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00:00:00,000 --> 00:00:01,530

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00:00:01,530 --> 00:00:05,940  
Let me ask you about your small  
brother, your youngest brother.

3  
00:00:05,940 --> 00:00:06,926  
All right.

4  
00:00:06,926 --> 00:00:12,350

5  
00:00:12,350 --> 00:00:16,620  
Now, let's see you said  
that was Ephraim, right?

6  
00:00:16,620 --> 00:00:17,120  
Yes.

7  
00:00:17,120 --> 00:00:23,220

8  
00:00:23,220 --> 00:00:25,380  
Do you remember  
when he was born?

9  
00:00:25,380 --> 00:00:29,070  
Well, matter of fact, I do  
remember when he was born.

10  
00:00:29,070 --> 00:00:34,410  
I was a little girl myself, but  
it was like we were already six

11  
00:00:34,410 --> 00:00:37,640  
but there was sort of an  
excitement when he was born.

12  
00:00:37,640 --> 00:00:46,320

13  
00:00:46,320 --> 00:00:48,990  
And being that he  
was the youngest,

14  
00:00:48,990 --> 00:00:54,030  
all the kids sort of felt  
that he was their little toy.

15  
00:00:54,030 --> 00:00:56,070  
Right, he was the little baby.

16  
00:00:56,070 --> 00:00:57,480  
Yeah.

17  
00:00:57,480 --> 00:01:00,630  
Everybody was involved with him.

18  
00:01:00,630 --> 00:01:04,379  
So now you said that he was  
born six years after you,

19  
00:01:04,379 --> 00:01:07,770  
so that would be about 1934?

20  
00:01:07,770 --> 00:01:09,240  
Yeah, right.

21  
00:01:09,240 --> 00:01:11,040  
No, '36.

22  
00:01:11,040 --> 00:01:11,980  
Wait a minute.

23  
00:01:11,980 --> 00:01:14,280  
I was born in '28.

24  
00:01:14,280 --> 00:01:17,850  
So six years later  
would have been '34.

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00:01:17,850 --> 00:01:24,120  
If you were born a '28, six  
years would have been '34.

26  
00:01:24,120 --> 00:01:24,780  
Oh, '34.

27  
00:01:24,780 --> 00:01:27,090  
OK.

28  
00:01:27,090 --> 00:01:29,225  
Do you remember his birthday?

29  
00:01:29,225 --> 00:01:29,725  
No.

30  
00:01:29,725 --> 00:01:36,680

31  
00:01:36,680 --> 00:01:39,530  
All right.

32  
00:01:39,530 --> 00:01:41,990  
Had he started  
school yet in 1939?

33  
00:01:41,990 --> 00:01:42,680  
Probably not.

34  
00:01:42,680 --> 00:01:43,550  
No.

35  
00:01:43,550 --> 00:01:46,790  
Because we went on  
with the Hungarians.

36  
00:01:46,790 --> 00:01:50,660  
He used to come into the  
cheder and just sometimes annoy

37  
00:01:50,660 --> 00:01:53,930  
and they would throw

him out of the room.

38  
00:01:53,930 --> 00:01:57,290  
But most of the time they  
would keep him there.

39  
00:01:57,290 --> 00:01:59,180  
Sometimes he would be  
good and sometimes--

40  
00:01:59,180 --> 00:02:01,830  
Was he mischievous  
as a little boy?

41  
00:02:01,830 --> 00:02:03,500  
He was a little, yeah.

42  
00:02:03,500 --> 00:02:06,890  
He was a spoiled little kid  
because the kids spoiled him.

43  
00:02:06,890 --> 00:02:09,770  
It wasn't so much that  
my mother and father

44  
00:02:09,770 --> 00:02:11,600  
had that much time for him.

45  
00:02:11,600 --> 00:02:14,240  
But he was like the kids' toy.

46  
00:02:14,240 --> 00:02:16,790

47  
00:02:16,790 --> 00:02:21,490  
He was a loving little  
kid so everybody

48  
00:02:21,490 --> 00:02:23,390  
picked him up and hugged him.

49  
00:02:23,390 --> 00:02:26,410

And I think that's what made  
him so loving because we

50  
00:02:26,410 --> 00:02:28,900  
had so many people.

