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00:00:00,000 --> 00:00:06,620

2
00:00:06,620 --> 00:00:09,110
This is a continuation of
the United States Holocaust

3
00:00:09,110 --> 00:00:12,560
Memorial Museum interview
with Trudy Schoenberger.

4
00:00:12,560 --> 00:00:15,280
This is track number two.

5
00:00:15,280 --> 00:00:17,870
And you just finished
talking about your brother.

6
00:00:17,870 --> 00:00:21,960
So let's get back to your story.

7
00:00:21,960 --> 00:00:24,170
You're in high school now?

8
00:00:24,170 --> 00:00:26,160
I'm in high school
in New Jersey.

9
00:00:26,160 --> 00:00:28,290
It's a breeze.

10
00:00:28,290 --> 00:00:28,890
I loved it.

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00:00:28,890 --> 00:00:31,790

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00:00:31,790 --> 00:00:35,280
And now I'm graduating.

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00:00:35,280 --> 00:00:37,680
And I'm graduating with honors.

14
00:00:37,680 --> 00:00:40,180
And I was very happy about that.

15
00:00:40,180 --> 00:00:41,340
Now what do I do?

16
00:00:41,340 --> 00:00:44,220
Did you tell all your friends
about your experience?

17
00:00:44,220 --> 00:00:45,660
They knew?

18
00:00:45,660 --> 00:00:49,830
Well, they knew, you know, I
had an accent and how come.

19
00:00:49,830 --> 00:00:51,850
And I did tell them some.

20
00:00:51,850 --> 00:00:53,490
I didn't tell them
all the-- you know?

21
00:00:53,490 --> 00:00:55,180
But they knew.

22
00:00:55,180 --> 00:00:57,090
And they learned
some from teachers.

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00:00:57,090 --> 00:00:59,597
But not enough, it
wasn't taught enough.

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00:00:59,597 --> 00:01:02,220
[INAUDIBLE]

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00:01:02,220 --> 00:01:04,260

How were your parents' English?

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00:01:04,260 --> 00:01:05,220

Not too great.

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00:01:05,220 --> 00:01:06,540

[LAUGHS]

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00:01:06,540 --> 00:01:08,310

We had more fun with that.

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00:01:08,310 --> 00:01:11,200

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00:01:11,200 --> 00:01:13,550

So you continued to
speak German at home?

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00:01:13,550 --> 00:01:14,260

Yes.

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00:01:14,260 --> 00:01:14,870

Yes.

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00:01:14,870 --> 00:01:19,760

My father's English was better
than my mother's oral English.

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00:01:19,760 --> 00:01:24,050

My mother, her writing English
was better than my father's.

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00:01:24,050 --> 00:01:26,480

So they'd always have
a repartee, you see?

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00:01:26,480 --> 00:01:27,810

I can do better than you.

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00:01:27,810 --> 00:01:29,450

And so it was funny.

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00:01:29,450 --> 00:01:32,570

And he said to her one
day, you know, Irene,

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00:01:32,570 --> 00:01:38,000

they have your favorite pie
downstairs in the bakery.

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00:01:38,000 --> 00:01:39,110

I can't think of the name.

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00:01:39,110 --> 00:01:42,950

But you know what
your favorite pie is.

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00:01:42,950 --> 00:01:45,560

And she said, oh, why
didn't you bring me one?

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00:01:45,560 --> 00:01:47,230

I didn't have money with me.

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00:01:47,230 --> 00:01:47,810

Go down.

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00:01:47,810 --> 00:01:48,530

You can get it.

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00:01:48,530 --> 00:01:49,770

She goes down.

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00:01:49,770 --> 00:01:52,280

Comes back, no pie.

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00:01:52,280 --> 00:01:53,150

What happened?

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00:01:53,150 --> 00:01:56,410

They said they
never heard of it.

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00:01:56,410 --> 00:01:58,990

My father said, what do you
mean they'd never heard of it?

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00:01:58,990 --> 00:02:00,370

What did you ask him for?

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00:02:00,370 --> 00:02:03,722

She said, I asked them
for a merchant marine pie.

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00:02:03,722 --> 00:02:04,930

And they'd never heard of it.

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00:02:04,930 --> 00:02:07,270

What it was was lemon meringue.

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00:02:07,270 --> 00:02:09,840

But it was war time
and she got confused.

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00:02:09,840 --> 00:02:10,810

That's wonderful.

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00:02:10,810 --> 00:02:12,106

Wonderful.

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00:02:12,106 --> 00:02:13,840

[LAUGHTER]

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00:02:13,840 --> 00:02:16,180

That's the English.

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00:02:16,180 --> 00:02:18,100

So now you're graduating?

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00:02:18,100 --> 00:02:19,300

I'm graduating.

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00:02:19,300 --> 00:02:21,650

Now what do I do?

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00:02:21,650 --> 00:02:24,190

My parents working in a
factory, we just about

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00:02:24,190 --> 00:02:27,010

made it to pay
the rent and live.

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00:02:27,010 --> 00:02:28,820

Now what?

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00:02:28,820 --> 00:02:34,190

And I always wanted to
do something in medicine.

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00:02:34,190 --> 00:02:39,470

And maybe the influence of the
physician who brought us over.

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00:02:39,470 --> 00:02:44,240

Because he was a wonderful
person and a wonderful doctor.

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00:02:44,240 --> 00:02:47,210

So I suppose he
had this influence

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00:02:47,210 --> 00:02:49,460

of what I wanted to be.

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00:02:49,460 --> 00:02:50,660

Could we get his name?

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00:02:50,660 --> 00:02:52,340

Leo Lefkowitz.

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00:02:52,340 --> 00:02:53,723

Oh, OK.

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00:02:53,723 --> 00:02:55,570

Mhm.

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00:02:55,570 --> 00:02:57,010

And he was in the war, too.

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00:02:57,010 --> 00:02:57,530

Oh, God.

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00:02:57,530 --> 00:02:59,020

That's another
story, I tell you.

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00:02:59,020 --> 00:03:02,370

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00:03:02,370 --> 00:03:07,510

Anyway, that was what
could I possibly be?

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00:03:07,510 --> 00:03:11,350

So Papa said, you know what?

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00:03:11,350 --> 00:03:16,000

Maybe you can just find
a job for the summertime

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00:03:16,000 --> 00:03:19,840

and we'll discuss it
and see what you can do.

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00:03:19,840 --> 00:03:21,970

You know, you should
really be a typist.

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00:03:21,970 --> 00:03:24,190

I said I don't want
to be a typist.

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00:03:24,190 --> 00:03:26,380

Yes, that's good for a girl.

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00:03:26,380 --> 00:03:28,240

You know?

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00:03:28,240 --> 00:03:30,100

I don't want to be a typist.

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00:03:30,100 --> 00:03:31,150

I hate typing.

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00:03:31,150 --> 00:03:33,520

And I hate paperwork.

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00:03:33,520 --> 00:03:36,520

Get a job in the
summer, whatever.

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00:03:36,520 --> 00:03:39,790

What happened was
friends of my parents

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00:03:39,790 --> 00:03:45,740

were neighbors of a couple
who had two children.

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00:03:45,740 --> 00:03:50,730

And they needed a babysitter
living in for the summer.

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00:03:50,730 --> 00:03:52,190

Do you want to do this?

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00:03:52,190 --> 00:03:56,190

I said, I like kids.

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00:03:56,190 --> 00:03:59,190

She said, I will call them.

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00:03:59,190 --> 00:04:01,920

Maybe they'll have
you for an interview.

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00:04:01,920 --> 00:04:03,180

I went for the interview.

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00:04:03,180 --> 00:04:05,310
I got the job.

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00:04:05,310 --> 00:04:07,050
She had to go for surgery.

101
00:04:07,050 --> 00:04:12,070
And she needed somebody to
be with the two little ones.

102
00:04:12,070 --> 00:04:18,070
And as she is recovering,
he said to me,

103
00:04:18,070 --> 00:04:23,620
his name was Dr. Dan
Moore, he said you

104
00:04:23,620 --> 00:04:26,200
and I haven't talked
about you at all.

105
00:04:26,200 --> 00:04:30,070
He said to me, what
do you want to do now?

106
00:04:30,070 --> 00:04:34,510
The job is almost
over here with us.

107
00:04:34,510 --> 00:04:36,400
I said, I don't know.

108
00:04:36,400 --> 00:04:37,998
What are you interested in?

109
00:04:37,998 --> 00:04:39,040
I said, oh, I don't know.

110
00:04:39,040 --> 00:04:44,660
Something in medicine, I
don't want to be a nurse.

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00:04:44,660 --> 00:04:49,470

And he said to me, do
you know what I do?

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00:04:49,470 --> 00:04:52,780

And I said no, not really.

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00:04:52,780 --> 00:04:56,200

He said I'm a biophysicist.

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00:04:56,200 --> 00:05:02,560

And I have a laboratory
in Columbia University

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00:05:02,560 --> 00:05:03,790

right across the bridge.

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00:05:03,790 --> 00:05:09,760

They lived in Leonia,
New Jersey, which i--

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00:05:09,760 --> 00:05:12,290

you heard of Fort Lee recently--

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00:05:12,290 --> 00:05:12,940

next door.

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00:05:12,940 --> 00:05:16,240

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00:05:16,240 --> 00:05:19,670

He said, would you like
to see my laboratory?

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00:05:19,670 --> 00:05:22,360

And I said, oh, yes.

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00:05:22,360 --> 00:05:24,940

So he said to his wife,
I'm going to take Trudy,

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00:05:24,940 --> 00:05:28,040
and I'm just going
to show her around.

124
00:05:28,040 --> 00:05:29,300
And she was lovely.

125
00:05:29,300 --> 00:05:30,420
And she said, whatever.

126
00:05:30,420 --> 00:05:31,550
So he took me.

127
00:05:31,550 --> 00:05:35,120
This is what? '43, '44?

128
00:05:35,120 --> 00:05:36,564
This is '45.

129
00:05:36,564 --> 00:05:38,320
'45.

130
00:05:38,320 --> 00:05:39,170
I graduated.

131
00:05:39,170 --> 00:05:40,118
Yeah, '45.

132
00:05:40,118 --> 00:05:40,910
So the war is over?

133
00:05:40,910 --> 00:05:45,460
War is just about over, I think.

134
00:05:45,460 --> 00:05:47,610
[INAUDIBLE] when
did it end? '40--

135
00:05:47,610 --> 00:05:49,770
Well, in Europe, it
was in the spring.

136

00:05:49,770 --> 00:05:50,950

And Japan was in the summer.

137

00:05:50,950 --> 00:05:51,450

Yeah.

138

00:05:51,450 --> 00:05:52,260

OK.

139

00:05:52,260 --> 00:05:55,410

So Japan was still going?

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00:05:55,410 --> 00:05:56,220

OK.

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00:05:56,220 --> 00:05:58,080

So he shows me his laboratory.

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00:05:58,080 --> 00:06:05,060

It was at Columbia College
of Physicians and Surgeons.

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00:06:05,060 --> 00:06:07,970

And I was so impressed
with this whole thing.

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00:06:07,970 --> 00:06:11,990

And go into a big laboratory.

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00:06:11,990 --> 00:06:18,050

He said, I do some
research in an area

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00:06:18,050 --> 00:06:21,145

called for electrophoresis.

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00:06:21,145 --> 00:06:22,520

And he said, of
course, you don't

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00:06:22,520 --> 00:06:26,840

know what it is because
it's so new to all of us.

