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00:00:00,000 --> 00:00:08,870

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00:00:08,870 --> 00:00:11,750
This is the United States
Holocaust Memorial Museum

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00:00:11,750 --> 00:00:15,080
interview with
Juliette Peternick.

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00:00:15,080 --> 00:00:20,900
It is being conducted by Gail
Schwartz on March 20, 2019

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00:00:20,900 --> 00:00:24,560
and has taking place in
Chevy Chase, Maryland.

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00:00:24,560 --> 00:00:28,670
This is track number 1.

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00:00:28,670 --> 00:00:30,620
What is your full name?

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00:00:30,620 --> 00:00:33,590
Juliette Peternick.

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00:00:33,590 --> 00:00:35,690
And what name were
you born with?

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00:00:35,690 --> 00:00:38,550
Juliette Herrmann.

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00:00:38,550 --> 00:00:40,200
And when were you born?

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00:00:40,200 --> 00:00:43,410
July 7, 1937.

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00:00:43,410 --> 00:00:44,890

And where were you born?

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00:00:44,890 --> 00:00:48,840

Esch-sur-Alzette, Luxembourg.

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00:00:48,840 --> 00:00:51,720

Let's talk about your family.

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00:00:51,720 --> 00:00:55,300

Who made up your family,
your parents' names?

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00:00:55,300 --> 00:01:01,890

My parents-- my father's
name was Walter Herrmann.

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00:01:01,890 --> 00:01:08,700

My mother's name at that
time was Gisela Herrmann.

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00:01:08,700 --> 00:01:12,990

And her name was
actually changed legally

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00:01:12,990 --> 00:01:18,044

to Helen Herrmann
at Ellis Island.

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00:01:18,044 --> 00:01:21,700

And what kind of work
did your father do?

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00:01:21,700 --> 00:01:23,940

My father owned
his own business.

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00:01:23,940 --> 00:01:27,090

He had a wholesale
candy business.

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00:01:27,090 --> 00:01:33,560

And my mother, well, in those days, the women stayed at home.

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00:01:33,560 --> 00:01:34,870

Did you have any siblings?

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00:01:34,870 --> 00:01:35,950

No siblings.

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00:01:35,950 --> 00:01:37,490

So you were an only child?

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00:01:37,490 --> 00:01:39,140

Yes.

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00:01:39,140 --> 00:01:42,650

And what kind of neighborhood did you live in?

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00:01:42,650 --> 00:01:44,720

Was it a mixed neighborhood--

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00:01:44,720 --> 00:01:47,580

Jews and non-Jews?

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00:01:47,580 --> 00:01:48,990

I know you were very young.

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00:01:48,990 --> 00:01:51,120

I don't know for sure.

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00:01:51,120 --> 00:01:55,545

In Luxembourg, I would say it was a mixed neighborhood.

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00:01:55,545 --> 00:01:58,340

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00:01:58,340 --> 00:02:03,320

Luxembourg was-- is still a Catholic country,

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00:02:03,320 --> 00:02:08,190

but all religions
are treated equally.

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00:02:08,190 --> 00:02:13,670

And I'm pretty sure it
was a mixed neighborhood.

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00:02:13,670 --> 00:02:14,710

OK.

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00:02:14,710 --> 00:02:18,530

And how would you describe your
parents, as middle class or--

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00:02:18,530 --> 00:02:19,650

Middle class.

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00:02:19,650 --> 00:02:20,540

Yeah.

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00:02:20,540 --> 00:02:23,210

Did you live in an
apartment or a house?

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00:02:23,210 --> 00:02:23,930

I don't know.

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00:02:23,930 --> 00:02:25,385

You don't know what it was.

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00:02:25,385 --> 00:02:27,240

Yeah.

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00:02:27,240 --> 00:02:28,290

OK.

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00:02:28,290 --> 00:02:31,920

So you were born in 1937.

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00:02:31,920 --> 00:02:36,620

How far back can you go
with your family history?

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00:02:36,620 --> 00:02:41,300
My parents-- I can discuss my
parents and my grandparents.

51
00:02:41,300 --> 00:02:42,320
OK.

52
00:02:42,320 --> 00:02:43,700
Tell me about them.

53
00:02:43,700 --> 00:02:44,600
OK.

54
00:02:44,600 --> 00:02:48,413
My grandmother and grandfather
were born in Germany.

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00:02:48,413 --> 00:02:50,330
These are on your father's
side or you mother?

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00:02:50,330 --> 00:02:52,080
My mother's side.

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00:02:52,080 --> 00:02:59,630
While on my father's side, I can
say they were both born German.

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00:02:59,630 --> 00:03:00,930
All your grandparents?

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00:03:00,930 --> 00:03:02,180
Yes.

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00:03:02,180 --> 00:03:10,780
My grandmother and grandfather
were born in the Schwarzwald

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00:03:10,780 --> 00:03:12,395

Bavarian area.

62
00:03:12,395 --> 00:03:13,310
The Black Forest.

63
00:03:13,310 --> 00:03:14,660
Yeah.

64
00:03:14,660 --> 00:03:20,990
And my grandmother and
grandfather on my father's side

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00:03:20,990 --> 00:03:24,010
were born in Trier.

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00:03:24,010 --> 00:03:30,420
And they passed away
before I was born.

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00:03:30,420 --> 00:03:32,920
What were the names
of your grandparents?

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00:03:32,920 --> 00:03:39,400
My grandma and grandfather
on my mother's side

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00:03:39,400 --> 00:03:48,580
was Solomon Abraham my
grandmother was Julia Bloch.

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00:03:48,580 --> 00:03:54,460
B-L-O-C-H And then, of
course, it was Julia Abraham.

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00:03:54,460 --> 00:04:03,480
My other two grandparents on my
father's side were Jules Levy,

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00:04:03,480 --> 00:04:08,870
and I would have to
look up my grandmother's

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00:04:08,870 --> 00:04:10,190
name on that side.

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00:04:10,190 --> 00:04:12,560
I think-- I'm not sure.

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00:04:12,560 --> 00:04:13,610
I'd rather not say.

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00:04:13,610 --> 00:04:15,170
What about extended family?

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00:04:15,170 --> 00:04:18,249

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00:04:18,249 --> 00:04:20,600
Do you have aunts,
uncles, cousins?

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00:04:20,600 --> 00:04:32,680
My father had two brothers
and a sister before the war.

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00:04:32,680 --> 00:04:45,430
And my grandmother-- my
mother had two brothers,

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00:04:45,430 --> 00:04:47,110
and that was it.

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00:04:47,110 --> 00:04:54,450
Now, my grandparents, my
grandmother on my mother's side

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00:04:54,450 --> 00:04:59,650
came from a family
of seven children.

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00:04:59,650 --> 00:05:02,890
And my grandfather,
I'm not sure.

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00:05:02,890 --> 00:05:05,090

I would have to look it up.

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00:05:05,090 --> 00:05:09,120

I don't have it off
the top of my head.

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00:05:09,120 --> 00:05:12,490

And on my father's
side, I don't know.

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00:05:12,490 --> 00:05:15,070

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00:05:15,070 --> 00:05:16,870

OK.

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00:05:16,870 --> 00:05:21,138

So what would you
be able to say--

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00:05:21,138 --> 00:05:23,430

I know it would be something
that your parents told you

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00:05:23,430 --> 00:05:25,860

about life before the war.

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00:05:25,860 --> 00:05:28,830

Obviously, you were too young.

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00:05:28,830 --> 00:05:30,780

Do you remember
what they told you?

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00:05:30,780 --> 00:05:33,060

Sure.

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00:05:33,060 --> 00:05:41,310

My grandfather had a
vineyard and also made wine.

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00:05:41,310 --> 00:05:45,700

And that was his
business in our time,

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00:05:45,700 --> 00:05:51,210

which is a small town
outside Landau, L-A-N-D-A-U.

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00:05:51,210 --> 00:05:55,700

My grandmother was a housewife.

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00:05:55,700 --> 00:05:58,220

This maternal or paternal?

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00:05:58,220 --> 00:05:58,920

Maternal.

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00:05:58,920 --> 00:06:00,750

Maternal grandparents.

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00:06:00,750 --> 00:06:12,530

And my mother, there
was no public school

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00:06:12,530 --> 00:06:14,160

for a high school.

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00:06:14,160 --> 00:06:19,860

So in the beginning she
went to the Catholic school.

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00:06:19,860 --> 00:06:25,010

And then later on, my
grandmother's youngest sister

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00:06:25,010 --> 00:06:28,130

lived in Switzerland,
so my mother

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00:06:28,130 --> 00:06:32,960

went to Switzerland for her
last couple of years in school.

109
00:06:32,960 --> 00:06:36,980

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00:06:36,980 --> 00:06:42,060
On my father's
side, my grandfather

111
00:06:42,060 --> 00:06:45,420
owned a department
store in Aesch.

112
00:06:45,420 --> 00:06:49,110
And so he ran the store.

113
00:06:49,110 --> 00:06:54,060
And my father went
into business.

114
00:06:54,060 --> 00:06:56,270
But he worked as a--

115
00:06:56,270 --> 00:07:01,890
when he first started,
they had family in Germany

116
00:07:01,890 --> 00:07:06,780
because my grandfather on
that side was in Germany,

117
00:07:06,780 --> 00:07:14,240
and so he worked in
one of the businesses

118
00:07:14,240 --> 00:07:18,380
that grandfather's
brother and son had.

119
00:07:18,380 --> 00:07:20,720
And then he went
back to Luxembourg,

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00:07:20,720 --> 00:07:22,970
and he started his own business.

121
00:07:22,970 --> 00:07:27,110
What brought the family to
Luxembourg, the two families,

122
00:07:27,110 --> 00:07:28,510
eventually?

123
00:07:28,510 --> 00:07:29,975
I am not sure.

124
00:07:29,975 --> 00:07:31,520
Is it business?

125
00:07:31,520 --> 00:07:32,990
I think business.

126
00:07:32,990 --> 00:07:38,090
Plus, also, Trier is not
very far from Luxembourg.

127
00:07:38,090 --> 00:07:43,510
If you know that part
of Germany very well,

128
00:07:43,510 --> 00:07:45,190
it's like within an hour.

129
00:07:45,190 --> 00:07:47,050
So it's not like--

130
00:07:47,050 --> 00:07:49,720
yeah.

131
00:07:49,720 --> 00:07:53,290
Do you know if your family
was religious at that time?

132
00:07:53,290 --> 00:07:59,410
My grandmother and grandfather

were Orthodox at that time.

133

00:07:59,410 --> 00:08:02,950

And my father and
mother, I believe,

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00:08:02,950 --> 00:08:05,170

were Orthodox, too,
because I don't

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00:08:05,170 --> 00:08:09,620

think there was any reform
congregation in those days.

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00:08:09,620 --> 00:08:12,070

So it was either--

137

00:08:12,070 --> 00:08:15,490

they were not as religious
as my grandfather,

138

00:08:15,490 --> 00:08:21,190

but I do remember when we first
came to the United States,

139

00:08:21,190 --> 00:08:25,660

I would walk with my grandfather
to the kosher butcher

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00:08:25,660 --> 00:08:28,130

to buy our meat.

141

00:08:28,130 --> 00:08:33,470

And when I first got here,
I was four years old.

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00:08:33,470 --> 00:08:37,950

And no matter the time--

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00:08:37,950 --> 00:08:40,840

winter, summer,
spring, or fall--

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00:08:40,840 --> 00:08:44,740

he would also always say the
blessings over the children

145

00:08:44,740 --> 00:08:47,110

at night on Friday night.

146

00:08:47,110 --> 00:08:51,340

And if you didn't come in on
time, you were in trouble.

147

00:08:51,340 --> 00:08:55,570

And he took me to synagogue
every Saturday morning.

148

00:08:55,570 --> 00:08:57,010

This your mother's?

149

00:08:57,010 --> 00:09:00,070

My mother's father.

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00:09:00,070 --> 00:09:07,540

And as I mentioned, maybe, I
know that when he came over,

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00:09:07,540 --> 00:09:11,950

he brought some of his
prayer books with him.

152

00:09:11,950 --> 00:09:14,290

That was very important, too.

153

00:09:14,290 --> 00:09:22,070

And then we joined the
reform congregation.

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00:09:22,070 --> 00:09:27,410

I think my uncle belonged
to the reform congregation

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00:09:27,410 --> 00:09:28,850

in Schenectady--

156
00:09:28,850 --> 00:09:34,640
that's where we ended up,
and I'll tell you about that.

157
00:09:34,640 --> 00:09:36,920
And so my mother
and father and I

158
00:09:36,920 --> 00:09:40,070
belonged to the
reform congregation.

159
00:09:40,070 --> 00:09:44,110
My grandfather and
grandmother went

160
00:09:44,110 --> 00:09:47,290
to the conservative
congregation.

161
00:09:47,290 --> 00:09:52,240
And when my grandfather
came to my confirmation

162
00:09:52,240 --> 00:09:53,860
because, of course,
girls couldn't

163
00:09:53,860 --> 00:09:56,650
be bar mitzvahed
or anything else,

164
00:09:56,650 --> 00:09:59,320
he wore his tallis
and his yarmulke.

165
00:09:59,320 --> 00:10:03,670
And he said he would not go
in the synagogue without.

166
00:10:03,670 --> 00:10:09,460
So they were definitely

from that background.

167
00:10:09,460 --> 00:10:16,940
I think in that part of
Bavaria, if I'm not mistaken,

168
00:10:16,940 --> 00:10:19,840
that area was pretty Orthodox.

169
00:10:19,840 --> 00:10:25,116

170
00:10:25,116 --> 00:10:28,040
What was your very first memory?

171
00:10:28,040 --> 00:10:33,800
My first memory is in
France because when

172
00:10:33,800 --> 00:10:37,730
we came from Luxembourg to--

173
00:10:37,730 --> 00:10:42,830
when we came up from Luxembourg
to France, we were first,

174
00:10:42,830 --> 00:10:47,430
we actually walked part way
and then got on a train.

175
00:10:47,430 --> 00:10:47,930
OK.

176
00:10:47,930 --> 00:10:49,180
We'll get to that in a minute.

177
00:10:49,180 --> 00:10:51,440
Let's move a little earlier.

178
00:10:51,440 --> 00:10:54,045
The war started
in September '39.

179
00:10:54,045 --> 00:10:58,210
And I know you were very young.

180
00:10:58,210 --> 00:11:00,080
That was May '39.

181
00:11:00,080 --> 00:11:02,450
I don't remember
coming over then.

182
00:11:02,450 --> 00:11:07,340
I mean, the stories I've heard
and been told I can repeat,

183
00:11:07,340 --> 00:11:09,530
but I don't remember that.

184
00:11:09,530 --> 00:11:12,690
But I do remember
living in France.

185
00:11:12,690 --> 00:11:13,970
Well, OK, but let's take this.

186
00:11:13,970 --> 00:11:15,440
When did you leave?

187
00:11:15,440 --> 00:11:18,950
You were born in '37.

188
00:11:18,950 --> 00:11:25,310
Left in May '39 when
Hitler invaded France

189
00:11:25,310 --> 00:11:28,340
and crossed over
Belgian and Luxembourg.

190
00:11:28,340 --> 00:11:30,000
OK.

191

00:11:30,000 --> 00:11:33,650

And but obviously, you
were too young to remember.

192

00:11:33,650 --> 00:11:34,430

Right.

193

00:11:34,430 --> 00:11:35,220

OK.

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00:11:35,220 --> 00:11:37,310

Did your parents tell
you anything about that?

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00:11:37,310 --> 00:11:38,840

Later on, did they
tell you anything

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00:11:38,840 --> 00:11:40,280

about that time or not?

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00:11:40,280 --> 00:11:43,130

Do you know anything
they experienced?

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00:11:43,130 --> 00:11:44,900

What it was like for them?

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00:11:44,900 --> 00:11:52,420

It was very difficult because
my mother and father had visas.

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00:11:52,420 --> 00:11:54,130

Well, let me go back a bit.

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00:11:54,130 --> 00:11:57,260

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00:11:57,260 --> 00:12:02,450

My uncle was a patent
attorney at General Electric

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00:12:02,450 --> 00:12:04,920
in Schenectady, New York.

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00:12:04,920 --> 00:12:09,140
And that's my mother's
oldest brother.

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00:12:09,140 --> 00:12:10,900
His name?

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00:12:10,900 --> 00:12:14,330
Julius Abraham.

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00:12:14,330 --> 00:12:23,280
And he went to Europe to try and
tell my grandparents to leave.

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00:12:23,280 --> 00:12:29,850
He belonged to a group of men in
the United States most of whom

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00:12:29,850 --> 00:12:32,460
worked at General Electric.

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00:12:32,460 --> 00:12:38,850
They were not necessarily
different religions.

211

00:12:38,850 --> 00:12:43,530
And they held a number
of Jews come over.

212

00:12:43,530 --> 00:12:46,290
They sponsored them,
got them visas,

213

00:12:46,290 --> 00:12:48,420
and helped them come over.

214

00:12:48,420 --> 00:12:53,630
So he went to Germany.

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00:12:53,630 --> 00:12:59,583

And I have a picture of him
with the family in Germany.

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00:12:59,583 --> 00:13:00,500

Do you know what year?

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00:13:00,500 --> 00:13:01,760

Was this, what, '38, or no?

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00:13:01,760 --> 00:13:07,670

I think it was around '34,
and then he came back--

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00:13:07,670 --> 00:13:11,630

well, he went back and
'37, '38 because my mother

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00:13:11,630 --> 00:13:13,580

was pregnant with me.

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00:13:13,580 --> 00:13:18,880

So and they tried to
talk my grandmother

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00:13:18,880 --> 00:13:21,970

and grandfather to leave.

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00:13:21,970 --> 00:13:24,820

But my grandmother
and grandfather

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00:13:24,820 --> 00:13:28,300

had lived there all their
lives, all their neighbors

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00:13:28,300 --> 00:13:33,730

were whatever, and nobody
treated them poorly

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00:13:33,730 --> 00:13:35,330

at that time.

