> 00:13:40,760
A relaxed time?

294
00:13:40,760 --> 00:13:43,530
I don't remember
it as a happy time.

295
00:13:43,530 --> 00:13:48,200
And I often try to think why.

296
00:13:48,200 --> 00:13:50,750
My mother was a very
beautiful woman.

297
00:13:50,750 --> 00:13:51,680
Mm-hmm.

298
00:13:51,680 --> 00:13:55,910
My father was busy during
the day in his business.

299
00:13:55,910 --> 00:13:59,300
And mother was gone when
I came home from school.

300
00:13:59,300 --> 00:14:00,830
She loved to dress up.

301
00:14:00,830 --> 00:14:01,640
Did she work?

302
00:14:01,640 --> 00:14:02,600

No, she didn't work.

303

00:14:02,600 --> 00:14:07,580

She loved to dress up and
go for tea in the afternoon.

304

00:14:07,580 --> 00:14:13,130

And she would come home later.

305

00:14:13,130 --> 00:14:18,740

I remember myself as
being a lonely child

306

00:14:18,740 --> 00:14:21,830

because my brother
was seven years older,

307

00:14:21,830 --> 00:14:25,820

and I was always
in his way [LAUGHS]

308

00:14:25,820 --> 00:14:32,420

so that I don't remember a
lot of family gatherings.

309

00:14:32,420 --> 00:14:35,600

Did you have any religious
training yourself?

310

00:14:35,600 --> 00:14:36,240

No.

311

00:14:36,240 --> 00:14:36,740

No.

312

00:14:36,740 --> 00:14:38,780

The training was at home.

313

00:14:38,780 --> 00:14:42,320

You knew you were Jewish, and
that's all there was to it.

314

00:14:42,320 --> 00:14:44,510
You practiced Judaism.

315
00:14:44,510 --> 00:14:47,570
You light the candles
on Friday night.

316
00:14:47,570 --> 00:14:50,600
You celebrated the Sabbath.

317
00:14:50,600 --> 00:14:55,760
And I don't think mother
celebrated the Sabbath

318
00:14:55,760 --> 00:15:00,290
on Saturday by staying home
and meditating all day long.

319
00:15:00,290 --> 00:15:02,030
I don't remember that.

320
00:15:02,030 --> 00:15:06,770
But I know that the Jewishness
was ingrained in me.

321
00:15:06,770 --> 00:15:08,190
Were you proud to be a Jew?

322
00:15:08,190 --> 00:15:09,440
Yes.

323
00:15:09,440 --> 00:15:11,290
Why?

324
00:15:11,290 --> 00:15:13,820
Because I was born a Jew.

325
00:15:13,820 --> 00:15:18,500
And I just wouldn't
think of any other way.

326
00:15:18,500 --> 00:15:23,030

And you must remember
that I only grew up

327
00:15:23,030 --> 00:15:25,395
in Brussels until I was 14.

328
00:15:25,395 --> 00:15:25,895
14.

329
00:15:25,895 --> 00:15:27,478
Yeah, we're talking
about this young--

330
00:15:27,478 --> 00:15:32,000
And a 14-year-old
at that time would

331
00:15:32,000 --> 00:15:35,950
be like an 11, 12-year-old
in comparison today.

332
00:15:35,950 --> 00:15:38,820
Right.

333
00:15:38,820 --> 00:15:41,670
Now, Hitler came
into power in '33.

334
00:15:41,670 --> 00:15:44,640
When did you start
hearing about him?

335
00:15:44,640 --> 00:15:47,010
Or did you hear about
him before you left?

336
00:15:47,010 --> 00:15:50,160
The only time I started hearing
about it that I would have

337
00:15:50,160 --> 00:15:54,090
become aware is that a
little later probably,

338
00:15:54,090 --> 00:15:56,835
around 35 or '36--

339
00:15:56,835 --> 00:15:57,710
So you'd be 10 or 11?

340
00:15:57,710 --> 00:16:03,150
-- maybe even '37, there were
Germans who were fleeing,

341
00:16:03,150 --> 00:16:06,570
German Jews who were
leaving Germany,

342
00:16:06,570 --> 00:16:10,950
trying to get to Israel and
other parts of the world.

343
00:16:10,950 --> 00:16:13,020
They would come through Belgium.

344
00:16:13,020 --> 00:16:16,920
And I remember that we had
some of them for dinner.

345
00:16:16,920 --> 00:16:19,920
Now, how they came to my
mother and dad's house?

346
00:16:19,920 --> 00:16:22,650
There must have
been an organization

347
00:16:22,650 --> 00:16:25,080
that placed them
in different homes

348
00:16:25,080 --> 00:16:28,100
for dinner, for hospitality.

349
00:16:28,100 --> 00:16:29,430

Right.

350
00:16:29,430 --> 00:16:31,320
And I do remember that.

351
00:16:31,320 --> 00:16:36,480
And that was the only
way I knew, not realizing

352
00:16:36,480 --> 00:16:38,760
what the problem was
because I really wasn't

353
00:16:38,760 --> 00:16:42,860
included in the conversation.

354
00:16:42,860 --> 00:16:46,940
But I do remember that
they were German Jews who

355
00:16:46,940 --> 00:16:48,950
had ran away from Germany.

356
00:16:48,950 --> 00:16:51,630
And they were talking
about some of the problems

357
00:16:51,630 --> 00:16:53,600
I'm sure at that time.

358
00:16:53,600 --> 00:16:55,550
But there were many
Jews who didn't believe

359
00:16:55,550 --> 00:16:57,920
that they would be touched.

360
00:16:57,920 --> 00:17:01,340
And obviously, my
parents didn't either

361
00:17:01,340 --> 00:17:05,750

because they waited until
the Germans attacked Belgium.

362
00:17:05,750 --> 00:17:09,530
But my father was very wise.

363
00:17:09,530 --> 00:17:12,890
We didn't find that
out until we were here.

364
00:17:12,890 --> 00:17:15,109
And I didn't find
that out until--

365
00:17:15,109 --> 00:17:19,819
before my brother died
that my father in the '30s

366
00:17:19,819 --> 00:17:25,819
wired \$10,000 to the
Chase Bank in New York.

367
00:17:25,819 --> 00:17:27,270
Oh, my.

368
00:17:27,270 --> 00:17:30,860
And that money was here when
we came to the United States.

369
00:17:30,860 --> 00:17:32,880
That was very wise of him.

370
00:17:32,880 --> 00:17:33,380
Very.

371
00:17:33,380 --> 00:17:35,560
And \$10,000 was a lot of money--

372
00:17:35,560 --> 00:17:36,130
Amazing.

373
00:17:36,130 --> 00:17:36,755

--at that time.

374

00:17:36,755 --> 00:17:38,390

Now, what year was that?

375

00:17:38,390 --> 00:17:40,245

It was sometimes in the '30s--

376

00:17:40,245 --> 00:17:43,100

The '30s, yeah, mm-hmm.

377

00:17:43,100 --> 00:17:48,680

--because by the time we
came in 1942, apparently,

378

00:17:48,680 --> 00:17:52,220

his handwriting, my brother told
me, had changed a little bit.

379

00:17:52,220 --> 00:17:56,270

And they were giving him a
hard time [LAUGHS] about it.

380

00:17:56,270 --> 00:17:58,830

But he did collect the
money, and he opened up

381

00:17:58,830 --> 00:18:05,520

a leather goods store in
McKeesport, Pennsylvania.

382

00:18:05,520 --> 00:18:08,940

So let's talk a little
bit about the 1930s.

383

00:18:08,940 --> 00:18:12,210

You said your first indication
was when German Jews would

384

00:18:12,210 --> 00:18:13,300

come to your house.

385

00:18:13,300 --> 00:18:16,410

386

00:18:16,410 --> 00:18:18,990

Did you know of a man
named Hitler at that point,

387

00:18:18,990 --> 00:18:21,900

in the mid '30-- when you
were 10, 11, or 12, you know?

388

00:18:21,900 --> 00:18:23,520

I might have heard the name.

389

00:18:23,520 --> 00:18:28,230

But I think I was protected
from hearing too much

390

00:18:28,230 --> 00:18:35,970

or being afraid about too much
because, again, the atmosphere

391

00:18:35,970 --> 00:18:38,220

and the thought must
have been at that time

392

00:18:38,220 --> 00:18:42,210

that it wasn't going to
be so easy for the Nazis

393

00:18:42,210 --> 00:18:46,440

to overtake Europe
the way they did.

394

00:18:46,440 --> 00:18:52,570

I'm sure that that's what was
in their mind because, I mean,

395

00:18:52,570 --> 00:18:57,300

we really ran the day
they attacked Belgium.

396

00:18:57,300 --> 00:19:02,375

So up to that point though, you just had a regular childhood?

397
00:19:02,375 --> 00:19:03,000
Went to school?

398
00:19:03,000 --> 00:19:04,530
Regular childhood.

399
00:19:04,530 --> 00:19:05,060
Yes.

400
00:19:05,060 --> 00:19:06,720
And you played with friends, I assume?

401
00:19:06,720 --> 00:19:07,650
Yes.

402
00:19:07,650 --> 00:19:08,820
Jewish friends only.

403
00:19:08,820 --> 00:19:10,710
Jewish friends only.

404
00:19:10,710 --> 00:19:15,300
And I don't remember the playing with friends,

405
00:19:15,300 --> 00:19:16,380
and I don't know why.

406
00:19:16,380 --> 00:19:18,510
But I must have had some friends because I

407
00:19:18,510 --> 00:19:22,530
had some letters after the war from a couple of people

408
00:19:22,530 --> 00:19:23,940
who said they were my friend.

409
00:19:23,940 --> 00:19:25,668
[LAUGHS]

410
00:19:25,668 --> 00:19:28,110
Then Hitler invades
Austria in '38.