149
00:06:26,840 --> 00:06:32,180
And it is the separation
of proteins in the blood,

150
00:06:32,180 --> 00:06:33,790
to study proteins.

151
00:06:33,790 --> 00:06:36,884
'Cause there wasn't
too much known.

152
00:06:36,884 --> 00:06:38,040
And I thought, well, OK.

153
00:06:38,040 --> 00:06:40,220
You know?

154
00:06:40,220 --> 00:06:45,500
Then he said to me, how would
you like to work for me?

155
00:06:45,500 --> 00:06:49,020
He said, I cannot pay you.

156
00:06:49,020 --> 00:06:51,600
But I'd like you to learn.

157
00:06:51,600 --> 00:06:54,450
And I almost fell over.

158
00:06:54,450 --> 00:06:58,480
I said Dr. Moore, I do have to
speak to my parents about this.

159
00:06:58,480 --> 00:06:59,970
I'm 18 years old.

160
00:06:59,970 --> 00:07:05,130
And I don't want to make-- this

is just too much to comprehend.

161
00:07:05,130 --> 00:07:12,670
Then I went back home
and I called my parents.

162
00:07:12,670 --> 00:07:15,310
And I said I've got
to talk to you, Papa.

163
00:07:15,310 --> 00:07:16,390
What is it?

164
00:07:16,390 --> 00:07:17,440
I have to come home.

165
00:07:17,440 --> 00:07:18,940
I got to talk to you.

166
00:07:18,940 --> 00:07:21,040
So they let me off
for a few hours.

167
00:07:21,040 --> 00:07:21,540
I went home.

168
00:07:21,540 --> 00:07:24,730
And I said, this is
what's happening?

169
00:07:24,730 --> 00:07:25,870
What do you think?

170
00:07:25,870 --> 00:07:28,060
And he said, I
don't have to think.

171
00:07:28,060 --> 00:07:30,110
Take it.

172
00:07:30,110 --> 00:07:32,230
He said, it's like

going to school.

173
00:07:32,230 --> 00:07:33,620
Doesn't cost you anything.

174
00:07:33,620 --> 00:07:34,120
OK.

175
00:07:34,120 --> 00:07:35,560
You won't make any money.

176
00:07:35,560 --> 00:07:37,510
But we'll figure it out.

177
00:07:37,510 --> 00:07:40,870
We'll give you money for
the subway and the bus

178
00:07:40,870 --> 00:07:42,530
and we'll feed you.

179
00:07:42,530 --> 00:07:45,160
And see what happens.

180
00:07:45,160 --> 00:07:47,280
That's how I got the job.

181
00:07:47,280 --> 00:07:52,440
And about six months
or so later, he said,

182
00:07:52,440 --> 00:07:55,380
I can pay you a little bit.

183
00:07:55,380 --> 00:07:58,185
So he started paying
me \$50 a month.

184
00:07:58,185 --> 00:08:00,520
I thought, oh, just fantastic.

185

00:08:00,520 --> 00:08:03,360
But there is a hang up here.

186
00:08:03,360 --> 00:08:05,280
Uh oh.

187
00:08:05,280 --> 00:08:09,050
I think you should go to school.

188
00:08:09,050 --> 00:08:11,190
Oy.

189
00:08:11,190 --> 00:08:12,330
I don't have any money.

190
00:08:12,330 --> 00:08:17,100
He said, I'm going to
give you a day off a week.

191
00:08:17,100 --> 00:08:19,770
And you can go
downtown and start

192
00:08:19,770 --> 00:08:24,540
taking courses at Columbia.

193
00:08:24,540 --> 00:08:26,220
He gave me a day a week.

194
00:08:26,220 --> 00:08:29,870
And I started taking
physics, of all things.

195
00:08:29,870 --> 00:08:32,820
I thought, I must be crazy.

196
00:08:32,820 --> 00:08:35,610
Because he was a
biophysicist, he wanted--

197
00:08:35,610 --> 00:08:36,780
so I took physics.

198
00:08:36,780 --> 00:08:42,450
And as time went on, chemistry,
and more and more stuff.

199
00:08:42,450 --> 00:08:45,090
And he started to
pay me more and more.

200
00:08:45,090 --> 00:08:50,310
And then, in 1947,
I got married.

201
00:08:50,310 --> 00:08:53,010
And they came to my wedding.

202
00:08:53,010 --> 00:08:58,210
And I learned a lot.

203
00:08:58,210 --> 00:09:02,170
So I thought I was the
luckiest girl in the world.

204
00:09:02,170 --> 00:09:06,940
At any rate, the job
ended because I married

205
00:09:06,940 --> 00:09:10,240
and we moved to Montana.

206
00:09:10,240 --> 00:09:10,960
OK.

207
00:09:10,960 --> 00:09:13,000
We'll get to that in a minute.

208
00:09:13,000 --> 00:09:16,030
During the war years, when you
were here with your parents,

209
00:09:16,030 --> 00:09:21,850
did they have any communication

with family back in Europe?

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00:09:21,850 --> 00:09:23,710

Did they know what
was happening?

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00:09:23,710 --> 00:09:25,652

What was their state of mind?

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00:09:25,652 --> 00:09:26,860

You know, I'm talking about--

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00:09:26,860 --> 00:09:28,150

They were all dead by then.

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00:09:28,150 --> 00:09:30,720

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00:09:30,720 --> 00:09:35,000

So once you got here, your folks
had no communication with--

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00:09:35,000 --> 00:09:41,490

Well, when Eric enlisted, he
was in the Battle of the Bulge.

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00:09:41,490 --> 00:09:43,280

Oh.

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00:09:43,280 --> 00:09:45,140

Do you want to hear
a little aside?

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00:09:45,140 --> 00:09:46,460

You might like this story.

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00:09:46,460 --> 00:09:47,860

Mhm.

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00:09:47,860 --> 00:09:50,080

He was a sergeant.

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00:09:50,080 --> 00:09:52,930

And he was in
charge of a platoon.

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00:09:52,930 --> 00:09:55,720

And you know about the Battle
of the Bulge, how horrible?

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00:09:55,720 --> 00:09:56,760

Yes.

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00:09:56,760 --> 00:10:00,020

And they were stuck in
the ice and the snow.

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00:10:00,020 --> 00:10:02,710

And Eric was.

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00:10:02,710 --> 00:10:04,810

And he's trying
to get a Jeep out

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00:10:04,810 --> 00:10:08,720

of I don't know what when
a voice came above him

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00:10:08,720 --> 00:10:13,700

and said, what the hell
are you doing, Sergeant?

230

00:10:13,700 --> 00:10:15,830

And Eric didn't even look up.

231

00:10:15,830 --> 00:10:18,860

He said, what the hell
do you think I'm doing?

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00:10:18,860 --> 00:10:22,410

And the voice said,
look at me, Sergeant.

233

00:10:22,410 --> 00:10:23,560

And Eric looks up.

234

00:10:23,560 --> 00:10:24,950

He said, oh, my God.

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00:10:24,950 --> 00:10:27,610

It's General Patton himself.

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00:10:27,610 --> 00:10:33,720

[LAUGHING]

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00:10:33,720 --> 00:10:35,580

So anyway, they made it through.

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00:10:35,580 --> 00:10:37,770

And where were we?

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00:10:37,770 --> 00:10:40,110

Well, I was asking
if your parents

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00:10:40,110 --> 00:10:42,090

had any knowledge of
what was happening

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00:10:42,090 --> 00:10:44,070

to their extended family.

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00:10:44,070 --> 00:10:50,400

Because of Eric, who stayed
after the war to try to find

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00:10:50,400 --> 00:10:51,300

what was going on.

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00:10:51,300 --> 00:10:51,367

No.

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00:10:51,367 --> 00:10:52,300

But I meant during--

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00:10:52,300 --> 00:10:52,800
During?

247
00:10:52,800 --> 00:10:53,300
No.

248
00:10:53,300 --> 00:10:53,830
No.

249
00:10:53,830 --> 00:10:54,330
No?

250
00:10:54,330 --> 00:10:55,080
No knowledge?

251
00:10:55,080 --> 00:10:56,100
No.

252
00:10:56,100 --> 00:10:58,650
Do you remember your
parents talking about--

253
00:10:58,650 --> 00:10:59,190
Oh, yes.

254
00:10:59,190 --> 00:11:00,420
[INAUDIBLE] during the war?

255
00:11:00,420 --> 00:11:01,020
Yes.

256
00:11:01,020 --> 00:11:02,100
Oh, yes.

257
00:11:02,100 --> 00:11:02,625
Oh, yes.

258
00:11:02,625 --> 00:11:04,125
They would have
been terribly upset.

259

00:11:04,125 --> 00:11:08,820
Then we all-- I was, of course,
already of a more mature age

260
00:11:08,820 --> 00:11:11,250
that I could participate.

261
00:11:11,250 --> 00:11:14,040
Did they try to contact
anybody in Europe?

262
00:11:14,040 --> 00:11:17,075
The only ones that
we were able--

263
00:11:17,075 --> 00:11:17,700
During the war.

264
00:11:17,700 --> 00:11:18,460
During the war.

265
00:11:18,460 --> 00:11:24,450
During the war was a cousin who
made it, a cousin of my father

266
00:11:24,450 --> 00:11:26,790
who made it to Bolivia.

267
00:11:26,790 --> 00:11:28,410
Oh, OK.

268
00:11:28,410 --> 00:11:29,640
But that's another story.

269
00:11:29,640 --> 00:11:33,170

270
00:11:33,170 --> 00:11:38,630
Her husband-- she was my
father's cousin and her husband

271
00:11:38,630 --> 00:11:39,980

was my mother's cousin.

272

00:11:39,980 --> 00:11:40,910

So that's a little--

273

00:11:40,910 --> 00:11:45,140

274

00:11:45,140 --> 00:11:47,695

[? Kristall ?] Night--

his name was Richard.

275

00:11:47,695 --> 00:11:50,770

276

00:11:50,770 --> 00:11:55,620

And he was taken away

and sent to Dachau.

277

00:11:55,620 --> 00:12:01,040

And she was left alone

with her baby in Vienna.

278

00:12:01,040 --> 00:12:06,350

And the Nazis said to her,

if you can get yourself out

279

00:12:06,350 --> 00:12:09,630

of here, I'll let him out

and he can go with you.

280

00:12:09,630 --> 00:12:11,540

Let's get him out.

281

00:12:11,540 --> 00:12:16,640

And so she starts going from

one embassy to another embassy,

282

00:12:16,640 --> 00:12:20,930

ends up at the Bolivian

embassy, gets permission.

283

00:12:20,930 --> 00:12:24,980
And they really let him out.

284
00:12:24,980 --> 00:12:27,260
Wonderful.

285
00:12:27,260 --> 00:12:31,900
It's now a few days
before departure.

286
00:12:31,900 --> 00:12:34,030
And the kid gets scarlet fever.

287
00:12:34,030 --> 00:12:37,330
And they can't go.

288
00:12:37,330 --> 00:12:40,330
So now you start this
whole thing again.

289
00:12:40,330 --> 00:12:41,430
But she was smart.

290
00:12:41,430 --> 00:12:44,100
She said, I might as well
go to the Bolivian embassy

291
00:12:44,100 --> 00:12:45,900
and tell them what has happened.

292
00:12:45,900 --> 00:12:48,870
Maybe they'll-- and they did.

293
00:12:48,870 --> 00:12:50,430
But it took time.

294
00:12:50,430 --> 00:12:52,230
You know, everything takes time.

295
00:12:52,230 --> 00:12:56,600
In the meantime, the
Nazis come and take this.