227
00:13:35,330 --> 00:13:38,620
So they said, this
too shall pass.

228
00:13:38,620 --> 00:13:41,320
Unfortunately, it didn't pass.

229
00:13:41,320 --> 00:13:45,310
And my grandfather was
beaten up a few times

230
00:13:45,310 --> 00:13:49,610
by the brown shirts
and other people.

231
00:13:49,610 --> 00:13:57,660
And so in 1937, just before
I was born or maybe after,

232
00:13:57,660 --> 00:14:01,560
I'm not sure, my
grandmother and grandfather

233
00:14:01,560 --> 00:14:05,840
moved in with my
parents in Luxembourg.

234
00:14:05,840 --> 00:14:10,910
But by then, the Jews
were watched closely

235
00:14:10,910 --> 00:14:12,680
and things were bad.

236
00:14:12,680 --> 00:14:16,970
So my grandparents
didn't have visas.

237
00:14:16,970 --> 00:14:21,380
So it was problematic
when we were in France

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00:14:21,380 --> 00:14:23,480
under a Vichy government.

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00:14:23,480 --> 00:14:29,130
Now, my mother and father
and I, well, I didn't count,

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00:14:29,130 --> 00:14:33,950
but my mother and father
each had a visa, allowing

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00:14:33,950 --> 00:14:39,110
them to travel to France
and go through France,

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00:14:39,110 --> 00:14:40,990
and then eventually come over.

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00:14:40,990 --> 00:14:44,570

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00:14:44,570 --> 00:14:46,610
When did they leave
Luxembourg to go to France?

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00:14:46,610 --> 00:14:53,510
They left Luxembourg
in May of 1939.

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00:14:53,510 --> 00:14:58,850
And they got here
in December of 1941.

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00:14:58,850 --> 00:15:03,610
So they were hiding
now that entire time.

248

00:15:03,610 --> 00:15:04,110
OK.

249

00:15:04,110 --> 00:15:07,570
So they're leaving Luxembourg,

did they take anything special

250
00:15:07,570 --> 00:15:08,070
with them?

251
00:15:08,070 --> 00:15:08,760
Do you know?

252
00:15:08,760 --> 00:15:10,410
Did your mother tell you?

253
00:15:10,410 --> 00:15:13,470
They took nothing because
they couldn't carry anything.

254
00:15:13,470 --> 00:15:17,250
They had one suitcase
with clothing.

255
00:15:17,250 --> 00:15:19,290
And my grandmother
and grandfather

256
00:15:19,290 --> 00:15:22,590
had a suitcase with clothing.

257
00:15:22,590 --> 00:15:26,400
And my grandfather,
bless his soul,

258
00:15:26,400 --> 00:15:30,000
had some prayer books
and some kosher food

259
00:15:30,000 --> 00:15:33,380
that he wanted to bring along.

260
00:15:33,380 --> 00:15:35,050
That was very important to him.

261
00:15:35,050 --> 00:15:35,630
Yes.

262
00:15:35,630 --> 00:15:36,410
OK.

263
00:15:36,410 --> 00:15:39,200
And so where did they
go from Luxembourg?

264
00:15:39,200 --> 00:15:42,682
They went to Northern
France to the Loire Valley.

265
00:15:42,682 --> 00:15:44,480
By train?

266
00:15:44,480 --> 00:15:48,140
Initially, they walked.

267
00:15:48,140 --> 00:15:51,230
And then they eventually
got on the train.

268
00:15:51,230 --> 00:15:54,500
How did your grandparents
manage the walking?

269
00:15:54,500 --> 00:15:59,230
At that point in time, they
were in pretty good health

270
00:15:59,230 --> 00:16:01,120
and so they could walk.

271
00:16:01,120 --> 00:16:03,290
I mean, they were--

272
00:16:03,290 --> 00:16:06,250
So there were five of you, your
parents, your grandparents,

273
00:16:06,250 --> 00:16:06,785
and you?

274
00:16:06,785 --> 00:16:07,285
Yes.

275
00:16:07,285 --> 00:16:09,810

276
00:16:09,810 --> 00:16:12,790
Do you know if you were
part of a group of people,

277
00:16:12,790 --> 00:16:14,710
or they did it on their own?

278
00:16:14,710 --> 00:16:16,750
They did it on
their own but there

279
00:16:16,750 --> 00:16:18,940
were other people with them.

280
00:16:18,940 --> 00:16:22,480
Now, the one person
who was with them--

281
00:16:22,480 --> 00:16:25,080
and I didn't find
this out till later

282
00:16:25,080 --> 00:16:34,400
so I don't know how close they
were when they left Luxembourg.

283
00:16:34,400 --> 00:16:38,240
But I know they went to
the same towns in France.

284
00:16:38,240 --> 00:16:43,430
My father's sister,
whose name was Alfreda,

285
00:16:43,430 --> 00:16:51,200

was married to a
banker in Germany.

286
00:16:51,200 --> 00:16:55,030
And she went back to Luxembourg.

287
00:16:55,030 --> 00:16:59,260
And I think he was killed.

288
00:16:59,260 --> 00:17:02,700
And, well, I'm sure he was.

289
00:17:02,700 --> 00:17:06,114
And she had two children
she traveled with us.

290
00:17:06,114 --> 00:17:08,670

291
00:17:08,670 --> 00:17:13,880
One of the children
lived a long life.

292
00:17:13,880 --> 00:17:16,490

293
00:17:16,490 --> 00:17:18,109
She had a boy and a girl.

294
00:17:18,109 --> 00:17:20,569
And the boy whose
name was Raoul,

295
00:17:20,569 --> 00:17:26,710
which would be Ralph,
I guess, nowadays,

296
00:17:26,710 --> 00:17:31,420
got tuberculosis
when they were over.

297
00:17:31,420 --> 00:17:33,700

And so he died before the war.

298

00:17:33,700 --> 00:17:38,100

299

00:17:38,100 --> 00:17:41,580

So your family walked
from Luxembourg?

300

00:17:41,580 --> 00:17:45,120

Part way to France, and
then they got on the train.

301

00:17:45,120 --> 00:17:46,380

Do you know where that was?

302

00:17:46,380 --> 00:17:47,610

Did they ever tell you?

303

00:17:47,610 --> 00:17:50,850

They never told me.

304

00:17:50,850 --> 00:17:53,530

And then--

305

00:17:53,530 --> 00:17:55,360

They got on the train, too?

306

00:17:55,360 --> 00:17:59,740

When we were actually
walking towards the train,

307

00:17:59,740 --> 00:18:07,090

some French soldiers picked us
up and put me on their bicycle

308

00:18:07,090 --> 00:18:12,430

so my parents could
walk to the train.

309

00:18:12,430 --> 00:18:14,860

The train was in France

or in Luxembourg?

310
00:18:14,860 --> 00:18:16,330
The train was in France?

311
00:18:16,330 --> 00:18:20,890
The train-- I don't know
how far they had to walk.

312
00:18:20,890 --> 00:18:21,970
OK.

313
00:18:21,970 --> 00:18:28,230
So then it was
very crowded train.

314
00:18:28,230 --> 00:18:36,580
If you can imagine a whole
cadre of Jews and non-Jews

315
00:18:36,580 --> 00:18:42,160
leaving Luxembourg to go
to France, this train was.

316
00:18:42,160 --> 00:18:47,500
And my grandfather got
pushed off the train.

317
00:18:47,500 --> 00:18:53,350
And luckily, the French
soldiers saw him, picked him up,

318
00:18:53,350 --> 00:18:57,130
and took him to the next
station, and found us

319
00:18:57,130 --> 00:18:58,810
and put him back on the train.

320
00:18:58,810 --> 00:19:00,520
Who pushed him off?

321

00:19:00,520 --> 00:19:01,850
I don't know.

322
00:19:01,850 --> 00:19:02,800
I don't know.

323
00:19:02,800 --> 00:19:08,730
It might have been an accident,
it might have been on purpose.

324
00:19:08,730 --> 00:19:14,820
I think my parents tried to
protect me from a lot of this

325
00:19:14,820 --> 00:19:19,860
so that I didn't
grow up feeling--

326
00:19:19,860 --> 00:19:21,320
yeah.

327
00:19:21,320 --> 00:19:23,430
So now, you're in France.

328
00:19:23,430 --> 00:19:25,740
And now, we're in
France, and we're

329
00:19:25,740 --> 00:19:30,420
in the very northern part of
France in the Loire Valley.

330
00:19:30,420 --> 00:19:33,870
And then we went a
little bit South.

331
00:19:33,870 --> 00:19:36,990
And I'm going to have to look
up all the geography for you

332
00:19:36,990 --> 00:19:40,620
because I was going to do it
before I came, and I didn't.

333
00:19:40,620 --> 00:19:44,640
But we went to a little town.

334
00:19:44,640 --> 00:19:51,140
We first went to a little
town called Le Puy.

335
00:19:51,140 --> 00:19:54,080
And actually, we
stayed with a farmer

336
00:19:54,080 --> 00:20:00,890
outside a Le Puy,
L-E capital P-U-Y.

337
00:20:00,890 --> 00:20:06,770
And my father and grandfather
worked for the farmer

338
00:20:06,770 --> 00:20:08,330
on the farm.

339
00:20:08,330 --> 00:20:12,310
And he allowed us
to stay in the barn.

340
00:20:12,310 --> 00:20:15,530
So we lived in the barn.

341
00:20:15,530 --> 00:20:17,960
And they had a little girl, too.

342
00:20:17,960 --> 00:20:19,810
Do you have any
memory of this or not?

343
00:20:19,810 --> 00:20:25,850
I can remember Le Puy
because since my grandmother

344
00:20:25,850 --> 00:20:30,210

and grandfather
spoke only German,

345
00:20:30,210 --> 00:20:33,990
they had to hide
out on the farm.

346
00:20:33,990 --> 00:20:38,310
And my father and I spoke
French without an accent.

347
00:20:38,310 --> 00:20:43,210
So my father and I would go
into town to do the shopping.

348
00:20:43,210 --> 00:20:49,200
And I could pass for a
little French girl then.

349
00:20:49,200 --> 00:20:55,000
So and that, I
remember, because--

350
00:20:55,000 --> 00:20:55,875
Was it a frightening?

351
00:20:55,875 --> 00:20:58,660
Do you remember
being frightened?

352
00:20:58,660 --> 00:21:00,850
No.

353
00:21:00,850 --> 00:21:02,770
That's why I say that.

354
00:21:02,770 --> 00:21:06,820
And my mother and father
told me a story afterwards,

355
00:21:06,820 --> 00:21:10,600
which obviously I
don't remember at all.

356
00:21:10,600 --> 00:21:15,820
But my mother woke up one night.

357
00:21:15,820 --> 00:21:20,230
And she saw a big
rat at my head.

358
00:21:20,230 --> 00:21:23,000
And so she picked up
a broom and killed it.

359
00:21:23,000 --> 00:21:25,760

360
00:21:25,760 --> 00:21:33,390
But that the next morning,
I remember waking up

361
00:21:33,390 --> 00:21:36,420
and everybody was
happy and whatever.

362
00:21:36,420 --> 00:21:42,570
But I had no fear at that point.

363
00:21:42,570 --> 00:21:50,800
I had some fears later, which
I don't know what causes them.

364
00:21:50,800 --> 00:21:55,100
I guess if a psychiatrist
or somebody else

365
00:21:55,100 --> 00:21:59,300
were to talk to me, maybe he
could figure something out.

366
00:21:59,300 --> 00:22:00,950
But I'm deathly afraid of fire.

367
00:22:00,950 --> 00:22:08,130

368

00:22:08,130 --> 00:22:10,740

So that's the only fear I have.

369

00:22:10,740 --> 00:22:13,830

Well, nothing else concerns me.

370

00:22:13,830 --> 00:22:17,100

How long did you stay in Le Puy?

371

00:22:17,100 --> 00:22:19,710

About six or eight months.

372

00:22:19,710 --> 00:22:23,580

And then we-- oh,
a long time, yeah.

373

00:22:23,580 --> 00:22:29,070

And the farmer and his wife and
daughter were very nice to us

374

00:22:29,070 --> 00:22:30,540

actually.

375

00:22:30,540 --> 00:22:37,410

And then we, I mean, we were
not in the lap of luxury

376

00:22:37,410 --> 00:22:39,716

to say the least.

377

00:22:39,716 --> 00:22:41,570

You had enough food?

378

00:22:41,570 --> 00:22:43,550

We had enough food.

379

00:22:43,550 --> 00:22:50,590

And my father said that we
didn't have much milk or eggs

380

00:22:50,590 --> 00:22:52,480
or things like that.

381

00:22:52,480 --> 00:22:54,758
But we survived.

382

00:22:54,758 --> 00:22:56,425
And clothes, do you
have enough clothes?

383

00:22:56,425 --> 00:22:59,170

384

00:22:59,170 --> 00:22:59,740
Yeah.

385

00:22:59,740 --> 00:23:03,580
I mean, you wore
whatever you had.

386

00:23:03,580 --> 00:23:04,900
And that was it.

387

00:23:04,900 --> 00:23:06,460
But you were growing.

388

00:23:06,460 --> 00:23:09,370
Yeah, I was growing,
and I don't know

389

00:23:09,370 --> 00:23:13,180
how they took care of that.

390

00:23:13,180 --> 00:23:15,580
From Lyon--

391

00:23:15,580 --> 00:23:16,410
Le Puy.

392

00:23:16,410 --> 00:23:17,710
Le Puy.

393

00:23:17,710 --> 00:23:22,730
From Le Puy, we went to Lyon
and we stayed in Lyon a while.

394

00:23:22,730 --> 00:23:25,540
And I remember living in Lyon.

395

00:23:25,540 --> 00:23:27,810
And I think--

396

00:23:27,810 --> 00:23:29,215
When would this be?

397

00:23:29,215 --> 00:23:30,430
This would be--

398

00:23:30,430 --> 00:23:35,440
I would say that
that was during 1940.

399

00:23:35,440 --> 00:23:36,560
Early '40?

400

00:23:36,560 --> 00:23:38,200
Early '40s.

401

00:23:38,200 --> 00:23:39,790
Maybe beginning.

402

00:23:39,790 --> 00:23:43,060
Yeah, had to be the early '40s.

403

00:23:43,060 --> 00:23:49,930
And we were there for a
considerable amount of time.

404

00:23:49,930 --> 00:23:59,920
And most of the time, my father
had taken some Luxembourg money

405

00:23:59,920 --> 00:24:00,550
with him.

406
00:24:00,550 --> 00:24:02,500
So he used that money.

407
00:24:02,500 --> 00:24:09,070
I still have a little backup
for it that he carried along.

408
00:24:09,070 --> 00:24:14,020
But we never-- people tell
stories about how they bought

409
00:24:14,020 --> 00:24:16,840
their jewelry or their
this or their that--

410
00:24:16,840 --> 00:24:18,670
none of that.

411
00:24:18,670 --> 00:24:21,730
The only thing I ever
had at the end of the war

412
00:24:21,730 --> 00:24:25,330
was my mother's
engagement ring, I guess.

413
00:24:25,330 --> 00:24:28,080

414
00:24:28,080 --> 00:24:33,100
Then we went from Lyon--

415
00:24:33,100 --> 00:24:34,890
and we kept going South.

416
00:24:34,890 --> 00:24:39,780
In other words, the usual
path that the Jews followed

417

00:24:39,780 --> 00:24:45,150
was from Northern
France, which was Vichy,

418
00:24:45,150 --> 00:24:48,720
down to southern France,
and then eventually we

419
00:24:48,720 --> 00:24:51,300
were in Marseilles.

420
00:24:51,300 --> 00:24:53,450
What was life like in Lyon?

421
00:24:53,450 --> 00:24:54,980
You said you remember--

422
00:24:54,980 --> 00:24:58,380
you have some memories?

423
00:24:58,380 --> 00:24:59,510
Did you see other children?

424
00:24:59,510 --> 00:25:00,900
Or were you just-- and adults?

425
00:25:00,900 --> 00:25:03,270
I don't remember other children.

426
00:25:03,270 --> 00:25:10,240
I remember not having a
bathroom with a real toilet.

427
00:25:10,240 --> 00:25:11,190
I remember--

428
00:25:11,190 --> 00:25:12,970
Was it a house or an apartment?

429
00:25:12,970 --> 00:25:14,710
It would be an apartment.

430

00:25:14,710 --> 00:25:15,460

I remember--

431

00:25:15,460 --> 00:25:16,900

In town?

432

00:25:16,900 --> 00:25:17,980

In a town.

433

00:25:17,980 --> 00:25:21,970

Now, Lyon wasn't so
big then, obviously.

434

00:25:21,970 --> 00:25:29,260

And I remember taking baths
in a tub that sat in the room,

435

00:25:29,260 --> 00:25:32,370

and my mother pouring
water in there,

436

00:25:32,370 --> 00:25:35,470

whatever, and things like that.

437

00:25:35,470 --> 00:25:42,350

So it wasn't what you
would consider, I guess,

438

00:25:42,350 --> 00:25:45,220

modern even for that age.

439

00:25:45,220 --> 00:25:49,100

It was just what you could
get and where you could stay.

440

00:25:49,100 --> 00:25:55,400

And nobody would
turn you in because,

441

00:25:55,400 --> 00:26:01,840

like, my father's
youngest brother lived

442
00:26:01,840 --> 00:26:04,670
in the Alsace-Lorraine area.

443
00:26:04,670 --> 00:26:08,910
And we found out--

444
00:26:08,910 --> 00:26:15,600

445
00:26:15,600 --> 00:26:19,410
Jews in the United States,
when they got here, I mean,

446
00:26:19,410 --> 00:26:24,450
German Jews, read
the Aufbau every week

447
00:26:24,450 --> 00:26:27,750
because they could
find people they knew,

448
00:26:27,750 --> 00:26:31,080
family, friends, whatever.