411
00:19:28,110 --> 00:19:30,240
Did you-- does
that mean anything?

412
00:19:30,240 --> 00:19:31,313
It didn't budge--

413
00:19:31,313 --> 00:19:31,980
Didn't register.

414
00:19:31,980 --> 00:19:35,790
It didn't register
with my parents.

415
00:19:35,790 --> 00:19:39,780
And of course, I heard
about the Maginot Line.

416
00:19:39,780 --> 00:19:41,370
But didn't do any good.

417
00:19:41,370 --> 00:19:43,140
They went right around it.

418
00:19:43,140 --> 00:19:44,340
And Kristallnacht.

419
00:19:44,340 --> 00:19:46,170
Did you know-- do you have any--

420
00:19:46,170 --> 00:19:48,450
Kristallnacht.

421

00:19:48,450 --> 00:19:53,230
The Crystal Night when they
destroyed synagogues and--

422
00:19:53,230 --> 00:19:53,730
No.

423
00:19:53,730 --> 00:19:54,190
OK.

424
00:19:54,190 --> 00:19:55,023
So you didn't hear--

425
00:19:55,023 --> 00:19:55,560
No.

426
00:19:55,560 --> 00:19:56,060
No.

427
00:19:56,060 --> 00:19:59,310
But your parents
had a radio and--

428
00:19:59,310 --> 00:20:00,660
I'm sure.

429
00:20:00,660 --> 00:20:02,745
But I don't remember
listening to a radio.

430
00:20:02,745 --> 00:20:03,953
You don't remember listening.

431
00:20:03,953 --> 00:20:05,650
Did your parents
understand German?

432
00:20:05,650 --> 00:20:06,150
No.

433
00:20:06,150 --> 00:20:07,550
No.

434
00:20:07,550 --> 00:20:08,050
No.

435
00:20:08,050 --> 00:20:10,030
There was Polish, French--

436
00:20:10,030 --> 00:20:10,530
And Yiddish.

437
00:20:10,530 --> 00:20:11,430
--and Yiddish.

438
00:20:11,430 --> 00:20:12,790
And I spoke Yiddish.

439
00:20:12,790 --> 00:20:13,538
Yeah.

440
00:20:13,538 --> 00:20:15,410
Yeah.

441
00:20:15,410 --> 00:20:20,870
So what's your first memory
of the difficult times?

442
00:20:20,870 --> 00:20:23,420
What's the first
memory that you have?

443
00:20:23,420 --> 00:20:30,440
That was the day that we had
to leave our home with nothing.

444
00:20:30,440 --> 00:20:33,140
I mean, we really
just closed the door.

445
00:20:33,140 --> 00:20:34,760
How did your parents know this?

446

00:20:34,760 --> 00:20:36,920

What was the-- what
was the condition.

447

00:20:36,920 --> 00:20:37,420

Because--

448

00:20:37,420 --> 00:20:38,545

--what were the conditions?

449

00:20:38,545 --> 00:20:43,100

--the Germans were
invading Belgium.

450

00:20:43,100 --> 00:20:43,600

Right.

451

00:20:43,600 --> 00:20:46,210

And they were bombs coming down.

452

00:20:46,210 --> 00:20:47,500

OK.

453

00:20:47,500 --> 00:20:50,230

And some of the
people, I remember,

454

00:20:50,230 --> 00:20:52,330

were boarding up their windows.

455

00:20:52,330 --> 00:20:52,830

OK.

456

00:20:52,830 --> 00:20:55,990

And mother and dad--

457

00:20:55,990 --> 00:20:56,985

You're 14 at this time.

458

00:20:56,985 --> 00:20:59,800

I'm 14 at the time.

459

00:20:59,800 --> 00:21:02,710

Mother-- in those days,
you didn't sit down

460

00:21:02,710 --> 00:21:07,660

with your children and
explain what the situation was

461

00:21:07,660 --> 00:21:09,520

and what we needed do.

462

00:21:09,520 --> 00:21:11,100

You just said, we're going.

463

00:21:11,100 --> 00:21:12,092

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464

00:21:12,092 --> 00:21:14,595

So she tells you that you're
going to have to leave.

465

00:21:14,595 --> 00:21:18,970

We just started
running is what we did.

466

00:21:18,970 --> 00:21:20,440

I remember the running.

467

00:21:20,440 --> 00:21:22,600

I don't know why
we were running,

468

00:21:22,600 --> 00:21:27,310

but I remember that we were
chasing after a train who

469

00:21:27,310 --> 00:21:30,280

was leaving full of refugees.

470

00:21:30,280 --> 00:21:36,650

And that train took us to
the southern part of France.

471
00:21:36,650 --> 00:21:37,690
OK.

472
00:21:37,690 --> 00:21:39,880
Before we get to the
train, so your mother

473
00:21:39,880 --> 00:21:41,830
tells you that
you have to leave.

474
00:21:41,830 --> 00:21:43,285
We're leaving.

475
00:21:43,285 --> 00:21:45,890
And what did you do then?

476
00:21:45,890 --> 00:21:47,200
I just went with them.

477
00:21:47,200 --> 00:21:49,630
Well, did you pack any--
did you take anything

478
00:21:49,630 --> 00:21:50,640
with you, especially?

479
00:21:50,640 --> 00:21:51,100
What did she take?

480
00:21:51,100 --> 00:21:51,600
No.

481
00:21:51,600 --> 00:21:55,130
Because I think we really
felt we were coming back.

482
00:21:55,130 --> 00:21:58,100
I really think that they
felt they were coming back.

483

00:21:58,100 --> 00:22:01,000

So did you take anything
special as a 14-year-old?

484

00:22:01,000 --> 00:22:02,140

Maybe mother did.

485

00:22:02,140 --> 00:22:03,310

I didn't.

486

00:22:03,310 --> 00:22:04,670

Just clothes and stuff.

487

00:22:04,670 --> 00:22:05,800

Well, very little.

488

00:22:05,800 --> 00:22:06,560

Little clothes.

489

00:22:06,560 --> 00:22:07,450

Very little.

490

00:22:07,450 --> 00:22:10,420

I mean, whatever we
took was something

491

00:22:10,420 --> 00:22:13,660

that you could walk past with.

492

00:22:13,660 --> 00:22:18,171

You could run if
you had to and--

493

00:22:18,171 --> 00:22:19,940

So you didn't take
a lot of suitcases?

494

00:22:19,940 --> 00:22:20,440

No.

495

00:22:20,440 --> 00:22:21,890

No suitcases at all.

496

00:22:21,890 --> 00:22:22,810

No suitcases?

497

00:22:22,810 --> 00:22:27,640

We just packed
something little for us.

498

00:22:27,640 --> 00:22:32,890

Or maybe mama packed
something for all four of us.

499

00:22:32,890 --> 00:22:35,710

My brother was along with us.

500

00:22:35,710 --> 00:22:41,830

And all I remember is the train.

501

00:22:41,830 --> 00:22:44,620

So you go to the train station.

502

00:22:44,620 --> 00:22:46,600

And you see a
train filled with--

503

00:22:46,600 --> 00:22:50,170

With refugees, people who
were trying to get out.

504

00:22:50,170 --> 00:22:51,430

Mostly Jewish people.

505

00:22:51,430 --> 00:22:52,020

Belgian Jews.

506

00:22:52,020 --> 00:22:52,870

Yes.

507

00:22:52,870 --> 00:22:54,040

Belgian Jews.

508

00:22:54,040 --> 00:22:55,450

This was still in Belgium.

509

00:22:55,450 --> 00:22:56,140

Right, right.

510

00:22:56,140 --> 00:22:57,950

This is in the
Brussels train station.

511

00:22:57,950 --> 00:22:59,790

Correct.

512

00:22:59,790 --> 00:23:02,600

And you got on the train.

513

00:23:02,600 --> 00:23:04,740

We got on the train.

514

00:23:04,740 --> 00:23:06,950

I don't remember
anything about the train.

515

00:23:06,950 --> 00:23:11,980

But I remember that we were
let off in a French village.

516

00:23:11,980 --> 00:23:12,480

OK.

517

00:23:12,480 --> 00:23:13,850

Again, we'll get to that.

518

00:23:13,850 --> 00:23:16,610

I wanted to finish
with Belgium first.

519

00:23:16,610 --> 00:23:18,500

Did you see any
German soldiers when--

520

00:23:18,500 --> 00:23:19,070
No.

521
00:23:19,070 --> 00:23:19,680
You did not.

522
00:23:19,680 --> 00:23:20,180
No.

523
00:23:20,180 --> 00:23:21,690
We did not.

524
00:23:21,690 --> 00:23:22,190
No.

525
00:23:22,190 --> 00:23:23,650
They were still behind us.

526
00:23:23,650 --> 00:23:26,730

527
00:23:26,730 --> 00:23:27,230
OK.

528
00:23:27,230 --> 00:23:31,180
So now you're on the train
with extended family?

529
00:23:31,180 --> 00:23:31,930
Or just the four--

530
00:23:31,930 --> 00:23:33,620
Just the four of us.

531
00:23:33,620 --> 00:23:35,870
Do you remember saying
goodbye to your grandparents?

532
00:23:35,870 --> 00:23:38,390
No.

533

00:23:38,390 --> 00:23:42,740
They must have been gone
already because we didn't--

534
00:23:42,740 --> 00:23:46,040
I don't remember saying
goodbye to anybody.

535
00:23:46,040 --> 00:23:47,670
Do you remember being scared?

536
00:23:47,670 --> 00:23:48,170
Pardon?

537
00:23:48,170 --> 00:23:50,750
Do you remember
being frightened?

538
00:23:50,750 --> 00:23:51,920
Oh, yes.