51  
00:02:28,900 --> 00:02:37,510

52  
00:02:37,510 --> 00:02:40,880  
Did he do special chores  
when he was younger?

53  
00:02:40,880 --> 00:02:45,790  
Did he have to do things  
before the farm was taken away,

54  
00:02:45,790 --> 00:02:46,690  
the livestock?

55  
00:02:46,690 --> 00:02:50,840

56  
00:02:50,840 --> 00:02:54,290  
I don't remember the  
specifics that they

57  
00:02:54,290 --> 00:02:56,195  
would give him something to do.

58  
00:02:56,195 --> 00:03:01,250

59  
00:03:01,250 --> 00:03:04,980  
Were there games that he  
liked to play with you guys?

60  
00:03:04,980 --> 00:03:08,180  
Yeah, hide and seek.

61  
00:03:08,180 --> 00:03:11,780  
He would like to hide and we

would have to run after him

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00:03:11,780 --> 00:03:15,395  
and find him, like a child.

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00:03:15,395 --> 00:03:25,800

64

00:03:25,800 --> 00:03:28,150  
Did he like to read too?

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00:03:28,150 --> 00:03:30,660  
Oh, he just had an  
[SPEAKING YIDDISH] book.

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00:03:30,660 --> 00:03:32,500  
I remember it.

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00:03:32,500 --> 00:03:36,630  
And I'm telling you, he  
would carry this book around

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00:03:36,630 --> 00:03:40,030  
and he wouldn't show  
it just to anybody.

69

00:03:40,030 --> 00:03:42,210  
He had to be your  
friend in order for him

70

00:03:42,210 --> 00:03:45,010  
to show you that book.

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00:03:45,010 --> 00:03:47,130  
What kind of book was it?

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00:03:47,130 --> 00:03:49,020  
[SPEAKING YIDDISH]

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00:03:49,020 --> 00:03:52,520  
It was like an ABC book.

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00:03:52,520 --> 00:03:56,970

In Yiddish they called it  
the [SPEAKING YIDDISH] book.

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00:03:56,970 --> 00:04:02,410

He called it the Olive Bible  
but it was the ABC book.

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00:04:02,410 --> 00:04:03,540

ABC BOOK.

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00:04:03,540 --> 00:04:06,550

And he loved that book.

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00:04:06,550 --> 00:04:09,030

He carried it, he  
went to sleep with.

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00:04:09,030 --> 00:04:13,260

It was like he would  
own who knows what.

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00:04:13,260 --> 00:04:15,450

But to get a book  
like that wasn't

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00:04:15,450 --> 00:04:17,170

so easy either in the war.

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00:04:17,170 --> 00:04:25,740

83

00:04:25,740 --> 00:04:29,790

So it wasn't that this book  
can be replaced so easily.

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00:04:29,790 --> 00:04:36,600

For my children's birthdays and  
my grandchildren's birthdays,

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00:04:36,600 --> 00:04:42,337

I always love my

children's birthdays.

86  
00:04:42,337 --> 00:04:43,170  
There was a present.

87  
00:04:43,170 --> 00:04:45,190  
There was always a book.

88  
00:04:45,190 --> 00:04:49,380  
But even for my grandchildren's  
birthdays when they were little

89  
00:04:49,380 --> 00:04:53,760  
I always went and bought  
a few little books.

90  
00:04:53,760 --> 00:04:55,920  
And I send it to  
them for presents.

91  
00:04:55,920 --> 00:05:00,840  
I don't know why, but they  
knew when their birthday will

92  
00:05:00,840 --> 00:05:03,990  
come they'll get books from me.

93  
00:05:03,990 --> 00:05:05,010  
Little books.

94  
00:05:05,010 --> 00:05:08,220  
Books are a good thing to  
give, they make you smart.

95  
00:05:08,220 --> 00:05:14,310  
Well, because you  
see an American child

96  
00:05:14,310 --> 00:05:18,330  
does not understand that  
the European child, even

97



00:05:18,330 --> 00:05:24,550  
a non-Jewish child, was not that  
lucky to get this education.

98  
00:05:24,550 --> 00:05:27,480  
A lot of people don't  
when I was raised.

