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This is the United States
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volunteer collection interview
with Arlette Grossfeld.

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in Potomac, Maryland.

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This is track number 1.

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00:00:30,620 --> 00:00:33,500

What is your full name?

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00:00:33,500 --> 00:00:35,630

Arlette Grossfeld.

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00:00:35,630 --> 00:00:36,740

Can you hear me?

10

00:00:36,740 --> 00:00:40,560

Yes, you're sounding fine.

11

00:00:40,560 --> 00:00:43,340

And what name were
you born with?

12

00:00:43,340 --> 00:00:45,120

Zarnowski.

13

00:00:45,120 --> 00:00:47,250
And where were you born?

14
00:00:47,250 --> 00:00:48,470
In France.

15
00:00:48,470 --> 00:00:50,990
In what city or what town?

16
00:00:50,990 --> 00:00:55,010
A suburb of Paris, Saint-Maur.

17
00:00:55,010 --> 00:00:55,760
All right.

18
00:00:55,760 --> 00:00:57,800
And when were you born?

19
00:00:57,800 --> 00:00:58,460
When?

20
00:00:58,460 --> 00:01:01,580
February 7, 1930.

21
00:01:01,580 --> 00:01:02,900
1930.

22
00:01:02,900 --> 00:01:03,470
Yeah.

23
00:01:03,470 --> 00:01:06,480
Let's talk a little
bit about your family.

24
00:01:06,480 --> 00:01:10,060
Tell me your parents' names.

25
00:01:10,060 --> 00:01:12,730
Wolf Zarnowski, my father.

26
00:01:12,730 --> 00:01:14,020

His first name is?

27

00:01:14,020 --> 00:01:14,810

Wolf.

28

00:01:14,810 --> 00:01:16,420

OK.

29

00:01:16,420 --> 00:01:18,750

And was he born in Paris?

30

00:01:18,750 --> 00:01:19,250

No.

31

00:01:19,250 --> 00:01:22,160

He was born, I
believe, in Poland.

32

00:01:22,160 --> 00:01:25,030

Do you know where in Poland?

33

00:01:25,030 --> 00:01:27,900

I don't remember the town.

34

00:01:27,900 --> 00:01:29,980

OK.

35

00:01:29,980 --> 00:01:31,260

And your mother?

36

00:01:31,260 --> 00:01:32,940

Caroline Gold.

37

00:01:32,940 --> 00:01:35,580

Oh and was she born in France?

38

00:01:35,580 --> 00:01:36,930

Poland.

39

00:01:36,930 --> 00:01:38,550

And you know where she was born?

40
00:01:38,550 --> 00:01:40,920
No, not really.

41
00:01:40,920 --> 00:01:44,040
And did you have any
brothers or sisters?

42
00:01:44,040 --> 00:01:44,820
I'm sorry?

43
00:01:44,820 --> 00:01:46,980
Did you have any
brothers or sisters?

44
00:01:46,980 --> 00:01:48,030
One brother.

45
00:01:48,030 --> 00:01:50,260
And his name?

46
00:01:50,260 --> 00:01:52,050
Lucien Zarnowski.

47
00:01:52,050 --> 00:01:54,190
And was he older or
younger than you?

48
00:01:54,190 --> 00:01:54,690
Younger.

49
00:01:54,690 --> 00:01:55,190
Younger.

50
00:01:55,190 --> 00:01:56,190
How much younger?

51
00:01:56,190 --> 00:01:57,000
Five years.

52
00:01:57,000 --> 00:01:57,990

Five years.

53
00:01:57,990 --> 00:01:58,530
OK.

54
00:01:58,530 --> 00:02:01,570
What kind of work
did your father do?

55
00:02:01,570 --> 00:02:03,060
He was a furrier.

56
00:02:03,060 --> 00:02:03,900
Oh, OK.

57
00:02:03,900 --> 00:02:05,460
And he had his own business?

58
00:02:05,460 --> 00:02:06,510
Yeah.

59
00:02:06,510 --> 00:02:08,070
Did your mother work with him?

60
00:02:08,070 --> 00:02:08,820
No.

61
00:02:08,820 --> 00:02:09,320
No.

62
00:02:09,320 --> 00:02:11,910

63
00:02:11,910 --> 00:02:17,460
Was your family a
very religious family?

64
00:02:17,460 --> 00:02:20,550
Was your family a
very religious family?

65

00:02:20,550 --> 00:02:24,450

No, not very religious.

66

00:02:24,450 --> 00:02:27,180

My grandparents were
extremely religious.

67

00:02:27,180 --> 00:02:30,430

Both sides were religious?

68

00:02:30,430 --> 00:02:30,930

Yeah.

69

00:02:30,930 --> 00:02:31,430

Uh-huh.

70

00:02:31,430 --> 00:02:32,880

[INAUDIBLE] grandfather.

71

00:02:32,880 --> 00:02:34,680

So did you observe any holiday?

72

00:02:34,680 --> 00:02:37,230

I mean, we practiced,
yeah, things like that.

73

00:02:37,230 --> 00:02:39,120

Like what?

74

00:02:39,120 --> 00:02:41,590

Every holidays and everything.

75

00:02:41,590 --> 00:02:45,120

Not too old, yeah.

76

00:02:45,120 --> 00:02:48,910

Do you have any special holiday
that you liked as a child?

77

00:02:48,910 --> 00:02:49,660

As a child?

78

00:02:49,660 --> 00:02:50,160

Yeah.

79

00:02:50,160 --> 00:02:52,440

Anything-- did you
have a favorite holiday

80

00:02:52,440 --> 00:02:53,150

that you liked?

81

00:02:53,150 --> 00:02:56,620

All of them were
good for me, yeah.

82

00:02:56,620 --> 00:02:58,240

Passover.

83

00:02:58,240 --> 00:02:58,790

Yeah.

84

00:02:58,790 --> 00:03:00,810

And when you
celebrated Passover,

85

00:03:00,810 --> 00:03:02,560

were there other
relatives around?

86

00:03:02,560 --> 00:03:03,060

Yeah.

87

00:03:03,060 --> 00:03:03,832

Yeah.

88

00:03:03,832 --> 00:03:05,070

All relatives.

89

00:03:05,070 --> 00:03:08,280

So there was what we
call an extended family?

90

00:03:08,280 --> 00:03:10,650

Did you have aunts and
uncles and cousins?

91

00:03:10,650 --> 00:03:12,030

Yes.

92

00:03:12,030 --> 00:03:12,700

Nearby?

93

00:03:12,700 --> 00:03:14,910

And you did you see
them frequently?

94

00:03:14,910 --> 00:03:15,690

Oh, yeah.

95

00:03:15,690 --> 00:03:18,180

Yeah.

96

00:03:18,180 --> 00:03:18,980

Yeah.

97

00:03:18,980 --> 00:03:19,480

OK.

98

00:03:19,480 --> 00:03:22,170

99

00:03:22,170 --> 00:03:24,780

What about-- let's talk
about your schooling.

100

00:03:24,780 --> 00:03:27,300

What kind of school did you go?

101

00:03:27,300 --> 00:03:29,260

A public school, or
a religious school?

102

00:03:29,260 --> 00:03:29,760

A lycée.

103
00:03:29,760 --> 00:03:32,970
In Europe, that's the way.

104
00:03:32,970 --> 00:03:36,570
You started off at age five?

105
00:03:36,570 --> 00:03:37,090
Six.

106
00:03:37,090 --> 00:03:37,590
Six.

107
00:03:37,590 --> 00:03:39,400
OK.

108
00:03:39,400 --> 00:03:42,740
And did you speak
French at home?

109
00:03:42,740 --> 00:03:43,240
Yeah.

110
00:03:43,240 --> 00:03:43,740
Yeah.

111
00:03:43,740 --> 00:03:45,700
Did you speak Yiddish at all?

112
00:03:45,700 --> 00:03:47,110
Not too much.

113
00:03:47,110 --> 00:03:49,450
Did your parents speak Yiddish?

114
00:03:49,450 --> 00:03:50,020
Yeah.

115
00:03:50,020 --> 00:03:51,430
Yeah, they did.

116

00:03:51,430 --> 00:03:53,780

So you understood?

117

00:03:53,780 --> 00:03:55,100

Yeah.

118

00:03:55,100 --> 00:03:56,200

Yeah.

119

00:03:56,200 --> 00:04:01,060

And what other interests
did you have as a child?

120

00:04:01,060 --> 00:04:05,250

Did you like to read
or play any games?

121

00:04:05,250 --> 00:04:06,270

Games, I think.

122

00:04:06,270 --> 00:04:06,940

What kind?

123

00:04:06,940 --> 00:04:09,210

Yeah, read too, also.

124

00:04:09,210 --> 00:04:09,710

What?

125

00:04:09,710 --> 00:04:10,940

I liked to read also.

126

00:04:10,940 --> 00:04:11,690

You liked to read?

127

00:04:11,690 --> 00:04:14,860

Did you have any special
books that you liked?

128

00:04:14,860 --> 00:04:17,149

I can't remember.

129
00:04:17,149 --> 00:04:18,320
I still like to read.

130
00:04:18,320 --> 00:04:19,160
Wonderful.

131
00:04:19,160 --> 00:04:20,329
Wonderful.

132
00:04:20,329 --> 00:04:23,210
And these were books in French?

133
00:04:23,210 --> 00:04:25,040
Children's books in French?

134
00:04:25,040 --> 00:04:25,540
Yeah.

135
00:04:25,540 --> 00:04:26,090
Yeah.

136
00:04:26,090 --> 00:04:26,810
Good.

137
00:04:26,810 --> 00:04:28,970
And what about-- who
were your friends?

138
00:04:28,970 --> 00:04:33,320
Did you have Jewish and
non-Jewish friends, both?

139
00:04:33,320 --> 00:04:37,943
Yeah, we did have
non-Jewish friends also.

140
00:04:37,943 --> 00:04:38,810
Uh-huh.

141
00:04:38,810 --> 00:04:42,410

And did you play
at their houses?

142
00:04:42,410 --> 00:04:44,350
Go to their houses?

143
00:04:44,350 --> 00:04:47,270
Yeah, we were friends.

144
00:04:47,270 --> 00:04:49,560
And what about sports?

145
00:04:49,560 --> 00:04:50,450
No.

146
00:04:50,450 --> 00:04:53,733
Not too good.

147
00:04:53,733 --> 00:04:55,150
I went swimming,
things like that.

148
00:04:55,150 --> 00:04:56,570
Oh, you liked to go swimming?

149
00:04:56,570 --> 00:04:57,500
Well, that's good.

150
00:04:57,500 --> 00:04:59,510
Played tennis, but
I wasn't good at it.

151
00:04:59,510 --> 00:05:01,520
Well, but you did it.

152
00:05:01,520 --> 00:05:03,080
For fun.

153
00:05:03,080 --> 00:05:04,340
Just because I was--

154

00:05:04,340 --> 00:05:07,400
but we had fun.

155
00:05:07,400 --> 00:05:09,740
Did you have any close friends?

156
00:05:09,740 --> 00:05:10,610
Girlfriends?

157
00:05:10,610 --> 00:05:11,340
Oh, yeah.

158
00:05:11,340 --> 00:05:13,340
What were some of their names?

159
00:05:13,340 --> 00:05:16,490
Oh, you mean in Europe?

160
00:05:16,490 --> 00:05:17,220
Yes.

161
00:05:17,220 --> 00:05:19,340
When you were a child.

162
00:05:19,340 --> 00:05:20,600
I had quite a few.

163
00:05:20,600 --> 00:05:24,200
Yvette, one was Simone.

164
00:05:24,200 --> 00:05:26,630
Do you remember
their last names?

165
00:05:26,630 --> 00:05:27,240
No.

166
00:05:27,240 --> 00:05:27,740
One.

167
00:05:27,740 --> 00:05:28,240

Yes.

168
00:05:28,240 --> 00:05:30,740
Yvette Klein.

169
00:05:30,740 --> 00:05:33,480
That was a long time ago.

170
00:05:33,480 --> 00:05:33,980
Yes.

171
00:05:33,980 --> 00:05:35,120
Yeah.

172
00:05:35,120 --> 00:05:38,990
Was there any antisemitism
that you noticed

173
00:05:38,990 --> 00:05:41,510
when you were very young?

174
00:05:41,510 --> 00:05:44,870
I'm sure there was, but I
don't think I noticed it,

175
00:05:44,870 --> 00:05:45,770
we noticed it.

176
00:05:45,770 --> 00:05:49,850
We weren't treated badly
or anything, until the war.

177
00:05:49,850 --> 00:05:51,980
Yeah.

178
00:05:51,980 --> 00:05:56,390
Did you feel very Jewish as
a young child growing up?

179
00:05:56,390 --> 00:05:58,580
You knew you were Jewish.

180
00:05:58,580 --> 00:05:59,410
Oh, yeah.

181
00:05:59,410 --> 00:06:01,280
I knew I was Jewish.

182
00:06:01,280 --> 00:06:03,380
Did you have any
Jewish education?

183
00:06:03,380 --> 00:06:06,310
Did you go to Hebrew school?

184
00:06:06,310 --> 00:06:06,810
No.

185
00:06:06,810 --> 00:06:08,120
My brother went.

186
00:06:08,120 --> 00:06:09,620
Your brother did?

187
00:06:09,620 --> 00:06:10,760
Yeah.

188
00:06:10,760 --> 00:06:12,690
They had girls mostly.

189
00:06:12,690 --> 00:06:13,190
Right.

190
00:06:13,190 --> 00:06:14,300
It was the boys.

191
00:06:14,300 --> 00:06:14,800
Yeah.

192
00:06:14,800 --> 00:06:16,430
Mostly boys.

193

00:06:16,430 --> 00:06:18,440
He was bar mitzvahed--

194
00:06:18,440 --> 00:06:21,470
the usual of a Jewish family.

195
00:06:21,470 --> 00:06:24,380
When-- what year was he born?

196
00:06:24,380 --> 00:06:26,060
1935.

197
00:06:26,060 --> 00:06:27,980
He was born in '35.

198
00:06:27,980 --> 00:06:31,050
Oh, so he was bar mitzvahed
in '48, after the war.

199
00:06:31,050 --> 00:06:31,550
Mm-hm.

200
00:06:31,550 --> 00:06:33,260
Yeah.

201
00:06:33,260 --> 00:06:34,400
OK.

202
00:06:34,400 --> 00:06:37,190
So you had kind of
a quiet childhood

203
00:06:37,190 --> 00:06:39,350
in this suburb of
Paris, you said.

204
00:06:39,350 --> 00:06:40,070
Yeah.

205
00:06:40,070 --> 00:06:41,460
And things were going along.

206

00:06:41,460 --> 00:06:43,610

We had a good childhood.

207

00:06:43,610 --> 00:06:44,660

A good childhood.

208

00:06:44,660 --> 00:06:45,530

Yeah.

209

00:06:45,530 --> 00:06:48,697

Was the neighborhood a
Jewish and non-Jewish--

210

00:06:48,697 --> 00:06:49,655

and mixed neighborhood?

211

00:06:49,655 --> 00:06:50,155

Mixed.

212

00:06:50,155 --> 00:06:51,930

Mixed.

213

00:06:51,930 --> 00:06:54,340

Did you live in a
house or an apartment?

214

00:06:54,340 --> 00:06:56,520

An apartment.

215

00:06:56,520 --> 00:06:58,080

How would you
describe your family?

216

00:06:58,080 --> 00:07:01,590

Were you middle-class,
upper-class, upper-middle,

217

00:07:01,590 --> 00:07:02,360

middle-middle?

218

00:07:02,360 --> 00:07:04,000

I don't know.

219
00:07:04,000 --> 00:07:05,640
Middle.

220
00:07:05,640 --> 00:07:06,840
Middle-middle.

221
00:07:06,840 --> 00:07:08,160
Yeah.

222
00:07:08,160 --> 00:07:10,540
Did your mother have any
help in the apartment?

223
00:07:10,540 --> 00:07:11,040
No.

224
00:07:11,040 --> 00:07:11,540
No.

225
00:07:11,540 --> 00:07:12,240
No, she didn't?

226
00:07:12,240 --> 00:07:13,410
OK.

227
00:07:13,410 --> 00:07:14,910
But you had a telephone?

228
00:07:14,910 --> 00:07:15,600
Oh, yeah.

229
00:07:15,600 --> 00:07:16,305
And a car?

230
00:07:16,305 --> 00:07:18,200
Did you have a car?

231
00:07:18,200 --> 00:07:18,910
Yeah.

232
00:07:18,910 --> 00:07:22,270
At the end of-- we
had for a while.

233
00:07:22,270 --> 00:07:22,810
Yeah.

234
00:07:22,810 --> 00:07:24,160
I even forgot.

235
00:07:24,160 --> 00:07:24,660
Oh.

236
00:07:24,660 --> 00:07:25,160
OK.

237
00:07:25,160 --> 00:07:28,440

238
00:07:28,440 --> 00:07:34,700
So when did you start hearing
about a man named Hitler?

239
00:07:34,700 --> 00:07:37,730
Do you remember when that was
when you first heard of this--

240
00:07:37,730 --> 00:07:40,382
When we were
children, in '38, '39.

241
00:07:40,382 --> 00:07:41,840
Yeah, when you were
eight and nine.

242
00:07:41,840 --> 00:07:46,130
We heard the radio,
what was going on.