539
00:23:51,920 --> 00:23:56,230
I really didn't understand
what was going on.

540
00:23:56,230 --> 00:23:59,430
All I know is that
we were running.

541
00:23:59,430 --> 00:24:01,740
Why, I wasn't sure.

542
00:24:01,740 --> 00:24:03,990
Did you know about
Hitler at that point?

543
00:24:03,990 --> 00:24:06,540
I had heard about
him, but I didn't

544
00:24:06,540 --> 00:24:10,050
know exactly what was going on.

545

00:24:10,050 --> 00:24:12,120

My thoughts were about boys.

546

00:24:12,120 --> 00:24:16,860

[LAUGHS] I remember that.

547

00:24:16,860 --> 00:24:18,036

Right, right, right.

548

00:24:18,036 --> 00:24:21,210

549

00:24:21,210 --> 00:24:22,080

And I--

550

00:24:22,080 --> 00:24:25,290

So you were sad about
leaving your friends?

551

00:24:25,290 --> 00:24:26,440

Your boyfriend.

552

00:24:26,440 --> 00:24:27,480

I didn't have one.

553

00:24:27,480 --> 00:24:28,470

God forbid.

554

00:24:28,470 --> 00:24:29,756

Mother would have absolutely--

555

00:24:29,756 --> 00:24:34,890

[LAUGHS] but no.

556

00:24:34,890 --> 00:24:37,440

I was just dreaming
at that time.

557

00:24:37,440 --> 00:24:39,960

Those were dreams
of a 14-year-old.

558
00:24:39,960 --> 00:24:42,880
On the train, were there
other people that you knew?

559
00:24:42,880 --> 00:24:46,320
I don't remember
anything about the train.

560
00:24:46,320 --> 00:24:49,910
All I remember is running--

561
00:24:49,910 --> 00:24:51,370
To the station.

562
00:24:51,370 --> 00:24:53,980
--to catch the train.

563
00:24:53,980 --> 00:24:56,260
I don't remember
being on the train.

564
00:24:56,260 --> 00:24:59,370
I don't remember
getting off the train.

565
00:24:59,370 --> 00:25:05,670
My next scene in my mind is that
we were all brought together

566
00:25:05,670 --> 00:25:12,570
in one place, and then we were
distributed to different farm

567
00:25:12,570 --> 00:25:13,480
areas.

568
00:25:13,480 --> 00:25:14,430
Now we're in France.

569
00:25:14,430 --> 00:25:15,660
Now we're in France.

570
00:25:15,660 --> 00:25:16,320
OK.

571
00:25:16,320 --> 00:25:20,790
And we stayed with the
farmers for a few days

572
00:25:20,790 --> 00:25:23,760
until they could relocate us.

573
00:25:23,760 --> 00:25:26,610
We were refugees in France.

574
00:25:26,610 --> 00:25:30,330
Now, whether there
was a committee

575
00:25:30,330 --> 00:25:35,490
like HIAS that was working
with the French, I don't know.

576
00:25:35,490 --> 00:25:39,150
There must have been somebody
working with the French

577
00:25:39,150 --> 00:25:41,110
at that time.

578
00:25:41,110 --> 00:25:47,280
And after we stayed there,
we were relocated to--

579
00:25:47,280 --> 00:25:50,650
Well, the first location,
do you know where that was?

580
00:25:50,650 --> 00:25:51,150
No.

581
00:25:51,150 --> 00:25:52,230
The South of France?

582
00:25:52,230 --> 00:25:54,450
It's South of France, yes.

583
00:25:54,450 --> 00:25:57,180
And we must've been
very close to Spain

584
00:25:57,180 --> 00:26:02,310
because they relocated us to
a town called Saint-Gaudens

585
00:26:02,310 --> 00:26:07,300
where you could see the
Pyrenees from the house.

586
00:26:07,300 --> 00:26:10,500
So it couldn't have been
too far from where we were.

587
00:26:10,500 --> 00:26:11,830
So it's still the four of you.

588
00:26:11,830 --> 00:26:13,450
There's still the four of us.

589
00:26:13,450 --> 00:26:15,360
What were your
parents' state of mind?

590
00:26:15,360 --> 00:26:16,320
Do you remember?

591
00:26:16,320 --> 00:26:18,490
Were they calm?

592
00:26:18,490 --> 00:26:20,160
Was your mother frightened?

593
00:26:20,160 --> 00:26:20,790
You know.

594

00:26:20,790 --> 00:26:25,845

I've often thought about
this feeling of survival.

595

00:26:25,845 --> 00:26:28,540

596

00:26:28,540 --> 00:26:32,530

I don't know what their
state of mind was then.

597

00:26:32,530 --> 00:26:36,330

But I do know by what
they did and what

598

00:26:36,330 --> 00:26:39,660

they accomplished
that they only thought

599

00:26:39,660 --> 00:26:45,990

of survival for their children
first and then for themselves.

600

00:26:45,990 --> 00:26:51,650

And they were successful
in accomplishing that.

601

00:26:51,650 --> 00:26:53,800

What about your brother, Jack?

602

00:26:53,800 --> 00:26:55,230

Was he calm.

603

00:26:55,230 --> 00:26:57,170

Do you remember what
his state of mind was?

604

00:26:57,170 --> 00:27:00,080

He was very busy being
unhappy because he

605

00:27:00,080 --> 00:27:04,010

had left a girlfriend that
he loved very much behind.

606
00:27:04,010 --> 00:27:07,040
And he was already 21 years old.

607
00:27:07,040 --> 00:27:10,070
And he really wanted
to go back to Belgium.

608
00:27:10,070 --> 00:27:11,600
I remember that.

609
00:27:11,600 --> 00:27:15,740
He and mother were
having some violent words

610
00:27:15,740 --> 00:27:19,940
about all that because he either
wanted to go back to Belgium

611
00:27:19,940 --> 00:27:23,010
or being able for
her to come with us.

612
00:27:23,010 --> 00:27:25,080
But all of that didn't work out.

613
00:27:25,080 --> 00:27:25,580
Right.

614
00:27:25,580 --> 00:27:28,730
So he was very
busy being unhappy.

615
00:27:28,730 --> 00:27:32,150
But as far doing anything,
neither he and dad

616
00:27:32,150 --> 00:27:33,470
were allowed to do anything.

617

00:27:33,470 --> 00:27:36,290
None of us were
allowed to do anything.

618
00:27:36,290 --> 00:27:40,980
We just waited, mostly,
in that little apartment,

619
00:27:40,980 --> 00:27:46,490
which was maybe a room and a
half or something like that.

620
00:27:46,490 --> 00:27:49,970
We were given food stamps,
and that's the only way

621
00:27:49,970 --> 00:27:51,290
we could get our food.

622
00:27:51,290 --> 00:27:52,310
We couldn't buy it.

623
00:27:52,310 --> 00:27:54,860
We had to get it
with food stamps.

624
00:27:54,860 --> 00:27:59,750
And I remember mother used to
go get a little bit of groceries

625
00:27:59,750 --> 00:28:01,460
that we had.

626
00:28:01,460 --> 00:28:05,020
Were there many other refugee
families with you in that town?

627
00:28:05,020 --> 00:28:07,538
Not in the apartment
where we were.

628
00:28:07,538 --> 00:28:08,330
In the town though.

629

00:28:08,330 --> 00:28:11,900

I don't think that we were busy
mixing socially with anyone

630

00:28:11,900 --> 00:28:16,250

because it was a bad
time of our lives.

631

00:28:16,250 --> 00:28:18,290

We didn't know what
was going to happen.

632

00:28:18,290 --> 00:28:20,280

Did you see other
refugee families?

633

00:28:20,280 --> 00:28:23,000

I don't remember seeing
other refugee families

634

00:28:23,000 --> 00:28:30,470

except we were arrested while
we were in Saint-Gaudens.

635

00:28:30,470 --> 00:28:35,780

And I'm not sure why we
were arrested at that time.

636

00:28:35,780 --> 00:28:39,240

We were arrested by the French.

637

00:28:39,240 --> 00:28:43,400

And we were put in prison
right there in Saint-Gaudens.

638

00:28:43,400 --> 00:28:48,240

639

00:28:48,240 --> 00:28:50,790

I always had the
impression that it

640

00:28:50,790 --> 00:28:55,320
was because mother's little
town, Biala Podlaska,

641

00:28:55,320 --> 00:29:01,560
might have been on the border
between Russia and Poland.

642

00:29:01,560 --> 00:29:09,050
And perhaps, at that time,
there were bad feelings

643

00:29:09,050 --> 00:29:10,820
between France and Russia.

644

00:29:10,820 --> 00:29:13,430
I'm not sure.

645

00:29:13,430 --> 00:29:15,770
We might have been
arrested because, you know,

646

00:29:15,770 --> 00:29:18,680
this was the Vichy government.

647

00:29:18,680 --> 00:29:25,070
And perhaps that they were
already working with the Nazis

648

00:29:25,070 --> 00:29:29,010
because the Nazis were
really being very clever,

649

00:29:29,010 --> 00:29:31,250
now that I think about it.

650

00:29:31,250 --> 00:29:33,530
They didn't want to do
too much to the Jews

651

00:29:33,530 --> 00:29:37,220
because they wanted

the Jews to come back

652

00:29:37,220 --> 00:29:42,290
to where they were living before
because for the longest time,

653

00:29:42,290 --> 00:29:45,860
you would hear rumors
come back to Brussels,

654

00:29:45,860 --> 00:29:47,610
they're not touching anybody.

655

00:29:47,610 --> 00:29:50,580
They're not doing
anything to anybody.

656

00:29:50,580 --> 00:29:58,010
So my mother, probably in 1941,
and because she was a woman,

657

00:29:58,010 --> 00:30:02,420
she smuggled herself
back to Belgium.