449
00:26:31,080 --> 00:26:37,080
And my father knew where his--

450
00:26:37,080 --> 00:26:40,350
he was the oldest of three boys.

451
00:26:40,350 --> 00:26:46,440
And he knew where
the youngest one

452
00:26:46,440 --> 00:26:49,230
was because he was
in that work camp

453
00:26:49,230 --> 00:26:52,080
and he also worked in
the French underground.

454
00:26:52,080 --> 00:26:56,910
But the one that
was closest to him,

455
00:26:56,910 --> 00:27:02,100
like, 15 months younger, he
couldn't find right away.

456
00:27:02,100 --> 00:27:05,370
And then they found out
that somebody turned him

457
00:27:05,370 --> 00:27:07,980
in and sent him to Auschwitz.

458
00:27:07,980 --> 00:27:09,690
But I also think--

459
00:27:09,690 --> 00:27:15,000
and his wife's father was
a mathematics professor.

460
00:27:15,000 --> 00:27:21,480
So that group of four were
immediately sent to Auschwitz

461
00:27:21,480 --> 00:27:26,670
because you didn't want any
smart Jews running around.

462
00:27:26,670 --> 00:27:29,380
I guess I shouldn't say that.

463
00:27:29,380 --> 00:27:31,110
So you're in Lyon?

464
00:27:31,110 --> 00:27:33,360
So we were in Lyon.

465
00:27:33,360 --> 00:27:39,240
And as I said, my father

would go out every day

466
00:27:39,240 --> 00:27:43,770
and try to make do
with what he could.

467
00:27:43,770 --> 00:27:46,590
And we stayed there for
some period of time,

468
00:27:46,590 --> 00:27:49,690
but I don't know how long.

469
00:27:49,690 --> 00:27:55,170
And then we actually
went down to Marseilles.

470
00:27:55,170 --> 00:27:56,370
And again, I think--

471
00:27:56,370 --> 00:27:58,170
By train?

472
00:27:58,170 --> 00:28:01,410
Partially, by train,
but partially, walking.

473
00:28:01,410 --> 00:28:06,930
Because my grandparents,
if they got caught,

474
00:28:06,930 --> 00:28:11,430
would have been
taken away because it

475
00:28:11,430 --> 00:28:13,980
was Vichy government.

476
00:28:13,980 --> 00:28:18,600
So we had to be very careful
where we went and when we went.

477

00:28:18,600 --> 00:28:20,400
Now, this is what I was told.

478
00:28:20,400 --> 00:28:23,550
I don't remember all of that.

479
00:28:23,550 --> 00:28:27,630
I do remember my grandmother
taking care of me

480
00:28:27,630 --> 00:28:35,610
and kind of telling stories,
Grimm's fairy tales, and things

481
00:28:35,610 --> 00:28:36,110
like that.

482
00:28:36,110 --> 00:28:37,220
And you were about
three years old now?

483
00:28:37,220 --> 00:28:37,940
Yeah.

484
00:28:37,940 --> 00:28:38,720
Yeah.

485
00:28:38,720 --> 00:28:44,330
So she wanted to make things
as normal as possible,

486
00:28:44,330 --> 00:28:46,220
call that normal.

487
00:28:46,220 --> 00:28:51,080
So anyway, we went
down to Marseilles.

488
00:28:51,080 --> 00:28:56,570
And then my father
made arrangements

489

00:28:56,570 --> 00:29:02,100
to go across the
Pyrenees to Madrid.

490
00:29:02,100 --> 00:29:04,840
And we went spent
two weeks in Spain--

491
00:29:04,840 --> 00:29:05,340
OK.

492
00:29:05,340 --> 00:29:06,540
No, let's not go--

493
00:29:06,540 --> 00:29:08,220
let's slow down a little bit.

494
00:29:08,220 --> 00:29:08,760
Yeah.

495
00:29:08,760 --> 00:29:12,060
OK, you said your father
made arrangements to you

496
00:29:12,060 --> 00:29:13,410
get from France to Spain.

497
00:29:13,410 --> 00:29:14,790
To get some help--

498
00:29:14,790 --> 00:29:17,400

499
00:29:17,400 --> 00:29:20,100
Did he tell you later
how he knew all this?

500
00:29:20,100 --> 00:29:22,540
How did he know what to do?

501
00:29:22,540 --> 00:29:24,310
I don't know.

502
00:29:24,310 --> 00:29:25,980
I don't know.

503
00:29:25,980 --> 00:29:33,690
I'm sure he checked around, and
he asked, tried to get help.

504
00:29:33,690 --> 00:29:37,950
Tell me about you're
leaving France,

505
00:29:37,950 --> 00:29:40,860
going over the Pyrenees.

506
00:29:40,860 --> 00:29:42,900
Did you know what was happening?

507
00:29:42,900 --> 00:29:43,890
No.

508
00:29:43,890 --> 00:29:49,650
I mean, I knew we
were leaving France,

509
00:29:49,650 --> 00:29:52,090
but I didn't know any more.

510
00:29:52,090 --> 00:29:52,590
OK.

511
00:29:52,590 --> 00:29:57,200
Do you have any
memories of Marseilles?

512
00:29:57,200 --> 00:29:59,840
Not really.

513
00:29:59,840 --> 00:30:03,740
I couldn't distinguish
where we were in France

514

00:30:03,740 --> 00:30:07,010
as we moved along the road.

515

00:30:07,010 --> 00:30:10,730
I mean, my parents would today
we're here or were there.

516

00:30:10,730 --> 00:30:12,290
It didn't have any meaning.

517

00:30:12,290 --> 00:30:13,460
It had no meaning.

518

00:30:13,460 --> 00:30:17,240
Of course, of course.

519

00:30:17,240 --> 00:30:20,150
OK, so then you get
down to Marseilles.

520

00:30:20,150 --> 00:30:22,970
And then we go
across the Pyrenees.

521

00:30:22,970 --> 00:30:26,040
How did you do that?

522

00:30:26,040 --> 00:30:33,300
I think part of it was walking
and part of it was they had--

523

00:30:33,300 --> 00:30:36,590

524

00:30:36,590 --> 00:30:40,550
I'm not sure frankly
how they did it.

525

00:30:40,550 --> 00:30:43,190
I mean, I don't think that--

526

00:30:43,190 --> 00:30:45,690
I don't know what kind
of transportation,

527
00:30:45,690 --> 00:30:50,150
public transportation, there
was at that point even.

528
00:30:50,150 --> 00:30:51,550
Did you carry anything?

529
00:30:51,550 --> 00:30:54,470
You were a little girl
and you're walking,

530
00:30:54,470 --> 00:30:56,170
do you remember
carrying anything?

531
00:30:56,170 --> 00:30:57,070
No.

532
00:30:57,070 --> 00:30:57,970
No.

533
00:30:57,970 --> 00:31:01,340
Do you remember being hungry?

534
00:31:01,340 --> 00:31:04,630
I remember discussing
food with my parents,

535
00:31:04,630 --> 00:31:08,650
but I don't remember
being hungry.

536
00:31:08,650 --> 00:31:12,490
And I remember, like, I
would drink coffee with milk.

537
00:31:12,490 --> 00:31:18,160
And I drink coffee from the
time I was five years old.

538
00:31:18,160 --> 00:31:24,570
And I'm sure that that was
because that's what they had.

539
00:31:24,570 --> 00:31:27,840
And they would put
milk in the coffee.

540
00:31:27,840 --> 00:31:30,980
And so now, you're
walking in the mountains,

541
00:31:30,980 --> 00:31:32,510
in the Pyrenees Mountains.

542
00:31:32,510 --> 00:31:33,990
Right, right.

543
00:31:33,990 --> 00:31:37,740
And then my father would carry
me part way or my grandfather

544
00:31:37,740 --> 00:31:38,590
would carry me.

545
00:31:38,590 --> 00:31:40,830
Were you part of a large
group, do you know?

546
00:31:40,830 --> 00:31:42,420
Or was it just you're five?

547
00:31:42,420 --> 00:31:43,400
I don't know.

548
00:31:43,400 --> 00:31:44,880
OK.

549
00:31:44,880 --> 00:31:49,650
So in fact, I understand
from a friend of mine

550
00:31:49,650 --> 00:31:53,550
that there are some
lists of people

551
00:31:53,550 --> 00:31:58,840
that crossed that Lisbon has.

552
00:31:58,840 --> 00:32:03,490
And so we're in
that general area.

553
00:32:03,490 --> 00:32:05,850
So I was going to try
and go over and see

554
00:32:05,850 --> 00:32:09,070
if I could find out anything.

555
00:32:09,070 --> 00:32:11,700
So you'd get through
the Pyrenees.

556
00:32:11,700 --> 00:32:13,650
And we go to Madrid.

557
00:32:13,650 --> 00:32:15,360
That's their first stop?

558
00:32:15,360 --> 00:32:16,260
Yeah.

559
00:32:16,260 --> 00:32:19,110
And we were there for two weeks.

560
00:32:19,110 --> 00:32:24,120
And my father got
us into a hotel

561
00:32:24,120 --> 00:32:30,160
in Madrid and in
Lisbon, Portugal.

562
00:32:30,160 --> 00:32:30,660
Yeah.

563
00:32:30,660 --> 00:32:31,910
We'll get to that in a minute.

564
00:32:31,910 --> 00:32:33,450
And just to go back
to the Pyrenees,

565
00:32:33,450 --> 00:32:37,070
did you ever feel
that it was dangerous?

566
00:32:37,070 --> 00:32:40,860
Did you ever sense as a
little girl any tension?

567
00:32:40,860 --> 00:32:43,290
Was it just a nice walk?

568
00:32:43,290 --> 00:32:47,970
I just-- I had not--

569
00:32:47,970 --> 00:32:50,130
I didn't never knew
anything different.

570
00:32:50,130 --> 00:32:52,740
So it didn't occur to me.

571
00:32:52,740 --> 00:32:56,250
I mean, there were
things I knew not to do.

572
00:32:56,250 --> 00:32:57,060
Like what?

573
00:32:57,060 --> 00:32:59,170
Like, speak German
in the middle it's

574
00:32:59,170 --> 00:33:04,820
a street with my grandmother
and grandfather in France.

575
00:33:04,820 --> 00:33:07,520

576
00:33:07,520 --> 00:33:12,500
And I may have continued that,
but I didn't think about it.

577
00:33:12,500 --> 00:33:14,540
I really never thought about it.

578
00:33:14,540 --> 00:33:17,460
It was just a way of life.

579
00:33:17,460 --> 00:33:22,780
And you just march on.

580
00:33:22,780 --> 00:33:26,440
And then we went,
after the two weeks,

581
00:33:26,440 --> 00:33:32,280
we took the train
from Madrid to Lisbon.

582
00:33:32,280 --> 00:33:38,600
And I actually have the bill
from the hotel in Lisbon.

583
00:33:38,600 --> 00:33:41,620

584
00:33:41,620 --> 00:33:44,620
little things that my
father tried to keep,

585
00:33:44,620 --> 00:33:47,240
and I have them still.

586
00:33:47,240 --> 00:33:55,020
And I remember as clear
as day getting on the ship

587
00:33:55,020 --> 00:33:56,470
because that was--

588
00:33:56,470 --> 00:34:01,140
I guess, they then
must've made--

589
00:34:01,140 --> 00:34:05,690
I don't know if my parents
made a big deal about it

590
00:34:05,690 --> 00:34:09,830
or if it was just because
I was getting on a ship

591
00:34:09,830 --> 00:34:12,199
and I'd never been on one.

592
00:34:12,199 --> 00:34:15,790
But I remember
that clear as day.

593
00:34:15,790 --> 00:34:18,170
What happened from the
beginning on the ship?

594
00:34:18,170 --> 00:34:20,050
We got on this ship.

595
00:34:20,050 --> 00:34:22,929
We registered.

596
00:34:22,929 --> 00:34:25,900
I went with my mother
and grandmother.

597
00:34:25,900 --> 00:34:29,820

Now, this was a US ship.

598

00:34:29,820 --> 00:34:34,350

And what they did was they
set it up like the dormitory

599

00:34:34,350 --> 00:34:38,190

so that they could
get more people on it.

600

00:34:38,190 --> 00:34:45,620

And my grandmother, my mother,
and I, and one other woman

601

00:34:45,620 --> 00:34:47,600

shared a room.

602

00:34:47,600 --> 00:34:51,739

And my grandfather and
father shared a room

603

00:34:51,739 --> 00:34:53,389

with a couple of bed.

604

00:34:53,389 --> 00:34:57,450

605

00:34:57,450 --> 00:34:59,410

This was December '41?

606

00:34:59,410 --> 00:34:59,910

Yep.

607

00:34:59,910 --> 00:35:03,040

This was December 5, 1941.

608

00:35:03,040 --> 00:35:04,510

That you got on the ship?

609

00:35:04,510 --> 00:35:06,220

Yes.

610

00:35:06,220 --> 00:35:12,170

And then, well, I'll
tell you the whole story.

611

00:35:12,170 --> 00:35:17,450

We were supposed to go directly
from Lisbon to New York,

612

00:35:17,450 --> 00:35:21,380

but they bombed Pearl Harbor
while we were on this ship.

613

00:35:21,380 --> 00:35:27,110

And the US was very concerned
about the subs and everything.

614

00:35:27,110 --> 00:35:32,390

So instead of going that way,
we went from Lisbon to Bermuda

615

00:35:32,390 --> 00:35:37,170

and sailed up the coast
of the United States.

616

00:35:37,170 --> 00:35:41,540

When December 7th happened
and Pearl Harbor was bombed,

617

00:35:41,540 --> 00:35:42,800

did you remember hearing that?

618

00:35:42,800 --> 00:35:44,425

Do you remember a
change in atmosphere?

619

00:35:44,425 --> 00:35:48,830

Well, the interesting thing
was my father spoke English.

620

00:35:48,830 --> 00:35:52,670

Because if you grow
up in Luxembourg,

621

00:35:52,670 --> 00:35:57,810

when you're in second
grade, you start off

622

00:35:57,810 --> 00:36:00,060

speaking German and French.

623

00:36:00,060 --> 00:36:04,220

And then in second grade,
you start to learn English.

624

00:36:04,220 --> 00:36:06,470

And you learn the
King's English.

625

00:36:06,470 --> 00:36:09,260

So he could understand
the sailors,

626

00:36:09,260 --> 00:36:12,270

and he knew that Pearl
Harbor had been bombed.

627

00:36:12,270 --> 00:36:14,820

628

00:36:14,820 --> 00:36:20,450

And so we sailed up the
coast to the United States.

629

00:36:20,450 --> 00:36:22,620

What was the name of the boat?

630

00:36:22,620 --> 00:36:24,442

Excalibur.

631

00:36:24,442 --> 00:36:26,330

It was an American boat?

632

00:36:26,330 --> 00:36:27,380

Yes.

633

00:36:27,380 --> 00:36:29,780

You can see the manifest.

634

00:36:29,780 --> 00:36:33,120

I think I gave it to you,
but I'll take it back home

635

00:36:33,120 --> 00:36:34,950

so they can see it.

636

00:36:34,950 --> 00:36:39,700

But yeah, it was the Excalibur.

637

00:36:39,700 --> 00:36:41,980

It was an American ship.

638

00:36:41,980 --> 00:36:44,170

And they spoke English.

639

00:36:44,170 --> 00:36:47,050

And the sailors knew
my dad spoke English

640

00:36:47,050 --> 00:36:48,940

so they talk to him.

641

00:36:48,940 --> 00:36:55,750

But so instead of crossing
the Atlantic in five days,

642

00:36:55,750 --> 00:36:58,660

we crossed the
Atlantic in 12 days.

643

00:36:58,660 --> 00:37:00,790

So we got here December 17.

644

00:37:00,790 --> 00:37:03,710

645

00:37:03,710 --> 00:37:10,900

And I remember that ship, and
I thought, this ship was like--

646
00:37:10,900 --> 00:37:12,460
You're going to 4 and 1/2 now?

647
00:37:12,460 --> 00:37:13,820
I'm 4 and 1/2.

648
00:37:13,820 --> 00:37:15,950
And to me, it was
like being on holiday.

649
00:37:15,950 --> 00:37:18,470

650
00:37:18,470 --> 00:37:21,230
One night, I went
to the movies, and I

651
00:37:21,230 --> 00:37:23,900
forgot to tell my
parents, and everybody

652
00:37:23,900 --> 00:37:27,380
was looking all over for
this kid who was running

653
00:37:27,380 --> 00:37:30,700
around having a good time.

654
00:37:30,700 --> 00:37:34,280
And it was just--

655
00:37:34,280 --> 00:37:38,930
it truly was an experience
that I remember.

656
00:37:38,930 --> 00:37:42,160
Now, my mother was
sick the entire time.

657

00:37:42,160 --> 00:37:43,290
She had seasickening?

658
00:37:43,290 --> 00:37:44,410
Seasick.

659
00:37:44,410 --> 00:37:47,450
From the minute,
she didn't even have

660
00:37:47,450 --> 00:37:49,460
to leave port to get seasick.

661
00:37:49,460 --> 00:37:52,910

662
00:37:52,910 --> 00:37:57,130
And my grandmother was OK.

663
00:37:57,130 --> 00:38:02,970
And my mother and my father
and my grandfather were OK.

664
00:38:02,970 --> 00:38:08,950
And so they would take
me around, let me play,

665
00:38:08,950 --> 00:38:10,600
and whatever.

666
00:38:10,600 --> 00:38:14,250
So I do remember that very well.

667
00:38:14,250 --> 00:38:18,960
I also remember approaching
the United States.

668
00:38:18,960 --> 00:38:20,630
What did the United
States mean to you?

669
00:38:20,630 --> 00:38:21,780

Do you know what it meant?

670

00:38:21,780 --> 00:38:24,060

I didn't I had no
idea what that meant.

671

00:38:24,060 --> 00:38:28,080

But everybody went out on deck
to see the Statue of Liberty.

