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This is a continuation of
the United States Holocaust

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Memorial Museum volunteer
collection with Marianne

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Friedenthal Milkman.

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This is track number three.

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And you were talking about
how you applied for programs

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in the United States.

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And you got accepted
in Michigan.

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Right.

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00:00:27,800 --> 00:00:30,200

So I went to the
University of Michigan.

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This was 1957.

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And to the zoology department
that study limnology.

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00:00:40,190 --> 00:00:50,210
And as it happens,
my husband to be also

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00:00:50,210 --> 00:00:53,810
was starting in the
zoology department

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00:00:53,810 --> 00:00:55,140
at the University of Michigan.

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00:00:55,140 --> 00:00:57,800
It was his first
job teaching there.

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00:00:57,800 --> 00:01:01,920
And he had just done a
post-doctorate in Paris.

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00:01:01,920 --> 00:01:04,489
So we didn't come
back on the same boat.

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00:01:04,489 --> 00:01:06,180
But that's what it felt like.

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00:01:06,180 --> 00:01:07,550
Did you know him before you--

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00:01:07,550 --> 00:01:07,880
No.

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00:01:07,880 --> 00:01:09,088
No, I didn't know him before.

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00:01:09,088 --> 00:01:10,010
Was he American?

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00:01:10,010 --> 00:01:10,927
Yeah, he was American.

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00:01:10,927 --> 00:01:11,900

Yeah, he's an American.

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00:01:11,900 --> 00:01:18,680

And somebody suggested
that he take me

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00:01:18,680 --> 00:01:23,710

to the department picnic, which
they always had for new folks

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00:01:23,710 --> 00:01:26,360

and everybody else who
was there at the beginning

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00:01:26,360 --> 00:01:27,690

of the semester.

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00:01:27,690 --> 00:01:29,600

So that's how I met him.

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00:01:29,600 --> 00:01:36,380

And we got engaged
about nine months later.

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00:01:36,380 --> 00:01:41,030

And were married
in October of 1958.

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00:01:41,030 --> 00:01:43,940

So that was great.

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00:01:43,940 --> 00:01:46,460

So you left England in 1957?

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00:01:46,460 --> 00:01:47,630

Yeah, right.

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00:01:47,630 --> 00:01:55,175

And then got permission to
stay when I got married.

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00:01:55,175 --> 00:01:55,675

I see.

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00:01:55,675 --> 00:01:57,800

But that-- you have to apply.

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Because when you go, you're
only going for two years, one

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00:02:02,120 --> 00:02:03,050

or two years.

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00:02:03,050 --> 00:02:06,500

And then have to come back home.

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00:02:06,500 --> 00:02:08,090

Was your husband Jewish?

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00:02:08,090 --> 00:02:08,660

Yes.

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00:02:08,660 --> 00:02:09,385

Oh.

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00:02:09,385 --> 00:02:10,458

And how did you--

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00:02:10,458 --> 00:02:11,000

So that was--

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00:02:11,000 --> 00:02:12,560

Yeah, can you talk a
little bit about that?

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00:02:12,560 --> 00:02:13,320

Right, right.

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00:02:13,320 --> 00:02:16,550

So that's the really
interesting thing.

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00:02:16,550 --> 00:02:17,570

Interesting thing.

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00:02:17,570 --> 00:02:19,550

Because he was Jewish.

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00:02:19,550 --> 00:02:27,560

And I found that I really
found Jews very compatible.

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00:02:27,560 --> 00:02:29,300

I enjoyed them.

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00:02:29,300 --> 00:02:31,220

And

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00:02:31,220 --> 00:02:34,130

As opposed to your previous
feeling, where you were upset?

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00:02:34,130 --> 00:02:34,860

Exactly.

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00:02:34,860 --> 00:02:35,360

Yeah.

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00:02:35,360 --> 00:02:38,750

And well, it was partly
because the whole atmosphere

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00:02:38,750 --> 00:02:39,907

in the United States.

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00:02:39,907 --> 00:02:40,490

Oh, of course.

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00:02:40,490 --> 00:02:44,630

I mean, there, suddenly,
I felt I was truly free.

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00:02:44,630 --> 00:02:48,400
Free of all these things that
had been hanging on to me

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00:02:48,400 --> 00:02:49,940
and making life difficult.

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00:02:49,940 --> 00:02:50,810
Yes.

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00:02:50,810 --> 00:02:54,590
And I wasn't an
enemy alien anymore.

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00:02:54,590 --> 00:02:57,380
I mean, I had become
a British citizen.

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00:02:57,380 --> 00:03:01,450
But it still didn't
feel like it.

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00:03:01,450 --> 00:03:06,410
And just overall, I mean, the
whole atmosphere, you know,

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00:03:06,410 --> 00:03:07,850
was so welcoming.

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00:03:07,850 --> 00:03:14,540
And so for the first time, I
felt that all they cared about

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00:03:14,540 --> 00:03:19,460
was what kind of a person
I was and what I could do.

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00:03:19,460 --> 00:03:22,490
And not where I came from,
or what my religion was,

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00:03:22,490 --> 00:03:23,990
or anything else.

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00:03:23,990 --> 00:03:27,740
And it was very interesting,
because Roger was not

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00:03:27,740 --> 00:03:29,770
a practicing Jew.

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00:03:29,770 --> 00:03:31,610
I mean, he had been confirmed.

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00:03:31,610 --> 00:03:35,023
He grew up in
Scranton, Pennsylvania.

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00:03:35,023 --> 00:03:39,230

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00:03:39,230 --> 00:03:44,215
But he said, you know, I'll
come to church with you.

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00:03:44,215 --> 00:03:45,590
Because you're
still a Christian.

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00:03:45,590 --> 00:03:47,000
Because you're
still a Christian.

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00:03:47,000 --> 00:03:47,570
Right.

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00:03:47,570 --> 00:03:52,370
And I only have one requirement
is that whoever the pastor is

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00:03:52,370 --> 00:03:55,240
gives good sermons.

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00:03:55,240 --> 00:03:58,890
So that's in fact what happened.

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00:03:58,890 --> 00:04:01,362

And we were married in the
Episcopal Church in Ann Arbor.

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00:04:01,362 --> 00:04:02,570

You were married in a church.

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00:04:02,570 --> 00:04:03,830

Yeah.

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00:04:03,830 --> 00:04:11,840

And he had some Jewish ushers
and some Christian ones.

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00:04:11,840 --> 00:04:17,060

And I have to say that,
probably, most of my friends

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00:04:17,060 --> 00:04:20,089

were Jewish.

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00:04:20,089 --> 00:04:22,610

And I met his family.

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00:04:22,610 --> 00:04:26,640

And his mother wondered
about me, I think that--

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00:04:26,640 --> 00:04:29,180

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00:04:29,180 --> 00:04:31,850

accepted me.

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00:04:31,850 --> 00:04:33,930

But they all knew that
you were Jewish heritage?

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00:04:33,930 --> 00:04:34,430

Yes.

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00:04:34,430 --> 00:04:34,930

They did.