243
00:07:46,130 --> 00:07:48,110
So up to that time, it

was a normal childhood

244

00:07:48,110 --> 00:07:50,990

of going to school and
playing with friends?

245

00:07:50,990 --> 00:07:52,460

Yeah.

246

00:07:52,460 --> 00:07:54,530

And neighbors were fine?

247

00:07:54,530 --> 00:07:55,290

No antisemitic--

248

00:07:55,290 --> 00:07:55,790

No.

249

00:07:55,790 --> 00:08:00,140

We never knew
antisemitism at that time.

250

00:08:00,140 --> 00:08:01,400

Yeah.

251

00:08:01,400 --> 00:08:02,660

And then comes 19--

252

00:08:02,660 --> 00:08:05,300

so you hadn't heard
of Hitler until 1938?

253

00:08:05,300 --> 00:08:07,610

Yeah.

254

00:08:07,610 --> 00:08:11,210

Were you old enough to know
about Kristallnacht or not?

255

00:08:11,210 --> 00:08:12,590

No, you were too young.

256

00:08:12,590 --> 00:08:13,420

What did you say?

257

00:08:13,420 --> 00:08:14,037

Kristallnacht?

258

00:08:14,037 --> 00:08:14,870

Kristallnacht, yeah.

259

00:08:14,870 --> 00:08:16,400

Yeah, we heard about it.

260

00:08:16,400 --> 00:08:16,970

You did.

261

00:08:16,970 --> 00:08:18,053

Was that very frightening?

262

00:08:18,053 --> 00:08:18,620

I was young.

263

00:08:18,620 --> 00:08:21,380

I was going to say, you
were eight years old.

264

00:08:21,380 --> 00:08:24,060

But you know, people
talk, the radio.

265

00:08:24,060 --> 00:08:25,850

I didn't know what it meant--

266

00:08:25,850 --> 00:08:26,470

Of course.

267

00:08:26,470 --> 00:08:27,170

--at that time.

268

00:08:27,170 --> 00:08:27,830

Of course.

269

00:08:27,830 --> 00:08:29,550

Yeah.

270

00:08:29,550 --> 00:08:32,860

Did you understand any

German, or was it just French?

271

00:08:32,860 --> 00:08:33,360

French.

272

00:08:33,360 --> 00:08:34,990

You did not understand German.

273

00:08:34,990 --> 00:08:35,490

No.

274

00:08:35,490 --> 00:08:38,960

275

00:08:38,960 --> 00:08:43,909

Did you did you notice your

parents getting more concerned?

276

00:08:43,909 --> 00:08:46,230

Did you notice a

difference in your parents?

277

00:08:46,230 --> 00:08:46,730

Oh, yeah.

278

00:08:46,730 --> 00:08:48,590

Because you heard them talking.

279

00:08:48,590 --> 00:08:50,660

You heard talking

and everything.

280

00:08:50,660 --> 00:08:53,600

My parents, with friends.

281

00:08:53,600 --> 00:08:55,520

What kind of things
did they say?

282
00:08:55,520 --> 00:08:58,190
Do you remember what kind--

283
00:08:58,190 --> 00:09:01,240
some of the thoughts
they expressed?

284
00:09:01,240 --> 00:09:02,590
No.

285
00:09:02,590 --> 00:09:05,170
They just talked about what
was happening generally?

286
00:09:05,170 --> 00:09:05,670
Right.

287
00:09:05,670 --> 00:09:07,390
Yeah.

288
00:09:07,390 --> 00:09:12,940
And did any refugees come to
your house, come to your--

289
00:09:12,940 --> 00:09:13,980
Sometimes.

290
00:09:13,980 --> 00:09:14,830
From where?

291
00:09:14,830 --> 00:09:18,850
They came from
Germany, or Vienna.

292
00:09:18,850 --> 00:09:20,400
These were relatives of yours?

293
00:09:20,400 --> 00:09:20,900
No.

294
00:09:20,900 --> 00:09:26,020
Oh, my uncle came from
Vienna, and my grandparents.

295
00:09:26,020 --> 00:09:28,120
They lived in Vienna.

296
00:09:28,120 --> 00:09:30,730
My uncle.

297
00:09:30,730 --> 00:09:32,218
But you forget that.

298
00:09:32,218 --> 00:09:33,093
And my grandparents--

299
00:09:33,093 --> 00:09:34,930
It's been many years.

300
00:09:34,930 --> 00:09:37,010
They were kicked out of Vienna.

301
00:09:37,010 --> 00:09:38,830
Yeah.

302
00:09:38,830 --> 00:09:42,020
And what was uncle's name?

303
00:09:42,020 --> 00:09:43,600
Gold.

304
00:09:43,600 --> 00:09:44,360
Leo Gold.

305
00:09:44,360 --> 00:09:44,860
Oh.

306
00:09:44,860 --> 00:09:46,780
OK.

307

00:09:46,780 --> 00:09:49,480

And was that very
frightening to a young girl,

308

00:09:49,480 --> 00:09:51,710

to hear a story like that?

309

00:09:51,710 --> 00:09:54,350

Here's your uncle coming.

310

00:09:54,350 --> 00:09:58,520

Was a frightening experience
for you to know about your uncle

311

00:09:58,520 --> 00:10:01,460

having to leave and
come to your place?

312

00:10:01,460 --> 00:10:04,850

No, we didn't
realize it this way.

313

00:10:04,850 --> 00:10:06,320

They were coming.

314

00:10:06,320 --> 00:10:08,030

We had an uncle coming.

315

00:10:08,030 --> 00:10:09,560

Yeah, they were visiting.

316

00:10:09,560 --> 00:10:10,400

Yeah.

317

00:10:10,400 --> 00:10:11,483

Because you weren't aware.

318

00:10:11,483 --> 00:10:13,650

We were too young to understand.

319

00:10:13,650 --> 00:10:14,630

We heard Hitler.

320
00:10:14,630 --> 00:10:18,350
That's all they were
talking about at the time.

321
00:10:18,350 --> 00:10:20,780
You knew there was,
but we didn't really

322
00:10:20,780 --> 00:10:24,440
realize too much at the time.

323
00:10:24,440 --> 00:10:25,790
I was eight years old, I think.

324
00:10:25,790 --> 00:10:26,450
You were eight years old.

325
00:10:26,450 --> 00:10:26,990
Yeah.

326
00:10:26,990 --> 00:10:27,950
OK.

327
00:10:27,950 --> 00:10:30,770
So when did conditions
start to change?

328
00:10:30,770 --> 00:10:33,220
When did you notice
things weren't--

329
00:10:33,220 --> 00:10:37,370
When they invaded France.

330
00:10:37,370 --> 00:10:39,560
That was '40 or '41.

331
00:10:39,560 --> 00:10:40,470
1940.

332
00:10:40,470 --> 00:10:41,210
Yeah.

333
00:10:41,210 --> 00:10:44,780
So in 1939, when the
war started in Poland,

334
00:10:44,780 --> 00:10:47,390
and Hitler invaded
Poland, do you

335
00:10:47,390 --> 00:10:49,120
have any memories
of hearing that?

336
00:10:49,120 --> 00:10:49,620
No.

337
00:10:49,620 --> 00:10:50,240
You don't.

338
00:10:50,240 --> 00:10:54,260
So your life went on
normally at that point.

339
00:10:54,260 --> 00:10:58,910
OK, now let's talk about
the Germans invading France.

340
00:10:58,910 --> 00:11:01,010
So you were still in your--

341
00:11:01,010 --> 00:11:03,530
were still living
where you had grown up?

342
00:11:03,530 --> 00:11:04,070
Yeah.

343
00:11:04,070 --> 00:11:07,940
And what was the first
change that you noticed?

344
00:11:07,940 --> 00:11:13,460
About '41 , I think, we
went south, south of France,

345
00:11:13,460 --> 00:11:16,430
because it wasn't
occupied at that time.

346
00:11:16,430 --> 00:11:18,800
What did you notice
before you went south?

347
00:11:18,800 --> 00:11:21,140
Did you notice any
changes in your town?

348
00:11:21,140 --> 00:11:22,550
Any signs?

349
00:11:22,550 --> 00:11:23,450
Any flags?

350
00:11:23,450 --> 00:11:25,340
No, not until--

351
00:11:25,340 --> 00:11:27,990
There were no swastikas, no--

352
00:11:27,990 --> 00:11:28,490
No.

353
00:11:28,490 --> 00:11:29,670
That came later.

354
00:11:29,670 --> 00:11:30,170
Oh.

355
00:11:30,170 --> 00:11:31,670
OK.

356

00:11:31,670 --> 00:11:35,390
And were there any German
soldiers in your town

357
00:11:35,390 --> 00:11:36,860
before you left?

358
00:11:36,860 --> 00:11:41,150
Not before I left, no.

359
00:11:41,150 --> 00:11:44,660
But they came later, '41, '42.

360
00:11:44,660 --> 00:11:46,280
OK.

361
00:11:46,280 --> 00:11:48,650
So you your parents
tell you that you're

362
00:11:48,650 --> 00:11:50,060
going to have to move?

363
00:11:50,060 --> 00:11:50,780
Yeah.

364
00:11:50,780 --> 00:11:53,240
You and your brother are
going to have to move.

365
00:11:53,240 --> 00:11:55,520
And how did you feel about that?

366
00:11:55,520 --> 00:11:57,530
Not too happy.

367
00:11:57,530 --> 00:11:58,775
Did you understand why?

368
00:11:58,775 --> 00:11:59,480
Oh, yeah.

369

00:11:59,480 --> 00:12:00,920

What reason did they give you?

370

00:12:00,920 --> 00:12:01,670

Hm?

371

00:12:01,670 --> 00:12:05,350

What reason did they give you?

372

00:12:05,350 --> 00:12:07,890

The truth-- the

Germans are coming

373

00:12:07,890 --> 00:12:11,250

and we have to

hide, or hide you.

374

00:12:11,250 --> 00:12:14,570

Something like that.

375

00:12:14,570 --> 00:12:16,510

So you are, what, 11?

376

00:12:16,510 --> 00:12:17,320

Aren't you?

377

00:12:17,320 --> 00:12:18,490

11 years old then?

378

00:12:18,490 --> 00:12:20,420

Yeah.

379

00:12:20,420 --> 00:12:22,535

First we went down to the south.

380

00:12:22,535 --> 00:12:23,035

Nice.

381

00:12:23,035 --> 00:12:23,540

The south of France.

382
00:12:23,540 --> 00:12:24,230
Yes.

383
00:12:24,230 --> 00:12:26,600
That was your first stop?

384
00:12:26,600 --> 00:12:28,500
That wasn't occupied right away.

385
00:12:28,500 --> 00:12:29,810
Right, in the south of France.

386
00:12:29,810 --> 00:12:32,560
The French had
still handled this.

387
00:12:32,560 --> 00:12:33,360
Right.

388
00:12:33,360 --> 00:12:35,700
Right.

389
00:12:35,700 --> 00:12:36,200
Yeah.

390
00:12:36,200 --> 00:12:38,580
Let's do it slowly.

391
00:12:38,580 --> 00:12:43,790
What's the-- the town of Pau,
but we weren't there long.

392
00:12:43,790 --> 00:12:46,550
It's a town but we came first.

393
00:12:46,550 --> 00:12:48,110
When you left Paris,
you went to Pau.

394
00:12:48,110 --> 00:12:49,160
When we left Paris.

395
00:12:49,160 --> 00:12:50,600
And how long did you stay there?

396
00:12:50,600 --> 00:12:51,680
In Pau?

397
00:12:51,680 --> 00:12:52,475
Just a few days?

398
00:12:52,475 --> 00:12:54,830
You know, I don't really
remember those details

399
00:12:54,830 --> 00:12:55,820
sometimes.

400
00:12:55,820 --> 00:12:56,630
That's all right.

401
00:12:56,630 --> 00:12:57,980
I know I was there.

402
00:12:57,980 --> 00:12:58,530
Yeah.

403
00:12:58,530 --> 00:12:59,210
OK.

404
00:12:59,210 --> 00:13:00,290
That's all right.

405
00:13:00,290 --> 00:13:03,860
Now, when you left your
house outside of Paris,

406
00:13:03,860 --> 00:13:06,260
did you take anything
special with you?

407
00:13:06,260 --> 00:13:09,820

A special-- books, or toys?

408

00:13:09,820 --> 00:13:10,520

No.

409

00:13:10,520 --> 00:13:12,090

I mean, you were only 11.

410

00:13:12,090 --> 00:13:14,580

What did you bring with you?

411

00:13:14,580 --> 00:13:18,620

What we did-- clothes, some
toys, things like that.

412

00:13:18,620 --> 00:13:19,505

We couldn't--

413

00:13:19,505 --> 00:13:21,392

You couldn't carry a lot, right.

414

00:13:21,392 --> 00:13:23,360

We couldn't, no.

415

00:13:23,360 --> 00:13:26,740

Did you have a special
toy that you liked?

416

00:13:26,740 --> 00:13:29,030

That you brought with
you or something?

417

00:13:29,030 --> 00:13:30,890

I don't remember.

418

00:13:30,890 --> 00:13:31,940

OK.

419

00:13:31,940 --> 00:13:32,630

Yeah.

420

00:13:32,630 --> 00:13:34,700

And what was your
brother's reaction?

421

00:13:34,700 --> 00:13:36,110

Of course, he was much younger.

422

00:13:36,110 --> 00:13:37,460

Yeah.

423

00:13:37,460 --> 00:13:38,995

His reaction?

424

00:13:38,995 --> 00:13:40,635

He didn't realize at first.

425

00:13:40,635 --> 00:13:41,270

Right.

426

00:13:41,270 --> 00:13:43,340

He was so little.

427

00:13:43,340 --> 00:13:44,240

Yeah.

428

00:13:44,240 --> 00:13:46,920

I didn't realize
too much, either.

429

00:13:46,920 --> 00:13:49,010

We knew there was a war.

430

00:13:49,010 --> 00:13:54,410

We knew we had to go,
some things like that.

431

00:13:54,410 --> 00:13:57,650

Were you able to say
goodbye to your friends?

432

00:13:57,650 --> 00:14:00,350

Not all, no.

433

00:14:00,350 --> 00:14:05,570

Some of them were in the
same situation that we were.

434

00:14:05,570 --> 00:14:07,510

Right.

435

00:14:07,510 --> 00:14:12,770

Have you seen, on
television, people walking?

436

00:14:12,770 --> 00:14:17,060

They called it--
they had for that.

437

00:14:17,060 --> 00:14:21,300

They used to walk south
when the war started.

438

00:14:21,300 --> 00:14:21,800

OK.

439

00:14:21,800 --> 00:14:24,650

The refugees would walk south.

440

00:14:24,650 --> 00:14:25,870

Yeah.

441

00:14:25,870 --> 00:14:26,990

We took a train.

442

00:14:26,990 --> 00:14:29,000

We were lucky.

443

00:14:29,000 --> 00:14:30,760

So you went by train from Paris?

444

00:14:30,760 --> 00:14:32,110

From Paris, yeah.

445

00:14:32,110 --> 00:14:35,530

But a lot of people
decided to leave Paris,

446

00:14:35,530 --> 00:14:37,870

because the Germans were coming.

447

00:14:37,870 --> 00:14:40,360

Everybody, not only Jews.

448

00:14:40,360 --> 00:14:42,030

And they walked.

449

00:14:42,030 --> 00:14:46,630

A lot of them had to
walk wherever they could.

450

00:14:46,630 --> 00:14:48,550

It was no fun.

451

00:14:48,550 --> 00:14:52,380

Did you have enough
food on the trip?

452

00:14:52,380 --> 00:14:53,460

On the trip going south?

453

00:14:53,460 --> 00:14:56,580

At first, yes.

454

00:14:56,580 --> 00:15:03,090

You know, we were the lucky
ones, my brother and I.

455

00:15:03,090 --> 00:15:05,424

You were lucky because--?

456

00:15:05,424 --> 00:15:06,910

Because we had food.

457

00:15:06,910 --> 00:15:09,380

We were at a farm.

458
00:15:09,380 --> 00:15:11,750
We lived in a farm
during the war.

459
00:15:11,750 --> 00:15:15,020
Oh, no, I'm talking
about on your way down.

460
00:15:15,020 --> 00:15:18,500
Yeah, we're still on
your trip down south.

461
00:15:18,500 --> 00:15:20,540
I can't remember those details.

462
00:15:20,540 --> 00:15:21,590
Yeah, I think we did.

463
00:15:21,590 --> 00:15:22,840
I don't remember being hungry.

464
00:15:22,840 --> 00:15:24,460
So your mother
packed enough food?

465
00:15:24,460 --> 00:15:24,960
Yeah.

466
00:15:24,960 --> 00:15:25,790
Yeah.

467
00:15:25,790 --> 00:15:26,720
OK.

468
00:15:26,720 --> 00:15:30,400
And this was a passenger train
that you had tickets for?

469
00:15:30,400 --> 00:15:30,900
OK.

470

00:15:30,900 --> 00:15:34,820
And after you went through Pau,
then you went down to Nice?

471

00:15:34,820 --> 00:15:35,330
Yeah.

472

00:15:35,330 --> 00:15:35,830
OK.

473

00:15:35,830 --> 00:15:39,280
And let's talk a little bit
about what that was like.

474

00:15:39,280 --> 00:15:40,550
Where did you live in Nice?