296
00:12:56,600 --> 00:12:59,810
Finally, they are
able to go by ship

297
00:12:59,810 --> 00:13:06,170
to Cochabamba, which is the
second largest city in Bolivia.

298
00:13:06,170 --> 00:13:07,100
They get there.

299
00:13:07,100 --> 00:13:08,510
I don't know how long it took.

300
00:13:08,510 --> 00:13:12,260
Heintz, the little
boy who's now 76,

301
00:13:12,260 --> 00:13:17,550
still living in Vienna,
whom I saw a few years ago.

302
00:13:17,550 --> 00:13:21,270
So they're on that ship and
they're getting to Cochabamba.

303
00:13:21,270 --> 00:13:24,090
And it's on a weekend.

304
00:13:24,090 --> 00:13:28,680
And Richard says,
I do not feel well.

305
00:13:28,680 --> 00:13:31,680
And all the immigrants
are in that camp.

306
00:13:31,680 --> 00:13:36,810
That's where the refugees had
to go, to an immigration center.

307

00:13:36,810 --> 00:13:40,620
And they said, oh, that
happens all the time.

308
00:13:40,620 --> 00:13:45,240
Because the altitude is
very difficult for people.

309
00:13:45,240 --> 00:13:46,650
You'll be OK.

310
00:13:46,650 --> 00:13:48,150
Richard wasn't OK.

311
00:13:48,150 --> 00:13:49,500
He got worse.

312
00:13:49,500 --> 00:13:53,580
But there was no doctor
available on the weekend.

313
00:13:53,580 --> 00:13:55,350
He had to wait till Monday.

314
00:13:55,350 --> 00:13:59,380
And he's getting a
fever and a lot of pain.

315
00:13:59,380 --> 00:14:02,040
Finally, Monday comes.

316
00:14:02,040 --> 00:14:03,510
Richard can't talk anymore.

317
00:14:03,510 --> 00:14:06,000
He's in so much pain.

318
00:14:06,000 --> 00:14:09,510
The doctor says, you
have a burst appendix.

319
00:14:09,510 --> 00:14:12,000

We gotta go quick!

320
00:14:12,000 --> 00:14:15,180
They get him to the hospital,
put him on the table,

321
00:14:15,180 --> 00:14:15,900
and he died.

322
00:14:15,900 --> 00:14:20,500

323
00:14:20,500 --> 00:14:24,090
So she can't get out
with the little boy.

324
00:14:24,090 --> 00:14:25,320
She didn't know what to do.

325
00:14:25,320 --> 00:14:28,100
And that's where my
father's communication

326
00:14:28,100 --> 00:14:32,210
began, at least to somebody.

327
00:14:32,210 --> 00:14:37,820
She had no idea what
happened to any of the family

328
00:14:37,820 --> 00:14:40,120
until much later
when we found out.

329
00:14:40,120 --> 00:14:41,990
Eric found out.

330
00:14:41,990 --> 00:14:46,550
My cousins, they were all in
Theresienstadt, most of them.

331
00:14:46,550 --> 00:14:49,270

332
00:14:49,270 --> 00:14:53,130
And Eric found her.

333
00:14:53,130 --> 00:14:58,665
This is my Aunt Elsa, the one
who met me at the train station

334
00:14:58,665 --> 00:15:00,510
and said you don't have to--

335
00:15:00,510 --> 00:15:04,300
her daughter was in
Theresienstadt, survived.

336
00:15:04,300 --> 00:15:06,900

337
00:15:06,900 --> 00:15:09,450
But she was deathly ill.

338
00:15:09,450 --> 00:15:14,790
And Eric found her,
found her in Vienna after

339
00:15:14,790 --> 00:15:16,390
and saw how sick she was.

340
00:15:16,390 --> 00:15:17,560
She had TB.

341
00:15:17,560 --> 00:15:19,340
She had kidney disease.

342
00:15:19,340 --> 00:15:22,140
She had-- you name it.

343
00:15:22,140 --> 00:15:28,110
And he arranged for her to go
to a sanatorium in Switzerland

344

00:15:28,110 --> 00:15:30,250
until she got well.

345

00:15:30,250 --> 00:15:34,750
So he was able to save
her and her husband

346

00:15:34,750 --> 00:15:38,760
whom she met in Theresienstadt.

347

00:15:38,760 --> 00:15:41,520
He was a roofer.

348

00:15:41,520 --> 00:15:48,040
His name was Alexander
[? Barnard. ?]

349

00:15:48,040 --> 00:15:49,870
He was in Theresienstadt.

350

00:15:49,870 --> 00:15:53,710
And he saw Anna scrounging
around for some food.

351

00:15:53,710 --> 00:15:55,000
And they got a little bit.

352

00:15:55,000 --> 00:15:56,500
So he tried to help her.

353

00:15:56,500 --> 00:15:58,660
He was a roofer in Vienna.

354

00:15:58,660 --> 00:16:01,390
He did most of the
roofs of the big--

355

00:16:01,390 --> 00:16:02,710
like St. Stephen's.

356

00:16:02,710 --> 00:16:06,880

And he was-- and so
the Nazis used him

357
00:16:06,880 --> 00:16:09,130
to fix the roof here and there.

358
00:16:09,130 --> 00:16:12,250
They didn't care if the water
dripped down on the inmates.

359
00:16:12,250 --> 00:16:19,180
But they wanted their roofs
to be free from rainwater

360
00:16:19,180 --> 00:16:20,200
and all that.

361
00:16:20,200 --> 00:16:21,350
So he did that.

362
00:16:21,350 --> 00:16:24,880
So he had a little
access to more things.

363
00:16:24,880 --> 00:16:31,200
And then the rumor came that
the war is coming to an end.

364
00:16:31,200 --> 00:16:35,580
And Americans or British
farmers are going to bomb.

365
00:16:35,580 --> 00:16:39,510
So the inmates said, so
now we survived this, now

366
00:16:39,510 --> 00:16:42,300
we're going to get killed by--

367
00:16:42,300 --> 00:16:48,800
he climbed up on the roof of
the barracks with red paint.

368

00:16:48,800 --> 00:16:51,690

And he painted red
crosses on the roofs.

369

00:16:51,690 --> 00:16:54,540

370

00:16:54,540 --> 00:16:56,935

If he had been caught,
he would have been dead.

371

00:16:56,935 --> 00:16:58,210

Yeah.

372

00:16:58,210 --> 00:17:01,840

But the thing was that
some of these roofs leaked.

373

00:17:01,840 --> 00:17:04,935

And the red paint dripped
on some of the prisoners.

374

00:17:04,935 --> 00:17:06,700

They had no way
to get rid of it.

375

00:17:06,700 --> 00:17:08,710

And some of the Nazis
saw them and they

376

00:17:08,710 --> 00:17:12,866

thought they had some kind of
terrible disease and they ran.

377

00:17:12,866 --> 00:17:19,339

[LAUGHS]

378

00:17:19,339 --> 00:17:21,950

Let's now get back to you.

379

00:17:21,950 --> 00:17:23,839

And you said you

met your husband.

380

00:17:23,839 --> 00:17:25,530

How did you meet your husband?

381

00:17:25,530 --> 00:17:29,510

I met him at a dance, at a
synagogue dance during the war.

382

00:17:29,510 --> 00:17:31,470

He had been discharged.

383

00:17:31,470 --> 00:17:32,540

He had been hit by--

384

00:17:32,540 --> 00:17:34,160

grazed by a bullet.

385

00:17:34,160 --> 00:17:36,620

And he started to get migraines.

386

00:17:36,620 --> 00:17:39,050

So they discharged
him, you know?

387

00:17:39,050 --> 00:17:40,110

He was American.

388

00:17:40,110 --> 00:17:40,730

Yeah.

389

00:17:40,730 --> 00:17:41,397

He was American.

390

00:17:41,397 --> 00:17:43,540

And you got married
in what year?

391

00:17:43,540 --> 00:17:44,840

'47.

392

00:17:44,840 --> 00:17:46,100
'47.

393
00:17:46,100 --> 00:17:48,710
And so you then moved
to Montana, you said?

394
00:17:48,710 --> 00:17:49,490
Mhm.

395
00:17:49,490 --> 00:17:51,360
He was a teacher, music teacher.

396
00:17:51,360 --> 00:17:55,880
And they paid better in Montana
than they did in New Jersey.

397
00:17:55,880 --> 00:17:59,610
And he had a friend from
the army who said, hey,

398
00:17:59,610 --> 00:18:01,180
why don't you come to Montana?

399
00:18:01,180 --> 00:18:08,233
See how the West lives, instead
of in that crowded East Coast.

400
00:18:08,233 --> 00:18:09,900
So I can't think of
your husband's name.

401
00:18:09,900 --> 00:18:10,570
Seymour.

402
00:18:10,570 --> 00:18:11,138
Seymour.

403
00:18:11,138 --> 00:18:11,680
Schoenberger.

404
00:18:11,680 --> 00:18:12,970

Schoenberger.

405

00:18:12,970 --> 00:18:14,730

So where in Montana did you--

406

00:18:14,730 --> 00:18:16,095

Oh.

407

00:18:16,095 --> 00:18:20,300

A small little
town called Harlem.

408

00:18:20,300 --> 00:18:22,850

But originally,
they spelled Haarlem

409

00:18:22,850 --> 00:18:25,880

with two A's, like the Dutch.

410

00:18:25,880 --> 00:18:29,120

But they changed
it then to H-A-R.

411

00:18:29,120 --> 00:18:32,420

And it was also a little town.

412

00:18:32,420 --> 00:18:34,310

And the people were wonderful.

413

00:18:34,310 --> 00:18:35,940

And you know, it was just--

414

00:18:35,940 --> 00:18:38,000

Was there a Jewish
population there?

415

00:18:38,000 --> 00:18:38,600

Oh, no.

416

00:18:38,600 --> 00:18:40,370

Not in Harlem.

417

00:18:40,370 --> 00:18:45,380

There was one family who
lived about 40 miles away.

418

00:18:45,380 --> 00:18:49,400

And they took us to services,
to Yom Kippur, to North Dakota.

419

00:18:49,400 --> 00:18:53,450

420

00:18:53,450 --> 00:18:55,970

And Susan was born in Montana.

421

00:18:55,970 --> 00:18:56,790

Your first child?

422

00:18:56,790 --> 00:18:57,860

Yeah.

423

00:18:57,860 --> 00:18:59,780

And I thought, oh, my God.

424

00:18:59,780 --> 00:19:01,670

What did I do?

425

00:19:01,670 --> 00:19:02,800

This is ridiculous.

426

00:19:02,800 --> 00:19:05,960

I'm here in wild country.

427

00:19:05,960 --> 00:19:11,660

It was the best care
I ever had, such care.

428

00:19:11,660 --> 00:19:15,230

When she was due,
already I'm in labor.

429

00:19:15,230 --> 00:19:18,560

And called the hospital,
and they said come on in.

430
00:19:18,560 --> 00:19:21,170
I get there, no doctor.

431
00:19:21,170 --> 00:19:22,310
Where's the doctor?

432
00:19:22,310 --> 00:19:24,560
Oh, he went hunting.

433
00:19:24,560 --> 00:19:26,210
He's out in the Rockies.

434
00:19:26,210 --> 00:19:27,515
We have to send a posse.

435
00:19:27,515 --> 00:19:30,890

436
00:19:30,890 --> 00:19:32,390
So how long did you
stay in Montana?

437
00:19:32,390 --> 00:19:33,110
Two years.