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00:04:34,930 --> 00:04:36,920

Yes, they did.

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00:04:36,920 --> 00:04:38,270

They certainly did.

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00:04:38,270 --> 00:04:39,900

And my parents came
to the wedding.

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00:04:39,900 --> 00:04:40,400

They did.

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00:04:40,400 --> 00:04:41,140

And so on.

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00:04:41,140 --> 00:04:43,650

They got along well the in-laws.

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00:04:43,650 --> 00:04:46,320

And so that was fine.

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00:04:46,320 --> 00:04:49,350

And then I got
pregnant very quickly,

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00:04:49,350 --> 00:04:54,020

because we decided that we
were both a little older.

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00:04:54,020 --> 00:04:58,040

Because I taught
four years between.

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00:04:58,040 --> 00:05:02,540

And you've got to sit
down a PhD and a postdoc.

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00:05:02,540 --> 00:05:06,540

So that came first.

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00:05:06,540 --> 00:05:13,560

And then we had four children in fairly rapid succession, which

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00:05:13,560 --> 00:05:14,190

was fine.

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00:05:14,190 --> 00:05:16,700

We stayed in Ann Arbor for about three years

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00:05:16,700 --> 00:05:21,600

and then went to Syracuse University,

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00:05:21,600 --> 00:05:24,280

where three of our children were born.

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00:05:24,280 --> 00:05:28,570

And this was during, I think--

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00:05:28,570 --> 00:05:31,260

a time that was very important to both of us

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00:05:31,260 --> 00:05:34,770

was the civil rights movement.

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00:05:34,770 --> 00:05:39,600

And I initially could not be very active in it

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00:05:39,600 --> 00:05:45,310

because I wasn't a citizen, an American citizen.

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00:05:45,310 --> 00:05:49,080

And so I did a certain amount.

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00:05:49,080 --> 00:05:49,760

Roger did--

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00:05:49,760 --> 00:05:52,330

You did become a citizen
when you married?

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00:05:52,330 --> 00:05:53,810

No, you have to wait five years.

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00:05:53,810 --> 00:05:55,310

You still have to
do the five years.

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00:05:55,310 --> 00:05:57,120

Yes, well, you did then.

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00:05:57,120 --> 00:05:59,020

I don't know whether
you still do.

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00:05:59,020 --> 00:06:04,590

So 1963, as soon as I could
legally become a citizen,

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00:06:04,590 --> 00:06:07,140

I became a citizen.

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00:06:07,140 --> 00:06:10,065

And that was very
exciting to me.

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00:06:10,065 --> 00:06:11,940

Were you active in the
civil rights movement?

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00:06:11,940 --> 00:06:12,540

Yes.

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00:06:12,540 --> 00:06:13,380

What did you all do?

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00:06:13,380 --> 00:06:16,470

We were both very active.

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00:06:16,470 --> 00:06:17,760

A number of things.

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00:06:17,760 --> 00:06:20,580

One is that they were
there was a sort of ghetto

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00:06:20,580 --> 00:06:24,480

in downtown Syracuse
at the time.

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00:06:24,480 --> 00:06:25,470

Ghetto area.

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00:06:25,470 --> 00:06:28,920

And actually, this was
all through the church

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00:06:28,920 --> 00:06:33,750

that I belonged to, which had
a wonderful pastor, which said

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00:06:33,750 --> 00:06:35,250

anybody can come to his church.

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00:06:35,250 --> 00:06:38,730

It doesn't matter who you
are, what you believe.

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00:06:38,730 --> 00:06:40,680

If you're Jewish, that's fine.

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00:06:40,680 --> 00:06:43,630

Roger was on the
finance committee.

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00:06:43,630 --> 00:06:47,310

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00:06:47,310 --> 00:06:48,210

And so on.

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00:06:48,210 --> 00:06:51,690

And that was very much a center
of civil rights activity.

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00:06:51,690 --> 00:06:59,100

And they gave-- they allowed
CORE and other groups

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00:06:59,100 --> 00:07:00,780

to meet there, and so on.

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00:07:00,780 --> 00:07:04,680

They got bomb threats in
the church as a result.

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00:07:04,680 --> 00:07:11,430

But anyhow, he did a lot of
demonstrating downtown, where

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00:07:11,430 --> 00:07:14,970

they were trying to clear
out the ghetto areas so

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00:07:14,970 --> 00:07:17,220

they could build--

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00:07:17,220 --> 00:07:18,390

Low-cost housing?

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00:07:18,390 --> 00:07:21,480

No, not low-cost
housing down there.

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00:07:21,480 --> 00:07:24,270

There it was much
too expensive land.

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00:07:24,270 --> 00:07:26,640

No, they built huge buildings.

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00:07:26,640 --> 00:07:32,340
One was for Mutual of New
York, where the money was.

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00:07:32,340 --> 00:07:33,790
And so on.

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00:07:33,790 --> 00:07:36,870
And then we
discovered, actually,

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00:07:36,870 --> 00:07:40,095
from our neighbors, one of
whom was a realtor, that--

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00:07:40,095 --> 00:07:42,880

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00:07:42,880 --> 00:07:44,640
we talked to them
one day and said,

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00:07:44,640 --> 00:07:49,470
do you know what's going to
happen for those people who

165
00:07:49,470 --> 00:07:52,410
don't have anywhere to go
and that from the ghetto?

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00:07:52,410 --> 00:07:54,090
And they said,
oh, yeah, we know.

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00:07:54,090 --> 00:07:56,310
We know exactly where
they're going to go.

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00:07:56,310 --> 00:07:58,110
So we said, where?

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00:07:58,110 --> 00:08:02,940
And they said, well, you
know, outside of town,

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00:08:02,940 --> 00:08:08,550
a few miles north,
there's a very good area

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00:08:08,550 --> 00:08:11,220
where they can all settle.

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00:08:11,220 --> 00:08:16,320
And we said, oh, all right.

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00:08:16,320 --> 00:08:17,610
Now we know.

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00:08:17,610 --> 00:08:21,870
And that did, in
fact, not happen.

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00:08:21,870 --> 00:08:28,000
But there was a lot of
redlining of areas and so on.

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00:08:28,000 --> 00:08:29,820
The thing that I
worked on, mainly,

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00:08:29,820 --> 00:08:35,010
is that I started an
after-school program

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00:08:35,010 --> 00:08:40,740
at the church of the Episcopal
Church for the ghetto children.

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00:08:40,740 --> 00:08:45,930
And that was, I mean,
basically, because I

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00:08:45,930 --> 00:08:47,500
had so many little children.

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00:08:47,500 --> 00:08:50,700
I couldn't do very
much except telephone.

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00:08:50,700 --> 00:08:51,360
Right, right.

183
00:08:51,360 --> 00:08:55,680
And so I'd set this up and got
students from the university

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00:08:55,680 --> 00:08:58,180
to tutor them and so on.

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00:08:58,180 --> 00:09:03,560
And that was very
successful, I think.

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00:09:03,560 --> 00:09:07,260
Do you feel that you were
so active in doing that

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00:09:07,260 --> 00:09:08,790
because of your background?

