

1  
00:00:00,000 --> 00:00:12,740

2  
00:00:12,740 --> 00:00:13,550  
Yes.

3  
00:00:13,550 --> 00:00:15,680  
Well, obviously.

4  
00:00:15,680 --> 00:00:17,610  
There's one thing I  
would like to say yet.

5  
00:00:17,610 --> 00:00:18,110  
Yes.

6  
00:00:18,110 --> 00:00:19,040  
And that is--

7  
00:00:19,040 --> 00:00:21,200  
Talk a little louder.

8  
00:00:21,200 --> 00:00:29,210  
That is we have never felt that  
it was such a big deal what

9  
00:00:29,210 --> 00:00:32,450  
we have done and we  
are a little bit wary

10  
00:00:32,450 --> 00:00:37,760  
about it turning  
into a big deal.

11  
00:00:37,760 --> 00:00:39,950  
Because we did it and  
we said, OK, we did it.

12  
00:00:39,950 --> 00:00:43,030  
And after the war was over  
we were glad it was over

13  
00:00:43,030 --> 00:00:47,270  
and we went back to normal  
life, more or less at least,

14  
00:00:47,270 --> 00:00:52,580  
and we never thought  
about it much.

15  
00:00:52,580 --> 00:00:55,160  
We thought about many  
experiences we had had

16  
00:00:55,160 --> 00:00:57,470  
and we thought about  
the friends we had made

17  
00:00:57,470 --> 00:00:59,540  
and about the  
friends we had lost,

18  
00:00:59,540 --> 00:01:02,450  
but about what we  
personally had done

19  
00:01:02,450 --> 00:01:03,840  
we never thought that much.

20  
00:01:03,840 --> 00:01:06,980  
And we really still don't  
feel it's not such a big deal.

21  
00:01:06,980 --> 00:01:10,040  
And we are a little  
bit worried or really

22  
00:01:10,040 --> 00:01:15,560  
I could say about interviews  
and medals and conferences

23  
00:01:15,560 --> 00:01:20,360  
in Washington and all that  
forces us more or less to--

24  
00:01:20,360 --> 00:01:21,170  
Yeah.

25  
00:01:21,170 --> 00:01:21,920  
You know?

26  
00:01:21,920 --> 00:01:23,420  
I think I know what you mean.

27  
00:01:23,420 --> 00:01:25,640  
But let me say, as  
I said, I have not

28  
00:01:25,640 --> 00:01:27,740  
been around here very long.

29  
00:01:27,740 --> 00:01:28,790  
I'm just starting on it.

30  
00:01:28,790 --> 00:01:31,040  
But from the little  
that I know about it,

31  
00:01:31,040 --> 00:01:35,270  
I think this is very different  
from the medals and Washington

32  
00:01:35,270 --> 00:01:36,710  
and whatever goes on.

33  
00:01:36,710 --> 00:01:40,880  
Because you see from the  
little I see about this here

34  
00:01:40,880 --> 00:01:43,490  
the research that is being  
done that I discussed

35  
00:01:43,490 --> 00:01:45,920  
with you before or  
that they tried to do

36  
00:01:45,920 --> 00:01:50,880  
is how were you influenced  
by your parents?

37  
00:01:50,880 --> 00:01:52,778  
How did you act on it?

38  
00:01:52,778 --> 00:01:55,070  
How do you influence your  
children, your grandchildren,

39  
00:01:55,070 --> 00:01:56,300  
and so on?

40  
00:01:56,300 --> 00:02:02,780  
So in other words, here you  
use a fancy word altruism.

41  
00:02:02,780 --> 00:02:03,350  
Fine.

42  
00:02:03,350 --> 00:02:05,107  
In the long run, I  
hope for your sake,

43  
00:02:05,107 --> 00:02:07,190  
I don't know if there is  
such a thing as altruism,

44  
00:02:07,190 --> 00:02:10,430  
but I hope for your sake you  
had a good feeling out of that.

45  
00:02:10,430 --> 00:02:12,620  
And what you are trying  
to say again and again

46  
00:02:12,620 --> 00:02:17,750  
and what comes through  
from your husband is

47

00:02:17,750 --> 00:02:19,460  
you want to do the  
best that you can

48  
00:02:19,460 --> 00:02:21,890  
and you want to instill  
the same in your children

49  
00:02:21,890 --> 00:02:24,230  
and your grandchildren  
and you feel

50  
00:02:24,230 --> 00:02:26,370  
the world would be a  
better place to live

51  
00:02:26,370 --> 00:02:28,030  
if everybody would do the same.