438
00:19:33,110 --> 00:19:34,280
Two years.

439
00:19:34,280 --> 00:19:35,330
Then we came back.

440
00:19:35,330 --> 00:19:36,070
I wanted to come.

441
00:19:36,070 --> 00:19:37,760
My parents were alone.

442
00:19:37,760 --> 00:19:41,210

Eric was-- where
was he at that time?

443
00:19:41,210 --> 00:19:44,390
Still getting his
doctorate, maybe.

444
00:19:44,390 --> 00:19:45,900
And it was time to come back.

445
00:19:45,900 --> 00:19:48,490
So you came back to New York?

446
00:19:48,490 --> 00:19:49,160
New Jersey?

447
00:19:49,160 --> 00:19:52,070
Well, to New Jersey,
for a time and then

448
00:19:52,070 --> 00:19:55,610
my husband got a job in
Connecticut, New London,

449
00:19:55,610 --> 00:19:58,620
and we moved there.

450
00:19:58,620 --> 00:19:59,910
And I didn't work.

451
00:19:59,910 --> 00:20:00,707
You stayed home.

452
00:20:00,707 --> 00:20:02,040
Did you have any other children?

453
00:20:02,040 --> 00:20:04,850
I had a son, born in New London.

454
00:20:04,850 --> 00:20:09,020
Then we moved to East
Hampton, Connecticut.

455
00:20:09,020 --> 00:20:16,240
And from East Hampton,
where did we go?

456
00:20:16,240 --> 00:20:24,050

457
00:20:24,050 --> 00:20:25,760
I moved near New Haven.

458
00:20:25,760 --> 00:20:29,330

459
00:20:29,330 --> 00:20:34,250
And my husband got a beautiful
job as director of music

460
00:20:34,250 --> 00:20:36,520
at a regional
school system called

461
00:20:36,520 --> 00:20:39,550
Amity, one of the
best in the country,

462
00:20:39,550 --> 00:20:42,060
well-known for its curriculum.

463
00:20:42,060 --> 00:20:45,900
And he was lucky enough to get--

464
00:20:45,900 --> 00:20:47,310
he was lucky.

465
00:20:47,310 --> 00:20:48,780
I wasn't so lucky.

466
00:20:48,780 --> 00:20:52,770
He hired a choral teacher.

467

00:20:52,770 --> 00:20:55,650
And that choral teacher
had never been married.

468
00:20:55,650 --> 00:20:57,880
And she kind of
flirted with him.

469
00:20:57,880 --> 00:20:59,740
And he fell for her.

470
00:20:59,740 --> 00:21:00,900
And they had an affair.

471
00:21:00,900 --> 00:21:03,040
And it broke up my marriage.

472
00:21:03,040 --> 00:21:05,400
Kaput.

473
00:21:05,400 --> 00:21:09,540
So he always said,
I'm coming back.

474
00:21:09,540 --> 00:21:10,530
And it's over.

475
00:21:10,530 --> 00:21:13,200
And I fell for
this whole shtick.

476
00:21:13,200 --> 00:21:15,960
Had two children, I didn't--

477
00:21:15,960 --> 00:21:18,770
I was terrified.

478
00:21:18,770 --> 00:21:23,020
And he got a principalship
in Enfield, Connecticut,

479
00:21:23,020 --> 00:21:26,800

away from her now, this woman.

480

00:21:26,800 --> 00:21:29,200

And he said, I
promise it's over.

481

00:21:29,200 --> 00:21:31,180

And we'll start over again.

482

00:21:31,180 --> 00:21:35,710

And Susan was going to
college now at this time,

483

00:21:35,710 --> 00:21:36,670

just starting.

484

00:21:36,670 --> 00:21:39,100

Steve was last year
of high school.

485

00:21:39,100 --> 00:21:42,220

Stupidly enough, I said OK.

486

00:21:42,220 --> 00:21:49,510

And we sold the house, moved
to Southfield, where we lived.

487

00:21:49,510 --> 00:21:51,480

And the affair had not ended.

488

00:21:51,480 --> 00:21:54,780

It kept on going and going.

489

00:21:54,780 --> 00:21:57,150

And then, finally, it
was time to say goodbye.

490

00:21:57,150 --> 00:22:01,040

You know, I can't
take this anymore.

491

00:22:01,040 --> 00:22:05,590

He married her and got
Parkinson's disease

492
00:22:05,590 --> 00:22:07,110
and he died.

493
00:22:07,110 --> 00:22:10,940
But before he died, still
dealing with this illness,

494
00:22:10,940 --> 00:22:13,370
she said, I want a divorce.

495
00:22:13,370 --> 00:22:14,690
I'm not taking care of you.

496
00:22:14,690 --> 00:22:20,069

497
00:22:20,069 --> 00:22:22,520
Yep.

498
00:22:22,520 --> 00:22:24,140
So I made it.

499
00:22:24,140 --> 00:22:26,310
You have to make
it, you make it.

500
00:22:26,310 --> 00:22:27,100
Right.

501
00:22:27,100 --> 00:22:32,420
Then, in 1972, Papa died.

502
00:22:32,420 --> 00:22:33,980
And Mutti was alone.

503
00:22:33,980 --> 00:22:37,850
They'd managed to
buy a little house

504

00:22:37,850 --> 00:22:40,270
in East Hampton, Connecticut.

505

00:22:40,270 --> 00:22:43,820
And they loved it,
a little garden.

506

00:22:43,820 --> 00:22:45,470
But Papa died.

507

00:22:45,470 --> 00:22:48,560
And my mother didn't
drive in a small town.

508

00:22:48,560 --> 00:22:51,720
So she came to live with me.

509

00:22:51,720 --> 00:22:52,220
Right.

510

00:22:52,220 --> 00:22:55,400
And we made it together.

511

00:22:55,400 --> 00:22:56,570
She did the cooking.

512

00:22:56,570 --> 00:22:58,100
And I let-- and
people said what?

513

00:22:58,100 --> 00:23:00,260
You're letting her
do all that stuff?

514

00:23:00,260 --> 00:23:03,630
And I said, yes.

515

00:23:03,630 --> 00:23:05,580
She wants to do it.

516

00:23:05,580 --> 00:23:09,760

Whatever she doesn't want to do, she doesn't have to do.

517
00:23:09,760 --> 00:23:15,381
And she died about 16 years ago, at the age of 100.

518
00:23:15,381 --> 00:23:17,600
Oh.

519
00:23:17,600 --> 00:23:18,100
And--

520
00:23:18,100 --> 00:23:19,630
What else?

521
00:23:19,630 --> 00:23:25,960
Can we now talk about some of your thoughts and feelings

522
00:23:25,960 --> 00:23:27,910
about what you went through?

523
00:23:27,910 --> 00:23:29,990
Do you feel Austrian at all?

524
00:23:29,990 --> 00:23:32,860

525
00:23:32,860 --> 00:23:34,480
No.

526
00:23:34,480 --> 00:23:40,300
I feel completely American, except for the music part

527
00:23:40,300 --> 00:23:46,450
in me, which I feel very much, I think, Viennese.

528
00:23:46,450 --> 00:23:47,260
Isn't that silly?

529
00:23:47,260 --> 00:23:48,450
No!

530
00:23:48,450 --> 00:23:51,830
You know, all the
composers and that, I feel.

531
00:23:51,830 --> 00:23:55,720
But when I-- and the
beautiful music, I just--

532
00:23:55,720 --> 00:23:57,000
that's in me.

533
00:23:57,000 --> 00:23:59,910
Did you play on that
beautiful piano that you had?

534
00:23:59,910 --> 00:24:00,810
So you had music.

535
00:24:00,810 --> 00:24:01,785
That was one of your interests.

536
00:24:01,785 --> 00:24:02,530
That was my [BOTH TALKING].

537
00:24:02,530 --> 00:24:03,030
Music.

538
00:24:03,030 --> 00:24:04,270
But I wasn't any good.

539
00:24:04,270 --> 00:24:05,370
I mean, I had to stop.

540
00:24:05,370 --> 00:24:07,920
The teacher couldn't
come anymore.

541

00:24:07,920 --> 00:24:10,826

My mother was very much
interested in music.

542

00:24:10,826 --> 00:24:12,960

OK.

543

00:24:12,960 --> 00:24:16,020

And then the people,
the doctor and his wife

544

00:24:16,020 --> 00:24:20,320

that I lived with in
Woodside, it was all music.

545

00:24:20,320 --> 00:24:21,390

So you were surrounded.

546

00:24:21,390 --> 00:24:22,350

I was surrounded.

547

00:24:22,350 --> 00:24:23,770

And they were wonderful.

548

00:24:23,770 --> 00:24:26,540

They took me, whether
I liked it or not,

549

00:24:26,540 --> 00:24:28,875

to Carnegie Hall
to hear Sebelius--

550

00:24:28,875 --> 00:24:29,780

[LAUGHING]

551

00:24:29,780 --> 00:24:32,370

--or Shostakovich.

552

00:24:32,370 --> 00:24:34,830

Well, I wasn't too thrilled
with that at the time.

553

00:24:34,830 --> 00:24:38,700

But my cousin Leo,
he said, sit down.

554

00:24:38,700 --> 00:24:40,390

I'm going to talk
to you about this.

555

00:24:40,390 --> 00:24:42,120

So you, know you learn.

556

00:24:42,120 --> 00:24:43,490

Right.

557

00:24:43,490 --> 00:24:45,670

So you said you
feel American now?

558

00:24:45,670 --> 00:24:46,470

Oh, yes.

559

00:24:46,470 --> 00:24:48,250

I've been here 70 some years.

560

00:24:48,250 --> 00:24:51,236

561

00:24:51,236 --> 00:24:54,990

And what are your thoughts
about Germany today, now?

562

00:24:54,990 --> 00:24:58,320

I was just talking
to my neighbor who--

563

00:24:58,320 --> 00:25:01,140

he's a doctor next
door here, who's

564

00:25:01,140 --> 00:25:07,100

from the South, who
has part German in him.

565

00:25:07,100 --> 00:25:09,938

And he's very much pro-Israel.

566

00:25:09,938 --> 00:25:11,480

Is he German-Jewish
or German German?

567

00:25:11,480 --> 00:25:11,980

No.

568

00:25:11,980 --> 00:25:13,370

He's not Jewish.

569

00:25:13,370 --> 00:25:16,730

But he's very Jewish-oriented.

570

00:25:16,730 --> 00:25:17,870

He's an atheist.

571

00:25:17,870 --> 00:25:21,050

And he says to me,
you know, finally, I

572

00:25:21,050 --> 00:25:23,610

don't believe in any of
this religious stuff.

573

00:25:23,610 --> 00:25:25,820

It causes all the problems.

574

00:25:25,820 --> 00:25:31,050

But if I had to
choose, I'd be a Jew.

575

00:25:31,050 --> 00:25:34,820

Regardless, I said
to him the other day,

576

00:25:34,820 --> 00:25:41,210

I said Germany has grown
and is rich in economics.

577

00:25:41,210 --> 00:25:47,900

And I said deep down, I hate
to say this, I resent it.

578

00:25:47,900 --> 00:25:49,110

And I can't help it.

579

00:25:49,110 --> 00:25:50,720

And I know German people.

580

00:25:50,720 --> 00:25:52,230

And I'm friendly.

581

00:25:52,230 --> 00:25:57,040

But there is this
residual feeling.

582

00:25:57,040 --> 00:25:59,420

And it isn't just the Germans.

583

00:25:59,420 --> 00:26:02,411

It's the Austrians, too.