672

00:38:28,080 --> 00:38:32,190

So my father held me up,
and I saw the Statue for.

673

00:38:32,190 --> 00:38:34,110

What it was, I didn't know.

674

00:38:34,110 --> 00:38:35,065

Give me your tired--

675

00:38:35,065 --> 00:38:36,450

Your poor.

676

00:38:36,450 --> 00:38:39,150

No, which we don't--

677

00:38:39,150 --> 00:38:46,910

but anyway, so, no, I
mean, it was very exciting.

678

00:38:46,910 --> 00:38:49,270

Then--

679

00:38:49,270 --> 00:38:51,090

And then you dock.

680

00:38:51,090 --> 00:38:55,040

Then we dock, and we
dock at Ellis Island.

681

00:38:55,040 --> 00:38:56,700

Everybody meet you?

682
00:38:56,700 --> 00:38:59,730
My uncle Leo-- oh,
my uncle Julius,--

683
00:38:59,730 --> 00:39:01,490
the one who was the
patent attorney.

684
00:39:01,490 --> 00:39:07,212

685
00:39:07,212 --> 00:39:10,890
We were very fortunate because
there were some people who

686
00:39:10,890 --> 00:39:15,580
couldn't get off the
ship because they

687
00:39:15,580 --> 00:39:23,020
were worried about since we
had entered the war by then,

688
00:39:23,020 --> 00:39:27,450
so there were some people
who had to wait a little bit

689
00:39:27,450 --> 00:39:29,220
to get off the ship.

690
00:39:29,220 --> 00:39:34,910
But our papers were
pretty straight

691
00:39:34,910 --> 00:39:37,430
so we got off the
ship right away.

692
00:39:37,430 --> 00:39:41,210
Now, the interesting
thing was I have

693

00:39:41,210 --> 00:39:45,680

two vaccinations from Luxembourg
because in Luxembourg, I

694

00:39:45,680 --> 00:39:49,080

guess, I don't know, they
give you two or whatever.

695

00:39:49,080 --> 00:39:53,590

And I remember getting
vaccinated again.

696

00:39:53,590 --> 00:39:58,160

So I have a third one.

697

00:39:58,160 --> 00:40:01,150

So you're met at Ellis Island,
and then what happened?

698

00:40:01,150 --> 00:40:08,980

And then my other uncle
Leo, his wife lived--

699

00:40:08,980 --> 00:40:11,150

OK.

700

00:40:11,150 --> 00:40:19,200

That uncle was in the
US Army, but his wife

701

00:40:19,200 --> 00:40:21,900

lived on Central Park West.

702

00:40:21,900 --> 00:40:25,420

So we went to her house.

703

00:40:25,420 --> 00:40:29,080

And she had come over
to the United States

704

00:40:29,080 --> 00:40:31,485

earlier with her son.

705
00:40:31,485 --> 00:40:37,100

706
00:40:37,100 --> 00:40:43,390
And she was married to
my uncle, but the son

707
00:40:43,390 --> 00:40:46,720
was from for her
first husband, OK?

708
00:40:46,720 --> 00:40:50,560
So anyway, we went to her
house, and we stayed there

709
00:40:50,560 --> 00:40:51,770
for a couple days.

710
00:40:51,770 --> 00:40:54,670
And then we went
up to Schenectady.

711
00:40:54,670 --> 00:40:56,850
And we lived in Schenectady.

712
00:40:56,850 --> 00:40:58,990
This is the five of you
who went up to Schenectady?

713
00:40:58,990 --> 00:40:59,490
Yes.

714
00:40:59,490 --> 00:41:02,840

715
00:41:02,840 --> 00:41:06,990
We first stayed in
my uncle's house.

716
00:41:06,990 --> 00:41:09,840
And then we got a flat.

717
00:41:09,840 --> 00:41:13,300

718
00:41:13,300 --> 00:41:16,030
And I remember that
that had three bedrooms,

719
00:41:16,030 --> 00:41:20,400
was across the street from
the Schenectady Museum,

720
00:41:20,400 --> 00:41:31,810
and I lived there for
a couple of years.

721
00:41:31,810 --> 00:41:36,190
And then my parents
moved to another house.

722
00:41:36,190 --> 00:41:37,780
And you started school?

723
00:41:37,780 --> 00:41:40,970
Well, that was an
interesting story.

724
00:41:40,970 --> 00:41:46,170
I was 4 and 1/2, so I wasn't
allowed to go to school.

725
00:41:46,170 --> 00:41:48,540
But my mother and
father and uncle

726
00:41:48,540 --> 00:41:50,760
wanted me to learn English.

727
00:41:50,760 --> 00:41:54,450
So they visited the
Board of Education.

728

00:41:54,450 --> 00:41:59,340
And Board of Education said, no,
we can't make any exceptions.

729
00:41:59,340 --> 00:42:02,490
And then they said,
well, if we promise

730
00:42:02,490 --> 00:42:06,140
that she'll start
school in September,

731
00:42:06,140 --> 00:42:07,380
will you let her come?

732
00:42:07,380 --> 00:42:10,140

733
00:42:10,140 --> 00:42:11,430
So I went to--

734
00:42:11,430 --> 00:42:13,560
I'm the only kid who
flunked kindergarten.

735
00:42:13,560 --> 00:42:17,820
I went in April, May,
and part of June,

736
00:42:17,820 --> 00:42:21,270
and then started school
officially in September.

737
00:42:21,270 --> 00:42:26,490
But that helped me a lot,
because I learned English.

738
00:42:26,490 --> 00:42:29,730
And the interesting thing--

739
00:42:29,730 --> 00:42:32,670
the thing I do
remember because I

740
00:42:32,670 --> 00:42:37,050
had a very heavy German
accent or French,

741
00:42:37,050 --> 00:42:39,870
whatever you want to call
it, was a lot of kids

742
00:42:39,870 --> 00:42:42,150
call me a Nazi.

743
00:42:42,150 --> 00:42:46,160
So I got into a few fights.

744
00:42:46,160 --> 00:42:48,366
Did you know what that meant?

745
00:42:48,366 --> 00:42:49,820
You knew what it meant?

746
00:42:49,820 --> 00:42:51,560
I knew what it meant.

747
00:42:51,560 --> 00:42:59,380
And so I got into a few
fights and beat up a couple.

748
00:42:59,380 --> 00:43:01,760
You did the beating
or they beat you up?

749
00:43:01,760 --> 00:43:04,760
Well, first, they
tried to beat me up.

750
00:43:04,760 --> 00:43:08,990
And my father said,
if somebody hits you,

751
00:43:08,990 --> 00:43:10,810
you can hit them back.

752
00:43:10,810 --> 00:43:15,500
So and then once
I got into trouble

753
00:43:15,500 --> 00:43:17,660
because I picked
up this little boy

754
00:43:17,660 --> 00:43:20,540
and I smashed him
on the sidewalk.

755
00:43:20,540 --> 00:43:25,110
And my father said, you
couldn't do that because you

756
00:43:25,110 --> 00:43:27,560
might hurt him.

757
00:43:27,560 --> 00:43:35,130
But my parents taught me
to take care of myself.

758
00:43:35,130 --> 00:43:39,020
How did the teachers treat you?

759
00:43:39,020 --> 00:43:42,110
I think the teachers were fine.

760
00:43:42,110 --> 00:43:50,520
I don't remember being anybody,
any of the teachers being

761
00:43:50,520 --> 00:43:51,660
mean to me.

762
00:43:51,660 --> 00:43:54,360
The only thing I remember
is when I told them

763
00:43:54,360 --> 00:43:58,140

I was from Luxembourg, they
said that was in a country

764
00:43:58,140 --> 00:43:59,640
where was I from.

765
00:43:59,640 --> 00:44:03,120
And then I'd go into
this long dissertation

766
00:44:03,120 --> 00:44:07,810
because my father had
taught me where I was from.

767
00:44:07,810 --> 00:44:14,050
And that I remember, but the
teachers were very nice to me.

768
00:44:14,050 --> 00:44:16,800
I have no complaints.

769
00:44:16,800 --> 00:44:20,280
The only thing I remember
is when I went from--

770
00:44:20,280 --> 00:44:23,540

771
00:44:23,540 --> 00:44:29,750
moving from one house to another
house, I had to change schools.

772
00:44:29,750 --> 00:44:34,630
And so they I had always been
in the first reading group,

773
00:44:34,630 --> 00:44:38,170
so they put me in the
middle reading group.

774
00:44:38,170 --> 00:44:40,390
So I came home
and told my mother

775
00:44:40,390 --> 00:44:42,145
I was flunking out of school.

776
00:44:42,145 --> 00:44:45,010

777
00:44:45,010 --> 00:44:48,520
So she got nervous
and went to school.

778
00:44:48,520 --> 00:44:56,870
And I also remember when I
was in first or second grade,

779
00:44:56,870 --> 00:44:59,480
I got chickenpox.

780
00:44:59,480 --> 00:45:00,980
It was first grade.

781
00:45:00,980 --> 00:45:03,230
I got the chickenpox.

782
00:45:03,230 --> 00:45:07,160
And when I came home,
I told my parents

783
00:45:07,160 --> 00:45:12,230
I had smallpox because I didn't
know how to translate anything

784
00:45:12,230 --> 00:45:12,800
like that.

785
00:45:12,800 --> 00:45:17,010
I could translate every
day kind of sentences,

786
00:45:17,010 --> 00:45:18,830
but I couldn't do that.

787

00:45:18,830 --> 00:45:22,610

So my mother came
home from work.

788

00:45:22,610 --> 00:45:27,050

Now, when my parents came
over, as I mentioned earlier,

789

00:45:27,050 --> 00:45:31,920

they had two suitcases and
a little bit of nothing.

790

00:45:31,920 --> 00:45:34,700

791

00:45:34,700 --> 00:45:37,730

And my mother had
to learn English.

792

00:45:37,730 --> 00:45:42,560

And my father had to
go to night school also

793

00:45:42,560 --> 00:45:45,000

because he spoke
the King's English,

794

00:45:45,000 --> 00:45:48,120

and that didn't suffice.

795

00:45:48,120 --> 00:45:57,270

So my mother went
to work immediately

796

00:45:57,270 --> 00:46:02,820

as the nanny for about six
months or eight months.

797

00:46:02,820 --> 00:46:05,610

And then when her
English was good enough,

798

00:46:05,610 --> 00:46:10,270
she went to work
in a grocery store.

799
00:46:10,270 --> 00:46:20,640
And my father, because he
couldn't get a regular job,

800
00:46:20,640 --> 00:46:25,620
there were a lot of jobs in
Schenectady in the defense

801
00:46:25,620 --> 00:46:31,170
industry or the service
industry that helped the defense

802
00:46:31,170 --> 00:46:33,920
industry because
General Electric had

803
00:46:33,920 --> 00:46:39,150
a big plant in Schenectady,
as did American Locomotives.

804
00:46:39,150 --> 00:46:43,740
So my father learned
to be a baker.

805
00:46:43,740 --> 00:46:49,530
And so he worked as a
baker until I was probably

806
00:46:49,530 --> 00:46:51,660
middle junior high school.

807
00:46:51,660 --> 00:46:56,160
And my mother worked as a
cashier in a grocery store

808
00:46:56,160 --> 00:47:02,880
until my grandmother
got much older.

809

00:47:02,880 --> 00:47:05,760
And then she was worried
about my grandmother

810
00:47:05,760 --> 00:47:08,100
so she stayed home.

811
00:47:08,100 --> 00:47:10,770

812
00:47:10,770 --> 00:47:15,240
So they worked their
way up, as I would say.

813
00:47:15,240 --> 00:47:17,320
And as you were growing
up in the grades,

814
00:47:17,320 --> 00:47:20,340
were the children
friendly to you mostly?

815
00:47:20,340 --> 00:47:22,560
Most kids were friendly.

816
00:47:22,560 --> 00:47:25,890
I was very happy with
the kids in school.

817
00:47:25,890 --> 00:47:27,960
And I always had a great time.

818
00:47:27,960 --> 00:47:31,060
And I did well.

819
00:47:31,060 --> 00:47:33,090
So then you went
on to junior high.

820
00:47:33,090 --> 00:47:36,350
And then I went
on to junior high.

821

00:47:36,350 --> 00:47:38,430

Did you feel American
at that point?

822

00:47:38,430 --> 00:47:41,190

By then, yeah, I
felt really American.

823

00:47:41,190 --> 00:47:43,940

824

00:47:43,940 --> 00:47:48,590

I worked-- I don't
know how to say this,

825

00:47:48,590 --> 00:47:54,820

but I guess I worked hard to
be integrated into the school

826

00:47:54,820 --> 00:47:56,690

that whole time.

827

00:47:56,690 --> 00:48:01,080

And then I was in junior high.

828

00:48:01,080 --> 00:48:05,490

And then my parents decided
they should buy a house

829

00:48:05,490 --> 00:48:08,970

so we could move
into a neighborhood

830

00:48:08,970 --> 00:48:12,350

where the schools were better.

831

00:48:12,350 --> 00:48:13,020

And we did.

832

00:48:13,020 --> 00:48:18,370

Now, I was also very active
in junior high and high school

833
00:48:18,370 --> 00:48:21,140
in the Jewish community center.

834
00:48:21,140 --> 00:48:27,394
And in Schenectady, there aren't
that many Jewish facilities.

835
00:48:27,394 --> 00:48:30,830

836
00:48:30,830 --> 00:48:32,420
There is a kosher--

837
00:48:32,420 --> 00:48:36,290
there was a kosher
butcher or one deli

838
00:48:36,290 --> 00:48:41,420
that had kosher food
and things like that.

839
00:48:41,420 --> 00:48:49,430
So there weren't a
lot of Jewish people.

840
00:48:49,430 --> 00:48:59,860
So my mother and father sent
me to the Jewish community

841
00:48:59,860 --> 00:49:04,840
center for camp in the
summertime for day camp.

842
00:49:04,840 --> 00:49:12,280
And then I also went to the
YWCA to take swimming lessons

843
00:49:12,280 --> 00:49:18,200
in because my parents thought
I had to learn how to swim.

844

00:49:18,200 --> 00:49:20,640
When did you become a citizen?

845
00:49:20,640 --> 00:49:21,140
OK.

846
00:49:21,140 --> 00:49:26,150
My parents became
citizens in 1947.

847
00:49:26,150 --> 00:49:31,590
And then when I
was in high school,

848
00:49:31,590 --> 00:49:36,780
I wanted to take the New
York State scholarship exam.

849
00:49:36,780 --> 00:49:43,060
And I was very surprised when I
was told I had to be a citizen.

850
00:49:43,060 --> 00:49:45,330
So I said, oh, my
gosh, what can I do?

851
00:49:45,330 --> 00:49:48,120
How quick can I get this paper?

852
00:49:48,120 --> 00:49:51,840
And it turned out
that I was effectively

853
00:49:51,840 --> 00:49:57,270
a citizen as of 1947 when
they got their citizenship.

854
00:49:57,270 --> 00:50:02,040
So if you read my papers
that's what they all say.

855
00:50:02,040 --> 00:50:06,810
During the war, did your parents

talk about what was happening--

856
00:50:06,810 --> 00:50:08,580
Absolutely.

857
00:50:08,580 --> 00:50:11,100
We talked about it every night.

858
00:50:11,100 --> 00:50:13,440
We listened to the news.

859
00:50:13,440 --> 00:50:17,010
I mean, we listened to the
news every single night.

860
00:50:17,010 --> 00:50:20,130

861
00:50:20,130 --> 00:50:24,930
Edward R. Murrow and one
was at quarter of 7:00,

862
00:50:24,930 --> 00:50:27,750
the other one was
quarter after 7:00.

863
00:50:27,750 --> 00:50:29,610
I knew all that.

864
00:50:29,610 --> 00:50:32,370
And I knew what we
were going to do.

865
00:50:32,370 --> 00:50:38,460
And my uncle Julius
was part of the group

866
00:50:38,460 --> 00:50:42,930
that went around Schenectady
when they had it--

867
00:50:42,930 --> 00:50:43,950

we used to have--

868
00:50:43,950 --> 00:50:45,040
The air raids?

869
00:50:45,040 --> 00:50:46,730
The air raids, yeah.

870
00:50:46,730 --> 00:50:51,280
And he would walk around and
make sure everybody had lights

871
00:50:51,280 --> 00:50:52,020
out.

872
00:50:52,020 --> 00:50:59,490
And my parents and my uncle
had a to victory gardens--

873
00:50:59,490 --> 00:51:02,520
one on one side of the
house, and then that

874
00:51:02,520 --> 00:51:06,960
belonged to my uncle, and then
another one that they rented.

875
00:51:06,960 --> 00:51:11,310
And my grandfather would
work in that one also.

876
00:51:11,310 --> 00:51:18,120
So yeah, I knew what was going
on during the war very much so.

877
00:51:18,120 --> 00:51:20,760
And then what happened
when your folks found out

878
00:51:20,760 --> 00:51:24,690
and you found out about
the camps after '45?

879

00:51:24,690 --> 00:51:28,960

My parents told me
what was going on.

880

00:51:28,960 --> 00:51:31,110

I mean, I knew
from an early age--

881

00:51:31,110 --> 00:51:33,970

So eight years old
when the war was over?

882

00:51:33,970 --> 00:51:38,230

Yeah, but I knew from an
early age what was going on.

883

00:51:38,230 --> 00:51:46,940

That was not-- it was
like we were safe,

884

00:51:46,940 --> 00:51:51,140

but we knew that
my uncles were not.

885

00:51:51,140 --> 00:51:56,540

My grandmother had six
brothers and sisters

886

00:51:56,540 --> 00:51:59,540

who were over there.

887

00:51:59,540 --> 00:52:02,420

One sister made it
through the war.

888

00:52:02,420 --> 00:52:05,810

And then of course, the one
sister who lived in Switzerland

889

00:52:05,810 --> 00:52:06,450

was fine.

890

00:52:06,450 --> 00:52:09,450

891

00:52:09,450 --> 00:52:15,270

My father's youngest brother
made it through the war.