475

00:15:40,550 --> 00:15:45,170
Well actually, we were
happy in Nice for awhile.

476

00:15:45,170 --> 00:15:45,830
How long?

477

00:15:45,830 --> 00:15:47,090
It was a beautiful city.

478

00:15:47,090 --> 00:15:48,350
How long?

479

00:15:48,350 --> 00:15:51,860
My parents stayed
there the whole war.

480

00:15:51,860 --> 00:15:54,230
But they sent us to a farm.

481

00:15:54,230 --> 00:15:56,400
Nearby?

482

00:15:56,400 --> 00:15:59,930

A nearby farm?

483

00:15:59,930 --> 00:16:00,590

Oh.

484

00:16:00,590 --> 00:16:03,410

Let's just not, OK?

485

00:16:03,410 --> 00:16:04,430

Is that for me?

486

00:16:04,430 --> 00:16:06,710

No, that's OK.

487

00:16:06,710 --> 00:16:08,570

OK, but let's-- before

you go to the farm--

488

00:16:08,570 --> 00:16:10,330

we'll get to the

farm in a minute.

489

00:16:10,330 --> 00:16:13,190

Now, who else left with

you when you left Paris?

490

00:16:13,190 --> 00:16:14,580

My aunts, cousins.

491

00:16:14,580 --> 00:16:16,820

Any other grandparents?

492

00:16:16,820 --> 00:16:17,720

Yeah, of course.

493

00:16:17,720 --> 00:16:19,340

So there was a big group?

494

00:16:19,340 --> 00:16:20,130

Yeah.

495

00:16:20,130 --> 00:16:22,720
Of cousins and aunts and
uncles and grandparents?

496
00:16:22,720 --> 00:16:23,220
Yeah.

497
00:16:23,220 --> 00:16:23,720
Yeah.

498
00:16:23,720 --> 00:16:26,550
And you all stayed together?

499
00:16:26,550 --> 00:16:27,815
Yes.

500
00:16:27,815 --> 00:16:29,190
They were in Nice too.

501
00:16:29,190 --> 00:16:29,690
Yeah.

502
00:16:29,690 --> 00:16:31,400
And where did you live in Nice?

503
00:16:31,400 --> 00:16:32,610
In another apartment?

504
00:16:32,610 --> 00:16:33,590
An apartment.

505
00:16:33,590 --> 00:16:35,640
With all those other
relatives, or were they--

506
00:16:35,640 --> 00:16:39,500
Yeah, they-- not all in
one apartment, but yeah.

507
00:16:39,500 --> 00:16:42,350

508

00:16:42,350 --> 00:16:44,390

How did you know--

509

00:16:44,390 --> 00:16:46,280

you were very
young, I understand

510

00:16:46,280 --> 00:16:48,710

that-- but do you know how
your parents got that apartment

511

00:16:48,710 --> 00:16:49,280

or not?

512

00:16:49,280 --> 00:16:53,198

Do you know how they were
able to find that apartment?

513

00:16:53,198 --> 00:16:54,115

Did any organization--

514

00:16:54,115 --> 00:16:55,460

Yeah, we found apartment.

515

00:16:55,460 --> 00:16:56,060

Yeah.

516

00:16:56,060 --> 00:17:00,540

Did any organization help
them to find the apartment?

517

00:17:00,540 --> 00:17:01,260

Maybe.

518

00:17:01,260 --> 00:17:03,660

I don't remember.

519

00:17:03,660 --> 00:17:05,440

Certain things,
children don't know.

520

00:17:05,440 --> 00:17:06,210
Of course.

521
00:17:06,210 --> 00:17:07,950
Of course.

522
00:17:07,950 --> 00:17:11,200
I know we had an
apartment, decent.

523
00:17:11,200 --> 00:17:13,990
And so did you start to
go to school in Nice?

524
00:17:13,990 --> 00:17:15,660
Yeah, I went to school.

525
00:17:15,660 --> 00:17:19,770
And what did the other
children say to you?

526
00:17:19,770 --> 00:17:21,150
They didn't care.

527
00:17:21,150 --> 00:17:24,210
Children don't care.

528
00:17:24,210 --> 00:17:26,819
So you fit right in?

529
00:17:26,819 --> 00:17:30,340
You fit right in with
the other children?

530
00:17:30,340 --> 00:17:31,080
Yeah.

531
00:17:31,080 --> 00:17:31,810
Did you tell--

532
00:17:31,810 --> 00:17:32,880
We were all French.

533
00:17:32,880 --> 00:17:36,550
We spoke the language with
children, and it's nothing.

534
00:17:36,550 --> 00:17:37,050
Yeah.

535
00:17:37,050 --> 00:17:38,820
And the teachers were pleasant?

536
00:17:38,820 --> 00:17:39,540
Hm?

537
00:17:39,540 --> 00:17:40,980
The teachers were pleasant?

538
00:17:40,980 --> 00:17:41,880
Yeah.

539
00:17:41,880 --> 00:17:42,690
Normal.

540
00:17:42,690 --> 00:17:44,970
Strict, but they were all right.

541
00:17:44,970 --> 00:17:47,040
But again, no antisemitism?

542
00:17:47,040 --> 00:17:48,820
No, not then.

543
00:17:48,820 --> 00:17:49,750
Nothing.

544
00:17:49,750 --> 00:17:50,250
OK.

545
00:17:50,250 --> 00:17:52,430
And did you see any
posters on the--

546
00:17:52,430 --> 00:17:56,190
Children don't realize if
there was antisemitism.

547
00:17:56,190 --> 00:17:57,540
I didn't know.

548
00:17:57,540 --> 00:18:00,100
So nobody ever said
anything nasty to you?

549
00:18:00,100 --> 00:18:01,470
No.

550
00:18:01,470 --> 00:18:06,330
Oh, I know what you mean, like
Jew or something like that.

551
00:18:06,330 --> 00:18:08,490
But not to me.

552
00:18:08,490 --> 00:18:10,150
I'm sure there was.

553
00:18:10,150 --> 00:18:10,650
Yeah.

554
00:18:10,650 --> 00:18:13,080
But you yourself did
not experience it?

555
00:18:13,080 --> 00:18:14,760
No.

556
00:18:14,760 --> 00:18:15,270
All right.

557
00:18:15,270 --> 00:18:17,490
And so you were going
to school, and then you

558

00:18:17,490 --> 00:18:19,920

said you eventually

went to a farm?

559

00:18:19,920 --> 00:18:20,550

Yeah.

560

00:18:20,550 --> 00:18:21,900

Where was that?

561

00:18:21,900 --> 00:18:24,750

In the middle of France.

562

00:18:24,750 --> 00:18:27,553

563

00:18:27,553 --> 00:18:29,260

Do you know what

town, or what area?

564

00:18:29,260 --> 00:18:29,760

Hm?

565

00:18:29,760 --> 00:18:31,180

Do you know what

town or what area?

566

00:18:31,180 --> 00:18:31,680

Yeah.

567

00:18:31,680 --> 00:18:33,630

It was near Chateauroux.

568

00:18:33,630 --> 00:18:34,490

Near where?

569

00:18:34,490 --> 00:18:39,390

Near a city, Chateauroux,

the middle of France.

570

00:18:39,390 --> 00:18:40,485

Not north or south.

571
00:18:40,485 --> 00:18:42,780
It's hard to explain.

572
00:18:42,780 --> 00:18:47,370
So what reason did
your parents give you

573
00:18:47,370 --> 00:18:50,080
for sending you to a farm?

574
00:18:50,080 --> 00:18:52,260
Well, we're in danger here.

575
00:18:52,260 --> 00:18:55,560
You will be safer in a farm.

576
00:18:55,560 --> 00:18:57,840
And it was my cousin, too.

577
00:18:57,840 --> 00:18:59,670
But he was in a different farm.

578
00:18:59,670 --> 00:19:00,880
And another friend.

579
00:19:00,880 --> 00:19:04,470
There was a few
Jewish children too.

580
00:19:04,470 --> 00:19:08,100
So a group of Jewish
children were put on farms?

581
00:19:08,100 --> 00:19:10,815
Some of them that we knew.

582
00:19:10,815 --> 00:19:13,320
The Jewish children were--

583

00:19:13,320 --> 00:19:14,430
they hide.

584
00:19:14,430 --> 00:19:17,430
For them to be safe.

585
00:19:17,430 --> 00:19:19,200
And it was a good thing.

586
00:19:19,200 --> 00:19:21,982
And how did you feel about
leaving your parents?

587
00:19:21,982 --> 00:19:24,000
Well, it was hard.

588
00:19:24,000 --> 00:19:27,750
But the child gets
used to everything.

589
00:19:27,750 --> 00:19:31,800
I was with my brother,
with my cousin.

590
00:19:31,800 --> 00:19:36,180
And they were friends
of my parents there,

591
00:19:36,180 --> 00:19:40,230
that sent us to farm for us.

592
00:19:40,230 --> 00:19:42,870
Oh, I see.

593
00:19:42,870 --> 00:19:46,110
So we did the best out of this.

594
00:19:46,110 --> 00:19:46,650
Yeah.

595
00:19:46,650 --> 00:19:49,590
And the family that

owned the farm?

596

00:19:49,590 --> 00:19:51,170

They were very nice.

597

00:19:51,170 --> 00:19:52,170

What were their names?

598

00:19:52,170 --> 00:19:52,710

Hm?

599

00:19:52,710 --> 00:19:56,070

What were their names?

600

00:19:56,070 --> 00:19:57,240

Their name?

601

00:19:57,240 --> 00:19:58,350

Marchais.

602

00:19:58,350 --> 00:20:02,086

That was the family name of
the people who owned the farm?

603

00:20:02,086 --> 00:20:04,070

Yeah.

604

00:20:04,070 --> 00:20:05,870

OK.

605

00:20:05,870 --> 00:20:07,130

And any--

606

00:20:07,130 --> 00:20:08,360

Can I look at this?

607

00:20:08,360 --> 00:20:08,860

Sure.

608

00:20:08,860 --> 00:20:10,940

Well, that's what I

was going to ask you--

609

00:20:10,940 --> 00:20:13,640
in Nice, did any
of the soldiers--

610

00:20:13,640 --> 00:20:15,090
German or Italian soldiers--

611

00:20:15,090 --> 00:20:16,070
Italians.

612

00:20:16,070 --> 00:20:17,870
Italian soldiers came?

613

00:20:17,870 --> 00:20:18,740
Yeah.

614

00:20:18,740 --> 00:20:19,950
And what happened?

615

00:20:19,950 --> 00:20:21,040
Describe what happened.

616

00:20:21,040 --> 00:20:22,430
Well, we knew about it.

617

00:20:22,430 --> 00:20:26,600
The Italian occupiers also.

618

00:20:26,600 --> 00:20:28,790
And they came to your apartment?

619

00:20:28,790 --> 00:20:33,030
Not Ital-- at that
time, they didn't come.

620

00:20:33,030 --> 00:20:36,300
Because the Germans were
not down in Nice yet.

621

00:20:36,300 --> 00:20:41,000
They just occupied Paris.

622
00:20:41,000 --> 00:20:44,600
So did any soldiers come
to your place in Nice?

623
00:20:44,600 --> 00:20:45,810
In Nice?

624
00:20:45,810 --> 00:20:46,595
Yeah.

625
00:20:46,595 --> 00:20:47,960
Let me think.

626
00:20:47,960 --> 00:20:49,852
And they were
looking for children?

627
00:20:49,852 --> 00:20:51,810
When they were looking
for children, did they--

628
00:20:51,810 --> 00:20:52,430
Yes.

629
00:20:52,430 --> 00:20:53,000
Yes.

630
00:20:53,000 --> 00:20:54,050
I think.

631
00:20:54,050 --> 00:20:56,060
Did you see them
come to your place?

632
00:20:56,060 --> 00:20:57,590
No, but I knew they came.

633
00:20:57,590 --> 00:20:59,090
We weren't home.

634
00:20:59,090 --> 00:21:00,290
You weren't home.

635
00:21:00,290 --> 00:21:03,570
And then you heard later that
they were looking for you?

636
00:21:03,570 --> 00:21:04,070
Yeah.

637
00:21:04,070 --> 00:21:08,420
For about '42, '43, we were
all right, more or less.

638
00:21:08,420 --> 00:21:10,790
You were still in
Nice at that point?

639
00:21:10,790 --> 00:21:11,290
Nice, yeah.

640
00:21:11,290 --> 00:21:13,320
Right.

641
00:21:13,320 --> 00:21:14,040
Yeah.

642
00:21:14,040 --> 00:21:15,150
And then you went--

643
00:21:15,150 --> 00:21:17,670

644
00:21:17,670 --> 00:21:25,160
So my father had friends
that were already there.

645
00:21:25,160 --> 00:21:30,660
So they found a farm
for us and my cousin.

646

00:21:30,660 --> 00:21:34,020

We were in different farms,
next-- parked right next

647

00:21:34,020 --> 00:21:35,490

to each other.

648

00:21:35,490 --> 00:21:38,760

Because no farmer would
take a lot of kids.

649

00:21:38,760 --> 00:21:43,530

I was with my brother,
my cousin in another one,

650

00:21:43,530 --> 00:21:48,030

and another friend
in another one too.

651

00:21:48,030 --> 00:21:51,280

And let's talk about
life on the farm.

652

00:21:51,280 --> 00:21:53,550

Did you did you have to work?

653

00:21:53,550 --> 00:21:54,330

No.

654

00:21:54,330 --> 00:21:56,400

You did not have to work.

655

00:21:56,400 --> 00:21:59,080

You didn't have to do
any jobs around the farm?

656

00:21:59,080 --> 00:21:59,580

No.

657

00:21:59,580 --> 00:22:01,470

Did you go to school?

658

00:22:01,470 --> 00:22:03,815

No.

659

00:22:03,815 --> 00:22:04,690

We couldn't.

660

00:22:04,690 --> 00:22:07,090

Were you able to use your name?

661

00:22:07,090 --> 00:22:08,520

Were you still Arlette.

662

00:22:08,520 --> 00:22:09,130

No.

663

00:22:09,130 --> 00:22:10,340

You had a different name?

664

00:22:10,340 --> 00:22:11,930

We had a different name, yeah.

665

00:22:11,930 --> 00:22:12,430

OK.

666

00:22:12,430 --> 00:22:14,560

What was your name?

667

00:22:14,560 --> 00:22:15,130

Romanier.

668

00:22:15,130 --> 00:22:16,210

What was that?

669

00:22:16,210 --> 00:22:17,275

Romanier.

670

00:22:17,275 --> 00:22:18,940

Is that your last name?

671

00:22:18,940 --> 00:22:20,230

That was the last name.

672

00:22:20,230 --> 00:22:21,850

And what was your first name?

673

00:22:21,850 --> 00:22:22,510

The same.

674

00:22:22,510 --> 00:22:23,830

Oh you kept Arlette?

675

00:22:23,830 --> 00:22:24,330

Yeah.

676

00:22:24,330 --> 00:22:25,038

You kept Arlette.

677

00:22:25,038 --> 00:22:27,730

You just changed-- was that
the name of the people that

678

00:22:27,730 --> 00:22:28,660

owned the farm?

679

00:22:28,660 --> 00:22:29,350

Yeah.

680

00:22:29,350 --> 00:22:30,400

Oh.

681

00:22:30,400 --> 00:22:31,730

OK.

682

00:22:31,730 --> 00:22:34,330

Tell me about that
family, the farm family.

683

00:22:34,330 --> 00:22:36,370

What you remember.

684

00:22:36,370 --> 00:22:37,970

They were very good to us.

685

00:22:37,970 --> 00:22:40,510

We were fortunate.

686

00:22:40,510 --> 00:22:44,500

Even my cousin, they were all
were very good, those people.

687

00:22:44,500 --> 00:22:46,420

Did they have
children themselves?

688

00:22:46,420 --> 00:22:47,890

Grown up, one daughter.

689

00:22:47,890 --> 00:22:49,090

She was 20.

690

00:22:49,090 --> 00:22:49,810

Oh, OK.

691

00:22:49,810 --> 00:22:50,310

Yeah.

692

00:22:50,310 --> 00:22:50,810

OK.

693

00:22:50,810 --> 00:22:53,690

694

00:22:53,690 --> 00:22:56,240

Was it hard for you
to take a new name?

695

00:22:56,240 --> 00:22:57,020

Huh?

696

00:22:57,020 --> 00:22:59,160

Was it difficult for you?

697

00:22:59,160 --> 00:22:59,660
No.

698
00:22:59,660 --> 00:23:00,740
To take a new name?

699
00:23:00,740 --> 00:23:05,390
It was like a play or something.

700
00:23:05,390 --> 00:23:09,350
No, my father explained to
us that we couldn't keep,

701
00:23:09,350 --> 00:23:16,940
because they had
ration for food.

702
00:23:16,940 --> 00:23:20,210
So we had our name, Zarnowski.

703
00:23:20,210 --> 00:23:23,690
But that-- we would have
been caught right away.

704
00:23:23,690 --> 00:23:25,260
So we took another name.

705
00:23:25,260 --> 00:23:25,760
Right.

706
00:23:25,760 --> 00:23:28,380

707
00:23:28,380 --> 00:23:33,000
Did you feel very Jewish then,
when you were on the farm?

708
00:23:33,000 --> 00:23:34,000
The farm?