52  
00:02:28,030 --> 00:02:29,780  
I think this is what  
you're trying to say.

53  
00:02:29,780 --> 00:02:33,260  
And I think they're trying  
to say a little bit,

54  
00:02:33,260 --> 00:02:34,460  
is it instinct?

55  
00:02:34,460 --> 00:02:36,080  
Is it being taught?

56  
00:02:36,080 --> 00:02:38,610  
How much do you do  
yourself, et cetera.

57  
00:02:38,610 --> 00:02:40,248  
Yeah but now again--

58  
00:02:40,248 --> 00:02:42,290  
Would you like me to record  
what you want to say?

59

00:02:42,290 --> 00:02:43,100

That's OK.

60

00:02:43,100 --> 00:02:43,670

OK.

61

00:02:43,670 --> 00:02:48,890

Because now again it would  
be a point that if I really

62

00:02:48,890 --> 00:02:50,270

felt that way,  
then I would think

63

00:02:50,270 --> 00:02:52,520

I was better than other people.

64

00:02:52,520 --> 00:02:54,150

And I don't have  
that feeling at all.

65

00:02:54,150 --> 00:02:57,650

I don't think I'm any better  
as a person than people

66

00:02:57,650 --> 00:02:58,470

who didn't do it.

67

00:02:58,470 --> 00:02:59,630

Did I use that word?

68

00:02:59,630 --> 00:03:00,140

No, no, no.

69

00:03:00,140 --> 00:03:03,150

But when you say if everybody  
did what we had done that

70

00:03:03,150 --> 00:03:03,650

it's--

71

00:03:03,650 --> 00:03:06,890

I said it would be a better  
world we would live in.

72

00:03:06,890 --> 00:03:08,128

Maybe that's true.

73

00:03:08,128 --> 00:03:09,170

Maybe that's my own bias.

74

00:03:09,170 --> 00:03:09,590

Forgive me.

75

00:03:09,590 --> 00:03:10,340

Yeah, that's true.

76

00:03:10,340 --> 00:03:12,530

I think I'm bringing  
in my own bias.

77

00:03:12,530 --> 00:03:15,020

But I think from the little  
that I have seen here,

78

00:03:15,020 --> 00:03:17,060

without going into  
all the things

79

00:03:17,060 --> 00:03:19,100

that are necessary  
for the research

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00:03:19,100 --> 00:03:21,030

and having thousands of  
those questionnaires,

81

00:03:21,030 --> 00:03:24,800

which is very, very  
different, is really

82

00:03:24,800 --> 00:03:26,210

what is behind all that?

83  
00:03:26,210 --> 00:03:28,530  
What makes us tick?

84  
00:03:28,530 --> 00:03:29,030  
Yes.

85  
00:03:29,030 --> 00:03:31,130  
And I think this is all  
they're trying to study.

86  
00:03:31,130 --> 00:03:33,710  
And I'm really sorry that I'm  
taking so much of your time

87  
00:03:33,710 --> 00:03:35,780  
and energy, et cetera.

88  
00:03:35,780 --> 00:03:38,630  
It is very difficult. I  
can well understand it.

89  
00:03:38,630 --> 00:03:41,550  
And you are going through  
quite a bit I'm aware of it.

90  
00:03:41,550 --> 00:03:45,050  
But the main thing  
is really if we

91  
00:03:45,050 --> 00:03:46,760  
can prevent it in the future.

92  
00:03:46,760 --> 00:03:47,870  
Yes.

93  
00:03:47,870 --> 00:03:49,680  
I mean, all the things  
that are coming up.

94  
00:03:49,680 --> 00:03:51,513  
And I'm sure there's a



lot more that they're

95

00:03:51,513 --> 00:03:52,970

trying to study about.

96

00:03:52,970 --> 00:03:55,530

If this helps in preventing  
it in the future,

97

00:03:55,530 --> 00:03:58,970

then I'm very willing and  
happy if I am able to do that.