892

00:52:15,270 --> 00:52:18,210

And his sister made
it through the war.

893

00:52:18,210 --> 00:52:20,820

She traveled all the
way to France with us,

894

00:52:20,820 --> 00:52:25,500

and then hid out in France
for the duration of the war.

895

00:52:25,500 --> 00:52:29,790

And she stayed with us,
I think, till Marseilles

896

00:52:29,790 --> 00:52:32,370

and then we came over.

897

00:52:32,370 --> 00:52:41,750

And so they all
corresponded after the war.

898

00:52:41,750 --> 00:52:43,280

And then my parents--

899

00:52:43,280 --> 00:52:46,520

I went over to visit.

900

00:52:46,520 --> 00:52:49,820

When I went on my honeymoon,
that was my first trip back

901

00:52:49,820 --> 00:52:55,580

to Europe, that was in 1963.

902

00:52:55,580 --> 00:52:59,840

Summer of '63, I went
back I got married in '62

903

00:52:59,840 --> 00:53:01,770

but I didn't go over till '63.

904

00:53:01,770 --> 00:53:04,350

905

00:53:04,350 --> 00:53:06,190

Let's go back a little earlier.

906

00:53:06,190 --> 00:53:08,990

So you go through high school.

907

00:53:08,990 --> 00:53:09,980

Yes.

908

00:53:09,980 --> 00:53:12,260

You went to a local high school.

909

00:53:12,260 --> 00:53:14,120

You felt very American.

910

00:53:14,120 --> 00:53:14,650

Yes.

911

00:53:14,650 --> 00:53:15,150

OK.

912

00:53:15,150 --> 00:53:17,040

And then how did
you go to college?

913

00:53:17,040 --> 00:53:17,540

Yeah.

914

00:53:17,540 --> 00:53:20,320

I went to--

915

00:53:20,320 --> 00:53:24,260

I got one of those state
scholarships and a scholarship

916

00:53:24,260 --> 00:53:26,510

from the University
of Rochester.

917

00:53:26,510 --> 00:53:27,950

Rochester, New York.

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00:53:27,950 --> 00:53:29,280

In New York.

919

00:53:29,280 --> 00:53:33,380

And I got a degree
in mathematics.

920

00:53:33,380 --> 00:53:34,540

That was my thing.

921

00:53:34,540 --> 00:53:39,320

922

00:53:39,320 --> 00:53:42,020

I felt part of things
in high school.

923

00:53:42,020 --> 00:53:43,760

I was active.

924

00:53:43,760 --> 00:53:46,790

I played tennis
on the tennis team

925

00:53:46,790 --> 00:53:49,415

and played this and did that.

926

00:53:49,415 --> 00:53:51,930

927

00:53:51,930 --> 00:53:58,940
And there was a nice Jewish
community in the sense

928
00:53:58,940 --> 00:54:03,440
that because we were
small, we all kind of

929
00:54:03,440 --> 00:54:06,800
moved along together.

930
00:54:06,800 --> 00:54:11,120
And then I went to
University of Rochester.

931
00:54:11,120 --> 00:54:14,750
Then I went to Tufts
for my master's.

932
00:54:14,750 --> 00:54:19,745
And then I wanted to go for PhD.

933
00:54:19,745 --> 00:54:22,550
We're taking about the 1950s.

934
00:54:22,550 --> 00:54:25,070
That was in the '50s.

935
00:54:25,070 --> 00:54:26,900
Yeah.

936
00:54:26,900 --> 00:54:30,200
But I needed money, so--

937
00:54:30,200 --> 00:54:31,670
the root of all evil.

938
00:54:31,670 --> 00:54:34,820
Because I had gotten
into Columbia but they

939
00:54:34,820 --> 00:54:40,120

wouldn't give a first year
PhD student fellowship

940
00:54:40,120 --> 00:54:41,650
in those days.

941
00:54:41,650 --> 00:54:47,370
So I was going to go
to work to earn money.

942
00:54:47,370 --> 00:54:52,260
And my master had
been in Asian studies.

943
00:54:52,260 --> 00:54:54,900
So anyway, that's a long story.

944
00:54:54,900 --> 00:54:58,350
But we'll leave that up for now.

945
00:54:58,350 --> 00:55:02,870

946
00:55:02,870 --> 00:55:05,420
I had never taken
education courses,

947
00:55:05,420 --> 00:55:09,500
but I figured, well, I could
teach, and I could teach math.

948
00:55:09,500 --> 00:55:13,550
Well, when I got to the
various private schools

949
00:55:13,550 --> 00:55:19,620
that I applied to,
they all said, look,

950
00:55:19,620 --> 00:55:23,730
history teachers are a dime a
dozen but if you'll teach math,

951
00:55:23,730 --> 00:55:26,570
we'll give you a job.

952
00:55:26,570 --> 00:55:28,200
So I thought about it.

953
00:55:28,200 --> 00:55:29,900
And then I thought,
well, I really

954
00:55:29,900 --> 00:55:33,590
need money to go to
school, so maybe I'll

955
00:55:33,590 --> 00:55:37,070
try and work in industry.

956
00:55:37,070 --> 00:55:43,850
So I went to work at what
was then Sylvania Electronics

957
00:55:43,850 --> 00:55:46,840
in the R&D department.

958
00:55:46,840 --> 00:55:48,265
They taught me how to program.

959
00:55:48,265 --> 00:55:50,770

960
00:55:50,770 --> 00:55:52,720
This is in Schenectady?

961
00:55:52,720 --> 00:55:54,690
This was in Boston.

962
00:55:54,690 --> 00:55:55,550
Oh, in Boston.

963
00:55:55,550 --> 00:55:57,795
After Tufts, I stayed in Boston.

964
00:55:57,795 --> 00:56:00,470

965
00:56:00,470 --> 00:56:02,390
And I really enjoyed it.

966
00:56:02,390 --> 00:56:11,080
And then I was doing well, so I
kind of wobbled back and forth.

967
00:56:11,080 --> 00:56:16,060
And I eventually
ended up staying in--

968
00:56:16,060 --> 00:56:18,910
actually, my title was engineer.

969
00:56:18,910 --> 00:56:22,930
And I stayed there
until I got married.

970
00:56:22,930 --> 00:56:25,690
And then I moved down to DC.

971
00:56:25,690 --> 00:56:27,790
My husband was a lawyer.

972
00:56:27,790 --> 00:56:30,880

973
00:56:30,880 --> 00:56:38,860
And I stayed working until
my first daughter was born.

974
00:56:38,860 --> 00:56:43,820
And then I didn't plan
to go back to work.

975
00:56:43,820 --> 00:56:51,790
But I said to my bosses,
I'd like a leave of absence

976
00:56:51,790 --> 00:56:54,160
for three months.

977
00:56:54,160 --> 00:56:58,180
And I said, but it says
here in the HR manual

978
00:56:58,180 --> 00:57:01,240
that you can only get a leave
of absence if you're male.

979
00:57:01,240 --> 00:57:04,750

980
00:57:04,750 --> 00:57:08,440
And my boss said,
forget that, Julie.

981
00:57:08,440 --> 00:57:11,030
You can come back any time.

982
00:57:11,030 --> 00:57:14,665
So that was because I had
a skill they could use.

983
00:57:14,665 --> 00:57:17,710

984
00:57:17,710 --> 00:57:21,460
And so anyway, to make a long
story short, in the beginning,

985
00:57:21,460 --> 00:57:27,160
I worked part-time, and then
I went back to work full-time.

986
00:57:27,160 --> 00:57:30,980
And then my second
daughter was born.

987
00:57:30,980 --> 00:57:34,900

And so I kept right on
doing the same thing,

988
00:57:34,900 --> 00:57:38,780
took some amount of time off,
and then went back to work.

989
00:57:38,780 --> 00:57:43,650
And I worked halftime till my
kids were in school full-time.

990
00:57:43,650 --> 00:57:48,260
And during that, when my
first daughter was born,

991
00:57:48,260 --> 00:57:53,090
my parents were still
living in Schenectady.

992
00:57:53,090 --> 00:57:59,970
And my husband said, why
don't you ask your parents

993
00:57:59,970 --> 00:58:02,490
if they want to move down here?

994
00:58:02,490 --> 00:58:05,460
And I said, they don't
want to move down here.

995
00:58:05,460 --> 00:58:08,200
All their friends
are in Schenectady.

996
00:58:08,200 --> 00:58:11,880
Well, he talked me
into asking them,

997
00:58:11,880 --> 00:58:15,390
and they decided
they would move down.

998
00:58:15,390 --> 00:58:18,540

And they really liked it here.

999

00:58:18,540 --> 00:58:22,530

And they made a
life in both places.

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00:58:22,530 --> 00:58:26,898

They were really good at--

1001

00:58:26,898 --> 00:58:29,350

my mother was very outgoing.

1002

00:58:29,350 --> 00:58:37,450

My father was
quieter, less outgoing

1003

00:58:37,450 --> 00:58:40,640

in that sense of the word.

1004

00:58:40,640 --> 00:58:44,690

And when he first came
down here, he went to work.

1005

00:58:44,690 --> 00:58:47,260

And he worked here.

1006

00:58:47,260 --> 00:58:49,840

And the people where
he worked loved them,

1007

00:58:49,840 --> 00:58:53,260

so it was a perfect setup.

1008

00:58:53,260 --> 00:58:56,900

So that's the story.

1009

00:58:56,900 --> 00:59:01,370

Was your husband
from Europe also?

1010

00:59:01,370 --> 00:59:03,380

His parents were from Russia.

1011
00:59:03,380 --> 00:59:06,140

1012
00:59:06,140 --> 00:59:07,610
Was he born in this country?

1013
00:59:07,610 --> 00:59:10,520
He was born here.

1014
00:59:10,520 --> 00:59:16,610
They came over that 1917
migration to the US.

1015
00:59:16,610 --> 00:59:18,320
Yeah.

1016
00:59:18,320 --> 00:59:23,900
So how would you describe
yourself would you say?

1017
00:59:23,900 --> 00:59:26,660
You're American, you're
European, you're Jewish,

1018
00:59:26,660 --> 00:59:29,090
how would you describe yourself?

1019
00:59:29,090 --> 00:59:31,850
How do you feel mostly?

1020
00:59:31,850 --> 00:59:36,260
Mostly, I guess, I feel more
American and then European

1021
00:59:36,260 --> 00:59:37,790
at this point in my life.

1022
00:59:37,790 --> 00:59:41,020

1023

00:59:41,020 --> 00:59:43,120
When did that start to happen?

1024
00:59:43,120 --> 00:59:44,940
I think that started--

1025
00:59:44,940 --> 00:59:54,490
when you're a child coming
over, and people react to you

1026
00:59:54,490 --> 00:59:58,990
because you're
European or whomever,

1027
00:59:58,990 --> 01:00:03,460
I think you work very hard
to become an American.

1028
01:00:03,460 --> 01:00:08,200
And in those days, we didn't
have ESOL or anything close

1029
01:00:08,200 --> 01:00:09,260
to it.

1030
01:00:09,260 --> 01:00:15,880
And so my parents know
wanted me to learn English,

1031
01:00:15,880 --> 01:00:17,140
I learned English.

1032
01:00:17,140 --> 01:00:19,240
Now, my mother and
father both told

1033
01:00:19,240 --> 01:00:22,630
me to not to forget
that French and German.

1034
01:00:22,630 --> 01:00:26,500
And my father would talk
to me in French every day.

1035
01:00:26,500 --> 01:00:32,200
And I would respond in
English, which was not

1036
01:00:32,200 --> 01:00:33,870
the smartest thing to do.

1037
01:00:33,870 --> 01:00:36,950

1038
01:00:36,950 --> 01:00:43,140
So I think that you
become American--

1039
01:00:43,140 --> 01:00:46,530
you become Americanized quickly.

1040
01:00:46,530 --> 01:00:50,940
Now, there are certain habits
that I have to this day

1041
01:00:50,940 --> 01:00:53,580
that I think are
still very European.

1042
01:00:53,580 --> 01:00:55,500
Such as?

1043
01:00:55,500 --> 01:01:00,480
All my manners are European
because if I didn't stand up

1044
01:01:00,480 --> 01:01:06,460
when an adult walked into
the room, I was in trouble.

1045
01:01:06,460 --> 01:01:11,850
If I didn't shake
hands with people

1046
01:01:11,850 --> 01:01:16,980

and shake hands when they
left, I was in trouble.

1047
01:01:16,980 --> 01:01:27,680
So all of those things
remain to this day.

1048
01:01:27,680 --> 01:01:36,050
And I probably-- and I think
when I went to work truthfully,

1049
01:01:36,050 --> 01:01:41,120
they stood me, they
helped me know,

1050
01:01:41,120 --> 01:01:46,760
because I was always
showing respect,

1051
01:01:46,760 --> 01:01:51,740
and if I had to go to
visit a client or whatever.

1052
01:01:51,740 --> 01:01:53,810
But that was just
because that's the way

1053
01:01:53,810 --> 01:01:55,650
my mother and father were.

1054
01:01:55,650 --> 01:01:58,070
And that's what you learned.

1055
01:01:58,070 --> 01:02:01,580
I know you were very young when
you had to leave Luxembourg.

1056
01:02:01,580 --> 01:02:04,550
But do you feel that you lost
a part of your childhood?

1057
01:02:04,550 --> 01:02:07,190
I mean, obviously, this

wasn't a typical experience

1058

01:02:07,190 --> 01:02:09,050
for a young child to go through.

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01:02:09,050 --> 01:02:09,730
No.

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01:02:09,730 --> 01:02:12,080
And I've always
thought about that

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01:02:12,080 --> 01:02:15,940
because it was not a
typical experience.

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01:02:15,940 --> 01:02:18,020
No, it certainly wasn't.

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01:02:18,020 --> 01:02:26,130
But my mother and father and
grandmother and grandfather,

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01:02:26,130 --> 01:02:32,490
I think, did a very
good job of shielding me

1065

01:02:32,490 --> 01:02:36,960
from the worst parts of it.

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01:02:36,960 --> 01:02:41,510
And one of the things I
learned when I came over here,

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01:02:41,510 --> 01:02:47,300
for example, was my mother
would come home from work,

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01:02:47,300 --> 01:02:52,340
and she would say, "I don't
know why people are complaining.

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01:02:52,340 --> 01:02:54,380
They have rations.

1070
01:02:54,380 --> 01:02:55,520
And they have to--

1071
01:02:55,520 --> 01:03:01,500
they can only get a pound
of butter or a dozen eggs.

1072
01:03:01,500 --> 01:03:03,320
I don't understand that.

1073
01:03:03,320 --> 01:03:05,360
We are lucky to be here."

1074
01:03:05,360 --> 01:03:08,550
So that stuck in my head.

1075
01:03:08,550 --> 01:03:16,010
And so that gratitude stayed
with me my whole life.

1076
01:03:16,010 --> 01:03:20,720
Were your parents'
friends mostly European?

1077
01:03:20,720 --> 01:03:22,340
Most of their friends--

1078
01:03:22,340 --> 01:03:27,140
OK, when we first came
over, most of the friends

1079
01:03:27,140 --> 01:03:28,460
were Europeans.

1080
01:03:28,460 --> 01:03:30,410
And they would have been.

1081
01:03:30,410 --> 01:03:32,300
And when they got

together, they would

1082

01:03:32,300 --> 01:03:36,300
have like a party and
everybody spoke German.

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01:03:36,300 --> 01:03:38,630
And that's why I say, I
had to go around the room

1084

01:03:38,630 --> 01:03:41,610
and shake hands with
everybody, stand up.

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01:03:41,610 --> 01:03:45,530

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01:03:45,530 --> 01:03:50,360
But my mother became very
active in the synagogue,

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01:03:50,360 --> 01:03:55,170
and in Hadassah, and
places like that.

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01:03:55,170 --> 01:03:58,560
So she developed them.

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01:03:58,560 --> 01:04:04,080
And I'm really an American
cadre of friends as well.

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01:04:04,080 --> 01:04:15,700
So I think as time wore
on, she became more active

1091

01:04:15,700 --> 01:04:17,830
with that community.

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01:04:17,830 --> 01:04:20,920
When she was working,
she really could.

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01:04:20,920 --> 01:04:23,140

I mean, that was
really a hard time.

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01:04:23,140 --> 01:04:26,960

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01:04:26,960 --> 01:04:31,970

And she would get together
with the other people

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01:04:31,970 --> 01:04:34,040

and with most of the Germans.

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01:04:34,040 --> 01:04:37,040

And they carried on
their traditions.

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01:04:37,040 --> 01:04:40,460

They would get together
on Saturday night and have

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01:04:40,460 --> 01:04:44,120

a party, have a dinner
party, have big desserts,

1100

01:04:44,120 --> 01:04:48,360

the men played cards,
the whole nine yards.

1101

01:04:48,360 --> 01:04:52,310

But later on, when
she'd stop working

1102

01:04:52,310 --> 01:04:56,090

and she'd got active in
the temple sisterhood,

1103

01:04:56,090 --> 01:05:01,820

then she would go out and
collect money for advertising

1104

01:05:01,820 --> 01:05:05,210
in the ABC book
and the XYZ book.

1105
01:05:05,210 --> 01:05:09,060
And she was very good at that.

1106
01:05:09,060 --> 01:05:13,430
So she became very active
in both, the sisterhood

1107
01:05:13,430 --> 01:05:15,140
and Hadassah.

1108
01:05:15,140 --> 01:05:18,230
And I think she got a
lot of joy out of that.

1109
01:05:18,230 --> 01:05:25,880
And she did it again when
she came to Washington.

1110
01:05:25,880 --> 01:05:28,040
And I mean, I learned
a lot of things--

1111
01:05:28,040 --> 01:05:31,820
I mean, it sounds
so mundane now.