709
00:23:34,000 --> 00:23:36,342
No.

710
00:23:36,342 --> 00:23:39,120
We were children,
we weren't unhappy.

711
00:23:39,120 --> 00:23:40,910
Was the family a
Catholic family?

712
00:23:40,910 --> 00:23:41,410
Yeah.

713
00:23:41,410 --> 00:23:41,910
Yeah.

714
00:23:41,910 --> 00:23:43,560
Did you go to church with them?

715
00:23:43,560 --> 00:23:44,940
A few times, yes.

716
00:23:44,940 --> 00:23:47,550
What was that like?

717
00:23:47,550 --> 00:23:49,180
Something different.

718
00:23:49,180 --> 00:23:50,386
Something different.

719
00:23:50,386 --> 00:23:52,616
You think like a
child, from the start.

720
00:23:52,616 --> 00:23:54,340
Of course, I know
you were young.

721
00:23:54,340 --> 00:23:55,260
Yeah.

722

00:23:55,260 --> 00:23:55,950
OK.

723
00:23:55,950 --> 00:23:56,940
It's another thing.

724
00:23:56,940 --> 00:23:57,990
Another thing to do.

725
00:23:57,990 --> 00:23:59,550
But they weren't religious.

726
00:23:59,550 --> 00:24:06,300
We went for Christmas a
few times, a few holidays.

727
00:24:06,300 --> 00:24:08,530
Did you learn any
of the prayers?

728
00:24:08,530 --> 00:24:09,030
Hm?

729
00:24:09,030 --> 00:24:11,520
Did you learn any
of the prayers?

730
00:24:11,520 --> 00:24:12,020
No.

731
00:24:12,020 --> 00:24:12,710
No.

732
00:24:12,710 --> 00:24:13,470
OK.

733
00:24:13,470 --> 00:24:16,180
So what did you do
every day, just played

734
00:24:16,180 --> 00:24:17,330
with the other children?

735
00:24:17,330 --> 00:24:20,040
Yeah.

736
00:24:20,040 --> 00:24:22,140
Little chores, sometimes.

737
00:24:22,140 --> 00:24:22,690
Like what?

738
00:24:22,690 --> 00:24:24,150
What were some of the chores?

739
00:24:24,150 --> 00:24:25,470
Like in the field.

740
00:24:25,470 --> 00:24:27,030
Yeah.

741
00:24:27,030 --> 00:24:29,070
What did you do?

742
00:24:29,070 --> 00:24:33,120
We helped them plant, things
like that or something.

743
00:24:33,120 --> 00:24:33,960
Nothing major.

744
00:24:33,960 --> 00:24:37,230

745
00:24:37,230 --> 00:24:41,280
Were there any frightening
experiences that happened then?

746
00:24:41,280 --> 00:24:43,080
At the farm, no.

747
00:24:43,080 --> 00:24:45,130
No soldiers came by?

748
00:24:45,130 --> 00:24:47,850
No, no.

749
00:24:47,850 --> 00:24:52,470
Now, what kind of
connection or communication

750
00:24:52,470 --> 00:24:53,850
did you have with your parents?

751
00:24:53,850 --> 00:24:55,540
Were they able to come--

752
00:24:55,540 --> 00:24:57,850
I wrote letters,
and they wrote back.

753
00:24:57,850 --> 00:24:58,350
Yeah.

754
00:24:58,350 --> 00:24:59,400
Yeah.

755
00:24:59,400 --> 00:25:01,180
And did they come and visit?

756
00:25:01,180 --> 00:25:02,480
No.

757
00:25:02,480 --> 00:25:04,290
They couldn't.

758
00:25:04,290 --> 00:25:09,270
It was too dangerous to take
a train from one direction,

759
00:25:09,270 --> 00:25:12,780
because they were checking
the trains, the Germans,

760

00:25:12,780 --> 00:25:15,000
not only for the
Jews, in general.

761
00:25:15,000 --> 00:25:17,250
Yeah.

762
00:25:17,250 --> 00:25:20,640
And what kind of identification
papers did you have?

763
00:25:20,640 --> 00:25:22,620
Did you have your own ID papers?

764
00:25:22,620 --> 00:25:24,840
Just a card for food.

765
00:25:24,840 --> 00:25:26,250
Just a ration card, for food.

766
00:25:26,250 --> 00:25:27,493
Yes, that was it.

767
00:25:27,493 --> 00:25:28,410
We didn't need papers.

768
00:25:28,410 --> 00:25:29,930
We were children.

769
00:25:29,930 --> 00:25:30,810
Oh, I see.

770
00:25:30,810 --> 00:25:31,350
Yeah.

771
00:25:31,350 --> 00:25:33,690
We had no papers.

772
00:25:33,690 --> 00:25:35,170
Yeah.

773

00:25:35,170 --> 00:25:39,310
So again, let's just go
over what-- you went in '43?

774
00:25:39,310 --> 00:25:41,710
When did you go to the farm?

775
00:25:41,710 --> 00:25:43,930
It was either '42 or '43.

776
00:25:43,930 --> 00:25:45,610
Yeah.

777
00:25:45,610 --> 00:25:46,870
OK.

778
00:25:46,870 --> 00:25:48,910
And you were 12, 13.

779
00:25:48,910 --> 00:25:49,570
Hm?

780
00:25:49,570 --> 00:25:51,250
You were 12 and 13?

781
00:25:51,250 --> 00:25:52,090
Yeah.

782
00:25:52,090 --> 00:25:52,960
Yeah.

783
00:25:52,960 --> 00:25:54,740
Did you miss your parents a lot?

784
00:25:54,740 --> 00:25:55,240
Yeah.

785
00:25:55,240 --> 00:25:55,775
Of course.

786
00:25:55,775 --> 00:25:58,180

It must have been very hard.

787

00:25:58,180 --> 00:26:00,170

It must have been
very difficult.

788

00:26:00,170 --> 00:26:00,760

Yeah.

789

00:26:00,760 --> 00:26:03,790

But they were very good
to us, those people.

790

00:26:03,790 --> 00:26:04,360

The people.

791

00:26:04,360 --> 00:26:04,730

Yeah.

792

00:26:04,730 --> 00:26:05,230

Yeah.

793

00:26:05,230 --> 00:26:05,800

Very.

794

00:26:05,800 --> 00:26:07,530

Were they affectionate with you?

795

00:26:07,530 --> 00:26:08,380

Yeah.

796

00:26:08,380 --> 00:26:11,280

Especially with my brother.

797

00:26:11,280 --> 00:26:12,920

The farmer loved my brother.

798

00:26:12,920 --> 00:26:15,850

He took him all over.

799

00:26:15,850 --> 00:26:17,710

He was good.

800

00:26:17,710 --> 00:26:21,850

He didn't have a son,
so it was like his son.

801

00:26:21,850 --> 00:26:25,630

Like I said, we were the
fortunate ones, in a way.

802

00:26:25,630 --> 00:26:27,590

Because a lot of kids suffered.

803

00:26:27,590 --> 00:26:28,720

Yeah.

804

00:26:28,720 --> 00:26:33,130

So while the war was going
on, and you're on the farm,

805

00:26:33,130 --> 00:26:36,830

did you know what was happening
in the rest of Europe?

806

00:26:36,830 --> 00:26:37,750

Not really.

807

00:26:37,750 --> 00:26:38,670

I don't think we knew.

808

00:26:38,670 --> 00:26:42,260

Did they get newspapers
or listen to the radio?

809

00:26:42,260 --> 00:26:42,760

The family.

810

00:26:42,760 --> 00:26:43,840

No.

811

00:26:43,840 --> 00:26:46,705

So you really were in

your own little world

812
00:26:46,705 --> 00:26:48,280
out there in the countryside?

813
00:26:48,280 --> 00:26:49,850
Yeah, come to think about it.

814
00:26:49,850 --> 00:26:50,500
Yeah.

815
00:26:50,500 --> 00:26:51,700
We were in a normal--

816
00:26:51,700 --> 00:26:53,950
we didn't suffer really.

817
00:26:53,950 --> 00:26:57,610
We missed our parents,
but we didn't suffer.

818
00:26:57,610 --> 00:27:00,160
And what about going into town?

819
00:27:00,160 --> 00:27:03,100
We went sometimes, with them.

820
00:27:03,100 --> 00:27:06,224
We even went to a movie
sometimes, in the town.

821
00:27:06,224 --> 00:27:06,724
Really?

822
00:27:06,724 --> 00:27:08,578
Do you remember what
the movies were?

823
00:27:08,578 --> 00:27:09,078
No.

824

00:27:09,078 --> 00:27:12,490

825

00:27:12,490 --> 00:27:13,150

Yeah.

826

00:27:13,150 --> 00:27:14,815

And you still felt very French?

827

00:27:14,815 --> 00:27:15,730

Hm?

828

00:27:15,730 --> 00:27:17,840

Did you still feel very French?

829

00:27:17,840 --> 00:27:18,700

Yeah.

830

00:27:18,700 --> 00:27:20,290

Yeah.

831

00:27:20,290 --> 00:27:22,870

It was a country
that was good to us.

832

00:27:22,870 --> 00:27:23,560

Good.

833

00:27:23,560 --> 00:27:24,220

Yeah.

834

00:27:24,220 --> 00:27:25,428

And you know, too, who?

835

00:27:25,428 --> 00:27:28,810

The Italians were
good to us also.

836

00:27:28,810 --> 00:27:30,650

Tell me about your
experience with them.

837
00:27:30,650 --> 00:27:31,300
Hm?

838
00:27:31,300 --> 00:27:36,190
Tell me about your experience
with them, with the Italians.

839
00:27:36,190 --> 00:27:37,802
They never bothered us.

840
00:27:37,802 --> 00:27:39,870
They never did anything.

841
00:27:39,870 --> 00:27:41,800
They were not too
antisemitic, I believe.

842
00:27:41,800 --> 00:27:45,100

843
00:27:45,100 --> 00:27:46,490
How did you communicate?

844
00:27:46,490 --> 00:27:49,180
Did you ever talk to any
of the Italian soldiers?

845
00:27:49,180 --> 00:27:52,151
Not really, like children
talk or something.

846
00:27:52,151 --> 00:27:55,040

847
00:27:55,040 --> 00:27:58,040
We were not old enough to be--

848
00:27:58,040 --> 00:28:01,770
adults, to discuss
certain things with them.

849

00:28:01,770 --> 00:28:02,270
Yes.

850
00:28:02,270 --> 00:28:03,710
Of course.

851
00:28:03,710 --> 00:28:06,290
We were children.

852
00:28:06,290 --> 00:28:08,560
You did go to school.

853
00:28:08,560 --> 00:28:09,060
No.

854
00:28:09,060 --> 00:28:09,830
We couldn't go.

855
00:28:09,830 --> 00:28:11,300
Not from the farm.

856
00:28:11,300 --> 00:28:13,140
It was too dangerous.

857
00:28:13,140 --> 00:28:16,770
Because they came to school
to take children out.

858
00:28:16,770 --> 00:28:18,660
The German soldiers
came to the school?

859
00:28:18,660 --> 00:28:19,260
Hm?

860
00:28:19,260 --> 00:28:20,970
The German soldiers
came to the school?

861
00:28:20,970 --> 00:28:21,470
Oh, yeah.

862

00:28:21,470 --> 00:28:22,243

Or the French?

863

00:28:22,243 --> 00:28:23,160

They were not ashamed.

864

00:28:23,160 --> 00:28:25,800

865

00:28:25,800 --> 00:28:29,160

They would get to schools
to get children there.

866

00:28:29,160 --> 00:28:31,980

They looked at the
names or something.

867

00:28:31,980 --> 00:28:34,530

So nobody went.

868

00:28:34,530 --> 00:28:37,800

For a while, for a while,
but then we didn't.

869

00:28:37,800 --> 00:28:41,830

870

00:28:41,830 --> 00:28:45,270

And you stayed how
long on the farm?

871

00:28:45,270 --> 00:28:46,290

Two years.

872

00:28:46,290 --> 00:28:47,420

Two years.

873

00:28:47,420 --> 00:28:50,190

So you did not see your
parents for two years?

874

00:28:50,190 --> 00:28:54,510

You did not see your
parents for two years?

875

00:28:54,510 --> 00:29:01,540

They came and picked us up in
'45, when the war was over.

876

00:29:01,540 --> 00:29:03,530

The Americans had landed.

877

00:29:03,530 --> 00:29:07,880

878

00:29:07,880 --> 00:29:12,590

Did they talk about
D Day, June 1944?

879

00:29:12,590 --> 00:29:13,250

What?

880

00:29:13,250 --> 00:29:14,720

When D Day happened?

881

00:29:14,720 --> 00:29:18,240

In the North of France,
in June of 1944.

882

00:29:18,240 --> 00:29:20,900

Do you have memories of that?

883

00:29:20,900 --> 00:29:22,330

Or hearing about it?

884

00:29:22,330 --> 00:29:23,256

Yeah.

885

00:29:23,256 --> 00:29:23,940

Oh, yeah.

886

00:29:23,940 --> 00:29:24,440

We knew.

887
00:29:24,440 --> 00:29:26,000
Everybody was happy.

888
00:29:26,000 --> 00:29:26,800
Yeah.

889
00:29:26,800 --> 00:29:29,070
And did you celebrate
or do anything special?

890
00:29:29,070 --> 00:29:29,570
Oh, yeah.

891
00:29:29,570 --> 00:29:30,950
They celebrated.

892
00:29:30,950 --> 00:29:32,310
How did you celebrate?

893
00:29:32,310 --> 00:29:32,810
Hm?

894
00:29:32,810 --> 00:29:35,150
How did you celebrate?

895
00:29:35,150 --> 00:29:35,720
Nothing.

896
00:29:35,720 --> 00:29:37,070
We were with them.

897
00:29:37,070 --> 00:29:38,540
They had a nice meal.

898
00:29:38,540 --> 00:29:39,650
They were happy.

899
00:29:39,650 --> 00:29:41,130
This is the family
you stayed with?

900
00:29:41,130 --> 00:29:41,630
Yeah.

901
00:29:41,630 --> 00:29:46,040
I was still there,
with the family.

902
00:29:46,040 --> 00:29:49,640
When you were on the farm,
and the farmer's friends

903
00:29:49,640 --> 00:29:51,860
would come to the house--

904
00:29:51,860 --> 00:29:53,000
Sometimes.

905
00:29:53,000 --> 00:29:57,370
--what did the farmers say
to these people who you were?

906
00:29:57,370 --> 00:29:57,870
Nothing.

907
00:29:57,870 --> 00:30:01,230
It's not uncommon for
farmers, before the war,

908
00:30:01,230 --> 00:30:03,920
to take children.

909
00:30:03,920 --> 00:30:06,590
You know, because
the parents work.

910
00:30:06,590 --> 00:30:07,820
The mother works.

911
00:30:07,820 --> 00:30:09,530
She would send them on the farm.

912
00:30:09,530 --> 00:30:12,990
And so it was not an
unusual thing in France.

913
00:30:12,990 --> 00:30:14,210
So you were with--

914
00:30:14,210 --> 00:30:15,440
it was you and your brother.

915
00:30:15,440 --> 00:30:18,110
Any other children in
that particular family?

916
00:30:18,110 --> 00:30:19,700
Was it just the two of you?

917
00:30:19,700 --> 00:30:21,740
In this particular farm, yes.

918
00:30:21,740 --> 00:30:22,520
Just you two.

919
00:30:22,520 --> 00:30:24,140
There weren't other children?

920
00:30:24,140 --> 00:30:25,310
Not with us.

921
00:30:25,310 --> 00:30:33,230
But 1 kilometer-- my cousin
was not too far away.

922
00:30:33,230 --> 00:30:35,310
And you were able to--

923
00:30:35,310 --> 00:30:35,810
Sometimes.

924
00:30:35,810 --> 00:30:37,520
Yeah, we saw each other.

925
00:30:37,520 --> 00:30:40,150

926
00:30:40,150 --> 00:30:43,300
Now which cousin-- what was
the name of this cousin?

927
00:30:43,300 --> 00:30:43,810
Hm.

928
00:30:43,810 --> 00:30:45,820
What was the name of the
cousin who was nearby?

929
00:30:45,820 --> 00:30:46,480
My cousin?

930
00:30:46,480 --> 00:30:48,370
Lucien.

931
00:30:48,370 --> 00:30:50,590
And the same last
name, or a diff--

932
00:30:50,590 --> 00:30:51,800
No, no.

933
00:30:51,800 --> 00:30:52,500
Not the same.

934
00:30:52,500 --> 00:30:55,120
What was the last name?

935
00:30:55,120 --> 00:30:56,260
Arnstein.

936
00:30:56,260 --> 00:30:57,025
Oh OK.

937
00:30:57,025 --> 00:30:59,850

938
00:30:59,850 --> 00:31:02,280
Yeah and when you got
together with your cousin,

939
00:31:02,280 --> 00:31:06,690
did you talk about being
away from your family?

940
00:31:06,690 --> 00:31:08,010
I don't remember.

941
00:31:08,010 --> 00:31:11,280

942
00:31:11,280 --> 00:31:16,150
We played like children,
things like that.

943
00:31:16,150 --> 00:31:18,090
So now it's June '44.

944
00:31:18,090 --> 00:31:20,550
It's D Day.

945
00:31:20,550 --> 00:31:21,770
And you celebrated.