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00:09:08,790 --> 00:09:12,150
And you had been a child
in a country that deprived

189
00:09:12,150 --> 00:09:13,860
people of their civil rights.

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00:09:13,860 --> 00:09:18,390
I'm sure that that played a
large part in my really wanting

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00:09:18,390 --> 00:09:19,740
to do this.

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00:09:19,740 --> 00:09:23,210
And of course, what had

happened to all the Jews.

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00:09:23,210 --> 00:09:26,580

I mean, that was very
much part of my thinking

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00:09:26,580 --> 00:09:30,930

now in the sense of, OK, so
this was one group that's

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00:09:30,930 --> 00:09:36,420

being done in, let's say.

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00:09:36,420 --> 00:09:39,090

Another group that is not--

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00:09:39,090 --> 00:09:48,970

I mean, I really learned about
the whole slavery problem

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00:09:48,970 --> 00:09:54,180

and how much of a
problem it still was.

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00:09:54,180 --> 00:09:56,730

I mean, I did a
lot of canvassing

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00:09:56,730 --> 00:10:01,020

in Black areas in the
last election, which also,

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00:10:01,020 --> 00:10:05,460

because I just had felt
very strongly that anybody

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00:10:05,460 --> 00:10:09,010

who was an underdog like that
needs all the help they get.

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00:10:09,010 --> 00:10:10,740

Do you feel that
if you hadn't gone

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00:10:10,740 --> 00:10:13,230
through as a child what
you went through you

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00:10:13,230 --> 00:10:16,380
would have been as--

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00:10:16,380 --> 00:10:20,860
Probably not, I would think.

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00:10:20,860 --> 00:10:23,990
I mean, it's hard to tell.

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00:10:23,990 --> 00:10:24,720
Of course.

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00:10:24,720 --> 00:10:25,900
It's hard to tell.

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00:10:25,900 --> 00:10:31,490
But if I had gone
on leading a very,

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00:10:31,490 --> 00:10:36,920
well, a life where I was
never deprived of anything.

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00:10:36,920 --> 00:10:37,920
I never had any trouble.

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00:10:37,920 --> 00:10:38,000
Right, right.

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00:10:38,000 --> 00:10:39,917
That's if you'd been
born in the United States

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00:10:39,917 --> 00:10:42,470
and had just a regular
childhood without having

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00:10:42,470 --> 00:10:44,255
the uprooting that you had.

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00:10:44,255 --> 00:10:45,470
Right, you're right.

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00:10:45,470 --> 00:10:47,330
No, and I mean, it still--

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00:10:47,330 --> 00:10:49,130
It sensitized you.

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00:10:49,130 --> 00:10:50,500
Yeah, very much.

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00:10:50,500 --> 00:10:57,340
And I still feel very
strongly about any underdog.

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00:10:57,340 --> 00:11:03,980
I mean, essentially, anyone
who is discriminated against.

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00:11:03,980 --> 00:11:08,610
Because that obviously
has become part of me.

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00:11:08,610 --> 00:11:10,490
Right.

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00:11:10,490 --> 00:11:14,150
Were you shocked-- to go back
a few years, were you shocked

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00:11:14,150 --> 00:11:16,670
when the world really
found out what happened

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00:11:16,670 --> 00:11:18,260
to so many of the
Jews in the camps

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00:11:18,260 --> 00:11:21,650

when all the pictures
came out and the stories?

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00:11:21,650 --> 00:11:23,918

Do you remember?

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00:11:23,918 --> 00:11:24,460

Had you felt?

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00:11:24,460 --> 00:11:24,975

I don't.

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00:11:24,975 --> 00:11:27,650

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00:11:27,650 --> 00:11:30,960

I knew it was awful.

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00:11:30,960 --> 00:11:41,350

And I think that I did not look
at too many of the pictures.

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00:11:41,350 --> 00:11:42,700

I will say that.

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00:11:42,700 --> 00:11:48,820

And in fact, I've read much
more in recent years about it

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00:11:48,820 --> 00:11:50,820

than I did then.

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00:11:50,820 --> 00:11:53,620

Initially, yeah.

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00:11:53,620 --> 00:12:02,970

And I mean, it was horrendous.

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00:12:02,970 --> 00:12:16,310

And part of me was

very, very sad about it.

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00:12:16,310 --> 00:12:22,580

But part of me also still
wanted to get on with my life

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00:12:22,580 --> 00:12:26,116

and not spend too much time--

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00:12:26,116 --> 00:12:26,616

Dwelling.

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00:12:26,616 --> 00:12:30,860

--yeah, dwelling on it,
I think, is the answer.

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00:12:30,860 --> 00:12:33,450

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00:12:33,450 --> 00:12:36,920

So I mean, the rest--

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00:12:36,920 --> 00:12:43,010

we moved from Syracuse,
eventually, to Iowa,

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00:12:43,010 --> 00:12:48,310

and spent 30 years in
Iowa, near Iowa City.

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00:12:48,310 --> 00:12:52,670

The Athens of the Midwest,
in case you didn't know.

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00:12:52,670 --> 00:12:56,420

And our children
went to school there.

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00:12:56,420 --> 00:12:57,140

It was good.

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00:12:57,140 --> 00:13:00,170

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00:13:00,170 --> 00:13:03,260

And it was a nice place
to raise children.

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00:13:03,260 --> 00:13:07,880

And they now, mostly, live
in the Washington area,

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00:13:07,880 --> 00:13:10,310

which is why I'm here.

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00:13:10,310 --> 00:13:20,570

And my husband really
loved teaching and science.

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00:13:20,570 --> 00:13:31,040

He was a geneticist and worked
on molecular evolution also.

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00:13:31,040 --> 00:13:37,160

Unfortunately,
about 11 years ago

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00:13:37,160 --> 00:13:43,070

now, he clearly showed signs
of Alzheimer's disease.

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00:13:43,070 --> 00:13:54,150

And that's when we moved east,
and eventually, to Washington.

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00:13:54,150 --> 00:13:54,650

Yeah.

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00:13:54,650 --> 00:14:00,196

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00:14:00,196 --> 00:14:01,630

And then he passed away.

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00:14:01,630 --> 00:14:04,786

He passed away
this past January.

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00:14:04,786 --> 00:14:05,286

Yeah.

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00:14:05,286 --> 00:14:08,100

267

00:14:08,100 --> 00:14:12,270

How did you raise your
children, religion-wise?

268

00:14:12,270 --> 00:14:13,130

Oh.

269

00:14:13,130 --> 00:14:13,710

Or did you?

270

00:14:13,710 --> 00:14:15,630

Did you raise them
in a religion?

271

00:14:15,630 --> 00:14:16,830

And if so, which one?

272

00:14:16,830 --> 00:14:24,720

We-- the first two we
took both to synagogue

273

00:14:24,720 --> 00:14:29,715

and to the Episcopal
Church, depending on what--

274

00:14:29,715 --> 00:14:31,330

What holiday it was.