658

00:30:02,420 --> 00:30:07,640
And she did salvage some
of the jewelry, you know.

659

00:30:07,640 --> 00:30:11,450
She brought back her Sabbath
candles, which I have.

660

00:30:11,450 --> 00:30:16,070
She brought back my father's
tallis, which I have.

661

00:30:16,070 --> 00:30:19,927
And she brought back
my father's tefillin--

662

00:30:19,927 --> 00:30:20,510
the tefillin--

663
00:30:20,510 --> 00:30:21,290
The tefillin.

664
00:30:21,290 --> 00:30:23,720
--which I still have also.

665
00:30:23,720 --> 00:30:27,950
But she bought her diamonds,
her jewelry, not anything

666
00:30:27,950 --> 00:30:29,840
beside that.

667
00:30:29,840 --> 00:30:32,830
And she made it back.

668
00:30:32,830 --> 00:30:34,730
Did she tell you
where she was going?

669
00:30:34,730 --> 00:30:35,510
No.

670
00:30:35,510 --> 00:30:36,215
Did you know?

671
00:30:36,215 --> 00:30:38,687
Not till we we're in
the United States.

672
00:30:38,687 --> 00:30:39,520
So you did not know.

673
00:30:39,520 --> 00:30:40,270
I know that story.

674
00:30:40,270 --> 00:30:41,645
You just knew she
was going away.

675

00:30:41,645 --> 00:30:43,280
I didn't know where
she had gone, yeah.

676
00:30:43,280 --> 00:30:46,070

677
00:30:46,070 --> 00:30:48,590
To go back to one
of the time we were

678
00:30:48,590 --> 00:30:54,290
in prison in
Saint-Gaudens, I remember

679
00:30:54,290 --> 00:30:58,070
they walked us through the
streets of Saint-Gaudens.

680
00:30:58,070 --> 00:31:01,850
And I remember the French
people standing there

681
00:31:01,850 --> 00:31:03,170
and spitting at us.

682
00:31:03,170 --> 00:31:05,280
I've never forgotten that.

683
00:31:05,280 --> 00:31:07,910
And I thought to
myself, I remember

684
00:31:07,910 --> 00:31:10,010
thinking, what did I do?

685
00:31:10,010 --> 00:31:13,970
Because I didn't
quite understand.

686
00:31:13,970 --> 00:31:20,870
Mother and I was sent to a
special place in Toulouse.

687
00:31:20,870 --> 00:31:24,680
And dad and my father were
put in a French concentration

688
00:31:24,680 --> 00:31:26,335
camp for seven weeks.

689
00:31:26,335 --> 00:31:27,960
Your father and your
brother, you mean.

690
00:31:27,960 --> 00:31:32,330
And my brother, I'm sorry,
my brother and my father.

691
00:31:32,330 --> 00:31:36,200
Mother and I were released
because I was 14 years old.

692
00:31:36,200 --> 00:31:37,970
She had a child with her.

693
00:31:37,970 --> 00:31:40,110
At that time, that was a child.

694
00:31:40,110 --> 00:31:42,042
Today, it's a
[? gantse mentsh ?]..

695
00:31:42,042 --> 00:31:43,460
Right, right.

696
00:31:43,460 --> 00:31:47,970
And I remember we went to
visit my brother and my father.

697
00:31:47,970 --> 00:31:52,130
And I remember that they came
to the fence also dressed

698
00:31:52,130 --> 00:31:55,110

in pajamas with wooden shoes on.

699

00:31:55,110 --> 00:31:56,330

You went to their prison.

700

00:31:56,330 --> 00:31:57,415

Yes.

701

00:31:57,415 --> 00:31:58,040

Was that also--

702

00:31:58,040 --> 00:31:59,870

It was like a
concentration camp.

703

00:31:59,870 --> 00:32:01,490

It had barracks outside.

704

00:32:01,490 --> 00:32:03,380

Was that also in Toulouse?

705

00:32:03,380 --> 00:32:07,820

It must have been
somewhere in that vicinity.

706

00:32:07,820 --> 00:32:10,940

Now, the story
goes in my family--

707

00:32:10,940 --> 00:32:14,060

and I don't know it,
and I don't remember it,

708

00:32:14,060 --> 00:32:16,190

but they seem to remember--

709

00:32:16,190 --> 00:32:19,760

that mother told them
that she, with some

710

00:32:19,760 --> 00:32:24,260

of the jewelry that she

had, she either bought off

711

00:32:24,260 --> 00:32:27,650

some of the principal
there or the guard there,

712

00:32:27,650 --> 00:32:30,800

and after seven weeks
my father and my brother

713

00:32:30,800 --> 00:32:34,820

were released and came
back to Saint-Gaudens.

714

00:32:34,820 --> 00:32:36,508

We had been in Saint-Gaudens--

715

00:32:36,508 --> 00:32:37,550

Right. that was the town.

716

00:32:37,550 --> 00:32:38,480

--all that time.

717

00:32:38,480 --> 00:32:40,200

Right.

718

00:32:40,200 --> 00:32:42,600

So I thought,
that's probably true

719

00:32:42,600 --> 00:32:46,370

because I can imagine that the
French guards probably could

720

00:32:46,370 --> 00:32:49,280

be bought off at that time.

721

00:32:49,280 --> 00:32:51,530

And what condition were
your father and your brother

722

00:32:51,530 --> 00:32:53,120

in when they got back?

723

00:32:53,120 --> 00:32:55,160

They had lost weight.

724

00:32:55,160 --> 00:32:56,610

And--

725

00:32:56,610 --> 00:32:57,110

Emotionally?

726

00:32:57,110 --> 00:33:00,410

--it was a frightening-- it
was a frightening experience

727

00:33:00,410 --> 00:33:01,250

for both of them.

728

00:33:01,250 --> 00:33:03,470

Did they describe anything
about their experience?

729

00:33:03,470 --> 00:33:06,020

If they did, they didn't
do it in front of me.

730

00:33:06,020 --> 00:33:09,470

The protection
[LAUGHS] was immense.

731

00:33:09,470 --> 00:33:11,360

It really was immense.

732

00:33:11,360 --> 00:33:15,140

Even when I was a grown
woman, we didn't discuss it.

733

00:33:15,140 --> 00:33:18,680

And this is really
from memory, going back

734

00:33:18,680 --> 00:33:23,630

and seeing some of these images
from the past in my mind.

735
00:33:23,630 --> 00:33:25,180
So what did you--

736
00:33:25,180 --> 00:33:27,650
you're 15, 16-years-old.

737
00:33:27,650 --> 00:33:29,720
What did you do all
day, in this town?

738
00:33:29,720 --> 00:33:30,830
Nothing.

739
00:33:30,830 --> 00:33:32,055
Absolutely nothing.

740
00:33:32,055 --> 00:33:33,680
Could you get out
and walk on your own?

741
00:33:33,680 --> 00:33:34,550
No.

742
00:33:34,550 --> 00:33:36,800
That I wasn't even
allowed to do in Belgium.

743
00:33:36,800 --> 00:33:39,230
Oh, OK.

744
00:33:39,230 --> 00:33:42,707
We really did absolutely
nothing for two years--

745
00:33:42,707 --> 00:33:43,290
For two years.

746
00:33:43,290 --> 00:33:44,510
--that we were there.

747
00:33:44,510 --> 00:33:50,480
But my father had a first
cousin in Squirrel Hill,

748
00:33:50,480 --> 00:33:55,730
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
whom we had never met before.

749
00:33:55,730 --> 00:34:00,380
And he wrote him as soon
as the war broke out.

750
00:34:00,380 --> 00:34:05,600
[? Hymie ?] [? Morowitz. ?]
They owned the OK grocery stores

751
00:34:05,600 --> 00:34:07,520
in that area.

752
00:34:07,520 --> 00:34:11,340
Very comfortable financially.

753
00:34:11,340 --> 00:34:16,320
And he decided that he was
going to save this family.

754
00:34:16,320 --> 00:34:21,300
So my father went to Toulouse,
which was not too far away.

755
00:34:21,300 --> 00:34:24,610
And that's where
the consulate was.

756
00:34:24,610 --> 00:34:29,880
And he would stay every day
in front of the consulate

757
00:34:29,880 --> 00:34:32,850
to see if there was any news.

758

00:34:32,850 --> 00:34:35,969
And they would have raids
really arresting people.

759
00:34:35,969 --> 00:34:38,850
For what reason I don't know
because I remember my father

760
00:34:38,850 --> 00:34:42,060
telling me that he would
hear the whistles blow,

761
00:34:42,060 --> 00:34:44,190
and he would run.

762
00:34:44,190 --> 00:34:48,179
But he would go back again
in a day or two to see--

763
00:34:48,179 --> 00:34:52,710
because, of course, we couldn't
leave without a sponsor.

764
00:34:52,710 --> 00:34:58,000
And we finally got
the papers in 1942.

765
00:34:58,000 --> 00:34:59,470
What month in '42?

766
00:34:59,470 --> 00:35:02,785
We left in June.

767
00:35:02,785 --> 00:35:04,500
Those were papers
for all four of you?

768
00:35:04,500 --> 00:35:06,790
For all four of us.

769
00:35:06,790 --> 00:35:08,380
We left in June.

770

00:35:08,380 --> 00:35:16,220

And in July, two months-- two weeks later, all of France

771

00:35:16,220 --> 00:35:18,140

was occupied by the Nazi.

772

00:35:18,140 --> 00:35:20,930

They took over all of France.

773

00:35:20,930 --> 00:35:25,190

And whoever was left was sent to concentration camp.

774

00:35:25,190 --> 00:35:27,230

That's how lucky we were.

775

00:35:27,230 --> 00:35:32,720

We just got-- we were the last boat out of France

776

00:35:32,720 --> 00:35:37,000

with Jews coming to America.