946
00:31:21,770 --> 00:31:25,120
And then how did life
change after that?

947
00:31:25,120 --> 00:31:27,360
We went back home to Paris.

948
00:31:27,360 --> 00:31:29,480
My parents picked us up.

949
00:31:29,480 --> 00:31:31,170
Oh, you didn't go to Nice?

950

00:31:31,170 --> 00:31:31,740

No.

951

00:31:31,740 --> 00:31:33,060

They came to get us.

952

00:31:33,060 --> 00:31:34,500

They were in Nice.

953

00:31:34,500 --> 00:31:35,800

Your parents stayed in Nice.

954

00:31:35,800 --> 00:31:36,300

My parents.

955

00:31:36,300 --> 00:31:40,100

When the war was over, they come
up to pick us up at the farm.

956

00:31:40,100 --> 00:31:41,610

Yeah.

957

00:31:41,610 --> 00:31:45,870

Tell me what you remember about
seeing them after two years.

958

00:31:45,870 --> 00:31:48,360

Tell me what it was
like after seeing them.

959

00:31:48,360 --> 00:31:49,410

Very happy.

960

00:31:49,410 --> 00:31:52,660

We were very happy.

961

00:31:52,660 --> 00:31:54,850

Was your mother very emotional?

962

00:31:54,850 --> 00:31:55,750

Yeah.

963
00:31:55,750 --> 00:31:56,940
Of course.

964
00:31:56,940 --> 00:31:58,930
Yeah.

965
00:31:58,930 --> 00:32:01,130
And you and your brother
obviously looked different.

966
00:32:01,130 --> 00:32:04,180
You were two years older.

967
00:32:04,180 --> 00:32:07,900
My brother was-- he almost
didn't recognize them.

968
00:32:07,900 --> 00:32:08,600
He was young.

969
00:32:08,600 --> 00:32:11,170

970
00:32:11,170 --> 00:32:15,730
He was he was very attached
to the farmer, my brother.

971
00:32:15,730 --> 00:32:19,870
In the morning, he
took him to the fields.

972
00:32:19,870 --> 00:32:22,270
He missed them after
we left, the farmer.

973
00:32:22,270 --> 00:32:25,350
That's lovely.

974
00:32:25,350 --> 00:32:29,485
Did you become attached to
the mother, to the wife?

975
00:32:29,485 --> 00:32:33,790
My brother visited them a
few years after the war.

976
00:32:33,790 --> 00:32:37,470
When he got married,
he went back to France.

977
00:32:37,470 --> 00:32:39,040
Good.

978
00:32:39,040 --> 00:32:41,980
Were you very close to
the wife in that family?

979
00:32:41,980 --> 00:32:43,360
The farmer's wife?

980
00:32:43,360 --> 00:32:43,990
Yeah.

981
00:32:43,990 --> 00:32:46,250
What was she like to you?

982
00:32:46,250 --> 00:32:47,530
What did she include you?

983
00:32:47,530 --> 00:32:49,570
Did she teach you how to cook?

984
00:32:49,570 --> 00:32:50,320
Did she--

985
00:32:50,320 --> 00:32:51,310
No.

986
00:32:51,310 --> 00:32:53,880
But we helped, if we wanted.

987
00:32:53,880 --> 00:32:57,790

She was a good cook,
come to think about it.

988
00:32:57,790 --> 00:33:01,520
She cooked everything.

989
00:33:01,520 --> 00:33:04,760
Did you have your own
room, your own bedroom?

990
00:33:04,760 --> 00:33:05,780
No.

991
00:33:05,780 --> 00:33:08,300
[INAUDIBLE] It wasn't that big.

992
00:33:08,300 --> 00:33:09,230
With my brother.

993
00:33:09,230 --> 00:33:10,730
You shared a room
with your brother?

994
00:33:10,730 --> 00:33:13,250
We shared, yeah.

995
00:33:13,250 --> 00:33:16,040
And he was happy?

996
00:33:16,040 --> 00:33:17,210
Yeah.

997
00:33:17,210 --> 00:33:19,160
Did he cry for your parents?

998
00:33:19,160 --> 00:33:20,210
Did he ever cry?

999
00:33:20,210 --> 00:33:22,430
I don't remember.

1000

00:33:22,430 --> 00:33:23,870
Maybe in the beginning.

1001
00:33:23,870 --> 00:33:24,830
Yeah.

1002
00:33:24,830 --> 00:33:28,690
Did you talk about your
parents a lot with him?

1003
00:33:28,690 --> 00:33:30,350
I don't remember.

1004
00:33:30,350 --> 00:33:31,580
No.

1005
00:33:31,580 --> 00:33:32,900
And you said you wrote letters?

1006
00:33:32,900 --> 00:33:36,030
I guess-- was he old
enough to read and write?

1007
00:33:36,030 --> 00:33:36,530
Hm?

1008
00:33:36,530 --> 00:33:38,420
Was he old enough
to read and write?

1009
00:33:38,420 --> 00:33:41,380
No, I think I did the writing.

1010
00:33:41,380 --> 00:33:42,510
Yeah.

1011
00:33:42,510 --> 00:33:43,620
He's younger than me.

1012
00:33:43,620 --> 00:33:44,120
Yes.

1013

00:33:44,120 --> 00:33:45,740

You said he's five
years younger.

1014

00:33:45,740 --> 00:33:47,040

Yeah.

1015

00:33:47,040 --> 00:33:47,540

OK.

1016

00:33:47,540 --> 00:33:52,230

So now your parents have
come, and seeing you

1017

00:33:52,230 --> 00:33:53,625

after all those years.

1018

00:33:53,625 --> 00:33:56,130

1019

00:33:56,130 --> 00:33:58,660

Were they paying the
farmer and his wife?

1020

00:33:58,660 --> 00:33:59,160

Oh, yeah.

1021

00:33:59,160 --> 00:34:00,270

They paid them.

1022

00:34:00,270 --> 00:34:02,490

Yeah.

1023

00:34:02,490 --> 00:34:06,190

All of them, the parents paid.

1024

00:34:06,190 --> 00:34:06,690

The farmers?

1025

00:34:06,690 --> 00:34:09,070

They paid the farmers.

1026
00:34:09,070 --> 00:34:10,239
OK.

1027
00:34:10,239 --> 00:34:12,159
And then you go back to Paris.

1028
00:34:12,159 --> 00:34:13,052
When was that?

1029
00:34:13,052 --> 00:34:13,719
Do you remember?

1030
00:34:13,719 --> 00:34:14,520
'45.

1031
00:34:14,520 --> 00:34:15,809
I think it was '45.

1032
00:34:15,809 --> 00:34:17,350
Do you know what month?

1033
00:34:17,350 --> 00:34:20,710
I don't know.

1034
00:34:20,710 --> 00:34:22,284
But the war was over?

1035
00:34:22,284 --> 00:34:23,030
Oh, yeah.

1036
00:34:23,030 --> 00:34:24,400
Yeah.

1037
00:34:24,400 --> 00:34:27,520
Any celebrations when you
heard that the war was over?

1038
00:34:27,520 --> 00:34:29,800
No, but when we
came to Paris, they

1039
00:34:29,800 --> 00:34:32,760
were dancing in the
streets, they were so happy.

1040
00:34:32,760 --> 00:34:33,610
Oh, yeah.

1041
00:34:33,610 --> 00:34:34,110
Yeah.

1042
00:34:34,110 --> 00:34:34,659
Yeah.

1043
00:34:34,659 --> 00:34:36,440
You went by train?

1044
00:34:36,440 --> 00:34:36,940
Yeah.

1045
00:34:36,940 --> 00:34:38,110
Yeah.

1046
00:34:38,110 --> 00:34:40,840
And where did you
stay then in Paris?

1047
00:34:40,840 --> 00:34:42,460
We got our apartment back.

1048
00:34:42,460 --> 00:34:45,031
You went back to your-- oh my.

1049
00:34:45,031 --> 00:34:46,210
Oh my.

1050
00:34:46,210 --> 00:34:47,650
Did it look the same?

1051
00:34:47,650 --> 00:34:48,969
Yeah.

1052
00:34:48,969 --> 00:34:51,640
And was all the furniture there?

1053
00:34:51,640 --> 00:34:54,400
No, no, no, come
to think about it.

1054
00:34:54,400 --> 00:35:00,440
Because the Germans took out all
the furniture from the empty--

1055
00:35:00,440 --> 00:35:01,760
they did a good job.

1056
00:35:01,760 --> 00:35:03,260
Yeah.

1057
00:35:03,260 --> 00:35:05,080
So you came back to
an empty apartment?

1058
00:35:05,080 --> 00:35:06,440
Yeah.

1059
00:35:06,440 --> 00:35:11,150
I remember now, because
we got furniture again.

1060
00:35:11,150 --> 00:35:13,160
What was your parents'
reaction to walking

1061
00:35:13,160 --> 00:35:15,380
into an empty apartment?

1062
00:35:15,380 --> 00:35:16,245
They weren't happy.

1063
00:35:16,245 --> 00:35:19,010

1064

00:35:19,010 --> 00:35:19,510

Yeah.

1065

00:35:19,510 --> 00:35:23,110

1066

00:35:23,110 --> 00:35:27,970

And so then you moved in,
and you started life again?

1067

00:35:27,970 --> 00:35:28,860

Yeah.

1068

00:35:28,860 --> 00:35:31,440

Like before, just like before.

1069

00:35:31,440 --> 00:35:34,330

We kept everything up.

1070

00:35:34,330 --> 00:35:35,450

My father worked.

1071

00:35:35,450 --> 00:35:37,060

We went to school.

1072

00:35:37,060 --> 00:35:38,455

What happened to his business?

1073

00:35:38,455 --> 00:35:42,400

1074

00:35:42,400 --> 00:35:43,570

He worked again.

1075

00:35:43,570 --> 00:35:45,550

He started to work again.

1076

00:35:45,550 --> 00:35:46,540

In the same place?

1077

00:35:46,540 --> 00:35:49,390
Was his store in the same place?

1078
00:35:49,390 --> 00:35:49,890
Yeah.

1079
00:35:49,890 --> 00:35:51,450
Yeah.

1080
00:35:51,450 --> 00:35:53,340
So it went back--

1081
00:35:53,340 --> 00:35:55,200
Then it was normal afterward.

1082
00:35:55,200 --> 00:35:57,960
And what about the
French neighbors?

1083
00:35:57,960 --> 00:35:59,760
Were they welcoming you?

1084
00:35:59,760 --> 00:36:01,260
Were they welcome?

1085
00:36:01,260 --> 00:36:02,160
What?

1086
00:36:02,160 --> 00:36:05,460
When you came back, did
the French neighbors

1087
00:36:05,460 --> 00:36:06,310
welcome you back?

1088
00:36:06,310 --> 00:36:06,810
Oh, yeah.

1089
00:36:06,810 --> 00:36:08,094
They were glad to see you?

1090

00:36:08,094 --> 00:36:08,594
Yeah.

1091
00:36:08,594 --> 00:36:09,750
They were glad to see us.

1092
00:36:09,750 --> 00:36:11,020
Good.

1093
00:36:11,020 --> 00:36:12,630
OK.

1094
00:36:12,630 --> 00:36:15,810
And then you went back
to your old school?

1095
00:36:15,810 --> 00:36:19,890
Yeah, we went back to
everything like before.

1096
00:36:19,890 --> 00:36:21,360
We had to go to school.

1097
00:36:21,360 --> 00:36:22,300
He had to work.

1098
00:36:22,300 --> 00:36:25,680
My father had to work.

1099
00:36:25,680 --> 00:36:26,840
And then, of course--

1100
00:36:26,840 --> 00:36:31,810
And then he decided to
come to America, later on.

1101
00:36:31,810 --> 00:36:32,310
Yeah.

1102
00:36:32,310 --> 00:36:35,080
But you stayed in France until--

1103

00:36:35,080 --> 00:36:35,580

Yeah.

1104

00:36:35,580 --> 00:36:36,480

Yeah.

1105

00:36:36,480 --> 00:36:38,760

What happened when
your parents found out

1106

00:36:38,760 --> 00:36:42,460

about the destruction
of the Jews?

1107

00:36:42,460 --> 00:36:44,980

Hm?

1108

00:36:44,980 --> 00:36:47,710

Do you know if your
parents had any reaction?

1109

00:36:47,710 --> 00:36:48,760

What they thought?

1110

00:36:48,760 --> 00:36:51,190

Did they say anything special
when they found out what

1111

00:36:51,190 --> 00:36:53,140

happened to the Jews of Europe?

1112

00:36:53,140 --> 00:36:53,740

The terrible--

1113

00:36:53,740 --> 00:36:54,940

Oh, terrible.

1114

00:36:54,940 --> 00:36:56,500

Did they talk about it with you?

1115

00:36:56,500 --> 00:36:57,340

Oh, yeah.

1116
00:36:57,340 --> 00:36:57,923
Everybody did.

1117
00:36:57,923 --> 00:36:58,882
Because you were older.

1118
00:36:58,882 --> 00:37:00,760
I mean, you were 15
when the war was over.

1119
00:37:00,760 --> 00:37:01,000
15.

1120
00:37:01,000 --> 00:37:01,500
Yeah.

1121
00:37:01,500 --> 00:37:02,320
Right.

1122
00:37:02,320 --> 00:37:03,160
Yeah.

1123
00:37:03,160 --> 00:37:04,755
What kind of things
did they say?

1124
00:37:04,755 --> 00:37:07,890
Oh, it was terrible, the
things they found out.

1125
00:37:07,890 --> 00:37:09,650
Yeah.

1126
00:37:09,650 --> 00:37:10,150
Did they--

1127
00:37:10,150 --> 00:37:12,080
But you should know, right?

1128

00:37:12,080 --> 00:37:14,150
What they did and everything.

1129
00:37:14,150 --> 00:37:17,150
No, but I meant, did they
discuss this with you,

1130
00:37:17,150 --> 00:37:19,292
as a teenager?

1131
00:37:19,292 --> 00:37:20,630
Mm, not really.

1132
00:37:20,630 --> 00:37:23,270
They didn't discuss with
children, some things.

1133
00:37:23,270 --> 00:37:25,430
In those days, you didn't
discuss with children.

1134
00:37:25,430 --> 00:37:26,210
Yeah.

1135
00:37:26,210 --> 00:37:29,570
Did they lose any
family, any relatives?

1136
00:37:29,570 --> 00:37:31,100
Did your parents--

1137
00:37:31,100 --> 00:37:32,390
My father did a lot.

1138
00:37:32,390 --> 00:37:33,560
Yeah, my mother, too.

1139
00:37:33,560 --> 00:37:35,210
Who did they lose?

1140
00:37:35,210 --> 00:37:38,600
My mother lost a

sister and a brother.

1141
00:37:38,600 --> 00:37:39,860
Oh my.

1142
00:37:39,860 --> 00:37:43,520
My father lost almost
all his family.

1143
00:37:43,520 --> 00:37:45,980
Now these were family
that were in Poland?

1144
00:37:45,980 --> 00:37:46,650
Yeah.

1145
00:37:46,650 --> 00:37:48,920
Those in Poland.

1146
00:37:48,920 --> 00:37:52,610
But no, they died right away,
because Poland was the first--

1147
00:37:52,610 --> 00:37:54,340
Was the first, in '39.

1148
00:37:54,340 --> 00:37:54,890
Yes.

1149
00:37:54,890 --> 00:37:56,150
Yeah.

1150
00:37:56,150 --> 00:37:58,460
They lost some relatives.

1151
00:37:58,460 --> 00:37:59,367
Yeah.

1152
00:37:59,367 --> 00:38:00,950
Because those people
stayed in Poland?

1153

00:38:00,950 --> 00:38:02,030

Hm?

1154

00:38:02,030 --> 00:38:04,680

Because those people
stayed in Poland?

1155

00:38:04,680 --> 00:38:06,440

My father didn't like Poland.

1156

00:38:06,440 --> 00:38:08,450

When he was 18, he left.

1157

00:38:08,450 --> 00:38:11,840

And he came to France.

1158

00:38:11,840 --> 00:38:17,060

He was more French, because
the French were good to him.

1159

00:38:17,060 --> 00:38:18,470

There's not that much.

1160

00:38:18,470 --> 00:38:22,820

I'm sure I'm not a fool,
that there is antisemitism.

1161

00:38:22,820 --> 00:38:24,310

But not really that bad.

1162

00:38:24,310 --> 00:38:26,978

1163

00:38:26,978 --> 00:38:27,770

Well, fortunately--

1164

00:38:27,770 --> 00:38:28,692

And here we are.

1165

00:38:28,692 --> 00:38:29,400

And here you are.

1166
00:38:29,400 --> 00:38:33,402
Fortunately, he
did come to France.

1167
00:38:33,402 --> 00:38:35,870
[INAUDIBLE]

1168
00:38:35,870 --> 00:38:38,780
Did you have any
relatives in Amsterdam?

1169
00:38:38,780 --> 00:38:39,440
Yes.

1170
00:38:39,440 --> 00:38:40,010
Who?

1171
00:38:40,010 --> 00:38:40,850
My aunt.

1172
00:38:40,850 --> 00:38:42,240
What was her name?

1173
00:38:42,240 --> 00:38:42,740
Oh, no.

1174
00:38:42,740 --> 00:38:44,690
It's The Hague.