275

00:14:31,330 --> 00:14:34,320

--yeah, what we were
feeling like, where we were,

276

00:14:34,320 --> 00:14:38,300
whether there was a
good synagogue we liked.

277
00:14:38,300 --> 00:14:39,970
And so on.

278
00:14:39,970 --> 00:14:42,840
And I mean, I learned, too.

279
00:14:42,840 --> 00:14:50,180
We went to many seders
in Iowa, for instance,

280
00:14:50,180 --> 00:14:54,400
just to give them a
taste of what was around.

281
00:14:54,400 --> 00:15:04,650
And two of my daughters brought
their children up as Jews.

282
00:15:04,650 --> 00:15:06,570
Neither of them was
married to a Jew.

283
00:15:06,570 --> 00:15:09,660

284
00:15:09,660 --> 00:15:15,650
And the others have not.

285
00:15:15,650 --> 00:15:17,850
I mean, the children
know they're Jewish.

286
00:15:17,850 --> 00:15:20,170
Or the grandchildren
know they're Jewish.

287
00:15:20,170 --> 00:15:22,605
But there wasn't
very much interest.

288
00:15:22,605 --> 00:15:27,320

289
00:15:27,320 --> 00:15:32,390
So I think those grandchildren
really don't know anything

290
00:15:32,390 --> 00:15:33,782
about religion.

291
00:15:33,782 --> 00:15:35,990
And it isn't that they're
being brought up Christian,

292
00:15:35,990 --> 00:15:38,240
they're just not being
brought up with any religion.

293
00:15:38,240 --> 00:15:38,950
What?

294
00:15:38,950 --> 00:15:40,700
There's no religion.

295
00:15:40,700 --> 00:15:41,240
Yeah.

296
00:15:41,240 --> 00:15:43,210
Now, what do you
consider yourself now?

297
00:15:43,210 --> 00:15:45,330
Do you still consider
yourself Christian?

298
00:15:45,330 --> 00:15:49,430
What a very good question.

299
00:15:49,430 --> 00:15:51,530
Well, I am just--

300

00:15:51,530 --> 00:15:54,560

I am trying now.

301

00:15:54,560 --> 00:15:58,010

I have to sort of make some
decisions about my life now.

302

00:15:58,010 --> 00:16:03,210

Because before, it was
really all sort of related

303

00:16:03,210 --> 00:16:04,730

to what my husband was doing.

304

00:16:04,730 --> 00:16:05,300

Of course.

305

00:16:05,300 --> 00:16:05,800

Right.

306

00:16:05,800 --> 00:16:10,160

And I mean, I worked as a
city planner for quite a while

307

00:16:10,160 --> 00:16:11,750

and did other things.

308

00:16:11,750 --> 00:16:17,300

309

00:16:17,300 --> 00:16:20,810

And what is missing,
of course, is--

310

00:16:20,810 --> 00:16:22,840

particularly since I
moved to Washington

311

00:16:22,840 --> 00:16:24,750

and don't have
any friends here--

312

00:16:24,750 --> 00:16:27,860

313

00:16:27,860 --> 00:16:31,260

that I need a base somewhere.

314

00:16:31,260 --> 00:16:35,120

Of course the question is, OK,
do I go to an Episcopal church

315

00:16:35,120 --> 00:16:39,680

or do I go to
synagogue or temple?

316

00:16:39,680 --> 00:16:42,290

Do I go with my
daughter, who lives

317

00:16:42,290 --> 00:16:45,980

in Tenleytown, who
goes very regularly

318

00:16:45,980 --> 00:16:48,098

with her little four-year-old?

319

00:16:48,098 --> 00:16:52,690

320

00:16:52,690 --> 00:16:59,750

And I'm actually not inclined
to do either at this point,

321

00:16:59,750 --> 00:17:01,330

as I've thought
about it and talk

322

00:17:01,330 --> 00:17:02,920

with different people about it.

323

00:17:02,920 --> 00:17:08,290

Basically, what I want
is a base, a social base,

324
00:17:08,290 --> 00:17:13,599
where people are doing
productive volunteer

325
00:17:13,599 --> 00:17:15,710
work of some kind.

326
00:17:15,710 --> 00:17:21,099
And so since you ask, actually,
I think this coming Sunday,

327
00:17:21,099 --> 00:17:27,369
I'm going to go try out the
Unitarian Church on River Road

328
00:17:27,369 --> 00:17:29,940
and see what's going on.

329
00:17:29,940 --> 00:17:30,880
Yeah, yeah.

330
00:17:30,880 --> 00:17:34,790
So the answer is I don't know.

331
00:17:34,790 --> 00:17:36,230
You don't know.

332
00:17:36,230 --> 00:17:38,365
What are your feelings
about Germany now?

333
00:17:38,365 --> 00:17:39,430
And Germans today.

334
00:17:39,430 --> 00:17:43,260
Oh, much, much better.

335
00:17:43,260 --> 00:17:52,600
I mean, I think they
have genuinely tried to--

336

00:17:52,600 --> 00:17:56,200

well, they can't ever make
reparations for what went on.

337

00:17:56,200 --> 00:18:05,815

But I think, overall, that it's
a country with decent values.

338

00:18:05,815 --> 00:18:08,740

339

00:18:08,740 --> 00:18:16,951

And I'm happy to go and visit.

340

00:18:16,951 --> 00:18:18,685

That's not a problem for me.

341

00:18:18,685 --> 00:18:20,810

You don't feel uncomfortable
or anything like that?

342

00:18:20,810 --> 00:18:21,910

No, no.

343

00:18:21,910 --> 00:18:24,430

What about speaking German?

344

00:18:24,430 --> 00:18:26,090

I haven't been speaking much.

345

00:18:26,090 --> 00:18:28,720

But once in a while,
I speak German.

346

00:18:28,720 --> 00:18:30,580

I still speak it.

347

00:18:30,580 --> 00:18:35,530

I've got to do a little
more talking before I--

348

00:18:35,530 --> 00:18:37,900

I think I told you I
want to go and visit

349

00:18:37,900 --> 00:18:44,740

Berlin next spring with one
of my children coming along.

350

00:18:44,740 --> 00:18:50,300

My sister is not
interested in doing that.

351

00:18:50,300 --> 00:18:53,140

And then we'll go and
visit all our cousins

352

00:18:53,140 --> 00:18:56,560

in Denmark, who we've
kept up with a lot.

353

00:18:56,560 --> 00:18:58,450

So that'll be nice.

354

00:18:58,450 --> 00:19:04,120

So are there relatives
left in Germany of yours?

355

00:19:04,120 --> 00:19:06,790

No, none.

356

00:19:06,790 --> 00:19:07,420

Excuse me.

357

00:19:07,420 --> 00:19:10,660

358

00:19:10,660 --> 00:19:17,020

There were some sort
of extended relatives.

359

00:19:17,020 --> 00:19:20,125

There was a Friedenthal
family, all of whom have died.

360
00:19:20,125 --> 00:19:22,900

361
00:19:22,900 --> 00:19:27,825
And there were some
other relations

362
00:19:27,825 --> 00:19:32,720
who my sister knew about
and corresponded with.