1112
01:05:31,820 --> 01:05:40,640
But I remember, when we didn't
have any money for a long time,

1113
01:05:40,640 --> 01:05:43,520
my mother and father would
sit down and figure out

1114
01:05:43,520 --> 01:05:48,230
how much money they could
give to Hadassah or to the UJA

1115
01:05:48,230 --> 01:05:50,570

or XYZ.

1116
01:05:50,570 --> 01:05:56,660
And so some of those
habits have stuck with me

1117
01:05:56,660 --> 01:06:00,500
for a very long time.

1118
01:06:00,500 --> 01:06:03,770
And I've passed
them on to my kids.

1119
01:06:03,770 --> 01:06:10,340
My older daughter, when
she was in high school,

1120
01:06:10,340 --> 01:06:13,610
didn't like Sunday school,
didn't like Hebrew school,

1121
01:06:13,610 --> 01:06:14,850
didn't do--

1122
01:06:14,850 --> 01:06:19,370
and I used to say, oh,
gosh, when am I going to--

1123
01:06:19,370 --> 01:06:23,100
what's happening here?

1124
01:06:23,100 --> 01:06:26,280
She teaches Sunday school now.

1125
01:06:26,280 --> 01:06:35,403
So a lot of those
things have followed us.

1126
01:06:35,403 --> 01:06:36,820
Do you think about
your childhood,

1127

01:06:36,820 --> 01:06:40,420
your early, early childhood
experiences a lot?

1128
01:06:40,420 --> 01:06:43,750
I think about some of them.

1129
01:06:43,750 --> 01:06:44,590
I think about--

1130
01:06:44,590 --> 01:06:49,075

1131
01:06:49,075 --> 01:06:52,190
I think about two things.

1132
01:06:52,190 --> 01:06:53,860
One is I believe--

1133
01:06:53,860 --> 01:06:56,990
I always said, OK, my
husband was not like this

1134
01:06:56,990 --> 01:06:59,170
so I can see the difference.

1135
01:06:59,170 --> 01:07:04,120
I always thought the
glass was half full.

1136
01:07:04,120 --> 01:07:06,820
He didn't necessarily
think that.

1137
01:07:06,820 --> 01:07:11,410
And when something happened,
I always would say,

1138
01:07:11,410 --> 01:07:15,500
you should kiss the
ground you walk on.

1139

01:07:15,500 --> 01:07:17,260
And I truly believe that.

1140
01:07:17,260 --> 01:07:19,900

1141
01:07:19,900 --> 01:07:22,480
I mean, he did very well.

1142
01:07:22,480 --> 01:07:27,060
So to me, there was nothing
to complain about ever.

1143
01:07:27,060 --> 01:07:30,970

1144
01:07:30,970 --> 01:07:39,920
And I think that's part of what
I attribute to what happened

1145
01:07:39,920 --> 01:07:45,100
and to my parents because I
don't think it necessarily

1146
01:07:45,100 --> 01:07:47,050
would be like that.

1147
01:07:47,050 --> 01:07:50,680
Now, many, many years ago,
I don't know if you saw it,

1148
01:07:50,680 --> 01:07:59,110
there was an article in
Newsweek about people

1149
01:07:59,110 --> 01:08:01,600
who emigrated to the
United States, who

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01:08:01,600 --> 01:08:08,300
were first generation
Americans, and I had never

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01:08:08,300 --> 01:08:09,180
thought about it.

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01:08:09,180 --> 01:08:12,770
I mean, first generation
it just was not

1153

01:08:12,770 --> 01:08:15,950
something that stuck with me.

1154

01:08:15,950 --> 01:08:20,120
And then I read this
article in Newsweek

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01:08:20,120 --> 01:08:25,979
and I said, there I am, right
there, on page whatever.

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01:08:25,979 --> 01:08:33,790
And I think it is you
develop a certain need

1157

01:08:33,790 --> 01:08:38,720
to please your parents because
they've done so much for you.

1158

01:08:38,720 --> 01:08:42,870
And you really work hard
to do the best you can.

1159

01:08:42,870 --> 01:08:46,170

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01:08:46,170 --> 01:08:50,520
I think that's a good thing.

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01:08:50,520 --> 01:08:54,540

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01:08:54,540 --> 01:08:59,270
Are there any sights
or sounds, smells,

1163
01:08:59,270 --> 01:09:02,920
or anything that bring back
memories of being in Europe,

1164
01:09:02,920 --> 01:09:06,824
walking through the mountains,
or walking through--

1165
01:09:06,824 --> 01:09:07,324
Yes.

1166
01:09:07,324 --> 01:09:11,050

1167
01:09:11,050 --> 01:09:16,525
The first time I went back,
and I went with my husband--

1168
01:09:16,525 --> 01:09:21,100

1169
01:09:21,100 --> 01:09:24,550
well, I went to
Luxembourg first.

1170
01:09:24,550 --> 01:09:34,399
And the whole concept of
sitting in a restaurant,

1171
01:09:34,399 --> 01:09:40,490
having a nice dinner,
being making sure you

1172
01:09:40,490 --> 01:09:45,500
mind your manners kind of
thing, that all came back to me.

1173
01:09:45,500 --> 01:09:50,390
I mean it was like,
here I am again.

1174

01:09:50,390 --> 01:09:51,139
It's a very--

1175
01:09:51,139 --> 01:09:54,680

1176
01:09:54,680 --> 01:09:57,800
I didn't think about it much.

1177
01:09:57,800 --> 01:10:00,170
I mean, as I was
growing up, my parents

1178
01:10:00,170 --> 01:10:02,570
told me you have to do
this, you have to do that.

1179
01:10:02,570 --> 01:10:03,800
You can't.

1180
01:10:03,800 --> 01:10:06,830
You can't sit down when
they're standing up.

1181
01:10:06,830 --> 01:10:08,960
Something else
that I learned was

1182
01:10:08,960 --> 01:10:13,790
the teacher was always
right no matter what I said

1183
01:10:13,790 --> 01:10:16,660
or what happened, the
teacher was right.

1184
01:10:16,660 --> 01:10:20,105
And I remember when I
went to a PTA meeting.

1185
01:10:20,105 --> 01:10:23,260

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01:10:23,260 --> 01:10:28,180

The first PTA meeting, I
didn't go to PTA very often.

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01:10:28,180 --> 01:10:30,250

I worked and whatever.

1188

01:10:30,250 --> 01:10:33,360

And I would go in the
beginning of the year

1189

01:10:33,360 --> 01:10:34,770

to meet the teachers.

1190

01:10:34,770 --> 01:10:38,070

And then I would do my thing.

1191

01:10:38,070 --> 01:10:42,840

And I would say, if
there's an issue, call me.

1192

01:10:42,840 --> 01:10:45,840

And then I would go to
back to school night.

1193

01:10:45,840 --> 01:10:53,220

Well, I went to elementary
school, Laurie and Marcy's

1194

01:10:53,220 --> 01:10:56,250

elementary school in Potomac.

1195

01:10:56,250 --> 01:11:00,910

And the principal's
name was Dr. Powers.

1196

01:11:00,910 --> 01:11:04,780

I don't know, I don't know
what if he had anything

1197

01:11:04,780 --> 01:11:08,420

to do with the school system.

1198
01:11:08,420 --> 01:11:15,740
And I said, how do you do that
to Powers and not shook hands.

1199
01:11:15,740 --> 01:11:20,770
And all these other people,
from the neighborhood

1200
01:11:20,770 --> 01:11:24,310
said, "Hi, Bill."

1201
01:11:24,310 --> 01:11:28,780
And then Dr. Powers called
them Doctor Whatever.

1202
01:11:28,780 --> 01:11:31,630
They were either know or care.

1203
01:11:31,630 --> 01:11:37,480
But it was shocking to
me, absolutely shocking.

1204
01:11:37,480 --> 01:11:40,490
I couldn't believe it.

1205
01:11:40,490 --> 01:11:45,190
And maybe it was
because my parents

1206
01:11:45,190 --> 01:11:49,540
had taught me the other way.

1207
01:11:49,540 --> 01:11:56,350
And maybe it was because that's
what I learned in school myself

1208
01:11:56,350 --> 01:12:01,210
because when I went to school,
if I came home, and said,

1209
01:12:01,210 --> 01:12:04,340

the teacher, da, da, da,
my mother said, well,

1210
01:12:04,340 --> 01:12:05,380
what did you do?

1211
01:12:05,380 --> 01:12:08,290

1212
01:12:08,290 --> 01:12:11,530
So I never did that.

1213
01:12:11,530 --> 01:12:15,810
You mentioned that your early
reference fire, you said,

1214
01:12:15,810 --> 01:12:17,220
it's very frightening to you.

1215
01:12:17,220 --> 01:12:18,420
Do you know why?

1216
01:12:18,420 --> 01:12:21,130
No, I have no idea.

1217
01:12:21,130 --> 01:12:22,170
I have no idea.

1218
01:12:22,170 --> 01:12:25,080
While you were
leaving Luxembourg--

1219
01:12:25,080 --> 01:12:27,780
There must've been
fire somewhere

1220
01:12:27,780 --> 01:12:32,370
because I have no fear of--

1221
01:12:32,370 --> 01:12:34,840
I don't fear flying.

1222

01:12:34,840 --> 01:12:36,240

I don't like heights.

1223

01:12:36,240 --> 01:12:45,440

But that's-- I do
have a fear of fire.

1224

01:12:45,440 --> 01:12:50,570

And I have no idea. , Now
I'm sure that when we were

1225

01:12:50,570 --> 01:12:54,440

in France when
there was bombings,

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01:12:54,440 --> 01:12:56,540

we would be told to
go to the shelter.

1227

01:12:56,540 --> 01:12:59,430

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01:12:59,430 --> 01:13:01,030

And you remember them?

1229

01:13:01,030 --> 01:13:01,640

No.

1230

01:13:01,640 --> 01:13:03,650

I don't remember that.

1231

01:13:03,650 --> 01:13:08,630

But I guess my mother or
father would just pick me

1232

01:13:08,630 --> 01:13:10,490

up and take me to the shelter.

1233

01:13:10,490 --> 01:13:14,020

And there, I'd be with
them with everybody else.

1234

01:13:14,020 --> 01:13:16,910

But it must've
left an impression

1235

01:13:16,910 --> 01:13:21,410

on me or a subconscious
impression.

1236

01:13:21,410 --> 01:13:24,090

Any memories of
the Eichmann trial?

1237

01:13:24,090 --> 01:13:26,780

1238

01:13:26,780 --> 01:13:29,430

The Eichmann trial in
Israel, Adolf Eichmann.

1239

01:13:29,430 --> 01:13:30,710

Yes, yes.

1240

01:13:30,710 --> 01:13:34,040

What was that like for
you and your parents?

1241

01:13:34,040 --> 01:13:35,750

OK.

1242

01:13:35,750 --> 01:13:39,860

I watched-- I paid attention
to all those things

1243

01:13:39,860 --> 01:13:45,410

and I still do, whether
it's something's going on.

1244

01:13:45,410 --> 01:13:49,610

And whenever I go like,
I was in Argentina,

1245

01:13:49,610 --> 01:13:56,600

I, of course, went to the memorial that's there.

1246
01:13:56,600 --> 01:14:00,310
And I went to the memorial in Rhodes that's

1247
01:14:00,310 --> 01:14:04,810
there, and every synagogue.

1248
01:14:04,810 --> 01:14:09,200
But for example, my father--

1249
01:14:09,200 --> 01:14:13,880
and maybe this is why, I don't know,

1250
01:14:13,880 --> 01:14:18,840
I mean, I don't remember as much or they didn't tell me as much,

1251
01:14:18,840 --> 01:14:24,110
but I remember when The Winds Of War were on TV,

1252
01:14:24,110 --> 01:14:27,830
and I said, daddy, I'm going to watch this tonight.

1253
01:14:27,830 --> 01:14:30,260
Do you want to watch it with me?

1254
01:14:30,260 --> 01:14:31,400
He said, no.

1255
01:14:31,400 --> 01:14:35,332
I've already seen that.

1256
01:14:35,332 --> 01:14:38,480
That was-- yeah.

1257
01:14:38,480 --> 01:14:44,680

And I think my mother was very heavily impacted by the war,

1258
01:14:44,680 --> 01:14:46,820
so because--

1259
01:14:46,820 --> 01:14:49,910
well, both of them.

1260
01:14:49,910 --> 01:14:51,710
They were middle class.

1261
01:14:51,710 --> 01:14:56,000
They had been gentlemen and ladies.

1262
01:14:56,000 --> 01:15:04,300
And things changed for them when they first got here.

1263
01:15:04,300 --> 01:15:06,490
They had to work very, very hard.

1264
01:15:06,490 --> 01:15:11,830
We're they very protective of you, do you think?

1265
01:15:11,830 --> 01:15:13,070
No.

1266
01:15:13,070 --> 01:15:17,660
They were protective but not, no, not exceedingly.

1267
01:15:17,660 --> 01:15:21,830
I mean, they would tell me don't go with strangers and things

1268
01:15:21,830 --> 01:15:25,520
that anybody else would say, but they

1269

01:15:25,520 --> 01:15:31,250
made sure I took piano lessons,
they made sure I got swimming

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01:15:31,250 --> 01:15:33,530
lessons, things like that.

1271

01:15:33,530 --> 01:15:42,980
I think their goal
was to make sure I

1272

01:15:42,980 --> 01:15:46,940
could broaden my horizons
and do the best I could.

1273

01:15:46,940 --> 01:15:50,540
What are your thoughts
about Germany now today?

1274

01:15:50,540 --> 01:15:53,000
Well, I was in Germany.

1275

01:15:53,000 --> 01:15:55,770
I hadn't gone back to Germany.

1276

01:15:55,770 --> 01:16:02,870
And when I went back in
1962, I didn't go to Germany.

1277

01:16:02,870 --> 01:16:07,140
I mean, I took a ferry
from Hamburg to Copenhagen,

1278

01:16:07,140 --> 01:16:08,950
but that was it.

1279

01:16:08,950 --> 01:16:12,570
And but I really didn't go back.

1280

01:16:12,570 --> 01:16:16,540
So I went back a
couple years ago.

1281
01:16:16,540 --> 01:16:19,930
And I went to a
couple of museums.

1282
01:16:19,930 --> 01:16:29,030
And I thought that the
museums I saw, the work that

1283
01:16:29,030 --> 01:16:39,560
had been done, and looking at
it from a very American point

1284
01:16:39,560 --> 01:16:44,410
of view, whatever, I
thought it was well done.

1285
01:16:44,410 --> 01:16:49,430
And I thought the Germans
were doing a better job

1286
01:16:49,430 --> 01:16:52,450
than, for example, the French.

1287
01:16:52,450 --> 01:16:57,880
And the reason I say that is not
because the French did anything

1288
01:16:57,880 --> 01:17:07,230
wrong, but when I got
to the Jewish, that area

1289
01:17:07,230 --> 01:17:12,820
in Paris, the Jewish area
in Paris, I had to ask.

1290
01:17:12,820 --> 01:17:16,650
I can't tell you how
many people to be

1291
01:17:16,650 --> 01:17:19,440
able to find the memorial.

1292

01:17:19,440 --> 01:17:22,620

1293

01:17:22,620 --> 01:17:25,480

And I felt very badly.

1294

01:17:25,480 --> 01:17:28,590

I thought here you
all are, and you don't

1295

01:17:28,590 --> 01:17:32,450

know where the memorial is.

1296

01:17:32,450 --> 01:17:35,420

And the French suffered greatly.

1297

01:17:35,420 --> 01:17:39,260

And the French Jews
suffered greatly.

1298

01:17:39,260 --> 01:17:45,980

Now, I have one cousin who--

1299

01:17:45,980 --> 01:17:48,600

I have to tell you,
the two Ritchie--

1300

01:17:48,600 --> 01:17:51,777

my uncle and my
cousin got together,

1301

01:17:51,777 --> 01:17:54,110

and at the end of the war,
they looked for their family.

1302

01:17:54,110 --> 01:17:58,170

1303

01:17:58,170 --> 01:18:02,640

The military asked my uncle
to stay in the military.

1304

01:18:02,640 --> 01:18:08,380

And he was already of Captain
or Colonel or something.

1305

01:18:08,380 --> 01:18:09,720

I don't know.

1306

01:18:09,720 --> 01:18:11,960

I can look it up.

1307

01:18:11,960 --> 01:18:22,240

Anyway, so that cousin and
my uncle Leo, cousin's name

1308

01:18:22,240 --> 01:18:26,200

was Gus, the two of them
went to look for the family

1309

01:18:26,200 --> 01:18:28,870

and they went back
to the Schwarzwald,

1310

01:18:28,870 --> 01:18:33,430

in that little tiny town
where they were from.

1311

01:18:33,430 --> 01:18:39,970

And then they went to another
town that was close by.

1312

01:18:39,970 --> 01:18:43,810

And they got out of their car.

1313

01:18:43,810 --> 01:18:46,480

And they were in their uniforms.

1314

01:18:46,480 --> 01:18:49,180

And they asked this
little boy, they

1315

01:18:49,180 --> 01:18:52,330

said, could you tell

us where someone is.

1316
01:18:52,330 --> 01:18:55,150
Well, the boy was
scared to death

1317
01:18:55,150 --> 01:19:02,850
because it was men in uniforms,
and he was German Jew.

1318
01:19:02,850 --> 01:19:06,060
So they spoke fluent German.

1319
01:19:06,060 --> 01:19:08,040
And when they talked
to him and they said,

1320
01:19:08,040 --> 01:19:11,760
we're looking for him because
they're our relatives,

1321
01:19:11,760 --> 01:19:14,760
and I'm their cousin.

1322
01:19:14,760 --> 01:19:21,560
Well, that turned out
to be the cousin son.

1323
01:19:21,560 --> 01:19:25,640
So anyway, but what
I started to say now,

1324
01:19:25,640 --> 01:19:29,840
I have relatives who
now live in Jerusalem.