1175
00:38:44,690 --> 00:38:45,770
The Hague?

1176
00:38:45,770 --> 00:38:47,870
Yeah.

1177
00:38:47,870 --> 00:38:49,700
What was her name?

1178
00:38:49,700 --> 00:38:52,040
What happened to her?

1179
00:38:52,040 --> 00:38:54,380
Oh, she died.

1180
00:38:54,380 --> 00:38:56,750
Most Jews perished.

1181
00:38:56,750 --> 00:38:57,410
Yes.

1182
00:38:57,410 --> 00:38:58,880
Do you know where she was taken?

1183
00:38:58,880 --> 00:39:01,410
She has a name, sure.

1184
00:39:01,410 --> 00:39:03,080
But what did you ask me?

1185
00:39:03,080 --> 00:39:03,830
What was her name?

1186
00:39:03,830 --> 00:39:05,163
Do you know where she was taken?

1187
00:39:05,163 --> 00:39:06,523
And what her name was.

1188
00:39:06,523 --> 00:39:07,880
I don't know.

1189
00:39:07,880 --> 00:39:11,240
All those camps, Auschwitz.

1190
00:39:11,240 --> 00:39:14,290
At that time, we were
cut off from Holland.

1191
00:39:14,290 --> 00:39:16,220
We couldn't communicate.

1192
00:39:16,220 --> 00:39:18,920

1193
00:39:18,920 --> 00:39:20,110
Yeah.

1194
00:39:20,110 --> 00:39:21,965
She had a daughter, too.

1195
00:39:21,965 --> 00:39:23,480
Did the daughter survive?

1196
00:39:23,480 --> 00:39:25,970
No.

1197
00:39:25,970 --> 00:39:27,240
They did a good job.

1198
00:39:27,240 --> 00:39:27,740
Yes.

1199
00:39:27,740 --> 00:39:28,720
Unfortunately.

1200
00:39:28,720 --> 00:39:31,560

1201
00:39:31,560 --> 00:39:39,510
So you stayed for
how long in France?

1202
00:39:39,510 --> 00:39:41,190
You stayed how long in France?

1203
00:39:41,190 --> 00:39:42,590
After the war, you mean?

1204
00:39:42,590 --> 00:39:43,500
Yeah.

1205

00:39:43,500 --> 00:39:45,510
We came in '49.

1206
00:39:45,510 --> 00:39:46,615
To the United States.

1207
00:39:46,615 --> 00:39:47,490
To the United States.

1208
00:39:47,490 --> 00:39:48,700
And how did that happen?

1209
00:39:48,700 --> 00:39:51,030
Did somebody sponsor you, or--

1210
00:39:51,030 --> 00:39:52,530
My uncle.

1211
00:39:52,530 --> 00:39:54,960
He was in America.

1212
00:39:54,960 --> 00:39:56,160
He sent for us.

1213
00:39:56,160 --> 00:39:58,260
On your mother's side,
or your father's side?

1214
00:39:58,260 --> 00:39:59,253
My mother's side.

1215
00:39:59,253 --> 00:40:00,170
Your mother's brother?

1216
00:40:00,170 --> 00:40:00,920
Yeah.

1217
00:40:00,920 --> 00:40:01,890
And his name?

1218
00:40:01,890 --> 00:40:05,300

He sent for us and
my aunt and cousin.

1219
00:40:05,300 --> 00:40:07,050
We were about eight people.

1220
00:40:07,050 --> 00:40:07,820
He sponsored us.

1221
00:40:07,820 --> 00:40:08,320
Oh.

1222
00:40:08,320 --> 00:40:09,330
Yes.

1223
00:40:09,330 --> 00:40:09,840
Yeah.

1224
00:40:09,840 --> 00:40:13,445
But up to that time, you were
back in your old apartment,

1225
00:40:13,445 --> 00:40:14,320
going back to school?

1226
00:40:14,320 --> 00:40:14,820
Yeah.

1227
00:40:14,820 --> 00:40:15,670
Until we left.

1228
00:40:15,670 --> 00:40:21,060
We were known after
that for a while.

1229
00:40:21,060 --> 00:40:23,220
But my father wanted to leave.

1230
00:40:23,220 --> 00:40:28,097
He was so upset over everything,
he wanted to leave Europe.

1231

00:40:28,097 --> 00:40:29,180

He wanted to leave Europe.

1232

00:40:29,180 --> 00:40:30,930

What about your mother?

1233

00:40:30,930 --> 00:40:32,460

Did she want to stay?

1234

00:40:32,460 --> 00:40:33,000

No.

1235

00:40:33,000 --> 00:40:34,170

No.

1236

00:40:34,170 --> 00:40:35,370

People were afraid.

1237

00:40:35,370 --> 00:40:38,190

There was always wars in Europe.

1238

00:40:38,190 --> 00:40:39,990

Always wars.

1239

00:40:39,990 --> 00:40:41,190

Another war.

1240

00:40:41,190 --> 00:40:42,390

Yeah.

1241

00:40:42,390 --> 00:40:45,400

That's what my father said.

1242

00:40:45,400 --> 00:40:48,020

He said, I have a
son, and I have to go,

1243

00:40:48,020 --> 00:40:50,770

and things like that.

1244

00:40:50,770 --> 00:40:52,520
So here we are.

1245
00:40:52,520 --> 00:40:53,980
We all came.

1246
00:40:53,980 --> 00:41:02,840
So 1949, you said, you
came to the United States?

1247
00:41:02,840 --> 00:41:03,340
Yeah.

1248
00:41:03,340 --> 00:41:04,870
How did you get here?

1249
00:41:04,870 --> 00:41:05,470
Boat.

1250
00:41:05,470 --> 00:41:07,600
What was the name of the boat?

1251
00:41:07,600 --> 00:41:09,250
Oh.

1252
00:41:09,250 --> 00:41:11,780
You know, I can't
remember all those things.

1253
00:41:11,780 --> 00:41:13,450
No, I know.

1254
00:41:13,450 --> 00:41:14,540
OK.

1255
00:41:14,540 --> 00:41:16,110
It was a nice boat.

1256
00:41:16,110 --> 00:41:17,680
We had fun on it for a week.

1257

00:41:17,680 --> 00:41:18,220
You did.

1258
00:41:18,220 --> 00:41:19,595
Were there are a
lot of children?

1259
00:41:19,595 --> 00:41:21,500
Were there a lot of
children on the boat?

1260
00:41:21,500 --> 00:41:22,000
No.

1261
00:41:22,000 --> 00:41:22,730
Not a lot.

1262
00:41:22,730 --> 00:41:23,470
There was.

1263
00:41:23,470 --> 00:41:26,320
But not a lot.

1264
00:41:26,320 --> 00:41:29,920
And how long did
the voyage take?

1265
00:41:29,920 --> 00:41:30,920
Eight days.

1266
00:41:30,920 --> 00:41:31,537
A week.

1267
00:41:31,537 --> 00:41:34,900
That I remember.

1268
00:41:34,900 --> 00:41:36,210
And so you came--

1269
00:41:36,210 --> 00:41:37,670
and where did you--

1270

00:41:37,670 --> 00:41:39,670
to New York?

1271

00:41:39,670 --> 00:41:41,300
The boat docked in New York?

1272

00:41:41,300 --> 00:41:42,770
Yeah, New York.

1273

00:41:42,770 --> 00:41:44,010
And then what happened?

1274

00:41:44,010 --> 00:41:46,540
Was your uncle there to greet--

1275

00:41:46,540 --> 00:41:48,125
We started to live normally.

1276

00:41:48,125 --> 00:41:50,170
We had an apartment.

1277

00:41:50,170 --> 00:41:50,830
Where?

1278

00:41:50,830 --> 00:41:51,520
Brooklyn.

1279

00:41:51,520 --> 00:41:52,510
You went to Brooklyn.

1280

00:41:52,510 --> 00:41:53,020
Yeah.

1281

00:41:53,020 --> 00:41:55,750
Is that where your
uncle was, in Brooklyn?

1282

00:41:55,750 --> 00:41:56,350
Yeah.

1283

00:41:56,350 --> 00:41:59,330

And was your father
able to get a job?

1284

00:41:59,330 --> 00:41:59,830

Yeah.

1285

00:41:59,830 --> 00:42:01,705

He worked as a furrier.

1286

00:42:01,705 --> 00:42:03,025

He worked.

1287

00:42:03,025 --> 00:42:05,620

Now, did you speak any English?

1288

00:42:05,620 --> 00:42:09,490

I did, a little, because
we had taken it in school.

1289

00:42:09,490 --> 00:42:10,750

Me and my cousin.

1290

00:42:10,750 --> 00:42:12,890

After the war, you
took English in school?

1291

00:42:12,890 --> 00:42:13,390

Yeah.

1292

00:42:13,390 --> 00:42:15,550

So you could speak.

1293

00:42:15,550 --> 00:42:16,450

It's like here.

1294

00:42:16,450 --> 00:42:19,280

They take the language
when they go to school.

1295

00:42:19,280 --> 00:42:22,030

So we did, too.

1296
00:42:22,030 --> 00:42:23,710
We could manage in English.

1297
00:42:23,710 --> 00:42:25,720
We understood at least.

1298
00:42:25,720 --> 00:42:28,060
And then, young
people learn fast.

1299
00:42:28,060 --> 00:42:28,780
I know.

1300
00:42:28,780 --> 00:42:30,190
I know.

1301
00:42:30,190 --> 00:42:32,350
Did you want to leave also?

1302
00:42:32,350 --> 00:42:33,680
Your parents wanted to leave.

1303
00:42:33,680 --> 00:42:36,220
Were you happy or
unhappy about leaving?

1304
00:42:36,220 --> 00:42:37,060
We didn't know.

1305
00:42:37,060 --> 00:42:38,860
We were confused.

1306
00:42:38,860 --> 00:42:44,140
We wanted to say, and
then want to live free.

1307
00:42:44,140 --> 00:42:49,150
But we got used right
away to New York.

1308

00:42:49,150 --> 00:42:52,840
We were happy when we came.

1309
00:42:52,840 --> 00:42:54,580
Did you see the
Statue of Liberty?

1310
00:42:54,580 --> 00:42:55,260
Hm?

1311
00:42:55,260 --> 00:42:56,360
Did you see the Statue--

1312
00:42:56,360 --> 00:42:56,860
Yeah.

1313
00:42:56,860 --> 00:42:59,240
What did that mean
to a teenager?

1314
00:42:59,240 --> 00:43:03,550
They don't stop you at the
Statue of Liberty anymore.

1315
00:43:03,550 --> 00:43:04,700
You just pass it.

1316
00:43:04,700 --> 00:43:05,200
Yeah.

1317
00:43:05,200 --> 00:43:05,700
Yeah.

1318
00:43:05,700 --> 00:43:08,200
But what did that
mean to a teenager?

1319
00:43:08,200 --> 00:43:10,180
You were a teenage
girl at the time.

1320
00:43:10,180 --> 00:43:11,770

What did that statue mean?

1321

00:43:11,770 --> 00:43:14,320

Did it have any meaning to you?

1322

00:43:14,320 --> 00:43:16,280

Did it mean anything?

1323

00:43:16,280 --> 00:43:16,810

Yeah.

1324

00:43:16,810 --> 00:43:19,070

I settled with freedom.

1325

00:43:19,070 --> 00:43:23,920

It was nice to look at it.

1326

00:43:23,920 --> 00:43:26,470

Something different.

1327

00:43:26,470 --> 00:43:29,620

What did you know about the
United States when you came?

1328

00:43:29,620 --> 00:43:31,130

Did you know anything?

1329

00:43:31,130 --> 00:43:32,990

A little bit, but not too much.

1330

00:43:32,990 --> 00:43:33,490

Yeah.

1331

00:43:33,490 --> 00:43:36,290

1332

00:43:36,290 --> 00:43:39,140

And you said you were
able to make friends?

1333

00:43:39,140 --> 00:43:39,640

What?

1334

00:43:39,640 --> 00:43:41,980

You were able to
make friends easily?

1335

00:43:41,980 --> 00:43:42,480

Oh, yeah.

1336

00:43:42,480 --> 00:43:43,960

Oh good.

1337

00:43:43,960 --> 00:43:46,370

And where did you go to school?

1338

00:43:46,370 --> 00:43:47,920

I didn't go here.

1339

00:43:47,920 --> 00:43:48,640

Oh you didn't?

1340

00:43:48,640 --> 00:43:49,490

You didn't go to high school?

1341

00:43:49,490 --> 00:43:50,115

I was finished.

1342

00:43:50,115 --> 00:43:51,580

I was 19.

1343

00:43:51,580 --> 00:43:53,260

I finished in Europe.

1344

00:43:53,260 --> 00:43:54,078

I was all done.

1345

00:43:54,078 --> 00:43:54,620

That's right.

1346

00:43:54,620 --> 00:43:55,120

Of course.

1347
00:43:55,120 --> 00:43:55,780
By that time.

1348
00:43:55,780 --> 00:43:56,590
That's right.

1349
00:43:56,590 --> 00:43:57,280
Yeah.

1350
00:43:57,280 --> 00:43:58,690
My brother went to school.

1351
00:43:58,690 --> 00:43:59,920
Yeah.

1352
00:43:59,920 --> 00:44:01,300
So did you get a job?

1353
00:44:01,300 --> 00:44:02,540
Did you work?

1354
00:44:02,540 --> 00:44:03,160
Yeah.

1355
00:44:03,160 --> 00:44:05,200
What kind of work?

1356
00:44:05,200 --> 00:44:06,550
My uncle was a doctor.

1357
00:44:06,550 --> 00:44:08,636
In his office I worked.

1358
00:44:08,636 --> 00:44:11,330
Oh.

1359
00:44:11,330 --> 00:44:11,830
Yeah.

1360

00:44:11,830 --> 00:44:13,880
And then you stayed there.

1361
00:44:13,880 --> 00:44:18,190
You lived at home, and worked
in your uncle's office.

1362
00:44:18,190 --> 00:44:20,560
And then what happened?

1363
00:44:20,560 --> 00:44:23,510
How long did you stay at home?

1364
00:44:23,510 --> 00:44:25,540
Oh well, I was 19.

1365
00:44:25,540 --> 00:44:27,270
About two or three years.

1366
00:44:27,270 --> 00:44:28,490
Then I got married.

1367
00:44:28,490 --> 00:44:30,590
Oh, tell me how you
met your husband.

1368
00:44:30,590 --> 00:44:32,230
Was your husband from Europe?

1369
00:44:32,230 --> 00:44:33,050
Yeah.

1370
00:44:33,050 --> 00:44:34,050
Where was he from?

1371
00:44:34,050 --> 00:44:36,140
My friends knew.

1372
00:44:36,140 --> 00:44:37,280
I got married by--

1373

00:44:37,280 --> 00:44:39,380

I met him at friends.

1374

00:44:39,380 --> 00:44:40,550

You met him through friends.

1375

00:44:40,550 --> 00:44:42,530

Where was he where was he from?

1376

00:44:42,530 --> 00:44:43,250

Poland.

1377

00:44:43,250 --> 00:44:44,030

Poland also.

1378

00:44:44,030 --> 00:44:46,160

What city or what town?

1379

00:44:46,160 --> 00:44:46,850

Poland.

1380

00:44:46,850 --> 00:44:47,660

From Poland.

1381

00:44:47,660 --> 00:44:48,510

Yeah, what town?

1382

00:44:48,510 --> 00:44:48,540

Radom.

1383

00:44:48,540 --> 00:44:49,290

Oh, Radom.

1384

00:44:49,290 --> 00:44:50,840

Oh, you know Poland?

1385

00:44:50,840 --> 00:44:52,500

Radom, sure.

1386

00:44:52,500 --> 00:44:54,190

Are your families from Poland?

1387
00:44:54,190 --> 00:44:54,690
No.

1388
00:44:54,690 --> 00:44:54,960
No.

1389
00:44:54,960 --> 00:44:55,460
No.

1390
00:44:55,460 --> 00:44:58,380

1391
00:44:58,380 --> 00:45:01,080
And when had he come
to the United States?

1392
00:45:01,080 --> 00:45:03,000
He came about the same time.

1393
00:45:03,000 --> 00:45:04,770
Well, I didn't know
him then, but--

1394
00:45:04,770 --> 00:45:06,840
No, I know.

1395
00:45:06,840 --> 00:45:09,180
What was his experience
during the war?

1396
00:45:09,180 --> 00:45:09,750
Oh.

1397
00:45:09,750 --> 00:45:11,250
He had it bad.

1398
00:45:11,250 --> 00:45:12,630
He was in a camp.

1399
00:45:12,630 --> 00:45:13,740

He was.

1400
00:45:13,740 --> 00:45:15,000
Do you know which camp?

1401
00:45:15,000 --> 00:45:15,780
A few.

1402
00:45:15,780 --> 00:45:16,880
Auschwitz.

1403
00:45:16,880 --> 00:45:18,300
Right, it was Auschwitz?

1404
00:45:18,300 --> 00:45:21,660
That was the--

1405
00:45:21,660 --> 00:45:23,860
Was he in Dachau?

1406
00:45:23,860 --> 00:45:26,900
Was he in Dachau?

1407
00:45:26,900 --> 00:45:28,370
He was to a few.

1408
00:45:28,370 --> 00:45:29,490
I don't remember.