363
00:19:32,720 --> 00:19:36,350
But they have all died now.

364
00:19:36,350 --> 00:19:38,930
Because there's nobody else.

365
00:19:38,930 --> 00:19:41,920
Do you remember
the Eichmann trial?

366
00:19:41,920 --> 00:19:42,470
Yes.

367
00:19:42,470 --> 00:19:44,555
What where your--

368
00:19:44,555 --> 00:19:47,800
I know you were raising
children at the time.

369
00:19:47,800 --> 00:19:52,100
But anything you can say about
your reactions at that time?

370
00:19:52,100 --> 00:19:56,600
Well, I thought,
finally, finally somebody

371
00:19:56,600 --> 00:19:58,040
is being held--

372
00:19:58,040 --> 00:20:00,255
their feet are being
held to the fire.

373
00:20:00,255 --> 00:20:02,890

374
00:20:02,890 --> 00:20:06,080
But thank goodness.

375
00:20:06,080 --> 00:20:12,120

376
00:20:12,120 --> 00:20:16,260
Have you been to the Holocaust
Museum here in Washington?

377
00:20:16,260 --> 00:20:17,400
Yeah, I have.

378
00:20:17,400 --> 00:20:22,805
I mean, I actually
went several years ago.

379
00:20:22,805 --> 00:20:23,805
I haven't been recently.

380
00:20:23,805 --> 00:20:29,460
But I think I will
go sometime soon.

381
00:20:29,460 --> 00:20:32,310

382
00:20:32,310 --> 00:20:33,480
I only went to--

383
00:20:33,480 --> 00:20:35,950
I didn't know how
much I could take.

384

00:20:35,950 --> 00:20:45,070

And I went to the top
floor and found it, well,

385

00:20:45,070 --> 00:20:45,960

what can you say?

386

00:20:45,960 --> 00:20:49,280

387

00:20:49,280 --> 00:20:49,780

Hard.

388

00:20:49,780 --> 00:20:54,100

389

00:20:54,100 --> 00:20:57,280

I think I may have
mentioned this to you, too.

390

00:20:57,280 --> 00:21:01,290

But I went and
sat in the, what's

391

00:21:01,290 --> 00:21:06,550

it called, the Hall
of Memory hall?

392

00:21:06,550 --> 00:21:07,790

Where you light the candles?

393

00:21:07,790 --> 00:21:08,290

Yeah.

394

00:21:08,290 --> 00:21:08,790

Yeah, Yeah.

395

00:21:08,790 --> 00:21:11,800

396

00:21:11,800 --> 00:21:14,570

And I found that a
wonderful experience.

397
00:21:14,570 --> 00:21:17,680

398
00:21:17,680 --> 00:21:21,070
I mean, I was pretty upset.

399
00:21:21,070 --> 00:21:24,260
And it was so calming and so--

400
00:21:24,260 --> 00:21:24,880
Good.

401
00:21:24,880 --> 00:21:26,650
--beautifully done.

402
00:21:26,650 --> 00:21:27,400
And dignified.

403
00:21:27,400 --> 00:21:30,010
And dignified, right.

404
00:21:30,010 --> 00:21:33,100
And with all the names
around, and so on.

405
00:21:33,100 --> 00:21:36,880

406
00:21:36,880 --> 00:21:42,760
I couldn't think of a better
way of ending a visit,

407
00:21:42,760 --> 00:21:48,200
but sitting there for a
half hour or something.

408
00:21:48,200 --> 00:21:53,880
I've also, actually-- people
have been giving me books.

409

00:21:53,880 --> 00:21:58,390

And I read Sarah's Key recently.

410

00:21:58,390 --> 00:22:01,050

411

00:22:01,050 --> 00:22:03,483

Have you read In Mania's Memory?

412

00:22:03,483 --> 00:22:04,450

No.

413

00:22:04,450 --> 00:22:07,530

I've read Sarah's Key.

414

00:22:07,530 --> 00:22:09,120

That's an amazing book.

415

00:22:09,120 --> 00:22:13,090

416

00:22:13,090 --> 00:22:19,090

Mania is somebody who was
in concentration camp.

417

00:22:19,090 --> 00:22:28,180

And there was a woman, an SS
woman, who looked out for her.

418

00:22:28,180 --> 00:22:31,870

Gave her extra, got her
extra food and things.

419

00:22:31,870 --> 00:22:37,790

And these two women
are still alive,

420

00:22:37,790 --> 00:22:40,630

or were, at least, when
the book was written.

421

00:22:40,630 --> 00:22:42,840

It was written by a Canadian.

422

00:22:42,840 --> 00:22:51,280

And I thought it was very
interesting and well done.

423

00:22:51,280 --> 00:22:55,900

Are you angry that your life
was disrupted as a young child

424

00:22:55,900 --> 00:23:00,520

and you have to move around,
as opposed to others who

425

00:23:00,520 --> 00:23:04,660

were, let's say, born
here, and didn't have that,

426

00:23:04,660 --> 00:23:06,970

didn't experience what you--

427

00:23:06,970 --> 00:23:08,620

Any feelings of anger?

428

00:23:08,620 --> 00:23:11,250

429

00:23:11,250 --> 00:23:13,470

No.

430

00:23:13,470 --> 00:23:16,030

When others your age didn't
have to go through what

431

00:23:16,030 --> 00:23:17,490

you went through.

432

00:23:17,490 --> 00:23:20,350

Right.

433

00:23:20,350 --> 00:23:25,180
No, you know, in some ways--

434
00:23:25,180 --> 00:23:26,155
I never went hungry.

435
00:23:26,155 --> 00:23:32,880

436
00:23:32,880 --> 00:23:37,370
I have no knowledge
of being in danger.

437
00:23:37,370 --> 00:23:46,260
And I mean, I've always had
this what is partly optimism

438
00:23:46,260 --> 00:23:49,860
that things will get
better and partly

439
00:23:49,860 --> 00:23:57,840
the feeling, as well, everybody
gets dealt some bad things.

440
00:23:57,840 --> 00:23:59,250
I just got rather a lot of them.

441
00:23:59,250 --> 00:24:02,410

442
00:24:02,410 --> 00:24:03,995
But I don't know.

443
00:24:03,995 --> 00:24:09,750

444
00:24:09,750 --> 00:24:14,820
I mean, I think, when I was
younger, when I was a kid,

445
00:24:14,820 --> 00:24:20,790

I was angry when we
first went to England.

446
00:24:20,790 --> 00:24:23,310

447
00:24:23,310 --> 00:24:34,450
But later on, that's
what life has dealt me.

448
00:24:34,450 --> 00:24:36,060
Do what I can with it.

449
00:24:36,060 --> 00:24:37,290
I mean, I did really--

450
00:24:37,290 --> 00:24:41,520
I mean, there's one other thing
that has always struck me,

451
00:24:41,520 --> 00:24:47,550
because it's a memory
I have as truly weird,

452
00:24:47,550 --> 00:24:52,620
because I was always a
good athlete and gymnast.