584

00:26:02,411 --> 00:26:07,680

And the Austrians in
many ways were worse.

585

00:26:07,680 --> 00:26:09,090

Well, you can't be worse.

586

00:26:09,090 --> 00:26:10,260

You can't be worse.

587

00:26:10,260 --> 00:26:15,540

But they-- I mean, they
welcomed Hitler with open arms.

588

00:26:15,540 --> 00:26:18,050

Did you ever see him?

589

00:26:18,050 --> 00:26:18,680

No.

590
00:26:18,680 --> 00:26:19,180
No.

591
00:26:19,180 --> 00:26:20,090
I heard him speak.

592
00:26:20,090 --> 00:26:20,660
On the radio?

593
00:26:20,660 --> 00:26:24,510
At the Heldenplatz in Vienna,
when he came in to Vienna.

594
00:26:24,510 --> 00:26:25,750
On the radio?

595
00:26:25,750 --> 00:26:27,430
Yeah.

596
00:26:27,430 --> 00:26:32,850
I did see-- I think I
did see Goering marching

597
00:26:32,850 --> 00:26:37,290
in, big guy with his troops.

598
00:26:37,290 --> 00:26:40,620
But you know, then it
didn't impress me very much.

599
00:26:40,620 --> 00:26:43,860
Until later, when you
think, oh, I saw that.

600
00:26:43,860 --> 00:26:44,830
I wish I could have--

601
00:26:44,830 --> 00:26:50,190

602

00:26:50,190 --> 00:26:52,750

So you were saying
you feel American?

603

00:26:52,750 --> 00:26:53,590

Oh, yes.

604

00:26:53,590 --> 00:27:00,480

And I think as many problems as
we have, it's still the best.

605

00:27:00,480 --> 00:27:03,510

If it weren't for America, I
would not be talking to you.

606

00:27:03,510 --> 00:27:05,130

I'm sure.

607

00:27:05,130 --> 00:27:06,960

What was it like to
become a citizen?

608

00:27:06,960 --> 00:27:07,988

It was great.

609

00:27:07,988 --> 00:27:09,030

Do you remember that day?

610

00:27:09,030 --> 00:27:13,440

I had to become a citizen by
myself because of the age.

611

00:27:13,440 --> 00:27:17,170

When I turned 18, you
had to-- first of all,

612

00:27:17,170 --> 00:27:20,340

there was a five year span.

613

00:27:20,340 --> 00:27:24,810

But if you turn 18, you
cannot become a citizen with

614
00:27:24,810 --> 00:27:25,680
your parents.

615
00:27:25,680 --> 00:27:29,410
You had to apply on your own.

616
00:27:29,410 --> 00:27:31,570
So this was in New York.

617
00:27:31,570 --> 00:27:34,530
And I had to have two witnesses.

618
00:27:34,530 --> 00:27:38,820
And my boss, this Dr.
Moore from Columbia,

619
00:27:38,820 --> 00:27:42,270
said I'd be happy to be
a witness and an aunt

620
00:27:42,270 --> 00:27:44,130
of my husband's.

621
00:27:44,130 --> 00:27:44,750
We went.

622
00:27:44,750 --> 00:27:48,910
And I was just so proud.

623
00:27:48,910 --> 00:27:51,680
And I don't remember them
asking many questions.

624
00:27:51,680 --> 00:27:52,750
Who's the President?

625
00:27:52,750 --> 00:27:55,920
Oh, Roosevelt, you know?

626
00:27:55,920 --> 00:27:58,170

And the judicial system--

627

00:27:58,170 --> 00:27:59,510

but they didn't ask much.

628

00:27:59,510 --> 00:28:01,320

OK.

629

00:28:01,320 --> 00:28:03,270

I was very happy.

630

00:28:03,270 --> 00:28:06,480

Are you angry that you had
to go through what you did,

631

00:28:06,480 --> 00:28:08,490

those difficult
years in Austria?

632

00:28:08,490 --> 00:28:11,520

Well, if there isn't
anger it would be--

633

00:28:11,520 --> 00:28:13,710

how can you just say, oh, no.

634

00:28:13,710 --> 00:28:14,820

I'm not angry.

635

00:28:14,820 --> 00:28:19,230

And mostly angry at all
the people that I lost,

636

00:28:19,230 --> 00:28:22,900

such sadness.

637

00:28:22,900 --> 00:28:27,310

And how can people
do this to anybody?

638

00:28:27,310 --> 00:28:29,290

How can you not be angry?

639
00:28:29,290 --> 00:28:32,200
Or what is that feeling?

640
00:28:32,200 --> 00:28:40,030
It's not-- I don't even say
hatred, but an anger, an anger.

641
00:28:40,030 --> 00:28:44,450
That people-- I thought we were
civilized in the world now.

642
00:28:44,450 --> 00:28:45,660
But I guess we're not.

643
00:28:45,660 --> 00:28:51,030

644
00:28:51,030 --> 00:28:54,950
One more thing that
might interest you.

645
00:28:54,950 --> 00:29:00,680
When we were divorced,
and I hadn't worked

646
00:29:00,680 --> 00:29:06,870
since Columbia, a good friend--

647
00:29:06,870 --> 00:29:10,770
we lived right near
New Haven, near Yale.

648
00:29:10,770 --> 00:29:17,070
And this woman, her husband
was a research physician there.

649
00:29:17,070 --> 00:29:20,430
Said, you know, you're going
through all this trauma.

650
00:29:20,430 --> 00:29:23,040

You really should get a job.

651

00:29:23,040 --> 00:29:27,090

And I said to her, Gloria, I
haven't worked in 15 years.

652

00:29:27,090 --> 00:29:27,750

What can I do?

653

00:29:27,750 --> 00:29:29,310

Wash dishes?

654

00:29:29,310 --> 00:29:31,170

She said, no, no, no.

655

00:29:31,170 --> 00:29:32,610

You have experience.

656

00:29:32,610 --> 00:29:34,170

Go to Yale and apply.

657

00:29:34,170 --> 00:29:35,730

I said, you are crazy.

658

00:29:35,730 --> 00:29:37,620

I'm not doing that.

659

00:29:37,620 --> 00:29:40,980

And she nudged, like
somebody nudged my brother.

660

00:29:40,980 --> 00:29:41,970

So I said, all right.

661

00:29:41,970 --> 00:29:43,280

I'll go.

662

00:29:43,280 --> 00:29:46,010

I get to the employment office.

663

00:29:46,010 --> 00:29:52,340

Gentlemen says, what
would you like to do?

664
00:29:52,340 --> 00:29:55,400
And I said, well, I thought
I could get a job in the lab.

665
00:29:55,400 --> 00:29:58,420
But I tried to talk
myself out of it.

666
00:29:58,420 --> 00:30:00,940
Because I was too--

667
00:30:00,940 --> 00:30:02,510
You did not have
a college degree.

668
00:30:02,510 --> 00:30:03,370
You were just--

669
00:30:03,370 --> 00:30:04,090
Not yet.

670
00:30:04,090 --> 00:30:05,100
I was taking courses.

671
00:30:05,100 --> 00:30:06,620
You had taken
courses at Columbia.

672
00:30:06,620 --> 00:30:06,960
Yeah.

673
00:30:06,960 --> 00:30:07,100
Yeah.

674
00:30:07,100 --> 00:30:07,600
OK.

675
00:30:07,600 --> 00:30:08,860
But I'd left in the meantime.

676
00:30:08,860 --> 00:30:09,360
So--

677
00:30:09,360 --> 00:30:09,860
OK.

678
00:30:09,860 --> 00:30:12,190

679
00:30:12,190 --> 00:30:13,720
So he said, well, what?

680
00:30:13,720 --> 00:30:16,060
I said I haven't
worked in 15 years.

681
00:30:16,060 --> 00:30:17,680
He says did you work in a lab?

682
00:30:17,680 --> 00:30:18,400
I said yes.

683
00:30:18,400 --> 00:30:20,150
What did you do?

684
00:30:20,150 --> 00:30:21,880
I said electrophoresis.

685
00:30:21,880 --> 00:30:25,050
And the man said,
what did you just say?

686
00:30:25,050 --> 00:30:26,940
I thought he didn't--

687
00:30:26,940 --> 00:30:28,440
I said electrophoresis.

688
00:30:28,440 --> 00:30:31,170
He said, don't move.

689
00:30:31,170 --> 00:30:33,150
I said, oh, my God.

690
00:30:33,150 --> 00:30:37,080
This has nothing to
do with electricity.

691
00:30:37,080 --> 00:30:39,010
He said please don't move.

692
00:30:39,010 --> 00:30:40,810
I have to make a call.

693
00:30:40,810 --> 00:30:42,090
And he's making this call.

694
00:30:42,090 --> 00:30:47,610
And he says, Dr. Herskovic,
I have a young lady here

695
00:30:47,610 --> 00:30:51,840
who did electrophoresis
a long time ago.

696
00:30:51,840 --> 00:30:52,680
Oh, really?

697
00:30:52,680 --> 00:30:53,460
Oh, OK.

698
00:30:53,460 --> 00:30:54,330
I'll tell her.

699
00:30:54,330 --> 00:30:56,270
Bye.

700
00:30:56,270 --> 00:30:58,280
Get over there now.

701
00:30:58,280 --> 00:31:01,910

He wants to see you.

702

00:31:01,910 --> 00:31:02,930

I said, wait a minute.

703

00:31:02,930 --> 00:31:04,770

You know, this is
a little bit much.

704

00:31:04,770 --> 00:31:06,230

He said, go over there.

705

00:31:06,230 --> 00:31:11,990

He has been looking for a
technician who knows anything

706

00:31:11,990 --> 00:31:16,140

about electrophoresis
for a year.

707

00:31:16,140 --> 00:31:18,830

So I go over there and
there's that sweet little man.

708

00:31:18,830 --> 00:31:20,290

And he said, oh,
my God, come in.

709

00:31:20,290 --> 00:31:23,690

I'm never going to let you go.

710

00:31:23,690 --> 00:31:25,910

And I said, well, I do
want to make you aware

711

00:31:25,910 --> 00:31:28,820

I haven't held a pipette--

712

00:31:28,820 --> 00:31:30,640

they used to have long pipettes.

713

00:31:30,640 --> 00:31:34,400

Are you familiar with any of
that stuff that you suck up?

714
00:31:34,400 --> 00:31:36,590
I mean, I can't even do that.

715
00:31:36,590 --> 00:31:40,250
He said, I'm going to give
you a beaker and a pipette.

716
00:31:40,250 --> 00:31:42,170
And I'm going to leave the room.

717
00:31:42,170 --> 00:31:44,330
And you practice.

718
00:31:44,330 --> 00:31:48,560
So he gave me-- it was like you
just don't forget, you know?

719
00:31:48,560 --> 00:31:51,650
And he said to me, he
didn't ask me anything.

720
00:31:51,650 --> 00:31:54,958
He just said, when
can you start?

721
00:31:54,958 --> 00:31:56,000
And I said, I don't know.

722
00:31:56,000 --> 00:31:56,690
Tomorrow.

723
00:31:56,690 --> 00:31:57,944
He said good.

724
00:31:57,944 --> 00:32:00,670
[LAUGHTER]

725
00:32:00,670 --> 00:32:03,970
So you worked in his

lab for how long?

726
00:32:03,970 --> 00:32:06,200
Four years.

727
00:32:06,200 --> 00:32:13,350
And then he left and went to
work in Texas with that heart

728
00:32:13,350 --> 00:32:16,350
specialist DeBakey.