777

00:35:37,000 --> 00:35:39,070

Did you have any contact with or did

778

00:35:39,070 --> 00:35:41,950

your parents have any contact with the extended family

779

00:35:41,950 --> 00:35:44,110

when you were in this small town?

780

00:35:44,110 --> 00:35:48,390

Your grandparents, your aunts, uncles?

781

00:35:48,390 --> 00:35:51,630

If they did, I did not know.

782
00:35:51,630 --> 00:36:00,530
I do know that my
grandparents, both died.

783
00:36:00,530 --> 00:36:02,960
I don't know how.

784
00:36:02,960 --> 00:36:05,780
I do know I have a cousin.

785
00:36:05,780 --> 00:36:13,880
My father's sister left
her children with nuns

786
00:36:13,880 --> 00:36:15,680
during the war.

787
00:36:15,680 --> 00:36:19,370
And I do see my cousin now.

788
00:36:19,370 --> 00:36:20,870
She comes to see me.

789
00:36:20,870 --> 00:36:22,700
I go to see her.

790
00:36:22,700 --> 00:36:29,330
And my brother-- my mother lost
all three brothers in the war

791
00:36:29,330 --> 00:36:33,470
with some of their
wives and children.

792
00:36:33,470 --> 00:36:36,800
She had one sister left
who went to Israel.

793
00:36:36,800 --> 00:36:38,750
But the ones she lost
had stayed in Belgium?

794
00:36:38,750 --> 00:36:40,680
Is that what you're saying?

795
00:36:40,680 --> 00:36:41,180
No.

796
00:36:41,180 --> 00:36:42,187
Everybody ran.

797
00:36:42,187 --> 00:36:42,770
Everybody ran.

798
00:36:42,770 --> 00:36:45,020
I know everybody ran.

799
00:36:45,020 --> 00:36:46,530
But none of them were with you--

800
00:36:46,530 --> 00:36:46,790
No.

801
00:36:46,790 --> 00:36:47,450
--in this small town.

802
00:36:47,450 --> 00:36:47,900
No.

803
00:36:47,900 --> 00:36:48,400
No.

804
00:36:48,400 --> 00:36:50,720
None of them were-- why
everybody went in different

805
00:36:50,720 --> 00:36:51,220
directions--

806
00:36:51,220 --> 00:36:51,928
Different places.

807
00:36:51,928 --> 00:36:53,030
--really I don't--

808
00:36:53,030 --> 00:36:55,940
I honestly don't know.

809
00:36:55,940 --> 00:36:58,750
But they did.

810
00:36:58,750 --> 00:37:01,390
So then you get on
a boat leaving--

811
00:37:01,390 --> 00:37:02,800
A very small one.

812
00:37:02,800 --> 00:37:04,120
--leaving from?

813
00:37:04,120 --> 00:37:04,775
Marseille.

814
00:37:04,775 --> 00:37:05,830
Marseille.

815
00:37:05,830 --> 00:37:10,520
And that was under
the PÃ©tain government.

816
00:37:10,520 --> 00:37:12,800
Under Marshal PÃ©tain.

817
00:37:12,800 --> 00:37:19,720
And the Vichy, I
mean, they were really

818
00:37:19,720 --> 00:37:21,430
very helpful to the Germans.

819
00:37:21,430 --> 00:37:22,990
They did everything [INAUDIBLE].

820
00:37:22,990 --> 00:37:26,170
So when you saw them,
the Vichy people,

821
00:37:26,170 --> 00:37:29,500
and saw them in uniform,
French police and so forth,

822
00:37:29,500 --> 00:37:32,130
what were your thoughts?

823
00:37:32,130 --> 00:37:38,410
You know, it's amazing because
I see that in children today.

824
00:37:38,410 --> 00:37:45,910
We have the ability to
unfocus when we're afraid.

825
00:37:45,910 --> 00:37:48,400
I see children do that today.

826
00:37:48,400 --> 00:37:52,030
They act like they don't
see and they don't hear.

827
00:37:52,030 --> 00:37:54,700
And I must have
done the same thing.

828
00:37:54,700 --> 00:37:59,200
I just-- I adored my father.

829
00:37:59,200 --> 00:38:02,688
And I remember holding
his hand a lot.

830
00:38:02,688 --> 00:38:04,355
When you're out on
the street, you mean?

831

00:38:04,355 --> 00:38:04,830
Mm-hmm.

832
00:38:04,830 --> 00:38:05,330
Mm-hmm.

833
00:38:05,330 --> 00:38:07,960

834
00:38:07,960 --> 00:38:14,110
The boat we were on, I remember
the conditions were pretty bad

835
00:38:14,110 --> 00:38:17,140
because where they
keep the luggage,

836
00:38:17,140 --> 00:38:19,240
they call that--
the hold I guess,

837
00:38:19,240 --> 00:38:22,540
they had fixed that because
nobody had luggage, really.

838
00:38:22,540 --> 00:38:28,540
So they had fixed that with
cots all over the place.

839
00:38:28,540 --> 00:38:31,810
I might be wrong, but I
remember that it was so small,

840
00:38:31,810 --> 00:38:36,130
it was only about
2,500 on the boat.

841
00:38:36,130 --> 00:38:41,290
And it took us six weeks to
get to the United States.

842
00:38:41,290 --> 00:38:46,360
I do remember being very ill

because we were rocking a lot.

843

00:38:46,360 --> 00:38:49,580

And we stopped in Casablanca.

844

00:38:49,580 --> 00:38:50,830

What was the name of the boat?

845

00:38:50,830 --> 00:38:51,330

Do you know?

846

00:38:51,330 --> 00:38:51,910

No.

847

00:38:51,910 --> 00:38:53,230

I don't know.

848

00:38:53,230 --> 00:38:54,670

And I would love to know really.

849

00:38:54,670 --> 00:38:57,748

Do you know what line
it was, what country?

850

00:38:57,748 --> 00:38:59,170

Nuh-uh.

851

00:38:59,170 --> 00:39:01,870

What did you do on the boat?

852

00:39:01,870 --> 00:39:03,340

I was sick.

853

00:39:03,340 --> 00:39:04,630

I remember that.

854

00:39:04,630 --> 00:39:05,490

You mean seasick.

855

00:39:05,490 --> 00:39:05,990

Seasick.

856
00:39:05,990 --> 00:39:06,530
Seasick.

857
00:39:06,530 --> 00:39:07,030
Yeah.

858
00:39:07,030 --> 00:39:08,650
I remember that.

859
00:39:08,650 --> 00:39:14,230
Otherwise, the rest of it
is locked out pretty much.

860
00:39:14,230 --> 00:39:17,380
I remember we stopped
in Casablanca,

861
00:39:17,380 --> 00:39:21,070
and we must have stayed
there for a couple of days,

862
00:39:21,070 --> 00:39:23,320
I guess, to replenish
on the boat.

863
00:39:23,320 --> 00:39:23,890
Supplies.

864
00:39:23,890 --> 00:39:27,610
My father had a
wonderful sense of humor,

865
00:39:27,610 --> 00:39:32,590
and he was trying, obviously,
to make me feel better.

866
00:39:32,590 --> 00:39:36,280
Was negotiating with an
Arab, trying to sell me.

867
00:39:36,280 --> 00:39:41,078

[LAUGHS] I still remember that,
and I remember being so scared.

868
00:39:41,078 --> 00:39:47,020
[LAUGHS] And I can
just see him talking.

869
00:39:47,020 --> 00:39:47,920
That's wonderful.

870
00:39:47,920 --> 00:39:51,490
My father did have a
wonderful sense of humor.

871
00:39:51,490 --> 00:39:55,390
And after that, from
there, we went to Veracruz.

872
00:39:55,390 --> 00:39:58,530
Do you have any other memories
of Casablanca besides the one

873
00:39:58,530 --> 00:39:59,750
incident that--

874
00:39:59,750 --> 00:40:02,930
I think we walked around a lot.

875
00:40:02,930 --> 00:40:06,820
We did some sightseeing.

876
00:40:06,820 --> 00:40:07,900
with the markets.

877
00:40:07,900 --> 00:40:11,650
I remember that we walked
through the markets.

878
00:40:11,650 --> 00:40:13,810
So we must have been
there a couple of days.

879

00:40:13,810 --> 00:40:16,300
Now, by that time,
did you have any more

880
00:40:16,300 --> 00:40:19,960
knowledge of what was
happening in Europe

881
00:40:19,960 --> 00:40:21,280
and what Hitler was doing?

882
00:40:21,280 --> 00:40:24,460
Did you know about
the conditions

883
00:40:24,460 --> 00:40:25,930
and what was
happening to the Jews?

884
00:40:25,930 --> 00:40:26,500
No.

885
00:40:26,500 --> 00:40:27,445
You did not know.

886
00:40:27,445 --> 00:40:28,900
No.

887
00:40:28,900 --> 00:40:31,490
And by that time,
I was already 16.

888
00:40:31,490 --> 00:40:33,410
Right.

889
00:40:33,410 --> 00:40:36,620
But as I said, a very young 16.

890
00:40:36,620 --> 00:40:38,180
Yeah, yeah.

891
00:40:38,180 --> 00:40:41,470

Very young 16.

892

00:40:41,470 --> 00:40:46,600

It was not a time,
in my time anyway,

893

00:40:46,600 --> 00:40:50,330

where the family would
sit as they do today

894

00:40:50,330 --> 00:40:55,780

and talk and explain why
we are in this situation,

895

00:40:55,780 --> 00:40:57,670

why we're doing what we do.

896

00:40:57,670 --> 00:40:58,690

And you never asked.

897

00:40:58,690 --> 00:41:00,470

And I never asked.

898

00:41:00,470 --> 00:41:01,830

I think almost didn't dare.