1325
01:19:29,840 --> 01:19:33,440
And when the German--

1326
01:19:33,440 --> 01:19:38,000
this particular cousin, that was
this little boy at that time,

1327

01:19:38,000 --> 01:19:43,130

got a PhD in biochemistry,
pharmacology,

1328

01:19:43,130 --> 01:19:50,050

whatever, at Wash U in St. Lewis
because his uncle was there.

1329

01:19:50,050 --> 01:19:57,360

And anyway, he became a
very well-known chemist

1330

01:19:57,360 --> 01:20:04,870

and he developed some drugs.

1331

01:20:04,870 --> 01:20:11,440

Actually, thought up an easier
way to make generic drugs.

1332

01:20:11,440 --> 01:20:16,900

So he did very well in
this French company.

1333

01:20:16,900 --> 01:20:22,150

When the French company sold
out to a German company,

1334

01:20:22,150 --> 01:20:24,970

he said, I'm not
working for the Germans.

1335

01:20:24,970 --> 01:20:27,710

And he left and moved to Israel.

1336

01:20:27,710 --> 01:20:30,050

What's his name?

1337

01:20:30,050 --> 01:20:35,330

His last name is Bloch,
B-L-O-C-H. And yeah,

1338

01:20:35,330 --> 01:20:36,720

I can give you his name.

1339
01:20:36,720 --> 01:20:38,330
I have it at home.

1340
01:20:38,330 --> 01:20:41,070
Who was the relative
who was the Ritchie boy?

1341
01:20:41,070 --> 01:20:41,570
Pardon?

1342
01:20:41,570 --> 01:20:44,390
You said you had a relative
who was a Ritchie boy.

1343
01:20:44,390 --> 01:20:45,710
Yeah, my uncle Leo.

1344
01:20:45,710 --> 01:20:47,290
Your uncle Leo, yeah.

1345
01:20:47,290 --> 01:20:53,420
And his cousin, Gustav Bloch,
was also a Ritchie boy.

1346
01:20:53,420 --> 01:20:59,400
But Leo did it a year
earlier than-- yeah.

1347
01:20:59,400 --> 01:21:01,770
So he trained at Camp
Ritchie here in Maryland.

1348
01:21:01,770 --> 01:21:03,320
Here, in Maryland.

1349
01:21:03,320 --> 01:21:04,710
And then went back to your--

1350
01:21:04,710 --> 01:21:08,010
And then went back.

1351
01:21:08,010 --> 01:21:12,650
At first, worked with
some of the Brits,

1352
01:21:12,650 --> 01:21:14,150
who were in North Africa.

1353
01:21:14,150 --> 01:21:17,780
But then did some--

1354
01:21:17,780 --> 01:21:20,900
but then interrogated
prisoners of war.

1355
01:21:20,900 --> 01:21:23,060
That was their main job.

1356
01:21:23,060 --> 01:21:25,370
And that's what
they learned to do.

1357
01:21:25,370 --> 01:21:26,390
They also--

1358
01:21:26,390 --> 01:21:27,440
Was that in Germany?

1359
01:21:27,440 --> 01:21:28,520
Or where did they--

1360
01:21:28,520 --> 01:21:30,020
In Germany.

1361
01:21:30,020 --> 01:21:35,210
But the other thing he did--
there was an article that

1362
01:21:35,210 --> 01:21:46,000
Mickey sent me, where the small
horses that were in Germany

1363
01:21:46,000 --> 01:21:48,760
were the Lily, what are they--

1364
01:21:48,760 --> 01:21:50,170
I forgot what they're called.

1365
01:21:50,170 --> 01:21:51,770
But anyway, it
doesn't matter, you

1366
01:21:51,770 --> 01:21:54,390
know I'm not an expert in that.

1367
01:21:54,390 --> 01:22:01,810
Anyway, the Russians
wanted those horses.

1368
01:22:01,810 --> 01:22:07,720
And the group of Ritchie
Boys that Leo was with--

1369
01:22:07,720 --> 01:22:10,240
in fact, he was the
deputy commander--

1370
01:22:10,240 --> 01:22:14,030

1371
01:22:14,030 --> 01:22:18,440
figured out a way for the US
to get those horses instead

1372
01:22:18,440 --> 01:22:19,610
of the Russians.

1373
01:22:19,610 --> 01:22:25,250
So that was a big deal, and the
article is out on the internet.

1374
01:22:25,250 --> 01:22:28,626
Did your family or folks
get reparations or you?

1375
01:22:28,626 --> 01:22:30,980
No, what happened was--

1376
01:22:30,980 --> 01:22:35,000
that's quite interesting.

1377
01:22:35,000 --> 01:22:39,620
A lot of countries
gave you reparations

1378
01:22:39,620 --> 01:22:42,890
like, if you were
from Luxembourg.

1379
01:22:42,890 --> 01:22:49,425
But you had to stay a
Luxembourgian citizen.

1380
01:22:49,425 --> 01:22:52,040

1381
01:22:52,040 --> 01:22:57,260
My parents thought
about it and decided

1382
01:22:57,260 --> 01:22:58,670
they were going to stay.

1383
01:22:58,670 --> 01:23:01,880
In those days you couldn't
have dual citizenship

1384
01:23:01,880 --> 01:23:09,830
between Luxembourg and
the US, in that category.

1385
01:23:09,830 --> 01:23:13,010
I don't know what the laws were.

1386
01:23:13,010 --> 01:23:17,900
So my parents stayed here and

retained their US citizenship.

1387

01:23:17,900 --> 01:23:21,770

1388

01:23:21,770 --> 01:23:25,490

There was a lot of
going back and forth

1389

01:23:25,490 --> 01:23:29,360

with the German reparations.

1390

01:23:29,360 --> 01:23:30,880

I don't know what happened.

1391

01:23:30,880 --> 01:23:33,330

I don't think they got anything.

1392

01:23:33,330 --> 01:23:36,940

Or if they did, it was much.

1393

01:23:36,940 --> 01:23:41,070

Were you in any way active
in the civil rights movement

1394

01:23:41,070 --> 01:23:42,450

here in the United States?

1395

01:23:42,450 --> 01:23:44,350

Yes.

1396

01:23:44,350 --> 01:23:49,080

You obviously had to leave your
home country because people

1397

01:23:49,080 --> 01:23:50,445

were losing their civil rights.

1398

01:23:50,445 --> 01:23:56,000

1399

01:23:56,000 --> 01:23:58,340
When I was at the
University of Rochester,

1400
01:23:58,340 --> 01:24:02,300
I was active in the
civil rights movement.

1401
01:24:02,300 --> 01:24:10,530
I did some other
things thereafter.

1402
01:24:10,530 --> 01:24:22,330
When I was working,
I didn't really

1403
01:24:22,330 --> 01:24:27,690
participate because I
didn't have a made up--

1404
01:24:27,690 --> 01:24:29,490
I didn't do much.

1405
01:24:29,490 --> 01:24:32,670
But I mean, I tried.

1406
01:24:32,670 --> 01:24:38,820
I gave money or whatever,
but I didn't give much time.

1407
01:24:38,820 --> 01:24:45,380
When I was at the University
of Rochester I did things.

1408
01:24:45,380 --> 01:24:48,290
I did belong to the NAACP.

1409
01:24:48,290 --> 01:24:50,060
I did things like that.

1410
01:24:50,060 --> 01:25:03,260
I try to do some things
and make contributions.

1411
01:25:03,260 --> 01:25:08,180
But I don't think I was
really active per se.

1412
01:25:08,180 --> 01:25:09,230
I couldn't say--

1413
01:25:09,230 --> 01:25:12,000

1414
01:25:12,000 --> 01:25:14,280
Although I'll tell
you, the first time I

1415
01:25:14,280 --> 01:25:18,750
went down South I was shocked.

1416
01:25:18,750 --> 01:25:21,840
Even coming down here.

1417
01:25:21,840 --> 01:25:23,880
The first time I
went to Virginia,

1418
01:25:23,880 --> 01:25:24,930
I couldn't believe it.

1419
01:25:24,930 --> 01:25:27,620

1420
01:25:27,620 --> 01:25:28,280
And just what?

1421
01:25:28,280 --> 01:25:29,450
Saw signs?

1422
01:25:29,450 --> 01:25:29,950
Signs.

1423
01:25:29,950 --> 01:25:34,600

1424
01:25:34,600 --> 01:25:36,220
I went to a restaurant.

1425
01:25:36,220 --> 01:25:39,160
There used to be
a nice restaurant.

1426
01:25:39,160 --> 01:25:42,520
So George took me to the
restaurant for lunch.

1427
01:25:42,520 --> 01:25:47,810
And this black
man, Afro-American

1428
01:25:47,810 --> 01:25:49,190
came in the front door.

1429
01:25:49,190 --> 01:25:52,370
He didn't know there was
a special door for him

1430
01:25:52,370 --> 01:25:54,260
and they started
screaming at him.

1431
01:25:54,260 --> 01:25:56,150
And I thought, Oh my gosh.

1432
01:25:56,150 --> 01:25:58,490
I don't think I
can eat lunch here.

1433
01:25:58,490 --> 01:26:02,100

1434
01:26:02,100 --> 01:26:05,460
I mean, things
like that really--

1435

01:26:05,460 --> 01:26:12,010

1436
01:26:12,010 --> 01:26:13,390
I haven't changed any.

1437
01:26:13,390 --> 01:26:15,070
I don't deal well with it.

1438
01:26:15,070 --> 01:26:17,650

1439
01:26:17,650 --> 01:26:21,520
I've been to Mississippi.

1440
01:26:21,520 --> 01:26:26,310
I've gone into a
restaurant in Atlanta.

1441
01:26:26,310 --> 01:26:31,410
Had a contract
when Lyndon Johnson

1442
01:26:31,410 --> 01:26:40,580
was president, where we went
to look at drug recidivism.

1443
01:26:40,580 --> 01:26:41,900
We were doing a study.

1444
01:26:41,900 --> 01:26:47,390

1445
01:26:47,390 --> 01:26:49,100
Well we had a questionnaire.

1446
01:26:49,100 --> 01:26:52,970
And rightfully
so, they said, you

1447
01:26:52,970 --> 01:26:56,840
know Julie, if you go in and

ask these questions nobody will

1448
01:26:56,840 --> 01:26:58,130
answer you.

1449
01:26:58,130 --> 01:27:05,315
So I said, why don't we get
some Afro-Americans to ask

1450
01:27:05,315 --> 01:27:08,180
the questions or
other drug users.

1451
01:27:08,180 --> 01:27:10,820
Either one it doesn't
matter, I said.

1452
01:27:10,820 --> 01:27:15,270
But we have to get the
answers to these questions.

1453
01:27:15,270 --> 01:27:20,720
So the first time I went
into a restaurant in Atlanta

1454
01:27:20,720 --> 01:27:24,500
with a Black guy,
I mean, everybody

1455
01:27:24,500 --> 01:27:26,660
looked like I had just worn--

1456
01:27:26,660 --> 01:27:27,530
you know.

1457
01:27:27,530 --> 01:27:32,060
But of course,
that's no more true.

1458
01:27:32,060 --> 01:27:35,980
So things have changed.

1459

01:27:35,980 --> 01:27:41,821
Things have changed
but not all the way.

1460
01:27:41,821 --> 01:27:45,320
Do you think the Holocaust
could happen again?

1461
01:27:45,320 --> 01:27:47,120
I'm scared to death.

1462
01:27:47,120 --> 01:27:49,640
I'll tell you why.

1463
01:27:49,640 --> 01:27:54,660
Now this is a cynical
me, even though I say

1464
01:27:54,660 --> 01:27:56,641
kiss the ground you walk on.

1465
01:27:56,641 --> 01:27:59,800

1466
01:27:59,800 --> 01:28:11,730
I always worry that everybody--

1467
01:28:11,730 --> 01:28:14,040
I worry this way.

1468
01:28:14,040 --> 01:28:21,260
Right now, it's the
Muslims that are being--

1469
01:28:21,260 --> 01:28:24,710
well in the United
States you know.

1470
01:28:24,710 --> 01:28:28,700
I'm just talking about
Hispanics or whatever.

1471

01:28:28,700 --> 01:28:31,940
Well, when a group gets
through with whomever

1472
01:28:31,940 --> 01:28:37,860
they're persecuting, who's
the next one on the list?

1473
01:28:37,860 --> 01:28:40,810
The Jews.

1474
01:28:40,810 --> 01:28:46,405
And I say that to my
friends all the time.

1475
01:28:46,405 --> 01:28:49,010

1476
01:28:49,010 --> 01:28:51,150
I say, you're the
next one on the list.

1477
01:28:51,150 --> 01:28:53,730

1478
01:28:53,730 --> 01:28:55,260
See I don't under--

1479
01:28:55,260 --> 01:28:59,670
I mean, I've met a few
Jewish bigots in my day.

1480
01:28:59,670 --> 01:29:07,030
And that is so far
beyond my comprehension,

1481
01:29:07,030 --> 01:29:09,290
that I don't
understand it at all.

1482
01:29:09,290 --> 01:29:12,670

1483

01:29:12,670 --> 01:29:16,565

Because, what do you think
is going to happen next?

1484

01:29:16,565 --> 01:29:21,110

1485

01:29:21,110 --> 01:29:26,240

I mean, if I'm a redneck of
whatever denomination I am,

1486

01:29:26,240 --> 01:29:27,620

I don't care.

1487

01:29:27,620 --> 01:29:31,910

If I'm a redneck and I've got
all these people to pick on

1488

01:29:31,910 --> 01:29:35,010

and now they're all gone,
who's next on the list?

1489

01:29:35,010 --> 01:29:35,510

The Jews.

1490

01:29:35,510 --> 01:29:38,820

1491

01:29:38,820 --> 01:29:43,850

And I mean, I will
tell you I know there

1492

01:29:43,850 --> 01:29:45,950

was prejudice in Schenectady.

1493

01:29:45,950 --> 01:29:48,240

And I know where it was.

1494

01:29:48,240 --> 01:29:52,050

And you know, we couldn't
join a country club.

1495

01:29:52,050 --> 01:29:54,440

Or we couldn't do this
or we couldn't do that.

1496

01:29:54,440 --> 01:29:56,300

Whatever was it, didn't matter.

1497

01:29:56,300 --> 01:30:01,030

1498

01:30:01,030 --> 01:30:06,160

I didn't feel it on
a day-to-day basis.

1499

01:30:06,160 --> 01:30:08,020

Never.

1500

01:30:08,020 --> 01:30:12,250

I came down here and I
said to my husband one

1501

01:30:12,250 --> 01:30:14,830

day, what's a kike?

1502

01:30:14,830 --> 01:30:17,200

And he said, are you
sure you're Jewish?

1503

01:30:17,200 --> 01:30:20,560

1504

01:30:20,560 --> 01:30:22,975

You know, I didn't feel--

1505

01:30:22,975 --> 01:30:26,980

1506

01:30:26,980 --> 01:30:29,290

I mean, I knew
there was prejudice.

1507

01:30:29,290 --> 01:30:34,480
And I saw prejudice
against Blacks.

1508
01:30:34,480 --> 01:30:37,540
I worked with a guy who
wouldn't sit down and eat lunch

1509
01:30:37,540 --> 01:30:40,420
with Afro-American.

1510
01:30:40,420 --> 01:30:40,930
Ever.

1511
01:30:40,930 --> 01:30:41,430
Period.

1512
01:30:41,430 --> 01:30:46,690

1513
01:30:46,690 --> 01:30:49,420
I told him I thought
guns were bad.

1514
01:30:49,420 --> 01:30:54,070
That was the day I learned
never to argue about guns.

1515
01:30:54,070 --> 01:30:57,010
I mean I said, this
is a silly subject.

1516
01:30:57,010 --> 01:30:57,730
Let it go.

1517
01:30:57,730 --> 01:31:01,600

1518
01:31:01,600 --> 01:31:08,190
But I really do worry
about that, a lot.

1519

01:31:08,190 --> 01:31:11,930

1520

01:31:11,930 --> 01:31:16,940

That's why I belong to
the Holocaust Museum

1521

01:31:16,940 --> 01:31:20,140

as long as it's existed.

1522

01:31:20,140 --> 01:31:23,630

Because it has to be remembered.

1523

01:31:23,630 --> 01:31:26,120

How do you feel having
the Museum in Washington?

1524

01:31:26,120 --> 01:31:29,390

I mean the war
wasn't in Washington?

1525

01:31:29,390 --> 01:31:35,310

I think it needs a
Museum in Washington.

1526

01:31:35,310 --> 01:31:38,910

I think a lot of
people come here,

1527

01:31:38,910 --> 01:31:43,450

and they learn it in the
Museum in Washington.

1528

01:31:43,450 --> 01:31:45,730

Just as they learn
when they listen

1529

01:31:45,730 --> 01:31:52,070

to a lecture in, I don't
know, Chicago or Minnesota

1530

01:31:52,070 --> 01:31:54,530

or wherever.

1531
01:31:54,530 --> 01:31:57,710
When I went to college,
there were kids in my class

1532
01:31:57,710 --> 01:31:59,615
who had never seen a Jew before.

1533
01:31:59,615 --> 01:32:02,250

1534
01:32:02,250 --> 01:32:04,210
And they would ask me questions.

1535
01:32:04,210 --> 01:32:07,850

1536
01:32:07,850 --> 01:32:09,500
Some of the
questions were funny.

1537
01:32:09,500 --> 01:32:12,200
My roommate had brown
hair and brown eyes,

1538
01:32:12,200 --> 01:32:14,600
and her mother had blue eyes.

1539
01:32:14,600 --> 01:32:21,830
So this girl from Buffalo,
Buffalo mind you, said to me,

1540
01:32:21,830 --> 01:32:24,300
"Is your roommate's
mother Jewish?"

1541
01:32:24,300 --> 01:32:27,270
And I said, "Yes,
why do you ask?"

1542
01:32:27,270 --> 01:32:31,850
And she said, "Cause her mother

has blue eyes and all the rest

1543

01:32:31,850 --> 01:32:33,378
of you have brown eyes."