453
00:24:52,620 --> 00:24:55,170
And when I switched
schools, somewhere, I

454
00:24:55,170 --> 00:24:57,920
don't remember whether
it was in St. Albans.

455
00:24:57,920 --> 00:25:02,700
Or must have been in St.
Albans when I went there.

456
00:25:02,700 --> 00:25:07,410
And we had gymnastics two
or three times a week.

457

00:25:07,410 --> 00:25:14,200

And then there were teams that
competed against each other.

458

00:25:14,200 --> 00:25:19,710

And of course, when I
was new, then nobody

459

00:25:19,710 --> 00:25:22,650

knew that I was a good gymnast.

460

00:25:22,650 --> 00:25:26,190

So when everybody was picking
people for their teams,

461

00:25:26,190 --> 00:25:29,470

they still had that
stuff for team leaders

462

00:25:29,470 --> 00:25:31,900

and each for picks.

463

00:25:31,900 --> 00:25:35,130

And so of course, all the
good ones get picked first.

464

00:25:35,130 --> 00:25:37,980

And of course, as
I realized that I

465

00:25:37,980 --> 00:25:42,970

was going to be obviously going
to be picked last, I thought--

466

00:25:42,970 --> 00:25:45,780

and this is true--

467

00:25:45,780 --> 00:25:49,960

I thought, well, won't they
get a pleasant surprise?

468

00:25:49,960 --> 00:25:56,760
I mean, for somebody, however
old I was, 14 or 13, I guess,

469
00:25:56,760 --> 00:26:03,870
for that to come to
mind is either strange

470
00:26:03,870 --> 00:26:08,250
or just the way I'm built.

471
00:26:08,250 --> 00:26:11,010
You were going to be
picked last because--

472
00:26:11,010 --> 00:26:14,210
Because nobody knew whether
I could do anything.

473
00:26:14,210 --> 00:26:15,210
Whether you could do it.

474
00:26:15,210 --> 00:26:17,065
Whether I could climb
a rope or do whatever.

475
00:26:17,065 --> 00:26:19,050
Not because they
knew you were Jewish.

476
00:26:19,050 --> 00:26:19,550
No.

477
00:26:19,550 --> 00:26:20,842
It had nothing to do with that.

478
00:26:20,842 --> 00:26:21,510
No, no.

479
00:26:21,510 --> 00:26:23,468
But because they didn't
know what you could do.

480

00:26:23,468 --> 00:26:26,570

Oh, right, yes, that's
obviously another thought.

481

00:26:26,570 --> 00:26:30,310

482

00:26:30,310 --> 00:26:35,370

I mean, mostly, I did not
think of myself as a Jew.

483

00:26:35,370 --> 00:26:37,710

At least in those days.

484

00:26:37,710 --> 00:26:38,975

I mean, now I do.

485

00:26:38,975 --> 00:26:40,170

Oh, now you do?

486

00:26:40,170 --> 00:26:41,190

Yeah.

487

00:26:41,190 --> 00:26:42,720

Now I do.

488

00:26:42,720 --> 00:26:44,100

Really?

489

00:26:44,100 --> 00:26:47,700

Do you feel
Christian in any way?

490

00:26:47,700 --> 00:26:49,220

No.

491

00:26:49,220 --> 00:26:51,242

And so when did that?

492

00:26:51,242 --> 00:26:52,450

Well, that was very gradual--

493
00:26:52,450 --> 00:26:53,010
Yeah, yeah.

494
00:26:53,010 --> 00:26:55,230
--over the period
of my marriage.

495
00:26:55,230 --> 00:27:00,500

496
00:27:00,500 --> 00:27:01,000
No.

497
00:27:01,000 --> 00:27:08,750
I mean, I think I can
see a lot in Judaism.

498
00:27:08,750 --> 00:27:18,220
And I mean, I still
love to hear and sing

499
00:27:18,220 --> 00:27:21,760
Bach or things like that.

500
00:27:21,760 --> 00:27:26,080

501
00:27:26,080 --> 00:27:29,870
And to hear good
choirs and so on.

502
00:27:29,870 --> 00:27:34,300
And the whole sort of pomp and--

503
00:27:34,300 --> 00:27:35,170
Ritual.

504
00:27:35,170 --> 00:27:39,345
--ritual, yeah, of
the Episcopal Church.

505

00:27:39,345 --> 00:27:40,220

The Episcopal Church.

506

00:27:40,220 --> 00:27:42,760

Right, I do like.

507

00:27:42,760 --> 00:27:46,150

But no, I think.

508

00:27:46,150 --> 00:27:49,240

But your inner feeling
is more as a Jew.

509

00:27:49,240 --> 00:27:51,440

As a Jew, right.

510

00:27:51,440 --> 00:27:52,600

What about your sister?

511

00:27:52,600 --> 00:27:54,670

She's remained Christian?

512

00:27:54,670 --> 00:27:58,370

Oh, she's a Christian
through and through.

513

00:27:58,370 --> 00:27:59,690

Yeah.

514

00:27:59,690 --> 00:28:00,190

Oops.

515

00:28:00,190 --> 00:28:02,920

516

00:28:02,920 --> 00:28:05,050

Have you been to Israel?

517

00:28:05,050 --> 00:28:06,340

No, I haven't.

518

00:28:06,340 --> 00:28:10,590

I actually have a
cousin in Israel.

519

00:28:10,590 --> 00:28:14,590

And one of this
thing I should quick

520

00:28:14,590 --> 00:28:19,870

tell you, that there's the
Pariser family, who housed us

521

00:28:19,870 --> 00:28:22,300

and who were so good
to us over the years--

522

00:28:22,300 --> 00:28:25,750

523

00:28:25,750 --> 00:28:34,530

two of the children who
are older than me-- but one

524

00:28:34,530 --> 00:28:42,620

lived in Chevy Chase
and got ovarian cancer.

525

00:28:42,620 --> 00:28:45,170

And I looked after
her quite a bit

526

00:28:45,170 --> 00:28:49,850

when she died a
couple of years ago.

527

00:28:49,850 --> 00:28:52,460

And then the other
one, I'm in touch

528

00:28:52,460 --> 00:28:56,870

with her brother, who
is also 90-something.

529

00:28:56,870 --> 00:29:01,040

And his wife died recently.

530

00:29:01,040 --> 00:29:05,270

And I've been in touch with
him and their family a lot.

531

00:29:05,270 --> 00:29:11,000

So I felt very good about that.

532

00:29:11,000 --> 00:29:14,400

Because the family
really kept us going.

533

00:29:14,400 --> 00:29:16,130

Their family kept us going.

534

00:29:16,130 --> 00:29:19,700

Which they didn't know about.

535

00:29:19,700 --> 00:29:22,590

And then I could do
something to help them.

536

00:29:22,590 --> 00:29:25,220

Right, right.

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00:29:25,220 --> 00:29:27,380

And then all of them--

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00:29:27,380 --> 00:29:29,210

well, no, I take that away.

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00:29:29,210 --> 00:29:31,730

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00:29:31,730 --> 00:29:40,640

One of the sons is a practicing
Jew and married to a Jew.