899

00:41:01,830 --> 00:41:10,850

[LAUGHS] So perhaps it was
not like that in every family,

900

00:41:10,850 --> 00:41:14,650

but it was like that in my
family at the time growing up.

901

00:41:14,650 --> 00:41:17,560

I didn't ask any
questions of my brother

902

00:41:17,560 --> 00:41:22,090

because we really were not
that close until we got older.

903

00:41:22,090 --> 00:41:26,320
When you were on the boat
with all the other refugees,

904
00:41:26,320 --> 00:41:29,140
did they sit around and talk
about what was happening

905
00:41:29,140 --> 00:41:31,970
and having to leave home?

906
00:41:31,970 --> 00:41:40,960
I had a very lonely feeling,
a very frightened feeling.

907
00:41:40,960 --> 00:41:46,690
By that time, I was
in my teens, but I

908
00:41:46,690 --> 00:41:50,020
wasn't doing what
teens were supposed

909
00:41:50,020 --> 00:41:51,970
to be doing at that time.

910
00:41:51,970 --> 00:41:55,180
I wasn't growing
up, and I didn't

911
00:41:55,180 --> 00:41:57,490
have a chance to grow up.

912
00:41:57,490 --> 00:42:03,130
Actually, I lost all of my
teen's year, all of them.

913
00:42:03,130 --> 00:42:06,970
I mean, I didn't
have the teen years

914
00:42:06,970 --> 00:42:12,480
that a teenager will have

from the time she's 14

915
00:42:12,480 --> 00:42:15,460
until at time I got married.

916
00:42:15,460 --> 00:42:18,025
Were you very sad
about leaving Belgium--

917
00:42:18,025 --> 00:42:19,070
Belgium?

918
00:42:19,070 --> 00:42:19,570
No.

919
00:42:19,570 --> 00:42:20,360
Did you feel--

920
00:42:20,360 --> 00:42:20,860
[INAUDIBLE]

921
00:42:20,860 --> 00:42:22,230
--Belgian?

922
00:42:22,230 --> 00:42:25,770
Or did you feel Jewish when
you were there or both?

923
00:42:25,770 --> 00:42:26,650
Did I feel--

924
00:42:26,650 --> 00:42:30,190
Belgian when you were
living there and then--

925
00:42:30,190 --> 00:42:36,100
Well, you know, when I went
back there as a married woman,

926
00:42:36,100 --> 00:42:40,360
I realized my roots were
in the United States.

927
00:42:40,360 --> 00:42:44,620
But I meant when you were
a child, young woman,

928
00:42:44,620 --> 00:42:46,210
young girl [INAUDIBLE].

929
00:42:46,210 --> 00:42:47,110
Did I feel--

930
00:42:47,110 --> 00:42:48,760
Or on the boat, did
you feel like you

931
00:42:48,760 --> 00:42:50,250
were leaving your home country?

932
00:42:50,250 --> 00:42:51,050
No.

933
00:42:51,050 --> 00:42:53,058
I felt relief.

934
00:42:53,058 --> 00:42:54,350
You felt relief that you were--

935
00:42:54,350 --> 00:42:56,560
I felt relief that
we were leaving--

936
00:42:56,560 --> 00:42:57,400
OK.

937
00:42:57,400 --> 00:43:02,740
--because, I mean,
even though I tried

938
00:43:02,740 --> 00:43:05,860
not to know what
was going on, you

939

00:43:05,860 --> 00:43:08,350

would want to know

what was going on

940

00:43:08,350 --> 00:43:13,390

and that there was real

fight about whether we

941

00:43:13,390 --> 00:43:17,810

were going to get out

of this alive or not.

942

00:43:17,810 --> 00:43:22,400

And now that I think

about my parents,

943

00:43:22,400 --> 00:43:25,370

really, it was a miracle.

944

00:43:25,370 --> 00:43:26,250

It's amazing.

945

00:43:26,250 --> 00:43:28,520

It was a miracle what they did.

946

00:43:28,520 --> 00:43:32,000

And it was a miracle what

my family in Pittsburgh

947

00:43:32,000 --> 00:43:35,840

did because it was

just, as I said,

948

00:43:35,840 --> 00:43:42,260

two weeks later that the

Germans took over all of France

949

00:43:42,260 --> 00:43:44,120

and arrested the

rest of the Jews.

950

00:43:44,120 --> 00:43:48,140

951
00:43:48,140 --> 00:43:51,050
So after Casablanca, you
get back on the boat.

952
00:43:51,050 --> 00:43:52,430
We get back on the boat.

953
00:43:52,430 --> 00:43:53,690
And your next stop?

954
00:43:53,690 --> 00:43:56,630
And we stop in Veracruz.

955
00:43:56,630 --> 00:44:01,280
And we must have spent the day
there too because I remember

956
00:44:01,280 --> 00:44:03,500
they must have had
some kind of a festival

957
00:44:03,500 --> 00:44:07,190
because there were young
women in their full dresses

958
00:44:07,190 --> 00:44:08,660
and young men.

959
00:44:08,660 --> 00:44:10,670
And I remember
somebody telling me

960
00:44:10,670 --> 00:44:12,895
that if you wore a
flower on your left ear,

961
00:44:12,895 --> 00:44:14,090
you were not married.

962
00:44:14,090 --> 00:44:17,690

If you wore on your
right ear, you were.

963
00:44:17,690 --> 00:44:22,010
These were the things
that a young 16-year-old

964
00:44:22,010 --> 00:44:23,240
was interested in.

965
00:44:23,240 --> 00:44:25,110
Of course.

966
00:44:25,110 --> 00:44:29,630
So we didn't stay
as long in Veracruz

967
00:44:29,630 --> 00:44:34,190
as we did in Casablanca.

968
00:44:34,190 --> 00:44:36,530
But it was six weeks,
that much I know,

969
00:44:36,530 --> 00:44:40,770
before we finally
came to New York.

970
00:44:40,770 --> 00:44:41,960
You landed in New York.

971
00:44:41,960 --> 00:44:43,192
Yes.

972
00:44:43,192 --> 00:44:48,810
And what was your first
vision of New York?

973
00:44:48,810 --> 00:44:50,395
The Statue of Liberty.

974
00:44:50,395 --> 00:44:51,150

[LAUGHS]

975

00:44:51,150 --> 00:44:51,650

OK.

976

00:44:51,650 --> 00:44:57,550

Now what did the United States mean to you as a 16-year-old?

977

00:44:57,550 --> 00:44:59,140

You didn't know any English, I assume.

978

00:44:59,140 --> 00:45:01,660

I didn't know a word of English.

979

00:45:01,660 --> 00:45:04,210

What did that country mean to you?

980

00:45:04,210 --> 00:45:08,620

Well, it meant that I understood that we were safe,

981

00:45:08,620 --> 00:45:11,280

that we were not going to be killed,

982

00:45:11,280 --> 00:45:14,880

and that we had a chance for a future.

983

00:45:14,880 --> 00:45:17,760

Whether I thought that at that time I'm not sure.

984

00:45:17,760 --> 00:45:21,240

But I'm sure thinking of it at this time.

985

00:45:21,240 --> 00:45:25,020

[LAUGHS] I remember my mother, God

986
00:45:25,020 --> 00:45:30,420
bless her, because she still had
some of her diamonds with her,

987
00:45:30,420 --> 00:45:33,930
and I guess she didn't want
to declare all of them.

988
00:45:33,930 --> 00:45:37,050
So I remember her putting
one down in my pocket,

989
00:45:37,050 --> 00:45:37,880
and she said, shh.

990
00:45:37,880 --> 00:45:38,840
Don't say anything.

991
00:45:38,840 --> 00:45:43,050
[LAUGHS] That frightened me,
and that's why I remember that.

992
00:45:43,050 --> 00:45:44,820
It's really frightened me.

993
00:45:44,820 --> 00:45:46,470
I was very scared.

994
00:45:46,470 --> 00:45:50,490

995
00:45:50,490 --> 00:45:54,380
What did the Statue of Liberty
mean to you when you saw?

996
00:45:54,380 --> 00:45:55,280
Anything special?

997
00:45:55,280 --> 00:45:55,820
No.

998
00:45:55,820 --> 00:45:56,390
No.

999
00:45:56,390 --> 00:45:57,060
No.

1000
00:45:57,060 --> 00:45:57,560
No.

1001
00:45:57,560 --> 00:45:59,510
It didn't at that time.

1002
00:45:59,510 --> 00:46:04,490
Though I must tell you that
ever since I came to America,

1003
00:46:04,490 --> 00:46:07,890
I worship this country
because I realize--

1004
00:46:07,890 --> 00:46:11,570
and I mean this most sincerely--

1005
00:46:11,570 --> 00:46:16,400
what this country did
for us and the freedoms

1006
00:46:16,400 --> 00:46:21,380
that we had which we never had
in Belgium when we lived there

1007
00:46:21,380 --> 00:46:22,190
before the war.

1008
00:46:22,190 --> 00:46:24,440
Even before the war.

1009
00:46:24,440 --> 00:46:29,867
Because we were certainly
branded as Jewish.

1010

00:46:29,867 --> 00:46:31,700
Well, what was-- let's
go back to that time.

1011
00:46:31,700 --> 00:46:34,730
What restrictions did
you have before the war?

1012
00:46:34,730 --> 00:46:35,450
What [INAUDIBLE]?

1013
00:46:35,450 --> 00:46:40,130
What restrictions did you have
in Belgium before the war?

1014
00:46:40,130 --> 00:46:42,080
Yes, you were Jews.

1015
00:46:42,080 --> 00:46:44,370
And I knew I was different.

1016
00:46:44,370 --> 00:46:48,557
I felt very different
from everybody else.