98

00:03:58,970 --> 00:04:00,020

Let's hope for the best--

99

00:04:00,020 --> 00:04:02,420

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100

00:04:02,420 --> 00:04:04,490

I mean, I'm involved  
in this too,

101

00:04:04,490 --> 00:04:08,250

and I would wish it  
would be helpful.

102

00:04:08,250 --> 00:04:11,660

So back to question D44.

103

00:04:11,660 --> 00:04:16,910

Was anyone you cared about ever  
unjustly treated by the Nazis?

104

00:04:16,910 --> 00:04:18,230

Oh, yeah, sure.

105

00:04:18,230 --> 00:04:19,310

Yes.

106

00:04:19,310 --> 00:04:22,079

And you remember when that

was and what happened?

107

00:04:22,079 --> 00:04:25,250

Well, so many of our  
friends had friends

108

00:04:25,250 --> 00:04:29,120

who were killed by the  
Nazis, very close friends.

109

00:04:29,120 --> 00:04:30,110

Killed how?

110

00:04:30,110 --> 00:04:31,520

In concentration camps or--

111

00:04:31,520 --> 00:04:32,410

Shot.

112

00:04:32,410 --> 00:04:34,140

Yes.

113

00:04:34,140 --> 00:04:37,190

You want to give just  
one instance, maybe?

114

00:04:37,190 --> 00:04:39,860

I told about this one  
already who was shot,

115

00:04:39,860 --> 00:04:42,907

but I don't think that was  
on the tape that I told that.

116

00:04:42,907 --> 00:04:44,240

Would you like to tell about it?

117

00:04:44,240 --> 00:04:44,960

I can't remember.

118

00:04:44,960 --> 00:04:46,910

Well, that was a

very known author.

119  
00:04:46,910 --> 00:04:49,252  
His name was--

120  
00:04:49,252 --> 00:04:50,210  
It'll come in a moment.

121  
00:04:50,210 --> 00:04:51,500  
Well, that's not important.

122  
00:04:51,500 --> 00:04:53,870  
Forget about the name.

123  
00:04:53,870 --> 00:04:58,280  
And he had done some work and  
he was very openly opposed

124  
00:04:58,280 --> 00:05:00,230  
to what the Germans did.

125  
00:05:00,230 --> 00:05:04,460  
I don't even know how much he  
did practically or physically,

126  
00:05:04,460 --> 00:05:07,640  
but I know he was very opposed  
to it and that was known.

127  
00:05:07,640 --> 00:05:09,680  
And as he was a  
very famous author,

128  
00:05:09,680 --> 00:05:11,490  
it was known how he thought.

129  
00:05:11,490 --> 00:05:16,170  
And one day there came two  
German officers to his house

130  
00:05:16,170 --> 00:05:19,410  
in the evening and

asked to talk to him.

131  
00:05:19,410 --> 00:05:21,870  
And he received  
them very politely.

132  
00:05:21,870 --> 00:05:25,080  
And they came to his study  
and they talked to him.

133  
00:05:25,080 --> 00:05:29,880  
And his wife brought them coffee  
and it looked all very all

134  
00:05:29,880 --> 00:05:32,190  
right, not dangerous.

135  
00:05:32,190 --> 00:05:34,290  
And I don't know  
what they discussed,

136  
00:05:34,290 --> 00:05:36,930  
but it was nothing which  
gave him the feeling

137  
00:05:36,930 --> 00:05:39,240  
that he was in any danger.

138  
00:05:39,240 --> 00:05:41,910  
And so when they  
left, they said he

139  
00:05:41,910 --> 00:05:45,750  
had to go with them for a  
moment to the headquarters

140  
00:05:45,750 --> 00:05:47,470  
to make a statement  
or something.

141  
00:05:47,470 --> 00:05:48,450  
And he said, OK, fine.

142  
00:05:48,450 --> 00:05:49,030  
I'll do that.

143  
00:05:49,030 --> 00:05:51,450  
And he said to his wife,  
I'll be back in 10 minutes.

144  
00:05:51,450 --> 00:05:54,060  
Because that was not far  
away me from headquarters.

145  
00:05:54,060 --> 00:05:55,170  
And so he left.

146  
00:05:55,170 --> 00:05:57,700  
And he walked in front  
of the two officers

147  
00:05:57,700 --> 00:05:59,340  
when they left the door.

148  
00:05:59,340 --> 00:06:01,440  
And when they were  
still in the garden

149  
00:06:01,440 --> 00:06:05,250  
they shot him in the  
back and he was dead.