99  
00:05:27,480 --> 00:05:32,200

100  
00:05:32,200 --> 00:05:33,880  
Maybe now it's different.

101  
00:05:33,880 --> 00:05:35,110  
Now maybe it's different.

102  
00:05:35,110 --> 00:05:38,050  
Probably here it's  
different too.

103  
00:05:38,050 --> 00:05:48,790  
But when I was raised, a  
book, an education was scarce.

104  
00:05:48,790 --> 00:05:52,990  
People didn't have the money  
and didn't have the means.

105  
00:05:52,990 --> 00:05:56,440  
Did your parents teach you?

106  
00:05:56,440 --> 00:05:58,600  
You said they were very  
educated in Jewish history

107  
00:05:58,600 --> 00:05:59,475  
and things like that.

108  
00:05:59,475 --> 00:06:01,320  
Did they teach that to you?

109

00:06:01,320 --> 00:06:02,350  
They did.

110  
00:06:02,350 --> 00:06:04,510  
And they also used it.

111  
00:06:04,510 --> 00:06:07,460  
If I think back,  
like for instance

112  
00:06:07,460 --> 00:06:13,750  
if let's say I did something  
that they didn't like,

113  
00:06:13,750 --> 00:06:18,490  
they would bring out a quote  
from the Bible what's wrong

114  
00:06:18,490 --> 00:06:19,750  
and what's right.

115  
00:06:19,750 --> 00:06:22,750  
Like they would  
tell me you know--

116  
00:06:22,750 --> 00:06:27,790  
And they would say, God  
gave you that you can

117  
00:06:27,790 --> 00:06:30,980  
choose from right and wrong.

118  
00:06:30,980 --> 00:06:34,120  
Now do you think God will  
be happier with you if you

119  
00:06:34,120 --> 00:06:35,920  
choose the right or the wrong?

120  
00:06:35,920 --> 00:06:39,910  
They didn't understand that  
me as a child could not

121  
00:06:39,910 --> 00:06:44,410  
many times understand  
what I'm doing wrong,

122  
00:06:44,410 --> 00:06:46,040  
thought I'm doing right.

123  
00:06:46,040 --> 00:06:48,355  
And it's not that I did  
such terrible wrong.

124  
00:06:48,355 --> 00:06:51,310

125  
00:06:51,310 --> 00:06:56,650  
Maybe I didn't like something  
that they told me to do

126  
00:06:56,650 --> 00:06:59,930  
and I didn't want to do it.

127  
00:06:59,930 --> 00:07:08,320  
So what I'm trying to say is  
that they used their education

128  
00:07:08,320 --> 00:07:12,070  
sort of raising us.

129  
00:07:12,070 --> 00:07:15,760  
There was never physical.

130  
00:07:15,760 --> 00:07:19,570  
I don't ever remember, even  
when we were seven kids,

131  
00:07:19,570 --> 00:07:25,930  
there was never physical abuse.

132  
00:07:25,930 --> 00:07:29,410  
There was no physical  
punishment but there

133

00:07:29,410 --> 00:07:34,210  
was a lot of Bible quoting.

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00:07:34,210 --> 00:07:38,020  
We had to do the right thing.

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00:07:38,020 --> 00:07:40,180  
Children don't always  
know the right thing,

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00:07:40,180 --> 00:07:42,120  
and children sometimes  
want to laugh

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00:07:42,120 --> 00:07:43,495  
and sometimes they  
want to fight.

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00:07:43,495 --> 00:07:47,070

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00:07:47,070 --> 00:07:52,560  
Well, I think I know  
your brother's story

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00:07:52,560 --> 00:07:54,580  
with your mother.

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00:07:54,580 --> 00:07:57,000  
So I think that's all  
the questions I have.

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00:07:57,000 --> 00:07:57,500  
OK.

143

00:07:57,500 --> 00:08:01,700

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00:08:01,700 --> 00:08:04,750  
Thank you very much  
for speaking to me.

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00:08:04,750 --> 00:08:06,520

Well, you're very welcome, Tony.

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00:08:06,520 --> 00:08:11,120

And it was really a  
pleasure meeting you.

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00:08:11,120 --> 00:08:12,930

Thank you.

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00:08:12,930 --> 00:08:16,000