1017
00:46:48,557 --> 00:46:50,140
But was there anything
that you wanted

1018
00:46:50,140 --> 00:46:53,560
to do that you couldn't do
because you were Jewish?

1019
00:46:53,560 --> 00:46:58,480
I wouldn't think of doing
anything [LAUGHS] that

1020
00:46:58,480 --> 00:46:59,760
was not permitted.

1021
00:46:59,760 --> 00:47:05,830
[LAUGHS] It's really interesting
that the questions in today's

1022
00:47:05,830 --> 00:47:08,410
world can be answered that way.

1023
00:47:08,410 --> 00:47:09,700
But not in my world.

1024
00:47:09,700 --> 00:47:12,850

1025
00:47:12,850 --> 00:47:15,820
So you're on the boat, and
you see the Statue of Liberty,

1026
00:47:15,820 --> 00:47:17,960
and you dock.

1027
00:47:17,960 --> 00:47:21,190
It must have been a very
strange feeling for me

1028
00:47:21,190 --> 00:47:23,200
also at that time.

1029
00:47:23,200 --> 00:47:25,330
I mean, I was in
this strange country.

1030
00:47:25,330 --> 00:47:27,520
I didn't speak a
word of English.

1031
00:47:27,520 --> 00:47:30,970
I hadn't been to
school in two years.

1032
00:47:30,970 --> 00:47:31,900
And--

1033
00:47:31,900 --> 00:47:33,130
Who met you at the boat?

1034

00:47:33,130 --> 00:47:34,450

Your relatives?

1035

00:47:34,450 --> 00:47:35,740

I don't know.

1036

00:47:35,740 --> 00:47:40,450

And I'm trying to remember
if daddy's cousin must

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00:47:40,450 --> 00:47:46,360

have met him at the boat and
taken us back to Squirrel Hill.

1038

00:47:46,360 --> 00:47:53,710

And we stayed with my relatives
for a few days or maybe longer.

1039

00:47:53,710 --> 00:47:55,070

This is in Philadelphia.

1040

00:47:55,070 --> 00:47:55,570

No.

1041

00:47:55,570 --> 00:47:56,650

This was in Pittsburgh.

1042

00:47:56,650 --> 00:47:57,490

Oh, excuse me.

1043

00:47:57,490 --> 00:47:58,305

In Pittsburgh.

1044

00:47:58,305 --> 00:47:59,920

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

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00:47:59,920 --> 00:48:03,130

And they lived in the
community called Squirrel Hill.

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00:48:03,130 --> 00:48:04,150

Squirrel Hill, yes.

1047

00:48:04,150 --> 00:48:08,020

And dad must have tried
to look immediately as

1048

00:48:08,020 --> 00:48:10,810

to where we were going
to go settle down

1049

00:48:10,810 --> 00:48:12,760

because for some
reason they picked

1050

00:48:12,760 --> 00:48:17,680

McKeesport,
Pennsylvania, how long it

1051

00:48:17,680 --> 00:48:20,420

took him to go into business.

1052

00:48:20,420 --> 00:48:23,590

But dad had had a
wonderful personality.

1053

00:48:23,590 --> 00:48:27,820

He and Jack went to New
York to buy merchandise--

1054

00:48:27,820 --> 00:48:33,640

leather goods,
handbags, suitcases,

1055

00:48:33,640 --> 00:48:36,760

anything that's made
out of leather goods.

1056

00:48:36,760 --> 00:48:41,710

Went to the place on Main Street
in McKeesport, Pennsylvania.

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00:48:41,710 --> 00:48:47,650

And I understand that

some of the wholesaler

1058
00:48:47,650 --> 00:48:51,920
loved dad so much that
they sold them on credit.

1059
00:48:51,920 --> 00:48:54,550
Those days, people did that.

1060
00:48:54,550 --> 00:49:00,080
And then we rented an
apartment, and I went to school.

1061
00:49:00,080 --> 00:49:03,100
And that was the
worst day of my life,

1062
00:49:03,100 --> 00:49:08,350
that I do remember, because
mother, God bless her, put me--

1063
00:49:08,350 --> 00:49:12,340
it must have been a
high school class--

1064
00:49:12,340 --> 00:49:14,570
at 16.

1065
00:49:14,570 --> 00:49:16,600
I didn't speak a
word of English,

1066
00:49:16,600 --> 00:49:19,280
and I was told swim or sink.

1067
00:49:19,280 --> 00:49:19,780
[LAUGHS]

1068
00:49:19,780 --> 00:49:20,704
Right, right.

1069
00:49:20,704 --> 00:49:23,710

1070
00:49:23,710 --> 00:49:25,640
But everybody was wonderful.

1071
00:49:25,640 --> 00:49:26,890
They really were wonderful.

1072
00:49:26,890 --> 00:49:28,510
If for some reason--

1073
00:49:28,510 --> 00:49:32,140
I still remember
the first question--

1074
00:49:32,140 --> 00:49:35,830
this country was so isolated,
I guess, still at that time,

1075
00:49:35,830 --> 00:49:42,470
they wanted to know
if we had real floors.

1076
00:49:42,470 --> 00:49:44,300
Were we living on dirt floors.

1077
00:49:44,300 --> 00:49:48,490
[LAUGHS] Did we have commodes?

1078
00:49:48,490 --> 00:49:51,340
Did we have running water?

1079
00:49:51,340 --> 00:49:54,340
I remember being
asked those questions.

1080
00:49:54,340 --> 00:49:56,690
But I learned the
language very quickly.

1081
00:49:56,690 --> 00:49:57,220
Did you?

1082
00:49:57,220 --> 00:49:58,210
Yes, I did.

1083
00:49:58,210 --> 00:49:59,440
What were the teachers like?

1084
00:49:59,440 --> 00:50:00,820
Were they helpful to you?

1085
00:50:00,820 --> 00:50:02,980
Yes, they were.

1086
00:50:02,980 --> 00:50:04,370
They were very nice.

1087
00:50:04,370 --> 00:50:09,730
They-- obviously, because I
do remember being miserable.

1088
00:50:09,730 --> 00:50:16,330
And particularly, I had never
dated before in my life.

1089
00:50:16,330 --> 00:50:21,640
And then all of a sudden
I was asked to date.

1090
00:50:21,640 --> 00:50:26,050
And this was very,
very foreign to me.

1091
00:50:26,050 --> 00:50:30,806
And it didn't work
for me [LAUGHS]

1092
00:50:30,806 --> 00:50:33,580
because I really
didn't know how to act.

1093
00:50:33,580 --> 00:50:35,320
I didn't know what to do.

1094
00:50:35,320 --> 00:50:40,780
And I do remember being very
disturbed by that facet of life

1095
00:50:40,780 --> 00:50:42,820
in the United States.

1096
00:50:42,820 --> 00:50:43,600
But I adjusted.

1097
00:50:43,600 --> 00:50:46,330

1098
00:50:46,330 --> 00:50:48,280
You arrived in '42.

1099
00:50:48,280 --> 00:50:49,810
In June of '42.

1100
00:50:49,810 --> 00:50:50,620
June of '42.

1101
00:50:50,620 --> 00:50:52,460
So you started
school in September.

1102
00:50:52,460 --> 00:50:54,020
Mm-hmm.

1103
00:50:54,020 --> 00:50:54,520
OK.

1104
00:50:54,520 --> 00:50:59,480

1105
00:50:59,480 --> 00:51:03,500
By that time, I was almost
17 because my birthday

1106
00:51:03,500 --> 00:51:05,900

was in November.

1107

00:51:05,900 --> 00:51:09,940

Did the teachers ask you about
what you had gone through?

1108

00:51:09,940 --> 00:51:12,920

Did they ask you those
kind of questions about--

1109

00:51:12,920 --> 00:51:15,425

No, because my
language capacity--

1110

00:51:15,425 --> 00:51:16,220

Oh, right.

1111

00:51:16,220 --> 00:51:17,405

--was very low.

1112

00:51:17,405 --> 00:51:18,240

Yeah.

1113

00:51:18,240 --> 00:51:20,030

And I don't think I
could have answered

1114

00:51:20,030 --> 00:51:23,060

those questions at that time.

1115

00:51:23,060 --> 00:51:25,400

Now that I think about
it, it must have also

1116

00:51:25,400 --> 00:51:28,920

been a very lonesome,
lonely feeling.

1117

00:51:28,920 --> 00:51:34,460

And like I said, between
those ages, I mean,

1118

00:51:34,460 --> 00:51:38,000
I just lost that time
in my life completely.

1119
00:51:38,000 --> 00:51:41,500

1120
00:51:41,500 --> 00:51:44,050
Besides, the other kids
are asking you questions

1121
00:51:44,050 --> 00:51:45,110
about what life was like.

1122
00:51:45,110 --> 00:51:45,850
Yeah.

1123
00:51:45,850 --> 00:51:48,820
Were they friendly to you?

1124
00:51:48,820 --> 00:51:49,420
Yes.

1125
00:51:49,420 --> 00:51:54,610
But it was a very difficult
adjustment, very difficult

1126
00:51:54,610 --> 00:51:55,950
adjustment for me.

1127
00:51:55,950 --> 00:51:57,860
Sure.

1128
00:51:57,860 --> 00:52:01,600
I was very lucky that I married
the kind of man that I married.

1129
00:52:01,600 --> 00:52:08,830
I really was so lucky
because I was very insecure,

1130
00:52:08,830 --> 00:52:10,840

frightened by many things.

1131
00:52:10,840 --> 00:52:14,740
Many things frightened me.

1132
00:52:14,740 --> 00:52:19,670
And it took me--

1133
00:52:19,670 --> 00:52:25,130
I don't know that I ever
adjusted during my school

1134
00:52:25,130 --> 00:52:25,880
years.

1135
00:52:25,880 --> 00:52:28,700
I did graduate from high school.