729
00:32:16,350 --> 00:32:17,880
He wanted me to go with him.

730
00:32:17,880 --> 00:32:20,620
But I was married.

731
00:32:20,620 --> 00:32:23,670
And so he sent me to
the veterans hospital.

732
00:32:23,670 --> 00:32:26,440
I worked there for two years.

733
00:32:26,440 --> 00:32:27,615
And then we moved.

734
00:32:27,615 --> 00:32:32,710

735
00:32:32,710 --> 00:32:35,560
Then I guess it was Southfield.

736
00:32:35,560 --> 00:32:38,530
Then he came my husband,
said everything's OK.

737
00:32:38,530 --> 00:32:40,120
We moved to Southfield.

738

00:32:40,120 --> 00:32:46,440
And I worked, got a job at
Bay State Medical Center

739
00:32:46,440 --> 00:32:49,290
in Springfield, Massachusetts.

740
00:32:49,290 --> 00:32:55,550
And I was there, I think,
20 years, clinical medicine.

741
00:32:55,550 --> 00:32:56,860
In the lab, you mean?

742
00:32:56,860 --> 00:32:57,360
Yeah.

743
00:32:57,360 --> 00:32:58,000
The laboratory.

744
00:32:58,000 --> 00:32:58,500
Yeah, yeah.

745
00:32:58,500 --> 00:32:59,130
Wonderful.

746
00:32:59,130 --> 00:33:01,590
Doing all the testing,
like, if you need your blood

747
00:33:01,590 --> 00:33:03,270
drawn and all that.

748
00:33:03,270 --> 00:33:05,580
So did you ever-- you didn't
need a college degree?

749
00:33:05,580 --> 00:33:11,740
Well, then they had a program.

750
00:33:11,740 --> 00:33:14,830
Because I didn't

have my degree, I

751

00:33:14,830 --> 00:33:21,310

could get my license as an
official medical technologist

752

00:33:21,310 --> 00:33:25,390

if I choose to take
a national exam.

753

00:33:25,390 --> 00:33:29,680

But it had to be in all
fields of medical technology,

754

00:33:29,680 --> 00:33:36,310

microbiology, blood banking,
hematology, parasitology,

755

00:33:36,310 --> 00:33:38,500

chemistry.

756

00:33:38,500 --> 00:33:41,440

Oh, My God.

757

00:33:41,440 --> 00:33:43,300

that's like taking
a college course.

758

00:33:43,300 --> 00:33:44,440

And I said, you know what?

759

00:33:44,440 --> 00:33:46,540

I'm going to do it.

760

00:33:46,540 --> 00:33:50,500

And there were a couple
of other people like me.

761

00:33:50,500 --> 00:33:53,860

We've had all this
experience, but not enough--

762

00:33:53,860 --> 00:33:58,120
to go through a degree
is the best thing.

763
00:33:58,120 --> 00:34:00,040
You should have a degree.

764
00:34:00,040 --> 00:34:01,300
So we thought we'd try it.

765
00:34:01,300 --> 00:34:03,730
We got a book that
was this thick.

766
00:34:03,730 --> 00:34:05,680
We had to study.

767
00:34:05,680 --> 00:34:08,469
And finally, the day
comes of the exam.

768
00:34:08,469 --> 00:34:12,699
And I thought, I think
I'd rather be dead.

769
00:34:12,699 --> 00:34:16,060
And we had to take it in Boston.

770
00:34:16,060 --> 00:34:22,090
And there were 400 of
us taking this exam.

771
00:34:22,090 --> 00:34:25,659
And it was a hole half a day.

772
00:34:25,659 --> 00:34:27,750
And the first
question in chemistry,

773
00:34:27,750 --> 00:34:31,330
that I should be familiar
with, I didn't know the answer.

774

00:34:31,330 --> 00:34:34,150

I thought, oh, all is lost.

775

00:34:34,150 --> 00:34:37,420

But I remember what
the counselor had said,

776

00:34:37,420 --> 00:34:38,560

you don't know the answer?

777

00:34:38,560 --> 00:34:40,600

Just go right to the next.

778

00:34:40,600 --> 00:34:43,489

Well, I passed anyway.

779

00:34:43,489 --> 00:34:46,600

Then I became an
official med tech.

780

00:34:46,600 --> 00:34:50,090

781

00:34:50,090 --> 00:34:53,179

When your children
were the age that you

782

00:34:53,179 --> 00:34:57,220

were during Kristallnacht, and
the difficult times in Vienna,

783

00:34:57,220 --> 00:35:00,660

did that bring back
those memories?

784

00:35:00,660 --> 00:35:01,160

Did it--

785

00:35:01,160 --> 00:35:04,510

786

00:35:04,510 --> 00:35:08,940

Not because of--
no, not particularly

787

00:35:08,940 --> 00:35:10,680

when they were that age.

788

00:35:10,680 --> 00:35:13,170

No, no.

789

00:35:13,170 --> 00:35:14,810

It brings back--

790

00:35:14,810 --> 00:35:16,620

When do you think about it?

791

00:35:16,620 --> 00:35:18,740

I think about it a lot.

792

00:35:18,740 --> 00:35:20,100

And as you've gotten older?

793

00:35:20,100 --> 00:35:23,070

As I've gotten older,
I think about it a lot.

794

00:35:23,070 --> 00:35:31,380

And I have my grandson,
one of my grandsons,

795

00:35:31,380 --> 00:35:33,990

lives in California.

796

00:35:33,990 --> 00:35:36,980

And they had a little girl.

797

00:35:36,980 --> 00:35:38,420

And they called me.

798

00:35:38,420 --> 00:35:39,980

And I said, oh, God.

799

00:35:39,980 --> 00:35:41,870

This is fantastic.

800

00:35:41,870 --> 00:35:43,530

What's her name?

801

00:35:43,530 --> 00:35:45,770

Her name is Elizabeth.

802

00:35:45,770 --> 00:35:48,275

But we're going to
call her Lily because--

803

00:35:48,275 --> 00:35:50,815

804

00:35:50,815 --> 00:35:52,950

so I have a Lily.

805

00:35:52,950 --> 00:35:54,010

She's two years old.

806

00:35:54,010 --> 00:35:54,930

She's adorable.

807

00:35:54,930 --> 00:35:56,350

Yeah.

808

00:35:56,350 --> 00:35:56,850

Beautiful.

809

00:35:56,850 --> 00:35:59,250

Beautiful.

810

00:35:59,250 --> 00:36:01,230

So things like that.

811

00:36:01,230 --> 00:36:04,410

And my older grandson,
the one, his brother,

812

00:36:04,410 --> 00:36:11,490
who lives here, who has Matty,
he named Matty Matthew Ian.

813

00:36:11,490 --> 00:36:13,200
And I said where's the Ian?

814

00:36:13,200 --> 00:36:18,630
He said that is in honor of
my grandmother, your mother,

815

00:36:18,630 --> 00:36:21,120
Irene, starting with an "I."

816

00:36:21,120 --> 00:36:23,940
Because he admires--
he's not a talker, never

817

00:36:23,940 --> 00:36:28,020
talks about things that oh,
what a great lady [INAUDIBLE]..

818

00:36:28,020 --> 00:36:30,000
But he does things.

819

00:36:30,000 --> 00:36:31,150
He acts on it.

820

00:36:31,150 --> 00:36:36,050
And I thought that was really in
honor of Omi, they called her.

821

00:36:36,050 --> 00:36:37,740
Omi.

822

00:36:37,740 --> 00:36:41,330
So you told your children
about your experience?

823

00:36:41,330 --> 00:36:41,830
Oh.

824

00:36:41,830 --> 00:36:43,060

I wrote a book.

825

00:36:43,060 --> 00:36:45,580

Not a book, but into a form.

826

00:36:45,580 --> 00:36:47,380

It could be published as a book.

827

00:36:47,380 --> 00:36:48,997

But I wrote my story.

828

00:36:48,997 --> 00:36:50,080

When they were growing up?

829

00:36:50,080 --> 00:36:50,500

Yes.

830

00:36:50,500 --> 00:36:51,000

Oh, yes.

831

00:36:51,000 --> 00:36:51,910

You did.

832

00:36:51,910 --> 00:36:52,540

I did.

833

00:36:52,540 --> 00:36:58,840

And I think because of
it, my son went to Israel,

834

00:36:58,840 --> 00:37:04,750

became an Israeli citizen, and
served in their defense forces

835

00:37:04,750 --> 00:37:06,850

as a parachutist.

836

00:37:06,850 --> 00:37:10,273

So I said, I don't have enough
tsuris, you got to do that?

837
00:37:10,273 --> 00:37:11,542
[LAUGHS]

838
00:37:11,542 --> 00:37:12,390
Yeah.

839
00:37:12,390 --> 00:37:14,320
Does he still live in Israel?

840
00:37:14,320 --> 00:37:15,970
He lives in New Jersey now.

841
00:37:15,970 --> 00:37:17,890
He's a writer.

842
00:37:17,890 --> 00:37:19,810
He's written quite a few books.

843
00:37:19,810 --> 00:37:22,263
What are your thoughts
on Israel, considering

844
00:37:22,263 --> 00:37:23,180
what you went through?

845
00:37:23,180 --> 00:37:27,010
I think if Israel had existed,
it wouldn't have happened.

846
00:37:27,010 --> 00:37:29,530

847
00:37:29,530 --> 00:37:34,010
I mean, I think what they have
done with their country is

848
00:37:34,010 --> 00:37:35,800
phenomenal.

849
00:37:35,800 --> 00:37:37,930

Why can't people do that?

850

00:37:37,930 --> 00:37:38,830

Why?

851

00:37:38,830 --> 00:37:41,350

I mean, I say a lot
of whys in my head.

852

00:37:41,350 --> 00:37:41,890

Why this?

853

00:37:41,890 --> 00:37:47,280

But it doesn't-- not too many
answers come from the whys.

854

00:37:47,280 --> 00:37:51,270

We don't know why
anything, do we?

855

00:37:51,270 --> 00:37:53,680

Do you feel you lost a
part of your childhood?

856

00:37:53,680 --> 00:37:54,740

Oh, yes.

857

00:37:54,740 --> 00:37:56,370

Did you ever get it back?

858

00:37:56,370 --> 00:37:57,390

No.

859

00:37:57,390 --> 00:37:59,800

I don't think so.

860

00:37:59,800 --> 00:38:01,500

I had a good childhood.

861

00:38:01,500 --> 00:38:02,240

Before?

862
00:38:02,240 --> 00:38:03,790
Before.

863
00:38:03,790 --> 00:38:06,890
But then it was over.

864
00:38:06,890 --> 00:38:09,010
It was over.

865
00:38:09,010 --> 00:38:15,380
Because of not just what
was done to the whole world,

866
00:38:15,380 --> 00:38:19,150
almost, but you
dwell on the people

867
00:38:19,150 --> 00:38:22,830
you love so much who
suffered so much.

868
00:38:22,830 --> 00:38:27,270
And when I found out exactly
what happened to them,

869
00:38:27,270 --> 00:38:31,290
you know, everyone had a
story of what happened.

870
00:38:31,290 --> 00:38:35,280
It just-- no.

871
00:38:35,280 --> 00:38:43,060
I manage to enjoy my
life, because I think

872
00:38:43,060 --> 00:38:45,680
I have a lot of blessings now.

873
00:38:45,680 --> 00:38:48,610
I have my children and
grandchildren and great--

874
00:38:48,610 --> 00:38:51,080
and friends here.

875
00:38:51,080 --> 00:38:54,190
And you have to
enjoy what you can.