1409
00:45:29,490 --> 00:45:31,730
I know he was in Auschwitz too.

1410
00:45:31,730 --> 00:45:32,230
Yeah.

1411
00:45:32,230 --> 00:45:33,090
Yeah.

1412
00:45:33,090 --> 00:45:35,690
And his brother [INAUDIBLE].

1413

00:45:35,690 --> 00:45:37,310

Did his brother survive?

1414

00:45:37,310 --> 00:45:38,070

Yeah.

1415

00:45:38,070 --> 00:45:40,530

And your husband's name?

1416

00:45:40,530 --> 00:45:42,980

Phillip Grossfeld.

1417

00:45:42,980 --> 00:45:45,700

But he's dead now,
his brother and him.

1418

00:45:45,700 --> 00:45:48,220

1419

00:45:48,220 --> 00:45:49,900

But they really had it bad.

1420

00:45:49,900 --> 00:45:52,330

Yes.

1421

00:45:52,330 --> 00:45:55,450

And what-- so you met,
and was he working?

1422

00:45:55,450 --> 00:45:56,020

Or was he--

1423

00:45:56,020 --> 00:45:56,830

Hm?

1424

00:45:56,830 --> 00:45:59,150

Was he working when you met him?

1425

00:45:59,150 --> 00:45:59,650

Yeah.

1426
00:45:59,650 --> 00:46:01,820
What kind of work did he do?

1427
00:46:01,820 --> 00:46:04,090
He was a decorator.

1428
00:46:04,090 --> 00:46:05,670
Of houses?

1429
00:46:05,670 --> 00:46:07,390
Yeah.

1430
00:46:07,390 --> 00:46:10,660
No, he had a store.

1431
00:46:10,660 --> 00:46:13,000
But he made drapes
and things like that.

1432
00:46:13,000 --> 00:46:13,720
He made drapes.

1433
00:46:13,720 --> 00:46:14,920
Oh, wonderful.

1434
00:46:14,920 --> 00:46:15,910
Yeah.

1435
00:46:15,910 --> 00:46:17,080
So then you got married.

1436
00:46:17,080 --> 00:46:18,723
Tell me about your wedding.

1437
00:46:18,723 --> 00:46:19,750
Huh?

1438
00:46:19,750 --> 00:46:21,940
Tell me about your wedding.

1439

00:46:21,940 --> 00:46:25,850
Oh, it was a nice wedding.

1440
00:46:25,850 --> 00:46:27,190
Where did it take place?

1441
00:46:27,190 --> 00:46:29,530
In Brooklyn.

1442
00:46:29,530 --> 00:46:31,090
We all are from Brooklyn.

1443
00:46:31,090 --> 00:46:33,740
No, in your parents'
apartment, or in a--

1444
00:46:33,740 --> 00:46:34,240
Huh?

1445
00:46:34,240 --> 00:46:37,420
Did the wedding take place
in your parents' apartment,

1446
00:46:37,420 --> 00:46:38,170
or in a synagogue?

1447
00:46:38,170 --> 00:46:39,250
In a place.

1448
00:46:39,250 --> 00:46:40,490
A synagogue, yeah.

1449
00:46:40,490 --> 00:46:41,320
In a synagogue.

1450
00:46:41,320 --> 00:46:42,010
OK.

1451
00:46:42,010 --> 00:46:46,030
And did a lot of people come?

1452

00:46:46,030 --> 00:46:48,620
Not much.

1453
00:46:48,620 --> 00:46:51,143
And was your husband
about your age?

1454
00:46:51,143 --> 00:46:52,990
How old was your husband?

1455
00:46:52,990 --> 00:46:54,400
How old was he?

1456
00:46:54,400 --> 00:46:55,430
He was a little older.

1457
00:46:55,430 --> 00:46:56,450
A little older than you.

1458
00:46:56,450 --> 00:46:59,000

1459
00:46:59,000 --> 00:47:02,170
And then where did you two
live after you got married?

1460
00:47:02,170 --> 00:47:04,120
In Brooklyn again.

1461
00:47:04,120 --> 00:47:07,250
In your own-- were you able
to afford your own place?

1462
00:47:07,250 --> 00:47:07,750
Yeah.

1463
00:47:07,750 --> 00:47:08,250
Yeah.

1464
00:47:08,250 --> 00:47:09,670
We had our own apartment.

1465

00:47:09,670 --> 00:47:10,480

OK.

1466

00:47:10,480 --> 00:47:12,220

And you both were working?

1467

00:47:12,220 --> 00:47:13,690

Huh?

1468

00:47:13,690 --> 00:47:14,830

And you both were working?

1469

00:47:14,830 --> 00:47:15,440

Yeah.

1470

00:47:15,440 --> 00:47:16,270

OK.

1471

00:47:16,270 --> 00:47:19,830

And then what happened?

1472

00:47:19,830 --> 00:47:21,480

I got pregnant.

1473

00:47:21,480 --> 00:47:23,780

I got children.

1474

00:47:23,780 --> 00:47:25,970

And your children's names?

1475

00:47:25,970 --> 00:47:27,600

What are your children's names?

1476

00:47:27,600 --> 00:47:29,120

Gail.

1477

00:47:29,120 --> 00:47:35,760

John here, and Robin.

1478

00:47:35,760 --> 00:47:37,140

I have a few.

1479
00:47:37,140 --> 00:47:38,940
Oh my goodness, so you
have three children?

1480
00:47:38,940 --> 00:47:39,480
Six.

1481
00:47:39,480 --> 00:47:40,410
Six children.

1482
00:47:40,410 --> 00:47:41,490
Oh my goodness.

1483
00:47:41,490 --> 00:47:42,870
That's wonderful.

1484
00:47:42,870 --> 00:47:43,770
That's wonderful.

1485
00:47:43,770 --> 00:47:45,010
All grown up now.

1486
00:47:45,010 --> 00:47:45,600
Yes.

1487
00:47:45,600 --> 00:47:46,500
Yeah.

1488
00:47:46,500 --> 00:47:48,100
So you stayed in New York.

1489
00:47:48,100 --> 00:47:49,440
And did you stay home?

1490
00:47:49,440 --> 00:47:52,530
Or did you continue to
work, or you stayed home

1491
00:47:52,530 --> 00:47:53,610

with the six children?

1492
00:47:53,610 --> 00:47:55,650
I stayed home after this.

1493
00:47:55,650 --> 00:47:58,310

1494
00:47:58,310 --> 00:47:59,920
Yeah.

1495
00:47:59,920 --> 00:48:01,240
Did you ever work again?

1496
00:48:01,240 --> 00:48:02,270
Or was--

1497
00:48:02,270 --> 00:48:02,770
Yeah.

1498
00:48:02,770 --> 00:48:05,830
I worked at the bank when
they grew up, my children.

1499
00:48:05,830 --> 00:48:06,940
You worked at a bank?

1500
00:48:06,940 --> 00:48:07,470
Yeah.

1501
00:48:07,470 --> 00:48:07,990
Oh.

1502
00:48:07,990 --> 00:48:09,220
OK.

1503
00:48:09,220 --> 00:48:12,580
And then, have you retired
yet or are you still working?

1504
00:48:12,580 --> 00:48:13,090

No.

1505
00:48:13,090 --> 00:48:14,270
I'm retired.

1506
00:48:14,270 --> 00:48:14,770
Oh.

1507
00:48:14,770 --> 00:48:15,320
OK.

1508
00:48:15,320 --> 00:48:17,860
And so you stayed in
the New York area?

1509
00:48:17,860 --> 00:48:18,740
Always.

1510
00:48:18,740 --> 00:48:19,780
Yeah.

1511
00:48:19,780 --> 00:48:20,410
Yeah.

1512
00:48:20,410 --> 00:48:22,750
Yeah.

1513
00:48:22,750 --> 00:48:26,830
Can we talk a little bit
about some of your thoughts

1514
00:48:26,830 --> 00:48:29,740
about what you went through?

1515
00:48:29,740 --> 00:48:33,490
Do you think about
the wartime years now

1516
00:48:33,490 --> 00:48:35,930
that it's so long ago?

1517

00:48:35,930 --> 00:48:36,430
No.

1518
00:48:36,430 --> 00:48:37,480
You don't think about it?

1519
00:48:37,480 --> 00:48:38,170
No.

1520
00:48:38,170 --> 00:48:39,370
It's over.

1521
00:48:39,370 --> 00:48:40,420
It's over.

1522
00:48:40,420 --> 00:48:41,500
Yeah.

1523
00:48:41,500 --> 00:48:43,810
Do you feel very French?

1524
00:48:43,810 --> 00:48:46,700
Or do you feel American?

1525
00:48:46,700 --> 00:48:49,700
I don't know, really.

1526
00:48:49,700 --> 00:48:51,650
Do you feel Jewish?

1527
00:48:51,650 --> 00:48:52,250
Yeah.

1528
00:48:52,250 --> 00:48:55,370
I'm mixed up
everything, I think.

1529
00:48:55,370 --> 00:48:57,080
And how did you
raise your children?

1530

00:48:57,080 --> 00:48:58,710
Did you raise your children--

1531
00:48:58,710 --> 00:48:59,210
Jewish.

1532
00:48:59,210 --> 00:49:00,000
As Jewish, uh-huh.

1533
00:49:00,000 --> 00:49:00,500
Yeah.

1534
00:49:00,500 --> 00:49:02,540
They had a Jewish education?

1535
00:49:02,540 --> 00:49:04,130
Yeah.

1536
00:49:04,130 --> 00:49:04,970
OK.

1537
00:49:04,970 --> 00:49:08,890
What are your thoughts
about Germany today?

1538
00:49:08,890 --> 00:49:10,310
We don't talk about it.

1539
00:49:10,310 --> 00:49:10,810
Because?

1540
00:49:10,810 --> 00:49:13,390

1541
00:49:13,390 --> 00:49:14,890
Why don't you talk about it?

1542
00:49:14,890 --> 00:49:15,670
Huh.

1543
00:49:15,670 --> 00:49:18,010

Why don't you talk about it?

1544

00:49:18,010 --> 00:49:19,660

They're too horrible things.

1545

00:49:19,660 --> 00:49:22,940

What could we say?

1546

00:49:22,940 --> 00:49:27,050

I guess to everybody,
not only us.

1547

00:49:27,050 --> 00:49:29,240

It was a bad war.

1548

00:49:29,240 --> 00:49:32,240

Most people suffered.

1549

00:49:32,240 --> 00:49:34,970

And there's nothing
we need to say.

1550

00:49:34,970 --> 00:49:38,580

1551

00:49:38,580 --> 00:49:42,180

The only thing-- we
didn't have it too bad.

1552

00:49:42,180 --> 00:49:45,210

We are lucky that way.

1553

00:49:45,210 --> 00:49:46,440

We weren't killed.

1554

00:49:46,440 --> 00:49:49,870

We weren't tortured.

1555

00:49:49,870 --> 00:49:50,790

What can you say?

1556

00:49:50,790 --> 00:49:51,290
Right.

1557
00:49:51,290 --> 00:49:54,500

1558
00:49:54,500 --> 00:49:55,550
Do you get reparations?

1559
00:49:55,550 --> 00:49:56,720
Hm?

1560
00:49:56,720 --> 00:50:00,110
Do you receive any
reparations from Germany?

1561
00:50:00,110 --> 00:50:01,130
Any monthly--

1562
00:50:01,130 --> 00:50:02,420
My husband did.

1563
00:50:02,420 --> 00:50:03,110
He did.

1564
00:50:03,110 --> 00:50:05,540
Because he was in a camp.

1565
00:50:05,540 --> 00:50:08,420
You had to be in a camp
to get money or something.

1566
00:50:08,420 --> 00:50:09,470
You had to be in danger.

1567
00:50:09,470 --> 00:50:10,100
Yeah.

1568
00:50:10,100 --> 00:50:11,030
So he did.

1569

00:50:11,030 --> 00:50:12,560

Yeah.

1570

00:50:12,560 --> 00:50:15,410

Do you continue to
get his reparation?

1571

00:50:15,410 --> 00:50:17,310

Do you continue to get his?

1572

00:50:17,310 --> 00:50:17,810

No.

1573

00:50:17,810 --> 00:50:18,310

No.

1574

00:50:18,310 --> 00:50:21,590

Once he passed away, it's done.

1575

00:50:21,590 --> 00:50:22,250

Yeah.

1576

00:50:22,250 --> 00:50:23,480

That's not fair.

1577

00:50:23,480 --> 00:50:24,800

Right?

1578

00:50:24,800 --> 00:50:25,800

Right.

1579

00:50:25,800 --> 00:50:28,070

Oh, he got his part of that.

1580

00:50:28,070 --> 00:50:30,800

Only those who were in the camp.

1581

00:50:30,800 --> 00:50:32,850

Have you been back
to France since--

1582

00:50:32,850 --> 00:50:33,350
Yeah.

1583
00:50:33,350 --> 00:50:35,310
Two years ago we went.

1584
00:50:35,310 --> 00:50:37,200
Was that the first
time you went?

1585
00:50:37,200 --> 00:50:37,925
No.

1586
00:50:37,925 --> 00:50:39,360
There's a few times before.

1587
00:50:39,360 --> 00:50:41,060
You have gone back to visit?

1588
00:50:41,060 --> 00:50:44,460
Did you go back to
visit the farm family?

1589
00:50:44,460 --> 00:50:45,920
We did.

1590
00:50:45,920 --> 00:50:48,200
The last time.

1591
00:50:48,200 --> 00:50:50,580
They're not alive anymore.

1592
00:50:50,580 --> 00:50:51,290
Yeah.

1593
00:50:51,290 --> 00:50:53,750
What was it like
seeing the farm again?

1594
00:50:53,750 --> 00:50:55,700
Oh, very exciting.

1595

00:50:55,700 --> 00:50:56,660

Was it?

1596

00:50:56,660 --> 00:50:57,470

Yeah.

1597

00:50:57,470 --> 00:50:58,640

Yeah.

1598

00:50:58,640 --> 00:50:59,420

Very nice.

1599

00:50:59,420 --> 00:51:02,060

1600

00:51:02,060 --> 00:51:03,250

And did you walk around?

1601

00:51:03,250 --> 00:51:03,750

Yeah.

1602

00:51:03,750 --> 00:51:05,820

And did it bring back
memories for you?

1603

00:51:05,820 --> 00:51:06,320

Yeah.

1604

00:51:06,320 --> 00:51:10,740

1605

00:51:10,740 --> 00:51:15,210

We just missed them, because
she, Janine, just died,

1606

00:51:15,210 --> 00:51:16,170

the woman.

1607

00:51:16,170 --> 00:51:16,680

The wife?

1608

00:51:16,680 --> 00:51:17,430

The farmer's--

1609

00:51:17,430 --> 00:51:18,090

The wife.

1610

00:51:18,090 --> 00:51:19,470

Yes.

1611

00:51:19,470 --> 00:51:21,450

Yeah.

1612

00:51:21,450 --> 00:51:22,880

So that's life, huh?

1613

00:51:22,880 --> 00:51:24,180

And what about your brother?

1614

00:51:24,180 --> 00:51:25,240

Has he been back?

1615

00:51:25,240 --> 00:51:25,740

Yeah.

1616

00:51:25,740 --> 00:51:28,860

He went back before me, even.

1617

00:51:28,860 --> 00:51:30,780

Where does he live?

1618

00:51:30,780 --> 00:51:31,660

Now?

1619

00:51:31,660 --> 00:51:32,340

Yeah.

1620

00:51:32,340 --> 00:51:34,240

He's in North Carolina.

1621

00:51:34,240 --> 00:51:36,000

He moved.

1622
00:51:36,000 --> 00:51:39,690
Now, when you talk to him, do
you talk about the war years?

1623
00:51:39,690 --> 00:51:45,100
When you two-- when you and
your brother are together now,

1624
00:51:45,100 --> 00:51:47,740
do you ever talk about what
happened during the war

1625
00:51:47,740 --> 00:51:49,090
when you were children?

1626
00:51:49,090 --> 00:51:51,010
Not too often.

1627
00:51:51,010 --> 00:51:52,150
We are alive.

1628
00:51:52,150 --> 00:51:53,530
We're lucky.

1629
00:51:53,530 --> 00:51:55,210
We're happy.

1630
00:51:55,210 --> 00:51:56,710
What's the point?

1631
00:51:56,710 --> 00:51:59,610
It's the past, really.

1632
00:51:59,610 --> 00:52:02,590
That's so many years ago.

1633
00:52:02,590 --> 00:52:03,370
You don't forget.

1634

00:52:03,370 --> 00:52:07,480

1635

00:52:07,480 --> 00:52:09,245

Do you think it
could happen again?

1636

00:52:09,245 --> 00:52:09,790

Huh?

1637

00:52:09,790 --> 00:52:12,700

Do you think it
could happen again?

1638

00:52:12,700 --> 00:52:13,900

I don't know.

1639

00:52:13,900 --> 00:52:15,790

Do you?

1640

00:52:15,790 --> 00:52:17,110

What do you think?

1641

00:52:17,110 --> 00:52:19,930

You seem smart.

1642

00:52:19,930 --> 00:52:20,890

You never know.

1643

00:52:20,890 --> 00:52:22,082

You never know.

1644

00:52:22,082 --> 00:52:23,890

Yeah.

1645

00:52:23,890 --> 00:52:28,540

Tell me what it was like
to become a citizen?