150  
00:06:05,250 --> 00:06:07,560  
And his wife saw it.

151  
00:06:07,560 --> 00:06:09,330  
It was shocking.

152  
00:06:09,330 --> 00:06:12,420  
And I have another friend  
who was in the underground.

153  
00:06:12,420 --> 00:06:14,850  
And he was caught at  
[INAUDIBLE] at the moment.

154  
00:06:14,850 --> 00:06:17,670  
He had also Jewish people  
hidden in his house

155  
00:06:17,670 --> 00:06:19,400  
and he was shot on the spot.

156  
00:06:19,400 --> 00:06:23,870

157  
00:06:23,870 --> 00:06:27,170  
Well, I think you  
already explained that.

158  
00:06:27,170 --> 00:06:29,000  
Did you ever witness  
mistreatment of Jews

159  
00:06:29,000 --> 00:06:30,310  
by the Nazis?

160  
00:06:30,310 --> 00:06:30,810  
Yes, I did.

161  
00:06:30,810 --> 00:06:31,850  
You just said that.

162  
00:06:31,850 --> 00:06:34,580  
Anything else you would  
like to talk about?

163  
00:06:34,580 --> 00:06:36,050  
No, I think I've talked enough.

164  
00:06:36,050 --> 00:06:38,010  
You have talked enough.

165  
00:06:38,010 --> 00:06:41,450

166

00:06:41,450 --> 00:06:43,760  
Well, did you ever witness  
mistreatment of anyone

167  
00:06:43,760 --> 00:06:45,500  
else by the Nazis?

168  
00:06:45,500 --> 00:06:46,723  
Yes.

169  
00:06:46,723 --> 00:06:48,140  
Would you like to  
talk about that?

170  
00:06:48,140 --> 00:06:49,432  
Well, I just talked about that.

171  
00:06:49,432 --> 00:06:50,750  
They were not Jewish.

172  
00:06:50,750 --> 00:06:52,100  
Oh, they were not Jewish.

173  
00:06:52,100 --> 00:06:53,690  
No.

174  
00:06:53,690 --> 00:06:56,240  
On what occasion did you  
become aware of what the Nazis

175  
00:06:56,240 --> 00:06:59,720  
intended to do with the Jews?

176  
00:06:59,720 --> 00:07:02,190  
When the German Jews  
came to Holland,

177  
00:07:02,190 --> 00:07:05,480  
we knew several of  
them and they told us.

178  
00:07:05,480 --> 00:07:07,250

Well, that was--

179  
00:07:07,250 --> 00:07:08,420  
In '39.

180  
00:07:08,420 --> 00:07:09,073  
In '39?

181  
00:07:09,073 --> 00:07:10,115  
They did not come before?

182  
00:07:10,115 --> 00:07:10,780  
Or '38.

183  
00:07:10,780 --> 00:07:12,350  
I don't remember  
exactly the details.

184  
00:07:12,350 --> 00:07:15,480

185  
00:07:15,480 --> 00:07:16,710  
'38 maybe, yeah.

186  
00:07:16,710 --> 00:07:20,375

187  
00:07:20,375 --> 00:07:22,000  
How did you feel the  
first time you saw

188  
00:07:22,000 --> 00:07:25,500  
a Jew wearing the Magen David?

189  
00:07:25,500 --> 00:07:29,160  
Well, I immediately  
put on a star myself.

190  
00:07:29,160 --> 00:07:30,810  
How did you get hold  
of it right away?



191  
00:07:30,810 --> 00:07:31,940  
You could get them.

192  
00:07:31,940 --> 00:07:32,440  
Yes?

193  
00:07:32,440 --> 00:07:37,350  
Oh yes, they were handed  
out very generously.

194  
00:07:37,350 --> 00:07:41,650

195  
00:07:41,650 --> 00:07:43,615  
What was the most  
stressful situation

196  
00:07:43,615 --> 00:07:44,740  
you were in during the war?

197  
00:07:44,740 --> 00:07:47,570

198  
00:07:47,570 --> 00:07:51,620  
Oh, that was the story I told  
when my friend was called

199  
00:07:51,620 --> 00:07:53,690  
and we had the arsenal.

200  
00:07:53,690 --> 00:07:55,190  
Right.