876
00:38:54,190 --> 00:38:59,300
The sad part, too, is what
happened to my brother.

877
00:38:59,300 --> 00:39:02,190
Excuse me.

878
00:39:02,190 --> 00:39:07,470
He had two sons, wonderful guys.

879
00:39:07,470 --> 00:39:12,210
And the younger one was 19.

880
00:39:12,210 --> 00:39:17,190
And he said to Eric, they
lived in North Carolina,

881
00:39:17,190 --> 00:39:20,720
I have pain in my back.

882
00:39:20,720 --> 00:39:23,420
And he was-- athlete,
very athletic.

883
00:39:23,420 --> 00:39:27,620
So go to the doctor, x-rays,
couldn't find anything.

884
00:39:27,620 --> 00:39:32,310
Michael, you got to
stop for a while.

885
00:39:32,310 --> 00:39:37,530
Don't do any soccer or

whatever he was doing.

886
00:39:37,530 --> 00:39:38,580
And it got better.

887
00:39:38,580 --> 00:39:39,660
And then it came back.

888
00:39:39,660 --> 00:39:41,010
And it got worse.

889
00:39:41,010 --> 00:39:42,180
And it got worse.

890
00:39:42,180 --> 00:39:44,880
And it got worse.

891
00:39:44,880 --> 00:39:49,890
And they finally discovered
cancer of the muscle

892
00:39:49,890 --> 00:39:51,480
called rhabdomyosarcoma.

893
00:39:51,480 --> 00:39:54,560

894
00:39:54,560 --> 00:40:00,050
And to amputate it, he went to
New York to Sloan Kettering.

895
00:40:00,050 --> 00:40:04,730
Amputated his hip,
all the way down.

896
00:40:04,730 --> 00:40:10,110
And 6 months later,
he's dead, 19-years-old.

897
00:40:10,110 --> 00:40:12,710
So my brother has one son left.

898
00:40:12,710 --> 00:40:13,280
Thank God.

899
00:40:13,280 --> 00:40:15,110
He's in Chicago.

900
00:40:15,110 --> 00:40:18,260
But Michael is dead.

901
00:40:18,260 --> 00:40:20,030
So that's when I get angry.

902
00:40:20,030 --> 00:40:22,080
And I'm saying, isn't it enough?

903
00:40:22,080 --> 00:40:24,305
He had to lose this child?

904
00:40:24,305 --> 00:40:33,280

905
00:40:33,280 --> 00:40:38,490
I went back to school after
I took this national exam.

906
00:40:38,490 --> 00:40:39,330
I did go back.

907
00:40:39,330 --> 00:40:42,885
And I got a degree
in liberal arts.

908
00:40:42,885 --> 00:40:45,415

909
00:40:45,415 --> 00:40:46,290
Wonderful.

910
00:40:46,290 --> 00:40:47,580
Where did you go?

911

00:40:47,580 --> 00:40:49,350

It was a community college.

912

00:40:49,350 --> 00:40:49,852

Wonderful.

913

00:40:49,852 --> 00:40:51,060

And I thought, that's enough.

914

00:40:51,060 --> 00:40:52,580

I don't need that degree--

915

00:40:52,580 --> 00:40:55,260

And then what brought
you down to this area?

916

00:40:55,260 --> 00:40:58,220

Susie, my daughter,
and my son-in-law.

917

00:40:58,220 --> 00:40:59,520

Live nearby.

918

00:40:59,520 --> 00:41:02,790

I mean, I came here visiting
all the time, you know?

919

00:41:02,790 --> 00:41:08,700

And then when it was time,
after my mother died, they said,

920

00:41:08,700 --> 00:41:09,600

it's too much.

921

00:41:09,600 --> 00:41:15,150

I had this house, three
bedrooms, and dining room,

922

00:41:15,150 --> 00:41:17,790

and basement, the living--

923

00:41:17,790 --> 00:41:19,530
oh, too much.

924
00:41:19,530 --> 00:41:20,790
All alone?

925
00:41:20,790 --> 00:41:21,720
Who needs it?

926
00:41:21,720 --> 00:41:23,250
Have you been back to Austria?

927
00:41:23,250 --> 00:41:24,150
Oh, yes.

928
00:41:24,150 --> 00:41:26,430
What are your feelings
when you go there?

929
00:41:26,430 --> 00:41:30,060
Well, I love Vienna, the city.

930
00:41:30,060 --> 00:41:32,490
But feeling I could
not live here.

931
00:41:32,490 --> 00:41:39,900
And I met-- they had
a reunion for me.

932
00:41:39,900 --> 00:41:45,480
Children I went to school with
when I was eight years old,

933
00:41:45,480 --> 00:41:47,530
we had a reunion.

934
00:41:47,530 --> 00:41:49,570
I didn't recognize any.

935
00:41:49,570 --> 00:41:51,340
One I recognized.

936
00:41:51,340 --> 00:41:53,530
And she's been corresponding.

937
00:41:53,530 --> 00:41:56,160
She's the one who set it up.

938
00:41:56,160 --> 00:42:00,450
But I didn't know the rest
except for this young man,

939
00:42:00,450 --> 00:42:05,390
who's now 88, who lived
across the street from us.

940
00:42:05,390 --> 00:42:09,740

941
00:42:09,740 --> 00:42:12,540
And we were always together.

942
00:42:12,540 --> 00:42:16,350
We were in school and I
always liked him, you know?

943
00:42:16,350 --> 00:42:20,250
And he said we should
meet again in Vienna

944
00:42:20,250 --> 00:42:23,190
as long as you're here.

945
00:42:23,190 --> 00:42:25,830
Well, the very
first time, before I

946
00:42:25,830 --> 00:42:30,400
was going to the reunion, but he
left a message with my cousin,

947
00:42:30,400 --> 00:42:34,620
the one my brother rescued,

that I should call him.

948
00:42:34,620 --> 00:42:35,580
So I called.

949
00:42:35,580 --> 00:42:41,080
And he's very, very-- not rigid.

950
00:42:41,080 --> 00:42:44,230
But precise, you
know, the timing.

951
00:42:44,230 --> 00:42:47,320
I would like to meet
you for breakfast

952
00:42:47,320 --> 00:42:52,520
tomorrow at 9:00 AM
at such and such.

953
00:42:52,520 --> 00:42:53,020
You know?

954
00:42:53,020 --> 00:42:54,400
[LAUGHS]

955
00:42:54,400 --> 00:42:56,350
So I said OK.

956
00:42:56,350 --> 00:43:03,130
He came with a dozen yellow
roses, handsome as can be.

957
00:43:03,130 --> 00:43:05,740
And that was the first
time I'd seen him.

958
00:43:05,740 --> 00:43:13,910
He was an American POW,
served in the German army.

959
00:43:13,910 --> 00:43:21,410

And told me he had to join
the Nazi party because--

960
00:43:21,410 --> 00:43:27,320
they all did, most
of the men and women.

961
00:43:27,320 --> 00:43:33,020
But because he desperately
wanted a university education.

962
00:43:33,020 --> 00:43:38,330
So he became what
is equivalent here

963
00:43:38,330 --> 00:43:42,050
to the secretary
of our interior.

964
00:43:42,050 --> 00:43:44,880
That's what he was in Austria.

965
00:43:44,880 --> 00:43:46,940
So I thought, that's nice.

966
00:43:46,940 --> 00:43:49,160
Do you get reparations?

967
00:43:49,160 --> 00:43:50,030
I do.

968
00:43:50,030 --> 00:43:52,110
How do you feel about that?

969
00:43:52,110 --> 00:43:55,580
Nothing they can
give us can make up

970
00:43:55,580 --> 00:43:58,510
for what was done to any of us.

971
00:43:58,510 --> 00:44:01,070

And I feel we deserve it.

972

00:44:01,070 --> 00:44:03,440

I have no qualms.

973

00:44:03,440 --> 00:44:06,980

They took away everything.

974

00:44:06,980 --> 00:44:10,250

They took away my education
that I could have had.

975

00:44:10,250 --> 00:44:11,930

They took away my home.

976

00:44:11,930 --> 00:44:15,110

They took away life.

977

00:44:15,110 --> 00:44:19,288

Not my personal life, but life.

978

00:44:19,288 --> 00:44:21,630

Yeah.

979

00:44:21,630 --> 00:44:23,540

And I don't know how
other people feel.

980

00:44:23,540 --> 00:44:26,420

But I have no qualms about it.

981

00:44:26,420 --> 00:44:29,090

And if they paid me
millions of dollars,

982

00:44:29,090 --> 00:44:34,510

they would not bring back Lily
or Tante Elsa or Tante Olga

983

00:44:34,510 --> 00:44:35,445

or any of them.

984

00:44:35,445 --> 00:44:38,300

985

00:44:38,300 --> 00:44:44,430

Uncle Ludwig, who was
a jolly, jolly man,

986

00:44:44,430 --> 00:44:46,080

always had a good
sense of humor.

987

00:44:46,080 --> 00:44:47,040

Loved kids.

988

00:44:47,040 --> 00:44:48,960

Never had any of his own.

989

00:44:48,960 --> 00:44:50,140

Was sent to Bachau.

990

00:44:50,140 --> 00:44:53,440

Came back a broken man.

991

00:44:53,440 --> 00:44:56,350

And one day, he went downstairs.

992

00:44:56,350 --> 00:44:58,970

He never left his seat,
didn't want to go anywhere,

993

00:44:58,970 --> 00:45:00,680

do anything.

994

00:45:00,680 --> 00:45:02,750

And his brother,
my Uncle Isidore

995

00:45:02,750 --> 00:45:04,400

was coming to visit him.

996

00:45:04,400 --> 00:45:07,640

And all of a sudden,
he says to his wife,

997
00:45:07,640 --> 00:45:09,470
let's go meet him downstairs.

998
00:45:09,470 --> 00:45:12,750
And she thought, he's
snapping out of it.

999
00:45:12,750 --> 00:45:14,220
Oh, yeah.

1000
00:45:14,220 --> 00:45:16,770
So he says to her, you
wait at the front door,

1001
00:45:16,770 --> 00:45:18,600
and I'll go to the back door.

1002
00:45:18,600 --> 00:45:19,950
Fine.

1003
00:45:19,950 --> 00:45:22,810
Never saw him again.

1004
00:45:22,810 --> 00:45:24,100
She's standing at the door.

1005
00:45:24,100 --> 00:45:25,810
He's never come in.

1006
00:45:25,810 --> 00:45:31,770
They found his coat on the edge
on the banks of the Danube.

1007
00:45:31,770 --> 00:45:33,710
Now what?

1008
00:45:33,710 --> 00:45:36,190
Doesn't take a
genius to figure out.

1009
00:45:36,190 --> 00:45:36,700
[INAUDIBLE]

1010
00:45:36,700 --> 00:45:39,020
He just couldn't take it.

1011
00:45:39,020 --> 00:45:40,850
What did they do to him?

1012
00:45:40,850 --> 00:45:42,525
So should you not be angry?

1013
00:45:42,525 --> 00:45:45,390

1014
00:45:45,390 --> 00:45:47,350
But you can't live
it all the time.

1015
00:45:47,350 --> 00:45:47,850
You know?

1016
00:45:47,850 --> 00:45:50,520
It would make you--

1017
00:45:50,520 --> 00:45:53,380
would do something to myself.

1018
00:45:53,380 --> 00:45:54,850
I wouldn't be a good mother.

1019
00:45:54,850 --> 00:45:56,710
I wouldn't be a
good grandmother.