1544

01:32:33,378 --> 01:32:41,610

1545

01:32:41,610 --> 01:32:47,550
I don't think we're totally
safe, let's put it that way.

1546

01:32:47,550 --> 01:32:50,640
When I walk on the
Champs-Élysées, I've been--

1547

01:32:50,640 --> 01:32:52,980
OK.

1548

01:32:52,980 --> 01:32:55,590
The first time I went back
to Europe, I told you,

1549

01:32:55,590 --> 01:32:57,960
it was 1962.

1550

01:32:57,960 --> 01:33:01,440
I used to travel on
business quite a bit.

1551

01:33:01,440 --> 01:33:05,640
I would travel to France,
as well as to London.

1552

01:33:05,640 --> 01:33:09,780
To Paris and London and
couple other places.

1553

01:33:09,780 --> 01:33:13,140
Lyon because that's
where INTERPOL is.

1554

01:33:13,140 --> 01:33:19,700

And I will tell you that
walking on the Champs-Élysées,

1555

01:33:19,700 --> 01:33:23,570

today makes me nervous.

1556

01:33:23,570 --> 01:33:28,600

And it never made me nervous
in all the years I went there.

1557

01:33:28,600 --> 01:33:34,560

1558

01:33:34,560 --> 01:33:36,230

Because of the
antisemitism in France?

1559

01:33:36,230 --> 01:33:37,950

Yeah, in front of me.

1560

01:33:37,950 --> 01:33:43,560

I mean, they're walking right
there, in all their glory.

1561

01:33:43,560 --> 01:33:44,070

You know?

1562

01:33:44,070 --> 01:33:46,840

1563

01:33:46,840 --> 01:33:48,850

But you know, I was talking--

1564

01:33:48,850 --> 01:33:51,850

My cousin lives
in a little town,

1565

01:33:51,850 --> 01:33:58,600

called Thionville, which
is about an hour, maybe 45

1566

01:33:58,600 --> 01:34:04,725
minutes, from Luxembourg
and right in France.

1567
01:34:04,725 --> 01:34:07,870

1568
01:34:07,870 --> 01:34:10,690
She and her husband live there.

1569
01:34:10,690 --> 01:34:12,940
They also have a--

1570
01:34:12,940 --> 01:34:14,260
he's a cattle dealer.

1571
01:34:14,260 --> 01:34:17,830

1572
01:34:17,830 --> 01:34:28,020
They belong to the synagogue
in the city where they live.

1573
01:34:28,020 --> 01:34:29,860
They are orthodox.

1574
01:34:29,860 --> 01:34:36,380
They have Shabbat dinner
every Friday night.

1575
01:34:36,380 --> 01:34:40,190
Everybody comes over
on Saturday afternoon

1576
01:34:40,190 --> 01:34:42,845
and they talk
different subjects.

1577
01:34:42,845 --> 01:34:45,630

1578
01:34:45,630 --> 01:34:48,450

And I always ask her,
"Aren't you nervous?"

1579
01:34:48,450 --> 01:34:49,620
Aren't you nervous?

1580
01:34:49,620 --> 01:34:51,490
Don't you feel the difference?"

1581
01:34:51,490 --> 01:34:53,790
And she always says no to me.

1582
01:34:53,790 --> 01:34:57,840
I really don't understand
it, I got to tell you.

1583
01:34:57,840 --> 01:35:01,560
Because if I were there--

1584
01:35:01,560 --> 01:35:04,110
I mean she was
born after the war.

1585
01:35:04,110 --> 01:35:09,280
I was born before the war,
she was born after the war.

1586
01:35:09,280 --> 01:35:14,710
So maybe it's a different
outlook, I don't know.

1587
01:35:14,710 --> 01:35:18,100
But if I was she, I
think I'd be nervous.

1588
01:35:18,100 --> 01:35:20,140
Would you be a
different person today

1589
01:35:20,140 --> 01:35:24,950
if you hadn't had that early
childhood that you had?

1590

01:35:24,950 --> 01:35:28,300

Let's say you were
born here maybe.

1591

01:35:28,300 --> 01:35:29,950

Probably, I would be.

1592

01:35:29,950 --> 01:35:32,350

You'd still be the same person?

1593

01:35:32,350 --> 01:35:36,500

No, I think there are some
parts of me that would be,

1594

01:35:36,500 --> 01:35:39,415

maybe, somewhat different.

1595

01:35:39,415 --> 01:35:43,960

1596

01:35:43,960 --> 01:35:44,460

OK.

1597

01:35:44,460 --> 01:35:48,210

1598

01:35:48,210 --> 01:35:55,110

I work very hard to get
ahead in the office, OK?

1599

01:35:55,110 --> 01:36:00,600

I was the first female vice
president at Litton systems,

1600

01:36:00,600 --> 01:36:01,770

in engineering.

1601

01:36:01,770 --> 01:36:05,150

Because, why would
you pick a woman

1602

01:36:05,150 --> 01:36:09,080
when there are 40
men running around?

1603
01:36:09,080 --> 01:36:14,890
And I don't know.

1604
01:36:14,890 --> 01:36:20,190

1605
01:36:20,190 --> 01:36:23,310
I mean, I was very hard-working.

1606
01:36:23,310 --> 01:36:25,230
My mother and father would--

1607
01:36:25,230 --> 01:36:26,610
[PHONE RINGS] Oh, that's me.

1608
01:36:26,610 --> 01:36:30,970

1609
01:36:30,970 --> 01:36:36,280
If you work hard and you do
a good job, you'll get ahead.

1610
01:36:36,280 --> 01:36:42,060
Now that made a big
difference to me.

1611
01:36:42,060 --> 01:36:47,500
Would I have done
that same hard work

1612
01:36:47,500 --> 01:36:54,500
if I had been born
here, and sort of,

1613
01:36:54,500 --> 01:36:57,650
had it a little easier
when I was a child?

1614

01:36:57,650 --> 01:37:00,080
I don't know.

1615
01:37:00,080 --> 01:37:01,160
Probably.

1616
01:37:01,160 --> 01:37:05,720
Simply because I would
have had it easier, right?

1617
01:37:05,720 --> 01:37:09,680
That's why I said, when I read
that article in "Newsweek"

1618
01:37:09,680 --> 01:37:13,270
about first generation.

1619
01:37:13,270 --> 01:37:19,850
There is something
about always trying

1620
01:37:19,850 --> 01:37:27,430
to do the best you
possibly can that I think,

1621
01:37:27,430 --> 01:37:31,090
may come because you're
first generation.

1622
01:37:31,090 --> 01:37:33,240
I don't know.

1623
01:37:33,240 --> 01:37:37,970
I can't answer it because
I'm the only one I know.

1624
01:37:37,970 --> 01:37:40,850
But I think it does impact you.

1625
01:37:40,850 --> 01:37:53,890
Because-- it was because I
felt I had, I wanted to do it.

1626

01:37:53,890 --> 01:37:58,430

But I think I also owed
it to my parents to do it.

1627

01:37:58,430 --> 01:38:03,280

1628

01:38:03,280 --> 01:38:05,350

I mean, as soon
as I thought I was

1629

01:38:05,350 --> 01:38:08,950

going to flunk second grade, I
had to run and tell my mother.

1630

01:38:08,950 --> 01:38:13,680

1631

01:38:13,680 --> 01:38:15,840

And my parents never put any--

1632

01:38:15,840 --> 01:38:18,330

I mean, they wanted
me to do well

1633

01:38:18,330 --> 01:38:21,210

but I don't think they
put pressure on me.

1634

01:38:21,210 --> 01:38:25,050

Like, a "helicopter
mom" or whatever.

1635

01:38:25,050 --> 01:38:28,290

My parents didn't do that.

1636

01:38:28,290 --> 01:38:31,030

They just do the best you can.

1637

01:38:31,030 --> 01:38:33,600

1638

01:38:33,600 --> 01:38:36,330

And so I'm not sure what
the answer would be.

1639

01:38:36,330 --> 01:38:38,340

But I think I
would be different.

1640

01:38:38,340 --> 01:38:41,370

I think you have
to be different.

1641

01:38:41,370 --> 01:38:43,770

Are you more comfortable
being with people

1642

01:38:43,770 --> 01:38:47,040

who were European-born
than you are with--?

1643

01:38:47,040 --> 01:38:47,710

No.

1644

01:38:47,710 --> 01:38:49,085

Doesn't make a
difference to you?

1645

01:38:49,085 --> 01:38:50,550

Doesn't make a difference to me.

1646

01:38:50,550 --> 01:39:00,540

1647

01:39:00,540 --> 01:39:05,300

No, that doesn't make a
difference to me at all.

1648

01:39:05,300 --> 01:39:07,930

I was going to say,
I'm sometimes--

1649

01:39:07,930 --> 01:39:13,400

I feel a little more comfortable
sometimes with people

1650
01:39:13,400 --> 01:39:22,520
who share my views
on certain, who are

1651
01:39:22,520 --> 01:39:24,540
more liberal in certain areas.

1652
01:39:24,540 --> 01:39:27,650
That's the way I'll
phrase it to be polite.

1653
01:39:27,650 --> 01:39:31,880
Because otherwise I have to
watch myself that I don't, you

1654
01:39:31,880 --> 01:39:35,720
know, really insult somebody.

1655
01:39:35,720 --> 01:39:41,120
I used to have, I
used to be more--

1656
01:39:41,120 --> 01:39:45,500
I'm not as outspoken as I was.

1657
01:39:45,500 --> 01:39:48,920
I say things like, well
I disagree with that.

1658
01:39:48,920 --> 01:39:54,710
But we all live in the United
States and that's, you know.

1659
01:39:54,710 --> 01:39:58,220
I have to be grateful
that I can say what--

1660
01:39:58,220 --> 01:40:01,760
that we all have to be grateful
that we can say what we think.

1661
01:40:01,760 --> 01:40:04,490

1662
01:40:04,490 --> 01:40:06,680
I think that makes a difference.

1663
01:40:06,680 --> 01:40:11,480

1664
01:40:11,480 --> 01:40:15,800
I think I said to you earlier
that I can never understand

1665
01:40:15,800 --> 01:40:17,670
why a Jew would be a bigot.

1666
01:40:17,670 --> 01:40:21,210

1667
01:40:21,210 --> 01:40:25,990
But I don't say anything
because I know there are many.

1668
01:40:25,990 --> 01:40:28,660
You know, I can name
them and rattle them off.

1669
01:40:28,660 --> 01:40:31,540
But that isn't going
to do any good 'cause

1670
01:40:31,540 --> 01:40:33,590
they're not going to
change their mind.

1671
01:40:33,590 --> 01:40:35,300
And I'm not going
to change mine.

1672
01:40:35,300 --> 01:40:38,120

1673
01:40:38,120 --> 01:40:39,500
It's kind of interesting.

1674
01:40:39,500 --> 01:40:44,900

1675
01:40:44,900 --> 01:40:47,450
I think the world
has changed a lot,

1676
01:40:47,450 --> 01:40:54,950
and we have to learn how to
deal with the technology.

1677
01:40:54,950 --> 01:41:01,130
In terms of how
we're approaching

1678
01:41:01,130 --> 01:41:08,830
war or news or anything
else like that.

1679
01:41:08,830 --> 01:41:14,090
Because I don't think we quite
know how to deal with it.

1680
01:41:14,090 --> 01:41:18,200
And we don't spend any
time thinking about it.

1681
01:41:18,200 --> 01:41:21,640
I mean there are
few people who do.

1682
01:41:21,640 --> 01:41:25,970
But, you know, not
as many as should.

1683
01:41:25,970 --> 01:41:27,050
Or could.

1684

01:41:27,050 --> 01:41:29,990
Not necessarily
should, but could.

1685
01:41:29,990 --> 01:41:33,770
Because it's an issue of--

1686
01:41:33,770 --> 01:41:37,130

1687
01:41:37,130 --> 01:41:40,080
We don't want to
regulate newspapers.

1688
01:41:40,080 --> 01:41:42,560
We want freedom of speech.

1689
01:41:42,560 --> 01:41:46,790
But we have to be careful,
in some regard, about what

1690
01:41:46,790 --> 01:41:50,750
is being published.

1691
01:41:50,750 --> 01:41:58,160
I mean, that 28-year-old man
who went shooting up the mosque.

1692
01:41:58,160 --> 01:42:05,370
Or the person who went shooting
up the synagogue in Pittsburgh.

1693
01:42:05,370 --> 01:42:15,460
There has to be some
way to at least provide

1694
01:42:15,460 --> 01:42:20,030
the people with
two different views

1695
01:42:20,030 --> 01:42:23,190
that they can then
examine and say,

1696
01:42:23,190 --> 01:42:25,950
well, maybe I'm not
right about this

1697
01:42:25,950 --> 01:42:28,700
or maybe I'm not
right about that.

1698
01:42:28,700 --> 01:42:34,050
Like, where we live.

1699
01:42:34,050 --> 01:42:36,630
There are a couple of
people who are very--

1700
01:42:36,630 --> 01:42:41,220
"The Washington Times" is
the only thing they read.

1701
01:42:41,220 --> 01:42:42,930
Which scares me to death.

1702
01:42:42,930 --> 01:42:46,740
But having said that,
one of the people

1703
01:42:46,740 --> 01:42:53,250
said to me something about "The
Washington Post" and I said,

1704
01:42:53,250 --> 01:42:54,240
I find it--

1705
01:42:54,240 --> 01:42:56,310
I didn't say I disagree.

1706
01:42:56,310 --> 01:43:00,690
I said I find it interesting.

1707
01:43:00,690 --> 01:43:05,880
I see the same picture

with a different headline

1708
01:43:05,880 --> 01:43:10,290
in "The Wall Street Journal"
and "The Washington Post."

1709
01:43:10,290 --> 01:43:13,380
And what I like to
do is compare the two

1710
01:43:13,380 --> 01:43:16,200
and see how different they are.

1711
01:43:16,200 --> 01:43:23,380
And kind of evaluate which
one has the more logical

1712
01:43:23,380 --> 01:43:25,750
description of what happened.

1713
01:43:25,750 --> 01:43:32,370
But that was too far
for them to venture.

1714
01:43:32,370 --> 01:43:36,000
But, you know, that's why
I say I'm always scared.

1715
01:43:36,000 --> 01:43:38,760
Because I always think
that the Jews are

1716
01:43:38,760 --> 01:43:44,510
number two if they're not
number one on your hit list.

1717
01:43:44,510 --> 01:43:47,720
Do you think that too?

1718
01:43:47,720 --> 01:43:50,760
We can talk about that later.

1719

01:43:50,760 --> 01:43:53,450
Is there anything else you
wanted to talk about or mention

1720
01:43:53,450 --> 01:43:54,440
about your experience?

1721
01:43:54,440 --> 01:43:55,160
No, not really.

1722
01:43:55,160 --> 01:44:00,290
I don't know if this was
valuable or not valuable.

1723
01:44:00,290 --> 01:44:01,700
No, it's very valuable.

1724
01:44:01,700 --> 01:44:03,110
It's very valuable.

1725
01:44:03,110 --> 01:44:05,480
Any message to
your grandchildren?

1726
01:44:05,480 --> 01:44:06,200
Oh, yes!

1727
01:44:06,200 --> 01:44:12,740
I love you dearly and you're
the greatest ones on Earth.

1728
01:44:12,740 --> 01:44:16,130
Not counting any other
grandmother who's unbiased

1729
01:44:16,130 --> 01:44:16,820
like me.

1730
01:44:16,820 --> 01:44:21,070

1731
01:44:21,070 --> 01:44:23,420

Yeah.

1732
01:44:23,420 --> 01:44:24,260
No I think--

1733
01:44:24,260 --> 01:44:28,320

1734
01:44:28,320 --> 01:44:35,120
Any words of advice to
them, to your grandchildren?

1735
01:44:35,120 --> 01:44:38,390
When you pick your
field, pick something

1736
01:44:38,390 --> 01:44:40,160
that makes you
happy because you're

1737
01:44:40,160 --> 01:44:42,095
going to do it very many hours.

1738
01:44:42,095 --> 01:44:46,730

1739
01:44:46,730 --> 01:44:51,929
And make sure that it
isn't just the money.

1740
01:44:51,929 --> 01:44:52,429
Right.

1741
01:44:52,429 --> 01:44:56,690

1742
01:44:56,690 --> 01:44:58,030
No.

1743
01:44:58,030 --> 01:45:00,520
I'll let them all
choose their own.

1744
01:45:00,520 --> 01:45:01,420
It's very funny.

1745
01:45:01,420 --> 01:45:09,650
Sometimes when I talk to
my younger daughter, who's

1746
01:45:09,650 --> 01:45:14,030
a terrific person and
she doesn't want to say,

1747
01:45:14,030 --> 01:45:18,470
no mom that's wrong or whatever.

1748
01:45:18,470 --> 01:45:21,830
Like, I'll tell her something
about college and she'll say,

1749
01:45:21,830 --> 01:45:25,730
"Mom do you remember how many
years ago you went to college?"

1750
01:45:25,730 --> 01:45:27,700
And I'll say, "I got it, Marcy."

1751
01:45:27,700 --> 01:45:33,880

1752
01:45:33,880 --> 01:45:35,660
Well, thank you.

1753
01:45:35,660 --> 01:45:36,700
Thank you.

1754
01:45:36,700 --> 01:45:39,970
And my older daughter is
a terrific person too.

1755
01:45:39,970 --> 01:45:41,888
They're both very good.

1756

01:45:41,888 --> 01:45:44,130

Wonderful.

1757

01:45:44,130 --> 01:45:46,740

That's why I've to kiss
the ground I walk on.

1758

01:45:46,740 --> 01:45:51,210

Just grateful for all that.

1759

01:45:51,210 --> 01:45:54,100

That's a nice note to end on.

1760

01:45:54,100 --> 01:45:57,630

This concludes the United
States Holocaust Memorial Museum

1761

01:45:57,630 --> 01:46:01,520

interview with
Juliette Peternick.

1762

01:46:01,520 --> 01:46:05,000