1646

00:52:28,540 --> 00:52:29,740

You're an American citizen?

1647

00:52:29,740 --> 00:52:30,100

Yes.

1648

00:52:30,100 --> 00:52:30,600

Yes.

1649

00:52:30,600 --> 00:52:34,030

Tell me what that was like, when
you became an American citizen?

1650

00:52:34,030 --> 00:52:35,170

That was nice.

1651

00:52:35,170 --> 00:52:37,180

It was good, you know.

1652

00:52:37,180 --> 00:52:40,540

I remember I was sick
when I went there.

1653

00:52:40,540 --> 00:52:41,980

This is in New York?

1654

00:52:41,980 --> 00:52:42,480

Yeah.

1655

00:52:42,480 --> 00:52:43,060

New York.

1656

00:52:43,060 --> 00:52:47,350

I had a very bad cold
with 104 degrees.

1657

00:52:47,350 --> 00:52:50,300

But you can never postpone.

1658

00:52:50,300 --> 00:52:50,800

Yeah.

1659

00:52:50,800 --> 00:52:52,780

Isn't that silly?

1660
00:52:52,780 --> 00:52:56,560
If you don't go, you could
never get the citizen.

1661
00:52:56,560 --> 00:53:01,070
If you don't go at the
time that they give you.

1662
00:53:01,070 --> 00:53:05,530
So here I was, 104.

1663
00:53:05,530 --> 00:53:06,730
Oh, that's terrible.

1664
00:53:06,730 --> 00:53:08,710
A nasty judge.

1665
00:53:08,710 --> 00:53:09,550
Oh really?

1666
00:53:09,550 --> 00:53:11,030
Yeah, he wasn't nice.

1667
00:53:11,030 --> 00:53:16,090
Nothing personal, but he just
wasn't nice, I remember that.

1668
00:53:16,090 --> 00:53:19,000
And what kind of
questions did he ask you?

1669
00:53:19,000 --> 00:53:20,200
Oh, I don't remember.

1670
00:53:20,200 --> 00:53:21,383
Anything important?

1671
00:53:21,383 --> 00:53:22,550
They give you a little book.

1672

00:53:22,550 --> 00:53:25,330
They were not hard questions.

1673
00:53:25,330 --> 00:53:25,850
They were.

1674
00:53:25,850 --> 00:53:28,945

1675
00:53:28,945 --> 00:53:30,520
And here we are.

1676
00:53:30,520 --> 00:53:33,430
So did you become citizens when
your parents and your brother

1677
00:53:33,430 --> 00:53:34,960
became-- did you all four--

1678
00:53:34,960 --> 00:53:35,510
Yeah.

1679
00:53:35,510 --> 00:53:36,860
-- did you go together,
and became citi--

1680
00:53:36,860 --> 00:53:37,360
Yeah.

1681
00:53:37,360 --> 00:53:38,100
All of us.

1682
00:53:38,100 --> 00:53:40,540
Yeah.

1683
00:53:40,540 --> 00:53:45,530
A lot of French
criticized us for that.

1684
00:53:45,530 --> 00:53:48,250
Did you have to give up
your French citizenship?

1685
00:53:48,250 --> 00:53:51,850
No, I think, let's say if
we went back to France,

1686
00:53:51,850 --> 00:53:55,210
they wouldn't recognize the
American citizenship, I think.

1687
00:53:55,210 --> 00:53:56,620
Oh, that's interesting.

1688
00:53:56,620 --> 00:53:57,990
Yeah.

1689
00:53:57,990 --> 00:54:00,020
Yeah.

1690
00:54:00,020 --> 00:54:04,190
Are you are you more comfortable
around people who are

1691
00:54:04,190 --> 00:54:06,540
from Europe and lived through--

1692
00:54:06,540 --> 00:54:07,040
What?

1693
00:54:07,040 --> 00:54:11,720
Are you more comfortable
being around people who

1694
00:54:11,720 --> 00:54:14,690
came from Europe like you did?

1695
00:54:14,690 --> 00:54:15,190
No.

1696
00:54:15,190 --> 00:54:18,260
All those years, I've made
friends American, yes.

1697

00:54:18,260 --> 00:54:19,540

Who were born in America.

1698

00:54:19,540 --> 00:54:20,040

Yeah.

1699

00:54:20,040 --> 00:54:20,540

Yeah.

1700

00:54:20,540 --> 00:54:22,610

You feel just as

close to them as you

1701

00:54:22,610 --> 00:54:26,870

do people who didn't share

what you went through?

1702

00:54:26,870 --> 00:54:29,990

We made a lot of-- we're

here longer than we

1703

00:54:29,990 --> 00:54:32,030

were in France, all of us.

1704

00:54:32,030 --> 00:54:32,580

Yeah.

1705

00:54:32,580 --> 00:54:33,080

Yeah.

1706

00:54:33,080 --> 00:54:36,860

1707

00:54:36,860 --> 00:54:40,340

During the Civil Rights

movement in the '60s--

1708

00:54:40,340 --> 00:54:43,370

the Civil Rights movement

in the United States

1709

00:54:43,370 --> 00:54:44,690
during the '60s and the '70s?

1710
00:54:44,690 --> 00:54:47,630

1711
00:54:47,630 --> 00:54:50,180
I know you had all
these children at home,

1712
00:54:50,180 --> 00:54:52,910
but were you active
at all at that time?

1713
00:54:52,910 --> 00:54:55,040
Here your civil
rights were taken away

1714
00:54:55,040 --> 00:54:56,390
when you had to leave.

1715
00:54:56,390 --> 00:54:57,080
Oh no.

1716
00:54:57,080 --> 00:54:58,130
I wasn't active.

1717
00:54:58,130 --> 00:55:00,200
You weren't, because
you had a lot at home.

1718
00:55:00,200 --> 00:55:01,664
Yeah, I understand.

1719
00:55:01,664 --> 00:55:02,590
Not at all.

1720
00:55:02,590 --> 00:55:06,435
Yeah, the '60s were
a lot of changes.

1721
00:55:06,435 --> 00:55:09,620

I ask because here you
were, your civil rights were

1722
00:55:09,620 --> 00:55:13,060
taken away, and you had
to escape to a farm.

1723
00:55:13,060 --> 00:55:13,560
Yeah.

1724
00:55:13,560 --> 00:55:16,740

1725
00:55:16,740 --> 00:55:19,810
Have you been to the Holocaust
Museum in Washington?

1726
00:55:19,810 --> 00:55:20,310
What?

1727
00:55:20,310 --> 00:55:24,600
Have you been to the Holocaust
Museum in Washington?

1728
00:55:24,600 --> 00:55:25,100
No.

1729
00:55:25,100 --> 00:55:27,210
I don't think so.

1730
00:55:27,210 --> 00:55:29,420
Was I?

1731
00:55:29,420 --> 00:55:29,960
With who?

1732
00:55:29,960 --> 00:55:31,940
With you, or with Gail?

1733
00:55:31,940 --> 00:55:32,780
Oh yeah.

1734

00:55:32,780 --> 00:55:33,640

That's OK.

1735

00:55:33,640 --> 00:55:36,590

Yeah.

1736

00:55:36,590 --> 00:55:39,170

It was pretty bad, huh?

1737

00:55:39,170 --> 00:55:43,100

Do you think-- would you be
a different person today,

1738

00:55:43,100 --> 00:55:46,640

do you think, if you hadn't gone
through what you went through?

1739

00:55:46,640 --> 00:55:49,940

Here you were separated from
your parents for, you said,

1740

00:55:49,940 --> 00:55:52,330

two years.

1741

00:55:52,330 --> 00:55:54,880

Did that make you into a
different person, maybe

1742

00:55:54,880 --> 00:55:56,860

a stronger person, or not?

1743

00:55:56,860 --> 00:55:59,060

I don't think it affected me.

1744

00:55:59,060 --> 00:56:00,460

It did not affect you.

1745

00:56:00,460 --> 00:56:01,420

No.

1746

00:56:01,420 --> 00:56:02,380

No.

1747
00:56:02,380 --> 00:56:07,560
We were too young for
that to be affected.

1748
00:56:07,560 --> 00:56:09,160
I think I would be the same.

1749
00:56:09,160 --> 00:56:12,450

1750
00:56:12,450 --> 00:56:14,970
Now, it was a bad
experience, yes.

1751
00:56:14,970 --> 00:56:18,720

1752
00:56:18,720 --> 00:56:22,950
But compared to-- I always tell
them, compared to a lot people,

1753
00:56:22,950 --> 00:56:25,420
we were very lucky.

1754
00:56:25,420 --> 00:56:27,470
We didn't suffer.

1755
00:56:27,470 --> 00:56:32,080
Because it was terrible,
even for non-Jews.

1756
00:56:32,080 --> 00:56:33,460
They were starving.

1757
00:56:33,460 --> 00:56:39,230
They did a lot of bad things,
the Germans, to everybody.

1758
00:56:39,230 --> 00:56:41,500
OK, more to the Jews.

1759
00:56:41,500 --> 00:56:44,230
But they did it to
everybody, I think.

1760
00:56:44,230 --> 00:56:45,400
Terrible.

1761
00:56:45,400 --> 00:56:48,780
Unbelievable things.

1762
00:56:48,780 --> 00:56:49,530
I think.

1763
00:56:49,530 --> 00:56:55,850

1764
00:56:55,850 --> 00:56:59,720
Is there any message you wanted
to leave to your children

1765
00:56:59,720 --> 00:57:01,520
or grandchildren?

1766
00:57:01,520 --> 00:57:02,060
What?

1767
00:57:02,060 --> 00:57:04,070
Is there any
message, any thoughts

1768
00:57:04,070 --> 00:57:08,270
that you wanted to say to your
grandchildren or your children

1769
00:57:08,270 --> 00:57:09,170
before we close?

1770
00:57:09,170 --> 00:57:10,760
I don't know.

1771

00:57:10,760 --> 00:57:13,280
Because this is
something we didn't

1772
00:57:13,280 --> 00:57:17,330
have control of what happened.

1773
00:57:17,330 --> 00:57:20,780
Hopefully it will never
happen, something like that.

1774
00:57:20,780 --> 00:57:22,800
Happen again, you mean.

1775
00:57:22,800 --> 00:57:23,310
Right?

1776
00:57:23,310 --> 00:57:23,810
Yeah.

1777
00:57:23,810 --> 00:57:28,540

1778
00:57:28,540 --> 00:57:30,340
We had no control.

1779
00:57:30,340 --> 00:57:32,770
It happened to a lot of people.

1780
00:57:32,770 --> 00:57:34,030
Their lives were changed.

1781
00:57:34,030 --> 00:57:38,130

1782
00:57:38,130 --> 00:57:40,050
How did it affect your husband?

1783
00:57:40,050 --> 00:57:43,740
He went through
such terrible times.

1784

00:57:43,740 --> 00:57:44,760

Was he bitter?

1785

00:57:44,760 --> 00:57:45,900

Was he--

1786

00:57:45,900 --> 00:57:47,920

Well, I didn't know him before.

1787

00:57:47,920 --> 00:57:49,190

Well, that's true.

1788

00:57:49,190 --> 00:57:50,250

So I can't--

1789

00:57:50,250 --> 00:57:55,950

As an adult, was he angry
or bitter about what he went

1790

00:57:55,950 --> 00:57:56,450

through?

1791

00:57:56,450 --> 00:57:58,100

I don't think it changed him.

1792

00:57:58,100 --> 00:58:00,440

I don't know.

1793

00:58:00,440 --> 00:58:04,404

A lot of people might be
changed by such bad experience

1794

00:58:04,404 --> 00:58:07,500

and everything.

1795

00:58:07,500 --> 00:58:10,080

Do you still feel very French?

1796

00:58:10,080 --> 00:58:14,450

Do you still feel very French?

1797

00:58:14,450 --> 00:58:17,850

I like French, but
I'm American also.

1798

00:58:17,850 --> 00:58:20,790

I've been here much longer,
let me put it this way.

1799

00:58:20,790 --> 00:58:22,650

So do you feel American?

1800

00:58:22,650 --> 00:58:23,190

Yeah.

1801

00:58:23,190 --> 00:58:24,350

Yeah.

1802

00:58:24,350 --> 00:58:26,062

Yeah.

1803

00:58:26,062 --> 00:58:27,930

I'm here very long.

1804

00:58:27,930 --> 00:58:30,010

I had children here
and everything.

1805

00:58:30,010 --> 00:58:30,510

Right.

1806

00:58:30,510 --> 00:58:35,300

1807

00:58:35,300 --> 00:58:39,245

Well, is there anything you
wanted to say before we--

1808

00:58:39,245 --> 00:58:42,050

Mm, no.

1809

00:58:42,050 --> 00:58:44,700

But I think it's been
nice talking to you.

1810
00:58:44,700 --> 00:58:46,820
It's been wonderful.

1811
00:58:46,820 --> 00:58:50,030
I just wanted to say, when
your children were the age

1812
00:58:50,030 --> 00:58:53,010
that you were when you
had to leave Paris,

1813
00:58:53,010 --> 00:58:58,460
and when you were living on
the farm as a young girl--

1814
00:58:58,460 --> 00:59:00,320
when your children
were that age,

1815
00:59:00,320 --> 00:59:03,020
did that bring back
memories for you?

1816
00:59:03,020 --> 00:59:05,160
Did you think, oh my,
when I was that age,

1817
00:59:05,160 --> 00:59:08,060
I was escaping from Paris,
or I was on the farm?

1818
00:59:08,060 --> 00:59:11,990
Did that bring back
any memories for you?

1819
00:59:11,990 --> 00:59:13,550
Sometimes.

1820
00:59:13,550 --> 00:59:14,540
Sometimes.

1821
00:59:14,540 --> 00:59:17,790

1822
00:59:17,790 --> 00:59:22,440
But I feel, like I said,
they were worse, worse things

1823
00:59:22,440 --> 00:59:24,930
than what happened to me.

1824
00:59:24,930 --> 00:59:31,110
You've better start to not
to think about this anymore.

1825
00:59:31,110 --> 00:59:35,190
In the beginning, maybe,
when we came, but now--

1826
00:59:35,190 --> 00:59:37,290
Yeah.

1827
00:59:37,290 --> 00:59:39,300
When did your husband--

1828
00:59:39,300 --> 00:59:40,920
It's amazing that--

1829
00:59:40,920 --> 00:59:42,240
I'm sorry.

1830
00:59:42,240 --> 00:59:43,770
Instinct.

1831
00:59:43,770 --> 00:59:48,540
It's amazing that something
like that happened,

1832
00:59:48,540 --> 00:59:52,260
the war and everything, and the
things that was done to people,

1833

00:59:52,260 --> 00:59:54,580

children and everything.

1834

00:59:54,580 --> 00:59:58,260

Really, you wouldn't believe
that this could happen.

1835

00:59:58,260 --> 01:00:02,120

That people could do those
things to other people.

1836

01:00:02,120 --> 01:00:05,580

1837

01:00:05,580 --> 01:00:06,550

Do you read about--

1838

01:00:06,550 --> 01:00:07,470

But it's over.

1839

01:00:07,470 --> 01:00:08,040

It's over.

1840

01:00:08,040 --> 01:00:10,560

Do you read about the war all?

1841

01:00:10,560 --> 01:00:11,580

Sometimes.

1842

01:00:11,580 --> 01:00:14,390

Not particularly.

1843

01:00:14,390 --> 01:00:15,050

Or see movies?

1844

01:00:15,050 --> 01:00:16,732

I heard enough about the war.

1845

01:00:16,732 --> 01:00:18,110

Right.

1846

01:00:18,110 --> 01:00:20,480

Or go to movies about it?

1847

01:00:20,480 --> 01:00:25,610

And at the time, the children
don't react like a grown up.

1848

01:00:25,610 --> 01:00:30,240

To a child, they forget things.

1849

01:00:30,240 --> 01:00:34,810

But to a grown-up,
it's more serious.

1850

01:00:34,810 --> 01:00:35,610

I think.

1851

01:00:35,610 --> 01:00:36,180

Right?

1852

01:00:36,180 --> 01:00:38,310

Right.

1853

01:00:38,310 --> 01:00:39,760

But we're all here.

1854

01:00:39,760 --> 01:00:40,750

We're all here.

1855

01:00:40,750 --> 01:00:43,590

Yeah.

1856

01:00:43,590 --> 01:00:47,400

Well, that's a nice
note to end on.

1857

01:00:47,400 --> 01:00:50,920

That's a nice note to end
on, that we're all here.

1858

01:00:50,920 --> 01:00:53,560

Is there anything else you
wanted to add before we close?

1859
01:00:53,560 --> 01:00:54,720
I don't think so.

1860
01:00:54,720 --> 01:00:55,830
Well.

1861
01:00:55,830 --> 01:00:57,240
OK.

1862
01:00:57,240 --> 01:01:00,270
That's a big job you do.

1863
01:01:00,270 --> 01:01:01,350
Do you like it?

1864
01:01:01,350 --> 01:01:02,560
Just a moment.

1865
01:01:02,560 --> 01:01:05,670
Let me just close by saying
that this concludes the United

1866
01:01:05,670 --> 01:01:10,280
States Holocaust Memorial
Museum interview with Arlette

1867
01:01:10,280 --> 01:01:12,130
Grossfeld.

1868
01:01:12,130 --> 01:01:13,036