1020
00:45:56,710 --> 00:45:58,850
You can't live like that.

1021
00:45:58,850 --> 00:46:03,610
But I think about it almost

every day, about some aspect.

1022
00:46:03,610 --> 00:46:05,740
Do you feel that you're
like two different people?

1023
00:46:05,740 --> 00:46:06,830
Somebody on the outside--

1024
00:46:06,830 --> 00:46:07,330
Yeah.

1025
00:46:07,330 --> 00:46:08,210
--somebody on the inside?

1026
00:46:08,210 --> 00:46:09,460
Different than the person--

1027
00:46:09,460 --> 00:46:11,610
Yeah.

1028
00:46:11,610 --> 00:46:14,370
Good way to put it.

1029
00:46:14,370 --> 00:46:19,660
It's difficult. I don't know
how other people-- well, Erica,

1030
00:46:19,660 --> 00:46:22,180
the woman I was
telling you about who

1031
00:46:22,180 --> 00:46:25,780
lives here, who wrote a book?

1032
00:46:25,780 --> 00:46:30,310
She was sent to
Scotland to a convent.

1033
00:46:30,310 --> 00:46:32,860

1034

00:46:32,860 --> 00:46:39,240

Her parents converted to
Catholicism, [INAUDIBLE]..

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00:46:39,240 --> 00:46:40,180

They died.

1036

00:46:40,180 --> 00:46:42,130

I don't know where.

1037

00:46:42,130 --> 00:46:45,870

They tried to save
her, so I guess--

1038

00:46:45,870 --> 00:46:48,930

she didn't know she
was Jewish until she

1039

00:46:48,930 --> 00:46:52,210

came to America 20 years later.

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00:46:52,210 --> 00:46:57,060

Her aunt, she had a
cross on her bedpost.

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00:46:57,060 --> 00:46:59,730

And her aunt came in
said, Erica, what is this?

1042

00:46:59,730 --> 00:47:04,380

She said, Mother Superior
gave it to me or whatever.

1043

00:47:04,380 --> 00:47:08,610

And she said, but we
don't have a cross.

1044

00:47:08,610 --> 00:47:10,770

And Erica said, why not?

1045

00:47:10,770 --> 00:47:12,370

She said, because you're Jewish?

1046
00:47:12,370 --> 00:47:13,993
And Erica said what?

1047
00:47:13,993 --> 00:47:14,535
I'm Catholic.

1048
00:47:14,535 --> 00:47:17,670

1049
00:47:17,670 --> 00:47:23,750
She hasn't really been
able to deal with it yet.

1050
00:47:23,750 --> 00:47:27,340
Are you more comfortable
around other survivors,

1051
00:47:27,340 --> 00:47:31,520
people whose lives were in
danger than the people who

1052
00:47:31,520 --> 00:47:33,270
were born in America?

1053
00:47:33,270 --> 00:47:33,770
No.

1054
00:47:33,770 --> 00:47:35,800
I'm comfortable with everybody.

1055
00:47:35,800 --> 00:47:37,092
But I understand.

1056
00:47:37,092 --> 00:47:41,550
Do you feel a greater
connection [INAUDIBLE]??

1057
00:47:41,550 --> 00:47:42,050
Yes.

1058

00:47:42,050 --> 00:47:44,840
You do feel a greater
connection, of course.

1059
00:47:44,840 --> 00:47:48,200
Because you feel that
what's your story?

1060
00:47:48,200 --> 00:47:49,770
What happened?

1061
00:47:49,770 --> 00:47:52,740
How did you deal with it?

1062
00:47:52,740 --> 00:47:55,100
But I haven't felt
that until now.

1063
00:47:55,100 --> 00:47:57,260
Until [INAUDIBLE].

1064
00:47:57,260 --> 00:47:59,300
I've met three other people.

1065
00:47:59,300 --> 00:48:00,500
And we have lunch together.

1066
00:48:00,500 --> 00:48:03,050

1067
00:48:03,050 --> 00:48:04,370
You can't help it, you know?

1068
00:48:04,370 --> 00:48:07,250
But I feel comfortable with--

1069
00:48:07,250 --> 00:48:09,740
well, I feel comfortable
with just about anybody.

1070
00:48:09,740 --> 00:48:13,070
I don't have trouble

making friends.

1071
00:48:13,070 --> 00:48:16,980
Your civil rights were taken
away after Kristallnacht.

1072
00:48:16,980 --> 00:48:17,810
Everything.

1073
00:48:17,810 --> 00:48:18,830
Yeah.

1074
00:48:18,830 --> 00:48:21,380
Were you active in the
Civil Rights Movement here?

1075
00:48:21,380 --> 00:48:23,380
Because you had
lost, as a child,

1076
00:48:23,380 --> 00:48:25,100
you lost your civil rights?

1077
00:48:25,100 --> 00:48:26,600
Not really active.

1078
00:48:26,600 --> 00:48:29,120
But I contribute to what I can.

1079
00:48:29,120 --> 00:48:33,260
I support it wholeheartedly,
wholeheartedly.

1080
00:48:33,260 --> 00:48:35,620
Has the world learned
anything from the Holocaust?

1081
00:48:35,620 --> 00:48:36,830
No.

1082
00:48:36,830 --> 00:48:37,330
No.

1083
00:48:37,330 --> 00:48:38,788
Do you think it
could happen again?

1084
00:48:38,788 --> 00:48:40,920
It could.

1085
00:48:40,920 --> 00:48:44,220
Maybe not the way we
knew it as to the Jews.

1086
00:48:44,220 --> 00:48:46,880
But it's happening everywhere.

1087
00:48:46,880 --> 00:48:48,770
It's happening.

1088
00:48:48,770 --> 00:48:51,930
Look what they're doing
in Iraq and in Syria.

1089
00:48:51,930 --> 00:48:56,020
And it's happening.

1090
00:48:56,020 --> 00:48:59,380
Would you have been a
different person today

1091
00:48:59,380 --> 00:49:02,140
if you hadn't gone through
what you did [INAUDIBLE]??

1092
00:49:02,140 --> 00:49:02,830
Perhaps.

1093
00:49:02,830 --> 00:49:04,960
But how would I know?

1094
00:49:04,960 --> 00:49:06,400
How can you--

1095

00:49:06,400 --> 00:49:08,740

Well, did it make
you more independent?

1096

00:49:08,740 --> 00:49:12,570

1097

00:49:12,570 --> 00:49:13,760

I don't know if that--

1098

00:49:13,760 --> 00:49:19,110

I was pretty much overprotected,
I think, when I was growing up.

1099

00:49:19,110 --> 00:49:24,090

1100

00:49:24,090 --> 00:49:29,880

I think I was more independent,
became more independent when

1101

00:49:29,880 --> 00:49:31,000

I was divorced.

1102

00:49:31,000 --> 00:49:32,640

Oh, OK.

1103

00:49:32,640 --> 00:49:33,650

I had to--

1104

00:49:33,650 --> 00:49:36,910

But not from your childhood
and not from your experience.

1105

00:49:36,910 --> 00:49:37,410

No.

1106

00:49:37,410 --> 00:49:39,375

Were you a very
protective mother?

1107

00:49:39,375 --> 00:49:40,530

Because you--

1108

00:49:40,530 --> 00:49:41,340

No.

1109

00:49:41,340 --> 00:49:45,010

My husband didn't allow
that, which was a good thing.

1110

00:49:45,010 --> 00:49:45,660

Yeah.

1111

00:49:45,660 --> 00:49:47,220

And they're very independent.

1112

00:49:47,220 --> 00:49:48,060

Look at Steven.

1113

00:49:48,060 --> 00:49:51,510

Schleps himself to Israel
and jumps out of airplanes.

1114

00:49:51,510 --> 00:49:53,970

Right.

1115

00:49:53,970 --> 00:49:56,730

And Susan opened
up her own practice

1116

00:49:56,730 --> 00:50:00,510

in acupuncture and
massage and all that right

1117

00:50:00,510 --> 00:50:06,270

down the road on 29, right
above where Trader Joe is?

1118

00:50:06,270 --> 00:50:08,680

Right upstairs.

1119

00:50:08,680 --> 00:50:11,900

They are very independent.

1120
00:50:11,900 --> 00:50:14,180
Well, before we end,
is there anything

1121
00:50:14,180 --> 00:50:16,700
you wanted to add to
your grandchildren

1122
00:50:16,700 --> 00:50:18,410
or great-grandchildren?

1123
00:50:18,410 --> 00:50:21,710
A message to them before we--

1124
00:50:21,710 --> 00:50:28,980
Well, the only message is
to tell them to live well

1125
00:50:28,980 --> 00:50:32,900
and to be kind to all people.

1126
00:50:32,900 --> 00:50:38,160
And I don't think they
need to hear that from me.

1127
00:50:38,160 --> 00:50:42,440
And that I just
love them very much.

1128
00:50:42,440 --> 00:50:45,630
And read my story
in case you forget!

1129
00:50:45,630 --> 00:50:48,600
[LAUGHTER]

1130
00:50:48,600 --> 00:50:52,120
Which one of my grandsons
typed out for me.

1131

00:50:52,120 --> 00:50:53,430
Wonderful.

1132
00:50:53,430 --> 00:50:56,040
So I have no complaints
about the family.

1133
00:50:56,040 --> 00:50:58,790
Thank goodness, you know?

1134
00:50:58,790 --> 00:51:01,670
So I guess sometimes
things turn out in the end.

1135
00:51:01,670 --> 00:51:02,180
Don't they?

1136
00:51:02,180 --> 00:51:03,152
Right.

1137
00:51:03,152 --> 00:51:04,610
Right.

1138
00:51:04,610 --> 00:51:06,840
Anything else I didn't answer?

1139
00:51:06,840 --> 00:51:07,340
No.

1140
00:51:07,340 --> 00:51:08,340
You were wonderful.

1141
00:51:08,340 --> 00:51:09,050
Oh.

1142
00:51:09,050 --> 00:51:10,160
Thank you for doing--

1143
00:51:10,160 --> 00:51:11,280
Take those pictures.

1144

00:51:11,280 --> 00:51:12,300
See those pictures?

1145
00:51:12,300 --> 00:51:14,060
We'll look at them
a little later.

1146
00:51:14,060 --> 00:51:15,530
That's just a little--

1147
00:51:15,530 --> 00:51:17,770
it helps to put it in your head.

1148
00:51:17,770 --> 00:51:18,430
Yeah.

1149
00:51:18,430 --> 00:51:19,220
Yeah.

1150
00:51:19,220 --> 00:51:20,630
Did you-- well,
is there anything

1151
00:51:20,630 --> 00:51:24,125
in the pictures that
you could talk about

1152
00:51:24,125 --> 00:51:25,000
during the interview?

1153
00:51:25,000 --> 00:51:28,280
Well, I just showed there's a
picture of my house, my mother

1154
00:51:28,280 --> 00:51:29,330
and father.

1155
00:51:29,330 --> 00:51:31,210
There's nothing
to talk about it.

1156
00:51:31,210 --> 00:51:31,970

OK.

1157
00:51:31,970 --> 00:51:33,350
Well, thank you
very much doing--

1158
00:51:33,350 --> 00:51:34,910
Well, thank you.

1159
00:51:34,910 --> 00:51:36,740
--the interview.

1160
00:51:36,740 --> 00:51:39,710
This concludes the United
States Holocaust Memorial Museum

1161
00:51:39,710 --> 00:51:44,010
interview with
Trudy Schoenberger.

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00:51:44,010 --> 00:51:47,000