201  
00:07:55,190 --> 00:07:58,190  
That was probably  
the most stressful.

202  
00:07:58,190 --> 00:08:01,730  
We have had a long day with  
Germans coming in our house

203

00:08:01,730 --> 00:08:05,180  
and looking for the Jews.

204  
00:08:05,180 --> 00:08:10,790  
And we were all upstairs and  
one of our Jewish friends

205  
00:08:10,790 --> 00:08:13,790  
wanted to jump out of the window  
and we could hold him back.

206  
00:08:13,790 --> 00:08:18,270  
And that was a good  
thing because the house

207  
00:08:18,270 --> 00:08:19,490  
was surrounded.

208  
00:08:19,490 --> 00:08:21,410  
So that was a very  
stressful situation.

209  
00:08:21,410 --> 00:08:23,510  
And another stressful  
situation was

210  
00:08:23,510 --> 00:08:29,930  
when a Jewish woman who  
lived for three years with us

211  
00:08:29,930 --> 00:08:33,950  
became, well, you  
could say insane.

212  
00:08:33,950 --> 00:08:34,549  
What happened?

213  
00:08:34,549 --> 00:08:37,620  
She couldn't be under  
stress any longer

214  
00:08:37,620 --> 00:08:39,720  
and she went out of her mind.

215  
00:08:39,720 --> 00:08:41,929  
And she started to be  
physically very dangerous.

216  
00:08:41,929 --> 00:08:46,505  
She attacked us and  
she threw with a kettle

217  
00:08:46,505 --> 00:08:49,160  
with boiling water to  
my husband and-- no, no,

218  
00:08:49,160 --> 00:08:51,740  
to her own husband.

219  
00:08:51,740 --> 00:08:55,950  
But my husband had a very good  
and calming influence on her.

220  
00:08:55,950 --> 00:08:57,920  
She didn't have to  
be hospitalized?

221  
00:08:57,920 --> 00:08:59,270  
No.

222  
00:08:59,270 --> 00:09:00,080  
Thank God, no.

223  
00:09:00,080 --> 00:09:02,240  
Because one of our  
main problems was

224  
00:09:02,240 --> 00:09:04,730  
what do you do with a sick Jew?

225  
00:09:04,730 --> 00:09:08,840  
And a much greater  
problem was, and it

226  
00:09:08,840 --> 00:09:12,500

sounds terrible and rude, but  
what do you do with a dead Jew?

227  
00:09:12,500 --> 00:09:15,620  
Because when a Jewish  
person died in your house,

228  
00:09:15,620 --> 00:09:17,690  
what the hell did you do?

229  
00:09:17,690 --> 00:09:19,070  
So what we did--

230  
00:09:19,070 --> 00:09:21,530  
It never happened,  
thank God, in our house,

231  
00:09:21,530 --> 00:09:23,810  
but it happened in the  
house in front of ours,

232  
00:09:23,810 --> 00:09:26,150  
and the only thing to  
do to go in the night

233  
00:09:26,150 --> 00:09:31,630  
and put them somewhere against  
a tree and say goodbye.

234  
00:09:31,630 --> 00:09:34,010  
So those were terrific problems.

235  
00:09:34,010 --> 00:09:35,960  
And also somebody who  
went out of her mind

236  
00:09:35,960 --> 00:09:37,720  
was a terrible problem.

237  
00:09:37,720 --> 00:09:39,770  
Was she put on medication?

238

00:09:39,770 --> 00:09:41,010

No, we couldn't--

239

00:09:41,010 --> 00:09:41,900

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240

00:09:41,900 --> 00:09:43,880

--but we managed

to calm her down.

241

00:09:43,880 --> 00:09:48,740

And it was difficult because she  
ran away in the end and said,

242

00:09:48,740 --> 00:09:50,990

I'm going to give myself

up to the Gestapo.

243

00:09:50,990 --> 00:09:52,810

I can't bear it anymore.

244

00:09:52,810 --> 00:09:55,100

So that brought

us in great danger

245

00:09:55,100 --> 00:09:57,830

because they would

have, of course, asked

246

00:09:57,830 --> 00:09:59,210

her, where you come from.

247

00:09:59,210 --> 00:10:01,730

But later on she

didn't and she's still

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a very dear friend of mine.

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She is still alive.

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Thank you so much.

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OK.

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