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00:29:40,640 --> 00:29:42,290

And his children are, too.

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00:29:42,290 --> 00:29:46,490

So there are some people who
are in the family and more

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00:29:46,490 --> 00:29:47,750

distant family.

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00:29:47,750 --> 00:29:50,690

Do you think the world
has learned any lessons

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00:29:50,690 --> 00:29:51,620

from the Holocaust?

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00:29:51,620 --> 00:29:56,170

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00:29:56,170 --> 00:29:58,355

Sometimes yes and sometimes no.

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00:29:58,355 --> 00:30:01,630

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00:30:01,630 --> 00:30:09,550

I mean, there have been so
many countries with genocide

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00:30:09,550 --> 00:30:17,150

going on that it seems like
nobody has learned anything.

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00:30:17,150 --> 00:30:22,240

And then on the other
hand, there have also

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00:30:22,240 --> 00:30:27,990

been more countries that
are willing to help them,

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00:30:27,990 --> 00:30:29,850

I think, in the world.

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00:30:29,850 --> 00:30:32,920

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00:30:32,920 --> 00:30:37,300

But no, I don't think anybody
has learned any lessons.

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00:30:37,300 --> 00:30:43,402

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00:30:43,402 --> 00:30:50,130

And I think that's the way the
world works, unfortunately.

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00:30:50,130 --> 00:30:54,540

Why were you willing
to do the interview?

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00:30:54,540 --> 00:30:57,200

Oh, well, for a
couple of reasons.

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00:30:57,200 --> 00:30:58,750

When I came up and asked you.

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00:30:58,750 --> 00:31:01,910

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00:31:01,910 --> 00:31:12,430

One of my daughters, the one
who lives close by and attends--

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00:31:12,430 --> 00:31:14,030

what's the synagogue on?

564

00:31:14,030 --> 00:31:16,730

Adat Shalom.

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00:31:16,730 --> 00:31:18,370

Synagogue on Persimmon.

566
00:31:18,370 --> 00:31:19,010
Right.

567
00:31:19,010 --> 00:31:24,830
And she has been
saying to me, you know,

568
00:31:24,830 --> 00:31:29,810
you really should get
somebody to interview you.

569
00:31:29,810 --> 00:31:32,420
Because I'm not sure you're
going to write this all down.

570
00:31:32,420 --> 00:31:40,040

571
00:31:40,040 --> 00:31:41,000
So when I went to--

572
00:31:41,000 --> 00:31:44,190

573
00:31:44,190 --> 00:31:45,790
The program?

574
00:31:45,790 --> 00:31:50,240
The [? Alit ?]
program, I thought,

575
00:31:50,240 --> 00:31:54,060
yeah, it probably is time.

576
00:31:54,060 --> 00:31:58,580
Mine's a very different
story, because I

577
00:31:58,580 --> 00:32:06,070
feel that I just always
felt in some way cared for.

578
00:32:06,070 --> 00:32:12,760

579
00:32:12,760 --> 00:32:15,170
I guess the nearest
to feeling abandoned

580
00:32:15,170 --> 00:32:20,120
was when we were
alone in Cambridge,

581
00:32:20,120 --> 00:32:21,280
outside of Cambridge.

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00:32:21,280 --> 00:32:33,170

583
00:32:33,170 --> 00:32:35,480
So that was.

584
00:32:35,480 --> 00:32:38,540
Then when you suggested
it, I thought, OK, now's

585
00:32:38,540 --> 00:32:40,020
the time to do it.

586
00:32:40,020 --> 00:32:43,670
But does this ever
get put on paper?

587
00:32:43,670 --> 00:32:48,210
Does it always
remain as an oral?

588
00:32:48,210 --> 00:32:50,690
This interview will
go into the archives.

589
00:32:50,690 --> 00:32:51,240
What?

590

00:32:51,240 --> 00:32:53,030

This interview will
go in the archives.

591

00:32:53,030 --> 00:32:55,820

And there will be--
eventually, I guess,

592

00:32:55,820 --> 00:32:57,310

there'll be a written summary.

593

00:32:57,310 --> 00:33:00,890

And eventually, a
transcript, word for word.

594

00:33:00,890 --> 00:33:03,350

But there will be a
summary of what you said.

595

00:33:03,350 --> 00:33:04,270

Oh, I see.

596

00:33:04,270 --> 00:33:05,030

Yeah, first.

597

00:33:05,030 --> 00:33:08,240

And then the second step,
obviously, is the transcript.

598

00:33:08,240 --> 00:33:11,210

And who looks at
those or hears them?

599

00:33:11,210 --> 00:33:14,350

Researchers or
people, family members

600

00:33:14,350 --> 00:33:16,790

who would like to
hear the interview.

601

00:33:16,790 --> 00:33:18,740
I see.

602
00:33:18,740 --> 00:33:21,260
Is there any message you want
to give to your grandchildren?

603
00:33:21,260 --> 00:33:23,990
How many grandchildren
do you have?

604
00:33:23,990 --> 00:33:25,070
I have six.

605
00:33:25,070 --> 00:33:27,410
Oh, wonderful.

606
00:33:27,410 --> 00:33:32,630
Anything you wanted to tell
them when they listen to this

607
00:33:32,630 --> 00:33:34,160
when they're older, of course?

608
00:33:34,160 --> 00:33:35,930
Right, right.

609
00:33:35,930 --> 00:33:38,900
Well, some of them
are old enough.

610
00:33:38,900 --> 00:33:40,856
They're just.

611
00:33:40,856 --> 00:33:43,120
Or lessons for all
of us, I should say.

612
00:33:43,120 --> 00:33:43,620
What?

613
00:33:43,620 --> 00:33:46,820

Or lessons for all
of us, you know.

614
00:33:46,820 --> 00:33:56,080
Well, I think it's something
that's made me a strong person.

615
00:33:56,080 --> 00:34:01,090

616
00:34:01,090 --> 00:34:10,860
And that you can live a very
interesting life overall,

617
00:34:10,860 --> 00:34:19,620
even if it has some
really unpleasant parts.

618
00:34:19,620 --> 00:34:27,050
I think it's sort
of never say die.

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00:34:27,050 --> 00:34:30,150

620
00:34:30,150 --> 00:34:37,360
And you know, I am
an optimist overall.

621
00:34:37,360 --> 00:34:41,844
And that can be
overdone, I know.

622
00:34:41,844 --> 00:34:42,969
But it certainly helped me.

623
00:34:42,969 --> 00:34:45,669

624
00:34:45,669 --> 00:34:51,489
You said that you were so
sensitive to the civil rights

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00:34:51,489 --> 00:34:55,449

movement because of what
you had experienced.

626

00:34:55,449 --> 00:34:59,300

In any other ways, do you think?

627

00:34:59,300 --> 00:35:00,490

Well, I think it's--

628

00:35:00,490 --> 00:35:01,720

Made you stronger.

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00:35:01,720 --> 00:35:04,510

Obviously, it made you-- did
it make you more independent?