1136
00:52:28,700 --> 00:52:36,140
But I don't ever remember
being at peace in high school

1137
00:52:36,140 --> 00:52:39,875
because it was a
different country.

1138
00:52:39,875 --> 00:52:42,260
It was a different style.

1139
00:52:42,260 --> 00:52:45,200
And the kids here--

1140
00:52:45,200 --> 00:52:48,950
it had a lot more
independence than I had had.

1141
00:52:48,950 --> 00:52:51,770

1142
00:52:51,770 --> 00:52:54,652
But I was very popular
in my senior year.

1143
00:52:54,652 --> 00:52:55,152
[LAUGHS]

1144
00:52:55,152 --> 00:52:57,080
Oh, OK.

1145
00:52:57,080 --> 00:52:58,850
I remember that.

1146
00:52:58,850 --> 00:53:02,270
So what year did you
graduate from high school?

1147
00:53:02,270 --> 00:53:04,700
Oh, my.

1148
00:53:04,700 --> 00:53:06,135
I'll have to look
up in the paper.

1149
00:53:06,135 --> 00:53:06,635
[LAUGHS]

1150
00:53:06,635 --> 00:53:07,492
OK.

1151
00:53:07,492 --> 00:53:09,200
Did you do the four
years of high school?

1152
00:53:09,200 --> 00:53:09,800
Yeah, I did the--

1153
00:53:09,800 --> 00:53:10,340
You did the four years.

1154
00:53:10,340 --> 00:53:10,840
Yeah.

1155
00:53:10,840 --> 00:53:11,600

OK, OK.

1156
00:53:11,600 --> 00:53:12,470
Well, did I?

1157
00:53:12,470 --> 00:53:14,390
Let's see.

1158
00:53:14,390 --> 00:53:20,090
If I came in '42, and
I got married in '47,

1159
00:53:20,090 --> 00:53:22,365
and I was 21 when I got married.

1160
00:53:22,365 --> 00:53:25,243

1161
00:53:25,243 --> 00:53:25,910
Well, that's OK.

1162
00:53:25,910 --> 00:53:29,660
And I was 16, yeah.

1163
00:53:29,660 --> 00:53:31,940
Did your parents
pick up English well?

1164
00:53:31,940 --> 00:53:32,780
Yes, they did.

1165
00:53:32,780 --> 00:53:32,990
Quickly?

1166
00:53:32,990 --> 00:53:33,420
They did.

1167
00:53:33,420 --> 00:53:33,800
Yes.

1168
00:53:33,800 --> 00:53:34,550

They did pick up--

1169

00:53:34,550 --> 00:53:36,420

And what was your
mother's state of mind?

1170

00:53:36,420 --> 00:53:38,570

Do you remember?

1171

00:53:38,570 --> 00:53:40,520

She was very strong.

1172

00:53:40,520 --> 00:53:45,080

She really was still
very, very strong.

1173

00:53:45,080 --> 00:53:47,810

And she adapted well.

1174

00:53:47,810 --> 00:53:50,480

1175

00:53:50,480 --> 00:53:52,590

Because she had to
go buy groceries,

1176

00:53:52,590 --> 00:53:56,060

she had to adapt to
completely different life.

1177

00:53:56,060 --> 00:53:56,780

And she did.

1178

00:53:56,780 --> 00:53:59,090

Did she make friends?

1179

00:53:59,090 --> 00:54:00,900

After a while.

1180

00:54:00,900 --> 00:54:04,220

But she was so busy working with
dad and working in the store--

1181
00:54:04,220 --> 00:54:04,940
Oh, OK.

1182
00:54:04,940 --> 00:54:08,130
--that I don't think
she spent too much time

1183
00:54:08,130 --> 00:54:09,470
in that direction.

1184
00:54:09,470 --> 00:54:12,140
Her life changed
completely from the life

1185
00:54:12,140 --> 00:54:14,030
that she had in Belgium.

1186
00:54:14,030 --> 00:54:16,610
She was a queen in
Belgium, really,

1187
00:54:16,610 --> 00:54:22,160
and she had to turn to a
completely different lifestyle.

1188
00:54:22,160 --> 00:54:23,510
And she did.

1189
00:54:23,510 --> 00:54:24,410
She did.

1190
00:54:24,410 --> 00:54:26,440
And your father's
business was successful?

1191
00:54:26,440 --> 00:54:26,940
Yes.

1192
00:54:26,940 --> 00:54:31,100
It must have been since
we had the money--

1193
00:54:31,100 --> 00:54:31,680
well, no.

1194
00:54:31,680 --> 00:54:32,180
No.

1195
00:54:32,180 --> 00:54:33,290
I mustn't say that.

1196
00:54:33,290 --> 00:54:35,550
It was successful.

1197
00:54:35,550 --> 00:54:38,270
And it would have
continued to be successful

1198
00:54:38,270 --> 00:54:44,450
except that being a Jewish
mother, her son got married,

1199
00:54:44,450 --> 00:54:47,330
and he moved to Texas.

1200
00:54:47,330 --> 00:54:49,520
And mother just
couldn't stand it.

1201
00:54:49,520 --> 00:54:50,540
This is your--

1202
00:54:50,540 --> 00:54:51,450
My brother.

1203
00:54:51,450 --> 00:54:53,300
Your brother moved to Texas.

1204
00:54:53,300 --> 00:54:56,900
And my mother made
dad sell the business.

1205

00:54:56,900 --> 00:54:59,420
And they moved to--
they moved to Dallas.

1206
00:54:59,420 --> 00:55:02,310
Oh, my.

1207
00:55:02,310 --> 00:55:04,755
But I understand that
that's very natural.

1208
00:55:04,755 --> 00:55:11,210
[LAUGHS] So I was already--

1209
00:55:11,210 --> 00:55:12,180
I got married.

1210
00:55:12,180 --> 00:55:18,215
I met my husband in the
small town of Athens, Texas.

1211
00:55:18,215 --> 00:55:19,790
Oh, so you moved--

1212
00:55:19,790 --> 00:55:21,110
you finished high school--

1213
00:55:21,110 --> 00:55:22,280
Yes.

1214
00:55:22,280 --> 00:55:23,720
--in McKeesport.

1215
00:55:23,720 --> 00:55:25,610
And I started working
in the store--

1216
00:55:25,610 --> 00:55:26,270
In the store.

1217
00:55:26,270 --> 00:55:26,960
And then?

1218
00:55:26,960 --> 00:55:28,790
--helping my father.

1219
00:55:28,790 --> 00:55:34,520
My brother met a young
woman from Kaufman, Texas.

1220
00:55:34,520 --> 00:55:39,230
And her first cousin
was my husband.

1221
00:55:39,230 --> 00:55:46,730
And he lived in Athens, Texas,
which was about 35 miles away.

1222
00:55:46,730 --> 00:55:53,030
When she and Jack were engaged,
she wanted me to come to Texas

1223
00:55:53,030 --> 00:55:56,540
and meet the family.

1224
00:55:56,540 --> 00:56:01,350
And I came on the train, I
remember, to Dallas, Texas.

1225
00:56:01,350 --> 00:56:04,760
And there were four sisters.

1226
00:56:04,760 --> 00:56:08,120
And every Sunday, because
there was nothing else to do,

1227
00:56:08,120 --> 00:56:11,630
they all had dry goods
stores in the little towns.

1228
00:56:11,630 --> 00:56:14,720
The four sisters would get
together with their children

1229

00:56:14,720 --> 00:56:21,230
and bring food or whatever
and meet on Sundays

1230
00:56:21,230 --> 00:56:22,430
and then go back home.

1231
00:56:22,430 --> 00:56:26,390
So on one Sunday, I went
with the family to Athens,

1232
00:56:26,390 --> 00:56:30,260
and there was my
husband, Reuben.

1233
00:56:30,260 --> 00:56:37,107
And the story is that he
fell in love with me [LAUGHS]

1234
00:56:37,107 --> 00:56:38,041
the moment he saw me.

1235
00:56:38,041 --> 00:56:41,780
Of course, of course.

1236
00:56:41,780 --> 00:56:45,620
And it was
interesting, actually.

1237
00:56:45,620 --> 00:56:47,780
We didn't date very much.

1238
00:56:47,780 --> 00:56:50,390
My mother was very anxious
for me to get married.

1239
00:56:50,390 --> 00:56:55,130
I was already 20 and 21,
and I wasn't married yet.

1240
00:56:55,130 --> 00:57:00,350
So there was an engagement party
in McKeesport, Pennsylvania

1241
00:57:00,350 --> 00:57:05,570
for my brother and
his future wife.

1242
00:57:05,570 --> 00:57:09,520
And Reuben decided to come.

1243
00:57:09,520 --> 00:57:12,680
And we talked.

1244
00:57:12,680 --> 00:57:16,960
And then I went to New York
with my father, I remember too,

1245
00:57:16,960 --> 00:57:20,260
because he was going
to Columbia Law School.

1246
00:57:20,260 --> 00:57:26,200
And I went to New York with my
dad to help him buy inventory.

1247
00:57:26,200 --> 00:57:29,890
And I met with Reuben again.

1248
00:57:29,890 --> 00:57:32,270
And he asked me to marry him.

1249
00:57:32,270 --> 00:57:38,440
And it must have been
instinct [LAUGHS] because we

1250
00:57:38,440 --> 00:57:40,150
had a beautiful marriage.

1251
00:57:40,150 --> 00:57:43,958
We really did have a beautiful
marriage for 61 years.

1252
00:57:43,958 --> 00:57:45,000
Oh, isn't that wonderful.

1253

00:57:45,000 --> 00:57:46,330

61 years.

1254

00:57:46,330 --> 00:57:48,420

That's wonderful.

1255

00:57:48,420 --> 00:57:49,000