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00:35:04,510 --> 00:35:06,890

You said you didn't have an
independent young lifestyle.

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00:35:06,890 --> 00:35:08,890

You were very protected
as a young, young child.

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00:35:08,890 --> 00:35:10,340

Right, right.

633

00:35:10,340 --> 00:35:16,230

And here, you had to be on
your own later on during war.

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00:35:16,230 --> 00:35:16,730

Right.

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00:35:16,730 --> 00:35:21,360

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00:35:21,360 --> 00:35:24,800

No, I think it's much
more general, actually.

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00:35:24,800 --> 00:35:32,710

That anybody who is in
some way discriminated

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00:35:32,710 --> 00:35:41,930

against or down on
their luck, I always

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00:35:41,930 --> 00:35:44,300

feel nobody deserves that.

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00:35:44,300 --> 00:35:52,490

I mean, I feel I didn't deserve
it and I was lucky enough.

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00:35:52,490 --> 00:35:57,520

And somebody always
had enough money

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00:35:57,520 --> 00:36:00,490

so I could go to
good schools and all,

643

00:36:00,490 --> 00:36:03,400

and do what I wanted to do.

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00:36:03,400 --> 00:36:08,110

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00:36:08,110 --> 00:36:11,824

So I feel for people who
don't have that advantage.

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00:36:11,824 --> 00:36:21,510

647

00:36:21,510 --> 00:36:22,920

Well, was there
anything else you

648

00:36:22,920 --> 00:36:25,170

wanted to say before we close?

649
00:36:25,170 --> 00:36:27,210
Any other?

650
00:36:27,210 --> 00:36:29,312
I don't think so.

651
00:36:29,312 --> 00:36:30,270
I think I'm talked out.

652
00:36:30,270 --> 00:36:32,520
Talked out.

653
00:36:32,520 --> 00:36:36,340
But no, I don't think so.

654
00:36:36,340 --> 00:36:51,170

655
00:36:51,170 --> 00:36:55,230
I've written a few short things.

656
00:36:55,230 --> 00:36:58,380
I've taken a course
in memoir writing.

657
00:36:58,380 --> 00:37:06,690
And I don't know whether they're
individually worth anything.

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00:37:06,690 --> 00:37:12,570

659
00:37:12,570 --> 00:37:19,876
Well, I wrote one about
one of my cousins,

660
00:37:19,876 --> 00:37:23,380
who was very dominated
by her parents.

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00:37:23,380 --> 00:37:31,210

And that went on to
the end of her life.

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00:37:31,210 --> 00:37:34,960

And so she never got married,
because her father never

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00:37:34,960 --> 00:37:37,560

thought anybody was
good enough for her.

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00:37:37,560 --> 00:37:42,770

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00:37:42,770 --> 00:37:44,920

But I've written
something about that.

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00:37:44,920 --> 00:37:48,320

I've written something
about the role of music

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00:37:48,320 --> 00:37:52,970

in my life, which has
been considerable.

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00:37:52,970 --> 00:37:57,790

I've actually written
about the train trip

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00:37:57,790 --> 00:38:02,530

from Germany to Switzerland.

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00:38:02,530 --> 00:38:03,030

Good.

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00:38:03,030 --> 00:38:05,700

And a few other things.

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00:38:05,700 --> 00:38:07,640

So maybe I will try.

673

00:38:07,640 --> 00:38:11,890

But there's so much
stuff, you know,

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00:38:11,890 --> 00:38:13,580

that it's hard to pick out.

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00:38:13,580 --> 00:38:17,450

I will ask you, what do you
think the most important things

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00:38:17,450 --> 00:38:20,650

were that I talked about today?

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00:38:20,650 --> 00:38:25,880

Oh, I think as I said,
the fact that you

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00:38:25,880 --> 00:38:29,720

had such a protected childhood,
and yet you were so strong

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00:38:29,720 --> 00:38:31,740

when the time came.

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00:38:31,740 --> 00:38:33,090

That's very impressive.

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00:38:33,090 --> 00:38:35,025

Because when you
were young, you were

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00:38:35,025 --> 00:38:39,150

a youngster when you had
to leave Germany and go.

683

00:38:39,150 --> 00:38:42,965

So it's very, very impressive.

684

00:38:42,965 --> 00:38:45,860

Very impressed that you
really rose to the--

685
00:38:45,860 --> 00:38:47,680
that you had the inner strength.

686
00:38:47,680 --> 00:38:49,430
You know, and as a
young woman coming here

687
00:38:49,430 --> 00:38:50,445
to the United States.

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00:38:50,445 --> 00:38:53,240

689
00:38:53,240 --> 00:38:53,830
Yeah.

690
00:38:53,830 --> 00:38:54,430
You know that that--

691
00:38:54,430 --> 00:38:55,847
And all the movement
in your life.

692
00:38:55,847 --> 00:38:58,730
I mean, living at the Isle
of Man, moving all around.

693
00:38:58,730 --> 00:39:01,790
Right, right, that's true.

694
00:39:01,790 --> 00:39:04,660
For those of us who didn't
have that experience,

695
00:39:04,660 --> 00:39:07,820
I'm in awe of you.

696
00:39:07,820 --> 00:39:09,780
No, one of my children
said, you know,

697

00:39:09,780 --> 00:39:12,620

how did you ever get up the
courage to come to the States?

698

00:39:12,620 --> 00:39:13,387

Right.

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00:39:13,387 --> 00:39:15,970

You had the courage to do a lot
of things in those past years,

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00:39:15,970 --> 00:39:16,662

right.

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00:39:16,662 --> 00:39:17,465

Right, no, you did.

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00:39:17,465 --> 00:39:18,840

I mean, think how
young you were.

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00:39:18,840 --> 00:39:19,820

Think how young you were.

704

00:39:19,820 --> 00:39:20,320

Yeah.

705

00:39:20,320 --> 00:39:27,710

706

00:39:27,710 --> 00:39:29,780

I guess, I mean,
it's also that I'm

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00:39:29,780 --> 00:39:32,580

always interested,
and still interested,

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00:39:32,580 --> 00:39:34,220

in doing new things.

709

00:39:34,220 --> 00:39:36,516
I can't so much anymore.

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00:39:36,516 --> 00:39:40,250

711
00:39:40,250 --> 00:39:43,140
Well, thank you very much
for doing the interview.

712
00:39:43,140 --> 00:39:44,570
Well, thank you.

713
00:39:44,570 --> 00:39:47,180

714
00:39:47,180 --> 00:39:48,890
You were going to say something.

715
00:39:48,890 --> 00:39:53,120
No, it's actually been
good for me to do.

716
00:39:53,120 --> 00:39:56,060
Yeah, I think it's very good.

717
00:39:56,060 --> 00:39:58,550
And your questions, I
think, are very helpful.

718
00:39:58,550 --> 00:40:01,140

719
00:40:01,140 --> 00:40:04,310
This concludes the United
States Holocaust Memorial Museum

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00:40:04,310 --> 00:40:08,920
interview with Marianne
Friedenthal Milkman.

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00:40:08,920 --> 00:40:11,000

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